NATON

Thomas dead at 33

Paralyzed Chiefs linebacker dies in hospital

MIAMI (AP) - Pro football star Derrick Thomas, paralyzed from the chest down less than a month ago in a car wreck on an icy road, died Tuesday. He was 33.

The Kansas City Chiefs linebacker, who held the NFL record of seven sacks in a single game, went into cardio-respiratory arrest, his doctors said in a statement at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

A shaken Chiefs coach Gunther Cunningham recalled telephoning Thomas at the Miami hospital from the Pro Bowl on Sunday in Hawaii, after seeing players and fans honoring Thomas by wearing his number.

Thomas had played in nine Pro Bowls but was not selected for this year's game.

"Derrick said, 'Coach, be strong.' He never told me how strong I needed to be," Cunningham said.

The Missouri Legislature paused for a moment of silence after Thomas' death was announced by state Sen. Bill Kenney, a former Chiefs quarterback. "Derrick Thomas was a true hero," he said.

Thomas was at the wheel of a car during a snowstorm on Jan. 23 as he and two friends headed to the Kansas City airport to fly to St. Louis to watch the NFC Championship game.

He lost control of the car and it overturned at least three

Police said Thomas was speeding and weaving in traffic, but prosecutor Don Norris said there wasn't enough evidence to file charges

Thomas and passenger Michael Tellis, 49, were not wearing seat belts and were thrown from the vehicle.

Tellis was killed and Thomas' spine and neck were broken. The third person in the car, who was wearing his seat belt, suffered only minor injuries.

Thomas was brought to the hospital in Miami, his hometown, where doctors stabilized his spinal column with screws, rods and hooks and grafted bone from his hip.

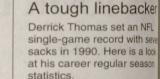
Jackson Memorial is the home of the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, the world's largest spinal cord injury research center, and its surgeons have operated on injured athletes including race car driver Emerson Fittipaldi

An All-American at Alabama, the 6-foot-3, 255-pound Thomas became an immediate star as a pass-rushing specialist after being taken in the first round of the 1989 draft. He was an All-Pro in his first nine seasons and ranked

ninth on the all-time list with 126.5 career sacks. He set the single-game sack record in 1990 in a game

against Seattle. That game was the same week as Veterans Day and

pilot killed in Vietnam



Wednesday, February

Wednesday

rerend 1

stern U

Hale, v

nd anti-S

impus to

e studen

m his V

orthwes

hapter. N

speak o

ganizati

ey have

But in

ctivity fe

ll studen

eir belie

ning the rong to :

he ban na

reedom o

hows a c

to think fo

Unden

Northwest

Cubba

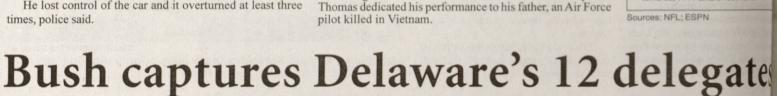
expressed

Hale from

nization.



'89	75	10.0	3
'90	63	20.0	6
'91	79	13.5	4
'92	67	14.5	8
'93	43	8.0	4
'94	86	11.0	6
'95	71	8.0	2
'96	58	13.0	3
'97	55	9.5	3
'98	54	12.0	3
'99	60	7.0	2
		; S-Sacks; I umble recov	



WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) - Republican George W. Bush won Delaware's presidential primary Tuesday and earned a badly needed lift into the next stage of contests, even as chief rival John McCain burnished his insurgent campaign with a solid finish in a

"I think this is a piece of good news that will buoy our supporters," the Texas governor told AP after securing the state's 12 delegates.

McCain gloated over exit polls indicating a strong showing despite his decision to focus on the critical Feb. 19 primary in South Carolina at the expense of Delaware

"It's really got to be remarkable to get these kinds of numbers in a primary in which you didn't even appear in the state," the Arizona senator told reporters. "We never even went there. We didn't spend a penny there."

The results were based on surveys of voters as they left polling precincts by Voter News Service, a consortium of AP and television networks.

McCain attributed his totals to the momentum generated by his shellacking of Bush in New Hamp-



* BUSHIWINS DELEGATES

shire's leadoff primary last week. Exit polls in Delaware supported his theory: Almost half of his supporters decided to vote for him in the week since New Hampshire.

Scores of new voters backed McCain in a primary that was closed to all but registered Republicans, exit polls showed.

Conservative Steve Forbes, who spent more than

CLASS OF 2000

TODAY IS II.

\$60 million on two successive presidential paigns, appeared headed for a disappointing and was sure to be taking stock of his laggingd

certain pe At stake were just a dozen of the 2,066 dec whether se nominating delegates, but Bush and McCair speak sim seeking a taller reward: A lift headed into SouthCr Alan Cub Bush could not afford another loss, and M Northwes

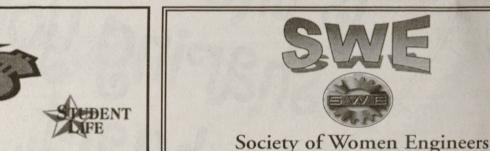
hoped to add to his momentum. In addition to the top three candidates, con tive Alan Keyes was on the ballot, though head campaign here. Gary Bauer, who dropped out of race last week, also was listed. Exit polls showed Bush did best among with

sonal view who are middle class, elderly, conservative and lieve he is likely to win the presidency.

McCain voters tended to be affluent, well-ed ed and self-identified independents and moder who said they were looking for a candidate stands up for what he believes.

Forbes, who has pushed for a flat tax since his is 1996 run, did well among voters who listed tax their top concern.

Forbes won in Delaware four years an gaming 33 ye cent of the vote to beat Bob Dole, the evenual nomination



Bio/Bio Building Rec Center Wed - Fri Wed & Thurs 10:00 - 4:00 3:00 - 9:00 Friday 12:00 - 6:00 Roses for your Valentine... VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL 1 dozen long stem vase ready roses \$49.99 Rose prices starting at \$4.9

Eclips HAIR DESIGN

694-9755

118 WALTON

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Commons

Wed - Fri

11:00 - 6:00

Zachry

Wed

10:00 - 4:00

Langford

Wed - Thurs

10:00 - 4:00

MasterCard

AM.

AN AGGIE TRADITION

1876-2000

FEBRUARY 7-11, 2000

VISA DIICOVER NOIVUS

 $A\Phi\Omega$

MAROON

April Graham

Specializing in

CORPS CUTS

Rudder Fountain

Wed - Fri

10:00 - 5:00

Blocker

Wed - Fri

10:00 - 4:00

Vet Med School

Wed - Fri

9:00 - 4:00

DONATE

American Red Cross

Page 10

•Plants •Stuffed animals by Gundt •Trapp candles



state he ignored.

Botamica Located in a kiosk at Post Oak Mall (near Beall's) 693-1570 Weekdays 10-9 Sunday 10-6 We Deliver !

Free Money! Gender Issues Education Services has applications available for its Educational Enhancement Grant. The purpose of the grant is to support and promote the development of students and to enhance their knowledge of issues related to women and gender differences. Any student at Texas A&M who is currently enrolled or recognized student organization is eligible. Grant requests should not exceed \$250. For more info call Gender Issues Education Services (979)845-1107 or email gies@tamu.edu. Application deadline is February 15, 2000.

General Meeting

When: Wed., February 9th Time: 6:45 p.m. - Free Dessert 7:00 p.m. - General Meeting Where: ENPH 202 Speaker: Lori Long (Texaco)

CRAC detri

In respon column.

his opini What kin ing as a s rewarding who work not rely c These need soc to go on their life: sible in a sexually. bly in the vidual, a free. Giv though i tive. Tha \$200 to

get pregi Is that the kids hoods wi happene responsi get \$200 With the o our yout such a t reaching beneficia ciety, one sponsibi sage. "M don't ap what you The C vide birth

of charge kids of th

I must

We want ALL seniors to be part of the 2000 Aggieland yearbook. Unfortunately, we can't wait forever for all of you to have your picture taken. So here it is — the very last day for you to have your picture taken. If you don't have your picture taken TODAY, you will NOT be in the yearbook. THERE WILL BE NO OTHER EXTENSIONS. Visit AR Photography at 1410 Texas Ave. Open M-F 9-12; 1:30-4.

TODAY IS THE **ABSOLUTELY LAST DAY** TO HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE 2000 AGGIELAND YEARBOOK.

6-10pm

WED. NIGHT

SPECIAL

ONLY @ Bryan Location 3610 S. College (Bryan) 846-4275