

ON RECORD

FIRE

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

Wednesday, Feb. 6

4:57 p.m. — Four units and nine firefighters responded to a structure fire report in the 500 block of Davis. No fire was found.

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department filed the following accident reports.

Saturday, Feb. 2

No injuries were reported after a 2001 Ford pickup driven on wet pavement in the 1200 block of North Hobart by Connie Lynn Chapin, 45, 512 Powell, struck the rear of a 1999 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Susan Marie Corley, 27, McLean.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

No injuries were reported after a 1995 Ford van driven on icy pavement in the 500 block of North Starkweather by Mary Beth Jenkins, 44, 905 Barnard, struck a telephone pole.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, Feb. 6

10:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

Thursday, Feb. 7

1:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Browning on lifting assistance.

3:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of East Foster and transported one to PRMC.

POLICE

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

Tuesday, Feb. 5

The theft of two rings and a cell phone valued at \$823 was reported in the 900 block of East Murphy.

Information was taken in the 100 block of South Frost regarding threats made to juveniles.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

A simple assault was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart.

A theft by check for more than \$1,500 was reported by the Amarillo Commercial Federal Credit Union at 900 N. Hobart.

An assault causing bodily injury was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Fonza Reid Brooks, 76, 2121 N. Wells, arrested for driving while intoxicated.

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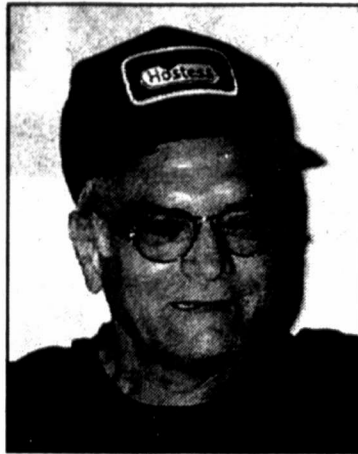
The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa		
Wheat	2.39	
Milo	3.25	
Corn	3.46	
Soybeans	3.43	
Oil Sunflowers	8.30	
The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation		
Occidental	25.10	-0.49
Fidelity Magell	96.64	-0.33
Puritan	17.12	-0.06
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
BR	45.65	-1.12
Celanese	16.95	-1.40
Cabot Corp.	32.25	-0.47
Cabot Oil Gas	18.74	-0.83
Coca Cola	46.03	-0.47
VLO	45.38	+0.01
Halliburton	13.21	+0.20
Triad Hospitals	31.98	-0.17
NOI	17.73	-0.50
KMI	49.56	-0.45
XCEL	23.49	-0.30
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Limited	16.70	+0.26
Williams	14.73	-0.12
McDonald's	27.14	-0.05
Exxon Mobil	38.23	-0.46
Atmos	20.72	-0.02
Pioneer Nat.	17.45	NC
Penney's	23.35	+0.23
Phillips	57.03	-1.10
SLB	53.49	-0.97
Tenneco	2.41	+0.02
CVX	82.30	-0.90
Wal-Mart	58.98	+0.10
OKE	16.34	-0.34
New York Gold	296.65	
Silver	4.40	
West Texas Crude	19.78	

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

HERRING, Maria — Vigil services, 6:30 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

KELLEY, Chris — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.



CHRIS KELLEY
1949-2002

Chris Kelley, 52, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Friday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of The Carpenter's Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Kelley, a lifelong Pampa resident, was born Dec. 16, 1949, at Pampa. He was a welder and a member of Calvary Assembly of God Church. Survivors include two daughters, Charidee Thomas of Jacksonville, N.C., and Misti Mead of Deer Park; a son, Keith Kelley of Pampa; and two grandchildren.

MARIA HERRING
1956-2002

AMARILLO — Maria Herring, 45, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002. Vigil services will be at 6:30 p.m., Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Saturday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa with the Rev. Francisco Perez, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Herring was born June 19, 1956, at Pampa. She married Dale Herring on July 7, 1973, at Pampa. She moved to Amarillo in

1993 and was a member of St. Martin's Catholic Church.

She was a child care provider at Herzstein Children's Learning Center for four years.

Survivors include her husband, Dale, of the home; a son, Brian Herring of Amarillo; a daughter, Sarah Herring of Amarillo; her father, Antonio Ramirez of Pampa; three sisters, Christina Valdez of Lubbock and Cathy Ramirez and Teresa Ramirez, both of Pampa; and a grandchild.

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

LEONA LAZELLE SOUTH
1916-2002

MIAMI — Leona Lazelle South, 85, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at Canadian. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. South was born June 30, 1916, at Heidenheimer, Texas. She attended Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton and married Felton "Toots" South on May 10, 1940, at Perryton. A school teacher for several years, she had been a resident of Hemphill and Roberts Counties since 1938 and was a mem-

ber of Miami First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, James Felton South, in 1998; and by a grandson, Justin Kelly South, in 1993.

Survivors include her husband, Felton, of the home; two sons, John Hubert South of Azle and Lloyd Wayne South of Weatherford; a foster son, Mickey Easley of Miami; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79014.

Four fugitives surrender peacefully in Oklahoma

ARDMORE, Okla. (AP) — Two convicted murderers who broke out of a Texas jail surrendered peacefully to authorities early Thursday, six hours after seizing a hostage at a southern Oklahoma gas station and using him to hold authorities at bay.

Two other fugitives who escaped with them last month were also captured.

Curtis Gambill and Joshua Bagwell allowed their elderly hostage to go free and gave up at 4:30 a.m., FBI Special Agent Richard Marquise said.

The surrender was the result of "a very skillful agent developing a rapport" with the escapees, Marquise said. He said the only request by the fugitives was to talk to relatives by telephone. The FBI arranged these phone calls.

"There was discussion about hunting and fishing and what life was in prison," Marquise said.

The hostage, store owner George West, 65, emerged unharmed. Members of West's family, who waited for word at a command post about a quarter-mile away, left immediately after the standoff ended.

West was back at the gas

station working on Thursday morning. He said he never feared that he would be harmed.

"They weren't out to hurt anybody," he said. "They were just looking for something to eat and a way out of here."

The standoff lasted as long as it did because Gambill and Bagwell were eating more food than they had in more than a week, Marquise said.

West said the men ate chips and beef jerky, drank beer and smoked cigarettes.

"I don't believe I've ever seen five men eat as much as those two boys did," West said.

"I think they were enjoying their last moments of freedom before going to prison for the rest of their lives," Marquise said.

Gambill and Bagwell were taken to the Carter County Jail in Ardmore, where two other fugitives, Chrystal Gale Soto and Charles Jordan, were taken after their arrests. All could face charges in Carter County.

It was not immediately known when or where the four would appear in court.

Authorities arrested Soto and Jordan around 9:50 p.m. Wednesday outside the Total

gas station, said Kym Koch, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

Jordan was using a pay phone when an FBI agent and a Carter County sheriff's deputy arrested him. The officers had received a tip that the escapees might be there, said Gary Johnson, a spokesman for FBI in Oklahoma City.

Soto came out of the store and gave up. Gambill and Bagwell refused to come out of the store.

The four overpowered a female guard at the Montague County Jail in north Texas Jan. 28 and fled in her sport utility vehicle.

Their escape set off a massive manhunt across the southern Plains, with authorities suspecting that Oklahoma might be their destination because Gambill and Bagwell were raised in the state and know the area.

In recent days, they were linked to two burglaries and the theft of a flatbed truck in southern Oklahoma. A .22-caliber rifle was taken in one of the burglaries.

The truck was found in Lake Murray State Park on Saturday.

Auditions open for ACT I play

ACT I Community Theater will be conducting auditions for the play, "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig at 7 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 11 and 12, in the Pampa Mall theater.

Persons wishing to audition for the play are asked to use the back entrance to the theater on the west side of the mall.

The play will be directed by ACT I veteran, Berinda Turcotte.

Turcotte is auditioning parts for six actors, both male and female with ages ranging from mid-20s thru retirement age.

Everyone from the community is welcome to audition for the play. Anyone wishing to help with building sets, costuming, etc., can contact Turcotte at 665-9369.

City Briefs

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GARAGE SALE, kid's clothes, baby clothes. 4 p.m. Fri., 1700 Beech.

HANDY MAN repairs. Call Larry Nabors, 665-2793.

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TINA'S BOUTIQUE Grand Opening, Tues., Feb 12th, mens & womens clothing, 2100A Perryton Way

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today, sunny. Highs in the middle 50s. West to southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, becoming partly cloudy. Lows around 25. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. Becoming breezy in the afternoon. Highs around 68. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph increasing to 15 to 25 mph.

STATEWIDE

Clearing skies ushered in a warming trend early Thursday across much of Texas after snow and rain moved eastward out of the state.

Low clouds were gradually exiting eastern portions of North Texas. Clear skies and chilly temperatures were common across the remainder

of the state.

Temperatures had dropped into the upper 20s and lower 30s beneath the clear skies, with mid- and upper 30s holding under the eastern cloud deck. Readings in the 30s were common through West Texas and the Hill Country along with southeastern regions. Low to mid-40s prevailed in South Central Texas.

Extremes were 23 degrees at Muleshoe and 47 at Brownsville.

Other readings included 29 degrees at Mineral Wells and 38 at Fort Stockton.

Winds were light westerly and northwesterly across the entire area at 5 to 10 mph.

Clouds should continue to decrease across eastern North Texas on Thursday.

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OWNERS

without lawmakers knowing the implications. "I have great doubts (lawmakers) really understood what the thunder they were doing," Olson said. "I only hope they don't decide we can use our cars for a second home and tax them, too."

Like others, Olson points to the ballot language as a culprit.

"I'm thinking the wording was such that most people thought it was to exempt travel trailers," he said. "I voted for it then I found out we should have voted against it. Everyone was confused ... it wasn't just a bunch of hillbillies from Pampa, Texas."

The idea that bill sponsors wanted to tax "snowbirds" who flock to the Harlingen area in the winter is also something that rubs him the wrong way.

"What you have are a bunch of gray-haired people who are down there spending money ... I wish these people would come to Pampa," Olson said.

Olson is good friends with Jack McAndrew, owner of Superior Recreational Vehicle Center in Pampa. The Alcock Street business specializes in new and used travel trailer sales as well as service.

Even McAndrew didn't know about the new tax until recently and he shared the news during a morning coffee drinking session that included Olson.

When told during an interview how much the tax would be on a \$10,000 travel trailer,

McAndrew replied, "There are a lot more \$30,000-to-\$35,000 trailers in town. Some go up to \$60,000."

His new trailer sales run in the \$26,000-to-\$65,000 range with used ones going anywhere from \$3,500 to \$29,000, McAndrew said.

"We're talking about a hunk of money," he said of the tax. "The general public is not really aware of this yet."

He says "another dumb thing" about the law is that school districts can't opt out of the tax as can entities such as cities, counties and water districts.

McAndrew, like Olson, says it's "unfair" that motor homes are excluded from the law ... that they are not taxed.

"Again, he said, "it's just an example of what happens when (lawmakers) do things and they don't know what they are talking about."

Also like Olson, McAndrew doesn't see the wisdom of taxing the snowbirds.

"All these folks who go down there are retired," he said. "They aren't putting kids in the school system. They are going out spending money, buying groceries, eating out. This is really unfair ... It's one of those stupid things (legislators) have done. I'm telling all my (customers) to call (State Rep.) Warren Chisum."

"There's got to be some way to shut this down or get it changed," McAndrew said. "... When they find out something's all screwed up like this is."

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COUNTY

the county commission in January by Irsik provided documents would be available regarding the bidding on Feb. 11 with bids from contractors and sub-contractors due March 11. Granting of bids was to have been March 25, and construction would begin soon afterward.

Peet said the THC won't authorize bidding until revisions are made.

Concern was expressed by Peet regarding the acoustics in the courtrooms if the heating and cooling is moved to the courtrooms.

Public perception was another concern of Peet's.

"The building is just sitting there with no activity going on, and people think we aren't doing anything," he said. "This is very aggravating. It is slowing us down and costing us more. We were ready for the bid packet to go out."

Commissioner Joe Wheelley said he thought the state should pay 85 percent of the additional cost to Gray County.

He was referring to the \$3.8 million grant the county received from the THC and

the county's portion of \$1.3 million for the project.

Wheelley said he thought \$17,000 was too high a cost for a mistake that wasn't the county's.

"We didn't even make the mistake and we're having to pay for the whole thing," he said.

"I worry about us having enough money for this project with the rent for offices and all," said Wheelley, referring to the 85 percent match the state has on part of the expenses associated with the restoration, but not all of the project.

"This is one of those things that we are having to pay for the whole thing," he said. "They won't even match with us on this."

Commissioner Jim Greene said, "Irsik is going to have to try to figure out a place to put the duct work as cheap as he can, and there's not going to be a place that's going to be as cheap as that one."

Greene also asked Kiehl to get any written notes that the THC had previously approved the plans before changing their mind.

Commissioner Gerald Wright said, "When we first

started this, the top priorities were electrical, plumbing and new roof for the courthouse. They don't even have the roof in the plans. I don't get it."

Commissioner James Hefley agreed. "Irsik had a gentlemen's agreement with them, and look what happened. I don't think it is legitimate."

Commission members approved drawing up a letter from them to the THC stating the view that the THC should have decided earlier they wouldn't approve the plans for the duct work in the courthouse restoration project.

The present restoration drawings will be offered as an alternate plan.

Commissioners may have contractors place bids on the present plans as well as the revised plans to make a comparison on the costs of the project.

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TAX

if the maximum tax is applied.

"I just realized it this week," State Rep. Warren Chisum told *The Pampa News*, saying he didn't know the ramification of the legislation when it was passed. "It's caught everybody unaware of the implications."

So much so, that besides lawmakers, Chisum said the state association that represents travel trailer owners urged passage of Amendment 14.

Chisum said he first learned this week there was a problem when browsing through requests for Attorney General's opinions.

The legislation's intent, Chisum said, was to tax "snowbirds" who spend winters in their travel trailers in the Harlingen area but don't pay any taxes there. Some trailers are set up as permanent residences making them more like mobile homes.

"The intent was to tax the snowbirds from other states but the way it got worded, it virtually moved travel trailers from its tax-exempt status in the tax code to a new and taxable tax code location," Chisum said.

"It appears that was the intent ... catch the out-of-state people ... but you can't separate them from Texans," the lawmaker said.

The ballot wording, Chisum said, "made it appear to be an exemption ... I read the ballot like everyone else. I hope I voted against it."

If he did, he was in the minority of Gray County voters because the measure passed locally by a vote of 963 for to 739 against, a county clerk's office spokesman said.

The ballot language for Amendment 14 read: *The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income.*

Chisum believes the outcome is what bill sponsors wanted.

The Pampa News attempted to reach the bill's author, District 36 Rep. Ismael 'Kino' Flores, but he had not returned a telephone call

by press time.

As for the school tax portion of the amendment, "It's a done deal," appraiser Bagley said. As for the other entities, they must vote to opt out of the tax or it will be imposed, too.

Pampa City Commissioners will learn more about the new law during a 5 p.m. public work session Tuesday at Pampa City Hall where Bagley will meet with them. There will be no formal action taken.

On Wednesday, county commissioners heard from Chisum about the issue and they'll put the measure on the agenda for a later meeting.

If lawmakers decide the tax isn't what was intended, the 2003 legislature can put another constitutional amendment before the voters. Chisum told the newspaper. If voters pass that amendment, it would be 2004 before the tax will come off.

"No one can throw out a constitutional amendment but the people," Chisum said.

Meanwhile, some are seeking AG opinions ranging from double taxation issues due to sales tax payments to how the ballot was worded.

Chisum said the AG has ruled double taxation doesn't apply.

And to make things even more complicated, Chisum and Bagley said even if the non-school taxing entities opt out of the tax, travel trailer owners still must fill out a special form asking for the exemption.

The deadline for the form - April 30 - is giving Bagley a headache because it comes so soon. He's still awaiting a listing of all the travel trailers in the district and their value listed when they were registered.

Chisum said he'll seek an AG's opinion to see if the form, obtainable from the appraisal district, can be eliminated.

"I'm committed to getting a fix on this," Chisum said, acknowledging he is starting to get telephone calls from unhappy travel trailer owners.

"A lot of people don't realize this yet," he said. "It is an unfortunate thing ... I'm committed to getting a fix put on it."

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WATER

water, from being unlawfully drained away by CRMWA.

The lawsuit followed CRMWA's protest in July to a temporary pumping permit negotiated between Mesa and the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District.

The Mesa group had wanted pumping permits in order to sell their water to cities down state.

Mesa had asked Judge Emmert for a partial summary

judgment, saying that CRMWA shouldn't pump water from Roberts County until CRMWA had completed an environmental takings impact statement.

"We had submitted a takings impact statement earlier, but they didn't like it," Satterwhite said, "so they were asking that we didn't get to pump water until they got one that they liked. We asked that the case be dismissed."

What the judge's decision will mean to informal talks

between CRMWA and Mesa has yet to be determined.

The two sides have been talking since early December in efforts to reach an agreement.

"I feel like we're making progress," Satterwhite said of the talks.

He said, however, that no agreement had yet been reached.

"We're working on that," Satterwhite said.

Satterwhite said that the ruling certainly won't hurt the talks.

Ex-Enron execs take the Fifth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two former Enron executives at the heart of a web of partnerships that kept company debt off the books invoked the Fifth Amendment and refused to testify to Congress today.

"On the advice of my counsel I respectfully decline to answer the questions," said Andrew Fastow, Enron's former chief financial officer.

Fastow was dismissed after telling the committee that would be his answer to all questions posed by the panel.

Michael Kopper, a former Enron officer, also invoked the constitutional protection against self-incrimination. Kopper saw an investment of \$125,000 become \$10.5 million in less than three years.

After Kopper departed, two

current Enron executives, Richard Buy and Richard Causey, also declined to answer questions. Both had knowledge of the partnerships that Fastow and Kopper ran.

Fastow and Kopper collected \$40 million for their role in the partnerships — which investigators say involved self-dealing and conflicts of interest that eventually lead to the energy trading company's collapse.

Fastow was sworn in by Rep. Jim Greenwood, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce oversight and investigations subcommittee. Greenwood was rebuffed when he asked the witness two questions about his handling of company partnerships that hid hundreds of millions of dollars in Enron debt.

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The inevitability of change



NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Change is constant and, at times, I don't want to change. It's just comfortable to leave things the way they are.

Last Friday evening as I prepared to leave work, I was looking forward to a nice, quiet weekend. I had visualized reading (for pleasure) most of the weekend while a fire burned nearby in the fireplace and snow lay on the ground outside.

Sounds pleasant and relaxing, doesn't it? I further envisioned watching the Super Bowl on Sunday alone. I certainly had expectations.

Then, just as I prepared to leave the office for my nice quiet weekend, my phone rang. It was my daughter, M.E., who lives in Borger. She asked me if I could watch the four grandchildren for just two or three hours while she took care of some personal business. I knew workmen had been at her house working on the plumbing, and they were finishing up.

"Just two or three hours, you say?" I asked. "Yes," she said. Deciding my relaxing weekend could wait a few hours, I agreed.

As I arrived shortly before 6 p.m., she had a stricken look on her face. She said the commode had broken. It wasn't that it just didn't work, it was literally broken — in pieces.

While repairmen were trying to clear clogged lines, this event occurred. There

was good news — they were to be on her doorstep at 8 a.m. the next morning.

I suggested the children — 13, 7, 5, and 3 just spend the night with me. "Why?" she asks. I bit my tongue, and only said, "I've been there before." When you only have one bathroom (and it is out of commission), it can be a major problem with four children living here, I wanted to say.

Instead the children gathered their belongings and piled into my car for the drive to Stinnett. Now, remember, we had just had an ice and snow storm a couple of days before. The highways were definitely not cleared in my neck of the woods.

The chatter of children and the icy road conditions were more than what I wanted to deal with that evening. The Quiet Game was in order I decided. That cut out a lot of noise, but three-year-old Paige was still being her chatterbox self.

No one was picking her for the quietest (and justifiably so) and she couldn't understand why. Finally, she piped up. "Somebody needs to pick me. I haven't had a turn."

Now, this is the same child who looked out the window the previous Wednesday to see a heavy snow had accumulated on the ground, and it was still snowing. I was talking to her mother at the time, and I heard her little voice.

"Mama, Mama, Look," she exclaimed. "Christmas is coming back!" She went on to say Santa Claus was coming back to see them. For several days, she was certain Jolly Old St. Nick would be coming to see them quite soon.

We made it to my home without any disasters, and survived the evening. Her mother came to get her and her five-year-old brother the next morning. Her 13-year-old cousin and 7-year-old sister stayed and helped with some projects at my house.

Assurances were made that Paige and her brother, Christian, would spend the night Friday night so it would be fair. She just smiled. Each day she says, "Just Christian and I get to spend the night Friday." She told her mother that we are going to make cookies and have fun.

I promised, and she believes me. And I honor my promises.

So much for change. Maybe I'll get caught up on my reading (and rest) next weekend.

Opinions expressed on this page do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Pampa News*.

PUBLISHER'S NOTEBOOK

Just a thought ...
— L.W. McCall

A few weeks ago a concerned citizen asked about our "Letters to the Editor" policy. He felt there should be some changes.

This is a policy that has been in effect for a number of years without change. But as I listened I found myself agreeing with this concerned citizen.

It was time for some serious research. I received other newspapers' policies, talked to other publishers, editors and their advisors. The consensus was that our policy could be changed as long as we remained consistent in administering the policy.

I reread some letters to the editor going back one year. Clearly changes were in order.

Therefore, it is time for a change in policy. A policy that will be administered consistently, without prejudice, no matter what opinion is expressed as long as it meets with the guidelines of this policy.

Paragraph one remains the same.

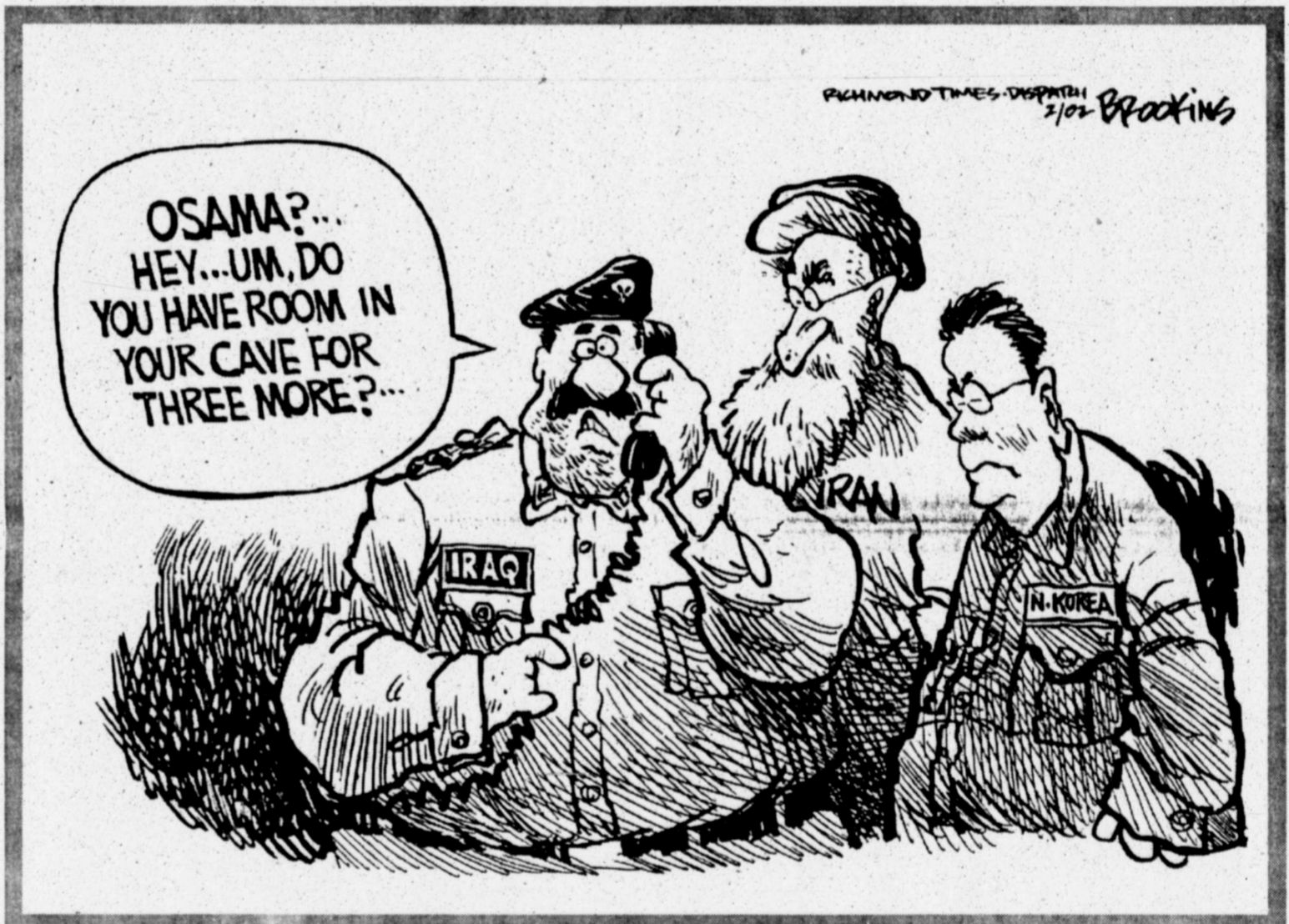
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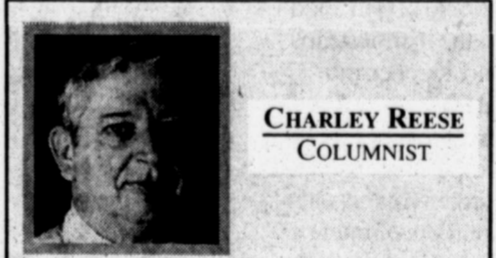
Due to volume and repetition, we will limit submissions from the same person to two letters per month.

This policy takes effect Tuesday, Feb. 12. If you have any questions, contact me at *The Pampa News* or call 669-2525.

And remember, all letters do not have to be negative. Think about it.



Look for the true Enron facts



CHARLEY REESE
COLUMNIST

The Enron bankruptcy might be a scandal. Despite all the blather, we still don't know the exact facts. But if it is a scandal, it's a corporate scandal.

The male and female bimbos who dominate the "chat channels" (mistakenly called cable news channels) have been busting a gut trying to create a scandal for the Bush administration despite the complete lack of evidence.

Sure, Enron made political contributions to President Bush, and before that to President Clinton. Enron got exactly what political contributions will buy you: access. Enron asked for help. The Bush people said, "No." End of story.

Now the bubbleheads have dragged up the fact that the vice president spoke to officials about a debt India owes Enron for a power project in India. In the first place, the Clinton administration had also spoken to India on the same subject. In the second place, in both cases, they were trying to protect the taxpayers, not Enron.

That project is insured by the Overseas Private Investment Corp. That's a government or... If India goes deadbeat on this deal, it won't be Enron that gets stuck with the bill. It will be the American taxpayers.

Then there's the complaint that Enron people participated in the formulation of the Bush energy policy. Well, so what? A lot of people in the energy business had suggestions to offer. With whom would you consult? The animal-rights people? Hollywood stars? Extreme environmentalists? If you want to formulate an energy policy, then you had better talk to people who know something about it, people who do the drilling, the transporting, the refining and the generating of energy.

If you disagree with the Bush energy policy, that's one issue, but it has nothing to do with Enron. If you don't even know what the Bush energy policy is, that's still another issue. I don't see how any ratio-

what their criticism is; and (3) ask these critics what evidence they have to support their position?

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld wasted an hour the other day answering stupid questions about alleged inhumane treatment of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay. They are being treated humanely. The climate is balmy. They get three squares and medical care. They have pads and blankets and a tarp to keep the sun and rain off. That's more than many American soldiers have in combat situations, and it's damn sure healthier and more comfortable than a cave in Afghanistan. Rumsfeld deserves a Nobel Prize for patience.

Another error related to Enron was the claim made, or implied, early on that Enron employees had to buy Enron stock for their 401(k)s. Turns out that is not true. Like employees in most places, they had several choices. If they lost their money, that's too bad, but it was their choice. I could have filled my own 401(k) full of company stock, but I chose not to do so. I lost money when the stock went up, but I didn't lose a penny when the stock went down again. Stocks are always a gamble, and that's not the fault of either Enron or the Bush administration.

Some reforms should be considered: Ban stock options to company executives — they are an invitation to bluesy the stock and to cook the books. Don't let firms that audit also consult. Don't let investment bankers do analysis on firms they are into heavily.

But we end up with the old, but true, cliché: Never put all your eggs in one basket. So wait five months before you believe anything you hear on television. Better yet, sell your television and buy some books.

(Charley Reese can be contacted at bri-arl@earthlink.net.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 Today is Thursday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2002. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Feb. 7, 1964, the Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

On this date:
 In 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England.

In 1931, aviator Amelia Earhart married publisher George P. Putnam in Noank, Conn.

LETTERS TO EDITOR POLICY

The *Pampa News* welcomes and encourages readers to express their opinions on issues of public interest and concern. However, we also reserve the right to accept or reject any letter for publication.

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Letters submitted must include name, address, phone number and signature for verification. Addresses and telephone numbers will not be printed, unless requested for a specific reason.

Due to volume and repetition, we will limit submissions from the same person to two letters per month.

Poetry, candidate or political endorsements, letters to third parties and "thank you" letters will not be published except at the discretion of the editor, depending on general interest.

Letters may be dropped off at the office, 403 W. Atchison, or mailed to *The Pampa News*, Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066.

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Diorama winners



(Courtesy photo)

Fifth grade Gray County Centennial diorama winners at Wilson Elementary include (left-right) Senecia Cruz, first place; Martin Avila, third place; and Idali Solis and Cecilia Garcia, both honorable mention. The winners are seen here with Principal Tommy Lindsey and teachers Kimberly Brown, Mark Mertz and Pam Lash. The dioramas are currently on display at the former Pampa Hardware Store located at 120 N. Cuyler. Not pictured: Trent Young, second place winner.

WOODROW WILSON HONOR ROLL

Wilson Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the fourth six-weeks grading period of the 2001-02 school year.

Second Grade. Seth Anguiano, Devin Asencio,

Almanza, Ryan Damron, Meganne Fraser, Jessica Garmon, Brittany Gray, Carmen Marin, Zachery Swearingim, Yelitza

Nicole Brashears, Amanda Everson, Robert Mercado, Ziriak Nix, Mario Rivera, Haley Stanfield, Caylee Steward, Jacob Tidwell, Courtney Ward, Kizer Williams, Alex Galaviz, Brienne Moyer, Joleen Pittman, Samantha Powell, Keith Rodriguez, Luis Romero.

Third Grade. Brennan Dickinson, Jason Gallardo, Crystal Garcia, Jessica Gutierrez, Lesleigh LaRue, Jose Resendiz, Moses Mireles, Cynthia Solis, Mary Beth Cox, Cody Hudson, Ryan Weeden, Dakota Turlington, Reba Bailey, Miriah Anguiano, Cody Davis, Collin Dull, Brandi Garmon, Karen Jimenez, Cody McIntyre, Ashlee Mixon, Eric Ortiz, Alex Recendiz, Kaci Reyes, James Scott, Hunter Shay, Allen Harden, Angela Carlton, Nicole Devers, Junnis Garcia, Marice Ponce, Dillon Estep, Taylor Nunley, Joseph Vizcaino, Dustin Whinery.

Fourth Grade. Brittany Bennett, Justin Carlton, Crystal Collis, Lariat Lowrey, Leonel Madrid, Bethney Mosteller, Daisy Perez, Kylee Reel, Agapito Salazar, Meghan Asencio, Amanda Braiser, Israel Casanova, Robert

Douglas, Angie Galaviz, Jordann Hughes, Phoenix Keeter, Aleah Noble, Nathan Smith, Brittany Vick, Nichole Cox, Matricia Davis, Kelsey Ford, Ryan Jimenez, Brian Fuller, Ashley Gray, Lindsey Ma, Britney Poulin, Cristal Silva, Miranda Waldrop, Tyler Wilbanks.

Fifth Grade. Bernardo Casanova, Chelsie Douglas, Haylee Francis, David Gutierrez, Amanda Harkins, Raeghan Jenkins, Keah Reel, Tatiano Soto, Luis Cruz, Cody Newton, Tori Srygley, Jackie Gray, Senecia Cruz, Ryan Baggerman, Chance Almanza, Scottie Dabbs, Randon Parks, Norman Rodgers, Idali Solis, Stephanie Castellanos, Jacob Rodriguez.

AUSTIN HONOR ROLL

Austin Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the third six-weeks grading period of the 2001-02 school year.

SECOND GRADE

A Honor Roll. Libby Aler, Brooke Bradley, Jessica Butler, Brendon Burrell, Samuel Cain, Ellen Cambern, Treyci Carroll, Trace Carter, Magely Cerda, Callie Coleman, Latigo Collins, Cole Engle, Tara Garcia, Callie Hampton, Zac Hernandez, Austin Hinkle, Harley Jacobs, Shaun Jarrell, Jacob Johnson, Logan Karbo, Taylor Kennedy, Collin Killgo.

K'Lyn King, Laura Kirkland, Kirsten Kuhn, Shannon Leigh, Ty Linder, Michael Martinez, George Patterson, Ryan Pearson, Railey Reeves, Karami Rice, Ashtin Sackett, Farmer Schaeffer, Rance Schindler, Ian Smith, Kara Stabel, Colin Sutherland, Christopher Taylor, Elizabeth Terry, Nate Towry, Kailyn Troxell, Stephen Vigil, Jessica Zellefrow.

AB Honor Roll. Lindsey Brown, Bree Howard, Landon Karbo, Craig Little, Collin McClendon, Dalton Owens, Karl Pfitzner, Vanessa Rivera, Destiny Terry, Lyndi Whitson.

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll. Payton Alvey, Olin Boyd, Karina Cabrales, Trent Carter, Haley Copeland, Katelyn Dunham, Lane Dyer, Garrett Ericson, Chase Ferguson, Holly Gage, Lysnie Guyer, Paige Holt, Pierce Holt, Gavin Jimenez, Jackie Karson, Matt Kelley, Evan McElwain, Jonathan Polasek, Tyler Rabel, Brenden Rice, Shanda Roberts, Hannah Smith, Shaylie Thompson, Conon Wilson.

AB Honor Roll. Hudson Bentley, Travis Chester, Rejoice Duggan, Brenna Ellison, Emily Hart, Alex Housden, Aaron Silva, Mitch Simon, Cameron Wall, Ty Youree, Danielle Zuniga.

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll. Michael Adams, Ethan Addy, Evan Aderholt, Erin Buck, Rylan

Clark, Corbin Clifton, Cheyanne Collins, Craig Conner, Ryan Conner, Kimberly Curtis, Garrett Fatheree, Sammi Finney, Haylea Harper, Savannah Hoover, Emily Jean, Mary McKay, Samantha Pearson.

Lauren Sutherland, Carlyn Teichmann, Emilie Troxell, Samantha Turley, Whitney Wade, Caitlin Walker, Kayla Ware, Kelsey Watson, Luke Watson, Shelbie Watson, Caleb West, Hannah White, Ellen Whiteley, Ashley Williams, Leah Wilson, Kade Wilson, Kaitlin Winegeart.

AB Honor Roll. Susanne Kane, Savannah Smith, Tanner Stephens, Chris Sutherland, Rebecca Taylor.

FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll. Kat Aler, Gage Carruth, Shannon Clay, Shelby Clay, John Luke Covalt, Keisha Crowell, Libby Dyson, Eric Freelen, Cole Guyer, Jennifer Huffhines, Alex Hutto, Tanner Jean, Taylor Little, Will McKay, Nick Riley, April Silva, Matt Smith, Lindsey Tomaschik, Casey Trimble, Emily Watson, Whitney Webster, Coleby West, Madison Wilson, Zach Winborne, Jeremy Zellefrow.

AB Honor Roll. Taylor Aderholt, Rikki Beesley, Tabby Courter, Kamie Doughty, Kelby Doughty, Eden Green, Krista Ferguson, Christa Holt, Courtney Linn, Jessica Miner, Shelby Needham, Lauren Smith, Chandler Talley, Hilary Thomas, Chelsea Wallin, Abby West, Holly Winegeart.

Budding Young Scientist



(Courtesy photo)

Fifth grader Dustin Neef won Budding Young Scientist at Travis Elementary School's Science Fair recently. Grades kindergarten through fifth at Travis participated.

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Mine Explosion In Illinois Traps Score of Men Today

BLAST LEAVES MINERS DEAD IN ITS WAKE

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93 AT FIRST ARE REPORTED MISSING

Check Shows 24 Now Somewhere in the Depths

(By Associated Press) WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Jan. 9.—Two miners are known to be dead and 24 missing four hours after the explosion today in the Industrial Coal company's mine No. 18, near here.

George Watkins was the first man to make his way to the surface from the explosion area and reported seeing several men apparently dead and others struggling as if injured.

(By Associated Press) WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Jan. 9.—Fear was felt for the safety of 93 miners in a section of the Industrial Coal company's mine No. 18, where an explosion occurred at 7:40 a. m., today.

More than 600 men employed in the mine all made their escape except 93, who were cut off by smoke and dust.

A mine rescue team was summoned from Benton.

Engine Crew Is Injured as Train Splits a Switch

(By Associated Press) FORT WORTH, Jan. 9.—Engineer J. W. O'Neil was scalded about the face and hands and Fireman W. W. Adams was taken to a hospital suffering from nervous shock this morning when passenger train No. 7 of the Fort Worth and Denver railroad split a switch three miles north of Saginaw.

Both are Fort Worth men. The locomotive overturned, pinning O'Neil to the cab, and two baggage car left the track. None of the passengers were hurt.

Two Powell Men Charged in Death of M. Killingsworth

(By Associated Press) CORSIANA, Jan. 9.—Aubrey Rawlinson and Carl Campbell, formerly charged with murder last night in connection with the death of Morris Killingsworth, were released under bonds of \$2,000 each today.

Both men, who voluntarily surrendered, refused to make statements.

Killingsworth was killed Sunday afternoon at Powell in a shooting in front of the Powell State bank.

Coolidge Favors Government Control of Merchant Marine

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Disregarding politics, President Coolidge and the Senate commerce committee today approved a bill by Senator Jones, Republican, of Washington to build up the merchant marine and keep it under government supervision through the shipping board.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Norris of Berger and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brashers of Panhandle visited here yesterday.

They're Going With Coolidge to Havana



The American delegation to the Pan-American Congress at Havana, Cuba, Jan. 16, are shown above as the members posed on the White House grounds with President Coolidge. Left to right are: Hon. Morgan J. O'Brien of New York; Hon. Charles E. Hughes, former secretary of state; Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg; President Coolidge; Hon. Henry P. Fletcher, former U. S. ambassador to Italy; Hon. Oscar Underwood, former senator from Alabama; Hon. James B. Scott of Washington and Dr. L. S. Lowe, a director of the Pan-American Union.

Blackmer, Fugitive Oil Witness, Becomes Man Without a Country

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Fleeing to Europe when the Teapot Dome oil scandal broke in Washington in 1923, Henry M. Blackmer, wealthy Denver oil man, has become virtually a "man without a country."

Disregarding demands and threats by the United States government, Blackmer has lived nearly three years in hiding. His passport has been revoked; he has ignored subpoenas; \$100,000 of his Liberty bonds have been seized, and he has been cited to appear in the supreme court here January 6 to show cause



why he should not be adjudged in contempt of court.

Government attorneys believe Blackmer and James O'Neill, a former president of the Prairie Oil & Gas company of Kansas, also in hiding, possess important information regarding \$230,500 in Liberty bonds which are alleged to have found their way from the Continental Trading Company, Ltd. of Canada to the accounts of Albert B. Fall after the leasing of the Teapot Dome oil to Harry F. Sinclair, Fall then was secretary of Interior, in charge of government oil lands. Blackmer, Sinclair and O'Neill are alleged to have been interested in the Continental company.

The government is seeking to show the bonds traced to Fall's accounts were all or part of Sinclair's profits from his connection with the

(See BLACKMER, pg. 8, Col. 9)

STATE BRIEFS

CANYON, Jan. 9.—The fire alarm was used here recently to call voters to the polls. The election was for road bond issue.

QUANAH—W. H. Howard has returned from a visit near Buda bringing with him a 30-pound watermelon. Christmas watermelon was the vogue in South Texas.

AMARILLO—A total of 9,500,000 gallons of gasoline was "burned up" in this city during 1927, figures compiled here disclosed.

BROWNWOOD—A carload of milk-keets was shipped from here to Philadelphia for the holiday season just ended.

WHITE DEER—A huge loafer wolf was captured after a chase of more than 10 miles. This is the first offer wolf to be taken in this county in 8 years.

Car, Men, and "Gorillas" Injured in Auto Wreck

A smashed car, two badly broken gorillas, and four bruised young men resulted from lack of lights around the new Panhandle station last night.

The car, an old Dodge touring with gorillas painted on the side to advertise a coming attraction at the Rex theatre, was being driven by the young men, who failed to notice the blind street in Panhandle at the depot. They careomed over two railway tracks and landed up against the station.

The occupants of the car were Dallas Caldwell, Ray Chambers, Red Breeding, and a visitor from Elk City. The car was left in Panhandle for repairs. The young men returned to Pampa by train this morning.

OIL TRIAL POSTPONED WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Retrial of the Fall-Sinclair conspiracy case was postponed today until April 1 because of the illness of Albert Fall. The trial had been set for January 17.

General Sandino



A clandestine photo of General Sandino, the Nicaraguan revolutionist, whose men have suffered heavy losses in fighting with United States Marines.

Moody Is Urged for U. S. Senate

AUSTIN, Jan. 9.—Representative Holden of Dallas, today urged Governor Moody to enter the race for the United States senate "inuring the honor of the people against the 'shill' political corporations."

Many Trade Day Bargains Listed in Today's Paper

Starting the New Year with an excellent list of "specials," Pampa Trade Day is announcing its January event in this issue of The Daily News.

Thousands of persons throughout the Pampa trade territory will read these fine bargains today. It is the purpose of Trade Day to offer its wonderful bargains as inducements which all alike may enjoy.

Pampa Trade Day has been reorganized for 1928, and its members will make special efforts during the year to make known Pampa's advantages throughout this territory.

The reader is invited to turn to the Trade Day pages and read of some of the bargains which will be offered here Wednesday. Local stores will be filled with seasonable merchandise priced to attract shoppers.

Lindbergh Hops Off for Panama

(By Associated Press) SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Jan. 9.—Col. Charles Lindbergh hopped off on the last leg of his Central American tour at 8:45 a. m., Central Standard time for Panama today.

The flier's goal is an airplane distance of 310 miles. At Panama Lindbergh will decide definitely what route to follow on his trip to Havana, where the Pan-American Conference will be in session.

BALBOA, Jan. 9.—Colonel Charles Lindbergh was sighted over Balboa at 1:40 today eastern standard time.

East Texas C. C. Discusses Use of \$100,000 for Ads

(By Associated Press) DALLAS, Jan. 9.—Directors of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, in session here today, are discussing policies and the program of work for this year.

Among the chief projects under discussion is a proposal to spend \$100,000 for the advertising and promotion of East Texas.

Bandits Will Be Charged in Death of Cisco Policeman

(By Associated Press) EASTLAND, Jan. 9.—Additional indictments charging murder against Henry Helms, Marshall Ratliff, and Robert Hill, held here on charges of robbery by firearms of the First National bank of Cisco and with slaying of G. E. Bedford, police chief, were expected as the grand jury reconvened here today.

They will develop out of the death Saturday of G. W. Carmichael, police officer wounded during the robbery.

(By the Associated Press.) NACOGDOCHES, Jan. 9.—Tom Lambert chief deputy to the late Sheriff T. G. Vaughn was appointed sheriff of Nacogdoches county today by the county commissioners court.

AMERICAN KIDNAPED IN MEXICO MAKES ESCAPE

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 8.—Leman Dwyer, American mining man who was held in Los Angeles, has escaped from bandits who have been holding him for ransom since he was kidnaped December 17.

PRODUCTION IN 40 BARRELS AN HOUR TODAY

Flow Starts From Much Higher Pay Than Expected

NEW LOCATIONS ARE REPORTED

Shamrock Well Is Not as Large as Stated

The Bowers pool in the South Pampa field furnished another oil surprise yesterday morning and added another large well to the Gray county production.

The Texas company at No. 1 J. B. Bowers in the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of section 89, block B-2, was preparing to set 8-inch casing at 2,855 feet when the 14,000,000 million cubic feet of gas which the well had been making ceased and oil commenced to spray.

It increased at every minute and before long was flowing at the rate of 50 barrels an hour. It is holding at 40 barrels an hour today.

The Bowers pool is just as erratic as all other granite wash pools in the Panhandle, and this well is another surprise.

It is offset by wells of the Danziger Oil and Refining company, Gulf Production company and Operators Oil company.

The Ronsaul Petroleum company has made four locations on its M. Hensley lease in the south half of section 55, block 25, in the southeastern section of Gray county. The company only plans to drill on one of the locations at the present time.

Delaney, Eslick, and Reiger have made three locations on the Jackson lease in the southwest corner of the east half of the southwest quarter of section 88, block B-2. They will drill one of the locations immediately.

The Empire Fuel and Gas company has made a location to drill in the southwest corner of the northeast quarter of section 54, block 25, on the S. A. Cobb lease.

Biggs et al have made a location to drill 330 feet each way from the south and west line of section 5, block 26, on the J. S. Morse lease.

The Piney Oil company's No. 1 Walker, in the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of section 44, block 24, Wheeler county, about 14 miles northeast of Shamrock, which was reported to have come in yesterday morning for 80 barrels, an hour, is flowing about 300 barrels today.

Drilling is being done by Shumaker and Palmer.

Old Man Joyful As He Is Taken to His Old Home

J. R. Baker, 63 years old, who was found a short distance from Pampa in a dazed condition two weeks ago, left this morning in the care of the Rev. Tom W. Brabham for his daughter's home in Toledo.

He is deaf and almost blind, and has been in the care of the city since being found. His daughter, Mrs. Marie, stated in a letter to Chief of Police John V. Anderson that she had not heard from her father in thirteen years.

The old gentleman was found by a party of hunters who were out for quail and took him to the city hospital last night.

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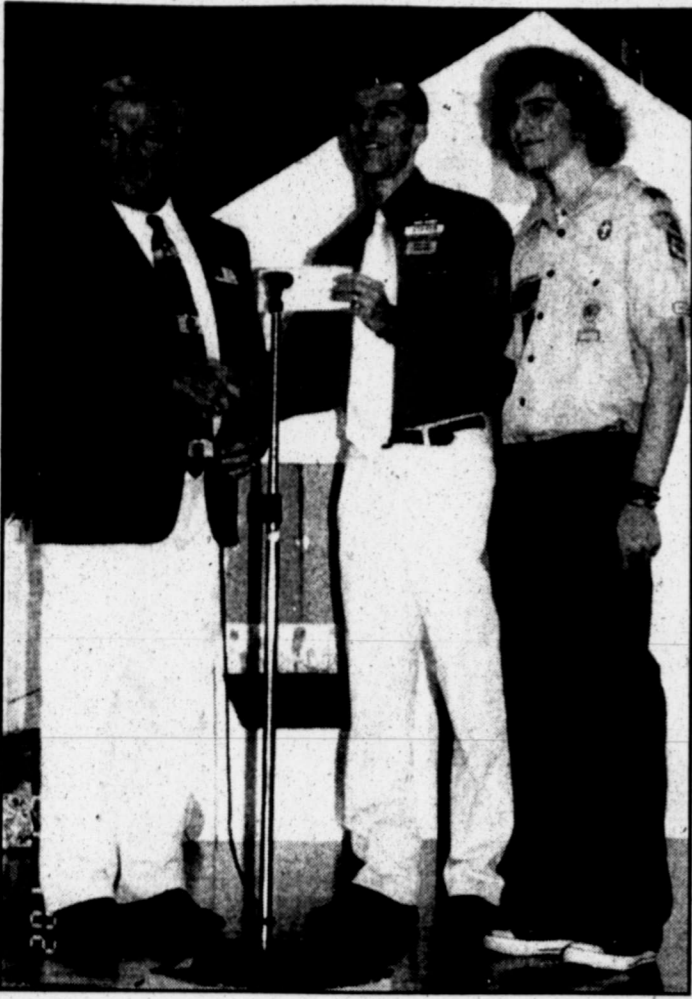
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(Courtesy photo) Steven Blythe, assistant manager of the Pampa Wal-Mart store, center, presents Tom Lindsey, principal of Woodrow Wilson School, left, with a check for \$500.00. The check was received as an environmental grant to beautify the grounds of the school. Also pictured is Michael Frels who organized his scout troop to plant trees, flower bulbs, and cleaned and placed gravel under the playground equipment for the safety of the students. Michael will soon earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

'Discovery Kids' joins cable line-up

Cable ONE is adding Discovery Kids Channel to its Digital Value Pak for Digital TV customers, starting Feb. 1. The new programming is aimed at children ages 2-14, with special shows targeted for each age group.

"We're very pleased to bring this special network to children — and just as important, to their parents," said Terry Harris, general manager. "Discovery Kids Channel prides itself on being a safe haven of quality programming for the entire family, and it is violence-free. But it's also hip, entertaining and a lot of fun."

Morning programming is aimed at pre-school and elementary children, while afternoon and evening shows are targeted at elementary and junior high school youngsters.

Among the stand-out productions are "Mother Nature," a look at the vast world of nature from a child's point of view; "Nini's Treehouse," an engaging educational series that encourages investigative skills, critical thinking and a love of reading for young children; and "Outward Bound," which joins a group

of preteens on educational expeditions that help them discover new things about their world and themselves.

Other special programming for preschool and early elementary students includes "Bingo & Molly," "Salty's Lighthouse" and "Skinnamarink TV," while "Story Studio," "Croc Files," and "Jaws and Claws" are designed for older elementary and junior high students.

"Many Discovery Kids Channel fans say one of the best things about the network is that it shows real children engaged in real discoveries and adventures," Harris said. "It's a place where youngsters can explore their curiosities and satisfy their curiosities, while having fun."

Cable ONE's Digital Value Pak, which now will include Discovery Kids Channel, is available only to Digital Cable TV subscribers. The Digital Value Pak includes 14 popular networks and costs only an additional \$4 per month.

Cable ONE, the cable division of The Washington Post Co., operates 52 cable systems serving 762,000 subscribers in 19 states.

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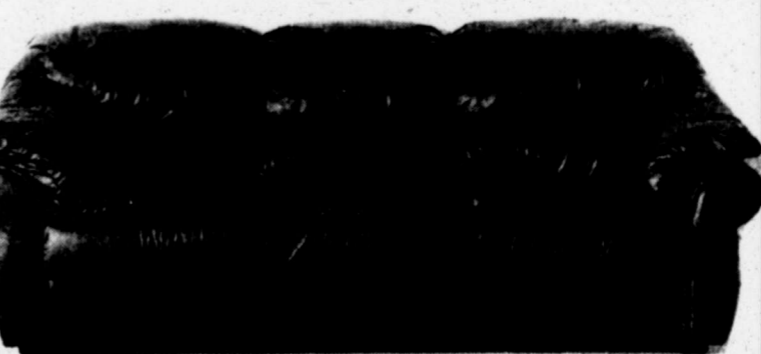
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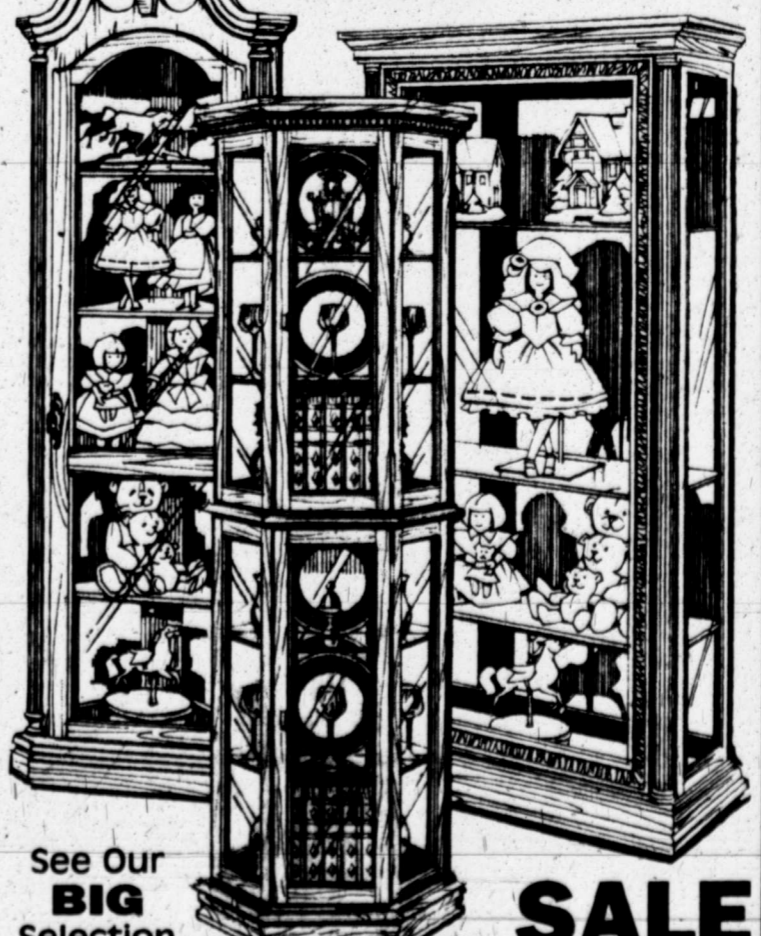


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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Girl Doesn't Know Rules Of The New Dating Game

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl, raised to be old-fashioned. I am very uncomfortable with how the rules of courtship have changed over the years. It used to be that guys pursued the girls. Now, the situation has reversed and girls have become the aggressors.

Most of the guys I know won't ask me out unless I make the first move and call them. They are so used to being chased that they think if a girl doesn't do it, she's not interested.

How can I encourage a guy to ask me out without being the aggressor?

OLD-FASHIONED GIRL IN INDIANA

DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: Most males like to be chased. It's flattering, and that way they know they won't be turned down. However, there are ways a girl can let a guy know she's interested without coming on like a shark that smells blood.

(1) Be friendly.

(2) Have a reason for calling other than just to talk.

(3) If you share a genuine interest in something he's interested in, let him know it.

(4) If you want to see him outside of school, ask him to join you and a group of your friends. It will take the pressure off.

Last, if you think you're

alone in having this problem, read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding a letter from "Regretful in Springfield," who said she would have married "Todd" if he had only let her know how he felt. Her mother revealed on her deathbed that Todd had left the state on "Regretful's" wedding day because "Texas wasn't big enough to hold his grief."

He probably told her mom believing the way to the calf is through the cow, thinking she would tell her daughter. Unfortunately, many of us are too trusting and indirect. Believe me, the best way to get a message across is to deliver it yourself and not count on someone else to do it for you. Leave nothing to chance.

BENN THERE, DONE THAT, LAKE WALES, FLA.

DEAR BT/DT: You're 100 percent right. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Regretful" could have stepped up and asked Todd, the shy guy, out for a cup of coffee. (How simple!) This somewhat current — in the scope of modern history — mostly American habit of women playing coy rarely works out well.

I believe that a woman waiting for her knight on a white horse is a stupid fantasy that has been sold to us by the entertainment industry

for the last 75 years. Someone once said: "Where are all the nice men? Well, they're usually standing right next to you."

I have talked to many senior citizens, in particular senior women. I always asked them the same question: "Did you court or somehow go after your husband?" About 75 percent of these women admitted they had made the first move to get their man's attention — dropping by the pond where they fished, or asking them about their job or family.

Abby, I have had two women tell me they had a crush on me in high school, and yet these same two women dated only popular athletes. I don't remember either of those beautiful girls looking my way. If women want to miss out on the "shy guy" and continue to date the wolves out there, it's very easy — just continue doing nothing. Nice guys are everywhere.

ROBERT IN CARLSBAD, CALIF.

DEAR ROBERT: Well said. To which I add: If nice guys would simply look around instead of focusing solely on their own insecurities, they might discover they have a host of admirers.

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

Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Volcanic output
- 5 Go and bingo
- 10 Rapper-turned-actor
- 11 "Don Giovanni" composer
- 12 Fighting
- 13 Blood carmer
- 14 Scooter's kin
- 16 TV news needs
- 20 Cold showers?
- 23 Summer sign
- 24 Not as good
- 25 Promotional item
- 27 Here (Fr.)
- 28 Antisocial sorts
- 29 SUV cousins
- 32 City green spot
- 36 Belarus neighbor
- 39 Heaps of
- 40 Wise sayings
- 41 Arrive
- 42 Gives
- 43 Fencing weapon

DOWN

- 1 Actor
- Neeson
- 2 Play start



Yesterday's answer

- 22 The place
- 11 Big pipes
- 15 Mosquito attack
- 17 Out of the wind
- 18 Golda of Israel
- 19 Male heirs
- 20 Do the crawl
- 21 Places
- 33 On the roof
- 34 Vatican sur-rounder
- 35 Pad's place
- 36 Lobbying grp.
- 37 Keats work
- 38 Young fellow

Marmaduke



"Move it, Marmaduke... so we can finish our snowman."

The Family Circus



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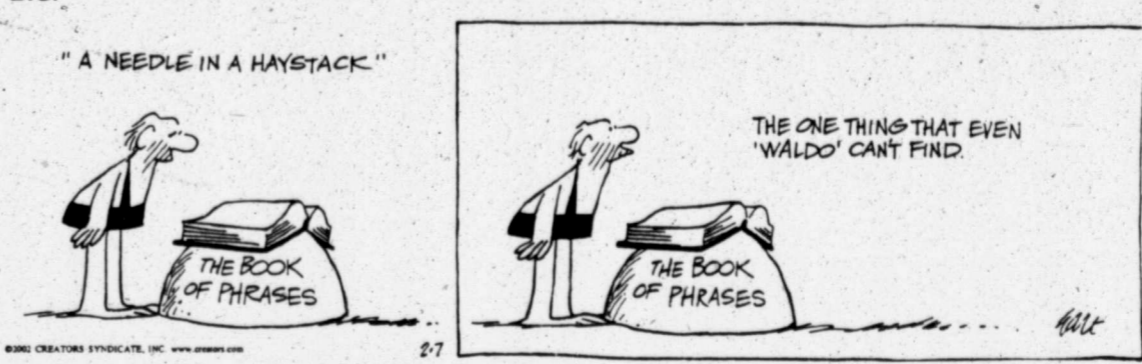
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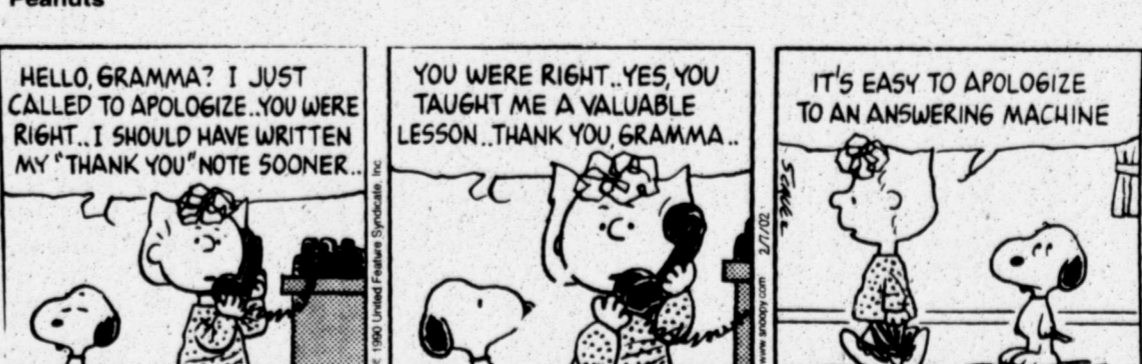
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SPORTS

Signings go good for Texas, 2nd-year coaches

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

Second-year coaches at Ohio State, Miami and Virginia gave fans at Notre Dame and Florida something to look forward to.

While new coaches for the Irish and Gators had mixed results, the Buckeyes, Hurricanes and Cavaliers recruited loads of talent on national signing day Wednesday.

But there's no doubt which school signed the top class. All of the major analysts agreed that Texas hooked the nation's top football recruiting class.

Longhorns coach Mack Brown signed almost every player he pursued, keeping the best players from talent-rich Texas at home and picking up a few key out-of-staters.

"They just dominated everything," Tom Lemming of Prep Football Report said. "They are head and shoulders ahead of everyone else. They helped themselves at every single position."

Ohio State coach Jim Tressell, who replaced John Cooper in

January 2001, signed seven of the top eight players in Ohio and finished in the top three nationally.

The Buckeyes' top recruits are All-Americans Maurice Clarrett (RB, Warren, Ohio), Derek Morris (OL, Huntersville, N.C.), and Mike D'Andrea (LB, Avon Lake, Ohio).

"They absolutely dominated the home state of Ohio," Bobby Burton of the National Recruiting Advisor said. "He came in with about a week left last year and salvaged that class. It seems like ever since he started that job, he's never stopped recruiting."

Larry Coker capitalized on his national title with Miami to bring in the No. 2 class in SuperPrep's ratings and a consensus top five pick.

The Hurricanes got four of SuperPrep's top 50 players: tight ends Eric Winston (Midland, Texas) and Curtis Justus (Perry, Okla.), and in-state wide receivers Ryan Moore and Devin Hester.

"Any question of whether or not Larry Coker could maintain the Miami mystique is over," Burton said.

Virginia was one of the biggest

surprises under former New York Jets coach Al Groh. His experience in the NFL helped attract some of the top in-state talent away from Virginia Tech, like linebackers Ahmad Brooks (Woodbridge Hylton, Va.) and Kai Parham (Virginia Beach).

"Overall it's a strong selling point," Allen Wallace of SuperPrep Magazine said of Groh's NFL experience. "A lot of kids say he coached guys in the NFL, he can teach me what he knows is necessary at that level."

The success of the three second-year coaches could bode well for Notre Dame's Tyrone Willingham and Florida's Ron Zook, who had shortened recruiting seasons in their first years on the job.

Willingham closed well after taking over at Notre Dame on Dec. 31, following the firing of Bob Davie and George O'Leary's resignation for lying on his resume.

The Irish got commitments from two talented receivers in Marcus Stovall (Radnor, Pa.) and Rhema McKnight (La Palma, Calif.), but lost out on All-American running back Lorenzo

Booker, who decided at the last minute to sign with Florida State.

The Irish got three top defensive linemen and four highly regarded offensive linemen.

"Notre Dame's class top to bottom is excellent. What it lacks a bit in skill positions, it makes up in big players," Lemming said.

Zook, the Gators' third choice, didn't have as much success after replacing Steve Spurrier at Florida, finishing around 20th nationally.

"He's had a tough go. He's had to really scramble," Wallace said. "Florida lost numerous prospects that were out of state that decided not to visit or seriously consider Florida once Steve Spurrier left."

Texas lost almost no one. The Longhorns signed USA Today All-Americans Justin Blalock (OL, Plano, Texas), Rodrigue Wright (DL, Alief, Texas) and Larry Dibbles (DL, Lancaster, Texas), as well as quarterback Vincent Young of Houston, picked by some as the best player in the country.

In all, the Longhorns signed 11 of the top 75 players rated by Lemming. Texas also had the con-

sensus top class in 1999.

"It means that people who try to follow recruits for a living have decided that this is a good group," Brown said. "There's no doubt about that. Does it mean they'll be great college and pro prospects? Absolutely not."

Other schools that did well were Tennessee, Oklahoma, UCLA, Florida State, Michigan, South Carolina and Southern California.

Tennessee got late commitments from quarterback James Banks (Indianapolis) and offensive lineman Brandon Jeffries (offensive lineman) to finish No. 2 in Burton's rankings. The Vols also signed Gerald Riggs Jr., the son of the former NFL star.

"Tennessee has closed very well," Burton said. "The combination of their offensive and defensive line is hard to beat. Add in Banks and Riggs, and you have the makings of an outstanding class."

BYU signed quarterback Ben Olson, rated the No. 1 player in the country by Lemming, but saw All-American defensive lineman Haloti Ngata switch at the last minute to Oregon.

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

BORGER — Pampa defeated Borger 38-33 in 8th grade boys' basketball action last week.

Braydon Barker was Pampa's high scorer with 18 points. Other scorers were Weston Teichmann with 7, Eric Kingcade 6, Ryan Torres 4, Jarrett Kotara 2 and Brodie Smith 1.

Pampa made 9 of 17 free throw attempts with Barker, Teichmann and Torres hitting six in a row in the fourth quarter to help seal the win.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp. is willing to consider a buyout to remove its name from the Houston Astros' 2-year-old retractable roof stadium, but the team's owner believes the energy company has it backward.

Astros owner Drayton McLane said Enron owes them for 27 years left on its contract.

NEW YORK (AP) — The failed attempt to eliminate the Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos this season could wind up costing baseball owners money.

The players' association is pressing ahead with its grievance that claims owners violated their labor agreement when they voted in November to fold two teams, and the union said it intends to seek damages.

OLYMPICS

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Some 3 billion people will watch a torn, ragged piece of red-white-and-blue cloth circle the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics, carried by athletes and real-life heroes.

And if the winds are light and the snow holds off, these television viewers from Sioux Falls to Sydney will see it fly, just as it did on the morning of Sept. 11.

After 24 hours of confusion, criticism and compromise, the International Olympic Committee relented Wednesday and agreed to let the tattered flag from ground zero be paraded around Rice-Eccles Stadium by an American honor guard.

Unless there is bad weather, the delicate flag — the only one flying at the World Trade Center the day of the terrorist attacks — will be hoisted next to the Olympic flame, and serve as the official U.S. flag of the Salt Lake City Games.

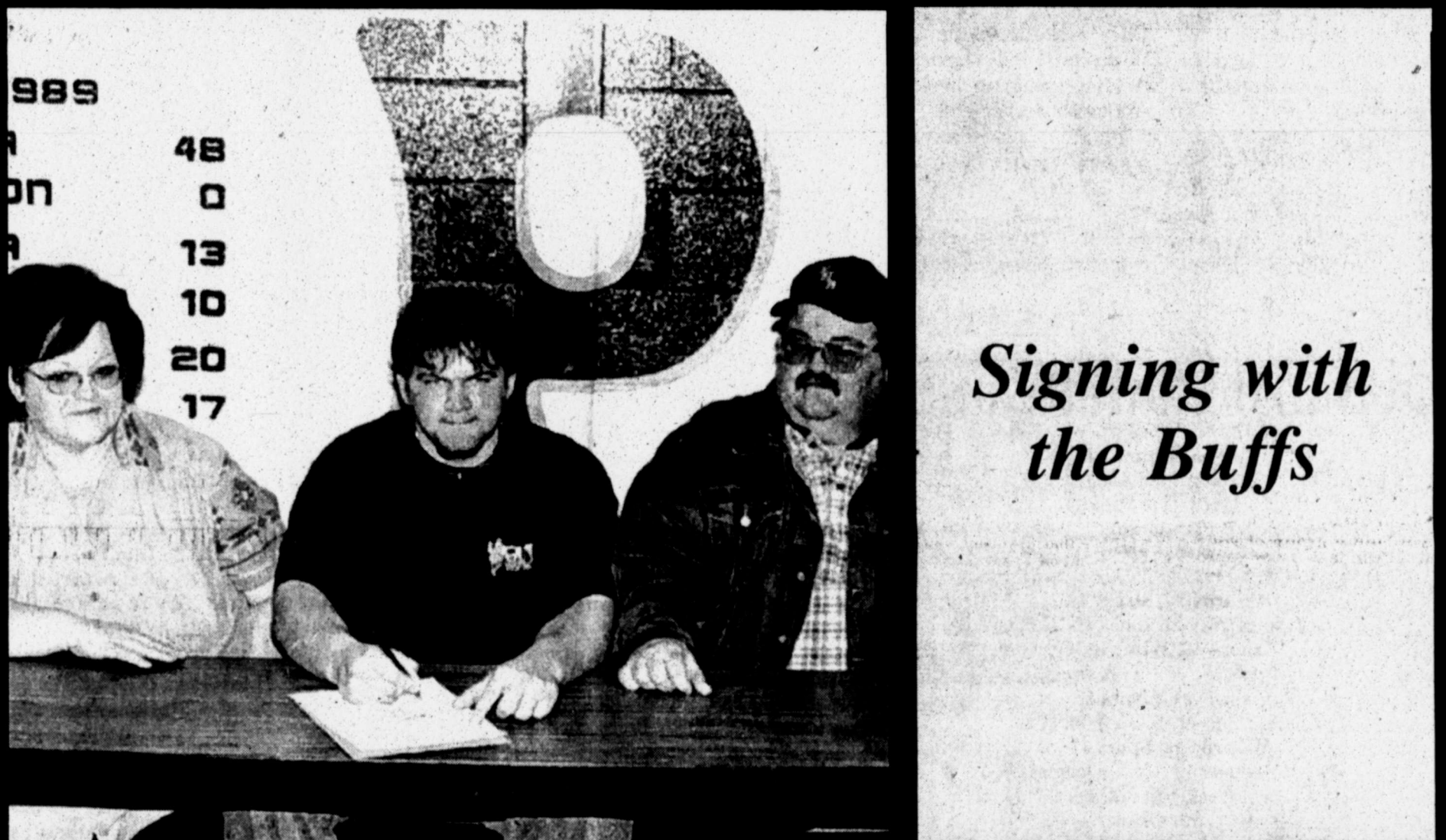
"We had a great deal of discussion as to how to honor the flag as a symbol of the heroes of Sept. 11," said Mitt Romney, president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, who criticized the IOC's original decision.

"This is a way to honor the flag and honor the Olympians as a world event. We feel very connected with the athletes of the world."

At the airport Wednesday night, the World Trade Center flag arrived in Salt Lake City to cheers from hundreds of people. Port Authority police Sgt. Tony Scannella, accompanied by Officer Frank Accardi, carried it in a wooden triangular container that was wrapped in blue nylon cord.

"We're very happy the International Olympic Committee has made this decision," Scannella said.

"I'm sure the Port Authority workers, all the families of the victims are happy and proud. We're all proud that the flag will be part of the opening ceremony. The Olympics mean a lot to all people."



Pampa's Jon Lambricht (above) and Orlando Madrid (right) sign football letters-of intent to play at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Lambricht is pictured with his parents, Larry and Brenda Lambricht. Madrid is with his parent, Baltacar and Gloria Madrid. Madrid played middle linebacker for the Harvesters while Lambricht was an offensive lineman.

Both Lambricht and Madrid were named to the Class 4A all-state team this season. They were among 47 high school recruits that were signed by new WT head coach Ronnie Jones.

WT also inked three other District 3-4A athletes, including quarterbacks Jacob Felton of Randall and Dalton Bell of Canyon, and Dustin Ford of Palo Duro.



Second-half rally boosts OSU past Red Raiders

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma State was struggling again on offense, trailed by 12 with seven minutes left and had lost its best player with an injury.

Perfect time for a game-saving rally.

The 14th-ranked Cowboys used a press to come up with turnovers and quick baskets and, with Maurice Baker out with an ankle sprain, surged past No. 24 Texas A&M 64-62 Wednesday night.

The game-winner came on a putback by reserve forward Terrence Crawford with 5.3 seconds remaining. It gave the Cowboys (18-5, 5-5 Big 12) a victory they sorely needed, since they had lost two straight and four of six.

"It's a big game because we needed to turn the tide, the way we've been playing," coach Eddie Sutton said.

"I'm not saying we're going to go back next week and play a lot better, but everybody feels better about themselves after we won tonight."

The Cowboys felt good early on, when they made 10 of 11 shots during one stretch to take a 22-12 lead. But after making 11 field goals in the first 8:20, they made just four during the next 17 minutes and Texas Tech (16-5, 5-4) took control.

Behind the trio of Andre Emmett, Kasib Powell and Andy Ellis, the Red Raiders turned the early 10-point deficit into a 35-32 halftime lead. Then they outscored the Cowboys 10-0 at the start of the second half.

All Oklahoma State had going for it was Baker, its leading scorer and best player. The Cowboys missed their first eight shots, several of

them from in close, before Baker scored 11 straight points to keep the Cowboys from getting blown out.

Tech led 53-38 with 12 minutes remaining and led 55-43 when Baker came down wrong on his right foot after driving through the lane for a shot.

"It looked like we were really in trouble," Sutton said. "But the press got us back in the game, we loosened up offensively and we were able to hit some shots."

After Emmett, who scored 29, made a basket to make the score 57-47 with 6:02 to play, the Cowboys ran off 12 straight to take a 59-57 lead. The Red Raiders had three turnovers and missed two shots during that time.

"We've had a problem all year long in several different games where we've gotten a

lead and then it's like, 'Well, this game's over,'" coach Bob Knight said.

"It's like we're bringing Randy Johnson in to pitch for the last three outs, and that just doesn't happen."

Two free throws by Emmett with 3:04 remaining tied it at 59, and a free throw by Andy Ellis gave the Red Raiders a 60-59 lead with 2:14 to play.

Williams then hit a free throw and followed that with a layup off another Tech turnover, making it 62-60. Powell, who scored 17, tied it again with a jumper with 29.8 to play.

After a timeout, Williams got an open jumper from the left wing. The ball hit the front of the rim and Crawford was there to drop it back in.

"I just went and tried to get a tip-in because I knew it

might come off short," Crawford said.

Knight opted not to use a timeout, and Will Chavis' 15-footer in traffic at the other end came up short and set off a players' celebration on the court.

"Every mistake we made, they took advantage of," Knight said.

Emmett, Powell and Ellis, who scored 13, combined for all but three of the Red Raiders' points. But aside from Powell's late jumper, the three were shut out in the final six minutes.

"You guys are always looking for some reason," Knight said when asked about that. "There isn't a reason. We missed some shots, we turned the ball over. There wasn't anything that is Machiavellian about getting beat."

FEBRUARY 7 2002

Harvesters face PD in key district tilt

PAMPA — With two regular-season games remaining, Pampa and Palo Duro hook up for a crucial District 3-4A contest Friday night, starting at 7:30 in the PD Activity Center.

Pampa and Palo Duro are locked in a third-place tie at 7-5 after the Harvesters outlasted Borger in double overtime 62-57 and the Dons fell to Randall 70-53 in Tuesday night action. Pampa downed the Dons 71-62 in the first round of district.

The Harvesters' probable lineup for tomorrow night's game include Max Simon (6-3 junior) at post, Kyle Francis (6-1 senior) and Chadd Platt (6-2 senior) at forwards; Adam Rodgers (6-0 senior) and Dustin Johnson (6-1 senior) at guards.

That first outing against the Dons was undecided until the final minute.

With PD trailing by one, the Harvesters hit 7 of 8 free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Rodgers, Pampa's leading scorer throughout the season, had a game-high 23 points. Simon followed with 15 and the team's top

rebounder was Francis, who had 10 boards to go with his 6 points.

Rodgers averages 15.5 points per game and is coming off a 21-point performance versus Borger.

Johnson, at point guard, sparks his team with outstanding floor leadership. He's handing out 6 assist per game and is averaging 5.5 points a game.

Ryan Zemanek (6-2 junior) has given the Harvesters a lift with his scoring and rebounding off the bench.

He had 15 points and 10 rebounds in the overtime win over Borger.

Inside player James Silva and guard Erik Brown gives the Harvesters quality time off the bench.

The Dons have depended on Kyle Shields (5-11 sophomore guard) and Devon Johnson (6-2 junior forward) for most of their scoring punch. They each had 11 points against the Harvesters.

Canyon at 11-1 has already clinched a playoff spot while Randall is all alone in second place at 8-4. Besides Pampa and Palo Duro,

Hereford and Dumas still have some playoff hopes at 6-6.

The Harvesters have a 17-14 record for the season. The Dons are 20-11.

Pampa is looking for its first playoff berth in five years. Palo Duro missed the playoffs last year.

In junior varsity action against Borger, Pampa came away with a 54-40 victory.

Brittin East led Pampa in scoring with 13 points also had 7 rebounds. Ged Martin had 12 points and Colin Bowers added 10. Clayton Hall also had 6 rebounds.

Carlos Solis had an outstanding defensive game.

Jerry Contreras was Borger's top scorer with 10 points.

Pampa JVs improved to 11-1 in district and 20-7 for the season.

There will be a Pampa and Palo Duro JV game at 6 tomorrow night.



Senior forward Kyle Francis had 6 points and 10 rebounds for the Harvesters in the first round District 3-4A game against Palo Duro.

Takedown Club members entered in state tourney

PAMPA — Four members of the Pampa Takedown Club are seeded No. 1 in the state wrestling tournament this weekend.

Club members qualified for their No. 1 seed by winning regional tournament titles.

They include Zach Bradley, Division 1, 90 pounds; Cameron Wall, Division 2, 49 pounds; Steven Botello, Division 2, 61 pounds; Kasey Urquhart, Division 4, 75 pounds.

Bradley was named the Texas Division One Wrestler of the Year. He was nominated to the World All-Star Team by Cliff Keen Athletic and Wrestling USA magazine. Bradley competes in the 6 and under division.

Placing second at regionals and earning the No. 2 seed were Cody Schiffman, Division 3, 60 pounds, and Taylor Fatheree, Division 4, 120 pounds.

Placing third were

Andrew Regalado, Division 2, 70 pounds, and John Burns, Division 4, 120 pounds. Placing fourth were Gavin Jimenez, Division 2, 58 pounds, and Garrett Fatheree, Division 2, 75 pounds.

The state meet is in Huntsville on Saturday.

"All these boys have done a great job. We are really proud of them," said Takedown Club coach Rick Urquhart.



The Pampa Takedown Club looks forward to sending several of its wrestlers in the State Tournament every year.

Optimist Club Results

Pampa Optimist Boys Basketball League Week One Results

5th Grade
Lakers 38, Celtics 11
 L - M. Smith 14; C - J. Busse 6.
Wizards 34, Sixers 19
 S - C. Jackson 14; W - M. Davis 10, T. Fraser 10.
Lakers 32, Wizards 30
 M. Smith 18; W - H. Skinner 14
Lakers 21, Sixers 13
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Week 1 Standings

Team	Won	Lost
Lakers	3	0
Wizards	2	1
Celtics	0	1
Spurs	0	1
Sixers	0	2

Week One Results

6th Grade
Lakers 31, Celtics 9
 L - B. Nusser 10; C - K. Hightower 4.
Sixers 26, Wizards 25
 S - A. Estrada 5, J. Martinez 5; W - J. Bivins 10.
Wizards 33, Lakers 21
 W - M. Stone 16; L - T. Dyson 11.
Sixers 22, Lakers 8
 S - D. Howard 10, L - G. Eggleston 4.

Week 1 Standings

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Sixers	2	0
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It's lights out for Lakers against Bulls

By The Associated Press

Punches were thrown the last time the Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers met. The two-time defending NBA champions showed little fight in the rematch.

Missing Shaquille O'Neal, who sat out to rest his aching feet, the Lakers seemed uninspired against the lowly Bulls.

Marcus Fizer scored 15 of his 21 points in the second half, and Brad Miller had 12 points and nine rebounds as the Bulls sent the Lakers into the All-Star break with a 97-89 defeat Wednesday night.

The Bulls, who have the NBA's worst record at 11-36, beat the Lakers twice in as many games this season — the only team Chicago has beaten more than once. Chicago's 3-22 road record is also the league's worst.

"It's nice to get a sweep of the Lakers," Miller said. "It shows any team can beat another team on a given night. Tonight was that given night."

Kobe Bryant scored 38 points and Slava Medvedenko added 11 for the Lakers.

"Nobody seemed like they were ready to play," Miller said. "Mark Madsen came in with a lot of energy, and Kobe played hard. Everybody else seemed

lackadaisical, like they were looking forward to the break."

It was the first game between the teams since O'Neal, Miller and Charles Oakley were suspended for fighting during the Jan. 12 game in Chicago that was won by the Bulls, 106-104 in overtime.

Asked if he was embarrassed about getting swept by the Bulls, Bryant replied: "It's not embarrassing, it's very upsetting."

Bryant acknowledged the Lakers were lackadaisical. "That's what it looked like," he said. "I don't think we matched their intensity."

In other NBA games, it was Dallas 112, New Jersey 100; Sacramento 102, Boston 85; Cleveland 111, Houston 109; Minnesota 113, Portland 103; and Seattle 90, Phoenix 79.

Bryant tied the game at 72 with 7 1/2 minutes to remaining, but five points by Fizer, a basket by Trenton Hassell and two free throws by Miller gave the Bulls an 81-72 lead with 5:24 left.

The Lakers scored the next eight points — four by Samaki Walker — to draw within a point, but that's as close as they would get.

"I knew it was going to be a very difficult game," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

"It was like pulling teeth out

there to execute during the game. I was just frustrated with our offensive display."

Kevin Ollie matched his career high with 15 points and went 9-for-10 from the foul line in the final 19 seconds as the Bulls snapped the Lakers' four-game winning streak.

Mavericks 112, Nets 100

Tim Hardaway's 3-pointer started a game-ending 16-2 run that lifted Dallas past New Jersey.

Hardaway had seven of his 11 points in the run that gave the Mavericks their seventh straight road win and ended the Nets' eight-game home winning streak.

Dallas, coming off a double-overtime victory in Indiana the previous night, set a team record by hitting all 27 of its free throws. The Mavs won for the 23rd time in 28 games.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 22 points and Steve Nash had 18 points and 12 assists. Dallas played without Juwan Howard, who was sitting out a one-game suspension. Wang Zhizhi had a career-high 15 points.

Kenyon Martin scored 26 points, Keith Van Horn added 21 and Jason Kidd had 14 points and 12 assists for the Nets, who were shut out in the final 4:25.

SuperSonics 90, Suns 79

Brent Barry scored 21 points

and Vin Baker added 17 points and nine rebounds as Seattle snapped a three-game home losing streak with a victory over Phoenix.

Gary Payton matched a season low with 11 points for the Sonics.

Shawn Marion led the Suns with 19 points. Jake Tsakalidis had his first career double-double with 16 rebounds and 10 points, and Stephon Marbury added 16 points and 12 assists for Phoenix.

Timberwolves 113, Trail Blazers 103

Wally Szczerbiak had 30 points and Joe Smith added 21 to lead Minnesota past visiting Portland.

Joe Smith had 21 points, and Gary Trent added 14 in a reserve role for Minnesota, which won for the third time in nine games.

Bonzi Wells scored a career-high 35 points for Portland, which lost for just the fifth time in 17 games.

Kings 102, Celtics 85

Peja Stojakovic scored 24 points and Vlade Divac had his seventh career triple-double to lead Sacramento at Boston.

Divac had 15 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists for the Kings, who have the NBA's best record of 37-11.

Antoine Walker scored 26 points for the Celtics.

Dallas Stars outshoot Predators, but still lose 2-1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Nashville Predators picked up where they left off before the All-Star break.

Goalie Mike Dunham stopped 33 shots, and Denis Arhipov had a goal and an assist as the Predators beat Dallas 2-1 Wednesday night for their second straight victory.

Dunham was particularly pleased with the effort for a team that hadn't played since winning at Colorado a week ago.

"When you have a few days off, it's always a little rough and difficult to come back. But I think we did a good job. Any time you can get a win right after the All-Star break and get some momentum, that's a good

sign," Dunham said.

Dunham made several big saves in the third period as the Stars outshot the Predators 13-4. Dallas' only goal came with Dunham pinned under Joe Nieuwendyk.

"Dunnie deserved a shutout," Nashville coach Barry Trotz said. "Why the whistle wasn't blown, I have no idea."

Dunham said he couldn't move and was waiting for a whistle, hoping at least for the chance to stop a penalty shot.

"I asked Joe what happened," Dunham said. "He said, 'I think they gave us a goal.' It looked like a fumble out there. It looked like everybody was out there try-

ing to get a puck."

The Predators started Wednesday 10 points out of eighth place in the Western Conference. Trotz wants them focusing only on Calgary, the next team ahead of them in the race for the playoffs, and their next opponent, which is Washington on Friday night.

"Baby steps. That's all we're going to take," Trotz said.

The Stars have lost five of seven and are 1-2 since coach Ken Hitchcock was fired and replaced by Rick Wilson.

Nashville was a team the Stars defeated in eight of their last 10 meetings, and goalie Ed Belfour lost only once in nine games against

the Predators. But Dallas gave up a power-play goal to Arhipov at 1:46 of the first period, and the Stars never got a lead despite their rush in the third period.

"It's just a matter of all the pieces coming together," Dallas center Mike Modano said. "It's been a bit of an adjustment, and we just have to keep getting better and improving and working at it day by day."

Vladimir Orszagh put the Predators up 2-0 at 17:18 of the second period when he took a pass from Arhipov and caught Belfour leaning.

Notes: The Stars are 0-17-3-0 when trailing after two periods. ... Stars RW Jere Lehtinen was a scratch as he recuperates from surgery on

his knee. ... Predators C David Legwand missed his first game of the season with pain in his lower back. That leaves Arhipov, Bill Houlder, Greg Johnson, Cliff Ronning, Karlis Skrastins

and Timonen as the only Predators to play in all 55 games. ... With his assist for Dallas on Pat Verbeek's goal in the third period, Richard Matvichuk has four points in three games.

Stars-Predators, Sums

	Dallas	0	0	1	—	1
Nashville	1	1	0	—	2	

First Period—1, Nashville, Arhipov 13 (Timonen, Erat), 1:46 (pp). Penalties—Zubov, Dal (hooking), :19; Arhipov, Nas (tripping), 5:27; Nashville bench, served by Simpson (too many men), 8:18; Hatcher, Dal (cross-checking), 19:39.

Second Period—2, Nashville, Orszagh 10 (Arhipov, Tenkrat), 17:18. Penalties—Erat, Nas (unsportsmanlike conduct), 6:06; Lukowich, Dal (interference), 11:46; Pellerin, Dal, minor-major (roughing, fighting), 18:35; Hartnell, Nas, major (fighting), 18:35.

Third Period—3, Dallas, Verbeek 7 (Matvichuk, Nieuwendyk), 7:01. Penalties—Nieuwendyk, Dal (roughing), 3:56; Hulse, Nas (boarding), 3:56; Hulse, Nas (hooking), 10:38.

Shots on goal—Dallas 10-11-13—34. Nashville 7-10-4—21. Power-play Opportunities—Dallas 0 of 4; Nashville 1 of 5.

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FRIDAY, FEB. 8, 2002
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** You might be running in every direction. What happened to organization? You just might need to put the kibosh on present activities and reorganize work. Better communication becomes the earmark of the next few weeks. Tonight: Lead others into a fun weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Seek out others. Someone really cares for you but seems to show it by constantly reaching out to you. Express your feelings and your needs. Set your boundaries before it becomes too late. Avoid an argument through diplomacy. Tonight: Take off as soon as you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Your display of happiness relieves someone who has been concerned about your moodiness. Keep expressing yourself, allowing others to hear what you want loud and clear. A friend might make a request that you cannot fulfill. Tonight: Bypass a power struggle.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Your popularity mounts, opening doors and allowing you to make a choice that you have been waiting for. A boss or higher-up could be overly demanding. Let this person understand

your limits without causing a major uproar. Lighten up about a problem. Tonight: Go along with someone's suggestion.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Get into work with the idea of clearing off your desk. You finally clear confusion out of your life and greet clarity. Catch up on messages and chat with co-workers. Someone at a distance blows his or her cool. Plans switch rapidly. Tonight: Out the door — quickly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Your playful spirit delights those around you. Your ruler, mercury, goes direct, allowing you to take a deep breath and move plans forward. Carefully review a recent decision that impacts a partner. Don't worry, if you step on this person's foot, he or she will let you know. Tonight: Go along with someone's request.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Family might be your priority, but at some point, you need to take care of other facets of your life. Focus and clear out problems elsewhere. Uproar surrounds a special friendship. Is this what you really want? Detach and listen. Tonight: Stay cool. Listen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Speak out, and finally others listen. You might want to sigh a breath of relief, as matters seem more under control. Consider options around a day-to-day situation. Perhaps you expect too much from yourself, or someone else is

expecting too much. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite spot.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Deal with finances. Now when you talk to others, you get the kind of answers you seek. You can sigh with relief. A child or a loved one could go on the warpath. You'll have to dig into your bag of tricks to find a solution. Tonight: Indulge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Basics do count, no matter how you look at a personal matter. Not everyone does what you think he or she should. Getting angry at a close friend or roommate won't help. Detach. Use your reservoir of creativity. Tonight: Ever dynamic, make the choices.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** As tempting as it might be, slow down and don't jump to conclusions. Tempers flare around you, and it might be easy to join in. Use your creativity. Talk to each person individually, attempting to walk in this person's footsteps. Tonight: Head home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Where your friends are is where you want to be. Don't become frivolous with spending. Understand present limits, knowing when to say "enough." A friend lets you know how much he or she cares. Review finances before you hit an obstacle. Tonight: Keep the party going.

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Panhandle-Plains FLBA approaches milestone

CEO Robert R. Williams Jr. of the Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA) pro-

THC brochures available for Black History Month

AUSTIN — The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is offering a free brochure celebrating the contributions of African-Americans in Texas. This colorful booklet guides travelers to statewide cultural attractions and is an educational resource on the state's African-American legacies.

Part of the THC's heritage tourism initiative, the brochure includes a timeline, photos, narratives and special events commemorating the struggles and triumphs of African-Americans in Texas.

"Years of research and documentation for state historical markers and National Register of Historic Places nominations allowed the THC to create a guide that identifies the significance of African-American participation in the state's heritage," said Larry Oaks, THC executive director.

The guide informs visitors about people, places and events dating from 1528, when the first identified African-American explored the region north of the Rio Grande, to the 1973 election of Barbara Jordan to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Stories about black teachers and farmers in 18th- and 19th-century Spanish and Mexican Texas, black soldiers in the Civil War and Buffalo Soldiers protecting the Texas frontier chronicle the contributions of the state's African-American community.

To obtain this free guide, call (512) 463-5853, e-mail thc@thc.state.tx.us, or write to the THC at P.O. Box 12276, Austin TX, 78711-2276.

vided an update recently for the association and announced staff and location changes during 2001.

January 1 brought the Association considerably close to an important milestone. "We should surpass the \$200 million volume mark this year," Williams reported. "Our volume now stands at \$191 million a year in which we enjoyed a net growth exceeding 14 percent. We are truly pleased with this outstanding performance considering the uncertain nature of agriculture. Just as important as growth, our loan portfolio has maintained its excellent quality."

"Our customers deserve the credit for another fine year," he continued, "and they will realize the bene-

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fits of our strong financial position. Interest rates have provided an exciting ride with the variable rate moving from 8 percent in December of 2000 to less than 5 percent. The Association reduced its rates and in doing so returned to its customers over \$880,000 in 2001. We are confident that our association can provide value to its membership with

superior service and the best possible rate."

The association also announced the opening of its new office on SW 45th Street in Amarillo. The Amarillo loan officers and central office staff moved into the new location in April 2001.

Also this past year, Loyce Wright joined the Pampa office as loan

assistant.

Panhandle-Plains FLBA provides long-term credit to farmers, ranchers and agribusiness in 17 counties of the panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton and Plainview. It is under the direction of a stockholder-elected board of directors.

Board members include Dean H. Burger of Pampa; Larry E. Fairchild of Adrian; Dennis Babcock of Groom; Ervin J. Davis of Happy; Ronnie N. Hopper of Petersburg; Jerry K. Oswald of Abernathy; Daniel Krienke of Perryton; Wayne Garrett of Gruver; Rusty Henson of Quitaque; and Steve Brown of Floydada.

Museum stages annual program

CANYON — Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will offer a repeat of its popular "Trash, Treasures and Oddities" program from 10 a.m.-12 noon and from 1-4 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 16.

This program offers an opportunity for individuals to bring an item from their collection to the museum for identification by one of the curators on staff. Appointments are encouraged and can be made by calling the museum at (806) 651-2244. However, patrons may bring their items to the museum on the day of the event and make an appointment upon arrival. Appointments will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

By popular request, "Trash, Treasures and Oddities" has been expanded to include a short session on the care and preservation of photographs and paper documents. At 11 a.m., Archivist Betty Bustos will present the session on photographs and at 1 p.m. Assistant Director Lisa Lambert will talk about paper documents, both lectures will be presented in the Research Center on the third floor of the museum.

There will be no additional charge for the sessions or the artifact identification.

Museum curators will identify objects and offer an opinion of their historic value, but no appraisals will be made. When calling for an appointment, the caller will be asked to describe the object so that their appointment can be made with the appropriate curator. Individuals may bring small items, historic photographs and documents, art objects, textiles and archeological items for identification. Firearms will not be allowed.

Bowling party



(Courtesy photo)

To celebrate National Bowling Week, JoAnn West, owner of Harvester Lanes, and Kristie Fuller, Activity director at Pampa Nursing Center (PNC), teamed up and provided PNC residents a fun-filled day of bowling. Above: (back row, left-right) Floyd Austin, Dorothy Crump, JoAnn West, Kristie Fuller, Betty Williams, Karin Sutherland; (front row, l-r) Bonnie Burgess, Pansy Cargile, L.B. Copeland and Jo Sloss.

DPS seeking trooper trainees

AUSTIN — The Department of Public Safety continues to take applications for trooper-trainees as the deadline for the next recruit class approaches.

March 1 is the deadline for Texas applicants seeking admission to the June recruit school in Austin. (The deadline for out-of-state residents is Feb. 11.) Application packets can be picked up at the nearest DPS office and extensive information is accessible on the DPS web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us. Information also is available by calling a toll-free number, 1-866-TXTROOP (898-7667), that rings directly into the recruiting office at DPS Headquarters in Austin.

"We continue to seek quality applicants to fill recruit classes to help offset a projected increase in retirements," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. "The need for dedicated public servants has never been greater for our state and nation."

Graduates are initially assigned as uniformed officers

in one of several services. After gaining experience, troopers can compete for a variety of assignments in the Traffic Law Enforcement, Criminal Law Enforcement, Driver License, Administration and Texas Ranger divisions.

"We have two classes of recruits currently training in Austin at this time," said DPS Recruiting Coordinator Lt. Curly Colquitt. "We are trying to fill our upcoming class and keep a continuous stream of diverse applicants coming through our doors for the future."

An applicant must be a U.S. citizen, at least 20 years of age by the time they are accepted as trooper-trainees and have completed 75 hours of college credit. Law enforcement, jailer or military experience may be used toward fulfilling the college requirement.

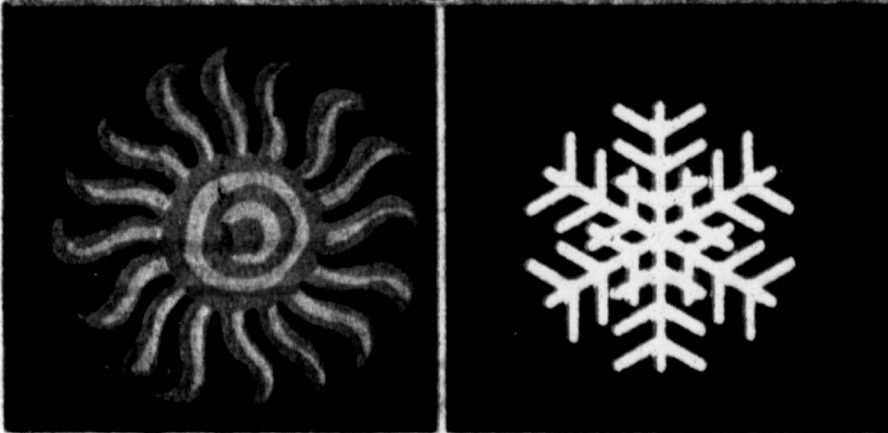
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