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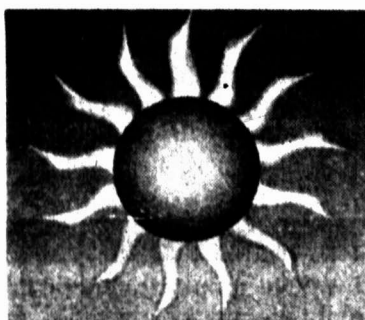
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LOCAL

PAMPA — The local chapter of the American Red Cross will offer lifeguard training March 6-11 at Pampa Youth Center. Cost of the training is \$85 and includes face shield, books, CPR and lifeguarding certificates. To be eligible for the training, participants must be age 15 by the end of the course; must be able to tread water for two minutes, legs only; must swim 500 yards continuously using each of the following for no less than 100 yards — crawl, breaststroke and sidestroke; surface dive to minimum of nine feet; and bring a 10 pound diving brick to the surface. Hours are 7-10 p.m., March 6; 5-10 p.m., March 7-9; and 11-6 p.m., March 11. Pre-registration through the ARC is required. For more information or to pre-register, call Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross at (806) 669-7121.

STATE

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — In a crime straight out of a Super Bowl ad, someone stole a Coca-Cola delivery truck and filled it with stolen Pepsi. Late Sunday or early Monday, someone broke into a Coca-Cola warehouse and stole a Coca-Cola van. According to police, the thief drove next door to the Pepsi plant and stole 47 cases — \$700 worth — from a locked Pepsi delivery truck. "We thought it was hysterical," said Pepsi spokeswoman Julia Koch. "Our guess is that he just liked Pepsi..."

DEATHS

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- Dock H. Hogue, 95, retired City of Garland employee.
- Floyd B. Otis, 88, retired City of Canadian employee.

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Another grass fire breaks out as warning told

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

A large grass fire was burning out of control southwest of Pampa shortly before noon today as fire units converged on the area. Meanwhile, Gray County Judge Richard Peet was contacting the county commissioners to hold an emergency county commission meeting.

Commissioners may consider enacting a burn ban as an emergency measure due to the severe fire danger in the county.

The fire originated two and one-half miles south of Celanese, and at press time was rapidly traveling towards Highway 70 with heavy smoke contributing to the closing of Highway 70.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and Gray County Sheriff units were working to close Highway 70 south of Pampa.

Two Pampa fire units were dispatched about 10:30 a.m. to the fire scene. Upon arriving, firefighters requested additional help. Hoover dispatched a tanker to the scene. Firefighters said prairie grass, six to eight inches tall, was at the scene of the fire.

Winds were estimated to be 40-50 mph. One fire line was blowing to the south and another against the wind to the north. Power lines were downed and SPS officials were on the scene.

Fire departments from Groom, Lefors, White Deer, McLean and Skellytown were assisting in fighting the fires. Celanese firefighting crew also were helping. Gray County sent motor graders and other equipment in to attempt to stop the blaze.

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Orr's contract extension ok'd Band uniform bids sought

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa Independent School District trustees voted to extend Pampa School Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr's contract for three years during the regular meeting of the board.

Dr. Orr's contract was extended through June 30, 2003. Also last week, PISD trustees decided to seek bids for new band uniforms.

Bruce Collins, band director, submitted an estimate by Standbury Uniforms of \$56,520 for 180 new uniforms for the Pampa High band members. The cost per uniform would be \$314 each and would include jacket, pants, shoko, plume, vest and sash.

He said the replacement costs per uniform on an individual piece

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Pride '99 wins award

The Pampa News has brought home first-place statewide honors in the Texas Press Association 2000 Special Sections Contest for its 1999 Pride issue.

Eight-four newspapers in several divisions competed for the awards.

The Pride issue is the single-largest special section published each year by The Pampa News. It covers such topics as Leadership and Community, Education, Religion, History, Neighbors and features a readership photo contest.

"This is a great award for us," said associate publisher Kate B. Dickson. "Because the whole product is judged it reflects on the talents of everyone at The Pampa News."

Currently, work is under way on Pride 2000 and it is not too late to advertise in this top-notch section. Call 669-2525 for more information.

It's still a mess at the paper ...

Things are still in a mess at The Pampa News when it comes to some of our computer systems. Thus, we can run no color pictures at all and very few black and white photos.

"We appreciate our readers bearing with us," said associate publisher Kate B. Dickson. "We're still not sure what happened, but there was damage to equipment critical to our production."

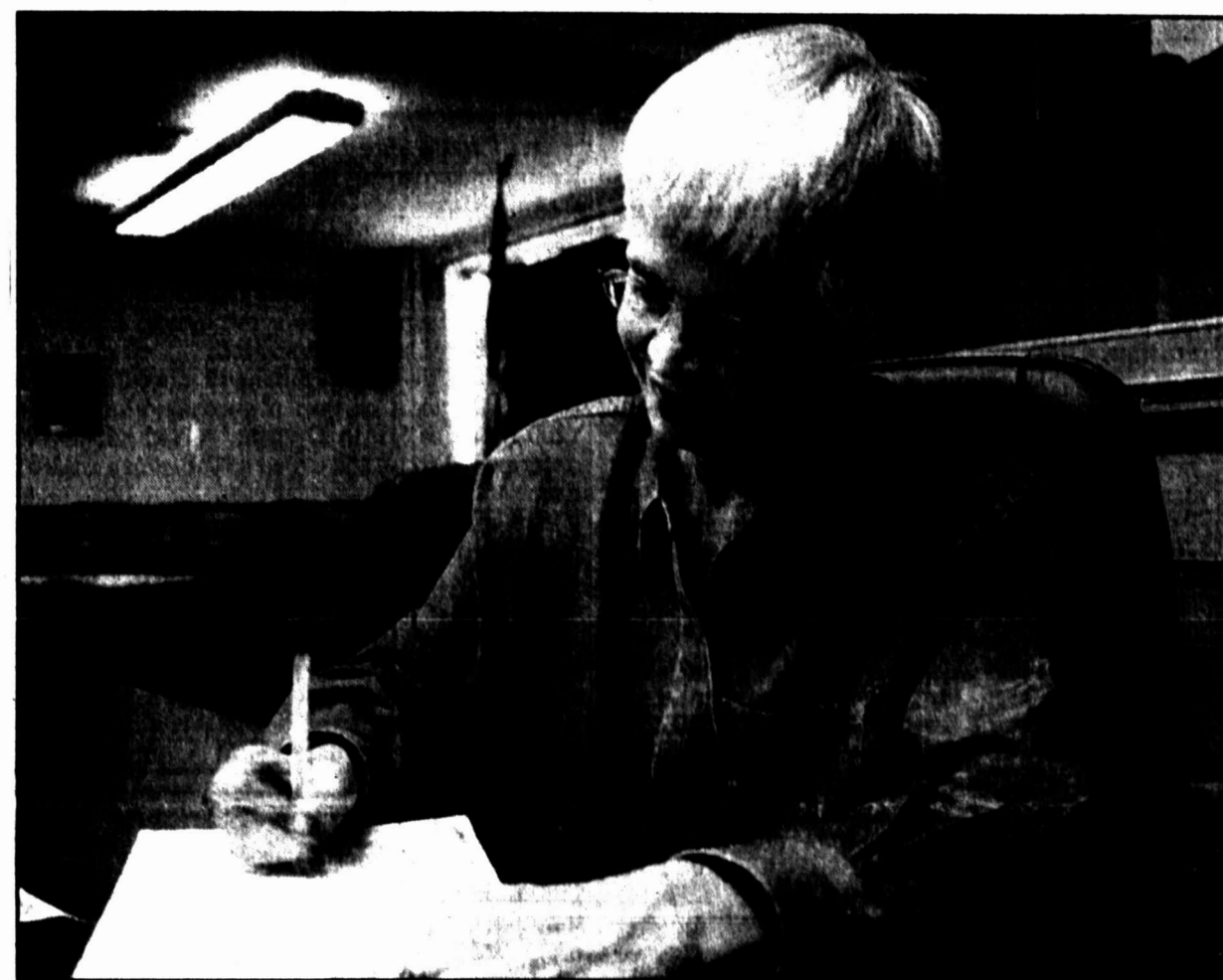
Being back to normal depends upon when some equipment can be repaired and when a special technician can come from Dallas to set calibrations on a page negative-making machine, Dickson said.

Also down is the web site which is to be the last element to be put back on line. Meanwhile, those buying classified advertising won't be charged the on-line fee.

The crash also took out many of the photos in the system. Those with negatives or prints available can be reentered into the computer but any photos taken with a digital camera are gone.

It's also possible some articles entered into the system are missing but that element of the problem is yet to be sorted out, Dickson said.

Early voting starts ...



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Nelda Dickman voted early today in the Republican primary at Gray County Courthouse. Pampa voters can vote early in either the Democratic or Republican primary scheduled for March 14, at the courthouse between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Applications for early voting ballots by mail will be accepted by the Gray County Clerk's office until March 7. Election officials said 126 Republicans and 13 Democrats voted Monday, the first day of early voting.

N. Texas churches may vote to leave Baptist assembly

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Baptist pastors from across the state met in North Texas Monday to consider pulling their churches from the moderate-controlled Baptist General Convention of Texas and joining a breakaway conservative group.

No vote was taken Monday, but the pastors from 30 churches talked about how many feel their convention had adopted policies too different from the fundamental core of the national organization, the 15.7 million-member Southern Baptist Convention. Some are considering joining the Southern Baptists of Texas.

"We just got together to pray together, to talk

together, to council one another, to view our options," Jack Graham, pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church, told Dallas' WFAA-TV. Prestonwood, located in Plano, a suburb of Dallas, is where the meeting was held.

Tension between the conservatives and moderates has been growing. Among their complaints, conservatives claim the Baptist General Convention hasn't taken strong-enough stands against abortion and homosexuality.

Rev. Miles Seaborn of Fort Worth, who was the first president of the Southern Baptists of Texas

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Today's a rare centennial Leap Year Day

An extra day is added every four years, except for years ending in 00 — unless the year is divisible by 400. Thus 2000 is a leap year, and so was 1600, but 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not.

four-day event that got a head start Saturday, is in the small farming town of Anthony, straddling the Texas-New Mexico state line. Thousands of people, including dozens of genuine "leapers," were expected at the festivities in what has been proclaimed the Leap Year Capital of the World.

Statistically, one of every 1,461 people is a leaper. There are an estimated 200,000 in the United States and 4.1 million worldwide.

Leapers from more than 30 countries have joined the Honor Society of Leap

Year Day Babies, which is approaching a membership of 1,300.

Among them is J.N. Oleap Fernando, a professor from Sri Lanka, who proposed that other parents emulate his own by giving their Leap Day babies names that reflect the special date.

Raenell Dawn, born on Leap Year Day in 1960 (and thus celebrating her 10th birthday today), endorsed the campaign on the Honor Society Web site. She also lobbies for her own favorite cause: persuading calendar publishers to designate the quadrennial Feb. 29s as Leap Year Day.

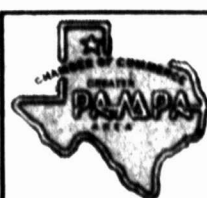
"I've written hundreds of letters, and I've never heard back from any of them," she said from her home in Salem, Ore. "You'd think they'd get the hang of it, since it's a date that celebrates the calendar."

Only a handful of mass-produced calendars designate the day, she said. One of them — a Grateful Dead calendar — adorns her home even though she doesn't listen to the band's music.

The Internet's reach has enabled leapers worldwide to feel part of a collegial, high-spirited movement. But Dawn said some elderly leapers have told her of a different era in their youth, when a Feb. 29 birthday was considered enough of an inconvenience that some parents considered registering the birth date as Feb. 28 or March 1.

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Pampa Chamber of Commerce Prayer Breakfast
March 7th, 200 -- 7:00 a.m. -- 200 N. Ballard -- Please RSVP at 669-3241
Open to the Public -- Please Join Us In Praying For Our Community!!



Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HOGUE, Dock H. — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.
NICHOLAS, "Bo" — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, McLean.
OTIS, Floyd B. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery, Canadian.

Obituaries

CAROLYN RUTH HAYLETT

GUYPON, Okla. — Carolyn Ruth Haylett, 51, formerly of Guymon, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2000, at Salina, Kan. Services were Monday in Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home Chapel with Read Barbby officiating. Burial was in Elmhurst Cemetery.

Mrs. Haylett was born at Wilson and attended Guymon schools. She was a nurse's aide at Memorial Hospital for several years and attended New Life Christian Center of Guymon. She was living in Salina at the time of her death.

Survivors include four children, Krystal Martin, Vincent Martin and Jennifer Knoles, all of Salina, and Cynthia Haylett of Russell, Kan.; two sisters, Shirley Walton of Guymon and Barbara Sommer of Bartow, Fla.; two brothers, Harilee Whitehead of Pampa and Robert Martin of Texas; and four grandchildren.

DOROTHA INEZ RASCO HERNANDEZ
 Dorothea Inez Rasco Hernandez, 76, of Pampa, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hernandez was born Dec. 28, 1923, in Young County, Texas. She had been a Pampa resident since 1939. She married Frank G. Hernandez on Aug. 18, 1962, at Pampa. She was a homemaker and belonged to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and the Altar Society.

She was a former member of Bible Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Oma C. and Clarence C. Jameson; and by her father and stepmother, James and Edna Rasco.

Survivors include her husband, Frank, of the home; two daughters, Sandra Hodges of Palm Springs, Calif., and Debbie Adams of Garland; a son, Toby Hernandez of Garland; five sisters, Evelyn Hodges of Indio, Calif., Peggy J. McBride and Brenda Fitzgerald, both of New Orleans, La.; Jackie Baker of Odessa and Ruth Thomas of Breckenridge; two brothers, Kermit Rasco of Pampa and James R. Rasco of New Orleans; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

DOCK H. HOGUE

WHEELER — Dock H. Hogue, 95, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2000, at SunBridge Care Center in Wheeler. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. Toby Henson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wheeler, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Hogue was born Aug. 27, 1904, to John and Mary Higgins Hogue in Hunt County, Texas. He had been a Wheeler resident since 1967, moving from Garland. He was retired from the City of Garland.

Survivors include a son, Wayne Hogue of Whitney; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A.A. BO' NICHOLAS

McLEAN — A.A. "Bo" Nicholas, 81, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2000, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Buell Wells officiating and the Rev. James Martindale assisting. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Nicholas was born Jan. 25, 1919, in Hardeman County, to T.I. and Carrie Nicholas. He married Willie Mae Brown on Nov. 30, 1935, at Altus, Okla. He was a cowboy, rancher and horse trader and worked for Tom Harlan, a rodeo stock contractor, for many years.

He belonged to McLean Roping Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and six brothers, Red Nicholas, Lawrence Nicholas, Tommy Nicholas, Gene Nicholas, Cecil Nicholas and J.W. Nicholas.

Survivors include his wife, Willie Mae, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Jim Evans of Amarillo and Coy and Raymond Henry of Lefors; a sister, Gertrude Holden of Chillicothe; three granddaughters, Pam Hicks of Amarillo, Sydney Dophied of Mesquite and Gina Homen of Lubbock; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of McLean or to a favorite charity.

FLOYD B. OTIS

CANADIAN — Floyd B. Otis, 88, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2000. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Daryle Perry of Elk City, Okla., officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Otis was born at Wilsey, Kan., and attended a country school in Morris County, Kan. He married Frances Shearer in 1935 at Cottonwood Falls, Kan. He had been a Canadian resident since 1946 and worked for Canadian Grain Co-op for 15 years and for the City of Canadian for 20 years, retiring in 1981.

He belonged to First Christian Church of Wilsey and Canadian Roping Club.

He was preceded in death by a son, Floyd Otis Jr., in 1981.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; three sons, Shorty Otis of Canadian, Frank Otis of Topeka, Kan., and Freddie Otis of Alex, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Celine Dion sues National Enquirer over pregnancy story

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Singer Celine Dion has sued the National Enquirer for \$20 million, alleging it said she was pregnant with twins while knowing the story was false.

Claims in the suit, filed Monday in Superior Court, include false light invasion of privacy, unfair business practices, and intentional infliction

Police

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

Monday, Feb. 28

Criminal Mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Frost. Holes were punched into a sheet-rock wall sometime between Dec. 1 and Dec. 5.

A vehicle was burglarized in the 1100 block of Sandlewood. Items reported stolen include the following: a CD player, valued at \$150, various CDs, valued at \$240, and a visor organizer, valued at \$10.

A vehicle was burglarized in the 1100 block of Charles. Four CDs, valued at \$70, were reported stolen.

The theft of a blue Diamondback 10-speed bicycle, valued at \$300, was reported in the 500 block of East 17th.

A simple assault was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department released the following accident report Tuesday, Feb. 29.

Monday, Feb. 28

Jo Ann Ginn, 61, 629 Sloan, was cited for failure to yield right of way after she, in a Dodge Dynasty, disregarded a yield sign at the intersection of North Hamilton and Randy Matson and collided with a Chevrolet Suburban driven by Mary Janice Parker, 43, 1701 Mary Ellen.

Fires

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

Monday, Feb. 28

11:46 a.m. — Three units and four personnel responded to a hazardous materials spill at the Taylor Mart on Hwy 60 west. Ten to Fifteen gallons of diesel had been spilled.

1:06 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in the 1200 block of South Dwight. A bad battery was determined to be the cause of the alarm malfunction.

4:18 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in the 1200 block of East Darby. A small gas leak was discovered in a hot water heater.

5:46 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to a natural gas leak in the 1000 block of Alcock. A vehicle had struck an Energas regulatory station. Fire personnel stayed on the scene until Energas was able to shut down gas flow to the area.

Tuesday, Feb. 29

12:01 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for medical assistance in the 1100 block of Seneca. Patient was packaged and transported, according to fire officials.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.02	Cocacola	.47 15/16	dn 1/8
Milo	2.80	Columbia/HCA	.18 7/8	dn 9/16
Corn	3.25	Brown	.66 5/8	up 1/16
Soybeans	4.08	Halliburton	.36 1/4	up 1/8
		IRI	.4 3/4	up 1/16
		KMI	.26 7/16	dn 1/8
		Kerr McGee	.43 5/16	up 15/16
		Limited	.32 1/4	up 15/16
		McDonald's	.31 11/16	up 9/16
		Exxon Mobil	.74	up 1/2
		New Atmos	.16 1/8	dn 1/8
		NCE	.27 1/16	dn 3/16
		OKE	.22 3/16	dn 3/16
		Phillips	.36 11/16	dn 1/16
		Pioneer Nat.	.7 11/16	NC
		SLB	.21 1/2	up 2 1/4
		Tenneco	.7 9/16	NC
		Texaco	.47	dn 1/16
		Ultramar	.21 15/16	NC
		Wal-Mart	.48 3/8	up 2 3/16
		Williams	.41 11/16	up 1/16

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

Occidental	.16 1/16	up 3/16
Fidelity Magellan	.128 7/8	up 1/16
Puritan	.17 83	up 1/16

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

Amoco	.47 5/8	up 1/16
Amco	.69 3/8	up 1/16
Cabot	.23 5/8	up 7/16
Cabot O&G	.14 15/16	dn 1/8
Chevron	.74 3/8	dn 3/16
New York Gold	292.20	
Silver	5.06	
West Texas Crude	30.38	

Carson County

The Carson County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the week of Feb. 21 through Feb. 27. There are 12 people incarcerated in the Carson County Jail, and 9 people incarcerated in other jurisdictions.

Danny L. Franklin, 25, Nazareth, was arrested on the charge of criminal negligent homicide.

Jeff Gray, 49, Panhandle, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated second offense.

Jerry Dawson, 19, Amarillo, was arrested on the charge of minor in possession of alcohol.

Floyd G. Berry, 38, Amarillo, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated first offense.

Charles Jefferson, 38, Amarillo, was arrested on the charge of public intoxication.

Sharon King, 49, White Deer, was arrested on Ochiltree Co. forgery warrants.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Feb. 28

12:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Seneca and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

FIRE

Staging area of the fire departments had to be moved shortly before 12 noon due to the direction of the fire changing.

Thick smoke was sighted as far south as Bowers City, approximately 12 miles south of Pampa.

Gray County is under an extreme fire danger warning, according to a release.

The region's Texas Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator Les Rogers listed local county along with counties throughout the Panhandle and the South Plains as being under the danger.

Rogers along with Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell are urging caution by area residents as current high winds, low humidity and heavy fuel load have created the potential for wind-driven fires.

Powell said Gray County has no bans in force yet, but she discourages any outdoor burning until conditions improve. "Everybody needs to be extremely careful," said Powell.

She said the high winds are keeping the vegetation dried out, making the area a potential tinder box.

"Gray County has been very fortunate we have not had any more grass fires than we have had," she said. Numerous grass fires, including a fire which destroyed 122,000 acres, have been reported in the area in recent days.

"We are under severe fire hazard conditions, and everyone needs to be very cautious," she said.

Kent Hall of Gray County's LEPC said many fires have been reported as starting from the side of the road. Some have begun because cigarettes have been carelessly thrown out of car windows while other have started along railroad tracks caused by sparks from passing trains. Lightning strikes have been another cause, he said.

Hall said the local citizens have been helping monitor the area, causing quicker notification to

emergency workers of any fires. He said the involvement by private citizens has helped firefighters get to fire scenes sooner, stopping the fires before they spread to outlying areas.

Rogers of the Texas Forest Service requests all residents postpone all outdoor burning. The South Plains and the Panhandle will not be out of extreme danger until significant rainfall and spring green-up has occurred.

Rogers suggests that smoking materials be distinguished in vehicle ashtrays rather than out of a window or on the ground.

Both Rogers and Powell warn that hot catalytic converters also can ignite dry vegetation whether in a field or on the side of the road.

Texas Forest Service said strong, gusty winds over the next couple of days can bring a greatly increased likelihood that wildfires will spread rapidly and become a major threat to life and property. Firefighters are urging extreme caution with all fire use outdoors, even outdoor cooking.

If welding out-of-doors, Rogers says to be sure to water down the surrounding work area and have a fire extinguisher nearby.

Similar weather conditions were present March 5, 1991, when wind-whipped utility lines were knocked to the ground by high winds about six miles west of Stinnett in Hutchinson County.

The resulting blaze quickly raced across the grassland to Stinnett destroying 19 homes, several businesses and numerous animals. The fires were described by residents as moving in tornadic fashion as they jumped around the small community, destroying whatever they struck. Pampa Fire Department was among many departments throughout the Panhandle who sent trucks to the town to help residents fight the fires.

Miraculously, there were no deaths. Only minor injuries were reported, along with millions of dollars in damage.

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basis are about 33 percent higher than the cost of a brand new uniform. He said that the last time uniforms were purchased was 10 years ago and the sizing is not very consistent with the size of the students who are now in high school.

Collins said to purchase 30 additional uniforms for 2000-2001 school, which would matching the current style, would be approximately \$13,657. The purchase of 50 additional uniforms would be \$22,671.

The board members will evaluate bids for the possible new uniforms when the bids are received.

In other action the board accepted the insurance bids of HRH Insurance totaling \$47,887. Coverage

included in the bid was for property, general liability, professional liability, employee benefits, automobile, boiler/equipment break, crime and contractor.

Additional agencies submitting bids were Blackwell & Associates, Duncan, Fraser Bridges, Key and Piskuran Insurance Agency, PIA Insurance Agency and Texas Association of School Boards. Band and choir equipment was also covered in the insurance recommendations.

Approval was also granted of the Textbook Selection Committee's recommendations for the 2000-1001 school year.

Board of trustees voted to participate in Texas Public School Week March 6-10. May 6 was approved as election date for the upcoming school board election.

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BAPTIST

when it split from the moderate group formed in 1998, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram over the weekend that Graham and the other pastors planned to talk about joining his group.

He declined to release further details about a possible change in church could be a second major victory

for the Irving-based conservative group, which has support from about 300 churches.

Last November, the 12,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas voted to send most of its money to the Southern Baptists of Texas but remain dually aligned with the Baptist General Convention of Texas by contributing a small amount to the moderate group.

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LEAP

Even now, some computers have trouble registering Feb. 29.

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day is added every four years, except for years ending in 00 — unless the year is divisible by 400. Thus 2000 is a leap year, and so was 1600, but 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not.

Pope Gregory was not a leaper, but one of his 16th century predecessors — Pope Paul III — was.

Kathie Lee quitting show

NEW YORK (AP) — Kathie Lee Gifford is calling it quits after 11 years as Regis Philbin's sidekick on television's "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee."

She said on the air this morning that she would not be coming back for a 12th year of the syndicated talk show. Her contract was up for renewal in July.

"It's time," she told Philbin. He asked if she was kidding and she said no.

She said they will do their final show together in July. Calls to her publicist were not immediately returned.

Gifford has recently branched out beyond her talk show, performing one night a week in the Broadway musical revue, "Putting it Together." Last week, she was a guest host for David Letterman on CBS's "Late Show."

The Regis and Kathie show is a solid fourth in the syndicated talk show market, behind Oprah Winfrey, Jerry Springer and Rosie O'Donnell. Its ratings are down roughly 10 percent this year, although the talk show market in general has been declining.

During the past year, Gifford has seen the fortunes of her co-host rise. Philbin has been the host of prime-time's wildly successful, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" and had been noncommittal himself about how long he wanted to continue the talk show. Philbin's contract to do the show lasts until August 2001.

Gifford, married to former football star Frank Gifford, frequently talked on the show about the antics of their son, Cody.

She became a target of labor activists when they said her clothing line was produced in foreign sweatshops. She pledged to work to end abuses in the apparel industry.

Gifford also went through the public embarrassment of her husband's 1997 affair with a flight attendant, allegedly set up by a tabloid newspaper.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny today with a high of 67 and southwest winds at 20-30 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the mid 30s and winds from the northeast at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high in the upper 60s. Yesterday's high was 67; the overnight low 46.

STATEWIDE — An approaching cold front heralded a second week of storms in Texas, with strong southerly winds pumping warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico ahead of the system.

Low clouds extended from the lower Rio Grande Valley into the

Red River Valley. The cloud cover helped keep early-morning temperatures in the lower 60s in many areas. Some patchy fog and drizzle covered South Texas.

Extremes statewide ranged from the 40s to lower 70s. It was 43 degrees at Guadalupe Pass, 54 at Wink and Fort Stockton, 57 in Abilene and Conroe and 62 in Dallas-Fort Worth.

Readings of 70 degrees were listed at several stations including Alice, Brownsville, Port Isabel, Harlingen, McAllen and Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio.

On Monday, the highest temperature in the continental

United States was 85 degrees at McAllen.

A Pacific cold front and a preceding dry line were stalled in West Texas, stretching from Childress to Midland.

Winds west of the front were mostly westerly at 10 to 25 mph and southerly at 20 to 35 mph south of the system.

Gusts rose to 41 mph at Amarillo, 27 mph at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and 26 mph at San Angelo.

A wind advisory by the National Weather Service continued from Bonham to Hearne, with a caution posted for area lakes east of the line.

City Briefs

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GRAND OPENING Jim's Tradin' City Flea Market, buy, sell, trade, spaces available. Antiques, tools, camp/fishing, etc. 918 E. Frederic, 665-3620.

IS THERE something your Mama always said to you when you were a child that stuck with you? Save those sayings for posterity with "Mama Said", a quilt that will really take you back. Sign up at Sand's Fabrics.

REMEMBER WHEN your Pampa News Carrier collects, does the carrier have his/her cards & hole punch? If not, don't pay. Thanks, Circulation Dept.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furr's Cafeteria.

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

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Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

GRAY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Gray County Republican Party and Top of Texas Republican Women will co-sponsor a forum for Republican candidates seeking election in the March 14 primary at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2

at Knights of Columbus Hall, 318 N. Cuyler. The public is cordially invited to attend.

ART SHOW FUND-RAISER

A "Spring Art Soiree" will be held beginning with a cocktail buffet at 6 p.m. followed by a live art auction with Tim Assiter on March 10 at Amarillo Civic Center. Show hours will be 11 a.m.-5 p.m. March 11 and 12-4 p.m. March 12. The Art Committee has established four levels of sponsorship. Host couples are assigned to an artist for the event to assist as needed. The proceeds will benefit High Plains Epilepsy Association.

MRS. TEXAS PAGEANT

The 2000 Mrs. Texas Pageant will be May 11-12 at the Holiday Inn Select in Dallas. The pageant is a preliminary to the Mrs. United States Pageant. For more information, call David Aguilar or Gary Young at (214) 339-4788; 2910 E. Perryton Dr., Dallas, TX 75224.

LAMAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Students accepted into the Texas Academy of Leadership in Humanities, a two-year residential honors program at Lamar University in Beaumont, are eligible for full tuition scholarships for up to 15 credit hours per semester. Enrollment is currently underway for the fall 2000 semester. For more information, call (409) 839-2995, fax (409) 839-2991 or e-mail TALH@hal.lamar.edu.

COAF WEBSITE

The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum

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

CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampa Water Garden and

Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

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Mascot contest open to children

AUSTIN — A six-foot tall walking, talking diploma will soon become the Texas Tomorrow Fund's official mascot. The elementary school student who comes up with the best name for the diploma will win a class party hosted by the new mascot, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced recently.

"I encourage all Texas elementary school children to use their imagination and creativity to give the Texas Tomorrow Fund's diploma mascot a name. I hope this contest also encourages all children to envision their own name on a college diploma and to think about how a college education will help them achieve their dreams," Rylander said. "Nothing is more important than education."

The "Name the Mascot" contest is open to all Texas elementary school students. Suggested names for the mascot should be funny, cute or clever and should reflect the fact that he (or she) just graduated from college. Entries should be submitted on a postcard and should include the suggested name for the mascot, the child's name, home address and home phone number. Also include the child's grade, school name and school address. Entries must be postmarked by March 10 and mailed to Texas Tomorrow Fund, Name the Mascot, P.O. Box 13407, Austin, TX 78711-3407.

The winner of the "Name the Mascot" contest will be announced on March 20. The diploma mascot will visit the winner's class and provide refreshments and Texas Tomorrow Fund mementos. The mascot will make appearances throughout the state to help the comptroller inform parents and grandparents about the state's prepaid college tuition program. The Texas Tomorrow Fund allows families to prepay tomorrow's college tuition and required fees at today's prices.

"Most families are concerned about saving for college," Rylander said. "For as little as \$15 a month, anyone can pay tuition and required fees for a newborn's first year at a Texas community college. If you set aside \$104 a month, your newborn will be guaranteed a four-year education at any of Texas' public colleges and universities. The time to start planning and saving for our children's and our grandchildren's future education is today."

For more information about the program, visit the Texas Tomorrow Fund website at <www.texas tomorrow fund.com>, or call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723).

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Texas Editorials

Waco Tribune-Herald on re-enacting Davidian tragedy:

If it wasn't a whitewash, it's a batch of laundry gone bad.

The American people have never gotten sufficient answers about the horrific events that ended with an inferno and the deaths of 76 people at the Branch Davidian compound, April 19, 1993.

A lot of attention has been focused on a couple of questions in recent weeks. Both are troubling and in need of answers, but they are only two among many.

Right now the attention is on whether or not federal agents fired on the Branch Davidians that day as armored vehicles pounded at their residence. It is right and proper that a re-creation is being staged to test the concerns voiced by two film documentaries that flashes on an infrared tape show gunfire.

As many as 100 such flashes are seen on that tape, leading all civilized observers to hope that the flashes are something other than gunfire. Even one gunshot would have been too much unless agents were defending their lives. After all, the intent of the operation supposedly was to safely flush the Branch Davidians out of their shelter, not to massacre them.

Another much-publicized issue is the use of incendiary tear gas canisters, which at first the FBI denied using but which in fact were used. Could they in any way have started the fire? It appears not, since they were fired on exterior targets. But we need to know for sure.

Other questions:

Once and for all, what was the role of the Delta Force, the military team summoned to Mount Carmel on the trumped-up pretext that the Branch Davidians were producing drugs? Federal officials say that the military unit simply was observing. Truth or lie?

What was the aim of the armored vehicles ramming the building? Was it simply to insert tear gas? Was it to open a hole out of which people would escape? Or was it to terrorize and destroy?

What is the forensic evidence? Several died of gunshots on April 19. Were these wounds all of the victims' own hands or those of fellow Branch Davidians? Or is there evidence that the gunshots came from outside? Troubling questions surround the remains of David Riddle who, in addition to being shot in the head, appears to have suffered bodily mutilation that some people theorize came from being run over by an armored vehicle.

Unlike an airplane that explodes over the ocean, all of the evidence sits before us on solid ground in this case. The most highly advanced society, with the best justice system in the world, should be able to answer all of the above.

A civil suit by the survivors and an independent probe into the events should go a long way to answering some of these questions. U.S. District Judge Walter Smith has ordered a simulation of the infrared effects. He should allow press representatives to witness the re-creation if for no other reason than to assure the American people that this phase is no whitewash.

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Democracy: Let free speech abound

Edwin Feulner

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The First Amendment says "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people to peaceably assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Liberals think they can improve on that.

Their First Amendment would read, "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, etc. ... providing such speech or activities do not offend. If any offense is taken, citizen whiners, being necessary to the security of a politically correct state, shall from time to time suppress the offender's free speech rights by any means necessary, including, but not limited to, required sensitivity training, 're-education,' and loss of income."

That, at least, is how many liberals have interpreted the First Amendment lately — and it's both hypocritical and scary.

It's hypocritical because liberals often praise what they consider the crowning achievements of free speech in this country, such as freedom for strip clubs to operate in residential neighborhoods. Or freedom for "musicians" to peddle CDs that advocate rape, murder and other acts of enlightened citizenship. Or freedom for artists to use taxpayer money to create works whose sole purpose is to offend taxpayers.

Yet many of these same liberals want to shut up

conservatives whose ideas they don't agree with — and do so in ways akin to the techniques the Soviets used during their 70-year reign of terror. That's the scary part. Examples of liberalism's disdain for certain types of free speech include:

—A group of 100 left-wing religious leaders who have vowed to hound all presidential candidates until they stop mentioning religion and God on the campaign trail. It just won't do, you see, to have candidates declaring themselves "born again" or praising faith-based organizations for their success at solving social ills. The liberal churchmen say all that God-speak detracts from an "in-depth" debate on the issues. They see nothing wrong, however, in trying to silence the views of politicians and others who take their faith more seriously.

—Columnist Dan Savage, who tried to muzzle presidential candidate Gary Bauer because of Bauer's views on gay marriage. In an article in the online magazine Salon, Savage recounts his efforts to infect Bauer with the flu and keep him out of the New Hampshire primary. According to

Savage, he was suffering from the flu himself. Instead of getting some bed rest, he decided to infiltrate Bauer's Iowa campaign office and cough on everything in sight. He claims he even licked doorknobs and handed Bauer a pen he had salvaged on. Savage admits his gonzo form of biological warfare was "mean-spirited," but justified it by saying Bauer's position on gay marriage was just as mean. Whatever you think of Bauer's position, he certainly has a right to express it. Savage would have none of it, and this from a "journalist" whose very job depends on free speech.

—The thugs who disrupted the World Trade Organization conference in Seattle. By threatening violence against those who disagreed with them, the protesters showed that while free trade may bother them, what they really hate is free speech — in this case, the idea that global trade benefits Americans (which, for the record, it does).

Other examples of the Left's intolerance abound. What they do on university campuses — burning newspapers, banishing the works of Plato, Shakespeare and other Dead White Males — fills entire books, for example.

All Americans, liberal or conservative, must be free to speak their minds without fear of harassment, violence — or the flu. Suppressing any idea makes democracy sick.

The work of a free people is never done

Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

your culture, your religion and your liberty.

Americans should also concern themselves with upholding the principle of separation of powers. Bill Clinton has abused his office more than any other president. He legislates with executive orders that, legally, cannot be used for that purpose. Congress, however, has been too spineless to call him on it.

Clinton has also evaded the constitutional requirement to consult with the Senate and seek its approval by relying on "executive agreements" rather than treaties. Both of these abuses are really grounds for impeachment, but you know how corrupt and spineless and blindly partisan most members of the House and Senate are.

Already, when you count the take of state and local governments, working Americans are taking home only about 50 cents on the dollar. The other 50 cents is going to government, where much of it is wasted on foreign aid, palatial and imperial-style government facilities and a bloated bureaucracy.

The only way to reduce taxes is to reduce the num-

ber of things government does. Too many Americans want to bellyache about taxes while begging government to solve all their personal and social problems. That's wrong. We need to systematically dismantle all the programs of government that are not constitutional as well as end the wasteful practice of pork-barrel projects.

Another thing to keep in mind is that no stock market has gone up forever. There are a lot of amateurs in the stock market today, and a lot of stock values have nothing to do with the performance of the companies but instead simply amount to investor expectations. Such values can vanish in a single afternoon, and people had better be careful to diversify their investments. Otherwise, they can get wiped out.

Determined minorities, not apathetic majorities, determine the destiny of a nation, so people who do care about the Constitution and liberty should not be discouraged by the mob. Let the majority of people watch their TV shows and play with their computers. Let those concerned with the future discipline and organize themselves to provide the leadership the country so urgently needs.

I don't put any stock in date changes on calendars, as there are always problems to be solved, challenges to be met, obstacles to be overcome. The work of a free people is never finished.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 29, the 60th day of 2000. There are 306 days left in the year. This is Leap Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 29, 1940, "Gone with the Wind" won eight Academy Awards, including best picture of 1939.

On this date:

In 1504, Christopher Columbus, stranded in Jamaica during his fourth voyage to the West, used a correctly predicted lunar eclipse to frighten hostile natives into providing food for his crew.

In 1792, the composer Gioacchino Antonio Rossini was born in Pesaro, Italy.

In 1796, President Washington proclaimed Jay's Treaty in effect; it settled some outstanding differences with Great Britain.

In 1904, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed a seven-member commission to hasten completion of the Panama Canal.

In 1956, President Eisenhower announced he would seek a second term of office.

In 1960, the first Playboy Club, featuring waitresses clad in "bunny" outfits, opened in Chicago. (Hugh Hefner closed the corporate-owned clubs in 1986, calling them "passe.")

In 1968, the discovery of the first "pulsar," a star which emits regular radio waves, was announced by Dr. Jocelyn Bell Burnell at Cambridge, England.

In 1968, President Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (also known as the Kerner Commission) warned that racism was causing America to move "toward two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal."

In 1980, former Israeli foreign minister Yigal Allon, who had played an important role in the Jewish state's fight for independence, died at age 61.

In 1984, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau announced he was stepping down after more than 15 years in power.

Twelve years ago: South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other religious leaders were arrested while kneeling near Parliament with a petition against government bans on anti-apartheid groups. (All were freed hours later.)



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To Grandma's House We Go — If It's Baby-Proofed

DEAR ABBY: I am a first-time mother of a beautiful 18-month-old son. My mother is crazy about being a grandma and begs me to come for extended visits so she can get to know her grandson. I just returned from a week's visit — and I am exhausted. Why? Because Mother refuses to "baby-proof" her house for our visits, so I spend all my time watching my son to ensure that he doesn't break something valuable, or get into the bleach under the kitchen sink.

Every baby book you buy stresses the importance of baby-proofing during the toddler years, so here are a few suggestions I have for grandparents who want their grandchildren to have a safe visit:

1. Move all cleaning supplies, cosmetics and room deodorizers up to a high shelf or cupboard.
2. Invest in outlet covers and drawer and cupboard locks. They are inexpensive and easy to remove after visits.
3. Put away all hard candies, coins, glass-framed photos, candles, and anything of sentimental value before your grandchild arrives.
4. Plants, animal litter boxes, pet food, detergents and caustic chemicals should be out of reach and out of sight.
5. Sharp-edged furniture, such as coffee tables or end tables, should have easily installed corner protectors applied, or should be turned on their sides during visits.

One of my girlfriends told me that when she's coming for a visit,

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

her mother buys diapers, baby wipes and appropriate baby food. She also has bibs, baby cups and spoons on hand. She even buys age-appropriate toys to keep at her house so her granddaughter has special toys to look forward to playing with during the visit.

In most cases, it's been about 20 years since these grandparents have been around babies. I think if they would read a current baby/toddler book, they would be surprised to learn about the new information available.

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DEAR BENT IN BEND: Your suggestions for grandparents seem sensible to me, and worth sharing with any new grandparent who might be out of touch. Since your mother seems to fall into that category, send her a book on baby/toddler child care as a gift. It could save her, you and your son a lot of stress or even an unfortunate accident.

DEAR ABBY: While on a white-water rafting trip, I was rescued from drowning by a man in a kayak, and I can't stop thinking about him. I am happily married, but am worried that I have "fallen in love" with the man who saved my life.

The man not only pulled me out of the water, he held my hand and kept eye contact for 15 minutes while I was in shock. He took care of me until I felt safe again.

I sent him a four-page thank-you letter. Now I watch the mailbox, waiting for a reply. What can I do to close this matter? Have I fallen in love with "my hero"?

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Being direct is important in a professional situation. Evaluate your words; think through your decisions. Others find you an endless source of information and leadership. However, convincing everyone to think like you is another issue. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Circulate ideas. Let others know what you are thinking. Fast feedback makes this a wonderful opportunity to brainstorm and talk turkey. Investigate rumors — don't accept hearsay at face value. Clarify what is real and what is fiction. Tonight: Take in a movie.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** A partner has much to say and share. You could be overwhelmed by what you hear. Discussions are fertile, especially those regarding joint financing and emotional matters. Consider the basics when making a decision with an associate. Tonight: Survey other opinions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Popularity soars. You see more possibilities than you have in a long while. Beam in what you want. Remain sure of yourself when making a

request. A meeting at work brings positive results; network and seek out what you want. Tonight: Say yes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Brainstorm with co-workers. Efficiency is maximized as you charge through work. Listen to an associate who has a lot of good ideas. You make a great team. Work on a one-on-one level. Success greets you. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** You express yourself clearly and concisely. Creativity increases after a discussion. Others seek you out en masse. Enjoy this popularity, but understand your limits. Know when enough socializing is enough. Or decide to take the day off! Tonight: A happy smile works wonders.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Pace yourself. Decide what would be best for you, both professionally and emotionally. A home office might be most appealing, but it would allow you to be more distracted. Practice more self-discipline. Make needed changes. Tonight: Putting in extra hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Reach out for others. Remain sure of yourself with a child or loved one who knows how to pique your interest. Stay centered in your dealings. Don't lose sight of what you want. Communication remains key in all avenues of your life. Tonight: Fun and games.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Dig into money matters, taxes or your budget. Listen to others, though ultimately it is your call. Remember: with your money, only one person is ulti-

mately responsible. A family member might encourage you to follow his direction. Tonight: Treating yourself doesn't need to be expensive.

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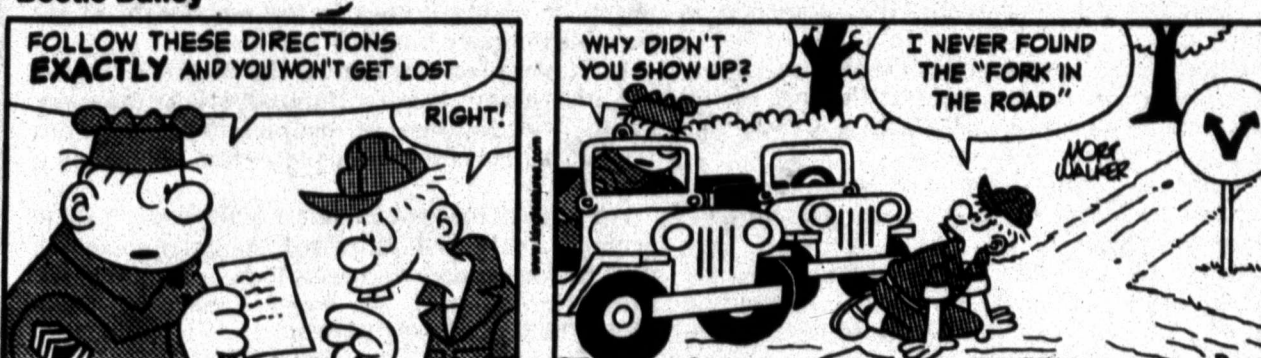
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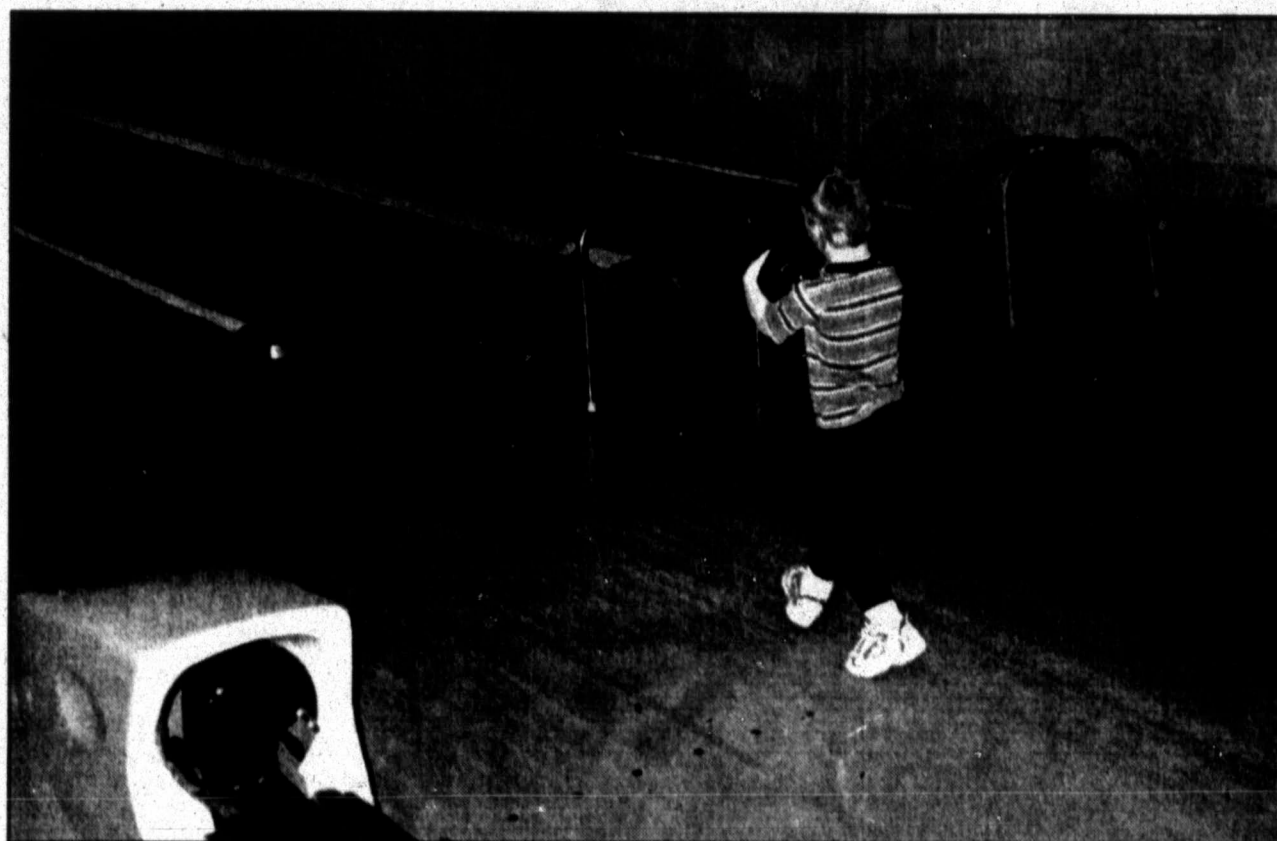
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Five-year-old Alex Samuels from Travis School bowls Tuesday morning at Harvester Lanes. Samuels got a little help from the bowling ball guiding device.

Bowling - It's family fun

"Bowling is the only sport where nobody sits on the bench. Everybody participates," Harvester Lanes owner Ralph West said.

Ralph and his wife JoAnn bought Harvester Lanes from Warren Dahn January 1, 2000. Ralph and JoAnn come from Beaumont, Texas. JoAnn was born in Shreveport, La., but reared in Beaumont. Ralph was born and reared in Beaumont.

Ralph and JoAnn actually met in a bowling alley. Twenty-two years ago Ralph's mom told him to go help the "girls" move a pool table. Ralph's sister worked with JoAnn at Gateway Lanes. Ralph's mom told him to help his sister and her co-worker move the pool table.

"I moved her pool table and she moved my heart," Ralph said.

"Oh God," JoAnn said, rolling her eyes and laughing. They laugh a lot.

"You got to have fun," Ralph

said. Ralph and JoAnn are family-oriented.

"Call it Harvester Lanes Family Fun Center," JoAnn said, "We're trying to make this a place for families and children."

On Saturdays Harvester Lanes sponsors a Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA) event for young people aged 5 to 21.

Starting March 6, HL will sponsor an eight-week Special Olympics league, JoAnn said.

"Also," JoAnn said, "we're working very hard to implement an in-school bowling program."

And HL has sponsored many community events. Last December the bowling alley sponsored a Toys for Tots bowling tournament. HL also sponsored a Sue Henderson Tournament to benefit a former employee of the lanes that needed medical attention. The tournament raised some \$1,700 for Henderson's medical costs.

Ralph and JoAnn have two

sons: 20-year-old Cory, who attends Clarendon College Pampa, and 18-year-old Gordon, who plans to enlist in the military.

"And they can both bowl in the 180 to 200 range," Ralph said.

Ralph said the best part of bowling is spending time with friends and family, and making new friends.

"You get a little excitement, you get to have fun, you get to spend time with your friends, and you make new friends," Ralph said.

Ralph and JoAnn said some of the bowlers at Harvester Lanes have become like family.

"You can't see someone every Tuesday and not become part of his or her life. Bowlers are family," JoAnn said.

The regular price of bowling is \$2.25 per person per game, and \$1.25 for a pair of bowling shoes. But JoAnn said there are many specials.

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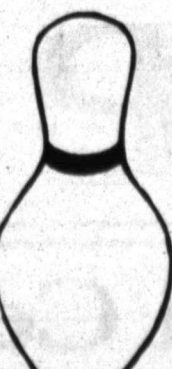
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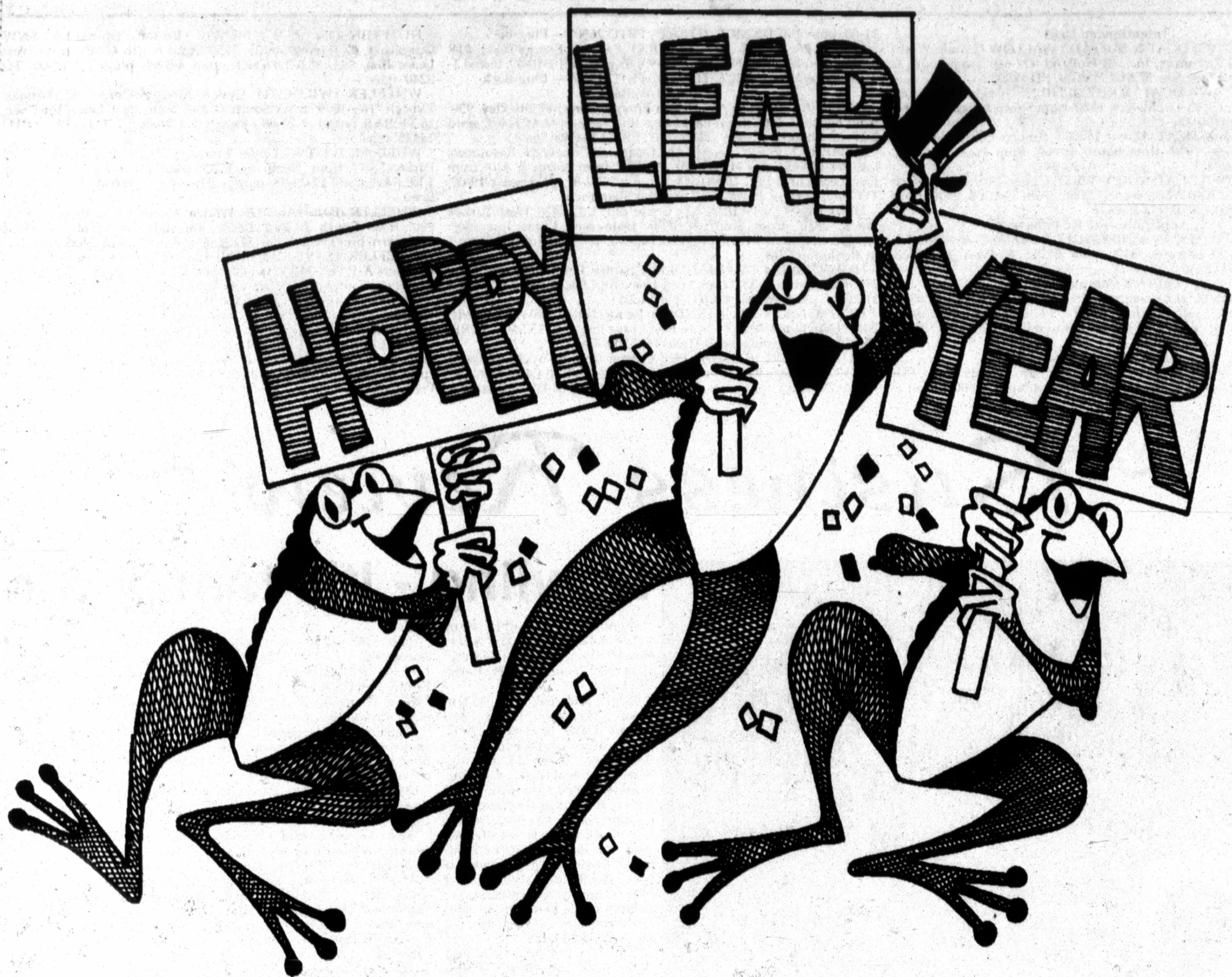
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GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Seniors Golf Association held a long and short two-man scramble last week.

Results are as follows:

First place: Dale Haynes, Irvin Williams, Ralph Ridgway and Troy Bennett, 144.

Second place: Bill King, Earnest Barnett, Gabe Crossman, Jess Mathis and Rex Courter 146.

Third place: B.F. Dorman, Preston Cox, Marvin Allison and Louis Haydon, 147.

Fourth place: Jerry Dorman, Waldon Haynes, Jerry South and David Crossman 151.

Closest to the hole: Travis Taylor, No. 15.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Amarillo High handed Pampa a 12-6 loss in high school baseball action Tuesday afternoon.

The win evened the Sandies record at 3-3. Pampa is 1-1-1.

The Harvesters play at Randall at 4 p.m. Friday.

Pampa junior varsity baseball team has a 1-1 record so far this season.

Pampa opened the season with a 9-8 victory over Borger.

Leading hitters were Kevin Schaub and Shawn Strate, one double each; Wes Martin, Charlie Craig and Vivian Botello, one single each. Pampa batters struck out only three times and walked five times.

Schaub, who relieved Strate in the second inning, was the winning pitcher. They combined for three strikeouts while walking six and giving up two hits.

Jon Lambright (first base), Evan Miller (shortstop) and Adam Wright (third base) had a good defensive game.

"The team did a lot of little things good. We made a few mistakes, but they can all be worked out," said coach Troy Owens.

Pampa lost a 5-4 squeaker to Tascosa.

Schaub had Pampa's only two hits. Tascosa had four hits.

Kyle Keith and Lambright pitched for Pampa JV.

Good defense was played by Miller at shortstop and Charlie Craig in right field.

Pampa junior varsity's next game is at 4 today against River Road JV in Pampa.

BASKETBALL

DALLAS (AP) — Marquise Gainous had 27 points and 14 rebounds and Texas Christian shot 55 percent in the second half as the Horned Frogs put Southern Methodist's NCAA Tournament chances in doubt with an 86-83 victory Monday night.

TCU coach Billy Tubbs was hit with a penny just below the right eye as he walked off the court, but was not seriously injured. It's unknown who threw the coin.

SMU (21-6, 9-4) led 39-31 at halftime, but hit just 17 of 43 shots in the second half. The Mustangs made four of 17 from 3-point range in the second half and made just 8 of 27 overall.

TCU (16-13, 7-6) hit just 37 percent from the field in the first half, but made 21 of 38 shots in the second half, including seven of 10 from 3-point range.

SMU had a chance to tie in the final 10 seconds, but missed on a pair of 3-point attempts.

Willie Davis led SMU with 24 points and nine rebounds. Stephen Woods had 18 points. Mike Niemi had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Pampa tennis team rules Oklahoma schools

ELK CITY, Okla. — Pampa was the dominant team, winning 25 of 30 matches against four Oklahoma schools last weekend in Elk City. Despite coping with high winds, Pampa posted some impressive wins against Vernon, Altus, Eisenhower and Lawton at the Texoma February Thaw Scrimmage.

"Our doubles teams continue to improve as they lost only one match this weekend out of 14," said Pampa coach Carolyn Quarles. "I am very pleased with the fundamentals I'm seeing, which is a result of hard work on their part. I feel we are really making progress understanding the doubles game and then actually making it happen. Some of the toughest competition this weekend was in singles."

Sophomore A.J. Smith had an opportunity to play three excellent singles players, falling short of a win but gaining great experience.

Another area of improvement this spring is the play of seniors Helen Orr and Jennifer Muns in singles, coach Quarles said.

"Helen won three of four matches at No. 1 singles and Jennifer won all four of her

matches at No. 2," Quarles said. "These girls are hitting the ball with confidence and truly establishing an offensive singles game. All in all I'm excited about the next four weeks before district to see how this team will continue to improve."

Junior Michael Cornelison posted his 100th career victory this past weekend.

He joins senior teammate Matt Rains, who collected his 100th career win in the McKinney Invitational earlier this spring season.

"We are really proud of these players for this accomplishment. It's a big deal on our team to accomplish this before you graduate," Quarles said.

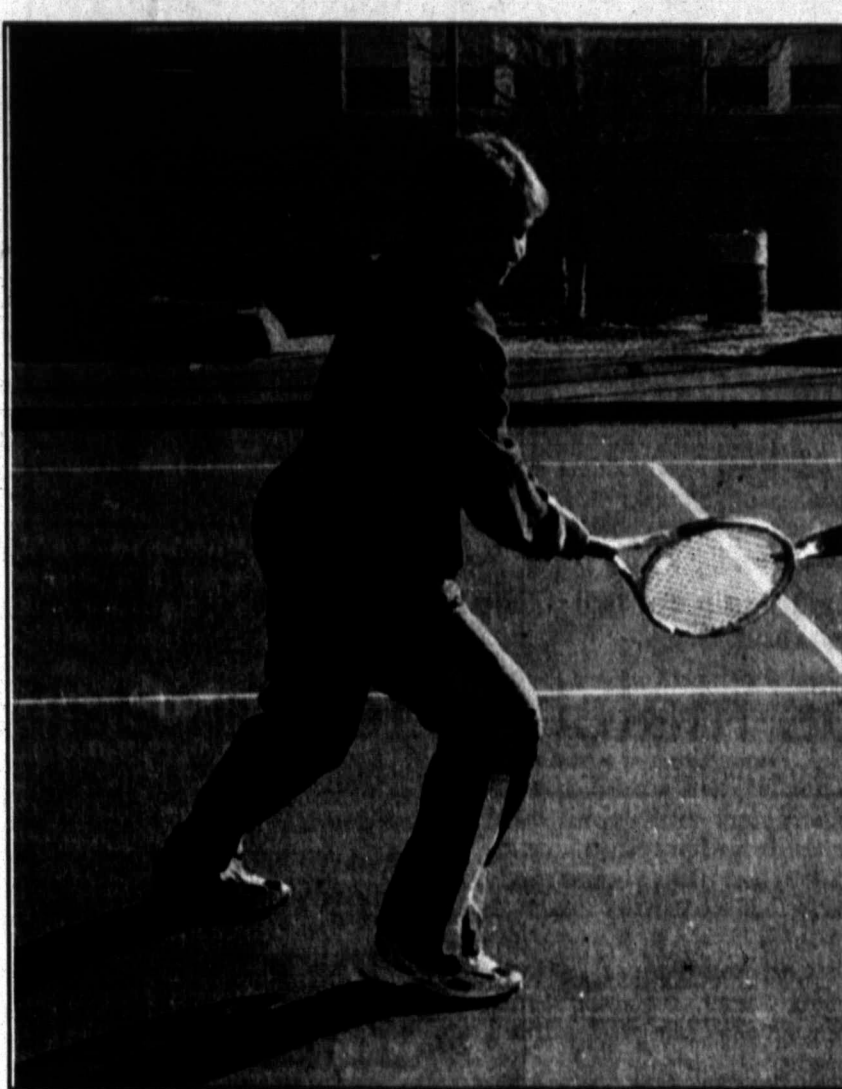
In a junior varsity dual, Pampa defeated Dumas 13-5 last weekend at the PHS courts.

Texoma February Thaw Tennis Scrimmage BOYS DOUBLES

Cornelison-Jordan (Pampa) def. Streit-Lehman, Vernon, 6-0, 6-3; def. Allred-Smallen, Altus, 6-1, 6-2; def. Goan-Croeber, Lawton, 6-0, 6-1; lost to Petross, Vernon-Gregg, Altus, 8-4.

GIRLS DOUBLES

Curtis-Waters (Pampa) def. Patterson-Robinson, Vernon, 6-



PHS senior Helen Orr won three of four matches in Oklahoma last weekend.

1, 6-4; def. Rother-Steele, Lawton, 6-1, def. Reggis-Stone, Altus, 6-0, 6-0.

Muns-Orr (Pampa) def. Motero-Bond, Vernon, 8-2.

Stucki-Lee (Pampa) def. Skipworth-Basora, Vernon, 6-4, 6-2; def. Jones-Cupp, Altus, 6-1, 6-0; def. Randall-Jones, Eisenhower, 7-6 (7-5), 6-1.

BOYS SINGLES

A.J. Smith (Pampa) lost to Brett Petross, Vernon, 8-2; lost to Lee Gregg, Altus, 8-0; lost to Marshall Mays, Lawton, 9-8.

Ryan Mills (Pampa) def. Mike Lehman, Vernon, 8-1.

David Phillips (Pampa) def. Paul Braden, Vernon, 8-1; def. Joe Zachary, Altus, 6-2; def. Danile Gray, Lawton, 8-5.

Matt Rains (Pampa) def. Roy Streit, Vernon.

GIRLS SINGLES

Helen Orr (Pampa) def. Lori Nash, Vernon, 7-6; lost to Susie McDonald, Altus, 8-4; def. Monica George, Eisenhower, 8-3.

Ashlei Stucki (Pampa) def. Kathy Bowen (Vernon), 8-2.

Jennifer Muns (Pampa) def. Annette Quintero, Vernon, 8-3; def. Kelly Quintero, Altus, 8-6; def. Susie Cope, Eisenhower, 8-2.

Michelle Lee (Pampa) def. Brittany Byers, Vernon, 8-3.

Longhorns use stifling defense to defeat Kansas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Longhorns certainly aren't fading as quickly as their Big 12 title hopes.

The 16th-ranked Longhorns used stifling defense to take a 17-point halftime lead, then fought off a Kansas rally in the second half for a 68-54 victory Monday night.

They kept their slim conference title hopes alive. But if Texas (21-7, 12-3) is to repeat as Big 12 champs, it will need to win Saturday at Kansas State and hope for unlikely losses by conference leader Iowa State to Texas Tech and Baylor, who are a combined 6-22 in conference play.

"I think we need a lot of help. But if we get that help in the last two games, we'd be more grateful than anyone could know," said Ivan Wagner, who scored a career-high 19 points in Texas' first win against Kansas since 1938.

The Longhorns are 2-7 against the Jayhawks (21-8, 10-5) overall, and 1-3 since the Big 12 was formed.

In the only other game involving a ranked team, No. 24 Connecticut beat Rutgers 74-69.

Texas grabbed a 14-2 lead on 3-pointers by Wagner and William Clay. Chris Owens then scored six straight points, including a layup when he slapped the ball away at midcourt and spun around two Jayhawks defenders near the basket to bring the crowd of 13,561 to its feet.

Texas, 5-5 against ranked teams, was equally effective on defense, forcing Kansas into missing 13 of its first 16 shots and 11 turnovers in the first 14 minutes.

"I have to congratulate Texas," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "They ran out early and with a

lot of intensity and got the easy buckets."

The Longhorns shot 54 percent in the first half, helped by six dunks on breakaway and alley-oop baskets, en route to a 38-21 halftime lead. Gabe Muoneke had 10 points in the half, six on dunks.

"We wanted to show our killer instinct and attack," said Muoneke, who finished with 16 points.

"I'd like to put that first half in a bottle and keep it for a while," Texas coach Rick Barnes said.

Kansas finally showed signs of life in the second. The Jayhawks scored the first two baskets after halftime, and Texas missed its first five shots.

Kansas closed to 42-30 on five straight points by Eric Chenoweth and finally made it 46-36 11:58 left.

Barnes called a timeout, and the Longhorns came back with a 3-pointer from Wagner and yet another breakaway dunk by Muoneke to push the lead to 55-38.

"We stuck our head out of the hole, but couldn't get all the way out," Kansas forward Drew Gooden said.

Kansas twice more cut the lead to 10, the last at 59-49 with 3:09 left, but hit just three field goals during the final seven minutes and couldn't make a final push.

The Jayhawks finished with 17 turnovers and shot just 31 percent with no 3-pointers. Kirk Hinrich was the only Jayhawks player in double figures with 11 points.

Wagner made up for four turnovers with five assists and hit seven free throws in the final 3:31 to help Texas preserve its lead.

Chris Mihm, considered the best pure center in college bas-

ketball, had a relatively quiet game with nine points in what might be his last game in the Erwin Center.

Mihm was 4-of-8 from the floor and grabbed 12 rebounds as the crowd chanted, "One more year!" Mihm has not said if he will turn pro after the season.

"I'm not even going to talk about that right now," Mihm

said. "That was great. No matter what happens with my decision, it was nice."

No. 24 Connecticut 74, Rutgers 69

Khalid El-Amin hit four free throws and made a game-clinching steal in the final 26 seconds as Connecticut won at Rutgers.

Albert Mouring added 16

points and Jake Voskuhl had 15 points and 13 rebounds as Connecticut (20-8, 9-6 Big East) clinched its seventh straight 20-win season.

Dahntay Jones had 25 points to lead Rutgers (15-13, 6-9), including a long 3-pointer with 15 seconds remaining to cut the Huskies' lead to 70-69.

Some big names have aches

By The Associated Press

Darryl Strawberry will miss this season.

Philadelphia's Curt Schilling, Baltimore's Scott Erickson and Boston's Nomar Garciaparra won't be out that long. Still, they're wondering when they'll be playing at full strength.

Schilling, coming off arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder, felt stiffness for the second straight day and skipped his throwing program.

"I definitely feel better than I did yesterday," the pitcher said in Clearwater, Fla. "We're going to give it one more day and get back to throwing."

Phillies trainer Jeff Cooper thinks similar stiffness could slow down Schilling four or five more times before his projected mid-May return.

"I'm not nervous," general manager Ed Wade said. "It may be a setback, but it doesn't put him back to square one or square 101 at this point."

Schilling had arthroscopic surgery Dec. 13 after missing most of the second half of last season with shoulder pain.

In Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the Orioles said Erickson will be held out of Friday's exhibition opener

against the Cincinnati Reds because of a sprained right ankle.

It's the second setback this spring for the No. 2 man in the Orioles' starting rotation. Erickson, who injured the ankle Sunday, has been sidelined since Tuesday with stiffness behind his right elbow.

Although Erickson has said the stiffness is "no big deal," he will have the elbow examined as a precaution.

"If there's nothing wrong, he should be able to throw as soon as his ankle will allow it," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said.

In Fort Myers, Fla., Garciaparra had tests on his sprained ligament in his right knee and will have an MRI exam, team physician Dr. William Morgan said. There did not appear to be any swelling in the knee.

"It's like a discomfort more than anything," said Garciaparra, who felt a "twinge" Friday.

In Tampa, Fla., the Yankees were gone after an intrasquad game when commissioner Bud Selig suspended Strawberry for one year because of a positive cocaine test.

"We will abide by the decision," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said. "I feel badly

for Darryl. My hopes and prayers are that he can do the things he needs to do to get his life in order."

Across the state in Port St. Lucie, Mike Hampton pitched two hitless innings and struck out two as the New York Mets played their first intrasquad game of the spring.

"My arm felt good," Hampton said. "My location was pretty bad, but I didn't expect it to be right on this early."

Country singer Garth Brooks, playing left field, went 0-for-4 with a walk and two strikeouts. He also lined into a double play.

"It wasn't a great day, but it was better than any day I've had. I didn't feel like I was drowning," Brooks said.

In Mesa, Ariz., Chicago Cubs backup third baseman Willie Greene missed his second straight day of workouts.

Greene didn't report to camp until Sunday because he was tending to a family situation and felt lightheaded and nauseated when stretching. He was taken by ambulance to a hospital, given two liters of fluid and released.

The Cubs expected him to take part in a light work Monday, but he arrived with chills and a low-grade fever.

St. John's impressive week earns it a ranking

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

All season long, people were pointing at last week as the most important on St. John's schedule — Syracuse, Connecticut and Duke.

Now that it's over, people are pointing at St. John's as one of the best teams in the country.

The Red Storm (20-6) swept the three games against ranked teams, the last an 83-82 victory at Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium, and moved into the AP Top 25 Monday at No. 18.

"You certainly had to hope and pray for the best that week," St. John's coach Mike Jarvis said Monday night. "I haven't quite digested it yet. You want a week like that as your last week of the season. The one thing is that the kids should be very proud of it and remember it for the rest of their lives."

While St. John's and No. 25 Illinois were the newcomers to this week's rankings, Stanford remained No. 1, this time as a unanimous choice.

The Cardinal (24-1), who won their games against Washington and Washington State last week by an average of 31 points, received all 70 first-place votes and 1,750 points from the national media panel. They are the first unanimous No. 1 since North Carolina on Dec. 22, 1997.

Cincinnati and Arizona, the only team to beat Stanford this season, each moved up one spot to second and third in the poll. The Stanford-Arizona rematch is March 9 in Tucson.

Duke, which had been second, dropped to fourth following the loss to St. John's.

Temple, which extended its winning streak to 13 games with victories over St. Bonaventure and Massachusetts last week,

moved from eighth to fifth, matching the Owls' highest ranking since the second poll of the regular season.

Ohio State held sixth and was followed by Michigan State, Florida, Syracuse and Iowa State, which jumped from 17th to No. 10 with wins over Texas and Oklahoma State.

The Top Ten ranking is the first for Iowa State since the Cyclones were seventh in the poll on Feb. 17, 1997.

Tennessee dropped four spots to 11th and was followed in the Second Ten by LSU, Oklahoma State, Indiana, Tulsa, Texas, Maryland, St. John's, Auburn and Purdue.

The last five teams in the rankings were Oklahoma, Kentucky, Kansas, Connecticut and Illinois.

St. John's has won seven straight games, the last three over the first-place team in the Big East and the teams that met

in last season's national championship game.

The Red Storm were ranked for two two-week periods earlier in the season, reaching as high as 15th.

"I think at this time of year, being ranked starts to matter," Jarvis said. "Up until the last week or two of the season, most of the time, it's a detriment. At this stage, it's very important because a lot of teams, players and coaches look at it and respect it because it's what you have accomplished over the whole year. Still, the one that counts the most is that one after the final game of the whole season."

The jump into the poll at No. 18 for an unranked team matches what Wake Forest did earlier this season, although the Demon Deacons remained in the Top 25 for three weeks before falling out and have not returned.

Illinois (18-8) beat Indiana 87-

63 and lost 64-51 at Ohio State last week. The Fighting Illini were ranked for the first 10 polls of the season and fell out for six weeks until returning at No. 25.

Vanderbilt (17-8) returned to the rankings last week at No. 24 after a one-week absence, but lost to Arkansas and Mississippi last week and dropped out again.

Utah (20-6) fell out from 25th after a 60-49 loss at Colorado State.

The week's biggest drop was Auburn's fall from 11th to No. 19. The Tigers (21-6) lost road games to Alabama and Florida last week, the latter without preseason All-American Chris Porter, who was suspended by the NCAA pending a possible violation regarding an agent.

The ranking is the Tigers' lowest since entering the Top 25 last season at No. 19. That was their first appearance in the poll since the 1995-96 season.



Misti Northcutt of Pampa tries to gain control of the ball from a Randall player in a girls' soccer match last weekend.

Pampa drops matches to Randall

PAMPA — Pampa soccer teams will try and get back into the win column as Caprock comes to town for District 3-4A matches. Matches start at 4:15 for the girls and 6 for the boys.

Last weekend, Pampa dropped a 3-1 decision to Randall in the girls contest.

Sarah Porter scored the Lady Harvesters' only goal with an assist from Sara Scott.

"We just didn't come ready to play," said Pampa coach Lori Patulea.

"Our goalkeeper, Samantha Ford, was our outstanding player. She played an amazing game."

Pampa is 4-2 in district play. Randall is 5-1.

Randall shut out Pampa 1-0 in the boys match.

Caprock is coming off double wins against Borger. Caprock boys win by a score of 4-0. The Lady Longhorns won 2-0.

Sparky set for Hall of Fame call

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Sparky Anderson won two World Series with the Cincinnati Reds and another one with the Detroit Tigers.

Today, the only manager to win rings in both leagues seemed sure to add another title: Hall of Famer.

Third on baseball's career win list, the popular manager was expected to get the call from the Veterans Committee at 2 p.m. EST, telling him he'd been elected.

But who would join him? Could it be Bill Mazeroski, Mel Harder or Gil Hodges?

If picked, Anderson would get inside the doors of the Hall for the first time. He twice visited Cooperstown when his teams played there, but never toured the shrine.

"I always made myself a promise that I would never go inside the Hall of Fame unless I made it," he said recently.

Ted Williams, Stan Musial and the rest of the 14-man Vets panel can choose one person in each of four categories — former major leaguers; a combination of managers, umpires, executives and Negro Leaguers; 19th century players and personnel; and Negro Leaguers.

"I feel like there's a chance, a better chance than last year," Mazeroski said prior to spring training. "It's just a feeling."

Turkey Stearnes, an outfielder who played nearly two decades, looked like the top candidate among the Negro Leaguers. Outfielder Jimmy Ryan and second baseman Bid McPhee led the 19th century list.

It takes 75 percent for election, same as with the Baseball Writers' Association of

America. Tony Perez and Carlton Fisk were elected in January.

The Vets panel usually has 15 members.

Buck O'Neil, however, is not able to attend this year's meeting because of a minor health problem that prevents him from traveling.

If Anderson is picked, it will make for a Red-letter day in Cooperstown on July 23. Perez, a former Cincinnati first baseman, and Reds broadcaster Marty Brennaman are being inducted that afternoon.

"I'm so happy for both of them," Anderson said from his home in Thousand Oaks, Calif. "I hope for it, but we'll have to wait and see."

There was talk the Vets were going to pick former manager Dick Williams over Anderson as the 16th manager in the Hall. But Williams pleaded no contest after being arrested on an indecent exposure charge in January, and that seems to have derailed his chances for now.

Anderson, who turned 66 last week, is in his first year of eligibility.

With a record of 2,194-1,834, he trails only Connie Mack (3,731) and John McGraw (2,784) for lifetime victories.

Anderson managed Cincinnati from 1970-78, winning two World Series titles with the Big Red Machine. He guided Detroit from 1979-95 and won another Series ring. Along the way, he won two other pennants and a pair of division championships.

He is the only manager ever to top two franchises in career wins. That could present a problem if he's elected — he's still not sure which cap he'd put

on his Hall plaque.

Ted Williams, an influential voice in the meeting room, was said to be pushing for Harder, 223-186 lifetime for the Cleveland Indians.

"Mel Harder was a great pitcher," Wirs would like to see him on the Hall platform this summer.

"Judging by some of these other guys that got in, I think I've got a good chance," Harder said.

Mazeroski, regarded by many as the best fielding second baseman ever, hit one of the most famous home runs in history. His bottom-of-the-ninth shot lifted Pittsburgh over the New York Yankees in Game 7 of the 1960 World Series.

Like Harder, Maz is getting key support.

The chairman of the Veterans Committee is Joe Brown, the Pittsburgh general manager during Maz's entire career for the Pirates.

First-time panel member Hank Aaron likes Mazeroski, too.

"I think Bill Mazeroski should be in the Hall of Fame. If they can show me a better second baseman, I don't know who he is," Aaron said last year.

Hodges has been backed by an intense letter-writing campaign from fans nationwide.

The late Brooklyn first baseman hit 370 home runs and also managed the 1969 Miracle Mets to the World Series title. Under panel rules, both accomplishments can count in his candidacy.

Tony Oliva also is being considered for the first time. He batted .304 in 15 years with Minnesota and won three batting titles.

this team in a while. When we play that committed on defense, we can really be good."

In other NBA games, it was Dallas 108, Boston 100; Seattle 84, Charlotte 81; Utah 106, New Jersey 101; Golden State 80, Atlanta 75; and Houston 96, the Los Angeles Clippers 77.

The Knicks and Heat, who have had memorable fights in the playoffs, behaved on Monday as Miami increased its divisional lead to 1 1/2 games over New York.

"They outplayed us," said Knicks center Patrick Ewing, who scored only eight points in 39 minutes despite Mourning's absence. "We won the first quarter; they won the rest of the game."

Mashburn scored 24 points for Miami, and Weatherspoon had 14 points and 12 rebounds in a reserve role.

Mourning missed the game because of a sore left ankle he injured Saturday at Washington. He won't even travel to San Antonio for tonight's game with the Spurs.

"It was definitely nerve-racking," said Mourning, who stood on the sidelines through much of the second half. "But I'm happy right now."

Heat guard Voshon Lenard also missed the game with a lower abdominal strain.

Larry Johnson scored 20 points for the Knicks, who made their first four 3-point attempts and took a 29-12 lead after just seven minutes.

"You can't let them break your will," Weatherspoon said.

SuperSonics 84, Hornets 81

Gary Payton scored 32 points, and Seattle held struggling Charlotte to 32 percent shooting in the second half.

Payton had 21 points in the second half, going 5-for-8 from 3-point range, to send the Hornets to their third consecutive loss and their fifth in seven games.

Payton added nine rebounds, eight assists and two steals for the Sonics, who began a five-game road trip by holding Charlotte to just three field

goals in the final five-plus minutes.

Eddie Jones led the Hornets with 23 points.

Mavericks 108, Celtics 100

Dirk Nowitzki scored 26 points, including a pair of key 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, and Erick Strickland added 19 as Dallas won at Boston.

The Mavericks improved to 4-4 since the arrival of Dennis Rodman, who was on his best behavior as he scored four points and grabbed 16 rebounds.

Dallas took its first lead since early in the first quarter when Rodman grabbed an offensive rebound and kicked it out to Michael Finley, who sank a 3-pointer for a 90-87 advantage. Cedric Ceballos' three-point play capped a 35-9 spurt that made it 93-87.

Antoine Walker led Boston with 23 points.

Jazz 106, Nets 101

Karl Malone barely missed his fourth career triple-double with 35 points, 12 rebounds and

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Monday's Major College Basketball Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST

Connecticut 74, Rutgers 69

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 78, Grambling St. 69

Alabama St. 78, Jackson St. 72

Alcorn St. 62, Texas Southern 65

James Madison 67, N.C.-Wilmington 65

S. Carolina St. 68, Morgan St. 64

Southern U. 78, Prairie View 75

MIDWEST

Creighton 102, Evansville 69

Illinois St. 90, Drake 88, OT

Indiana St. 55, Bradley 54

N. Iowa St. 81, Wichita St. 68

SW Missouri St. 62, S. Illinois 59

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Pine Bluff 106, MVSU 102, OT

TCU 65, SMU 63

Texas 68, Kansas 54

Texas-Pan American 55, Washington St. 62

FAR WEST

Denver 55, W. Kentucky 52

Wyoming 58, Utah 61

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

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Miami 36 20 .643 —

New York 34 21 .618 1 1/2

Philadelphia 30 25 .545 5 1/2

Orlando 25 31 .446 11

Boston 23 33 .411 13

New Jersey 22 34 .393 14

Washington 16 40 .286 20

Central Division

W L Pct GB

Indiana 38 17 .689 —

Charlotte 30 25 .545 8

Toronto 29 25 .537 8 1/2

Detroit 28 27 .509 10

Milwaukee 28 29 .491 11

Atlanta 22 32 .407 15 1/2

Cleveland 22 33 .400 16

Chicago 12 42 .222 25 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W L Pct GB

San Antonio 38 20 .643 —

Utah 36 22 .618 1/2

Minnesota 32 23 .582 3 1/2

Denver 25 30 .455 10 1/2

Dallas 24 31 .438 11 1/2

Houston 22 35 .386 14 1/2

Vancouver 18 37 .327 17 1/2

Pacific Division

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L.A. Lakers 45 11 .804 —

Portland 45 11 .804 —

Phoenix 34 21 .618 10 1/2

Seattle 35 22 .614 10 1/2

Sacramento 31 24 .564 13 1/2

Golden State 16 40 .286 29

L.A. Clippers 12 46 .207 34

Sunday's Games

Toronto 103, Phoenix 102

Indiana 102, Orlando 85

New York 89, Philadelphia 88

Portland 101, Utah 92

Minnesota 102, San Antonio 97

L.A. Lakers 101, Houston 85

Detroit 93, Chicago 90

Monday's Games

Dallas 108, Boston 100

Seattle 84, Charlotte 81

Miami 85, New York 76

Utah 108, New Jersey 101

Golden State 80, Atlanta 75

Houston 96, L.A. Clippers 77

Tuesday's Games

Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Dallas at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Seattle at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Miami at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

Charlotte at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.

Utah at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

New Jersey at Denver, 9 p.m.

Vancouver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Phoenix at Dallas, 8 p.m.

San Jose at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.

Anaheim at Portland, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games

San Jose at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Portland at Dallas, 8 p.m.

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FOOTBALL

National Football League

Arizona Cardinals

Signed K Cary Blanchard

Oakland Raiders

Signed DB Tony James. Re-signed DB-PR

Darrien Gordon.

Philadelphia Eagles

Named John Hatfield equipment manager.

Pittsburgh Steelers

Agreed to terms with QB Kent Graham

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San Diego Chargers

Signed FB Robert Chancy to a three-

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Hockey

National Hockey League

Chicago Blackhawks

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of the IHL. Assigned LW Kyle Calder to Cleveland of the IHL.

Detroit Red Wings

Loaned C Darryl Laplante to Cincinnati of the AHL.

San Jose Sharks

Recalled G Evgeni Nabokov from Kentucky

of the AHL. Reassigned G Mike Kiprusoff to Kentucky.

Tampa Bay Lightning

Reassigned G Rich Parent to Detroit of the IHL.

Washington Capitals

Recalled J Jeff Toms from Portland of the AHL.

HOCKEY

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By The Associated Press

Eastern Division

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Aging Americans tend away from packing up, moving

WASHINGTON (AP) — The older Americans get, the more likely they are to stay right where they are.

According to estimates released by the Census Bureau, about 16 percent of Americans packed up and changed addresses in the 12 months before March 1998, down from 16.5 percent in the previous one-year period and from a high of 20.2 percent in 1984-85.

According to the data, those aged 20-24 were most likely to move — 34.2 percent of that group. That number decreases steadily until the 65-84 age group, when only 4.0 percent moved.

"There are different kinds of characteristics leading into this, but mainly it's age and tenure. The older people get, the less likely to move away," said Census demographer Carol Faber.

However, the actual number of people moving has increased slightly the last decade as the U.S. population grew. In 1997-98, 42.5 million people moved, compared with 41.5 million in 1990-91.

The exodus from city life for suburban tranquility continued. In the one-year period, 5.9 million moved out of central cities, while 3.3 million moved in. Suburbs surrounding the cities gained 6.2 million residents and lost 2.4 million.

By region, there were higher percentages of movers in the West (19.4 percent) and South (17.2 percent). The Northeast had the lowest overall rate (11.5 percent), while the Midwest

(14.7 percent) was also below the national average.

The Census Bureau calculated the data by the four regions only and did not break down the numbers state-by-state.

Charlene Ehle of Seattle-based Pacific Movers said she's been very busy the last year moving people out West from all over the country.

"We've been a boom town. It used to be just Boeing out here, and now there are more companies coming in," Ehle said. "It's slowed down a little lately. I don't get a whole lot of people moving away, but I get a lot of people moving out here."

The moving trends mimic those seen in recent population estimates, which showed that the South and West were the country's fastest-growing regions, and residents continue to flee cities for suburban life.

One trend stood out, though: More people moved from the West to the Midwest

(310,000) than from the Midwest to the West (201,000).

Other highlights of the report include:

—White people had lower overall rates of moving (14.5 percent) than blacks or Asians and Pacific Islanders (19 percent for each). Hispanics had the highest rate, 21.2 percent.

—One-third of America's renters moved the last year, compared with 8.2 percent of homeowners.

—Most moves are relatively short-distance relocations: 27.1 million moved within the same county, and 7.9 million moved to another county within the same state.

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High-flying at 100 Man still enjoys getting up there ...

By CHARLEY GILLESPIE
Associated Press Writer

SOMERSET, Ohio (AP) — Ralph Charles has been around airplanes long enough to have known Charles Lindbergh, flown with Eleanor Roosevelt and caught a glimpse of Orville Wright.

And at 100, he's still able to enjoy planes from the vantage he loves most: the cockpit.

"When I saw my first airplane, I thought it was like a magic carpet," Charles said. "I still think of planes that way."

About 300 people showed up recently to celebrate his centennial a day early at his Somerset home, about 39 miles east of Columbus. Fellow aviation buffs arrived in 13 planes and two helicopters that flew in to a landing strip on the 23-acre site.

Charles had stopped flying in the 1940s at his late wife's request. But he bought a plane two years ago, and received a student pilot's license from the Federal Aviation Administration last year. Now he goes on joyrides and attends aviation events every week.

He's probably the nation's oldest student pilot, and perhaps its oldest licensed pilot of any kind. FAA spokesman Roland Herwig said that, as far as he can determine, the agency's oldest fully licensed pilots are both 96.

The love affair with flying began long ago.

Charles enlisted in the Army during World War I in hopes of learning to fly, but the war ended before he got the chance. His welding skill got him a job at the Rinehart-Whelan Aviation School in Dayton, where he repaired and maintained planes.

"There were maybe 10 pilots in the whole state back then, and I got acquainted with them while working on their planes," he said.

It was there that he occasionally saw Orville Wright working in the shop, though he never spoke to the aviation pioneer, who lived in Dayton.

"Orville lived in seclusion and didn't like people to know where he lived," he said.

Charles said he wanted to fly so badly he built his own plane, but didn't know how to fly it. Eventually, he talked Bernard Whelan, one of Wright's first trained fliers, into giving him lessons.

"I had about four hours of training before my first flight," Charles said. "After showing I could take off and land three times with success, they let me go and fly the plane I built."

He made his share of mistakes — including a landing made with his gear left up. "I realized my mistake when I saw the propeller getting shorter," he said.

In the early 1920s, steel-bodied planes were replacing wooden-bodied aircraft and steel repair experts were in demand. So when Rinehart-Whelan folded, Charles got a job with Consolidated Aircraft at Wright Field.

He married in 1925, and said he got through the Depression by building airplanes such as the high-wing two-seater he owns today.

He also began flying charter planes based at the Standard Oil

hangar in Newark, N.J., where Lindbergh kept a plane in the years following his 1927 solo flight from New York to Paris.

"I'd talk to him at times, but this was after his baby was murdered and he was the saddest person you'll ever see," Charles said.

Eleanor Roosevelt was a passenger on an excursion he flew from Newark in the 1930s while her husband was in office.

"I took her back a box lunch, then went back up and flew the plane," he said.

Charles went to the Caribbean in 1940 to run a charter service in the Virgin Islands.

Three years later, he and his wife, Leona, moved to Columbus, where he tested Helldiver bombers built for the Navy by the former Curtiss-Wright company.

He said he stopped flying because Leona was tired of transferring from state to state. But for the roughly 20 years he owned an auto repair shop — and the years that followed his 1965 retirement — the thought of flying again stayed with him.

"Imagine not driving a car for 50 years, only worse," Charles said. "Sometimes when I would mow, I would imagine my tractor was a plane and I was rising up into the sky."

Leona died in 1995 at age 94. They had been married 70 years. Charles, having kept his promise, was ready to return to the skies.

Other than a physical exam every six months, he has no restrictions beyond those of other student pilots.

"I'm not allowed to take passengers and I can only fly 25 miles away from home," he said. "But I don't give a hoot. I just enjoy flying."

Senior health ...

Aging is a balancing act

HOUSTON — With age, many people expect a slight loss of hearing or sight, but few foresee problems with balance.

According to Dr. Helen Cohen, an assistant professor of otorhinolaryngology at Baylor College of Medicine, as people age, they become less active and can suffer from disequilibrium of aging. DEA is seen mostly in people older than 60, and it might account for why some elderly people fall.

"DEA occurs because the central nervous system begins losing cells. Things just don't work as efficiently. Sight, hearing and memory may also diminish."

About 20 percent of the population may have some type of disorder of the vestibular labyrinth, the system that monitors the positions and movement of the head before relaying the information to the brain.

To help patients regain their center of balance, Cohen recommends a combination of exercise and therapy. "We encourage walking and, in therapy, we play games such as catching a ball and other exercises that retrain the vestibular system and the brain."

Menopause and mood — It's not just your imagination

HOUSTON — Mood changes during menopause are as predictable — or unpredictable — as the weather.

Although clinical studies have found no scientific evidence that hormones affect mood, women know that menopause and mood are indeed linked. In a recent study funded by the Guild of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, the Center for Women's Health asked 30 menopausal women to keep a daily journal for one month. Participants also noted their general mood each day, using five scales: physical, emotional, cognitive, spiritual, and social.

The responses indicated that menopause does affect mood, but the way varies from woman to woman.

"For some, menopause was a time to pursue new things. For others, menopause was more of a 'balancing act,' with some days being positive and some negative," said Dr. Jennifer Hays with the Center for Women's Health.

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Now in retirement, Marie has a positive personality and enjoys walking, anything sweet to eat, country music, and telling jokes at Pampa Nursing Center.

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