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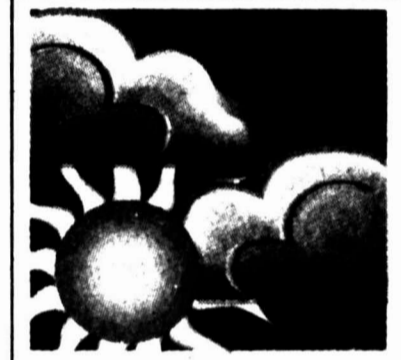
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Reunion help sought for PHS Class of '61
 PAMPA — Pampa High School Class of 1961 will hold its 40th class reunion this year. Organizers are seeking volunteers to help plan the event. For more information, contact Zip Swaney at 665-5532.

Officer unknowingly shoots and kills K-9
 PASADENA (AP) — A police officer accidentally shot and killed a police dog during a chase of two robbery suspects, authorities said.
 The officer fired at Jari, a 7-year-old Belgian Malinois, one of four dogs in the Pasadena Police Department's K-9 unit, after the animal aggressively advanced toward him.
 The officer feared for his safety, said Sgt. J.M. Baird, and didn't know that Jari was part of the department's K-9 unit.
 "The incident is under investigation. It doesn't appear at this time that anybody will be culpable for this tragic series of events," Baird said. "Based on what we know, it's just a tragedy, something that happened."

No deaths were reported to *The Pampa News* today.

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Natural gas prices to drop this month

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Good news is in order for Energas consumers in Pampa, according to Energas Operations Supervisor John N. Wagner. The gas prices are to drop in the February billing, he said.
 Wagner said the price of gas per 100 cubic feet (CCF) was \$1.04 in January, 2001, but will drop to \$.77 during the month of February, giving some relief to local residences and businesses.
 But prices will still be much higher than in January, 2000, when he said the price of gas per ccf was \$.29.
 He said the high energy prices are being experienced nationwide.
 "Our situation here in the Panhandle is not unique. The wholesale price of natural gas has

been rising nationwide during the past year because demand for it has been rising faster than supply," he said.
 Wagner added the months of November and December, 2000, were the coldest in recorded U. S. history, according to the National Weather Service. "As a result, the homes and businesses consumed more energy to keep warm—thus helping explain the size of recent natural gas bills," he said.
 "By the end of December, a record-high number of natural gas rigs were drilling for natural gas, and most experts believe that wholesale price of natural gas will begin to moderate as additional supplies come to market," said Wagner.
 Wagner said a temporary lag between increased demand and production has resulted in higher wholesale prices nationwide.
 (See PRICES, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
 A dairy cow stops eating momentarily to check out a visitor while her pasture-mate continues to breakfast at Roden Dairy east of Pampa early today. The dairy began milk production shortly before the first of the year, according to owners Ricky and Gary Roden. The 1,200 cows are producing 50,000 pounds of milk a day. The Rodens say they are adding to the herd daily and hope to increase production to 100,000 pounds of milk per day soon.

Jurors award former IBP worker \$10.8 million in suit

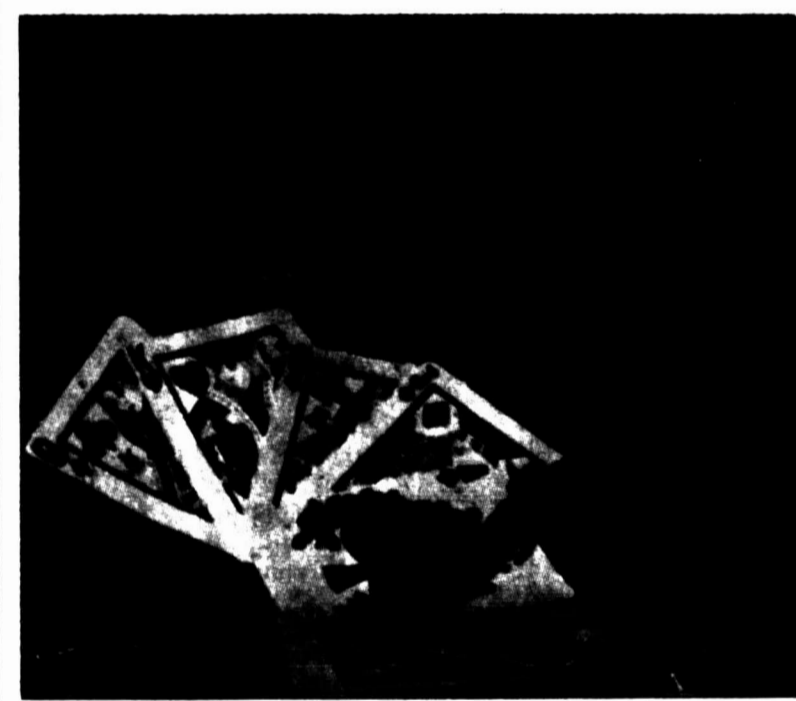
AMARILLO (AP) — A federal jury awarded \$10.8 million to a former IBP employee who was fired for refusing to get his stepson to sign a company workplace injury settlement and waiver.
 Steven M. Klumpe, who now works for ConAgra in Greeley, Colo., said he was pleased.
 "I'll say it was right against wrong, good versus evil," Klumpe said.
 IBP attorney Kelly Utsinger said the judge still must enter a judgment and that the case and legal motions are not finished.
 "It's a little premature to determine what the eventual outcome of this case will be because of the legal issues," Utsinger said.
 In the lawsuit, which was filed in an Amarillo

federal court, Klumpe claimed he was fired in 1997 for refusing to deceive his stepson, who also worked at IBP, into signing the IBP document.
 The jury might have been confused by issues not pertinent to the case, Utsinger said. IBP may appeal.
 Klumpe's Amarillo attorney, James Wood, said, "We are delighted with the verdict."
 Klumpe's lawsuit contended it would have been an illegal act to secure his stepson's signature on the form.
 Chris Escamilla, Klumpe's stepson, was injured in 1997, Wood said. Escamilla lost all his right fingers to the top of the knuckles, Klumpe said.
 (See IBP, Page 2)

Egging nets PHS teen felony charges

A 15-year-old boy faces felony retaliation charges in connection with the egging of a Pampa High School employee's house, police said today.
 The teen has been detained and turned over to juvenile probation after he was charged with criminal mischief - retaliation, a felony, said Officer Cody Brown, Pampa High School police liaison. He has also been charged with disorderly conduct - indecent exposure, Brown said.
 The charges stem from incidents beginning Friday, Feb. 2, when a Pampa High School employee, Belinda Elms, saw a teenage boy urinating in the yard of a residence across the street from the high school. Elms was leaving for lunch, the officer said.
 (See EGGING, Page 2)

Big dance Saturday



Beta Sigma Phi members Gerry Caylor, left, and Irvine Riphahn work on decorations for the Scholarship Dance Saturday, Feb. 10 at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium from 8 p.m. until midnight. For more information or tickets call Ottolene Jones at 669-7662 or any Sorority member. Tickets per couple are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Off-duty officer halts teen drinking party

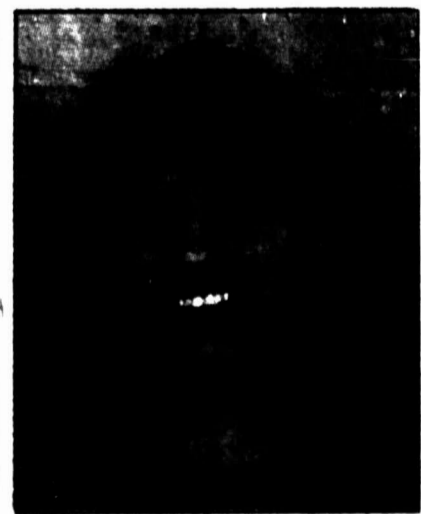
Youths scatter to flee police

An off-duty police officer, investigating a fight inside a Coronado Center business, stumbled on a teen drinking party in progress, police said today.
 Officer Scott LaRue saw some two males — one a juvenile and one adult — fighting inside Hoagies Deli at the Coronado Center, 1200 N. Hobart, at about 11:37 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2, said Officer Cody Brown.
 Off-duty at the time, LaRue called for back-up and then approached the business, Brown said.
 "What officers found when they got there was a bunch of minors drinking alcohol out of plastic cups," he said.
 "There were two girls standing there holding the door open," Brown said. "(LaRue) showed them his badge and they yelled, 'The police are here!' and everyone took off."
 Brown said most of the teens inside ran out the west door of the kitchen. Three girls ran to a pickup in the parking lot. Three teenagers were arrested and a juvenile was detained, he said.
 Brown said he did not know how the teens came to be inside the business or whether the business was open at the time the incident occurred. He said police reports did not say whether or not the business was open.
 Police arrested Orlando Madrid, 18, 931 Murphy; Oscar Ortega, 18, 1157 Huff Rd.; and Nicholas Dyer, 17, 2629 Evergreen on separate charges of evading arrest/ detention.
 A 16-year-old boy was detained on charges of disorderly conduct - minor in possession - alcohol, and evading arrest/ detention, Brown said. He was referred to juvenile authorities.
 A 16-year-old girl was cited for disorderly conduct - language and minor in possession of alcohol. Another 16-year-old boy was also cited for minor in possession - alcohol, Brown said.
 "Some of them have received citations in the mail," he added.

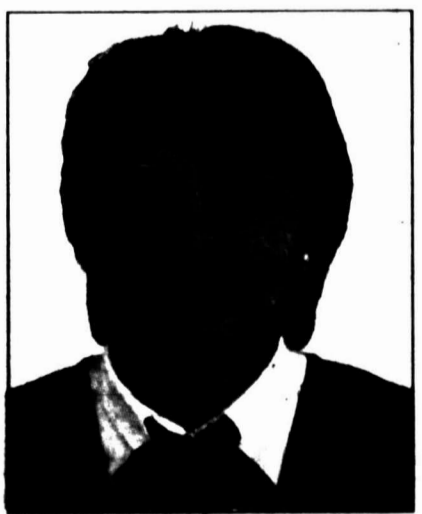
Quite frankly... Besides payday, what do you like best about your job?



"My fellow employees. We have a fun time working together."
 — Loretta Turner of Bealls



"When the bread bakes easily and we're not rushed."
 — Raquel Deleon of Furr's



"Meeting friendly people and working with my friends."
 — Rosemary Maciel of Albertson's



"When everyone shows up for work and is on time then everything will run smoothly."
 — Maria Terrazas of McDonald's



"Doing what I like do. I like cars and being around cars. This is the best."
 — Ryan Watson of Advance Auto Parts

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DEANDA, Mike — Mass, 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

No deaths were reported to *The Pampa News* today.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Feb. 6

7:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center and transported one to PRMC.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.56	Columbia/HCA	37.80	up 0.20
Milo	3.21	Enron	41.20	dn 0.61
Corn	3.57	Halliburton	41.27	up 0.17
Soybeans	3.77	KMI	52.05	dn 0.09
		Kerr McGee	65.85	dn 1.07
		Limited	19.84	up 0.44
		McDonald's	29.74	up 0.38
		Exxon Mobil	34.05	dn 0.75
		New Atmos	23.66	dn 0.21
		XCEL	25.81	up 0.20
		NOI	36.56	up 0.11
		OKE	44.61	dn 0.41
		Penney's	15.00	up 0.23
		Phillips	53.27	dn 0.08
		Phonon Nat	17.67	dn 0.33
		SLB	77.87	up 0.14
		Tenneco	3.75	up 0.02
		Texas	61.85	up 0.54
		Ultranam	32.74	dn 0.08
		Wal-Mart	54.45	up 0.61
		Williams	41.00	up 0.38

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

Occidental	23.49	up 0.07
Fidelity Mageln	122.23	dn 0.33
Puritan	19.13	dn 0.02

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

BP Amoco	56.62	dn 0.22
Cabot	33.00	NC
Cabot O&G	27.75	dn 0.33
Chevron	83.10	up 0.53
Coca Cola	58.38	dn 0.82
New York Gold	265.55	
Silver	4.68	
West Texas Crude	30.55	

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents this week.

Monday, Feb. 5

12 Noon - A 1981 Chevrolet K20 pickup driven by Cecil Ambrose Kerbo, 64, Clarendon, and a 1998 Ford Explorer driven by Tara Suzanne Hoganson, 25, 2211 Aspen, collided in the 2100 block of North Hobart. Kerbo was cited for backing when unsafe. No injuries were reported at the scene. Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, Feb. 4

4:19 p.m. - A 1990 Ford F350 pickup driven by Casey Lynn Brookshire, 17, P.O. Box 715, Pampa, and a 1995 Chrysler Concorde driven by Jamie Lee Bridwell, 18, 1520 Christy, collided in the 400 block of West Harvester. Brookshire was cited for failure to control speed and no driver's license on person. Bridwell and a passenger in the Chrysler, Carl Shook, 24, of RR 1, Box 87D, were taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural Metro Ambulance with possible injuries.

Court report

(Editor's note: We are behind collecting court news are will catch up shortly. The following report is for June, 2000)

DWI was dismissed against Easley Delfania Fields because defendant was convicted in another case.

Public intoxication was dismissed against Lelia Rose Aston-Parker due to insufficient evidence.

Misty Hill pled no contest to theft of property by check-class B. She received 12 months probation, \$500 fine, had to pay court costs and restitution.

Lam Ngoc Nguyen was found guilty of DWI. He received \$1,000 fine, 60 days in Gray Co. jail, 2 years probation, court costs and 50 hours community service.

Russell Whitehead was found guilty of theft of property by check. He was ordered to pay court costs and restitution. He also had to spend 30 days in Gray Co. jail.

Rusty Lee Hazelwood was found guilty of evading arrest or detention. He was fined \$300, 30 days in Gray Co. jail and had to pay court costs.

Theft of property by check was dismissed against Scotty Henderson. Court costs and restitution have been made.

Rusty Lee Hazelwood was found guilty of failure to identify. He was fined \$300, 30 days in Gray Co. jail and had to pay court costs.

Randall Lynn Lamberson pled no contest to DWI-2nd offense. He was fined \$1,500, 60 days in Gray Co. jail, 2 years probation and had to pay court costs.

Raul Romero Mendoza was found guilty of DWI-2nd offense. He was fined \$1,500, 75 days in Gray Co. jail, 2 years probation, court costs and 70 hours of community service.

Edith Ann Green pled no contest to DWI. She was fined \$1,000, 70 days in Gray Co. jail, 2 years probation, court costs and 40 hours of community service.

Carl Hayter Brown was found guilty of DWI. He was fined \$1,000, 60 days in Gray Co. jail, 2 years probation, court costs and 25 hours of community service.

Tina Faye Millins was found guilty of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. She was fined \$900, 45 days in Gray Co. jail, 6 months probation, court costs and 30 hours of community service.

Charles Erick Wood was found guilty of driving while license invalid. He was fined \$350, 20 days in Gray Co. jail, 6 months probation, court costs and 24 hours of community service.

Evading arrest or detention was dismissed against Clarence Reed Jr. because it was taken into account with another case.

Theft over \$50-under \$500 was dismissed against Lee Alvin Williams because the defendant was convicted in another case.

Theft of property by check was dismissed against Jerry Bennett because restitution was made.

Police report

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

Monday, Feb. 5

Tony Joe Romo, 40, Lubbock was arrested in the 500 block of East Francis for burglary of a habitation and criminal mischief to a place of worship.

A representative for Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather, reported a gas drive-off involving \$18.87 of unleaded gasoline.

Criminal mischief - retaliation was reported in the 1500 block of North Williston.

A representative for Taylor Mart, 600 E. Frederic, reported a gas drive-off involving \$10 of unleaded gasoline.

A checkbook was found in the 500 block of Magnolia.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 700 block of East Kingsmill sometime between 8:30 p.m., Sunday, and 10:15 a.m., Monday.

Burglary of a business was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart. Someone entered Quality Sales, 1300 N. Hobart, through a window and took a large handgun.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of North Williston.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Cinderella.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Theft was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. A student reported 25 CDs valued at \$400 were stolen on Dec. 18, 2000.

Simple assault involving minor injuries was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Feb. 5

Gregory Van Duff, 44, Amarillo, was arrested on a violation of probation for assault causing bodily injury.

Juan Daniel Cano, 18, 514 Warren, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety on a Dimmit County warrant for no seat belt.

Gerardo Juan Vaquera, 21, 727 Malone, was arrested by Constable Chris Lockridge on warrants for no driver's license, failure to appear, failure to appear - bail jumping, expired inspection sticker, expired registration, speeding, failure to maintain financial responsibility, thefts, and criminal mischief.

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

Brent Jeffery Williamson was found guilty of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. He received 6 months probation, \$800 fine, court costs and 24 hours of community service.

Jerrica Suzanne Mote pled no contest to possession of marijuana under 2 oz. She was placed on 6 months probation, \$800 fine, 30 hours community service and court costs.

Assault causing injury-domestic was dismissed against Leslie Brian Chester due to insufficient evidence.

DWI-2nd offense was dismissed against Jackie George Pierce because he was convicted in another case.

Criminal Trespass was dismissed against Joy Bybee because she was convicted in another case.

Gregory Randall Edmondson pled no contest to possession of marijuana under 2 oz. He was fined \$900, 60 days in Gray Co. jail, 1 year probation, court cost and 25 hours community service.

Theft of property by check was dismissed against Valerie Ellen, Robert Swearingim and Patty Shoffner because court costs and restitution had been made.

Assault causin, bodily injury was dismissed against Stephen Wilson because defendant was in hospital.

Possession of marijuana was dismissed against Marion Ray Sexton due to insufficient evidence.

Unlawful carrying weapon was dismissed against Aaron Andrew Heiskell due to insufficient evidence.

Aaron Scott Gifford pled no contest to possession of marijuana under 2 oz. He received 6 months probation, \$350 fine and had to pay court costs.

Emmit Ray Calfy Sr. was found guilty of DWI. He was fined \$750, 60 days in Gray Co. jail, 1 year probation, court costs and 35 hours of community service.

Troy Allen Fisher was found guilty of DWI-2nd offense. He was fined \$800, 90 days in Gray Co. jail, 2 years probation and 80 hours of community service.

Theft over \$50-under \$500 was dismissed against Patrick Derlie Mize because defendant was being recruited into the Army.

DWI was dismissed against Aaron Scott Gifford because it was taken into account with cause # 25127.

Bobby Jack Porter was found guilty of criminal mischief \$50-500. He was sentenced to 90 days probation, \$500, 24 hours community service, restitution, \$125 for court appointed attorney.

Curtis Bain Didway was found guilty of DWI. He was fined \$1,000, 75 days in Gray Co. jail, 2 years probation, court costs and 50 hours community service.

Jimmy Welch was found guilty of assault causing bodily injury. He was fined \$750 and court costs.

Calling all shutterbugs! It's time to enter Images contest

It's time once more for local shutterbugs to get out their photos for entry into this year's Images contest which has become a part of the annual Pride edition.

Last year's Pride won second place in the Texas Press Association's special sections contest and the year before the issue was the first-place winner in its division.

The Valentine's Day deadline will be here before you know it so hurry up and enter. It's one of the favorite sections in Pride and its content is 100 percent yours!

Besides maybe seeing your photo in print, the winner in each of three categories receives \$50 in Pampa Bucks to spend locally and gets a free six-month subscription to *The Pampa News*.

The three categories are:

- Family and Friends ... at work or play.
- Critters ... pets or wild ones.
- The Countryside ... landscapes, buildings,

scenery without people.

The rules are:

• Each photo must have been taken in Pampa or the surrounding area between Jan. 1, 2000 and Feb. 13, 2001.

• Entries should be submitted with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to allow us to return them.

• On the back of each photo attach your name, address, phone number and a brief description of who or what is pictured.

• One entry per category per person. No Pampa News employees or professional photographers may enter.

• Send or bring photos to *The Pampa News*, 403 W. Atchison, Pampa, TX 79065.

• Every effort will be made to return your photo. However, do not send one-of-a-kind photos that can't be replaced.

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PRICES

"Two years ago, natural gas producers cut back on drilling because low wholesale prices affected their ability to produce more gas. Meanwhile, homes, businesses, factories and power generation plants continue to use more natural gas," said Wagner.

He explained the weather is a big factor in determining the price of natural gas. "Colder temperatures increase demand for gas which, in turn, supports current prices or drives them higher," he said.

Wagner said producers are responding, but significant price relief is not expected this winter.

"Well completions may reach 13,500 this year, a 15-year high up from 10,500 in 1999. Resource base is not the issue; infrastructure to produce, gather and deliver is.

"Most local distribution companies are projecting significant increases in residential bills due to well-head prices that have more than tripled," he said. "Natural gas prices have increased at half the rate

of inflation since the mid-1980s. In 1985, the average gas bill was 4.5 percent of disposable income. It was 2.3 percent of disposable income in 1999."

He said customers can help manage their energy bills in several different ways by taking energy efficiency steps. He suggested insulating windows, doors and lowering thermostats.

"We recommend lowering thermostats to 68 degrees maximum," said Wagner. He said lowering the thermostats will avoid additional usage in this unprecedented time of high gas prices.

Wagner added Energas has made a contribution to help agencies in the areas the company serves to help qualifying customers to pay their bills.

"We truly wish to see prices decrease in the future for the betterment of our customers, and their budgets," he said. He said Energas does not profit from higher gas prices.

"The cost of gas is a pass through for Energas, meaning Energas does not add any profit margin to the price it pays for natural gas," he said. "Energas makes its income from the customer charge, service and delivery of the natural gas."

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IBP

The award from the jury, which found "clear and convincing evidence" that IBP acted with "malice," included \$10 million for damages. Most of the remaining money was for lost earnings and benefits, probable future lost earnings and for past and future suffering.

Deception occurs "when a person causes another person to sign any document affecting money or other property and does so by deception with the intent to defraud or harm any person," said U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson, during her instructions to the jury.

IBP employs about 3,000 in Amarillo, Utsinger said.

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EGGING

After receiving the report, Brown said he cited the boy for disorderly conduct - indecent exposure.

On Monday, Feb. 5, Elms reported to police that her residence in the 1500 block of North Williston

had been egged. She said she heard something hit her window shortly before midnight Sunday and when she went out the next morning saw someone had thrown eggs at the house.

Brown said two other teens are being cited for criminal mischief under \$50 in connection with the incident.

GOP, lobbyists still plan to expand Bush's tax cut package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans and lobbyists say they like President Bush's proposed tax cut, but they won't back down from plans to add their own priorities, even though Bush is promising to defend his proposal "mightily."

"There will be some changes as we go through the process," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., told reporters Tuesday. "I don't have a problem with that, and I don't think the president does."

Beginning a week of selling his tax plan, Bush was visiting a Washington-area small business Tuesday to spotlight his argument that his proposal would spark greater economic growth.

Bush plans to send Congress an outline of his package Thursday, and it is expected to mirror the \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax reduction program he offered during his campaign.

Democrats called Bush's plan too expensive, too tilted toward the rich and too risky. They said it would deplete projected federal budget surpluses without leaving adequate funds for a proposed Medicare prescription drug benefit, defense increases and other proposals.

"Let us not repeat the mistakes of the past," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said, citing Reagan-era tax cuts that helped produce record federal deficits. "If we do, shame on all of us."

Bush's plan would collapse the five current income-tax rates

into four, and lower them. They currently range between 15 percent and 39.6 percent; the new rates would be between 10 percent and 33 percent.

The president also would expand child credits, ease the so-called marriage penalty and gradually repeal estate taxes.

And Monday, he said that to "help get money into the people's pockets quicker," he would like his package to be retroactive to Jan. 1.

"It's tax relief for everybody who pays taxes. That's what the times and basic fairness demand," Bush said.

With Congress only beginning its year, even GOP lawmakers said they were not ready to simply rubber-stamp his plan. Their plans were clearly still evolving.

Lott said cutting income-tax rates is "the top priority," and

added, "I think we could probably do more than \$1.6 trillion, but we shouldn't start off by loading it up with every good idea that's out there."

Senate Majority Whip Don Nickles, R-Okla., said there seemed to be a consensus among GOP senators attending a retreat last weekend in Williamsburg, Va., to live within Bush's \$1.6-trillion figure and to pass its major components, such as the cut in income-tax rates.

Nickles said congressional proposals will compete with Bush's ideas.

"Obviously, there's going to be some compromises," he said.

Nickles said he would like to see the top capital-gains tax rate individuals pay on some investment income cut from its current 20 percent to 15 percent, and other reductions for health care costs and other items.

City Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Northeast to east winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 35 to 40. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday, Considerable high cloudiness. Breezy with highs around 60.

South winds 15 to 25 mph and gusty. High yesterday 61; the overnight low 31.

STATEWIDE — Rain is forecast by Wednesday for some

parts of Texas, but not before a final sunny day brings spring-like temperatures to much of the state.

Skies Tuesday should be clear to partly cloudy in North Texas with high temperatures in the mid-60s.

West Texas should be partly cloudy on Tuesday, forecasters said.

High temperatures should reach into the 40s and 50s, although in some areas along the Rio Grande and the Permian

Basin, temperatures could peak in the 80s.

Sunny skies are expected to prevail in South Texas on Tuesday, with temperatures mostly in the 70s.

South Texas had mostly clear skies on Monday. Temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the lower 70s in parts of deep South Texas.

The forecast for Thursday calls for continued highs in the 70s and partly cloudy to mostly sunny skies.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY
The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST
Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, conducts prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily for the citizens of Pampa - the churches, the schools, etc. All are cordially invited to come and pray. For more information, call 665-4926.

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. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

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.

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.

ACT I
ACT I (Area Community Theater, Inc.) will present its winter dinner-theater "Natalie Needs a Nightie" at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 8-10 and 15-17 at its auditorium in the Pampa Mall. The event will get under way with

a prime rib dinner to be catered by Clint and Sons at 6:30 p.m. followed by the actual production at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$9 for the meal and \$7.50 for the show. For reservations or for more information, call Computech Computers at 665-3266. Deadline to RSVP is two days prior to the show. The play is under the direction of Gary Hartman.

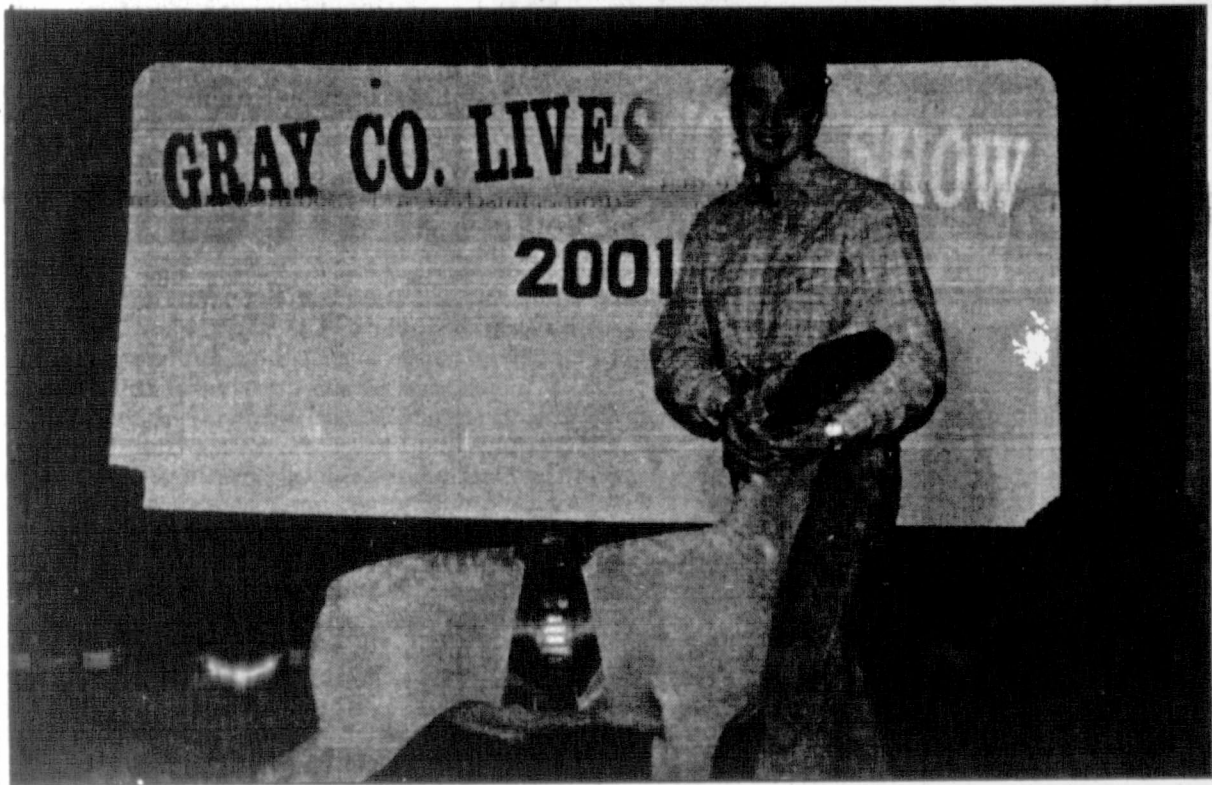
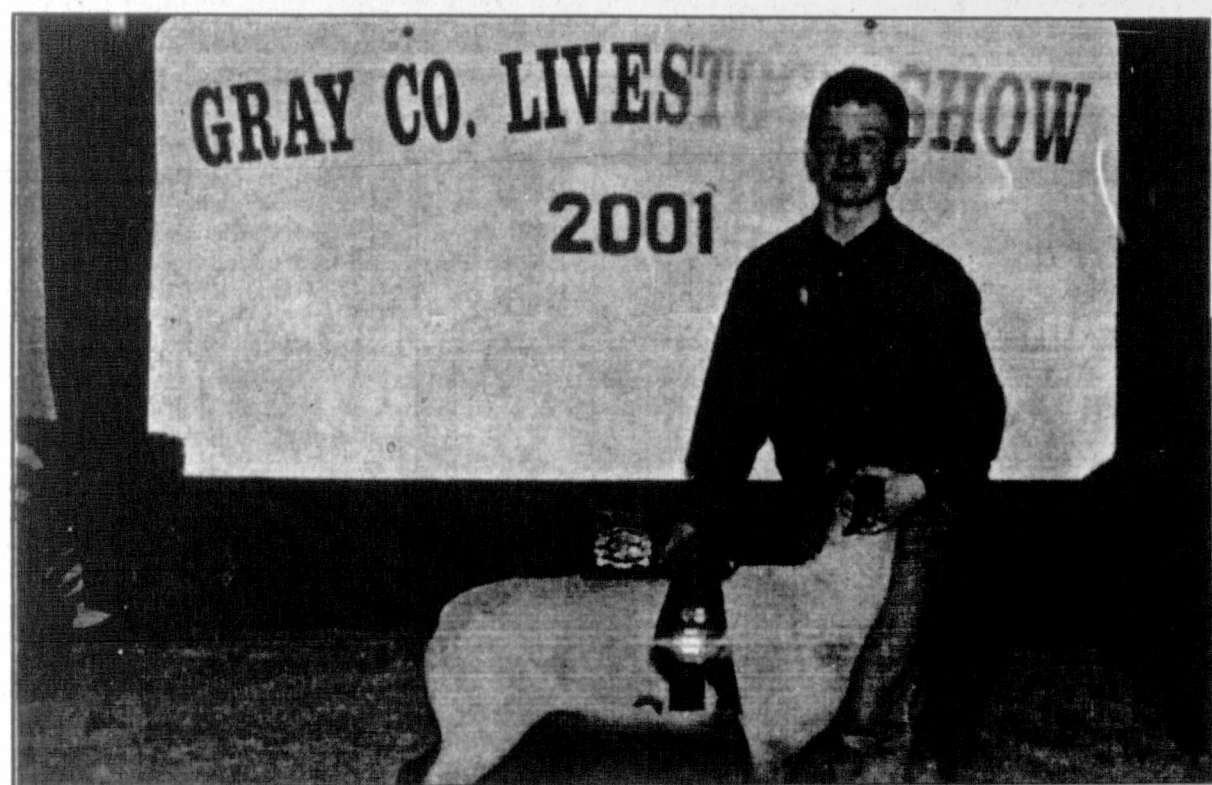
VALENTINE CRAFTS DAY
Lovett Memorial Library will host a Valentine's Crafts Day beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 10 in the library auditorium. The program is free and open to children ages three and up. Participants will make valentines, gifts and other crafts. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to sign-up, call the library at 669-5780. The program will be under the direction of Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian.

RUSHING WIND
Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet at 6 p.m., Feb. 10 at First Christian Church in Borger. A nursery will

be provided. The board of directors will meet for a board training session at 12 noon followed by the regular board meeting at 4:30 p.m.

CCS BANQUET
Community Christian School of Pampa will stage a fund-raiser banquet at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. The guest speaker will be Bob Cornuke, president of Bible Archaeology Search and Exploration Institute. Cost of the catered meal will be \$15 per person. Tickets may be purchased from an CCS family, at the school office at 220 N. Ballard or by sending \$15 per ticket along with a SASE to: Community Christian School, P.O. Box 51, Pampa, TX 79066. Tickets are also available at the following businesses: Clifton Supply, Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance, First Bank Southwest, Fototime, Frank's Hardware, The Gift Box and the office of Dr. Greg Kelly, DDS.

Gray County Livestock Show and Sale



(Special photos)

Area 4-H and FFA members recently participated in the Gray County Livestock Show and Sale at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa. Winners included Trent Cadra, top, Grand Champion Lamb; and Chloe Smith, bottom, Reserve Grand Champion Lamb.

Area 4-H and FFA students to participate in Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

HOUSTON — Fifty-nine area 4-Hers and 54 area FFA members will compete in at the 2001 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 13-March 4, at Reliant Park in Houston.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, begins livestock competition on Feb. 23. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first 10 days of the Show, which kicks off Feb. 13.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse show, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

More than 16,000 entries, representing 1,100 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's junior show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in both the junior and open divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, goats, llamas, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal cate-

gories (steer, lamb, barrow and poultry) represent animals raised by exhibitors for food sources. The finest animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions.

In addition to competing in the show ring, several Gray County 4-Hers will compete in the 2001 Rodeo Houston calf scramble.

Area 4-Hers and FFA members participating in events include:

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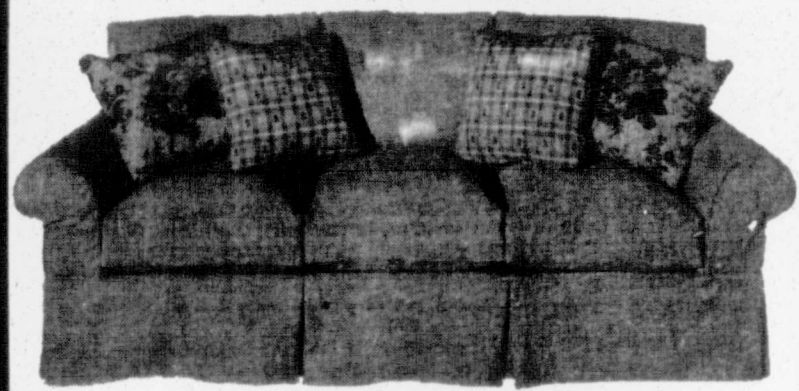
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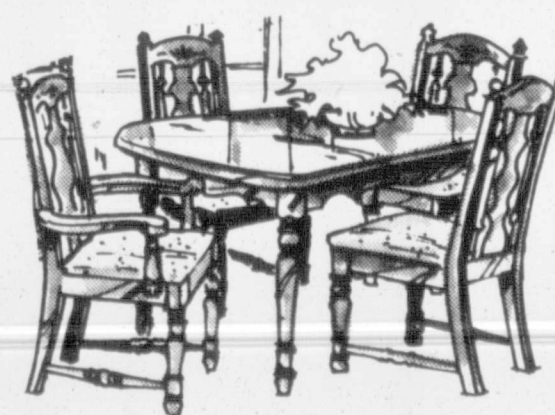
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We're on winter's downhill slope

"O, Wind, if Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" - Ode to the West Wind, Percy Bysshe Shelley

This time of year can be especially hard for all living things. Winds blow cold and the earth seems barren. Dirty piles of old snow and patches of ice interrupt the bleak winter landscape.

Holiday excitement has ebbed. Even the anticipation of who will win the Super Bowl has ended. Easter is still far away, with only a brief celebration at Valentines and for some, Mardi Gras, before the long weeks of self-denial mark the Lenten season.

I'm tired of wearing a coat every time I go outside. I'm tired of constantly feeling cold. I'm tired of short days and long nights. I want to go horseback riding, but when I find a few daylight hours to call my own, it's either too cold or too wet to ride.

Every February I catch myself daydreaming about spending long afternoons sunning on a tropical island beach. I can feel the soft salt breezes touch my face and tossle my hair while the sun slowly warms my winter-weary bones.

I tried, but failed, to hold on to the memory of last summer's 100-degree heat blast as a



Dee Dee Laramore

Staff writer

hedge against the frosty days I knew loomed in the future.

Punxsutawney Phil, the world-famous rodent prophet, observed his shadow last week, thus predicting another six weeks of winter. I checked with a few prairie dogs around here to see if they supported his forecast. They're not saying one way or another. Actually, they were quite impolite and wouldn't even poke their heads of their snow-covered holes long enough to acknowledge my presence.

By this time, I was feeling quite discouraged when one of my unflinching signals of Spring appeared - robins.

Last Saturday I saw three robins in a yard near my house. To me, robins at this time of year - especially several together like that - always mean Spring is on its way.

While in Amarillo this weekend, I watched great flocks of sandhill cranes circling a playa lake on the west side of the city before settling down for the evening. They've begun their northward migration.

If you'll look closely, buds have been developing on the trees and lilac bushes. Bits of green - yes, mostly chickweed, but still green - peek from under the snow. Green tendrils signaling daffodil leaves should appear soon, as well.

Sometimes I brush away the mulch from around my peonies to check for burgundy sprouts. Reassured, I quickly cover them back up until the time for frost has passed.

Although another chance for snow is in the forecast this week, be of good cheer. I trust the signs from the birds and the earth. We may not experience true Spring for awhile, but we're definitely on Winter's downhill slope.

As the mouse said when he caught his tail in the door, "It won't be long now."

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Tuesday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2001. There are 328 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Feb. 6, 1952, Britain's King George VI died; he was succeeded by his daughter, Elizabeth II.

On this date:
 In 1756, America's third vice president, Aaron Burr, was born in Newark, N.J.

In 1778, the United States won official recognition from France with the signing of treaties in Paris.

In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1895, baseball legend Babe Ruth was born in Baltimore.

In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, was declared in effect.

Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:
 The Monitor (McAllen) on a tax cut is needed now:
 With a recession looming, the government is acting to preserve prosperity on those fronts where it does have influence. The Federal Reserve Board cut key interest rates by 50 basis points Jan 3 and President-elect George Bush is getting a better reception on Capitol Hill for his promised tax cut of \$1.3 trillion over 10 years.

The Fed rate cut came as a surprise to many. But so much negative economic news has been accumulating with increasing intensity, that the Fed didn't wait for its next regular meeting, scheduled for Jan. 30, said Esmel Adibi, director of the Anderson Center for Economic Research at Chapman University in Orange, Calif.

Among the developments:
 - The pace of real GDP growth has dropped from 5 percent-plus to close to 2 percent in just the past few months. Further drops could put it in negative territory. A recession is defined as two consecutive quarters of negative GDP growth.

- Retail holiday shopping was off.
 - Purchasing managers are reducing orders.
 - Stocks have declined. The NASDAQ was off 40 percent for 2000, the Dow was off 10 percent.
 - New unemployment figures are expected to show a spike in joblessness.

The Fed, Adibi said, cut the rate "because they know it takes a few months for the lower rate to channel into the market. The timing of the cut between meetings and the 50-point size of the cut (such cuts usually are in 25-point increments; there are 100 basis points in one percentage point) sent a message that they would do anything to stop a recession."

The second part of this one-two punch to maintain some level of prosperity is Bush's proposed tax cut. "Now, the prospects for tax cuts are much brighter than two or three months ago," Adibi said. "The concern then was that the economy was growing too fast and was putting further pressure on prices," which could have meant rising inflation.

The looming threat of a recession changed that thinking. A slower economy typically means inflationary pressures abate as the key elements of inflation are muted. For instance, wages grow more slowly as companies find ways to cut costs and lower prices in their efforts to move inventory.

A tax cut moves money from one spender, the government, into the hands of another spender-saver-investor, the taxpayer.

"The good news is that a tax cut will be with us a long period of time," Adibi said. "It makes the economy more efficient and stimulates investment." More investment, of course, means higher job creation and more pay.

History shows something of a mixed picture of the relationship between tax cuts and inflation.

Jimmy Carter's high-tax "malaise" recession of the late 1970s was accompanied by record inflation. The Reagan tax-cut economy of the 1980s was accompanied by low inflation. The prosperity of the Clinton years featured low inflation, certain tax cuts (capital gains) as well as tax increases.

In short, were not buying the idea that tax cuts will in some way precipitate inflation. Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan has done a good job keeping inflation in check and he will continue to be watchful.

Even Democrats seem to be coming around. House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri said on NBC's "Today" show, "I think we need a tax cut. I've felt that and Democrats have felt that way for a long time. I don't know the exact size. It may be that it has to get bigger because the recession is looming and we've got economic worries out there."

With taxes at record peacetime highs and the inflation threat low and the Fed ready to act, taxpayers deserve a break. Although the capital gains tax was cut in 1997, the last major tax reform was in 1986. Since then, taxes were raised record amounts in 1990 and 1993.

The time for giving taxpayers some of their money back is long overdue and in the best interest of the economy and the citizens.

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Florida's election process not in error

Because no one seems willing to defend Florida's election process, I will. There was absolutely nothing wrong or unusual about the 2000 presidential election in Florida except for the closeness of the vote.

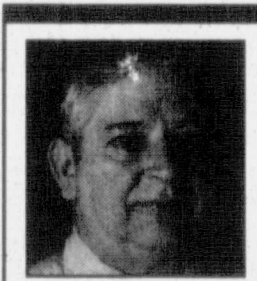
If that close vote had gone Al Gore's way, you wouldn't be hearing one single complaint.

Not one complaint made has any substance. No one tried to keep blacks from voting. Whatever problems individual voters had were the ordinary problems that voters of any race can run into, especially since that stupid motor voter registration law was passed.

It is the law that one must reside in the precinct in which one votes. If you move, you must notify the local supervisor of elections. Florida, because of the large number of low-wage jobs, has an unusually mobile population. That accounted for some of the problems.

It was charged that a police roadblock tried to keep blacks from the polls. Utter lie. A driver's-license check stopped motorists long enough to check their licenses, after which they proceeded on. This occurred en route to one precinct, but not one person was prevented from voting by it. And the location of the checkpoint in reference to the precinct was entirely chance.

It was charged that in precincts where there were a lot of poor people, they had old voting machines. Not true. Voting machines are pur-



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chased by each county. Some of the richest counties in Florida (Dade and Palm Beach, for example) use the punch-card system, while some of the poorer, rural counties have newer optical scan machines. At any rate, in every county, every precinct has the same kinds of machines.

As for improperly marked ballots, that is the fault of the voters. The law is clear: To mark the ballot properly is the responsibility of the voter. If the voter is too illiterate or stupid to follow simple directions, that is not a conspiracy. It's a personal failure.

Even the number of ballots that were not counted because they were not filled out properly was well within the usual percentage. This happens all over the country. Some voting machines reject a ballot if it is not properly filled out, thus giving the voter a second chance

to do it right. But these machines are not widely used as of yet.

The problem is that the Gore campaign had to make wild charges to justify a third and fourth recount after the first count and the first recount failed to give Gore a winning margin. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People chimed in because the organization is part of the Democratic Party, and the NAACP is desperate for some reason to justify its continued existence.

The real problem is that demagogues make unsubstantiated allegations that are broadcast by the press and, once broadcast, come to be believed by the press as if they were proven facts. This is the fault of weak-minded people in journalism. To hear many talking heads tell it, it is now a "fact" that Florida's election was unfair. It is not a fact. The fact is the exact opposite.

My friend Tom Fleming once observed that the combination of corrupt politicians and a stupid press does not bode well for the future of the republic. Amen. The combination of people who get it wrong on purpose and people who get it wrong because of laziness and stupidity makes it hard for people to know the truth.

And if people cannot learn the truth about public affairs, then they darn sure can't vote intelligently, and thus the dream of self-government will go down the tubes.

State Legislature to debate privacy issues

If you are interested in open government, there is an issue that should grab your attention as the Texas Legislature convenes. That issue may be a surprising one - privacy.

In the Legislature, privacy is this year's version of motherhood - everybody's for it, nobody's against it.

In an increasingly complex world, one in which the crime of identity theft occurs regularly and computerized medical histories may be used to deny insurance or turn down a job applicant, privacy is indeed a legitimate concern.

The Legislature still should be careful not to let this march to privacy become a dangerous stampede.

Roughly 20 bills already have been filed dealing with, among other things, the privacy of motor vehicle accident records, those in family abuse shelters, against discrimination in insurance and hiring based on medical records, even for those with hand-gun permits.

The crown jewel of all this is HJR 15, authored by Rep. Susanna Gracia Hupp. It calls for a Constitutional amendment asserting: "The right of every individual to privacy is recognized and may not be infringed without the showing of a compelling state interest that may not be achieved in a less intrusive and more reasonable manner."

What exactly does that mean in the real world? It sounds laudable, but is it?

Privacy protection already is protected in criminal and civil law. There's no doubt the

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proposal would put many years of legal precedent in doubt, leading to frivolous lawsuits against government and media.

As legislators ponder all these new privacy laws, they should remember several important concepts:

-Effectiveness. Many so-called privacy laws purport to protect against such evils as stalking or identity theft. Yet closing public records to accomplish that usually does not work. In the age of information, information is almost always available from multiple sources. Closing public records creates a headache for the law-abiding and usually does nothing to deter evildoers.

-The tradition of openness. Many of the records to be closed ostensibly for privacy reasons are open by state law for good reason. The records are owned by the public, paid for by the public and used by the public. The state of Texas - most states, in fact - have gone to pains to ensure they are open to the public.

-Predictable and negative repercussions. Insofar as the battle for privacy means closing public agencies and records once open, it can cause easily foreseeable problems - if anyone takes the time to think of them. In 1997, the state passed a bill, promoted as an anti-stalking

law, closing motor vehicle accident records. Suddenly, the media no longer could write stories about dangerous intersections. Government agencies could not share information, even with one another. Texas newspapers sued the state to have the law set aside, and they won.

-The bad guys. Consider the public and private sponsors of all such legislation. Many lobbying groups in Texas will use the popular issue of privacy to seek protection from legitimate public scrutiny. They may use that issue to close free public access to information while selling that same information to those willing to pay for it.

Much privacy legislation is benign and even useful. Newspapers usually won't fight it.

The point is, however, that legislators, considering their votes on hundreds of bills, should not assume that anything labeled as a privacy bill is necessarily a good thing.

The American tradition of openness in government and a free press carries with it, unfortunately, some small loss of privacy. In return, citizens have unprecedented knowledge of their government and ownership of the government's records. There is enormous value in that.

The balance between openness and privacy is a delicate one, and your Legislature must be thoughtful and careful to maintain it, especially this year.

-Dolph Tillotson is president and publisher of "The Galveston County Daily News."

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Capitol almanac

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas System is asking the Legislature for \$40.2 million in emergency funding to help pay for soaring electric costs.

UT System Chancellor R.D. "Dan" Burck told the Senate Finance Committee on Monday that he would create an energy utility task force to study the higher rates and look for ways to reduce energy consumption.

Burck's comments came as he discussed the budget priorities of the 15-campus system. The university system gets about \$1.36 billion and is asking for about \$440 million above that, including the \$40 million for utility costs, for the coming two-year budget cycle.

Deregulation

Texas' deregulation plan is nothing like California's deregulation plan, state officials say.

"There is nothing that they did that we copied," said state Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas.

The Senate Business and Commerce and House State Affairs committees held a joint meeting Monday to hear from state officials on Texas' deregulation plan.

Pat Wood, chairman of the Public Utility Commission, said Texas has the power plants for deregulation and more are being built to stay ahead of the consumer needs.

"Eight percent of the problem in California is its inadequate supply to meet the demand," Wood said. The other 20 percent of the problem stems from poor rulemaking, he said.

Texas lawmakers passed a sweeping deregulation bill two years ago that its sponsor promised would result in lower electric bills. The plan, which allows consumers to choose their own utility, takes effect Jan. 1.

Cheers for DNA

Testimony for a post-conviction DNA testing bill was overwhelmingly favorable before the Senate Jurisprudence Committee.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers said it would go a long way toward helping free innocent people from prison. Democrats and Republicans alike back the Senate bill. It is now awaiting a committee vote.

The legislation would provide a clearer legal path for certain inmates to obtain state-paid DNA testing, which could prove their innocence and may not have been available at trial.

Representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association were among those weighing in with support for the legislation.

Abortion bill

Women considering an abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy would be told about pain the fetus could experience while being aborted, under a bill proposed by Rep. Leo Berman, R-Tyler.

The bill Berman filed would require physicians to offer women information on development of the fetus' nervous system and description of the abortion procedure. To prevent fetal pain, an anesthetic or analgesic would be administered to the fetus before the abortion.

Moms make demands

Texas members of the Million Mom March, a group aimed at preventing gun deaths and injury, visited the state Capitol to call for changes in gun laws — and to hand out sweets.

Gov. Rick Perry's office was the first stop as the group delivered pies to state leaders and lawmakers and asked them to cooperate in passing "sensible" gun laws. A receptionist for Perry accepted his pie.

The Million Mom March in Texas is backing bills that would close gun show loopholes and require background checks for anyone buying guns at the shows; require that a trigger lock or similar protective device be provided with each gun sold; and prevent domestic violence offenders who have protective orders against them from purchasing guns.

Each year more than 2,000 Texans die from gun wounds, said Nancy Stevens of the Fort Worth chapter of the Million Mom March, whose son shot himself to death.

Roxanne Rider of the Central Texas chapter of the Million Mom March said it's painful to lose a loved one, but even more so it's because of a "senseless, preventable act."

Hello, Port Arthur

Scores of residents of Port Arthur and Jefferson County visited the Capitol to tout their community. Many wore buttons proclaiming their pride. A couple of them dressed in alligator costumes.

Quote of the day

"I don't want for folks to walk away with the notion that, 'Well, we've solved the problem of getting innocent people out of prison.' This is a great step. These are the ones that are undeniably innocent," said Keith Hampton, legislative director for the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, speaking in favor of a post-conviction DNA testing bill.

Texas man sentenced in murder adulterous priest

DALLAS (AP) — A man infuriated by a priest who said God made him have an affair with his wife was sentenced to 20 years in prison Monday after a jury convicted him of murdering the holy man.

Ramesh Kumar Wadhwa, 52, of Coppell, pleaded no contest to stabbing a popular Sikh priest, who claimed God led him to have the affair with Wadhwa's wife.

Wadhwa told jurors that he sat down with Iqbal Singh in his office-apartment last January, expecting to hear the priest confess to having had an affair with his wife and apologize.

Instead, Wadhwa said he flew into a "sudden passion" when Singh blamed God for his affair with Sarita Wadhwa and said five other members of the small Sikh congregation knew of and supported the relationship.

Sarita Wadhwa had told her husband two days earlier that Singh had been forcing himself on her during weekly counseling sessions.

Singh was found stabbed to death in the apartment after a phone call from Wadhwa's attorney.

Police found a bent, broken knife blade next to the body, and

bloodstained clothes belonging to Wadhwa in a bedroom closet. A second bloody knife was found inside a plastic bag in the kitchen.

Wadhwa faced up to 99 years in prison for the murder. Wadhwa, who owns a check-cashing business, was eligible for probation because he had no previous felony convictions.

People in the news ...

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After 11 years of marriage, Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman say they are separating because their work is keeping them apart.

"Citing the difficulties inherent in divergent careers, which constantly keep them apart, they concluded that an amicable separation seems best for both of them at this time," Pat Kingsley, a spokeswoman for the actors, said Monday.

The couple have two adopted children. It wasn't known whether custody would be shared. Kingsley denied further comment.

Cruise, 38, has starred in "Jerry Maguire," "Mission: Impossible," "Rain Man," "Top Gun" and "Magnolia."

Kidman, 33, spent three months in Spain last fall to film "The Others," with Cruise as one of the executive producers. Her movie credits include "Batman Forever," "Malice" and "To Die For."

Kidman discussed her marriage in a 1998 interview: "It's been nine years and I'm past the seven-year itch. When you're loved for your flaws, that's when you really feel safe."

The following year, the couple starred together in Stanley Kubrick's final film, "Eyes Wide Shut," which included an erotic sex scene between the couple.

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Friday can't come soon enough for David Gallagher.

That's when the co-star of the WB's "7th Heaven" turns 16. And he plans to spend the day at the Department of Motor Vehicles, getting his driver's license.

"I already have my car and I've had my permit for months and I am totally prepared," Gallagher, who plays Simon Camden on the show, told AP Radio. "I will have my license come Feb. 9."

He'll drive the car he's dreamed about for the past five years — a bright yellow Plymouth Prowler.

"It is made for looking good and staying cool and casual cruising and it's a chick magnet and I love it."

WASHINGTON (AP) — The debut song "Kryptonite" has been a huge hit for 3 Doors Down. But Brad Arnold, lead singer for the Mississippi-based rock band, never expected it would be.

"I guess the first time I heard it — it's been a little while — but it was originally recorded on a demo we made back in '97 at a local radio station there in Biloxi," Arnold told AP Radio. "When I heard it, I mean, it seemed like a good song but I never expected it to do what it did."

"Kryptonite" has been nominated for best rock song at the Grammys, to be presented Feb. 21 in Los Angeles.

3 Doors Down was named favorite new pop artist at the American Music Awards in January.

Despite the band's success, Arnold said he doesn't believe 3 Doors

Down will be around as long as groups like the Rolling Stones. "Those guys really love it. But I'd do it — if I could do it that long, I would," he said.

NEW YORK (AP) — The audience laughed when David Boreanaz was referred to as "no angel."

Of course, he's television's "Angel," a vampire who's cursed with a conscience. The WB series is a spinoff of the cult hit "Buffy the Vampire Slayer."

The laughter came during a screening of his new serial-killer film "Valentine," which opened in theaters last weekend.

Boreanaz said there was nothing written in his contract that called for the plug.

"It just kind of happened," the 29-year-old actor said. "What are you going to do? ... I happen to work on a show called 'Angel.' There you have it."

In the film, four San Francisco women are stalked by a killer over Valentine's Day weekend.

NEW YORK (AP) — Jason Schwartzman says he didn't consider acting until after he saw the 25th anniversary release of "The Godfather" in 1997.

"That was the first time I thought that maybe I would like to act," the 20-year-old actor tells Spin magazine in its March issue. "And then four months later I got 'Rushmore.'"

Schwartzman, the son of "Rocky" actress Talia Shire and nephew of Francis Ford Coppola, played the indefatigable Max Fischer in the 1998 film "Rushmore," directed by Wes Anderson.

He will soon be seen in a black comedy about a young boy who's infatuated with a pretty girl. The film is tentatively titled "Hooking up Ethan."

"To try to find another 'Rushmore' would be like shooting myself in the foot," he told Spin. "I think 'Rushmore' was a very special thing, and something like that will never be duplicated, by me or by Wes."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's a girl — again — for Lorenzo Lamas and his wife, former Playboy playmate Shauna Sand.

Isabella Lorenza Lamas was born Friday, publicist Kevin Sasaki said. Isabella weighed 6-pounds, 1-ounce.

"Mother, father and child are doing well," Sasaki said Monday. "He's a happy dad."

The couple have two other daughters — Alexandra, 3, and Victoria, 2.

Lamas, who has starred in the TV shows "Renegade," "Falcon Crest" and "The Immortal," also has three children from previous marriages.

Workers ate protected turtle that died at Seaquarium

MIAMI (AP) — Flesh from a protected species of sea turtle that died at the Miami Seaquarium was turned into stew and eaten by some of the facility's workers.

No charges were filed because the Seaquarium's permit to handle endangered species didn't specifically say how dead animals were to be disposed of, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Lt. John D. West said.

The leatherback sea turtle had died of injuries caused by a collision with a boat. Leatherbacks, one of the rarest sea turtle species, are protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act.

Seaquarium general manager Robert Martinez sent workers a memo after the incident last April warning them to properly dispose of animal carcasses or face disciplinary action or termination.

"This is the absolute height of stupidity," said Dolphin Freedom Foundation and

Seaquarium critic Russ Rector. "We're changing the name to the Miami Seaquarium and Barbeque."

Two workers — Dr. Maya Dougherty, the veterinarian who conducted the necropsy, and Chris Plante, the animal care supervisor — had letters put in their personnel files saying they used poor judgment for allowing a park worker to take some of the turtle's meat home for a stew, Seaquarium officials said.

Oilfield supervisor killed as tank valve explodes

FRANKLIN, Texas (AP) — Authorities in Robertson County were trying to find out why a valve blew on a natural gas storage tank, killing an oilfield supervisor.

Marvin Coulson, 36, of Odessa, was fatally injured Monday when the leaking valve exploded and burst during a test as he was approaching it to turn it off.

Coulson was the construction site superintendent for Odessa-based Interstate Treating Inc., a company that manufactures oil and gas processing equipment. He was with several co-workers testing a newly installed storage tank about 25 miles north of Bryan when the accident occurred, Robertson County Sheriff Gerald Yezak said.

"They were hydrotesting a storage tank," Yezak said. "After the valves and gauges are installed, they fill it with water."

He said witnesses reported the valve on the tank started to leak and "all of the sudden it just blew off."

Coulson's body was sent to the Travis County Medical Examiners Office for an autopsy.

Inmate has successful stock trading career

ELMIRA, N.Y. (AP) — The guards at the maximum-security prison here call Inmate 90T1282 "our resident millionaire."

Michael Mathie, serving a 10- to 30-year sentence for manslaughter, claims to have traded upward of \$8 million in securities since 1998. In 1999, he had an adjusted gross income of \$899,969.

Mathie, 33, makes trades by calling his father collect from a pay telephone. His father then places trades on the Internet.

"I could be paying a mortgage with what I pay MCI," Mathie told The New York Times in Tuesday's editions. He said he pays his father \$500 to \$1,200 a month for the calls.

Inmates cannot run their own business from prison, but Mathie's investing is not considered a business since his father conducts the transactions.

"Certainly, since the transaction is occurring outside prison, it's not something over which we would exercise any control," said Jim Flateau, spokesman for the state's Department of Correctional Services.

Inmates have a First Amendment right to discuss whatever they want on the phone, as long as it is legal, he said.

Mathie was well acquainted with risk when he landed in jail in 1989. He was 21, a high school dropout and former cocaine addict.

He and three others were arrested in the murder of Paul Vincent Lamariano, 49, who was hit in the head with a tire iron, choked with an electrical cord, stuffed in plas-

tic bags, wrapped in all-weather carpet and dumped on the side of a road on Long Island.

Mathie admitted he hit Lamariano with the tire iron and choked him. He pleaded guilty to manslaughter and conspiracy, but said he did so to get out of jail, where he said he was raped and repeatedly sexually abused.

In 1996, Mathie won a \$750,000 settlement in a civil suit over the abuse. No criminal charges were

filed because the district attorney's office said there was insufficient evidence to prosecute.

After an appeal, Mathie's award was reduced to about \$500,000. With \$75,000 of that, he began trading stocks.


Such behind-bars business is very unusual, said Robert Gangi, executive director of the Correctional Association of New York, a nonprofit policy analysis group.

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Winner of Quilts Raffle Can't Be Judged by Threadbare Cover

DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to the letter about the ladies in the quilting club who disapproved of the man who won their quilt in a raffle. They referred to him as "scum."

We live in a small community, and I know this man. These women have judged him solely by his appearance. I admit he could clean up a bit and present himself better, but I try to look past it to the real person.

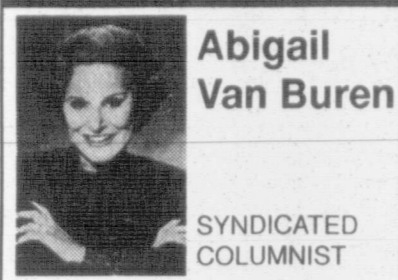
Abby, that man is a decent human being. He has a kind heart and good intentions. He may not have a lot of money, but he has always treated me with respect and kindness and tries to do what is right.

As for your advice to the complaining ladies, I would take it a step further. He is the one with love and compassion, and it should rub off on them. They should know not to judge a book by its cover.

By the way, the man was thrilled to have won the quilt. He showed it around town to everyone who would look at it.

FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR

DEAR FRIEND: When people write to an advice columnist, they often tell only half the story. Thank you for filling in the blanks on this one. I'm pleased the gentlemen received his quilt. I hope he enjoys it and never saw the first letter about it in this column. Read on:



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I'm 76, and this is my first letter to an advice columnist. (I started reading advice columns years ago when Dorothy Dix wrote one.)

When I read the letter from the quilters, it reminded me of a raffle that took place about 50 years ago, held by an American Legion Post. I was still living in my native state of North Carolina at the time. The \$1 tickets were for a dance at the post and a chance to win a new Cadillac. (You did not have to be present to win.)

One ticket was bought by a black man. He knew he would not be allowed to go to the dance; however, he figured that his dollar was going to a good cause. Well, you guessed it! The black man's ticket was the winner.

After the raffle, when the officials realized who had won, they decided a black man could not win such a prize. His dollar was returned to him, another ticket was drawn, and the Cadillac was awarded to the second "winner." Well, even 50 years ago, so many

white people protested that miscarriage of fairness, the Legion Post bought another Cadillac and gave it to the black man.

NOAH J. GREEN, SAVANNAH, GA.

DEAR NOAH: Hallelujah! For those times and that locale, it must have seemed revolutionary that fairness prevailed.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 1-year-old daughter. On numerous occasions, strangers have approached me and asked if they could hold her. It is uncomfortable and awkward for me, and being at a loss for words, I usually allow their request.

I have talked to other parents about this, and they share the same uneasiness with these forward strangers.

Please tell me how to handle this. NEW MOTHER IN PENNSYLVANIA

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7, 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) Stay sure of yourself when dealing with others, especially in meetings and with friends. Someone unintentionally veils his intentions. You need to read through this. Trust your ability to see the big picture. Make calls and seek out information. Tonight: Take a mid-week break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Stay centered, knowing where you are heading. Someone has many ideas but needs your practicality. Together you make quite a team. Prioritize your plans, never forgetting family and security. Another has an odd way of expressing his feelings. Tonight: Order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You might not understand the pros and cons of a situation, but you have the ability to sort through information. Use your mind to get answers. A partner doesn't always say what you want to hear, but he comes up with an interesting perspective. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Curb spending. Remain sure of yourself when discussing a potential financial venture. Someone could be

wishy-washy when trying to deal with funds. The issue might be who takes the lead here, as this person considers himself in the know. Efficiently eliminate your to-do list. Tonight: Treat yourself. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You innately know that the cards are stacked in your favor. Use your natural skills and talents to maximize events. Zero in on what you want, with an eye to possibilities. Your ability to clear the haze from a problem gives you an opportunity to see another clearly. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Whether confusion reigns at work or in your mind might be hard to discern. Take your time when making decisions. When you aren't sure of yourself, do nothing. Tonight: Do something just for you. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Meetings prove to be unusually beneficial and positive. You can have more of what you want as long as you stay focused. Sometimes you cannot see the forest for the trees. Ask a friend for feedback, and listen. You might be muddying a situation that is clear. Tonight: Paftake of a favorite pastime. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Reach out to someone at a distance who means a lot to you. Dig into information at work. Don't settle for the obvious. Understand the financial implications of a plan. You might opt to regroup. Use your strong acumen and insights. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your input changes a boss's perspective. Others need to hear your views, or assumptions will rule. You

have an unusually dynamic outlook. Ask questions if confused. Make calls rather than just thinking about someone. Don't guess! Tonight: Hop on the computer. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Relate to a one-on-one level. You come up with answers once you are willing to pull ideas apart and take a hard look at investments or other key matters. Sometimes even the efficient you would rather not know. Be clear and direct. Know what it is that you want. Tonight: Talk through a problem. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

To others, you appear nebulous or, at best, not clear. You might want to do what is necessary to clear out a problem. Others have lots of suggestions. Listen and sort through your many options. A meeting might be pivotal to your choices. Tonight: Accept an invitation. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Throw yourself into work, especially if you are worried or concerned. As a result, you'll find that your perspective changes a great deal. Time helps you gain clarity. Someone you put on a pedestal cares a lot about you. This person sheds even more light on a problem. Tonight: Off to get some exercise.

BORN TODAY Author Sinclair Lewis (1885), author Charles Dickens (1812), singer Garth Brooks (1962)

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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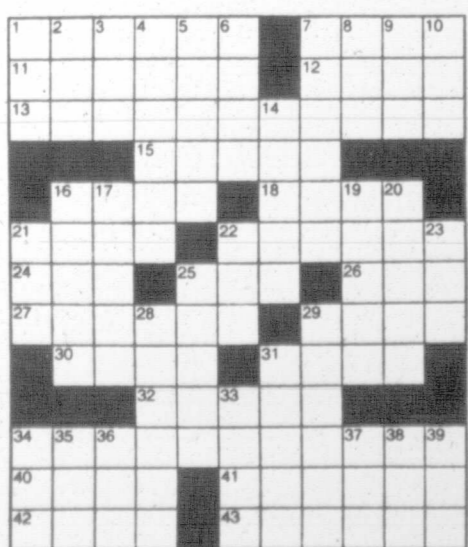
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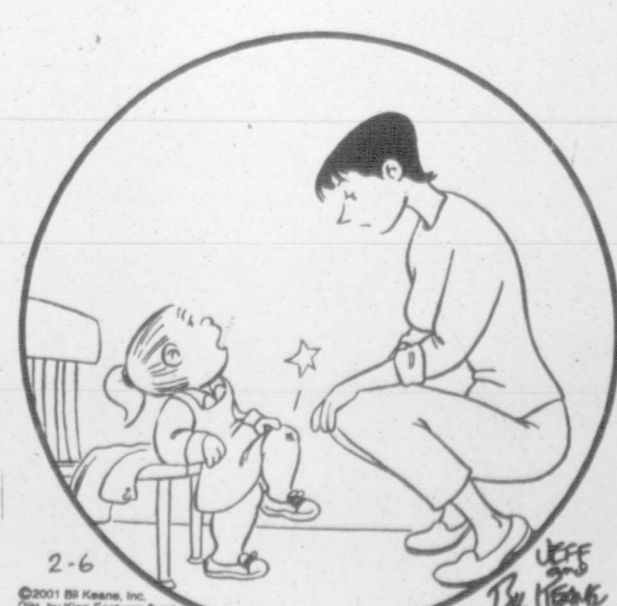
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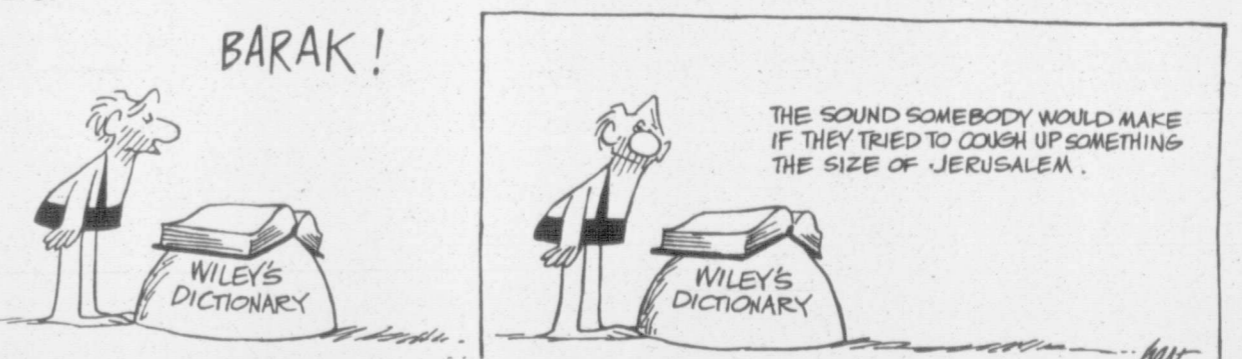
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SPORTS

Cowboys return with victory over Missouri

Notebook

GOLF

SAN ANGELO — The Pampa girls' golf team competed in the San Angelo Classic last week.

The Lady Harvesters shot 453 to take 12th in the tournament. Andrews won the tournament with a 353.

Annie Sims led the Lady Harvesters with 104. Other Pampa scores were Courtney Lockname 107, Krissy Holman 119, Megan Shannon 123 and Michelle Haley 125.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — The 7th annual Pampa Harvester Baseball Hit-A-Thon will be held Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. at Harvester Field.

The varsity team will scrimmage Fritch following the Hit-A-Thon at Fritch.

For the Hit-A-Thon each player will hit three fair balls. The distance of the longest hit will be scored. A home run will be 372 feet and will be the greatest distance accredited a player.

Players will collect pledge money following the Hit-A-Thon. Donors can make a single donation instead of a pledge.

SOCCER

AMARILLO — Pampa lost to Randall 1-0 in a District 3-4A girls soccer match Monday.

Canyon defeated Palo Duro 4-1 in another district opener.

Both the Pampa boys and girls teams host Caprock today, starting at 4:15.

HOCKEY

DENVER (AP) — Once Wayne Gretzky gets control over the Phoenix Coyotes, he can again wield power in the NHL.

As the league gets ready to begin the season's second half Tuesday night, Gretzky, the NHL's greatest offensive player, is poised to make a deal that will put him in charge of the Coyotes.

The delayed sale of the club from Richard Burke to Gretzky and developer Steve Ellman should have been completed by the end of 2000. An extension was granted until Feb. 15 to finish the complicated purchase.

Consultant Tom Stanberry, the manager of US Bancorp Piper Jaffray's public finance group, said Monday that he received assurances from Ellman Cos. officials that the deal would be done.

"What I was told is they plan to close on the 14th," Stanberry said. "There are a few things left on a transaction of this size, but they don't size up to deal-killers."

The sale could open the trade floodgates leading up to the March 13 dealing deadline. Coyotes free agent goalie Nikolai Khabibulin has not played in 1 1/2 years because of a contract dispute, and he is an interesting commodity to teams looking to make a run at the Stanley Cup.

It is unclear if Phoenix would be willing to trade other top players such as Keith Tkachuk and Jeremy Roenick because the Coyotes are only seven points behind first-place San Jose in the Pacific Division.

Once Phoenix's intentions are known, teams will have a better idea of what deals they can make.

Other prominent names in a position to be traded are free-agent-to-be Rob Blake and unsigned free agent Eric Lindros.

Blake is not prepared to sign a deal with the Los Angeles Kings or any team that trades for him. He has repeatedly said that he expects to be dealt so the Kings can avoid losing him without compensation.

Lindros said he won't play again with Philadelphia and has complicated matters by saying he only wants a deal worked out with Toronto, which has not offered enough to get a trade done.

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma State's basketball team played a game Monday night, giving the players and coaches a chance to focus — for a while, at least — on something other than the loss of 10 friends.

Welcomed by a boisterous crowd, the Cowboys returned to the court to play Missouri in their first game since a Jan. 27 plane crash in Colorado that killed two players and eight other members of the school's traveling party.

The Cowboys won, 69-66, in a spirited game that had the crowd inside Gallagher-Iba roaring all night. Fredrik Jonzen scored 26 and Maurice Baker had 22 for Oklahoma State.

Many in the crowd, along with

the coaches from both schools, wore orange ribbons in memory of the victims. The main lobby of the arena remained filled with flowers and handwritten messages to the victims.

The students, most of them in place 90 minutes before tipoff, gave each of the Oklahoma State players a standing ovation as they filed out, a few at a time, for the pregame shootaround. Jonzen, the first out, applauded back at them with upraised arms.

The players received a standing ovation as they trotted to the dressing room shortly before the game. Then, moments later, the arena fell silent for 30 seconds to honor the victims.

Four minutes before gametime,

the arena rocked with noise once again as the team came onto the floor. Coach Eddie Sutton followed moments later, trailed by nearly a dozen television cameras.

"Remembering our fallen 10, we'll prove once again this is the rowdiest arena in the country," public address announcer Larry Reece bellowed before introducing the starting lineups. As usual, each Cowboy was greeted with a roar.

The game program was dedicated to the victims and the cover featured a picture of each. The lineup sheets provided to media listed the names of players Dan Lawson and Nate Fleming, with a ribbon alongside each. The

Cowboys uniforms included a black square on the chest with the number 10 and a ribbon inside.

Once the game began, it was business as usual — Sutton coming out of his seat several times, either to holler at his players or the officials.

The Cowboys (14-4, 5-2 Big 12) used a 13-4 run midway through the second half to take a 59-52 lead. Missouri (14-7, 5-3) fought back and made it a one-point game, 65-64, on Brian Grawler's steal and layup with 1:39 left.

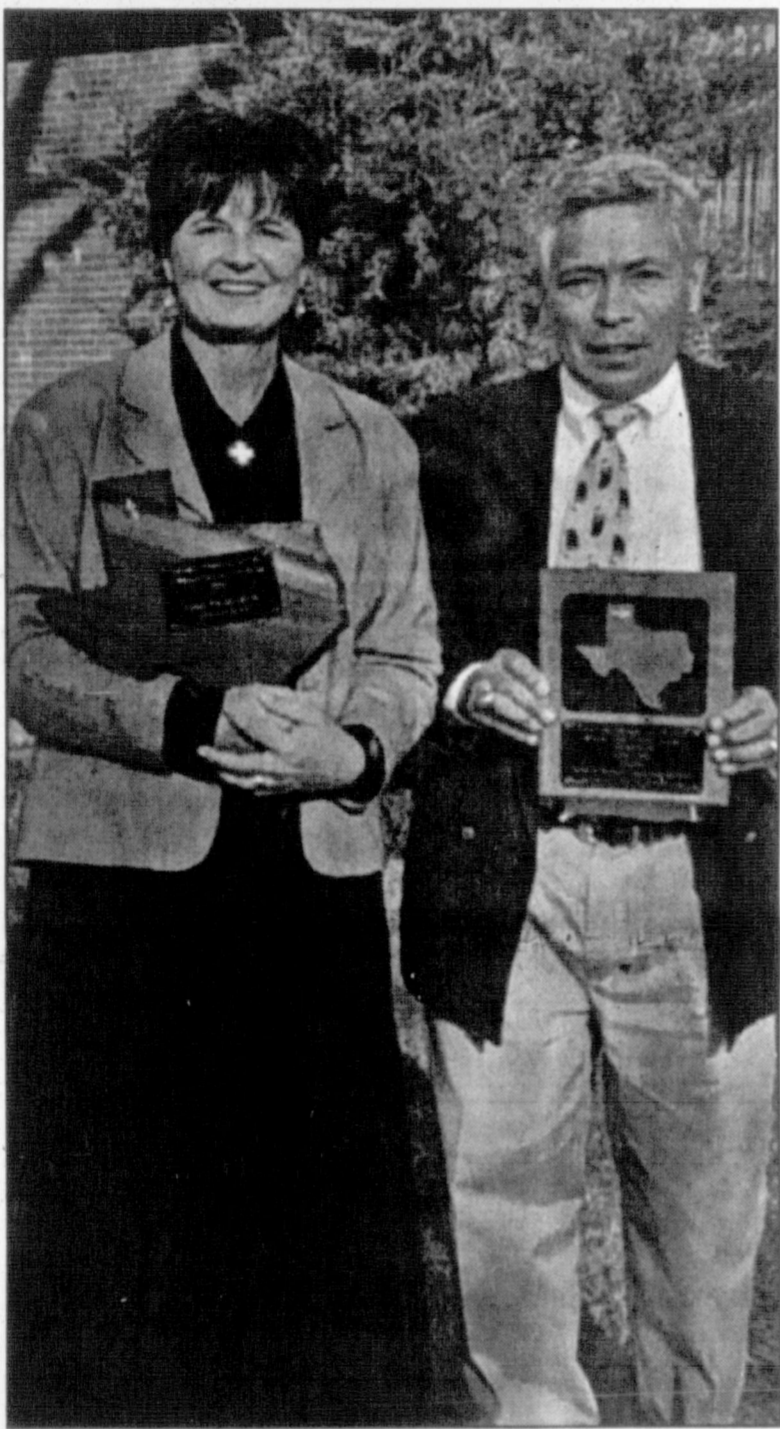
Baker sank four free throws in the final 45.5 seconds to keep the Cowboys up by three. Missouri had a chance to tie it with 3.4 seconds left, but Melvin Sanders

stole the inbound pass. The players celebrated by huddling at midcourt before leaving the floor.

Oklahoma State has been able to hold only a handful of practices since the crash. The Cowboys' first organized workout came last Tuesday, and the next day they gathered with thousands of others for a public memorial service inside Gallagher-Iba Arena.

Since then, there have been funerals to attend just about every day. The latest was Monday morning, when sports information employee Will Hancock was remembered at a service attended by Sutton and his staff, as well as coaches from across the university.

Honored coaches



Pampa High coaches Carolyn Quarles and Mike Lopez display the plaques they received at last weekend's Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame ceremony in Amarillo. Quarles was named tennis coach of the year for the second time. She led Pampa to a third straight district championship. Lopez, the girls' track coach, received a special achievement award. He retired last spring after winning 12 district and three regional championships at PHS.

Pampa welcomes Borger in District 3-4A basketball play

PAMPA — Pampa's Lady Harvesters close out the season tonight against the Borger Lady Bulldogs. Gametime is 6 in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa is 3-10 in district play and 7-17 for the season. Borger is 10-3 and 23-6.

Borger has already clinched a playoff spot while Pampa is tied with Dumas for seventh place in the standings.

Lady Harvester seniors Chasity Nachtigall, Stephanie Cameron, Charity Nachtigall and Mandy Rains will be recognized at the game.

This will be the third meeting between Pampa and Borger this season. Both teams reached the finals of the Lake Meredith Classic with Borger taking a 69-51 win. Borger won a 58-48 decision in the first round of district.

Pampa has had Borger's number in boys' action this season, winning three outings against the Bulldogs. The Harvesters beat Borger twice 66-51 and 58-53 in Amarillo's Tip-Off Classic. They won by a score of 64-59 in the first-round district game.

Neither team has a shot at making the playoffs, but a

Pampa-Borger contest is always played with the intensity of a championship game.

Pampa is all alone in fourth place with a 5-6 district mark. For the season, the Harvesters are 18-13. At 3-8, the Bulldogs are battling to stay out of last place. Borger is 8-17 overall.

Pampa jumped out to an early lead in the first district clash, but the Harvesters had to hold off repeated Borger rallies right up to the end. Kendrick Dickson (6-1 junior) and Gabriel Garcia (5-10 junior) led the Borger comeback attempts with 23 and 18 points, respectively.

8th grade boys place second in district basketball tourney

DUMAS — Pampa Red advanced to the finals, falling to Canyon 46-38 last weekend in the 8th Grade District Boys Tournament.

Pampa's leading scorers were Brittin East 16, Clayton Hall 8 and Seth Foster 6.

Pampa, led by East's 23 points, opened the tournament with a 47-33 win over Valleyview.

Ilyer Doughty added 9 points and Seth Foster 6 for Pampa.

Pampa Red's record is 11-3 for the season with all the losses coming against Canyon.

In the B team division, Pampa Blue slipped by Canyon 48-46.

The leading scorer for Pampa was Ricky Gattis with 14 points. Cameron Seger had 13 points, Andrew Fraser 12 and Mark Murray 7 for the Blue team.

Fraser and Seger hit crucial free

throws late in the game to help Pampa advance to the championship finals.

In the championship game, Pampa was defeated by Valleyview 37-30.

Scoring leaders for Pampa were Ricky Gattis 8, Andrew Fraser 5, and Mitchell Crow 5.

Pampa Blue's record is 12-3 with all the losses coming against Valleyview.

Iowa State takes over Big 12 lead

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Even without Marcus Fizer, Iowa State is back in the same position it enjoyed a year ago.

Kantrail Horton scored 19 points as the 12th-ranked Cyclones took over the Big 12 Conference lead with a 79-77 victory Monday night over No. 5 Kansas.

The defending conference champions became the first team to win at Allen Field House since they did it last season, when they

were led by Fizer, the conference player of the year.

Iowa State is the first team to win consecutive games in Lawrence since Missouri did it in 1988-89. Iowa State has won four straight overall against the Jayhawks.

"I don't think people expected big things out of us without Marcus, so this win is definitely great for us," Horton said. "We had a good recruiting class coming in, and they learned the system,

and that has allowed us to continue to win."

In other games involving ranked teams, No. 15 Georgetown beat Pittsburgh 81-67, and No. 20 Notre Dame topped St. John's 83-73.

Horton hit all four of his 3-point attempts to lead Iowa State (20-3, 8-2).

"I've been struggling with my shot in the last few games, and tonight I just came out focused and ready to knock down my shots," Horton said.

9th grade girls defeat Borger

PAMPA — Pampa's freshmen girls closed out the basketball season with a 65-46 win over Borger on Monday night.

Pampa finished second behind Canyon with an 11-2 record in the final district standings.

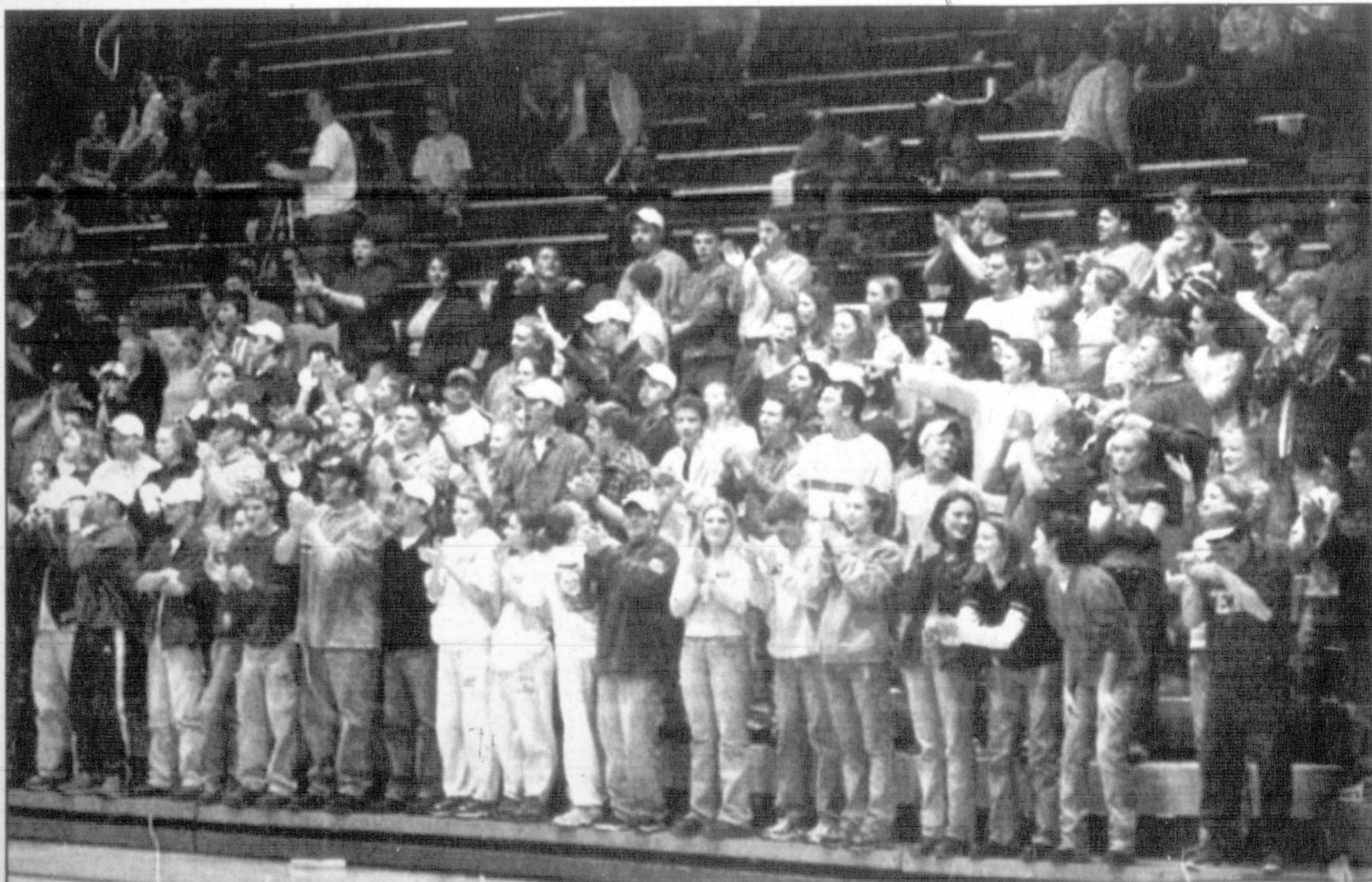
Jennie Waggoner was Pampa's leading scorer with 19 points, followed closely by Abbi Covalt with 17 and Stacey Johnson 16. Waggoner was a perfect 9 of 9 from the free throw line and Covalt had the game's only 3-point goal.

For the season, the Pampa 9th graders were 19-2.

Others who scored against Borger were Denisse Solis with 4, Tara Jordan 3, K'lee Ratzlaff 2, Michelle Cox 2, Erika Skinner 1 and Britny Downey 1.

Pampa led at the half by 10 (42-32).

Looney and Brogger had 14 points each to lead Borger.

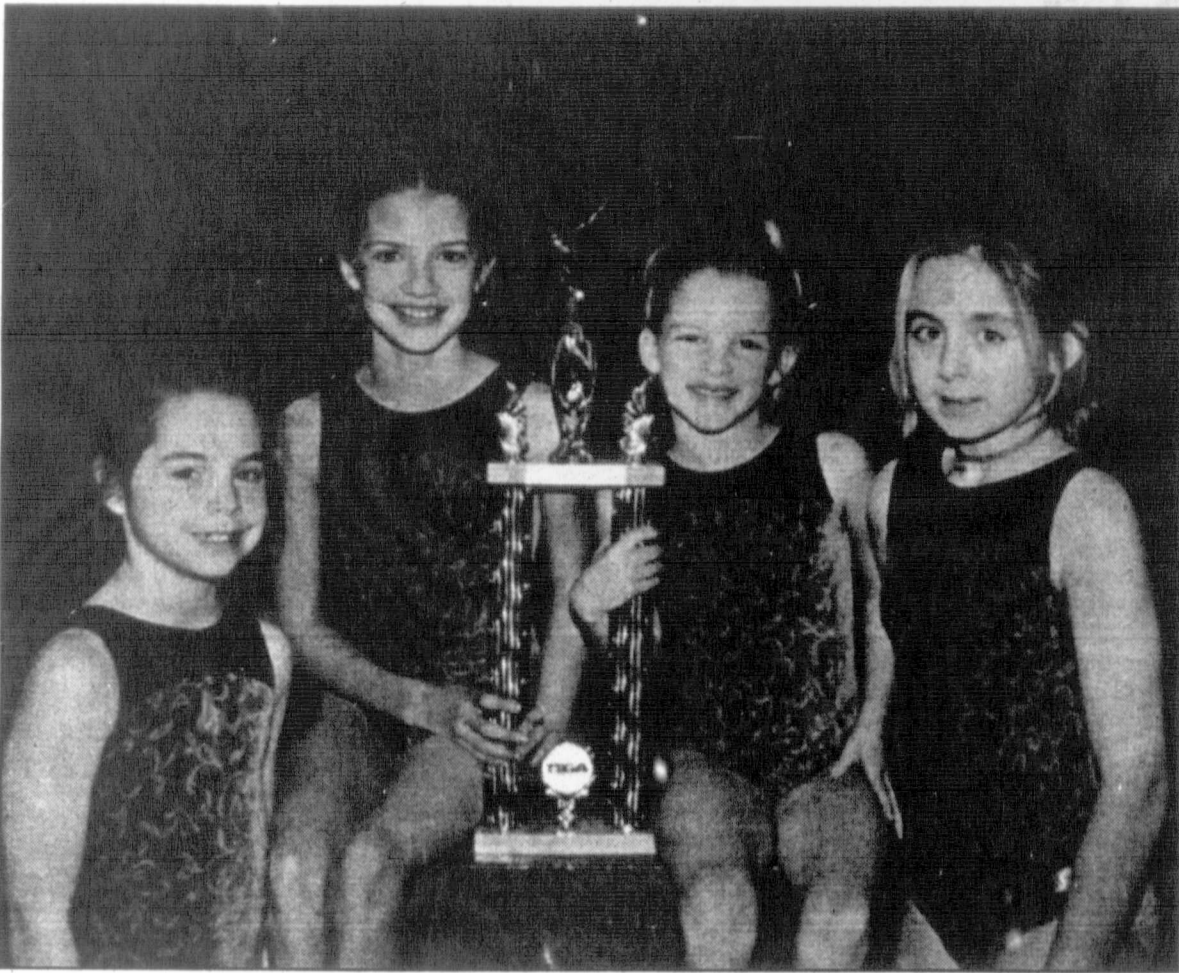


(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa High's student body shown their enthusiastic support for the Harvesters' in last week's basketball game against the Canyon Eagles. PHS students are expected to turn out in droves for the Pampa-Borger clash tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse. Gametime is 6 for the girls and 7:30 for the boys.

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Pampa gymnasts



In Level 4 competition, (l-r) Rebecca Taylor, Jordan Dodge, Madison Fatheree and Lindsey Riley of Gymnastics of Pampa competed for the first time in a USA gymnastics meet. They were entered in the Lubbock Winter Classic last weekend.

Arizona State women join poll

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
AP Sports Writer

The Arizona State women's basketball team drew a lot of attention by staging the first outdoor college game.

Now, the Sun Devils are being noticed for another reason.

Arizona State joined the poll for the first time in nine years Monday, breaking in at No. 23 with a six-game winning streak that has carried them to first place in the Pac-10.

"I think the thing that means the most is that hopefully the (NCAA) selection committee is taking notice of us," said coach Charli Turner Thorne. "Even though the polls aren't really supposed to influence the committee, I certainly think it draws attention to your program. That part of it for me is real exciting."

Arizona State (15-6) was one of three newcomers in the poll, joining league rival Arizona and North Carolina State, both of whom returned after being out for one week.

Notre Dame remained No. 1 for the third straight week. Tennessee replaced Connecticut at No. 2, one of several changes in the poll as the races for conference titles start to heat up.

Arizona State was ranked 33 times during the early 1980s and last appeared in the poll the week of March 1, 1992 — when it was tied for 25th.

The Sun Devils received national attention when they played Tennessee at Bank One Ballpark in late December, and have used that game — a 67-63 loss — as a springboard to suc-

cess in the Pac-10. They lead the league by a half-game over Arizona and Stanford.

"Honestly, that's kind of what we expected," Turner Thorne said. "We planned that event in a year I knew was going to be pretty good. The idea was to bring attention to us and hopefully capitalize on the fact that people are actually watching our program a little bit."

Transfers Amanda Levens and Melody Johnson have led the resurgence for the Sun Devils, who last had a winning season in 1992-93. Levens moved to Tempe after two seasons at Old Dominion, a perennial NCAA tournament team. Johnson spent two years at Colorado.

"Amanda Levens has two Sweet 16 appearances under her belt. That has been very big for us," Turner Thorne said. "To have a player with that type of leadership and will to win — we have other players like that — but the fact she's been there, done that, lends credibility with the team."

Notre Dame (21-0) beat Providence and Boston College by solid margins last week to remain the nation's only unbeaten Division I team. The Irish received 39 of a possible 40 first-place votes from the national media panel, and had 999 points.

Tennessee (23-1), which has won 12 straight games since a five-point loss at Connecticut on Dec. 30, received the other first-place vote and had 958 points.

The Lady Vols avenged that loss by beating Connecticut 92-88 in Knoxville last Thursday, then posted a 97-75 win at Alabama.

They've won seven games since Tamika Catchings, last season's national player of the year, was sidelined by a torn knee ligament.

Connecticut (18-2), No. 1 the first 11 weeks of the season, slipped to third, but received far worse news than that Monday. The college career of Svetlana Abrosimova, a first-team All-American last year, is over because she tore a ligament in her left foot at Tennessee.

UConn rebounded from the Tennessee loss to beat then-No. 24 Villanova 75-39. Villanova dropped out of the poll, as did Baylor and Oregon.

Duke (21-1) held at No. 4, Purdue (21-3) climbed one spot to fifth and Florida (19-2) jumped three places to sixth after beating Top 25 teams Georgia and Vanderbilt.

Georgia fell from fifth to seventh, and was followed by Louisiana Tech, Iowa State and Oklahoma.

Texas Tech moved up one place to 11th, and Rutgers went from 14th to 12th. Then it was Xavier, LSU, Southwest Missouri State, Penn State, Utah, Vanderbilt, Colorado, and Wisconsin.

Texas, Arizona, Arizona State, North Carolina State and Clemson held the final five places.

Arizona (16-5), which dropped out last week after losing three straight road games, bounced back with victories over then-No. 22 Oregon and Oregon State.

North Carolina State (14-8), ranked the first 12 weeks, has won three straight games after losing four in a row.

Duncan sparks Spurs by Warriors

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The last thing the San Antonio Spurs want are a few days off.

The Spurs are closing in on the NBA All-Star break with a seven-game winning streak after a 109-85 victory over the Golden State Warriors on Monday night. Tim Duncan led the way with 24 points and 12 rebounds.

"It's good to be on a little streak going into the break," said David Robinson, who added 13 points for San Antonio. "We still have to kick it up on the road. We have good pace as a team right now. Lately, we've played some teams that might have been struggling, but it's good we haven't let down."

San Antonio has put together the win streak with stingy defense, which for the seventh straight game limited the opponent to less than 40 percent shooting.

"We're playing well, significantly better," said San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich, who saw his team move within one-half game of the idle Utah Jazz for the Midwest Division lead. "We're on the right track and we know what our bread and butter is. We're playing defense and limiting teams. We're taking care of the basketball. We're playing better, feeling good and I can see the improvement."

Derek Anderson and Antonio Daniels added 14 points apiece for San Antonio, while Malik Rose had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Antawn Jamison scored 29 points to lead the Warriors, who lost their fifth straight overall and 11th consecutive game to the Spurs.

"It was looking pretty good for about 18 minutes, but they keep coming at you," Golden State coach Dave Cowens said. "They start substituting and they begin to wear you down." After leading by 12 points at halftime, San Antonio opened the third quarter with a 20-6 run to make it 73-47 on Robinson's layup with 4:11 remaining in the quarter.

The lead grew to 30 after three, and Golden State could get no closer than 24 points in the fourth quarter as San Antonio improved its home record to 19-4.

The Warriors led briefly early in the game as Jamison had 17 first-quarter points to lead Golden State to a 23-22 lead after one.

"We were just outmanned," Jamison said. "It has seemed that way all season with as many injuries as we've had."

Slowed by injuries, Golden State played the game without Erick Dampier, Danny Fortson and Chris Mills, who are on the

injured list. Larry Hughes and Chris Porter also missed the game due to injury.

Before the game, Golden State guard Mookie Blaylock was stripped of his captaincy after skipping practice, reportedly to play golf.

Jamison took Blaylock's place as captain.

"It's over with now, it was a temporary loss of his mind, that's all," Cowens said of Blaylock. "You don't keep changing captains. We've had one, Chris Mills, and he's been out almost the entire season. I think Antawn will be it for awhile."

Not picked initially for the NBA All-Star Game, Jamison and Cowens remain optimistic.

"He's an All-Star caliber guy," Cowens said. "If they don't take Shaq or Kobe, they give him a shot at being an All-Star."

He's a fine young man." Jamison is averaging 24.9 points.

"I'm not really worried about it, I've got a long career ahead of me," said Jamison, who had 26 points in the first half against San Antonio. "If I get a phone call, I get a phone call."

Notes: San Antonio leads the series with the Warriors 60-44. ... Duncan's double-double was his 35th this season and 189th of his career.

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Fitter is likely to have the solution for you. Curt Pohlmeier, your local Bath Fitter, can save you time as well as money, on

your next tub. Pohlmeier has worked in the remodeling industry for more than five years. In that time, he's refinished numerous bath-

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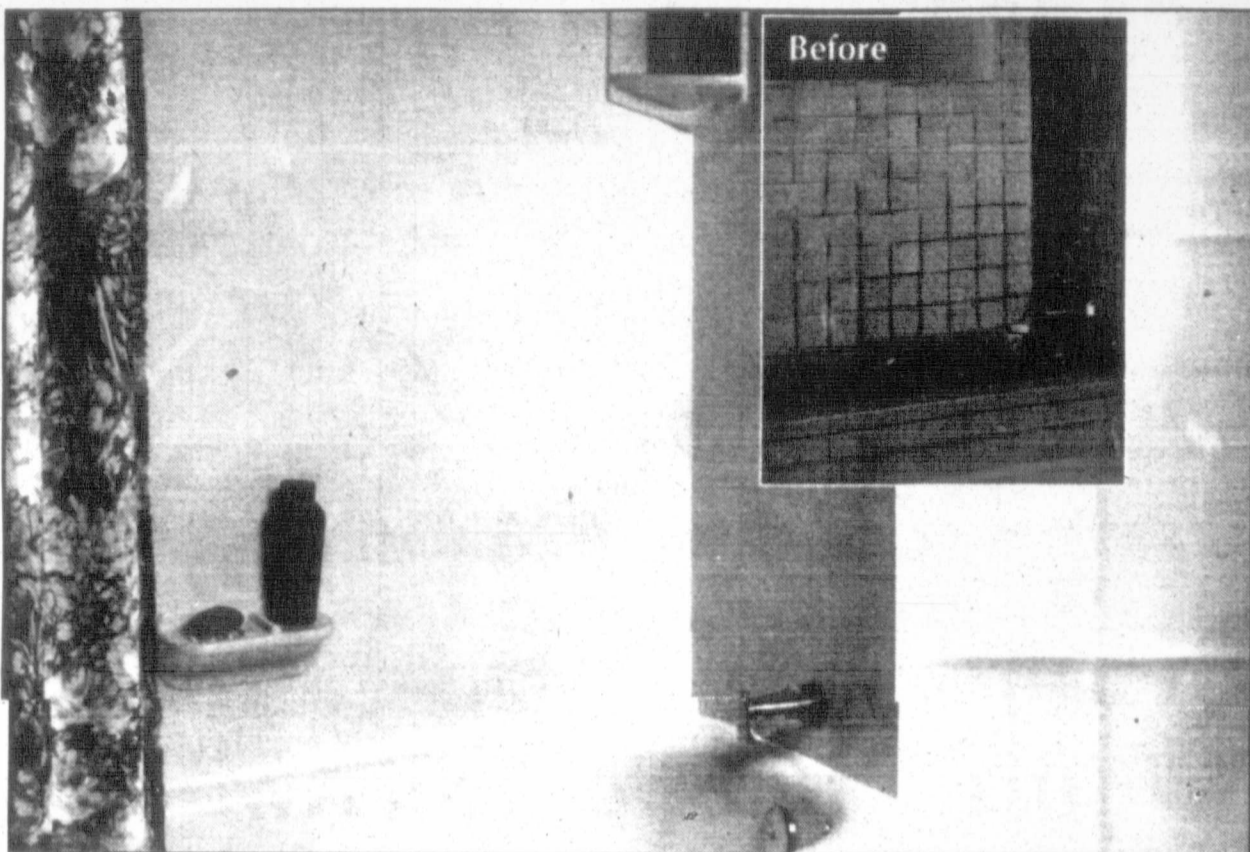
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