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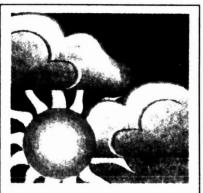
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Job info meeting at Rufe Jordan Unit

PAMPA — A career opportunity meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 8, at Rufe Jordan Prison Unit, 1991 Hilton Road. The event is open to anyone interested in a job as a correctional officer.

Participants will be required to wear a photo ID and no weapons, purses, tobacco or containers are allowed in the prison.

Facilitators will discuss duties, qualifications and benefits of correctional officers as well as certification procedures through Amarillo College.

For more information, contact Toni Brasher, coordinator of Corrections Officers Programs, Amarillo College, (806) 354-6083.

100 vacant hospital jobs won't be filled

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A cost-cutting plan means about 100 vacant jobs won't be filled at El Paso's Thomason Hospital, officials

The hospital's board of directors approved the recommendation Tuesday, and other job cuts may follow.

"The specific cuts have not been made," said Jim Eyerman, chief financial offi-

The hospital lost \$205 million in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30.

- · Berl 'Junior' Bridwell, 74, heavy equipment operator,
- pipe fitter. · Myrtle Edith Dickerson,
- 94, seamstress. · Margaret I. Francis, 69,
- homemaker. John W. Neuhaus Sr., 60,
- employee of First National Bank in Shamrock.
- Alma H. Peeler, 92, home-
- Claudine Pope Peeler, 89, homemaker.

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Expert: High gas prices spark drilling

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

The natural gas industry in the Texas Panhandle is profiting from higher prices for natural gas, but nobody is getting rich.

Prices for natural gas the last few months have soared to record highs, but it wasn't that long ago that natural gas was cheap.

Less than two years ago, natural gas sold for less than a dollar per 1,000 cubic feet (mcf). Today, it sells for \$7.50 per mcf. "We are recovering gradually from a

deficit condition of 18 months ago," H. Wayne Hughes, executive vice president of Panhandle Producers & Royalty Owners Association, said of the producer. "No, we are not getting rich."

The typical Texas Panhandle gas well, depending on several variables, starts to break even at two dollars per mcf,

"We can operate the well efficiently at two dollars," he said. "We cannot replace the reserve that we drain from the well bore at two dollars."

The replacement cost is in the three-tofive-dollar range.

"When we hit five dollars, we're able to actually drill for additional reserves," Hughes said, "and replace the reserves that we are depleting.

The five dollar level triggers increased exploration.

"We're as anxious about the price of gas as anybody else is on a day-to-day basis," Hughes said. "We're paid daily."

While \$7.50 per mcf is the price quote on a given day, the next day it may be entirely different. As with any commodity, the price swings can be volatile. A lot of money can be made, but a lot of money

"It's basic supply and demand. Pampa homeowners are in competition with electric generation plants in other parts of the country for the natural gas that is produced in the Texas Panhandle. The gas, in most instances, goes to the highest bidder. That competition increases price."

H. Wayne Hughes

Panhandle Producers & Royalty Owners Assoc.

daily basis," Hughes said, "and Energas buys gas on a daily básis."

Énergas is allowed by law to pass along

the costs of the gas to the consumer. "It's basic supply and demand," Hughes said. Pampa homeowners are in competition with electric generation plants in

"We sell gas on the spot market on a other parts of the country for the natural gas that is produced in the Texas Panhandle. The gas, in most instances, goes to the highest bidder.

> "That competition increases price," Hughes said.

When prices were low, there was no (See PRICES. Page 2)

Hours to change at Pampa landfill

Vacant position won't be filled

By KATE B. DICKSON **Associate Publisher**

While no specific date has been set, hours at the city's landfill will be reduced and one vacant position won't be filled in an effort

Rather than be open 10 hours a day Monday through Friday, the facility off Loop 171 will go to 8 hours open for the public and 9 for

City Commission members discussed the changes during a work session Tuesday at City Hall prior to the regular commission meeting. The plan is a followup to summer budget discussions.

City Manager Bob Eskridge said the changes should be made within a couple of months and said the city will announce the change date in advance.

On Saturdays, landfill hours will be cut back from eight of four with a time span set that commissioners believe will best accommodate citizens.

Eskridge and Public Works Director Richard Morris noted that no commercial users bring loads to the regional landfill on Saturdays as that day is primarily used by Pampans who are cleaning out garages, doing yard work and the like.

Bivins proposes oil, gas tax-relief



AUSTIN (AP) — Texas should adopt a sliding scale for the state severance tax on oil and gas to help the industry survive in tough times and keep production rolling, a state senator

the price of oil tell below \$12 a barrel.

Sen. Bivins

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, filed a bill that

Bivins said a \$45 million tax-relief bailout in

would create a sliding tax scale allowing the industry to pay as little as I percent in taxes it

1999 showed the Legislature is willing to protect the industry. Lawmakers approved that measure when the price of oil fell below \$15 a barrel for three consecutive months.

Former Gov. George W. Bush helped push it through by declaring it an emergency. Critics called it corporate welfare.

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Shy performer ...



Krysten Miller, 5, sings "Jambalaya" for the Pampa Shrine Club's January dinner meeting from the safety of her mother Lana's lap. Enjoying the performance along with local Shriners are her dad Kelly Miller, left, and sister, Courtney, 7, far right.

Lefors superintendent gets new contract

Allen Law's appraisal and renewed his contract for another two years at their January meeting.

With the contract extension, board members

intendent's annual salary which will be \$62,000. Law reported that a 1999 Oldsmobile Intrigue Intrigue, which seats five passengers, had proven more students in one vehicle to special events.

to be cost effective for the school district. The vehi-

LEFORS- Lefors Independent School District's cle traveled 28,000 miles in the past year, Law said, board of education completed Superintendent—which was "better than break-even" for the school district it mileage had been paid instead.

School officials decided to trade the Oldsmobile in for a tour-wheel drive Suburban so it could be approved a raise of almost six percent in the super-used as a back-up for one of the school bus routes where the bus often gets stuck in bad weather.

"We've already had to use it twice," Law said. purchased as a school district vehicle had been. The Suburban seats nine passengers, which has traded in for a 1999 4x4 Suburban. He said the made it possible for the school district to transport

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Reed Echols, left, outgoing director of Good Samaritan Christian Services, hands over her responsibilities to newly appointed co-directors, Ernie Wilkinson and James Richardson. Jeanne Bailey, standing between Wilkinson and Richardson, has taken over as volunteer coordinator for the community service organization.

Torch passes to new leaders of service group

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

Board members for Good Samaritan Christian Services, 309 N. Ward, have selected two long-time volunteers to share the responsibility of directing the ecumenical service organization.

James Richardson and Ernie Wilkinson have agreed to serve as co-directors, filling the position held by John Norris until he Good Samaritan volunteer for resigned for health reasons.

The board's decision followed the resignation of Reed Echols who had served as assistant director for approximately 17 vears and interim director for the past year. Jeanne Bailey was picked as the new volunteer

"This is a milestone for us," Echols said Tuesday. "We're passing the torch. These changes are good. There's lots of exciting things ahead."

Wilkinson, owner, of Shepherd's Crook Nursing Agency, has volunteered at Good Samaritan for approximately 11 years. Richardson, a Celanese employee, has been a almost nine years. Bailey is a two-year volunteer for the orga-

nization. Organized by the Pampa Ministerial Alliance 18 years ago, Good Samaritan Christian Services, with the support of 22

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BRIDWELL, Berl — 2 p.m., Central Baptist Church, Vernon.

FRANCIS, Margaret I. — 2 p.m., Wheeler First Baptist Church, Wheeler.

MORGAN, Grace Alma — Graveside services, Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

NEUHAUS, John W. Sr. — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Shamrock.

Obituaries

BERL BRIDWELL

VERNON — Berl "Junior" Bridwell, 74, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2001, in Vernon. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Central Baptist Church at Canadian with the Rev. Rick Timmons officiating. Burial will be in Canadian Cemetery under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home of Vernon.

Mr. Bridwell was born at Canadian. He married Geneva Yost Ketchersid in 1986 at Altus, Okla., and had been a Vernon resident since 1985. He worked as a heavy equipment operator and pipe

He was a Baptist, a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva; three daughters, Sherry Timmons of Canadian and Lois Gibbs and Patty Hall, both of Vernon; three sons, Berl Wayne Bridwell of Flower Mound, Lynn Ketchersid of Pampa and Dale Ketchersid of Vernon; two brothers, Vernon "Pete" Bridwell of White Deer and Raymond Bridwell of Pampa; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

MYRTLE EDITH DICKERSON

LITTLEFIELD — Myrtle Edith Dickerson, 94, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2001. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Parkview Baptist Church with the Rev. Ken Horn of Vista Care Hospice and the Rev. J.M. Phillips officiating. Burial is to be in Littlefield Memorial Park under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dickerson was born in Jack County and moved to the Littlefield area in 1949. She married Vollie Dickerson in 1924 at Waurika, Okla.; he died in 1987. She was a seamstress, a member of the Women's Missionary Union in Plainview and taught Sunday school at Parkview Baptist Church and Lums Chapel Baptist Church in Littlefield.

Survivors include four daughters, Dorothy Francis of Hereford, Wanda Martin of Winnsboro, Barbara Pair of Lubbock and Peggy Riney of Abilene; three sons, Gene Dickerson of Pampa, C.E. Dickerson of Borger and Charles Dickerson of Littlefield; two sisters, Jewel Roberts of Littlefield and Mildred Roberts of Roseville, Calif.; 26 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Littlefield Emergency Medical Service or Vista Care Hospice

MARGARET I. FRANCIS

WHEFLER — Margaret L Francis, 69, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Wheeler First Baptist Church with the Rev. Joe G. Jernigan, pastor of Calvary Christian Fellowship Church of Shamrock, officiating Burial will be in Gageby Cemetery at Gageby under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Born at Welty, Okla., Mrs. Francis moved from Stinnett to Gageby in 1963 and had been a Wheeler resident since 1973. She married Zane Grey Francis in 1947 at Wheeler; he died in 1984. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Noveta D. Atherton of Wheeler; two sons, Anthony W. Francis and Stephen L. Francis, both of Wheeler; two sisters, Hazel Farmer of Borger and Jan Craighead of Geary, Okla.; two brothers, T.B. Reames of Wheeler and L.B. "Micky" Reames of Paris, Ark.; 10 grandchildren; and nine greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Harrington Cancer Center.

JOHN W. NEUHAUS SR.

SHAMROCK — John W. Neuhaus Sr., 60, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2001. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church with Joe G. Jernigan, pastor of Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, and the Rev. Don Conner, retired minister of Shamrock, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of

Obituaries (cont.)

Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Neuhaus was born July 30, 1940, and moved to Shamrock with his family in 1957. He married Kay Morgan on Aug. 11, 1961. For 10 years, he was employed at Farmers and Merchants Bank and had worked for First National Bank of Shamrock since 1970.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and belonged to First Baptist Church of Shamrock and American Legion Deshazo George Post #68.

He was preceded in death by a son, Glen Neuhaus, in 1964

Survivors include his wife, Kay, of Shamrock; two sons, J.W. Neuhaus Jr. of Salt Flat and Steve Neuhaus of Hobbs, N.M.; two brothers, Donald Neuhaus of Augusta, Ark., and Albert Neuhaus of Cincinnati, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

ALMA H. PEELER Alma H. Peeler, 92, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2001. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Peeler was born Dec. 11, 1908, at Mangum, Okla., and had been a Mangum resident until moving to Pampa in 1995. She married Frank Peeler on June 30, 1928, at Mangum; he died in 1970. She was a homemaker and a member of Mangum Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Francis Howard and Billie Ann Darrow, both of Duncan, Okla.; a son, Norman Leon Peeler of Pampa; two sisters, Oleta Finley of Sulphur, Okla., and Viola Goodman of Altus, Okla.; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or to a favorite charity.

CLAUDINE POPE PEELER

AMARILLO — Claudine Pope Peeler, 89, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2001. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Peeler was born Feb. 7, 1911. She married R.G. Peeler in 1936 at Amarillo; he died Feb. 2,

A Hereford resident for 35 years, she moved to Amarillo in 1993 and was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Hereford.

Survivors include special friends, J. David and Mary Fatheree of Pampa and David Stanley of

Memorials should be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174-0001; or to First Presbyterian Church Book of Remembrance, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are	Columbia/HCA36.30	dn 0.19
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	Hallibutton38 7/8	dn 1/4
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Milo.s	Kerr McGee65	dn 3/8
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	Phillips57 3/16	up 3/16
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Puritan 18.78	SLB74 11/16	up 13/16
	Tenneco3 7/8	dn 1/8
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Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.	Wal-Mart52 7/8	dn 1/2
BP Amoco	Williams39 5/16	up 1/16
Cabot		
Cabot O&G27 3/8 up 1/2	New York Gold	266.55
Chevron	Silver	4.79
Coca-Cola	West Texas Crude	31.20
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Fires		

Fires

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

Tuesday, Jan. 23

2:26 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 900 block of South Faulkner on a vehicle fire. The fire was out on arrival. After determining the fire had originated in the pickup's electrical system, firefighters disconnected the battery and made sure no more fire remained.

6:01 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the Health Fair at Lamar Elementary School, 1234 S. Nelson, to present a fire prevention program and display.

City Briefs

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> PAMPA HIGH School Symphonic Band will be performing with Joe Burgstaller, sponsored by Pampa Community Concerts, Thurs., Jan. 25th at 7:30 p.m., M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets for sale at Holmes Sports Center, call Ronnie 665-2631 for info.

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PRICES

interest in exploring or producing more natural gas. Now that prices are higher, driven up by demand, there is more exploration and production.

"At two dollars, it didn't make any sense to drill for it because we didn't know if we were even going to be able to pay for the drilling costs,"

A natural gas well costs a quarter of a million dollars on average.

The average well is over 10,000 feet," Hughes

Pampa and other residents of the Texas Panhandle are competing for natural gas that California and other parts of the country are will-

ing to buy for higher prices.

The irony of the situation in California, Hughes said, is that there is a huge natural gas field in shallow water just off the coast of California, but West Coast politicians has stated that there will be no gas wells on the horizon off California beaches in their lifetimes. In turn, they have passed state and federal laws that make it almost impossible to withdraw that natural gas.

"They have really hung a locomotive wheel around their necks," Hughes said.

To complicate matters, the natural gas industry is a highly segmented industry, and each segment often derives its profit from the other segments.

"There is the producer," Hughes said. "There is the gathering system. There is the distribution system, which in itself can be segmented."

Sometimes, other products are stripped out of the natural gas that comes from the well. Sometimes, that means that seg-

ments of the production system are penalized

when products aren't stripped from the gas. Coming to the surface, natural gas has a variety of hydro-carbons and other elements suspended in the gas. The hydro-carbons may mean a higher BTU, or energy rating, but Hughes said, by law the natural gas delivered to a city for distribution has to contain 980 BTUs per mcf. Elements that may be stripped from natural gas include water, natural gasoline and other substances that can subsequently be turned into such things as propane and butane, Hughes said.

Such things as nitrogen, sulfur and hydrogen are also removed because in the right mixtures, they can be very corrosive and dangerous.

"That's a very expensive proposition," Hughes-

The inclusion of these elements in the gas is referred in the industry as "wet" gas.

From the well, the natural gas flows into a field collection system. The collection system goes into a larger system and, in the case of 90 percent of the wells in the Texas Panhandle, the next stop is a

compression station.

Often, at the compression station, water is removed from the gas.

The next step is a gas plant where other elements are pulled out of the gas such as propane and

butane and other minor chemicals. "That would lower the BTU," Hughes said. "That would lower the heating ability of the gas column.'

From there the gas goes into a distribution sys-"It may go into a nationwide distribution system

and go to Colorado or the Midwest," Hughes said. 'It could end up in California."

Or it may go to the City of Pampa or Amarillo or another local community.

It may be the sole source of natural gas to a community or it may be mixed with gas from other sources, including gas from wells owned by a city

"Many of the towns of the panhandle have their own gas wells," Hughes said.

As the gas enters the community, it goes into a city's distribution system through what is known as the city gate to the burner tip. "The price that you and I pay as consumers is

called the burner tip price," Hughes said. When oil is involved, the process becomes more complicated. The liquid crude oil goes one direction, and the natural gas goes another.

Not all natural gas is equal, Hughes points out. Some gas has more impurities than other gas. Some gas will have a higher BTU, or energy rating than other gas. But contracts along the processing system call for the gas to meet certain requirements and standards. Propane and butane may be stripped out, depending upon the seasonal and economic considerations.

Natural gas, however, has become the fuel of choice and is more easily sold.

"This summer, when less natural gas is being sold, more propane will be used because more people are cooking out," Hughes said.

When some of these elements aren't stripped out of the gas, Hughes said, the gas may not meet contract requirements, even it has more elements in it, including hydro-carbons that may mean a higher BTU rating. A city distribution system, however, may make a

decision to take the elements out that hadn't been removed before. They may penalize the company they buy the gas from because of the city's cost to take out the extra elements, even if it means lowering the BTU rating. That penalty that the gas distributor is charged is

passed up the production system to the next segment, all the way back to the producer.

The gas has to meet certain standards as required by contracts between the segments of the industry. Any variance from those standards will cost somebody some money.

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LEFORS

In other action, the board approved current bills and heard the tax collection report. Tax collections are up from last year, Law said.

Law reported that a missing Christmas scene, created by students and placed on the school grounds, was found under the snow after it began melting. "It was just a prank rather than something serious," Law said.

The superintendent also reported that Lefors is hosting a small schools academic meet, and a concert by country artist Daron Norwood on Saturday,

Jan. 27.

Norwood recently presented a drug and alcohol prevention program to Lefors students, Law said. "The kids loved him when he was here," he said.

The concert is scheduled for 8 p.m., Jan. 27, at

Lefors High School auditorium. Tickets are available by contacting the school office, he said. After the meeting adjourned, board members were treated to a barbecue dinner and desserts made by Leola Moxon, in recognition of January as

School Board Appreciation Month. All board members were present for the meeting with the exception of Bobby Stephens who was unable to attend.

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TORCH

local churches, first offered help to the poor and

needy of the community on Feb. 14, 1983. The fledgling agency operated from a threebedroom residence on Ward Street. The address has never changed but, after three additions, the building has expanded to include approximately 6,000 feet of storage space for food, clothing and

Last year, Good Samaritan helped 18,379 people, Wilkinson said. More than \$8,000 was spent to help purchase medication for the needy, and \$18,000 was spent to purchase food to give to the poor, he said. In addition, the organization gave \$28,000 in utility aid.

"We're here when everyone else runs out of money," Echols said, explaining that Good Samaritan's funds come from church support, donations from individuals and organizations, and from local foundations.

High Plains Food Bank in Amarillo at 13 to 14 cents per pound. Local grocery stores also donate day-old bread and cakes and other products from their stores. "Our business is up 20 to 25 percent for the last

two years," Wilkinson said. He believes more people are needing extra help because it's harder to qualify for food stamps and the economy is worsening.

High utility bills are bringing more people to Good Samaritan Christian Services, also. "We're so stressed out about this, almost in

tears," Echols commented.

"Since last month, people are coming in with \$150 to \$400 gas bills," Wilkinson said. He said that Good Samaritan policy allows a cash outlay of \$50 per person per six months. "If they brought in a \$75 bill, we'd give the \$50

and they could usually make the other \$25 or get

someone else to cover it and they'd be taken care of," he said. "That's not going to work now." Monday, a stroke victim came to Good

Samaritan looking for help with her \$1,400 gas bill. Apparently the woman had a water leak that had allowed water to run continuously through her water heater causing the excessive

Echols said someone recently gave Good Samaritan a "very generous donation" to be used specifically to help with utility bills.

"So for awhile we're going to be able to go over our limit – for awhile. We don't know how long, but as long as it lasts," she said. "We really don't know what's going to hap-

Recently doctoral candidates from Texas Women's University studied Good Samaritan as part of their research for their dissertations, Wilkinson said.

pen," Bailey said. "It's a mystery to us all."

"After they got back (to the university), they and their professors decided this could be the Much of Good Samaritan's food comes from only organization of its kind in the U.S.," he

> "What's different about us from a lot of organizations is that we're totally volunteer. There's not many like that," Echols said. Approximately 50 persons volunteer for Good Samaritan, she said, adding, "But we need more volunteers. We always need more volunteers."

> Bailey said she has been impressed with how organized Good Samaritan is. "And it's a very loving, caring atmosphere," she added.

> "We all agree there's not an easy job here, but it's also one of the most rewarding things I've ever done," Wilkinson said.

"Some days you go home brain-tired. Some days you're back-tired or feet-tired, but you always go home tired - a good tired," Bailey.

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"It was sort of an ad-hoc response to a crisis. Nobody had given it a lot of thought," said Bivins, who has ties to the industry as a royalty owner and has working interests in oil and gas explo-"It makes sense to establish a system to take into

account these types of market conditions." The state currently levies a 4.6 percent severance

West Texas intermediate crude oil was selling at \$1.25.

around 45. North to northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows around 28.

Thursday, increasing clouds

\$31.73 per barrel at noon Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Under Bivins' proposal, the severance tax on oil would be 4.6 percent when the price is more than \$20 a barrel. It would drop to 2.3 percent if the price were more than \$12 but less than \$20, and would drop as low as 1 percent if the price per barrel fell below \$12.

The taxes on natural gas would fall to 5 percent if the price fell between \$1.25 and \$3 per MMBtu. tax on crude oil and 7.5 percent on natural gas. It would drop to 2 percent if the price fell below

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, areas of morning low clouds and fog, otherwise mostly sunny. Highs

with a 30 percent chance of rain. Highs 40 to 45. Breezy south to southwest winds 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts. Yesterday' South to southeast winds 5 to 15 high was 39; the overnight low

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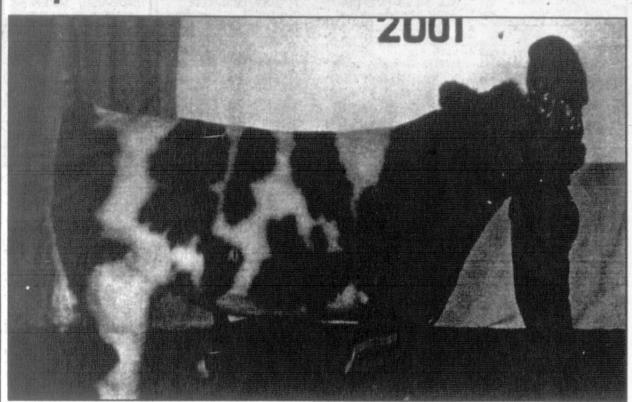
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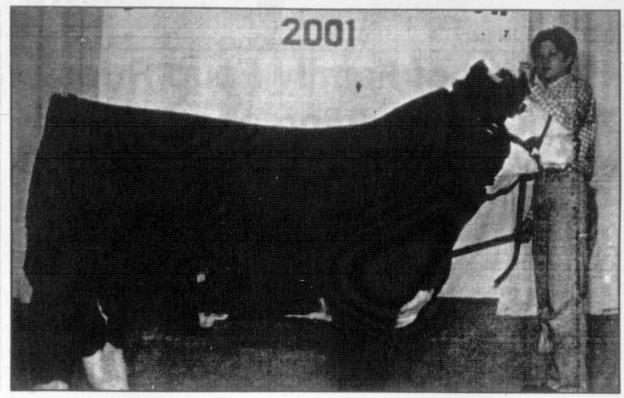
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Top of Texas Stock Show





The Top of Texas Stock Show was held recently at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa. Winners of the Steer Show included: Sandy French, left, Grand Champion Steer; and Cody Bivins, Reserve Grand Champion Steer. Bivin's steer was exhibited by Kenna Shields.

Calendar of events

WHITE DEER **LAND MUSEUM** White Deer Land Museum (112-116

S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are

charge for admission; elevator pro-LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday Clarendon College-Pampa Center of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more infor- Feb. 26 and March 26. Test-takers mation, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

the Texas Panhandle is changing its or \$10 for each re-test. hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. During January, Lovett Memorial For more information or for an Library will offer four introductory Parenthood is a not-for-profit health counties in the panhandle.

HIGH PLAINS **EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION**

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

ALZHEIMER'S

SUPPORT GROUP Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 2115. Visitors are welcome. 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 Building in Dumas. For more infor- 3151. 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-

GED TESTING

will conduct GED testing at 9 a.m. must bring a government-issued picture ID such as a driver's license PLANNED PARENTHOOD and a Social Security card. Pre-reg-Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and istration is not required. Cost is \$45

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appointment, call 665-2291. Planned hands-on computer workshops: "Computer Comfort I" for begincare organization serving women ners; "Computer Comfort II" for and men in 17 offices covering 26 individuals who can open and close files and use the mouse; 'Introduction to E-Mail." for indi-High Plains Epilepsy Association of viduals who wish to learn how to Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa establish a free web-based e-mail account. All classes are free but registration is required. Class size is limited to 10, so space is limited. For information, contact the library at 669-5780. The workshops will continue monthly through the spring.

PPOG MEETING appointment, contact the Amarillo Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Various members The local Alzheimer's Support will demonstrate round robin and Group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the other quilt-related techniques. For first Thursday of each month at more information, call (806) 779-

> **GRAIN SORGHUM SEMINAR**

National Grain Sorghum Lovett Memorial Library will spon- Producers will host a Regional

the Moore County Community mation, call 1-800-658-9808.

TRAVELING EXHIBIT

The Borger branch of Amarillo National Bank will host the traveling exhibit "Experience Your America" Jan. 22-Feb. 2 in the main Amarillo College Concert Hall in lobby of the bank. The exhibit is designed to enhance awareness of the more than 380 units that comprise the National Park System including Lake Meredith National in the amount of \$250 and will be

sor a pre-school story hour at 10 Grain Sorghum Seminar beginning Recreation Area and Alibates Flint featured in a recital, with piano offered at designated clinics. The at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7 in Quarries National Monument. For more information, call (806) 857-

YOUNG PERFORMERS'

COMPETITION Amarillo Symphony Guild will host the 2001 Young Performers' Competition Saturday, Feb. 24 at Amarillo. Contest categories are Piano, String, Vocal and Wind/Percussion. Winners in each division will receive a cash award

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winner will receive a total cash award in the amount of \$500 and will take the stage with the Randel Chamber Orchestra in the spring. The entry fee is \$25 and is due, by Friday, Jan. 26. All students high school age and below are eligible to apply. For more information, conor Amarillo Symphony Office at

(806) 376-8782. **FSA WEBSITE**

USDA's Farm Service Agency has launched a redesigned website located at www.fsa.usda.gov. on the user-friendly features and easily NJ 07036. accessible on-line FSA forms.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC The Texas Department of Health Foundation is offering a free will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection colorful photos and illustrations against several childhood diseases and easy-to-understand descripus. Our greatest role model in including polio, diphtheria, lock tions to help people plant and care mumps, HIB (haemophilus influen- Trees, The National Arbor Day her being a single parent, she zae Type B) and chickenpox (vari- Foundation, Nebraska City, NE cella). Flu vaccines will also be 68410.

accompaniment, at a youth orches- TDH will charge money to help tra concert. The overall grand prize with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Jan. 17, Pampa along with entry form and picture, Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky; 10 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3 p.m., Jan. 25, Wheeler School, Wheeler.

RAINBOW POETS

tact Robyn Rhodes at (806) 359-8160 New Jersey Rainbow Poets is sponsoring a religious poetry contest free to everyone. A \$1000 grand prize will be awarded. Deadline for entry is Feb. 17. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, Internet. The redesign includes PMB70, 103 N. Wood Ave., Linden,

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

The National Arbor Day "Conservation Trees" booklet with jaw (tetanus), whooping cough for trees. To obtain a booklet, send (pertussis), measles, rubella, name and address to: Conservation

4-H and FFA Focus

-Ashley Freeman is a member of involved in the Relay For Life Gray County 4-H and FFA, Pampa chapter. She and other FFA and 4-H members throughout the county will participate in the Gray County Livestock Show and Sale Jan. 25-27 at "What is the Internet?"; and Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa. Weigh-in will begin at 6 p.m., Jan. 25. The Steer Show will kick-off the actual show and sale at 7 p.m., Jan. 26 followed by the Swine and Lamb Shows beginning at 7 a.m. the 27th. A Buyer's Barbecue and Sale is also slated Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

> My name is Ashley Freeman. I am a junior at Pampa High School. I am 17-years-old. I live with my mom and two sisters. My mom, Chalenia, my sisters, Amber, 15, and Amy, 14.

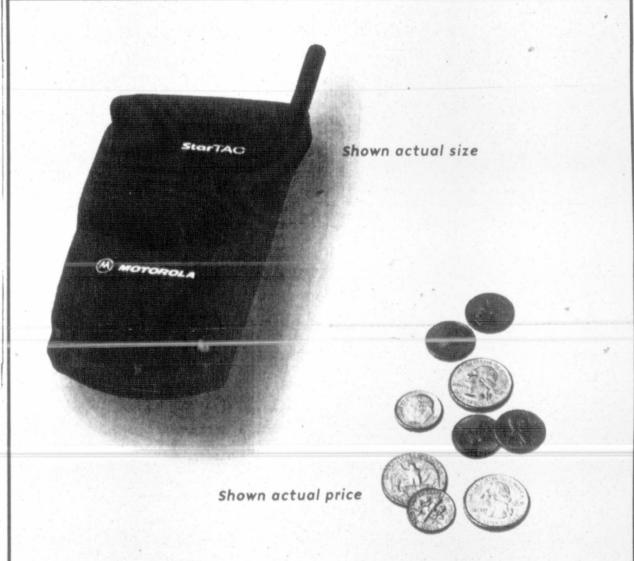
I am involved in the youth group at Briarwood Full Gospel Church, Future Farmers of America and Theater Arts. I have been involved in FFA for the past eight years. I am the historian for our FFA chapter. I also have participated in the theater program at school for six

My sister Amber is a freshman in high school and also is involved in basketball. She also has been known to show a lamb or two and several pigs. She has participated in theater and a traveling basketball team. She is always involved with us as a

family and is a go-getter. My other sister, Amy, is an eighth-grader at the middle school. She plays volleyball. She loves gymnastics and dancing. She competed in several meets, and she enjoys theater also. She also has been showing pigs since she was eight. She wants to show a lamb next year.

My sisters and I participate in the swine program. Also we do some parliamentary procedure and meat judging. It is a great way to bring a family together. My mom was involved when she was in high school and introduced us to it in elementary school.

My mom helps us a lot with our activities. She is a respiratory therapist at Pampa Regional Medical Center. She also gets us



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Pampa native Grace Bennett to visit, promote cookbook

Grace Davis Bennett is visiting her old hometown to promote her first cookbook, "The Davis Family & Friends Cookbook" featuring recipes from both the North and the South. Bennett, a native of Pampa,

now lives in Battle Creek, Mich. She is one of seven children born to Gladys and Bonner Arlander Davis. She moved with her mother and three younger siblings to the North in 1944. Most of Davis' recipes hail

from the southwest including vegetarian recipes from Fort Scott, Kan. She says the oldest recipe, "Mamma's Tea Coke," is believed to be more than 140

Among the contributors to the cookbook is Mildred Davis Collum of Pampa. She shared three of her recipes for the publication: "Lottie Moon Plain Tea Cake", "Taco Soup," and "Mississippi Super Casserole" which had been handed down to her from her mother.

Bennett says she was in her early twenties when she began writing in a journal 50 years ago with the dreams of someday publishing a book. She says a cookbook proved to be a difficult book to start out with, adding that she learned to start at the beginning and go step-bystep until the goal is achieved. Bennett will be visiting Pampa Jan. 23 and 24.

Now in it's third printing, Bennett's cookbook is available



Grace Davis Bennett

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Thread of Family Feud Runs Through Wedding and Funeral

DEAR ABBY: My husband and two sons had a family business. One son got married 13 years ago. Six years ago, the business split up. The business survived, thanks to my husband and older son.

Words were said at that time, and our younger son and his family have not visited us since. They live nearby, and I try to maintain contact. They have two children, 7 and 3. I was never asked to baby-sit even when the relationship was good, although I often did so for our other grandchildren. Our gifts of checks for Christmas and birthdays have never been cashed.

Our daughter was married three years ago, and our younger son and his wife never acknowledged the invitation, showed up or sent a gift. Recently our daughter-in-law's

mother passed on, and we sent flowers and cards, but to spare her feelings in an awkward situation, we did not attend the calling hours, for which we are being severely criticized. Should we have gone? HURTING IN NEW YORK

DEAR HURTING: No. Considering the circumstances, you did the right thing to stay away. People pay condolence calls to comfort the grieving family. Had you gone in spite of the rift, you would have risked causing turmoil at an already emotional time. In light of the situation, you did the consider-

Horoscope

THURSDAY, JAN. 25, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Celebrate living.

if possible.

for an escape.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

**** Aim for what you want.

What has been stuck in communication

can now be cleared out. You could be

stunned by an associate's anger. If you

hit a snag, keep at it. You will clear any

issues in the near future. Tonight:

★★★ Loosen up on the reins. Be honest

with vourself about where you have been

uptight. By relaxing, as difficult as that

might be, you are allowing new possibil-

ities to come forward. Look within for

answers, but deal with responsibilities

head-on. Tonight: Make it an early night,

*** You beam, and others notice

your newfound energy and charisma.

You enter a period where you can change

your universe and make things happen.

Do nothing halfway, but also do only

what you want or what you feel is appro-

priate. Call a friend. Tonight: Make plans

*** Deal with a partner who is

often contrary. You might need a tussle

or two in order to clear the air. Verbal

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Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: The letter from 'Anxious in Niagara Falls," in which the writer asked how to deal with a false rumor in her workplace, prompted my favorite memory about such rumors. Twenty-one years ago, I worked as secretary to a highly placed military officer. One day, "Col. Smith" came into my office and said he had something

personal to tell me - a rumor was circulating in the barracks that he and I were having an affair. The colonel went on to say that he wanted me to hear about the rumor from him so I wouldn't be upset by hearing it elsewhere

He was (and, I assume, still is) happily married to a lovely woman. I was, and still am, happily married to the finest man I know, whom I love dearly. Of course, the rumor was completely untrue. The closest we came to an off-duty relationship was living two blocks apart in the same neighborhood on post. We socialized in separate circles except once, when the colonel held a pro-

spatting might not be as bad as you think.

*** * Let your inspiration speak

and your creativity illuminate the path.

You are hot-tempered with a quirky part-

ner. Remember that you cannot control

others. Don't take words so personally.

Think carefully about decisions. Tonight:

to see what isn't working, and start mak-

** * Spending goes haywire. You

might be sure about what you are doing,

but the unexpected still occurs. Deal with

approach. Consider yourself lucky.

Count on teamwork. Tonight: Figure out

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

into trouble. Torright: Go for fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

quality time with another.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Say yes to an invitation.

Put up your feet.

what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

motion party at his home and invited my husband and me.

taken it. He replied that she understood completely and was fine. I told the colonel that if she were fine, so was I. We mutually agreed that all was well, and felt confident that the rumor would die in a short time,

As he turned to leave, I couldn't resist playing the devil's advocate by asking, "By the way, Colonel, did we have a good time?" My ability to joke about it set his mind at ease immediately.

was right on the money. The rumor will die a natural death when the gossips in the workplace see no evidence to keep it alive. Sign me .

CHESTER, VA.

NOT CONFIDENTIAL: In this Year of the Snake, I'm pleased to wish my Asian readers a happy and prosperous

moving. You might need to give in order Evaluate what is happening. A partner to get what you want. Tonight: Out at a

> *** Your personality bounces you over a hassle or a problem. Be sure to listen well to a family member. Your creativity comes out, but it could lead to some wildness. Share your beliefs. Carefully deal with a difficult associate.

* You might feel as if you woke up with your foot in your mouth. Even when trying to understand others, you seem to commit the inevitable faux pas. Step a difficult associate, but not with the back and do a better job of listening. You hope of changing, him. Your imagination might have a stunning insight. Your intuknows no limits. Though this characteris- ition leads you in a new direction.

dealing with others. An associate enables Philippines President Corazon Aquino you to move forward and try a different (1933), actress Dinah Manoff (1958)

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I asked him how Mrs. Smith had which it did.

Abby, your advice to "Anxious" NOTHING CHANGES,

DEAR N.C.: I'm sure your sense of humor has carried you through on many occasions. I'm also sure the colonel was sorry when your professional relationship ended. You're the kind of employee an employer hates

demonstrates caring. Tonight: Spend favorite spot. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Be more playful with a child who could be a bit down and out. Listen to a friend, but don't allow him to goad you into spending more than you want. Check out what appears to be a great financial idea. Don't let negativity stir up a key relationship. Tonight: Order in. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

* * * You might be more brusque than you realize. You might be prone to unpredictable behavior. Allow yourself ing changes. Creativity seeps into your work and your relationships. Tonight: Tonight: Whatever makes you smile. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

tic is a great asset, sometimes it gets you Tonight: Take a personal night.

* * * Your temper could get you into BORN TODAY

trouble. Understand your limits when Author Virginia Woolf (1882),

* * * You are more playful than you minute. You can request your favorite realize. Sometimes when you joke, there is an element of sarcasm that you might not be in touch with. Keep conversations

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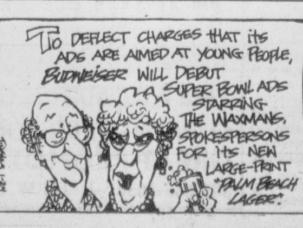
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BASKETBALL

DENVER (AP) - Raef LaFrentz hit a decisive 3-pointer with 28 seconds left and Nick Van Exel made nine free throws in the final four minutes as the Denver Nuggets beat the Houston Rockets 105-100 Tuesday night.

LaFrentz finished with 18 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks and Antonio McDyess added 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Nuggets, who won their eighth straight home game to improve to 15-4 since Dec. 14.

Steve Francis led the Rockets with 26 points but committed three late fouls against Van Exel that allowed Denver to erase a three-point lead. Maurice Taylor had 21 points for Houston.

Van Exel, who was 13-for-15 at the free throw line while scoring 30 points, gave the Nuggets a 100-98 lead on two free throws with 1:45 left, but Francis tied it 30 seconds later with a driving layup.

SOCCER

AMARILLO - Tascosa edged Pampa 2-1 in a girls' soccer game Tuesday afternoon in Dick Bivins Stadium.

Both Pampa boys' and girls' teams host Lubbock Coronado at the high school complex Gametimes are 12 noon for the girls and 2 p.m. for the boys.

GENERAL

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — A manager with the company that owned the Learjet in which golfer Payne Stewart and five others died in a 1999 crash falsified training records for the pilots, the Federal Administration said.

This marks the first time the government has publicly accused anyone of wrongdoing in connection with the crash on Oct. 25, 1999. The FBI and Transportation Department are still investigating.

The families of Stewart and three other victims also have sued the plane's owner and operator.

Stewart died on a flight from Florida to Texas four months after winning his second U.S. Open and one month after helping the United States win back the Ryder Cup.

FAA lawyer Raymond Veatch told a federal administrative judge Tuesday that James Watkins Sr. of SunJet Aviation filed false records about the amount of time he had spent training pilot Michael Kling and co-pilot

Stephanie Bellegarrigue. The revelation came during a National Transportation Safety Board hearing into whether Watkins, chief pilot for SunJet and father of the company president at the time of the crash, should permanently lose his license to fly.

Dozens of agents seized almost all the company's business records at its headquarters at Orlando Sanford Airport last April.

son, James Watkins' Watkins Jr., has repeatedly said SunJet, which has since been sold, was not responsible

for the crash. On Tuesday, Administrative Judge William Pope asked Veatch if the elder Watkins

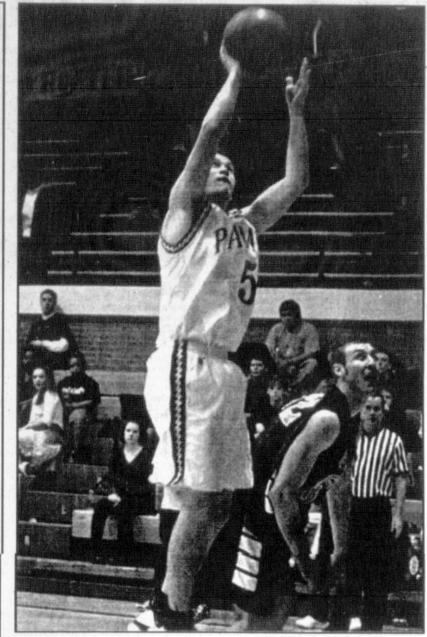
had anything to do with the crash. "He falsified documents," Veatch said. "He had been

complicit in some of the wrongdoing by SunJet." The FAA will present evi-

dence that Watkins falsified the training records of six other pilots and should be permanently grounded, Veatch said.

Robert Leventhal, Watkins' defense attorney, argued that Kling and Bellegarrigue received the proper training from Watkins.

"Those pilots were exceptionally well-trained," he said, adding accusations that his client falsified training records are "a pile of baloney."



Junior Kyle Francis of the Harvesters shoots a jump shot against Dumas.

Pampa teams split with Dumas in 3-4A action

PHS cagers are at Caprock on Friday

PAMPA — Pampa evened points for the Harvesters its District 3-4A record while Tanner Hucks and Tuesday night with a 79-66 Chadd Platt added 5 each. win over Dumas in McNeely Fieldhouse.

mark for the season.

Led by Gary Alexander's 25 points, the Harvesters never trailed and were up by 11 (41-30) at halftime. Pampa also had solid scoring per-Francis 16. Both Alexander 7:30. (17) and Francis (10) were in Rodgers finished the night with five 3-point goals.

added 11 each.

Pampa held a 28-25 rebounding advantage with The victory gave the Alexander leading the Harvesters a 4-4 record in Harvesters with 8. Daniels district play and a 17-11 also had 8 for the Demons.

> Dumas falls to 2-6 in dis-Dumas falls to 2-6 in district and 14-11 overall. Nachtigall, Jennifer Lindsey Pampa had defeated Dumas and Ashley Derington each 66-52 in the first half of district play.

formances from Adam Caprock for more district Rodgers 19 points, and Kyle action Friday night. Tipoff is

In other 3-4A games last double figures by halftime. night, first-place Randall upped its district record to 8-0 with a 78-31 win over Jody Daniels had 17 points Borger. Hereford downed and Zach Wilson 12 to lead Caprock 73-53 and Palo the Demons in scoring. Joe Duro edged Canyon 53-50. Marion and Chase Potter Hereford (7-1) holds down Pampa were Mandy Rains

playoff spot.

Dumas held off Pampa for a 50-40 win in the girls' game last night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Both teams were tied in district with 2-7 records going into the game.

Holly Ratliff had 12 points and Lindsey French 11 to lead the Demonettes in scor-

Lindsey Narron led Pampa with 14 points before fouling out near the midway mark of had 7 points.

The Lady Harvesters could Pampa travels to Amarillo never catch up after falling behind 10-2 in the first quarter. Dumas led by 15 (28-13) at halftime, but Pampa battled back and trimmed the lead to five on a pair of foul shots by Derington with 2:41 left in the game. However, that was as close as the Lady Harvesters would get.

Others who scored for second place. Despite the with 3, Charity Nachtigall 1

Victor Brooks added 9 loss, Canyon (5-3) continues and Morgan White 1. Laconic Lewis takes center stage at Super Bowl

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The security stronger Tuesday — the linethe reporters swarmed through, awaiting the onslaught.

Notebooks, tape recorders and bulky cameras flailed about as the crowd pressed forward to surround the Baltimore Ravens linebacker.

guards opened the floodgates, and backer's or the media's. And just like many of the games themselves, race-walking toward the podium the main event of Super Bowl receive where Ray Lewis sat grinning, media day didn't quite live up to NFL.

"I'm not here to please the coun-

Nor was he there to inform, Thus began 60 grueling minutes enlighten or discuss the double to determine who's will was murder case that occurred after last year's Super Bowl in Atlanta. Lewis

eventually pleaded guilty to a mis-figure. demeanor charge of obstructing justice, landed on probation and said received a \$250,000 fine from the

This could have been a time to alcoholic Kerry Collins of the mea culpa — but Lewis chose not

topic of conversation was easy to anything new.

'Football, football," he

That's not to say the hour of probing was devoid of juicy tidbits. Lewis talked about role models, clear the air — the way recovering the American legal system and his mother. He compared himself to never said a mumbling word. Giants did Monday in his riveting Jesus, Charles Barkley and Mike That's my attitude. You can go on Singletary. He gave just enough and on, asking how I feel about information to keep people there, this, how I feel about that. But In his opinion, the most viable but not quite enough to unearth that's not going to change a lot of

There was no explosion, no tirade and not much of a window opened to his soul.

"The thing is, Jesus didn't please everybody," Lewis said. "He was spit on, slashed at, talked about. But guess what? He hung his head and things. It never will.

Spurs end losing streak

PAMPA — Pampa Red beat Valleyview 46-35 in an 8th Monday night.

Britten East led Pampa in Hightower 1. scoring with 20 points while Heath Miller added 11.

Valleyview defeated Pampa Blue 51-39 in the other 8th grade game.

while Dusty Lenderman, gyms. Cameron Seger and Ricky Gattis had 9 each. Gattis had 7

rebounds and Seger 6. Pampa Red has a 9-2 record while Pampa Blue is 10-2.

The 8th grade teams host Borger next Monday night. Pampa B lost to Westover 38-26. in the B team division.

San Antonio head coach Gregg

night after his Spurs ended a

Tim Duncan collected 23 points

and nine rebounds to lead the

Spurs to their 14th straight win

"It was nice to win one,"

Popovich said. "That's obviously

Vancouver Grizzlies.

over Vancouver.

Scoring for Pampa were Jarred Mohler 9, Cody Ellis 6, grade boys' basketball game Chris Smith 4, Aaron Anguiano 3, Tyson Hickman 3 and Billy

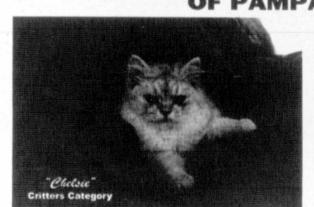
Pampa B's record is 3-9. Westover defeated Pampa Red 51-24.

The 7th grade boys' district tournament will be held Andrew Fraser had 10 points Thursday through Saturday at to lead Pampa Blue scorers, the Pampa Middle School

All A team games will be played in the boys' gym. All B team games will be played in the girls' gym.

Pampa meets Westover at 4 p.m. Thursday in the A team Pampa meets division. In the 7th grade division, Hereford at 5:15 p.m. Thursday

8th grade boys claim victory vs. Valleyview



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It just proves this is a simple the way we practice, we can win.

played defense from the begin- left. ning and continued through the whole game." on the road, reached a new low 81-43 with 3:10 left.

in a couple of ways. The final score and halftime deficit were in our effort," said forward both new lows for the season. tonight," Vancouver head coach rebounds. "We really embar-

sively, we couldn't hit shots.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — For pain and the embarrassment (of a the first time in 10 days, the San loss like this) and not want to Antonio Spurs left a game feeling ever (let) that happen again. I think you have to take games like this and use it as a motivating Popovich was beaming Tuesday factor to get going."

An Alamodome crowd of four-game losing streak with a 14,764 saw the homestanding 110-77 victory over the Spurs never trail, jumping out to an early seven-point lead when Duncan hit a 15-foot jumper with 9:52 showing for a 9-2 advantage. A dunk by Samaki Walker gave San Antonio its largest lead of the

quarter, 28-20. San Antonio broke the game. the best thing about this evening. open in the second quarter, outscoring Vancouver 32-16 to game. If we play game defense open a 60-38 lead at intermission.

Vancouver was outscored 14-2 If not, we are just another Joe in the first 5:35 of the quarter, Blow on the street. Tonight, we falling behind 43-24 with 5:35

San Antonio, which placed six players in double-figures, The Grizzlies, losers of five enjoyed a 38-point lead twice in straight overall and 10 straight the third quarter, the last time at

"I think we were inconsistent Shareef Abdur-Rahim, who fin-"We didn't do anything right ished with 12 points and five Sidney Lowe said. "Defensively, rassed ourselves. We have to we didn't look good and offen- make better plays; play with more energy and be more consis-"I want our guys to feel the tent (with) the total game."

(Pampa News photo by Lance Burton)

Erika Skinner guards a Randall player in freshmen girls' basketball action.

Frosh girls win again

PAMPA — Pampa's freshmen girls lifted their record to 17-1 with a 30-25 win over Randall on Monday night.

Pampa's scoring leader was Jennie Waggoner with 10 points. Abbi Covalt followed with 8 while Stacey Johnson had 5, Britny Downey 4, Tara Jordan 2, and Denisse Solis 1.

Pampa held a 14-11 halftime lead and was six points up (22-16) going into the fourth quarter.

Stephanie Flores led Randall scorers with 9 Covi Field followed with

Pampa, 9-1 in district, hosts Borger at 6 Monday McNeely night Fieldhouse.

Pampa competes against Canyon in middle school girls' basketball

Patriots suffered losses to Brittany Adams 1. Canyon in middle school basketball games.

"Considering who we were up against, we did show some improvement against the type of pressure that the Canyon teams like to put you up against," said Pampa 8th grade coach Janyth Bowers.

itors took control using fullcourt 2. pressure and a high-powered offense to coast to a 69-27 victo- games to Canyon.

3-5 in district and 4-7 overall.

high 14 points for Pampa. Others with points were Meharg each had 7 points to Amy Youree with 7, Andrea Whitney Roden 7, Heather lead Pampa. Jackie Gerber and Hughes 6 and Jordan Albracht 4.

In the 8th grade B game, Autumn Darden 2. Pampa couldn't get untracked against fullcourt pressure and 3-5 in district.

2-8 overall.

board were Alyssa Bromwell with 4, Kendall Stokes 3, Teryn In the 8th grade game, the vis- Garner 2, and Autumn Schaub

The 7th graders also dropped

The loss drops the A team to grade A, fueled by a fullcourt "In fact all the girls did improve press throughout the game by their play, but Canyon was too Lindsey Ammons had a team- Canyon, led to 59-29 defeat.

Callie Cobb and Morgan

 Pampa's Lady Dildy 3, Chera Chevedo 2 and Kylie Winegeart scored 5 apiece while Felicia Urban had 3 and

The 7th grade A girls are now After Canyon put 20 points on

Pampa B is 2-6 in district and the scoreboard before Pampa got a basket, a spirited effort led Players getting into the score- by Courtney Crawford's 12 points allowed the Lady Patriots to finish respectable in a 55-29 loss in the B game.

"Courtney just got going and really played well despite the bad start by our team," said A slow start by Pampa 7th Pampa coach Jenifer Leonard. much to overcome.'

Also scoring for Pampa were

Texas Motor Speedway still in fight for 2nd Winston Cup race

Despite consistent sellouts and Homestead-Miami Speedway, lose one of their two dates. That strong television ratings, Texas another ISC track. Motor Speedway is still having to fight NASCAR for a second Winston Cup race.

"We've already earned it many times over. I don't think earning it now is a factor at all," TMS owner Bruton Smith said Tuesday. "I want NASCAR to do what they said they would. They are many justifications why than a year ago. another event should be here.'

Since Texas opened in 1997, all four Winston Cup races have sold out and also have drawn some of the circuit's best television ratings. There were more than 220,000 people at last year's DirecTV 500 won by Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Still, Smith has never actually been given a Winston Cup date at Texas Motor Speedway. Smith's Speedway Motorsports Feb. 18 to the season-ending race day-long media day, Gossage Inc., which also owns five other in Atlanta on Nov. 18. The only said there are only about 16,000 tracks, bought half of the racing weekends without races are on tickets remaining for the facility in North Wilkesboro, N.C., and moved one of that track's races to Texas.

Cup races for 2001 — in Joliet, another date even more difficult NASCAR conduct aerodynamic Ill., and in Kansas City, Kan., new for Smith and Texas. The best testing at the track. Gossage said tracks owned by International hope is to take over another date there was a good chance that Speedway Corp., which is run by already on the schedule. the same group that controls As in years past, there are similar to Talladega, would be NASCAR. Before that, the last rumors that Rockingham, N.C., used at his 11/2-mile oval.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — race added was in 1999 at and/or Darlington, S.C., could

"I see where the events have been put, arbitrarily been put," Smith said. "They are not fulfilling promises."

Smith and Eddie Gossage, TMS's general manager, said NASCAR promised to give another Winston Cup race to Texas by a date that now is more

immediately return phone calls.

about 75,000 seats. Texas Motor racing Speedway has 154,861 perma-53,000 spectators in the infield.

don't equal one date here," Gossage said.

will be 37 Winston Cup week- Gossage said. ends from the Daytona 500 on Easter and Mother's Day, tradi- Harrah's 500 Winston Cup race tionally quiet days for NASCAR. on April 1.

NASCAR added two Winston NASCAR, making the push for driver Steve Park was helping

could happen by next year.

"I'm hearing the same thing. The latest I heard was that was an absolute, whatever that means," Smith said. "We just have to wait. We're going to have some meetings.

Even without a second Winston Cup race, there is a full 2001 schedule at Texas Motor Speedway. The Fort Worth facili-NASCAR officials didn't ty will be the only track in the country to feature every major The two new tracks both have form of American automobile

NASCAR will run Winston nent seats with room for about Cup, Busch series and two truck races at TMS. Texas will also host "The two new dates they gave the Indy Racing League CART and American Le Mans Series.

"It is significant in motorsports With the two new races, there to have the schedule we have,"

During a Texas Tour 2001, a

That's a full calendar for Also Tuesday, Winston Cup some form of restrictor plates,

Top-seeded Hingis spoils sibling semifinal

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) Serena Williams couldn't beat dogged retriever Martina Hingis despite a 4-1 lead in the final set. Now it is sister Venus' turn to try. Wimbledon, U.S. Open and

Olympic champion Venus almost didn't do her part to reach the Australian Open semifinals. She sprayed 56 errors before surviving a late service break and beating No. 10 Amanda Coetzer 2-6, 6-1, 8-6 Wednesday.

Then the top-seeded Hingis spoiled a sibling semifinal by rallying for a 6-2, 3-6, 8-6 victory over Serena, who had 54 errors -29 of them in the final set.

"I was able to keep going and going until she would miss," Hingis said.

Before going out to play doubles an hour after her singles, Serena sent word that she had not eaten anything but toast for

Australian Open

ing. She and Venus then beat Anna Kournikova and Barbara Schett 3-6, 6-1, 6-1 to advance to a semifinal against Hingis and the crowd of nearly 15,000. Monica Seles. In an Australian Open warmup tournament, into the net on match point, end-Hingis and Seles beat the Williams sisters.

pink stuff" the trainer gave her after her first set of singles helped medal her recover by the third set from a dizzy feeling and to get her feet Clement, who has lost only one moving. After the doubles, she added, "I could play another

The men's side will have the fourth-seeded Magnus Norman, first all-French semifinal at a ended the run of former No. 1 Grand Slam tournament since Carlos Moya with a 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 1983, between No. 15 Arnaud victory. Moya, coming back from Clement and No. 16 Sebastien injury, had beaten another former Grosjean. The winner becomes No. 1, Marcelo Rios, and seventhtwo days because of food poison- the first French finalist in an seeded Lleyton Hewitt.

Australian Open since 1928. Clement capitalized on 79 errors by No. 5 Yevgeny Kafelnikov for a 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3) victory, and celebrated by throwing his shirt and shoes into

Kafelnikov hit an overhead ing a stellar run Down Under in which he won the Australian Serena said later that "some Open in 1999, was runner-up last year and won the Olympic gold

"I can't believe it," said

set in five matches here. In his first Grand Slam quarterfinal, Grosjean, conqueror of

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At A Glance

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Monday's Games Cleveland 84, Portland 58 Tuesday's Games Boston 83, Atlanta 82 Washington 97, Charlotte 95 Orlando 116, Toronto 111, 20T Milwaukee 105, New York 91 Minnesota 82, Phoenix 73 Seattle 91, L.A. Lakers 80 Philadelphia 114. Dallas 98 Portland 104, Chicago 100 San Antonio 110, Vancouver 77 Denver 105, Houston 100 Utah 100. Golden State 78 Sacramento 130, New Jersey 104 Wednesday's Games Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. Toronto at Miami, 7:30 p.m. Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. New York at Charlotte, 8 p.m. Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m. Seattle at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m. New Jersey at Golden State, 10:30 p.m. Thursday's Games Vancouver at Dallas, 8 p.m. Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

76ers-Mavericks, Box PHILADELPHIA (114)

San Antonio at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Portland at Indiana, 8 p.m.

Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.

Kukoc 9-13 3-3 25, Lynch 8-16 0-1 16, Ratliff 6-10 1-5 13, Iverson 9-22 12-16 30, McKie 6-7 0-0 12. MacCulloch 2-5 4-4 8. Ollie 3-5 4-4 10, J.Jones 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 43-80 24-33

Finley 12-28 2-2 27, Nowitzki 4-12 5-8 15, Laettner 0-3 1-2 1, Eisley 5-8 0-0 14, Nash 9-18 2-2 20, Bradley 3-5 2-4 8, Davis 5-9 0-0 11, Vaught 0-1 0-0 0, Trent 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 39-85 12-18 98. Philadelphia 32 19 30 33 - 114 28 23 27

3-Point Goals - Philadelphia 4-17 (Kukoc 4-6. J.Jones 0-2, Iverson 0-3), Dallas 8-24 (Eisley 4-7. Nowitzki 2-5. Davis 1-2. Finley 1-6. Nash (Lynch 13), Dallas 47 Nowitzki 15). Assists-Philadelphia 28 (McKie 11), Dallas 20 (Finley, Nash 7). Total ouls-Philadelphia Technicals—Iverson, Dallas assistant coach Donn. Nelson. A-18,187 (18,187).

Rockets-Nuggets, Box HOUSTON (100)

Taylor 10-19 1-2 21, Anderson 1-3 0-1 2, Thomas 2-6 1-2 5, Francis 9-16 4-5 26, Mobley 7-23 4-4 19, Williams 1-2 0-0 2, Bullard 2-5 0-1 5, Norris 6-8 3-6 16, Rogers 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 40-85 13-21 100. **DENVER (105)**

McDyess 6-19 6-8 18, Posey 1-4 0-0 3, LaFrentz 8-12 0-2 18, Lenard 5-11 1-2 15, Van Exel 7-13 13-15 30, McCloud 3-5 1-2 8, Pack 2-7 3-3 7, Willis 2-6 0-0 4, Bowen 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 35-79 24-32 105. 23 30 22 22 23 26

3-Point Goals-Houston 7-18 (Francis 4-6, Norris 1-2, Bullard 1-4, Mobley 1-5, Thomas 0-1), Denver 11-19 (Lenard 4-7, Van Exel 3-5, LaFrentz 2-2, McCloud 1-1, Posey 1-4). Fouled out—Francis. Rebounds—Houston 53 (Mobley 10), Denver 52 (LaFrentz 12). Assists—Houston 18 (Norris 6), Denver 30 (Van Exel, McCloud, Posey 6). Total fouls— Houston 22, Denver 14. Technicals—Mobley, Denver Illegal Defense. A—12,674 (19,099) HOCKEY

Western Professional Hockey League At A Glance By The Associated Press

Eastern Divisi	on					
	W	L	Т	Pts	GF	GA
Austin	29	12	3	61	154	107
B-Shreveport	27	14	2	56	154	111
Tupelo	25	19	4	54	176	148
Monroe	24	18	4	52	159	160
Corpus Christi	24	18	3	51	141	156
Lake Charles	20	20	4	44	142	162
Fort Worth	11	28	3	25	118	163

x-Central Texas 14 18 5 33 104 128

Scoreboard

60 178 155 54 172 147 51 156 136 47 153 167 42 124 132 San Angelo 39 134 192 NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; shootout losses earn one point and are referred to as ties. Tuesday's Games Monroe 3, Odessa 1 Bossier-Shreveport 6, Tupelo 0 New Mexico 7, San Angelo 5 El Paso 1, Amarillo 0, SO Wednesday's Gar No games scheduled Thursday's Games No games scheduled Friday's Games No games scheduled Saturday's Games New Mexico at Odessa Fort Worth at Corpus Christi Amarillo at Lubbock Central Texas at San Angelo Monroe at Tupelo Lake Charles at Austin

National Hockey League At A Glance All Times EST **EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Atlantic Division

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Chicago 21 3 39 110 148 W 32 73 157 108 56 154 143 Colorado Vancouver Edmonton 23 20 16 22 8 42 101 119 OL Pts GF GA 61 136 109 60 133 108

Phoenix 23 13 11 Los Angeles 22 18 7 58 126 109 52 162 147 Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

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San Jose 26

Monday's Games

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

COLLEGE BASKETBALL Tuesday's Major College Basketball Scores By The Associated Press

George Washington 77, Duquesne 75 Penn St. 90, Yale 75 Providence 77, Pittsburgh 61 Temple 90, Fordham 72 SOUTH Alabama 70, Kentucky 60 Appalachian St. 78, Davidson 68 Georgia St. 76, Jacksonville St. 52 Murray St. 76, Austin Peay 74

N.C.-Asheville 59, Liberty 52 UCF 89, Florida Atlantic 79 MIDWEST Indiana 66, Purdue 55 Indiana St. 72, Drake 61 Notre Dame 74, Syracuse 60 Ohio 91, N. Illinois 63

Tuesday's Women's **Basketball Scores** By The Associated Press

Bowdoin 68. Bates 50 Buffalo St. 61, Brockport 47 Caldwell 74, Nyack 61 Connecticut 81, Miami 45 Cortland St. 80. Utica Tech 45 E. Connecticut 79, Keene St. 77, O7

Fairfield 72, Manhattan 63 Fairleigh Dickinson 71, Drew 60 Geneseo St. 75. Fredonia St. 68 Geneva 63, Point Park 53 Lehman 97, John Jay 52 Loyola, Md. 69, Rider 65 Mass.-Boston 88, Mass.-Dartmouth 75 Moravian 71, Widener 65 Mount Aloysius 56, Mansfield 45 New England 73, Curry 63 Oswego St. 69, Potsdam 64 Penn 91, Drexel 80
Phila. Bible 77, Valley Forge Christian 37
Rutgers 77, St. John's 43
S. Maine 61, Plymouth St. 59 Siena 86, Marist 55 Skidmore 74, S. Vermont 14 Springfield 64, Worcester Tech 54 St. Lawrence 74, Clarkson 36 St. Peter's 75, Iona 68 St. Vincent 92, Seton Hill 89 Stony Brook 60, Brown 57 Tufts 79, Clark U. 73 Utica 76, Russell Sage 56 W. Connecticut 72, Rhode Island Coll. 50 W. New England 70, Daniel Webster 49 Westfield St. 58, Trinity, Conn. 45 William Smith 73, Hamilton 52 Appalachian St. 79, W. Carolina 72 Asbury 83, Johnson Bible 47

Brescia 53, Indiana-Southeast 48 Bridgewater, Va. 70, Hollins 50 Favetteville St. 72. Livingstone 66 Johnson C. Smith 73, St. Augustine's 63 Roanoke 82, Randolph-Macon Women's 32 St. Paul's 58, Shaw 51 Tennessee 70, Vanderbilt 64 UNC-Greensboro 89, Coll. of Charleston 56 Va. Wesleyan 79, E. Mennonite 65 Virginia Tech 65, Villanova 59 MIDWEST Cardinal Stritch 89, Ind.-South Bend 80 Concordia, Neb. 75, Peru St. 60

Edgewood 76, Concordia, Wis. 71 Findlay 63, Ashland 60 Judson 72, Purdue-Calumet 45 Millikin 80, Carthage 67 Nebraska-Kearney 86, Fort Hays St. 52 Rio Grande 70, Ohio Dominican 69 Rockford 73. Clarke 59 Shawnee St. 71, Mount Vernon Nazarene 45 Tiffin 73. Malone 72 Trinity Christian 75, Robert Morris-Chicago

Urbana 91, Wilberforce 78 Walsh 71, Notre Dame, Ohio 45 Wheaton, III. 64, Augustana, III. 60 William Woods 71. Greenville 56 Wis. Lutheran 43, Lakeland 42 SOUTHWEST Dallas 62, SW Adventist 52 SE Oklahoma 82, East Central 62 TCU 71, Tulsa 54

TRANSACTIONS Tuesday's Sports Transactions By The Associated Press BASEBALL

American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with C Scott Hatteberg on a one-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Assigned RHP John Frascatore outright to Syracuse of the International League National League FLORIDA MARLINS – Named Andy Dunn

National Basketball Association GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Signed F Chucky Brown to a second 10-day contract. NEW JERSEY NETS—Placed C Jim McIlvaine on the injured list. Activated C Soumaila Samake from the injured list. TORONTO RAPTORS—Activated G Muggsy Bogues from the injured list. Placed C Mamadou N'diaye on the injured

National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed OT Paul MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Named Brian Baker defensive line coach. ST. LOUIS RAMS-Named Bobby Jackson associate head coach, and Ken Zampese wide receivers coach. HOCKEY

National Hockey League NHL—Suspended Tampa Bay RW Wayne Primeau for two games for slashing Ottawa D Wade Redden in a game on Jan. 20. CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Placed C Alex Zhamnov on the injured list.

BASEBALL Remaining Free Agents

NEW YORK (AP) - The 34 remaining free AMERICAN LEAGUE ANAHEIM (2) - Kevin Stocker, ss; Matt Walbeck, c.
BALTIMORE (1) — Mark Lewis, 3b.

BOSTON (2) - Manny Alexander, ss; Hector Carrasco, rhp DETROIT (3) — Willie Blair, rhp; Gregg Jefferies, of; Hal Morris, 1b. KANSAS CITY (1) - Jeff Reboulet, 2b. NEW YORK (2) - Luis Polonia, of; Darryl Strawberry, of.
OAKLAND (2) — Doug Jones, rhp; Mike Stanley, 1b. SEATTLE (1) — Rickey Henderson, of. TEXAS (3) - Luis Alicea, 2b; Mike Simms, of: John Wetteland, rhp.

NATIONAL LEAGUE ARIZONA (1) — Matt Mieske, of. ATLANTA (5) — Wally Joyner, 1b; Scott Kamieniecki, rhp; Greg McMichael, rhp; Rudy Seanez, rhp; Walt Weiss, ss. CHICAGO (2) - Rick Aguilera, rhp; Jeff CINCINNATI (2) - Benito Santiago, c; Deion Sanders, of.
FLORIDA (1) — Henry Rodriguez, of.
LOS ANGELES (1) — Jim Leyritz, c. MONTREAL (1) — Lenny Webster, c. NEW YORK (1) — Bobby J. Jones, rhp ST. LOUIS (2) - Jesse Orosco, Ihp; Rick SAN DIEGO (1) - Randy Myers, Ihp.

Quail surviving Oklahoma weather

OKLAHOMA CITY - can provide emergency ener- said. Oklahoma is experiencing a gy during food shortages, one with below normal tem- five days without experiencperatures and more snow ing significant problems." and ice than the state has seen in years.

The harsh weather has many quail enthusiasts concerned about how the birds are enduring the elements.

Bobwhite quail have surof weather even, and this during ice and snow cover, Mike Sams, upland bird biol- temperature. ogist for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

Sams said. "But fat reserves seeds have yet to drop," he Okla. 73105.

'good old fashion" winter, and quail can fast for up to

Sams pointed out that proper land management becomes increasingly important to ensure the availability of protective cover so the birds can maintain their body temperatures.

"While quail will generally vived every conceivable type reduce their activity levels year's bout with Old Man energy from food is in high. Winter is no exception, says demand to maintain body The birds are quite

resourceful, and have been reported roosting in old

The bottom line is that hunters and landowners can best help quail populations by providing the best possible habitat, Sams noted.

"With proper habitat conditions, quail can weather almost any storm, including increased pressure from higher predator populations," he said.

Anyone wanting more information on bobwhite quail habitat improvement should call the Department's Wildlife Division at 405-521-

The department also offers a 40-page booklet entitled "Ice and snow can limit abandoned cellars, armadillo Bobwhite Quail in Oklahoma food available for quail, and holes, and culverts where that is available for \$5. prolonged coverage can temperatures are warmer. Orders can be sent to result in die-offs if food is not Quail may also shift their Oklahoma Department of available to maintain the feeding from off the ground WIldlife Conservation, 1801 birds' energy expenditures," to shrubs and trees where N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City, .-

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California is "burning through" money about as fast as it is consuming electricity, putting added pressure on the state to quickly find a solution to the energy crisis. President Bush extended an emergency order keeping power flowing to California for two weeks but said it wouldn't be extended again. State officials noted Tuesday that in just five days they have spent more than a quarter of a \$400 million emergency fund. Another Stage 3 power alert was issued for all of California until midnight Wednesday. The

Year of the Snake could be good for **President Bush**

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Chinese around the world on Wednesday welcomed the Year of the Snake — a period astrologers say could be lucky for the new U.S. president. The start of the lunar new year is the biggest holiday for Chinese, about one-fifth of the world's population. According to the 12-symbol Chinese horoscope, this is the year of the snake, which can bring upheaval, revolutions and disasters. But this year won't be a time of great change, predicted Taiwanese astrologer Shao Chung-ling, a alert, which means the state's power reserves master of the Book of Changes, an ancient Chinese have fallen to about 1.5 percent and rolling book used for predictions. It could be a good year for to make good on a promise to investors that the meeting with the negotiators Wednesday in blackouts are a strong possibility, has been new President Bush, however, because Bush was merger would deliver a major boost to earnings.

born in 1946, a Year of the Dog, which is believed to be able to get along with the snake.

AOL Time Warner slashes at least 1,000 jobs

NEW YORK (AP) - Less than a week after a major revamp at CNN, newly formed media giant AOL Time Warner is shaking up the entire organization in a move that will result in at least 1,000 more jobs being lost, sources said. The cuts, announced Tuesday, are affecting the company's music business, its America Online division and its movie studio New Line Cinema, according to several sources who spoke on condition of anonymity. The cuts are part of an overall belt-tightening drive

Two top executives at AOL Time Warner discussed the cuts with several media outlets, putting the number of layoffs at more than 2,000.

Israel mulls peace talks resumption after two Israelis killed

JERUSALEM (AP) — Just as some progress was reported in Mideast peace talks, Israel's prime minister found himself with a fateful decision whether to resume negotiations with the Palestinians despite the brutal killing of two Tel Aviv restaurateurs. Denouncing the killings as, 'horrendous," Ehud Barak on Tuesday recalled the leaders of his delegation from marathon peace talks in the Egyptian resort of Taba. He planned a



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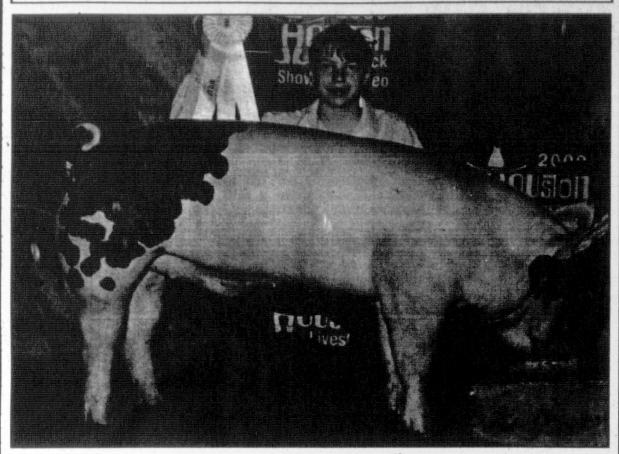
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4-H and FFA Focus



-Kori Dunn is a member of Gray in third grade, the earliest year first place at the Gray County County 4-H and FFA, Pampa chap- possible. ter. She and other FFA and 4-H members throughout the county will participate in the Gray County Livestock in will begin at 6 p.m., Jan. 25. The Steer Show will kick-off the actual show and sale at 7 p.m., Jan. 26 followed by the Swine and Lamb Shows beginning at 7 n.m. the 27th. A in 1998. Buyer's Barbecue and Sale is also slated Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Hi! My name is Kori Dunn. I have a little sister, Kristen man. Dunn, who is a fifth grader at In this competition, I have experiences. Travis Elementary. I am a fresh- won several awards. In 1997 and I am active in cross-country, soc- with my pigs. I won second cer, STUCO, D-FY-IT and FFA. I place with my lamb, in show-

I was successful in my first year showing at the local shows and at the Houston Livestock Show and Sale Jan. 25-27 at Clyde Show. In 1996, I had the grand Carruth Pavilion in Pampa. Weigh- champion barrow at the Gray County Livestock Show with a Duroc named Pumpkin. I had a grand champion lamb, named Kadel, at the Gray County show

At the end of every local show, there is a Junior and Senior Showmanship. This show is a competition between am the 14-year-old daughter of the kids and the judge. He picks Randy and Brenda Dunn. I also who he thinks is the best show-

became a member of junior FFA manship, in 1998. In 2000, I won becoming a dentist.

show with my pig, Mikey. Also, with Mikey, I competed at the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and I received fourth place. I hope to continue with my successes until I graduate.

Besides owning livestock, there are many other ways to be active in FFA. In the fall of 2000, I competed on a Junior Chapter Conducting team in the Top O' Texas District, and our team received third place. In the summer of 2000, I attended the Leadership Camp at Clarendon College and the State FFA Convention at Corpus Christi. Both of these were learning

After high school, I plan to man at Pampa High School, and 1998, I received second place attend Texas Tech University. Then, hopefully a dental school to pursue my lifelong dream of

Last escapees caught

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Cornered venience store and at a motor home in Woodland in a hotel room, the last two Texas prison escapees Park, 20 miles from Colorado Springs. A fifth killed surrendered without a fight early Wednesday, 42 days after they broke out of a maximum security unit with an arsenal of weapons.

Patrick Murphy Jr., a 39-year-old rapist, and Donald Newbury, a 38-year-old robber walked bare chested out of the hotel room where they had been holed up after about five hours of negotiations with police and an interview with a TV station.

A hotel employee tipped police to the possibility that the fugitives were at the hotel late Tuesday afternoon, Deputy Police Chief Luis Velez said.

The two were shocked when a detective called their room about 10 p.m. Murphy answered and said: "You got us. I don't know how you guys did it, but you got us," Velez recounted.

Like their captured accomplices, they now face capital murder charges in Texas stemming from the slaying of a police officer during a Christmas Eve robbery near Dallas.

Ten loaded handguns and two loaded shotguns were recovered in the hotel room, FBI agent Mark Mershon said. Also recovered was slain officer Aubrey Hawkins' handgun, authorities said.

The men each had a five-minute telephone interview with Colorado Springs' KKTV before surrendering at 3:45 a.m.

Newbury told anchorman Eric Singer the Dec. 13 breakout was a statement against Texas' judicial

"We had a statement to make that the system is as corrupt as we are. You going to do something about us, well, do something about that system, too,"

Murphy said he was up for parole when he broke

"What forced me to do this was the penal institution and such. The way Texas has things set up ... I'd eventually become an outlaw again anyway

because of parole stipulations and such." "I hope that maybe what we're doing here will

open the eyes of people." In Irving, a police spokesman rejected what he said was an attempt by the escapees to characterize themselves as victims of the criminal justice system.

"I don't see that they were the victims. To quote the chief, Officer Hawkins was the victim. We buried the victim," Officer David Tull. The inmates promised a peaceful end to the

standoff early in the negotiations, and authorities were not surprised they kept that commitment. They had their say by telephone and then we

had them back out of the room, shirtless, hands in

the air, no weapons on them," Mershon said. Newbury and Murphy were handcuffed and put into separate patrol cars that slowly rolled out of the parking lot of the Holiday Inn. Their four surviving companions were held in a detention center in

Teller County about 20 miles away. The arrests brought to an end a frustrating hunt hotel in 1997 with a sawed-off shotgun. one of the largest in the Southwest's history for the seven convicts who bluffed their way out of the prison in Kenedy, Texas, after stealing 16 Partrick Murphy Jr.: "What the cover, I guess you could say. firearms and ammunition from a prison storage

Four were arrested peacefully Monday at a con- pd.com

himself in the motor home as authorities closed in.

Authorities said the men robbed a sporting goods store in Irving and killed Hawkins when he arrived. He was shot 11 times and run over by a vehicle. That heightened fears the men would not surrender peacefully.

"Now we can get down to business and get some changes in this lousy Texas penal system," Jayne Hawkins, the officer's mother told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "My son will not die in vain."

The seven arrived in Colorado the last week in December, spending time in Pueblo, about 100 miles south of Denver, before renting a space for their motor home in the Coachlight Motel and RV Park in Woodland Park around Jan. 1.

We had to drive out of the Texas snow storm that hit right at Christmas Eve in the Amarillo area and we had to drive through the blizzard for hours and literally, Colorado was just a random pick," Murphy said during his interview.

They led the park manager and neighbors to believe they were Christian missionaries en route from Texas to California, while keeping as many as three dozen weapons, loaded and cocked, in the cramped RV.

"We joked about it often, but it really was just by downplaying ourselves and changing our hair color and such," Murphy said. "We attempted to be as friendly and neighborly as we could."

Authorities believe Murphy and Newbury split from the others last weekend because they wanted to obtain more money.

Police on Tuesday found their van abandoned in a motel parking lot two blocks from the Holiday Inn and then searched door to door.

They received a tip the two were at the Holiday Inn and surrounded the hotel, opening negotiations via telephone at about 10 p.m.

Earlier tips received after a weekend airing of the escape on the television show "America's Most Wanted" finally broke the case.

A \$500,000 reward had been offered for information leading to the conviction of the officer's killer, but there was no immediate word on how or when that money might be distributed.

At a convenience store, authorities arrested suspected ringleader George Rivas, 30, who was serving a life sentence for aggravated robbery and kid-napping; and Michael Rodriguez, 38, and Joseph Garcia, 29, both murderers

At the same time, authorities surrounded the fugitives' motor home. Randy Halprin, 23, who had been serving time for beating an infant, surrendered. Larry Harper, 37, convicted of aggravated sexual assault, shot himself to death inside the RV.

Murphy had been serving 50 years for aggravated sexual assault with a deadly weapon. Newbury was sentenced to 99 years for robbing a woman at a

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Escapees talk to anchorman

Excerpts from transcript of television interviews between KKTV-Texas prison escapees before they penal institution and such. The like a church work group travelsurrendered early Wednesday in way Texas has things set up ... I'd ing around." Colorado Springs

Youth who dropped child out of window now set free

CHICAGO (AP) — One of two youngsters convicted of dropping a 5-year-old boy to his death more than six years ago has been you blend in?" set free after completing his pro-

licly only as "T.J." was condition- changing our hair color and there. ally released from prison in such. October. Judge Carol Kelly released him from state guardianship Tuesday after several experts testified he was doing well.

"Though I am glad and happy for you... I have never lost sight death of a little boy," said Kelly.

The victim, Eric Morse, was that right now.' dropped from the 14th floor of a he refused to steal candy for T.J. and another boy, Jessie Rankins.

The case became a national cerated to 10.

Rankins and T.J. were ages 10 and 11 when they dropped Morse to his death on Oct. 13, 1994. Rankins said he held Morse by his waist near the open window and then watched the boy fall but said he had no intention of killing the boy.

The boys were initially placed with child welfare officials, but were turned over to the state Department of Corrections after officials said they could not find a proper treatment facility.

T.J. is in a mentoring program and is scheduled to graduate from a Chicago public high school later this year.

Rankins, 17, is being held at the Illinois Youth Center in Joliet. He says he is estranged from his family and prone to self-destructive episodes. His identity was revealed after he was sentenced to nine years for sexually assaulting a fellow inmate.

"I just feel depressed, like there is no hope, like there is nobody listening to me," he told the Chicago Tribune in Wednesday's editions. "I just feel like my life has ended.

TV anchor Eric Singer and two forced me to do this was the He was trying to pass us off as area. eventually become an outlaw again anyway because of parole stipulations and such.

We, I felt by trying to make this statement maybe we could make more people aware that there is a definite wrong within the penal system of the state of

Singer: "When you were in Woodland Park, obviously America's most wanted, how did

Murphy: (Laughs.) "We joked about it often. We really, just by The 18-year-old known pub- downplaying ourselves and

> Singer: "What was your dayto-day life like?"

Murphy: "Day to day life was, we tried to remain as calm as posthat this whole case involved the sible at all times but vigilant and

Singer: "People had seen you of 21/2 hours. ... public housing high-rise because out in the community, at Christian meetings. Tell me more about that.'

Murphy: "Yes, we attempted to symbol of rising violent juvenile be as friendly and neighborly as makers lowered the age at which meetings, that was only one man lot of screaming and hollering." juvenile offenders could be incar- and he was the man who com-

mitted suicide. That was part of

Donald Newbury: "The way I see it, I had to make a statement. The judicial system in the state of Texas has really gone to the pits. We're receiving 99 years for a robbery for \$68 and nobody's

injured. ... 'There's got to be something within reason in the state of Texas. They're giving kids so much time that they will never get to see light again. Their life is gone. Now all they are is a roach in a cage. Things have to be changed. There has to be more rehabilitation in the system down

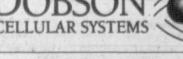
Newbury: "The whole thing from the beginning, from our self-extraction from the unit that was done very peacefully as possible. We hurt the officers very little, only the ones that resisted. It could have been a it would be difficult to get into blood bath. We could have been out of there in 30 minutes instead

Newbury: "The system is as corrupt as we are. You going do something about us, well, do something about that system, too. crime. As a result, Illinois law- we could. As far as the Christian It's going to take the public and a



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