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GLADEWATER (AP) — Rescue workers recovered the body of a youth camp employee Friday morning who was trapped beneath an earthen dam that collapsed as he tried to swim through a break in the structure.

Construction workers had breached the dam to lower the lake level for cleaning at The Pines Camp five miles west of Gladewater.

Witnesses said Jeremy Michael Horn, 22, of Big Sandy, dove into the lake Thursday afternoon to ride the water spilling through the dam. Just as Horn rode the wave through the gap, the dam collapsed, wedging his body underwater in a deluge of clay mud, said Fran Lobpries, a spokeswoman for the camp.

"He was supposed to be working in the canteen and just took off from the middle of the camp and ran all the way to the lake and jumped," camp employee Scott Herman told the Mount Pleasant Daily Tribune.

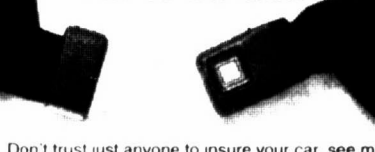
Two workers tried to save Horn. Rescue units from the Gladewater Fire Department and the Upshur County Sheriff's Department worked through the night to retrieve the body. Upshur County Justice of the Peace Carolyn Perry ordered an autopsy.

Horn had worked at The Pines since September, teaching classes in environmental education, leadership, and religion.

- Ruth Ayers, 68, retired private-duty nurse.
- Owen B. Mangus, 77, truck driver, oil company sales, delivery.
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Lefors looking for ways to fix money crunch

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

The Lefors City Council is trying to figure out ways to take advantage of a state grant, pay for needed repairs and keep state and federal regulators happy while still dealing with past financial problems.

The Council met in special session Thursday night to speak to Vince Vaille, an investment banker from First Southwest Company, to discuss options for raising funds. The funds are needed for several critical needs including repairs to the wastewater treatment plant, buying a motor grader and digging a new well for city water.

The city has been awarded a state grant for part of the new well but recently was told the city's share of costs had risen from approximately \$15,000 to over \$60,000. The grant states that the city's share must be paid by October, according to City

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Secretary Judy Williams.

The state has also told the city it must do some repairs on the wastewater treatment plant or face fines. A rough estimate says the cost for that project is approximately \$125,000.

Vaille discussed options open to city governments including general obligation bonds, which voters must approve, and certificates of obligation (CO) which

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Another oil royalty moratorium decreed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate appropriators Thursday approved yet another extension to a ban that is prohibiting the federal government from changing the way oil companies pay royalties for oil and natural gas pumped from public lands.

The long-simmering issue has pitted Oil Patch lawmakers against the Interior Department's Minerals Management Service and against others in Congress who contend the U.S. Treasury is being deprived of owed royalties.

"Once again, the Big Oil lobby is organizing to stop implementation of reform rules that will end the larcenous underpayments of royalties to taxpayers — underpayments that cost taxpayers more than \$60 million a year," Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., said after the Senate Appropriations Committee's action.

The moratorium barring MMS from implementing new rules is due to expire June 1. The measure approved Thursday by the Appropriations Committee as part of a broader \$1.7 billion emergency supplemental spending bill would stretch the ban to Oct. 1.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, the Texas Republican who authored the initial ban language, is "obviously supportive" of the latest delay, a spokeswoman said.

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Limb project ending; regular work can start again

Most city workers will be back doing their regular jobs Monday as the all-out tree limb removal is about to end.

Director of Public Works Richard Morris said the city has finished pickup of limbs at residences and as soon as the city finishes at city parks today, employees will start on more routine but important items.

"We've had four weeks of not doing our normal duties," Morris said. "We have to fix potholes, do alley repair, striping and other things. We have work orders stacked about a mile high."

Morris said one crew made up of three people from different departments will be available for residents who call the Pampa Action Center at 669-5888. He said limbs have to be put in front of the house and anyone cleaning limbs for profit are to take the limbs to the dump grounds themselves. He said the city may pick up limbs that have been stacked in alleys but he doesn't know when.

"We can't even guess when we might get to the alleys, but it will be quite a while."

Morris also encouraged city residents to use the Loan-A-Truck program. In that program, the city will deliver a commercial-size truck to a house in the late afternoon. The homeowners then fill up the truck and the city will come back and pick up the truck the next morning. People who get a truck on Friday can keep it until Monday morning. The phone number is 669-5760 extension 6.

Final cost estimates of the ice-storm cleanup are still being drawn up and will be presented to the city commission at its next meeting on March 9.

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— Richard Morris



(Special photo by Leah Pearson)

Annie Carlisle and Aaron Baker enjoy the atmosphere of Apollo's Coffee House, a new Christian Coffee House in town. (Background) Cliff Spencer, John Johnson, Matt Jameson, Raynor Muniz, Tyler Karr and Tyler Piersall.

Christian coffee house beckons Pampa's teens

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

The word is out — teenagers have somewhere to go.

They can drink coffee, cappuccino, Italian sodas and listen to live music the first and third Saturday night of each month at Apollo's Coffee House.

A Christian coffee house, targeted for "youth and those who are young at heart" is an extension of Calvary Baptist Church.

Youth pastor Rick Pearson said the church decided to open the coffee house, located at 500 N. Duncan next to Warner's Supply, because of repeated comments he received

from his youth group.

"A bunch of kids kept griping about not having something to do ... they wanted a place where they could listen to music ... so I put the two together," he said.

Because of Pearson's efforts, youth across the city can come to the coffee house, where admission is always free, and listen to live music — music with a message.

To protect the Christian atmosphere, said Pearson, interested bands and performers are

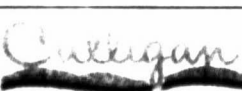
required to fill out an application where they agree to "give their witness" when they sing or play.

"When we get more performers, I hope one

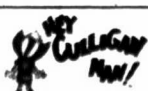
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Alex Price and Jason Rowell work to manage a mountain of limbs that have collected at the city dump grounds. The limbs have been compressed but still take up a huge area. The city hopes to finish with its collection today but private dumping is continuing.



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Services tomorrow

AYERS, Ruth — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Llano East Cemetery, Amarillo.

YORK, Pamela — Memorial services, 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Shamrock. Graveside services, 3 p.m., Llano Cemetery, Amarillo.

Obituaries

RUTH AYERS

AMARILLO — Ruth Ayers, 68, sister of Pampa residents, died Tuesday, March 2, 1999. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Llano East Cemetery with Glen Walton, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Rector Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mrs. Ayers was born at Shamrock. She married James Ayers in 1951 at Shamrock. She had been an Amarillo resident for over 25 years. She was a private-duty licensed vocational nurse for many years, working at various hospitals and nursing homes in the panhandle area.

Survivors include her husband, James; two sons, James Ayers Jr. of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Chapaula Ayers of Amarillo; three sisters, Mary McAllister of Dumas, Frances Treat of Pampa and Rita Moser of Longview; two brothers, Gene Chapman of Ore City and Larry Chapman of Pampa; and a grandchild.

OWEN B. MANGUS

Owen B. Mangus, 77, of Pampa, died Friday, March 5, 1999. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. R.L. Courtney, interim pastor of New Life Assembly of God Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Mangus was born July 18, 1921, at McMillan, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident since 1951, moving from Seiling, Okla. He was first a roughneck then a truck driver in the oil fields and worked as a machinist at Cabot Corporation for a number of years. He was employed at Vaughn Oil Company in sales and delivery for 17 years, retiring in 1987.

Survivors include three daughters, Sharron Finney and Karen Mangus, both of Pampa, and Deloris Landis of Bethany, Okla.; a son, Larry Mangus of Pampa; a sister, Bertha McKinnis of Milwaukee, Wis.; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.

LUCILE SMITH

GUYMON, Okla. — Lucile Smith, 87, aunt of a White Deer resident, died Wednesday, March 3, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Panhandle Centenary United Methodist Church at Goodwell with the Rev. Greg Keith officiating. Burial will be in Goodwell Cemetery under the direction of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guymon.

Mrs. Smith was born at Goodwell and had been a lifelong resident of Texas County. She attended school at Goodwell. She married Mike Smith in 1927 at Goodwell; he died in 1975. She was a homemaker and had been a Guymon resident since 1991.

She was a member of Panhandle Centenary United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a niece, Patty Beck of Carnegie; and a nephew, Jay Smith of White Deer.

The family will be at Mrs. Betty Bryan's residence, 123 N. Academy, or at Mrs. Judy Welch's residence, 614 N.E. 16th, in Guymon.

The family will receive visitors from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home in Guymon and requests memorials be to the Lucile Smith Memorial at Panhandle Centenary United Methodist Church. Memorials will be accepted at the funeral home.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	2.58
Milo	3.15
Corn	3.50
Soybeans	3.87

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

Occidental	15.18	up 1/8
Magellan	124.07	up 1/2
Pioneer	20.06	up 1/4

The following 9:30 a.m. S&P 500 Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

Amoco		NA
Arco	57	up 1 1/16
Cabot	22 3/4	up 3/4
Cabot O&G	11 5/8	up 3/16
Chevron	80 5/8	up 1 5/16

Coca Cola	64 1/16	up 1/8
Columbia	18 1/8	up 1/8
Enron	65 7/8	up 7/8
Halliburton	32 3/8	up 5/16
IRI	3 5/16	up 1/16
KSI	21	up 3/8
Kerr-McGee	30 5/16	up 1/2
Limited	38 3/16	up 1/2
McDonald's	92 3/4	up 2 5/8
Midco	87 1/16	up 1 1/2
New Amco	24 1/8	up 1/2
NEC	43 3/8	up 15/16
Pennco	39 3/8	up 1 1/16
Phillips	5 40	up 1/4
Pioneer Nat. Res.	5 1/4	NA
SLB	54 15/16	up 1 7/16
Tenneco	30 1/16	NA
Texasco	30 1/2	up 1 1/2
Ultramar	20 1/2	up 1/8
Wal-Mart	93	up 3 5/8
Williams	34 1/2	up 1/2
New York Gold	287 90	up 10
Silver	5	20
West-Texas Crude	13 1/2	

Police report

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

Thursday, March 4

Emmeul Eugene Wine, 17, 809 Locust, was arrested on charges of failure to appear and warrants.

Nicholas Warren, 19, 981 Cinderella, was arrested on charges of theft, expired drivers license and an expired registration.

Heather Michelle Johnson, 27, 408 N. Frost, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Assault was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, March 4

Charles Walker III, 26, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, March 4

7:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 E. Kingsmill and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

9:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

9:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of W. Somerville and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

11:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of N. Wells and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

12:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 70 south and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

5:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the N. Dwight and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

6:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

7:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded south seven miles on Highway 70 and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

7:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Anne and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

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

Thursday, March 4

6:32 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 400 block of N. Ward on a smoke scare.

7:34 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 200 block of Anne on a medical assist.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

If interested in the ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH

St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

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

SHRINE CLUB

The Shrine Club meets Friday, Mar. 19. There has been a change in time to 6 p.m. Put Ons are the entertainment.

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LEFORS

require no voter authorization. Since the amount of the proposed bonds was only \$200,000, much smaller than many municipal bond issues, there might be a problem with relative costs, although Vaillie said his firm would lower its normal minimum fee.

Vaillie told the board he believes certificates of obligation would be the best way to go because of rates and costs associated with elections as well as a limited time frame in which to work.

He said any work on raising money was "stuck on high center," because the city does not have a current audit. He said nothing can be done until an

audit is completed

Williams asked if the fact that some of the records for the last three years were missing and had been partially reconstructed as much as possible will cause a problem.

Vaillie said that could affect any fund raising because if the audit comes back with a "qualified opinion," meaning the auditor found problems, even local lenders might not want to buy the COs.

Mayor J.W. Franks said the auditor is on the agenda for the regular meeting Monday March 8, and hopes to get an audit going immediately.

The council also voted to allow City Superintendent Bruce Withers to ask for bids on some of the needed equipment so a more exact cost would be known.

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COFFEE

day we will be open every Friday and Saturday night ... but that's way in the future," said Pearson.

Decorated "like a teenager's bedroom without all the clothes on the floor," he said Apollo's was christened after a man mentioned in the Bible.

"1 Corinthians 3:6 stands for 'Always praising our Lord, living our salvation,'" said Pearson.

He said the scripture, written by the Apostle Paul, mentions Paul as "planting the seed," and a man named Apollos as "watering the plants." But "God makes you grow," according to the scripture.

Pearson sees this as an analogy for the coffee house.

"We're planting, Apollo's is watering and God is making it grow," he said.

Among Pearson's fellow "planters" are the youth

who comprise of the Calvary Baptist Church youth group. The teens make the coffee, serve the coffee and clean up afterward, he said.

"This is a non-denominational outreach of our youth ... it gives them the chance to give back to their community and to their peers," said Pearson.

In addition to the music and food, each time the doors open a devotional time is provided at some point in the evening by different youth ministers in the city.

"This is a place where kids can bring their friends, go on their first dates without having to worry about being exposed to R-rated movies. It's a place to have fun and listen to good Christian music," Pearson said.

Tomorrow night from 7 to 9, Apollo's is featuring singer Holly Myers as well as the original music of the high school band, Damascus Road.

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OIL

Moratorium supporters contend the freeze was necessary to block overzealous bureaucrats from implementing an unfair royalty collection system without adequate input from the oil industry.

Miller and other critics contend the ban amounts to a windfall for the oil industry, which stands accused of underpaying royalties by hundreds of millions of dollars over the last two decades. For every year Interior is blocked from implementing its new royalty system, taxpayers will lose \$66 mil-

lion, they say.

MMS collected some \$2.5 billion last year in royalties for gas from leases on federal land and another \$1.6 billion in royalties for oil pumped from government-owned lands. States receive a share of the royalties, using the funds for education, public works projects and recreation.

MMS has sought to implement a new royalty collection system tied to market prices. But the agency has run afoul of the oil industry and Republicans on Capitol Hill, who contend the agency's plan would overstate the value of oil and is too complicated.

Five charged in triple homicide

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Three teen-agers were jailed today in lieu of bond and two juveniles were also in custody in connection with a triple homicide that police say may have resulted from a feud among members of a street gang.

The shootings earlier this week in front of a convenience store also wounded another man and a 13-year-old boy, according to investigators.

Charged Thursday with capital murder were Kareema Kimbrough, 18; 21-year-old Lamont Reese and Brian Johnson, 19, according to Police Chief Thomas Windham.

Bail for Ms. Kimbrough and Reese was set at \$500,000, with Johnson's listed at \$400,000. All remained in Tarrant County Jail.

The two other suspects, ages 14 and 16, were held in juvenile detention.

Assailants gunned down Anthony Roney, 26, Riki

Jackson, 17, and Alonzo Stewart, 25 with high-powered assault rifles Monday night. Two men had walked up to a cluster of about 10 people standing in front of the Stop and Shop store and opened fire.

Police said the suspects and some of their victims belonged to factions of the same Fort Worth street gang. Investigators said the suspects were implicated by a fellow gang member who was shot Tuesday after he overheard them talking about the triple homicide.

The convenience store shootings were apparently prompted by the victims' flirting with a woman, one of the five suspects.

"This is the way gang members react to these kinds of situations," Windham said. "They resort to violence to settle their disputes."

The triple slaying was believed to be Fort Worth's first in several years.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy today with a high in the upper 60s with north-northeast winds at 10-15 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a low in the low 30s and northeast-north winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy and cooler with a high in the mid 50s and a northeast wind at 10-15 mph. Yesterday's high was 77; the overnight low 35.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. Low around 30.

Northeast — Low 5-15 mph. Saturday, mostly cloudy and cooler. High 50 to 55. Northeast wind 10-15 mph, becoming southeast in the afternoon.

Extreme Southern — Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy and breezy, becoming mostly cloudy after midnight low rolling plains and eastern sections of the south plains. Lows 30-40. Saturday, morning low clouds low rolling plains and eastern sections of the south plains, otherwise partly cloudy and cooler. High 50-60.

Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 40-50. Saturday, partly

cloudy and cooler. High 60-65. fair. Lows in the 30s. High in the 60s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s.

Saturday, partly cloudy and cooler. High 65-70. Far West Texas — Tonight, fair. Lows 40-45. Saturday, mostly sunny. High in the mid to upper 70s.

Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 40s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from the lower 30s to mid 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy. High from the upper 50s Guadalupe Mountains to the lower 80s along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, partly cloudy west and central. Mostly cloudy east with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, some severe. Lows in the mid 40s north to mid 50s south.

Saturday, partly cloudy and cooler with highs in the 60s.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s Hill Country to 50s south central. Saturday, partly cloudy. High in the 70s.

Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly cloudy. A chance of showers or thunderstorms. Some locally

heavy rainfall possible far east. Lows from the mid 50s north-west to lower 60s south.

Saturday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers of thunderstorms south and east, partly cloudy northwest. High in the lower and mid 70s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy, except becoming mostly cloudy with patchy fog east. Lows in the lower to mid 60s. Saturday, partly cloudy early then becoming mostly cloudy during the afternoon. High from the upper 70s coast to mid 80s Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES — **NEW MEXICO** — Tonight, increasing clouds northeast. Skies fair to partly cloudy west and south. Lows from near 8 to upper 20s mountains and north, mostly 30s to low 40s southern lowlands. Saturday, cooler with variable cloudiness east. Skies fair to partly cloudy west. High 45 to near 60 mountains and north, mid 50s to mid 60s south-east, upper 60s to mid 70s southern deserts.

OKLAHOMA — Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s to lower 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy. High in the 50s to lower 60s.

\$36 million settlement for four men wrongly convicted

By EVELYNE GIRARDET
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Four black men whose murder convictions were overturned after a group of student journalists uncovered new evidence agreed to a \$36 million settlement today with Cook County.

"This county is recognizing the extent of the gross misconduct and the extent of the incredible injuries that these men suffered," said Larry Marshall, a Northwestern law professor who represented one of the men.

The men claimed that the sheriff's police who investigated the 1978 killings were racists who hid evidence that would have helped the defense while ignoring leads pointing to the real killers.

Kenny Adams, Dennis Williams, Willie Raines and Vernel Jimerson were in their 20s when they were wrongfully convicted of a 1978 gang rape and

double murder of a south suburban couple, Lawrence Lionberg and Carol Schmal.

Williams and Jimerson went to Death Row after separate trials. Raines and Adams were sentenced to life in prison.

They were imprisoned until last year, when Northwestern University professor David Protess and some of his students who investigated the case proved that a state witness had lied and that other people had killed the couple.

Taylor said the amount of the settlement represented "the punishment necessary for putting four innocent men in the penitentiary and two on Death Row."

In all, 11 individuals have been released from death row in Illinois since capital punishment was restored, including one man who was freed last month after more work done by Protess' class.

Three other defendants have been convicted in the double murder.

City briefs

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K OF C Grand Opening event. The Annual Polish Sausage dinner will be held on Sunday, March 7th at the new Knights of Columbus Hall, at 318 N. Cuyler St. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$7 for adults (\$3 for children 6 to 12), & may be obtained at the door. Take out dinners & bulk sale service will be available. Adv.

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CHANEY'S CAFE, Fri. 5-8 p.m. Chicken fr. steak, Swiss steak, chicken spaghetti & catfish. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

Austin Elementary honor roll

Austin Elementary School recently released its honor roll for the fourth six weeks grading period of the 1998-99 school year.

SECOND GRADE

A Honor Roll

Paige Alvey, Jeffrey Arnold,

Tucker Brown, Dalton Burrows, Gage Carruth, Kenzie Carter, Olivia Chairez, Kendra Clarkson, Shannon Clay, John Luke Covalt, Keisha Crowell.

Eduardo Diaz, Kamie Doughty, Libby Dyson, Krista Ferguson,

Cole Guyer, Jennifer Huffhinds, Tanner Jean, Tyree Johnson, Brittany Klein, Stormi Lancaster, Taylor Little.

Shelby Needham, April Silva, Elizabeth Smith, Kelly Smith, Lauren Smith, Matthew Smith,

Corey Stone, Chandler Talley, Casey Trimble, Chelsea Wallin, Coleby West, Madison Wilson, Zachary Winborne, Jeremy Zellefrow.

A-B Honor Roll

Ashley Allison, Jeremy Busse,

Dylan Cain, Victoria Campbell, Tabbitha Courter, Colby Dennis, Kelby Doughty, Monica Kohler, Brett Powell, Katelin Wall, Jack Ware, Whitney Webster, Manda White, Valerie Willis, Shelby Wisdom.

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll

Layne Beesley, Claire Elizabeth Boyd, Colby Copeland, Aaron Dunham, Tanner Dyson, Colden Fortenberry, Kyle Hargus, Stephanie Hasskarl, Nichole Heersema, Kaliee Intemann, Mitch Kelley, Haili Kotara, Logan McDonald, Nichole Newhouse, Jamie Pergeson, Stephanie Polasek, Ashley Price, Tyler Rhoades, Lindsey Riley, Krista Shults, Sarah Smith, Mark Stone, Marli Street, Jacey Wagner, Briana Wallum, Gregory Wariner, Joe Whiteley, Kelli Willson, Ashlie Winkleblack.

A-B Honor Roll

Lacy Crain, Kathryn Cree, Jesse Finney, Kenny Hightower, Anna Julian, Garnett Shafer, Drew Williams.

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Clothing workshop



(Community Camera photo by Judy Elliott)

The Gray County Extension Service hosted a multi-county clothing workshop recently. Students from Gray, Hemphill and Donley Counties learned about fabric design, sewing machine basics, construction, embellishing clothing, textiles, and fashion show interview techniques. Participants also donated sample-sized toiletry items to be given to Tralee Crisis Center as a community service project. From left, Tamera Keeton of Hemphill County, joins Gray County 4-Hers Lindsey Price, Lori Stephens, Amanda Lawrence, and Sarah Schwab in creating hand-painted tennis shoes in "Shoes Follies 201."

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Texas Editorials

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: Abilene Reporter-News on oil tax cut:

The Texas House needs to get on the stick and pass the temporary tax relief bill for oil producers, which Gov. Bush has designated an emergency. Some matters we discuss and debate and study, and some are so obvious we just do. Granting small oil producers a \$45 million tax break over the next six months is one of those "just do" things. The Republican-controlled Texas Senate quickly approved the bill, but the Democratic-controlled House is dawdling. Texas doesn't need the spectre of partisanship. The issue is larger. It's the economy, you know. Just do it.

San Antonio Express-News on a fair census deal for Texas:

Partisan skirmishing about the 2000 census heated up again as the Census Bureau announced plans to conduct a two-track count.

Taking a position that is damaging to Texas, Republican House leaders oppose the use of statistical sampling even for determining the amount of federal dollars that flow to states in population-based programs.

The nonpartisan National Academy of Sciences helped draft plans for using sampling, but the GOP leaders want to stay with the traditional head count that produced a serious undercount in 1990.

Minorities and the poor are the groups missed most by census officials, who confirmed their undercount problem during the Bush administration.

The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that sampling can't be used for redrawing congressional districts but opened the door to employ sampling for other purposes, including redrawing legislative lines.

A showdown is expected in the House this summer because census operations were funded only through June as a result of the census dispute.

The dual-track census is expected to cost about \$2 billion more, according to some reports. Republicans want to use additional resources to beef up the traditional head count, but experts say that will not be enough.

But in 1990, Texas alone was deprived of \$1 billion in federal funds because of the undercount.

The Census Bureau admitted 3.9 percent of San Antonio's population, or more than 38,000 people, was not counted.

Texas, where almost half a million people weren't counted, had the second-highest undercount of any state in the 1990 census.

Democratic members of the Census Monitoring Board are predicting that a similar undercount in 2000 would cost the state \$2.18 billion in federal funds.

Texas Republicans should place the state's interest ahead of partisan loyalty and support the dual-track census.

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America's rug is lumpy

Among the many questions the impeachment year has left for posterity to sort out is the role of religious leaders and religious standards in the public square.

It became a cliché that "politicians are not moral exemplars" and that if you're looking for moral uplift, don't look to the White House but to a house of worship. And yet, in the 12 months following the revelation of Monica Lewinsky's unusual intern experience, religious leaders were almost totally absent from the national debate.

The one religious figure who did put a toe in the water was the Rev. Billy Graham, who, in perhaps the worst public utterance of his distinguished career, offered the view that the president was not to be blamed for his actions since the ladies were throwing themselves at him.

Graham must have been having a bad day (he did later attempt to modify the import of his words). But one waited in vain, with one exception, which I'll come to in a moment, for other religious figures to fill the void.

There was no corresponding shortage of clerics ready to lend their good offices to the support of President Clinton. From the Rev. Jesse Jackson to the Rev. Philip Wogamon, they offered what might be called "religion lite," supplying plenty of forgiveness and little reproach.

What makes this doubly odd is that it was such an easy call. Let's admit that assessing the character of a leader is never a simple task, nor is the relationship between private and public virtue always clear.

Richard Nixon lied and broke the law in pursuit of his enemies, but he was a faithful hus-



Mona Charen

Syndicated columnist

band and deeply devoted father. Ulysses Grant was often drunk, but Abraham Lincoln dared not remove him from command of the Union army on that account. Thomas Jefferson was a spendthrift and a slave holder, yet he ranks as one of the giants of our history.

Conversely, Jimmy Carter was and is an upright, morally sensitive man who proved a feeble and dangerously naive president. Criticized in 1941 for his willingness to make common cause with Josef Stalin, Winston Churchill summed up the moral choice this way: "If Hitler invaded Hell, I'd find something nice to say about the Devil himself."

At times of national strife, war or emergency, the willingness to overlook misbehavior in a leader — even official misbehavior as was done in the case of Lincoln, who suspended the right of habeas corpus — is understandable. If the nation's safety is at risk, punctiliousness about moral failings can be viewed as a luxury too expensive to indulge.

But in the case at hand, the economy was robust, crime and welfare dependence were declining, and the world was remarkably

peaceful by modern standards. Far from being cause to overlook or excuse the president's disgraceful and illegal conduct, such a time should have made upholding moral standards easier.

Still, not all religious leaders ducked under their pulpits when the roll was called. One hundred eighty-eight of them (many of whom had voted for the president twice) signed a declaration following the infamous prayer breakfast last September, denouncing Bill Clinton for the cynical misuse of religion and religious symbols.

"As scholars interested in religion and public life," they wrote, "we protest the manipulation of religion and the debasing of moral language in the discussion about presidential responsibility. ... We challenge the widespread assumption that forgiveness relieves a person of further responsibility and serious consequences. We are convinced that forgiveness is a relational term that does not function easily within the sphere of constitutional accountability. A wronged party chooses forgiveness instead of revenge and antagonism, but this does not relieve the wrongdoer of consequences."

Several clear-eyed and well-reasoned essays by the signers of that declaration are anthologized in "Judgment Day at the White House," available from the Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Mich. Here is the place to find "contrition chic" exposed and "counterfeit confession" condemned. In the words of Jean Bethke Elstain, "We understand that justice must be tempered with mercy. But we cannot take leave of our senses and abandon judgment ... altogether in the interests of sweeping a mess under the rug."

America has a very lumpy rug just now.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 5, the 64th day of 1999. There are 301 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 5, 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who'd been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people. Two British soldiers were later convicted of manslaughter.

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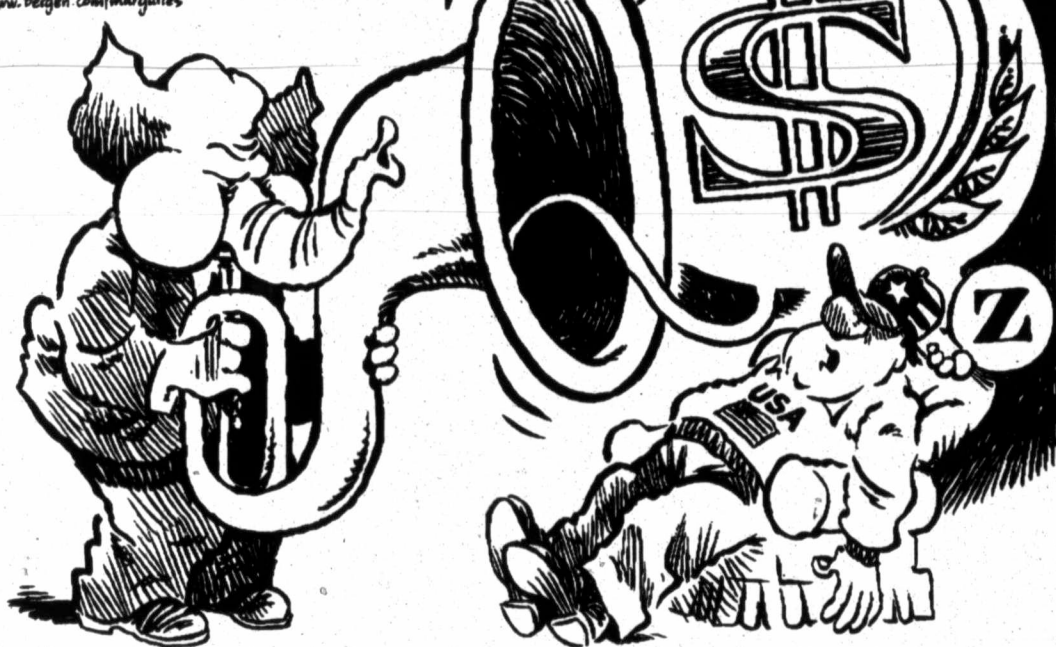
In 1849, Zachary Taylor took the oath of office at his presidential inauguration.

In 1868, the Senate was organized into a Court of Impeachment to decide charges against President Andrew Johnson.

In 1933, in German parliamentary elections, the Nazi Party won 44 percent of the vote, enabling it to join with the Nationalists to gain a slender majority in the Reichstag.

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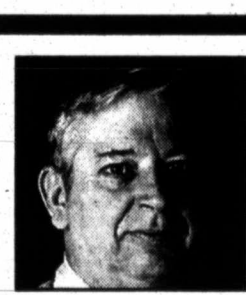
James Bovard, the American government's most unfavorable journalist, has done all who value liberty a great service: He has meticulously documented freedom's demise in America and set it all in its proper philosophical framework.

An intelligent reader of "Freedom in Chains, the Rise of the State and the Demise of the Citizen" (St. Martin's Press) will have no doubt left that American liberty is now more myth than reality, and that the U.S. government is drifting inexorably toward an authoritarian state.

It is the documentation — the specific cases, the specific rulings, the specific statements — that create the menacing mosaic of a state with an insatiable appetite for more power.

Bovard writes in his final chapter: "To blindly trust government is to automatically vest it with excessive power. To distrust government is simply to trust humanity — to trust in the ability of average people to peacefully, productively coexist without some official policing their every move. The State is merely another human institution — less creative than Microsoft, less reliable than Federal Express, less responsible than the average farmer husbanding his land, and less prudent than the average citizen spending his own paycheck."

That should give you the flavor of the book,



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

and I will leave the rest to you and simply add my own comments to reinforce his theme.

Truly, freedom is the capacity to make decisions in the absence of coercion. Since every law, by its nature and regardless of its subject, commands us to do something or not do something, it follows like a river down a hill that freedom is diminished law by law, regulation by regulation, for each one eliminates a decision we could have made ourselves.

American tyranny has come gradually, like a slowly rising river.

Each of us does not recognize the danger until the water comes in our door. Until then, it is merely someone else's problem, one we fool ourselves into thinking won't reach us.

The big problem I see for those of us who care about freedom is that we are not organized. Rather, we are separate little groups concerned mainly about one particular sub-

ject, whether it's freedom to own firearms or property rights or press rights or religious rights.

Half the time we don't even communicate, and in some cases we oppose each other.

Many newspapers, fierce about the first amendment, actually lead the campaign against the second amendment. Urban folks, mostly renters or mortgage payers, tend to be unsympathetic to the encroachment on property rights which, at the present, mainly hit large property owners like farmers or developers.

On the other hand, statisticians — those ideologically driven to increase the power of the state to point where no individual freedom is left — tend to be united and organized.

I don't know how it will end. Many Americans, it seems to me, prefer security to freedom. There is, after all, a rough and raw side to freedom, for it means assuming personal responsibility for income, home, safety and health. It means the discipline to plan and to forgo the immediate pleasure for the more distant payoff. It means hard work and a frugal habit. It means the courage to risk failure, to risk loss, and the endurance to survive them. It isn't easy.

You could say freedom is like a wild mustang that is difficult to mount and to ride, and that lots of folks prefer the comfort of a carriage drawn by government-broke horses.

Easter rabbits don't lay eggs

William Chaplar
Guest columnist

"She never said anything about bunnies and eggs, though," he continued.

I could see by the look of exasperation on the woman's face that she was growing weary of the conversation as she answered, "Honey, why don't you just keep looking for eggs, okay? We'll talk about this tonight."

Even as she spoke the words, though, I saw a look in her eyes that said the discussion would likely never take place.

Why, I wondered, was this woman trying so hard to defend the Easter bunny and the symbolic — albeit enigmatic — Easter egg? And, if she wanted to perpetuate the concept, it would seem that she would have long since put together an explanation that would pacify a seven-year-old. I had barely completed the thought, however, when it occurred to me that,

as a child, I had never been offered any sort of explanation with regards to the Easter bunny or Easter eggs or baskets or bunnies or any of the other secular traditions associated with Easter Sunday. Later in life, I discovered that many of these commonly held traditions — associated with the most important holiday of the Christian faith — had pagan origins. As I pondered the sheer irony in this, I spied my own six-year-old running toward me waving an egg she'd found.

"Daddy! Daddy!" she shouted proudly, gasping for breath. "Look what I found!"

"That's wonderful sweetheart!" I exclaimed, sharing in her elation.

"Daddy," she began after having caught her breath, "the Sunday school teacher said that Easter was about Jesus. Why do they paint eggs?"

Remembering the conversation that had just transpired between mother and child, and having no desire to make the same mistake, I smiled and answered, "Just for fun, Honey. Just for fun."

Silkwood's children break silence about their mother's death

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Karen Silkwood's children say it is still difficult to talk of their mother's death in a mysterious car crash 25 years ago near Crescent.

But they have broken their silence about their mother's Nov. 13, 1974, death in a story being released in People magazine Friday.

Michael Meadows, 29, of Tulsa, said he and his sisters — Dawn Lipsey, 28, of Tulsa and Kristi Meadows, 32, of Cleburne, Texas — made a pact years ago to not discuss their mother in the press unless all agreed. He said they agreed to speak to People if their privacy was respected.

"We talked about it and decided to speak out. We're still not seeking a lot of publicity," said Michael Meadows, who was 3 years old when his mother died. "It's not an easy thing to speak about."

Mrs. Silkwood, 28, was killed in a car accident while traveling from Crescent to Oklahoma City to speak with a New York Times reporter and a union organizer about alleged worker safety violations at Kerr-McGee's nuclear fuel facility near Crescent. A lab technician, she had been contaminated by plutonium.

Friends have said Silkwood was carrying a manila envelope containing documents that could prove that Kerr-McGee violated worker safety laws and falsified quality control reports involving the production of plutonium rods.

She was killed when her white Honda Civic swerved left of center on a straight section of Oklahoma 74, careening over a retaining wall head-on into a concrete culvert. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol ruled her death an accident caused by falling asleep at the wheel.

A Dallas accident reconstruction firm investigated the accident and drew the conclusion that her car had been bumped from behind and forced off the road. The manila envelope was not recovered.

Actress Meryl Streep starred in a 1984 movie about Mrs. Silkwood's life.

"We've always guarded our privacy with great care," said Michael Meadows. "To tell the truth, we were kind of glad that (publicity) died down after a while. It made it easier to move on."

Mrs. Lipsey was 18 months old when her mother died and Kristi Meadows was 5 years old.

In the People article, the siblings speak about their mother and her choices. Kristi Meadows said they felt left behind when Mrs. Silkwood decided to leave them with their father after their parents' divorce.

"I really, really appreciate what she did for the world," Kristi Meadows said as saying. "I can't appreciate what she did for me, my brother and my sister."

People reports that Michael Meadows's clearest memory of his mother is a swat on the behind for using a soft drink rather than milk in a bowl of cereal.

"It's sad that you remember a bad (thing)," he said. Michael Meadows, married with two daughters, said most neighbors and friends are unaware that he is Mrs. Silkwood's son.

Deputy shot, killed after inmate commandeers car

GRANTS, N.M. (AP) — A handcuffed inmate overpowered a sheriff's deputy who was taking him to prison, killing her and briefly fleeing after forcing another motorist out of his car.

Deputy Kelly Clark was driving inmate Michael Archuleta, 21, who had been convicted of receiving a stolen vehicle and assault with a deadly weapon, when he attacked her Thursday, state police said.

Authorities said Archuleta somehow got through the sliding window of a divider between the patrol car's front and back seats, took the deputy's gun and shot her. The patrol car went out of control, crossed the median and struck a tractor-trailer rig, Capt. Rudy Acosta said.

Archuleta fled after he forced another motorist out of his car. He was caught soon afterward when he stopped to make a phone call at a gas station, still wearing his handcuffs and carrying the gun.

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Minister's musings ...

I believe one of the most needed things today in our world is a clear picture of what true Christianity really is. I think we have all but forgotten what serving God and the born again experience is.

The massive organizations and programs that most of us are a part of are very overwhelming to the new convert. We all are often entangled in the traditions and I believe lose sight of the main thing.

Can we who have been a Christian a long time, truthfully say that we are walking the path that leads to God?

Knowing God changes us into richer, stronger, and more loving Christians who know what it means to deeply enjoy and to powerfully love others.

Three things keep me from cynically giving up on the hope of finding life-changing reality in Christ: Scripture, the Holy Spirit, and a few people.

The Holy Spirit has demonstrated His ability to penetrate my soul with ruthless exposure of all that I am and then to comfort or encourage, convict or prod. I know what it is to catch a glimpse of the



By Rev. Harold Hood
Hobart Baptist Church

reality of God that overwhelms me with His majesty, His holiness, and His love. In the middle of the toughest times, I have tasted the goodness of God. Several friends have deeply encouraged me with their integrity. I sense the reality of God when I'm with them. When they speak, the words come from deep parts of their souls.

The witness of the Scriptures, the Spirit, and a few Christians persuade me that there really is a path to knowing God in the midst of any circumstance.

As you walk this path, keep a few things in mind. First, don't let the confusing parts of life rob you of confidence in the central truths of Christianity. Cling to what you know is true. There is a God. He loves you. He sent His Son to die for your sins. He's promised to never leave you, and one day He'll return to make everything right. Remind yourself of these truths. In moments of soul-wrenching confusion, ponder the importance of these unchanging truths until they become burning realities in your soul. Increase your faith by regularly reading the scriptures.

Remind yourself of what you know is true, enjoy the good things that God has given you now, and look for ways to express love to people. Honor your commitment to face life honestly. Fight against defensiveness and denial.

Read your Bible, pray, worship, develop rich friendships with others who are committed to honest living. When the path of life overwhelms you, you'll need to know the truth of God, you'll need the probing support of the family of God. All three are needed to grow in faith, hope, and love.

Life really can be fun, so don't complicate it, don't compare yourself with others, keep it simple!

In closing, I would like to share a little article I found the other day. "If I had life to live over again, I'd try to make more mistakes next time. I would relax, I would limber up, I would be sillier than I had been this trip. I know very few things I would take seriously. I would take more trips. I would be crazier. I would climb more mountains, swim more rivers, and watch more sunsets. I would do more walking and looking. I would eat more ice cream and less beans. I would have more actual troubles, and fewer imaginary ones. If I had it to do over again I would go places, do things, and travel lighter than I have."

If I had live life over again I would start barefooted earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall. I would play hooky more. I wouldn't make such good grades, except by accident. I would ride on more merry-go-rounds. I'd pick more daisies.

God bless you in your journey with a loving Savior, Jesus Christ!

Twain might not understand Clemens

Mark Twain may be Samuel Clemens in body but not apparently so in spirit. The rivermeister author of dialectical prose and boy-to-man tales which examine the naughtiness of hypocrisy, racism and religion in small town life is another man when Clemens picks up the pen.

When Twain writes, our mind's eye sees the Mississippi River, Huck Finn, Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher of beloved children's, though not childish, books.

In Clemens's later life and posthumous work, his writing revealed a cynical, skeptical and nihilistic side not seen in the Twain stories. When Clemens writes, it is like being under siege from the toughest questions to haunt the communal heart of mankind.

In "Thoughts of God" written about 1890, Clemens, who in true voice could never be mistaken for Twain, pens a harsh essay on the nature of God and His role in the suffering of the world.

Indeed, Clemens says, God who has the power to abolish evil, relieve every suffer-

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By Cheryl Berzanskis



ing operates under a separate moral law than man. Clemens maintains that the "gilded mercies" attributed to God are "not in any recorded case more than mere common justices, and due - without thanks or compliment."

He continues, "To rescue without personal risk a cripple from a burning house is not a mercy, it is a mere commonplace duty, anybody would do it that could."

"There was never yet a case of suffering

or sorrow which God could not relieve," Clemens wrote. "Does He sin then? If He is the Source of Morals He does - certainly nothing can be plainer than that, you admit."

Clemens has called God a sinner, something Tom Sawyer wouldn't do, though Huck Finn might in an off-hand impersonal kind of way. He says God has a duty toward man to smooth his life's path, to rescue him from danger because it requires neither risk nor price.

Clemens certainly offers no final comfort except to suggest one wear no airs of intellectual superiority before the "bench-show" of God as a besmirched Source of Law.

Whether he intended a bit of sarcasm or a even a subtle warning is not clear.

What is crystal clear is Clemens view that God gets a better than deserved reputation promulgated by a trained parrot leading a trained congregation, neither which has the perspicacity nor will to question Him about the ironies of His character.

Bond guest speaker for area Nazarenes

In a world where professional athletes are idolized, money, fame and prestige are every boy's dream. Who would give up a chance to play in the NBA to become a missionary?

That's exactly what one Pampa Basketball player, did. Today he's Dr. Jim Bond, one time all American from Pampa High School, and a two time NAIA All-American for two years. Jim was inducted into five Halls of Fame, including the NAIA and the National High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He gave up all the glory of being a professional athlete to pursue seminary and eventually a call to the mission field.

He has served as a missionary for the Church of the Nazarene in Brazil as well as pastoring in Kansas, Wyoming, Idaho, Oklahoma, and Colorado. He served as the International President of the Nazarene Youth International, President of Point Loma Nazarene College and in 1997 he was elected as one of the six General Superintendents of International Church of the Nazarene.

Dr. Jim Bond will be our guest speaker at "Hope for the Family" Conference, Wednesday-Sunday, Mar. 10-14, 7 p.m. nightly and Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Tascosa High School Auditorium in Amarillo.

Hope for the Families is sponsored by the area Churches of the Nazarene.

Southern Baptists report overseas gains

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's International Mission Board reports that its foreign missionaries and their co-workers baptized 330,738 converts during 1998, a 12.3 percent increase over 1997.

The number of SBC-related foreign congregations and "preaching points" (potential future congregations) increased by 7.1 percent, to 9,236. All told they

had more than 5 million members.

The board cited two examples of regional groups overseas that it did not identify, saying it wanted to protect the young churches. In one of the anonymous groups, there were 30 congregations a decade ago compared with 2,000 today with 50,000 members. The other group had 85 believers five years ago; last year, 355 new congregations were established.

Briefly

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Dieters not living on bread alone

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Many food worshippers struggling to shed pounds are coming to a new revelation: They are losing weight through prayer and the Bible.

There is no fasting. Instead, participants in The Weigh Down Workshop, a program taught by volunteers in churches throughout the country, use prayer and Scripture to fight the temptation to overeat.

"Scripture helps us get through that time when we're struggling," said Ron Hornbeck, a devotee of the workshop.

Some dietitians and theologians, however, say people must be careful about mixing faith and dieting. They say some people may get wrong, even dangerous messages. Believing that God loves or favors only those who are thin trivializes faith, they say, and psychological problems that sometimes underlie obesity may require medical or dietary interventions, not just prayer.

Regardless of the skepticism, Christian diet programs are growing rapidly, becoming a major player in the \$40 billion a year weight-loss industry.

Since Weigh Down Workshop began taking its message to churches six years ago, more than 250,000 people have attended its workshops worldwide. And founder Gwen Shamblin has sold nearly 1 million copies of her book, "The Weigh Down Diet."

First Place, another Christian health and diet program, has spread through more than 10,000 churches. Overeaters Anonymous is also a spirituality-based program.

There are others, each with a different approach, but their message to overeaters is united — substitute a love of God for a love of food.

"The reason why America is so overweight is that they've been told dieting is the key," said Shamblin, a registered dietitian who lives in Franklin, Tenn. "But dieting only makes people focus on the food. God will provide a way of escaping overeating."

Her plan sounds simple, almost too simple: Eat when you are truly hungry, and eat just to feel full.

The idea came to her after watching a thin friend eat, noticing that she finished half of a hamburger and then started to wrap it up. That's what led Shamblin to practice what she now preaches.

She contends that since God created all food, there are no "bad foods." She cites Bible verses such as Colossians 2:16, which says "let no one pass judgment on you in question of food and drink."

"God didn't put bacon on this Earth and make it smell so great to tell you that you couldn't eat it," Shamblin said.

It's an appealing approach to dieters tired of following regimented eating plans or those afraid of the effects of controversial diet pills.

"I had been on a lot of other diet programs and I had to give up so much," said Pam Denman, now a workshop organizer in Toledo. "I thought that just isn't fair."

Under this weight-loss plan, nothing is off limits — not even cheeseburgers, fried chicken or chocolate cake. There's no counting calories; there are no exercise videos to mimic.

"We have always been taught that fat foods are bad, but Scripture tells us no food is off limits," Hornbeck said.

There are doubters. Nutritionists question the wisdom of allowing dieters to have a menu without restrictions.

"I think we have to be careful with that to make sure a person gets enough fruits and vegetables in their diet," said Shirley Kindrick, director of Comprehensive Weight Management at Ohio State University.

"Not everybody knows how to choose what they should eat," she said. "It's knowing what's appropriate."

But she also gives credit to the idea of getting up from the table when full.

"Most of the time we eat on autopilot and we end up eating more than we realize," Kindrick said.

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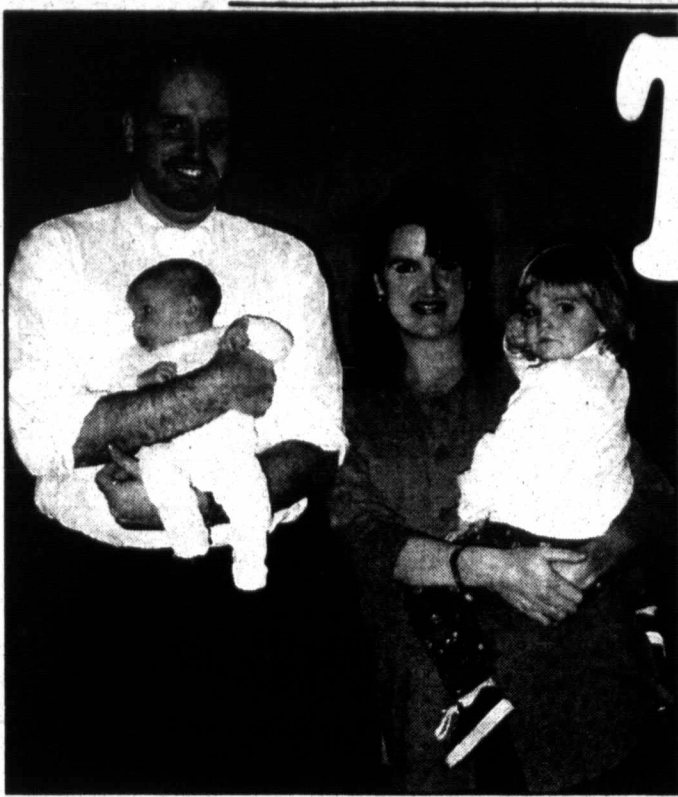
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Yates wife Kim is a graduate of UT with her MA from UCLA. They have two children, Amanda (2 years) and Seth (2 months).

The Bible Church is where families gather to study the Word of God and to fellowship around the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have Sunday school classes for all ages. AWANA meets on Wednesday evenings for children pre-school through 6th grade and on Sunday evenings for Middle School and High School.

Our Schedule is ... Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service 10:50 a.m.; Sunday Evening AWANA 5:30-7:00 p.m.; Prayer Meeting 5:30-6:00 p.m.; Evening Service 6:00-7:00 p.m. & Wednesday AWANA 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 51 and on SSI because I'm disabled. In order to have a roof over my head, I have shared housing. I left the last house-sharing situation because it was dangerous for my grandchildren to visit me. Then I moved in with "Mr. Blank."

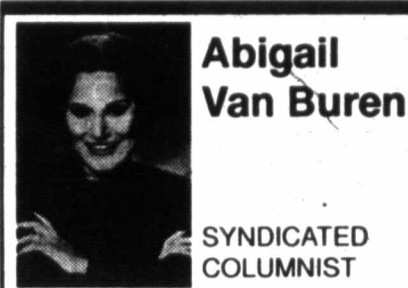
Abby, this man treats me like a princess. I don't have to do anything I don't want to do. In fact, I could sleep all day if I want to. I love living here.

The problem is, Mr. Blank thinks he's in love with me and wants to tell his children that we are a couple. Abby, he's much older than I am, and I don't think I could ever love him the way he wants me to. (I quit looking for a love match years ago.) However, I would have no place to go if he became angry and asked me to move.

Mr. Blank reads your column every day, so please help me by printing my letter. Perhaps he will recognize himself and understand that I can't make a commitment to him, but I want to remain his friend.

HAPPY HOUSEMATE

DEAR HAPPY HOUSEMATE: In case Mr. Blank does not recognize himself in my column, I suggest you set the record straight with him yourself. Tell him how much you love living there and how much you appreciate his kindness, but let him know that you are not looking for a commitment. Assure him



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

that it's nothing personal, but you stopped looking for love a long time ago, and if you change your mind, he'll be the first to know. Good luck!

DEAR ABBY: I have a pet peeve: people who call me on the phone and expect me to recognize their voices. This is especially irritating when it involves business calls. One of our company's clients never identifies himself. He has a pleasant voice but it has no unique quality, and every time he calls I have to ask who is calling. It's embarrassing for me and I worry that it insults him. I don't want to lose a client, and I certainly don't want to tell him that his voice is so ordinary I simply cannot recognize it.

Isn't it a matter of courtesy when you call someone to announce your name and ask for the person with whom you would like to speak?

CLUELESS IN MILWAUKEE

DEAR CLUELESS: I agree it is courteous to identify yourself

when placing a call — especially a business call. One way to eliminate embarrassment is by answering business calls with an introduction that pleasantly requests callers to identify themselves right off the bat. For example: "Good afternoon. Company ABC. Mary Smith speaking. Who's calling, please?"

DEAR ABBY: I just turned 18, and my divorced mother and her steady boyfriend recently broke up. Now she wants to double-date with me.

Abby, my mother is almost 40 years old, and I'll never be able to get a date if I must double-date with her. What can I do? Mom reads your column, and I'm hoping you will publish my letter so she'll see that double-dating with me is not a good idea.

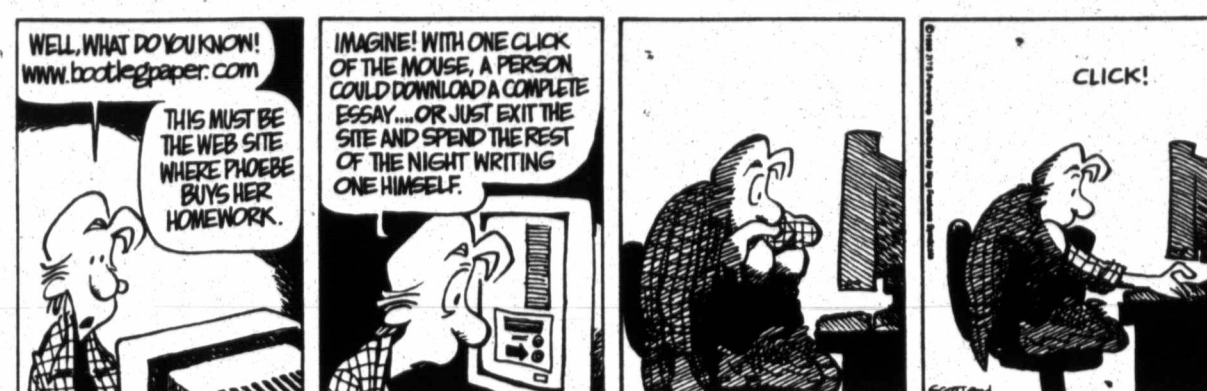
DAUGHTER IN A BIND

DEAR DAUGHTER: Your mother may be almost 40, but she has young ideas. Tell her you still need her to be a mother, not a "pal" — that at your age it would inhibit you and your date. However, in another five or six years (when you're all closer to the same level of maturity), it might be more fun for all of you.

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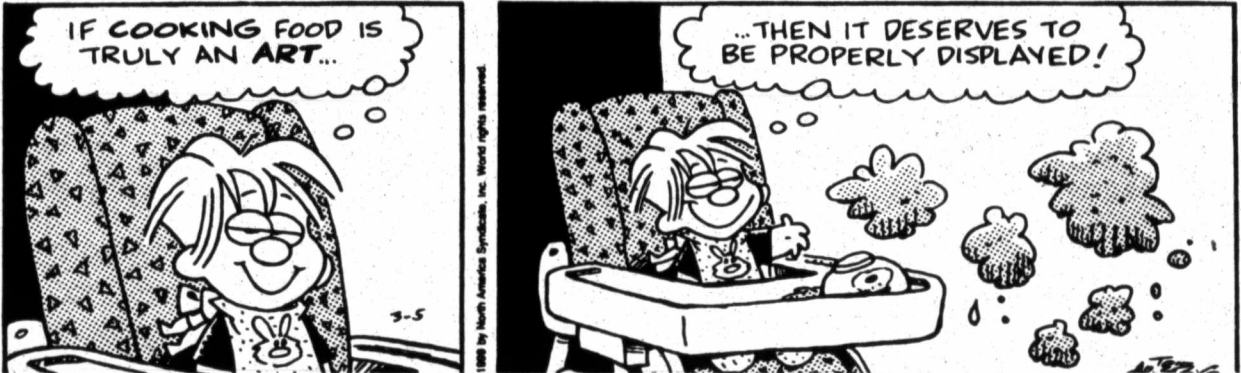
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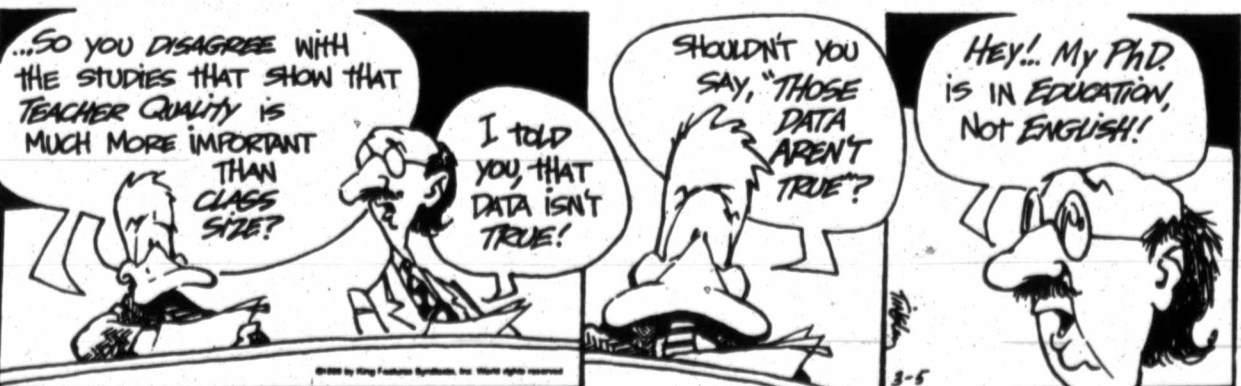
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Horoscope

SUNDAY, MAR. 7, 1999

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)

★★★★ Bright ideas come from hanging out with friends, especially one with a runaway imagination. Read between the lines. One-to-one relating is important; it chills out a partner. Appeal to reason. Talk about what is bothering you. Tonight: Do some research or watch a sci-fi movie.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Allow another to give you feedback. Evaluate what seems too good to be true. Trust your inner voice. Start up conversations, but stay centered. Friends gather around you. You love celebration; make it happen. Tonight: Socializing to the extreme.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Complete a project if you can. A friend could tempt you with an offer that is most appealing. What's wrong with taking off? The challenge is figuring out how you can do both. Brainstorm with someone you put on a pedestal. Be more conscious of your image. Tonight: Call it an early night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might feel shoved by a child or loved one. Sometimes you need to say "no" instead of being so agreeable. A partner is not centered in a financial matter, and you might not even care. Be more in touch with what you can expect, finan-

cially, from your work. Tonight: Make fun of your highest priority.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Listen more carefully to news from a family member. Make a long-distance call. An associate adds confusion without intending to. Discuss his vision, and try to walk in his footsteps. Spending time with another helps bond you even closer. Tonight: Order in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Communication flows, and you come out on top. Listen, share and make plans. Visiting with others, catching up on news and socializing is presently your forte. Your energy could ebb; ask a partner to pitch in and help. You might be amazed by how willing another is. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Expenditures could go out of whack; only you will have to answer for this. A child or loved one could be deceiving you unintentionally. Help him see what is going on, if you can. Laughter and goodwill mix. Share a project with a loved one. Tonight: Use caution with funds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You are full of pep and energy. Get into a game of racquetball; you'll have plenty of energy to get even more done. Socialize and make time for a loved one. A child shows his caring in a very touching manner. Don't worry about work; that can wait until tomorrow. Tonight: Others can't help but respond to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ Listen carefully to feedback from another. You might be hazy over an issue, but you really don't have the luxury of being this conflicted. A child or loved one makes an excellent point. You might be hard-

pressed to make a decision, but don't! Relax and mellow out. Tonight: Take some time just for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Aim high and know what you want. You could be distracted by another's version of what is going on. Be careful about a purchase; you might not be seeing the complete story. Join a friend for a meal and a visit. Take time to catch up on news in general. Tonight: Wherever you are, having a good time!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You could feel clouded. Make time for relaxing and visiting with a friend. You hear something "on the q.t." Laughter marks your day, though you'll still need to make a must appearance. Be careful about spending; you could easily go overboard. Tonight: Enjoying yourself!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Make plans to go to the movies or escape to a concert. You need a break and the space to let your mind expand and relax. Browse, take a drive or do whatever relaxes you. You might think you are on the nose about a money matter. Careful! Tonight: Try some foreign cuisine.

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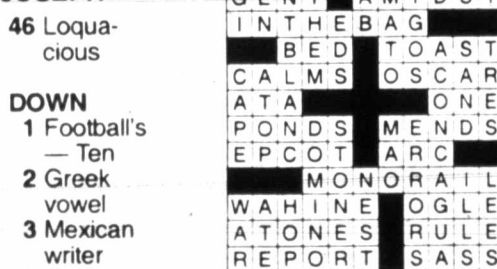
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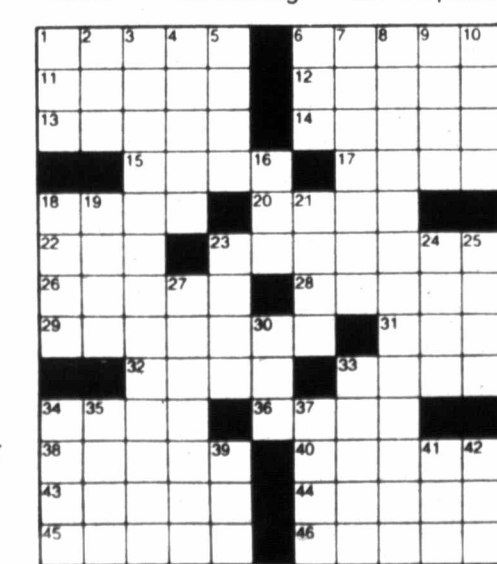
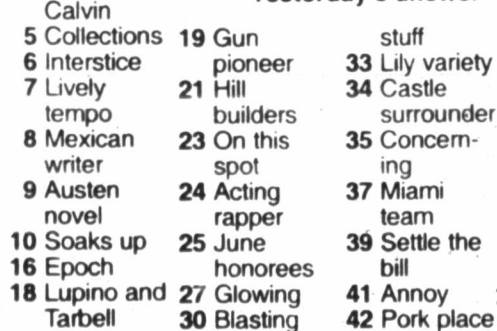
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Notebook

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — There will be a Pampa Football Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Ready Room at the PHS athletic building.

Fund-raisers for the 1999 season will be discussed.

The public is invited to attend. Parents of football players are especially urged to come to the meeting.

BASKETBALL

CANADIAN — Angela Bivins, Abby Hendershot and Kathy Lee of Canadian have been named to the 1998-99 All-District 5-2A girls' basketball team.

Lynz Browning, Spearman, was named the district's most valuable player.

Others named to the all-district team were Camille Smith and Kristen Beedy of Spearman, Alicia Gage and Natasha Irvin of West Texas High, Jamie Keith of Sunray, Julie Kimball and Jessica King of Stratford.

Canadian finished with a 17-11 record and reached the regional semifinals.

EMPORIA, Kan. (AP) — Valerie Valdes scored 20 points and Brandi Green added 16 to lead West Texas A&M to a 68-65 win over Southwest Baptist in the first round of the NCAA Division II South Central Regional.

The Lady Buffs (22-10), who led 33-29 at the break, committed 21 turnovers Thursday but shot 57 percent from the field.

Shari Grady scored a game-high 21 for Southwest Baptist (21-7).

Southwest Baptist came back from a 12-point deficit with less than seven minutes left, but Irene Sourlatzis missed a 3-point attempt with three seconds remaining.

The fifth-seeded Lady Buffs will play No. 1-seed Emporia State Friday.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Pampa plays two games Saturday morning at Fritch. The Harvesters meet Fritch at 9:30 and then play Guymon, Okla. at 11:30.

The Harvesters will be looking for their first win after dropping a 13-9 slugfest to Amarillo High last week.

Brandon Hill and Russell Robben each hit home runs for Pampa. Jonathan Waggoner had a double.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams, who has played parts of four seasons in baseball's minor leagues, has told the Texas Rangers that he will not play baseball this year to pursue a career in the NFL.

Rangers general manager Doug Melvin placed the University of Texas athlete on the restricted list Thursday after getting a letter from Williams informing that he won't be reporting to the Rangers' spring training camp in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Williams will not count against the team's major league roster and will remain the club's property if he decides later to resume a baseball career. With the move, the Rangers have 39 players on their major league roster.

The Philadelphia Phillies selected the right-handed outfielder in the eighth round of the June 1995 free agent draft, and he has played in their farm system each summer since then. The Montreal Expos selected him off Philadelphia's Scranton roster in the Rule V draft on Dec. 14 and sold him to the Rangers the following day.

Williams was named college football's outstanding player last fall and is expected to be one of the first picks in the NFL's upcoming college draft.

"I have spent a lot of time weighing all of my options, and at this point, I think the best thing for me to do is provide 100 percent of my attention to my immediate future in the National Football League," Williams said Thursday.

PHS cagers all-district

PAMPA — Jordanna Young and Gary Alexander of Pampa have been named to the 1998-99 All-District 1-4A Basketball Teams.

Young, a 5-6 junior, was named to the first-team all-district girls' team.

Alexander, a 5-9 sophomore, was named to the second-team all-district boys' team.

Both Young and Alexander were the leading scorers on the PHS teams. Young averaged around 12 points per game to lead the Lady Harvesters in scoring for the second consecutive year.

Alexander averaged around 14 points per game.

ALL-DISTRICT 3-4A TEAMS

Girls

First Team

Jordanna Young, Pampa, 5-6 guard, jr.; Casey Jackson, Palo Duro, 6-0 post, jr.; Tori Walker, Hereford, 5-8 guard, jr.; LaKishia Harper, Palo Duro, 5-11 guard, sr.; Beth Ratliff, Dumas, 5-10 post, jr.; Maggie Sauls, Borger, 5-9 wing, soph.; Sabre Parks, Caprock, 5-6 guard, jr.

Second Team

Valerie Guzman, Hereford, 5-8 post, jr.; Julianna Morrison, Palo Duro, 5-6 guard, jr.; Wendy Artho, Dumas, 5-7 wing, sr.; Lacey Beauchamp, Dumas, 5-6 wing, sr.; Jessica Ornelas, Caprock, 5-5 guard, sr.; Makesha Rives, Hereford, 5-6 guard, sr.; Amber Johnson, Borger, 6-0 post, sr.

Superlatives

Coach of the year: A. J. Johnson, Palo Duro.

Boys

First Team

Brandon Campbell, Palo Duro, 5-6 guard, sr.; Kenneth Brown, Palo Duro, 6-1 forward, jr.; Cody Hodges, Hereford, 6-0 guard, soph.; Derrick Collins, Caprock, 6-4 post, soph.; Tony Powell, Borger, 5-10 guard, sr.; Cornelius Jones, Palo Duro, 5-9 guard, jr.; Eron Haynes, Borger, 6-1 post, soph.

Second Team

Gary Alexander, Pampa, 5-9 guard, soph.; Slade Hodges, Hereford, 6-0 guard, soph.; Jermaine Johnson, Palo Duro, 6-3 forward, sr.; Chayse Rives, Hereford, 6-2 post, Hereford; Jay Fields, Caprock, 6-2 wing, soph.; Gabriel Garcia, Caprock, 6-2 wing, soph.; Phillip Wilson, Palo Duro, 6-4 forward, jr.

Superlatives

Coach of the year: Tim Thomas, Palo Duro.

Player of the year: Brandon Campbell, Palo Duro.

Volleyball signee



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa senior Lisa Dwight signs a letter of intent to play volleyball at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. Lisa's parents, Dan and Susie Dwight, are also pictured.

Oklahoma-Oklahoma St. matchup set; Colorado gets champion Longhorns

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The fruits of victory for Big 12 winners after the first round of the postseason tournament were only a bigger challenge today.

Oklahoma State had little time to savor its first-round victory Thursday. The Cowboys will try to survive this afternoon against an Oklahoma team they've already lost to twice this season.

"We haven't played well against them," Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said of his in-state rivals. "We need to do a better job of attacking the zone. And even if they go out of the zone they play a great man-to-man."

Colorado won in the post-season tournament for the first time in nine years — only to earn the right to play regular-season champion Texas.

"We'll have to watch (Chris) Mihm and (Gabe) Muoneke, they're great players," said Buffs guard Kenny Price, echoing the sentiment of the rest of the league towards the Longhorns' all-conference players.

In first-round games, Oklahoma State downed Baylor 83-57, Colorado got past Iowa State 69-61, Kansas State defeated Texas A&M 87-76 and Nebraska stole the show from Texas Tech 69-50.

The pairings today have Colorado (17-13) against top-seeded Texas (18-11) at noon, Oklahoma State (20-9) and fourth-seeded Oklahoma (20-9) at 2:20 p.m., Kansas State (19-11) and second-seeded Missouri (20-7) at 6 p.m. and Nebraska (19-11) versus third-seeded Kansas (19-9) at 8:20 p.m.

Oklahoma State sent Baylor home on a 17-game losing streak and without a victory to show for the Big 12 season. But everyone took pause to praise the way Bears senior Kish Lewis played

out his career.

"I voted him all-conference," Sutton said. "He scored 70 points in three games against us. I don't know what other teams do to stop him." Lewis spent the very last minutes of his career diving for loose balls with his team hopelessly behind.

"I told myself to just go out and play as hard as you can," he said. "Do your best, and then you've got nothing to be ashamed of. I think I did that."

Baylor's horrible season left coach Harry Miller's future in doubt. "The question regarding where is Harry Miller will be answered in the next couple of days," he said. "And that's all I'll say about that."

Lewis hit 12-of-23 field goals, tying the tournament records set by Paul Pierce in 1997. He scored 29 points.

Colorado turned back a stubborn Iowa State team as Jaquay Walls threaded his way through the Cyclones defense for 20 points. It was the fifth straight win for the Buffs, making it only the third time since 1973 that Colorado had beaten five straight league opponents.

"Sometimes we come out and look for Kenny to score," Walls said of Price, who only had 12. "We like to come through and try to take some of the pressure off Kenny."

Iowa State, which has labored through a long season anchored by Marcus Fizer, kept getting within a point in the second half before finally fading.

JV girls beat Borger

BORGER — In junior varsity softball action earlier this week, Pampa defeated Borger by a score of 8-7.

Stephanie Clark picked up the mound win to even her record at 1-1 for the season.

The four-inning contest was as close as the score indicated. Going into the bottom of the fourth, Pampa clung to a one-run lead.

Outstanding defensive plays were made on two well-hit

balls and Clark fanned the final batter to preserve the victory.

Jessica Conner at third and Chasity Nachtigall at shortstop each made an exceptional defensive play to help bring the game to an end.

For the game, Clark issued three walks, hit two batters and allowed four hits while striking out five.

Jessica Conner led Pampa in hitting with a double and two singles. Clark followed with a triple and single.

Pampa track team



(Pampa News photo)

The Pampa girls track team is headed for the Iowa Park meet today and Saturday after opening the season by winning the ABC-Tiger Relays last weekend in Frenship. Team members are (front row, from left) Kristin Stowers, Joy Young, LaVonne Evans and Lacrese Ford; (second row, from left) Eurika Brown, Randa Morris, Shelly Sims, Chelsea McCullough, Robin Williams and Chasity Nachtigall; (third row, from left) Sarah Durrett, Chrystal Shepard, Lindsey Narron, Tandi Morton, Ashleigh Patton and Emily Hartman. The Lady Harvesters went unbeaten in regular-season track meets last season and won the District 3-4A title for the 13th time in the past 15 years.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday's Major College Basketball Scores

By The Associated Press

FAR WEST

Arizona 88, Southern Cal 73

California 68, Oregon St 61

Stanford 73, Oregon 61

UCLA 68, Arizona St 65

TOURNAMENTS

Atlantic 10 Conference

Quarterfinals

George Washington 100, Dayton 90

Rhode Island 83, La Salle 58

Temple 64, Virginia Tech 51

Xavier 72, Massachusetts 68

Atlantic Coast Conference

First Round

Duke 104, Virginia 67

Florida St 87, Clemson 85, OT

Big 12 Conference

First Round

Colorado 69, Iowa St 61

Kansas St 87, Texas A&M 76

Nebraska 69, Texas Tech 50

Oklahoma St 83, Baylor 57

Big East Conference

Quarterfinals

Connecticut 57, Seton Hall 56

Miami 65, Georgetown 54

St. John's 77, Rutgers 62

Syracuse 70, Villanova 62

Big Sky Conference

First Round

Montana St 91, CS Northridge 90

Portland St 80, E. Washington 74

Big Ten Conference

First Round

Illinois 67, Minnesota 64

Michigan 79, Purdue 73, OT

Northwestern 54, Penn St 44

Big West Conference

First Round

Boise St 77, Cal St-Fullerton 60

Long Beach St 81, Idaho 76

New Mexico St 89, Pacific 78

UC Santa Barbara 75, Utah St 74

Conference USA

Quarterfinals

Aia-Birmingham 79, DePaul 73

Cincinnati 76, South Florida 56

Louisville 70, Saint Louis 61

N.C. Charlotte 83, Southern Miss 75

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

Quarterfinals

Morgan St 67, Hampton 66

N. Carolina A&T 61, Bethune-Cookman 50

Southeastern Conference

First Round

Alabama 65, Georgia 58

Florida 97, LSU 75

Mississippi 64, South Carolina 60

Mississippi St 76, Vanderbilt 58

Western Athletic Conference

Quarterfinals

New Mexico 51, Rice 49

New Mexico St 71, UNLV 70

Tulsa 85, Fresno St 56

Utah 81, Brigham Young 62

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

UIL Girls' State Basketball Tournament

Class 4A Semifinals

Canyon 52, Bay City 42

Dallas Lincoln 51, SA Sam Houston 44

Class 1A Semifinal

Valley View 61, Borden County 58

Vega 66, Moulton 55

Class 3A Semifinal

Lufkin Hudson 47, Wimberley 37

Winnbro 72, Shallowater 44

TRANSACTIONS

Thursday's Sports Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with

RHP Geoff Edel, RHP Shigetoshi

Hasegawa, RHP Jarrod Washburn, INF Troy

Glaus, INF Chris Pritchett, OF Orlando

Palmeri and C-OF Phil Nevin on one-year

contracts. Renewed the contract of C Todd

Greene.

BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with C

Jason Varitek, C Steve Lomasney, LHP Ron

Mahay, LHP Brian Barkley, RHP Jin Ho Cho

and RHP Jack Cressend on one-year con-

tracts. Renewed the contracts of RHP Brian

Rose, RHP Derek Lowe, C Scott Hatteberg,

INF Lou Merloni and INF Donnie Sadler.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Released OF

Curtis Pride.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with

RHP Darrell Eimerson, RHP Jay Tassmer,

RHP Todd Erdos, RHP Jim Bruske and C Mike

Frigga on one-year contracts.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with

RHP Danny Patterson. Renewed the contract

of RHP Al Levine.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Announced INF

Tomas Perez cleared waivers and was sent

outright to Syracuse of the International

League.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms

with SS Tony Batista, INF-OF Andy Fox

and RHP Amaury Telemaco on one-year con-

tracts.

COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms

with OF Larry Walker on a six-year contract

extension, and RHP John Thomson on a one-

year contract.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with

RHP Ryan Dempster, LHP Kirt Ojala, INF Luis

Castillo, INF Craig Counsell, INF Kevin One,

OF Todd Dunwoody and OF Preston Wilson.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms

with C Bobby Estelle on a one-year contract.

Renewed the contracts of OF Wendell Magee

and RHP Carlton Loewer.

SAN JAGO PADRES—Signed LHP Heath

Murray, RHP Matt Clement, RHP Stan

Spencer, INF Damian Jackson, RHP Carlos

Almaraz, RHP Will Cunnane, 3B George

Anas, INF Ed Giovannola, INF Andy Sheets, CF

Ruben Rivera, RHP Brian Boehringer to one-

year contracts. Renewed the contract of RHP

Donnie Wahl.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

ATLANTA HAWKS—Activated G Steve Smith

from the injured list. Released G Jeff

Sheppard.

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Placed G

Moochie Norris on the injured list. Activated G

Drew Barry from the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed CB Ronnie

Bradford to a multi-year contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed RB Terry

Kirby.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Re-signed WR Pat

Palmer.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed CB

Aaron Beasley, RB Chris Howard, LB Eddie

Mason, LB Erik Storz, DE Jabbar Threats

and DE Larnier Williams.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed QB Kurt Warner,

TE Chad Lewis, DE Joe Rowe, QB-WR

Donald Sellers, G Tom Nugent and LB John

Munch.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed S Brian

Clark to a one-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed LB

Vernon Strickland.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Re-signed TE

Christian Fauria to a three-year contract.

Signed FB Oscar Gray.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Recalled D

Mike Crowley from Cincinnati of the AHL.

BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled RW Landon

Wilson from Providence of the AHL.

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Assigned F

Shane Willis to New Haven of the AHL.

EDMONTON OILERS—Assigned C Chris

Ferraro and LW Dan LaCouture to Hamilton of

the AHL.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Claimed RW Mike

Maneluk off waivers from the Chicago

Blackhawks.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled G Jimmy

Wheat and RW Stephen Leach from

Springfield of the AHL.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Signed D Didier

Tremblay.

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Assigned C Jarrod

Skalde to Kentucky of the AHL.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled LW Brent

Peterson from Cleveland of the IHL. Assigned

G Derek Wilkerson to Cleveland.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Recalled LW

Lonny Bohonos from St. John's of the AHL.

PRO BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

At A Glance

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	12	4	.750	—
Miami	11	4	.733	1/2
Philadelphia	10	5	.667	1 1/2
New York	9	6	.600	2 1/2
Boston	6	7	.462	4 1/2
Washington	5	9	.357	6
New Jersey	3	12	.200	8 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Indiana	11	4	.733	—
Detroit	10	6	.625	1 1/2
Milwaukee	8	5	.615	2
Atlanta	8	8	.500	3 1/2
Cleveland	6	8	.429	4 1/2
Toronto	5	9	.357	5 1/2
Charlotte	4	10	.286	6 1/2
Chicago	4	12	.250	7 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	12	3	.800	—
Minnesota	10	5	.667	2
Houston	9	7	.563	3 1/2
San Antonio	8	8	.500	4 1/2
Dallas	6	11	.353	7
Denver	5	11	.313	7 1/2
Vancouver	4	12	.250	8 1/2

Portland

W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	11	3	.786	—
L.A. Lakers	11	6	.647	1 1/2
Seattle	9	5	.643	2

Phoenix

W	L	Pct	GB	
Phoenix	9	7	.563	3
Sacramento	7	9	.438	5
Golden State	6	9	.400	5 1/2
L.A. Clippers	0	14	.000	11

Wednesday's Games

Indiana 106, Washington 86

Philadelphia 102, Chicago 85

Orlando 93, Charlotte 76

Milwaukee 106, Golden State 78

Utah 109, Vancouver 86

Portland 97, Sacramento 93, OT

L.A. Lakers 101, Phoenix 95

Thursday's Games

Detroit 99, Cleveland 84

Charlotte 96, New Jersey 82

Toronto 86, Atlanta 77

Miami 95, Denver 87

San Antonio 95, Dallas 79

Houston 96, L.A. Clippers 77

Minnesota 102, Vancouver 93

Phoenix 101, Seattle 93

Friday's Games

Golden State at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.

Denver at Boston, 7 p.m.

Orlando at Toronto, 8 p.m.

New York at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

Dallas at Utah, 9 p.m.

Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.

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

Saturday's Games

Golden State at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Detroit at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Houston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Miami at Indiana, 12:30 p.m.

New Jersey at New York, 12:30 p.m.

Washington at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.

Boston at Toronto, 3 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Utah, 6 p.m.

San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.

Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Minnesota at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Houston at Portland, 9 p.m.

Syracuse looking forward to rematch with No. 3 UConn

NEW YORK (AP) — Syracuse got exactly what it wanted in the Big East tournament semifinals against No. 3 Connecticut — an opportunity to prove that what happened the first time they played was no fluke.

The Orangemen ended UConn's 19-game winning streak 59-42 on Feb. 1, but the Huskies figure the loss ought to have an asterisk because regulars Richard Hamilton and Jake Voskuhl were out with injuries. With Hamilton and Voskuhl healthy, the Huskies got even with a 70-58 win last Sunday in the final game of the regular season.

Now Syracuse (21-10) gets another chance after beating Villanova 70-62 Thursday following UConn's 57-56 squeaker over Seton Hall (15-14). Logic suggests the Orangemen were rooting for an upset by the Pirates. Etan Thomas, whose 17 points and 10 rebounds led the victory over Villanova, said that was just not so.

"We didn't want Seton Hall to win," Thomas said. "We wanted Connecticut. We know we're capable of beating them. We did it the first time and we wanted another chance."

They got it thanks to a late rally by UConn that beat a determined Seton Hall team. With 1:44 left, the Huskies (26-2) trailed by a point, but consecutive baskets by Kevin Freeman and two foul shots apiece by Khalid El-Amin and Richard Hamilton rescued them.

"Some of them have a belief that you're not going to lose," coach Jim Calhoun said, "and after 25 wins, our kids certainly believe that."

Tonight's other semifinal sends No. 9 Miami — the only other team to beat UConn this season — against No. 10 St. John's.

Miami (22-5) advanced with a 65-54 victory over Georgetown (15-15) while St. John's (24-7) defeated Rutgers (18-12) 77-62.

The Hurricanes had been eliminated from the Big East tourney six times by Georgetown, including four straight, and were determined to end that frustration.

"Georgetown had a reputation of putting us out of the tournament in the past, and we didn't want that to happen," said Mario

In the stacks, a 400-year-old horoscope discovered

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Astronomer Anthony Misch was tending to his own research when he stumbled upon a rare and startling find buried in a drawer: a horoscope penned centuries ago by a famous predecessor, Johannes Kepler.

The predictions for an Austrian nobleman, written by the man who helped discover the laws of

orbital motion, were found by Misch under various 19th- and 20th-century documents in December.

"It made me tremble a bit to find something like that," he said Thursday.

It's not clear exactly what Kepler's horoscope predicted for the life of Hans Hannibal Huetter

von Huetterhofen, who was born in 1586.

"Whether it said to collect your taxes from your serfs tomorrow or don't put your money on the Holy Roman Empire, I don't know," said Misch, an astronomer at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

The document found in the school's archives

includes the nobleman's date and time of birth in German, as well as a sepia-colored diamond with an X through it enclosed by a square.

It is signed by another eminent astronomer, Wilhelm Struve, declaring the horoscope is written "in the hand of Kepler, from the collection of Kepler Manuscripts in Pulkova."



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Cohen mission aimed at building support for U.S.

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Intensifying its efforts to secure Arab support, the Clinton administration is accusing Iraq of a broad array of human rights violations, from political assassinations to the wholesale destruction of minority communities.

Defense Secretary William Cohen arrived today in Bahrain for ministerial meetings. It was first stop on a five-day tour of allied states in the Persian Gulf region. Cohen is seeking to shore up support for the almost constant battles between U.S. aircraft and Iraqi air defense batteries in northern and southern Iraq.

Cohen is the latest senior administration official to travel to the Gulf seeking to avert any softening of allied support from countries that host much of the U.S. military force in the region.

On a broader front, the administration released the text of a letter from President Clinton to House and Senate leaders explaining U.S. policy toward Iraq and including an intelligence summary of alleged Iraqi human rights violations.

"The human rights situation throughout Iraq continues to be a cause for grave concern," Clinton said in the letter, addressed to House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Sen. Strom Thurmond, president pro-tem of the Senate. "The Iraqi army has stepped up repressive operations against the (ethnic) Shia in the south. ... In the north, outside the Kurdish controlled areas, the government continues the forced expulsion of ethnic Kurds and Turkomen from Kirkuk and other cities."

Clinton said most of the reports come from the repressed ethnic minorities and that some could

not be independently confirmed. The minority groups have consistently portrayed the Iraqi regime in a harsh light and Saddam Hussein's government has dismissed many of the charges as exaggerations or fabrications.

The administration and Congress are trying to funnel support to the strongest of these opposition groups. "We will work toward the day when Iraq has a government worthy of its people," Clinton said.

While Clinton said some of these groups, particularly in northern Iraq, are demonstrating greater unity, outside experts in Washington and U.S. intelligence officials say there is no sign that any group is in a position to oust Saddam. What is clear is that these groups are operating under intensifying pressure from the Baghdad regime.

Specifically, the administration reported:

—In mid-November the administration received unconfirmed reports that 150 people had been executed in Amara in northern Iraq, with three bodies left hanging from the city's main bridge over the Tigris River as a warning to opponents of the regime.

—An additional 172 people, some detained since 1991 in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War, were reported executed at two Iraqi prisons. Bodies returned to families showed clear signs of torture.

—In December the administration learned that a mass grave containing at least 25 bodies was found near the Khoraisan River east of Baghdad.

—Saddam's regime "continues to work toward the destruction of the (southern Iraqi) Marsh Arabs' way of life and the unique ecology of the

southern marshes. In the past two months, seven more villages were reportedly destroyed on the margins of the marshes, with irrigation cut off."

—On Feb. 19, the Shia Grand Ayatollah

Mohammed al-Sadr was assassinated in Iraq along with several relatives. "Opposition sources indicate this murder was the work of the Saddam regime," Clinton said.

Leader says Kosovo Albanians might sign peace deal early

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Kosovo Albanians might sign an interim peace accord ahead of schedule, one of their top leaders said today. Such a move would increase pressure on the Serbs to drop resistance to the peace plan.

The United States has launched a new diplomatic push to nail down ethnic Albanians' signatures on the deal. At the head of that drive, former senator and Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole arrived in Macedonia today to talk to ethnic Albanian leaders.

Dole traveled to the Balkans after a request by President Clinton. Unless a last-minute attempt to get a Yugoslav visa to enter Kosovo succeeds, Dole will most likely meet the Kosovar leaders in Skopje, the capital of neighboring Macedonia, a senior U.S. official said on condition of anonymity.

If ethnic Albanians sign the deal pushed by the United States and its European allies, all pressure would focus on Serbia, which is under the threat of NATO strikes if it remains defiant.

The deal does not offer the independence sought by ethnic Albanians, who make up 90 percent of Kosovo's population. Rather it offers a broad autonomy

within Serbia, the dominant republic in Yugoslavia.

"It is possible the Kosovo Albanian side will sign the agreement before the set deadline on March 15," ethnic Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova told journalists.

Rugova said that signing by the Albanians before the deadline is "entirely up to the international mediators." He did not elaborate.

Kosovo Albanian negotiators balked at signing a deal when peace talks broke up last month in Rambouillet, France, but they promised to sign by the time talks resumed on March 15.

The Yugoslav government, led by President Slobodan Milosevic, said it would allow autonomy, but rejects the deal because of Western demands that the peace be enforced by up to 28,000 NATO soldiers.

On Thursday, two Serb civilians and a policeman were reported killed by the ethnic Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army in late-night raids northwest of the provincial capital Pristina.

Dole has long been a proponent of the cause of Kosovo's Albanians. "He's someone who has a very good relationship with the Kosovar

Albanians and he has taken a great personal interest in this subject," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said of Dole.

SWOSU School of Education



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One hundred and forty-eight Southwestern Oklahoma State University students at Weatherford, Okla., are doing their practice teaching assignments during a 12-week period of the 1999 spring semester. Included in the School of Education group are: (left-right) Jennifer Morgan of Shamrock, teaching at Wheeler; Aaron Witt of Pampa, teaching at Weatherford; and Danette Hoover of Pampa, teaching at Clinton.

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