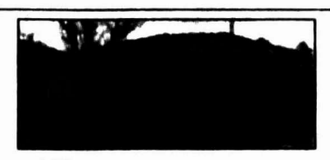
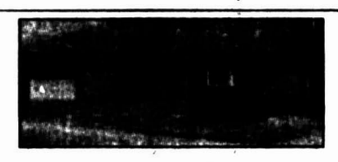
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One dies in late-night shooting

Officers search for missing gun

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Police continue to scour a residential neighborhood near Travis Elementary School today in search of a weapon apparently discarded in the wake of a shooting that left a 22-year-old man dead.

Details of just how the Sunday night shooting occurred at 2217 N. Christy "are being sorted out," said Police Chief Charlie Morris who confirmed the hunt for the missing gun is under way.

Dustin Wade Stone, 22, of Logan, New Mexico, collapsed inside and near the front entrance to the home after he was shot in the head, Morris said. Stone was taken by Rural/Metro Ambulance to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where he was pronounced dead at 2:25 a.m. today.

Arrested was Gregory K. Lang, 31, 2217 N. Christy, who was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and Clayton Marshal Johnson, 36, 1441 N. Charles, who is charged with burglary of a habitation. Bonds had not been set by press time.

Officers recovered a number of firearms and knives at the residence, Chief Morris said.

District Attorney Rick Roach said he had not yet run Lang's criminal history but said that Johnson had been out on bond on a charge of aggravated assault.

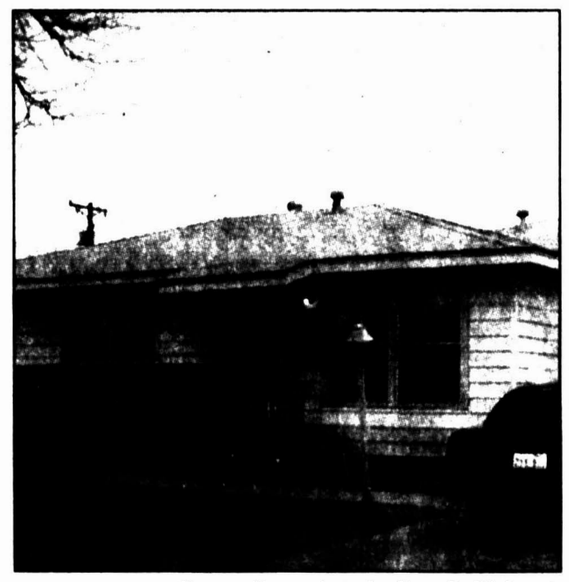
Roach said he was notified of the incident after 3 a.m. this morning when Potter County authorities called and asked him to authorize for Gray County an autopsy on Stone's body. The autopsy was to be performed in Lubbock.

No one has been charged with shooting Stone and the chief said, "there are some conflicting stories" that detectives hope to sort out through interviews scheduled today.

Asked about Stone's background, the chief said, "he's still somewhat of a mystery to us – he's been here a while but we don't think for very long."

Investigators reached Stone's mother in Missouri

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(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)
All seems quiet today at scene of a fatal shooting last night at 2217 N. Christy.

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Dialup or dedicated, 56K, ISDN, T-1, and high speed wireless DSL

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LOCAL

Cable cut again

It's happened again. A fiber optic cable between Pampa and Borger was cut about 11:20 a.m. today knocking out 9-1-1 and long distance telephone service in the area, said a Southwestern Bell spokesman in Pampa.

"We don't know who (cut it) or where (the cut is)," the spokesman said, adding, "we have people out working on it."

The spokesman noted that signs mark where the cable is buried and anyone digging in the area is supposed to call first so the cables won't be cut or damaged.

STATE

Nine arrested after getting pot by mail

BLOOMFIELD, Mo. (AP) — A package of marijuana addressed to a southeast Missouri home and intercepted in Texas led to the arrest of nine people on drug charges.

The Texas Department of Public Safety and the Drug Enforcement Administration executed a search warrant for the package in McAllen, Texas, and found it contained about 3 pounds of marijuana, officials with the Stoddard County, Mo., Sheriff's Department said Sunday.

DEATHS

Jo Ann Berry, 62, sister of Pampan.

Ruth Ann Ely Black, 58, homemaker.

Darwin D. Canaday, 86, retired engineer.

Earl Denzel Meeker, 85, instrument technician.

Florence Marié Noel Ponds, 95, homemaker.

Jack Lewis Sargent, 80, services pending.

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Man, 27, facing robbery charges

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

A 27-year-old man remained in Carson County Jail this morning with aggravated robbery charges pending against him.

Several law enforcement agencies in both Oklahoma and Texas are conducting investigations today to determine if he will face charges for several robberies on a path from Ada, Okla., to Groom.

Shane Lynn Scott, 27, of Ada, Okla., was arrested in a wheat pasture about 8 a.m. Monday morning in Carson County following a series a robberies in El Reno, Okla., Shamrock and Groom.

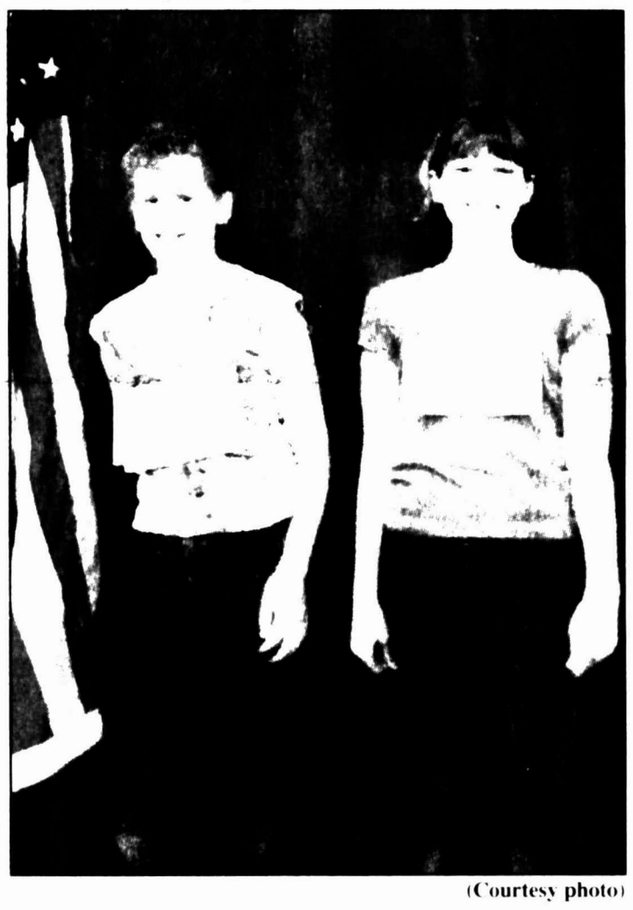
Law enforcement in two states searched for Scott as a teletype was received by several area agencies describing him as possibly suicidal and driving a black pickup.

"We received a report of a robbery at the Domino Express, which is a Texaco station here, about 2:30 a.m. today," said Captain Fred Savage of the El Reno, Okla., Police Department.

Reports indicate the robber

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Champ speller


(Courtesy photo)

The Gray County Spelling Bee was held on Friday, March 8 at Pampa Middle School. Contestants from seven schools competed for the title of Gray County Spelling Bee Champion. Winners of the Gray County Spelling Bee were: champion - Jacquline Gray, Wilson Elementary; runner up - Courtney Linn, Austin Elementary. The Regional Spelling Bee will be held at WTAMU in Canyon on April 6. The champion will have lunch on the campus and then the Spelling Bee will be held in Mary Moody Northen Concert Hall, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free. Winner of the Regional Spelling Bee will compete in The National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. on May 26.

Remember...

Sept. 11 – six months later

NEW YORK (AP) – Silence fell on ground zero Monday morning, six months after hijacked jetliners obliterated two of the world's tallest buildings. The thousands who died that day "would want us to lift up our heads very, very high," said the city's former mayor.

Twice — at 8:46 a.m. and 9:03 a.m. — mourners near the ruins of the World Trade Center observed moments of silence, marking the precise times when the planes crashed into the towers.

"The time between the first and second plane is just a brief moment in our lives," Mayor Michael Bloomberg told a crowd of several hundred who gathered at Battery Park, just blocks from ground zero. "We have to go on and we will go on ... We cannot let our guard down ever again. We must remember."

Bloomberg asked those gathered to "look into your hearts to remember those that are no longer with us and also to think about how we can go forward, never forget those that we lost, but also to build the kind of future that they will want for all of us."

His predecessor, Rudolph Giuliani, said we must look to

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Prect. 9 voters to go to Wilson

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Precinct Nine Republican primary polling place has been changed from the North Fire Station to Wilson Elementary School, according to Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne.

Winborne said this morning the polling place for Tuesday's Republican primary election has been changed to Wilson because the school is more accessible and there are more parking places available for the voters.

Early voting by appearance was completed Friday for the Tuesday election. She said 862 voters cast ballots in the Republican primary and 101 voted in the Democratic primary.

Indications are there will be a strong turnout at the polls as Winborne said the early voting totals are up 400 bal-

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Appraisal: Travel trailers worth $3.9 million

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

About 650 travel trailer owners in the Gray County Appraisal District can expect to receive appraised value notices in the mail in the next week or so, said Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley. In all, the total "fair market value" of trailers in the district is $3.9 million.

The never-before-taxed trailers are being taxed under terms of a constitutional amendment that Texas voters approved last November. It became effective Jan. 1, and applies only to travel trailers, not motor homes.

There has been a statewide uproar over the tax and its backers say they didn't mean for the legislation to have the result it did.

The 12-word proposition before voters apparently called for an exemption for the trailers, a popular mode of housing for senior citizens who annually migrate from the chilly North and Canada. Winter Texans are viewed as a crucial part of the South Texas economy.

The new law labels trailers as taxable, while before it said nothing about them. The law now calls for the new property tax to be mandatory in school districts, according to the legislation. Other entities, such as cities, counties and water districts may vote not to charge the tax.

In the Gray County district, both the Pampa and county commissions have voted not to impose the tax. Bagley said he's been told by the water district and smaller cities that they'll do the same.

But to get those exemptions, Bagley stressed that travel trailer owners must fill out and file with his office a form asking for the exemption. The form must be filed each year. The appraisal district office is at 815 N. Sumner.

"Please stress that the form has to be completed and in our office by April 30," Bagley told a reporter. If the forms

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Bagley says he'll abide by law

Political efforts to stop imposition of Amendment 14 – the travel trailer tax – continue but Pat Bagley, chief appraiser of the Gray County Appraisal District said the tax is law like it or not.

"Everybody agrees the end result didn't come out very smart," Bagley said of the tax. "But like I said before, we can't pick and choose what laws we'll abide by."

Last week, a copy of a draft letter by Gov. Rick Perry's office on the subject surfaced after it was sent to some lawmakers and others whose opinions were sought. Bagley said he's seen a copy and said he's heard the letter may not be sent after all.

In it, Perry's office seeks to undo the damage of Amendment 14 that codified, instead of prevented, a travel trailer property tax, according to The Associated Press. Perry signed the enabling legislation into law putting the issue on the ballot that voters subsequently approved.

"We ask that you consult with your legal counsel and refrain from taxing travel trailers before the Legislature clarifies the issue next session," the letter states, adding that any taxes that are collected may need to be refunded.

But some in the statehouse, The AP said, worry the letter gets into a murky area by advising a law that's on the books be sidestepped.

"The governor's proposition effectively asks local officials to ignore the law," House Speaker Pete Laney said. "We believe that is inappropriate, even though the effect of this legislation was unintended."

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

BERRY, Jo Ann — 10:30 a.m., Martin Funeral Home Chapel, Elk City, Okla.

BLACK, Ruth Ann Ely — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

CANADAY, Darwin Dayton — 2 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Pampa.

JACK LEWIS SARGENT

Jack Lewis Sargent, 80, of Pampa, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, in Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

RUTH ANN ELY BLACK

1943-2002



Ruth Ann Ely Black, 58, of Pampa, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday at the Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. J.C. Burt, pastor of Barrett Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Black was born March 25, 1943, in Duncan, Okla., where she attended school. She had been a resident of Oklahoma City from 1964 until 1998 when she moved to Pampa.

She was retired from the State of Oklahoma Tax Commission after 24 years of service.

She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Black, in 1965; and her father, Cecil Ely, in 1980.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Rebekah and Raymond Nunn of Pampa; a son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Nancy Black of Del City, Okla.; her mother, Wanda Davis of Pampa; three sisters, Gloria Brown of Pampa, Jean Martin Hand of Shawnee, Okla., and Barbara Phillips of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 10 grandchildren, Chasity, Jennifer, Levi, Rachal, Lindsey, Lauren, Jammey, Joseph, Heather and Kennith; a great-granddaughter, Daesha; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Barrett Baptist Church Vision Fund, P.O. Box 2883, Pampa, TX 79066-2883.

FLORENCE MARIE NOEL PONDS

1907-2002



Florence Marie Noel Ponds, 95, of Pampa, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor at Central Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Ponds was born March 5, 1907, at Claude, Texas, to A.H. and Mattie Holliman Elliot. She married Jim Ponds in 1973, he preceded her in death in 1982. She was a homemaker who loved hats and crocheting.

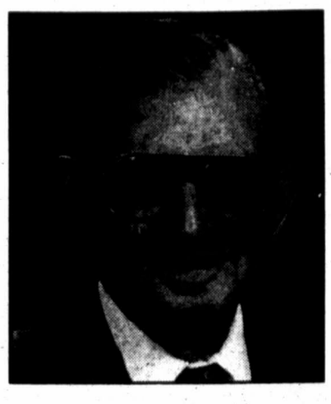
Throughout her life her favorite treat was coffee. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, two brothers; a son, Roy B. Noel who died in World War II, a granddaughter, Bobbie Noel and her husband James Gilbert Ponds.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry and Mary Noel of Pampa and Jim L. Noel of Blanchard, Okla.; a daughter, Dorothy M. Hammons of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

EARL DENZEL MEEKER

1916-2002



Earl Denzel Meeker, 85, of Pampa, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial with the Rev. Roy King, associate pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairlawn Cemetery at 2 p.m., Thursday in Stillwater, Okla., with Dr. Bill Inglish, pastor of First Christian Church in Stillwater, Okla., officiating.

Mr. Meeker was born Sept. 15, 1916, at Independence, Kan., to George and Bessie Meeker. He has been a resident of Pampa since 1966. He married Jean Barton on Sept. 13, 1942, at Stillwater, Okla.

He worked for Kerr-McGee as an instrument technician for 40 years.

He was a member of the First Christian Church, Panhandle Camping Club, Good Samaritan, Junior Rifle Club in Oklahoma, Boy Scouts and was director of Cushing Youth Center.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Molly Ann and H.L. Vanmetre of Spring, Texas; a sister, Helen May Stamps of Jasper, Texas; a brother, George Delbert Meeker of Spring Dale, Ark.; and a grandson, Ryan Michael Vanmetre of Spring, Texas.

The family requests memorials be to the Good Samaritan Christian Services.

JO ANN BERRY

1939-2002

ELK CITY, Okla. — Jo Ann Berry, 62, sister of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, March 9, 2002. Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday in Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Curtis Southwood officiating. Interment will follow in Fairlawn Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Martin Funeral Home of Elk City.

Mrs. Berry was born May 31, 1939, at Wilson, Okla., to Virgil and Oma Dee (Stanley) Lewallen. She attended Wilson and Barnsdall schools prior to moving with her family to Elk City where she continued her education. She married J.W. Berry on March 7, 1957, at Wheeler, Texas, and she and her husband made their home in Elk City.

She worked for Sonic Corporation for 35 years and belonged to Main Street Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Survivors include her husband of 45 years, J.W., of the home; two daughters, Connie Jo Streater of Wewoka, Okla., and Regina Kay Savage of Wichita, Kan.; her mother, Oma Dee Lewallen of Elk City; seven brothers and sisters, Yvonne Wilson, Gene Lewallen, Johnny Lewallen and Randy Lewallen, all of Elk City, Carolyn Sue Eggleston of Pampa, Charles Lewallen of Canton, Okla., and Terry Lewallen of Wheeler; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

DARWIN DAYTON CANADAY

1915-2002

Darwin Dayton Canaday, 86, of Pampa, died Sunday, March 10, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop Dean Looper, bishop of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints' Pampa ward, and Bob Wood officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Canaday was born Sept. 17, 1915, in Major County, Okla. He married Ruth Condo on Dec. 23, 1938, at Arnett, Okla. He worked as an engineer for Railway Ice Company in Waynoka, Okla., 18 years prior to moving to Pampa in 1961 with Santa Fe Railroad.

In 1962, he went to work as caretaker at Memory Gardens Cemetery. He retired in 1980 after 18 years of service.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Joveta Gay Collier, in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, of the home; five daughters, Bonita Musick of Lefors, Loretta Tice and Dorthie Getman, both of Dumas, Roberta McVety of Durant, Okla., and Edith Martin of Pampa; two sons, Lee Canaday and Bill Canaday, both of Pampa; 28 grandchildren; and 49 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 705 N. Dwight and requests memorials be to BSA Hospice of Pampa, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa TX 79065.

ON RECORD

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, March 8

Simple assault with no injuries was reported in the 800 block of North Frost.

A report was taken with regard to juveniles threatening destruction to Pampa Middle School.

Cecilio Sosa Vargas, 35, 405 Hughes, assault causing bodily injury/family violence and interference with emergency call.

Saturday, March 9

Jimmy Dale Atwood, 21, 419 Carr, grand jury indictment/burglary of a habitation.

Gary Wayne Jernigan, 35, 1237 Duncan, driving while intoxicated/first offense.

A theft under $50 was reported at Wal-Mart, 2225 N. Hobart.

Stalking information was taken with regard to a person saying she was followed in the 1200 block of North Hobart by a person wearing a mask.

Domestic violence/assault by threat was reported in the 1100 block of West Seneca.

Criminal mischief was reported at Somerville and Sumner where a witness saw two streets signs removed by someone in a black Ford extended cab pickup. The truck had the word "Sport" written in red on the back fenders.

Assault/domestic violence was reported in the 1200 block of East Francis.

A burglary was reported at Coney Island, 114 W. Foster, after two bricks where thrown through the window. A cash register and money bags were taken. The loss was valued at $1,451.

Unlawful use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Sumner; the vehicle was recovered at Huff and Crawford.

Sunday, March 10

Timothy Dewayne Fields, 23, 1108 Varnon Drive, evading arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Assault with minor injuries was reported in the 500 block of Yeager.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 400 block of North Dwight; subject entered house without consent and left.

Reckless damage was reported at 1100 S. Neel where a chain link fence was damaged.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 900 block of East Francis.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 700 block of West Buckler.

Two juveniles were taken into custody at Kentucky and Mary Ellen for probation violations.

Beer valued at $23.98 was reported taken at Allsups, 1025 W. Wilks.

Domestic assault with minor injuries was reported in the 900 block of South Nelson.

A plastic bag containing an unknown white powdery substance was found in the 400 block of Carr.

A man's wallet and contents were reported stolen.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, March 8

10:44 a.m. – Two units and four firefighters responded to a grass fire at U.S. 60 and Gray 5. Two piles of discarded items were reported burned.

11:20 a.m. – Two units and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Duncan and Kentucky streets.

1:55 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a rekindle of the fire at U.S. 60 and Gray 5.

2:37 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a power line arcing in the alley behind the 100 block of South Faulkner.

7:13 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire on Texas 152 between Gray 3 and Gray 4.

7:43 p.m. – Three units and five firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 1300 block of East Browning. A detached garage on vacant property at 1308 E. Browning owned by June Thomas was fully involved when firefighters arrived.

Saturday, March 9

2:29 p.m. – Four units and eight firefighters responded to a structure fire at 1013 E. Darby. The fire apparently started in the sofa in the living room. Fire damage was contained to the living room, with the remainder of the house sustaining smoke and heat damage. Estimated loss was $20,000. No injuries were reported. Brenda Angel was listed as the occupant and Lendall Drake as owner.

4:56 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a fire report in the 500 block of Tignor. It was a controlled burn.

Sunday, March 10

8:17 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Somerville and Hobart streets.

8:51 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1900 block of Russell.

11:15 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2200 block of North Christy.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, March 10

3:06 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

10:20 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Nelson and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, March 11

1:25 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Frederic and transported one to PRMC.

9:40 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of North Gray and transported one to PRMC.

10:04 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East 25th and transported one to PRMC.

5:25 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of West Kingsmill; no transport.

8:11 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Somerville and Hobart; no transport.

8:46 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Russell; no transport.

11:01 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of North Christy and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrest during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, March 9

Gameres Salazar, 39, 1133 Duncan, arrested on warrants for animal at large, no insurance, driving with license suspended, no driver's license, no insurance, failure to appear and driving with license suspended.

STOCKS

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

Wheat	2.36
Milo	3.20
Corn	3.42
Soybeans	3.76

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

Occidental	28.22	+0.23
Fidelity Mageln	104.11	-0.56
Puritan	17.99	-0.15

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

BP	52.04	+0.86
Celanese	19.75	-0.85
Cabot Corp.	35.36	-0.24
Cabot Oil Gas	22.23	+0.13
Coca Cola	47.58	+0.27
VLO	45.45	-0.02
Halliburton	17.30	+0.10
Triad Hospitals	31.04	-0.11
NOI	23.51	+0.46
KMI	47.02	+0.14
XCEL	25.41	-0.04
Kerr McGee	59.23	+0.93
Limited	17.63	-0.27
Williams	22.27	-0.56
McDonald's	28.00	+0.09
Exxon Mobil	43.46	+0.55
Atmos	22.97	-0.23
Pioneer Nat.	21.20	+0.47
Penney's	21.57	+0.70
Phillips	61.01	+0.45
SLB	58.50	+0.36
Tenneco	3.90	+0.40
CVX	88.91	+1.26
Wal-Mart	62.25	-0.27
OKE	19.61	+0.23

New York Gold	287.75
Silver	4.55
West Texas Crude	23.84

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is partly cloudy and windy with highs 65 to 70 and southwest winds 15 to 25 mph, becoming west and then north, increasing to 20 to 30 mph with gusts to around 40 mph. Caution advised on area lakes. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 35 to 40. North winds 15 to 20 mph becoming northwest 5 to 10 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 40.

STATEWIDE

Showers and thunderstorms developed in Central Texas overnight, with some rainfall moving into northern sections of the state.

The storm system that developed near Waco will continue moving northeast. It was forecast to enter Oklahoma later Monday.

High clouds covered large portions of West Texas from the Big Bend to the panhandle. Low cloudiness moved across East Texas.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from 33 degrees at Muleshoe to 51 at El Paso and the upper 50s in the Rio Grande Valley.

Winds were mostly southerly to southwesterly at 5 to 15 mph. They will continue to draw warm and moist air northward from the Gulf of Mexico.

An upper-level storm system will bring a chance of showers and thunderstorms to the eastern two-thirds of the state.

It should be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, ending early Tuesday morning. A slight warming trend should occur Tuesday.

Daytime highs through Wednesday should range from the 60s to 70s, except for 50s in the mountains and upper 80s along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight were expected in the 30s to upper 40s.

City Briefs

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

ALL WINTER Clothing, $1 per item. Tralee Re-Sale Shop, 308 S. Cuyler.

NEW GARDEN Center at Bartlett's Ace Hdwe, 500 W. Brown. Beautiful, early spring plants just arrived.

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VOTERS

lots over the 2000 election which was also a presidential election year.

She said there were 30 more early voters this year than in 1998.

In the Republican primary, two county commission races are contested as well as two Justice of the Peace, County Treasurer, County Judge and Inspector of Hides and Animals.

A non-binding referendum will be on Republican primary ballots. The referendum is whether or not legislation should be enacted concerning religious speech and schools.

Three candidates are in the contested county treasurer's race. If a run-off is needed, it will be on April 9.

While several candidates are on the Democratic primary ballot, none of the races are contested. The winners in each party will meet in the November general election.

A hotly contested governor's race between Tony Sanchez and Dan Morales highlights the Democrat primary. Two other candidates, John World Peace and Bill Lyon, are in the race, but are not expected to be contenders for the nomination.

The United States Senator position on the Democrat ballot is also a highly contended race. Ron Kirk, Victor Morales, Ken Bentsen, Ed Cunningham and Gene Kelly are on the ballot. Cunningham, a Fritch native, withdrew from the race about 10 days ago and asked his supporters to vote for Kirk.

Gray County has 15,173 registered voters while there are 12,598 in Pampa.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. for the Tuesday elections, and will close at 7 p.m.

A list of the polling places was in Sunday's edition of *The Pampa News* on page 21. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the county clerk's office at 669-8004.

Spelling bee competitors



(Courtesy photo)

The Gray County Spelling Bee was held on Friday, March 8 at Pampa Middle School. Contestants from seven schools competed for the title of Gray County Spelling Bee Champion. The contestants were: front row – Jon-Nathan Stewart, Leah Wilson, Russel Bradley, Amisha Mitchell, Garrett Couts, Courtney Linn; back row – Leda Jungerman, Phoenix Keeter, Iran Gayton, Brenna Albracht, Jacquline Gray, Callie Preston, and Jesse Finney.

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SHOOTING

and quoted her as saying the last she knew about her son was that he was in New Mexico, Chief Morris said.

It was about about 11 p.m. when officers were dispatched to the North Christy address on a reported burglary in progress, a police report said. While en route, officers were notified that shots had reportedly been fired.

Police radio traffic at the time said a man at the home reported having shot at two men and said that one ran away. The man identified the person who ran away as Johnson. It was later reported that someone was in the home who had been shot.

Police searched the neighborhood for Johnson, who turned himself in to an officer, according to radio reports.

A next-door neighbor, Sheila Tabor, told *The Pampa News* this morning that her son "heard the gunshots go off." She said he heard two shots.

She said her son opened the door and heard what sounded to him like someone running away.

Tabor's husband is Gary Tabor who works at the prison. Tabor babysits in their home.

Tabor said Lisa Bowers occupies the home at 2217 N. Christy with Gregory Lang.

Chief Morris confirmed that Bowers was present when the incident happened.

Tabor said three children were in the residence when the shooting occurred including two sixth-grade girls and one 3-year-old girl. She identified one of the sixth-graders as Bowers' daughter, the other school girl as a friend on a sleep-over and the 3-year-old as Lang's niece.

Tabor took the three children into her home after the shooting, she said. She said when the mother of the girl on the sleep-over arrived, "she was hysterical."

A number of police and sheriff's units remained on the scene until the early morning hours today and Tabor said, "We didn't get much sleep last night."

She said the home where the shooting occurred is one "where there is a lot of traffic" and she acknowledged calling police to the house previously because "their loud music rattled our windows."

The amount of traffic in and out of the home made it stand out in what usually is "a quiet neighborhood," Tabor said.

"We were waiting for something to happen," she said.

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LAW

Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff also said he won't sign due to legal ramification concerns. Ratliff spokesman Mary Jane Wardlow said.

State Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa was out of town and unavailable for comment. But previously, he acknowledged the legislation's intent was not the result and said he believes it will take another constitutional amendment to set things straight.

Unless there's a special legislative session, and Bagley doesn't think there will be one, it will be in the 2003 session before lawmakers can pass legislation putting a new amendment on the ballot. It would be November 2003 before the public would vote and Jan. 1, 2004, before a new amendment would become effective depending upon the outcome of the vote.

Bagley said some of the "responsibility" for Amendment 14's passage lays with the voters.

"The word 'exemption' can be very pretty," the chief appraiser said with regard to part of the ballot wording.

Bagley said he's been asked his opinion of the governor's draft letter.

"I responded," he said. "No matter what the governor said, he can't overrule a law or constitutional amendment."

Meanwhile, Bagley said he understands there is another effort under way seeking an attorney general's opinion in hopes of stopping the tax. He said he did not know the legal reasons put forth in the opinion request. A previous opinion, with regard to double taxation, said the tax should stay.

Bagley expects that some appraisal districts won't proceed with the tax ,but he said the Gray County Appraisal District won't be one of them unless something changes. That's in part, he said, because of the liability he'd be putting the district in from suit by the school district or even by one individual.

"If there is something definitive (from the attorney general) that carries the force of law then we wouldn't do it," Bagley said. "I don't like it any more than anyone else but we can't pick and choose what laws to uphold."

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TRAILERS

aren't filed, the tax will be charged in the entities – such as the city and county – even if those entities voted to exempt the tax. There is no provision that allows a late form to be accepted.

When the district sends out the appraisal notices, Bagley said an information sheet will be included as well as an exemption form.

For travel trailer owners living in the Pampa Independent School District, the tax on a trailer valued at $10,000 will be $154.50, according to a formula supplied by Bagley.

According to the list just received, Bagley said trailers here are valued from a high of "about $60,000 to a low of several hundred dollars."

In about two weeks, Bagley expects his office will have determined how much money the PISD will receive.

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ROBBERIES

was carrying a semi-automatic weapon when he took an undetermined amount of money, said Savage.

He said witnesses at the scene told investigating officers the man had dark hair and a goatee, and was wearing a gray sweatshirt with carpenter jeans and a ball cap.

Witnesses also said he sped away in a black pickup.

Savage said a video camera was in operation at the store at the time of the robbery, and officers were examining the video. He said the officers will compare pictures of Scott to determine whether or not to file charges.

He said the investigation is continuing.

Carson County Sheriff Gary Robertson said the Stop 'n Shop in Groom reported an armed robbery around 4:30 a.m.

Robertson said a Groom resident was driving up to the store as the alleged robber was leaving. The customer reported he was exiting the store with a gun in his hand.

The sheriff said the description of the man and vehicle was the same description given in El Reno.

At approximately 4:48 a.m. today, the Longhorn (a Texaco station) was reported to have been robbed, said Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams.

He said the station is located about five miles east of Shamrock.

Adams said witnesses told the sheriff's department the money was taken at gunpoint. The amount has not been determined.

He said his department is investigating to decide if the person who robbed the Longhorn outside of Shamrock is Scott.

Officers reported that the black pickup which had steadily traveled west on I-40 had turned around, traveling east during the series of armed robberies.

Sheriff Robertson said a deputy was returning to Panhandle on I-40 after investigating the armed robbery in Groom when he spotted a black Dodge Dakota on the side of the road in Carson County.

Deputies from Gray and Carson counties responded to the scene to assist as well as Department of Public Safety troopers, said Robertson.

Upon approaching the pickup, the officers found it to be empty. He said Scott was found about 200 yards north of his vehicle lying in a wheat pasture.

Robertson said Scott surrendered without incident.

The Carson County sheriff said his agency is also investigating a report of shots being fired at a truck near Groom around the time of the robbery at the Stop 'n Shop.

He said aggravated robbery charges are pending this morning in Carson County regarding the Groom robbery. Robertson said he has been in contact with the other law enforcement agencies.

Attempts to reach the sheriff's department in Ada, Okla., Monday morning were unsuccessful.

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REMEMBER

the victims "for our inspiration and our sense of purpose. They would want us to lift up our heads very, very high" and move forward.

Prayers and a message from President Bush were read during the service. Guests, including many relatives of victims, were given yellow daffodils.

"Life means all that it ever meant," said Peter Raimondi, 12, from a poem he read with his brother, Philip, 16. The boys lost their father, Peter.

Giuliani said he wondered during the first moments of the attack whether the city could endure and get through the tragedy.

"Shortly after, during the first day, I realized that your loved ones gave us the example on which we would build," Giuliani said.

Gov. George Pataki said "we saw the face of evil" on Sept. 11.

"And yet Sept. 11 will also stand for our response, which was to respond to evil with good, to respond to terror with love," he added.

At police precincts citywide, the names of the 23 officers killed were read aloud at 8:30 a.m.

Capt. David Barrere read the names as two dozen officers lined up on the sidewalk outside the 76th Precinct in Brooklyn.

"They were called on to act and did so with the highest valor," he said.

During the Battery Park ceremony, city officials also dedicated a sculpture damaged in the Sept. 11 attack as a temporary memorial.

City officials also dedicated a temporary memorial to victims that uses a sculpture damaged in the Sept. 11 attack.

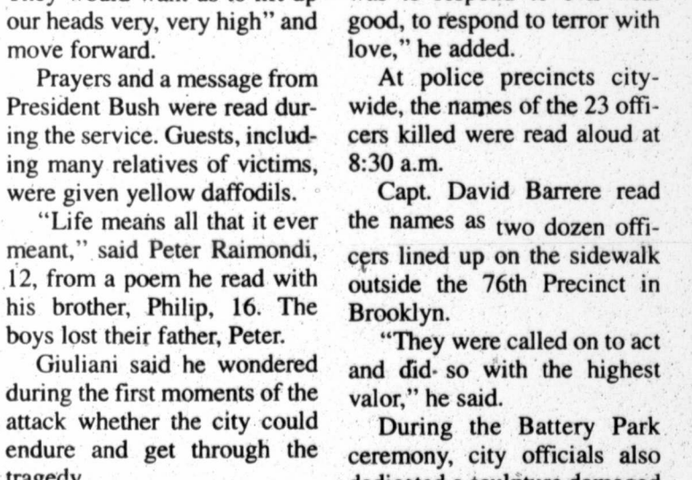
"The Sphere," a steel and bronze sculpture that stood in the fountain of the trade center plaza, was gashed and partially crushed by falling debris.

It was created in 1971 by artist Fritz Koenig and was dedicated as a monument to world peace through international trade.

"The sphere may be damaged but our belief in the principles it represents has never been stronger," Bloomberg said. "The real memorial will be in our hearts," he said.

Bloomberg said the globe probably would serve as a centerpiece for a permanent memorial.

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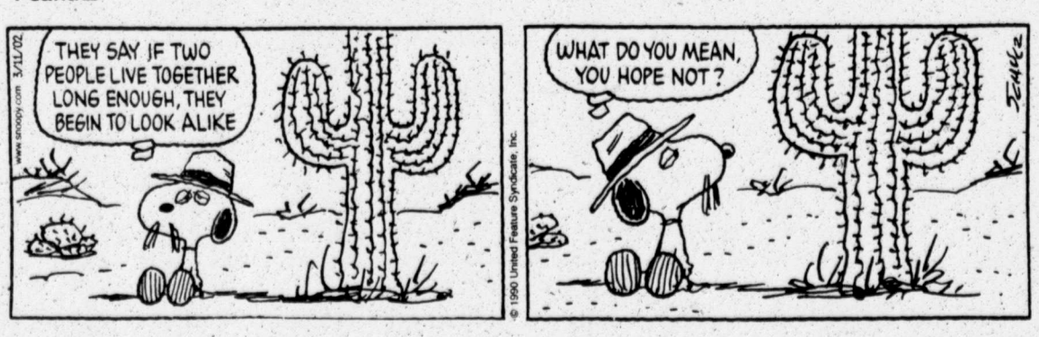
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MONDAY, MARCH 11

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Wife's Mother Is Accomplice In Husband's Desertion scheme

DEAR ABBY: My husband of eight years went to work a couple of weeks ago and never came home. He put a card under a friend's door saying he wasn't coming back.

When I sorted through the belongings he had left behind, I found a "good luck" card from my mother to him and more than $1,000 worth of money order receipts. We had planned to move to Reno in April when we had enough money saved. However, according to some of the letters I found, my husband never intended to take me with him to Reno — and my mother knew it.

I am extremely hurt and feel betrayed by this turn of events. Abby, should I confront my mother about this?

BETRAYED
IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR BETRAYED: Your feelings are valid — you were betrayed by the two people you trusted the most. By all means confront your mother. You deserve some answers. Sadly, you married a cowardly scoundrel, and your mother appears to have aided and abetted him.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-something single woman whose best friend happens to be male. I'll call him David. David just became engaged and wants me to be part of the wedding party, so he asked his fiancee, "Tiffany," to include me as one of her bridesmaids. Tiffany has a close male friend whom she wants to be one of David's groomsmen.

I would prefer to stand next to David to show my support for his marriage. Perhaps Tiffany's male friend and I should switch places and stand beside our respective friends. If we do this, would I wear a dress like the bridesmaids, or would I wear a tuxedo like the groomsmen?

Please check with your wedding experts and clue me in, Abby.

THE GROOM'S BEST BUD
IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR BEST BUD: Although a woman can serve as "best man," it's important to remember that David did not ask you to be his best man or a groomsman. He and his fiancee asked you to be a bridesmaid.

You would be wise to defer to the wishes of the bride and groom regarding your attire and where you will stand during the ceremony.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter is 14 and the kind of young lady every mother dreams of having. She is respectful, considerate, loving, behaves well, and is a good student.

My dilemma is whether or not I should pay her to do chores even if she doesn't do a good job. She has never been motivated by money, but asks for things all the time.

I've told her that if she would do a better job with her chores, I'd reward her with spending money. She's such a good kid, I feel as though she deserves to be rewarded, but I also want her to learn that she must do a good job if she wants to be paid. That's the way it will be when she's out in the world, so I'd like her to learn that lesson now. Any pointers would be appreciated, Abby.

KIM FROM THE WINDY CITY

DEAR KIM: Stick to your guns. Children should learn the value of completing tasks properly. The old saying, "A job worth doing is worth doing well," holds true. It's a lesson that will benefit her for the rest of her life.

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Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Jeanne Phillips, share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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

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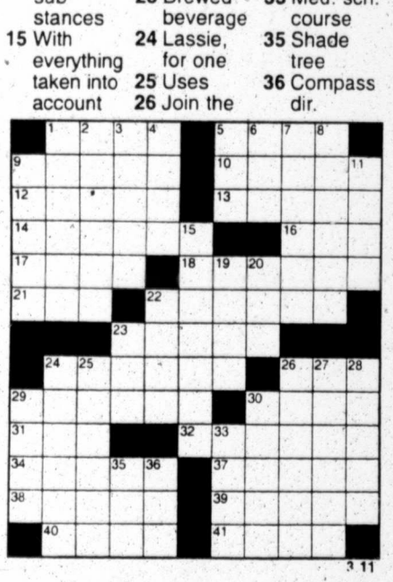
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SPORTS

NOTEBOOK

BASEBALL

PAMPA — There will be signups for Optimist baseball and softball, both boys and girls, from 5:30 to 7 on March 19, 20, 21 at the Optimist Club.

Tryouts will be held April 2,3,4, at Optimist Park.

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Wide receiver Corey Bradford is the newest Houston Texan.

Bradford, a free agent who averaged 17 yards per reception over four years with Green Bay, signed a three-year, $5.25 million deal with the Texans Sunday, joining expansion draftee Jermaine Lewis to give Houston one of the speediest receiving duos in the NFL.

"This gives me a fresh start to rejuvenate my career," said Bradford, 26. "Last year, I finished on a high note, and I feel like I can step up and be a starter and pick up where I left off last year."

The 6-foot-1, 197-pound Bradford caught 31 passes for 526 yards in 2001 with the Packers and picked Houston over Detroit and Green Bay.

BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets easily could have folded. Instead, the Rockets held on.

Steve Francis hit a game-winning 3-pointer with one-tenth of a second to play as Houston beat the Utah Jazz 95-92 Sunday.

Just two days before, the Rockets played a poor fourth quarter to lose to Golden State 108-95 after leading entering the final period. This time, Houston led by as many as nine early in the fourth, then withstood a big Utah rally — thanks to Francis.

"I thought we did a good job of moving the ball around and getting everybody involved, especially in the fourth quarter," Francis said. "Both teams executed, but we executed a little better at the end."

Especially Francis on his winning shot, which impressed the Jazz. It was the second dramatic game-winner for Francis this season — he hit a 2-pointer to beat Detroit on Jan. 3.

"John (Stockton) was going backwards and (Francis) pulled up and hit the shot," coach Jerry Sloan said. "That's what a great player does. He hit the big shot."

Kansas, Texas get favorable sites in Midwest

By The Associated Press

One loss, even a big one, wasn't going to undo all of Kansas' achievements this season.

The Jayhawks were given the No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament's Midwest region even though they were beaten by Oklahoma 64-55 for the Big 12 title Sunday.

Selection committee chairman Lee Fowler said the Jayhawks, No. 1 in The Associated Press poll, were assured a top seed before they played the Sooners. Committee members discussed what to do if Kansas lost and decided the Jayhawks didn't deserve to be bumped because of one game.

"They said, 'We don't need to work on other scenarios. We're happy the way it is,'" Fowler said.

The Jayhawks hadn't lost to a Big 12 team during the season and were coming off a 40-point win over Texas Tech.

But Kansas, the highest-scoring team in the nation, had a season low on offense vs. Oklahoma. Hopeful Holy Cross fans might want to note that the Jayhawks' clunker game came in Kansas City, Mo.

"We didn't play the best today, but it's been a great, great run," said coach Roy Williams, seeking his first Final Four since 1993 — and his first NCAA crown. "We're going to put the game behind us after we practice tomorrow, then we'll go from there."

They will go on a short trip for the first round, as will Oregon, seeded second in the region.

Kansas (29-3) is going to St. Louis to play Holy Cross (18-14) on Thursday. Oregon (23-8) heads to Sacramento, Calif., to play Montana (16-14) on Thursday.

Oregon, which lost in the Pac-10 semifinals after winning the regular-season title, has dusted off program history books this season. The Ducks set or broke records for conference wins and home wins that date to the 1930s.

Now their sights are set on winning an NCAA tournament game for the first time since 1960.

"That's another milestone that's sitting out there for us," coach Ernie Kent said. "We are really ready."

Fourth-seeded Illinois (24-8) travels to Chicago for a first-round game Friday against San Diego State (21-11), while the sixth-seeded Longhorns (20-11) will be in Dallas to play Boston College (20-11) on Friday.

If third-seeded Mississippi State, which won the Southeastern Conference tournament Sunday, or fifth-seeded Florida feel slighted by the placement of Illinois and Texas, they could get revenge on the court in second-round games Sunday.

Mississippi State (26-7) faces McNeese State (21-8) on Friday in Dallas, with the winner getting Texas if it advances. Florida (22-8) will play Creighton (22-8), with the winner facing Illinois if it advances.

Kansas' next foe would be the winner of 8-9 game Thursday in St. Louis between Stanford (19-9) and Western Kentucky (28-3), which has won 18 straight. Both teams are led by big frontcourt players, which could make for an interesting matchup with the guard-led Jayhawks.

Oregon will be aiming for a second-round game against seventh-seeded Wake Forest (20-12) or 10th-seeded Pepperdine (22-8). They play Thursday in Sacramento, Calif.

Lady Harvesters clinch third place in District 3-4A soccer standings

PAMPA — Pampa shut out Palo Duro 1-0 Saturday to clinch third place in the District 3-4A girls' soccer standings.

The match's only score came on a goal by Sarah Porter.

Palo Duro was shut out with the help of Pampa goalkeeper Leslie McWilliams who collected five saves.

The Lady Harvesters outshot the Lady Dons 15-10 in the final regular-season match. Pampa finished third behind Randall and Canyon in the district race.

Randall clinched the district title Saturday with a 5-0 win over Borger.

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Pampa meets Borger at 4:30 today in Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium to determine the District 3-4A boys' champion. Both teams are 8-2 in district and tied for first place.

Borger defeated Randall 2-1 Saturday to set up the first-place tiebreaking match.

Pampa girls beat Palo Duro in district opener

AMARILLO — Pampa rolled past Palo Duro 20-1 to open the District 3-4A softball season Friday.

Winning pitcher was Stephanie Clark, who now has a 5-6 record. She pitched three innings and gave up two hits, while striking out seven and not walking a batter.

The Lady Harvesters finished with 13 hits with every starter having at least one hit.

"I was pleased with our overall effort and intensity, but realize we must improve in order to compete in our district. We can and will get better," said Pampa head coach Rod Porter.

Abbi Covalt, Cali Covalt, Chelsey Davis, Ashley Derington and Lindsey Narron had doubles for Pampa.

Pampa's defense committed two errors which led to Palo Duro's only run.

The Lady Harvesters are 1-0 in district play and 6-7 for the season. Their next game is March 19 at home against Hereford.

Pampa also defeated Palo Duro in the junior varsity game 23-3. Winning pitcher was Teryn Garner, who has a 2-0 pitching record.

Phillips wins throwing events at Borger meet

BORGER — Pampa's Andrea Phillips won both the shot and discus events at last weekend's Borger Track and Field Invitational.

The Lady Harvesters placed fourth in the team standings with 74 points.

Phillips was the only Lady Harvester to bring home first-place individual ribbons.

Her winning throws were 36-10 1/2 in the shot and 117-1 in the discus.

Phillips' teammate, Angie Cornish, was second in the shot with a 35-10 throw.

Teryn Stowers was third in both the long jump (16-2 3/4) and triple jump (36-2 1/4).

Pampa's 400-meter relay team was third with a time of 53.33.

In the boys' division, Pampa's Matt Crow was second in the 200 with a time of 23.28.

The Harvesters were seventh in the team standings with 27 points.



(Pampa News photo by Tess Kingcade)

Pampa's Stefani Goldsmith (right) battles a Palo Duro player for possession in a District 3-4A soccer match at the Travis School complex.

Stewart wins Atlanta race

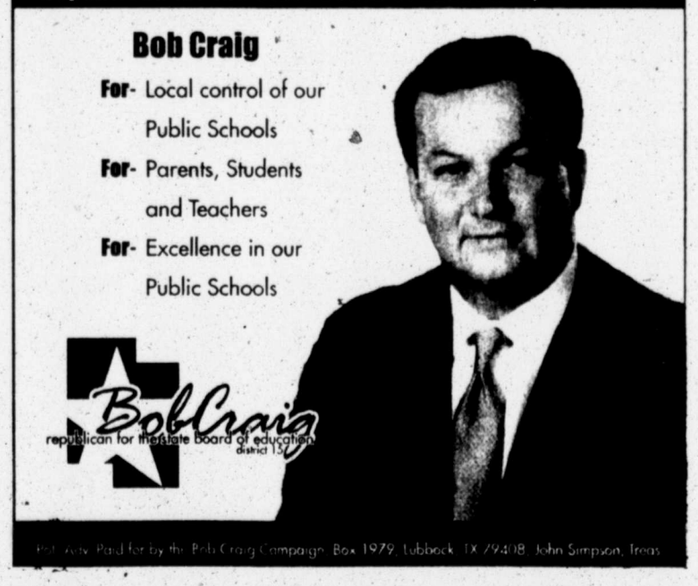
HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — His second straight dominating performance wasn't enough to convince Tony Stewart his Pontiac is on equal footing.

Stewart slid under Ward Burton for the lead with 24 laps to go and held off Dale Earnhardt Jr. to win the MBNA America 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Sunday.

It was Stewart's 13th career victory.

One of NASCAR's most outspoken drivers, Stewart has complained all year about the aerodynamic disadvantages of his manufacturer. He didn't have any problems Sunday, leading the most laps for the second straight race to get his first victory of the season.

BOB CRAIG
Republican for the State Board of Education, District 15



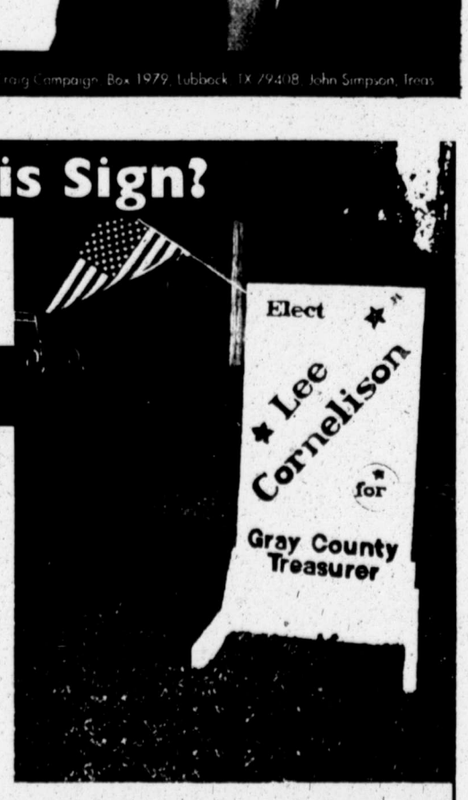
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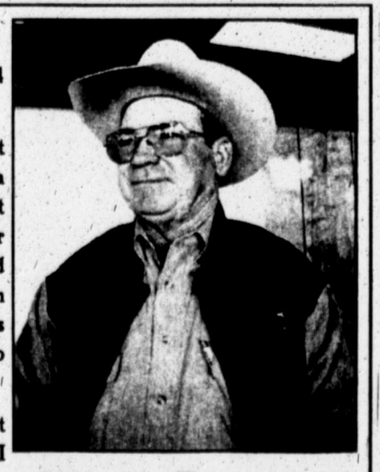




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I am James Hefley, and I am running for reelection to the Pct. 4 Commissioners office.

Gray County is a multi-million dollar business. With the current economic climate in the oil, gas, and agriculture industries, we need a conservative, common sense approach to county government. I feel that I am the candidate to provide this leadership. I have been your commissioner since Jan. 1, 1995. When I was first elected I promised common sense government and to spend your tax dollars wisely. An example of this is the fact that the budget (2002) for my precinct is smaller than the first budget (1995) I had when I first came into office. I will continue to work toward these goals.

I have always put this job first over any personal business I might have. The Precinct 4 maintenance barn is located in McLean, where I live. I think this important because I am available 24 hours a day on a minutes notice. There are occasions when this is very important due to fires and weather, and I am here to handle anything that comes up.

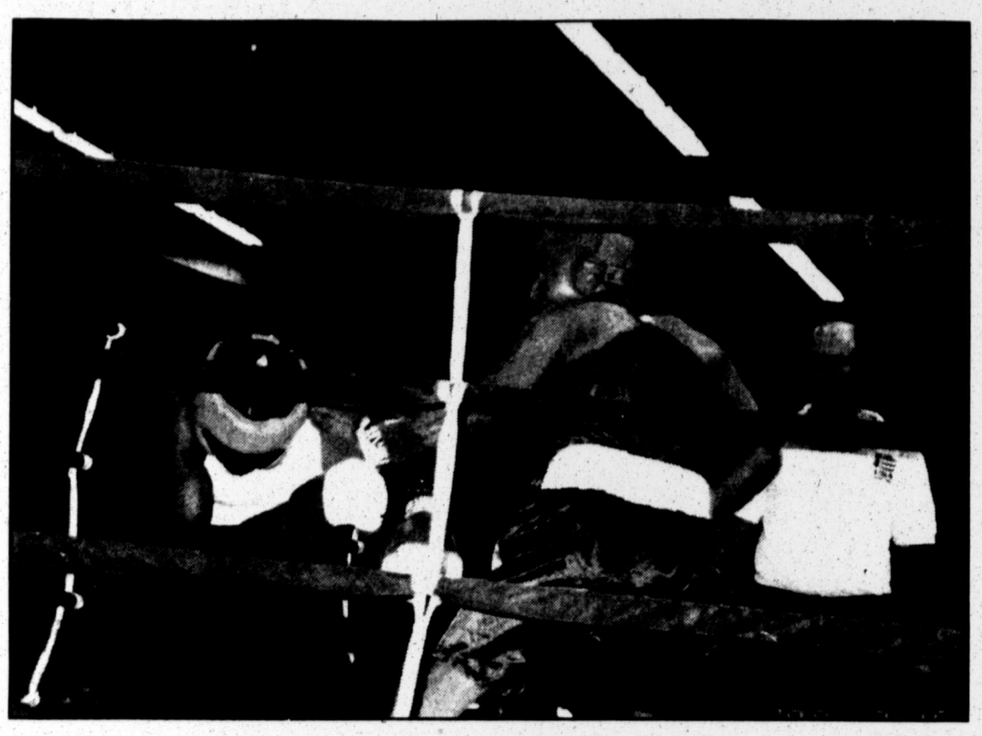
This year there is no Democratic candidate, so this means that the commissioner will be elected in the Republican primary. I earnestly solicit your vote and support and please remember to vote next Tuesday, March 12, in the Republican primary for James Hefley.

Thank You, James Hefley

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Left hook



(Courtesy photo)

Joe Cano (right) of the Pampa Youth Survival Club delivers a left hook to his opponent, Marcus Brashears of Amarillo, in the 139-pound Open Class at the Regional Golden Gloves Tournament in Lubbock. Three Pampa boxers brought home medals. It was Cano's first fight.

Knight's season off the brink at Texas Tech is more interesting

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

It's hard telling people a stry they think they already know.

That was the problem with "A Season on the Brink."

But it's also what makes Bob Knight's season off the brink at Texas Tech so much more interesting.

Compared to the made-for-TV Knight, the coach who hit the ground running in Lubbock last March and fidgeted through a five-minute live interview Sunday night has behaved like a saint.

Knight did throw a chair last week, but only because the base cracked when he leaned back on it and nearly fell off a stage in the interview room. No sooner had Knight tossed the chair aside than he followed it with a quip.

"That's the furthest I've thrown a chair in a long time," he said, and even the reporters in the room cracked up.

It's no small feat for a man to reinvent himself, but Knight has done a pretty good job so far. He's won games he shouldn't have, kept his kids out of the newspapers and his lip buttoned. He has the Red Raiders back in the NCAA tournament for the first time in six years, had them back in the Top 25 for the first time in five years, and he's already got Dick Vitale's vote, among many others, for coach of the year.

Things have been so good, in fact, it makes some people wonder if Knight really has changed his stripes. Or whether, as others suspect, he deserves to cap this season off with an Oscar for best actor.

It almost didn't matter which few minutes of ESPN's all-Bob-all-the-time broadcast and promotional orgy you tuned into. Because the Knight who sat through a five-minute interview near the end of the network's NCAA selection show certainly came off as a changed man. And why not?

Those who argued his coaching skills were shot couldn't have been more wrong. He took six holdovers, four junior college transfers, two freshmen and a walk-on — a team picked to finish 10th in a tough Big 12 conference race — and exceeded everybody's expectations. Eleven of the kids bulked up by 10 pounds or more; his freshman center shed 40. They all learned to play motion offense and man-to-man defense without extra security being called to the scene even once.

By Knight's own account, things couldn't be more peaceful. Just as his wife, Karen, predicted, the good people of West Texas couldn't be more accepting. He reports to work in an office inside a basketball temple located on Indiana Avenue and the arena is always full when he takes the court. His two sons, Pat and Tim, work in the program, his old secretary still guards the outer office and athletic director Gerald Myers, a crony from the old days is in charge. Even Texas Tech president David Schmidly is happy to be along for the ride.

"This has been a great situation," Knight said.

Then, to make his point, Knight draped his arm over the shoulders of Myers, who was sitting on his right.

"And nobody," he added, "has been more responsible than this guy here."

There have been a few bumps in the road, to be sure. Knight has had to pound his clipboard a few times and got into a snit with the general manager of the Compaq Center in Houston when his team played in a charity tournament there in January and he groused the locker room wasn't big enough to accommodate "four midgets."

Then, just last Thursday, Bob Hammel, another old pal and the longtime sports editor of the Bloomington (Ind.) Herald-Times, suffered a seizure while sitting courtside at the Big 12 tournament when Tech played Texas A&M.

Hammel, the co-author of Knight's upcoming biography, collapsed in the second half and was taken out on a stretcher. Shortly after it happened, Knight called his team together and told his players they owed him one.

"He just said that was one of his really good friends who came down from Indiana and if there was any time to play hard, that would be the time," center Andy Ellis recalled. "He didn't want us to lose that game."

A&M closed within two points late in the half, but the Red Raiders ran off nine unanswered points to seal the win and Knight ran off afterward to see Hammel in the hospital. Like just about every other episode in Knight's real-life season, this one ended happily, with Hammel making a full recovery.

The vigil continues, though, for a sign that all is not as smooth as it seems, that the foul-mouthed bully portrayed by Brian Dennehy and vilified dozens of times in the years since is just out of sight and not out of mind. Knight, meanwhile, still couldn't care less what the rest of us think. He said he wouldn't watch "A Season on the Brink," and the actor who spent months trying to capture Knight's intensity and found it finally wore him out understands why.

"This is a guy who's spent his whole life wanting to control everything," Dennehy said, "and this is something he can't."

His critics said the same thing about Knight's return to coaching and so far he's proven them wrong.

But only so far.

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SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament
At A Glance
All Times EST
OPENING ROUND
At University of Dayton Arena
Dayton, Ohio Tuesday, March 12
Alcorn State (21-9) vs. Siena (16-18)

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
Kentucky (20-9) vs. Valparaiso (25-7)
Marquette (26-6) vs. Tulsa (26-6)
Friday, March 15
At The MCI Center
Washington
Maryland (26-4) vs. Alcorn State-Siena winner
Wisconsin (18-12) vs. St. John's (20-11)
Connecticut (24-6) vs. Hampton (26-6)
North Carolina State (22-10) vs. Michigan State (19-11)
At The United Center
Chicago
Georgia (21-9) vs. Murray State (19-12)
Texas Tech (23-8) vs. Southern Illinois (26-7)
Second Round
Saturday, March 16
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
Kentucky-Valparaiso winner vs. Marquette-Tulsa winner
Sunday, March 17
At The MCI Center
Washington
Maryland—Alcorn State-Siena winner vs. Wisconsin-St. John's winner
Connecticut-Hampton winner vs. North Carolina State-Michigan State winner
At The United Center
Chicago
Georgia-Murray State winner vs. Texas Tech-Southern Illinois winner
At The Carrier Dome
Syracuse, N.Y.
Semifinals
Friday, March 22
Maryland-Alcorn State-Siena—Wisconsin-St. John's winner vs. Kentucky-Valparaiso—Marquette-Tulsa winner
Georgia-Murray State—Texas Tech-Southern Illinois winner vs. Connecticut-Hampton—North Carolina State-Michigan State winner
Championship
Sunday, March 24
Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At The BI-LO Center
Greenville, S.C.
Duke (29-3) vs. Winthrop (19-11)
Notre Dame (21-10) vs. Charlotte (18-11)
Alabama (26-7) vs. Florida Atlantic (19-11)
Oklahoma State (23-8) vs. Kent State (27-5)
At ARCO Arena
Sacramento, Calif.
Southern California (22-9) vs. North Carolina-Wilmington (22-9)
Indiana (20-11) vs. Utah (21-8)
Friday, March 15
At Mellon Arena
Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh (27-5) vs. Central Connecticut State (27-4)
California (22-8) vs. Pennsylvania (25-6)
Second Round
Saturday, March 16
At The BI-LO Center
Greenville, S.C.
Duke-Winthrop winner vs. Notre Dame-Charlotte winner
Alabama-Florida Atlantic winner vs. Oklahoma State-Kent State winner
At ARCO Arena
Sacramento, Calif.
Southern California-North Carolina-Wilmington winner vs. Indiana-Utah winner
Sunday, March 17
At Mellon Arena
Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh-Central Connecticut State winner vs. California-Pennsylvania winner
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Semifinals
Thursday, March 21
Duke-Winthrop—Notre Dame-Charlotte winner vs. Southern California-North Carolina-Wilmington—Indiana-Utah winner
Alabama-Florida Atlantic—Oklahoma State-Kent State winner vs. Pittsburgh-Central Connecticut State—California-Pennsylvania winner
Championship
Saturday, March 23
Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
Kansas (29-3) vs. Holy Cross (18-14)
Stanford (19-9) vs. Western Kentucky (28-3)
At ARCO Arena
Sacramento, Calif.
Oregon (23-8) vs. Montana (16-14)
Wake Forest (20-12) vs. Pepperdine (22-8)
Friday, March 15
At The United Center
Chicago
Illinois (24-8) vs. San Diego State (21-11)
Florida (22-8) vs. Creighton (22-8)
At American Airlines Center
Dallas
Mississippi State (26-7) vs. McNeese State (21-8)
Texas (20-11) vs. Boston College (20-11)
Second Round
Saturday, March 16
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
Kansas-Holy Cross winner vs. Stanford-Western Kentucky winner
At ARCO Arena
Sacramento, Calif.
Oregon-Montana winner vs. Wake Forest-Pepperdine winner
Sunday, March 17
At The United Center
Chicago
Illinois-San Diego State winner vs. Florida-Creighton winner
At American Airlines Center
Dallas
Mississippi State-McNeese State winner vs. Texas-Boston College winner
At The Kohl Center
Madison, Wis.
Semifinals
Friday, March 22
Kansas-Holy Cross—Stanford-Western Kentucky winner vs. Illinois-San Diego State—Florida-Creighton winner
Oregon-Montana—Wake Forest-Pepperdine winner vs. Mississippi State-McNeese State—Texas-Boston College winner
Championship
Sunday, March 24
Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Arizona (22-9) vs. UC Santa Barbara (20-10)
Gonzaga (29-3) vs. Wyoming (21-8)
Ohio State (23-7) vs. Davidson (21-9)
Miami (24-7) vs. Missouri (21-11) **Friday, March 15**
At Mellon Arena
Pittsburgh
Cincinnati (30-3) vs. Boston University (22-9)
UCLA (19-11) vs. Mississippi (20-10) **At American Airlines Center**
Dallas
Oklahoma (27-4) vs. Illinois-Chicago (20-13)
Xavier (25-5) vs. Hawaii (27-5) **Second Round**
Saturday, March 16
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Arizona-UC Santa Barbara winner vs. Gonzaga-Wyoming winner
Ohio State-Davidson winner vs. Miami-Missouri winner
Sunday, March 17
At Mellon Arena
Pittsburgh
Cincinnati-Boston University winner vs. UCLA-Mississippi winner
At American Airlines Center
Dallas
Oklahoma-Illinois-Chicago winner vs. Xavier-Hawaii winner
At The Compaq Center
San Jose, Calif.
Semifinals
Thursday, March 21
Cincinnati-Boston University—UCLA-Mississippi winner vs. Ohio State-Davidson—Miami-Missouri winner
Oklahoma-Illinois-Chicago—Xavier-Hawaii winner vs. Arizona-UC Santa Barbara—Gonzaga-Wyoming winner.
Championship
Saturday, March 23
Semifinal winners

THE FINAL FOUR
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 30
East champion vs. Midwest champion
South champion vs. West champion
NOTE: First game scheduled for 6:07 p.m. with the second game to start 40 minutes after the first
National Championship
Monday, April 1
Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

BOWLING

Harvester Lanes
League Individual Results
Senior League
(Week 5)
Week's Top Scores
Women
High scratch game: Ruth Swearingim 192; High scratch series: Ruth Swearingim 518; High handicap game: Ruth Swearingim 223; High handicap series: Nell Laughlin 618.
Men
High scratch game: Kurt Lowry 215; High scratch series: Kurt Lowry 592; High handicap game: Kurt Lowry 229; High handicap series: William Mann 647.
Wednesday Night Mixed League
(Week 23)
Week's Top Scores
Men
High scratch series: David Livingston 651; High scratch game: Ralph West 217; High handicap series: Roger Hoeltzel 626; High handicap game: Bob Fick 227.
Women
High scratch series: Becky Hall 551; High scratch game: Shelley Farris 222; High handicap series: Krista Mayberry 667; High handicap game: Gail Nabors 236.

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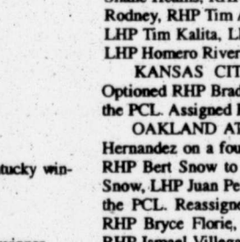
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Final Round

Matt Kuchar	**68-69-66-66**	—	**269**
Brad Faxon	65-70-69-67	—	271
Joey Sindelar	68-67-66-70	—	271
Billy Andrade	68-70-67-67	—	272
J.L. Lewis	68-68-68-68	—	272
Brett Quigley	70-66-67-69	—	272
Rod Pampling	67-67-71-68	—	273
Peter Jacobsen	71-67-68-68	—	274
John Riegger	63-69-72-70	—	274
Brett Wetterich	68-66-68-72	—	274
Skip Kendall	66-74-67-68	—	275
Brent Geiberger	70-69-68-68	—	275
Kenneth Staton	68-69-71-67	—	275
Joe Durant	71-67-69-68	—	275
Peter Lonard	70-65-71-69	—	275
Carlos Franco	70-69-66-70	—	275
Brent Schwarzrock	72-66-67-70	—	275
Chris Riley	69-68-67-71	—	275
Phil Mickelson	70-66-68-71	—	275
Mike Weir	68-65-67-75	—	275

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS—Reassigned RHP Seth Greisinger, RHP Shane Heams, RHP Shane Loux, RHP Kris Keller, RHP Fernando Rodney, RHP Tim Adkins, RHP Kenny Baugh, RHP Jared Camp, LHP Tim Kalita, LHP Mike Maroth, LHP Andy Van Hekken and LHP Homero Rivera to their minor league camp.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Released LHP Jose Rosado. Optioned RHP Brad Voyles and RHP Orber Moreno to Omaha of the PCL. Assigned RHP Mac Suzuki to their minor league camp.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with C Ramon Hernandez on a four-year contract. Optioned LHP Juan Pena and RHP Bert Snow to Sacramento of the PCL. Optioned RHP Bert Snow, LHP Juan Pena and INF Esteban German to Sacramento of the PCL. Reassigned RHP Heath Bost, RHP Rocky Coppinger, RHP Bryce Florie, RHP Larry Luebbers, RHP Tim McClaskey, RHP Ismael Villegas, LHP Micah Bowie and C Robinson Cancel to their minor-league camp.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Reassigned OF Gabe Gross, C Ken Huckaby and C Kevin Cash to their minor league camp.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Reassigned INF Mike Caruso, INF Alex Hernandez, INF Brandon Larson, INF Chris Sexton, OF Jermaine Allensworth, LHPs Brian Bohanon, LHP Trever Miller, RHP Brandon Kolb and RHP Pedro Feliciano to their minor league camp. Optioned RHP Luke Hudson to Louisville of the International League. Optioned OF Jackson Melian and C Dane Sardinha to Chattanooga of the Southern League. Optioned INF David Espinosa and OF Wily Mo Pena to Stockton of the California League.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Assigned LHP Greg Miller, LHP Wilfredo Rodriguez, LHP Wayne Franklin, LHP Jason Jacome, RHP Jamie Arnold and RHP Mark Guerra to their minor league camp.
NEW YORK METS—Reassigned RHP Nick Maness, C Justin Huber, C Michael Jacobs, C Brett Kay, OF Robert Stratton, and OF Esix Snead to minor league headquarters.

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Kuchar claims first tour victory

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TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2002
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Let others inform you of what you might already know! Maintain a low profile, and before you know it, others will seek you out. Use your instincts when dealing with your finances. Don't allow someone to push you into a decision you don't want to make. Tonight: Do something totally for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Someone has an odd way of letting you know it's OK. He or she agrees with you. Opportunities come from behind the scenes. Be smart; don't let the cat out of the bag. A meeting brings good news. Use your high energy. Tonight: Curb your spending.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Understand another's perspective of your performance and how you manage a situation. Your instincts drive a hard bargain with a boss. Remember to soften your words, because you might have a harsh tone in your voice. Fatigue could also impact your reactions. Tonight: Lie low.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You do what you need to do to make waves. Others listen and demonstrate unusual caring and fortitude toward a common good. Be sure about what it is that you want. Carefully discuss a situation that might make you feel ill at ease. Tonight: Move in a new direction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Follow your instincts about an emotional investment. You might want to do something a bit differently when they're dealing with a boss or someone in charge. Discussions go well when on a one-on-one level. Slow down when dealing with a friend. Tonight: Togetherness works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might not have as much control as you would like. Talk about your long-term needs with someone. Certainly don't compromise yourself unnecessarily. Consider your options carefully. In fact, explore other options. Tonight: Respond to another's overture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Think about what someone says, particularly as to how it reflects on your work. Consider different options with care. Your personal feelings or those of a loved one will color your reactions. Don't push your view on someone. Tonight: Work late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your imagination leads you astray and, once more, you don't really care. Don't push yourself beyond your limits. Carefully consider another's alternatives. This person could be a bit negative at times. Think through your decisions. Tonight: Play away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Deal with someone more directly. You find this person an unusual source of information. Come from a basic point of view. Highlight your ability to contribute to your family and a loved one. Someone drags you down with his or her negativity. Tonight: Head on home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Take the initiative in discussions. Don't hesitate to put your two cents in, even if a child or someone else grumbles. Allow creativity to flow in general through sharing and discussions. Your fatigue drags you down later in the day. Tonight: Do errands and then nap.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Deal with security matters. Someone might have a different idea about what might work. Plug your energy into your work, and you'll get a lot accomplished. A child or loved one could disappoint you. Consider different options right now. Tonight: Treat someone to dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination takes you in many different directions. Allow your imagination to mix with your playfulness. Make the most of the moment. Pressure builds at home. You need to focus on what is going on right now. Tonight: Ask for what you want.

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China responds to U.S. criticism, issues 'blistering' report

BEIJING (AP) — Responding to U.S. criticism of its human rights record, China returned fire in a blistering rebuttal Monday — a point-by-point dismantling of American society that depicted a nation beset by crime, violent media images, indifference to poverty and arrogant foreign policy.

Despite the harsh tenor of the Chinese report on American human rights, there was little to indicate that it, like its counterpart report issued by the U.S. State Department last week, would affect the increasing warmth of Beijing-Washington relations.

Most of the Beijing report, the latest in a series issued annually in recent years by the government's State Council Information Office, was based on a single cornerstone: that the U.S. government has no business criticizing other nations' human rights records before it cleans its own house.

"Once again the United States, assuming the role of 'world judge of human rights,' has distorted human rights conditions in many countries and regions in the world, including China, and accused them of human rights violations, all the while turning a blind eye to its own human rights-related problems," the report said.

Especially notable was the document's scant criticism of the U.S. response to the Sept. 11 attacks — something China is loath to condemn, since it, too, has a vested interest in fighting terrorism, a term it uses to justify crackdowns on domestic dissent.

The report — 10,000 Chinese characters long — was released on the English-language service of Xinhua, China's official news agency, thus assuring an audience of foreign reporters. There was no immediate comment from Washington, where it was late Sunday when the report was issued.

"China understands that its own policies do not meet international standards. And it doesn't like to see that in these reports," said Ved Nanda, a University of Denver expert on international human rights.

"China has no other way to hit back at the United States on human rights issues," he said. "It's trying to save face, and I think Washington understands that."

Among the report's many other assertions, which it buttressed with a flurry of statistics and citations of news reports about violent incidents:

—The United States is "wantonly infringing upon human rights of other countries" with military and political actions.

—American mass media are "inundated with violent content," which in turn encourages more violence. "A culture beautifying violence has made young people believe that the gun can 'solve' all problems," the report says.

—Racism and discrimination continue unabated.

—Police brutality, torture and forced confession "are common," and death row is full of "misjudged or wronged" inmates. Prisons are overcrowded and inhumane.

—Americans living in poverty are "the forgotten 'third world' within this superpower," and the gap between rich and poor is growing.

—Violence against women and sexual abuse of children are common. It cited sexual molestations of children by American clergy, calling that "the greatest scandal in the United States following the Enron case."

The criticism of American response to the Sept. 11 attacks was limited to this, a reflection of China's unease at the historical Western military presence in Asia:

"Before the Sept. 11 incident, the United States had stationed its troops in more than 140 countries. Today, the United States has expanded its so-called security interests to almost every corner of the world."

Despite improving relations during the past 10 months, Beijing and Washington remain deeply divided over human rights. In the years after China's bloody 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators centered on Beijing's Tiananmen Square, the rights issue threatened to affect the two nations' pivotal economic relationship.

China says it has made great strides and insists that much of what the U.S. government criticizes as rights violations is simply efforts to maintain order.

World reacts to nuclear contingency plan

TOKYO (AP) — Japan, the only country ever to be hit by nuclear weapons, was tightlipped about news that Washington is reviewing its policy for nuclear attacks on countries that threaten the United States with weapons of mass destruction. Governments around the world reacted with the same caution.

Some media and private groups, however, worried Monday that a more hawkish stance by President Bush's administration could destabilize the world.

The U.S. Defense Department has sent Congress a classified report outlining the possible use of nuclear weapons against countries that are developing weapons of mass destruction. The "nuclear posture review" identified seven nations: China, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Russia and Syria.

Japan said it opposes the use of weapons of mass destruction, but said little else about the U.S. report.

"We are not in a position to say anything about it because the document is classified," said a senior Foreign Ministry official, who asked not to be identified.

Australia's Defense Ministry on Monday played down the report as routine military planning, echoing comments a day earlier from the British Foreign Office and the Italian minister of defense.

Catherine Fitzpatrick, a spokeswoman for Australian Defense Minister Robert Hill, said the U.S. stance was the latest in a series of broader strategic reviews, not a guide on nuclear targeting.

"We note the U.S. assurances and we will continue to engage closely with the U.S. on nuclear issues," she said.

Notably silent were North Korea and Russia, both named in the U.S. report.

A Chinese government spokesman said Beijing was aware of the report but had no comment.

Some media, however, lambasted the U.S. report as a threat to the rest of the world.

"The critical point of this Pentagon report is that apart from hoping to develop new nuclear weapons, America also wants to expand the realm of their usage, increasing the uncertainty of world peace," Hong Kong's Chinese-language daily, Ming Pao, said in an editorial Monday.

On Sunday, much of the criticism emerged from the Middle East and Russia.

"The order indicates that the U.S. administration is going to wreak havoc on the whole world in order to establish its hegemony and domination," said Iran's conservative Tehran Times newspaper, which is close to the nation's hard-liners.

Colombians elect new congress

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombians ignored threats of rebel violence to elect ex-guerrillas, traditional party politicians and a former army general to a new Congress that will try to bring peace to the country.

The lawmakers elected on Sunday face heavy responsibilities as the South American country braces for wider fighting following the recent collapse of talks trying to end a 38-year civil war.

The 268-member congress could be asked to tackle political corruption and give the U.S.-backed military bigger budgets and a freer hand to combat leftist insurgents.

It also could find itself a target in the war.

Colombia's main rebel army, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, has made it a policy to kidnap lawmakers, hoping to trade them for imprisoned rebels. It currently holds five lawmakers, several of whom were on Sunday's ballot.

Six lawmakers have been assassinated in the past two years, including a senator slain last week by suspected FARC rebels.

Officials prepared Sunday for massive sabotage attacks by the FARC, which has tried to disrupt past elections. The group urged Colombians to abstain, saying only candidates supporting the rich would be elected.

A right-wing paramilitary group known for brutal massacres also cast its shadow over the election. The United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, or AUC, secretly backed candidates that could support its hard-line counterinsurgency agenda in the Congress.

But with 150,000 troops and police mobilized around the country, there only were scattered incidents. Authorities canceled voting in 15 of the nation's 1,097 municipalities, mainly because rebels seized and burned the ballots, Interior Minister Armando Estrada said.

In clashes unrelated to the voting, troops killed eight FARC rebels, including five trying to blow up a bridge in northwest Antioquia state, the military reported.

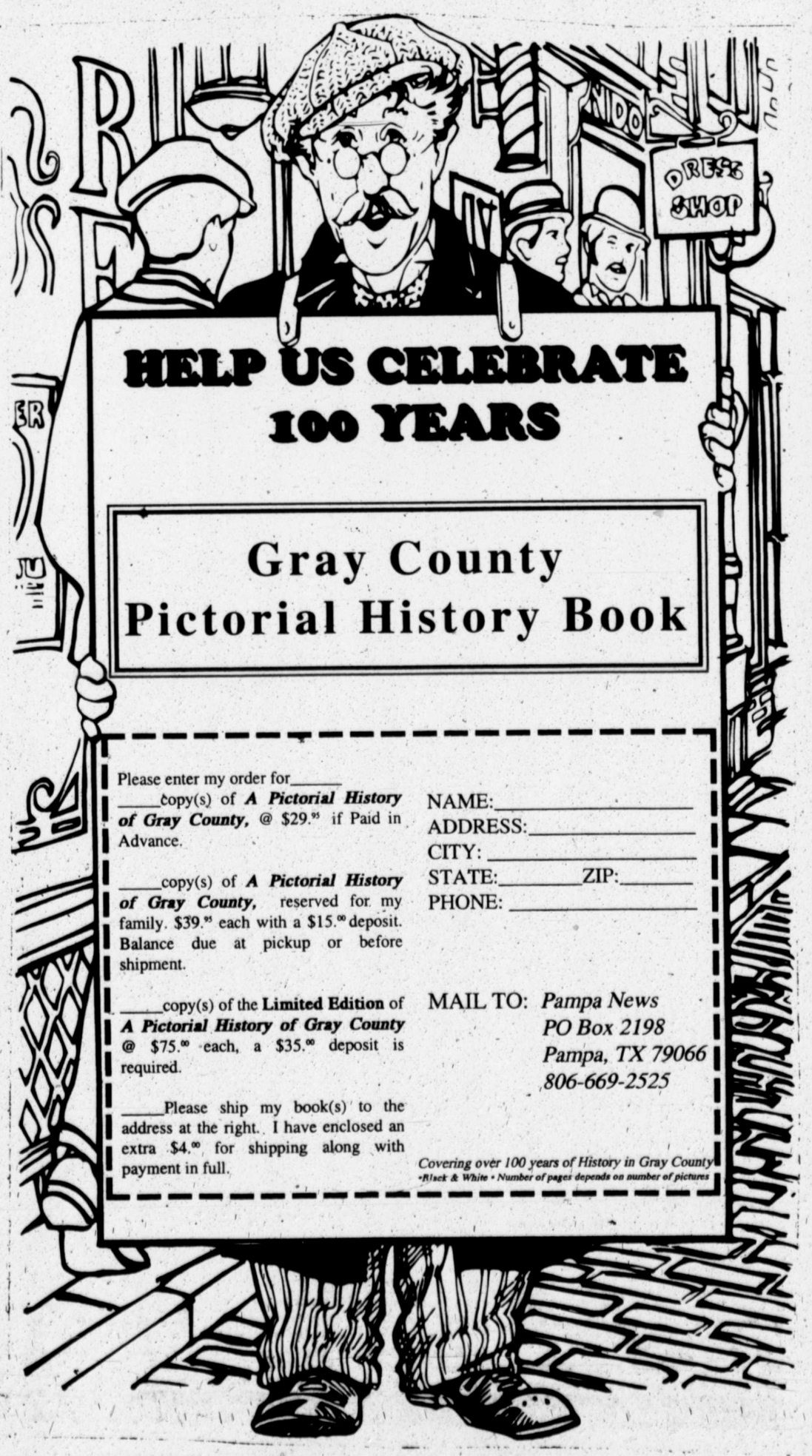
Since three years of fruitless peace talks ended Feb. 20, the FARC has stepped up attacks — bombing reservoirs, bridges and energy pylons. Vast areas of this country — the size of Spain, France and Portugal combined — are isolated and in darkness.



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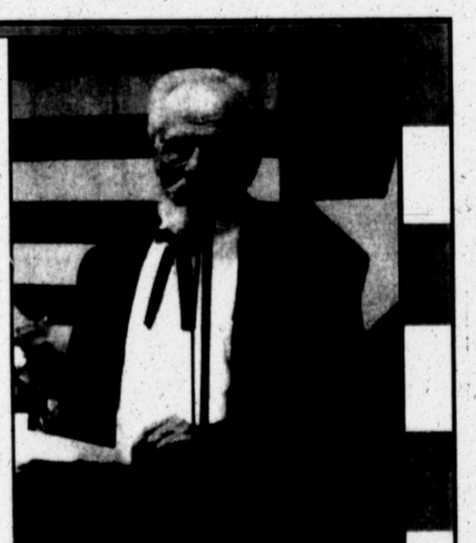
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