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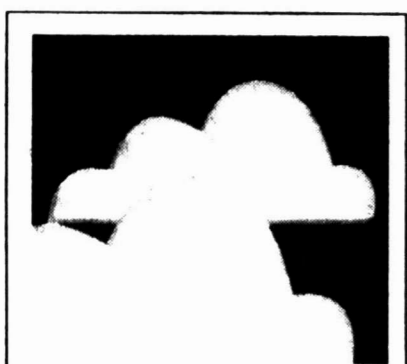
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**New Hope Baptist
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 New Hope Baptist Church,
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 7:30 beginning March 8 and
 concluding with the 3:30 p.m.
 service March 11. On March
 10 at 7 p.m. at M.K. Brown
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 family will host an appreciation
 banquet for Patterson. Tickets
 are \$10 and the public is
 welcomed. For more information
 call 665-4044.

**WDHS Class of '91
 planning its reunion**
 WHITE DEER — A reunion
 meeting of White Deer High
 School Class of 1991 is scheduled
 at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday,
 March 6 at 707 Daffodil in
 White Deer. For more information,
 call Hope Stephens at
 (806) 883-2185.

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- Roger Lynn Price, 37, construction business

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Petition backers raise questions

Issues include dog election petition format, legal notice

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

"We'll just pay taxes for the next 20 years (on the courthouse restoration) like everyone else." That was the comment Thursday of Earl Smith who was one of the organizers of a failed petition drive to place the decision on a \$1.5 million bond issue in the hands of the voters.

Smith and Ralph Barrett expressed disappointment that not enough signatures on the petition were determined by Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne to be valid registered voters.

Barrett said there were 962 signatures on the petition presented

the validity of the dog registration petition presented to County Judge Richard Peet and the Gray County Commission calling for an election. They also cited several issues concerning courthouse restoration information including the amount of the increased tax rate and a legal notice in *The Pampa News*.

Presenting the petition to Winborne shortly before the 5 p.m. deadline Wednesday, Smith and Barrett said they were told by Winborne the petition was invalid.

Barrett said Winborne also told them the petition wasn't properly formatted as it must contain the voter's signature, printed name, date of birth, address and

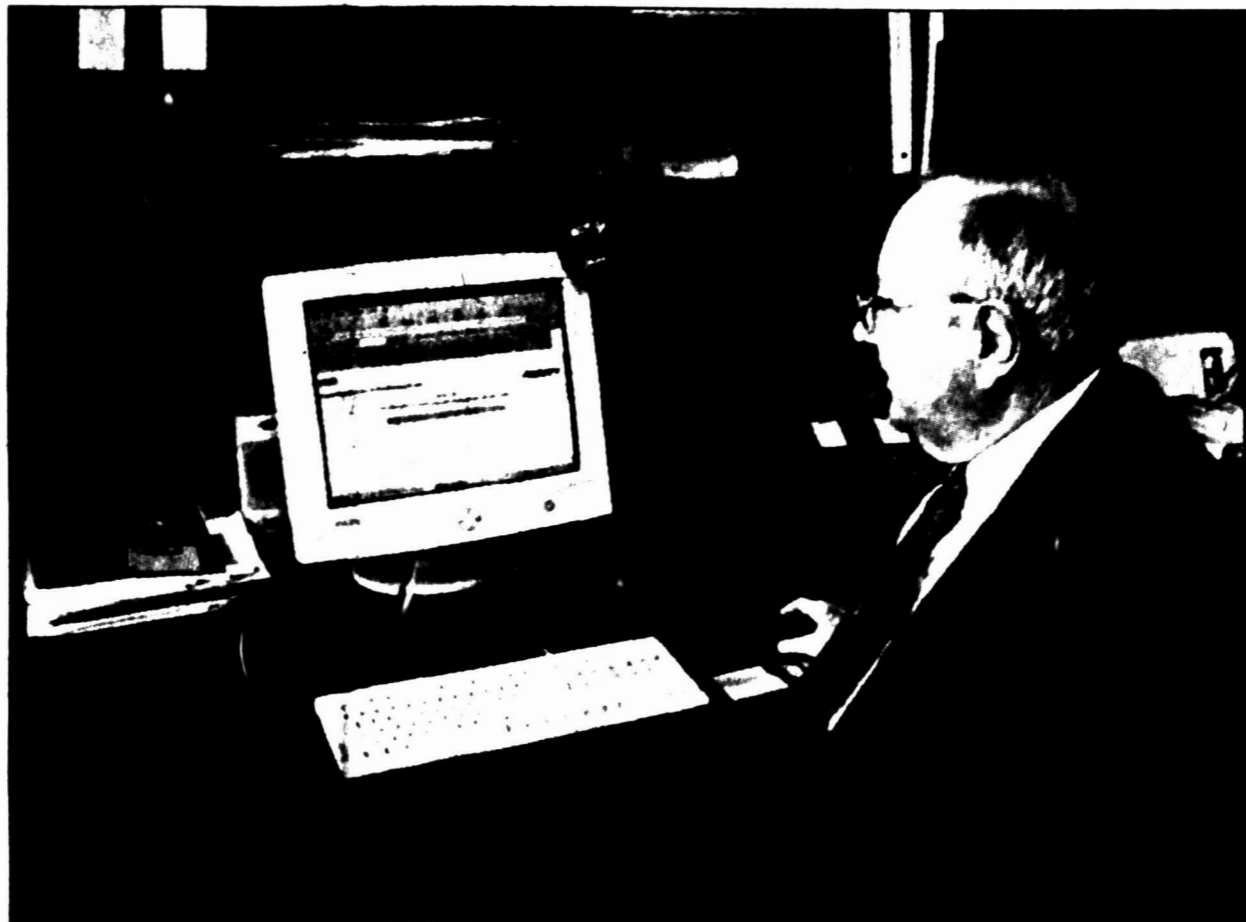
date signed.

The petitions, circulated in Pampa the past few weeks concerning the courthouse restoration bond issue only had a place for voter signature, printed name and address on it, said Winborne.

Smith questioned the validity of the dog registration petition in August, 2000. He claimed that petition was not formatted according to the requirements Winborne said the Secretary of State's office said it had to be.

Winborne said Thursday afternoon that Smith was correct about the formatting on the dog petition. That petition was presented by Sheryl Lester to the Gray County Judge and commissioners court during a commission meeting. Subsequently, an election was held and the registration requirement failed.

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

The bid of PaineWebber, Inc. for interest rate was accepted by commissioners court via the Internet Thursday as Ken Smith of Southwest Securities explained the bids.

Task force to take new look at old city slaying

A combined task force of local law enforcement officers will take a new look at an old murder case from the summer of 2000.

Officer Heather Ratzlaff of the Pampa Police Department, Deputy Beverly Chace of the Gray County Sheriff's Office, Texas Ranger Gary Henderson, and Dallas Hardin, district attorney investigator, are joining their knowledge and experience to solve the murder of Samuel Arthur Demerson II, 21, of Amarillo, who was shot to death while changing the tire in a Prairie Village driveway last August.

"We're going to come together to reexamine the case," said Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris. He said by combining the skills of the different agencies, they hope to get "new leads" and "fresh ideas" concerning the Demerson's death.

"We'd really like to clear the case as soon as possible," he said.

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Teen nailed in drug bust

A half pound of pot seized

Pampa police, serving a search warrant for drugs at a residence in south Pampa Thursday, arrested a 17-year-old after they discovered a half pound of marijuana.

Miguel Stephen Campos, 17, 803 E. Denver, remained in Gray County Jail early today on charges of possession of marijuana over four ounces and under five pounds and possession of drug paraphernalia. Justice of the Peace Curtman set bond this morning at \$2,500 on the marijuana charge and \$500 for possession of drug paraphernalia. Campos had not made bond by press time today.

Officers of the Pampa Police Department, Panhandle Drug Task Force agents and Gray County Constable Chris Lockridge served a search warrant at 803 E. Denver at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, according to a news release from Deputy Chief Terry Young of the Pampa Police Department.

In the search, the officers found about eight ounces of what they believe is marijuana with an estimated street value of \$400 to \$500.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Replacement of electrical wiring is one of the top priorities in the Gray County Courthouse restoration project. Larry Andrus, maintenance foreman at the courthouse, displays wiring which serves the county building.

Report: Computer data seized in V-22 Osprey investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon's inspector general has seized data from computers of two Marine generals as part of an investigation into an alleged cover-up of problems with the V-22 Osprey aircraft. The Washington Post reported Friday.

The Osprey, which is assembled in Amarillo, is a tilt-rotor aircraft that takes off like a helicopter, but flies like a plane.

The Marine's top spokesman, Brig. Gen. John Sattler, said Friday he could not discuss the specifics of the inspector general's inquiry. He stressed that the Marines had said from the start of the investigation that they expected the probe to search "far and wide," including senior officers.

"They have open access to any

one and everything," Sattler said.

The investigation, which began in January, was initiated after allegations that a lieutenant colonel, who was commander of the Marine's only Osprey squadron, falsified maintenance records. Investigators are looking into whether he was pressured by superiors to hide the shortcomings of the Osprey.

Inspector General Robert Lieberman recently took data from the computer hard drives of Lt. Gen. Fred McCorkle, the head of Marine aviation, and McCorkle's assistant, Brig. Gen. James F. Amos, the Post said, quoting several Marines and a Pentagon official, who were not identified.

"It's all about the e-mail trail, as part of the search to figure out what's there," the newspaper

quoted a Marine officer it said was familiar with the Osprey program.

In a late October meeting with the Osprey squadron, one Marine general urged subordinates to "figure out how to manage and minimize the impact" of a record keeping system that had shown the aircraft were often grounded or available only for limited flights, according to notes on the meeting obtained by the Post.

The Marine Corps has defended the tilt-rotor aircraft against critics who charge that it is too expensive and is unreliable. The Corps wants to buy 360 Ospreys at a total cost of \$40 billion.

The Osprey has been involved in three crashes since 1992, that killed 26 Marines and four civilians.

Courthouse restoration bond issue ok'd, sold

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

In a unanimous vote Thursday morning, Gray County Commissioners approved the purchase of \$1.5 million in Gray County certificates of obligations to finance the courthouse restoration project.

Three county commissioners, Joe Wheeley, Jim Greene and James Hetley, along with County Judge Richard Peet cast vote to purchase the bonds. County Commissioner Gerald Winborne was not in the meeting as he was undergoing medical tests in Amarillo.

Bids were accepted over the Internet in the office of County Auditor Elaine Morris at 11:05 a.m. Thursday morning while Peet was taxed in jail before the deadline.

Ken Smith of Southwest Securities brought the bid up on the Internet, explaining to the commissioners, bidders and observers the procedure. The

Grand jurors don't indict in roadside death case

By DUE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

A Gray County grand jury handed up 11 indictments Thursday but declined to issue an indictment in the death of a 4-year-old child in summer.

Grand jurors also considered evidence in the death of two infants, officials said.

"The grand jury considered evidence in two baby deaths, but they are still in the process of investigating," District Attorney Rick Johnson said today. They are waiting on the final autopsy reports.

The district attorney is referring to the death of Rosa Matice, 4 months, 432 N. Wynne, who died last December of massive head injuries and the death of Jason Blake Porter 2 months, of 1408 E. 28th, in January. Initial autopsy reports stated that the Porter infant died of injuries due to "blunt impact to the head."

Grand jurors considered evidence in the death of Alan Bruce Garrett, 45, of Letors

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

COTTS, Eva Elizabeth — 10:30 a.m., Sweetwater Baptist Church, Sweetwater, Okla.
PRICE, Roger Lynn — 2 p.m., Lemons Funeral Home Memorial Chapel, Plainview.

Obituaries

EVA ELIZABETH COTTS

Eva Elizabeth Cotts, 90, of Pampa, died Thursday, March 1, 2001, at Wheeler. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Sweetwater Baptist Church at Sweetwater, Okla., with the Rev. Ray Smart, of Crawford Baptist Church in Crawford, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in Mullberry Cemetery at Sweetwater under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Cotts was born April 21, 1910, at Meridian, Okla., to John G. and Mittie Anderson. She married Bill Cotts on Dec. 8, 1929, at Erick, Okla.; he died June 19, 1987, while the couple were living near Sayre, Okla.

In 1996, Mrs. Cotts moved from Pampa to Wheeler Care Center in Wheeler. She was a member of Hobart Baptist Church of Pampa, formerly teaching the Young Married Ladies Class, and was a past member of Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a daughter, Evon Irgarten of Pampa; two sons, Billy D. Cotts of Newbury Park, Calif., and Stanley L. Cotts of Thomas, Okla.; a sister, Novella Steward of Cottonwood, Ariz.; two brothers, J.G. Anderson of Arlington and Wade Anderson of Long Beach, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, Pampa, TX 79065.

ROGER LYNN PRICE

PLAINVIEW — Roger Lynn Price, 37, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at Fort Worth. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Lemons Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Robert Malcolm, pastor of Union Baptist Church of Fort Worth, officiating and Steve Hasteley of Plainview assisting. Burial will be in Parklawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mr. Price was born May 31, 1963, at Plainview where he grew up and attended school. He married Debbie Crowder on March 5, 2001, at Plainview. He was in the construction business and previously worked in Lefors and Pampa for Don's Welding. He returned to Plainview in 1984, maintaining a rental property and performing general construction work.

He belonged to Colonial Baptist Church of Plainview.
He was preceded in death by his father, Wilfred Eugene Price, on Jan. 1, 1983, at Plainview.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie, of Plainview; his mother, Thelma Price of Plainview; three sisters, Linda Weed of Hereford, Sharron George of Plainview and Gloria Kubin of Baldwin, Kan.; and two brothers, Wesley Price and Ronnie Price, both of Plainview.

Police report

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

Thursday, March 1

A search warrant was served in the 800 block of East Denver by Pampa police, Panhandle Drug Task Force agents and Gray County Constable. (See related story.)

Miguel Stephen Campos, 17, 803 E. Denver, was arrested for possession of marijuana over four ounces/ under five pounds and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, March 1

Wayne Scott Warling, 21, 1225 Duncan, was arrested on two warrants out of Colorado.

Ambulance

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

Friday, March 2

2:23 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

Fires

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

Thursday, March 1

8 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in the 600 block of Sloan. No carbon monoxide was found. The alarm had apparently malfunctioned.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.			
Wheat	2.63	Columbia/HCA	39.51 up 0.21
Milo	3.33	Enron	49.32 up 0.64
Corn	3.74	Halliburton	41.15 up 0.94
Soybeans	3.75	KMI	55.60 up 0.37
		Kerr McGee	65.88 up 1.19
		Limited	16.78 dn 0.44
		McDonald's	28.87 dn 0.34
		Exxon Mobil	82.90 up 1.50
		New Atmos.	23.50 dn 0.25
		XCEL	28.16 up 0.01
		NOI	37.82 up 0.97
		OKE	44.64 up 0.46
		Penney's	14.65 dn 0.79
		Phillips	54.10 up 0.64
		Pioneer Nat.	16.90 dn 0.09
		SLB	64.03 up 0.71
		Tenneco	3.30 up 0.10
		Texaco	65.36 up 0.16
		Ultramar	37.90 up 0.66
		Wal-Mart	47.99 dn 0.45
		Williams	43.79 up 0.56
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.			
BP Amoco	50.60	New York Gold	265.65
Cabot	33.94	Silver	4.41
Cabot O&G	26.73	West Texas Crude	27.75
Chevron	87.34		
Coca-Cola	52.76		

Accidents

Pampa Police Department released the following accident reports during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

11:30 a.m. - Sarah Teague, 17, RR 2 Box 376, Pampa, was cited for failure to control speed when the 1995 Cutlass she was driving on West Cook just west of North Frost rear-ended a 1993 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Amanda D-Ann Poole, 17, 1426 N. Christy. There were no injuries reported to the drivers or passengers in the accident that occurred on slick pavement.

12:20 p.m. - Sherri Kay Schaible, 43, 1201 Mary Ellen, was cited with unsafe backing when the 1998 Cadillac Escalade she was backing from 1314 W. Kentucky collided with a 1988 Chevrolet pickup driven by Lloyd Ernest Poland, 35, 424 Carr. No injuries were reported.

5:36 p.m. - A 1999 Ford pickup stopped at a stop sign in the 300 block of North Starkweather and driven by Marcus Vasquez, 26, 1325 N. Starkweather, was struck from behind by a 1984 Lincoln driven by Rutilo Salazar, 25, 517 Starkweather. Salazar's car was then hit from behind by a 1999 Toyota Corolla driven by Angela Myra Huckins, 20, 1918 Beach. No injuries were reported. The accident occurred on slick pavement. Salazar was charged with failure to control speed and no driver's license. Huckins was charged with failure to control speed.

5:05 p.m. - Jeanne Lynn Eakin, 41, 2612 Comanche, was cited for failure to yield the right of way at a stop sign when the 1996 Plymouth mini van she was driving on 30th street at the 2900 block of North Perryton Parkway collided with a 1981 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Kathy Dianne Edwards, 32, Perryton. The road surface with slick and no injuries were reported.

3:59 p.m. - John Derek Smith, 16, 1600 Grape, was cited for failure to control speed when the 1991 Ford Explorer he was driving in the 300 block of W. Kentucky rear-end a car at stopped at a stop sign and driven by Staci Jeanne Proctor, 34, 1117 Crane.

The road surface was slick and no injuries were reported.

4:41 p.m. - David Clayton Baker, 16, 2750 Aspen, was cited for failure to control speed and no proof of insurance when the 1995 Dodge pickup he was driving in the 800 block of West 22nd rear-ended a 1993 Chevrolet Blazer stopped at a stop sign and driven by Joshua Thomas Etheredge, 17, 2329 Cherokee. The road surface was slick and no injuries were reported.

4:05 p.m. - Hollie Rene Gattis, 16, was cited for failure to control speed when the 1986 Chevrolet Cavalier she was driving in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway and rear-ended a 2001 GMC pickup driven by Sherry Jean Dallas, 40, 2212 N. Wells. The accident happened when both vehicles pulled into a turning lane. The road surface was slick and no injuries were reported.

5:03 p.m. - A 1996 Dodge van driven by Kevin Lee Needham, 16, 1615 Grape, in the 600 block of West Harvester rear-ended a 1994 Geo Prizm driven by James Wayne Howeth, 19, 1011 Christine. The road surface was slick and no injuries were reported. No citations were listed on the police report.

7:10 p.m. - Ty William Ludvick, 20, 2001 Williston, was cited for failure to control speed, no proof of insurance and failure to register a vehicle within 30 days when the 1993 Dodge Stealth he was driving in the 800 block of West 18th rear-ended a 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe stopped at a stop sign and driven by Beverly Fulton Snider, 49, 2316 Dogwood. The road surface was slick and there were no injuries.

Thursday, March 1

8:05 a.m. - A 1993 Mazda 626 driven by Garland Owen Allen, 342101 N. Sumner, and a 2000 Ford Expedition driven by Betty Parker Parsley, 46, HCR 2, Box 460, collided in the intersection of 23rd and Williston streets. Allen was cited for failure to control speed. No injuries were reported at the scene. Icy roads was listed as a contributing factor to the accident.

Gray County Court report

(Editor's note: We are behind with the Gray County court report and are catching up. This report is from September and October.)

Failure to appear was dismissed against Tobee Jefferson Bowman due to the defendant was convicted in another case.

Possession of marijuana under 2 oz. was dismissed against Thomas Ray Carver, Jr., James Ivan McKinney, Michael Don Mitchell and Tommy L. Adams due to insufficient evidence.

DWI was dismissed against John Riley Wadsworth due to insufficient evidence.

Theft o/\$50-u/\$1,500 was dismissed against Ronald Dale Rhodes due to the defendant being unapprehended.

Assault causing injury to a family member was dismissed against Barry Lee Mobley due to the defendant being unapprehended. DWI was dismissed against Jeffrey Ethan Young because he was convicted in another case.

Robert Lee Meeks was found guilty of assault causing bodily injury. The fine was \$2,000, 180 days in jail and court costs.

Danny Duane Vincent was found guilty of possession of marijuana. The fine was \$900, 100 days in jail and court costs.

Eddie Wayne Lawrence was found guilty of burglary of a motor vehicle and taking into account the other 7 burglary charges and evading. The fine was \$2,000, 180 days in jail and court costs.

Theft o/50-u/\$5000 was dismissed against Charles Henry Nelson, Jr. due to the defendant is unapprehended.

Steven Sewell was found guilty of theft of property by check. The fine was \$600, 60 days in jail and court costs.

Theft of property by check was dismissed against Dustin Brown, Richard Musgrave, and Rachel Courtney due to court costs and restitution have been made.

Theft of property by check was dismissed against Billy R. Brown due to the defendant was convicted in another case.

Theft of property by check was dismissed against Billy Davis has been put on diversion payment program.

Walter Lawrence Johnson was found guilty of assault causing bodily injury. The fine was \$1,000, 60 days in jail and court costs.

Possession of marijuana under 2 oz. was dismissed against Paul Leslie Martin and Christopher John Bybee due to the defendants being unapprehended.

Theft of services o/\$500-u/\$1,500 was dismissed against John Throckmorton due to the defendant being unapprehended.

City Briefs

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STATEWIDE - Light rain and fog moved into South and West Texas on Friday as the state braced for another round of thunderstorms.

An upper-level low pressure system along Mexico's western coast was poised to move into South Texas by Saturday.

Some light fog also extended across the eastern areas of North Texas and east of a line from Austin through Alice.

Light rain stretched from El Paso to the Davis Mountains, with fog near Childress. Storms tracked across far East Texas into Louisiana.

Early-morning temperatures were generally in the 30s to 40s, with a few 50s in the far south.

Winds were generally northerly at 5 to 15 mph, except for gusts near thunderstorms.

Pump failure implicated in small plane crashes, safety reports state

FORT WORTH (AP) — Three dozen small plane crashes in which more than 80 people died are linked to failure of pumps that power cockpit instruments, safety reports state.

A failed vacuum pump was also a factor in a 1998 crash in New Orleans that killed three Denton County residents, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's Friday editions.

Pump failure was cited by the National Transportation Safety Board, which investigates airplane accidents, as either the probable cause or a contributing factor in each of the crashes since 1980.

Lawyers representing those involved in the New Orleans crash are urging a Texas court to unseal design records and internal documents of Cleveland-based Parker Hannifin Corp.

Repeated calls by the Star-Telegram during the past week to Don Swain, Parker Hannifin's attorney were not returned.

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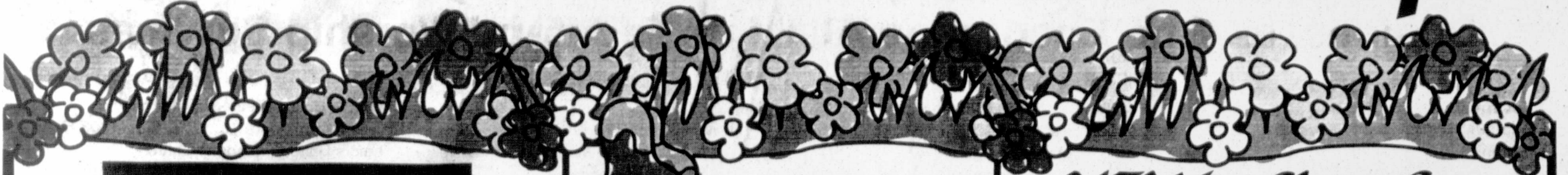
PAMPA— Today, areas of fog this morning otherwise mostly cloudy with highs in the mid 50s. North to northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight, cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light rain. Lows 30 to 35. Light winds. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a

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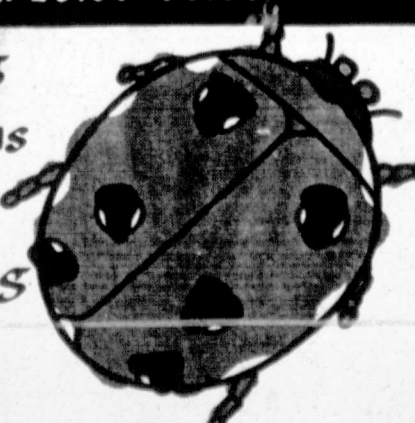
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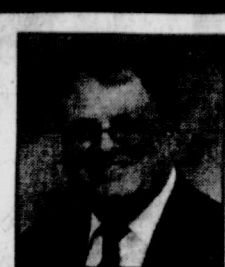
Minister's musing ...

VISION. Vision is a precious commodity most of us treasure significantly.

I remember when I began having vision problems. I was watching an activity and suddenly realized I wasn't seeing as clearly as I used to. It caught my attention, but since most of my activity is up close (studying, writing, reading, etc.) and I could see fine up close, I didn't get too concerned. Then I began to realize I couldn't read road signs, I couldn't distinguish people and numbers at a distance. Up close all was OK, but move a little distance away and my vision became blurred. I needed my vision checked and corrected.

Glasses provided a clarity of vision I had lost. Now I can see not just what's immediately around me, but those things further away.

Spiritual vision is a lot like that. Though there are many vision deficiencies, most peo-



By Rev. Derrell Monday

Central Baptist Church

ple are affected spiritually as I am physically. They can see up close (their own needs, the now), but they have dim, if any, vision when they look beyond themselves. A vision check-up is critical.

Limiting our vision to the immediate, to the now, to those things wrapped around only one's personal needs and ideas is dangerous. Failure to see clearly beyond now and the

inability to see others more than self can be fatal. The Bible says where there is no vision the people perish.

When I'm in my study concentrating on my work I don't wear my glasses, but if I move beyond my desk to become a part of a bigger picture I need them to see clearly. It is foolish pride for me to say I really don't need them.

Too many of us are content to see in our own little world clearly and too full of pride to ask God to correct our greater vision, to help us to see beyond ourselves. Far too many of God's people are having vision problems.

When is the last time you had a real check-up? There is only One who can give you sufficient vision. There is an amazing view before us, but most never see it because of being satisfied with seeing the immediate, the near. May God forgive our short-sightedness and give us Godly vision.

Religion briefs...

Rushing Wind Emmaus to host potluck

Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet beginning at 6 p.m. for a potluck meal Saturday, March 10 in First Christian Church of Spearman. A praise and worship service as well as a sponsor's training will be presented and the board will meet at 4:30 p.m. prior to the meal. A nursery will be provided. All are welcome to attend.

In North Dakota, legislators approve Ten Commandments and prayer in classrooms

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The state senate has voted to endorse a bill that allows schools to display the Ten Commandments in classrooms as part of an exhibit of historical documents.

Meanwhile, House members have approved legislation that permits school boards to allow voluntary classroom prayers to be led by a teacher or student.

Both measures will go to opposite chambers for review.

Pampa educator, pastor will speak at on Christian education

A Pampa school administrator and a local pastor will be among the premier educational leaders from across the Top Of Texas appearing alongside nationally known speakers from Focus on the Family Institute, Summit Ministries, and Texas Home School Coalition at The K-College Christian Education Conference: Equipping Parents, Students and Teachers, a first-of-its-kind, two-day gathering of the Panhandle's Christian-education community today and Saturday in Amarillo.

The event is organized by Christian Institute of the West, bringing a Christian college to the Panhandle, with classes to start in fall 2002 on its Amarillo campus. "We at the institute see this gathering as a time for people involved in K-12 Christian schools and area homeschool groups to be informed, tell others at the conference about what's working for them, and network among themselves. Those interested in Christian higher education will get plenty of attention, too," says Dr. Kyle Huckins, president of Christian Institute of the West. "We'll also talk with and encourage students, because reaching them is the whole object of education."

Ray Thornton, assistant principal of Pampa Middle School, will be a panelist for the discussion, "The Purpose of K-12 Christian Schools: Spirituality, Academics and More." During the session, he'll draw on his experiences in public and private education, the latter involving service as headmaster of a Christian school. "I think this conference is important to the Panhandle because we're long overdue in examining private education as an alternative to public schooling," Thornton says. "Presenting both perspectives is necessary to keep parents and students informed of educational opportunities."

The Rev. Harold Eggert, pastor of Pampa's New Life Assembly of God, will moderate the roundtable, "Education After High School: Choosing Colleges and Other Schools as a Christian." Eggert, a former college English instructor, will facilitate the discussion among such top educators as Dr. Cliff Kelly of Focus on the Family



Cliff Kelly

Institute, run by Dr. James Dobson.

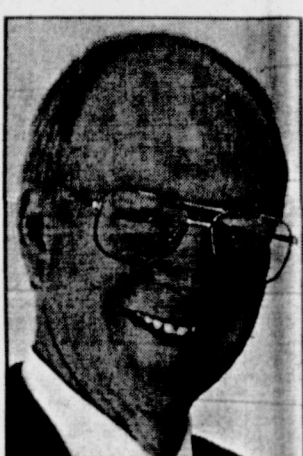
The conference will be held in the Maxus Building, located in Amarillo at 112 W. Eighth Avenue (Eighth Avenue and Tyler Street). Tickets for the conference are available at the door.

The purpose and practice of Christian education will be the conference's theme. Kelly, director of academics for Focus on the Family Institute, gives the keynote address starting the conference tonight at 7 p.m.

A discussion on picking the right kind of higher education starts the conference's second day on Saturday at 10 a.m., following a continental breakfast beginning an hour earlier. In the session, Huckins will talk about Christian Institute of the West alongside representatives of traditional colleges, universities and Bible schools.

Delivering a speech on "The State of Christian Education" will be Dr. Jobe Martin, who teaches for Colorado-based Summit Ministries, well respected for its seminars on integrating Christian views into all parts of life. He also will give a talk to conference-going teen-agers on how to have a successful Christian walk throughout their school years.

Those in the growing crowd of Panhandle homeschoolers will get time-tested advice from Kirk McCord, founding executive director of Texas Home



Jobe Martin

School Coalition, one of the home-based education movements top organizations.

Panhandle educators will step into the spotlight for a Saturday afternoon of panels, with tracks for K-12 school supporters, homeschoolers, and youth (12 and older). Pampa's Thornton will be joined by board members, administrators and teachers from Amarillo, Borger, Dalhart, Hereford, and other Panhandle towns.

Lisa Ramsey, high-school guidance counselor at Amarillo's San Jacinto Christian Academy, will be on a panel addressing the practice of Christian education.

Bob Stitzel, president of High Plains Christian Home Educators in the Borger area, will be on a panel considering the purpose of homeschooling.



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(Left-right) Community Christian School students Eden Green, Lilly Price, Spencer Bachler, Thomas Fraser, Brittany Chisum and Emily Watson sell tickets to the CCS Fund-raising Banquet slated at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3 in M.K. Brown Heritage Room. The featured speaker is Bob Cornuke, internationally-known Biblical archeologist and author. This "Indiana Jones-style" Bible history researcher has lead several expeditions including the search for Mount Sinai, Noah's Ark and the Red Sea crossing. To purchase tickets, call CCS at 665-3393.

Holy Cross College bans 'cult-like' church

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — The College of the Holy Cross has banned an international church from meeting, organizing and recruiting members on campus, calling it cult-like in its recruitment tactics.

Katherine M. McElaney, director of college chaplains, told The Worcester Telegram and Gazette that at least one Holy Cross student is a member of the church, which is known variously as the International Churches of Christ, the Boston Church of Christ or the Worcester Church of Christ.

The International Churches of

Christ is entirely separate from the United Church of Christ.

Recruiters for the church group, she said, use tactics commonly associated with cults, including heavy proselytizing and religious harassment for the sake of gaining converts, mandatory tithing and psychological and spiritual abuse. Strict obedience without question, punishment through slander or exclusion and threats or intimidation are used to keep members in line, she said.

McElaney said the church pressures members to cut ties with

friends and family, education and careers, and promotes dependency on the group and fear of reprisals for leaving it.

The International Churches of Christ Web site says the group is "no more a cult than was the church that Jesus started as described in the Bible. The word 'cult' is a prejudicial label in today's society."

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Blood Donors' Generosity Gives Family More Time With Grandpa

DEAR ABBY: My grandfather is an amazing man. He served his country during World War II. He postponed his dreams to give his five children a better life. He and my grandmother sacrificed and saved so that their children would have the chance to go to college and emerge debt-free. He is the kindest and gentlest person I have ever known.

Last summer, at the age of 84, he almost died of a still undiagnosed blood disorder. What saved his life were multiple transfusions of donated blood. Since that time, he has returned to the hospital for further transfusions and is doing fine.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who gave their time and their blood so that my grandfather could live. Thank you for giving him the opportunity to meet and fall in love with his first great-grandchild. Thank you for giving Grandpa his 62nd wedding anniversary and his 85th birthday. Thank you for allowing his extended family to gather in celebration of Christmas. Thank you



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

for every day that you have given our family the chance to absorb more of his wisdom.

Abby, please ask your readers to take the time to save a grandpa, a child, a stranger or a relative. Give blood.

KRISTA L. THORNTON, NASHVILLE, TENN.

DEAR KRISTA: Thank you for your eloquent letter. A pint of blood is easy and painless to give, and it can literally mean the difference between life and death. Readers, if you won't do it for yourselves, consider doing

it in the memory of a loved one who didn't make it.

Contact the nearest Red Cross Center by looking in your telephone book or asking the information operator, or call 1-888-256-6388 for the location of your nearest community-focused blood center.

DEAR ABBY: My hair is bright red. I don't dye it. People frequently ask me if it is natural, and I tell them it is. Many times they refuse to believe me, and argue or ask my family or friends if I am lying.

I think these questions are invasive and unnecessary. Do you think it is acceptable to ask someone if her hair color is natural?

CARROT TOP

missing again. Smile, and you'll draw smiles. Use your assets positively. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

This week: Work on dodging boomerangs during the next few weeks. Be as aboveboard and exact as possible with money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Most problems resolve themselves in time. You can't force an issue now, no matter how much it bothers you. Instead, organize and plan for the future. You'll eventually get attention. Disclose a problem to a trusted friend. You gain relief as well as insight. Tonight: Be prepared for interruptions.

This week: Dealing with others could become problematic. You might feel better midweek, but count only on yourself right now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Present your ideas now. Others listen. You could find yourself in a take-charge position. Call friends and get together. An unexpected message could solve a problem. Your mind is racing. An ideal situation looms. Keep analysis to a minimum if your first impression seems positive. Tonight: Slow down and get a good night's sleep.

This week: Aim high on Monday to hop over an obstacle. Others might not come through as you would like. Use special care financially.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Accept a social invitation. Approach someone you want to know better. Communication should prove to be enjoyable and informative. In fact, you could impress someone with your knowledge. Whether you know what you are talking about or not, it will seem that you do. Others listen. Tonight: Check in on an older relative.

This week: Your ruler, Venus, goes retrograde on Thursday. You could feel off kilter already, with others seemingly challenging you. Stay focused.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Someone else has experienced your particular problem. Try the self-help section of your bookstore for insight. Don't sit around and stew. If your stomach feels uptight, loosen up with physical activity. It can't hurt, and it

might release some of that pent-up energy. Tonight: Discuss with a friend what you've learned.

This week: Use your vision and foresight, especially when challenged. Take responsibility, even if it might be uncomfortable. All will ultimately work out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Your spirituality blossoms. You might be influenced by something you hear. Remember that creative project you started long ago? Dig it out and work on it. Spend some time thinking about what satisfies you. Start a journal to record your thoughts. Tonight: Pop an exercise video into your VCR.

This week: Deal with others carefully, even if you don't think they are being fair. Detach and try to understand their logic. Express your views.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Your cautious side rethinks an idea that seemed a little far-fetched. Maybe you are not ready to let go of traditional ways. Delays don't always mean that you should forsake a project. How about looking at it in a different light? Consider a change. Others distract you. Enjoy those who adore you. Tonight: Solutions present themselves.

This week: Someone has an odd way of letting you know what is going on. If you feel like you need to pull back, do so. You aren't in the driver's seat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** It's time to shake, rattle and roll. Stir the pot with progressive ideas. Take others into your confidence. Older people will appreciate your innovations. After all, you're only trying to add more excitement. Tonight: Almost any kind of escape.

This week: Getting your budget to fit takes some work. At some point, you have to look at your life. How hard do you really want to work?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Others will not allow you to wallow in self-pity. For your benefit, consider all ideas. You can't have everything you want, but you can set limits on what you will tolerate. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Allow your imagination to reveal what you dream of. Tonight: Soak in the tub. Add bubbles.

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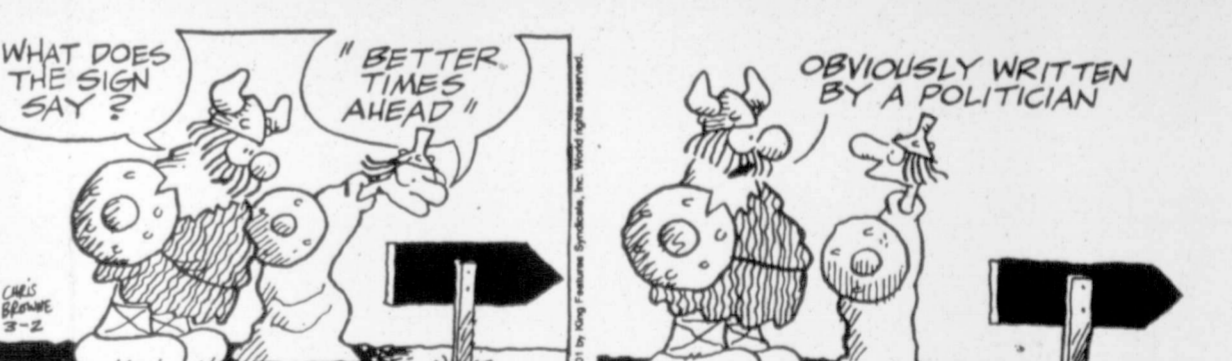
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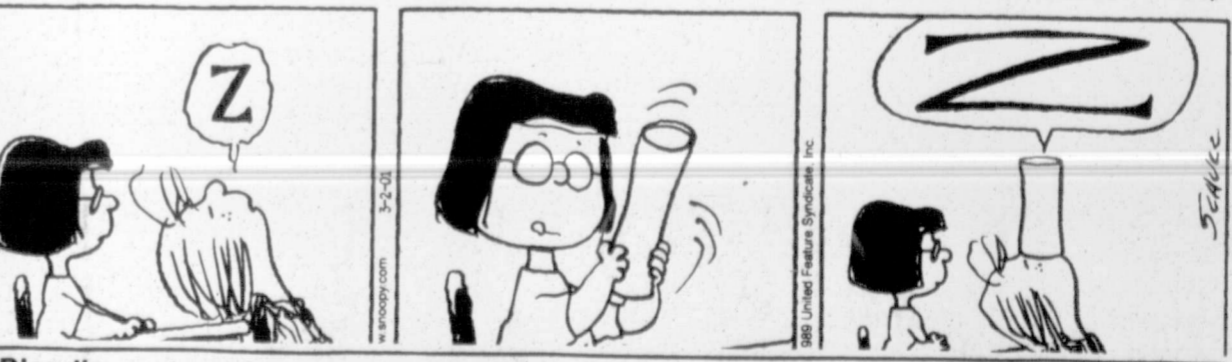
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Horoscope

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 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)

**** Compromise with family. Get rid of that to-do list and let the day unfold. A change in plans might prove to be enjoyable. Punctuality does not count now — getting along does. Don't let delays irritate you. Go with the flow. Tonight: Find adventure in a good book. This week: Tension mounts and confusion mars your vision. Slow down if you need to. You don't always have to be Speedy Gonzales.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** A surprise occurs when socializing and planning with friends. Diplomacy enhances your status. Look for reasons to pay compliments. An unexpected reward might appear when you take a risk. Tonight: Tape your favorite show.

This week: Speak your mind, but don't be surprised if you get some feedback. You might want to huddle and hide out this week as your ruling planet, Venus, goes retrograde.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Are you procrastinating about starting and filing your income-tax return? Why not tackle it right now? Use your sharp mind to comprehend complex problems. Some might even marvel at your mechanical prowess if you start putting around the house. Tonight: Movie night.

This week: Clamp down on financial commitments this week. Speak your mind, but understand that others are in a whirlwind right now and can be flaky.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Instead of letting your emotions get the better of you, participate in a physical activity. If you find yourself dealing with family problems, compromise. If that doesn't work, try compro-

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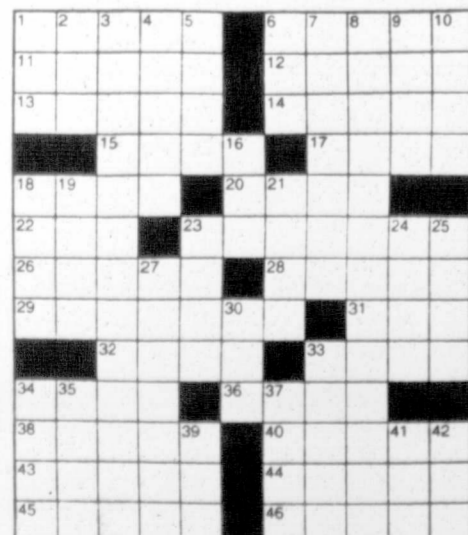
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- 36 Complain
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- 44 Perfect
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- 46 Poor

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- 4 Long lunches
- 5 Long journey
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- 7 Stander
- 8 Mail
- 9 On this spot
- 10 Pot starter
- 16 Big head
- 18 Sleuth's job
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- 21 Museum
- 23 Gerbil's home
- 24 Leader's worry
- 25 General assembly?
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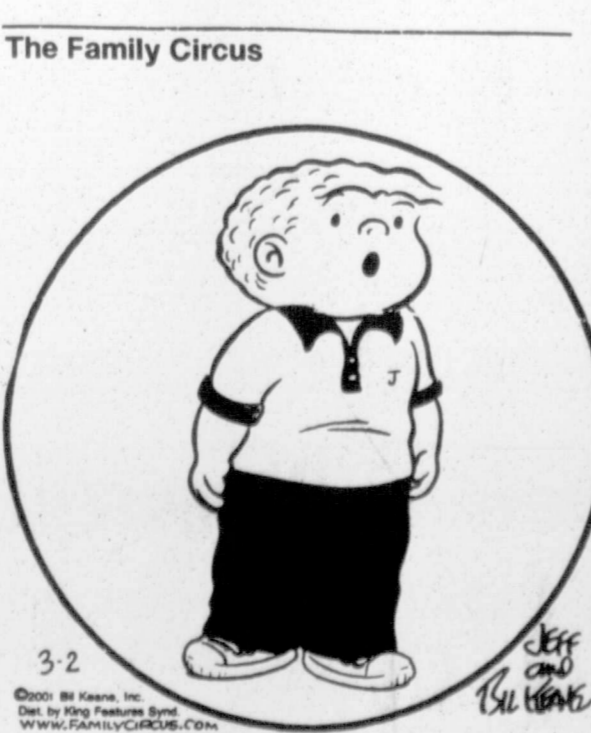
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BASEBALL

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Texas outfielder Rusty Greer is reportedly close to an agreement with the Rangers that would keep him from being a free agent after this season.

Sources told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Thursday's editions the deal with Greer would be for three years and an option.

An announcement could come as early as Thursday, although all final terms have not been settled.

"I feel pretty good about it and I'm optimistic," Greer told the newspaper on Wednesday. "I'm looking forward to getting this behind me so I can concentrate on my job."

Greer's agent, Bo McKinnis, and Rangers general manager Doug Melvin have met for two days in a push for an agreement. Team officials also expressed optimism for a deal.

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Adult Softball Umpires Association will hold an organizational meeting and mandatory classroom clinic March 19, starting at 7 p.m. at the Umpires Building, located on the north end of Recreation Park.

This training is mandatory for all returning and interested new softball umpires. The required test will be given at the March 19 meeting.

Spring softball will begin March 24 with the 16th annual Early Bird Tournament.

For additional information, call Mike Killgo, Shane Stokes or Scott Hahn.

BASKETBALL

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Coach Rudy Tomjanovich isn't sure why the Houston Rockets dominate the Eastern Conference.

Guard Shandon Anderson had a theory after the Rockets beat Milwaukee 108-91 Thursday night to improve their record to 20-4 against Eastern teams and 13-0 against the Central Division.

"We should be an East team," said Anderson, who scored 21 points. "I think it's a matter of matchups. In the West, we run into some big centers and forwards."

"We play small at times, and the East has a lot of guards and not as many big men."

Steve Francis scored 29 points, and Maurice Taylor added 14 as the Rockets put six players in double figures.

"I have no idea why we are able to beat these teams," Tomjanovich said after his team handed the Central Division-leading Bucks their second straight loss.

Sam Cassell scored 23 points and Glenn Robinson 19 for Milwaukee.

Tomjanovich said Anderson and Francis picked up the slack for the absence of the Rockets' second-leading scorer, Cuttino Mobley, who did not play because of a strained right ankle.

"We needed somebody to step up, and we got it from several guys," Tomjanovich said. "They (the Bucks) are very tough to guard. We wanted to play like they were in mud and we were on skates."

The Rockets used a 9-0 run in the first quarter to take a 26-17 lead. Francis and Anderson each scored 10 points in the period as the Rockets built a 30-23 advantage.

Francis added eight points in the second quarter as the Rockets built their lead to 15 and led 57-45 at halftime.

The Bucks closed within nine points in the third quarter, but Houston built its lead back to 18. Milwaukee never mounted a charge in the fourth quarter.

"That team is not afraid of anybody in the East, and they've been playing that way," Milwaukee coach George Karl said.

Lady Pacers win second straight T-CAL state title

DALLAS — Last week in Dallas, the Pampa Academy Lady Pacers won the T-CAL State 1-A basketball title for the second consecutive year.

In the first round of tournament play, the Pacers advanced after a 49-38 win over Harvest of Fort Worth. A strong first half gave the Pacers the advantage at halftime 29-15.

Fort Worth's inside strength and height kept them in the game.

The Pacers were led by Erin Raber, who had 16 points and 10 rebounds. Kendra Raber followed with 11 points, while Stephanie Willoughby had 8, Shay Chapman 6, Kellie Mullican 4, Courtney Echols 2 and Brooke Colton 2.

The Lady Pacers were matched against Conroe Calvary Baptist in the second round. Strong Pacer defense was able to hold Conroe scoreless in the first period and they went onto win the semi-final

match 43-34. Erin Raber had 24 points and Kendra Raber 10 to lead Pampa in scoring. Courtney Echols had 4 points, Kelly Mulligan 3, Stephanie Willoughby 2 and Brooke Colton 2.

Pampa Academy slipped by Cedar Valley Christian Academy of Dallas 43-40 to win the state championship.

Again, a strong first half gave the Pacers a 23-12 lead at the break. A cold second half brought the Dallas team to within three at the final buzzer.

Erin Raber dominated the inside with 30 points and 18 rebounds. Kendra Raber put in 6 free throws while Kellie Mullican had 5 points and Shay Chapman 2.

Kendra Raber was named to the State All-Calvary Baptist in the second round. Strong Pacer defense was able to hold Conroe scoreless in the first period and they went onto win the semi-final MVP honors last season.

Nazareth reaches Texas Cup

AUSTIN (AP) — Stephanie Thiel scored 31 points to lead Nazareth to the Class 1A Division II state championship Thursday with a 61-51 victory over Saltillo.

Nazareth (32-4) has won 15 state championships, a national five-on-five record, in 19 trips to the state tournament.

Whitney Hoelting added 11 points for Nazareth, which held a 17-point lead in the third quarter before Saltillo rallied late to pull within six, 54-48, with a minute to play.

Jessica Vanlandingham scored 14 to lead Saltillo (33-3), which played in its first state tournament.

Thiel, who was 11-of-17 shooting from the floor, had seven points in the first quarter as the Swiftettes led 10-8. Saltillo went ahead 18-17 in the second on Jessica Vanlandingham's layup and Branda McClure's 3-point play.

Thiel converted a layup and foul shot to regain the lead for Nazareth and sparked a 11-0 run that made it 28-18 on Wendy Black's 3-pointer.

Thiel stayed hot in the second half with nine points in the third quarter as Nazareth opened up a 47-30 lead.

Saltillo opened the fourth with a 6-0 run and Kelly Brewer's 3-pointer, the Lady

Lions' first of the game, cut the lead to 49-41 with 4:47 to play.

Kayla Brewer's 3-pointer pulled Saltillo within 54-48 before Nazareth stretched the lead again with five of six free throws in the final minute.

The University Interscholastic

League split Class 1A into two divisions this season, with the smallest schools playing in Division I. Nazareth will play the winner of Thursday's Division I championship game between Windthorst (30-1) and Kennard (34-2) on Saturday for the Texas Cup, the unofficial 1A title.

Pampa hosts track meet

PAMPA — Pampa hosts the annual Top O' Texas Relays on Saturday at Randy Matson Field. The meet starts at 9 a.m. with the 3200 and the field events.

The finals will start around 2 p.m. Both varsity and junior varsity boys and girls teams will be competing.

Pampa opened the track season last weekend at the Randall Relays with the Lady Harvesters coming in second behind Hereford.

Pampa girls have been traditionally strong in the relays, but this year the Lady Harvesters may be more solid in the field events.

Teryn Stowers was first in the long jump and second in the triple jump at the Randall meet. Teammate

Ashleigh Patton won the triple jump.

Angela Phillips nailed down second place in the shot and third in the discus.

Distance runner Rebecca Fatheree will be a top contender in every meet this year. Fatheree was second in both the 3200 and 1600 at Hereford.

By the time the district meet rolls around, Pampa's 400-meter relay team could have enough experience to challenge for a regional-qualifying spot. Stowers, Chelsea McCullough, Heather Day and Neysha Rogers were fourth at Randall.

The Lady Harvesters are the defending TOT champions.

Pampa boys were seventh at the Randall Relays.

Baseball gets a close-up view of new strike zone

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

Eric Young got a fast education on how umpires intend to call strikes this season. For now, he could laugh about it.

The Chicago Cubs' leadoff man took the first pitch of Thursday's exhibition opener, a fastball high across the chest from San Francisco's Livan Hernandez.

Umpire Kerwin Danley signaled a strike, then removed his mask for a good-natured argument with Young, with both chuckling.

"He was just asking, 'Is that really where the strike zone is?'" Chicago manager Don Baylor said.

After months of talk and a week of demonstrations in camps, the start of spring training games provided the first real look at what baseball plans to enforce this season.

High strikes are in, a wide plate is out.

Baseball has tried to do this before, without success. This time, top officials insist it's no experiment.

While Young and Danley enjoyed a light-hearted moment at Scottsdale, Ariz., not everyone was in a joking mood.

At Peoria, Ariz., seven-time Japanese batting champion Ichiro Suzuki made his American debut and complained about umpire Rob Drake's calls.

"The third at-bat, the second pitch, was not a strike," he said through a translator. "The first at-

bat, second pitch, was outside by 8 inches. If they're going to call what they came out here and taught us, then both those pitches should have been balls."

Seattle teammate David Bell was ejected for arguing an outside strike in the game against San Diego.

At Bradenton, Fla., Pittsburgh star Jason Kendall also was not impressed.

In the first inning, Kendall was called out by umpire Marty Foster on a decidedly high pitch from Detroit knuckleballer Steve Sparks.

Some fans at McKechnie Field jeered, and Kendall and Foster talked between innings. The Pirates catcher did not seem angry — rather, he appeared to be getting an explanation.

"That was pretty ridiculous. It was by my chest. It was a ball," Kendall said. "But it shows they're really going to do it. I'll take striking out if our pitchers get that pitch."

"That pitch" is the one above the belt, which has been called a ball for as long as most major leaguers can remember.

Now, though, umpires in the majors and minors have been instructed to stick with the rule book definition, which puts the strike zone between the knee and the midpoint of the belt and shoulders.

At Dunedin, Fla., Toronto star Raul Mondesi watched the fastball whiz past the Blue Jays emblem on his chest, and kept the bat on his shoulder.

J.J. signs



Pampa's J.J. Roark signs a football letter-of-intent to Angelo State University in San Angelo. Pictured with J.J. are his parents, Denny and Donna Roark; (standing, from left) assistant coach Heath Parker, family friend Kelleen Ebel and head coach Dennis Cavalier. Roark was the starting quarterback for the Harvesters as a senior. He was an honorable mention selection on the All-District 3-4A Team. Roark also saw starting action in the defensive secondary during his high school career.

Longhorns needs strong surge in Big 12 tournament

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A late season slump has left the Texas Longhorns in a familiar position: To make the NCAA tournament, they'd better make some noise in the Big 12 tournament next week.

Texas (19-11) has lost four of its last five and Wednesday night's season-ending 65-54 loss to No. 7 Oklahoma left the Longhorns at 7-9 in the Big 12.

Texas' postseason prospects hardly seemed in doubt when the Longhorns started the season 12-2.

Texas has four wins over ranked opponents, including a 63-57 win at Texas Tech that snapped the Red Raiders' 41-game home winning streak. But consistency has been a problem as the Longhorns have struggled against even the weaker teams in the league.

Texas lost on the road at

Kansas State and at home to Kansas, two of the bottom three teams in Big 12. Two wins in those games would have put Texas at 9-7 in league play and virtual lock for the NCAA tournament.

The worst struggles have come in the last two weeks with 40-point loss at No. 6 Iowa State and a 16-point home defeat to Texas Tech.

Even so, Texas entered the Oklahoma game with an RPI rating in the low 20s, leaving them a decent chance at a post-season bid with a good run in the conference tournament. The Longhorns will be the No. 7 seed when the tournament starts Tuesday.

"We probably have created a scenario different than the committee has to face a lot," said coach Jody Conradt, who earlier this season reached the 1,000-career game mark.

"It wouldn't surprise me either way. I don't get too per-

plexed about the weather or committees," she said.

Texas is actually on familiar ground. Last season, the Longhorns were the No. 6 seed in the Big 12 tournament and ran off three straight wins to reach the championship game.

Texas lost to Iowa State in the final but the run was good enough to secure an NCAA at-large bid. The Longhorns went on to lose to St. Joseph's in the first round.

"We have to get our confidence back," said Texas forward Tracy Cook, who's fast start and slow finish to the season has mirrored her team's fortunes. "I think we'll go into next week knowing we need a one or two big wins to get into the tournament."

Texas' biggest problems have been on offense. Freshman Stacy Stephens, the Longhorn's leading scorer with 11.1 points per game, had just seven against Oklahoma.

At the current pace, Stephens falls below the Longhorns record for lowest scoring average for team leader of 13.4 points. Angela Jackson set the mark in the 1996-97 season when Texas finished 22-8.

Texas ranks 11th in the Big 12 in shooting and has struggled in recent weeks to make even the short shots near the basket. The

Mansfield defends title in 5A semis

AUSTIN (AP) — Simply put, no team has dominated girls' basketball over the last three seasons like Mansfield.

The Lady Tigers have gone 108-3 over the last three seasons with two consecutive state championships. Mansfield goes for a third title when it plays Sugar Land Dulles (34-2) in the state semifinals today.

Mansfield (31-1) returned to Austin this year without two-time tournament MVP Kaira White, who is now playing for the University of Texas.

Longhorns starting frontcourt of Stephens, Lindsey Ryan and Cook went 10 of 31 from the floor against Oklahoma.

"I think it's pretty simple what we have to do," Conradt said. "We have to either be perfect on defense, or we have to start making some of those chip-pies that we can't seem to get down."

This year, Mansfield did it with defense — first round playoff opponent Coppell didn't attempt a shot in the first quarter — and a balanced and experienced offense led by senior post players Brie Madden (12.3 points per game) and Toni Wilson (12.1).

Madden has signed to play at Kansas State and Wilson with Stephen F. Austin.

Should Mansfield advance to Saturday night's final, it will meet the winner of the matchup between Spring Westfield (32-1) and Hays (29-7).

Scoreboard

HOCKEY					
Western Professional Hockey League					
At A Glance					
By The Associated Press					
Eastern Division					
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Tupelo	37	20	5	79	241
B-Shreveport	37	19	3	77	212
Austin	35	19	4	74	207
Corpus Christi	33	24	3	69	192
Monroe	30	23	6	66	187
Lake Charles	24	30	4	52	180
Fort Worth	16	38	4	36	164
x-Central Texas	14	18	5	33	104
Western Division					
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Mexico	38	16	3	79	228
Odessa	32	16	8	72	203
Lubbock	32	22	6	70	220
San Angelo	25	28	7	57	190
El Paso	24	25	8	56	172
Amarillo	23	27	7	53	183
x-ceased operations					
NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; shootout losses earn one point and are referred to as ties.					
Thursday's Games					
Lake Charles 6, Corpus Christi 3					
Monroe 3, Bossier-Shreveport 2					
Friday's Games					
Amarillo at Odessa					
Austin at New Mexico					
Monroe at Lake Charles					
San Angelo at Lubbock					
Tupelo at El Paso					
Corpus Christi at Fort Worth					
Saturday's Games					
San Angelo at Odessa					
Amarillo at Lubbock					
Monroe at Corpus Christi					
Tupelo at New Mexico					
Austin at El Paso					
Bossier-Shreveport at Fort Worth					
Sunday's Games					
Amarillo at Fort Worth					
Lake Charles at Bossier-Shreveport					
Austin at El Paso					
New Mexico at Odessa					
BASKETBALL					
National Basketball Association					
At A Glance					
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EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Philadelphia	43	16	725	-	
New York	34	23	596	8	
Miami	34	24	586	8 1/2	
Orlando	30	26	536	11 1/2	
Boston	25	33	431	17 1/2	
New Jersey	20	39	339	23	
Washington	13	45	224	29 1/2	
Central Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Milwaukee	35	22	614	-	
Charlotte	32	26	552	3 1/2	
Toronto	31	27	534	4 1/2	
Indiana	26	29	473	8	
Cleveland	22	34	393	12 1/2	
Detroit	21	36	368	14	
Atlanta	18	40	310	17 1/2	
Chicago	9	47	161	25 1/2	
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
Midwest Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Utah	39	17	696	-	
San Antonio	38	19	667	1 1/2	
Dallas	36	22	621	4	
Minnesota	34	24	586	6	
Houston	32	27	542	8 1/2	
Denver	30	29	508	10 1/2	
Vancouver	18	41	305	22 1/2	
Pacific Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Portland	41	18	695	-	
Sacramento	38	18	679	1 1/2	
L.A. Lakers	37	19	661	2 1/2	
Phoenix	34	23	596	6	
Seattle	30	29	508	11	
L.A. Clippers	20	41	328	22	
Golden State	16	42	276	24 1/2	
Wednesday's Games					
Indiana 99, Milwaukee 86					
Toronto 95, Atlanta 88					
Charlotte 91, New Jersey 88					
Minnesota 111, Detroit 100					
Philadelphia 79, Miami 69					
Houston 95, Chicago 78					
Utah 101, Vancouver 83					
Orlando 97, Phoenix 91					
Sacramento 122, Golden State 101					
Denver 107, L.A. Lakers 101					
Thursday's Games					
Seattle 101, Cleveland 99, OT					
New York 95, Boston 88					
San Antonio 91, Phoenix 71					
Houston 108, Milwaukee 91					
Portland 94, L.A. Clippers 81					
Friday's Games					
Seattle at Indiana, 7 p.m.					
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.					
Utah at Boston, 7:30 p.m.					
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.					
New Jersey at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.					
Cleveland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.					
Miami at Detroit, 8 p.m.					
New York at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.					
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.					
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.					
Saturday's Games					
L.A. Lakers at Vancouver, 3:30 p.m.					
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.					
Atlanta at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.					
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.					
Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.					
Golden State at Portland, 10 p.m.					
Sunday's Games					
New York at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.					
Orlando at Detroit, 3 p.m.					
Charlotte at Boston, 3 p.m.					
Utah at Washington, 3 p.m.					
New Jersey at Indiana, 3 p.m.					
Seattle at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.					
Miami at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.					
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.					

Top-ranked Stanford slips by Trojans

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The last time Stanford scraped by underdog Southern California, the top-ranked Cardinal lost their next game to UCLA.

Once again, Stanford was taken down to the wire by the Trojans before hanging on for a 70-68 victory Thursday night.

Now the Cardinal (26-1, 14-1 Pac-10) have a chance to reverse their only loss of the season when they meet 12th-ranked UCLA (20-6, 13-2) on Saturday at Pauley Pavilion.

"We can clinch at least a co-Pac-10 championship on Saturday, and we owe those guys something," said Stanford's Ryan Mendez, whose two free throws on a 1-and-1 with 13 seconds remaining provided just enough pad over USC (18-9, 8-7).

Said Cardinal guard Michael McDonald: "If we win on Saturday, it means we had a good weekend down here. A split does nothing for us in terms of the Pac-10 championship; we didn't come down here for a split."

In other games involving Top 25 teams Thursday, No. 9 Arizona beat Oregon State 65-54, and UCLA defeated California 79-75.

When Stanford played the two Los Angeles schools in Northern California in early February, the Cardinal finished strong to hold off USC 77-71, then lost to UCLA 79-73.

Against the Trojans this time, McDonald came up with the big defensive play of the game, smothering guard Brandon Granville as he tried to get off a shot as time ran out.

The loss continued a long, dubious tradition for USC — the Trojans haven't beaten a No. 1 team dating back to a victory over UCLA on March 6, 1970.

Stanford coach Mike Montgomery sounded like a man who could have used a laugh instead of the nervous win.

"We've got to win, and with four games left, I'm not complaining at all about anything, but we have to do it all over again on Saturday," he said.

Casey Jacobsen led Stanford with 22 points, including an important basket and free throw in the final minutes. He was poked in the right eye by the Trojans' Sam Clancy while making a layup with 1:32 remaining.

"It's all right now," Jacobsen said of his puffy eye. "Clancy got his finger right in there and it really hurt. But I'm all right, especially with the win."

No foul was called and, as Jacobsen sprawled on the court, Montgomery hastily called a timeout with Stanford up 67-62.

"Not only did we not get the foul, but I called a timeout more vociferously than I usually do. They were going to break downcourt 5-on-4, and at that point, we couldn't afford it," the Stanford coach said.

The Trojans trailed 41-34 at halftime and were behind by as much as 53-37 early in the second half before rallying to close to 65-62 with 1:52 remaining.

Clancy scored on a dunk for USC with 7 seconds left to pull the Trojans within two, then Jacobsen missed the first of a 1-and-1. The Trojans brought the

ball up, but Granville's desperation shot had no chance.

Coach Henry Bibby was pleased with the play of the Trojans, who were led by Clancy's 16 points and Brian Scalabrine's 13.

"You saw how good we can be," Bibby said. "We took the No. 1 team to a 6-second ball game. Other than not getting off the last shot, we played very well."

Southern California spent most of the season ranked in the Top 25, rising as high as 12th early in December. But the Trojans dropped out of the rankings the second week of February and have gone into a 3-5 slump that included their worst home loss ever, a 105-61 defeat by Arizona.

No. 9 Arizona 65, Oregon State 54

Luke Walton matched his season high with 16 points as Arizona earned its 20th win for the 14th consecutive season.

Michael Wright added 13 points and Gilbert Arenas 10 for the Wildcats (20-7, 12-3 Pac-10). Richard Jefferson had nine points and a season-high 10 rebounds as Arizona dominated the boards 39-21.

Deandra Tanner and Jimmie Haywood each scored 15 for the Beavers (10-18, 4-12), who lost for the 19th consecutive time at McKale Center.

No. 12 UCLA 79, California 75

Matt Barnes scored 13 points, including the go-ahead basket with 1:03 remaining, as UCLA earned its eighth straight win.

The Bruins (20-6) held on to second place in the Pac-10 at 13-2 and set up a showdown for

first place with No. 1 Stanford on Saturday.

UCLA's victory reversed a 29-point loss at Cal a month ago and snapped Cal's four-game road winning streak.

Sean Lampley had 19 points and 13 rebounds for the Golden Bears (19-8, 10-5), who won 18 of their previous 22.

Rice falls to Fresno State

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Demetrius Porter scored 24 points to lead Fresno State to its first-ever Western Athletic Conference regular season title after defeating Rice 79-74 on Thursday night.

Fresno State (23-5, 12-3) led by 15 points with just less than six minutes left but had to hold off a late barrage of 3-pointers by Rice (13-14, 5-10) for the win.

Melvin Ely added 17 for Fresno State, which won its first regular season championship since the Bulldogs won the Pacific Coast Athletic Association in 1980-81.

Mike Wilks led Rice with 26 points and Shawn Tyndall added 16, including two key 3-pointers in the final 2:24.

Chris Jefferies finished with 14 for Fresno State and Shannon Swillis and Tito Maddox each had 10.

Rice hit five 3-pointers in the final three minutes to get as close as 77-74 with nine seconds left. But Fresno State hit 9-of-10 free throws down the stretch to ice the game.

Weir continues assault on PGA tour

MIAMI (AP) — Before Davis Love III hit his first tee shot in the Genuity Championship, he saw a scoreboard with a 10-under 62 next to Mike Weir's name.

"I thought they left the pro-am scores up from yesterday," Love said.

Nope. Just another week on the PGA Tour, where perfect weather and perfect greens usually lead to record scores.

Weir set another a couple of them Thursday with a blistering start that featured two eagles on his first eight holes. His 62, which gave him a 2-stroke lead over Glen Day and Stewart Cink, was the lowest in the first round at Doral in its 40-year history.

Blue Monster? Try the Blue Marshmallow.

"It's more than I expected," the Canadian said.

Weir also earned a distinction that many figured would belong to another lefty, Phil Mickelson. Weir's round was the lowest ever on the PGA Tour by a southpaw.

Ernie Gonzalez had a 62 in the first round of the 1986 Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic, but that wasn't an official PGA Tour event at the time.

All that mattered to Weir at the end of the day was that he was playing well, putting great and had the lead.

As for the scoring? Get used to it.

In eight stroke-play tournaments on the West Coast Swing, three tournament scoring records were tied or broken, including the 46-year-old record for 72 holes, which Mark Calcavecchia beat in Phoenix. Joe Durant broke the

record in the 90-hole Bob Hope Classic three weeks later.

A 68 at Doral on Thursday was only good enough for 25th place.

"When you put that tee in the ground, you better be ready to go and hope you hit it well," said Steve Flesch, who was at 65 along with Love, Harrison Frazar and K.J. Choi. "You will get passed by if you're not."

Ernie Els had a bogey-free 66 and was joined by Hal Sutton, three-time Doral champion Andy Bean and Nissan Open winner Robert Allenby, who proved he can play just as well in balmy sunshine as the wet rain in California.

Even 61-year-old Jack Nicklaus, playing on the PGA Tour for the first time this year, had few complaints with his 2-under 70 — except for three straight bogeys as he was making the turn.

"I fell asleep in the middle of the round," Nicklaus said. "But at my age, I need a nap."

The average score was 70.44, and 90 players broke par. Barring a blast of wind that often blows through south Florida in the spring, everyone is going to need to post low numbers to have a chance on Sunday.

What separated Weir from the rest of the pack was a little luck.

From a difficult lie in the rough on No. 3, wanting only to hit the front part of the green and sneak off with a par, Weir hit a 9-iron from 140 yards. The ball landed about 10 feet on the green, then rolled like the purest putt for the final 50 feet and went in for eagle.

On the next hole, his 35-foot putt was streaking across the green when it hit the back of the cup, popped into the air and

dropped in for birdie.

"I just got two great breaks out of the gate," the Canadian said. "I'm not known as a fast starter. I'll take it."

The course record at Doral is a 61, set in the second round last year by Stephen Ames. Still, the sight of a 10-under 62 posted on the board before half the field even stuck a peg in the ground was daunting — despite the low scoring on tour this year.

Not everyone took advantage. David Duval, who agreed to a new contract with Nike and ditched his Sun Valley cap for the swoosh, was 2 over on his first five holes and had to scramble for a 69. Masters champion Vijay Singh had a 70, while Nick Price

Plainview in 4A finals

AUSTIN (AP) — Chelsi Welch scored 20 points and Plainview rolled into the Class 4A state finals with a 56-33 win over Corpus Christi Calallen Thursday night.

Welch also grabbed 10 rebounds for the Lady Bulldogs (35-1). Alesha Robertson added 14 points and 10 boards.

Tied at 13 after the first quarter, Brittany Reinart's jumper gave Plainview its first lead at 17-15 in the second.

Plainview's pressure defense forced Calallen into 13 first half turnovers and Robertson scored six straight in an 8-0 run that put the Lady Bulldogs up 30-20 at halftime.

It never got close again. Holding Calallen to its second-

lowest scoring total of the season, Plainview led 42-25 after the third quarter.

Plainview shot 48 percent for the game and outscored Calallen 25-12 in the second and third quarters.

Plainview kept pouring it on the fourth. Robertson's back-to-back buckets and a jumper by Welch made it 55-27 with 4:41 to play, the biggest lead of the game.

Monica Pena and Mary Montez each scored seven points to lead Calallen (26-8). Montez also grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

Plainview will play in Saturday's 4A final against 1999 state champion Dallas Lincoln (29-5), which beat Brenham 71-55 in Thursday's other semifinal.

It's Salary cap cutdown day in the National Football League

By The Associated Press

A familiar name or a good career is no defense against salary-cap deadlines.

Dana Stubblefield, Tony Banks, Cornelius Bennett, Reggie White and kicker Al Del Greco were among the casualties Thursday as teams raced to get under the \$67.4 million salary cap by the midnight deadline.

Stubblefield, the 1997 NFL defensive player of the year, had three years remaining on the \$36 million contract he signed with the Washington Redskins in 1998, one year after his 15 sacks with San Francisco made him the league's most sought-after free agent.

The Super Bowl-champion Baltimore Ravens cut Banks, their starting quarterback at the beginning of last season. They also decided against picking up the option of Pro Bowl safety Rod Woodson, but plan to eventually re-sign him.

Bennett, one of just 11 players to appear in at least five Super

Bowls, was cut by Indianapolis. He played in each of Buffalo's four Super Bowls from 1991-94 and returned to the title game with Atlanta in 1999.

Bennett was paid \$1.9 million last season and was to receive a base salary of \$1.6 million this year.

Del Greco, the NFL's seventh-leading scorer with 1,584 points in 17 seasons, took the hit for Tennessee's 24-10 loss to Baltimore in the AFC playoffs. He bounced one field goal off an upright and had two others blocked, including one returned for a touchdown.

Last season, Del Greco made 27 of 33 field goal attempts and kicked game-winning field goals against Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Kansas City. The kicker had one year left on his contract.

Thursday's cuts continued the trend of high-priced veterans dropped in cap decisions. Others who went earlier were Doug Flutie, Ryan Leaf, John Randle, Tre Johnson, Bryan Cox, Elvis Grbac and Ken Norton Jr.

Jacksonville quarterback Mark Brunell agreed to restructure his contract, saving the Jaguars \$2 million in cap room.

The Jaguars, \$35 million over the cap, still had to cut 10 players, including offensive linemen Leon Searcy and Brenden Stai.

Free safety Robert Griffith and receiver Cris Carter agreed to restructured contracts to help the Minnesota Vikings meet the cap.

White, who came out of retirement last season to play with the Carolina Panthers, decided to end his comeback at age 39. Perhaps the best defensive end in history, he ends his 15-year career with 198 sacks, more than any other NFL player. He had a career low 5.5 this season. His retirement frees an additional \$2.15 million under the cap.

Besides cutting Bennett, the Colts signed defensive end Shawn King, who was suspended by the league last season, and said they would not pursue defensive back Jason Belsler, linebacker Dwight Hollier and defensive end Bernard

Whittington who will become unrestricted free agents Friday.

The moves left Indianapolis almost \$2 million under the salary cap.

Green Bay signed running back Dorsey Levens to a renegotiated three-year contract. Levens, who missed most of last season with knee injuries, was in the fourth season of a five-year, \$25 million contract. He was to earn \$6 million in 2001 and would have counted \$7.4 million against the team's cap next season.

Had he not accepted their offer, the Packers would have released Levens to gain \$4.6 million in salary cap relief.

The Packers also renegotiated Brett Favre's contract to gain significant salary cap relief next season with an announcement expected Friday. The deal is expected to be for six years and include a partially deferred signing bonus of about \$15 million.

The cap claimed Doug Brien, the second-leading scorer and most accurate kicker in New Orleans Saints history. The team

also terminated tight end Andrew Glover, tackle Mike Halapin and wide receiver Jake Reed and extended qualifying offers to three restricted free agents — tight end Cam Cleeland, cornerback Fred Weary and defensive tackle Martin Chase.

Cutting Brien saved \$670,000 in cap space for the Saints, who were scheduled to pay him \$570,000 on a \$2.72 million four-year contract extension he signed in 1997. He also was due a \$100,000 roster bonus on March 15.

Cincinnati which managed an NFL-low nine interceptions, cut cornerback Tom Carter, who had two of them. He was scheduled to make \$2.4 million next season.

The Bengals signed running back Michael Basnight, who missed all last season with a broken wrist, for \$389,000. Cincinnati is well below the salary cap, saving room to match any offer for transition free agent Corey Dillon.

Philadelphia cut wide receiver

Torrance Small, who caught 89 passes for 1,224 yards and seven touchdowns in two seasons with the Eagles.

Buffalo, which earlier cut Flutie and Pro Bowl nose tackle Tec Washington, released linebacker Sam Rogers and long-snapper Ethan Albright.

The Bills failed to re-sign two high-profile unrestricted free agents: defensive end Marcellus Wiley and kicker Steve Christie. Arizona declined to exercise the option for the final three years of defensive end Andre Wadsworth's contract. The Cardinals offered Wadsworth \$512,000 as a restricted free agent.

Wadsworth, the third pick

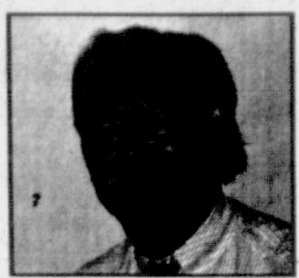
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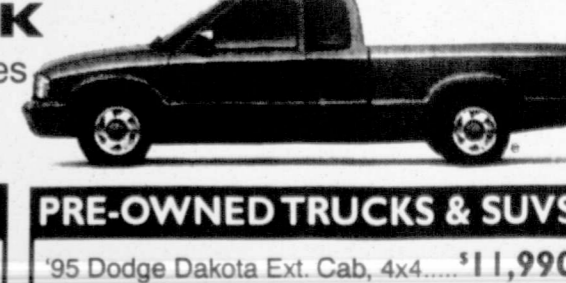
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PETITION

"It is correct the dog petition was not formatted correctly," said Peet in a telephone interview this morning. "However, it had more than the necessary number of signatures."

Barrett said he and Smith delivered about 20 additional signatures on petitions to the county clerk's office Thursday morning. Winborne said there were 23 additional signatures, but they couldn't be accepted because it was past the deadline.

The two county residents also said a typographical mistake made in a legal notice carried in *The Pampa News* on two separate dates should invalidate the sale of the \$1.5 million in bonds which has been approved by commissioners.

A notice was in the Feb. 8 and Feb. 15 issues of the newspaper stating the amount of the bond issue would not exceed \$1,500,000. The notice should have read "not to exceed \$1,500,000."

Barrett and Smith delivered a copy of the legal notice to County Judge Richard Peet Thursday morning questioning the legality of issuing the bonds at Thursday's meeting because of the error. Peet had not realized a zero was missing until the two men questioned it.

After obtaining a copy of the notice, Peet said he talked with Ken Smith of Southwest Securities who said the county should be covered legally because of the amount of news coverage regarding the renovation and the numerous times the \$1.5 million figure has appeared in news stories pub-

lished prior to the legal notice.

Winborne said she cut the notice out of the paper and mailed it to Ed H. Esquivel of the Fulbright and Jaworski legal firm in Dallas, not noticing the discrepancy. The firm is legal adviser on bond securities. The attorney did not notify Peet of the error either.

Smith also said the \$2.78 figure of additional tax per year on a \$25,000 home is incorrect. Peet furnished the figures to *The Pampa News* several weeks ago.

According to figures furnished by Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris Thursday, the 1.3 cent tax increase on a home valued at \$25,000 will be \$3.23 a year. A resident with an over 65 homestead exemption will pay \$1.54 per year.

The tax increase on a regular homestead exemption valued at \$50,000 will be \$6.48 per year while an over 65 homestead exemption will increase taxes by \$4.49 a year, according to the figures furnished by Morris.

The two men also expressed objections to the interest payment on the bonds being a total of \$923,357 in addition to the \$1.5 bond payment over a 20-year period.

"If I have to continue to pay \$6 gas prices, I won't be able to irrigate in my farming this year," said Smith. "When I go to dryland farming, I will go into the tax assessor's office and have it changed because the tax value on dryland is much less than irrigated farms."

He also questioned what will happen on the payoff of the bonds if Celanese or other large employers leave the Gray County area.

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SLAYING

"We're starting from scratch," Chase said. "We're reinterviewing witnesses and possible suspects." "We hope to continue the task force," Sheriff Don Copeland said. "A spirit of cooperation always helps."

Morris said the murder investigation had stalled after the officer who originally investigated the crime had been assigned to narcotics investigations.

Pampa police officers responded to a report of a

shooting at 1164 Varnon shortly after 1 a.m., Aug. 14, 2000. When they arrived, they found Demerson lying in a pool of blood beside a gray Cadillac parked in the driveway of the residence. Police said he appeared to have been changing a flat on the car when he was shot.

Neighbors reported being awakened by a series of shots about 1:15 a.m.

Early investigation indicated the shots had been fired from the backyard of the home. Several of the shots hit the house, damaging a refrigerator in the kitchen.

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BOND ISSUE

winning bid was made by PaineWebber, Inc. at an interest rate to Gray County of 4.991185 percent.

Smith was extremely pleased with the interest rate, saying he felt Gray County received an excellent deal.

He attributed the low interest rate Gray County received on the bonds to the current low rates as well as Gray County being an excellent risk.

"This rate means the companies feel comfortable with Gray County, and that it is a good stable county," said Smith. He said Gray County is representative of the West Texas and Panhandle areas of the state.

Smith also said the insurance premium on the bonds was excellent. "The \$7,500 insurance premium on the bonds is excellent," he said. "It is the lowest I've seen in a long time. It indicates your good bond rating."

He said Standard and Poor will show Gray County has a AAA rating.

Smith said the total interest payment over 20 years will be \$923,357 in addition to the \$1.5 million

in bonds. He said PaineWebber probably had all the bonds sold by the close of business on Thursday.

After the bid was awarded unanimously by the commissioners court at noon Thursday, Greene asked Smith what the consequences would be involving the certificates of obligation debt retirement if Gray County went bankrupt.

Greene said he had been told several years ago that property owners could not get a clear title on their individual private properties if a taxing entity had bonded indebtedness and went bankrupt. Smith adamantly said that was absolutely not true.

When the commissioners court voted on Feb. 1 to obtain \$1.5 million in certificates of obligation to meet the 72-28 percent grant requirement, Greene was the only commissioner to cast a nay vote.

Commissioners Hefley, Wright, Wheeley along with County Judge Peet voted in favor of certificates of obligation to raise the money to go with the \$3.8 million grant received from Texas Historical Commission.

Greene said at the time he was not against the restoration project, saying he thought the issue should be decided by the voters.

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GRAND JURORS

who was struck by a pickup while trying to repair his motorcycle on the shoulder of a dark farm-to-market road west of Lefors last June. Thomas Randall Townsend, 45, of Pampa had been indicted for criminally negligent homicide in connection with Garrett's death.

The grand jury no billed the case, Roach said. "They didn't feel a crime had been committed after a review of the facts and the law," he said.

Seven indictments presented to 31st District Judge Steven Emmert Thursday concerned drug-related charges.

"While I can't go into the facts of the cases, the large number of drug cases are in line with my promise to crack down on drugs in this district," Roach explained.

Norma Juanita Guerrero, 28, 1012 N. Duncan, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance for an alleged offense occurring on Sept. 12, 2000. Bond was set at \$10,000.

An indictment alleging delivery of a controlled substance named Spencer Ray Boyd, 49, 445 Graham. Bond was set at \$10,000 on the charge stemming from an incident on Feb. 7, 2000.

Scott Lee Baker, 39, of Pampa, was named in two drug-related indictments — one for possession of

controlled substance and the other for possession of marijuana, both on Oct. 13, 2000. Bond was set at \$7,500 on the first charge and \$3,500 on the second.

Judge Emmert set bond at \$7,500 for Kristopher Alvin Cox, 23, 329 Canadian, after he was indicted for possession of a controlled substance on Nov. 1, 1999.

Michael Joseph Demorato, 43, Las Vegas, was named in an indictment alleging possession of controlled substance on Jan. 20, 2000. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Tracy Lynn Cooke, 34, Las Vegas, was also indicted for possession of controlled substance in connection with the Jan. 20, 2000 incident and her bond set at \$5,000.

The grand jury also presented the following indictments after meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Thursday:

- Kristopher Alvin Cox, 23, 329 Canadian, burglary of a habitation, \$15,000 bond.
- Tony Joe Romo, 40, Lubbock, burglary of a habitation, \$15,000 bond.
- Tony Joe Romo, 40, Lubbock, criminal mischief, \$10,000 bond.
- Dean Lyle Bolen, 32, 417 Rose, injury to a child, \$4,000 bond.
- Dean Lyle Bolen, 32, 417 Rose, violation of a protective order, \$1,500 bond.

News briefs ...

Clinton aides say they opposed pardon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three of former President Clinton's aides rejected allegations that money had anything to do with his last-minute pardon of financier Marc Rich but agreed that appeals from outgoing Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak may have clinched the deal over their objections. Barak called Clinton at least three times to urge Rich's pardon, and even mentioned it in a farewell call to the outgoing president the afternoon before Clinton left office. When Clinton met with his top aides that night — all of whom had opposed the pardon to Clinton — it was clear that Barak's call had been "influential," White House chief of staff John Podesta said Thursday.

Washington declared disaster area as quake damage piles up

SEATTLE (AP) — Within hours of Gov. Gary Locke's request for federal aid, President Bush declared the region a federal disaster, clearing the way for low-interest loans, grants and other assistance needed to help rebuild. The declaration came Thursday as damage estimates from the 6.8-magnitude quake climbed above \$2 billion. Most people have returned to life as usual since the Wednesday quake, swapping stories about close calls during the region's strongest shaking in 52

years. Few noticed two aftershocks Thursday, and no additional damage was reported. The Northwest quake caused about 320 injuries, none critical. Municipal leaders said the millions of dollars spent stabilizing highways and buildings against earthquakes over the past decade paid off. Scientists said the quake's depth, 33 miles underground, also eased the impact.

Republicans move quickly on tax cuts, angering Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Putting aside pledges to work together, House Republicans and Democrats are preparing for a partisan fight next week over a \$1 trillion first installment of President Bush's tax cut plan. Republicans in the Ways and Means Committee muscled through Bush's across-the-board rate cut Thursday on a 23-15 party-line vote. GOP leaders have scheduled a vote by the full House next week on the legislation, which lowers tax rates for all income levels. Democrats reacted angrily, saying the Republican tax cut plan was irresponsible, favored the rich and was a betrayal of the spirit of bipartisanship promised by the new administration. They said it was wrong to take up tax cuts before Congress acts on a fiscal 2002 budget that could see spending cuts required by the loss in tax revenues.

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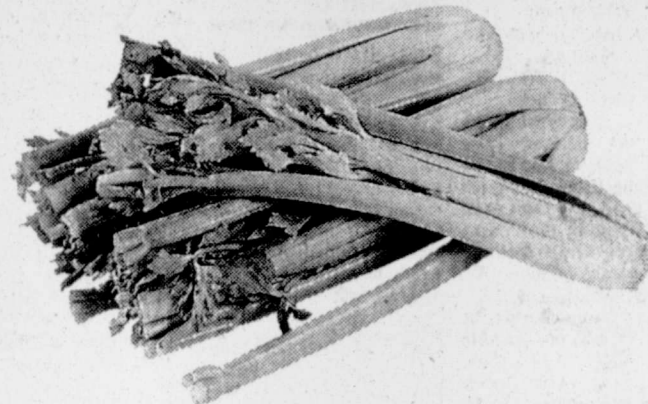
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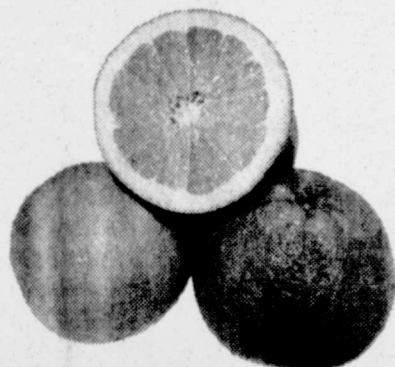
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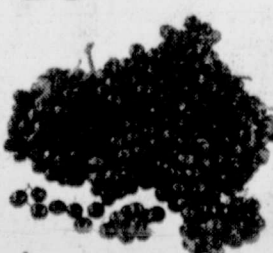
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