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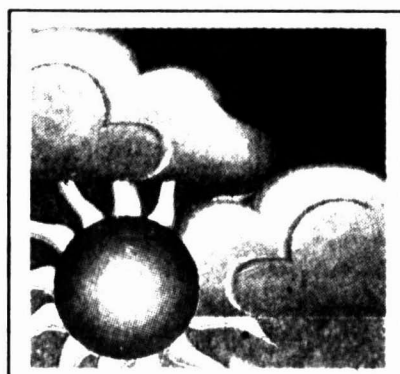
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**No winner in Lotto Texas**  
 No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth an estimated 9 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 11-22-40-42-47-49. Saturday night's drawing will be worth about 14 million.

**Red Cross needs truck**  
 Gray County Area chapter of the American Red Cross needs a one-ton truck in good condition to become an Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV), officials said. The Red Cross has an ERV box that would sit on a truck chassis and could be used to serve food and other tasks needed in the event of emergencies and disasters. Anyone interested in donating such a vehicle can telephone Jana Gregory at 669-7121 or contact her by e-mail at redcross@pan-tex.net.

**Trumpeter feature at Jan. 25th concert**  
 PAMPA Pampa Community Concert Association will present trumpeter Joe Burgstaller at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door at \$3 for students, \$5 for adults and \$10 for family. Roslyn Kind, vocalist, will perform at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Attendance is by membership only.

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## Goodbye, Texas — hello, Washington

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer and The Associated Press

MIDLAND — It was a bitterly cold day when Midland residents turned out to give President-elect George W. Bush a warm welcome.

But it was a state senator that represents both Pampa and Midland that was the first person introduced during the ceremonies here.

In his farewell to Texas, President-elect Bush made his final stop in the town in which he grew up before climbing aboard Air Force Two and heading to Washington, D.C., for his inauguration as 43rd President of the United States.

About 20,000 Bush supporters began gathering before dawn Wednesday for Bush's speech in the open air Centennial Plaza in downtown Midland.

"It looks like a rock concert," one security guard said, looking out the windows of the Hilton Hotel lobby across the street from the entrance to the plaza.

Snowflakes swirled in the television lights about 9 a.m. By 10 a.m.

Midland high school choirs and bands began to play, followed by church groups and county-western singers.

The Methodist minister who gave the invocation thanked God for George W. Bush, Don Evans (Midland resident, Bush

buddy and newly nominated Secretary of Commerce) and for a winning football team.

As ceremonies began shortly before noon, it was Pampa's State Sen. Teel Bivins, who also represents Midland, that was the first person introduced, followed by Midland's State Rep. Tom Craddock, before a cheer went up for George W. and Laura Bush as they appeared at the top of the steps of the dais.

Bush waived his cowboy hat and turned to shake hands with a few of the some 100 supporters seated on the dais as he made his way to the podium. The first hand he shook was Midland

businessman and former gubernatorial candidate, Clayton Williams.

"This place has shaped the values that will shape my service to this nation," Bush said to thousands of flag-waving supporters. "In a way, Laura and I will never quite settle in Washington. While it's a great honor, the work is only temporary. I'm leaving Texas, but not forever. This is my home."

Those who braved the freezing temperatures found Bush's speech to be well worth the numb toes and fingers.

"We love Bush," said Odessa resident Amy Welch, who stood

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in line for three hours to listen to Bush speak. "We've very excited that he is taking the time out to do this."

Midland Mayor Bobby Burns called the Bush stop symbolic.

"He's leaving middle America and he's going to Washington, D.C.," Burns said. "George W. Bush has proven that even if you're from Midland, Texas, you (See BUSH, Page 2)



President-elect George W. Bush and his wife Laura receive a warm send-off in Midland Wednesday before they headed to Washington, D.C., to become the nation's First Family. Bush takes the oath of office Saturday. To the right of the couple is flag-waving friend and Texas State Sen. Teel Bivins whose district includes Pampa.

## Four enter guilty pleas in dist. court

Four plea bargains were heard in District Court here this week as the new District Attorney begins his duties with cases ranging from driving while intoxicated to tampering with governmental records.

"This disposed of cases that had been on the (court) dockets for a long period of time," said Richard Roach, who took over as District Attorney on Jan. 1.

"These were matters I felt should be handled by plea bargains," he said, explaining that plea bargains are a tool used by most prosecutors as a matter of "practicality" by saving taxpayer money and easing the burden on the legal system in cases where a plea bargain arrangement fits the situation.

"A lot (of plea bargains) are designed to deal with people where the circumstances warrant probation, a second chance — when there are children at home and they have families to take care of," Roach said.

On Wednesday, Alfredo Romero Armendariz, 34, began serving a 60-day jail sentence imposed after he pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated — subsequent offense. In addition to the jail term, Armendariz was

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## More gas bill funds to be available

Rising prices make emergency heating assistance a hot commodity.

By NANCY YOUNG  
 Managing Editor

Funds to help Pampa residents pay their gas bills will be available at the Panhandle Community Services office Monday morning.

Susan Weldon, center coordinator, said Thursday morning she has been notified by the Amarillo office that additional funds have been allocated the local office for the emergency payment of the high gas bills from Energas.

Weldon said she had not been notified how much money would be allocated to the Pampa office. She said the office has assisted

199 households with their bills in the past two weeks in the emergency situation. The office has paid \$55,493 in gas bills.

Today, Weldon is out taking applications from some disabled Pampans who won't be able to come in person next week.

Weldon is going to one woman's home who received a shut-off notice for tomorrow because she can't pay her \$544 Energas bill.

"She doesn't even get that much in disability income," Weldon said, adding that she is going to call Energas and see if she can get the cutoff lifted.

There are gross family income qualification guidelines by family size and they may not exceed:

- Family of 1 - \$10,438
- Family of 2 - \$14,438
- Family of 3 - \$17,688
- Family of 4 - \$21,313
- Family of 5 - \$24,938

Weldon said those seeking assistance must present proof of income for everyone in the family who works and must bring their original utility bill.

The local office is at 411 N. Cuyler. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1-5 p.m.

El Guy Watts said the Salvation Army has helped 24 households with gas bills only. He said the agency has helped an additional 75 households with electric, gas and water combined. Watts said a total of 187 individuals were assisted.

He said the agency has paid \$7,000 on the utility bills. Watts said the Salvation Army will continue to take donations to provide additional assistance.

## Public radio to be heard here next year

Once the tower is operational, the station can be found at FM 89.5

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Staff Writer

Skip Mancini, project director for High Plains Public Radio, outlined advantages of public radio to members of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce at the January luncheon meeting.

"It's a real plus to be able to say we have public radio in this area," Mancini told the group Tuesday. "Public radio helps in attracting people and retaining them in your area."

Public radio listeners are often "the movers and shakers, the leaders of the community," she said, adding that studies show most public radio listeners are college-educated professionals.

High Plains Public Radio (HPPR) is a non-profit corporation providing public radio service to western Kansas, parts of southeast Colorado, the Oklahoma panhandle and Amarillo.

"There's a big gap between Amarillo and Turpin, Okla.," Mancini explained. "This is the area we want to serve by bringing in a new tower and placing it in the north Texas panhandle."

Presently, public radio can be heard on FM channels 94.9 and 91.3 in a small radius around Amarillo, she said. The programming originates out of Garden City, Kan., and is accessed through a satellite downlink started in 1998.

HPPR has received Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approval to broadcast from the proposed tower, she said, thanks to a concerted

effort by local citizens and with the support of political figures such as Texas Senator Teel Bivins and U.S. Senator Phil Gramm.

Once the tower is operational, Mancini said the local public radio station can be found at FM 89.5. She predicted the station will be on the air in one year.

"By January 2002, you should be able to hear High Plains Public Radio," Mancini said.

Mancini stressed that public radio, like HPPR, is a non-profit organization that provides regional programming.

"We're not here to compete with local commercial radio stations," she said, adding that HPPR officials have tried to assure local radio station managers of this fact.

"We're not competing for advertising dollars," she said. "We serve a lot of people who do not normally listen to the

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Skip Mancini, project director for High Plains Public Radio, discusses the advantages of having a local public radio.

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**BUNTON, Lucius D., III** — Memorial services, 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Odessa.  
**MANN, Gladys L.** — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Duncan City Cemetery, Duncan, Okla.  
**RILEY, Shelia** — 2 p.m., Trinity Fellowship Church, Pampa.

## Obituaries

**LUCIUS D. BUNTON, III**  
 AUSTIN — U.S. District Judge Lucius D. Bunton, III, 76, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church in Odessa with Dr. Ernest Easley and Jack Tidwell officiating. A family graveside service will precede the memorial service. Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home of Odessa.  
 Judge Bunton was born Dec. 1, 1924, at Del Rio. He grew up in Marfa, the son of pioneer rancher Lucius D. Bunton and Avis Fisher Bunton. He attended the University of Texas in Austin where he was a member of the band. He married Mary Jane Carsey of Houston in 1946. He graduated from UT Law School in 1950 and was district attorney for the 83rd judicial district.  
 From 1959-79, he practiced law in Odessa with the firm Shafer, Gilliland, Davis, and in 1979 was appointed to the federal bench by President Jimmy Carter. The federal courthouse in Pecos is named in Bunton's honor.

In Odessa, he served as a school board trustee and was a member of First Baptist Church. He was active in the Boy Scouts and belonged to Texas Bar Foundation. Additionally, he was president-elect of State Bar of Texas, the Ector County and Midland Bar Associations and American Judicature Society.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the European theater of the war.  
 Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Mary Jane, of Austin; a daughter, Cay Warner of Pampa; a son, Lucius Bunton of Austin; and four grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home in Odessa and requests memorials be to Texas Bar Foundation or the music ministry of First Baptist Church of Odessa or Mission Odessa.

**GLADYS L. MANN**  
 Gladys L. Mann, 96, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001, at Panhandle. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Duncan City Cemetery at Duncan, Okla., with the Rev. Phil Wahl, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church of Duncan, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Mann was born Jan. 13, 1905, at Duncan, Okla. She resided in Duncan until she moved to Pampa in 1988. She married James H. Mann on April 15, 1930, at Duncan. He preceded her in death in 1975.

She worked for several years as a volunteer at Coronado Nursing Center in Pampa and was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church in Duncan. Before moving to Pampa, she volunteered for many years as a Gray Lady for Duncan Regional Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and J. David Fatheree of Pampa; a grandson and wife, David Mann and Kristi Fatheree; and three great-grandchildren, Taylor, Garrett and Madison Fatheree, all of Pampa.

The family will be at 1911 Christine in Pampa and requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

**JASON BLAKE PORTER**  
 Jason Blake Porter, 1 month, 29-day-old infant of Pampa, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Highland Pentecostal Holiness Church with the Rev. Nathan Hopson officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery at Miami under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Jason was born Nov. 18, 2000, at Pampa.  
 He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, J.P. and Judy Franks.

Survivors include his parents, Colby and Tiffany Porter, of the home; his maternal grand-parents, Gaylan and Kathy Murphy of Pampa; his paternal grandparents, Paul Gowin and Marcia and Brandon Back, all of Canadian; a special grandma, Beverly Burk of Canadian; his great-grandmother, Vera Murphy of Miami; an aunt, Kellee Gowin of Canadian; an uncle, Bobby Burk of Canadian; and a great-uncle, James Murphy of Miami.

**SHELIA RILEY**  
 ALANREED — Shelia Riley, 54, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Trinity Fellowship Church in Pampa with the Rev. Thacker Haynes and the Rev. Ron Noble officiating. Interment will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Riley was born March 12, 1946, at Tahoka, Texas, and had previously lived in Borger for 15 years, moving to Alanreed 11 years ago. She married Bill Riley on Feb. 8, 1966, at Tahoka.  
 She was a homemaker and belonged to Assembly of God Church in Tahoka and Harvester Bowling League in Pampa.

Survivors include her husband, Bill, of the home; two daughters, Misty Hood and Stacy Phillips, both of Pampa; her mother, Patty Gandy of Tahoka; a sister, Toy Holland of Tahoka; three brothers, Ronnie Gandy of Borger, Ricky Gandy of Wells and Roddy Gandy of Tahoka; and five grandchildren.

## Obituaries (Cont.)

**CREED SMITH**  
 Creed Smith, 83, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2001. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Colonial Chapel with Mike Suiter, minister of San Jacinto Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Smith was born Sept. 6, 1917, at Roxton, Texas, and grew up at Estelline. He married Marion "Jake" Clesta Anderson in 1949 at Pampa. He began working at Skelly Oil Company in 1946 and retired from Getty Oil in 1982 as plant superintendent. He moved to Clarendon in 1983 and bought a farm, returning to Pampa in 2000.

He was a member of Texas Defense Guard from 1941-43 and was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving as a Seabee during World War II from 1943-46.

He was a member of Central Church of Christ, Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM and "Dr. Dudley Moore and His Fabulous Five" band.

Survivors include his wife, Jake; a son, Kirk Smith of Hooker, Okla.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to West Texas State A&M University Music Department, 2501 4th Ave., Canyon, TX 79015.

## Police report

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

**Wednesday, Jan. 17**  
 Alejandra Rodriguez, 17, 723 E. Scott, was arrested in the 100 block of East Harvester and taken to municipal court for disorderly conduct-fighting.

Marquita Nickleberry, 17, 1113 Varnon Dr., was arrested in the 100 block of East Harvester and taken to municipal court for disorderly conduct-fighting.

Leland Tom Aultman, 41, Shamrock, was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart for theft under \$50.

Willie Willis Stowe, 28, Shamrock, was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart for theft under \$50 and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Brian Douglas Dunn, 27, 1415 E. Browning, was arrested in the 200 block of West Craven on a warrant for burglary of a building.

A fight was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. Two females were taken into custody and brought before municipal court officials.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of South Banks. Energas officials estimate it will cost \$40 to repair a gas meter and \$380 to repair a service line damaged in the incident.

## Sheriff's Office

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

**Wednesday, Jan. 17**  
 Jeremy Reedy, 21, 404 Somerville was arrested for theft over \$5 and under \$50.

Jeremy Joe Hernandez, 22, Amarillo, was arrested on a violation of probation.

## Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Wednesday, Jan. 17**  
 4 p.m. — A 1989 Chevrolet Beretta driven by Jacinda Lee Padgett, 20, 1023 Fisher, and a 1993 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Angelica Mari Dominguez, 24, 827 E. Murphy, collided at the intersection of South Barnes and East Murphy. Dominguez was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign. No injuries were reported at the scene.

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....911  
 Crime Stoppers.....669-2222  
 Energas.....1-888-Energas  
 Fire.....911  
 Police (emergency).....911  
 Police (non-emergency).....669-5700  
 SPS.....1-800-750-2520  
 Water.....669-5830

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atcheyna Grain of Pampa

Wheat	2.71	Columbia/HCA	36.00	up 0.20
Milo	3.11	Enron	70.34	dn 3/8
Corn	3.67	Halliburton	37 13/16	dn 1/16
Soybeans	3.88	Kerr McGee	49 1/2	dn 3/8
		Limited	17 1/4	dn 3/16
		McDonald's	33 13/16	dn 7/8
		Exxon Mobil	80	dn 1/4
		New Atmos	24 1/8	up 1/8
		SCEL	25 1/4	up 1/8
		NOI	44 3/8	dn 7/8
		OKI	44 7/16	dn 1/2
		Penney's	12 1/2	dn 3/8
		Phillips	54 3/4	dn 11/16
		Pioneer Nat	16 13/16	dn 13/16
		SLB	74 9/16	dn 1 15/16
		Tenneco	3 11/16	NC
		Texas	58 15/16	dn 13/16
		Ultramar	29 3/16	dn 7/16
		Wal Mart	54 3/16	up 1/4
		Williams	36 7/8	NC

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

Occidental	22 5/16	dn 1/4
Fidelity Magell	121.29	dn 11/16
Parrant	18.75	dn 1/16

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

BP Amoco	50 11/16	up 11/16
Cabot	26 5/8	dn 7/16
Cabot O&G	27 7/16	dn 3/16
Chevron	79 15/16	dn 5/16
Coca-Cola	57 7/16	dn 1/2
New York Gold	263.55	
Silver	4.71	
West Texas Crude	29.32	

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## BUSH

can be the president of the United States, if you work hard, believe in what you say and remember your values."

Bush spent his childhood in Midland before heading off to Andover, Yale and later Harvard's School of Business. He returned to Midland in the mid-1970s because he was called back "by the energy and entrepreneurship of the oil patch."

"When I came down I immediately knew the city where I grew up was a city where I wanted to work and where I wanted to live," he said. "There was so much energy here, not only in the land, but in the lives of the people of West Texas."

Upon Bush's return, Midland was growing so fast that the city council was approving more rolling and zoning changes than Dallas, and its Rolls Royce dealership was the second most successful in the country.

Bush later met and married Laura Welch, a Midland native, and created some of his longest lasting friendships with a number of Midland residents who remain among the president-elect's closest advisers.

Among those advisers was Midland resident Don Evans, who will become the head of the Department of Commerce in Bush's new administration.

"This is a home of champions," said lifelong Midland resident Yolanda Ramirez. "A lot of good people come out of Midland, like Mr. Bush and Mr. (Don) Evans. The sky's the limit here, and it's been

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that way for years."  
 In addition to Bush, other famous former Midland residents include his father former President Bush and his brother, Jeb Bush, currently is governor of Florida.

The Midland Chamber of Commerce released a special fall issue of its magazine spotlighting Midland's famous residents.

Politician Williams, who lost the 1992 Texas governor's election to Ann Richards after making a comment that rape should be enjoyed like the weather; actor Tommy Lee Jones, who was one of Al Gore's housemates at Yale; professional baseball players Mike Stanton, Mike Timlin and Randy Velarde; and Cedric Benson, an up-and-coming football player at Midland Lee High School who just recently signed a letter of intent at the University of Texas.

"The atmosphere is just electric and happy," said Midland County Republican Party Chairwoman Sue Brannon. "People are just joyous. We're making history and to have had two presidents live in our hometown is mighty special."

The reality of his family's and others in Midland's success is the American story, Bush said. "It seems improbable now but in that little house on Ohio Street, right down the road from here, it was hard to envision then the future of two presidents and a governor of Florida," he said. "But it really is the American story: Our country's a place of limitless hopes and possibilities, and nowhere is that spirit more alive than in the great state of Texas."

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## PLEAS

also placed on five years probation, fined \$1,500 and had his driver's license suspended for one year. Armendariz was arrested for driving while intoxicated on Oct. 10, 1999. He had also been convicted of driving while intoxicated in 1991 and in 1998, according to district court records.

Aquilla Lynn Duck, 27, pleaded guilty to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and was placed on five years probation and assessed a \$1,500 fine. She is also required to pay \$911.95 restitution and court costs. The plea stems from an incident on Dec. 18, 2000 involving the theft of an automobile belonging to Jesse Steve Chilton, 113 N. Nelson.

Donna Marie Conklin, 39, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor of tampering with a govern-

mental record. She received two years probation and is required to pay \$3,310 restitution to the Texas Department of Human Services. She must also complete 80 hours of community service. According to the indictment, Conklin did not include her husband's name on an application to receive food stamps on Nov. 19, 1998.

Karen Burlene Jones, 33, entered a guilty plea to tampering with a governmental record, Class A misdemeanor. She was given two years probation, ordered to pay \$3,004.64 to the Texas Department of Human Services and required to complete 80 hours of community service. A grand jury indictment states that on Dec. 14, 1999, Jones, also known as Karen Harvey and also known as Karen Mangus, listed a person who was not living with her as a member of her household on a food stamp application.

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## RADIO

radio. We're broadening the base of radio listeners."

Mancini said the radio station will rely on membership contributions, underwriting announcements (brief statements made at the beginning of programs), grants from foundations, and funding from the State of Kansas.

"That's right - the State of Kansas," she said. "Take advantage of us. We're asking you to."

HPRR also receives funding, she explained, from the Kansas Association of Broadcasters through the state legislature.

She encouraged the Chamber members to "think vertically" rather than east or west, saying that the new public radio station will help develop a north-south connection from the Nebraska border to Amarillo on social, political and economic levels.

Through regional programming, she said, "I see us share ideas and eventually join hands across state lines."

Once it is operational, the new station should be

heard through most of the northeast Texas Panhandle and Texas, Beaver, half of Roger Mills, and parts of Harper and Beckham counties in Oklahoma.

Public radio offers five hours of in-depth news in the mornings and two hours in the evenings from National Public Radio and International Public Radio, Mancini said. Programming also includes public affairs, historical, and financial topics.

Forty-one hours each week is dedicated to classical music, as well as segments of jazz, blues, and folk, she added.

Regional programs offer opportunities for local people to speak on issues, she said. Community calendar listings filled with public service announcements are scheduled to run four times each day, Mancini said.

HPRR's cultural tourism programming should go "hand-in-glove with the Chamber's awareness and promotion campaign," she said.

A CD with examples of public radio programming will be available for the public to check out at Lovett Memorial Library next week, Mancini said.

## Task force joins fire probe

DALLAS (AP) — The National Church Arson Task Force has sent agents to join North Texas firefighters in investigating the torching of an Episcopal church.

The blaze early Wednesday at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection caused an estimated \$1 million in damage. There were no injuries, but church members said paintings and other valuables were lost in the blaze.

Created in 1996 after a series of fires and bombings at churches, the task force investigates all blazes at houses of worship. No arrests have yet been made.

Witnesses said the fire appeared to start about 1 a.m. in the sound room of the parish hall, then spread through the church sanctuary.

Church leaders are creating a makeshift sanctuary to house Sunday services. A structural engineer who examined the sanctuary found damage there, said fire Lt. Doug Dickerson.

"We'll do whatever it takes to keep on going," Gordon Frederick, head of pastoral care at the church, said.

**Today's "Super Bowl Hunt" clue for the Chamber of Commerce, United Supermarkets \$100 shopping spree is: Super Bowl Sunday - What a delight! Balloons ... party favors ... Clean it up? What a fright!**

## City Briefs

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**MOOSE LODGE,** Dance, to "The Renegades" Sat. 20th. Members & guests.

**NO SENIOR** Citizen's Dance.

## Weather focus

**PAMPA** — This afternoon, partly cloudy with highs 35 to 40. North to northwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with areas of low clouds and fog possibly developing after midnight. Lows around 20. North winds 5 to 10 mph. Friday, partly cloudy with highs in the upper 30s. North winds 5 to 15 mph. Yesterday's high 26; the overnight low 20.

**STATEWIDE** — With a second day of fog and clouds across much of Texas, light snow also spread Thursday into the Hill Country and Permian Basin.

Snow also fell in Guadalupe Pass and the Abilene area,

mixed with sleet, after starting Wednesday in the Panhandle and South Plains.

The National Weather Service predicted a winter weather travel advisory for West Texas.

A combination of light rain, drizzle and fog covered the eastern half of the state.

Winds were mostly northeasterly to northwesterly at 10 to 15 mph, varying from southwest to northwest at 10 to 15 mph in the northern Panhandle.

Wind chills were in the upper teens to lower 20s.

Early-morning lows ranged from the teens to near 50 degrees. Extremes were 11 degrees at Dalhart and 47 at Port Isabel.

Other readings were 30

degrees at Abilene, 34 at Dryden, 39 at Lufkin and 37 at Georgetown and Burnet.

Rain fell from the Junction area to the middle Gulf coast, with patchy fog in South Texas.

Locally heavy rain was possible along with continued patchy fog in Central Texas.

Light snow or sleet was forecast for North Texas, along with snow accumulations in the Davis Mountains and Big Bend area.

Daytime highs should range from the upper 30s to 40s, along with 20s in the mountains and 40s in the far south.

Lows overnight were expected from the lower 20s to lower 40s, with mid-50s in the Big Bend area.

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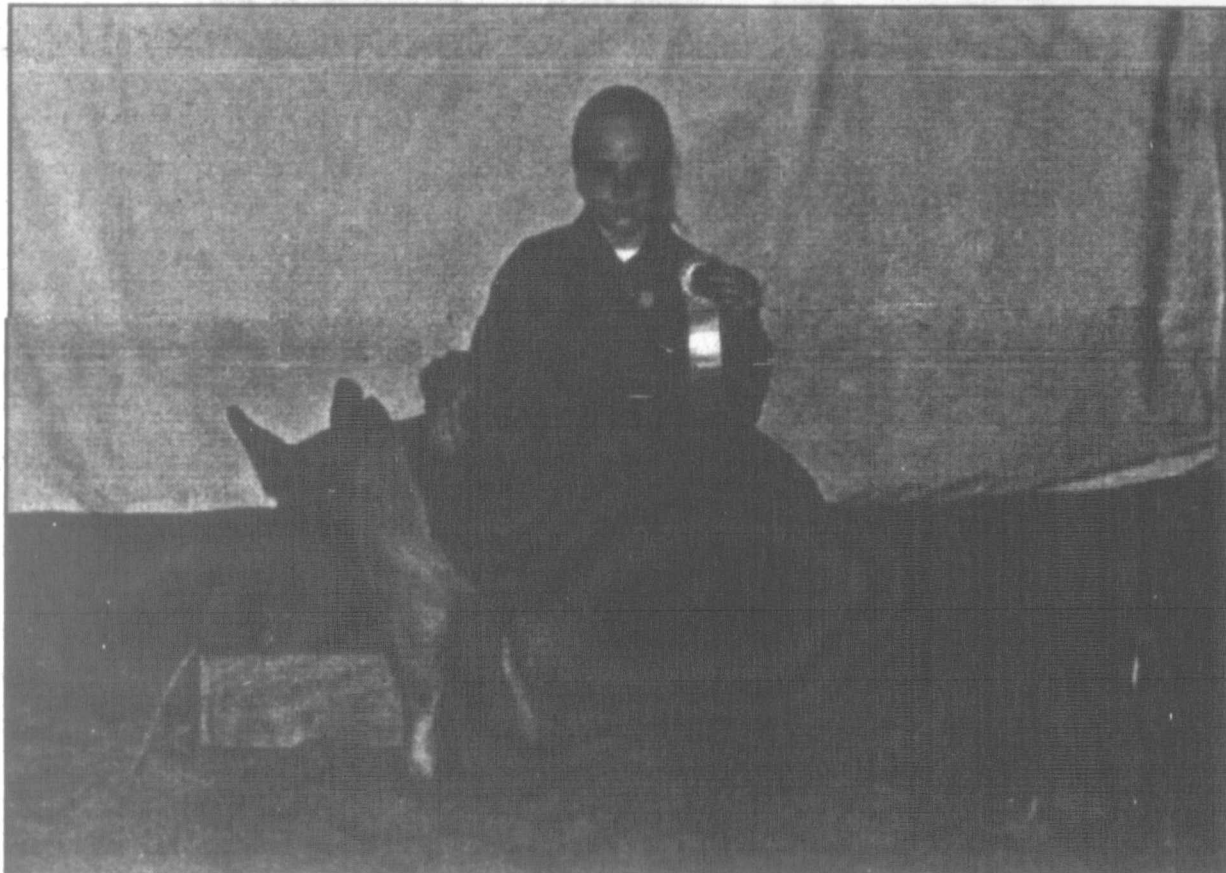
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### 4-H Stock Show winners



(Special photo)

The 4-H Livestock Show was held recently at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa. Top left: Megan Crawford won Reserve Champion Yorkshire. Top right: Aaron Hunt won Champion Hampshire. Bottom left: Libby Dyson took Reserve Champion Hampshire. Bottom right: Megan Couets had the Champion Duroc.

### Austin Elementary honor roll

Austin Elementary recently announced its honor roll for the third six-weeks grading period of the 2000-01 school year.

#### SECOND GRADE

##### A Honor Roll

Payton Alvey, Olin Boyd, Karina Cabrales, Trent Carter, Travis Chester, Haley Copeland, Rejoice Duggan, Katie Dunham, Lane Dyer, Garrett Ericson, Chase Ferguson, Thomas Fuston, Lysie Guyer, Paige Hargus, Lara Heersema, Paige Holt.

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##### AB Honor Roll

Molly Darling, Holly Gage, Dwight Hamlin, Emily Hart, Joey Johnson, Dillon Kyle, Tyler Rabel, Canaan Rhoads, Aaron Silva.

#### THIRD GRADE

##### A Honor Roll

Michael Adams, Erin Buck, Michael Clark, Rylan Clark, Cheyanne Collins, Garrett Fatheree, Samantha Finney, Savannah Hoover, Emily Jean, Cheyanne Jones, Mary McKay, Ashlyn McNeely, Caitlyn Tanner.

Rebecca Taylor, Carlyn Teichmann, Emilie Troxell, Samantha Turley, Whitney Wade, Caitlyn Walker, Kelsey Wallum, Kelsey Watson, Hannah

White, Ellen Whiteley, Ashley Williams, Leah Wilson.

##### AB Honor Roll

Ryan Conner, Damon Dennis, Haylea Harper, Susanne Kane, Samantha Pearson, Tanner Stephens, Kelly Stoffle, Lauren Sutherland, Chris Walker, Kayla Ware, Kaitlin Winegeart.

#### FOURTH GRADE

##### A Honor Roll

Kathryn Aler, Paeg Alvey, Gage Carruth, Kendra Clarkson, Shannon Clay, John Luke Covalt, Keisha Crowell, Kamie Doughty, Kelby Doughty, Libby Dyson, Cole Guyer, Christa Holt, Tanner Jean, Daniel Kirkland, Brittany Klein, Courtney Linn.

##### AB Honor Roll

Taylor Little, Will McKay, Shelby Needham, April Silva, Matthew Smith, Chandler Talley, Hilary Thomas, Lindsey Tomashchik, Casey Trimble, Chelsea Wallin, Jack Ware,

Coleby West, Madison Wilson, Zach Winborne, Jeremy Zellefrow.

##### AB Honor Roll

Rikki Beesley, Tucker Brown, Jeremy Busse, Tabitha Courter, Lauren Coutts, Colby Dennis, Eric Freelan, Nick Riley, Lauren Smith, Corey Stone, Abby West.

#### FIFTH GRADE

##### A Honor Roll

Claire Boyd, Colby Copeland, Jimmy Craig, Colden Fortenberry, Nicole Heersema, Kailee Intemann, Mitch Kelley, Haili Kotara, Lindsey Riley, Text Schaefer, Garnett Schaffer, Marli Street, Briana Wallum, Joe Whiteley, Kelli Willson.

##### AB Honor Roll

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"They're swearing in the new Congress..."



Inside the Beltway

with

Sen. Hutchison

**Cost of caring adjustment**

The last few years have been tough on hospitals in Texas and the rest of the nation. Many of these critical community institutions have fallen prey to the law of unintended consequences, confronting budgetary crises that in some cases threatened their very existence.

Their difficulties were the result of an overly aggressive government agency exceeding the intent of Congress when it balanced the federal budget in 1996. At that time, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that the Balanced Budget Act would result in \$116 billion in Medicare savings from 1998 to 2002. However, it turned out that the five-year impact of the act for hospitals, home health agencies and other Medicare providers would be closer to \$227 million — nearly twice the original estimate.

*There is no way Congress could responsibly allow cuts of such magnitude, with such results, to go forward. So for more than a year I have been working with a bipartisan group of Senators to get our hospitals off the critical list.*

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), which manages the program, interpreted the Balanced Budget Act in a way that produced cuts in Medicare reimbursements to hospitals that went far beyond what Congress ever intended: Medicare spending was reduced last year, while the number of beneficiaries grew by some one-half million. Medicare's Hospital Insurance Trust Fund expenditures fell 4.4 percent.

So earlier this year I introduced the "American Hospital Preservation Act," a bill aimed at boosting Medicare reimbursements to struggling hospitals. My legislation was designed to get them back on their feet by giving hospitals the same "cost-of-living adjustment" other federal program recipients get each year.

At a time when these institutions are struggling because of higher than expected drug, medical and personnel costs, continued cuts are putting Texas hospitals in a serious bind. Their margins have fallen by 10 percent a year for three years. Approximately 50 percent of an average Texas hospital's payments come from Medicare and Medicaid. Not only were cuts in their Medicare undermining the quality and quantity of care hospitals could provide, but these pressures threatened closures and bankruptcies as well. The hospitals' credit — and ability to issue bonds if they needed to expand — was downgraded as well.

How bad was this hurting us? Parkland Hospital in Dallas had to cut 200 staffers and raise its property tax rate. The Harris County Hospital District had to raise taxes as well in the face of a huge looming deficit. Baptist Health System in San Antonio cut 290 jobs. Methodist Health System in Houston cut 100 jobs. Big Bend Regional Medical Center in Alpine cut 14 staffers. And the Senior Center in Bedford had to close.

There is no way Congress could responsibly allow cuts of such magnitude, with such results, to go forward. So for more than a year I have been working with a bipartisan group of Senators to get our hospitals off the critical list.

We thought we had the solution in hand last summer, but complications and delays of next year's final budget kept the situation in flux. The president had threatened to veto the budget measure that included the Medicare provider rescue package, so it was never sent to the White House for his signature. Our hospitals were left in a state of uncertainty.

Finally, in December Congress and the executive branch agreed on a way to finish the budget — and throw a lifeline to the hospitals and other Medicare providers. Specifically, a cut in the inflation adjustment that was scheduled to take effect in 2001 is eliminated. These provisions will mean an additional \$4 billion over the next five years for hospitals nationwide.

This fixes the most pressing problem, but I believe we still will have to come back next year and finally restore the rest of the inflation adjustments to give the nation's hospitals continued financial stability. We must continue to move forward to preserve the ability of our hospitals and other Medicare providers to deliver quality health care to their patients. We are trying to get our hospitals out of intensive care, and I will continue that fight in the 107th Congress.

With the December snowstorm that dumped 20 inches of snow fresh on everyone's mind, there's been a lot of discussion lately as to which snow storm in recent history was the "worst" to strike the Panhandle.

"I've decided the "worst one" is whichever one had the most profound effect upon each individual. It's all in our perspective which is developed by our experiences.

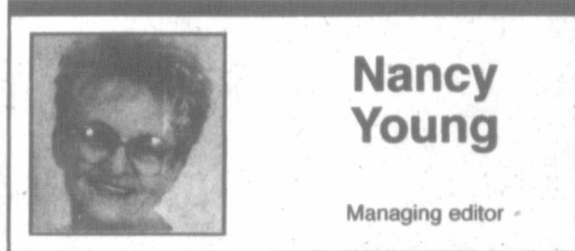
Many people claim the Blizzard of 1957. Well, I remember it, and it was pretty bad. We were snowed in for days. Snow drifted up to the eaves of homes because of the amount of snow combined with the blowing wind. It was treacherous.

My father had several trucks as he was in the construction business. He was often called upon to pull people out of stuck places. During this storm he was called to help numerous stranded motorists and was right out in the middle of it. I remember one incident of a young Stinnett woman who had a small infant son who was ill, along with other small children at home. Her husband was snowed in at a Phillips Plant, and my father was contacted to transport the grandmother to be with the young mother.

Stinnett isn't that large, but this excursion of about 12 blocks distance was quite an adventure. It took several hours for him to transport the grandmother to the young family because of the horrendous weather conditions.

A friend of mine was spending the night when the storm came in, and she stayed five days. We were good friends when it began, but that relationship deteriorated with so much closeness during the next few days. It's just been the past five or so years that we became close again.

In retrospect, the 1957 Blizzard doesn't seem



Nancy Young  
Managing editor

so bad to me. But then, I was 13 years old in a warm home with the freezer full of meat and the pantry fully stocked. I had the security of parents caring for me.

Back in March, 1987, my then-12-year-old daughter and I left Stinnett early one morning to go to Amarillo for an orthodontist to put braces on her teeth. When we left town there were a few snow flurries, but I wasn't concerned. Living in the Panhandle all my life, I figured the sun would be bright when we arrived in Amarillo in a little over an hour.

By the time we went through Fritch, it seemed like the storm might get a little serious. We traveled a few more miles and there was no place to turn around. We traveled on because our dental benefits would be gone in two days due to the recent death of my husband.

As we crept towards Amarillo, we listened to a talk radio program as area residents whether the 1957 blizzard or the one raging outside our car was the worst. Most of the people were saying, from the comfort of their homes, that the Big One was in 1957. It was good we didn't have cell phones in 1987. From where I sat, my perspective was quite different!

Three hours later I was never so happy in my life to see Amarillo Boulevard! I hadn't been on that street for several years, but that day those

buildings were providing considerable protection to us traveling and were a very welcome sight. It was certainly better than being on that lonely stretch of highway.

Upon arrival at the orthodontist office, I called my teenage sons to check on them and let them know we were safe. My oldest son told me we couldn't have been on that highway because it was closed. I assured him we were. We remained in Amarillo for the next three days, and my teen sons were at home! Not being a Home Alone believer, I was concerned.

The winter of 1987-88 brought a lot of snow to the area.

Then there was the winter of 1972-73. The first storm came on Halloween, 1972, and the last one of the season was the first weekend in April, 1973. Some of us didn't see the ground for months. When you live 19 miles from town you certainly learn how to buy groceries and enough supplies to last at least a month. Especially when you have three small children. There are many lessons I learned that winter that I still practice.

My youngest son remembers the winter of 1992 as being the worst. He was on a remotely located ranch, and has many strong memories.

My youngest daughter remembers a snow storm which occurred a couple of years before. I still have a picture of her on a snow drift in the backyard which was up to the eaves of the house. My oldest daughter remembers the ice storm on Halloween, 1972, as being the worst. She had just begun school that year, and was eagerly anticipating her first Halloween Carnival. The school canceled it because of the weather, and never held another one.

The 1987 Blizzard and the winter of 1972-73 are most vivid in my memory. Those affected me most strongly. That's my perspective.

**Today in history**

**By The Associated Press**

Today is Thursday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2001. There are 347 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Jan. 18, 1912, English explorer Robert F. Scott and his expedition reached the South Pole, only to discover that Roald Amundsen had beaten them to it. (Scott and his party perished during the return trip.)

On this date:

In 1788, the first English settlers arrived in Australia's Botany Bay to establish a penal colony.

In 1862, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71.

In 1919, the World War I Peace Congress opened in Versailles, France.

In 1936, author Rudyard Kipling died in Burwash, England.

In 1943, during World War II, the Soviets announced they'd broken

the long Nazi siege of Leningrad.

In 1943, a wartime ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread in the United States — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted in Cambridge, Mass., of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses.

(Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was

killed by a fellow inmate in 1973.)

In 1970, Mormon president David McKay died at the age of 96.

In 1990, a jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckey and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey, of 52 child molestation charges.

In 1990, Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry was arrested in an FBI sting on drug-possession charges. (He was later convicted of a misdemeanor.)

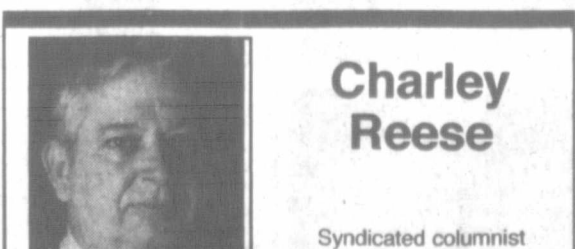
**Treaty would establish a kangaroo court**

President Clinton signed a treaty that will create a permanent war crimes court. To be fair, he signed it because of a deadline, after which non-signing countries would have no input into structuring the court. The treaty still has to be ratified.

That said, the Senate should kill the treaty forthwith, as Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., has said he wants to do. Helms is right and deserves the support of the American people. Any international war-crimes court is illegitimate on its face. It is a kangaroo court in which the victors in a conflict seek vengeance on the losers. Such courts are also a direct assault on the concept of national sovereignty. They politicize justice as well. They are patterned on the Soviet Union model in which courts function to enforce government policy, not to dispense justice.

For example, Slobodan Milosevic, as president of Yugoslavia, tried to prevent the components of the Yugoslavian Federation from seceding. In that, where is he any different from Abe Lincoln? Milosevic used force. So did Lincoln. The difference is that Lincoln won and Milosevic lost.

I don't think even Confederate soldiers would have stood still for a bunch of Europeans saying that they wanted to seize Lincoln, haul him off to a foreign country and try him as a war criminal. Billy Yank and



Charley Reese  
Syndicated columnist

Johnny Reb would have come together instantly and said to the Europeans: "Look here, pal. What we do in our own country to each other is our business, not yours. Butt out."

I don't blame the current president of Yugoslavia one bit for refusing to hand Milosevic over to the United Nations' kangaroo court. Milosevic is answerable to the people of his own country, not to the people of the United States or France or Great Britain.

If this monstrosity is created, there will be chaos. Leaders of all sorts of countries will be charged with war crimes because, in fact, leaders of most any country that's fought a war are guilty of them. War itself, as Ernie Hemingway truthfully observed, is a crime against humanity. And once you politicize the law, then you've ended the rule of law and gotten into the realm of politics and propaganda.

Look what happened to Gen. Augusto Pinochet. While on a visit to Great Britain, he

was arrested on the basis of a warrant issued by a leftist Spanish magistrate. What crimes, if any, Pinochet committed, he committed in Chile, and that is the only country that should hold him accountable. In this case, I have to say Chileans ought to build a monument to him because the general saved Chile from a communist coup and economic collapse. Killing communists trying to seize power is a crime only in the eyes of other communists and their leftist dupes.

Those in favor of this court hope to be able to tinker with the details in order to exclude Americans from its jurisdiction. That would be wrong and would just provide one more example to the world of what hypocrites we are. It is better to oppose it on principle. If it is to be created, there can be no just reason to exclude Americans.

National sovereignty, which means Americans are answerable to no one but their own government and their own laws, should never be compromised. The creation of a permanent international war-crimes tribunal would certainly compromise the national sovereignty of every country on earth. That is the primary reason to block its formation.

Americans should always remember that the United Nations is an undemocratic organization. Not one delegate is elected. There is no public input into its deliberations.

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## Civil rights leader admits fathering child out of wedlock

WASHINGTON (AP) — Civil rights activist Jesse Jackson revealed Thursday that he had an extramarital affair that resulted in the birth of a daughter. "I fully accept responsibility and I am truly sorry for my actions," he said.

Jackson, a Baptist minister and one-time aide to Martin Luther King Jr., issued a statement admitting that he fathered the child, now 20 months old, and has provided "emotional and financial support" since her birth. "As her mother does, I love this child very much," he said.

"I was born of these circumstances, and I know the importance of growing up in a nurturing, supportive and protected environment," Jackson said. "So I am determined to give my daughter and her mother the privacy they both deserve."

Jackson did not say why he issued the statement. His New York-based spokesman, John Scanlon, said later that Jackson acted to get out in front of anticipated tabloid reports about the child, who Scanlon said was the result of an affair Jackson had with a woman who worked in the Washington office of Jackson's advocacy group, the Rainbow-PUSH Coalition.

"He's obviously concerned for his family, for his child and the child's mother," Scanlon said.

"This is no time for evasions, denials or alibis," Jackson's statement said. "No doubt, many close friends and supporters will be disappointed in me. I ask for their forgiveness, understanding and

prayers." Jackson was a steadfast presence at President Clinton's side as the president struggled with the public revelation of his affair with Monica Lewinsky and the impeachment proceedings that followed. It was Jackson who went to the White House to pray with Clinton's family on a grim weekend in August 1998, as Clinton admitted the truth to his wife and daughter and, in a nationally televised speech, to the nation.

Last August, Clinton awarded Jackson the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. At that time, Jackson lavished praise on his wife, Jackie, and his five children for supporting him in his long civil rights career.

Jackson said his family was aware of the situation with the child and was experiencing "an extremely painful, trying and difficult time."

"I have asked God and each one of them to forgive me, and I thank each of them for their grace and understanding throughout this period of tribulation," Jackson said. "We have prayed together, and through God's grace we have been reconciling."

Jackson said he would be taking an indefinite hiatus from his activist activities, which included opposing the confirmation of President-elect Bush's attorney general nominee John Ashcroft, to "revive my spirit and reconnect with my family."

## Ruling gives life to 19th century claim to share of King Ranch

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A lawsuit that alleges the King Ranch's founder committed fraud and conspiracy is now cleared for trial after an appellate ruling.

Justices of the 13th Court of Appeals, in a 2-1 decision last week, overturned two summary judgments that stymied a civil case filed in the 1800s by the heirs of William Chapman, a friend and business partner of Texas legend Richard King.

The lawsuit contends that Chapman's widow was cheated out of her share of the original ranch by King and Robert Kleberg, King's son-in-law. Chapman died in 1859.

The Jan. 11 court opinion, written by Justice Federico G. Hinojosa, was a jolt to King Ranch officials, who plan to ask the court to reconsider its decision, said Jack Hunt, chief executive and president of King Ranch Inc.

But the Chapman heirs, who claim the ranch's wealth was built upon an original sin of deceit that occurred more than a century ago, could get their day in a Nueces County court if the appellate opinion stands.

"We want recognition of the Chapman role in the development of South Texas and our rightful share of the property interest," said Edward Cale, Coker, a great-great-grandson of William

Chapman. The King and Kleberg families created a cattle empire that dominated South Texas. A pillar of the ranching industry known for vast land holdings, profitable cattle breeds and generations of loyal cowboys, the King Ranch is larger than Rhode Island.

The lawsuit focuses on the original 15,449 acres of land known as the Rincon de Santa Gertrudis, which King and other business partners owned in the 1800s. The suit's claims are based on deeds, letters and court documents written long ago.

The original acreage launched King, a steamboat captain, into the cattle business, and by the time he died in 1885, King had added more than 600,000 acres to his holdings. Today the property covers parts of the King Ranch, Kingsville and the Kingsville Naval Air Station.

Last week, court justices cited evidence that appeared to show a jury trial was merited in the modern-day lawsuit, in part because of Kleberg's conflict in the 19th-century case.

In the dissenting opinion, Justice Bonner Dorsey wrote there is no evidence showing King directed Kleberg to cheat the Chapman family, pointing out: "The Chapmans did not take nothing by their 1879 lawsuit."

## British ban on fox hunting gets step closer with vote

LONDON (AP) — The fox won out over the hounds Wednesday as the House of Commons voted to ban traditional fox hunts, seen by many as a cruel indulgence of aristocrats.

The 387 to 174 vote brings the long-debated prohibition on fox-hunting a step closer to becoming law, but it may yet languish in the House of Lords. The divisive battle over the hunts has pitted city-dwellers against residents of rural areas and made the fabled British love of animals into a political force.

Hunt opponents say the sport, in which hounds chase and kill foxes, is inhumane. Its defenders claim it is a central part of rural life and is necessary to control the fox population.

Thousands of hunters demonstrated around the country Wednesday as the Commons considered three legislative options: an almost total ban, compulsory licensing of hunts and self-regulation.

The ban won handily, but its fate is uncertain in the House of Lords, where pro-hunting sentiment is stronger. If the bill doesn't pass both houses before the government dissolves Parliament to call a general election, expected sometime this spring, then it would die and would have to be reintroduced in the new Parliament.

Prime Minister Tony Blair supports the ban, but he freed Labor lawmakers to vote their consciences, rather than along party lines. The bill would only outlaw using dogs in hunts, not killing foxes with guns.

Labor legislator Michael Foster made the case for the ban. "Hunting with dogs is cruel and unnecessary and it's time this practice was stopped," he said.

Conservative lawmaker Michael Howard countered that hunting "has been lawful since time immemorial" and called advocates of a ban "trivial, frivolous and irresponsible."

"It beggars belief that any serious government ... would even contemplate distracting the police ... by imposing on them

these large, uncertain and impractical burdens" of enforcing a prohibition on hunting, he said.

Thousands of hunting supporters rallied in Suffolk, Wales and Cornwall, while opponents donned fox suits to demonstrate in front of Parliament.

Opinion polls consistently have shown that most Britons oppose using hounds to hunt foxes. But the rural lobby says many urbanites do not understand the need to keep the animals' numbers down — or the importance of hunting to rural economics. Supporters also say the widely held view of hunting as a favored pastime of aristocrats and the upper classes is unfounded.

"They think we're all toffs

(rich people) who go hunting, but that's far from the truth," said Bob Collins, 56, of Ropley, in Hampshire, protesting outside Parliament with about a dozen other hunters. "It's ordinary country people."

"The fox has to be controlled, so can you tell me a better way of doing it?" he asked, arguing that letting dogs kill foxes was more effective than shooting them, which he said often fails to kill them.

Maureen O'Dwyer, a spokeswoman for the League Against Cruel Sports, said being killed by a dog was far more painful for foxes than getting hit with a bullet.

"Hunting with dogs is cruel and barbaric," she said. "The fox goes through a lot of trauma."

## Jury backs Wal-Mart's firing of worker in photo incident

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A federal jury ruled that the Fremont Wal-Mart store was right to fire a photo lab worker because she violated the store's customer confidentiality policy by giving police some photographs that indicated child abuse.

Shirley Gasper of Cedar Bluffs sued Wal-Mart Stores Inc. for wrongful termination after she was fired in July. Jurors returned their verdict Friday in U.S. District Court in Omaha.

Gasper, a three-year Wal-Mart employee, gave authorities copies of a couple's photo showing an infant crawling in what appeared to be a pile of marijuana, with \$50 and \$100 bills lying around.

Enlargements of the negatives showed the child had bruises on his body and criminal action was pursued, court records said. The child in the photo was placed in foster care.

Fremont police and the Washington County Sheriff's Office — the agency that pursued the investigation — have praised Gasper's actions.

Despite Gasper's good intentions, she violated the store's policy on handling evidence of potential child abuse and her firing was justified, the jury decided.

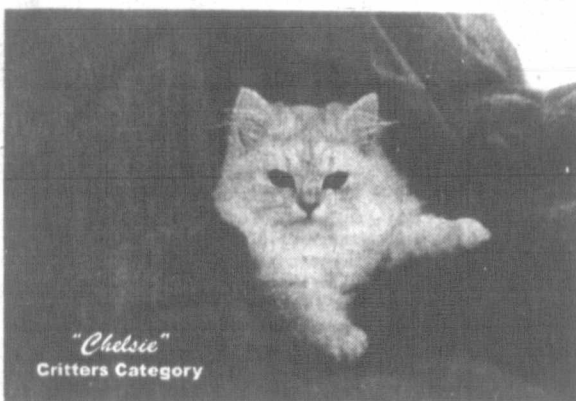
"We share the same concerns as Ms. Gasper for the safety of the child," said Todd Lewis, a corporate attorney for Wal-Mart in Bentonville, Ark. "We also respect the confidentiality and privacy of our customers. That's why we typically don't turn over photos to a third party."

Wal-Mart's policy calls for a management team to make a decision about to do with any photos that may indicate possible child abuse. If Gasper disagreed with the team's decision, Lewis said, she had the option of going to officials above her supervisor. Lewis said Gasper was fired because she refused to comply with the policy.

Gasper's attorney, James Welsh of Omaha, argued that the Wal-Mart policy violated a state law that makes it mandatory for citizens to report suspected child abuse or neglect.

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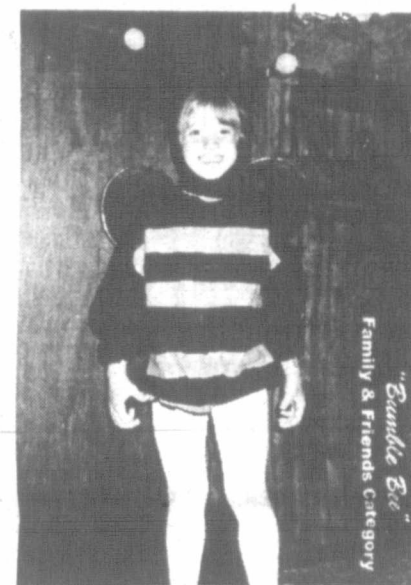
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# Canceled Wedding Raises Question of Returning Gifts

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine just canceled her wedding that was to take place a month from now. We already had an engagement party and a bridal shower for her.

I assumed since the wedding was canceled, the gifts would be returned. Instead, my friend asked me how much I spent so she could reimburse me, because she likes my gift too much to return it. She further stated that members of her family had refused to take back their gifts when asked. I was too shocked to respond to her question.

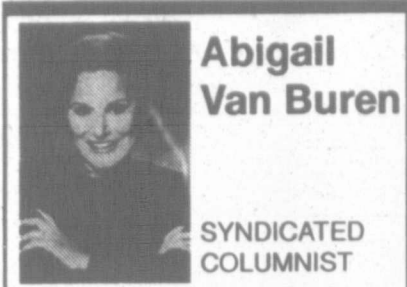
How should I have answered her question about how much I spent for her gift? (By the way, she was engaged once before but canceled the wedding before the shower.)

The gifts from the engagement party were never returned — so now I have given two engagement gifts and a shower gift to someone who never got married.

Which leads to another question — should she ever become engaged again, must I give her a third gift?

CONFUSED IN WEST CALDWELL, N.J.

DEAR CONFUSED: Since you have already given two engagement gifts and a shower gift, I see no reason why you should feel obligated to give again should your friend get in the way of cupid's arrow. Tell her exactly how much you spent for the wedding gift she's keeping so she can reimburse you for the expense. She's try-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

time to do the right thing and shouldn't be criticized for it.

DEAR ABBY: My mother like to respond to "Not Very Graceful in Provo, Utah," who asked how women in high heels could walk so gracefully.

When I went through modeling school in the 1950s, we were taught to walk in high heels by:

(1) Placing the toe area down first, followed very quickly by the heel, so the whole foot was down at the same time.

(2) Walking with knees slightly flexed.

(3) Pulling our ribs "out of the abdomen" (figuratively speaking) without doing anything special with the shoulders, not to lean back, and most important, standing up straight.

If she follows these instructions, she will walk smoothly. Balancing a book on top of the head can be added later. I'm sure models are still taught these techniques.

DEIRDRE MADDEN,

MEDINA, OHIO

DEAR DEIRDRE: May I be frank? Thank you for the input, but it seems like a lot to remember just to make it from point A to point B. I also heard from a foot specialist who asked me to remind women that more important than walking gracefully in high heels is to wear shoes that fit properly. An entire industry (bunion removal) was spawned by the popularity of ill-fitting, spike-heeled shoes.

DEAR ABBY: My mother recently passed away. I have been receiving fruit baskets, flowers, Mass cards and sympathy cards from my friends, co-workers and family.

I realize that I must send thank-you notes for baskets, flowers and Mass cards. Is it also necessary to send a note back if someone sent me a printed card with their signature or a printed card with a written note to me?

MOURNING IN WORCESTER, MASS.

DEAR WORCESTER: I would. Everyone who has made the effort to reach out to you in your time of sorrow should be acknowledged.

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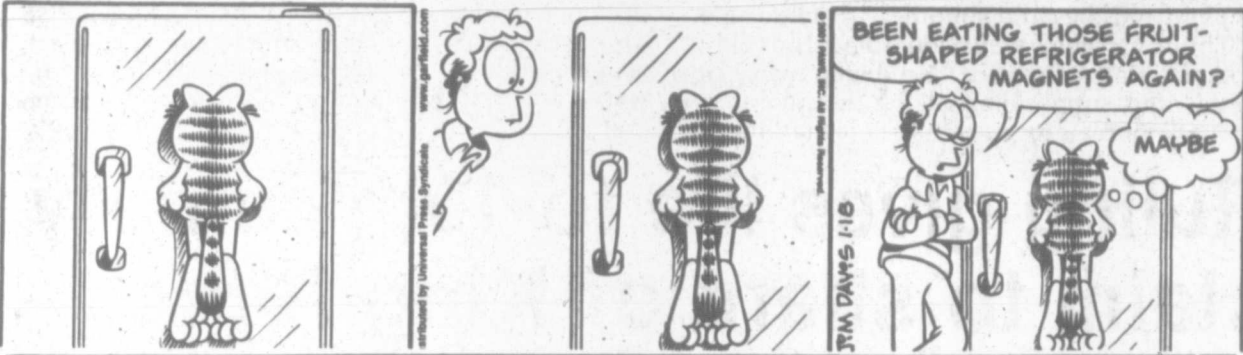
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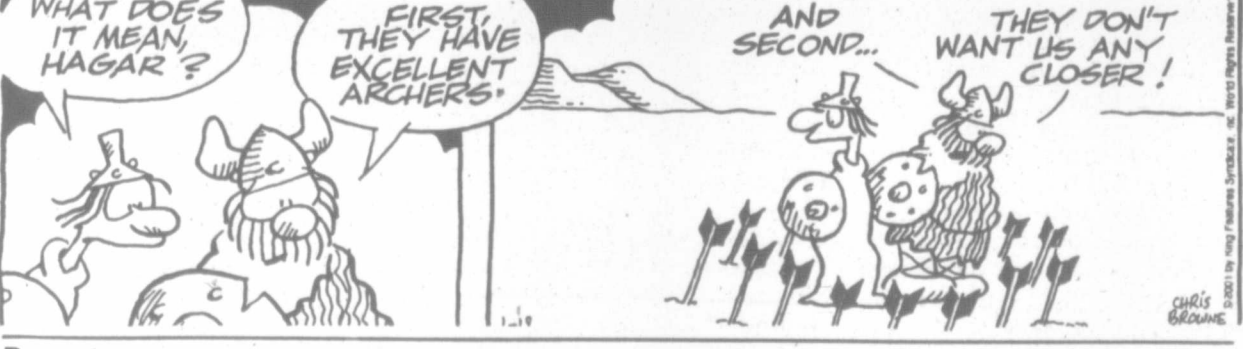
## Marvin



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## Mallard Filmore



## Horoscope

FRIDAY, JAN. 19, 2001

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)

\*\*\*\*\* Maintain the high level of creativity that marks your decisions. Work on research but also on an insight you have recently gained. Make some calls to bring friends and associates together in the near future. Opt for the unusual, and you'll satisfy everyone. Tonight: Join friends.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* Keep the big picture in mind, even when trying to personalize an idea to someone. You want to help this person see new vistas. Know that anything is possible if you simply open the door. Make special plans with a dear friend for the near future. Tonight: Be with the apple of your eye.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Others come forward with suggestions that certainly deserve thought and reflection. Not everyone thinks as you do. Review a recent decision that doesn't affect only you. Find experts. Hop on the Internet to back up a project. Deal with as many facts as you can. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* Plunge into a key task, but ask for help if you need it. In fact, working

with another lightens the mood of the day. You find this person unusually inspirational and full of good ideas. You are full of great ideas. Don't automatically get into the mood of the weekend.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Prepare to be challenged during the next few weeks. If there is a problem, others will let you know loud and clear. Use your good sense of humor, and listen! Interesting information comes forward when brainstorming. Get into your weekend mind-set ASAP. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\* You see others in a far different light than they see themselves. Give such people feedback. Use your dedication to charge your work atmosphere. A lot happens extremely quickly. You have many ideas. Consider a workspace at home. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* The more you hear, the more ideas you get. Work with someone as a team. Defeat negativity. Emphasize what you love in your life as opposed to what you must do. Let go of heavy responsibilities, and put on your dancing shoes. Humor marks your mood. Tonight: Do only what you consider fun.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* Stop pushing a family member into thinking like you. What seems like an unreasonable suggestion will work. You need to reorient your thinking about money. Gains importance during the next few weeks. Tonight: Treat another to dinner.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* Others look to you for answers and plans. Keep communication flowing. Start a brainstorming session. Network with others. You visualize a situation considerably differently than someone else does. Help another get past a self-imposed mental restriction. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* Dig into possibilities. Forge ahead, knowing what your limits really are. Though another might not understand exactly what is going on with you, he honors your request. Study up on some financial possibilities. Understand someone better through sharing. Tonight: Take a night off.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* Aim for what you want. Bring friends and associates together. You work best in groups. Stay focused on your long-term objectives here. Realize what it is that you want from others. Without realizing it, you inspire others. Aim for more of what you want. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Stay on top of work. Deal with someone who is in charge. Your instincts work wonders as you seek out solutions and come up with great answers. Share your ideas with those around you. You perfect what was already a great idea. Tonight: A must appearance.

### BORN TODAY

Painter Paul Cezanne (1839), singer/actress Dolly Parton (1946), writer Edgar Allan Poe (1809)

## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 31 Pitching stat
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- 36 Not yet captured
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- 44 Three-time Wimbledon champ
- 45 Used up
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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### BASKETBALL

**GROOM** — Dewayne Gray tossed in 24 points to lead Groom past Hedley 53-37 in District 3-1A action Tuesday night.

Nick Collins led Hedley with 17 points.

Groom led by 11 (26-15) at halftime.

Russell Conrad chipped in 16 points for the Tigers, who are 3-0 in district play.

Hedley won the girls' contest 47-39.

Hedley's scoring leader was Ashley Hill with 12 points. Lora Llewellyn followed with 10.

Candace Bohr's 17 points led the Tigerettes. Nichole Barnett followed with 8.

**AMARILLO** — Pampa lost to Palo Duro 54-51 in a junior varsity boys basketball game Tuesday night.

Carlos Solis had 19 points and James Silva 11 to lead Pampa junior varsity in scoring.

Pampa is 10-10 for the season and 4-2 in district play. Despite the loss, Pampa could possible tie for first place in the district JV standings with a win over Hereford on Friday night. Gametime is 6 in Pampa.

### TENNIS

**MELBOURNE, Australia** (AP) — Yevgeny Kafelnikov was helped the most by a ball he slammed out of the court in disgust.

His frustration vented, the 1999 champion and 2000 runner-up settled down, turned a losing match around and advanced to the Australian Open's third round with a 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0 victory Thursday over Nicolas Kiefer.

Kafelnikov, the Olympic gold medalist, finished his three-hour match with three aces.

Kiefer slid downhill after what he thought he served an ace to give him 30-all in the fourth set's eighth game. The umpire overruled the call, and Kiefer won only 10 points the rest of the match.

Nothing helped Tommy Haas, who led in every set, blew a 5-0 lead in the first and missed two set points in the second before losing to No. 7 seeded Lleyton Hewitt 7-5, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

Haas, the Olympic silver medalist, at one point found himself volleying while sprawled on the court as he tried to serve out the second set. In the tiebreaker, he missed an easy volley and double faulted on the next point, falling behind 5-3. Hewitt finished that three-hour match with a winning backhand lob.

Hewitt, one of the home country's hopes for its first Australian Open title since 1976, had to come from behind to beat Jonas Bjorkman in the first round.

He next faces unseeded Carlos Moya, the 1997 runner-up and a former No. 1. Moya breezed past Marc Rosset 6-2, 6-1, 6-3.

Canada's Daniel Nestor, who has an Olympic gold medal in doubles, upset No. 11 Franco Squillari 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, 7-5. The Argentine player was the second men's seed to fall in the first two rounds.

No. 4 Magnus Norman, a semifinalist here and runner-up at the French Open last year, defeated France's Fabrice Santoro 7-6 (6), 6-3, 6-0.

No. 10 Wayne Ferreira and two French players, No. 15 Arnaud Clement and No. 16 Sebastien Grosjean, all advanced.

In women's matches, a third seed went out when No. 16 Amy Frazier lost 6-4, 6-1 to Italy's Rita Grande.

Top seed Martina Hingis, No. 3 Venus Williams and her sister, No. 6-seed Serena, moved ahead. Hingis needed just 40 minutes to beat Belgian Els Callens 6-1, 6-0 and has needed only 79 minutes to win two matches.

Serena Williams was on court slightly more than an hour to beat Russia's Nadejda Petrova 6-3, 6-2.

## Ravens plan to be all business in Tampa

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — All those knee operations, smashed fingers and jarring collisions are paying off for Baltimore defensive tackle Tony Siragusa, who after 11 years in the NFL will play in his first Super Bowl.

His sense of humor ought to be a big attraction on media day next week, and there's a very good chance the 350-pound "Goose" will sample the pasta at several Italian restaurants in Tampa.

But this is a business trip, and the immediate task for him and his teammates is to beat the New York Giants on Jan. 28.

"If you're lucky, you get a shot at being world champions. Maybe only one," Siragusa said. "Dan Marino went to the Super Bowl the second year he was in

the league and never went back. You've got to grasp the moment when you can."

Fact: Franchises making their first trip to the Super Bowl are 8-16. Call it "The Happy to Be Here Phenomenon," and the 1998 Atlanta Falcons are a perfect case study.

The Falcons upset the heavily favored Minnesota Vikings on the road in the NFC championship, then got beat handily by Denver in their initial Super Bowl appearance. The Falcons subsequently failed to reach .500 in each of the next two seasons.

Unlike Siragusa, Ravens cornerback Chris McAlister is in the Super Bowl in only his second season. But he knows it would be foolish to think that his presence in the game will become an

annual event.

As far as he's concerned, this could be his only shot at obtaining the one bit of jewelry that every pro football player covets.

"It's not a guarantee I can ever get back to the Super Bowl," McAlister said. "The way football is, our team is not going to stand intact next year; with free agency, you have to expect some people to be gone. I want to make the most of this opportunity and walk away with a big ring with 35 diamonds on it."

If there's anyone on the Ravens who doesn't think that way, he'd better not let tight end Shannon Sharpe know about it. Sharpe, who has already played in two Super Bowls, isn't going to Tampa just to see friends or walk through a couple of amusement

parks.

"You have to realize what you're going to Tampa for. Disney World is 45 minutes away, you've got Busch Gardens ... there are a lot of things that can distract your attention," he said. "But the main focus is to win a football game, and you cannot lose sight of that."

No matter what happens in the Super Bowl, the Ravens (15-4) have already succeeded beyond their most optimistic expectations. Actually, the season became one for the books when they made the playoffs for the first time after going 24-39-1 since owner Art Modell moved the franchise from Cleveland in 1996.

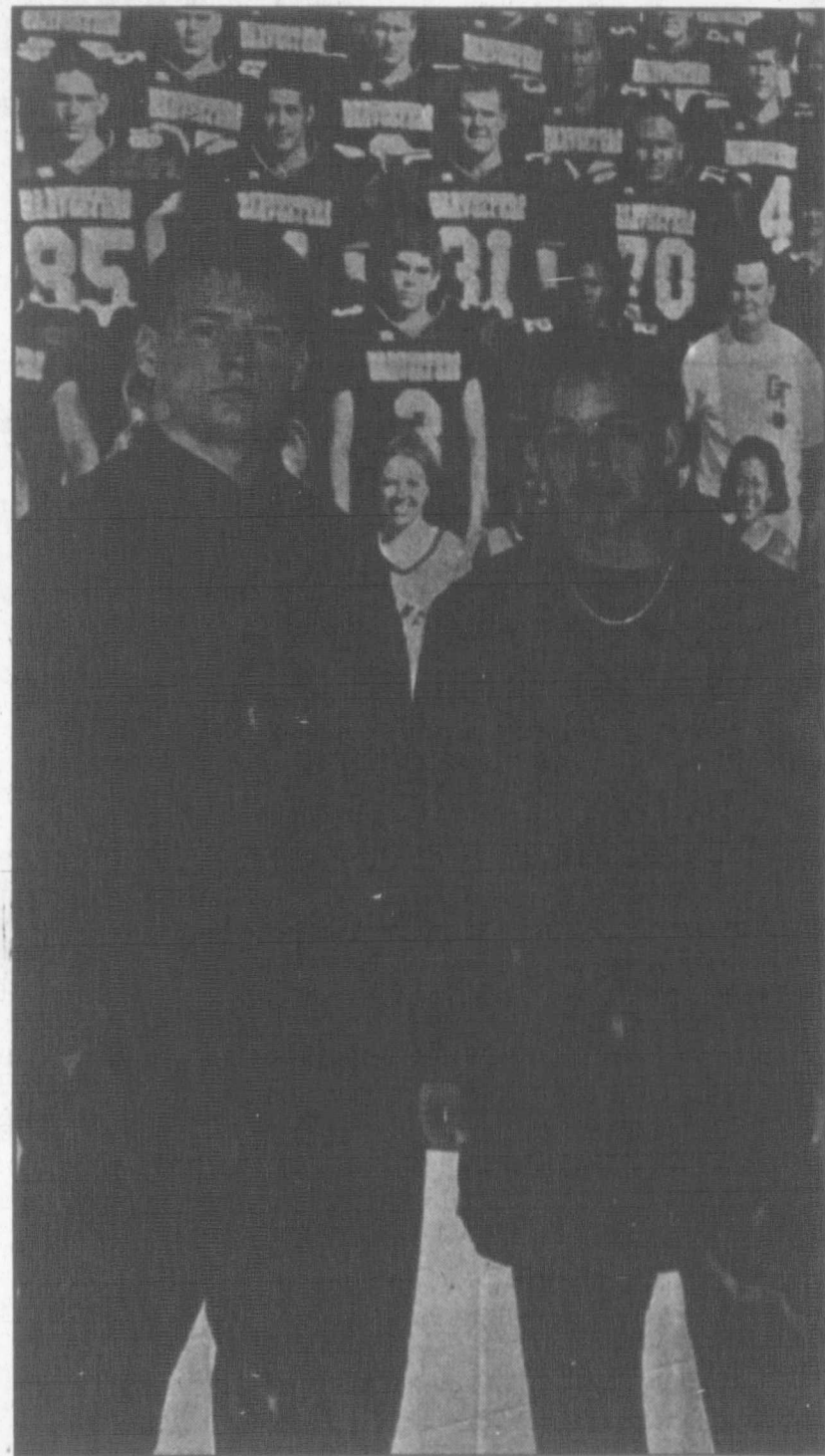
If the Ravens were going to rest on their laurels, it could have

happened against Denver in the wild-card game, or even more likely, last week in the AFC championship game against the Oakland Raiders, according to coach Brian Billick.

"Having done what we did to get to Oakland — winning on the road in Tennessee — there could have a sense of, 'Well, we got to the championship game, win or lose, what the heck. We had a great year.' And it would have been a good year had we lost," Billick said. "But not the year we're capable of having."

Or, as cornerback Duane Starks put it, "It makes no sense to get to the playoffs if you're not going to play in the Super Bowl. And it makes no sense to play in the Super Bowl if you're not going to win it."

## Players honored at banquet



Jason Burklow received the Fighting Heart Award and Johnny Cortez (right) the Vance Bruce Memorial Award at Wednesday night's Pampa football banquet.

PAMPA — Senior middle line-backer Jason Burklow was the Fighting Heart Award winner at the annual Pampa Harvesters Football Banquet Wednesday night at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Burklow, who was Pampa's leading tackler, was named to the all-state second-team this season.

"This is a long, traditional award. It has to do with heart, which is what Harvester football is all about," said Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier. "It's the player who embodies the spirit of Harvester football."

Burklow has had several college football scholarship offers, but has not made a commitment yet.

The GT-El Norma Award for leadership went to senior center Jeff Warren, who was an honorable mention all-state player this season. Warren will be attending the University of Wyoming on a football scholarship.

Two of the other top four individual awards went to defensive end Andy Schroeder (Kevin McKinney Memorial Award) and receiver Johnny Cortez (Vance Bruce Memorial Award). Both players received \$500 scholarships.

Schroeder was an all-district performer and a three-year starter for the Harvesters. Cortez had what was feared to be a career-ending knee injury in spring practice, but was able to come back and suit up late in the season.

McKinney, a Borger native, was a Harvesters assistant coach who was killed in a 1995 auto accident.

"Coach McKinney had a great rapport with the athletes," Cavalier said.

Bruce was a Harvester football fan who was noted for his enthusiastic support for the athletes. He died last year following an auto accident.

## Kansas in the lead

By The Associated Press

Playing in Allen Fieldhouse for the first time in 31 days, No. 5 Kansas wasted no time settling back into its home digs.

The Jayhawks moved into first place in the Big 12 conference on Wednesday night on the strength of a dominating defensive effort that gave them an 84-62 win over Nebraska.

"I think in the first half that was about as good as we've played defense all year," said Kenny Gregory, who had 20 points and nine rebounds for Kansas (14-1, 3-0).

In other conference games Wednesday night, Oklahoma State beat Baylor 76-65, giving the Bears their first home loss of the season, and Texas defeated Texas A&M 76-58.

At Lawrence, Kan., Kansas forced 11 turnovers in the first seven minutes — while giving up only nine points during that span.

"We wanted to send a statement. Everybody knows we're a great offensive team but we want people to know that our defense can also win games," Gregory said. "Coach (Roy Williams) wants perfection. If he sees anything wrong, he lets us know."

Nebraska's Cary Cochran hit three straight 3-pointers midway through the second half, but the Cornhuskers (8-8, 1-2) could get no closer than 18 points as Williams improved to 12-1 against Nebraska in Allen Fieldhouse.

Drew Gooden had 17 points and Nick Collison added 16 for the Jayhawks, the only Big 12 team with an unbeaten conference record.

Kimani Friend had 14 for the Huskers and Steffon Bradford added 13.

At Waco, Texas, Maurice

Baker scored a career-high 29 points and Oklahoma State shot 54 percent from the field in beating Baylor.

"We really considered this an important game," Baylor forward Greg Davis said. "We wanted to prove BU is a team to be reckoned with, but every team loses and we didn't get our chance."

Baker hit 10-of-15 shots from the field, including six of his 10 3-point attempts as the Cowboys (11-3, 3-1 Big 12) won their third straight game and their first on the road since Nov. 28.

Baylor (13-2, 2-2) had a 10-game winning streak broken at home.

Victor Williams scored 12 points and had seven assists for Oklahoma State.

Baylor had not allowed a team to shoot more than 43 percent from the field against it this year and was ranked second nationally in field goal percentage defense (36.4 percent).

DeMarcus Minor led Baylor with 27 points, which tied a career high. Terry Black added 18 points and had nine rebounds.

At College Station, Texas, the Longhorns' Maurice Evans scored 21 points and Texas went on a 26-7 run late in a foul-plagued game.

"I thought Maurice Evans played his best game since he's been at Texas," Longhorns coach Rick Barnes said. "I talk to the players a lot about getting lost in the game. I thought he did that tonight. He played a great game tonight all around."

Texas (14-3, 3-1 Big 12) trailed 34-28 at the half, but came out strong, closing the margin to a single point before A&M's Andy Leatherman drained a 3-pointer and drew the foul.

## Eisley's bucket gives Mavs win over Charlotte

By The Associated Press

The Dallas Mavericks were hoping to get to overtime with Howard Eisley acting as a decoy.

Instead, Eisley wound up with the ball in his hands, and the visiting Mavericks didn't need overtime when his 3-pointer from the corner defeated the Charlotte Hornets 91-90 Wednesday night.

After Jamal Mashburn's free throw extended Charlotte's lead to 90-88 with 7 seconds left, Dallas called a timeout to discuss a play. The plan called for Eisley to attract attention away from the ball while either Dirk Nowitzki or Michael Finley attempted to tie the game.

"I felt good about the momentum and thought [we could have won in overtime]," Dallas interim coach Donn Nelson said. "I wanted to send it into overtime. I never called for the 3, but I'll take it."

Finley inbounded the ball to Nowitzki, who nearly turned it over before spotting Eisley alone in the corner. In one motion, Eisley grabbed the pass and shot the ball, hitting nothing but net as the clock hit zero.

"I have no idea how I got that open," said Eisley, who scored 11 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter. "I was just there and I

yelled for Dirk and hit the shot."

In other NBA games, Philadelphia beat Chicago 99-88, New Jersey downed Washington 108-89, Minnesota stopped Utah 89-81, Toronto defeated San Antonio 98-91, Denver clobbered Vancouver 121-97, Phoenix downed Seattle 89-80 and Sacramento stopped Boston 111-106.

Charlotte led by as many as 16 and was up by 11 at the start of the fourth quarter.

"I don't mind so much them making the shot as I do that we were in that position," Mashburn said. "We were beating them the whole game, we had a big lead, we outrebounded them, and then we fell apart at the end."

The victory snapped a three-game losing streak for the Mavericks, while the Hornets dropped their third straight game and ninth in their last 12. Nowitzki had 27 points and Eisley 23 for Dallas, while the Hornets were led by Mashburn with 22 points, nine rebounds and nine assists.

**Kings 111, Celtics 106**  
Peja Stojakovic scored the Kings' final six points, and Sacramento rallied in the fourth quarter to negate Antoine Walker's 47-point performance for visiting Boston.

Walker, who made nine 3-pointers and was two points

shy of his career high, missed a long 3-pointer with 4 seconds left and the Celtics trailing by three points. Stojakovic came down with the rebound, was fouled and made two free throws with 2.1 seconds left to finish with 26 points.

**Suns 89, SuperSonics 80**  
Jason Kidd finished with 15 points and seven assists, while Gary Payton had 15 points and six assists in Phoenix's victory at Seattle.

Payton was held to 6-of-24 shooting, mostly on the defense of Mario Elie.

The Sonics got 19 points each from Ruben Patterson and Brent Barry.

**Timberwolves 89, Jazz 81**  
Kevin Garnett scored 23 points and Terrell Brandon had 19 points and 11 assists in Minnesota's victory at Utah.

Brandon scored nine points in the fourth quarter and Anthony Peeler had seven of his 17 points in the final period as the Timberwolves snapped Utah's four-game winning streak.

Karl Malone led the Jazz with 22 points.

**Nuggets 121, Grizzlies 97**  
In Denver, Antonio McDyess had 20 points and 20 rebounds as the streaking Nuggets overwhelmed Vancouver.

Denver, which has won eight of nine games and 13 of 16, got 21 points from Nick Van Exel and 13 from Raef LaFrentz, who

set the defensive tone with three blocked shots in the first 6 1/2 minutes.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim led Va. couver with 24 points.

**Raptors 98, Spurs 91**  
Vince Carter scored 27 points as the Raptors handed San Antonio its third straight loss. Mark Jackson added 23 points for the visiting Raptors.

Tim Duncan scored 22 points and Derek Anderson had 20 for the Spurs, who missed five free throws in the final 1:58.

**Nets 108, Wizards 89**

Keith Van Horn scored a season-high 27 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and Stephon Marbury added 22 points as New Jersey won its second straight and handed Washington its eighth straight defeat.

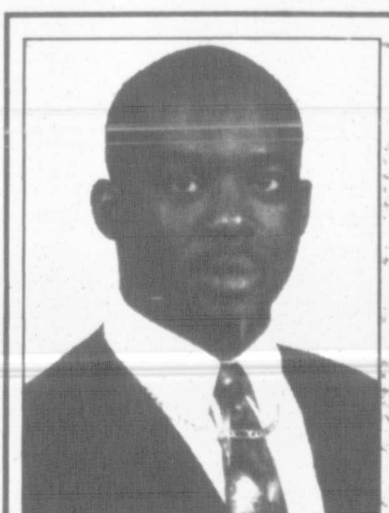
Richard Hamilton and Juwan Howard each had 18 points for the visiting Wizards.

**76ers 99, Bulls 88**

In Philadelphia, Allen Iverson scored 27 of his 43 points in the first half as the 76ers won their fourth straight and 11th in the last 12 games.

The win over Chicago improved Philadelphia's league-leading record to 29-9. The Bulls have lost six straight and seven of eight.

Bryce Drew scored a career-high 24 points and Elton Brand added 24 points and 19 rebounds for Chicago.



Pampa's Devin Lemons (above) was named defensive lineman of the year at the Texas Tech football awards ceremony last weekend. Lemons is a senior.

Borger's Tim Baker was named offensive player of the year.

Team MVPs were quarterback Kliff Kingsbury and junior defensive back Kevin Curtis.

### Flashback

1992: Chad Chairez became the first athlete in Pampa High School history to win a state wrestling championship.

Chairez, who finished the season with a 30-5 record, defeated Anthony Mendez of El Paso Del Valle in the 125-pound finals in Dallas.

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# Baseball Owners seek players' permission to share the wealth

PHOENIX (AP) — Now that baseball owners want to spread the wealth a little more evenly, they'll have to ask their players for permission.

Owners voted Wednesday to seek the union's approval for a draft in which teams with the eight worst records during the previous three years would choose one player left unprotected by the teams with the eight best winning percentages.

At least one owner, Nelson Doubleday of the New York Mets, has problems with baseball's latest economic plan. But commissioner Bud Selig promised the vote was the start of an overhaul of the sport's economics.

"We need to change the landscape," he said. "If we're going to change this system, it has to be changed at every level."

The most notable of the changes is a draft that would shift players from the best teams to the worst.

"I personally think it's an outrage. It's a sham," New York Mets co-owner Nelson Doubleday said. "It's everything baseball shouldn't be for."

"What you're saying is you don't have to scout. We'll do that for you. Why spend money on scouting when you can take eight of our best players, or four of them or two of them?"

New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, who did not attend the meeting, also is

said to oppose the draft, in which each of the top teams could protect 25 players in their organizations.

Selig would not disclose the vote. But the proposal does have some support among high-revenue teams.

"We would do it to achieve that balance," Baltimore owner, Peter Angelos said. "I think that's a goal to strive for."

— Owners extended through 2007 Turner Broadcasting's agreement to televise Atlanta Braves' games nationally on superstation TBS.

— Teams extended Major League Baseball Properties' deal to sell teams' licensed goods through May 31.

If the draft had been in place after last season, Atlanta (.626), the Yankees (.616), the Mets (.573), Cleveland (.568), San Francisco (.559), Houston (.558), Boston (.558) and Cincinnati (.530) would have lost players.

Teams picking players would have been Florida (.406), Montreal (.412), Tampa Bay (.414), Minnesota (.417), Detroit (.439), Kansas City (.440), Pittsburgh (.445) and Philadelphia (.447).

Owners also will seek to make all players around the world subject to the annual June draft, rather than just those in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. Other changes would eliminate the draft eligibility of college juniors, force all

draft picks to sign by July 15 and allow teams to trade draft picks.

Union head Donald Fehr said virtually all the proposed changes would need approval from the players. The collective bargaining agreement expires Oct. 31, and these proposals will be lumped into the labor talks.

"You can't evaluate it in isolation," he said when reached in Los Angeles. "You have to look at it as part of the overall bargaining."

Owners, who say they will bargain for measures that slow salary growth, could start a lock-out the day after the labor contract expires, which would put a freeze on free-agent contract negotiations.

A work stoppage would be baseball's ninth since 1972. The last one, in 1994-95, lasted 232 days and wiped out the World Series for the first time in 90 years. It's unclear if that experience has made the sides more cautious about another shut-down.

"The last one was distasteful enough that I think everyone remembers," Kansas City owner David Glass said.

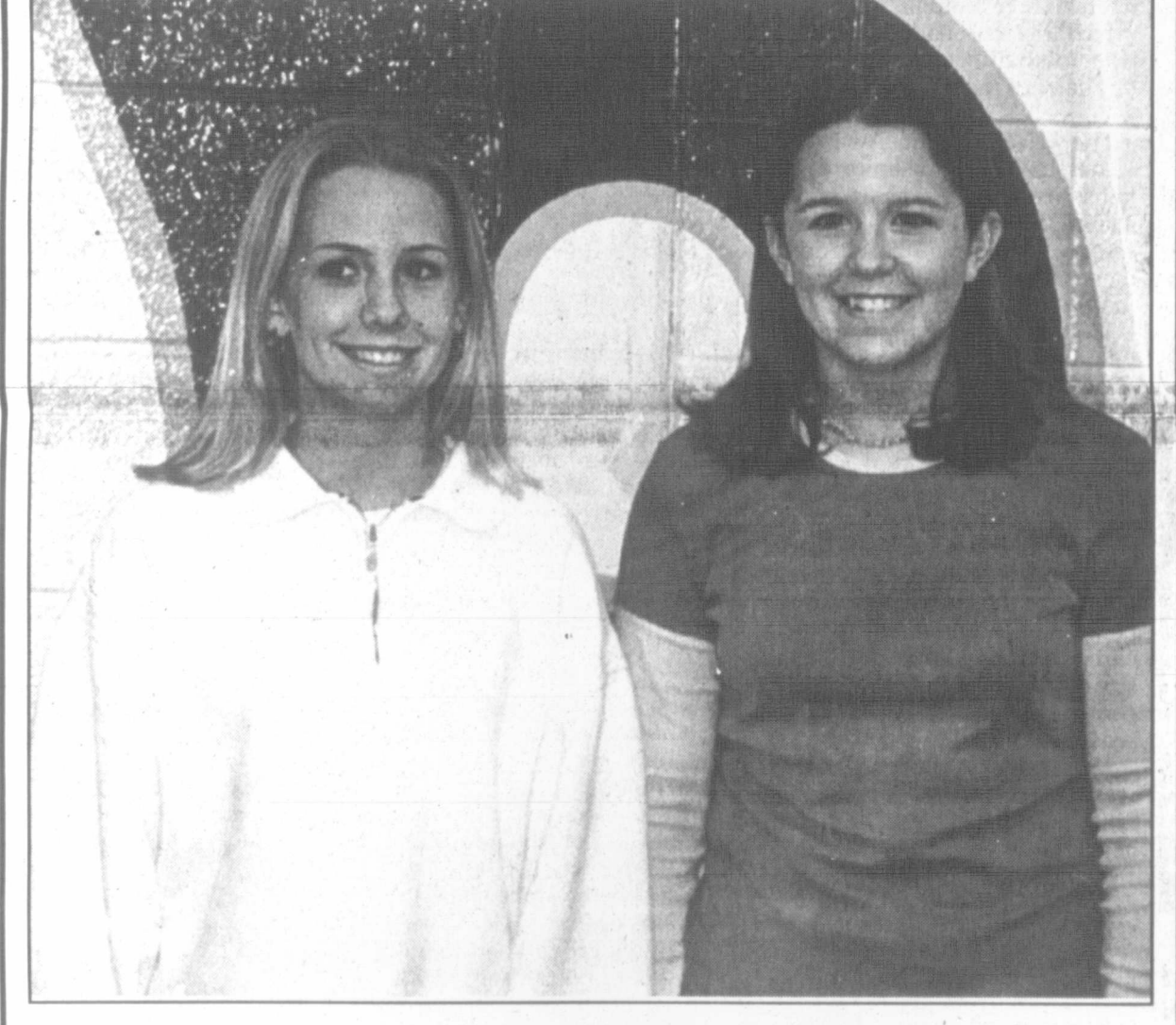
Selig promised labor talks will be kept out of public view. In the past 30 years, it has been impossible because of the union's insistence that players be at negotiations whenever possible.

"It's been a circus-like affair in the past, and it will not be in the future," Selig said.

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New York	24	13	.649	4 1/2		
Miami	23	17	.575	7		
Orlando	17	20	.459	11 1/2		
Boston	14	25	.359	15 1/2		
New Jersey	13	26	.333	16 1/2		
Washington	7	33	.175	23		
Central Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Milwaukee	23	15	.605	—		
Charlotte	23	18	.561	1 1/2		
Toronto	20	19	.513	3 1/2		
Cleveland	18	19	.486	4 1/2		
Indiana	18	21	.462	5 1/2		
Atlanta	14	23	.378	8 1/2		
Detroit	14	24	.368	9		
Chicago	6	32	.158	17		
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Midwest Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Sacramento	26	10	.722	—		
L.A. Lakers	25	12	.676	2 1/2		
Phoenix	23	13	.639	4		
Seattle	21	20	.512	8 1/2		
L.A. Clippers	13	28	.317	16 1/2		
Golden State	11	26	.297	16 1/2		
Pacific Division						
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Houston 114, Toronto 99						
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Sacramento 111, Boston 106						
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Orlando at Dallas, 8 p.m.						
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Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.						
Friday's Games						
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New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.						
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Tupelo	25	16	3	53	171	134
B-Shreveport	24	13	2	50	142	106
Dallas	23	17	3	49	154	151
Corpus Christi	22	18	3	47	133	152
Lake Charles	19	19	3	41	129	152
Fort Worth	11	27	3	25	115	157
x-Central Texas	14	18	5	33	104	128
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New Mexico	27	10	2	56	164	142
Lubbock	23	15	4	50	162	136
Odessa	21	11	6	48	144	121
Amarillo	18	17	6	42	146	162
San Angelo	17	10	5	39	121	173
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Lubbock at Odessa						

## All-Tournament Players



Misti Northcutt (left) and Sarah Porter of the Pampa High girls soccer team were named to the all-tournament team at the Midland Classic last weekend. Northcutt is a junior and Porter a sophomore.

## Capers could be Texans coach

HOUSTON (AP) — Dom Capers, Jacksonville's defensive coordinator, is now the leading candidate among seven candidates to become the Houston Texans' first head coach and may be hired by the NFL expansion team within the next week, according to a published report Thursday.

League sources at the Senior Bowl told the Houston Chronicle that Capers was traveling to Houston for a second round of interviews Thursday with owner Bob McNair and general manager Charley Casserly.

Sources said Wednesday night that Capers' hiring could be imminent if Texans officials can work out a long-term contract with the former Carolina Panthers coach.

Recently, McNair announced he would not hire his head coach until after the 2001 season. But he said the Texans would continue to interview candidates.

Now, McNair has apparently changed his mind about waiting because he doesn't want to risk losing a coach who was so impressive in his initial interview, according to the Chronicle.

The newspaper said Capers, who will be paid by the Panthers through the 2006 season, is attractive for salary reasons to the Texans who could then elevate his income in 2002

when the team plays its first season.

Capers, following the Panthers' ascent to the NFC Championship Game in their second season, received a 10-year contract extension and is now owed nearly \$9 million from the Panthers.

The Texans paid a \$700 million expansion fee and are now spending millions more on scouting and other areas, with no incoming revenue other than what is being used to pay their share of the new Reliant Stadium.

The report said McNair could feel more urgency about Capers because the coach is scheduled to interview with Buffalo this weekend.

Capers, who was voted NFL Coach of the Year after Carolina's 1995 and 1996 seasons, withdrew from consideration for the New York Jets job before Tampa Bay assistant head coach Herm Edwards was hired on Wednesday.

The Texans' interviews of candidates, which began with the regular season's end, can continue until Feb. 15, according to the NFL.

Art Shell, who resigned earlier this month after four years as offensive line coach of the Atlanta Falcons, interviewed earlier this week.

Other candidates included Denver Broncos offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak; Ted

Cottrell, Phillips' defensive coordinator at Buffalo; University of Miami coach Butch Davis; and St. Louis assistant head coach Jim Saunders.

## Agreement nears for new NFL plan

IRVING, Texas (AP) — NFL owners are a step closer to realignment, with a new plan that will equally split the money teams get for road games.

Under the plan approved Wednesday, the 40 percent gate receipts earned by each visiting team in all regular season and preseason games will be combined beginning in 2002. The money will then be distributed equally among all 32 teams.

"This just allows teams not to be penalized by what division they end up in with realignment," Philadelphia owner Jeffrey Lurie said.

The concern that some teams had with realignment was missing out on road games against big-market teams that provide larger gate receipts under current rules. Realignment will end some divisional rivalries created after the NFL-AFL merger in 1970.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the new revenue plan will allow owners to base future realignment on merits, not economics.

# Injury situation gets worse for seventh-ranked Florida

By The Associated Press

Billy Donovan doesn't expect any sympathy from Florida's opponents, and he's not going to get any.

The seventh-ranked Gators lost their third starter to a major injury when guard Justin Hamilton hurt his left knee late in Wednesday night's 75-72 loss to Georgia.

The Gators, who lost to Michigan State in last season's national championship game, previously lost forward Brent Wright (foot) and guard Teddy Dupay (back). They are now down to seven scholarship players.

"Nobody is going to feel sorry for us," said Donovan, Florida's coach. "I'm sure the way other people are looking at it is they're saying, 'Here's a chance to get a win.'"

Georgia (10-7, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) took advantage of the chance to match last season's win total as Ezra Williams led the Bulldogs with 24 points, including six down the stretch.

"There are some games you don't deserve to win," Georgia coach Jim Harrick said. "But I thought we deserved to win this

game. We hung in there and did a good job."

In other games involving ranked teams on Wednesday, it was No. 1 Stanford 84, California 58; No. 5 Kansas 84, Nebraska 62; No. 6 North Carolina 92, Clemson 65; No. 12 Maryland 81, No. 10 Wake Forest 71; No. 11 Illinois 63, Northwestern 49; and No. 15 Alabama 82, No. 21 Mississippi 63.

Williams' layup with 3:20 left gave the Bulldogs the lead for good at 69-68. He added two free throws and a layup off a steal for a 73-70 lead.

After a steal, Hamilton went the length of the floor and hung in the air, trying to get off a shot. He landed awkwardly, then limped off the court on his injured knee.

"He tried to make a play," Donovan said. "I knew something serious had gone wrong. I could see from his facial expression. It looked like shock."

Hamilton was to undergo an MRI on Thursday.

"Now they are facing a huge obstacle," Donovan said of the Gators (11-3, 1-2). "This is not going to be a bed of roses, but it will make us stronger."

Brett Nelson and Udonis Haslem each had 20 points for Florida.

No. 1 Stanford 84, California 58

Casey Jacobsen scored 19 points and Jarron Collins had 18 as the Cardinal (16-0, 5-0 Pac-10) beat their archrival for a school-record eighth straight time.

Brian Wethers had 18 points for the visiting Bears (11-5, 3-2), who lost for just the second time in 12 games.

No. 5 Kansas 84, Nebraska 62

Kenny Gregory had 20 points and nine rebounds as the Jayhawks (14-1, 3-0) won in their first home game in 31 days.

Cary Cochran scored all but two of his 17 points on 3-pointers for the Cornhuskers (8-8, 1-2).

No. 6 North Carolina 92, Clemson 65

Joseph Forte scored 14 points for the Tar Heels (14-2, 4-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who had a season-high 12 3-pointers in winning their 11th straight.

Will Solomon had 17 points, 15 in the opening 11:39, for the Tigers (10-7, 1-3), who fell to 0-47 all-time in Chapel Hill.

No. 12 Maryland 81, No. 10 Wake Forest 71

Juan Dixon scored 30 points and Lonny Baxter had 18 points and 15 rebounds as the Terrapins (13-4, 4-1 ACC) won for the first time in four games against ranked teams this season.

Josh Howard scored a career-

high 24 points and Darius Sogaila had 16 points and 11 rebounds for the visiting Demon Deacons (13-3, 2-3), who have lost three of four.

No. 11 Illinois 63, Northwestern 49

Frank Williams had 16 points and Brian Cook added 14, including the last eight in a 13-2

second-half run as the visiting Illini (14-4, 4-1 Big Ten) won without injured center Marcus Griffin.

Ben Johnson had 11 points for the Wildcats (7-10, 0-5), who lost their 27th consecutive regular-season conference game.

No. 15 Alabama 82, No. 21 Mississippi 63

## Jets to introduce Edwards as coach

By BARRY WILNER  
AP Football Writer

Herman Edwards is set to replace Al Groh as coach of the New York Jets.

Several sources told The Associated Press, that Edwards would become the NFL's third active black head coach. The Jets planned to introduce Edwards on Thursday.

Edwards, the assistant head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, was offered the job by the Jets' new general manager, Terry Bradway, with whom Edwards worked in Kansas City.

"Herman Edwards has successfully overcome every challenge he has ever faced, and I don't think this one will be any different," Buc's general manager Rich McKay said. "The Jets are very

fortunate to be getting such a quality guy."

The hiring, first reported on Newsday's Web site, ended a quick four-candidate search to replace Groh, who resigned after one season to become coach of the University of Virginia.

Also interviewed were former Carolina Panthers coach Dom Capers; Buffalo Bills defensive coordinator Ted Cottrell; and Jets assistant head coach Maurice Carthon.

Carthon, who like Edwards was at the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., told the Journal News, a New York suburban newspaper, "I talked to Terry and he said that was the way he was going to go."

Neither Edwards nor his agent, Ray Anderson, could be reached for comment. But Edwards was expected to ask Carthon to

remain on staff, perhaps as offensive coordinator.

Edwards will join Minnesota's Dennis Green and Tampa Bay's Tony Dungy as black head coaches. He was the Buccaneers' defensive coordinator and assistant head coach this season, his fifth with the team.

He will be only the second black head coach in the NFL's past 42 hirings.

Bradway was hired last week after Bill Parcells resigned as chief of football operations.

"It's not like the cupboard's bare," Edwards told Newsday. "They just didn't finish it down the stretch or they'd be in the playoffs. I think the first thing that I realize is that it's a fresh start."

Edwards played 10 seasons as an NFL defensive back.

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# Comptroller releases budget estimate, warns of slowing economy

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently released the biennial revenue estimate, giving lawmakers and Gov. Rick Perry \$5.1 billion more for the 2002-03 budget cycle.

"There will be money to pay our bills, but the economic furnace is cooling," Rylander said.

The revenue estimate was released in conjunction with the comptroller's Texas Economic Update.

"Texas' economy is healthy and strong, although it is slowing," Rylander said. "I am pleased to

*Rylander said the revenue estimate would add \$802 million to the state's "Rainy Day Fund" (officially the Economic Stabilization Fund) over the next three years. Lawmakers created the Rainy Day Fund more than a decade ago to help offset fiscal instability.*

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"I am pleased the Rainy Day Fund has more than doubled since I took office," Comptroller Rylander said. "By November 2003, the Rainy Day Fund will exceed \$1 billion. Putting money into the Rainy Day Fund will help Texas regain its AAA bond rating."

"Lawmakers have tough choices to make this session and I believe they must start by implementing my e-Texas recommendations, which will save taxpayers \$1.2 billion," Comptroller Rylander said. "One recommendation, privatizing the Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund, could add another \$300 million to the Rainy Day Fund."

Approximately 86 percent of the general revenue-related funds would come from tax revenue collected during the 2002-03 biennium, of which, almost 61 percent will come from the sales tax. Other sources of revenue include motor vehicle sales taxes, motor fuels taxes, the franchise tax, oil and gas

severance taxes, insurance premium taxes and lottery proceeds.

The Texas Economic Update reported the state's economy has been slowing for the last three years, as predicted by the Comptroller's office. The slowdown parallels the deceleration in the U.S. economy.

In the Texas Economic Update, Rylander forecasts Texas' real gross state product, which is the most complete measure of the state's economic activity, will rise 4.3 percent in 2001 and an average of 4.2 percent each year in the 2002-03

biennium. Personal income is expected to rise 6.6 percent in 2001 and an average of 6.4 percent each year in the 2002-03 biennium.

Article III, Section 49a of the Texas Constitution requires the Comptroller to provide the Legislature with a biennial revenue estimate before the start of each regular legislative session. The comptroller's revenue estimate serves as a blueprint for lawmakers as they draft a state appropriations or spending bill for the 2002-03 biennium.

## TDI offers on-line license renewal

AUSTIN — Texas' approximately 200,000 insurance agents now can save time and trouble by renewing their licenses over the Internet.

The Texas Department of Insurance began providing on-line renewal of agent licenses at the end of December 2000 after months of testing.

On-line license renewal is part of the Portal Project, a legislatively mandated initiative to bring the benefits of electronic commerce to state agency customers. TDI volunteered to participate in the project.

"Electronic commerce is the wave of the future for state licensing agencies. It offers huge benefits in convenience for our licensees and potential labor cost savings for taxpayers. The Texas Department of Insurance is pleased, therefore, to be among the first state agencies offering direct service on-line to our licensees," Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor said.

Texas law requires insurance agents to renew their licenses every two years. Agents may renew on-line if they have received their renewal notices and are within 90 days of their license expiration dates. When renewing on-line, agents pay the normal renewal fee (usually \$48), plus a \$3 convenience charge, by credit card. Agents also may renew by mailing checks and paper forms to TDI, as in the past.

The state comptroller of public accounts processes the agents' credit card payments and transmits the data to TDI electronically. The agents will be billed by their credit card companies.

Credit card transactions are encrypted so that no one but the agent and his or her credit card company has access to the agent's credit card number.

Agents renewing on-line receive ample documentation to confirm their transactions. They should receive their paper licenses within five- to seven-days — a major time-saving compared to the 15-20 days it takes to receive a new license after mailing in a check and a paper renewal application.

TDI's on-line services also include insurance rate guides, company profiles, agent license verification and consumer complaint filing. The TDI website is located at [www.tdi.state.tx.us](http://www.tdi.state.tx.us) on the Internet.

report our economy will continue to outpace the national economy by more than half a percentage point each year over the next three years."

Comptroller Rylander's biennial revenue estimate includes:

—\$106.8 billion in earnings from all sources in the 2002-03 biennium;

—\$60.8 billion in funds available for general purpose spending, which includes \$2.9 billion in cash on hand at the end of the fiscal year 2001, and;

—\$48.5 billion collected from other sources, including federal funds.

Rylander said the revenue esti-

## St. Vincent honor roll

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School recently announced its honor roll for the second nine-weeks grading period of the 2000-01 school year.

**A Honor Roll**  
Chelsea Alaniz, Rachel Andorfer, Gregorio Cabrales, Juan Martinez, Trevor McVay, Joseph Mechelay, Valerie Resendiz, Halie Wells, Amar da Evans, Ashley Facio, Alyssa

Hoelting, Lacy Loving, Jesus Cabrales, Audrey Ford, Anthony Rios, Stephanie Ronquillo, Stephen Vigil.

**AB Honor Roll**  
Garrett Sewell, Uriel Diaz, Stormy Free, Monica Rodriguez, Nicholas Ford, Brenna Albracht, Teysha Parker, Diana Mechelay, Leda Juengerman, Dylan Alaniz, Matthew Albracht, Tania Diaz, Ashley Ford, Grace Juengerman.



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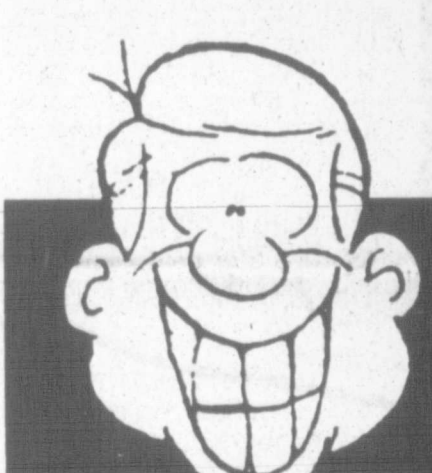
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<p><b>3 Personal</b> BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics sales, service, makeovers. Lynn Allison 1304 Christine, 669-3848</p>	<p><b>14d Carpentry</b> OVERHEAD DOOR REPAIR Kidwell Construction. Call 669-6347. ADDITIONS, remodeling, roofing, cabinets, painting, all types repairs. Mike Albus, 665-4774.</p>	<p><b>14s Plumbing/Heat</b> Larry Baker Plumbing Heating/Air Conditioning Borger Hwy. 665-4392</p>	<p><b>21 Help Wanted</b> JANITORIAL serv. needs part-time workers. Good work record &amp; references. 848-2517 or 273-7578.</p>	<p><b>21 Help Wanted</b> RECEPTIONIST needed for medical office. Exp. pref. Please send resume to Box 8 c/o Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa.</p>	<p><b>21 Help Wanted</b> OILFIELD Valve &amp; Controls Sales Co. requires individual for valve and instrument repair and warehouseman. Exc. benefits. Send resume in own handwriting to P.O. Box 1836, Pampa, Tx. 79066-1836</p>	<p><b>69 Misc.</b> ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.</p>	<p><b>95 Furn. Apts.</b> 1 bdr. furnished, Dogwood Apts. References and deposit required. 669-2981, 669-9817.</p>	<p><b>96 Unfurn. Apts.</b> SPACIOUS 2 or 3 bdr., 1 ba. duplexes, central h/a. After 5:30, 665-4520.</p>	<p><b>103 Homes For Sale</b> HOUSE for Sale 1005 E. Foster 2 br. gar., carpet, fenced backyard, steel siding, \$9,000. Call 669-3636.</p>
<p><b>5 Special Notices</b> ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News, MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.</p>	<p><b>14e Carpet Serv.</b> NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost...! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-3341.</p>	<p><b>14t Radio/Tv</b> RENT TO RENT RENT TO OWN We have tvs, VCRs, camcorders, to suit your needs. Rent by hour, day, week. We do service on most major brand of tvs &amp; VCRs. Call for estimate. Johnson Home Entertainment, 2211 Perryton Prkwy. 665-0504.</p>	<p><b>NEEDED Powerline Contract Lineman, electricians &amp; apprentice. Apprentice needs no exp. Must have clean driving record &amp; pass drug test. 505-390-8644 7a.m.-7p.m., or 806-669-2439 5p.m.-7p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>WANTED FAMILY SERVICES SALES COUNSELOR</b> I am looking for 1 person to assist me in my business in Gray Co. area. We are a local office of a national corporation and a leader in the industry. We now have an immediate opening for a FAMILY SERVICES COUNSELOR with an emphasis and ability for sales. This is a career opportunity with realistic first year income of 40-60K. Fringe benefits include: *Salary + Commission *Health &amp; Life Ins. *Disability Ins. *No Credit Turndown *401K Profit Sharing *Much More! For more information call Damon Melcho at 669-7605.</p>	<p><b>NOTICE</b> Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.</p>	<p><b>INTERNET ACCESS</b> The leading Internet Service provider in the Eastern Texas Panhandle. PAMPA CYBER NET 1319 N. HOBART PAMPA, TEXAS 806-665-8501</p>	<p><b>CHIMNEY</b> Fire can be prevented. Queen Sweep Chimney Cleaning. 665-4686 or 665-5364.</p>	<p><b>BEAUTIFULLY furnished 1 bedroom</b> starting at \$335. All utilities included available. 3 &amp; 6 mo. leases. Pool, laundry on site. Caprock Apts. 1601 W. Somerville, 665-7149. Open Mo-Fr 8:30-5:30, Sa 10-4, Su 1-4.</p>	<p><b>PICK UP rental list from Red Box on front porch of Action Realty, 707 N. Hobart. Update each Friday.</b> 1 bdr., stove, refrigerator, all bills pd. \$250 mo. 1116 S. Hobart. 662-9520. 3 bdr. condo, 1117 E. Harvester, cathedral ceilings, fireplace, garage. 609-6841. 2505 Charles, 3 bdr., 2 ba., dbl. gar., fpl. Deposit-lease-references. Call 665-6000.</p>
<p><b>10 Lost/Found</b> FOUND beautiful Persian like cat at Caprock Apts. Call 665-3701 ext. 364, or 669-7611.</p>	<p><b>19 Situations</b> ALTERATIONS by Janie Lusa formerly from Jiffy Cleaners now serving old &amp; new customers in Pampa. Call 665-3525 for info.</p>	<p><b>21 Help Wanted</b> ABSOLUTELY Free Info! Earn on line income \$2000-\$5000/mo. <a href="http://www.MakeWorkFun.com">www.MakeWorkFun.com</a></p>	<p><b>CALDWELL Production Co. needs Welder.</b> 6 paid holidays plus 1 week paid vacation a year. Hwy 60 West Pampa. 665-8888.</p>	<p><b>NEED exp. ranch hand for Eastern Texas Panhandle.</b> Must have own horses and tack. Horse feed, shoeing, house and utilities furnished. This is a yearling operation. Must be able to recognize and doctor sick cattle. Send resumes to P.O. Box 729, Groom, Tx. 79039. Call 806-898-1161 for interview time.</p>	<p><b>HIRING Oil Rig Equipment Mechanics and Assembly.</b> Possible moving expenses paid. Call 713-675-2712, or 713-304-5561 or 713-822-3634.</p>	<p><b>ANTIQUE Clock Repair,</b> auth. by Ridgeway &amp; Howard Miller. Larry Norton, 669-7916 aft. 5.</p>	<p><b>EFFICIENCY</b> apt. \$225 mo., bills pd. Rooms \$20 day, \$80 wk. &amp; up, air, tv, cable, phone. 669-3221.</p>	<p><b>99 Stor. Bldgs.</b> TUMBLEWEED Acres, self storage units. Various sizes. 665-0079. 665-2450.</p>	<p><b>115 Trailer Parks</b> TUMBLEWEED Acres, 1st mo. rent free. Cellars, fenced, stor. bldg. avail. 665-0079, 665-2450.</p>
<p><b>13 Bus. Opp.</b> Little Debbie Distributorship Available Local Independent Distributor sales opportunities in the Pampa, Canadian, Shamrock, Wellington, &amp; Clarendon areas. Established producer of quality snack products ofers orientation &amp; marketing support for a nationally known brand. Some investment &amp; a good credit rating required. Equal Opportunity M/F. For further information contact Steve Turner at 806-358-8784 or fax resume to Steve Turner at 806-358-8784.</p>	<p><b>HOUSE Settling?</b> Cracks in brick or walls? Doors won't close? Call Childers Brothers Stabilizing &amp; Foundation Leveling, 1-800-299-9663 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo, Tx.</p>	<p><b>Houseparent I Texas Panhandle Mental Health and Mental Retardation</b> TPMHMR is currently accepting applications for three Houseparent I positions. One to work in the group home in Borger, one to work as a rover between the two group homes in Pampa and the other to work as a rover between the two homes in Pampa and one in Borger. The duties of a Houseparent include assisting persons with Mental Retardation with daily living skills, escorting them and participating in a recreational outings and assuring a good quality of life. Requires a high school diploma or GED plus some experience assisting in therapeutic activities. Shifts may vary and sleepover time is required. All applicants must show proof of 12 college credit hours or take the ABLE exam (a reading comprehension test.) This position offers an hourly salary of \$8.43 plus a fully paid benefit package including health, dental, life, disability and retirement. Apply at TPMHMR, 901 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX. 806-358-1681. EEO/Affirmative Action Employer.</p>	<p><b>MEALS on Wheels is now accepting applications for general cook. Must be clean &amp; dependable with large quantity of cooking experience or be willing to be trained. Only serious applicants need resume. Call 669-1007 M-F from 8-12 for information.</b></p>	<p><b>CLERK NEEDED</b> Apply 1020 E. Frederic</p>	<p><b>50 Building Suppl.</b> White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291</p>	<p><b>HOUSTON LUMBER</b> 420 W. Foster 669-6881</p>	<p><b>54 Farm Equip.</b> 357 New Holland Grinder Mixer with hay table. 665-5854.</p>	<p><b>55 Landscaping</b> WEST Texas Landscape &amp; Irrigation. Residential &amp; commercial. 669-0158, mobile 663-1277</p>	<p><b>102 Bus. Rent. Prop.</b> OFFICE Space for rent, 3 months free rent. 669-6841.</p>
<p><b>14b Appl. Repair</b> HAPPINESS IS Good Operating Appliances. Call William's Appliance, 665-8894. B&amp;B Electric, 779-3252, 779-2517, 800-834-6058. Service on all appliances, in or out of warranty.</p>	<p><b>REMODELING</b> Ceramic tile &amp; shower, paint, dry-wall, acoustic ceiling, wall texture. Free Estimates. Jesus Barraza, 665-3453.</p>	<p><b>14s Plumbing/Heat</b> JACK'S Plumbing &amp; Faucet Shop, 715 W. Foster, 665-1715. faucets, plumbing supplies, new constr., drain, remodeling, sewer repair, cleaning, septic systems installed. Visa/MC</p>	<p><b>CASHIER</b> needed at Hoagies Deli, Coronado Center. Apply in person. No phone calls.</p>	<p><b>50 Building Suppl.</b> White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291</p>	<p><b>HOUSTON LUMBER</b> 420 W. Foster 669-6881</p>	<p><b>54 Farm Equip.</b> 357 New Holland Grinder Mixer with hay table. 665-5854.</p>	<p><b>55 Landscaping</b> WEST Texas Landscape &amp; Irrigation. Residential &amp; commercial. 669-0158, mobile 663-1277</p>	<p><b>95 Furn. Apts.</b> CAPROCK Apts., 1-2-3 bdrms starting at \$249. All utilities included available. 3 &amp; 6 mo. leases. Pool, washer/dryer hook-ups in 2 &amp; 3 bdrms, fireplaces. No application fee. 1601 W. Somerville, 665-7149. Open Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30, Sat 10-4, Sun 1-4.</p>	<p><b>1212 DARBY M/I - Sliding New Kitchen Carpet Clean!</b> \$25,000 Call today! 665-3379</p>
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# Calendar of events

**PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL**  
Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

**ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP**  
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

**OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

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

**LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY**  
Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

**MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING**  
First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches

participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

**PHS SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establish-

ing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

**GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
Gray County Genealogical Society will not meet in the month of December. The January meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library and will feature a hands-on orientation to the Internet.

**RED CROSS CLASSES**  
Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross will offer CPR/First Aid Classes from 5-9 p.m. Jan. 24 and 25 and again from 3-7 p.m. Feb. 21 and 22 at the local Red Cross office, 108 N.

Russell. A fee will be charged to all participants and is available by calling the ARC office at 669-7121. Registration is required.

**PAS DANCE**  
Pampa Area Singles will hold a dance from 8-11 p.m. Jan. 27 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Music will be by Mike Porter. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

**DALLAS CHILDREN'S THEATRE**  
The Dallas Children's Theatre will present three performances of "Heidi" for local school children in third- through sixth-grade Thursday, Feb. 1 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Outlying school districts have been invited to attend the program as well. The project is sponsored by Texas Commission on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, Pampa ISD and other small independent school districts and the Nona Payne and H.E. and Inez McCarley Foundations.

**PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL**  
Amarillo Area Young Lawyers Association will sponsor the Fourth Annual People's Law School from 9 a.m.-12 noon, Saturday, Jan. 20 in the College Union Building of Amarillo College in Amarillo. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The event is being funded through a grant from Texas Young Lawyers Association with assistance from NALS of Amarillo and is open and free to the public. Participants will choose from a variety of topics and attend three 50-minute sessions. Topics include: Criminal Law, Family Law, Landlord/Tenant Law, Wills and Trusts, Small Claims Court and Small Business Issues.

**TRAIL RIDE OF THE MILLENNIUM**  
"The Journey" will celebrate the first Butterfield Overland Stagecoach Run in 138 years with the "Historic Trail Ride of the Millennium!" The trip will begin March 24, 2001, in Springfield, Mo., and will conclude May 25 in Tombstone, Ariz. The event will raise money for Special Olympics, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network, both by the sale of tickets and by corporate sponsorship. For more information, contact "The Journey" at (417) 255-2390 or visit [www.thestagecoachjourney.com](http://www.thestagecoachjourney.com) on the Internet.

**AAA INTERNSHIPS**  
American Angus Association and the "Angus Journal" will offer three summer internships to college students who want to learn more about breed association work. The paid internships will begin approximately June 1, 2000, and will conclude mid-August. Application deadline is Feb. 15, 2001. For more information, call (816) 383-5100.

**MS. TEXAS SENIOR PAGEANT**  
Ms. Texas Senior Pageant officials are currently seeking participants and corporate sponsorships for the 14th annual Ms. Texas Senior pageant scheduled March 23-24 at the Ramada Market Center in Dallas. For more information, contact Nell Coleman, state director, at (972) 239-3342, or Red Walker, executive director, (972) 270-5944.

**MISS TEXAS TEEN**  
Miss 2001 Texas Teen pageant officials are seeking participants for the contest to be held April 6-8 at Crown Plaza Hotel in Houston. The winner will receive a \$30,000 scholarship and will represent the state at the Miss 2001 United States Teen pageant slated July 12-21 in Orlando, Fla. For more information or to obtain an application, call (832) 721-4USA; fax (281) 370-8944; e-mail [Bikini-Usa@pdq.net](mailto:Bikini-Usa@pdq.net); or visit [www.missunitedstatesteen.com](http://www.missunitedstatesteen.com) on the Internet. Deadline for application is March 6.

**HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL**  
First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org> on the Internet.

## T-Shirt Contest winners



(Special photo)

Woodrow Wilson Elementary recently held its annual T-Shirt Contest. The winning designs all came from Pam Lash's fifth grade homeroom class. Above: (Back row, left-right) Andy Dunn, Trevor Collins, Jacob Davis, Lash; (front row, l-r) Oscar Recendiz and Nick Dudley.

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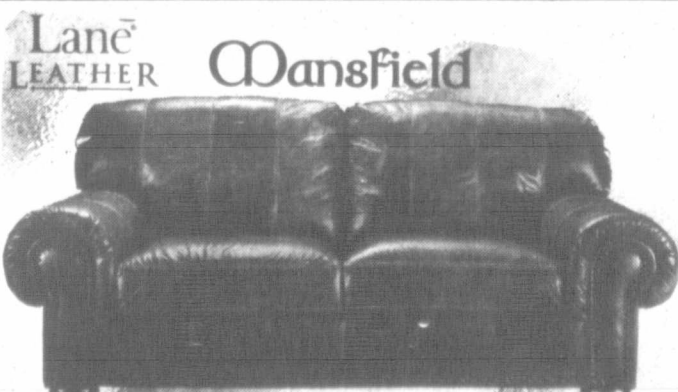
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