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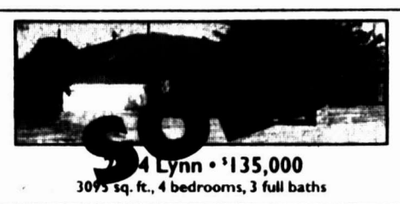
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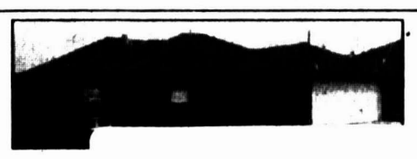
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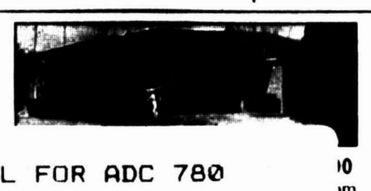
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City gives nod to rodeo beer sales

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association seeking permit to sell alcohol during annual rodeo

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Pampa City Commissioners Tuesday approved a request to serve alcohol at the 2002 Top O' Texas Rodeo, with Mayor Lonny Robbins casting the lone dissent.

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association members had asked the city to help them obtain a temporary license to serve alcohol at the rodeo by signing the permit application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC).

Michael Craig, Rodeo Association spokesman, said they hope that by selling beer at the rodeo, Coors Distributing will again sponsor the Coors Chute Out, a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) tournament that often draws the biggest names in the sport.

Last year, Coors withdrew the Chute Out from the Pampa rodeo citing low beer sales in the county as the reason, Craig explained. Losing the tournament cost the local rodeo association approximately $15,000 last year.

"It put a crunch on us real bad," he said. "It's economic is what it is."

Craig said that the Coors Chute Out "draws better cowboys because it pays more money.

"It helps with a lot of things – clowns, stock, pick-up men," he explained, adding, "And they disburse the dollars for you so you don't have to put out so much."

City Attorney Don Lane told commissioners that he had researched the city's base lease with the rodeo association for use of the rodeo grounds east of Pampa. In a section concerning uses of

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Scribner: Still working, still paying PEDC

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Local businessman, Billy Scribner, is current on his loan payments with the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, and he's still in business.

He told *The Pampa News* Wednesday morning he is current on his payments and is still in business in the Pampa area. Scribner was responding to a story in the Tuesday edition of *The Pampa News* which quoted PEDC Board President Dalton Lewis as saying he had been told Scribner was out of business locally, and had moved from the community.

Board Member Steve Phillips responded to Lewis' comments at the Monday meeting, saying the local businessman was making some changes but that he is still in business in Pampa.

Scribner said he is making some restructuring changes in his business and will have offices in both Pampa and Houston.

New name for the business will be Cherokee Pipeline Inc. He said the phone is being answered with Cherokee Pipeline, but the finalization will not be for another 30 days or so.

He said his business will continue with pipeline construction, welding, grill guard and trucking.

"I've been in business in Pampa since 1990," said Scribner. "My roots are here."

He said he has been working out of town some because of the nature of the business.

"We have not moved," he said. "In the pipeline construction business, you work a lot of places."

Scribner said he borrowed $200,000 from the PEDC in 1997 or 1998 after former PEDC Director Lew Mollenkamp and other board members contacted him offering to loan him an interest-free loan.

He said he is in his fifth year of payments on the five-year loan.

City Finance Director John Horst today confirmed that Scribner is current on his loan payments.

Horst is currently maintaining the financial records of the PEDC following the Nov. 6 vote to dismantle the economic development entity.

Plates of pancakes

(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

The Rev. Jake and Laura Clemmons heap their plates with bacon and pancakes at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church's Annual Pancake Supper Tuesday evening. A large crowd of local residents crowded into the Fellowship Hall at the church to help raise funds for the church's day school.

How's your pressure?

(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Charlotte Willett, LVN, with BritKare assisted with the annual health fair Tuesday as she took the blood pressure of Vickie Stewart of High Plains Epilepsy. Several hundred local residents visited the numerous booths at the annual event Tuesday.

LOCAL

Pipeline ruptures north of McLean

Duke Energy has shut down a natural gas pipeline for repairs about 11 miles north of McLean after gas escaping from a rupture ignited and burned about 40 acres of grassland, according to a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The incident happened about 6:57 p.m. Monday after a rupture in an exposed portion of the line released about 200,000 cubic feet of gas, the DPS said. The gas floated downwind and exploded when it reached an ignition source that was not identified.

No one was injured.

Western dance set in Shamrock

SHAMROCK — A Saturday night dance is set for 8 p.m. until midnight at the Shamrock Community Center (Old Armory) featuring the Western swing music of the Magic City Cowboys.

Included in the band are present and former members of The Texas Playboys.

Call 806-665-2555 or 806-256-3276 for more information.

DEATHS

O. R. Blankenship, 96, rancher.

Winnie Mae Thompson Clark, 79, nurse's aide.

Ruby Dalton, 84, homemaker.

Janet Dull, 49, Lubbock resident.

Johnny Douglas Rader, 90, retired meat packer.

Winnie Dee Roland, 87, cook.

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TPMHMR plans public forum here

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation (TPMHMR) plans its annual public forum in Pampa on Tuesday, March 5.

The meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. that day at the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston.

The purpose of the annual public forum is to inform community members of the services currently being offered by the agency, gather feedback regarding satisfaction with services, address any unmet needs identified by the residents of Gray, Roberts and Wheeler counties and review of recommendations from last year's public forum.

A regional office that offers mental health services, as well as the Satellite Center, which provides services to individuals with mental retardation, serves residents of Gray, Roberts and Wheeler counties.

The local outpatient psychiatric clinic offers mental health services to adults who suffer from severe mental illness and to children and adolescents in need of mental health intervention.

This clinic has helped to maintain the stable emotional and behavioral functioning of chronically mentally ill people, reducing homelessness, harmful behavior, court commitments and hospitalizations that are costly to the community.

Services in the Satellite Center include vocational training at the workshop, as well as job coaching in the community workforce. Support is also provided in the area of nursing, psychology, and service coordination. These services aid the individual in achieving quality of life and community participation acceptable to the client.

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation would like to encourage all citizens with an interest in the issues of

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

BLANKENSHIP, O.R. "Blank" — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.

DALTON, Ruby — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

DULL, Janet — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

RADER, Johnny Douglas — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

WINNIE DEE ROLAND
1915-2002

The Angels took Mrs. Winnie Dee Roland into the Kingdom of God on Feb. 9, 2002, in San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Roland was born on Jan. 18, 1915, in McKinney, Texas, to Harrison and Ada Linson. Her husband, Granvil, a son, Roger, and a daughter, Claudine, preceded her in death. She is survived by two daughters, Marie Skinner and Mary Geary, and two sisters, Bertha Terrell and Mae Bell Caston, and 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, a host of nephews and nieces, and countless devoted friends.

She was a devoted friend to the family of Tom and Ora Rose and Rex and Maxine Rose for over 60 years. Not only did she rear her own family of three remarkable children and many grandchildren, but also she was an inspiration to the Rose children, Rex W., Mary Jane, and Tom Rose III. She advised and loved them and she was their friend.

Everyone who knew Winnie Dee loved her and respected her. All those lives she touched felt blessed by her mere presence.

She was probably one of the most talented cooks in the Panhandle of Texas. Those who experienced her fried pies, apple pies, and other mouth-watering delicacies consumed them with great anticipation and gusto. Her life was devoted to caring and loving the people around her. She cooked for Meals on Wheels and Senior Citizens and the elderly and shut-ins.

We will be remembering and celebrating her life for many years to come. She will be truly missed. Amen!

Her funeral will be held at the Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm Street, Saturday, Feb. 16th at 11 a.m.

JOHNNY DOUGLAS RADER
1911-2002

Johnny Douglas Rader, 90, of Pampa, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with James Baird officiating. Graveside services will be on Monday at the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Rader was born March 31, 1911, in Nashville, Tenn. He came to Pampa in 1997 from Nashville, where he had been a lifelong resident. He married Gladys Bell on Dec. 19, 1934, in Nashville. He retired from Swift and Co. (Neuhoff Packing Co.) in 1973 after 44 years of service.

He was a 55-year member of the John B. Garrett Masonic Lodge #711 AF&AM in Nashville,

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Gladys Bell Rader; two daughters, Joyce Rader and Janyce (David) Osborne; two granddaughters, Joyce (Stephen) Miles and Edith Osborne; and a brother, Bill Harmon Rader of Nashville, Tenn.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

WINNIE MAE THOMPSON CLARK
1922-2002

Winnie Mae Thompson Clark, 79, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002. Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jim Powell, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m., Friday in Sunset Memorial Cemetery at Stinnett. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Clark was born April 15, 1922, at Turkey. She married J.R. "Dick" Thompson in 1940; he died in 1964. She had been a Pampa resident since 1968, moving from Borger, and was a member of Hobart Baptist Church and Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star.

A nurse's aide since 1965, she worked in Worley Hospital, Highland General Hospital, both in Pampa, and North Plains Hospital in Borger. She retired as a nurse's assistant in the G.I. lab at Pampa's Coronado Hospital in 1987.

She married Gale Clark in 1966; he died in 1978.

Survivors include two daughters, Katha Howard of Stinnett and Genevieve "Tootie" Carter of Blue Field, Va.; a son, Richard "Butch" Thompson of Pensacola, Fla.; a sister, Lena Scott of Coleman; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, 2200 W. 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106.

RUBY DALTON
1917-2002

Ruby Dalton, 84, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at Pampa, Texas. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Arrington, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Dalton was born Sept. 6, 1917, in Butler, Okla. She married Cecil W. "Spud" Dalton on Aug. 20, 1938, in Elk City, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1953.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church, and a 60-year member of the Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of several Garden Clubs and Bridge Clubs, accumulating many master points.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Cecil W. "Spud" Dalton, of the home; a daughter, Dana Dalton of Amarillo; two sons, Gary Dalton and Greg Dalton, both of Pampa; two sisters, Peggy Cupp of Elk City, Okla., and Patsy Thomas of Broken Arrow, Okla.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and special friends, Geraldean, Theresa, Shirley and Sue.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065; or to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

O.P. 'BLANK' BLANKENSHIP
1905-2002

McLEAN — O.R. "Blank" Blankenship, 96, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday in Hillcrest Cemetery with Jim Reyna, minister, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.

Mr. Blankenship was born Sept. 6, 1905, at Paris, Texas, to Tom and Molly Blankenship. He married Ethel Herndon on Aug. 4, 1923; she died April 20, 1974. A longtime rancher and cattle buyer in the McLean area, he was still active in the cattle business at the time of his death.

Survivors include a daughter, Eva O. Emmert of McLean and numerous relatives and friends.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to a favorite charity.

JANET DULL
1952-2002

LUBBOCK — Janet Dull, 49, sister of a Pampa resident, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m., Thursday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Kenneth Cartwright officiating. Interment will be under the direction of RIX Funeral Directors.

Ms. Dull, a longtime Lubbock resident, was born June 25, 1952, at Wewoka, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by a brother, Joseph Allen Dull.

Survivors include a sister, Linda Hogue of White Deer; and a brother, David Dull of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Lubbock State School Parents Association, P.O. Box 5396, Lubbock, TX 79408.

MARY LEORIA KIMBLEY
1914-2002

Mary Leoria Kimbley, 87, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Friday in Fairview Cemetery with Wyatt Fenno, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Kimbley was born May 19, 1914, at Copan, Okla. She married Harold Lee Kimbley on July 6, 1931, at Bartlesville, Okla.; he died July 24, 1974.

She was a nurse's aide at Worley Hospital for 15 years prior to retiring in 1974. She returned to Pampa in 1990 after relocating to Bartlesville for a time and was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa.

Survivors include two daughters, Thelma Matthews of Pampa and Gene Fletcher of Lefors; two sons, Phillip Kimbley of San Antonio and Dick Kimbley of Pampa; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriffs Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Ronnie Don Jenkins, 51, 312 1/2 N. Wells, public intoxication.

Amber Diane Terry, 25, 724 Sloan, placed on hold for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department filed the following accident reports.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

An unknown vehicle struck and damaged a stop sign at Terrace and East Kentucky.

FIRE

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

Tuesday, Feb. 12

1 p.m. – Two units and six firefighters attended a health fair at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

7:13 p.m. – Two units and six firefighters responded to a false alarm in the 700 block of North Wells.

STOCKS

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

Wheat	2.40
Milo	3.28
Corn	3.50
Soybeans	3.51

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

Occidental	25.29 -0.19
Fidelity Mageln	99.15 -0.43
Puritan	17.40 -0.05

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

BP	47.20	+0.50
Celanese	18.73	-0.29
Cabot Corp.	33.96	+0.06
Cabot Oil Gas	18.79	-0.05
Coca Cola	45.76	-0.31
VLO	45.00	+0.35
Halliburton	14.79	+0.23
Triad Hospitals	32.68	+0.78
NOI	18.14	-0.64
KMI	50.10	-0.10
XCEL	23.80	+0.01
Kerr McGee	52.69	-0.84
Limited	18.00	+0.39
Williams	17.05	+0.60
McDonald's	27.01	+0.16
Exxon Mobil	38.50	+0.10
Atmos	21.66	+0.18
Pioneer Nat.	17.92	-0.34
Penney's	24.16	+0.57
Phillips	57.19	-0.22
SLB	54.55	-0.45
Tenneco	2.23	-0.10
CVX	81.99	+0.30
Wal-Mart	60.37	+0.25
OKE	17.50	-0.04

New York Gold	300.25
Silver	4.48
West Texas Crude	20.73

AMBULANCE

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

Tuesday, Feb. 12

7:33 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Williston and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

10:48 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of North Dwight and transported one to PRMC.

2:14 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Faulkner and transported one to PRMC.

3:05 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

3:11 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Roberta; no transport.

POLICE

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

Sunday, Feb. 10

Mychelle Yvette Johnson, 40, 1123 Mary Ellen, arrested on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces, driving while intoxicated, accident involving damage to vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Monday, Feb. 11

An attempted theft of two dogs was reported in the 500 block of North Lowry.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Assault with injuries to two juveniles was reported in the 1000 block of Charles.

The theft of $25.78 worth of beer was reported at Taylor Mart, 600 E. Frederic.

Injury to the elderly was reported in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen. Upon investigation it was found there was no injury but the person had been left alone.

Assault by contact was reported in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen.

Retaliation in which a victim's face was scratched was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner.

Assault on the elderly was reported in the 500 block of North Roberta where the victim was struck on the ear.

Criminal mischief was reported at Coney Island Cafe, 114 W. Foster, where a rock broke a window causing $225 in damage.

City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

ALL JEWELRY half price. Shop for your Sweetheart, Joy's Unlimited, 2218 N. Hobart, 665-2515.

BRITTANY & Dalene Herriman performing live at The Coffee Shop, Thurs. Feb. 14; 7-9 p.m.

DANCE TO Tiny Lynn & Band, VFW- Pampa, Fri. Feb. 15th, 8:30-12:30 a.m.

FENCE REPAIR or Build New. Call 665-5839, Joe Johnson.

HEARTS DESIRE Antiques & Collectibles, Anniversary Sale, Feb. 13th thru Sat. 16th 10-5, 101 2nd St., White Deer.

NEW CANDLES, wonderful scents only at Joy's Unlimited, 2218 N. Hobart.

OOO LALA has the perfect gift for your Valentine! Our ever great frangrances & body products for men & women as well as new Gemstone Candles & Scented Teddy Bears. Stop by & order a gift basket, because everyone should smell wonderful! 665-2670, (next door to Subway), Mon.-Sat. 10-6 p.m.

PAMPA LODGE #966 Awards Banquet, Feb. 16th, 6:30 p.m. 420 W. Kingsmill.

ROLANDA'S JUST received new shipment of spray-on potpourri oil.

SALE! "VALENTINES" 25% Off Feb. 4th-Feb. 14th. Let us make you a special gift for your sweetheart. Celebrations, Coronado Center, 665-3100. Free Delivery.

SWEETHEART HOUR at The Coffee Shop Feb. 14; 7-9 p.m. Buy first drink and get second at half price.

USED 20 inch remote control tvs for sale, $65. Best Western Northgate Inn.

WOODY GUTHRIE Folk Music Center, 320 S. Cuyler, will be the site of the monthly meeting of the Board of Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie, at 5:30 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 14th. Short meeting. Board members come.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today, partly cloudy. Highs around 53. Southwest winds increasing to 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 30. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday, partly sunny and breezy. Highs around 67. South winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 35 mph. Thursday night mostly cloudy. Lows near 30.

STATEWIDE

Clear skies and cool to mild temperatures are expected to persist over the state through Thursday as high pressure continues to dominate Texas weather.

The high-pressure mass was pushing into the northern part of the state Wednesday morning. Lows ranged from the upper teens in the panhandle to the lower 50s in the Rio Grande Valley.

Some high clouds were seen in parts of the panhandle and far southeast Texas. A low-pressure air mass moving across the Valley brought thicker clouds and a chance of rain to South Texas.

The rain threat was expected to leave the area Thursday. Otherwise, the weather pattern was expected to remain the same with lows Wednesday night between the 20s in the panhandle and the 50s in the Valley. Highs on Thursday will range from the 50s in the West Texas mountains to near 70 in South Texas.

CLARIFICATION

Melody Chatelle, public relations spokeswoman for Living Centers of Texas Inc., contacted *The Pampa News* Tuesday regarding a story in the Sunday, Feb. 10, edition concerning the state's report on the Pampa Nursing Center.

Chatelle said that although the local nursing center cannot admit patients whose services will be paid by Medicaid and Medicare to the local facility until all deficiencies in the 28-page report are corrected, the nursing center can admit patients.

Outstanding employee

(Courtesy photo)

The February Employee of the Month was announced this morning from the Jordan/Baten Units by Assistant Warden Joe Nunn (on left). The honor was presented to Larry Hadley, the Windham School District Electrical Trades teacher. He is a Pampa native and been employed by the school system for seven years. He was nominated for his outstanding dedication to his job. Hadley holds a perfect attendance record and collaboratively worked unselfishly with H. B. Zachary to form a partnership with the students of the Jordan Unit.

Bush keeps option of force to oust Saddam; says Iraqi president must know he's serious

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Wednesday left open the option of a military attack on Iraq to oust Saddam Hussein. Bush said the Iraqi president "needs to understand I am serious."

A senior U.S. official told The Associated Press that Bush's top advisers and agencies of the government had been directed to develop and refine a full range of options.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the recommendations would then be circulated within the government and sent to the White House so Bush could make a final decision.

After meeting with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, Bush acknowledged that he is considering various options to deal with Saddam, but he would not disclose any details.

"I will keep them close to my vest," Bush said. "President Saddam Hussein needs to understand I am serious about defending our country."

Bush also said any alliance between terrorist organizations and terror-supporting nations with a history of pursuing nuclear or other destructive weapons would be "devastating for those of us who fight for freedom," and the United States would not tolerate it.

"We, the free world, must make it clear to these nations they have a choice to make," Bush said. "I will keep all options available if they don't make the choice."

CIA Director George Tenet is said to favor a plan that relies heavily on covert action, rather than an open military campaign.

In fact, the Central Intelligence Agency already is authorized to try to destabilize the Baghdad government.

Secretary of State Colin Powell suggested Tuesday, apparently in jest, that "natural causes" might be the solution. Powell, 64, noted Saddam was the same age.

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FORUM

mental health and mental reterdation to attend this forum which is expected to last approximately one hour.

The mission of TPMHMR is 'To respond to the diverse needs of all persons with mental illness and mental retardation by creating an accessible system of services whch supports individual choices and results in lives of dignity and independence."

Persons desiring more information regarding this public forum may contact Margaret Cervantez, director of planning & development, at 806-349-5647 or Dina Martinez at 806-349-5647.

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BEER

the grounds, he said, the city agrees to "supporting concessions" which he said fits with the rodeo association's permit request.

"I'm not aware of any ordinance that would be against this," Lane said.

"One thing I'm concerned about is personal liability," Robbins said. "You say you're going to control it. What I want to know is, how are you going to do that?"

"That's why we're going to hire professional people to do that," Craig answered. "If they think somebody has had too much, they have the right to refuse to serve anyone."

Lane said that according to the lease, the city is "held harmless." He recommended that the rodeo association buy a four-day liability policy for the rodeo.

Craig said that when the association decided to build the outdoor pavilion two years ago, he checked their liability insurance.

"Our insurance would cover anything that could happen," he said.

"How deep are those pockets?" Robbins asked.

Craig said he didn't know the exact amount.

"I'm not someone that says they're against something and then leave them hanging," Robbins said, "I'm willing to offer something else." However, he did not elaborate.

"We're not talking about concessionaires running through the stands selling beer," Commissioner Jeff Andrews commented. "We really have no choice. This is an administrative thing. If we're going to do anything about it, we need to do it next year when the lease comes up."

"The rodeo is extremely important to this community," Commissioner Faustina Curry said. "It brings in a lot of different people to the community. It would be a tremendous loss if it should go away.

"You'd have to have your head stuck in the sand if you don't think there's alcohol out there," she said, adding, "I think this is a way for you to police it, make money off it, and keep the rodeo out there."

No one chose to speak at a public hearing on the Water Conservation and Emergency Water Demand Management Plan.

Public Works Director Richard Morris explained that the plan had been put in place about two years ago, but a recent review by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) made some minor changes necessary.

Commissioners unanimously agreed to accept the revised plan.

In other action Tuesday, the commission approved an election order for the May 4 city elections. Ward 2 and Ward 4 Commissioner places presently held by Jeff Andrews and Faustina Curry are up for election.

Maxine Hawkins was named as presiding election judge and Ruth Riehart as alternate election judge for a two-year term beginning April 1 and ending April 1, 2004.

Commissioners also agreed to extend Animal Control Agreements with the cities of Miami, Groom, Lefors, McLean and Skellytown. The charge for euthanasia was increased to $8 per animal due to higher cost of the drugs used, officials said. An agreement with White Deer was inadvertently left off the agenda, but will be considered at the next commission meeting.

A bid for $77,207.39 to purchase a John Deer 310SG Backhoe through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative received the commission's approval also. Andrews voted against the bid.

Commissioners also heard first reading of an Ordinance adopting the 2000 edition of the International Residential Code.

Building Official Danny Winborne explained that the ordinance includes minimal changes to current requirements of the city's building codes.

VALENTINE SPECIALS

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Texas Department of Health warns of winter carbon monoxide dangers

AUSTIN — As Texans try to keep warm indoors, they may risk carbon monoxide poisoning, often without realizing the dangers, warn officials at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

Invisible, odorless and tasteless, carbon monoxide (CO) is a highly poisonous gas produced by burning fuel such as gasoline, natural gas, kerosene, charcoal or wood. Inside a home, CO can come from a gas-fueled furnace, water heater, clothes dryer, space heater, range or kerosene heater, fireplace or wood stove. At low concentrations, CO causes fatigue in healthy people and chest pain for those with heart disease. At higher concentrations, however, CO inhalation causes impaired vision and coordination, headaches, dizziness, confusion, nausea and death.

Without good ventilation during use of fuel-burning appliances, carbon monoxide levels rise and, when breathed in, replace oxygen in the bloodstream. The more CO in the air and the longer a person is exposed, the greater the risk of illness or death.

"With any combustion source, there is a risk," said Kay Soper, TDH indoor air quality specialist.

Dangerous CO problems arise when home appliances are poorly maintained or used incorrectly. Non-vented gas and kerosene appliances have the greatest potential to produce dangerous levels of CO in the home, according to Soper.

In addition to these, smoldering or poorly vented fireplaces, slow burning fuels such as charcoal and vehicle exhausts also are potentially hazardous. New homes, or newly remodeled homes, have higher risks for carbon monoxide hazard because often they are sealed tighter than older homes.

TDH offers these precautions to help prevent CO poisoning:

—Be sure all appliances are installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

—Have the heating system inspected annually.

—Have ventilation systems, including chimneys, flues and vents, checked every year.

—Don't burn charcoal inside a house, garage, vehicle, or tent - not even in a fireplace.

—Don't use an un-vented gas or kerosene heater in enclosed spaces, especially sleeping areas.

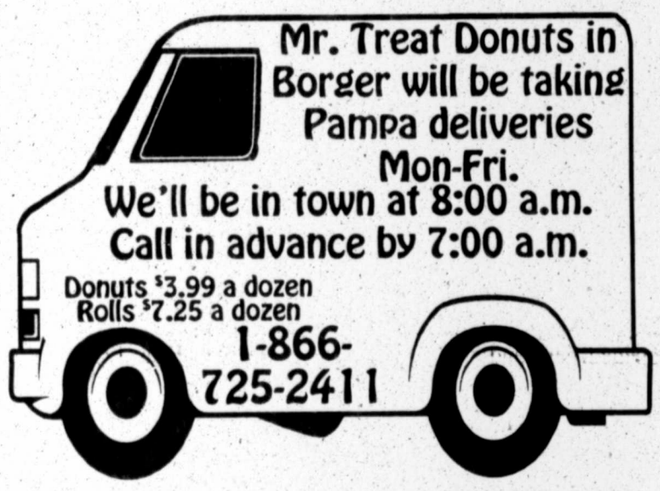
—Never leave an automobile running in a closed garage or in a garage attached to the house even with the garage door open.

—Don't leave the rear window or tailgate of a vehicle open while driving. Carbon monoxide from the exhaust can be pulled inside the car, van or camper.

One key to safety, Soper said, is to examine the color of a flame. A hot blue flame produces less carbon monoxide and more heat than a flickering yellow flame. A yellow flame in the furnace or stove burner is a signal to have the equipment readjusted to get more air to it. Not only will the stove or furnace be safer, but it also should be less costly to operate.

Soper said people with gas appliances should invest in a carbon monoxide detector. Widely available, CO detectors can warn people if carbon monoxide levels in their surroundings become dangerously high.

Anyone who suspects symptoms of CO poisoning should open doors and windows, turn off gas appliances and go outside. In cases of severe CO poisoning, call the 9-1-1 emergency services.



Snow structures built to attract more tourists

HANCOCK, Mich. (AP) — At Finlandia University's newest building, visitors are advised to keep their coats on. The temperature inside is always chilly, and there is no heating system.

This building is made of snow and nothing else. Snow roof, snow walls, snow floor. On display inside are tables and sculptures made of — what else? — ice.

It's a new cultural project and tourist attraction for Hancock, a northern Michigan town where snowy winters are a way of life. The same goes for neighboring Houghton, home to an even larger snow structure.

Both were inspired by elaborate snow castles, villages and even hotels in Finland and Sweden that have drawn thousands of visitors. Hancock and Houghton want to duplicate that success but are starting small.

Some residents were skeptical when the idea was proposed last summer; one local official even predicted the buildings would collapse. Now, it seems everyone's a believer.

"We need to capitalize on what we have in our area, and we have snow. All my life we've just pushed it out of the way, treated it as a liability. It really is sort of a treasure that we've never fully exploited," said Bob Malette, who drove 100 miles with his wife to see the Hancock structure.

Hancock and Houghton are at the base of the Keweenaw Peninsula, which juts 50 miles into Lake Superior. The average yearly snowfall is well in excess of 200 inches.

The idea of putting up full-scale snow buildings came to Patrick Coleman, president of U.P. Engineers & Architects Inc., during a conference in Sweden.

During the trip, he saw the world's largest snow castle in Kemi, Finland. Boasting a 500-seat restaurant, chapel and "adventure land" for children, it drew 200,000 visitors in 1995, its first year.

The castle was modeled after an ice hotel built annually since 1989 in Jukkasjaervi, Sweden. Its features include an art center and movie theater. North America's first ice hotel was constructed last winter in Quebec.

These structures don't survive all year, of course. They melt when the weather gets warm and are rebuilt the following winter.

Coleman figured Hancock-Houghton was the perfect spot for snow buildings, and gradually sold community leaders on the idea.

First, an arch-shaped mold of wood and sheet metal is erected, held in place by timber supports. Snow blowers then pump a thick layer of snow onto the mold. Once the snow settles into place, the mold is removed.

The Hancock building, completed first, is 15 feet high, 30 feet long and 16 feet wide. It's smaller than originally planned, thanks to a little problem: lack of snow.

Pageant winners

(Courtesy photos)

Kaylee Keith, top, of Pampa was recently crowned "Teen Talent" during the Greater Panhandle Cinderella Pageant held recently in White Deer. Monica Johnson, bottom, also of Pampa, took the title of "Teen Beauty."

Prairie Rivers Musical in offing

CANADIAN — Canadian once again will be the site of a performance of the Prairie Rivers Musical at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16 in the middle school auditorium.

"The show features classic country, western swing, gospel and just enough old time rockabilly for flavor," reported Jay Godwin, director of the show.

"There is no charge for the show," Godwin continued, "which continues to attract people from the panhandle area and now we are getting a really nice turnout from western Oklahoma."

Anticipated performers this coming Saturday include: Scott Campbell, Wade Hampton of Wheeler, Frankie McWhorter of Lipscomb, Wayne Wright, Lonnie Cox, Phil Ridgway of Higgins, George Briant, Godwin, Hank and Venita McPherson, Galen Lynch and Jerry Collier.

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(Community Camera photo)

PHS Choir students Cory Bigham, Shelby McGahen and Kyle Ward were recently named to the Texas All-State Mixed Choir.

Three PHS students make All-State Choir

Three Pampa High School Choir members were recently named to the Texas All-State Mixed Choir. These outstanding choir members are: Shelby McGahen, Alto 1, fourth chair; Kyle Ward, Tenor 2, third chair; and Cory Bigham, Bass 2, fourth chair.

The All-State audition is the last of four auditions that began in the fall. The Pampa students competed against students in high schools, 1A through 5A, from the Abilene, Wichita Falls, San Angelo, Midland-Odessa, El Paso, Lubbock, and Amarillo regions. This represents one of seven areas of the state.

Approximately 35,000 students were involved in the try-outs, resulting in 226 students that comprise the Texas All-State Mixed Choir.

Students had to audition on 60-minutes worth of music in English and Latin representing Classical, Baroque, Renaissance and Contemporary composers.

Music performed by the All-State Choir is typically on a university level. Students were also required to sight-sing at each audition.

The Texas All-State Mixed Choir performance will be on Saturday, February 23, in the Lila Cockrell Theater in San Antonio as part of the Texas Music Educators Association convention, slated February 20-23.

Travis Elementary Science Fair

(Courtesy photo)

Travis Elementary School recently held its annual Science Fair. Grades kindergarten through fifth grades participated. Above: Kindergarten participants (back row) Savanna Mertz, Susie Joiner, Larry Ragan, Ethan Hunt; (front row) Lindsey Gillis, Madison Myers, Niki Poland and Kyle Anaya.

Philippines in grip of Muslim regime

LAMITAN, Philippines (AP) — A 6-year-old boy waits by the door of his hovel each day for his mother, who has been held hostage by Abu Sayyaf guerrillas for more than eight months.

Down the block, a woman describes how her daughter was forced in captivity to marry a leader of the Muslim extremist group. The doors of abandoned wooden huts in a nearby farm village are adorned with black cloth for the 10 coconut farmers beheaded during a rebel rampage in August.

The humid southern Philippine town of Lamitan bears the scars of Abu Sayyaf atrocities, fueling support for America's involvement in the Philippines' war against the rebels.

There are dissenting voices elsewhere, but here, doubts about that involvement are lost in chilling accounts of kidnappings, killings and violence.

The Rev. Cirilo Nacorda was abducted by the Abu Sayyaf. Now he carries a pistol and is willing to pay a price for peace.

"So many things have happened here and there are many victims," he said. "It could be embarrassing for our military because we also have a sense of pride, but the Americans could help us finally get rid of our problems."

Lamitan, an agricultural town of more than 50,000 people, is one of two predominantly Roman Catholic areas on southern Basilan island, making it an attractive target for the Abu Sayyaf. American and Philippine officials link the group to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network believed responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States.

St. Peter's Church has been painted over, its steeple and cross bolstered with new wood to hide scars from military air and artillery strikes launched after guerrillas occupied the church with hostages from a resort and nearby hospital.

There were some deaths and the barrage leveled nearby houses. That searing image of war, captured by television crews and photographers, hammered home the reality of urban terrorism to many Filipinos.

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Mystery surrounds Monarch migration to Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A massive die-off of monarch butterflies in their winter nesting grounds has deepened the mystery surrounding their numbers, after researchers suggested a death toll twice as high as the previous estimate of the entire population.

"This data is telling us we have to go back to square one" in estimating just how many monarchs make the trip, said Lincoln Brower, a zoologist who may be the foremost expert on the 3,000-mile migration to Mexico. "We may be off by a factor of five to 10."

The monarchs' amazing migration has inspired thousands of schoolchildren and amateur scientists in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Although a single butterfly can spend its entire life in either the United States or Mexico, its children and grandchildren will know to migrate north or south.

Researchers are still trying to unravel the mystery, following the lead of a motorcycle-riding American expatriate who stumbled on a trail of dead butterflies to become the first outsider to discover the nesting sites in January 1975.

Both the government and monarch expert Lincoln Brower agreed that an unusual combination of freezing temperatures, rains, and clear night skies in mid-January killed a high percentage of butterflies in their winter nesting grounds in the central and western states of Mexico and Michoacan.

A similar but less brutal cold snap this week is expected to kill more of the creatures, who use a little-understood navigating system to take the same route their ancestors took to Mexico from the United States and Canada.

Brower estimated that 150 million to 250 million butterflies may have frozen to death, the worst die-off on record — and twice the 110 million monarchs previously believed to have wintered here.

The manager of the government butterfly reserve, Roberto Solis, estimated the total death toll from the two freezes at 30 million to 35 million, about one-quarter of those believed to arrive but still well above the normal mortality rate of 10 to 15 percent.

Solis and Brower agreed that about 80 percent of butterflies died at one of five officially recognized mountain sanctuaries and about 40 percent at another. Three other sites remained largely unaffected.

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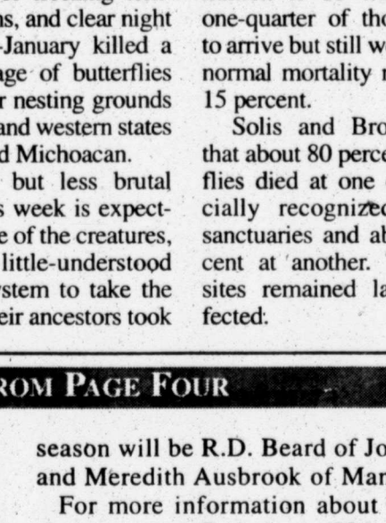
SHOW

Joining the musical for the first time this season will be R.D. Beard of Joshua, Texas, and Meredith Ausbrook of Manford, Okla.

For more information about the monthly show, contact Godwin at (806) 323-6213.

Pet of the Week

"Braxton"



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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Teen Retreats To Boyfriend's To Escape Stepfather's Abuse

DEAR ABBY: I am a senior in high school. My mother is married to an alcoholic who periodically gets very drunk and screams unprintable things at me until I'm huddled crying on the floor. He hates me and has threatened to hurt me on at least two occasions. He refuses to get counseling or go to AA. Mom has been present during some of these episodes.

About a year ago, I started dating a guy who is very supportive. Because of the situation at my house, I have started going to his house every day after school and returning as late as possible. Sometimes I tell Mom the truth about where I am, sometimes I tell her I'm working late at school. I am editor in chief of our school paper, so this isn't unusual.

Abby, I know my mother is very hurt by the fact I'm never home. She gets angry and accuses me of avoiding home because I don't want to do chores. How can she say that when she knows how her husband treats me? I am under so much stress my grades are starting to drop. What can I do to make her less upset? How can I spend more time with her before I leave for college? Please help.

TORN IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR TORN: Your mother blames your absence on an unwillingness to do household chores because she's in denial about how her husband's drinking and temper have affected you. If she can place blame on you, she won't have to address her failure as a parent to protect you from his abuse.

I see nothing to be gained by lying to her. She bears some of the responsibility for this. Tell her where you're spending your time and why. Explain that your boyfriend's house is a safer place for you because you don't have to fear threats and verbal abuse.

If you want to spend more time with your mother before you leave for college, do it away from the house. An excellent place for both of you to start would be Al-Anon. It is listed in your local phone book. As for your dropping grades, I urge you to find a teacher or counselor at school in whom you can confide. Talking it out will help — and in one more semester you'll be away from the pressure. I wish you much success.

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DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed your annual New Year's piece, "Just for Today," based on the original credo of Al-Anon. Something about the idea of trying each day to be a better person in 2002 prompted me to spontaneously call my long-estranged brother, "Phil." He lives only 30 miles from me, but he's always been millions of miles away emotionally.

Four years my junior, Phil and I never bonded as children. Our father was harsh and rejecting. He was a driven workaholic who never displayed affection, nor did our mother. I married just as Phil graduated from high school. We saw very little of each other after that.

It has come to me in these golden years of my life that inclusiveness is better than exclusiveness, forgiveness is better than resentment, and civil communication is better than silence.

I made the call. We chatted on a somewhat superficial level, but I'm glad I did it. Now if my brother ever wishes to call me, he knows he will get a warm, positive response. Many thanks for the reminder, Abby.

JOYCE IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR JOYCE: You started the year off right, extending your hand in friendship. Bravo! Whatever will be, will be.

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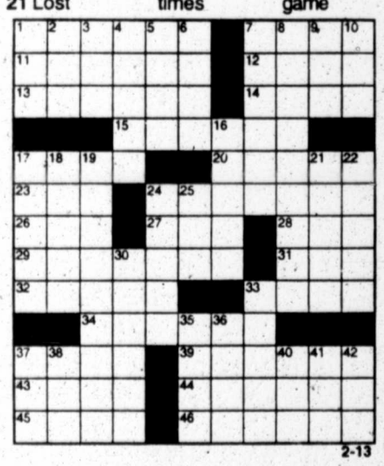

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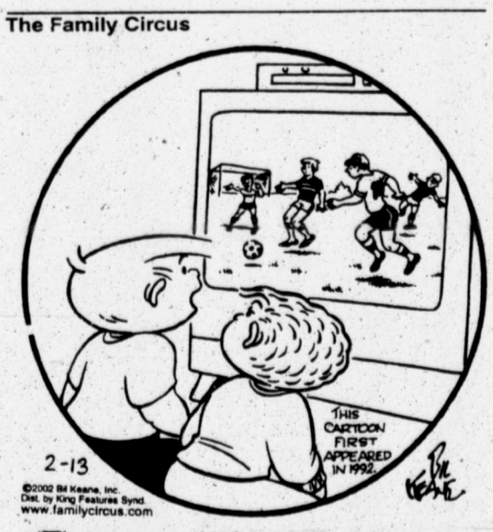

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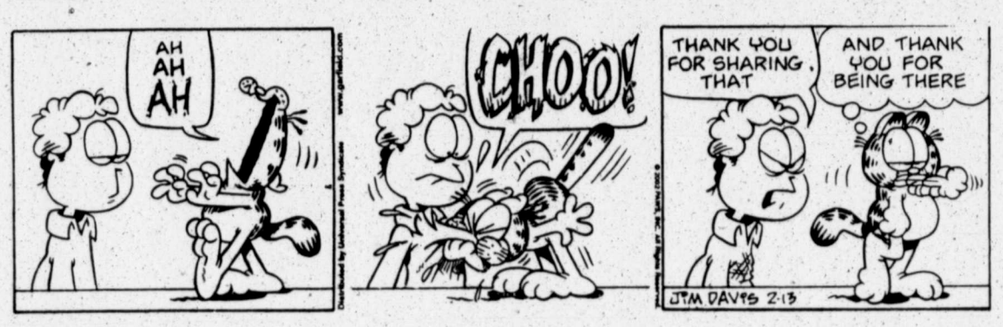

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WRESTLING

EL PASO — Pampa senior Terrell Jennings posted a 2-2 record and finished in the top 8 at the regional wrestling tournament.

Jennings, competing in the 180-pound class, was just one win away from advancing to the state meet.

"He did very well. He beat wrestlers from Randall and Lubbock High," said Pampa coach Justin Turner.

SOCCER

PAMPA — The Pampa Soccer Association is hosting a fund-raising Valentine's Day dance for middle school students Saturday, Feb. 16.

The dance will be held at the MPAC building behind Harvester Field from 8 to 11. All middle school students are invited and the cost is three dollars per student.

BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Cuttino Mobley wasn't fazed by his 6-of-21 shooting performance through three quarters.

He kept shooting and finally found the range, helping the Houston Rockets defeat the Memphis Grizzlies 85-78 Tuesday night.

Mobley was 4-of-8 from the field and 2-of-3 from the line in the final quarter to finish with 26 points. His 29 field-goal attempts were a season high for the Rockets.

"You think I wasn't hitting?" Mobley said jokingly about his first 31 minutes of play. "My legs were dead. I was coming off a tough week."

Mobley went to Philadelphia for the All-Star break and played in the Hoop It Up 3-on-3 tournament. He got little rest during the five-day break in his hometown.

But Mobley had two of his four steals the final quarter Tuesday and gave no excuses for his poor shooting.

"I just wanted the shots to fall at the end," he said. "I knew that quarter I had to go to the cup, and it worked out for me."

Moochie Norris had 21 points as he started in place of Steve Francis, who was out with a migraine headache.

Coach Rudy Tomjanovich said the numerous injuries that have plagued the Rockets have changed the way they play.

"We've had injuries all year," Tomjanovich said. "I think some of our guys have had to conserve energy, and our defensive intensity isn't what it should be. But we've said no matter if we're shorthanded, we've got to lay it all out there."

The Grizzlies have had their share of injuries, too. They played without Stromile Swift (sprained right toe) and Jason Williams (ingrown toenails) Tuesday.

Brevin Knight, who had four points and eight assists starting in place of Williams, left with 9:18 left with a sprained right ankle. Rodney Buford and Shane Battier both struggled to fill in for Knight after he left.

"We tried to pressure the ball because they didn't have any point guards at the end," Mobley said.

The Grizzlies admitted that they missed Knight.

"We got a little bogged down at the end," said Battier, who had 16 points. "We didn't run the same offense without Brevin in there. It was mostly Rodney and I handling the ball."

Texas Tech has easy time with Baylor

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech got off to a quick start in its 90-65 win over Baylor on Tuesday night and the Red Raiders' stellar passing impressed Bears' coach Dave Bliss.

"I haven't seen passing like that since I was with them 30 years ago," Bliss said, referring to his time as Tech coach Bob Knight's assistant at Indiana.

"We had no answers defensively. Their ability to share the ball was remarkable and very difficult to play against."

Andre Emmett scored 30 points and Kasib Powell had a double double as the Red Raiders ended a two-game losing streak.

The coaching matchup was the first between Knight and Bliss, who are longtime friends.

Bliss worked with Knight at West Point in 1967 and when Knight became Indiana's coach in 1971, he hired Bliss.

It was Knight who helped Bliss land his first head coaching post at Oklahoma in 1975.

Tech (17-6, 6-5 Big 12) took control of the game in the first half and passed the ball deftly throughout. The Red Raiders spotted open teammates and zipped and lofted the ball through Baylor's zone defense. On 36 shots from the field, Tech had 30 assists, many that led to easy baskets inside.

"The first thing I said (to them at halftime) was how well they passed and how well they looked for each other," Knight said. Early in the game "a lot of things went our way and didn't go theirs," Knight said. "The hole just got too deep for them."

Powell scored 16 points for Tech and had 10 assists. He also snagged seven rebounds. Nathan Doudney got all his 15 points on 3-pointers, hitting on 5-of-11 attempts, and Andy Ellis added 10.

The loss was the 14th straight for Baylor (14-10, 4-7) on opponents' home courts, a mark that dates to January 2001.

It was Baylor's second largest margin of defeat this season.

"We started slow, and we couldn't pick it up," said Lawrence Roberts who scored 26 points and pulling in 14 rebounds to lead the Bears. "After that, we were just handing in there and tyring to make a game of it."

R.T. Guinn added 12 points. The Bears turned the ball over 20 times and Tech had 12 steals.

Tech was coming off back-to-back losses on the road, losing to then-No. 14 Oklahoma State and No. 2 Kansas.

Tech led 49-26 at halftime and held the Bears scoreless for five minutes. Tech, meanwhile, was hot offensively and defensively.

The Red Raiders had nine steals, 18 assists and carved out a 19-2 run to take a 22-7 lead. They had another run of 9-0 a few minutes later and shot just better than 63 percent on 21-of-33.

Pampa drops final game of season

PAMPA — Pampa was defeated by Hereford 54-49 Tuesday night to end the basketball season for the Harvesters.

Pampa finishes at 17-15 for the season and 7-7 in District 3-4A. The season also ended for Hereford, which finished at 8-6 in district.

The lead changed 11 times in the first half with Pampa going into intermission leading by three (25-22). The Harvesters stayed on top until Russell Abernathy sank a 3-point goal at the 5:46 mark of the third quarter to give Hereford a 29-27 advantage. Hereford never relinquished that lead.

Jorge Gonzalez paced Hereford in scoring with 22 points. Andrew Carnahan, Hereford's 6-7 post player, finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

Adam Rodgers topped Pampa in scoring with 21 points.

Max Simon followed with 8 points, while Chadd Platt and Dustin Johnson had 5 each, Kyle Francis 4, Ryan Zemanek 4, and Jon East 2. Zemanek led Pampa in rebounds with 4.

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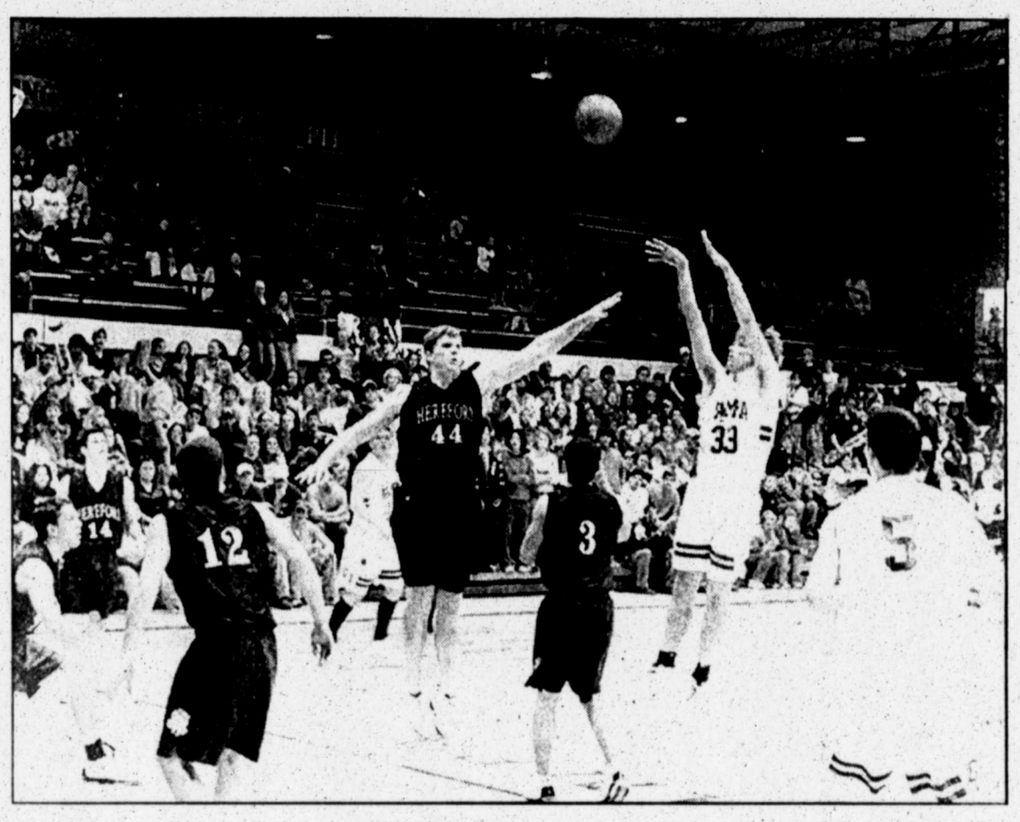
BRISCOE — Fort Elliott lost to Memphis 59-44 in a practice game Tuesday night.

Trevor Guy had 16 points to lead the Memphis scoring. Jason Hathaway had 15 points for Fort Elliott and teammate Larry Lee Horn added 8.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa junior Max Simon (33) lofts a jumper over Hereford's Andrew Carnahan in District 3-4A action Tuesday night.

On tap in Olympics: Ohno plus a double dose of Yang

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Olympic fans get their first glimpse of Apolo Anton Ohno on Wednesday and a double dose of Chinese speedskaters Yang Yang.

With a name made for headline writers and a torrent of publicity leading to the Olympics, Ohno is hard to miss.

Not so the Chinese skaters with identical names. To distinguish them in results listings, different initials are attached to each.

Maybe on Wednesday night — when women's 1,500-meter short-track speedskating makes its debut — the way to distinguish them will be by the different colors of medals around their necks.

The 24-year-old Yang has an S next to her name — Yang Yang (S) as in smaller number of years. The 25-year-old Yang should be Yang Yang (L) for larger. Right?

Not so fast.

She objected to the "larger" designation and requested to be known as simply A, with no meaning. So Yang Yang (A) it is.

Yang Yang (A) could be the first Chinese to win a gold medal at the Winter Olympics. The Chinese already have a bronze after Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo won one in pairs skating Monday.

Yang Yang (A) is favored in the 1,500. She has won the event three of the last four times at the world championships in addition to winning the overall classification four straight years.

Amy Peterson, who carried the U.S. flag in the opening ceremony, also races in the 1,500. The skater from Maplewood, Minn., is in her fifth Olympics.

The short-track speed skating will be the last of six gold medals awarded Wednesday.

Also on the short track will be Ohno, who starts his competition in the men's 1,000 meters. The American team is expected to qualify for the finals of the 5,000, in which Ohno will also race.

In the months leading to the Olympics, Ohno made news not for his immense talent but over his role in accusations of race-fixing at the trials. The skater who made the claim eventually backed down.

Now Ohno has been battling a mild case of flu, but U.S. coach Susan Ellis said "he's doing fine" after Tuesday's practice. The 19-year-old Seattle skater has been projected to win as many as four medals in a sport often described as roller derby on ice.

The speedskaters on the larger track, where the bumping is rare, contest the women's preliminaries in the 500 meters. Chris Witty of Park City makes her Olympic debut and will see how far along she is on her recovery from mononucleosis.

The 500 is not Witty's top event. She will have a few more days of rest before her best event — the 1,000. She won a silver in that event at Nagano four years ago.

Early Thursday, snowboarding — where Americans have won two golds and four medals — resumes with qualifications in men's and women's parallel giant slalom.

Instead of the tricks in the halfpipe, the parallel giant slalom features head-to-head matchups down the mountains.

Former world champion Jeff Greenwood of Granby, Conn., leads the men and 1998 silver medalist Rosey Fletcher of Girdwood, Ark. is on the women's team.

Later Thursday, in Alpine skiing, medals will be awarded in the women's combined, which involves a downhill run and two slalom runs.

The cross-country skiers also have their combined — 10 kilometers of classical racing followed by 10 kilometers of freestyle technique.

PHS is 3-0 in district

PAMPA — Pampa's first-half goal was all the scoring needed in a 1-0 win over Borger in District 3-4A soccer action Tuesday.

Pampa's winning goal came on a direct kick by Ryan Nash.

"We played well, but we just couldn't get it in the net. "We scored one goal and that was all we needed," said Pampa head coach John True.

Goalies Carlos Medina and Shea Brown combined for the shutout.

Pampa controlled the entire game and took numerous shots on goal, but couldn't cash in on a cold, windy day.

The win gives the Harvesters a 3-0 district record. They play Palo Duro at 7 Friday night in Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Palo Duro lost to Canyon 3-0 on Monday. In another district match played Monday, Canyon beat Borger by a 7-0 score.

Pampa rolled over Borger 8-0 in the girls match. It gave the Lady Harvesters a 1-2 district record.

Home matches are played at the PHS Soccer Complex, which is located at Travis School.

(Pampa News photo by Tess Kingcade)

Pampa's Curtis Pritchett (19) plays defense against Borger in Tuesday's soccer match

Tyson licensed to box in Georgia

ATLANTA (AP) — Mike Tyson has been licensed to fight in Georgia, putting the Georgia Dome in the running as a site for his heavyweight title fight with Lennox Lewis.

The fight is still being shopped to several cities, though, and both the site and date of the bout are in question.

Georgia's top boxing administrator said Tyson received a license last week for a possible bout in Atlanta on June 8.

But Thomas Mishou, administrator of the Georgia Boxing Commission, said other cities are also in contention for the fight.

"There are other cities in consideration — I think probably the lead city is L.A.," Mishou said. "Now that this has gone this far I think that Atlanta is being seriously considered."

The Denver Post reported Wednesday that Colorado Office of Boxing director Josef Mason was reviewing an application by promoter Marty Garafalo to hold the fight in the state.

The fight was originally set for April 6 in Las Vegas, but Nevada boxing officials last month rejected Tyson's bid for a license.

Since then, promoters have scrambled to find another site, with several states saying they would not license Tyson. On Monday, the Texas Motor Speedway said it was withdrawing from consideration because it didn't consider Tyson a wholesome attraction.

Tyson adviser Shelly Finkel said Atlanta was a prime candidate for the fight.

"We chose Atlanta because there have been some big fights there, it's a major city that has held several big events and they have direct flights from London," Finkel told the New York Daily News.

Mishou confirmed a license was issued to Tyson. In Georgia, a license costs only $10 and an applicant must only prove he is physically fit for a match.

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Lady Longhorns notch big win over Tennessee

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Texas coach Jody Conradt wanted to compare her team to one of the nation's best.

The No. 18 Longhorns, however, ended up teaching No. 3 Tennessee a thing or two.

Heather Schreiber scored 12 points, including a 3-pointer that gave Texas (16-7) the lead for good in a 69-66 win over Tennessee (20-3) Tuesday night.

Freshman Kala Bowers added 22 points, and Stacy Stephens had 12 rebounds for Texas, which had lost 13 straight games to the Lady Vols.

"I kept insisting that this is the best way at this point to measure ourselves. Tennessee and Connecticut, they are the standard right now. How do you know how you stack up unless you play them?" Conradt said.

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt, who lost seven of her first nine games against Conradt's Longhorns and trails Conradt's all-time leading victories in women's basketball by three games, admired Texas' style in the early days of their rivalry.

The Lady Vols prefer that uptempo pace but have bogged down in the half-court game recently. The Longhorns could do both Tuesday night.

"We were playing the kind of team that coach wants us to be," Tennessee's Michelle Snow said. "They just gave us a taste of what we should be."

It was a close game the whole way.

Neither team could stretch its lead until Schreiber hit a 3 with 4:43 left to put Texas ahead 65-63. She scored again with 3:03 left to extend the lead back to three after Snow made a free throw.

Loree Moore's driving basket cut it to 67-66 a minute later, but that was as close as the Lady Vols could get.

Tennessee missed two more shots before finally fouling Texas' Kenya Larkin with 30.1 seconds left. She made one free throw, and Tennessee called a timeout.

She missed the second, Kara Lawson got the rebound for the Lady Vols but she missed a shot and then Shyra Ely missed the putback.

Texas got the ball back and called another timeout with 15.7 seconds left, and LaToya Davis came up with a steal for Tennessee. But Lawson missed a jumper with 10 seconds remaining.

Tennessee inbounded the ball for a final shot, but Brittany Jackson missed a 3 and Tasha Butts missed the putback as the buzzer sounded.

The Texas benched erupted into cheers and the players gathered at midcourt to celebrate as the Lady Vols hung their heads and filed off the court.

"They pushed tempo and ran their offense. They made big shots," Summitt said. "They came out very inspired and took it to us."

Snow, who didn't start, led the Lady Vols with 16 points and had 10 rebounds while Ely had 14 points and Lawson and Moore each added 11.

Texas' man-to-man defense affected Tennessee's shooting. After missing 22-of-27 shots in the second half at Georgia over the weekend, the Lady Vols didn't look much better.

They finished 27-of-73 from the floor, and were 11-of-15 from the foul line.

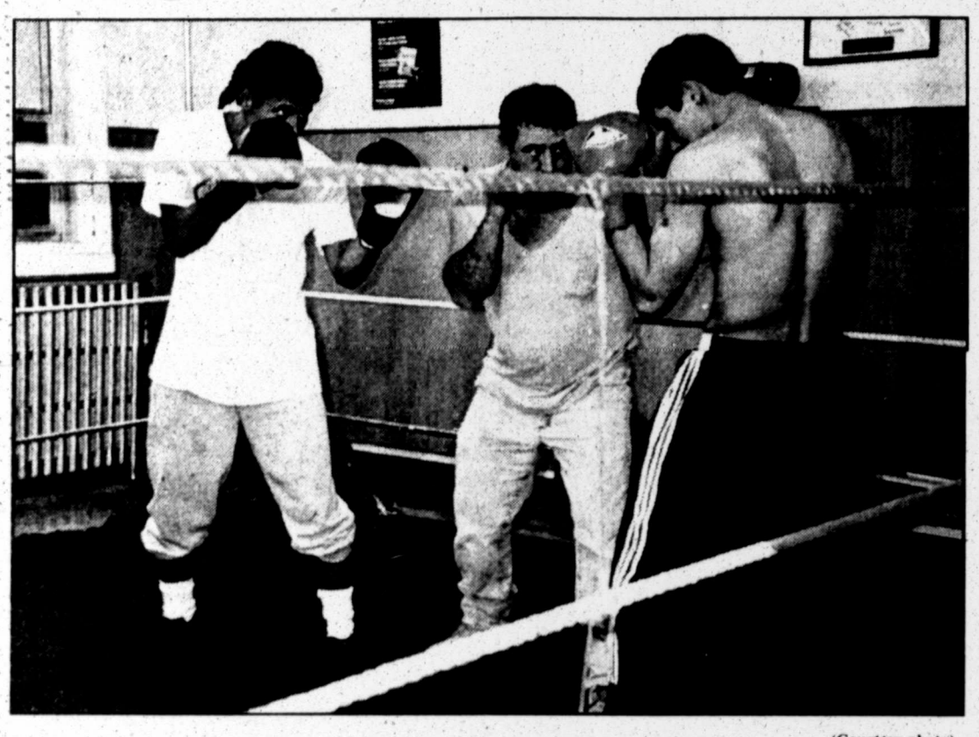
Tennessee was playing without junior forward Gwen Jackson, who separated her left shoulder against Georgia. An exam Tuesday showed she had a partial tear, and Summitt said she would be out for one to three weeks.

Conradt has won 782 games in 33 seasons overall compared to Summitt's 779 in 28 seasons — all at Tennessee.

Among Division I men's and women's coaches, Conradt ranks fourth and Summitt is next tied with Texas Tech's Bobby Knight.

Dean Smith, Adolph Rupp and Jim Phelan of Mount St. Mary's lead the list.

Boxing brothers



(Courtesy photo)

Brothers Dino (right) and Joe Cano get some boxing lessons from head coach Mike Holliman during a recent workout the Youth Survival Club. The Canos will be representing Pampa this weekend at the Texas State Regional Golden Gloves Championships in Lubbock. The Canos are sponsored by John Tripplehorn, Bartlett Lumber Company and Wesley Green.

Pampa Bowling Roundup

Harvester Lanes
Individual Results

Wed. Night Mixed League
Week's Top Scores
Men
High scratch series: Dan Anderson 610; High scratch game: Andy Anderson 226.
Women
High scratch series: Becky Hall 494; High scratch game: Sallie Beecher 213.

Casino League
(Week 19)
Week's Top Scores
High scratch series: Gary Winton 628; High scratch game: Gary Thomas 223; High handicap series: Steve Nolte 684.

Caprock League
(Week 21)
Week's Top Scores
High scratch game: Jesse Cannon 266; High scratch series: Greg Haddock 654; High handicap game: Jesse Cannon 293; High handicap series: Greg Haddock 735.

Cartoon Network Two League
Week's Top Scores
Men
High scratch game: Jesse Cannon 200; Steve Nolte 187; High scratch series: Jesse Cannon 559; Steve Nolte 525.
Women
High scratch game: Becky Hall 192; Leslie Clark 159; Pam Whinery 155; High scratch series: Becky Hall 495; Leslie Clark 441; Judy Morriss 430.
Boys
High scratch game: Zach Wilson 172; Andy Anderson 155; High scratch series: Zach Wilson 466; Andy Anderson 442.
Girls
High scratch game: Laraine Hess 178; Shaley Morriss 108; Chelsee Whinery 92. High scratch series: Laraine Hess 465; Shaley Morriss 293; Chelsee Whinery 244.

Celanese Mixed League
Week's Top Scores
Men
High scratch game: Craig Davis 258; High scratch series: Drew Watson 670.
Women
High scratch game: Gay-Lynn Jones 192; High scratch series: Gay-Lynn Jones 496.

Casino League
(Week 21)
Week's Top Scores
High scratch series: Gary Winton 693; High scratch game: Red Mills 246; Blaine Bolton 244; Steve Nolte 233.

Caprock League
(Week 20)
Week's Top Scores
High scratch game: Eric Nord 268; High scratch series: Eric Nord 694; High handicap game: Eric Nord 290; High handicap series: Eric Nord 760.

Latest figure skating flap brings strong calls for reform

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Olympics just aren't the Olympics without a figure skating controversy, so consider the Salt Lake City Games officially open for business.

The furor over the Russians' gold medal in pairs grew Tuesday, one day after they beat the Canadians despite an obvious technical error. Canada's Olympic delegation demanded an investigation, and the International Skating Union said it would conduct a rare "internal assessment."

ISU officials would not say anything more, but president Ottavio Cinquanta scheduled a news conference Wednesday.

Controversy is practically a staple of figure skating, whether it's the Tonya-Nancy brouhaha, complaints about the standings in ice dancing or a ban on "undignified" moves.

This one has really struck a chord with both fans and skating insiders — prompting calls for reforms in judging and the ISU's organization itself.

"This is the worst thing that's happened to figure skating in a long time," said veteran U.S. coach Frank Carroll. "I can understand where, watching that, if the International Olympic Committee said, 'We don't want figure skating in the Olympics anymore,' who's going to argue with that?"

The IOC isn't giving figure skaters the boot yet, but it is "concerned," said Francois Carrard, its director general. "The ultimate responsibility for the results lies with the ISU."

Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze of Russia won the gold medal by the tiniest of margins over Canada's Jamie Sale and David Pelletier on Monday night. They won a 5-4 split even though Sikharulidze stepped out of a double axel.

Not only did Sale and Pelletier skate cleanly, they displayed the kind of passion fans will remember years from now. The crowd was already chanting "Six! Six!" by the time they finished, begging the judges to award the Canadians a perfect score.

"When Jamie and David finished, I thought, 'That's easy. They made it easy,'" said Sally Rehorick, Canada's chief of mission, a former skater and judge for 25 years.

Instead, the Canadians got only four 5.9s for artistry compared with seven 5.9s for the Russians. Boos rained down as the marks flashed.

Carroll boldly raised the question about whether the French judge, Marie Reine Le Gougne, voted for the Russians in a deal to avenge a loss by the French dance team to the Canadians at the Grand Prix in Canada in December.

"Does that mean now the Russian judge possibly is going to give the French dance team first (in these Olympics)?" Carroll asked.

The ice dancing competition begins Friday.

In the meantime, Chinese judge Yang Jiasheng, who favored the Russians in a tiebreaker, withdrew from judging the men's short program Tuesday night "due to illness," according to the Olympic information network.

Sikharulidze defended the judges' decision.

"We were the first to skate, and there was nothing to keep our rivals from getting a 6.0 presentation mark for skating after us," he told the Sport Express, a Russian newspaper.

"But they didn't, and that means they were not head and shoulders above us. ... So let me repeat, I think that our victory is a worthy one."

Almost everyone else disagreed. Scott Hamilton, the 1984 gold medalist and an NBC commentator Monday night, said it was clear to him that Sale and Pelletier outskated the Russians.

"The judges really weren't judging the program," he said. "Maybe they'd come in with preconceived notions that they didn't want to dismiss."

SCOREBOARD

TENNIS

Coppell Power Invitational Tournament

Pampa High Individual Results

Girls No. 1 Doubles
Ashlei Jordan-Tara Jordan: lost to Odorizzi-Leland, Coppell, 6-4, 6-3; lost to Meyer-Smith, Plano West, 6-2, 6-4; def. Jones-Cara, Frisco, 6-2, 7-5; def. Hall-Behbahahi, Coppell, 6-2, 6-0.
Girls No. 2 Doubles
Brittany Kindle-Helen Brooks: def. McGorie-Schiderler, Plano West, 6-3, 6-4; lost to Cribbs-Swindle, Mansfield, 6-1, 6-1; def. Pier-Reyne, Coppell, 6-4, 6-1; lost to Odorizzi-Leland, 6-0, 6-2.
Boys No. 1 Doubles
Jay Gerber-David Thacker: def. Gonzales-Yokono, Plano West, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5; lost to Chang-Plum, J.J. Pearce, 6-4, 6-4; lost to Sanchez-Boyd, Coppell, 6-0, 1-6, 7-5; lost to Plum-Kenner, J. J. Pearce, 6-4, 7-6.
Boys No. 2 Doubles
Zach Hucks-Tyler Howard: def. Frapart-Tolley, Plano West, 0-6, 6-3, 7-5; lost to Steinberg-Selbo, J.J. Pearce, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5; def. Adair-Thrasher, Mansfield, 0-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Boys No. 1 Singles
A.J. Smith (Consolation division winner): lost to Neil Kenner, Pearce, 6-1, 6-1; def. Britton White, Pampa, 6-2, 6-1; def. Adam Etchison, Pampa, 6-4, 6-1; def. Ben Selbo, Pearce, 6-2, 6-2.
Boys No. 2 Singles
Jared Spearman (Consolation division winner): lost to Clint Nuckolls, Mansfield, 7-5, 7-5; def. Michael Hanna, Frisco, 6-3, 6-1; def. Adam Etchison, Pampa, 6-4, 6-1; def. Lew Shurts, Pearce, 6-4, 6-4.
Girls No. 1 Singles
Vanessa Orr: lost to Rachael Wilhelm, Coppell, 6-1, 6-1; lost to Erin Fleming, Plano West, 6-2, 6-2; lost to Marti Mays, Frisco, 6-4, 6-2; lost to Katherine Harris, Coppell, 6-0, 6-0.
Girls No. 2 Singles
Erin Norris: lost to Stephanie Hunt, Highland Park, 6-0, 6-0; def. Samantha Nikon, Frisco, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; def. Alice Behhahahi, Pearce, Coppell, 6-2, 6-0.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	32	16	.667	—
Boston	29	21	.580	4
Washington	26	22	.542	6
Orlando	26	24	.520	7
Philadelphia	25	24	.510	7 1/2
New York	19	29	.396	13
Miami	18	29	.383	13 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	28	19	.596	—
Toronto	29	22	.569	1
Detroit	26	22	.542	2 1/2
Indiana	25	26	.490	5
Charlotte	23	25	.479	5 1/2
Atlanta	17	33	.340	12 1/2
Cleveland	16	33	.326	13
Chicago	12	36	.250	16 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	36	14	.720	—
Minnesota	33	16	.674	2 1/2
San Antonio	31	18	.633	4 1/2
Utah	26	24	.520	10
Houston	17	33	.340	19
Denver	14	32	.304	20
Memphis	14	36	.280	22

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	38	12	.760	—
L.A. Lakers	34	13	.723	2 1/2
Portland	25	23	.521	12
Phoenix	25	24	.510	12 1/2
Seattle	25	24	.510	12 1/2
L.A. Clippers	25	26	.490	13 1/2
Golden State	14	32	.304	22

Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Utah 98, Indiana 82
Cleveland 99, Toronto 81
Atlanta 105, New Jersey 103
Phoenix 99, Detroit 71
Orlando 122, New York 114
Chicago 96, Milwaukee 92
Houston 85, Memphis 78
Boston 110, Denver 93
Dallas 112, Seattle 106
Sacramento 99, San Antonio 86
L.A. Lakers 103, Washington 94
Wednesday's Games
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.
Boston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Utah at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Memphis, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Seattle, 10 p.m.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 14, 2002
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Absorbing information could be difficult, as you could naturally put up mental and emotional barriers. Take your time if you're fighting news or a process. Simply step back and ask questions. Hold calls and quietly focus on each issue. Tonight: Do something just for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Even though others might have good intentions, communication takes interesting twists and turns. You don't have to agree with someone, though you might want to analyze the math behind a decision. You cannot be too careful! Tonight: Swap war stories with your pals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Work needs to be your highest priority. At a certain point, you could turn on someone who keeps bothering you. Knowing what you want could be primary to making solid decisions. Use diplomacy. Handle responsibilities. Tonight: Work late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Deal with someone carefully, especially if it involves your work or daily life. Someone might not agree with you, or he or she might not make decisions that you're comfortable with. Build on what you want. Take it slow and easy. Detach. Tonight: Rent a movie.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Your strong reaction might overwhelm even you. Hold on tight, as the unexpected plays a significant role in your actions. Use your discretion with your temper and any type of risk. Before you realize it, you could wind up in plenty of trouble. Tonight: Opt for calm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Let others speak. You won't have much of a choice in any case. Your sense of humor will help you out, especially if you're feeling pressured by someone close to you. You might need to check out your investments carefully. Tonight: Go along with someone's desires.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Dig into work. If you have the chance, screen your calls, because an uproar seems to come through the airwaves. Keep your concentration and clear out your work. Do as much as you can by yourself right now. Pace yourself. Tonight: Incorporate some exercise into your plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Dance away and do whatever you need to do to stop a destructive pattern that could be upsetting your finances. You could be heading into trouble if you continue to take risks. Ask for advice from someone else who is in the know. Tonight: Curb the wild playing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★ You could be the source of your own problems, especially those involving a domestic or personal matter. Stop what you are doing if you're getting twisted up in a problem rather than getting out of it. Tonight: Listen to someone's perceptions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You could jinx yourself by saying the wrong thing or possibly over-reacting to what you hear. Recognize if you're out of sorts and perhaps experiencing the winter doldrums. Stepping back could help your mood and your communication skills. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Don't count on a friend or loved one to come through in a special way. You could be misreading a situation and not seeing someone's transformation. Use care with money and investments. The person you're dealing with will resort to whatever he or she needs to get what he or she wants. Tonight: Make a special dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Watch an authority figure plunge off the deep end. Know that you don't always have to rescue this person, as you frequently choose to do. Perhaps standing back and letting this person find his or her own way out might be best. You also might want to make a change as a result. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

BORN TODAY:
Labor leader Jimmy Hoffa (1913), football player Drew Bledsoe (1972), comedian Jack Benny (1894)

★★★

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

2-13 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

R X J H W U X T F J W R H F L W U X R H F O W , W U X U F H C X R H F L W U X H X J H , J O N L J O R H F L J B B C Y N X C . — H E C C Y J O Z H F K X H I

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: DOCTORS THINK A LOT OF PATIENTS ARE CURED WHO HAVE SIMPLY QUIT IN DISGUST. — DON HEROLD

TABLE 1 – DECEMBER TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	17	3	18
(2) REFUGIO AREA	59	1	48
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	62	19	33
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	90	4	95
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	29	2	47
(6) EAST TEXAS	50	4	50
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	43	20	24
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	82	9	46
(8) MIDLAND	58	56	5
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	36	31	0
(9) NORTH TEXAS	130	23	37
(10) PANHANDLE	41	6	34

TABLE 2 – NOVEMBER TEXAS TOP TEN OIL AND GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBLS)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. GAINES	2,606,535	1. WEBB	22,707,594
2. ANDREWS	2,112,364	2. HIDALGO	22,270,509
3. YOAKUM	2,097,574	3. ZAPATA	21,305,872
4. HOCKLEY	1,862,726	4. PANOLA	20,236,157
5. ECTOR	1,736,555	5. PECOS	16,582,292
6. CRANE	895,691	6. FREESTONE	13,656,653
7. MIDLAND	894,864	7. STARR	11,328,145
8. PECOS	807,701	8. CROCKETT	9,763,942
9. UPTON	701,228	9. BROOKS	9,133,875
10. SCURRY	635,878	10. WISE	8,941,491

RRC posts monthly oil and gas statistics

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 697 original drilling permits in December 2001 compared to 1,031 in December 2000.

Total drilling permits for 2001 year to date is 12,227, up from 12,021 recorded during the same period in 2000. The December total included 558 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 27 to re-enter existing well bores, and 112 for re-completions. Permits issued in December included 124 oil, 265 gas, 297 oil and gas, 4 injection, and 7 other permits

Texas preliminary November 2001 crude oil production averaged 990,131 barrels daily, down from the 1,050,083 barrels daily average of November 2000.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for November 2001 is 29,703,931 barrels, a decrease from 31,502,479 barrels reported during November 2000.

In December 2001, operators reported 178 oil, 437 gas, 16 injection, and one other completion, compared to 222 oil, 376 gas, 29 injection and no other completions during December 2000.

Total well completions for 2001 year to date are 9,151 up from 7,974 recorded during the same period in 2000.

> Texas preliminary November 2001 crude oil production averaged 990,131 barrels daily, down from the 1.05 million barrels averaged daily in November 2000.

Operators reported 450 holes plugged and 72 dry holes in December 2001 compared to 362 plugged and 58 dry holes in December 2000

Texas oil and gas wells produced 435,828,559 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for November 2001, down from the November 2000 preliminary gas production total of 437,865,236 Mcf.

Texas production in November 2001 came from 144,850 oil and 57,544 gas wells.

DRILLING INTENTIONS

Intentions to Drill

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #309 Yeager, 2500' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 9,4,AB&M, PD 11800'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #1064 Arrington, 1439' from North & 2353' from East line, Sec. 64,A-2,H&GN, PD 11500'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & PARSELL Lower Morrow) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Mitchell '134', 792' from North & 1377' from West line, Sec. 134,42,H&TC, PD 11700'. Rule 37

Applications to Plug-Back

HEMPHILL (FELDMAN Douglas) Apache Corp., #4 Margaret Hodgson 'E', 1980' from South & 1900' from East line, Sec. 33,42,H&TC, PD 7900'.

Oil Well Completions

HEMPHILL (SPARKS Tonkawa) EOG Resources, Inc., #4 Lockhart '57', Sec. 57,42,H&TC, spud 10-22-01, drlg. compl 11-9-01, tested 1-16-02, flowed 337 bbl. of 49 grav. oil +10 bbls. water thru 20/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 4896, TD 7850' —

Gas Well Completions

HEMPHILL (WEST WASHITA CREEK Douglas) Upland Resources, Inc., #208 Ellen, Sec. 8,A-1,H&GN, spud 11-24-01, drlg. compl 1-13-02, tested 1-16-02, TD 8350' —

WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Des Moines) Chevron U.S.A., Inc., #2 Ruth Ledbetter, Sec. 21,L,J.M. Lindsey, spud 10-9-01, drlg. compl 11-3-01, tested 1-14-02, potential 549 MCF, TD 12376', PBTD 12251' —

Plugged Wells

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1 Fred, J.M. Grigsby Survey, spud 4-27-01, plugged 5-12-01, TD 8000' (dry) —

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REGIME

It also left some puzzling over how a few dozen rebels with 20 hostages, including three Americans, were able to sneak out a back door and vanish into nearby jungle despite being surrounded.

A priest's claims that rebels bribed military commanders for their freedom triggered congressional investigations but no definitive answers.

The hostages included missionaries Martin and Gracia Burnham, of Wichita, Kan., and Guillermo Sobero of Corona, Calif.

Sobero later was beheaded.

Tarsila Malonzo said her daughter, 23-year-old nurse Reina, was forced to marry Abu Sayyaf chieftain Khadafy Janjalani in July. Reina was found in November wandering outside a mall in the southern port city of Zamboanga, near Basilan.

"I'm in favor of the Americans coming here so they can help look for the Burnhams and other hostages. These kidnappings should stop," Tarsila Malonzo said.

To those opposing U.S. military help, she says, "They've never known how it is to be a victim."

The United States has been providing weapons and training to some of the 8,000 Filipino troops battling the Abu Sayyaf, now said to number just 50-70 on Basilan. More than 600 American soldiers also are joining Filipino troops in a six-month counterterrorism exercise in Zamboanga and Basilan.

About 160 U.S. special forces will enter war zones to observe Filipino troops. The Americans are prohibited from engaging in combat but can shoot in self-defense.

Opponents claim the maneuvers violate a Philippine constitutional restriction on the presence of foreign combat troops. Some Basilan residents fear American involvement could escalate the conflict.

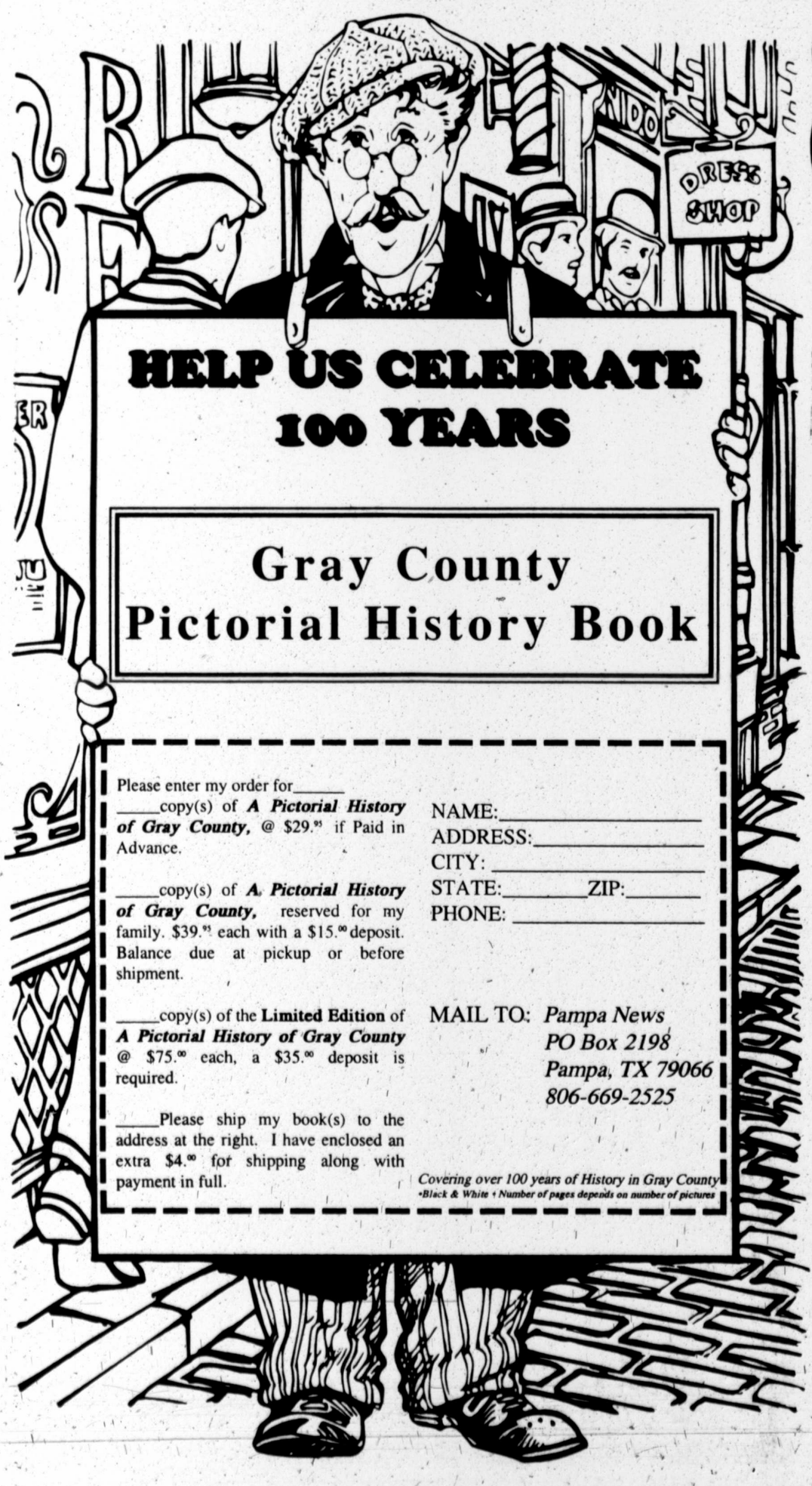
Last week, about a dozen protesters marched to the provincial capital Isabela with a resolution against the war drills. Protester Jerry Hamja worried about possible attacks on Americans.

"The moment that happens and America would bring its forces here, is it not possible that this will become like the case of Afghanistan?" he asked.

Former Isabela mayor Herminio Montebon said military conflict could create more widows, orphans, uneducated children and refugees.

"The solution is not bullets, the solution is livelihood," he said.

Jay Anthony Yap, a college dropout living near Tarsila Malonzo's house, said the ill-equipped Philippine military needs help to end the Abu Sayyaf scourge. Yap's mother, Ediborah, a 48-year-old nurse, is still in rebel custody.



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