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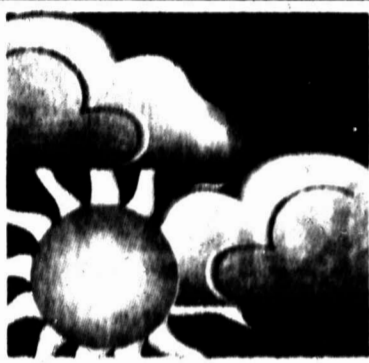
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PAMPA — Bank of America in Pampa and Park Central, a continuing care retirement community in Amarillo, will present a free, educational seminar "Protecting Your Assets" Tuesday, March 28 at Pampa Country Club. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. followed by the program at 10 and a question and answer session at noon. The seminar will be conducted by Sharon Allen, certified senior advisor, and attorney Sharon E. White. Advanced registration is required. To register, call Debra at Bank of America, 665-8421. Topics will include: preserving and protecting your assets; long-term health care planning; changes in Medicare; and legislation affecting health care. A free, 54-page booklet will be provided.

PAMPA — Incumbent school trustees, Sue Fatheree of Place 4 and Lee Porter of Place 5, have both filed the necessary papers to be candidates in the upcoming school board race. The election will be May 6. Deadline for seeking a place on the ballot is March 22. Anyone interested in seeking a position on the school board should contact Personnel Director Jack Bailey at the Carver Learning Center.

PAMPA — Incumbent Ward 2 Commissioner Jeff Andrews filed Tuesday for reelection to the Pampa City Commission. The election will be May 6 and filing, with City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers, is open until March 22.

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City to fight Energas rate hike plan

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

If Energas gets its way, the smallest users in West Texas cities including Pampa will see a 38.46 percent rise in their gas bill base rate while the largest users will receive a 2.03 percent rate hike.

That disparity between small and large users is "unfair" says City Manager Bob Eskridge who told City Commissioners Tuesday that experts hired by the affected cities say it is a rate decrease, not increase, that is warranted.

Pampa's commissioners unanimously passed a resolution to join 66 other West Texas cities in fighting the increase. The City of Amarillo, however, is not involved as it negotiates a separate contract with Energas.

It's expected the cost to fight the increase could go up to a total of

While Energas is asking the Texas Railroad Commission to approve an overall annual West Texas base rate hike of \$9.8 million, DUCI says their analysis shows the rates should be lowered instead by \$7.1 million.

\$200,000, Eskridge said. The cost will be prorated among the cities depending upon gas use amounts. Pampa uses a little over four percent of the gas consumed by the group.

Eskridge reported upon a recent meeting attended by representatives from 18 of the affected cities. It was there that consultants from Diversified Utility Consultants, Inc. (DUCI) said Energas should lower rates.

While Energas is asking the Texas Railroad Commission to approve an overall annual West Texas base rate hike of \$9.8 million, DUCI says their analysis shows the rates should be lowered

instead by \$7.1 million. On a percentage basis, Energas wants an 8.40 percent increase in total revenue or a 22.27 percent increase in the base rates (total revenues less gas costs).

But DUCI's analysis calls for a 6.1 percent reduction in average total revenues, or a 16.1 percent decrease in base rates. The annual difference between Energas' request and DUCI's report is \$16.9 million.

DUCI reports Energas should lower rates because:

- Interest rates have declined (since the 1996 agreement)
- Energas has significantly reduced its

workforce

• Energas' parent company has increased its overall size, which should result in lower operating costs being allocated to Energas, etc.

During a public hearing before the vote, a former Energas employee, Steve Randall, 1041 S. Faulkner, said the rate increase sought "is entirely too much."

Randall noted the closing of Pampa's Energas business office and said by doing so the company has "... taken away the personal aspect of the business."

Also speaking was Energas manager Alan Foster, who oversees the Pampa, Heretford and Dalhart areas.

He asked that Pampa remain in harmony with the other West Texas cities no matter what the stance. He was making reference to the fact Energas would rather negotiate with the cities as a group and not individually.

Under watchful eyes ...



A buck antelope watches alertly over a small herd of antelope grazing contentedly this week in a pasture north of Pampa. (Pampa News photo by David Bowers)

Grand jury indictments

A New Mexico man was in Gray County jail after being indicted this week by a grand jury on charges of attempted capital murder, escape and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

A Gray County couple was in Gray County jail Tuesday in lieu of bond after being indicted for aggravated robbery.

Gilbert Julio Chavez, 23, of Las Vegas, N.M., was indicted on charges of attempted capital murder, escape and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Judge Steven Emmert set bond for Chavez at \$100,000 on the charge of attempted capital murder, \$7,500 on the charge of escape and \$5,000 on the charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Cheryl Renea Foster, 31, of Letors, and Bobby Ladell Dorsey, 37, 1000 Huff Road, were indicted by a Gray County grand jury Tuesday on charges

of aggravated robbery. Judge Emmert set bond for each at \$10,000.

Chavez was arrested Sunday, Feb. 13, following a high speed chase down Interstate 40.

Officers said they chased Chavez from near Groom to McLean where a Gray County Deputy put spikes across the highway. The 100-mph chase ended when the spikes shredded the tires on the Geo Storm that Chavez was driving.

Authorities said Chavez was handcuffed and put in the back seat of the Gray County deputies car but was able to get one hand out of the cuffs and climbed behind the wheel of the patrol car. Chavez is accused of striking the deputy with the car before abandoning it and trying to jump aboard a semi tractor-trailer rig that had stopped and was pulling away.

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Judge revokes probation

A Pampa woman was ordered to a substance abuse treatment center during a hearing in 31st District Court.

Tiffany Marie Bohnstedt, 21, of 117 Warren, faced judgment Tuesday in a burglary case, but instead was sent to a drug abuse treatment center.

Bohnstedt pleaded guilty on May 12, to charges of burglary of a habitation. Adjudication was deferred at that time, and she was placed on four years probation.

The 21-year-old was brought back to court today, accused of violating probation.

Court records indicated that she was arrested in

December with small amounts of cocaine and marijuana. She was also delinquent in fine and fees.

Judge Steven Emmert today followed the adult probation office's recommendation that probation be continued on condition that she be sent to a drug treatment center and then a halfway house.

Judge Emmert ordered Bohnstedt to the treatment center with a stern warning that if she appeared in his court again, the court would not be so kind.

Bohnstedt will be held in Gray County jail until room is available at the Allen Treatment Center in Plainview.

16,000-acre fire fought in Potter, Carson counties

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

County, burned to within 10 miles southeast of Fritch Tuesday night.

Panhandle, Carson County, Pantex, Fritch and Potter County firefighters were on the scene most of the night battling the blaze, and returned early this morning.

The fire burned 16,000 acres in Carson and Potter counties Tuesday night before it was initially brought under control around 4 this morning.

Winds whipping through the area rekindled the blaze about 6 a.m. today, and it burned just east of the area which burned Tuesday night. It was reported under control again at 10:20 this morning.

Carson County Sheriff Floyd Robertson said the gigantic fire, which began about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday approximately 15 miles north of Amarillo in Potter

County, burned to within 10 miles southeast of Fritch Tuesday night.

Panhandle, Carson County, Pantex, Fritch and Potter County firefighters were on the scene most of the night battling the blaze, and returned early this morning.

Robertson said Carson County Judge Lewis Powers requested assistance this morning from the Texas Forestry Service to respond and conduct aerial tank drops on the revived fire. He said Powers was at the scene of the rapidly burning grassland.

A back burn line was built at approximately the Poling Ranch property line about 10 miles southeast of Fritch late Tuesday night which stopped the direction of the fast-burning fire, said Sheriff Robertson.

(See FIRE, Page 2)

Judge issues bench warrants for no-shows

Law enforcement officers were searching for a prison guard today after the guard failed to show up in court for arraignment on charges of aggravated assault.

Judge Steven Emmert issued a warrant Tuesday for the arrest of Wayne Leon Woodward, 36, 706 N. Zimmers, after Woodward failed to appear in 31st District Court for arraignment on charges of aggravated assault in connection with an incident in August.

Authorities were also searching for Tashia Deleoris Wilson, 21, 1164 S. Varnon, and Cornell L. Evans, 21, 1164 S. Varnon, who also failed to show up for arraignment in a case unrelated to Woodward's.

Wilson and Evans were arrested Oct. 5, at the residence on Varnon, following a raid by Pampa police and narcotic trafficking task force officers armed with a search warrant. The two were indicted Jan. 25, by a Gray County Grand jury on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

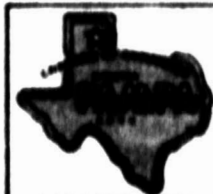
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Nurse cut to save money

The only contested vote at the Monday White Deer ISD school board meeting was over whether the district should continue to employ a full time nurse.

Board members agreed, 6-1, not to renew the contract of WDSD Nurse Aloise Martin. At issue is the board's \$300,000 budget deficit. "The American Academy of Pediatricians recommend that every school district employ a full-time nurse," board member Linda Hawley said. Hawley was the only board member to vote against WDSD getting rid of the full-time nurse position.

WDSD Superintendent Robert Parks said the district could contract for nursing services with the Region 16 service center in Amarillo, or could contract with Martin part-time, at less pay.



Mark your calendars now for the Chamber's first Prayer Breakfast to be held March 7th, 2000 at 7:00 a.m. -- It will be held in the M.K. Brown Room at the Chamber of Commerce Building. Please RSVP at 669-3241. Open to the Public.

Daily Record

Obituaries

BEA HALL

Bea Hall, 78, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2000, at Borger. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hall was born Jan. 10, 1922, at Betsy Layne, Ky. She married Estill Hall on April 15, 1940, at Banner, Ky.; he died in 1970. She had been a Pampa resident since 1950, moving from Banner. She was cafeteria manager at Coronado Nursing Center for 10 years and belonged to Freewill Baptist Church in Wheelwright, Ky. She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Rex Pryor, in 1994.

Survivors include a daughter, Glema Pryor of Stinnett; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dwayne and Cindy Hall of Skellytown and Ray and Peggy Hall of Pampa; five sisters, Anita Ann Farmer of Lawton, Okla., Billie Doris Guillian of Roseville, Mich., Linda Susan Wilson and Ruth Caldwell, both of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Margaret Wilbur of Lebanon, Ky.; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

EUNICE JOHNSON

WHITE DEER — Eunice Johnson, 85, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in White Deer Church of Christ with Bright Newhouse, Church of Christ minister of Hedley, officiating. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. in Rowe Cemetery at Hedley. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Johnson was born Feb. 27, 1914, at Mena, Ark. She married Charlie Johnson in 1931 at Hollis, Okla.; he died in March of 1998. She had been a White Deer resident for about 20 years and was formerly of Hedley where she owned-operated a Conoco service station.

She belonged to White Deer Church of Christ and White Deer Senior Citizens. She was preceded in death by a brother, Huey Lee Blackwell.

Survivors include a daughter, Charlene Milton of White Deer; a son, Perry "Bud" Johnson of Amarillo; a sister, Ollie Malone of Amarillo; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to White Deer Senior Citizens or to Rowe Cemetery in Hedley.

Fires

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

Tuesday, Feb. 22

6:12 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a one acre grass fire around Hwy 273 and Gray 13, to assist the Lefors Fire Department.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa		
Wheat	2.21	
Milo	2.91	
Corn	3.38	
Soybeans	4.23	
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
Occidental	17	dn 1/4
Fidelity Magellan	127.79	dn 1/16
Puritan	18.01	dn 1/16
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa		
Amco	44 5/16	dn 1/16
Arco	65 5/16	dn 1/2
Cabot	22 13/16	up 1/16
Cabot O&G	14 5/16	NC
Chevron	73 1/16	dn 2 5/8
Coca-Cola	60 15/16	dn 13/16
Columbia/HCA	21 15/16	up 1/8
Enron	65 1/4	dn 3/4
Halliburton	35 1/16	dn 7/16
IRI	4 11/16	dn 1/16
KMI	26	dn 1/8
Kerr McGee	43 15/16	dn 1/2
Limited	30 7/8	dn 9/16
McDonald's	32 3/4	up 1/16
Exxon Mobil	73 5/8	dn 1 13/16
New Atmos	16 1/2	dn 11/16
NCE	27 15/16	up 1/16
Penney's	16 1/4	NC
Phillips	38 1/8	dn 15/16
Pioneer Nat.	7 11/16	up 1/4
SLB	64 1/16	dn 3/4
Tenneco	46	dn 1/8
Texaco	46 3/8	dn 1 9/16
Ultramar	23 1/4	dn 1/4
Wal-Mart	47 11/16	dn 7/16
Williams	42 1/16	dn 1 3/16
New York Gold	305.20	
Silver	5.26	
West Texas Crude	29.62	

Police report

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

Tuesday, Feb. 22

A US passport/visa valued at \$200 was reported stolen in (no block given) of Darby. The City of Pampa reported the theft of approximately \$3,800. The theft occurred over a period of a year, according to the report.

Illegal use of a black paper dealer's tag was reported in the 100 block of Georgia. A charge of deadly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of North Charles. (See Accidents)

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, Feb. 22

William Craig Stephens, 28, 808 N. Christy, was transferred from a secure facility to the Gray County Jail to await a hearing on a violation of probation stemming from a charge of burglary of a building.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department released the following accident reports Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Saturday, Feb. 19

A pedestrian was struck crossing North Russell, in the 100 block. The pedestrian, Danny Lynn Stewart, was struck by a Ford Crown Victoria driven by Officer Fawnsa Burroughs, 30, PO Box 2499. Burroughs was backing out of a parking space on West Kingsmill when she struck Stewart. Stewart was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Monday, Feb. 21

Misty Campbell, 20, Amarillo, was cited for following too closely after she rear-ended her Chevrolet Cavalier into a Mazda Protege driven by Angela Christine Walker, 30, 716 Doucett. Campbell was traveling southbound on Duncan behind Walker. Walker stopped to turn left onto Harvester, and was struck by Campbell. Walker "may not have used a turn signal to indicate left turn," Officer Waters noted in the accident report.

Tuesday, Feb. 22

Rachael Joann Conner, 18, 2725 Seminole, driving a Ford Tempo, was cited for following too closely after she rear-ended a Dodge Caravan driven by Terri Daniels Hall, 45, McLean, in the 1000 block of West 23rd. A possible injury was reported, but no one was treated.

A 16-year-old male was charged with deadly conduct after "spinning his tires" and losing control of his Chevrolet C1500 pickup and colliding with a parked Ford Mustang in a private parking lot in the 1400 block of Charles. The Mustang belonged to Joe Wheeley, no age given, 2100 N. Faulkner.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Feb. 22

7:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

Emergency numbers

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

FIRE

No structures were destroyed in the fire, said Sheriff Robertson. He said graders and tankers were dispatched to the location this morning in an attempt to keep the fire from burning and structures in its path.

The Carson County sheriff said while the fire was burning due east from the 6666 Ranch in Carson County Tuesday night and Wednesday morning,

the ranch land was not threatened.

Cowboys from area ranches were available to fight the fires with the firefighting rigs on the ranches. They were placed on standby along with firefighters from White Deer, Groom, Skellytown, and Hutchinson County.

Motorists traveling on Highway 136 Tuesday evening estimated the length of the fire as eight miles by three miles wide. The smell of smoke from the fire scene drifted as far north as Stinnett, some 40-50 miles away.

JUDGE

The two had been free on bonds of \$10,000 each pending their arraignments.

Terry Glenn Honeycutt, 31, 1809 Coffee, pleaded not guilty today in 31st District Court to charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Honeycutt was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on Aug. 12, on U.S. 60 near Price Road. Officers said Honeycutt was weaving in and out of traffic on his motorcycle. After stopping him,

they found a small amount of what they believed to be methamphetamines.

Woodward was indicted Jan. 25, by a Gray County grand jury on charges of aggravated assault in connection with a fight Aug. 29, in which a beer bottle was broken over the head of a 16-year-old Pampa youth.

Investigators said Woodward was arrested following a fight shortly before dawn. Officers said they had spoken with Woodward earlier that night in connection with another fight, but no one filed charges in the first incident.

INDICTMENTS

A DPS trooper was reported to have tried to grab Chavez as the truck pulled away. The trooper fell, striking his head on the pavement.

The trooper suffered a concussion. The deputy suffered knee injuries.

Foster and Dorsey are accused of robbing a disabled Kansas man New Year's weekend.

The 65-year-old Kansas man was beaten and

robbed about 1:30 a.m., Jan. 2, in the 1000 block of Huff Road. He told officer that Foster was in the front passenger seat of his car and Dorsey was in the back seat behind him.

The Kansas man accused Dorsey of grabbing him and choking him. The Kansas man told officers that Foster ordered him to give them money to make Dorsey stop.

Authorities said the Kansas man reported that \$600 was taken from him.

Family of seven killed start getting \$55 million

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Family members of those killed in a South Texas automobile accident will begin receiving payments this week from a multimillion-dollar settlement against a tire manufacturer.

The crash, which happened in August of 1998, involved a fiery head-on-collision that killed five women and two girls coming home from a Pentecostal revival, including Thelma Vasquez, 53, of Hebronville. Their pickup was struck by another pickup driven by Hugo Rafael Gutierrez, of Laredo.

Gutierrez, 41, who also died in the crash, blew a tire and veered into the path of the pickup driven by Vasquez on a remote stretch of Texas 359, between Kingsville and Laredo.

Family members of those who died will begin receiving payments this week in the settlement against Quincy, Ill.-based Titan Tire Corp., the manufacturer of the blown-out tire, said Doug

Allison, one of the attorneys for the families.

Lawyers for the families argued that manufacturing defects in the tire, which was sold under the Pirelli name, caused the blowout.

As part of the deal, family members and their attorneys are not allowed to disclose the exact amount of the settlement, according to the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. But a Feb. 2 statement filed in district court in Duval County calls for \$55 million to be split among eight groups of claimants.

In all, more than two dozen family members will be compensated, according to the newspaper.

Officials with Titan refused comment on the settlement and would not say if the tire has been recalled.

Others killed in the crash included Esperanza Isabel Rios, 7, and her mother, Ludim Vasquez, 32; Dalia Ramirez, 45; Dina Maria Ramirez, 17; Annabel DeLeon, 36; Stephanie Ramirez, 3.

Odds and ends ...

Judge sends for jurors at discount store

SHELBY, N.C. (AP) — Attention Wal-Mart shoppers, please report for jury duty.

When Cleveland County Civil and Criminal Superior Court ran out of prospective jurors Monday, Judge Don Bridges asked the sheriff's office to find replacements.

Given only three hours to round up 55 people, deputies went to the Wal-Mart Supercenter and started handing out subpoenas. Some shoppers had as little as 30 minutes to make arrangements to obey the court order.

The court needed last-minute jurors because not enough people showed up for jury duty and others were disqualified from service for various reasons.

Some shoppers and the Wal-Mart manager complained, but authorities said there was little else deputies could do.

"When not enough jurors are here, we try any possible way to get them," Chief Deputy Bob Roadcap said. "You go to the place most people gather."

Bridges admitted the plan wasn't the best, but it was the only way to get the job done.

"I apologized to the folks this morning," he said. "But the jurors who came in seemed to have an extremely good sense of cooperation."

She shows up ... nine years early

NEW YORK (AP) — Alyson Fuchs, threatened with a fine and jail time if she failed to show up for jury duty, arrived early — nine years early.

The 9-year-old received a subpoena in the mail and went to the Supreme Court in Brooklyn on Tuesday, ready to tackle a case.

"Sorry for the misreading clerk," assistant chief deputy clerk Loretta Argiro told the fourth-grader, "but you'll have to wait until you're 18 years old to serve on a jury."

Children sometimes are mistakenly summoned for jury duty because they are listed on tax records, a source of potential jurors. Sending a birth certificate in the mail is enough for exemption, but Alyson — a "Court TV" fan who had a week off from school — wanted to appear in person.

"When she read that she had to appear or she could be fined \$1,000 or sent to jail, she got a little freaked," said her mother, Gail

Fuchs.

Alyson, who went to court with her parents and 8-year-old brother, said she had been hoping to land on a criminal jury. She also said she was a little upset at missing out on the jury pay, \$40 a day.

"It's more than my allowance," she said.

Chimp births triplets

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (AP) — Frieda the chimpanzee is the proud mother of triplets.

The chimps were born Saturday at the Coulston Foundation, a biomedical research center in Alamogordo. Foundation officials said the chimp triplets could be a first.

Two baby males weighed in at 1.9 pounds and 2.1 pounds. A female weighed 2.4 pounds.

City Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy today with a high of 70 and northwest winds at 10-20 mph.

Tonight, clear with a low in the upper 30s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers with a high in the mid 70s and south winds at 15-20 mph.

STATEWIDE — A line of severe thunderstorms moved across the state overnight, bringing much-needed rain to Texas.

A tornado warning was in effect until 7:30 a.m. for Matagorda County southwest of Houston, according to the National Weather Service.

Forecasters said Bay City and surrounding towns were in the line of severe thunderstorms with high winds capable of producing a twister.

Pea-size hail pelted West Texas, with Abilene and Wichita Falls being hardest hit.

Officials confirmed a tornado touched down briefly in Wilbarger County, about 40 miles west of Wichita Falls, but no one was injured. A twister also was reported to have been spotted near Abilene.

Dallas-Fort Worth Airport received 2 inches by 11:15 p.m., more than the 1.61 inches that had fallen combined in the first 52 days of this year.

"Dallas got its year-to-date rain all today," said Steve Dews, a meteorologist with Wichita, Kan.-based WeatherData Inc.

Forecasters said the stormy weather should give way to clear, sunny skies.

High temperatures should hit the 70s in West Texas and near Dallas, with winds dropping down to the 10- to 20-mph range, the weather service said.

Temperatures will reach the middle 70s to the upper 80s. And Southeast Texas and the coastal bend area can expect a chance of showers or thunderstorms with temperatures in the 70s.

Names in the news ...

MEDICINE LODGE, Kan. (AP) — Two months after buying a 35,350-acre ranch in southern Kansas, media mogul **Ted Turner** has bought an adjacent spread.

Turner has bought the 2,880-acre Double H ranch, a stretch of native grass west of the sprawling Z Bar Ranch in Barber County. Plans are to turn the land into a bison ranch and wildlife preserve.

The Double H acreage includes two creeks and a three-mile stretch of the Salt Fork of the Arkansas River. About 1,500 bison will be released to the property in late fall or early next year, said Russ Miller, general manager of Turner Ranches in Bozeman, Mont.

Turner, who lives in Atlanta and Montana, paid nearly \$9 million in December for the Z Bar. The price of the Double H, previously owned by Hummon Corp. of Wichita, was not disclosed.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — **Stevie Wonder**, **Eric Clapton** and **Laurn Hill** joined friends and fans of the late **Curtis Mayfield** for a two-hour song and prayer service honoring the soul and funk musician.

Mayfield, whose songs preaching pride and perseverance are sometimes described as the soundtrack to the civil rights movement, died Dec. 26 at the age of 57. He had suffered a prolonged illness stemming from a 1990 accident that left him a quadriplegic.

Some of those he inspired packed First AME Church on Tuesday to remember the man through his music.

"Any time you have a love for someone's music they're going to affect what you do and how you do it," said Wonder, who recalled he began to dream of being a musician after hearing Mayfield's 1961 hit with the Impressions, "Gypsy Woman."

At the height of the 1960s, Mayfield's gentle voice urged black Americans to "Keep on Pushing." With classics like "People Get Ready" and "We're a Winner," he put civil rights at the forefront of soul music at a time when black radio was dominated by love songs and dance tunes.

Actor **Danny Glover** said after the service that Mayfield and other musicians connected with the civil rights movement were his inspiration.

"They were enormous for me, you can't imagine how enormous," Glover said. "Those are the people that kind of pulled me through."

CHAGUARAMAS, Trinidad (AP) — **Prince Charles** told academics at the University of the West Indies that he was delighted about their plans to collaborate with University College in London to work on sustainable use of the Caribbean's natural resources.

In a speech to academics, the prince also presented his plan to set up trusts to help young people start businesses in Britain and its former colonies.

"For me, the commonwealth is something rather special and worth cherishing," the prince said Tuesday. "It is as old as I am and so has been present throughout my life as something to which the queen and other members of my family attach great value."

Charles arrived in Trinidad late Monday and also plans to visit Jamaica in a tour of former British colonies in the Caribbean.

LONDON (AP) — **Henry Cooper**, best remembered for knocking down **Muhammad Ali** in a 1963 fight, has become the first boxer to be knighted by **Queen Elizabeth II**.

In a ceremony Tuesday at Buckingham Palace, the queen, wielding her royal sword, tapped the kneeling 65-year-old Cooper on his left and right shoulders and then draped a medal around his neck.

"The old heart starts thumping and the adrenaline gets going," said Cooper, who eventually lost to Ali on a fifth-round TKO. "It's marvelous and I'd like to thank everyone concerned. I've been to the palace on several occasions but this is special."

Cooper, who had held the British, Commonwealth and European heavyweight titles before retiring in 1971, has been recognized since for his charity work.

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Middle School honor roll

Pampa Middle School recently announced its third six weeks honor roll for the third six weeks grading period of the 1999-00 school year.

A HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade

Braydon Barker, Taylor Fatheree, Bryan Heerema, Christopher Smith, Andy Anderson, Cooper Brazile, Todd Carter, Nicole Fernuik, Charlton Franks, Juan Gallegos, Chase Guyer, Tyson Hickman, Amanda Hoke, Monica Johnson, Clay Jones, Nikolas Julian, Sunil Kammani, Eric Kingcade, John Klein, Lacie Long, Jennifer Mackie, Johnathan Malone, Morgan Meharg, Michael Munnerlyn, Manuel Navarrete, Amber Qualls, Reid Schindler, Brody Smith, Weston Teichmann, Brenon Thomas, Felicia Urban.

Seventh Grade

Payton Baird, Kristen Boyd, Melissa Brown, Chera Chavado, Brittin East, Andrew Fraser, Rebecca Gindorf, Theresa Hernandez, Stacy Pepper, Cameron Seger, Trevor Talley, Ronnie Tucker.

Eighth Grade

Barton Cathey, Keisha Childress, Hunter Craig, Kori Dunn, Jacob Hopkins, Tara Jordan, Melissa Land, Joshua Martin, Natalie McVay, Jose Meraz, Dean Moman, Brian Peters, Kaylee Shank, James Smith, Jeremy Smith, Shelley Smith, Ashley Swanson.

AB HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade

Jordan Albracht, Cheryl Alexander, Victoria Alfaro, Chelsea Anderson, Aaron Anguiano, Shalea Ausbrooks, Heather Balay, Cody Carnley, Meagan Clark, Callie Cobb, Manden Conklin, Arika Cox, Jacob Craig, Dip Das, Trevor Day, Spencer DeFever, Christina Deleon, Lauren Denny, Karli Douglas, Audrey Dunn, Zachary Edens, Dakston Fallon, Jackie Gerber, Michael Grajeda, Brian Haddock, Laura Haley, Allison Hall, Angie Hall, Heath Henley, Mayra Hernandez, Heather Hewitt, Kaylee Hill, Emily Hillman, Sara Hoke, Marissa Hudson, Andrea Hughes, Taren Johnson, Whitney Karr, Christopher Kidd, Kristen Kirkland, Eric Knott, John Kotara, Sarah Langford, Ashlee Lucas, Destinee Manhart, Royce McGrath, Brian McIntosh, Ragan Meeks, Britany Nelson, Ahsley Orr, David Ramirez, Taylor Reeves, Lindsay Rhoades, Zed Richards, Maria Rivera, Yesenia Rodriguez, Lindzi Schaible, Alexa Silve, Bradley Smith, Shannon Smith, Steven Smith, Craig Stone, Grant Stucki, K Leigh Sweeney, Kari Terrell, Myca Vinson, David Watson, Erin Watson, Whitney Wichert, Heather Wills, Kylie Winegeart, Miranda Woodruff, Amy Youree.

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Eighth Grade

Darrin Allen, Alan Arzola, Amber Asher, Stacy Atchley, Brianna Bailey, Ryan Barnes, Haley Bowen, Chance Bowers, Collin Bowers, Kera Bruce, Jerrod Carruth, Ryan Carter, Erica Cochran, Jasmin Cordova, Abbi Covalt, Raeanna Cowan, Colt Cox, Shelby Crook, Andrew Curtis, Megan David, Nictenja Davila, Chelsey Davis, Ryan Davis, Shon Day, Heather Dean, Marcos Deleon, Bobby Dorsey, Britny Downey, Quitin Ellis, Sarah Ellis, Adam Etchison, Erin Fields, Amber Freeman, Miranda Hill, Krissy Holman, Blake Howard, Zachry Hucks, Jonathon Humphrey, Kera Ivey, Misty Ivey, Charles Jarvis, Evelyn Jasso, Mitchell Jefferis, Lindsay Jennings, Joseph Johnson, Stacey Johnson, Tyler Jonas, Kellen Ketchersid, Shayna Krikland, Christopher Koop, Lauryn Langford, Derek Lewis, Gabrielle Lindsay, Benito Martinez, Demetrio Martinez, Michael Martinez, Erika Mauricio, Ryan McCarley, Sarah Medley, Naomi Meyer, Johnny Moore, Tera Murray, Heather Neider, Stephanie Nelson, Erin Norris, Edwardo Palma, Shelby Patton, Nerissa Perry, Megan Poole, Chelsie Powers, Lindsey Price, Eva Prieto, Cara Pryor, Michelle Qualls, Raquel Ramirez, K'lee Ratzlaff, Angela Resendiz, Briana Russell, Evelyn Sanchez, Jamie Schroeder, Melissa Scobee, Carissa Seger, Katie Shaffer, Antonio Shorter, Jesus Silva, Luis Silva, Aaron Simon, Erika Skinner, Jera Skinner, Felipe Soria, Kendra Strickland, Christopher Tackett, Jesus Tarango, Shaleene Taylor, Delma Torres, Catherine Trimble, Brandi Triplet, Minerva Vasquez, Max Vinson, Whitney Watts, Britton White.

PCCA membership drive



(Special photo) Lilit Brainard, left, membership chairman, Ronnie Holmes, standing, presentation chairman, and Evelyn Johnson, secretary, are planning the Pampa Community Concert Association annual membership drive currently underway. To join PCCA or to renew a subscription, call Lilit Brainard at 665-4579 or Nancy Coffee at 669-2144. A "Workers Kick-Off Brunch" is slated at 10 a.m. March 4 in the parlor of First Baptist Church.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

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

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

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

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.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Lovett Memorial Library's Spring Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. The program, which includes crafts and stories, is open to all children 18 months to 5-years-old. Story hours are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREES CLUB

Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

PAS DANCE

Pampa Area Singles will hold a potluck dinner and dance Feb. 26 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the dance will be from 8-11 p.m. Entertainment will be by Mike Porter. Cost is \$5 per person. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

Celebration of Lights will sponsor a pancake breakfast fund-raiser from 6-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at Chaney's Cafe, 716 W. Foster.

Celebration of Lights will continue the annual tradition of the lighted park from late November through December. This event welcomes thousands of visitors to Pampa during the holiday season.

DEDICATION CEREMONY

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

BROWN BAG LECTURES

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

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, H1B (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are also available. The TDH will charge money to

help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 1-3 p.m., Feb. 24, Groom School, Groom.

TEXAS CIVIL JUSTICE LEAGUE

Texas Civil Justice League is offering voters an Internet source for candidates for the Texas Supreme Court, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and 15 Court of Appeals districts across the state. TCJL will post information on its website — <http://www.texasjudges.org> — about judicial candidates for appellate court benches including background and qualifications for the bench. The information will be non-partisan and is presented for the sole purpose of educating voters about the candidates.

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Woman Wonders How to Turn Office Attraction Into a Date

DEAR ABBY: I never married, but I have a 5-year-old daughter. It has been two years since I moved from my hometown and I haven't had a single date here.

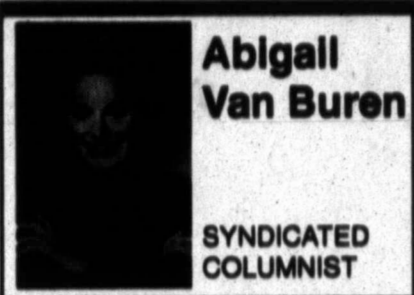
I started a new job last August, where I met a man I'll call "Tony." I have not stopped thinking about him since the day we met. Call me crazy, but I think he may be attracted to me as well. He has flirted with me on many occasions, and I see something in his eyes every time he looks at me. I am no fool, Abby. I know when a man is interested.

The problem is, he has not asked me out except for a few lunches. In the five months I've known him, he has been out of the country for 2 1/2 months.

I am usually shy, but I confess I did flirt a little to let him know I was interested. However, I didn't want to appear desperate. He is very shy, too, but I feel deep in my heart that he cares. I have grown fond of him and would like to get to know him better. I know that I can't just ask him out, but I feel there is something special between us. What should I do?

FEELING AWKWARD IN ONTARIO

DEAR FEELING AWKWARD: Unless there is a company policy that forbids co-workers from dating, I see no reason why you shouldn't ask him to join you for lunch on a weekend or dinner one evening. It's leap



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

year — so go for broke!

DEAR ABBY: Will you please answer a simple question? Why do grooms (husbands) always think it is the responsibility of the bride (wife) to write the thank-you notes? Moreover, why do they not know how to write thank-you notes?

I love my husband, but I'm about to wring his neck. By the way, he sees himself as a writing expert and a master of the English language, so it's not because he's illiterate; he just seems lost when it comes to doing this chore. I have heard that this is the case with most men.

CURIOUS

DEAR CURIOUS: There is absolutely no excuse for someone who is literate not to be able to write a simple thank-you note. Your husband may have been raised in a male-dominated household where writing thank-you notes was considered "women's work." However, this is the year 2000 and times have changed.

The responsibility does not belong solely on your shoulders. Divide the "chore" and have him write to your side of the family while you write to his. Consider it just another way to blend the families.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is being married this summer. She will graduate from college in May from a school in Texas. We live on the West Coast where the wedding will take place. Her fiancé lives in Arizona where they will make their home.

The problem is they don't have the money to ship gifts to Arizona. I was wondering if it would be proper to ask people to take a picture of the gift they intended to buy, and wrap it in a box along with a check so my daughter can purchase the item when she arrives in Arizona. Is that tacky? Please advise.

PLANNING A WEDDING

DEAR PLANNING: It would be improper to bring up the subject of monetary gifts, even if it is "prettied up" by requesting that the guests enclose a photo of the gift they had in mind.

However, if you are asked what your daughter needs or prefers, you may respond by explaining that a check would be the most practical gift.

Horoscope

THURSDAY, FEB. 24, 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)
 *** Your high ideals can occasionally lead you astray. It seems you see people as you would like to see them, rather than as they are. Be realistic, and you might find yourself less disappointed. Take a stern look at finances; revamp if need be. Tonight: Meet another's requests.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ** Others mean well, but they distract you from your various projects. A boss might spout many ideas, but he might not be looking at some bottom lines. Don't burst his bubble; ultimately, you will only upset one person. Tonight: Don't go along unless you really want to.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 *** Face facts. Take a hard look at possibilities before launching into action. You could easily overlook certain key facts in an effort to be optimistic and positive. Recognize your limits. You could get tired and miss the mark. Tonight: Early to bed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 *** You trust another, but even you must shake your head at certain facts. Others simply do not seem realistic. Listen to your inner voice. Make sure you know what is right for you. Your ingenuity emerges when dealing with an

obstacle. Tonight: Why not enjoy yourself?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 *** Another might really be able to pull the wool over your eyes if you don't keep them open. Caring taints your perspective when dealing with this person. Check out an investment carefully. Be aware of the time you are spending on a project. Tonight: Don't do anything you don't want to do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 *** Understanding between you and a co-worker reaches a new high. Talk about goals and aspirations, and you'll speak the same language. Listen carefully to another. Be sensitive to your professional options. Rearrange plans if you don't feel comfortable. Tonight: Out and about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 *** Someone might be testing you, but you don't see it. Recognize your tendency to put people on a pedestal. Don't let another coerce you into taking a risk that feels uncomfortable. Financial disagreements run rampant. Tonight: Be captain of your checkbook.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 *** Claim your power as others waver with uncertainty. Your sense of humor comes out because of a child or loved one. Indulging him doesn't have to hurt you. Another's negativity has more to do with him than with you. Tonight: Do exactly what you want!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ** Relax. Take time to observe without reacting. Another doesn't see eye to eye with you at work. Decide to do more for yourself. Schedule a medical checkup. Getting back into an exercise pattern and

healthy eating habits will help you feel better. Tonight: Easy does it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 *** Establish what you want. Network, touch base with friends and make that additional effort. You could be low on creativity now, but you more than make up for it with your strong, ambitious drive. Don't kid yourself about a money matter. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 *** You refuse to see certain issues clearly. A family member wants to throw his hands in the air out of pure frustration. Brainstorm with co-workers. Put more energy into your work. Establish a stronger professional presence. Tonight: In the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 *** What you feel and think could be substantially different than what is realistic. Others attempt to point this out to you, but you simply avoid the conversation. Choosing to play ostrich could have long-term implications. Tonight: Off to the movies.

BORN TODAY
 Actor Edward James Olmos (1947), actress Helen Shaver (1951), singer Rupert Holmes (1947)

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Hagger The Horrible



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Mallard Filmore



Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 11 Neighbor of Togo
- 12 Eye-popping pictures
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- 14 Ceremony
- 15 City of canals
- 16 Boot part
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- 18 TV's Koppel
- 19 Leek's kin
- 22 Region
- 23 Actions at auctions
- 26 Mare's mate
- 29 Lobster-eating need
- 32 Pool need
- 33 Keats work
- 34 Hooded jacket
- 36 Bird's crop
- 37 Beer choice
- 38 Get wild
- 39 Inventor Howe
- 40 St. — fire
- 41 Winter glider
- 42 Sprang

DOWN

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- 4 Skin opening
- 5 Take a load off
- 6 Actor Jackie
- 7 Nun's wear
- 8 Kept in reserve
- 9 Walked the stream
- 11 1968 Winter Olympics site
- 15 Clock
- 17 Train units
- 20 Guitarist Paul
- 21 Nothing the Museum display
- 24 Museum display
- 25 Fizzy drink
- 27 Penguin's kin
- 28 Most recent
- 29 Cotton units
- 30 Collectively
- 31 Evil spirit
- 35 Peruse
- 36 Singer Natalie
- 38 Tooth-paste type

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Marmaduke



"Is it time for spring training already?"

The Family Circus



2-23

"Know what I think? We're in a giant glass snow globe and somebody's shakin' it."

SPORTS

Notebook

BASEBALL

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — The Houston Astros are watching Billy Wagner very closely in the early stages of spring training.

The Astros lost in the first round of the playoffs for the third straight time last season. Had they advanced, they probably would have had to go on without Wagner, who strained his left elbow.

"It's something I'm going to have to watch," Wagner said Tuesday. "I'm going to play it right. I won't overdo it. I'm not going to be throwing two days in a row or doing anything foolish like that. The point is to be ready opening day."

The Astros are going to need another solid performance from their stopper this season.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Darryl Strawberry reported to spring training today, though it is uncertain how long he can stay with the New York Yankees after testing positive for cocaine.

"I'd just like to say I'm not running and hiding," he said before a workout at Legends Field. "You guys know I've always been forward. I came here today because this is where I feel I want to be. I really can't comment on anything right now."

Strawberry did not answer questions.

The 37-year-old outfielder was to participate in the team's first full-squad workout. Manager Joe Torre said he is planning to count on Strawberry until he is told otherwise.

Strawberry said he met with commissioner Bud Selig in Milwaukee on Tuesday but did not elaborate.

Torre and general manager Brian Cashman said the Yankees are supporting Strawberry, who may be facing his third suspension from the major leagues after testing positive for cocaine on Jan. 19.

"Obviously, just as far as showing up, he said it all. He doesn't want to be running away or hiding," Torre said.

"It's a problem we have to deal with. ... He's one of the Yankees and we're here to support him. I know the players are concerned. He'll get dressed, and he'll work out. And until we know otherwise, that's the way it will be."

A high-ranking baseball official, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said the commissioner's office is investigating. A decision whether to take disciplinary action likely would be made by Thursday at the latest.

The official did not detail what action the sport was likely to take against Strawberry. Given his past penalties, a suspension that would last most of this season appears likely.

Rich Levin, the spokesman for commissioner Bud Selig, declined comment.

Strawberry, an eight-time All-Star, came back from colon cancer surgery in October 1998. He hit .333 with two home runs and four RBIs in the postseason last year in helping the Yankees to their second straight World Series sweep.

The Yankees hope Strawberry will be their primary designated hitter this season following the retirement of Chili Davis.

On Tuesday, before Strawberry's drug test became public, Torre suspected all would not be calm in training camp.

"I have a sense something will happen here that will stir the pot," he said.

Strawberry is tested two or three times a week as part of his no-contest plea on May 26, 1999, to charges of cocaine possession and soliciting a prostitute. He was sentenced to 18 months of probation and 100 hours of community service.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner and Cashman declined comment on the news, first reported by WTVT in Tampa and WLWT in Cincinnati.



The Fort Elliott basketball team gathers for a photograph after winning the bi-district championship Tuesday night. Andy Finsterwald holds the bi-district trophy. He's flanked by Richard Rowe (14) and Curt Smith (15).

(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Cougars win crown

PAMPA — Fort Elliott notched a 54-41 win over Booker in a Class 1A bi-district boys' game Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Curt Smith tossed in 20 points while Nathan Hefley was right behind with 19 to lead the Cougars.

Fort Elliott (28-1) advances to the area round to meet the winner of the Hartley-Springlake Earth game. That game is tentatively set for 7 p.m. Friday at Highland Park.

High scorer for Booker was Brad Frame with 13 points. Travis Rogers followed with 11.

Fort Elliott broke open a close contest in the fourth quarter by outscoring Booker 15-4.

Clay Zybach added 10 points for the Cougars while Richard Rowe had 3 and Kade Zybach 2.

In other bi-district activity, Memphis ended Groom's season with a 60-50 win last night in Clarendon.

A.J. Johnson had 17 points to lead the Memphis attack. Josh Reynolds chipped in 13.

Groom's Wade Ritter led all scorers with 24 points. Others who scored were Russell Conrad 8, Dewayne Gray 8, Dustin Babcock 6 and Chris Ollinger 4.

The Tigers played only 13 games this season because their football team went as far as the six-man state finals.

Canadian defeated White Deer 60-49 in a Class 2A boys' bi-district game played last night.

The new Duval: sleek, fashionable and winless

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — David Duval is not the same man when he looks in the mirror.

It isn't the new duds. Duval gave up traditional golf clothing for a tight, chic style, one of mock turtle-necks that look as though they belong on a 20-something executive in a dot-com board meeting.

It has nothing to do with taking out that pinch between the cheek and gum. Duval gave up smokeless tobacco in October and hasn't touched the snuff since.

The sleek, sculpted body?

The biggest change for sure, one that turned heads when he made his debut this year and has caused reporters in every city ask so many questions about fitness and diet and reps and body fat that Duval wonders whether he should write a book.

But for all the cosmetic changes, what the mirror also reveals is a player who has gone 11 months and 18 tournaments without winning.

Tom Lehman ended a 2 1/2-year drought by winning in Phoenix. Phil Mickelson bagged his first victory in 18 months a couple of weeks ago in San Diego. Justin Leonard is still trying to win for the first time since The Players Championship in 1998.

None of them, however, had won 11 of their previous 34 events on the PGA Tour. Duval used to win with such alarming ease that he replaced Tiger Woods as No. 1 for three months. Now, he could be a lifetime away from catching him.

All of that raises a couple of questions.

Is the biggest change in Duval his desire? Is he more obsessed with working out than he is with winning?

"At some point it becomes vanity, too," Duval said, a concession that he has never looked so good — and knows it. Duval takes pleasure out of a punishing regimen, running or lifting 13 out of every 14 days.

"You enjoy the high of it," he said of his pursuit to build a body for life.

The only low point is his golf.

Before anyone starts talking about a "slump," remember that his results are vaguely similar to what Woods was getting about a year and 10 victories ago.

The difference is that Woods was retooling his swing. Duval is reshaping his body.

The assumption is that heavy lifting has taken a toll on the effortless, powerful swing that brought Duval the only final-round 59 in PGA Tour history and four victories before the Masters last year.

Duval insists his mechanics are as good as ever, that the difference between a 70 and a 64 lies only in the number of putts that refuse to fall.

On Thursday in the Nissan Open, he had seven birdie putts inside 8 feet and made one. In the Mercedes Championships, he finished four strokes out of the thrilling playoff between Woods and Ernie Els, but lapped the field in blown birdie opportunities.

"The most disappointing thing

about everything going on is that people are going to want to draw conclusions that it's hurt my golf, which is ludicrous," he said. "If you watch me play every round, all you would say is, 'Damn, he hasn't got a putt to go in.'"

"I just feel things will all come together here, and maybe I'll stopped being asked about it because they'll realize it has been beneficial."

More than anything, Duval says he is a victim of the kind of break that separates winners from also-rans. He points to a 3-wood

approach on the first hole at Riviera that went through the green into neatly trimmed grass — except for one clumpy patch of rough the size of a snowboard where his ball happened to land.

This is misfortune for which he asks no sympathy, only time for the cycle to run its course.

It was only two years ago that his drive on the 17th hole in the final round of the Disney Classic rattled through a tree and kicked right into the fairway instead of left into the water — setting up a birdie and a one-stroke victory

instead of a bogey and a one-stroke loss.

"This is a frustrating, frustrating game we play," he said. "I feel like my game is pretty good. And it's frustrating to sit here telling you that I feel like I'm playing well. But I am."

That he has nothing to show for it is not a concern. One aspect of Duval that has not changed is his patience. He never flinched when he endured seven runner-up finishes in his first 86 PGA Tour events before breaking through in a big way.

Pampa junior varsity wins own Quad

PAMPA — The Pampa Junior Varsity tennis team won their own Quad last weekend, scoring 58 points to 39 for the Amarillo High JV and 37 for the Perryton varsity.

Pampa's Jared Spearman won in boys' singles while the girls' doubles team of Ashley Willis and Abby Bradley came in first.

Ashlei Jordan was second and Brittany Kindle third in girls' singles. Matt Cook was second in boys' singles.

Helen Brooks and Liz West were third in girls' doubles. Jay Gerber and David Thacker were second and Jon Brooks and Nathanael Hill were seventh in boys' doubles.

The Pampa junior varsity team will play at the PHS

TENNIS
courts on Saturday against Perryton and Pecos J.V.

LONDON (AP) — Second-seeded Nicolas Kiefer of Germany was ousted from the AXA Cup first round, 6-2, 6-3 by 18-year-old Roger Federer of Switzerland.

Fourth-seeded Thomas Enqvist of Sweden beat Romanian Adrian Panaitescu 6-1, 6-4; Slovakian Karol Kucera stopped Czech Jiri Novak 7-5, 6-3; France's Cyril Saulnier defeated German Rainer Schuttler 6-4, 6-4; Frenchman Jerome Golmard topped Spain's Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-2, 6-2; and Morocco's Hicham Arazi overcame Jan-Michael Gambill 6-4, 7-5.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Monica Seles, playing for the first time in nearly five months, routed Italy's Francesca Lubiani 6-3, 6-3 in the second round of the IGA SuperThrift Classic.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Top-seeded Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil overcame Argentina's Gaston Etis 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, and second-seeded Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador topped Czech Bohdan Ulihrach 6-4, 6-2 in the opening round of the Mexican Open.

Argentine Mariano Puerta upset sixth-seeded Fernando Vicente 7-6, 6-4, while compatriot Hernan Gumy ousted France's Antony Dupuis 6-4, 6-3. Austria's Richard Fromberg outlasted Brazil's Andre Sa 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Giants lure Garrett from Cowboys

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New York Giants not only re-signed a starting cornerback and found a new backup quarterback, they also picked up an insurance policy on the offensive line.

The Giants on Tuesday persuaded cornerback Conrad Hamilton to stay with the team, lured Jason Garrett from Dallas and announced they reached a tentative contract agreement on a reported three-year contract with offensive tackle Lomas Brown.

A 15-year veteran who started 10 games for Cleveland last season, Brown gives the Giants an insurance policy in case they lose starter Roman Oben in free agency.

New York is holding the line on its offer of \$15 million for five years to Oben.

Hamilton, a starter in 1998 who played just three games last year because of a training camp knee injury, signed a three-year, incentive-laden

contract that will pay him about \$4.8 million if he remains healthy.

Hamilton, who received a \$300,000 signing bonus, will earn the minimum of \$440,000, but his playing time incentives could push the deal to \$1.3 million. He is scheduled to be paid \$1.3 million next year and \$1.8 million in 2002.

"If I can stay on the field I'll make a lot of money," said Hamilton, a seventh round draft choice in 1996. "I would not have accepted a contract stipulating I reach outlandish goals to get the money I deserve."

Garrett, a backup to Troy Aikman the last eight years, signed a three-year, \$2.94 million contract to play behind Kerry Collins.

The deal, which includes a \$250,000 signing bonus, has base salaries of \$440,000 this year, \$750,000 next and \$1.5 million in 2002 plus incentives each year.

The signing of Garrett all but ends Kent Graham's chances of rejoining the Giants.

The starter last year until Collins took over for the final six games, Graham was released recently after refusing to accept a \$900,000 pay cut.

Hamilton is expected to start at left cornerback this season, replacing veteran free agent Phillip Sparks, whom the Giants seem to have no interest in re-signing. Jason Sehorn, who missed the final month because of a knee injury, will start on the right side.

Garrett, whose father, Jim, was a Giants assistant, has started nine games for the Cowboys, posting a 6-3 record with Aikman sidelined. He completed 32 passes for 314 yards, three touchdowns and an interception last season, winning a start against Green Bay and losing one to Arizona.

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Swimming

The state swimming and diving championships will be held Friday and Saturday at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center on the University of Texas in Austin. Class 4A preliminaries begin at 10:30 a.m. Final meets begin at 4 p.m. Saturday.

- CLASS 4A GIRLS
100-Yard Butterfly
REGIONAL WINNERS
1. Misty Moman, Pampa, 1:07.83
2. Stephanie Bruno, Justin Northwest, 1:03.41
3. Briana Brotherson, Colleyville Heritage, 1:01.41
4. Krystal Lunford, Longview Pine Tree, 1:05.21
5. Becky Sinclair, Conroe Oak Ridge, 1:07.57
6. Eileen Viscionini, Friendswood, 1:04.32
7. Kristin Vollmer, San Antonio Alamo Heights, 1:00.27
8. Jan Shultis Corpus Christi Flour Bluff, 1:07.55
EXTRA QUALIFIERS
7. Katie Bigger, Schertz Clemens, 1:00.50
7. Amber Schmidt, Austin Johnson, 1:01.14
7. Alison McLeod, Cedar Park, 1:01.94
3. Kathleen Gallagher, Coppell, 1:02.89
3. Liz Singerheimer, Colleyville Heritage, 1:02.91
3. Lindsay Derr Southlake Carroll, 1:02.94
6. Julie Salinas Freeport Brazosport, 1:07.41
5. Diane Clements, Nederland, 1:07.97

- Mount Vernon Nazarene 78, Tiffin 69
Muskingum 82, Mount Union 73
N. Illinois 87, Ball St. 81, OT
Nebraska 75, Oklahoma St. 71, OT
North Central 56, Carthage 59
Notre Dame 83, Miami 68
Ohio Wesleyan 92, Wooster 60
Oklahoma 64, Kansas St. 56
Simpson, Iowa 78, Upper Iowa 53
Walsh 92, Malone 76
Westburg 74, Cent. Iowa 65
FAR WEST
Azusa Pacific 78, Cal Baptist 54
Colorado Mines 71, Metro St. 67
Concordia, Calif. 78, Westminster 55
S. Oregon 78, W. Baptist 62
Whitworth 71, Whitman 61

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
New York W L Pct GB
Miami 32 20 .615 1/2
Philadelphia 28 24 .538 4 1/2
Orlando 25 28 .472 8
Boston 22 31 .415 11
New Jersey 21 32 .396 12
Washington 16 38 .296 17 1/2

Central Division
Indiana 35 17 .673 --
Charlotte 30 22 .577 5
Toronto 27 24 .529 7 1/2
Detroit 26 26 .500 9
Milwaukee 27 27 .500 9
Cleveland 22 31 .415 13 1/2
Atlanta 20 30 .400 14
Chicago 12 39 .232 22 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division
San Antonio W L Pct GB
Utah 32 19 .627 1
Minnesota 29 23 .558 4 1/2
Denver 24 29 .453 10
Dallas 22 30 .423 11 1/2
Houston 21 33 .389 13 1/2
Vancouver 17 36 .321 17
Pacific Division
Portland 43 11 .798 --
L.A. Lakers 42 11 .792 1/2
Phoenix 33 19 .635 9
Seattle 34 21 .618 9 1/2
Sacramento 31 22 .585 11 1/2
Golden State 14 28 .333 28
L.A. Clippers 11 43 .204 32

Monday's Games
New York 87, L.A. Clippers 76
Indiana 94, Dallas 93
Cleveland 109, Vancouver 108, OT
Detroit 95, Miami 87
Phoenix 98, San Antonio 89
Utah 96, Atlanta 94
Denver 123, Sacramento 117, OT
Portland 105, Boston 92
Tuesday's Games
Washington 126, Milwaukee 101
L.A. Lakers 97, New Jersey 89
Charlotte 102, Houston 97
Minnesota 112, Golden State 89
Vancouver 85, Chicago 81
Phoenix 85, Denver 67
Seattle 127, Orlando 91
Wednesday's Games
L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Phoenix at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Portland, 10 p.m.
Boston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Vernon Wells, OF Anthony Sanders and INF Mike Young on one-year contracts.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with LHP Steve Avery on a minor-league contract.
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with INF Travis Dawkins, INF Brandon Larsen and INF Ron Wright on minor-league contracts.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Hector Almonte, RHP Braden Looper, INF Pablo Ozuna, INF Nate Rollison and OF Julio Ramirez on one-year contracts.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with LHP Wayne Franklin, INF Julio Lugo, RHP Tony McKnight, INF Aaron McNeal, RHP Brian Powell, LHP Wilfredo Rodriguez, LHP Jerome Robertson and INF Chris Powell on one-year contracts.
NEW CAROLINA PANTHERS—Released LB Mike Barrow.
DENVER BRONCOS—Re-signed LB Steve Ruff. Signed DE Kavika Pittman and DE Mike Davis.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed LB Hardy Nickerson to a four-year contract, QB Jamie Martin to a two-year contract, and WR Gunnard Twynen, QB Roderick Robinson and OL John Feagill. Re-signed DE Eric Curry and OL Steve Dawkins.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Named Michael F. Kelly, Jr. executive vice president-business operations.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released RB Lamont Warren.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Re-signed CB Conrad Hamilton to a three-year contract. Signed QB Jason Garrett to a three-year contract. Agreed to terms with OT Lomas Brown on a three-year contract.

NEW YORK JETS

Named Todd Bowles secondary coach. Signed WR Fred Coleman, QB Jim Kubiak, T Greg Lotay and TE Jermaine Wiggins.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Matched a three-year offer sheet for OT Ryan Tucker by the Miami Dolphins. Re-signed C Andy McCollum to a three-year contract. Promoted Howard Tippett to defensive assistant for quality control.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed WR Curtis Conway.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed TE Justin called C Chad Kiger from Hamilton of the AHL.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled G Jean-Francois Labbe from Hartford of the AHL.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Recalled C Peter White from Philadelphia of the AHL.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled F Jean-Guy Trudel from Springfield of the AHL.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Placed RW Jaromir Jagr on injured reserve. Recalled C-LW Robert Dome from LIGHTNING—Recalled G Zac Bierk from Detroit of the IHL. Placed C Chris Gratton on injured reserve, retroactive to Feb. 17.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Recalled F Steve Kariya and C Josh Holden from Syracuse of the AHL.

HOCKEY

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
New Jersey W L T RT Pts GF GA
Philadelphia 31 17 11 1 74 173 136
Pittsburgh 28 26 6 5 63 161 172
N.Y. Rangers 25 29 3 3 62 172 173
N.Y. Islanders 17 36 7 1 42 137 193
Northeast Division
Toronto W L T RT Pts GF GA
Ottawa 29 21 9 2 69 166 149
Buffalo 25 27 9 2 61 150 151
Montreal 24 28 7 3 58 137 138
Boston 18 25 16 4 56 151 172
Southeast Division
Florida W L T RT Pts GF GA
Washington 29 20 10 1 69 159 144
Carolina 25 27 9 0 59 154 167
Tampa Bay 13 38 7 6 39 148 220
Atlanta 12 41 6 4 34 128 217

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division
St. Louis W L T RT Pts GF GA
Detroit 38 15 6 0 82 183 121
Detroit 36 19 6 1 79 205 180
Nashville 21 33 6 5 53 155 182
Chicago 5 44 2 7 24 170 191
Northwest Division
Edmonton W L T RT Pts GF GA
Colorado 28 25 9 1 66 170 182
Calgary 25 29 6 5 61 152 180
Vancouver 29 10 6 6 56 153 173
Pacific Division
Dallas W L T RT Pts GF GA
Phoenix 32 21 6 1 71 174 154
Los Angeles 31 22 6 3 66 186 173
San Jose 25 29 8 7 65 169 158
Anaheim 25 27 9 1 60 163 170

Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.
Monday's Games
Washington 1, Carolina 1, tie
Detroit 2, N.Y. Islanders 0
Ottawa 4, Florida 2
Buffalo 3, New Jersey 2
Tampa Bay 2, Pittsburgh 1
Nashville 5, Dallas 2
Edmonton 6, Los Angeles 3
St. Louis 4, Anaheim 2
Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 4, Pittsburgh 3
Philadelphia 3, Chicago 1
Montreal 1, Phoenix 0
Atlanta 4, Colorado 3
Wednesday's Games
Florida at Washington, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Boston at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
New Jersey at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Texas Tech 1001(10)0110 - 14 16 0
New Mexico 400101302 - 11 15 3
Reynolds, Fossum (7), Rowe (10) and Lunaford; Perez, Jason (5), Yamaoka (5), Wong (8) and Little, W.—Reynolds (1-0), L.—Perez (0-1), HRS—Texas Tech, Elguren (5), Rainey (3); New Mexico, Slak (5), Little (1).
Rice-Houston Line Score
Rice 101 003 106 - 12 18 1
Houston 100 404 41x - 14 13 1
Kenny Baugh; Philip Barzille (4), Jeff Nichols (4), David Human (8), Steven Herce (7), Jaime Sperring (7), Jesse Roman (8) and John Lukin; Greg Runser, Keith Whalley (6), Bryan Harris (8), Robert Dieudonne (7), Jerret Sykes (8), Nathan Mitchell (9), Matt Hooper (9) and Steve Bitter, Chris Snider (8).
W.—Harris (2-0), L.—Nichols (1-4), HRS—Rice, Smith (2), Houston, Shane Nance 2 (2), Schweitzer (2).
Texas A&M-Sam Houston St. Linescore
Texas A&M 1000000000 - 1 4 0
Sam Houston St. 00000200 - 2 4 3
Dixon, Russ (8) and Meyer; Warren and Foreman. W.—Warren (2-2), L.—Dixon (0-1), HRS—Sam Houston St., Edlmon (4).

Pampa opens baseball season; River Road comes here Thursday

PAMPA — With a senior-dominated lineup, Pampa opens the 2000 baseball season at 4 p.m. Thursday against River Road at Harvester Field.

PHS head coach Dennis Doughty, who begins his seventh year at the helm, has high expectations for this talented, experienced group of Harvesters. "There's a lot of excitement surrounding this team," Doughty said. "The players as well as the parents are excited. This group of seniors did very well all the way through the Babe Ruth and Bambino Leagues. When these guys were 12 years old, they were I believe one game away from being in the Little League World Series. There's a feeling that this team has a chance to be pretty good this year."

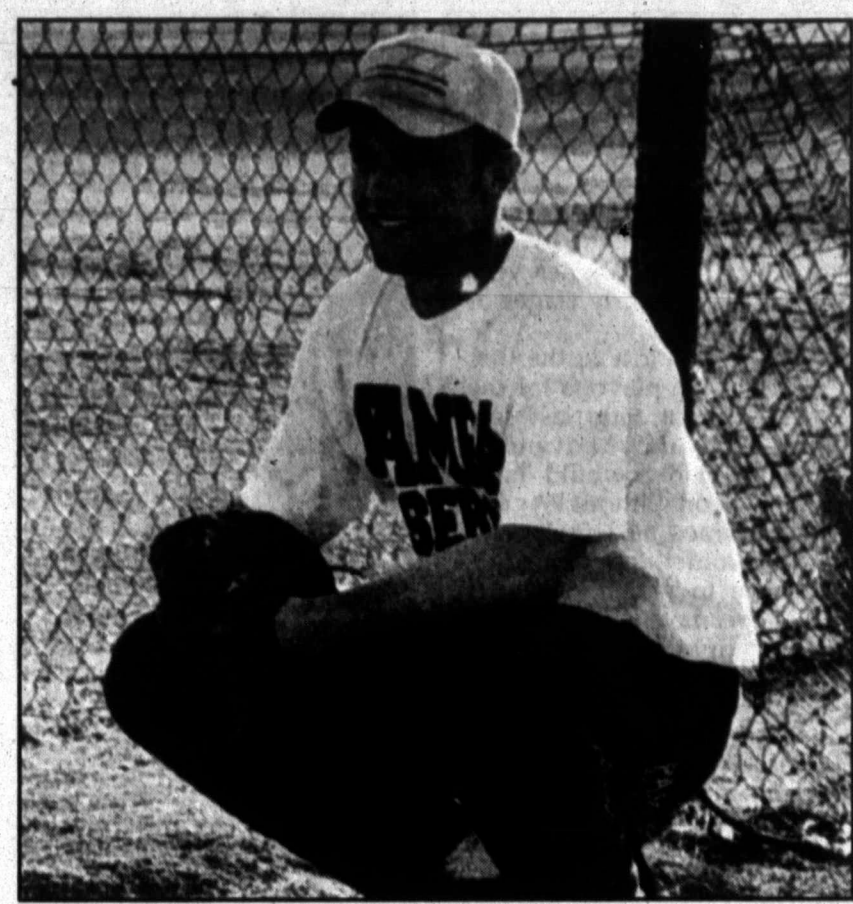
Most of the players return from a team that advanced as far as the regional quarterfinals a year ago. They forged a 19-14 record and shared the District 3-4A title with Dumas.

Hitting will be a plus up and down the lineup and Doughty has a solid core of pitchers to choose from. He will be looking for lefthanders Brent Coffee and Adam Jones to carry much of the load since the other pitchers are also position players.

"Coffee was hurt going into the playoffs last year, but I see him as our mainstay this year. Jones is just a sophomore, but he's been looking good for us," Doughty said.

The other pitchers are Greg Lindsey, Casey Owens and Jesse Francis, but all three are tabbed as opening-day starters at third base, shortstop or the outfield.

"There's not much difference between the No. 1 guy and the No. 5 guy," Doughty said. "We hope to use Coffee and Jones as much as we can so we can keep our position players on the field. We're going to be predominately a senior team. Most of our returning players has experience



(Pampa News photo by Lucy Plunk)

Justin Barnes will be starting at catcher for the Harvesters.

as a starter or a main backup.

Coffee will probably draw the starting assignment against River Road, Doughty said. He will likely face Wildcats' ace Adam King.

"King is a senior and has been one of the top pitchers in the Panhandle the past two years," Doughty added.

Justin Barnes at catcher, Greg Lindsey at third, Kaleb Snelgroves at second, Cody Shepard at first and Russell Robben in center field are penciled in as starters for the opener. Francis and Owens are battling it out for the shortstop position. One of them will be the starting left fielder. There's a wide-open race for right field between Carey Knutson, Travis Lancaster

and Randy Tice. Jacob Willis, a utility infielder, could see some action.

Pampa also plays at home against Plainview at 1 p.m. Saturday and Amarillo High at 4:30 p.m. Monday.

"Plainview had a good fall league team, so they're going to be good test for us," Doughty said. "It's been a long time since Amarillo High has been to Pampa.

"I've been an assistant coach and a head coach for 12 years and I can't remember the Sandies ever coming here to play. We played there last year and they wanted to return the favor."

District play starts March 28 when the Harvesters travel to Amarillo to meet Caprock.

Hornets use strong finish to beat Rockets

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Eddie Jones was all smiles after the Houston Rockets ended his run of 17 consecutive games scoring in double figures.

Held to nine points on 3-for-13 shooting Tuesday night, Jones got plenty of help from his Charlotte teammates, and the Hornets used a strong finish for a 102-97 victory.

The Hornets got double-figure scoring from five players, including two of whom had their best games of the season. Derrick Coleman flirted with his first triple-double since 1994 and wound up with 32 points, 12 rebounds, five assists and three blocks. Anthony Mason had 12 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds for his fifth career triple-double.

"I'm really happy to see those guys pull us through on a night when I just couldn't make it happen," said Jones, who came in averaging 20.6 points. "Derrick was even laughing about it out on the court. He was like, 'Hey, give me some help.' And I told him I just couldn't do anything right."

Coleman, using a variety of spin moves down low and hitting all three of his 3-point tries, wound up making 14 of his 22 field-goal attempts. Just for good measure, he stopped to do a live national

television interview on his way to the locker room after a first half in which he had 19 points, eight rebounds and four assists.

"I just got into a rhythm," Coleman said, "and my teammates noticed it and kept getting me the ball."

A large part of the reason for Coleman's success was Mason, who spent much of the night feeding the ball to him. "The two of us have been working on a lot of things," Mason said, "and it's been working real fluidly. Hopefully I can get that going with some other players, too, but right now Derrick and I are working a nice 1-2 punch."

David Wesley added 21 points for the Hornets, who had a 47-37 rebounding edge and sent Houston to its sixth consecutive loss on the road.

Steve Francis had 24 points and Kenny Thomas 20, but it wasn't enough to prevent Houston from losing for the sixth time in eight games. The Rockets missed 20 of 28 3-point attempts but still wound up shooting 49 percent.

"We can't put a big negative on this game," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "There were a lot of good things that happened. We had a nice lead, but then we

couldn't make the shots when we needed."

There were three ties and two lead changes in the fourth quarter before Wesley's layup put Charlotte up 91-89. After a missed 3-pointer by Matt Bullard on the other end, Wesley passed to Coleman for a 3-pointer that pushed the Hornets' lead to five with 2:26 remaining.

The Rockets missed three of their next four shots, allowing Charlotte to stretch it to 98-91 on Coleman's dunk with 25 seconds left. Houston made the final margin close by making a pair of 3-pointers in the last 18 seconds.

"I thought we did an excellent job of stopping Eddie Jones," Francis said, "but Anthony Mason and Derrick Coleman played well. We didn't grab it. We didn't take advantage of the opportunity."

Notes: The Hornets announced before the game that reserve center Brad Miller had torn cartilage in his left knee, was scheduled for arthroscopic surgery Friday and would likely miss six weeks. ... Charlotte improved to 5-0 at home against Midwest Division opponents; Houston fell to 1-8 on the road against the Eastern Conference.

Bue Devils win fourth straight ACC championship

By The Associated Press

Duke clinched its fourth straight Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title, then offered apologies to its preseason doubters.

"Whoever picked North Carolina to win the league, I'm sorry," Chris Carrawell said. "We're still No. 1 baby, still No. 1."

Duke's 96-78 victory over Wake Forest on Tuesday night made it only the second team to win four straight ACC titles outright, matching the school's run from 1963-66.

"The veterans take a lot of satisfaction in this because last July a lot of people thought we couldn't be here again," said Shane Battier, who scored a career-high 34 points for the second-ranked Blue Devils. "We took that personal and worked our tails off to get to this point."

In other Top 25 games, Alabama surprised No. 11 Auburn 68-64; No. 17 Iowa State defeated No. 14 Texas 89-77; Illinois routed No. 16 Indiana 87-63; and No. 19 Maryland beat Clemson 76-63.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski

hugged Battier and Carrawell, who scored 19, as they left the Cameron Indoor Stadium court with seconds left. Earlier, the Cameron Crazies chanted "Four more years" as Duke led by 20 late.

"We didn't need any help. We did this on our own," Krzyzewski said. "We played with tremendous heart."

Battier was 11-of-16 as No. 2 Duke (22-3, 13-1) beat Wake Forest (14-13, 5-9) for the seventh straight time. Battier's previous high was 31 points earlier this season against Davidson.

"Shane Battier's performance was one for the ages," Wake Forest coach Dave Odom said.

Wake Forest also lost for the first time in 11 games when scoring 70 or more. Darius Songaila had a career-high 25 points for the Demon Deacons, who have dropped nine of 12.

Duke met its first bit of adversity since losing its opening two games. Mike Dunleavy, the team's top reserve who is averaging 9.5 points and 4.2 rebounds, is out indefinitely after being diagnosed

with mononucleosis this week.

Battier, Carrawell and Jason Williams each played the first 30 minutes, while Dunleavy's main sub, Nick Horvath, scored 13. He made three 3-pointers in the second half.

Duke was leading 66-58 with 11:48 left as the Demon Deacons played their best offensive game in months. But Battier banked in an off-balance 3-pointer with the shot clock running down and was fouled.

The junior completed the four-point play as Duke went on a 21-7 run to seal its championship.

Alabama 68, No. 11 Auburn 64
Terrance Meade made two free throws with 3.8 seconds to play, helping Alabama seal the upset win over Auburn and snapping the Crimson Tide's four-game losing streak to the Tigers.

Alabama's first sellout crowd of the season stormed the court, and Tide coach Mark Gottfried grabbed a microphone and thanked the fans for coming.

Freshman forward Rod Grizzard led Alabama (12-13, 5-8 Southeastern Conference) with 25

points and guarded Auburn's Chris Porter all night. Porter, a senior, led Auburn (21-5, 9-4) with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

No. 17 Iowa St. 89, No. 14 Texas 77
Marcus Fizer scored a career-high 35 points for Iowa State (23-4, 11-2 Big 12), which pulled into a tie with Oklahoma State for first place in the league. Texas (19-7, 10-3) dropped one game back.

Michael Nurse added 20 points for Iowa State, which trailed 8-0 and was down 14 before taking a 38-37 halftime lead on Jamaal Tinsley's 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Chris Mihm and Ivan Wagner led visiting Texas with 17 points each.

Illinois 87, No. 16 Indiana 63
Cory Bradford hit five of 11 Illinois' 13 3-pointers and scored 26 points as the Illini (18-7, 10-4 Big Ten) won their seventh straight and ninth of 10 since starting the conference season 1-3.

Kirk Haston and Jeffrey Newton scored 17 each for visiting Indiana (18-6, 8-5), which dropped consecutive games for the first time this season in large measure because leading scorer A.J. Guyton was

held to just three points. No. 19 Maryland 76, Clemson 63
Lonny Baxter scored 25 points to help extend Maryland's ACC win streak to seven games.

Baxter punctuated the win, the Terrapins' fifth straight over the Tigers (9-17, 3-10 ACC), with a dunk with 3:43 to play that gave

Maryland (20-7, 9-4) its biggest lead at 74-52.

Clemson's Will Solomon won the matchup of the ACC's top scorers, finishing with 12 points. Solomon and Maryland's Juan Dixon, who scored 11, both came in averaging 21.6 points in league play.

Spring softball signups set

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for Spring Softball: Men's Open, Men's Masters — Over 35; Men's Church, Mixed Open and Women's Open.

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team. The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open, Men's Masters and Men's Church, and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

The entry deadline is March 22 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on March 29 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin on April 3 for Men's Open and Men's Masters, and April 4 for Women's Men's Church and Mixed.

Roster Forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If more information is needed on the Spring Softball Leagues, call Shane Stokes at 669-5770 during business hours.

Pampa Middle School posts results of science fair

Pampa Middle School recently organized a science fair. Results of the fair are as follows:

OVERALL WINNERS: Megan Jouett, first place, "What Color is Black?"; Sara Albracht, second place, "Are Dogs Really Colorblind?"; Lauren Denny, third place, "Which Cup will Keep Your Beverage the Hottest?"

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CHEMISTRY I: Heather Didly, first place, "Testing Electricity"; Jackie Gerber, second place, "How Does Fungus Grow Among Us?"; Kit Koop, third place, "Wet Cell Batteries."

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Marrying-a-Multimillionaire bride wants annulment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The woman who married a total stranger on national television said today she participated in "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire" on a lark and will seek an annulment.

"I don't think I was thinking clearly," nurse Darva Conger told "Good Morning America" today. "I committed an error in judgment."

She said she didn't want to disparage her husband, Rick Rockwell, but after spending some time with him, she concluded, "I was very uncomfortable around him. He's just not a person that I would ordinarily have a friendly relationship with."

She said they spent their "honeymoon" in separate rooms and she told him "I don't have those feelings for you, I can't let you believe that I do."

"I never, ever considered having sexual relations with him," she said. "I would never consider having sexual relations with anyone I just met."

She said the agreement to participate in the show included an annulment clause, and she would seek the annulment. "I never had any claim to his money. It's his money," she said.

"This is me. I am an Air Force veteran, I am a college graduate. ... I want my life back," said Conger, 34, who served in the Persian Gulf War.

Rockwell has acknowledged that an annulment was likely.

"I was just going to be on TV and wave to my family and friends," she said today.

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She said she was "was just in complete shock" when she was chosen, adding: "I wish I had the moral fortitude at that point to walk away."

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The Feb. 15 Fox television special received smash ratings and touched off debate about the limits of "reality" television. Rockwell, described as a millionaire from real estate investments, picked Conger from among 50 contestants.

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She called the honeymoon "a chaperoned vacation with separate cabins. I never spent one

moment alone with him." However, she said she "felt I should at least get to know him as a person and give him a chance to be a friend."

Fox canceled a planned rerun of the show after an online news service, The Smoking Gun, revealed Saturday that a California judge issued a restraining order against Rockwell in 1991 sought by his ex-fiancee, Debbie Goynes. She said Rockwell had hit her and threatened to kill her.

Rockwell told "Dateline NBC" that he never hit Goynes, but he admitted letting the air out of the tires on her car. He said he has a temper but "it doesn't manifest itself too often." Conger said Rockwell was not abusive toward her but "then again, I didn't give him an opportunity to be."

He said of the show that he "really had a roman-

tic ideal" in his mind.

Despite the flap, three new series plan to take the gamble of putting real people in real-life dramas for fun and profit.

"Making the Band," ABC's behind-the-scenes look at a pop band, debuts March 24. This summer, CBS will air "Survivor," which will strand contestants on an island to compete for \$1 million, and "Big Brother," which will stick players in a house filled with cameras.

"This certainly heightens awareness of the need to be careful," said CBS spokesman Chris Ender. "We're confident that our casting and screening process will ensure that everyone involved is appropriate and ready for the experience."

Fox said the show's producers, Next Entertainment, had agreed to conduct a full background investigation on Rockwell and his potential brides. Fox said it is looking into how extensive those checks were.

Next Entertainment said in a statement that "a good-faith background check performed prior to the show by a reputable, independent investigator did not reveal any information that Mr. Rockwell was anything other than a decent, successful man."

A Fox spokesman said Conger received prizes worth a total of \$100,000: the honeymoon, the \$35,000 engagement ring and an Isuzu Trooper.

Texas round up ...

Parolee set to die tonight for Dallas murder during 1987 burglary

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Condemned killer Cornelius Goss doesn't duck the question when asked if an innocent man will die tonight when Texas prison officials are set to execute him for a murder during a house burglary in Dallas almost 13 years ago.

"I'm definitely guilty," Goss said in an interview last week. "It was just to get some money to get some drugs. I've been sorry from day one."

Goss, 38, would be the eighth Texas death row inmate to receive lethal injection this year and the first of two this week.

Betty Lou Beets, a 62-year-old great-grandmother, faces execution Thursday night for the shooting death of her fifth husband in what authorities contend was a scheme to collect his life insurance and pension. Beets, charged but never tried for the fatal shooting of her fourth husband, would be the fourth woman to be executed in the United States since the Supreme Court in the mid 1970s allowed capital punishment to resume.

She would be the second woman executed in Texas since the Civil War. Two years ago, convicted pickax killer Karla Faye Tucker was put to death in the same chamber in Huntsville.

Pentagon expected to reveal plan to forgive Kelly Air Force Base debt

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Efforts to turn Kelly Air Force Base into a business park could get an economic shot in the arm if the Pentagon approves a plan to forgive nearly \$103 million owed the government by a group spearheading the redevelopment effort.

Defense Secretary William Cohen will be in San Antonio next week and is expected to announce plans allowing the Greater Kelly Development Authority to pay as little as \$5.2 million of the \$108 million it owes the government.

A 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission ordered the San Antonio base shut down by 2001. The development agency was created in hopes of remaking Kelly into a thriving business complex.

Although the Pentagon has not finalized a decision on the plan, a Capitol Hill source told the San Antonio Express-News an announcement could come this week.

"It's huge," said Paul Roberson, the development authority's executive director. He told the newspaper on Tuesday that virtually all of the base's debt could be forgiven.

EPA plan could hurt timber sales, forestry officials say

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — Environmentalists could stop timber sales in East Texas if the Environmental Protection Agency succeeds in its

plan to apply the 1972 Clean Water Act to the timber industry, several forestry officials said.

The EPA proposal requires tree farmers to obtain permits, in some instances, before cutting timber or replanting near polluted waters. Forestry long has been exempt from the permitting process under the Clean Water Act, falling instead under state oversight.

Environmental groups would be able to protest permit applications, launching a lengthy court battle that could put timber farmers and loggers out of business, said Scott Beasley, president of the Texas Forestry Association, at a public hearing Tuesday evening in Lufkin.

"It would be devastating," Beasley said. "Once the regulation is put in place, it becomes open to interpretation in the courts and any citizen could bring a lawsuit against a landowner."

But Bill Hathaway, a division director for the EPA, said the proposal would have no effect on Texas operations because voluntary measures to limit water pollution in the state have been effective.

Unlikely mix of people negotiated peaceful end to death row standoff

HOUSTON (AP) — Prison officials, Texas Rangers and death penalty opponents came together to end a death row standoff in which a corrections officer was held hostage.

Death row inmate Ponchali Wilkerson allegedly jimmied the lock on his cell at the Terrell Unit near Livingston Monday night and teamed up with fellow inmate Howard Guidry to hold a corrections officer hostage for about 13 hours.

The two inmates, who tried to escape from death row during Thanksgiving 1998, surrendered after they were allowed to see a group of death penalty opponents. As of Tuesday afternoon, prison officials had not determined how Wilkerson might have gotten out.

The warden of the Terrell Unit was involved in the negotiations with the inmates, said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd. Texas wardens have basic hostage negotiation training, Todd said, but TDCJ also called the Texas Rangers for help, since they are known for expert negotiation skills.

"You always call on as much expertise as is available," Todd said. "It has to be a team effort."

Elsewhere:

MARRIOTT FEUD: Hundreds of investors who bought into a limited partnership offered by hotel chain Marriott are suing over what they claim was a bad business deal loaded with false promises. A pretrial hearing in the class-action fraud lawsuit against Host Marriott Corp., Marriott International Inc. and other defendants associated with the limited partnership is scheduled Thursday in San Antonio, with jury selection expected the following week. ...

Utah Senate votes to fight polygamy

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Hoping to polish Utah's image for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, state lawmakers are trying again to crack down on polygamy.

The Utah Senate endorsed a bill Tuesday that sets aside \$250,000 for prosecution of abuse and fraud in polygamous societies and \$250,000 more for a polygamy hot line and emergency shelter for women and children.

The 27-1 vote, while not final, signals a strong commitment to rid the state of the long-held practice of polygamy. Final Senate approval could come as early as today.

The more conservative Utah House voted down a similar measure last month.

An estimated 25,000 people live in polygamous families in Utah, many tracing their beliefs to fundamental Mormonism even though The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has disavowed the practice. Utah was required to outlaw polygamy in

its constitution as a condition of statehood.

The crime of plural marriage has been prosecuted only a handful of times. But two years ago, two prominent members of the Kingston polygamous clan in Salt Lake City were accused of child abuse and both men were convicted.

Sen. Ron Allen is the sponsor of the Senate bill targeting domestic crimes. He said crimes associated with polygamy "go to the heart and soul of human rights. Certainly it is to our advantage to deal with these issues we have put off so long before the Olympics."

Senate Minority Leader Scott Howell, a Salt Lake City Democrat, said the secretive nature of polygamous societies makes special investigations necessary.

"You need an expert to get at the heart of this terrible evil, where there are no civil rights, just dominance," Howell said. "Under this bill, we can only go after the abuses and fraud."

Carjacker drags 6-year-old boy to his death

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Motorists watched in horror as a stolen vehicle sped down a highway, dragging to death a little boy who was entangled in a seat belt outside one of the doors.

Six-year-old Jake D. Robel of Blue Springs died Tuesday before the driver of the Chevrolet Blazer could be stopped by pursuing motorists. Witnesses said the chase reached speeds of 80 mph.

"He came flying around us and we saw the kid hanging out the side of the car bouncing," said Fred Byam, who chased the Blazer. "I was honking my horn and flashing my lights."

Police said the vehicle was stolen when Jake's mother left it running while she went inside a sandwich shop.

The carjacker jumped into the Blazer and tried to shove the boy out of the car, Sgt. Gregg Wilkinson said.

"He probably thought he'd gotten the kid out, because then he took off," Wilkinson said.

Motorists along Interstate 70 east of Kansas City flashed their lights and honked horns in an attempt to stop the vehicle. The driver, who was not identified by police had not been charged Tuesday night.



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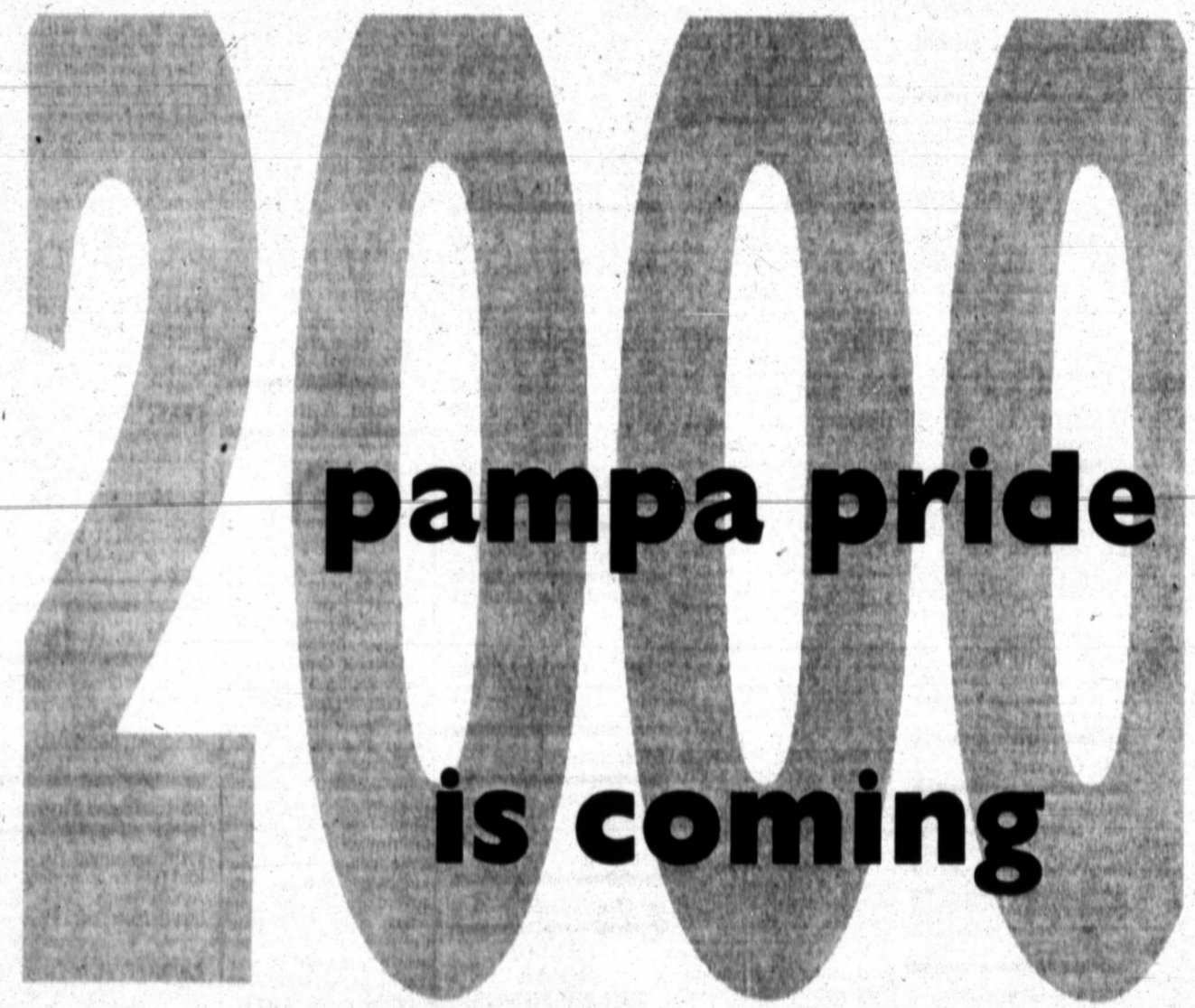
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