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GOP DA hopefuls highlight forum

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

31st District Attorney Challengers Phil Pendleton and Rick Roach and incumbent John Mann each told a crowd of approximately 150 voters at the forum why they should be selected March 14 during the GOP primary.

The 31st District Attorney's race highlighted the Top of Texas Republican Women's political forum Thursday night.

Challengers Phil Pendleton and Rick Roach and incumbent John Mann each told a crowd of approximately 150 voters at the forum why they should be selected by the voters on March 14 during the Republican primary.

Roach, the 1996 Republican candidate in the General Election who lost to Mann, the Democrat candidate, said both Pendleton and Mann are former Democrats, as he said the party had really grown.

He said the 1974 Texas Legislature enacted the Professional Prosecutor's Act which provided for the promotion of full-time prosecution by felony prosecutors.

Roach said Mann is a part-time prosecutor and has indicated he intends to continue to be parttime, and have a private practice. Roach said the matter of part-time prosecution was an issue in the 1996 election.

During 1999 there were 183 felony indictments in the 31st Judicial District with 129 in Gray County, said Roach.

He said, "It is impossible to do justice to that many cases on a part-time basis." He said that is why he feels the 31st District Attorney's position should be fulltime.

Discussing the cost of a full-time prosecutor, "I can assure you that the total cost of that

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Pampa's State Rep. Warren Chisum, far right, said at the forum the George W. Bush Campaign is in full-swing nationwide. Chisum is traveling to different areas of the nation working in the Bush campaign. From left, Judge Richard Peet, moderator, Randy Hendrick, forum timer, and Doug Ware, Republican County Chairman listen to Chisum.



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PAMPA — WT Chorale and Pampa native Mary Jane Johnson will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The performance is open and free of charge to the public.

PAMPA — VFW Pampa Post 1657 is hosting a district nine convention Saturday, March 4. State senior vice commander Buddie C. Harlen will be the guest speaker. Registration begins at eight a.m. Saturday. Coffee and donuts will be served from 8-10 a.m. Registration is $2 and a meal is $6.

PAMPA — Pampa Middle School will host a fifth-grade orientation from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Monday, March 6 at the middle school auditorium for parents of incoming fifth grade students from the following elementary schools: Austin, Lamar, St. Vincent, Travis and Wilson. During the orientation, school officials will provide pre-registration information and answer questions. Parents will also tour the school.

SHELBYVILLE, (AP) — A woman was arrested on suspicion of fatally shooting her 3-year-old son Thursday afternoon in this East Texas community of about 200 people near the Texas-Louisiana border.

Shelby County Sheriff Carl Shofner said Edith McCleskey allegedly shot her son with a 12-gauge shotgun in their home, then called authorities.

- **Sandra A. Apodaca, 39,** homemaker.
- **Josephine Arthur, 90,** former textile mill worker.
- **Mary Truman Goodlett, 85,** church, clubwoman.
- **John Potter, 71,** former trucker, farmer, rancher.
- **Bobby Joe Rhoades, 67,** rancher, former bull rider.

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Suspected killer captured at end of lawman's shotgun

By KEITH ANDERSON
Staff Writer



Insp. Kelly Rushing

A two-state manhunt for a suspected killer ended Thursday at a Carson County motel when Pampa Brand Inspector Kelly Rushing leveled a shotgun at him.

Other officers from Wheeler, Gray and Carson Counties were staging nearby preparing to confront Jessie Allen McKinney, 40, Brush Creek, Tenn., at the motel, when the suspect unexpectedly appeared.

Rushing had stayed behind at the motel to keep an eye out because he had an unmarked vehicle.

Rushing had earlier spotted the suspect's vehicle as part of a search after an all points bulletin had been issued.

McKinney is suspected of a Tuesday robbery in Norman, Okla., and a Wednesday robbery of the Hitchin' Post Bar in Texola, Okla. The owner of the Hitchin' Post was shot in the head and killed, officials said. Texola is 14 miles east of Shamrock on I-40, in Oklahoma.

A black and red 1994 GMC Sonoma pickup matching the description of McKinney's truck was discovered in the parking lot of The Conway Inn in Conway at 9 a.m. Thursday by Pampa Brand Inspector Kelly Rushing.

The city of Conway is on I-40, approximately nine miles south of Panhandle.

Rushing told *The Pampa News* news today he notified Shamrock Constable Jerry Bob Jernigan, and Carson County Sheriff Gary Robertson that the pickup had been spotted.

Law Enforcement officers, including Texas Rangers, DPS troopers, Beckham County Sheriff deputies, and the Panhandle police arrived soon afterwards, Rushing said. They met at the Love's Country Store #229 on the north side of I-40, across the interstate from The Conway Inn, to plan a strategy.

Inspector Rushing stayed in the Inn's parking lot. He said he stayed because his vehicle was unmarked, and because the others had decided to use only unmarked vehicles.

McKinney left his motel room and walked to his Sonoma after law enforcement officers had gone to Love's.

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Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs (right) honors Virginia Hopkins Jones and Martha Hopkins Bowes of Hopkins Farm & Ranch in Gray County. The ranch has been operated by the family for 100 years or more and was inducted into the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program at a recent ceremony in Austin.

Pickup fatality triggers charge

The collision of two pickup trucks in Carson County last October that killed one White Deer man and injured another has led to a homicide indictment.

A Carson County grand jury recently indicted Danny L. Franklin, 25, Nazareth, for criminal negligent homicide.

"The grand jury has indicted him. I've been in close contact with the victim's family. We are proceeding with this as quickly as possible," 100th District Attorney Randall Sims said Thursday.

Criminal negligent homicide is the lowest level felony homicide charge. The charge carries a maximum sentence of two years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

"You go with what the facts of the case dictate," Sims said.

DPS trooper Bobby Tyler, now of Amarillo, investigated the accident. .

Franklin worked for Carson County farmer at the time of the accident. According to the DPS accident report, Franklin, in a Dodge Ram pickup, was driving west on Carson County Road 13 when he disregarded a stop sign at the intersection of Carson Co. 13 and FM 294 and collided with a Chevrolet Silverado pickup heading north on FM 294, driven by Brandon Kade Hefner, 26, White Deer.

The accident occurred October 7, 1999, at 9 a.m., 3.5 miles south of White Deer.

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She's here ... Waiting in Pampa for God's answer

By KEITH ANDERSON
Staff Writer



Melody Longino

Melody Longino is seeking an answer from God — in Pampa. The 50-something Full Gospel Pastor from Louisiana came to Pampa with a simple question: What next, God?

Longino has pastored a Full Gospel Church in Louisiana since 1985.

"I feel like God was leading me to read Ezekial chapter 3. Go to the plains and shut yourself up in the house. That's what I've been doing," Longino said.

Longino has been staying with her mother Phyllis Hunter. Phyllis works at G.W. James Construction here in Pampa.

"I know I'll be traveling, but I'm in the process of waiting," Longino said. She also said she is working on a book of dreams while she is here.

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Don't forget Sunday's Open House at Clarendon College - Pampa Center's new facility at 1607 W. Kentucky. It all gets started at 2:30 p.m. with a special program and the building will remain open for tours until 4:30 p.m.

Have a "Used" boat or travel trailer you would like to display? Call the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and register to participate in our "Boat, Travel and Recreation Show" 669-3241

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

APODACA, Sandra A. — Mass, 10 a.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Community Church, Clovis, N.M.

POTTER, John — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memorial Heights Cemetery, Lefors.

Obituaries

SANDRA A. APODACA

CLOVIS, N.M. – Sandra A. Apodaca, 39, sister of a Pampa resident, died Thursday, March 2, 2000. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Community Church with the Rev. Daniel Balizan officiating. Burial will be in Mission Garden of Memories under the direction of Muffley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Apodaca was born at Clovis and had been a lifelong Clovis resident. She was a homemaker and belonged to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Community Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Melissa Apodaca of Clovis; two sons, Jacob Harper of Albuquerque, N.M., and Eric Bustow, of the home; her mother and stepfather, Irma and Jessie Guerra of Clovis; two sisters, Barbara Lopez of Clovis and Lillian Jones of Indianapolis, Ind.; four brothers, William Apodaca and Daniel Saiz, both of Clovis, Max Saiz of Kansas and Robert Saiz of Pampa; and two grandchildren.

JOSEPHINE ARTHUR

CANADIAN – Josephine Arthur, 90, died Tuesday, Feb. 29, 2000. Services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Gray Funeral Home Chapel at Clinton, S.C. Burial will be in Pinelawn Memory Gardens. Local arrangements are under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Arthur was born at Edgefield, S.C. She married William Earl Arthur in 1923 at Edgefield; he died in 1973. She had been a Canadian resident since 1991, moving from Joanna, S.C. She had worked in a textile mill.

She belonged to First Baptist Church of Joanna.

Survivors include a daughter, Vivian Beasley of Canadian; a son, William L. Arthur of Murietta, Calif.; seven sisters, Ruth Harris of Jacksonville, Fla., Mazel Carwell of Honea Path, S.C., Doris Strowd, Henrietta Worthington and Rachael Kirby, all of Greenwood, S.C., Tura Turner of Memphis, Tenn., and Ethel Cooper of Ocala, Fla.; a brother, J.W. Turner of Liberty, S.C.; 8 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

MARY TRUMAN GOODLETT

GROOM – Mary Truman Goodlett, 85, a former Groom resident, died Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at McLean. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. today in Groom United Methodist Church at Groom with the Rev. Tom Moore, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Jerry Moore, pastor of Gruver United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Goodlett was born at Henderson. She married Elias Crim Goodlett in 1945 at Beckville; he died in 1995. She belonged to Groom United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Senior Citizens and Thimblette Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Hosea of Irving and Marti Kirk of Amarillo; and a grandchild.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Groom United Methodist Church, Box 489, Groom, TX 79039.

JOHN POTTER

LEFORS – John Potter, 71, died Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Memorial Heights Cemetery with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lefors, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Potter was born March 19, 1928, at Bath, N.Y. He married Velma Thomas on May 2, 1972, at Alva, Okla. He drove a truck for Daily Oil Service in Woodward, Okla., for eight years during the 1970s prior to farming and ranching at Pringle, Texas.

He retired in 1990 and moved to Lefors.

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Velma, of the home; a stepdaughter, Sylvia Givens of Jadwin, Mo.; a stepson, Mark Thomas of Eastland; a sister, Julia Coumbe of Hammondsport, N.Y.; and five step-grandchildren.

BOBBY JOE RHOADES

Bobby Joe Rhoades, 67, of Pampa, died Thursday, March 2, 2000. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Alva Municipal Cemetery at Alva, Okla., with the Rev. Sandy Sims, pastor of Church of God of Dacoma, Okla., oficiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Rhoades was born March 23, 1932, at Cherokee, Okla. He married Phynelpha Harlan in October of 1951 at Clovis, N.M.; she died in May of 1997. He had been a Pampa resident since the mid-1950s and was a rancher and a former bull rider.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharlan Langley of Pampa; a son, Marty Rhoades of Amarillo; two sisters, Betty Wheat of Alva, Okla., and Carol Dechant of Cheney, Kan.; two brothers, Dusty Rhoades of Pampa and Jack Rhoades of Canyon; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

Police report

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

Thursday, March 2

A 24-year-old male received a bruised and swollen lip after he was assaulted in the 1000 block of Huff.

A burglary in the 400 block of North Magnolia resulted in damages to a garage door glass window, an interior door, and nine kitchen window panes. A refrigerated air-conditioning unit valued at $300 was reported stolen.

Travel Express reported damage to a plate glass window in the 100 block of East Browning. The criminal mischief resulted in $200 in damages.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, March 2

Bart Edward Gooch, 44, 522 N. Nelson, was arrested on the charge of theft of property by check.

Dennis Ray Hayes, 51, 323 Gene, was arrested for Hutchinson Co. on the charge of theft more than $1,500 and less than $20,000.

William Daubrent Thomas, 27, HCR 2 Box 24, was arrested instanter on the charge of simple assault.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, March 2

7:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of West Kingsmill and transported one to PRMC.

3:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Mary Ellen and transported one to PRMC.

8:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

10:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Beech and transported one to PRMC.

11:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of East Brown and transported one to PRMC.

Friday, March 3

4:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to NWTH.

Fires

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

Thursday, March 2

7:41 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a controlled-burn grass fire one-half mile east on Hwy 70 and Gray 1.

9:45 a.m. — Three units and five personnel responded to a call for medical assistance in the 200 block of West Foster.

1:48 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to a smoke scare in the 100 block of West Nicki. Steam rising from shingles was taken for smoke.

2:53 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for medical assistance in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen.

10:23 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for medical assistance in the 200 block of Beech.

11:34 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for medical assistance in the 300 block of East Brown.

Friday, March 3

5:11 a.m. — Six units and eighteen personnel responded to a structure fire at Gray 21 and Gray D. Fire marshal Gary Stevens is investigating the fire.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.04
Milo	2.96
Corn	3.39
Soybeans	4.11

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

Occidental	16 3/4	dn 1/8
Fidelity Magellin		132.81
Puritan		18.18

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

Amoco	47 5/8	dn 5/16
Arco	71 7/8	dn 13/16
Cabot	21 3/16	up 3/16
Cabot O&G	17	up 1/4
Chevron	74 11/16	dn 1
Coca-Cola	49 3/8	dn 1/4
Columbia/HCA	21 9/16	up 15/16
Enron	68 1/4	dn 1/8
Halliburton	40 1/16	dn 2 1/8
IRI	5 7/16	up 1/16
KMI	27 1/2	up 1 1/8
Kerr McGee	45 7/8	dn 1/2
Limited	33 1/8	dn 1/2
McDonald's	31 5/16	up 7/16
Exxon Mobil	75 9/16	dn 1 7/16
New Atmos	16 3/16	dn 3/16
NCE	25 5/8	up 1/16
OKE	22 7/16	dn 5/16
Penney's	14 7/8	up 1/8
Phillips	37 15/16	dn 1/8
Pioneer Nat.	8 9/16	dn 3/16
SLB	79	dn 2 5/8
Tenneco	7 7/16	dn 1/8
Texaco	47 11/16	up 5/16
Ultramar	23 1/2	up 1/8
Wal-Mart	51 15/16	up 1 3/8
Williams	46	up 15/16
New York Gold		288.20
Silver		5.03
West Texas Crude		31.69

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911

Dry water worker's workboots tell story of drought

ELECTRA, Texas (AP) — The dry bottoms of T.O. Simpson's work boots are an indication of just how critical the water situation is in Electra.

After examining a portion of Lake Electra where not so long ago he would have been submerged in water, the small town's water plant manager climbs back up the bank without getting his boots wet.

The lake is at less than 20 percent of capacity, and there is only about a six-month supply of water left without substantial rains. For a town of 3,100 residents that depends on the 731-acre lake as its primary source of water, it is a desperate situation.

"That's the only way to explain it," said Glen Branch, a city commissioner who oversees water operations.

The levels of lakes and reservoirs that provide water for communities throughout North Texas have steadily dropped as a result of the driest decade on record.

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particular bill would be footed from the General Fund of the State of Texas," said Roach. "It has absolutely no impact upon local taxes and you will see no increase in your local taxes for having a full-time prosecutor."

Roach said the 35,000 people in the district attorney district deserve a full-time prosecutor. Roach said he has been a prosecutor for 10 years as Roberts County Attorney, and has adequate criminal experience to know what to do in the situation.

"You get what you pay for," said Phil Pendleton as he said there are four people seeking the position with Mann, Roach and Pendleton seeking the Republican nomination to face Charles Kessie, the lone Democrat, in the General Election in November.

He said he is the logical choice for the office as both Roach and Kessie are county attorneys and only deal with misdemeanors, and said they are not familiar with the grand jury and indictment process.

Pendleton said Roberts County officials told him there have been no felony trials in that county in the past 10 years. He said Kessie of Hemphill County has tried only three cases during the past 15 years.

Pendleton said he is experienced in trying felony cases as he has had an active criminal defense practice trying cases by both the court and juries. He said he has locked horns with Mann on several occasions with the results being indictments against his clients being dismissed. He also said juries were dismissed on the day of the trial because of his hard work and good case preparation.

"I can win against the odds and against good attorneys," said Pendleton. He related one case in which he had a client who had five charges of 99 years and wound up with 10 years probation. He said Mann and his associates are good attorneys.

He said he has worked hard in the campaign trying to meet everyone personally going house-to-house and the businesses. He said if he was elected he would bring stability and an ethic of hard work and dedication to the job and position.

Pendleton concluded by saying while in Baylor Law School Percy Foreman, a well-known criminal attorney, told the law students no prosecutor should ever be commended for winning his cases — as he said a prosecutor should win all of his cases.

John Mann told the group it will cost $21,000 to elect a new district attorney. He said by state law a full-time district attorney will be paid $101,000.

Responding to Roach's comments about 183 indictments being returned in the 31st Judicial District in 1999, Mann said that number is correct. He further stated Randall Sims of Wellington, who is a full-time DA of five counties, told him he (Sims) had 153 indictments returned in 1999 in his district.

Mann said the local DAs do not prosecute felonies. He said Roach has yet to take a criminal case to trial and Kessie has only taken three cases to trial.

He said if the public wants a plea-bargain man and pay them $101,000, he isn't the one. He also told the group he got a capital murder conviction on Henry Watkins Skinner. He also related he got a life sentence on Jimmy Blalock on Malotov Cocktail charges. Mann said the fun part of being a lawyer was trying a case.

In closing, Mann asked the crowd if they want someone to fight for them and take cases to court or to be a cop-out man. He reminded the crowd he is paid $21,000 less a year than a full-time DA would be.

One county commission race in Gray County is contested as Precinct One Commissioner Joe Wheeley is being challenged by Gene Gee. Neither candidate was at the forum, and moderator County Judge Richard Peet read prepared statements.

Wheeley was unable to attend as he was attending a nephew's wedding in Houston while Gee's son was undergoing surgery, also in Houston.

The majority of constable candidates did appear as all positions are contested in the primary.

Constable candidates for Precinct 1 and 3 are Curtis Dalton, Randy Stubblefield, Michael Ray and incumbent James H. Lewis.

Precinct 2 constable candidates are the incumbent Christ Lockridge, Robert Douglas and Paul Sublett.

Precinct 4 constable candidates are incumbent Frank W. Sparling and Chris McMinn.

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FATALITY

Hefner, a truck driver, was traveling with 45-year-old White Deer resident Lynn Stark at the time of the accident. Hefner was killed after his Silverado flipped and came to rest on the western shoulder of FM 294. According to the report, Lynn Stark, received "incapacitating" injuries. Neither man was wearing a seat belt.

Franklin's Ram pickup was stopped after colliding with a utility pole. Franklin, who was wearing a seat belt, had no injuries, according to the report.

Hefner was taken to University Medical Center in Lubbock, and Stark was flown by Lifestar to Northwest Texas Hospital.

"[Franklin] stated he saw [Hefner] but could not stop because of faulty brakes on the truck. He also stated that when he braked the vehicle it fish-tailed. He stated that he let off the brakes and then braked again and that he slid again. There was no indication of skidding or any heavy braking on Co. Rd. 13," according to Tyler.

Carson County Sheriff Gary Robertson said Franklin was arrested on the homicide indictment Feb. 21, and was out on $5,000 bond the next day.

District Attorney Sims said the criminal negligent homicide case of Franklin will be on the docket March 20, but that a trial date has not been set.

"The state's ready to go," Simms said, "We're just waiting on the defense."

Sims said Franklin will be defended by Amarillo attorney Selden Hale.

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WAITING

"It's not going to be like every other book of dreams," Longino said.

Longino worked in evangelism from 1977-1985. She has had a radio talk show. She has produced a cassette tape of Christian music, which she sang. The tape is entitled "Melody" and distributed by G-Mel Music, Inc., PO Box 64752, Baton Rouge, La. 70896.

Longino even studied under Christian psychologists.

"I knew there was a step past spirits — emotions — that I didn't know. There's a step past emotions, too. It's anointing," Longino said.

Longino wasn't born in Texas, she was born in Winnfield, Louisiana, but she got here as quick as she could. When she was 6 weeks old her family moved to Mineola, Texas. When she was 5 years old her family moved to Pampa.

Longino stayed in Pampa until she married, and she and her husband William Simon moved to Fort Sill, Okla. A year later the couple moved to Baton Rouge, La..

Husband William is brother to Pampa's Vincent Simon. Vincent owns Pampa Office Supply.

"God's allowed me to travel to lots of places," Longino said.

She said God has helped her to get through a divorce, two gastric bypasses, and the recent death of her stepfather.

Longino said she was reared by her stepfather Travis Hunter. Hunter was retired from Flint Rig Co. when he died Jan. 4, 1999.

The surgeries were performed to aid in weight loss, something Longino struggles with, she said.

"I don't stay down. I'm an optimist," Longino said.

She has three children: Angela Swanford, 39, whograduated with a BA in Art from Southwern University in Louisiana, and taught high school. Angela is currently pursuing a new job in the sales industry. Bill Jr., 36, Runs one of his father's Simple Simon's Goodyear Tire and Car Care Centers in Baton Rouge. Greg, 34, is an assistant manager at the company.

Insurance info secrecy gets blow

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court handed the insurance industry another loss Thursday in its fight to keep confidential certain sales data the state holds.

The court refused to hear an appeal by several insurance companies challenging a lower court's ruling that the data, which some say could show discrimination against minorities, was public.

"We are disappointed," said the Sandra Ray of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service Inc., an industry group.

She said the information should remain confidential for competitive reasons. The industry is not trying to hide discrimination, sometimes called redlining, she said.

Suggesting otherwise "demonstrates a complete lack of knowledge about what is going on in the real world of inner-city residents," Ray said.

The data shows how many cars each insurance company covers, by ZIP code. Analysts at the Austin-based Center for Economic Justice say the information shows redlining.

"It is a complete and utter victory," said D.J. Powers, attorney for economist Birny Birnbaum, who requested the information on behalf of the center.

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"He just didn't cooperate," Rushing joked, "He came out early."

Rushing pulled his truck up next to Mckinney and got out, with his shotgun leveled at McKinney.

"He started to get in the pick-up," Rushing said, "I drove on up there and confronted the guy. I had a shotgun on him. I ordered him out at gun point."

Rushing said McKinney was armed.

"He had a revolver on him," Rushing said.

McKinney was arrested and taken to the Carson Co. Jail in Panhandle. McKinney awaits extradition to Oklahoma.

City Briefs

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CHANEY'S CAFE, 716 W. Foster, Fri. 5-8 p.m.- catfish Swiss steak, c.f. steak, turkey & dressing, cherry cobbler.

DANCE TO Buddy Payne, Sat. Mar. 4th, Moose Lodge, members & guests.

GARAGE SALE, Sat. 9-1 p.m., 400 E. Tyng, Building 6.

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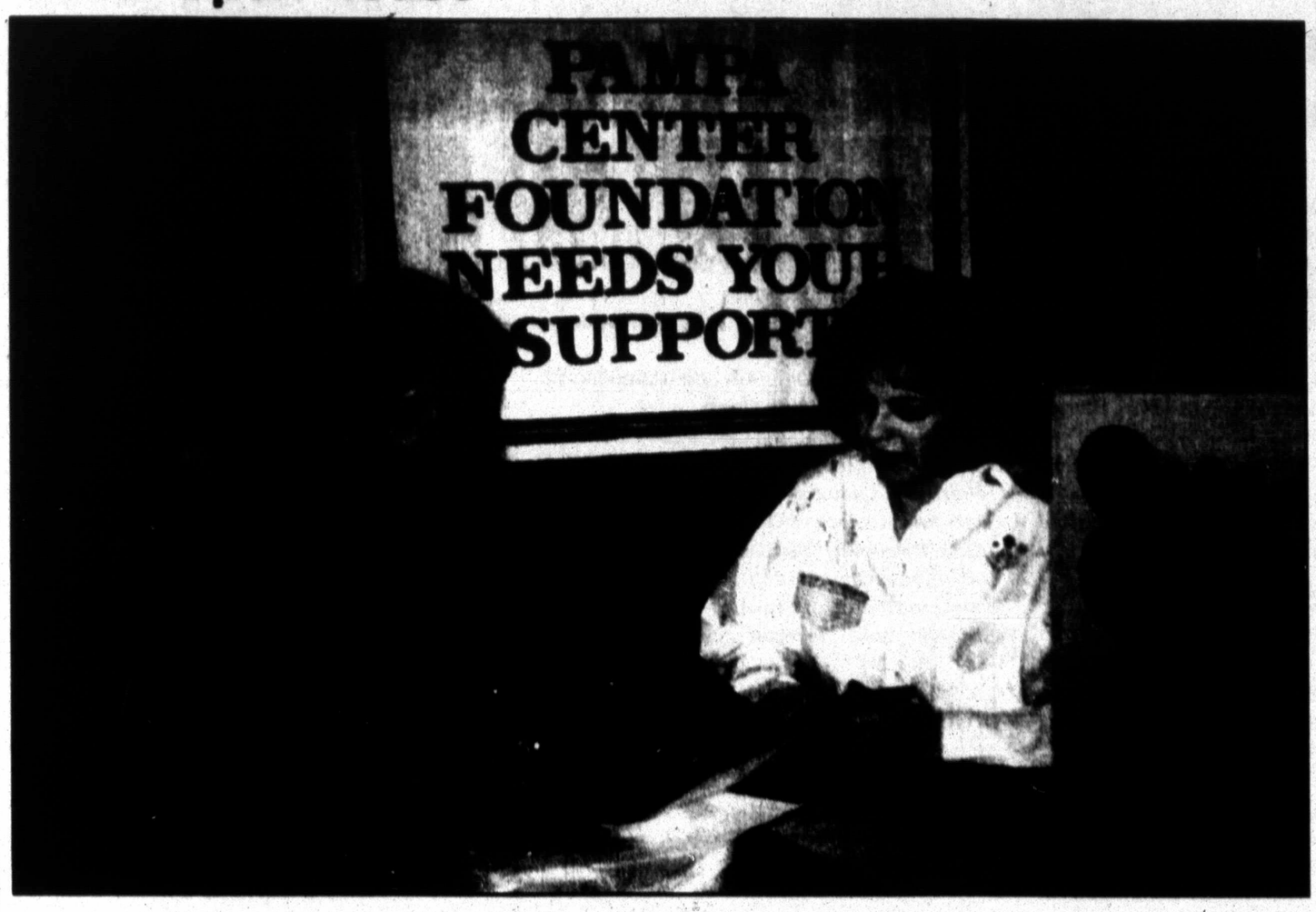
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Weather focus

Partly sunny today with a high of 55 and winds at 10-15 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the low 30s and light and variable winds. Tomorrow, partly sunny with a high near 70 and southwest winds at 10-15 mph. Yesterday's high was 52; the overnight low 32. The total amount of rainfall was .47 inch-

CCPC Open House



(Special photo)

In what was truly a community effort, Clarendon College Alumni Jeremy Doucette, left, Brenda Zedlitz and Cindy Theis sent letters to former students urging them to make a $20 "square foot donation" to the new college facility. Clarendon College-Pampa Center will hold an open house from 2:30-4:30 p.m., Sunday, March 5 at its new campus, 1607 W. Kentucky.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

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

CCPC OPEN HOUSE

Dedication ceremonies for M.K. Brown Academic Center will be from 2:30-4:30 p.m., Sunday, March 5 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center campus, 1607 W. Kentucky. Tours of the building are planned during the open house. The public is cordially invited to attend.

SENIOR PARENT PROM MEETING

A senior parent meeting regarding the Class of 2000 prom is slated at 7 p.m. March 6 in Room 301 at Pampa High School. All interested parents are urged to attend.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Lovett Memorial Library and Pampa High School Chapter of the National Honor Society will cosponsor a scavenger hunt from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7 at the library. The NHS students will serve as guides. All participating students will receive a "return overdue books free" coupon and those who follow all the clues will automatically qualify for a drawing for four $10 gift certificates to Hastings. For more information, call Lovett Memorial Library.

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Lamar Elementary School will hold a Flag Raising Ceremony at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 9 to celebrate Texas Public Schools Week. The public is cordially invited to attend.

BROWN BAG LECTURES

Dr. Jerry Lane, Clarendon College-Pampa Center, will present a series of topics during the noon hour every Thursday through March 23. Topics include: Couple Communication, Feb. 24; Time Management, March 2; Dealing with Anger in the Family, March 9; and Expressing and Communicating Feelings and Emotions, March 23. The public is cordially invited to bring a lunch and attend one or more of the sessions.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and BSA Health System will conduct breast cancer screening clinics March 20 at First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, and March 28 at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc., 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 359-4673,

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March 8			
5. 10:00 a.m.–12 noon	Trinity Baptist Church	Amarillo	1608 Wolflin, Amarillo, TX 79109
March 9			
6. 10:00 a.m.–12 noon	Christian Life Center	Amarillo	2920 West 5th, Amarillo, TX 79106
7. 10:00 a.m.–12 noon	Trinity Fellowship	Dumas	201 Binkley, Dumas, TX 79029
8. 7:00–9:00 p.m.	Amarillo South Church of Christ	Amarillo	6901 S. Bell, Amarillo, TX 79109
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RELIGION

Trees are a gift from God and have long been part of His dealing with mankind

By the Rev. Albert Maggard

First Pentecostal Holiness Church

"... they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord showed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet." Exodus 15:22-25.

How striking is the nearness of songs and sorrows. In the first part of Exodus 15 is found one of the most glorious praise songs in the Bible. By verse 24, though, the people were murmuring. From the Red Sea they'd made a three-day trip into the wilderness. They ran out of water. Then, finding water at Marah, discovered it too bitter to drink.

Moses prayed about the problem. To solve it, God showed him a tree.

Trees are gifts from God and have long been part of His dealing with mankind. Trees, kept and dressed by Adam and Eve, filled the paradise of Eden. Only one tree in the garden was off limits. Even the tree of life was available to them, until sin separated them from it.

The Lord, himself, pointed out the need-meeting, problem-solving, tree to Moses. Always, He is the one who has what we need and points out His provision to meet that need.

To Hagar, a well was pointed out so that her little son Ishmael could be saved from dying of thirst.

To Abraham, a ram caught by its horns in a thicket was pointed out so Isaac might live.

When you and I, lost in our sins, cry "What must I do to be saved?" he shows us Jesus.

How marvelous it is that God has revealed Jesus and his death on the tree to us. "No man knows the Son but the Father, and he to whom the Father will reveal him." Matthew 11:27.

The apostle Peter declared: "He bore our sins in his own body on the tree." I Peter 2:24. His death for us on the tree at Calvary is pointed out as the only way the bitterness of sin can be sweetened with divine forgiveness and eternal life.

We notice, too, that the tree was near at hand. The Lord doesn't keep himself so distant that we can't find him. When Mary Magdalene stood weeping in the early morning darkness, she thought the body of Jesus had been carried away. But standing right behind her was the resurrected Christ himself — and he called her name.

"The word is near you, even in your mouth, and in your heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved." Romans 10:8-9.

Theologians teach us two things about God. They speak of his "transcendence." That big word simply means that He's a mighty God, high, exalted and "way out there." They also speak of his "immanence." That term expresses the fact that God is right down here with us. As the poet wrote, "Nearer is he than breathing, nearer than hands and feet." These terms are not contradictory. They simply show both sides of the coin. We never have to look far. In Jesus, God has come near enough to us that we might know him as Savior.

When the Lord showed Moses the healing tree, it was worthless until accepted and applied. The same is true of salvation. The cure for sin has been provided and pointed out. It's near enough for each of us to find. But until we accept and apply that provision, we are lost. While it's true that we can't *provide* the cure, it's equally true that we must *apply* it.

We're reminded of a man who scoffed at the pastor that the Christian religion was a failure. "It's been around so long," he said, "and still there's so much sin in the world." The pastor pointed out that there are a lot of people with dirty hands and grimy faces in this world. He said, "It doesn't mean that soap and water aren't effective. They only need to be applied." Salvation from sin has been offered for thousands of years. That offer means nothing until it's accepted and applied.

When Moses — in obedience and faith — threw the tree into the waters, they became sweet. The blood of Christ was shed on a cross tree at Calvary. Bitter waters of sin become a fountain of eternal life when we accept by faith what was done on that tree.

Church briefs

The Rt. Rev. Wallis C. Ohl, bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas, will make his annual visit to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Sunday, March 5. He will preach and celebrate the Eucharist at the 8 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. services. He will confirm 18 people into the church during the second service as well. A luncheon is planned following the services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church will hold an Arts and Crafts Extravaganza from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 1 in the school gymnasium, 2300 N. Hobart. Activities for the whole family are planned including a variety of crafts, tasty treats, face painting and fun. Admittance for the public is free of charge. Booth spaces are still available for a fee. The standard booth size is 8'x8' and the fee is $25. Deadline to reserve a space is March 24. For more information or to reserve a booth, call St. Vincent's School at 665-5665.

Spring always reminds me of Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy'

From the Back Pew...

By Cheryl Berzanskis

It is only March but I'm ready, more than ready, for spring despite our unusually warm winter. I should say I am ready only for the perfections of spring and not the irritations of wind and hail and drought and the schizophrenia of winter today, summer tomorrow.

I am ready to uncoil myself from warm covers after a good night's sleep into the sunshine of expectation, ready to feel the warmth of summer underfoot as I pad barefoot onto my concrete patio, ready to have more daylight than dark. I want to take long neighborhood walks until 9 p.m. (so that I don't miss ER or NYPD Blue) and languish into perfect sleep born of contented exhaustion. I am ready to work in the yard, dig in the dirt, get my fingers impossibly dirty and my shirt uncleanably muddy. That is a delirious existence.

Thinking of spring always reminds me of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy," as the lyricist compares our hearts to unfolding buds under the gentle warmth from the sun of love. In my mind's eye, I can see our embryonic souls in search of heat and light, opening our hearts to a Father who warms us with the Son of love (pun intended) such that we, like the flowers, seek the light source. Blooming becomes our destiny.

Next week will be Ash Wednesday, which with its penitent tone and dark portensions, shadows the spring that I crave. That paradoxically is the saddest/happiest story ever told is placed smack dab in the middle of the season of rebirth reminds me why we can enjoy blossoming under the Son of love and emphasizes how the earthly cycles mimic the heavenly.

As I finish this, healing rains are falling and more moisture is predicted. For anyone with a seed in the ground, I'm sure the rain is really a "shower of blessing" for their dusty fields. For souls equally parched, perhaps the rain will remind them spiritual renewal inevitably follows the dry times of the heart. As sunshine follows the rain, whether physical or metaphorical, I pray our hearts enjoy a spring time, too — warm, sunny, fertile, light-filled and blooming.

St. Matthew's, First Presbyterian to hold joint Lenten Meditations

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church join together for the sixth year to share Wednesday Lenten Meditations. This year the two churches will meet at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, at noon on each of the six Wednesdays of Lent. Pastors, Father Jake Clemmens and Dr. Ed Cooley will share the leadership of the services which will start Wednesday, March 8 and continue on the following Wednesdays: March 15, 22, 29 and April 5 and 12. Please mark your calendars for this special time together.

A schedule of services includes:

—March 8, Ash Wednesday, Dr. Cooley;

—March 22, the Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of Church of the Nazarene;

—March 29, the Rev. Jim Teeter, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church;

—April 5, the Rev. Raymond McKeever, pastor of St. Mark's CME Church;

—April 12, the Rev. Clemmens.

The two churches take turns sponsoring this annual event which consists of a time of meditation and prayer together followed by a soup or sandwich luncheon in the Parish Hall.

Members of the two churches take turns serving the luncheons to those who attend the meditations. The public is invited and encouraged to attend these times of meditation and prayer during the preparation time of Lent.

Lent is the 40-day period of preparation that spans from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The Christian Church has been observing this time of meditation and preparation for the joy of Easter for over 1,000 years.

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing this in the hope that it helps at least one woman from falling victim to the date-rape drug. I went to a nice party at an upscale hotel for the millennium celebration. My friend and I felt secure in those surroundings. I had a couple of drinks with my dinner. In the course of the evening, I met a couple of men. They bought me a drink and I drank it. Within a half-hour, I felt myself losing control. The room was blurred and my balance was off. For as few beverages as I had consumed, this was not right.

The man who had bought me the drink came to my table, seemed concerned and walked me to the restroom. Neither I nor my friend was alarmed at his kind offer, but I have no memory after that. No one knows where I went except those men.

I was found a couple of hours later in a taxicab. I did not know who I was or where I had been. The next eight hours, I could feel myself fading in and out of consciousness. When I gained my bearings, I could tell that I had been violated.

I had to go through a humiliating examination at the doctor's office for STDs. As time passes, I will have to undergo more blood tests to check for HIV and hepatitis. I am trying not to feel ashamed — but the shame is there.

I know no one deserves this, but I am beating myself up with self-doubt. With no memory, and days having passed, I have no legal course of action. Although I would recognize these men if I saw them again, I have no hard proof to accuse them of anything. I never thought this could happen to me.

Abby, please tell women out there it really can happen to them. *Never* accept a drink from a stranger and never allow a stranger to help you "walk off" a bad feeling. It is a hard lesson I wish I hadn't had to learn the hard way.

VIOLATED IN GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS

DEAR VIOLATED: Your signature says it all. You have no reason to feel shame. You were naive and were victimized by a predator. If you have not already done so, call the Houston Area Women's Center. The toll-free number is (800) 256-0661. (They will refer sexual assault victims nationwide to local rape hotlines.) The operators there can help you deal with the emotions you are experiencing. They can also tell you whether or not it would be worthwhile to discuss what happened to you with the police. Having gotten away with this crime, it is entirely possible that the two men who drugged you will assault another victim. Having your report on file could be very helpful.

P.S. This is the second letter I have received in the last two months from the victim of a date-rape drug, and the implications are disturbing.

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Horoscope

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ A lot goes on behind the scenes. Listen carefully to another's disclosure — it could be more important than you realize. A financial decision might feel rather tough. Investigate alternatives. Take a lazy day. Cancel plans if need be. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.
This week: Plan, then act. You are an unstoppable force. Others simply seem to follow your instructions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Gather with friends. Follow another's suggestions. Someone is trying to help you turn a wish into a reality. You could be overly serious and demanding without realizing it. A partner challenges you! Tonight: Where the gang is.
This week: First, think carefully. Mobilize your forces on Thursday, when you can pull rabbits out of your hat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ An older relative or someone who feels like he's in charge rousts you out of bed. Listen. You need to cover more ground than you thought. Use your instincts. Feedback is important. A partner or friend might be thrown off-balance by your focus. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.
This week: Accept the limelight, aim for what you want, and bingo! You have reason to celebrate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ The only thing that can stop you is your energy levels, while your mind is active and roaming. Make calls; surf the Internet; feed your mind. An old friend clamors for your attention. Meet for a meal to share your recent focus. Tonight: Take in a movie.
This week: Your vision can become a reality. The opportunities are there. Make it so!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Make time for a close associate. Talk about an important decision. Decide to tackle your taxes or investigate financial options. Be careful about any risks, both emotional and financial. They will backfire! Tonight: Slow down.
This week: Work with a partner. Important information comes from a distance. Stick to the facts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others seek you out. Popularity calls, although letting go of a personal matter challenges you. Go with the good. Try to be more detached. Avoid getting embroiled in personal issues, if possible. Clear your head. Take a new step. Listen to friends, who mean well. Tonight: Out for dinner.
This week: Others look you up when they need help on Monday. From Tuesday on, zero in on and settle an important problem of your own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Get into a relaxing project, although a decision cannot be put on hold any longer. Communication sours; you could be uncomfortable with what you hear. Surprise! A difficult associate supports you. Express your appreciation. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.
This week: Clear out as much work as possible, ASAP. Others could prove to be most distracting anytime after Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Full of fun, you seem ready to try something new. You delight a child or loved one by your willingness to let go and plunge right in. An ordinarily rigid partner actually joins in. Financial tightness is a challenge that's easily met by creativity. Tonight: Let the good times roll.
This week: Creative sparks fly. Answers finally come forward. You whistle as you skate right through work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Everything could feel more difficult than necessary. You are tired, and you need to spend your weekend resting and relaxing. Discussions need to be done quietly and effectively. If you can stay close to the nest, you will be happiest there. Tonight: Order in.
This week: Others are most distracting. In fact, a "work mentality" doesn't even really hit until Thursday. Oh, dear!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Not everyone agrees with your approach or manner. You could be your own worst critic. Loosening up a child or loved one is challenging but worthwhile. At times, you might feel like you are performing a monologue! Tonight: Don't stray far from the neighborhood.
This week: Talk forces you to mull over a decision. If you remain open-minded, you'll come up with an even better idea.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ A friend disappoints you and could actually end up costing you some money. Pull back and think before you make any further commitments. Walking a conservative course feels right, presently. Don't be too social. Take some time to do your taxes. Tonight: Close to home.
This week: Make money; follow through. Make calls. You feel good about yourself. Still, you have a lot of ground to cover.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You're geared for success, but you might irritate an important person in your life. Be careful, before you launch into overdrive. Evaluate the situation first. You might decide to make some changes. Communication proves testy. Tonight: You're in charge!
This week: You beam in what you want on Monday. However, intuition doesn't serve you well. Stay with facts right now.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Actress Annie
5 Is too fond
11 Kind of committee
12 Orange shades
13 Tend
14 Rath-skeller container
15 Under-stands
17 Like some cheeses
18 Ruin
20 "Othello" villain
22 Piercing tool
23 Ambles
26 Pigeon perch
28 Supply with funds
29 Resis-tance to change
31 Yale backer
32 Comfy home
33 Pesky insect
34 Aspirin's target
36 Oscar Madison, for one
38 Singer Frankie
40 Old market
43 Collier
44 Yard trimmer
45 Conduc-tor Previn
46 Mete out

DOWN
1 — de deux
2 Lyric poem
3 Drake's ship
4 Tribe symbol
5 High-lander
6 Uno doubled
7 Stop sign, e.g.
8 Henry James work
9 Historic canal
10 Transmit
16 Command to Spot
18 Noted surrealist
19 Writer Wister
21 Scope
23 Studio sights
24 Kinks song
25 "M*A*S*H" actress
27 Less ex-perienced
30 Roy Orbison's "— Over"
33 "Dead Souls" author
34 — mater
35 First killer
37 Tibetan monk
39 Before, to Byron
41 Old auto
42 Museum fill

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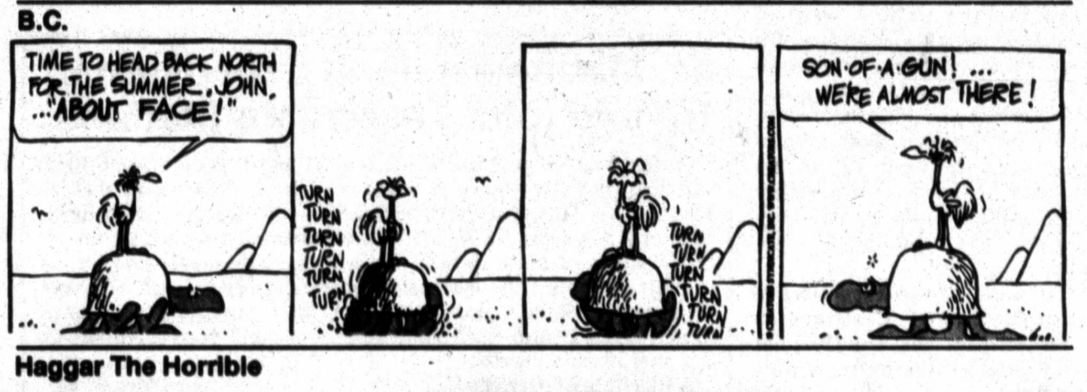
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Marvin



B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

Notebook

BASKETBALL

WHITE DEER — Four White Deer athletes have been named to the All-District 6-2A Basketball Team for 1999-2000.

Suni Jo Petty and Cassie Salzbrenner were named to the girls' all-district team. Jason Ketchum and Nick Ruth were named to the boys' all-district team. Salzbrenner and Ruth are seniors. Petty is a junior and Ketchum a sophomore.

LUBBOCK — Fort Elliott's playoff run came to an end at the hands of Rankin by a 48-40 score last week in the Region 1-1A semifinals.

Reuben De La Paz led Rankin with 17 points.

Curt Smith topped Fort Elliott with 20 points. Nathan Hefley followed with 10.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — With two wins over the San Antonio Spurs in the last five days, the Minnesota Timberwolves have made the NBA's Midwest Division a three-team race.

The Timberwolves defeated the Spurs 108-102 on Thursday night, closing to within 3 1/2 games of San Antonio and the Utah Jazz, tied for the division lead.

Kevin Garnett scored 23 points and had 13 rebounds to lead Minnesota, while Malik Sealy added 20 points. The Timberwolves, who connected on 53 percent of their field-goal attempts on the night, have defeated San Antonio in three of four games this season.

"We had really good execution down the stretch," Minnesota coach Flip Saunders said. "We got the ball in the right guys' hands. Tonight, we played the way we know we need to in order to win. We played aggressive and shared the ball. Shooting that well is almost unheard of at this level anymore and it shows that we are doing a great job of sharing the basketball."

David Robinson scored 24 points to lead San Antonio, which played its fourth consecutive game without injured forward Tim Duncan, sidelined with a lower abdominal strain. The Spurs are 2-2 in those games. Antonio Daniels and Jaren Jackson added 18 points each, with Jackson connecting on six 3-pointers.

"You have to give the guys a lot of credit," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "They competed hard and played a great game. Kevin Garnett changes your dynamics. When you lose a guy like Tim (Duncan) or Malik (Rose) who are big rebounders and defenders, there is more pressure on the small guys to play defense and get rebounds."

Trailing 64-61 early in the third quarter, Minnesota went on a 12-0 run, leading 73-64 on Sealy's dunk with 3:26 to play in the quarter.

San Antonio closed the period with a 6-0 run as Jackson's fifth 3-pointer brought the Spurs to 82-77 after three quarters.

Minnesota held the lead from that point as Joe Smith's jump shot gave the Timberwolves an 86-77 lead with 11 minutes remaining.

"Without Tim Duncan they don't have another big body," Garnett said. "Tim and David together really clog up the paint. When we share the ball and you see one guy with six, seven or eight assists, it shows that we are sharing the basketball."

San Antonio closed to 94-90 on a driving shot by Robinson with 4:45 to play, and to 101-98 on two free throws by Terry Porter with 1:34 remaining. Smith's three-point play gave Minnesota a 104-98 lead with 1:13 remaining and San Antonio got no closer than four after that.

"I tell you what, they saw us coming," Robinson said. "They shot the ball real well both times this week. We are not talking about dunks, we're talking about tough shots."

Optimists name Skinner to girls softball position

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Youth Club recently named Jeff Skinner as a coordinator of the Optimist Baseball Softball 2000 Program, according to Optimist President Monte Covalt.

Skinner, 40, will work with the T-Ball league for five and six-year-old boys and girls, the seven and eight-year-old Beginner (Pitching Machine) League, 9-10 year-old Cal Ripken League, 11-12 year-old Cal Ripken League and the Babe Ruth League for boys 13 to 15 years old. In addition, he will help with the Softball Leagues for girls from age seven to eight, 9 and 10, 11 and 12 and 13-15. Skinner will team with Optimist vice-president Kevin Davis in purchasing baseball and softball equipment and distributing the equipment to an expected 50 baseball and softball teams in the seven leagues.

Last year 620 boys and girls from Pampa, Miami, Lefors and Skellytown participated in Optimist baseball and softball, an increase of 150 from the year before. "We are setting a goal of 700 players this year," Skinner said. "We want to continue to expand our program to serve more young people. We are proud of the nearly 30,000 youngsters who have played Optimist baseball or softball over the 46 years the Optimist Club has been in Pampa.

Skinner said young people should learn about teamwork and sportsmanship so they will be better prepared to face life.

"The young people in the Optimist program have the chance to develop their minds as well as their bodies as they compete in our programs. I believe that thE Optimist Club has some of the finest facilities in the state," Skinner continued. "Baseball and softball will provide a good atmosphere for kids to have fun this summer."

Skinner has been an Optimist member since 1979. He coached baseball, boys' basketball and girls' basketball from 1979 to 1986. He resumed coaching baseball in 1995. He currently coaches football, girls' basketball, boys' basketball and baseball.

The Inventory Control Manager for Titan Specialties, Skinner has been employed by Titan for 21 years. He is a lifetime resident of Pampa.

Skinner is the son of Joe Don and Jane Skinner. He has three children, a daughter, Halei, 11, and twin sons, Heath and Hayden 9.

"I was fortunate growing up to play Optimist baseball from the time I was nine unitl I graduated from high school," Skinner said. "I also played two years of Tiger League Football. I am pleased to help provide other young people the opportunity I had."

Skinner is an usher for the Zion Lutheran Church. He served as General Chairman for the 1998 Children's Shopping Tour and has been on the Steering Committee for that project for two years. He is in his second year on the Board of Directors for the Pampa Optimist Youth Club and is currently Second Vice-President.

Sign-ups for baseball and softball will be held on April 4,5,6 at Optimist Park.The program is available to boys and girls from Pampa, Miami, Lefors, McLean, Groom, White Deer, Skellytown and surrounding communities. Scholarships are available.

Stanford almost unstoppable

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Top-ranked Stanford was virtually unstoppable, even when an overzealous Southern California bench player tried to get in on the action.

Casey Jacobsen had 23 points as Stanford, which has been overwhelming opponents with suffocating defense all season, displayed its offensive might in a 111-68 win Thursday night over the skidding Trojans.

It was the 13th straight win by a double-digit margin for the Cardinal (25-1, 14-1 Pac-10), who lead the nation with an average winning margin of 22.4 points this season. Stanford has won its last six games by an average margin of 30.3 points.

Things got so bad for Southern California late in the first half that Jarvis Turner, in street clothes on the bench, reached out and grabbed Jacobsen's shirt as he dribbled toward the basket.

The resulting technical foul gave Stanford a 54-28 lead with 1:28 left in the first half, and things just got worse for Southern California after that. Trailing 57-30 at halftime, the Trojans fell behind by 44 points midway through the second half.

Jarron Collins added 19 points and 10 rebounds for Stanford, which has only had one higher scoring game in a Pac-10 contest — a double-overtime 116-110 win over UCLA in 1987-88.

The victory, coupled with No. 3 Arizona's 70-69 loss at Oregon State, gave Stanford undisputed possession of first place in the Pac-10 for the first time this season.

David Bluthenthal had 17 points for the Trojans (14-13, 7-8), who have lost seven of eight and are struggling to hold on to hopes of getting an NCAA tournament bid. Stanford fans mocked the visitors with chants of "N-I-T" in the second half.

Canadian boys meet Hale Ctr.

CANADIAN — Canadian meets Hale Center tonight in the Class 2A boys' regional semifinals tonight in Abilene's Moody Coliseum.

Canadian has a 24-8 record while Hale Center is 24-5.

The Wildcats are coming off a 52-36 win over New Deal in the regional quarterfinals.

Cory Pittman topped Canadian in scoring with 14 points. Josh Ellison and Eric Hall added 10 points each.

Unbeaten Tornadoes



(Special photo)

The Topographic Tornadoes won the Under 10 Boys B Division Championship in the High Plains Indoor Soccer League this year in Amarillo.The team went undefeated and outscored their opponents 71-13. Team members are (front row, from left) Mitch Kelley Rusty Snider, Tanner Dyson, Enrique Marquez, Colby Copeland and Ryne Malone; (middle row, from left) Kenny Hightower, Dustin Neef, Lowry Baggett, Chance Reames and Brenden Carpenter. Coaches are (from left) Ed Copeland, Randy Dyson and Cliff Kelley.

Oregon State stuns No. 3 Arizona

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Deaundra Tanner sank a 3-pointer at the overtime buzzer to give Oregon State a stunning 70-69 victory over No. 3 Arizona on Thursday night.

Tanner scored 20 points for the Beavers (13-14, 5-11 Pac-10), who defeated Arizona for the second straight time at home following 17 consecutive losses overall to the Wildcats.

Michael Wright had 20 points and 15 rebounds for the Wildcats (24-5, 13-2), who may have blown their chance at a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

The teams traded turnovers in the final seconds before Arizona's Jason Gardner had his shot blocked by Jason Heide with 14 seconds left.

Tanner rebounded, but on the final possession the ball came loose. Heide wound up with it and dished off to Tanner, who stepped behind the 3-point line and let the shot fly.

With the roar of the crowd, the horn seemed to have sounded before Tanner got the shot off, but replays showed there was 0.2 seconds left when the shot left his hands. After it swished through, the fans poured onto the court. Arizona and coach Lute Olson did not protest.

The teams went to overtime tied at 60, and Gardner sank two straight 3-pointers to start the extra period.

The Beavers climbed back with a layup by Clifton Jones and a 3-pointer by Josh Steinthal that cut it to 66-65 with 2:11 left.

Wright made three free throws in two trips to the line, but his last shot missed, leaving Arizona with a 69-67 lead and setting up the thrilling finish.

Gilbert Arenas and Gardner each had 16 points for the Wildcats, who lost here last year 60-59 when they were ranked No. 9.



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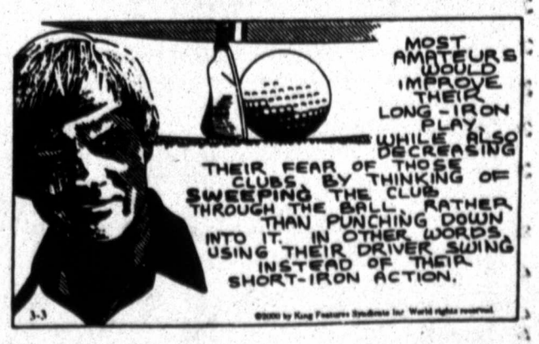
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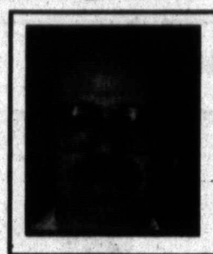


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L. D. Strate
Sports Editor

Girls track. It's the No. 1 sport at Pampa High School.

During the past 15 years, the Lady Harvesters have turned winning into an art form. They've brought home two state championships and close to 300 team trophies since 1985.

In one seven-year stretch they lost only one regular-season meet.

Winning district has become sorta routine.

The Lady Harvesters are looking like world-beaters once again.

Opening the season at the ABC Relay in Frenship, they poured it on the 10-team field by amassing 235 points. Levelland was a distant second with 117.

"The girls did exceptionally well, especially this early in the season with some of the times they had," said PHS coach Mike Lopez. "Our basketball girls have been working out for two weeks and they're not quite in track shape yet. They'll get there."

Local fans can see these talented Lady Harvesters in action this Saturday at the Top of Texas Invitational in Pampa.

Volunteer workers are also needed to assist with this meet.

Call the PHS athletic office at 669-4830 if you're interested.

Back to the ABC Relays.

Of 16 events, the Lady Harvesters won 12 of them.

That's dominating.

Vaughn Evans won both the long jump and 200 and anchored the winning 800 and 400-meter relay teams.

Other winners were Angela Phillips (shot), Emily Hartman (high jump), Ashleigh Patton (triple jump), Rebecca Fatheree (3200), Beth Lee (800), Tandi Morton (100 hurdles), Kristen Stowers (400) and Beth Lee (1600).

The 3200-meter relay team of Beth Lee, Samantha Hurst, Rebecca Fatheree and Vanessa Orr also finished first.

Joining Evans on those other gold-medal relays were Joy Young, Kristen Stowers and Cali Covalt.

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Speaking of track and field, former Pampa standout Barbara Wine is headed for stardom at the University of Memphis.

Wine, a sophomore, placed second in the shot put at the Conference USA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Chicago last month.

Her 14.01 meter toss set a new school record.

Wine begins the outdoor season with the Lady Tigers March 11 at California State University in Los Angeles.

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"Read my lips, no new Texans."

That's my favorite anti-Bush slogan.

Waxahachie beats Bay City to reach 4A finals

AUSTIN (AP) — Kashayla Hawkins scored 29 points and Waxahachie outdueled Bay City and Chandi Jones for a 66-54 victory Thursday night in the girls' Class 4A state semifinals.

Jones had 33 points for Bay City but didn't score in the fourth quarter as Waxahachie pulled away with a 15-4 run over the final period.

Jones and Hawkins provided just about all the offensive punch for both teams. By halftime, Jones had 25 points and Hawkins 21 and both were easily on pace to break the Class 4A 5-on-5 state tournament record of 35 set by Teri Mayfield in 1981.

Jones scored eight in the third quarter but couldn't keep up the blistering pace and resorted to throwing up wild shots as the game wore on. Hawkins, meanwhile, took advantage of a tiring Bay City defense to drive to the basket for easy layups.

Shakayla Hawkins added 15 points for Waxahachie.

Waxahachie (33-3) moves on to Saturday's final against 1999 state finalist Canyon (34-2), an 81-47 winner over Boerne in Thursday's other semifinal.

The loss ended a perfect season for Bay City, which finished 27-1.

Waxahachie 66, Bay City 54

Bay City (27-1)
Jones 13-33 7-10 33, Richardson 2-7 2-4 6, Tipps 4-15 1-3 9, Hebert 0-0 0-0 0, Harris 2-4 0-0 4, Eaton 0-0 0-0 0, Gatson 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 22-80 10-17 54.

Waxahachie (33-3)
Pyburn 2-4 0-3 5, Walker 2-6 3-4 7, Sutton 3-5 1-2 7, K. Hawkins 10-18 6-8 29, S. Hawkins 6-14 2-3 15, Reagor 1-4 1-2 3, Reed 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-51 13-22 66.

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday's Women's Basketball
Major Scores
By The Associated Press
EAST
Delaware 79, Drexel 55
Hartford 56, New Hampshire 54
Northeastern 68, Boston U. 53
Towson 66, Hofstra 50
Vermont 63, Maine 53
SOUTH
Campbell 64, Jacksonville 49
Florida A&M 68, Norfolk St. 56
Hampton 86, Bethune-Cookman 75
Louisiana Tech 114, Louisiana-Lafayette 69
McNeese St. 69, Lamar 42
Mercer 52, Jacksonville St. 45
Nicholls St. 81, SE Louisiana 74
Troy St. 72, Samford 71
MIDWEST
Creighton 66, N. Iowa 59
Drake 91, Bradley 47
Illinois St. 49, S. Illinois 47
Nebraska 80, Missouri 66
Wis.-Green Bay 59, Wright St. 49
Wis.-Milwaukee 71, Butler 57
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 61, Denver 51
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Liberty 67, High Point 49
Big Ten Conference
First Round
Northwestern 68, Iowa 59
Ohio St. 58, Indiana 44
Wisconsin 56, Minnesota 49
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
First Round
Canisius 75, Iona 55
Manhattan 54, Marist 48
Mid-American Conference
Quarterfinals
E. Michigan 88, Miami, Ohio 51
Kent 71, Buffalo 68
Toledo 81, Ball St. 65
W. Michigan 87, Bowling Green 63
Southeastern Conference
First Round
Florida 96, Arkansas 86
Kentucky 67, Alabama 63
Mississippi St. 75, Mississippi 59
Vanderbilt 80, South Carolina 58
Southern Conference
First Round
Davidson 71, Coll. of Charleston 51
Wofford 66, W. Carolina 56
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First Round
Pepperdine 82, Gonzaga 71
Portland 71, St. Mary's, Cal. 65
San Diego 65, Loyola Marymount 62
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PRO BASKETBALL

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	37	21	.638	—
New York	35	21	.625	1
Philadelphia	32	25	.561	4 1/2
Orlando	27	31	.466	10
New Jersey	24	34	.414	13
Boston	23	34	.404	13 1/2
Washington	17	41	.293	20
Central Division				
Indiana	39	18	.684	—
Toronto	31	25	.554	7 1/2
Charlotte	31	26	.544	8
Detroit	28	29	.491	11
Milwaukee	28	30	.483	11 1/2
Cleveland	23	34	.404	16
Atlanta	22	33	.400	16
Chicago	12	44	.214	26 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	36	20	.643	—
San Antonio	37	21	.638	—
Minnesota	33	24	.579	3 1/2
Denver	25	31	.446	11
Dallas	24	33	.421	12 1/2
Houston	23	35	.397	14
Vancouver	18	39	.316	18 1/2
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	47	11	.810	—
Portland	45	12	.789	1 1/2
Phoenix	36	21	.632	10 1/2
Seattle	35	24	.593	12 1/2
Sacramento	32	25	.561	14 1/2
Golden State	16	40	.286	30
L.A. Clippers	12	46	.207	35

Wednesday's Games
Toronto 96, Boston 94
Utah 107, Detroit 94
Washington 102, Atlanta 83
New Jersey 94, Denver 81
L.A. Lakers 103, Vancouver 91
Thursday's Games
Philadelphia 87, Washington 84
Miami 101, Seattle 83
Orlando 104, Charlotte 98
New York 109, Milwaukee 94
New Jersey 103, Dallas 102
Houston 102, Sacramento 99
Minnesota 108, San Antonio 102
Phoenix 118, Indiana 87
Cleveland 114, Chicago 110, OT
Friday's Games
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Portland, 10 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
New Jersey at Houston, 2:30 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Utah at New York, 12:30 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 3 p.m.
Toronto at Vancouver, 3 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Thursday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with LHP Juan Alvarez, RHP Brian Cooper and RHP Ramon Ortiz. Renewed the contracts of 3B Troy Glaus, RHP Al Levine and LHP Scott Schoenweis.
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with OF Trot Nixon, OF Michael Coleman, 1B Dernell Stenson, IF Wilton Veras, IF David Eckstein, RHP Juan Pena, RHP Jason Sekany and LHP Tim Young on one-year contracts.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Brad Rigby, RHP Mac Suzuki, RHP Blake Stein, RHP Ober Moreno, RHP Jose Santiago and LHP Tim Byrdak on one-year contracts.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with RHP Tim Hudson, C A.J. Hinch and OF Ryan Christenson to one-year contracts.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Signed 1B-OF Raul Ibanez, RHP Paul Abbott, RHP Gil Meche and RHP Jose Paniagua.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Esteban Yan. Renewed the contract of 2B Miguel Cairo.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with with OF Ruben Mateo and LHP Matt Perisho on one-year contracts. Renewed the contracts of LHP Mike Venafro, RHP pitcher Danny Kolb and RHP Jeff Zimmerman.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Kelvim Escobar on a one-year contract.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with C Jason LaRue and LHP Heath Murray on one-year contracts. Renewed the contracts of RHP Danny Graves, RHP Scott Williamson, 2B Aaron Boone and 1B Sean Casey.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Antonio Alfonseca, RHP Brian Edmondson, OF Brant Brown, INF Dave Berg, INF Mike Lowell, INF Kevin Millar and C Mike Redmond on one-year contracts.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Eric Gagne, RHP Apostol Garcia, RHP Mike Judd, LHP Onan Masaoka, LHP Jeff Williams, C Paul LoDuca, C Angel Pena, INF Hiram Bocachica, INF Alex Cora and INF Jorge Nunez on one-year contracts.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with OF Geoff Jenkins and C Henry Blanco on one-year contracts.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Agreed to terms with RHP Tony Armas, Jr.; RHP Javier Vasquez, SS Orlando Cabrera, 1B Fernando Seguignol and 2B Jose Vidro on one-year deals. Renewed the contracts of RHP Carl Pavano, RHP Mike Thurman, RHP Mike Johnson and RHP Miguel Batista, and 1B Brad Fullmer.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Cliff Politte, INF Felix Martinez and OF Wendell Magee, Jr.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with C Ben Davis, INF David Newhan, RHP Carlos Almanzar, RHP Will Cunnane, RHP Brian Meadows, RHP Steve Montgomery and LHP Dan Serafini on 2000 contracts.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with RHP Joe Nathan, C Bobby Estalella, C Doug Mirabelli, INF Nelson Castro, INF Ramon Martinez, and OF Armando Rios on one-year contracts.
BASKETBALL
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Released G Reggie Jordan.
FOOTBALL
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed OL Scott Rehberg to a two-year contract.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed LB Marty Moore to a two-year contract. Named Jon Fabris special teams-defensive assistant.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed CB Ryan McNeil.
DENVER BRONCOS—Reassigned Frank Bush, linebackers coach, to coach of the nickel defense and Rick Smith, defensive backfield coach, to a position in the personnel department. Named Larry Coyer linebackers coach and Ron Milus defensive backfield coach.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed DT Jermaine Haley to a three-year contract. Re-signed G John Bock to a one-year contract.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed LB Ron Merckerson. Named Joe Baker special teams and secondary assistant coach.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed LB Mike Barrow.
NEW YORK JETS—Released LB Chad Cascadden.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Re-signed QB Eric Zeier to a three-year contract.
HOCKEY
EDMONTON OILERS—Assigned LW Dan Cleary to Hamilton of the AHL.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled C Eric Boguniecki from Louisville of the AHL.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled G Patrick DesRochers from Springfield of the AHL.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled LW Kyle Freadrich from Detroit of IHL.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Assigned LW Steve Kariya and C Josh Holden to Syracuse of the AHL.

HOCKEY

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	38	20	7	5	88	196	156
Philadelphia	33	19	11	1	78	184	145
Pittsburgh	26	30	8	6	66	189	187
N.Y. Rangers	26	29	10	3	65	183	183
N.Y. Islanders	17	39	8	1	43	147	211
Northeast Division							
	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	34	23	7	3	78	191	168
Ottawa	31	22	11	2	75	185	165
Montreal	27	30	7	3	64	149	149
Buffalo	26	29	10	2	64	163	167
Boston	19	26	17	4	59	163	188
Southeast Division							
	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	35	25	4	5	79	193	157
Washington	33	21	10	1	77	172	153
Carolina	27	29	9	0	63	166	181
Tampa Bay	15	40	7	6	43	159	233
Atlanta	12	45	6	4	34	136	236
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	42	16	6	0	90	200	132
Detroit	36	20	6	1	83	215	166
Nashville	22	36	6	5	55	165	193
Chicago	22	34	7	2	53	181	203
Northwest Division							
	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	25	25	15	6	73	183	170
Colorado	29	27	10	1	69	179	170
Calgary	27	30	7	5	66	170	194
Vancouver	22	30	12	6	62	165	185
Pacific Division							
	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	35	23	6	3	79	156	136
Phoenix	33	23	7	1	74	188	169
Los Angeles	30	26	8	3	71	204	186
San Jose	27	31	8	7	69	182	172
Anaheim	27	28	10	1	65	175	181

Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.
Wednesday's Games
Washington 4, Tampa Bay 2
Florida 3, Toronto 1
Buffalo 3, N.Y. Rangers 3, tie
Montreal 4, Chicago 1
Dallas 2, Philadelphia 0
Calgary 8, Pittsburgh 2
Phoenix 7, Carolina 5
Thursday's Games
Montreal 5, Boston 2
St. Louis 5, Atlanta 2
Ottawa 5, N.Y. Islanders 5, tie
Colorado 5, New Jersey 0
Vancouver 3, Anaheim 1
San Jose 4, Nashville 3
Carolina 5, Los Angeles 2
Friday's Games
Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 1:30 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Colorado, 9 p.m.
New Jersey at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Nashville at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Carolina at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Buffalo at Washington, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Exhibition games begin; World Champions lose to Blue Jays, 9-7

By The Associated Press

John Rocker and Darryl Strawberry weren't the only news at spring training Thursday. Major league teams started playing each other.

The New York Yankees almost opened the exhibition schedule with a big comeback. Down 9-0 with two outs in the ninth inning, the World Series champions scored seven times and brought the tying run to the plate before losing 9-7 to the Toronto Blue Jays at Dunedin, Fla.

"You're yawning for eight innings and all of a sudden you put the other team on the edge of their seat because you're just a short fly ball from tying it up," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Jose Cruz, Alberto Castillo and Andy Thompson homered for the Blue Jays. Raul Mondesi stole a base and scored a run in his first game since being traded from Los Angeles for Shawn Green.

Toronto starter Chris Carpenter, who had season-ending surgery last Sept. 16, pitched three scoreless innings and was the winner.

"Every time I go out on the mound and keep throwing, it feels better and better," he said. "I was excited and had fun."

Yankees starter Jake Westbrook was undone by the Toronto hitters, along with a little anxiety. The 22-year-old rookie, acquired in the December trade that sent Hideki Irabu to Montreal, gave up three runs in three innings and was the loser.

"I was nervous a bit," he said. "Big league hitters, first spring training game for the Yankees. But it was good to be out there, seeing what I could do against their best hitters."

At Kissimmee, Fla., Andres Galarraga played his first game since beating cancer, starting at first base and batting fifth for the Atlanta Braves in an 11-3 win over the University of Georgia.

Galarraga, who sat out all of last season while being treated for his disease, received a standing ovation when he came to bat in the second inning. He grounded sharply to third baseman Andy Neufeld, who made a nice backhanded stop and threw out the runner. The Big Cat left the game after his lone at-bat.

"It was really neat," manager Bobby Cox said. "He looked great. Remember, he hasn't hit in more than a year."

Brian Jordan, Reggie Sanders, Rafael Furcal, Freddy Garcia and Trenidad Hubbard hit wind-aided homers for Atlanta.

Tony Gwynn and the San Diego Padres ended their contract dispute, with the 15-time All-Star getting a $2 million signing bonus in exchange for a one-year option on his contract.

Gwynn, who has spent his entire 19-year career with San Diego, gets the signing bonus added to his $4.3 million salary for this season.

The Padres hold a $6 million option for 2001 that kicks in if Gwynn makes 502 plate appearances this season. If he falls short and the club declines the option, Gwynn will receive a $2 million buyout.

"It's a great feeling to get it done," Gwynn said. "Now let's concentrate on baseball."

At Vero Beach, Fla., negotiations between the Los Angeles Dodgers and third baseman Adrian Beltre were put on hold, with both sides expressing hope that a three-year contract can be worked out.

"We've got big steps to take before it happens," said Beltre's agent, Scott Boras. "If we don't get this thing done by the 10th, I don't think we'll get it done, I really don't."

Beltre, who turns 21 on April 7 and is trying to become a free agent, earned $220,000 last season while hitting .275 with 15 homers, 67 RBIs and 18 stolen bases. While commissioner Bud Selig agreed the Dodgers falsified documents to sign the third baseman before he turned 16, Selig didn't make him a free agent. The union has asked arbitrator Shyam Das to set Beltre free.

Meanwhile, Colorado pitcher Pedro Astacio faces deportation by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service because of his guilty plea to an assault charge.

Astacio received a two-year deferred judgment in January but the federal law considers that the same as a conviction. The INS told KCNC-TV in Denver on Thursday that its case began the plea.

Under federal law, immigrants convicted of domestic violence and other offenses are subject to deportation.

In other games:

Phillies 7, Indians 4

At Winter Haven, Fla., Manny Ramirez, whose contract situation could hang over the Indians all season, hit a two-run homer. Wendell Magee homered and Tomas Perez drove in two runs for the Phillies, who also turned three double plays.

Pirates 5, Manatee CC 2, 7 innings

At Bradenton, Fla., Jason Kendall played in a game for the first time since dislocating his right ankle last July 4 and went 0-for-2. Kendall was the designated hitter, grounding out to shortstop in the first inning and flying out to center field in the second.

Diamondbacks 8, White Sox 3

At Tucson, Ariz., Randy Johnson pitched two scoreless innings and Luis Gonzalez had four RBIs. Gonzalez hit two-run homer off Tanyon Sturtze in a four-run first, added a sacrifice fly in the second and singled home a run in the fourth. Johnson, the Cy Young Award winner last season, gave up one hit and struck out two.

Padres 10, Mariners 5

At Peoria, Ariz., Phil Nevin homered to lead a 14-hit attack. Matt Clement, who finished second among NL rookies in ERA and third in wins last season, pitched two strong innings for the win, allowing only Carlos Guillen's single. John Halama, expected to battle Gil Meche for the fifth spot in the Mariners' rotation, gave up three runs and four hits in one inning.

Brewers 12, Athletics 12, 11 innings

At Phoenix, Ben Grieve hit a three-run homer during a four-run eighth inning for Oakland and teammate Eric Chavez had a solo shot earlier in the game. Damon Hollins snapped an 11-all tie in ninth when he homered off Jon Ratliff. he A's evened the score in their half of the ninth on an RBI single by Bo Porter.

Twins 9, Red Sox 3

At Fort Myers, Fla., Brad Radke, the subject of trade rumors, won his first start this spring and Matt LeCroy homered.

Troy O'Leary hit a three-run homer in his first at bat of spring training for Boston, but Tim Wakefield allowed five runs in 2 2-3 innings.

Rockets defeat slumping Sacramento

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite scoring a career-high 16 points, it was just another game for Moochie Norris.

"This one is over. I'll be in the gym tomorrow working out like always," Norris said after helping Houston to a 102-99 victory over the Sacramento Kings Thursday night.

"I always approach the game the same way. I come off the bench to help the team and I always have to be ready," Norris added.

"Moochie was fantastic. He plays the boards, did some good passing and he hit the big 3. He is a great addition," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said.

Norris, who signed with Houston for the rest of the season Monday after playing on two 10-day contracts, has played parts of two seasons in the NBA and parts of four seasons in the CBA.

The loss was Sacramento's sixth straight on the road and its seventh loss in the last nine games.

"This has been the story for us the last couple of weeks. We get behind too much too early and have to play catch up," Sacramento's Chris Webber said.

"We are going to stay positive and we will turn things around," Webber added.

Cuttino Mobley led Houston with 22 points, 10 in the fourth period. Shandon Anderson had 19 points and Steve Francis 17.

Webber led Sacramento with 29, Jon Barry added 19, Nick Anderson 14 and Tony Delk 12.

Sacramento took its first lead since the first quarter when Webber and Predrag Stojakovic scored to give the Kings an 82-78 lead with 6:44 left.

Houston came right back on 3-pointers by Francis and Mobley to tie it 84-84 with 4:51 left.

With the score 88-88, Norris hit a 3-pointer, followed by Mobley's basket and a free throw to give Houston a 94-88 advantage. Mobley added two free throws with 1:01 remaining to put the Rockets ahead 96-91.

Nick Anderson's 3-pointer cut Houston's lead to 96-94 with 52 seconds left, before two free throws each by Francis and Norris gave Houston a 100-96 lead.

After a 3-pointer by Webber, Francis hit two free throws with five seconds left to seal the victory.

After trailing 59-47 at the half, Sacramento came to life in the third behind Barry's play off the bench. Barry had 10 third-quarter points as the Kings pulled to 75-73 going into the final period.

Authorities question 17-year-old hacker in attacks on sites

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police said Thursday they questioned a self-proclaimed teen-age hacker known on the Internet as "coolio," one of the monikers the FBI suspects may have been involved in last month's sensational attacks against major Web sites.

Federal agents have seized the youth's computer and federal prosecutors are weighing whether to charge him with computer crimes unrelated to the attacks that overwhelmed those Web sites, a federal law enforcement official in Washington said.

The 17-year-old, who lives in New Hampshire, acknowledged to police that he had hacked into 100 Web sites, including one based in Los Angeles.

The teen made his claims when he was being questioned by Los Angeles police, LAPD Officer Joe Buscaino said Thursday. Federal prosecutors planned to meet with New Hampshire prosecutors Friday to discuss charges.

Last month, Justice Department officials identified "coolio" as one of several hackers, known only by their monikers, sought in connection with the string of attacks on popular Web sites.

Federal investigators believe, however, that the New Hampshire youth is only one of a number of people who have used the screen name coolio.

Federal prosecutors are considering charging the New England youth with some computer crimes other than February's denial of service attacks. These charges would be based on data found by agents in the youth's seized computer.

But the federal law enforcement official, who discussed the case only on condition of anonymity, said the youth has not been arrested by federal agents and no arrest of him is imminent.

In New Hampshire, Attorney General Philip McLaughlin would not name the vandal, nor his age nor home town.

"My office and prosecutors have been cooperating with the Department of Justice and FBI since shortly after events of couple weeks ago," McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin said no one has been arrested and would not comment if others were suspected.

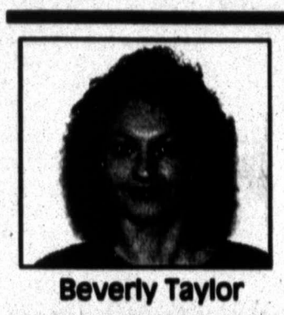
Feds seek advice from infamous computer hacker

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government that imprisoned the world's most infamous computer hacker for nearly five years sought his advice Thursday about how to keep its own networks safe from intruders.

Just weeks after his release from federal prison, an animated Kevin Mitnick advised senators against focusing too much on technical protections at the expense of simpler safeguards — such as making sure a company receptionist does not disclose passwords to sensitive systems.

Mitnick, 36, warned lawmakers about his favored technique of "social engineering," or deceiving others into believing he could be trusted. He told of duped victims at major corporations volunteering their passwords and even sending him secret software blueprints.

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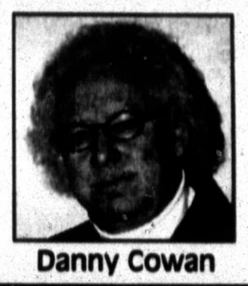


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The residence of the Independent Executrix is in Garfield County, Colorado. The post office address is: P.O. Box 110, Silt, Colorado 81642. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 28th day of February, 2000.

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ORDINANCE NO. 1346

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS, AMENDING SEC. 15.5-26(b) AND SEC. 16.5-110 OF CHAPTER 16.5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE SIZE OF POLITICAL SIGNS AND TIME FRAME FOR REMOVAL; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS:

Section 1.

That Sec. 16.5-26(b) of Chapter 16.5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pampa, Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"(b) Temporary political signs concerning candidates for public office and ballot issues and not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area. Such signs shall be erected no earlier than sixty (60) days prior to an election or referendum and removed no later than seven (7) days after the election or referendum."

Section 2.

That Sec. 16.5-111 of Chapter 16.5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pampa, Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 16.5-111. Removal.Political signs shall be removed by the property owner within seven (7) days following the election or activity for which such sign was intended."

Section 3.

This ordinance shall be published as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED on its first reading this 22nd day of February, 2000.

PASSED AND APPROVED on its second and final reading and ordered published this the 223rd day of February, 2000.

CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS
By: Robert L. Neslage, Mayor

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Another worry for aging baby boomers; effects of marijuana smoking on hearts

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Boomers pushing into their 50s probably should add another item to their list of things to worry about: The effect of marijuana on their hearts.

A study released Thursday documents for the first time that smoking pot increases the risk of a heart attack.

The chance of keeling over from a single joint is tiny, just as no one dies from one cigarette. But the cumulative effect on large numbers of 1960s children taking their pot habit into middle age could be significant.

"With baby boomers aging, more people in (their) 40s and 50s are smoking marijuana than in prior generations," said Dr. Murray Mittleman of the Harvard School of Public Health and Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. "The risk of coronary artery disease increases with age. Whether this will emerge as a public health problem remains to be seen."

Mittleman presented the data at a conference in San Diego of the American Heart Association.

The study found that the risk of a heart attack is five times higher than usual in the hour after smoking a joint.

To put this into perspective, many things can trigger a heart attack, including just climbing out of bed in the morning. The researchers said that for someone in good shape, marijuana is about twice as risky as exercising or having sex.

The researchers questioned 3,882 heart attack victims — men and women — at 62 locations across the country about their habits and found that 124 were marijuana users. While pot was uncommon among the elderly heart patients, 13 percent of those under age 50 said they smoke it.

Among those questioned, 37 had their heart attacks within a day of using marijuana, including nine within an hour afterward.

The researchers calculated that someone's risk of a heart attack is five times higher during the hour after using marijuana. After an hour, the risk falls to twice normal. It soon returns to the usual level.

Whether a fivefold increase is a worry depends on whether someone has other risk factors, such as high blood pressure or diabetes. The increased risk is probably insignificant for a 20-year-old, whose chance of a heart attack is vanishingly small anyway.

"With baby boomers aging, more people in 40s and 50s are smoking marijuana than in prior generations," Mittleman said. "The risk of coronary artery disease increases with age. Whether this will emerge as a public health problem remains to be seen."

In any case, the risk of a heart attack from any single session of marijuana smoking is likely to be low. Mittleman said that for an otherwise healthy 50-year-old man, it is about 10 in 1 million.

Marijuana typically makes the heart speed up by about 40 beats a minute. Whether this is how it contributes to heart attacks is unclear. Mittleman noted that while marijuana doesn't contain nicotine, the smoke is otherwise similar to cigarette smoke.

In general, the marijuana smokers in the study were more likely than other heart attack victims to be overweight and sedentary, but they were less apt to have diabetes, high blood pressure or badly clogged arteries.

"My advice on marijuana is, 'Don't,'" said Dr. Lynn Smaha of Sayre, Pa., president of the heart association. "If they have heart disease, I'd tell patients they are playing a dangerous game if they smoke marijuana."

Mittleman said the possibility of triggering a heart attack should be considered when deciding whether to smoke marijuana for medicinal purposes, such as to relieve the nausea of chemotherapy.

Chuck Thomas of the Washington-based Medical Marijuana Policy Group, which advocates legalizing pot for medical treatment, noted that many prescription drugs can also have dangerous side effects.

"If someone has such a bad heart that they can't run upstairs, they probably should not smoke marijuana, either," he said. "But that decision should be left up to a doctor and not the criminal justice system."

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As first census forms get delivered, problem is to get them returned

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the first big run of census forms landing on doorsteps across America today, Census Bureau director Kenneth Prewitt is more worried about how he'll get those forms back.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Prewitt says the bureau has tried nearly everything to get people to fulfill their "civic duty" and return filled-out forms. That includes participating in a Mass for the census beamed to 8 million Catholics nationwide, speaking to undocumented workers in Texas to ensure their information would not be turned over to authorities, and even inserting "fill-out-your-form" messages inside fortune cookies in Florida.

The more forms turned in, the more accurate the results are, and the results will show that the American population is on its way to becoming a "microcosm of the entire world," he said.

"It drives big money, power, reapportionment, redistricting, and private investment. It has consequences," Prewitt said. "You have to make a proactive statement that you care enough about your country, yourself and your community to fill out the form and send it back in."

The challenge, he concedes, is to overcome the public's increased apathy and concerns over confidentiality.

Mail response rates declined from 78 percent of households in 1970 to 70 percent in 1980 and 65 percent in 1990. Census officials estimate it will dip to 61 percent this year.

The first forms were being hand-delivered to rural households. The bureau is trying a number of new things this year, including a $167 million advertising campaign, to get more of those forms back.

Other census novelties in 2000 include allowing people to answer surveys over the Internet, and getting 90,000 "community partners" like pastors, schoolteachers and community activists to help spread the message.

Even mayors like Dennis Archer in Detroit, Richard Riordan in Los Angeles and Rudolph Giuliani in New York are taking lead roles to attach a familiar, assuring face to relay the message, Prewitt notes.

"There are more people on the move, more people in irregular housing, a higher percentage of foreign born and more disinterest, more cynicism, more disengagement," Prewitt said. "So if we can actually turn it around, I think it will be a serious and big story."

He is so confident, in fact, that he wagered a pessimistic friend $25 that the response rate will go up. "And the check goes to a charity," he joked.

The Census Bureau already has forecast that the number of foreign-born will more than double between now and 2050, from 26 million to 53.8 million.

To account for the diversity, this year's census allows people to indicate if they are of more than one race or ethnicity.

Opponents charge that may water down the power of minority groups because those who consider themselves multiracial will not be statistically counted as, for instance black and white, but be placed in a separate multiracial category.

"The country is turning a corner in terms of how it's going to deal with itself along racial categories, and the Census Bureau is simply a reflection of that," Prewitt said. "The people who have that as their experience don't want to be ignored."

Prewitt said this year's census has become the most scrutinized and politicized ever. Census data is used for redrawing political boundaries as well as redistributing billions of dollars in federal funds.

The Census Bureau must compile two sets of data — one from raw numbers, a second that is statistically sampled — for release to the states.

A 1999 Supreme Count decision mandated that the federal government use non-sampled data for the purposes of redistributing aid. States will determine which set of numbers to use for drawing new political lines.

Census officials estimate 1.6 percent of the population, mostly minorities and inner-city residents who tend to vote Democratic were undercounted in 1990, and Prewitt said sampling methods provide more accuracy. Republicans fearing unfavorable redrawings of district lines oppose sampling.

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