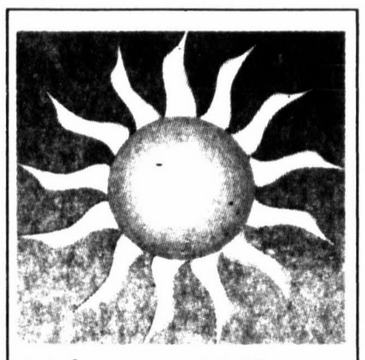
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PAMPA — Want the chance to save a life? If you know CPR that opportunity could happen. Clarendon College Pampa Center will offer a CPR class Saturday, Feb. 27. It costs $10 and the class will meet from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. in room 12 of the Pampa Center at 900 N. Frost. Gary James will be the instructor. For more information call the center at 665-8801.

PAMPA — There will be an organizational meeting for the eighth-grade party in the Pampa Middle School library on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. All parents of eighth-graders are encouraged to attend.

PAMPA — Pampa Lodge 966 will host an official visit from 98th District Deputy VIck Laramore Thursday night at the Lodge at 420 W. Kingsmill beginning with a 6:30 meal.

PAMPA — The city's landfill will be open again this Sunday from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. for residents who want to bring in tree limbs. This is the last Sunday the facility, off Loop 171 across from the Country Club, will be open. Monday through Saturday hours are 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. No garbage will be taken after 5 p.m., only limbs.

DEATHS

• **Russell Dee Bowen, 56,** self-employed, school volunteer.

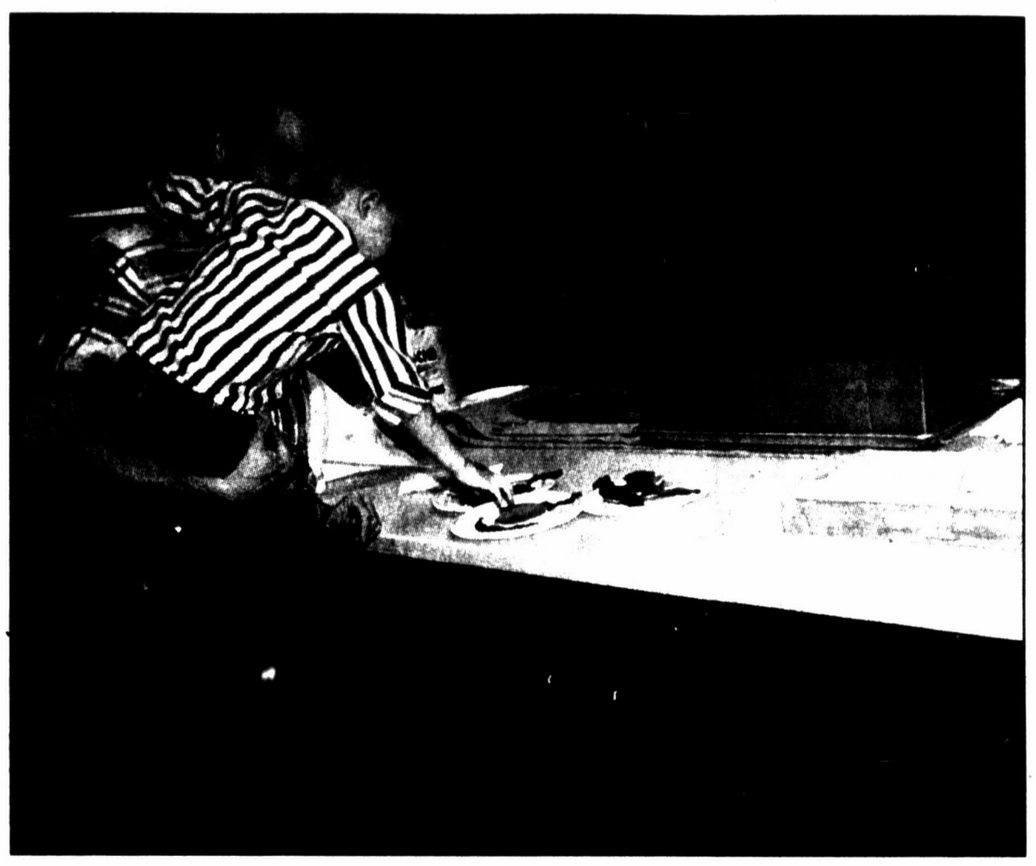
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Yum! Yum!



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

The 44th annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a big success last night with over 400 people served. The event was sponsored by St. Matthew's Episcopal Church to benefit St. Matthew's Day School. Young Joseph Slatten dives for a taste while dad Jarrod tries to maintain decorum.

Visiting tiger in McLean stirs up complaints

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

The County Commission is finding out that trying to regulate wild animals may be like having a tiger by the tail.

The question of wild animals in general and one big tiger in particular came up at the regular meeting of the Commissioners Court Tuesday.

The tale of the tiger began last June when Ben Heiple brought his Siberian tiger "Taboo" to Pampa where they stayed in Recreation Park until city animal control officials told Heiple he couldn't keep the tiger inside the city.

Since then, the pair have been spotted in various parts of Gray and Wheeler Counties. The tiger is quite often kept in McLean inside the pen on Heiple's pickup truck and that has outraged some residents.

Pam Skipper, a resident of McLean, brought pictures to the meet-

(See **TIGER**, Page 2)

Gray under extreme fire danger warning

If you have any outdoor fire starting plans put them on the back burner. The wildfire danger in the panhandle has been upgraded to extreme by the Texas Forest Service.

Though much of Gray County and the surrounding area has received significant moisture from snow, sleet or rain a few weeks ago, the resultant increase in soil moisture didn't translate into reduced wildfire danger. Indeed, continued windy weather has sapped moisture from dormant vegetation, rendering it dry and extremely fire-prone.

At least 7,000 acres have burned in the panhandle over the past two weeks, according to the Texas Forest Service, including a fire near Pampa that burned about 3,000 acres last week. A similar size fire also resulted recently when a wheel came off a trailer on I-40 sparking a fire near McLean.

Here are some tips to prevent wildfires:

- Observe bans on outdoor burning.
- Avoid using welding equipment near dry grass and brush or where vegetation can't be cleared from the work area.
- Make sure all mowers, chain saws and vehicles are equipped with working mufflers.
- Dispose of smoking materials properly.
- Keep vehicles out of tall, dry grass so hot pollution-control equipment doesn't come in contact with flammable vegetation.

Y2K public meeting tomorrow

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

Thursday morning residents will have the opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions and listen to Y2K updates from different local business and organization representatives at the the city's second Y2K information committee meeting in the M.K. Brown Heritage Room.

The meeting, which begins at 10 a.m., is being led by John Horst, the city's financial director.

"We'd really be lacking if we didn't let the public know about these issues," said Horst.

He said he expects tomorrow's meeting to be a continuation of the city's first meeting last month.

"We're just going to pick up from the last meeting ... It will give everyone a change to come up with updates," said Horst this morning.

Anticipating new information from representatives of the electric company, Horst said the city also has new information to share in the form of a completed "Y2K issues statement."

"It tells what we've done and what we're working on," he said.

School board elections among meeting topics

The school board terms of John Curry (place 1), Pat Kennedy (place 2), and Jay Johnson (place 3) are expiring the first week in May making it necessary for the Pampa ISD Board of Education to take action regarding a spring election order at Thursday night's board meeting.

The Board will also take action on the establishment of a time and place to canvass election results.

In addition, Pampa's campus administrators are addressing the Board tomorrow night as part of an annual campus performance objectives review. Principals will go over individual objectives and share expectations for each of their campuses.

In other matters, a post district football report is scheduled to show expenses and income from the high school's 1998-99 football season. Consideration will also be given for fall athletic supply proposals.

Action is also scheduled to be taken on a construction proposal for a new high school elevator as well as on a site location proposal for a PHS tennis support building.

Non-action items will provide information on Take Our Daughters to Work Day, facilities management, board member credit training and a Region 16 Board of Directors election.

The Board is meeting at 6 p.m. in the Carver Center Board Conference Room, 321 W. Albert.



John and Rhonda Morehart (third and fourth from left) were winners of the Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee's Valentine Sweetheart Contest based upon a letter written about them by Tom and JoAnn McKay. Chamber representatives helping to honor the couple are (from left) Ken Rheams, Bob Marx, Mary West, Blake Howard and Darrell Sehorn. A copy of the letter was published in Monday's Pampa News.

We're eating more healthy at home, not when dining out

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are eating more healthful meals at home but their nutritional gains are in jeopardy as more of them eat out, consuming food with more fat and less fiber, iron and calcium, a government study says.

Health-conscious Americans do a good job of making sure their meals are high in fiber, iron and other nutrients when they cook at home, the report released Tuesday by the Agriculture Department found.

But the proportion of meals eaten away from home nearly doubled from 16 percent in 1977-78 to 29 percent in 1995 — an upward trend that will probably continue, the government said. And meals eaten away from home haven't kept pace with the nutritional improvements in home-cooked foods.

Instead, food made outside of the home contains more things that Americans tend to eat too much of, such as fat and saturated fat. And foods eaten away from home contain less of the nutrients that Americans don't get enough of, such as calcium, fiber and iron.

"You have to keep your radar on," said Dr. Johanna Dwyer, director of the Francis Stern Medical Center in Boston. "It takes a little planning." Even little changes can help, Dwyer said, like asking for salad dressing on the side or requesting low-fat sauces.

In analyzing food eaten by consumers in the survey, USDA found that fat made up 31.5 percent of the calories in foods at home. But it made up 37.6 percent of the calories in 'away-from-home' foods, the agency said.

The fiber content of food prepared outside the home was 25 percent less and the calcium content 20 percent below nutritional benchmarks. School foods were even richer in calcium than home foods. For iron intake, food prepared away from home was 29 percent below the nutritional benchmark.

The report was based on food consumption surveys taken from 1977 to 1995. Away-from-home food is defined as coming anywhere from fast-food places to restaurants, cafeterias and vending machines.

"Americans should be aware of this nutritional gap," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman. "It reinforces the need for nutrition information and education in schools and at home, so that everyone can make more healthful food choices."

Americans may simply have different attitudes when eating out, leading to the nutrition gap, the report noted.

"Consumers may believe that it is less important to consider the nutritional quality of food away from home or be less willing to sacrifice taste when eating out," the report said.

Several fast-food chains and restaurants have introduced reduced-fat foods, only to withdraw them from their menus because of consumer disinterest, the report noted.

With the increasing numbers of households in which both adults work, and the number of affordable fast-food restaurants, there's no sign Americans will revert back to the kitchen table for meals anytime soon.

"We expect to eat out more and more in the future," said Biing-Hwan Lin, a USDA economist who helped write the report. "This eating out may present a challenge to us in improving our diet."

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Daily Record

Obituaries

RUSSELL DEE BOWEN

Russell Dee Bowen, 56, of Pampa, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 1999, at Albuquerque, N.M. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Zion Lutheran Church with the Rev. Leif Hasskarl officiating. The body was cremated and will not be available for viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Bowen was born May 17, 1942, at Pampa, to Eloise and J.D. Bowen. He was a 1960 Pampa High School graduate, serving as trainer of the Harvester football and track teams. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and worked with the church youth organization Walther League. He lived in Sydney, Australia, for 19 years where he owned a catering service. He returned to Pampa in 1991 and was self-employed.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving for two years during the Korean Conflict.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Eloise and Deck Woldt of Pampa; a stepmother, Annabelle Bowen of Higgins; a sister, Sandra Bowen Wright of Bothell, Wash.; and a brother, Gary Dee Bowen of Higgins.

The family requests memorials be to Zion Lutheran Handbell Fund or to a favorite charity.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

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

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

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

EMMAUS REUNION

Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

CPR CLASSES AT CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College Pampa Center will be offering a CPR class on Saturday, Feb. 27. The class will meet from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in room 12 of the Pampa Center located at 900 N. Frost. Cost of the course is $10. Gary James will be the instructor for the class.

For more information about the CPR class please contact Clarendon College Pampa Center at 665-8801.

PAMPA SHRINE CLUB

Papa Shrine Club meeting at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 19. Bring pot luck dish, entertainment will be the PHS Show Choir.

Fires

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

Tuesday, February 16

8:49 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded south on Gray 2 on a fire investigation.

Police report

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

Tuesday, February 16

Tammy Kaye Knight, 37, Kingman Ariz., was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of dangerous drugs.

Alonda Torres, 17, Lefors, was arrested on charges of no drivers license, failure to furnish proof of liability insurance.

Bobby Dale Preston, 19, 1005 E. Foster, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and warrants.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of N. Cuyler.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of S. Christy.

Accidents

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

Tuesday, February 16

Bobby Dale Preston, 19, was cited for failure to stop and exchange information upon striking a fixture or highway landscape when he was unable to make a corner at Fraser and Foster and struck a fire hydrant, telephone call box and telephone pole. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, February 16

8:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Zimmers and transported one to a doctor's office in Amarillo and then back to residence.

9:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Roberta and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

10:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

2:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

7:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to east of Pampa and transported one to Columbia Medical

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.41
Milo	3.18
Corn	3.55
Soybeans	4.14

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Occidental	15 1/8	up 1/16
Magellan	123.10	
Puritan	19.95	

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

Amoco		NA
Arco	58 3/16	up 5/16
Cabot	25 1/2	up 3/16
Cabot O&G	12 5/8	dn 1/8
Chevron	78 5/8	dn 1/4
Coca-Cola	64 1/2	dn 3/8
Columbia/HCA	18 9/16	dn 7/16
Enron	62 13/16	dn 5/16
Halliburton	29 5/8	dn 5/8
IRI	3	NC
KNE	19 11/16	NC
Kerr McGee	29 5/16	dn 1/16
Limited	36 15/16	NC
McDonald's	81 1/8	dn 11/16
Mobil	85 13/16	up 3/8
New Atmos	25	NC
NCE	42 1/4	up 7/16
Penney's	38 5/8	NC
Phillips	39 7/8	up 1/16
Pioneer Nat. Res.	7	dn 1/16
SLB	49 3/8	dn 5/16
Tenneco	26 1/16	dn 3/8
Texaco	50 1/2	up 5/8
Ultramar	19 1/4	up 3/16
Wal-Mart	87 11/16	up 1/8
Williams	34 11/16	up 1/8
New York Gold		286.00
Silver		5.43
West Texas Crude		11.41

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TIGER

ing of the truck, with the tiger in his pickup bed cage.

The truck was parked next door to her home and Skipper said she worries about her children going out and playing. She is also worried that some youth might decide to try and release the tiger "just to see what trouble it would cause," she said.

While McLean is incorporated, it has no law enforcement ageney of its own.

Skipper also related an incident when the tiger got agitated at a neighborhood dog and moved toward it, tilting the cage to one side.

She also is concerned that the cage is not nearly big enough for the tiger and the animal may not be sheltered correctly.

Since neither McLean nor the county have regulations concerning wild animals, Gray's County Attorney Todd Alvey looked into regulations elsewhere, especially Harris County.

Because of the large population, Alvey said they had many wild animals being kept in Harris County. Regulations there require registering wild animals and not allowing them within 1,000 feet of a school or residence.

Alvey said the county could enact similar legislation but couldn't enforce it within the city limits of any city. He also said the county could ban wild animals in the county but warned the law would have to apply to everyone in the county.

Several commissioners said they did not want any outright ban because of several county residents who have owned wild animals for years without complaints.

There was some discussion about requiring Heiple to get liability insurance to remain in the county but that, too, might have to be applied county-wide as well.

While Heiple claims to have a license for the tiger from the USDA there was some discussion as to whether the license is current. Skipper said she and her mother had called the USDA but were told they would need the number on the license to make sure.

In the end, the Court directed that Sheriff Don Copeland should check on the validity of the license first, since if it is not current no county ordinance would be needed to bring this tiger's tale to an end.

For young and old, ski and snowboard mix dangerously

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. (AP) — At 64, Don Rooks has just about had it with the young, reckless skiers and snowboarders he shares the slopes with.

"These people just don't give a damn," the Colorado Springs resident complained. "It's no fun when you have to watch your backside. They need to kick these people off the mountain."

Don't tell that to Steve Stasiuk, a 27-year-old snowboarder from Aspen who believes the mountain is there to be conquered.

"You only live once. It's an adrenalin-based sport," he said. "It would totally annoy me if they want to hold us back. And it will hinder the progress of the sport."

Figures on ski deaths have been declining, and do not support the perception that skiing is becoming more dangerous.

But catastrophic injuries have been far above average for the past two seasons, with 45 in 1996-97 and 42 in 1997-98. The average for the previous 12 seasons was only 28.

There also has been a spate of deaths at resorts in New England and Colorado, some of them the result of collisions attributed to reckless skiing. On Monday, a snowboarder was killed when he was hit by a 15-year-old skier who went airborne during a steep descent in Oregon.

Ski areas find themselves caught in the middle, with America's retired population more active than ever and young skiers and snowboarders anxious to show their stuff.

"I think that clearly road rage exists on the slopes," said John Frew, president of Colorado Ski Country USA, a trade group. Frew said ski resorts all over the country are seeing a decline in courtesy.

Vail Resorts, operator of Vail and Breckenridge, the nation's two busiest ski resorts, has been inundated with safety complaints by longtime skiers. After six deaths this year at its four resorts, Vail introduced a special safety and courtesy patrol over the holiday weekend.

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Some blame the problems on better ski equipment that has increased speeds and shortened the learning curve, dumping new skiers on the slopes faster than ever before.

High-speed ski lifts also put more people on the hill at once and allow people to make more runs, perhaps pushing their endurance.

"At 30 I feel like a grandfather, watching these kids do things I wouldn't even consider," said Klaus Obermeyer Jr., credited with introducing snowboarding to the Aspen area.

Obermeyer said if the kids mimic some of the death-defying stunts on commercials, "they will be dead."

Tim Fortner, head of mountain security at Camelback in Pennsylvania's Poconos, said Vail is on the right track. His mountain has had a mostly volunteer force of speed controllers, led by a former state trooper, since 1984.

"I know it has cut our collision rate," said Fortner, whose mountain draws up to 8,500 skiers on peak days.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly sunny today with a high in the mid 60s and south-southwest winds from 10-15 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low of 35 and southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Tomorrow, partly sunny with a high in the upper 50s and northwest winds at 10-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 56; the overnight low 35.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, partly cloudy with a low around 35. Southwest wind 10-20 mph, shifting to northwest late. Thursday, partly sunny and cooler with a high in the upper 50s. Northwest wind 10-20 mph, diminishing in the afternoon. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the 30s. Thursday, partly cloudy. High in the 60s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 35-40. Thursday, partly cloudy. High 65-75. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 40-45. Thursday, partly cloudy. High in the lower 70s. Far West Texas — Tonight, fair. Low in the lower 40s. Thursday, mostly sunny. High in the lower 70s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows mid 20s to around 40. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs lower 60s Guadalupe Mountains to mid 70s along the river.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 38 to 45. Thursday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms east. Highs 63 to 72.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, fair skies and cool with areas of fog south central. Lows in the 40s. Thursday, areas of morning fog otherwise partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s east to near 80 west. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows around 50 inland, upper 50s coast. Thursday, becoming mostly cloudy and warmer with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s inland, Upper 60s coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly clear with fog developing. Lows from the upper 40s inland, to the mid 50s coast. Thursday, partly cloudy and warmer. Highs 75 to 80.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, variable cloudiness. A slight chance for evening mountain snow showers near the Colorado border. Lows in the teens and 20s mountains with mid 20s to near 40 at the lower elevations. Thursday, fair to partly cloudy. Highs in the 40s and 50s mountains and north with 60s southeast and a few low 70s southwest. Lows in the teens and 20s mountains with 20s to mid 30s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, increasing cloudiness. north with a slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy south. Low middle 30s to lower 40s. Thursday, a slight chance of showers and possibly thunderstorms in the morning north, then decreasing cloudiness. Mostly sunny south. Windy. High in the 50s.

Facing recall election, 83-year-old town president hangs himself

By NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press Writer

CARSONVILLE, Mich. (AP) — Gari Miller put his heart and soul into his part-time job as president of this little village, a place where friends say he answered calls day and night and kept an open door.

Like any politician, the 83-year-old Miller had detractors. They launched a recall campaign to bounce him and three other village officials from their jobs. He shrugged off the trouble, but now his friends wonder if it became too much for him to bear.

His wife of 61 years, Eleanor, found his body hanging in his tool shed Monday, three days before the scheduled recall election.

His death was ruled a suicide. Miller left no note, no way to explain why he would leave the wife he dearly loved and the job for which he was passionate.

Small-town politics and the pressure of the recall drive — which accused Miller and the others of using abusive language, not paying bills on time and violating open meetings law — seem a possibility to many who knew him.

"Sometimes in small towns, it gets personal. It's like family that way," Sanilac County Sheriff Virg Strickler said Tuesday, stressing that he isn't making any assumptions about Miller's motives.

"Suicide is never a rational thing," Strickler said.

Miller's funeral will be held Thursday, a block away from where the recall balloting is scheduled to be held. State officials said the vote will still be held, but Miller's name will be removed from the ballot, the Times Herald of Port Huron reported today.

Carsonville, about 80 miles north of Detroit, is a community of 583 people. The village has one blinking light in a downtown that consists of a bank, a beauty shop, a tire store, a hotel and bar and a couple of party stores. Dirt roads connect most of its neighborhoods.

A retired truck mechanic, Miller liked fixing up his meticulous white ranch house and tending his yard. He and wife Eleanor, 78, were inseparable. He had a daughter, son-in-law, two grandsons, a great-grandson and a great-granddaughter.

Miller campaigned hard and won handily in March, pulling in 78 votes to the incumbent's 56.

Among his detractors were some residents who didn't like Miller's handling of a state requirement that the village install its first-ever sewer system. People weren't happy that construction crews had come in and torn up roads for the pipes.

Talking about him brought tears to the eyes of friends including trustee Vernon Kelley, also facing a recall. He said Miller responded quickly to problems.

"Any time day or night, somebody called with a complaint about the sewers, he'd come running," Kelley said.

"I talked to him the other day and asked him if (the recall) bothered him and he said, 'No, not really. If they want me out, OK. If not, that's that.'"

"But what he was saying and what he was thinking might have been two different things."

Also choked up was pro tem town President John Dew.

"The whole town is upset over this. Gari was a good person. All he ever had was the best interest of this town in mind," Dew said.

Bob Smith, owner of Carsonville Tire, said his friend had spoken of the recall and was afraid it would tarnish his record.

"Running a hard campaign, then people are all against him. It was just too much pressure," Smith said.

Bob Bacon, who knew Miller for more than 60 years, said the political controversies were hard on his friend and "he let it run away with him maybe."

The woman who filed the recall petition didn't return a message left Tuesday seeking comment.

Other unhappiness with Miller was apparent in one store where a small group gathered, saying the recall was about more than unpaid bills and unpleasant language.

"I'm sure there's some guilt on the part of the people who started the recall election," Strickler said. "But by no stretch of the imagination does anyone believe they intended this to happen."

Texas executes killer of three

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Witnessing the execution of her uncles' killer was just the beginning of the end of Rita Becker's nightmare.

Still to come is another execution — only then the condemned man will be her cousin, Greg Summers, convicted of hiring Andrew Cantu to murder his parents because they had refused to give him money.

"Cantu was an intruder into our lives, but Greg was part of our lives," Ms. Becker said Tuesday after Cantu was put to death. "It closes only one chapter. Until the last chapter's written and closed ... it's the same nightmare."

Cantu, 31, was condemned for the June 11, 1990, stabbing deaths of Gene Summers and his wife, Helen, and Summers' mentally retarded brother, Billy Mack. All were killed as they slept at their Abilene home.

Cantu was pronounced dead at 9:39 p.m., seven minutes after the lethal injection began flowing into his arms.

City briefs

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING for basketball & softball is scheduled for Feb. 21st, 2 p.m. at Optimist Park. For parents, managers, coaches & others interested in participating. Adv.

AUDITIONS FOR "Twelve Angry Men/Jurors" to be held Tues. 16th, Wed. 17th, Thurs. 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Act I Theatre in the Pampa Mall (west entrance). Cast call: 12 men or women. Adv.

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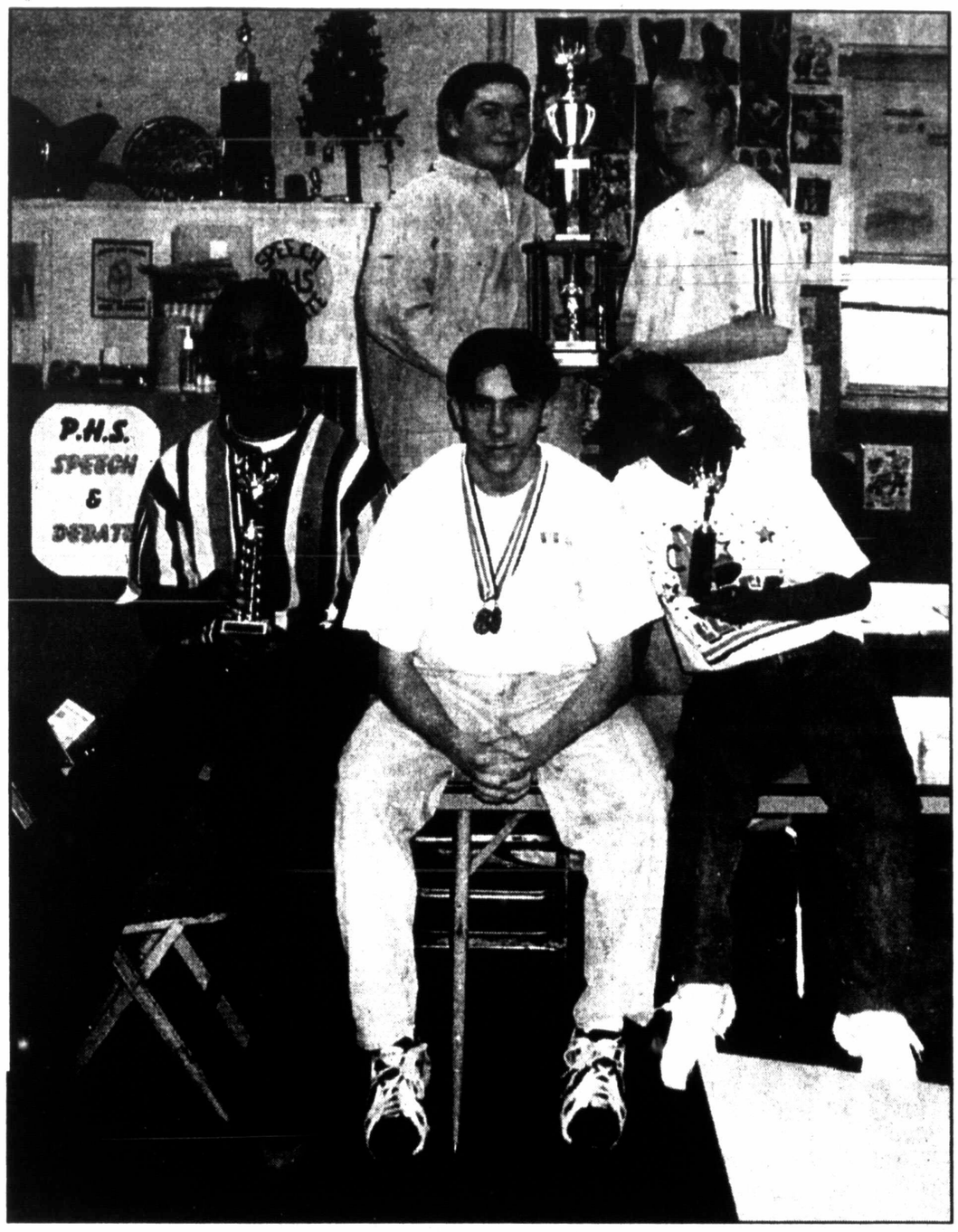
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BETA SIGMA Phi Mardi Gras Dance & Casino, Sat., Feb. 20, MK Brown Auditorium. Tickets $25 advance, $30 at door. Call 665-6682, 665-3089. Adv.

We're missing a Community Camera and hope the person who has it will return it so others may check it out.



(Community Camera photo)

Members of the Pampa High School Speech and Debate Team recently competed in a tournament. They include, top row from left, Lance Burton and David Witt, first place Duet Improvement, bottom row from left, Justin Lemons, first place Prose Reading; Danny Kirkpatrick, sixth place Dramatic Interpretation and seventh place Prose Reading; Desirae Davis, fourth place Poetry Reading.

Speech and Debate Team to hold dinner theatre

Pampa High School Speech and Debate Team will be holding a dinner theatre at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Reservations must be made prior to the show and may be made by calling 669-4800, ext. 201. Tickets are $10.

The dinner will consist of lasagna, salad and dessert to be catered by the PHS Food Production Class. Food Production Class instructor is Karen Skaggs.

The students will be performing competition material to be performed at tournaments. They will also be performing Duet Improv's like the one's from "Who's Line is it?"

"This gives the community a chance to see what the Speech and Debate program is about and see how talented these kids are," said Speech Coach Roger Reyna.

Eighth annual Amarillo Arts and Crafts Festival slated this month at Civic Center

AMARILLO — The eight annual Amarillo Arts and Crafts Festival will be held Feb. 20 and 21 in the Amarillo Civic Center. More than 120 exhibitors from throughout the southwest will be on hand with original art and handcrafted items. Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Mel Prather, organizer for the two-day event, said the upcoming show would feature a number of first-time exhibitors.

"Some of these will offer items such as jewelry and baskets made from telephone wire, metal art, yard ornaments, flower pot bells, magnets, western jewelry, ceramic vases and pots, candy, rice necklaces, horseshoe crafts, barbwire western art and antique tin cut outs," Prather said.

Also new are those with candles, dried floral arrangements, silverware jewelry, birdhouses, jar candles, ceiling fan pulls, light switches, wood signs, homemade soaps, pottery, acrylics on wood, dolls, ice candles, quilted animals, dips and chili mixes, jewelry, teddy bears, doll furniture, decorated baskets, seasonal decorations, adult and children's clothing, baby blankets, church and paper dolls, hand-painted ceramics, pouting dolls, wood art, painted shelves and quilt racks.

Returning exhibitors will offer a wide assortment of items including frames prints, floral wreaths and swags, Southwest art, limited edition prints, decorated windows and crosses, decorated oil lamps, clothing, mailbox covers, floor lamps, brass jewelry, country crafts/children's toys, hair accessories, post cowboys, hand carved wood crosses, birdhouse lamps, wood wreaths, ornate birdhouses, belt buckles, trash bins, reading lamps and potato bins.

Others will have kitchen crafts, bookcases, wood baskets, sports racks, broomstick skirts and vests, calligraphy, stained glass, quilts, baby quilts, decorative ceramics, hand thrown pottery, Emo oil, scented crystals, personalized clothing, jar candles, decorated jar lids, weather stations, scroll saw art, religious art, leather jewelry, cookbook holders, cabinets, jewelry boxes, address holders, wind chimes, decorated baskets, kitchen furniture, step stools and floral designs.

Rounding out the list will be those with decorated mirrors, floral swags, roasted almonds, quilted bibs, bedspreads, religious carvings, handmade scarves, barnwood furniture, barnwood frames, decorated clothing, denim dresses and handmade purses.

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Mardi Gras Dance and Casino



(Special photo)

Kelle Huddelston, Nancy Brogdin, Ottolene Jones and Charlene Morriss are seen here preparing for the Beta Sigma Phi Mardi Gras Dance and Casino to be held Saturday, Feb. 20 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased from any Beta Sigma Phi member in advance or will be available for $30 at the door. Proceeds from the annual event benefit the sorority's scholarship fund.

Passing of Valentine's Day brings back touching family moment

Gray County Memories

Marie Bartholomew



Each Valentine's Day my thoughts turn to my grandparents and how strong their love was for each other. I thought I would share this true incident with you.

World War I was in full swing and troop trains were a common sight in the small towns of Texas. It wasn't unusual for the young ladies in the towns to greet the troop trains and cheer on the soldiers. The young ladies would supply the men with food, and in exchange, the men would give the ladies their name and address on a small slip of paper.

As it was told to me, when my grandfather saw my grandmother, he did a very shocking thing for that time. He reached down out of the window, pulled my grandmother up to him, and kissed her soundly on the lips. As he set her down, he slipped a small card with his name and address in her pocket. They wrote to each other often, and when the war ended, they were married. I found the little card he gave her after she passed away. It was well worn and faded, as if she had looked at it many times after my grandfather passed away.

For the first seven years of my life, my brother and I were raised by my grandparents in a semi-rural town in Southern California. Mourning Doves, or turtle doves as they are also known, made their homes in our trees. My grandmother loved listening to their cry and we would often sit in the yard, listening to them together. As the years passed, I always associated these birds with my loving grandparents.

When my grandmother passed away, it was my brother and I who were left in charge of the arrangements. It was a very trying time for the both of us. Her death was sudden and there were so many obstacles to overcome, that we were both emotionally devastated.

It had rained the night before we had to make the arrangements. The morning was clear and crisp. Bright white clouds drifted in the sky as we made our way to the funeral home. As we turned into the funeral home driveway, sitting there was a lonely mourning dove. As we watched, a second dove joined the first. My brother turned to me and in a quiet voice asked if he was imagining things, did it seem to me that both birds were looking straight at us? Did I also feel the sudden sense of peace that he was feeling? I could only nod as my eyes were full of tears. As we watched, both birds took flight together, side by side. The peace my brother and I felt sustained us during the days that followed.

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PHEA Spelling Bee winners



(Special photo)

Sixth grader Jonathan DeLong, left, and seventh grader Maggie Ayers won Pampa Home Educators Association Spelling Bee recently. DeLong was champion of the PHEA contest. Ayers won first runner-up. Both students will participate in Gray County Spelling Bee March 5 in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building.

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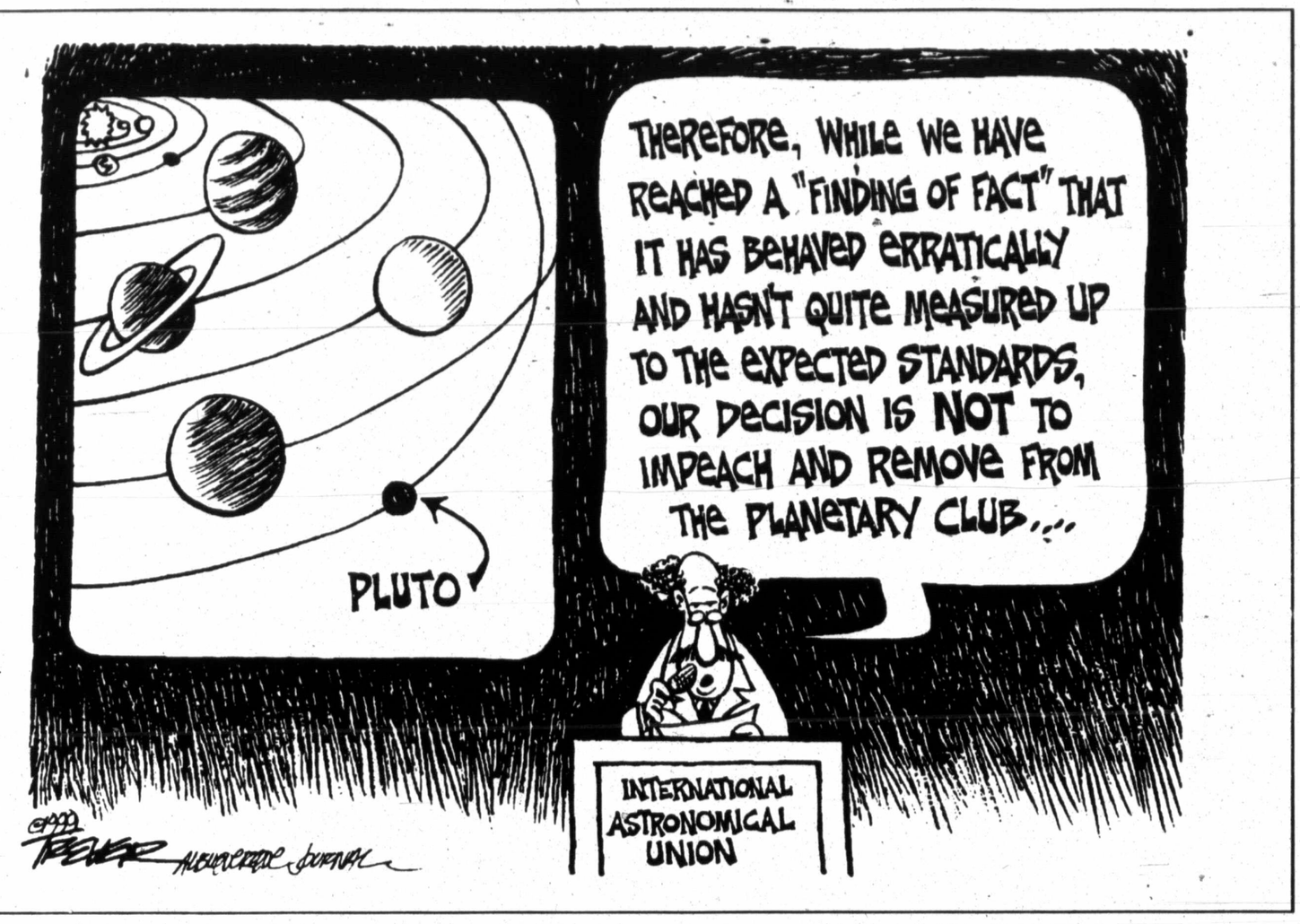
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Inside the Beltway

with

Rep. Mac Thornberry

Top priorities for coming year

The President's State of the Union had a long laundry list of proposals with something for everyone. Some of his suggestions seem to make good sense, while others are seriously flawed. Many of them are not specific enough to tell.

Congress plans to focus on four primary issues this year. The first is retirement security. Nearly everyone recognizes that Social Security will be in real trouble in a few years if we don't take steps to strengthen it. We've got to guarantee benefits for those on Social Security now and for those who will retire in a few years. Then we can look at allowing younger workers some other investment options, but they ought to make the decision, not the government.

The second key issue is education. Strong schools are vital for the future of the country. We need to cut federal regulations so parents, teachers, administrators and local school boards can make decisions that work best for them. The third key issue this year is tax relief. We're paying more in taxes than ever before. Especially with the large budget surpluses, we must let people keep more of the money they earn.

Fourth, we've got to strengthen our national defense. Defense spending has been cut for 13 straight years, and most people agree that we've gone too far. We must make sure we are ready to meet the many threats which await us in the next century.

Beyond these issues, there are clearly others vital to our area, like agriculture and energy. I'll have more to say about all of these issues in the weeks ahead.

If you have any thoughts or comments in the meantime, please contact me. Listening is one of the most important parts of my job, and I would like to hear what you have to say.

Thought for today

"When you rise in the morning, form a resolution to make the day a happy one to a fellow-creature."

—Sydney Smith

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Washington word farce



Mona Charen
Syndicated columnist

This must be somebody's idea of a joke. David Howard, former head of constituent services for D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams, resigned recently after uttering a racial epithet.

Or did he? Well, it sounded like a racial epithet. There is no dispute about the word. Here is exactly what Howard said, "I will have to be niggardly with this fund because it's not going to be a lot of money."

Two district employees were shocked upon hearing this word and immediately raised an alarm. Howard sputtered that the word means miserly or cheap and derives from Scandinavian roots. He then apologized for choosing the word. No matter. He had to submit his resignation. Resigning was the right decision, explained Mayor Williams, because "given the overall circumstances" and a "racial climate that needs a lot of work," Howard's word choice was akin to "getting caught smoking in a refinery that resulted in an explosion."

Well, hold on. It sounds like poor old Howard was caught chewing gum in a refinery — if we stick with the mayor's metaphor — except someone thought the gum was a cigarette ...

Oh, dear. So let's see, under this latest language regulation, it is now a job-forfeiting offense to use words that can even be misheard or misunderstood as racial epithets. That covers a lot of ground. One certainly hopes that the District of Columbia has no problems with raccoons or the judiciary. There can no longer be a nip in the air, and neither cars nor geese can be said to honk.

Shouldn't the employees who misunderstood the word and revealed their ignorance of the English language be the ones offering apologies? Apparently not. In the Alice in Wonderland world of political correctness, down is up and up is down. In any case, when you put a weapon like this in people's hands, they are going to use it for the sheer fun of it.

And just to add icing on the cake, there is another layer to this farce. The gays and lesbians are getting in on the act, too. It seems that Howard is openly gay. Accordingly, the gay groups are rallying to his cause. They argue, heatedly, that Williams' decision to accept Howard's resignation so readily is "a slap in the face to a constituency that supported him."

Here's a brain teaser: Analyze to within a fair degree of certainty the chances that gay and lesbian groups would rally to the support of any straight man unjustly fired in such circumstances.

Is it really so idealistic to imagine a world in which gay and lesbian groups, civil rights groups, whoever, would simply stand up for what is right instead of perceiving injustice only when group interests are at stake?

Meanwhile, in the District of Columbia, in response to a Washington Post report about the extremely high number of child and infant deaths that were never "solved," the new coroner is reopening old cases and finding some that "cry out" as homicide. Four-month-old Ebony Brown was pronounced dead on Nov. 12, 1994. Though she had multiple healing fractures and weighed just 7 pounds, the cause of her death had been, until now, "undetermined."

Chaulette Willis was also 4 months old when she died in a crack house in Southeast Washington in 1992. Her diaper had not been changed for days, and the skin beneath it was "raw, ulcerated, and rotting." She weighed 10 pounds at death and had 2 pounds of feces in her diaper. Her death, until it was re-examined with a spur from the Post, had been labeled "sudden infant death syndrome."

Nicole Des Ware was 17 months old at death in 1995. Her parents said she tumbled down a flight of stairs. But Jonathan Arden, the coroner, says a fall would not have caused the old injuries that were discovered during the autopsy.

No charges have been filed in any of these cases, nor have any district employees offered their resignations for failing to notice or prosecute these murders. Dr. Arden warns that prosecutions are still highly unlikely.

Just don't call them niggardly.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 1999. There are 317 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 17, 1801, the House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president. Burr became vice president.

On this date:

In 1817, a street in Baltimore became the first to be lighted with gas from America's first gas company.

In 1865, Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in.

In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, was founded in Washington.

In 1933, Newsweek was first published.

In 1947, the Voice of America began broadcasting to the Soviet Union.

In 1964, the Supreme Court ruled that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

In 1972, President Nixon departed on his historic trip to China.

In 1988, Lt. Col. William Higgins, an American officer serving with a United Nations truce monitoring group, was kidnapped in southern Lebanon. He was later slain by his captors.

Ten years ago: Iran's President Ali Khamenei said Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," could save himself from a death sentence pronounced by Ayatollah Khomeini if he were to apologize for his book, which was regarded as blasphemous.

Five years ago: Bosnian Serbs began large-scale withdrawal of its heavy guns from the hills around Sarajevo under pressure from Russia. The U.S. government reported a record trade deficit with Japan the previous year.

One year ago: President Clinton, preparing Americans for possible air strikes against Iraq, said military force is never the first answer "but sometimes it's the only answer." A jury in Fort Worth, Texas, convicted former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora of killing a 16-year-old romantic rival. An Iranian crowd cheered as U.S. wrestlers carried the Stars and Stripes into an international meet in Tehran. The U.S. women's hockey team won the gold medal at Nagano, Japan, defeating Canada 3-1.

Inmate writers just another echo

Jerry Guthrie
Jordan Unit reporter

Recently, you have read several prison articles from informative yet disgruntled inmate writers.

Each piece contained a perspective to give the reader a look from the inside of the walls. Both articles informed the reader of a problem or injustice.

One complained of canvas shoes and one of budget discrepancy and harassment. As an inmate, I do concur with each writer but I do not see the issue. I feel their pain.

Have you ever stood a the edge of a huge canyon and hollered? Your voice comes back with little or no change.

Here in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice there are countless problems. Currently, the prison system has grown from 33,000 inmates to 144,000 overnight. Can you fathom managing 144,000 men and women of different cultures, educational backgrounds and mentality? How about managing such a population without problems? Impossible.

As a writer from the inside, I have stood on a lonely pinnacle to show the public the "good" that evolves from the local prison and of the change in inmate attitudes and perspective of living through a variety of programs.

Mainly, I have focused on the spiritual reincarnation of the man in white as he has found a new beginning. All made possible by the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Currently, the Jordan Unit is preparing for Kairos 5! Kairos as I have reported "is a life changing event."

The Prison Fellowship Ministry program is ever expanding and has grown into a "foundation" of leadership and teaching of Bible history.

Chaplain Schlewitz has focused his ministry to help us experience God seven days a week 24-hours per day.

I'm not writing to blindfold you into thinking we are all saints. No, in fact, our criminal past is exactly that, criminal. Today a large percentage of men and women in prison have given their life to God. It is a wonderful and emotion-filled experience to witness the Holy Ghost overwhelm hundreds of inmates in a prison church service. Best of all, it happens regularly.

Here at the Jordan Unit, as can be expected in all prison units, there are problems. Inmate attitudes clash with staff, staff bring personal problems to work. All of which is not a phenomenon nor is it a dilemma. After all, we are just human. These problems happen in every sector of the work-place and home. As a unit reporter for over four years, I have not cited these typical, every day problems until today.

Presently, the worst problem I see in the system is education or the lack of it. Now I shout into the canyon and ask, "Why?"

The Jordan Unit hosts Clarendon College. Inmates are given the opportunity to receive an associates degree. Fantastic! Right? I agree. The problem is empty seats. I know from personal experience that there are inmates on every prison unit vying for a college seat. Sadly, they can not receive a transfer. It is a true travesty of justice not to educate those willing to learn. I must wonder how long Clarendon College will provide classes when it isn't economical?

Secondly, the college inmates have no computers at the Jordan Unit nor do they have computer access. Isn't it ironic that the State GED Windham School programs provide computers for their GED students yet the "system" will not allow college classes computers on the Jordan Unit? Sadly, GED students will be computer literate while associate degree graduates will not know how to turn one on. Now, that is a problem worth discussing and resolving.

'Bad thoughts' — police recount bloody trail to scene

JASPER, Texas (AP) — Investigators knew they had something far more sinister than a hit-and-run accident when they discovered a Ku Klux Klan-engraved cigarette lighter on the bloody trail of a man who was dragged to his death, a sheriff testified.

"That's when we started having some bad thoughts," Jasper County Sheriff Billy Rowles told jurors Tuesday. "I knew somebody had been murdered because he had been black."

Prosecutors put the sheriff on the stand as the first witness in the murder trial of 24-year-old John King, a man who prosecutors contend was organizing a new white supremacist group for which he hoped to recruit members with the killing.

"I do believe he was trying to form his own personal hate group in Jasper," District Attorney Guy James Gray said after the first full day of testimony. "This killing was to promote his own personal agenda."

The trial was to resume today.

King, an unemployed laborer and ex-convict who served time for burglary, faces life in prison or death by injection if convicted of the June 7 killing of James Byrd Jr.

Byrd, 49, was chained to the back of a pickup truck and dragged for three miles before his body — minus a head, neck and arm — was dumped on a road across from a black church and cemetery.

Two other men, Lawrence Brewer, 31, and Shawn Berry, 23, are to be tried later on the same murder charges.

Rowles testified that the evidence wasn't consistent with a routine hit-and-run accident: There were no skid marks, and the bloody trail did not run parallel to the tire tracks.

"It was going through my mind. ... Somebody's dragging something," Rowles said.

In Gray's opening statement to the jury of 11 whites and one black, he said letters King wrote and tattoos that made him a walking racism exhibit would tie him to the killing, as would physical evidence including the lighter.

It was engraved with King's prison nickname, "Possum" and with three interlocking Ks, the KKK symbol, Gray said.

Byrd's blood also was found on King's shoes, the prosecutor said.

Prosecutors also showed jurors photographs of Byrd's remains and tattered remnants of Byrd's clothing. Several members of Byrd's family began sobbing as the clothing was revealed.

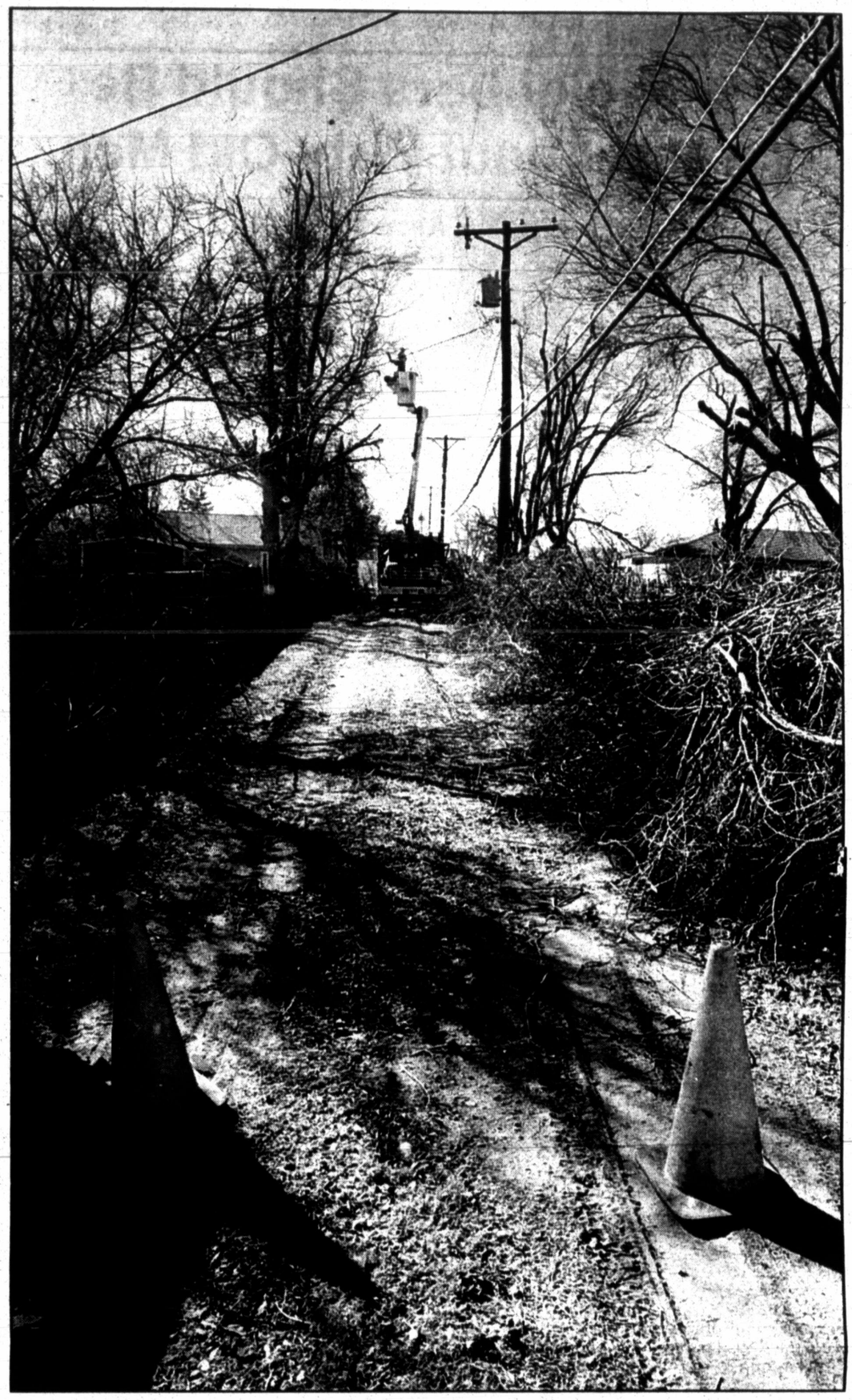
Prosecutors portray King as unabashedly racist, a man who bragged about his tattoos depicting scenes including a black man hanging from a tree, Nazi swastikas and a Woody Woodpecker cartoon character wearing a Klan robe and hood.

Correspondence seized from his apartment the day after Byrd's death and entered into evidence Tuesday included 22 pages of handwritten by-laws and a code of ethics for King's "Confederate Knights of America Texas Rebel Soldiers."

Defense lawyer Haden "Sonny" Cribbs — who declined an immediate opening statement — objected to introduction of the written material and photos of King's tattoos, on grounds these items were protected by freedom of expression. The judge overruled the objections.

Michelle Chapman, 18, testified that she received 19 letters from King while he was in prison, some of them filled with racist venom. In one, King signed off: "White is right."

Still at it ...



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

High above the ground in the block west of Pampa High, Chris Smith trims branches damaged by last month's winter storm. Under contract to Southwestern Public Service, Smith said his crew is getting a lot of over time in the clean up following the winter storm that moved through the area the end of January breaking off branches and downing power lines.

Baptist editors in N.C., Va., defend Disney-related ads

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Baptist editors in North Carolina and Virginia defend their decision to run ads for a youth event at Walt Disney World even though the national denomination is boycotting The Walt Disney Co.

The ad for Passport Inc. ran the first week of February in Baptist newspapers in the two states. The advertisement touts five-day trips in June to the Magic Kingdom, which can "provide the ultimate learning institute for your church group."

In 1997, the Southern Baptist Convention voted for a boycott of Disney theme parks, ABC and ESPN television programming and Miramax films, due in part to the company's "gay-friendly" policies.

Tony Cartledge, editor of the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina's Baptist newspaper, said he received about 10 letters or calls complaining about the ad. Cartledge penned an editorial this week defending the $460 ad.

"While some readers may infer that we should reject the ad to prove we are loyal Southern Baptists, I believe that accepting the ad is more loyal to historic Baptist principles" of freedom and accommodation, Cartledge wrote.

"Personally, I wish the good folk who run Passport would choose a less controversial and more missions-oriented venue for their summer programs, but they are free to plan and to promote those programs, and youth groups have the liberty to participate in them," Cartledge said.

Passport, which is run by Baptists but has no direct link with Disney, promotes the resort as a place where "teen-agers learn about cross-cultural missions, religious freedom and our responsibility to care for God's creation," the ad read.

The Virginia Religious Herald, which also ran the ad, has received only one complaint letter, which will be published in next week's edition, said editor Mike Clingenpeel.

"I think it's one positive alternative for young Christians," Clingenpeel said of Passport. "I felt like it was a legitimate service for our readers to know about it."

Passport co-founder Colleen Burroughs said this was the second year the group has taken young people to Disney and that it had no complaints until the ads were run. Passport had discussions with Disney before the boycott.

About 375 teen-agers attended the Passport camp at Disney last year.

"We've gotten nothing but positive responses," Burroughs said from Louisville, Ky. "I was really surprised that we received negative ones."

Report: Stoller, crib mattress to be recalled

It said the children either fell out of the strollers or caught arms, hands or fingers in the locks.

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Strollers that can collapse and mattresses that can trap children in crib frames are being recalled by Cosco and the Consumer Product Safety Commission, according to a published report.

USA Today reports in today's editions that more than 200 children have been injured when Cosco's Geoby Two Way strollers collapsed after locks on folding mechanisms failed. It said the children either fell out of the strollers or caught arms, hands or fingers in the locks.

About 57,000 of the strollers, made over the last 12 months, have been sold. Cosco is offering a free repair kit with two extra locking pins to fix the folding mechanism.

The paper said 12 children have been trapped, including one who was killed, when mattresses on Cosco tubular metal cribs collapsed and children slipped through 5-inch slats in the platform.

The safety commission says about 62,000 of the mattresses were sold between 1994 and 1997. The company is giving consumers $25 checks to purchase new mattresses.

The CPSC said consumers should place a flat board approximately 27 inches wide and 51 inches long between the mattress and crib platform until they can get a replacement mattress.

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SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: Please help us to make a decision. Our 81-year-old father likes women — females of any age.

In the past, he pursued a teenage neighbor girl to the point that her family moved away. His adopted granddaughter calls him "a dirty old man" and won't come near him. As I understand it, he pursues, looks, touches, hugs, kisses, but doesn't rape.

My mother tries to save face. Our problem is that Dad and Mother have moved to another state, away from us. They are now living next door to a wonderful young couple who have a 3-year-old girl.

So far, Dad just watches the child when they visit and he only gives the young mother elaborate hugs and makes risque remarks. Mom admits that "she watches him like a hawk" when she baby-sits the little girl.

Abby, we are worried the day will come when he is alone with the child or the parents make the mistake of asking him to baby-sit. Do we warn the parents and ruin the neighborhood camaraderie? Talking to Dad won't help, as he seems to think he has no problem. What do you think?

HIS FOUR CHILDREN IN TEXAS

DEAR HIS FOUR CHILDREN: If the four of you and your mother think your father has a problem, then he has one. The child's safety must come first.

Tell your mother that if she doesn't tell the neighbors about your father's background, you will. If your father tried to do something inappropriate to the child — or any other — it could cause enormous damage. You would have moral liability for his behavior, and, of course, your father could go to jail.

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DEAR ABBY: Many times over the years I have meant to write to you to express how grateful I am to live in this country and be able to express myself freely.

When I was a corporal in the U.S. Army in 1947, as an information and education specialist, I had the honor of escorting a female Jewish doctor from Schweinfurt, Germany, back to her home town in Trutnov, Czechoslovakia. She had been interned by the Nazis from 1933 until after the liberation in 1945, and then in a displaced persons camp until I escorted her back to her former home.

She made such an impression on me, telling me what she'd had to endure all those years. Then, 30 years later, in 1977 she unknowingly walked into Maas Bros. department store and bought a color TV from me. The flashback was there, as if by God's wish. It had special meaning to me being of Irish-German descent.

I am now a 73-year-old senior citizen, privileged to live with this beautiful memory. It makes me more compassionate, knowing what the Jewish people went through at the hands of those insane madmen.

Thank you, Dear Abby, for letting me express my gratitude.

VICTOR H. COLLAR, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

DEAR VICTOR: Thank you for expressing it.

DEAR ABBY: At the risk of sounding prejudiced, can you tell me why so many Jewish celebrities constantly remind everyone that they are Jewish? For example, there is Larry King, Dr. Laura and Judge Judy. I have watched or listened to other celebrities for years, and they don't give you a clue as to their ethnic background or religious persuasion, which is fine with me. This seems to be a Jewish trait. Can you explain it?

CURIOUS, TAMPA, FLA.

DEAR CURIOUS: I was not aware that "so many Jewish celebrities" constantly remind everyone that they are Jewish. The reasons probably vary from individual to individual. You will have to ask Larry King, Dr. Laura or Judge Judy.

Horoscope

THURSDAY, FEB. 18, 1999

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)
★★★★★ Your smile works wonders; use your knowledge and assets. You discover that everything goes your way. Opportunity knocks on your door. Listen carefully to a friend. Though you usually dismiss this person's ideas as frivolous, you now find them inspirational. Tonight: Whatever pleases you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Think of what is right for the long term. Don't give in to impulse or the unpredictable. Caring and understanding others are important. Look within for the answers you seek. A boss has a valid point of view. Stay anchored, no matter how enthusiastic you are about a work idea. Tonight: Aim high.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Don't hesitate to pursue what you want. You could feel overwhelmed by what is going on. Think before you act, though you might be very excited about a special opportunity. Keep the bottom line in mind, and you'll come out on top. Tonight: Smiling away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out to another. Work is a source of happiness. Put in your best effort to improve conditions. Creativity surges. You see events in another light. Let your aspirations grow as lofty as you wish. A partner proves unusually resourceful. Tonight: Show your willingness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Allow others to open doors and present new ideas. Don't automatically resist when you should listen. An offer seems too good to be true. A partner is thrilled with what is going on and feels good about news. Excellent interactions are emphasized over the next few weeks. Tonight: Share your feelings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Defer to another; allow feedback to come forward. Another means well and will do anything to make your life easier. Go along with a suggestion. Don't feel like you must be in control. Working in a partnership enhances your work potential. Tonight: Think positively.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Others are clearly in control; frankly, you're thrilled that they offer so many possibilities. You can't quite believe that another is so well-intended. A relationship takes another twist or turn, especially if it involves your work. Tonight: Let another tempt you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Work gives you many possibilities. Be willing to take a leap of faith. You could be inspired by another and his feedback. Someone you meet today could have a long-term impact on your life. A love relationship takes a caring turn and becomes even deeper. Tonight: Begin an exercise program.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your playfulness adds to your day, as well as to others'. Enhance a personal relationship that means a lot to you. Be spontaneous and open to a loved one. Follow your intuition on an emotional matter. Another appreciates your sensitivity. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You feel much better about a loved one or roommate. Sharing is close, creating new avenues and different connections. Your instincts about a money matter are right on. Follow through, and you'll gain. However, avoid extremes. Tonight: Home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You are nostalgic as you look at another, a relationship and what you want. Communication brings amazing news. Allow a loved one to tell you what he feels. You can't believe what you are hearing. You might decide on a major purchase to improve your day-to-day life. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You are about to reverse a pattern. Follow through on a strong intuitive sense. Money matters are promising. You are coming out of the doldrums. Be careful about spending money before it comes in. Build your coffers first! Tonight: Balance your checkbook and pay bills.

BORN TODAY
Director Milos Foreman (1932), artist/singer Yoko Ono (1933), actor Matt Dillon (1964)

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Crossword Puzzle

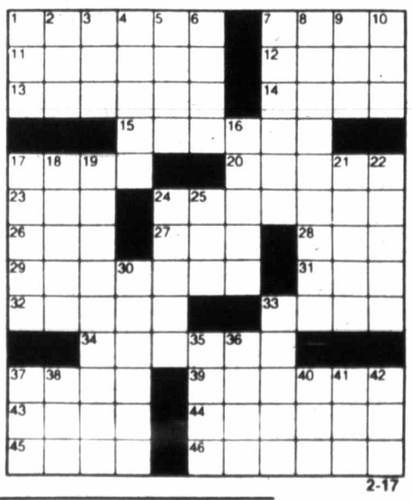
By THOMAS JOSEPH



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7 Trojan War hero
11 New York lake
12 Lasso
13 Wisconsin native, slangily
14 Hill insects
15 Hospital worker
17 Finn's vessel
20 Authority
23 Hockey's Bobby
24 Cattle thief
26 King, in France
27 Count start
28 Succor
29 Fancy homes
31 Compass pt.
32 Opera singer
33 Songwriter Milton
34 Not so small
37 Ring
39 Orbit point
43 Painter Magritte
44 Couch potato's need
45 One of Chekhov "Three Sisters"
46 Thrashed

DOWN
1 Unruly group
2 One-million link
3 With 17-Down, Pulitzer-winning composer
4 Number part
5 Genesis setting
6 Pub projectile
7 Turkey's highest point
8 Popular young blues singer
9 Suitable
10 Marks a ballot
16 Road curves
17 See 3-Down
18 Stood
19 "Metropolis" director
21 Paris divider
22 Choose from the menu
24 Copter part
25 French article
30 Flowery shrub
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42 Poetic contraction



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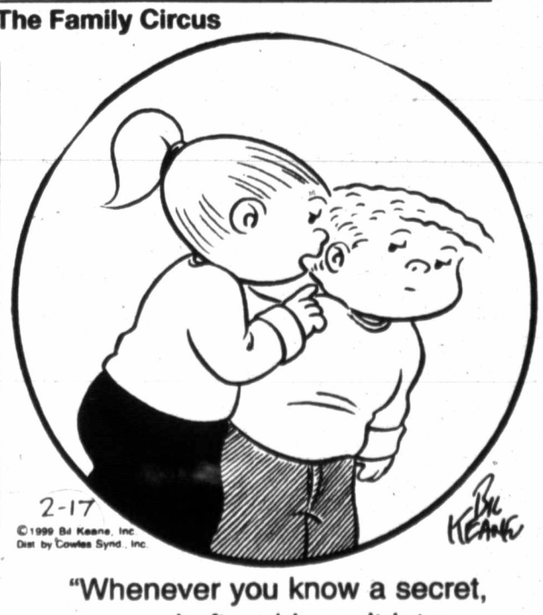
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Marmaduke



"Okay, I'll take you for a walk, but then you have to show me where you hid the remote."

The Family Circus



"Whenever you know a secret, you hafta whisper it into somebody's ear."

For Better or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



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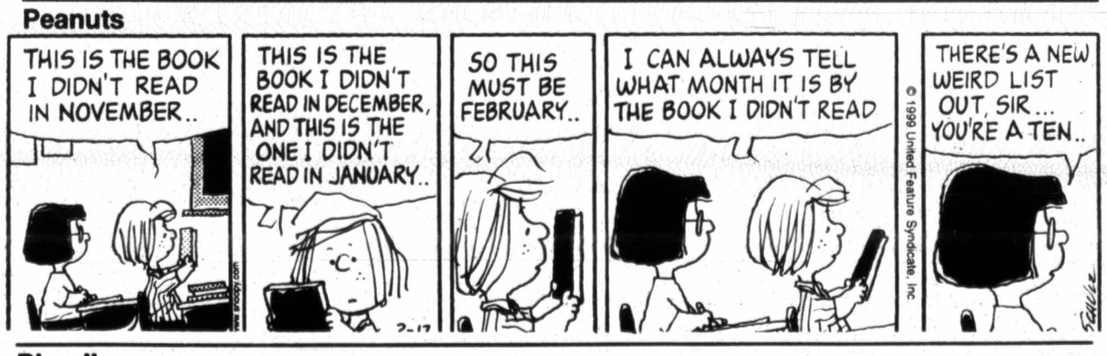
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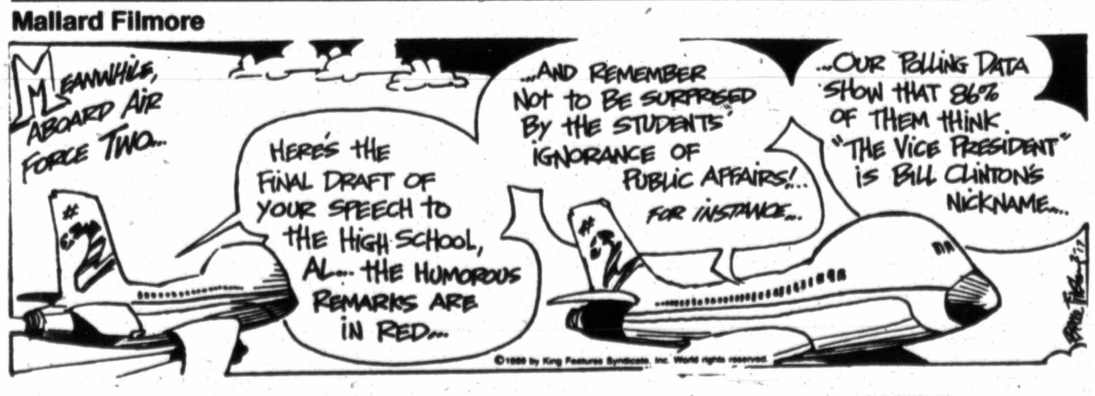
Peanuts



Blondie



Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Jazz defeated the Mavericks 69-51 in the Pampa Kids-Youth Club League last weekend.

Leo Ramirez led the Jazz in scoring with 30 points. Blake Hurst and Trevor Muniz added 12 points each.

Leading the way for the Mavericks was David Robinson with 17 points. Jonathan Brockington followed with 15 points.

Others scoring for the Jazz were Shawn Stone 6, Matt Cook 5, Nefi Mezi 2, and Stephanie Gattis 2. Ramirez had two 3 -point goals while Cook, Hurst and Muniz had 1 each.

Others scoring for the Mavs were Ollie Lowe 8 points, Lorena Baker 6 and Danny Bedolla 5. Brockington had two 3-point goals and Bedolla had 1.

The Jazz has a 2-0 record while the Mavericks are 0-2.

The next game for the Jazz is Saturday, starting at 6 p.m.

DUMAS — Jarod Allen scored 13 points and Bryce Jordan added 10 as Pampa slipped by Dumas 52-51 in a boys' junior varsity game Monday night.

Others scoring for Pampa were Reece Hartman 6 points, Tanner Hucks 6, Richard Leger 4, Kevin Schaub 4, Joey Tucker 3, Victor Brooks 2 and Stephen Vanderpool 2 and Doug Belleau 2.

Pampa JVs closed the season with a 16-12 record.

Pampa got 14 points from Gary Alexander and 10 apiece from Jesse Francis and Colby Hale in the Harvesters' 74-63 win over Dumas in the varsity game.

Zane Powers, Casey Owens and Shawn Young added 7 points apiece while Kirk George had 6, Russell Robben 5, Kevin Osborn 4 and Jeremy Silva 3 for the Harvesters.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It comes as no surprise but Pampa product Rayford Young has been selected as Big 12 Conference Player of the Year.

Young scored 41 points as Texas Tech rallied past Kansas last weekend.

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for Spring Softball:

Mens Open Womens Open Mens Church Mixed Open

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are $200.00 per team. The player's fee is $12-00 per player with a minimum of I I persons for Mens Open, Womens Open, and Men's Church, and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

The entry deadline is March 24, 1999 at 5:00 P.M. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1:00 P.M. on March 3 1, .1999 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin on April 5, for Mens Open and April 6, for Womens, Mens Church and Mixed.

Roster forms, fact sheets and bylaws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Spring Softball Leagues, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 during business hours.

FOOTBALL

DENTON, Texas (AP) — Former SMU quarterback Ramon Flanigan has a college coaching job.

Blanigan has been hired as assistant at North Texas in charge of wide receivers. He replaces Dante Wright, who resigned for personal reasons.

Flanigan played professionally in Germany last summer. He played for North Texas head coach Darrell Dickey when Dickey was an assistant at SMU.

Ft. Elliott advances

BORGER — Amber Estes and Janae Goad scored 14 points each as Fort Elliott breezed to a 48-26 bi-district win over Gruver Tuesday night.

The Lady Cougars take on Sudan in the Class 1A area round of the playoffs.

Sammie Stavlo had 16 points to lead Gruver scorers. Tessa Yanke followed with four.

Fort Elliott led by 20 (31-11) at halftime.

Also scoring for Fort Elliott were Ashley Estes with 8 points, Carissa Dukes 5, Candy Hilburn 4, Julie Zybach 2, and Reagan Meadows 1. Goad hit three 3-point goals for the Lady Cougars.

Fort Elliott improved its record to 23-7. Gruver closes out at 12-15.

Groom 59, Paducah 58

CLARENDON — Groom rallied past Paducah 59-58 in a girls' Class 1A bi-district game Tuesday night.

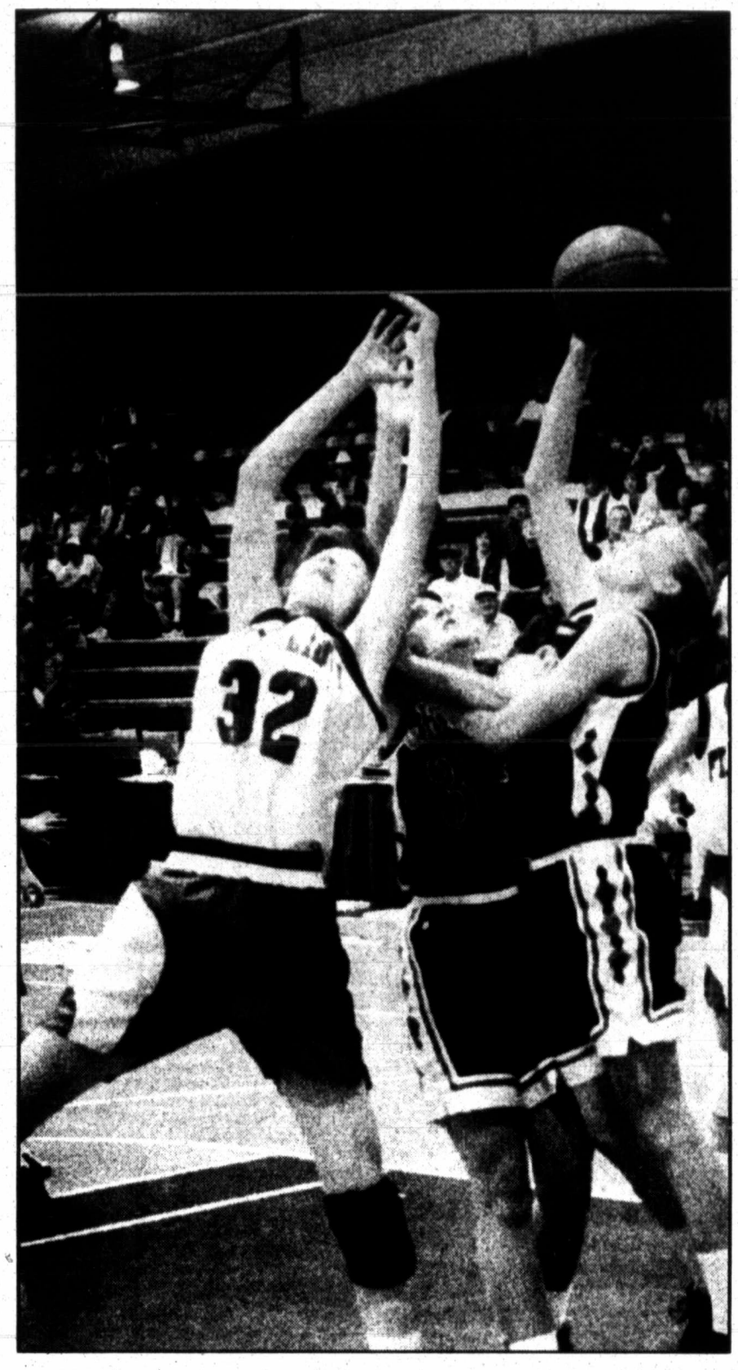
Jessica Kepley led Groom in scoring with 17 points while teammate Krisann Davis added 11.

Paducah's Michelle Garrett led all scorers with 31 points. Michelle Mosley followed with 12.

Groom trailed by nine (33-24) at the half, and cut the lead to one (42-41) going into the fourth quarter. The Tigerettes went ahead to stay with about two minutes remaining in the contest.

Others scoring for Groom were Carrie Davis with 8, Jodi Homen 7, Karen Conrad 7 and Candace Bohr 1.

Groom, 20-8 on the season, will meet Smyer in the area round of the playoffs.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Fort Elliott's Amber Estes (32) battles a Gruver player for a rebound.

PHS tennis squad opens season at Wichita Falls meet

WICHITA FALLS — The Pampa Harvester tennis team opened their spring season in Wichita Falls this past weekend. There were 32 teams participating, divided into four divisions.

Pampa competed in the top (A) division with three other state-ranked 4A teams and four 5A teams, also state ranked.

Pampa finished eighth by one point with 37 points to Arlington-Martin's 38 points.

Coach Carolyn Quarles was extremely pleased with the effort of her team this past weekend.

"We had a chance to play some of the best competition in the state and proved to ourselves we can compete. Now we have to get over the next hump and turn those close matches into victories," Coach Quarles said.

Pampa's girls' team finished strong with Emily Waters and Kellen Waters taking fifth in doubles and Valerie Lee and Emily Curtis placing sixth.

Waters-Waters fell to Tascosa's Cone and Morris in the quarterfinals while Lee and Curtis lost to Chandler and Campbell from Rider High School in the quarters as well.

Mandy Wells won the consolation division, finishing seventh with her only loss to Chernel from Southlake Carroll. Helen Orr finished 13th in singles.

Russ DuBose-Michael Cornelison finished 14th in boys' doubles and Matt Rains- A.J. Smith finished 16th.

In boys' singles, Blake Hurst finished 14th and Ryan Mills was 16th.

During the fall season, Pampa won the District 3-4A Team title undefeated and advanced to the regional semifinals. Coach Quarles was named Tennis Coach of the Year by the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame. This is her first year as the high school varsity coach.

Below are team results in the A Division at Wichita Falls:

1. Wichita Falls High 90 points; 2. Wichita Falls Rider 81; 3. Tascosa 72; 4. Southlake Carroll 68; 5. Lubbock Monterey 58; 6. Carrollton Smith 55; 7. Arlington Martin 38; 8. Pampa 37.

Harvesters win soccer match

PAMPA — Jason Hall scored two goals in the second half as Pampa came from behind to defeat Randall 2-1 in a boys' District 3-4A soccer match Tuesday.

Randall led 1-0 at the end of the first half, but Pampa tied the score at 1-1 on Hall's goal in the 43rd minute. Jeremy Hall had the assist.

Hall won it with a goal in the 48th minute. Also for Pampa, Jeremy Goode came off the bench and recorded six saves.

The Harvesters are now 2-4 in district action and 4-9 for the season. Randall is 5-1 and 8-2.

Randall defeated Pampa 1-0 in the girls' match as the Lady Raiders outscored the Lady Harvesters 2-0 in a shootout.

Goalie Samantha Ford had two saves for Pampa.

Pampa is 5-7 and 3-3 in district play. Randall improved to 6-7-1 for the season and 4-2 in district.

Houston is still in the running for NFL franchise

ATLANTA (AP) — Los Angeles and Houston both lost NFL franchises in the past five years. By next month, one of those cities can look forward to having a new team.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue anticipates no serious opposition to adding a 32nd franchise, setting up a vote when the owners meet in Phoenix on March 14-18. The new team could begin play by 2002.

"The general feeling is we should have 32 teams," said Philadelphia Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie, a member of the expansion committee that met for nearly four hours Tuesday at an Atlanta airport hotel. "Los Angeles and Houston are both viable markets that should be in the NFL."

It would mark the league's fourth expansion this decade. Jacksonville and Carolina joined the NFL in 1995 and the new Cleveland Browns begin play this fall.

Tagliabue said the L.A. and Houston markets have fan interest, large populations and television appeal.

"It's going to be a very close race," he said.

There is only one group, headed by Robert McNair, vying for the franchise in Houston, and it has a plan for a new retractable-roof stadium.

Two rival groups in Los Angeles are bidding for the expansion franchise, each with its own stadium plan.

Hollywood mogul Michael Ovitz has lined up an all-star roster of investors, including actors Tom Cruise and Kevin Costner, to build a combined stadium and shopping mall in Carson, 21 miles south of downtown. Developer Ed Roski Jr. and billionaire Eli Broad are proposing to renovate the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Los Angeles has been without a franchise since the Raiders returned to Oakland and the Rams moved to St. Louis before the 1995 season. The Houston Oilers left for Tennessee in 1997.

Tagliabue said the league might assist in the funding of the Los Angeles stadium, but the money would go toward one of the plans already proposed.

He would not say if the league is committed to picking one of the two ownership groups, indicating there is some trepidation among the owners about the warring bids.

"We've got two different ownership groups and two different stadium plans," he said. "That's something we've got to work through."

The expansion decision likely will spawn a whole new set of issues, with realignment at the head of the list. Tagliabue said the expansion committee discussed various scenarios Tuesday, using both Los Angeles and Houston.

Realignment is a hot-button issue in a league where Arizona and Dallas are part of the NFC East, Atlanta and Carolina are members of the NFC West, and the three teams in Florida are spread over three separate divisions in both conferences.

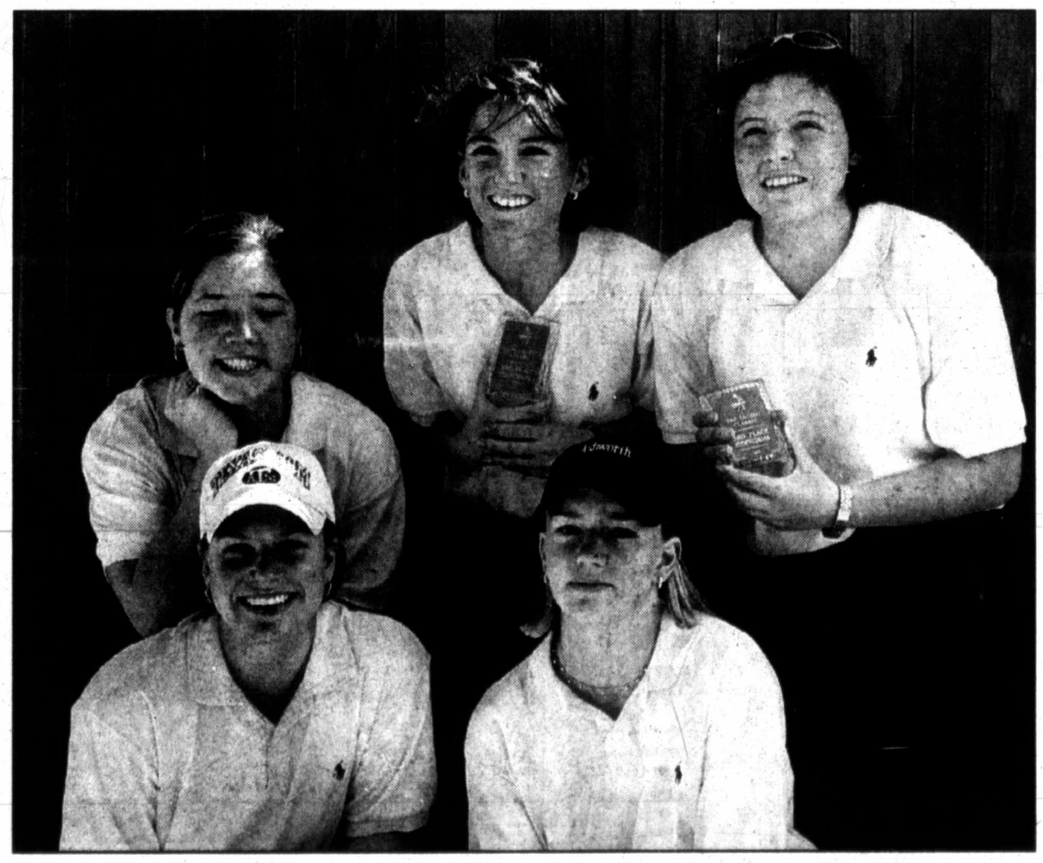
On another matter, the league's finance committee decided it needs more information about an $800 million bid by Howard Milstein to purchase the Washington Redskins.

The league wants to ensure that Milstein is not violating the rule against borrowing more than $100 million using the team as collateral to complete the deal.

"We're moving as promptly as we can. It's important to Washington and important to the league," Tagliabue said. "But it's not as important that we complete this deal today or tomorrow as it is to make the right decision for the next quarter-century."

NFL spokesman Joe Browne said Tagliabue also hopes to have a decision by the March meeting on whether Edward DeBartolo Jr., owner of the San Francisco 49ers, can resume active control of the team.

Girls golf team



(Special photo)

Pampa High girls' golf team members show their third-place medal from the San Angelo Classic. Front row (l-r) are Alison Piersall and Cortnie Allison; (back, l-r) Maggie Cowan, Stephanie Harwood and Annie Sims. It was the first tournament of the spring for the high school team. They will compete in the Snyder Tournament this coming weekend.

'Air' Jordan Davis looks to lead team to Class A crown

VALLEY VIEW, Texas — As the Valley View offense runs the ball up the floor, you notice the player handling the ball.

Lean and lithe at 5-foot-9, she doesn't seem to belong at the point guard spot. Perhaps she might be better suited as a forward in Class A girls basketball. All it takes to convince you is one sequence: a dribble between the legs, a spin around a defender at the top of the key, and a crisp pass to a wing who buries a 3-pointer.

Or maybe she'll start the offense with another one of those hard passes, only to break free of her defender, get the ball back and hit a long-range jumper of her own. Just wait, perhaps she'll anticipate her opponent's pass and steal the ball. She'll sprint the length of the floor and finish at the other end with an easy layup.

All in one night's work for Jordan Davis, a player who seems to emulate another former player who shares her first name.

Maybe. She gives it up to Mike Bibby of the Grizzlies and Jason Kidd of the Suns when asked who her favorite players are, though any comparisons to Michael Jordan are certainly welcome.

"People may do that (compare her to Michael Jordan) as a joke," she said. "But if people want to do that, it's a compliment. If I want to be like him, I know I have to work for it."

The former Bulls shooting guard led his team to six championships in his career. Davis looks to be the one to lead her team to a state Class A title this season, as the Lady Eagles are 30-2 and ranked No. 1 headed into the playoffs. But it was all a fortuitous bounce of the ball that landed the 5-foot-9 sophomore in the community of Valley View.

From nearby Slidell came Troy Davis, a principal in the Slidell Independent School District. He was hired as an administrator in Valley View, but was also reunited with Valley View football coach Mark Davidson, with whom he coached at Era. With him came his daughter, Jordan. She had been a first-team all-district selection in District 18-A while leading the Lady Greyhounds in scoring. Word was she was a good guard who had played with Valley View guards Dabney Clifton and Sarah Schneider on a summer league team.

Track work



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Wendell Palmer smooths out the concrete on a newly poured pad for shot putters at Pampa High School. Palmer was out Monday, taking advantage of the spring-like weather, getting ready for the next track meet in Pampa on Feb. 25.

Nation's top asthma athletes to compete for "Will To Win" college scholarships

KENILWORTH, N.J. - The 15th annual Asthma Athlete Scholarship Program for high school scholar-athletes with asthma is underway.

Sponsored by Schering/Key, the "Will to Win" program will grant $35,000 in scholarships to 10 high school seniors who have achieved athletic success in spite of the challenge with asthma. The winner will receive a $10,000 Gold Award with four $5,000 Silver Awards and five $1,000 Bronze Awards also being awarded.

Applications and posters for the Asthma Athlete Scholarship Program may be obtained by calling the "Will to Win" hotline at 1-800-558-7305. The deadline for entries is April 15, 1999.

The Annual Program recognizes the nation's top asthma athletes and serves to demonstrate to America's five million young patients with asthma that their condition, when properly treated and managed, need not be a limitation to success. The scholarships also emphasize Schering/KEY's commitment to asthma comanagement. In keeping with the National Institutes of Health's guidelines, the asthma comanagement concept has proven to be an effective preventative by employing regular exercise, careful monitoring, and close coordination between doctor and patient.

Previous scholarship winners have provided clear testimony to the outstanding achievements of patients with asthma, according to Raymond G. Slavin, M.D., Director at St. Louis University Medical School in St. Louis, Mo. Recent winners include numerous state and national champions in a variety of sports as well as Olympians and other athletes who have represented the United States in international competition. Approximately ten percent of U.S. athletes participating in recent Olympic games have had to overcome some form of asthma.

"Asthma scholarship winners excel in more than sports," said Slavin, M.D., Director of the Allergy and Immunology Division at St. Louis University Medical School in St. Louis, MO. "Winners are typically excellent students and are active in community affairs."

Scoreboard

PRO BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	5	2	.714	—
New York	4	2	.667	1/2
Philadelphia	4	2	.667	1/2
Miami	4	3	.571	1
Boston	2	3	.400	2
New Jersey	2	4	.333	2 1/2
Washington	1	3	.250	2 1/2
Central Division				
Milwaukee	**4**	**1**	**.800**	**—**
Atlanta	5	2	.714	—
Indiana	4	3	.571	1
Cleveland	3	3	.500	1 1/2
Detroit	3	4	.429	2
Toronto	1	4	.200	3
Charlotte	1	5	.167	3 1/2
Chicago	1	5	.167	3 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	6	1	.857	—
Houston	5	1	.833	1/2
Minnesota	4	2	.667	1 1/2
San Antonio	4	3	.571	2
Vancouver	3	3	.500	2 1/2
Dallas	1	6	.143	5
Denver	1	6	.143	5
Pacific Division				
Seattle	**6**	**0**	**1.000**	**—**
Portland	3	2	.600	2 1/2
L.A. Lakers	4	3	.571	2 1/2
Phoenix	4	3	.571	2 1/2
Sacramento	3	3	.500	3
Golden State	2	5	.286	4 1/2
L.A. Clippers	0	6	.000	6

Monday's Games
New York 78, Detroit 69
Miami 95, New Jersey 72
Utah 120, Sacramento 112, OT
Phoenix 115, Denver 106
Portland 99, Dallas 84
Golden State 101, Minnesota 99
Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee 93, Philadelphia 92
Cleveland 90, Orlando 78
New Jersey 97, Detroit 82
New York 95, Toronto 85
Miami 89, Indiana 78
Atlanta 83, Chicago 67
Houston 109, Phoenix 92
Seattle 71, Utah 56
Sacramento 101, Boston 98
L.A. Lakers 116, Charlotte 88
Vancouver 93, L.A. Clippers 89, 2OT
Wednesday's Games
Miami at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Boston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.
Charlotte at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday's Major
College Basketball Scores
By The Associated Press
EAST
Connecticut 77, Rutgers 64
Fordham 76, St. Joseph's 68
Rhode Island 77, St. Bonaventure 70
St. Francis, N.Y. 87, Md.-Baltimore County 77
SOUTH
Belmont 79, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 69
Davidson 67, Wofford 66
Florida 74, Arkansas 61
Louisiana Tech 81, Ark.-Little Rock 67
Louisville 106, Houston 78
Miami 103, Villanova 82
SE Missouri 77, E. Kentucky 61
Temple 78, Virginia Tech 48
Wake Forest 67, Georgia Tech 58
MIDWEST
Cleveland St. 75, Wis.-Milwaukee 64
Iowa St. 64, Baylor 42
Michigan St. 82, Purdue 69
Xavier 88, La Salle 71
FAR WEST
Air Force 111, Denver 88
Wyoming 103, Texas-Pan American 85

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with RHP Luis Rivera and C Fernando Lunar.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Armando Benitez on a one-year contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with SS Shawon Dunston on a one-year contract and 1B Eduardo Perez on a minor-league contract.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHICAGO BULLS—Waived F Mario Bennett. Activated G Charles Jones from the injured list.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Waived G-F Darrin Hancock. Placed G Anthony Parker on the injured list.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed FB Charles Evans.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed LB Ray Farmer and LB Chike Egbuniwe. Re-signed OL Paul Janus.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Acquired LB Chris Spielman from the Buffalo Bills for past considerations. Signed OT Orlando Brown and CB Corey Fuller.
DENVER BRONCOS—Agreed to terms with CB Dale Carter.
DETROIT LIONS—Signed DT James Jones.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Named Andrew Brandt director of player finance-football operations, and Lance Lopes vice president-general counsel.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed TE Kyle Brady to an offer sheet.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed DT Henry Thomas to a three-year contract.
NEW YORK JETS—Agreed to terms with TE Eric Green and DE Mike Frederick.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Named Jim Erkenbeck and Robin Ross assistant coaches.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed WR Charles Johnson to a five-year contract and WR Torrance Small to a four-year contract.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Re-signed S Lee Flowers to a four-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed QB Jeff Garcia to a two-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CALGARY FLAMES—Exercised their option on the contract of D Phil Housley for the 1999-2000 season.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled D Dan Boyle from Kentucky of the AHL. Waived C Steve Washburn.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Assigned G Jose Theodore to Fredericton of the AHL.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Assigned D Karlis Skrastins to Milwaukee of the IHL and D Rob Zettler to Utah of the IHL.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Acquired C Darby Hendrickson from the Toronto Maple Leafs for D Chris McAllister.

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Men's Open

Team	Won	Lost
M.O.B.	4	0
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Pampa Machine	3	2
Cabot DMC	2	2
C&H Supply	2	2
Subway	1	2
Cabot	1	4
L&M Carpet	1	4
Penguin Rampage	0	3

Women's Open

Team	Won	Lost
Sun-Trol Window Tint	3	0
McLean Feedyards	2	0
Curley's-Subway	2	0
Babb Portable Buildings	2	1
Celanese	0	4
White Deer	0	4

Standings as of Feb. 12

Investigator saw no criminal conduct in Olympics scandal

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A former federal prosecutor working on the Salt Lake Organizing Committee's investigation into the Olympics bribery scandal said she found no indication of criminal conduct.

While SLOC, the U.S. Olympic Committee and the International Olympic Committee all have been conducting separate investigations of ethical misconduct, the U.S. Justice Department and Utah Attorney General's Office have been looking for criminal violations.

Beth Wilkinson, a leading attorney on the Justice Department team that prosecuted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, said she found evidence of ethical lapses, but no breaches of criminal law on the part of the bid committee, the predecessor to SLOC.

"I did consider a lot of the criminal theories and I don't see criminal conduct," Wilkinson said Tuesday. "Some of their activities could be seen as unethical, but that's a long way from being criminal."

The independent SLOC ethics panel last week revealed that executives of the Salt Lake bid committee gave more than $1 million worth of cash payments, free vacations, living stipends, shopping sprees and free medical care to IOC members and their families.

The lavish spending occurred before the 1995 IOC vote in Budapest giving Salt Lake City the 2002 Winter Games.

Two former executives of the bid committee and later the SLOC were blamed by the ethics panel for the excesses. President Tom Welch resigned in mid-1997 amid a spousal abuse charge and on Jan. 8 was stripped of his $500,000 pension and $10,000-per-month consulting contract. Senior Vice President Dave Johnson resigned under pressure on Jan. 8.

Wilkinson, who left the Justice Department for a private law firm in Washington last September, and her partner, Barry Sanders of Los Angeles, were retained by the SLOC in December to conduct their own investigation.

Sanders and Wilkinson said their no-crime conclusion pertains only to their client, the committee.

Tom Schaffer, the Salt Lake attorney representing Welch, said it's clear the SLOC attorneys do not believe Welch committed crimes.

"I discussed lots of different scenarios with them on several occasions and the three of us really couldn't come up anything that fit," Schaffer said. "There may be other things that Justice is looking at that I'm not aware of."

The Justice Department, which has five prosecutors working the case, has been guiding the investigation through the FBI office in Salt Lake City.

One former Justice Department official speaking on condition of anonymity said Tuesday the high priority given the case may make charges more likely.

"There's a real incentive when you have that many people devoted to not just walk away and say, 'No crime,'" the source said.

According to sources familiar with the investigation, prosecutors are looking at possible mail or wire fraud; false statements or perjury; tax fraud; and violations of customs laws that require declaration of sums of $10,000 or more in cash leaving the country.

The ethics panel last week said one former bid employee reported $30,000 was taken from committee bank accounts to pay for legitimate expenses in Budapest in 1995. The panel, which had no power to subpoena bank records, could not determine whether that amount was taken out of the United States in cash or traveler checks.

In other developments Tuesday:

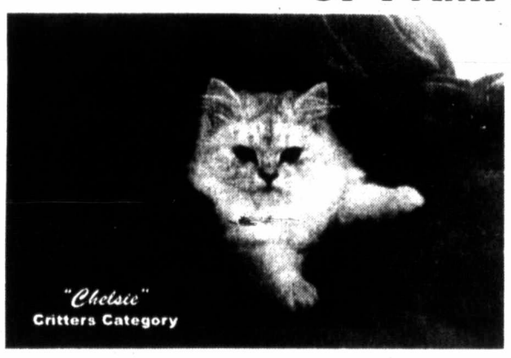
—Mitt Romney, the new chief executive officer for SLOC, received standing ovations when he appeared before the Utah House and Senate.

Romney, hired Thursday to lead the scandal-tainted Olympic organization for the next three years, told lawmakers he intends to return the games to the athletes and to bring the Olympics in on budget.

He promised an aggressive fundraising drive. "I want money," said the Boston businessman, who plans to "count on Utah businesses to contribute to the games — big time." Sen. Parley Hellewell, R-Orem, who runs a plumbing service business, handed Romney a crisp $100 bill.

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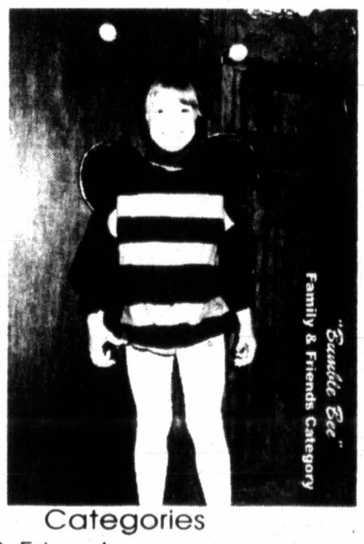
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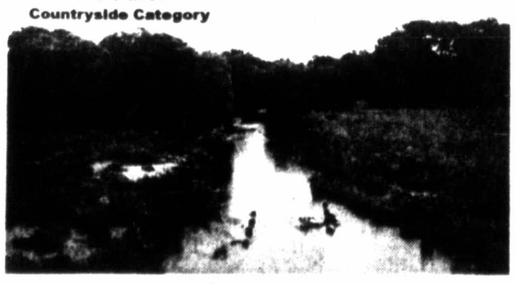
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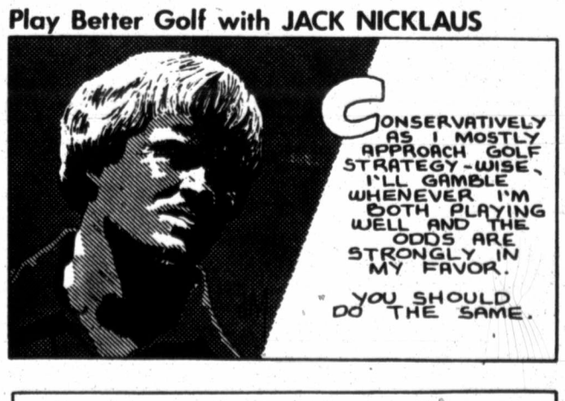
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Bears ripped by Iowa St.

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Michael Nurse scored 15 points and a limping Marcus Fizer had 12 of his 14 in the second half as Iowa State beat Baylor 64-42 Tuesday night to keep the Bears winless in the Big 12.

Iowa State (14-12 overall, 5-8 Big 12) struggled for 28 minutes before finally pulling away to break a four-game losing streak. A gritty performance by Fizer, who injured his left knee in the first half, helped the Cyclones get it done.

Baylor (6-20, 0-13) trailed just 36-33 after Leon Morris' 3-pointer with 12:40 left. But Iowa State switched to a zone on defense, Baylor made only four more baskets the rest of the way and the Cyclones took control.

Fizer and Paris Corner each scored seven points in a 17-5 run that stretched the lead to 53-38 with 7:27 to play.

Baylor got no closer than 13 the rest of the way and Iowa State scored the final nine points of the game — five by Fizer and a four-point play by Nurse, who was fouled as he made a 3-pointer and sank the free throw.



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Mayor Bob Neslage signs a proclamation during the week of Feb. 14-21 as Business Professionals of America Week, Neslage is seated signing the proclamation while chapters members watch. Pictured from left are: Chris Hearron, Kristen Bell, Miah Abel, Daniel Dreher, Texas State Parliamentarian, Jamie Mears, Jesse Glaseman, Sheila Berry, Jeremy Whitley, Ryan Bradley, and Adam Fox.

Mayor signs proclamation establishing Business Professionals of American Week

Pampa High School business student will be organizing a variety of activities to promote Business Professionals of America Week, Feb. 16-20. Business Professionals of America is a national vocational student organization for students preparing for careers in the business world.

•Wednesday, Feb. 17, is Boss Appreciation Day for Business Education Cooperative students.

•Thursday, Feb. 18, members will be visiting a local nursing home to speak with the residents and introduce them to some of tomorrow's business professionals.

•Friday, Feb. 19, members will be holding an open house which will be held in the Business Education Lab in Room 2 of the vocational Building held in the Business Education Lab in Room 2 of the Vocation Building from 7:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Anyone interested in knowing more about Business Professionals of America, or anyone wanting to learn about the benefits of hiring cooperative students is welcome to attend this event.

The intent of Business Professionals of America is to let Pampa chapter better inform the Pampa Community about the organization.

The information about Business Professionals of America or to obtain a part time business education student through the cooperative program, contact Sherrell Wheeler at the high school.

Pilots to hear judges ruling

DALLAS (AP) — With the 10-day sickout by American Airlines pilots finally over, both the airline and the union face daunting tasks: winning back angry customers and paying the bills.

The Allied Pilots Association placed $10 million of the union's assets with a federal court on Tuesday, anticipating a fine that is expected to be levied today for defying a judge's back-to-work order.

The sickout forced the cancellation of more than 6,000 flights since Feb. 6 and disrupted the travel plans of about 600,000 passengers. The labor dispute has cost American between $67 million and $90 million.

Flights, however, appear to be back to normal.

Meanwhile, the nation's second-largest airline was mulling over plans to win back former passengers like Tamara Martin, who had to return home to Miami from Puerto Rico on a United Airlines flight.

"I really doubt I would ever fly American again," Ms. Martin said. "I know it will be an inconvenience to myself and it probably wouldn't make a difference to their business, but I think I owe it to myself to stop flying American after what we've been through."

Experts say that because of high demand for seats, travelers shouldn't expect new big fare cuts. What's more, American cut back its spring flight schedules by 1 percent in anticipation that its pilots would refuse voluntary overtime.

Randy Petersen, publisher of InsideFlyer frequent-flier magazine, said he expects the airline to offer frequent-flier miles as an apology rather than cheaper fares.

First Kiss program



(Special photo)

Pampa Nursing Center's Kristie Fuller, activities director, and Linda Ball, hostess, recently participated in the "First Kiss" Valentine program.

Mardi Gras Dance and Casino



(Community Camera photo)

Mary Baten, Irvine Riphahn and Terresa Curfman, work on decorations for the Beta Sigma Phi Mardi Gras Dance and Casino to be held from 8-12 p.m. Feb. 20 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Proceeds will go to the Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship Fund for High School Scholarships. Tickets will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance at the Chamber of Commerce or from a Beta Sigma Phi member.



(special photo)

Pampa's own Kylie Pickering, 17-months old, won the recent "Kids Are Cute" contest in Amarillo. The event was sponsored by the Muscular Dystrophy Association and all money went to the charity. The daughter of Tommy and Buffy Pickering won over 10 other contestants.

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