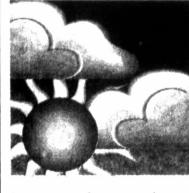
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50¢ DAILY/SUNDAY \$1



Low tonight in mid 30s. High tomorrow in mid 50s. See Page 2 for weather details.

**LEFORS** — The Lefors Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Action items include consideration and approval of policy revisions, the calendar for 1997-98 and consideration of allowing the city access to the bonfire area.

The board also plans to adopt the new teacher appraisal system and adopt a number of text books.

This is an open meeting and the public is encouraged to attend.

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Middle School's Teen Leadership classes are sponsoring a 3 on 3 and free throw basketball tournament on Saturday, March 1, beginning at 8 a.m.

Winners will be awarded trophies and gift certificates

from Hastings. Admission is one dollar and all proceeds will go to the American Heart Associ-

**PAMPA** — The Pampa home Educators' Association recently held its Science Fair for home school students. Winners of the association's science fair include: grades K-2: Taran Roundy, first; Clint Devoll, second; and

Travis Marsh, third. Brian Marsh place first and Coy Devoll placed second in the 6-8 grade division. April Roundy and Sam Roundy tied for first in the 9-12 grade

The Science Fair was held at Pamcel Hall at Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group's Pampa Facility. Celanese chemical engineers Kelly Wallace and Nicole Wallace judged the entries.

### By The Associated Press

Three tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials

The winners will split an estimated \$20 million. The tickets were sold in Dallas, Corpus Christi and Lake Hills.

numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were 3, 9, 12, 28, 36 and

There were 272 tickets purchased matching five of the six numbers, winning \$1,063 each. Matching four of the six numbers were 12,850 tickets, with a prize of \$81 each.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

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# New industrial park area development plans begin

Staff Writer

Plans for developing the new 213-acre industrial park on the east side of town has begun.

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation has retained the services of Webber/Smith engineering firm in Lancaster, Pa., to help develop a master plan of the 213-acre tract. Webber/Smith's project manager, Kevin Boyer, was in Pampa two weeks ago to begin work on the industrial park.

Among items the engineering firm will address are the location of the industrial park, access to and from highways, available utilities at the site and drainage. After considering these items, the engineering firm will then determine the number of businesses the site can accommo-

"This is an excellent location, right in the midst of the food belt," said Boyer.

local industrial park will serve to be a big plus in recruiting businesses to the Pampa area, especially value-added agriculture businesses such as a food processing plant. Because of the strong agriculture ties, it is this type of business the economic district will initially attempt to recruit to the industrial park, with the help of Webber/Smith.

Susan Tripplehorn, project coordinator for the economic district, explains, "We really wanted to key on this company's experience. Our first targets are value-added agricultural firms centered around agriculture. There are so many agricultural products grown in this area and we can add value to them by

local processing. Webber/Smith has a unique advantage with value-added agriculture firms and has worked with companies such as

IBP, Kraft and Nestle. However, agricultural based

nomic district are hoping the the new industrial park is expected to attract. Other related service businesses will also be heavily recruited once a spec building is completed and filled.

. [W]ith 213-acres to fill, we also will be looking at companies whose businesses range from metal fabrication to plas-

tics," said Tripplehorn. Lewis Meers, chairman of the board of directors for the economic district, added, "We expect development of this industrial site to eventually bring more business and lots

more jobs to Pampa. The finalized drawings for the industrial park should be finalized by mid-April, at which time the economic district board can begin development of the prop-

The development of the property is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. The economic district is hoping to begin recruiting of businesses next year after the construction

#### Members of the Pampa eco- businesses are not the only ones of a spec building is finished. Dallas lawmaker sponsors off-beat bills

DALLAS (AP) - In state Rep. Tony Goolsby's perfect world, adolescent body piercing would need a parent's OK, holders of overdue library books could be jailed and college students would play drinking games with ing game. He drank a quart of soda instead of beer.

Overhauling the state's education system it's not. But Goolsby, R-Dallas, says his bills are aimed at improving life a little for the average Texan.

"Not every law has to part the Red Sea," said Goolsby, 54, who is serving his fifth term in the Legislature. "Sometimes it's the little laws that can change our lives the most. These aren't ideas I made up. ... They are issues my constituents brought to me."

Goolsby, who ran unopposed last fall, has introduced legislation this session that would:

 Make it a misdemeanor to arrange, conduct or participate in games where the primary intent is getting drunk. An example is "quarters," where the idea is to bounce a quarter into a glass

**New-look labels** 

labels for over-the-counter drugs.

(🗪) Proposed label design 🖿

Ask a Doctor Before Us

When Using This Product

If You Have:

If You Are

Directions

Children over

Existing label design

DIRECTIONS

WARNINGS

**EACH TABLET CONTAINS** 

**Allergy Tablets** 

Active Ingredient (In Each Tablet)

The Food and Drug Administration is proposing clearer, simpler

or take a drink if you miss.

"I don't have a darn thing against drinking," Goolsby said. "But about three years ago, a young man from one of my schools was involved in a drinkrum and is dead now because of alcohol poisoning. That's serious." Give lawmakers the power to perform weddings.

"This is kind of a personal one, because I've known people over the years who haven't wanted to get married and thought it might be nice if I could marry them. I haven't asked for a hearing for that one yet.'

 Make it illegal for adolescents to have their body pierced without parental consent.

"That came from PTA members who said they were seeing these damn rings all over kids. This bill isn't a joke. Those things can lead to a serious infection.' Make it a misdemeanor.

punishable by up to a \$500 fine, to hold library books more than 10 days past their due date.

Nonpayment of the fine could

lead to an arrest. "You have to realize that libraries lose thousands of dollars of taxpayers' money every year. The goal is to get the books

back – not put people in jail." - Create regulatory commissions to oversee plaster contrac-

tors and geologists. Republican Party chairman Tom Pauken said it is not unusual for lawmakers to support leg-

islation that serves a niche. "If these are things his people are bringing to him as concerns, then it's his job to support those things," Pauken said.

Lisa Payne, Dallas County's Democratic Party chairwoman, said Goolsby's attempts at useful legislation don't represent the needs of many constituents.

"If more people took an active role in government, legislators would get a more accurate picture of what is really important to people," Ms. Payne said. "Some lawmakers only hear from a very vocal few and act on what they want.'

# **Polish Sausage Dinner**



(Pampa Nev/s photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

The Knights of Columbus are preparing for their 46th annual Polish Sausage Dinner. Bennie Rodriguez lends a helping hand by getting the cabbage for the coleslaw ready to feed approximately 1,200 people. The sausage dinner will be served at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Sunday, March 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Marking property could help insurance AUSTIN (AP) - Texas home-

owners and renters could get a break on their insurance policies for marking and photographing their property. Texas Insurance Commission-

er Elton Bomer next month will consider a proposal to allow insurers to offer a 5 percent discount on their property insurance for homeowners and renters who clearly mark property with their driver's license numbers or state identification numbers.

Property too small for permanent marking, such as jewelry, would have to be photographed. Under the proposal, property

owners would have to mark at least six of 12 items listed by the state, including videocassette recorders, stereos, computers, televisions and cameras. They also would have to photograph at least four of eight items identified by the state, including jewelry, silverware, crystal and coin

# FDA wants easier to understand labels for over-the-counter drugs

Americans will no longer have to pull out a magnifying glass drugstore remedy, the governunveiled simpler labels for overthe-counter medicines.

The Food and Drug Administration proposal aims to help consumers tell at a glance how to properly use a nonprescription drug, its side effects and when to see a doctor - information now often buried in fine print and baffling medical jargon. The news was welcome to 86-

year-old Vera Santos of Washington, whose glaucoma makes it difficult to read today's drug "I'd read along and then

everything would blur," she said while shopping in a local drug-"Oh, that's good," she exclaimed, pointing to a sample

of the FDA's new labels. "Yes, that's real good! I can read that with just one eye. It's the same sort of simplified label the FDA put on foods in 1994 to help consumers figure out nutrition, and it comes as Americans are turning to over-

as often as they consult a doctor. Yet until now only a few members of the \$18 billion nonprescription drug industry voluntarily produced easy-to-read instructions

the-counter remedies four times

We definitely think the more

is it for consumers," said Meg Grattan of the Nonprescription and a dictionary to pick the best Drug Manufacturers Association, which supports the FDA proposment said Wednesday as it al. "Nobody wants to read something that looks confusing.' And if Americans don't read

the label, the FDA says, they not only could pick the wrong cold medicine to treat their sniffles, they could be missing vital health warnings. How many patients who take

antidepressants called MAO inhibitors know never to take Robitussin or Dristan nasal decongestants or cough syrups because the mix can kill? Or that mixing the heartburn medicine Tagamet with the prescription epilepsy drug Dilantin is dangerous? Or that aspirin and ibuprofen can cause stomach bleeding, so see a doctor if you have symptoms? 'Nonprescription medicines

can be potent and can have real side effects," said FDA Commissioner David Kessler. "The new OTC drug labels will be clear and concise. Consumers will not have to hunt around for information on the label.

The FDA also ordered companies to use laymen's terms, simply saying "lung," for example, instead of "pulmonary. To illustrate the change, the

FDA bought Rite-Aid brand Tri-A-Phen, a drugstore brand antihistamine and nasal decongestant. Tiny print lists the dose,

user-friendly a label is, the better—side effects and health warnings. In fact, consumers must read 16 lines crammed on the bottle's side before learning people on certain antidepressants should not use Tri-A-Phen.

The FDA put a sample label on the bottle that says upfront and in larger print, color-coded to catch consumers' attention: "Do Not Use" if you take those antidepressants and "Ask a Doctor Before Use" if you have heart disease, high blood pressure or other diseases the drug could affect.

Smaller sections list the active ingredients and the symptoms they relieve, so people with a runny nose and cough will know the remedy is appropriate. "Stop using this product," the label warns, if side effects like dizziness, fever or a persistent headache occur.

A few companies beat the FDA to the simpler labels, saying it makes good marketing sense. Thompson Medical Co. was

first, relabeling a hemorrhoid medication in 1995 to highlight a health warning - don't use Hemorid if you also take blood pressure medicine – that had been buried in fine print. The heartburn medicine Pepcid AC went an extra step, offering an illustrated insert explaining just what heartburn is and five ways to avoid it without drugs - information patients would get if they went to a doctor instead of opting for over-the-counter relief.

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# Daily Record

## **Services** tomorrow

**HUGHES**, Mary F. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel,

### **Obituaries**

MARY F. HUGHES

Mary F. Hughes, 64, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1997, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

Mrs. Hughes was born Nov. 4, 1932, at Ardmore, Okla. She married Thomas B. Hughes Jr. on Sept. 25, 1958, at Hale Center; he died April 20, 1990. She had been a Pampa resident since 1977, moving from Plainview.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by two sons, Todd Hughes, on March 3, 1987, and Terry Hughes, in May of 1991.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Joe McMahan of Groom; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas B. and Roseann Hughes III of Elk City, Okla., and Tony Kris and Krista Hughes of Clarendon; four sisters, Leta McAnally, Tommie Ann Shannon, Turlene Reed and Jackie Sue Harrell, all of Plainview; a brother, Glen Noland of Keller; 11 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association, Potter Randall Chapter, P.O. Box 50433, Amarillo, TX 79159.

**IOHN CHARLES MEYERS** John Charles Meyers, 84, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1997. Memorial graveside services will be scheduled at a later time. The body was cremated. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Meyers was born Nov. 8, 1912, at Brackenridge, Pa. He married Lois Lane Shelton; she preceded him in death on May 29, 1996. He had been a Pampa resident since 1938 and had worked for Kerr-McGee Oil Company, retiring after 30 years of service. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving in the Pacific during World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Dianna Louise Isley of San Diego, Calif.; a son-in-law, Floyd Isley of San Diego; and a grandson, Bryan Isley of Rapid City, S.D.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle or Alzheimer's Association. ROBERT W. PHIPPS

SHAMROCK - Robert W. "Bob" Phipps, 80, of San Angelo, a former Shamrock resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1997. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Shamrock Cemetery with the Rev. Joe Jernigan officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo.

Mr. Phipps was born at Shamrock. He was an auctioneer at Producers Livestock for 20 years. Survivors include his wife, Lucy Phipps; a daughter, Lee Cavness of Bangs, three sons, Bugs Phipps of Kremlin, Okla, Barney Sherman of Shamrock and Chris Dunaway of Brownwood; a stepdaughter. Florence Mullins of Irving, two

grandchildren

#### ELIZABETH EMILY SCHULER MILFORD Del - Eurapern Emili Schuler 85

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# Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of East Browning

Theft of prescription shoe inserts and Nike shoes valued at \$505 was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles.

Forgery was reported at the Gas Man on high-

A runaway was reported from the 600 block of Buckler. The runaway was reportedly last seen at Pampa High School.

A sexual assault was reported in the 600 block of North Christy. An indecency with a child incident was report-

ed in the 400 block of Russell. Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of Williston. Approximately \$60 damage

was done to the door window of a house.

# Sheriff's Office

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

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26

Arrests Billy Glenn Brown, 33, Skellytown, was arrested on three bad check warrants. He was released to pay fines later

Johnny Cordell Nix, 32, McLean, was arrested on a charge of theft over \$1500. He remains in custody. Luis Gerardo Acosta, 37 White Deer, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicted, second offense; no driver's license; and four Hemphill County DPS warrants. He remains in custody.

Marten David Smitt, 41, Seminole, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, first offense. He remains in custody.

#### **Accidents**

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents for the 24-hour-period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**WEDNESDAY**, Feb. 24

A 1982 Chevy Impala driven by Sandy Kay Bowen, 30, 1031 N. Sumner, and a 1990 Oldsmobile Cierra driven by Peggy Lamb Kindle, 57, 2109 N. Christy, collided in the 1000 block of North Sumner. Bowen was cited for failure to yield right of way from a private drive.

A 1996 GMC Suburban driven by Nancy Gorman Tanner, 31, 2714 Cherokee, and a 1995 Cadillac Brougham driven by Paul Douglas Carmichael, 46, 2354 Chestnut, collided at the intersection of Browning and West. Tanner was cited for failure to yield right of way at stop sign.

#### Ambulance

Columbia Medical Center.

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26

5:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of West and Browning on a motor vehicle accident. No one was transported. 5:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the

stepsons. Bill Houston of California and Craig 2100 block of Hamilton on a fire assist. No Stift of Arizona 10 grandchildren and two great- injuries were reported. No one was transported. 9:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident. Two patients were transported to

# Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26

1:15 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel

responded to 2306 Christine on a good intent. 1:26 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to 2200 Hamilton on a propane fire. Leaking hose on a barbecue grill was burning. No damage was reported.

9:40 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at Hobart

# **Stocks**

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# Rain adds to flood worries along Illinois River

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Residents in this flood; removed residents of text. Service officials said. Flood stage town along the Illinois River is.

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Central Illinois towns farther down river – such as Liverpool, and and several houses. The way is adenticated automotive down river – such as Liverpool, 40 miles to the southwest – also steady rain, however, was abled what ever like river hasn't face several more days of rising reached him set but he's keeping, water.

packed up and moved out of the With this rain, we could put closed some roads near the river town of 150 because they expect another mark on the wall," he but say few homes have been

dent Larry Belless spent The Illinois River, which rose to Banner Marsh wildlife area Wednesday repairing a makeshirt 25 il feet at Peoria this morning, is because of concerns a levee

from a the grants overing a Monday, National Weather

County disaster officials have damaged so far. Also closed is the

# **CTM** honor



Robert Ellison III is the most recent member of Pampa's Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers Toastmasters to receive his CTM (competent Toastmaster) certification. To receive this honor, Ellison has had to prepare and present ten speeches to the club.

# **Big Macs may** cost 55 cents

CHICAGO (AP) - They're thinking of lowering the price of Big Macs, and that has Wall Street lowering the price of

McDonald's Corp. plans to lower prices for some of its large sandwiches, including the Big Mac, to just 55 cents with the purchase of a drink and fries, franchisees revealed Wednesday.

The move takes aim at competitors such as Wendy's International and Burger King, which have been luring customers away with cheaper fare.

Wall Street braced for a price war that could send profits plunging. McDonald's stock fell 75 cents this morning to \$44.62 1/2 a share after plunging \$2.37 1/2 or about 5 percent Wednesday.

Burger King and Wendy's said they don't plan to slash prices, but they may be forced to do so to stay competitive, said analyst Allan Hickok at Piper Jaffray in Minneapolis.

"If 55 cents ends up being the price point that sticks then I can guarantee you the other fast-feeders will have an item at 55 cents,' Hickok said. "Otherwise, they will see a lot of their customers in competitors' parking lots."

McDonald's probably will be taking a loss on Big Macs. The cost of the ingredients alone two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions on a sesame seed bun – is about 40 cents.

## Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, mostly cloudy with a ow in the mid 30s and southerly winds 10-20 mph. Friday, varimid 50s with southerly winds 20-30 mph and gusty. received 0.06 inch of moisture in a.m. today.

**REGIONAL FORECAST** 

windy. Highs 55-60.

program funds should be employment offices. North Texas – Tonight, mostly erwise mostly cloudy and breezy. cloudy. Lows 45 to 48. Friday, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of rain or thunderstorms central

scattered showers. High in the ing clouds becoming cloudy. Lows near 50. Friday, cloudy from around 30 to mid 30s. upper 60s to near 70 coast, low to 40s to near 60 elsewhere. Friday, partly cloudy with a mid 70s inland. Coastal Bend and and drizzle in the morning, oth- low 60s.

Labor will be issuing \$3.9 billion (JTPA) and the Wagner-Peyser States will share \$895 million

how the funds are distributed to

the Job Training Partnership Act

Factors such as size of the civil-

grants for employment and train- Act. ing programs. The grants serve as the foundation for the nation's for services for disadvantaged network of job training programs adults and others who face sigand public employment offices to nificant employment barriers serve job-seekers, dislocated and \$126.7 million for yearworkers, disadvantaged adults round programs for disadvan-

Synagogue bomb suspect

An Orthodox Jew charged with it wasn't until nine days later that planting a bomb in a synagogue it was found. Children attending

was under a suicide watch today way behind the temple's sanctu-

Shapiro, 31, had just returned the Jacksonville Sheriff's office,

restraint chair for two hours security spokesman Andy Laine

The caller identified himself as ed to intimidate supporters of

"the American fringe of Islamic peace with the Arabs, not kill

Pampa Workforce Commission

reviews how to use grant funds

The Pampa Workforce Com- released immediately so commu-

mission Office hopes to nities can begin planning their

which will be used to fund sum- ian labor force, the unemploy-

mer youth jobs programs, dis-ment rate and the proportion of

placed workers programs and economically disadvantaged citi-

other employment and training zens in the state will determine

announce by the end of March summer youth work force.

agencies.

The bomb did not explode, and

a luncheon discovered it in a hall-

Federal and local authorities,

as well as Asraeli security, had

searched the center after receiv-

ing the threat, and officials dis-

agreed over who was to blame

The State Department asked

local police to only search areas

where Peres was expected to be,

Mark Bowen, assistant chief of

State Department diplomatic

denied that local authorities were

told to limit their search and said

there may have been a miscom-

munication between the two

peace with Palestinians, lost his

re-election bid last May. His pre-

decessor, Yitzhak Rabin, was

assassinated by an Orthodox Jew

who opposed the peace process.

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Peres, who led efforts to make

told The New York Times.

for not finding it.

tries to kill himself in jail

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) -

before a speech by Shimon Peres

his wrists with his teeth and a

Officers at the Duval County

jail found Harry Shapiro in his

isolation cell Tuesday trying to

slash his wrists, according to jail

records obtained by The Florida

Times-Union. The metal clasp

was from an ID wristband given

from a visit to the prison psychi-

atrist. Officers put him in a

before he was returned to his

Shapiro, a former kosher

butcher and rabbinical student,

was ordered held on \$1 million

bail Wednesday on charges he

planted a pipe bomb and called

in a bomb threat at the

Jacksonville Jewish Center on

Feb. 13, the day the former Israeli

prime minister spoke to about

the amount of the federal grant

Nationwide, the Department of

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taged youth. The 1997 appropriation for the This year's funding for the summer jobs program reverses summer youth employment program restores funding to just Timothy Barnicle, assistant sec- above the 1995 levels. The sumretary for employment and train- mer jobs program provides pubing said, "In today's competitive lic sector jobs for low income

labor market, it is critical for youth between the ages of 14 and workers to have access to job- 21. Participants learn the work search assistance and training, ethic, as well as specific job relatand it is equally important for ed skills. Many participants are state and local providers to have given the opportunity to improve information on funding levels so their basic reading, math and they can plan for the delivery of communication skills. Texas will receive \$73.5 million

Most grants will be available for adult training, \$72.9 million

beginning July 1, 1997, and will for summer youth, \$10.8 million fund programs which will run for youth training, \$81. 3 million for dislocated workers and \$50.6 Summer youth employment million to fund the public

Highs in the 70s.

**BORDER STATES** 

New Mexico - Winter storm warning tonight and Friday South Texas - Hill Country and northern and western mounable cloudiness with a chance for South Central: Tonight, increas-tains, northeast highlands, Sandia/Manzano mountains and northwest plateau. Winter with a chance of drizzle in the storm watch tonight and Friday Wednesday's high was 35; the morning. Mostly cloudy to partly south central mountains. overnight low was 22. Pampa cloudy in the afternoon with a 20 Tonight and Friday, snow likely percent chance of showers. Highs mountains and northwest with the 24-hour period ending at 6 near 70. Upper Coast: Tonight, locally heavy snow possible. cloudy with a chance of fog and Chance for mainly rain showers drizzle. Lows in the 50s. Friday, east and south. Lows upper West Texas - Panhandle: chance of morning fog and driz- teens to low 30s mountains and Ionight, mostly cloudy with zle, otherwise mostly cloudy north, 30s to low 40s south. chance of showers, possibly light with a chance of showers and a Highs upper 20s to low 40s snow in northern regions. Lows few thunderstorms. Highs in mountains and north with upper

Oklahoma – Tonight, mostly chance of showers. Highs from Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, cloudy. Lows from upper 30s to low 50s to near 60. South Plains: mostly cloudy. Chance of fog and mid 40s. Friday, mostly cloudy Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows 35- drizzle late. Lows in the 50s, near and windy. A slight chance of 45. Friday, mostly cloudy and 60 coast. Friday, chance of fog showers. Highs in mid 50s to

# City briefs

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"I've used his counter pretty often, and he's a nice man ...," said Nancy Vigil, a customer at Albertson's check-out counter, manned by retiring Joyce Moler, after serving in the grocery business for 45 years and the past 13 years in the same location with Furrs and Albertsons.

# Forty-five year veteran of grocery business retires from Albertson's

**By SHERRY CROMARTIE** Staff Writer

After 45 years, Joyce Moler is retiring to "do what I want to do," which includes visiting with Stores since it took over the Furrs and Karen Hedrick and her husold coffee buddies or playing a store here in 1991. round or two of golf. He is retir-

ing from the grocery business.
"I've got a lot of coffee drinking buddies in town, and I am looking forward to meeting with Carey. them to just visit and drink coffee, and I just might get a little more serious about playing golf," he said.

Moler's last day to work at Albertson's check out counter is the store.

ing to his wife, Yvonne Moler, We really hate to lose him.' who holds the office of District Clerk in the Gray County o'clock every morning," said Courthouse. At that time, Moler Moler. was just looking into new

Most all of his working life has been associated with groceries in automation and computers ...," one way or another, because he also was a distributor for the Frito-Lay Company once. He first he worked for Ideal Grocery for favorite department was in the purchases. four years in Perryton and in drug department and working

In Pampa, Moler served as ever that was his responsibility.

when it was located on Brown three children, including Ronnie,

ly been good to me through all Mahomet (Champaign), Ill. these years," said Moler, talking with his store director, Maxwell

Albertsons in 1993 and has junior year," Moler said. worked closely with Moler. He employee and representative of

Joyce is good people," he said. Moler and his family moved to "He's good with customers and

options. He went to work for the that the grocery business has enjoys working with his fellow IGA grocery store here in Pampa changed a great deal in the past employees. several years. "There's a lot of changes due to

Moler said he has held a spot in with general merchandise, when-

Street (where Franks is now), he who lives in Amarillo and is the said. He later took a position with father of one son; Kenneth Wayne Furrs Grocery in 1984. He has and his wife, Pam, of Pampa, been associated with Albertsons who are parents of four children; band, Barry, who are parents of "The grocery business has real- four children and live in

"One of those granddaughters is living with us for now, however. She's attending Pampa High Carey came to Pampa's School and is a cheerleader in her

Brooke favored staying here in praised him as being a good Pampa, since being picked as a cheerleader, to stay with her friends and finish out her high school years.

"Her activities will probably Pampa in the fall of 1956, accord- he's good with other employees. add a little more action to her grandfather's retirement days," "Well, I did try to be here by 6 suggested a co-worker standing nearby.

He says he has enjoyed all of Both men agreed, however, his duties as a grocery man and

"I will certainly miss these (people) I've worked with these years, and I will miss seeing my regular customers," Moler said.

Most of his customers like for about every grocery department him to wait on them and they, started with United Grocery in those stores, except maybe the too, will miss seeing him quick Stores in Sayre, Oklahoma, and meat department. He said his and ready to check their grocery

"I've used his counter pretty often, and he's a nice man," said Nancy Vigil as she was paying for

#### Joyce and Yvonne have raised her groceries Tuesday of this week. manager of the Ideal Grocery Committee considers 'safe schools' legislation

Education Committee.

The measure by Education pus. Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, is meant to weighed by the need to allow strengthen a law decreeing "zero tolerance" for drugs, alcohol and disruptive behavior on campus. Bivins said there have been alter-The bill was approved native programs set up even in Wednesday by the committee counties that aren't required to and goes to the full Senate for have them.

consideration. Bivins acknowledged that his superintendents come to me and

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expel students for misdemeanor because smaller counties aren't drug and alcohol offenses under required to have juvenile justice a bill approved by the Senate alternative education programs for students expelled from cam-

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AUSTIN (AP) - Schools could being expelled "to the streets," for drugs and alcohol on campus, why is it that you have prevented us from being able to expel students that are in possession of these controlled substances?" said Bivins.

Current law calls for expulsion of students for felony drug and alcohol violations.

The bill was among several approved by the Education Committee to adjust the safe schools provision of the 1995 education overhaul, which allows teachers to remove violent or disruptive students from their classrooms for placement in alternative education programs.

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# Carson reviews water pipeline proposal

**By SHERRY CROMARTIE** Staff Writer

Kent Satterwhite met with Carson County commissioners in their regular session Monday to discuss the installation of a 52-inch water line in the northwest portion of the county.

The line will carry well water from Roberts County fields to an existing line which is already in place in Carson County.

"The Canadian River Water Authority at Fritch is pumping water from Roberts County fields into an existing line that runs through Carson County. This water will be mixed with Lake Meredith water through the line that comes through the county, as well as into Borger and Amarillo," explained County Judge Jay Roselius.

Roselius said this proposal for the installation of the water line will not affect the existing water supply for residents of Panhandle and county homes H project pens. using the city's water wells.

White said the line (which will run through the from the First Bank and Trust of White Deer. county) services several other towns in the Panhandle and southern region around the amount of \$1,000,000, released and replaced with Plainview, Lubbock and Lamesa area.

More specific details on the proposed pipeline way and water rights will be presented to the court for further review.

A brief discussion concerning compliance with the anti-drug and alcohol program testing for the county ing is Monday, March 10.

was held. Commissioner Mike Britten will give his report in the next session concerning what action the county should take in order to stay in compliance.

The recent fire destruction caused to the First Baptist Church in Panhandle left brick and concrete materials needed to be disposed of, and commissioners agreed to allow the materials to be hauled to a pit located approximately four miles east of the church site, in order that the church lots can be cleared for future construction.

Commissioners acknowledged and approved the recent hiring of Chief Jailer/Deputy Gary Robinson, setting his salary at \$20,781.72 per year. Commissioners also approved the hiring of Roneen Durst as a regular part-time custodian, setting the salary at \$7,557.30 per year.

In other matters of the court, commissioners voted to approve:

 A guard light to be located at the White Deer 4-The release of \$341,342 of safekeeping receipts

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another security of like value; and · Designation of Commissioners Jerry Strawn

plan and further discussion concerning rights-of- and Kevin Howell to attend the annual West Texas County Judges and Commissioners' Conference in Wichita Falls Mar. 12-14.

Roselius said the next commissioners court meet-

# Torricelli tips scales against budget agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) - The balanced budget amendment, has until next Tuesday, the proba-acknowledged that "the only the first and foremost priority of ble date of a final vote, to change way we are going to win is if a the Republican Congress this somebody's mind, but the chief couple more Democrats realize year, appears headed for defeat. Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J.,

ended days of suspense Wednesday when he announced that he couldn't accept the Republican version because he thought it left the nation too vulnerable in times of military or economic crisis.

supporters needed Torricelli to get the 67 votes, or two-thirds majority, needed for passage. Without him, the amendment could face the same fate it met two years ago, when a balanced budget amendment was defeated by one vote in the Senate.

Judiciary Committee Chairman find a way to do it." Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, showed little bring another Democrat on board.

The GOP-crafted bill "is the by eleven of the 45 Democrats. only bipartisan amendment that has a chance of passage," he said. ilar amendment when he was a The last undeclared senator, the amendment. This has been ago, said the Republican version worked out over the years."

without elaborating, he had "a budget calculations.

The Republican leadership still couple other ideas," but also sponsor of the bill, Senate that it is the right thing to do and

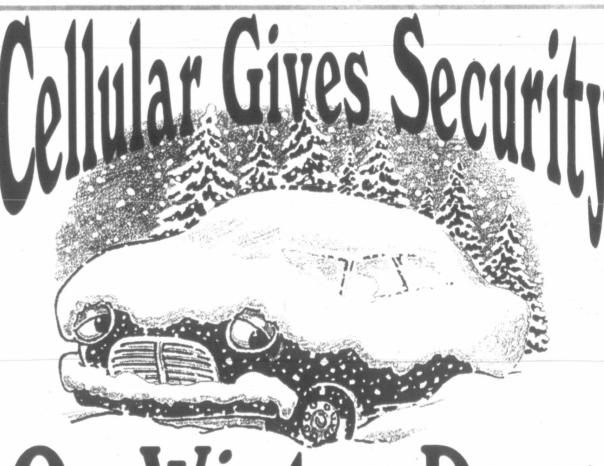
All 55 Republicans in the Senate interest in making concessions to have come out in favor of the amendment. They have been joined

Torricelli, who voted for a sim-There's no way we can change member of the House two years makes it too tough to waive the Senate Majority Leader Trent balanced budget requirement for Lott, R-Miss. also said his party economic hardship or military would probably not make con- threats. He also pressed for a cessions on Social Security, the separate capital budget for longissue cited by many Democrats term investments that would not opposing the measure. He said, go into year-by-year balanced



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# **Opinion**

# O.J. case polluted by race and fame

Perhaps the best metaphor for O.J. Simpson's encounters with the court system was the freeway chase that launched the extravaganza. A long, weirdly languid flight down corridors lined with gawkers. Such was Simpson's trip in the white Bronco, chauffeured by Al Cowlings into the waiting arms of the law

And such was the saga of O.J. in the court system, particularly in the criminal case, where proceedings meandered at a surrealistic saunter, slowed by a star-struck judge's indulgence of unsubstantiated claims by attorneys determined to make the police, not

the accused, the defendant. This supposedly O.J.-hating police department was the same one whose officers worked desperately to keep O.J. from killing himself during the Bronco escapade - but never mind that inconsistency. Judge Lance Ito certainly didn't when he allowed the

criminal trial to become a trial of law enforcement. The civil trial did not degenerate similarly. Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki insisted it was O.J.'s alleged actions what were at issue – that unless real proof of police shenanigans could be offered, such claims would not be allowed to hijack the bulk of the proceedings. And no TV to induce strutting and preening and windiness

by the assembled J.D.s Fujisaki's ability to keep things focused may account for the different outcome - a unanimous verdict for the plaintiffs. But perhaps more significantly, the judge demonstrated that a courtroom needn't become a big top and in so doing did the justice system a

Among the preparations for the reading of the verdict was a police deployment - another reminder of how race framed so

many people's perceptions of the Simpson story A powerful lesson of the saga is the poison that flows from raceconsciousness, another argument - if we may digress, though it's really not a digression - against government policies that encourage people to view themselves primarily as black, brown or white, rather than as human beings and as Americans.

One of the earliest and most dubious decisions in this case may have been made with race in mind. The district attorney chose to try the case downtown, before a more racially mixed jury than was likely among O.I.'s genuine peers on the west side, where he

lived and where the crime was committed. That choice may have given the die a dangerous cast from the first. How much more healthy for all of us if the Simpson proceedings could have been viewed from the outset as trials of an individual, not a black individual. And not of a celebrity, but of a man

answerable to the law along with the rest of us. Perhaps the civil-case jury understood this. In any case, the rest of us should take away from this long, strange saga a resolve to view all life through eyes unclouded by considerations of color or fame.

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# A balanced budget shell game

Most politicians would rather be caught in bed with a dead girl or a live boy than be accused of tampering with Social Security. That explains why a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution, which once looked like a certainty, now has almost no chance of passage. Democrats and Republicans alike have managed to divert attention from the real issue to a transparently phony one.

Opponents of a simple balanced-budget amendment, which include President Clinton, say it would harm retirees by allowing Social Security surpluses to be used to offset deficits elsewhere in the budget. Republican Rep. Elton Gallegly of California says counting the trust fund would be

North Dakota's Democratic Sen. Byron Dorgan savs such a "misuse" would violate "a solemn promise: This tax taken from your paycheck goes into a trust fund to be used for only one purpose, and that is to fund the Social Security system." The critics say the amendment would encourage Congress to cut retirement benefits to pay for tax cuts and other programs at the expense of the elderly.

They propose an alternative version that excludes Social Security from deficit calculations. For many members of Congress, this option has an extra attraction: It has no chance of enactment, since it would force Congress to come up with another \$465 billion in spending cuts or tax increases between now and 2002. So there will be no need to make the unpleasant choices that our lawmakers have been dodging for an entire generation. The opponents have found a clever way to gull voters into accepting a continuing tide of



#### Stephen Chapman

nents are playing a shell game, hoping voters won't be able to detect their sleight of hand. The fears they have for Social Security are unfounded, and their solution would protect only fiscal indis-

First of all, excluding Social Security would create a loophole big enough to drive a \$300 billion deficit through. If Social Security is exempt from the balanced-budget requirement, everything will be Social Security. Any program with any remote benefit to the elderly can easily be renamed. "Housing, national health care, highways will be treated as Social Security," says Heritage Foundation budget expert Daniel Mitchell. We would end up with a "balanced" budget that drives us ever deeper into debt.

The exclusion is billed as a way to prevent looting of the trust fund, but its actual effect would be zero. Right now, the retirement fund is running a surplus every year. The surplus is "invested" in government bonds – in other words, it is lent to the Treasury, which uses the borrowed money to pay for other government programs. Once it is excluded from the budget, the surplus will still be lent to the Treasury. Dorgan says Social Security But the public shouldn't be fooled. The oppotaxes should never be used except to pay Social

Security benefits. But his proposal does nothing to prevent that.

The ostensible reason we are running a surplus is to build up a reserve that can be used to pay benefits when the baby-boom generation retires. Dorgan and Co. say the original balanced-budget amendment would deplete that reserve, seriously endangering future benefits. Nonsense. The "reserve" consists of government bonds. These are nothing more than IOUs, which cannot be repaid unless future taxpayers are willing. When the Baby Boomers retire, taxes will have to rise to pay their benefits: That's true whether Social Security runs a surplus today or not.

The opponents insist that excluding Social Security from the amendment would shield it from politicians eager to starve Grandma so they can hand out goodies to special interests. Since Congress wouldn't be able to reduce the deficit by cutting Social Security benefits, those benefits would be as safe as the gold in Fort Knox.

This argument is neat, simple and hopelessly naive. What it overlooks is that if Congress can't use the surplus to balance the budget, it can always get rid of the surplus by cutting payroll taxes - then raise taxes an equivalent amount elsewhere to pay for the programs it wants. It could also cut benefits to allow even deeper cuts in the payroll tax, which would permit additional tax increases to finance spending that doesn't help the elderly. The protection for Social Security would soon turn out to be no protection at all.

The opponents of the original amendment take the politically easy position of saying that the Constitution shouldn't require the budget to be balanced at the expense of the elderly. What they mean is that the Constitution shouldn't require the budget to be balanced at the expense of anyone.

# Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 1997. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Twenty-five years ago, on Feb. 27, 1972, President Nixon and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai issued the Shanghai Communique at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China,

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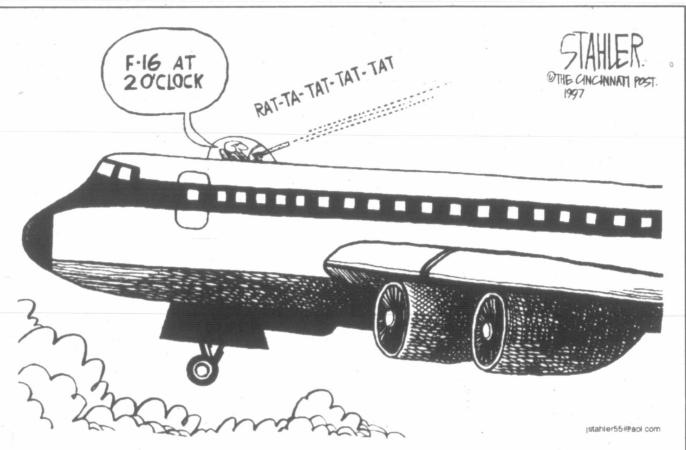
In 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland,

In 1861, in Warsaw, Russian troops fired on a crowd protesting Russian rule over Poland; five

marchers were killed.

In 1922, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, caught fire. The Nazis, blaming the Communists, used the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties.



# Establish a pay-as-you-go plan

Allowing the government to invest Social Security funds in the stock market is another bad

First, of course, is the problem that there is no money to invest. The "surplus" is taken by Congress every year, spent on operational matters wisely would yield a better retirement, it is cerand replaced with government bonds.

Second, government has a poor record as an

Third, the stock market will crash sooner or later. It is the nature of the beast. Most of the current "value" of stocks is merely psychological, and psychology can change overnight. Long term it will go back up, but people in their 70s and 80s who need a monthly income are not by nature

long term folks. The really sensible approach is to make Social Security a pay-as-you-go program right now and get rid of this fraudulent idea of a trust fund, which has no funds and which nobody trusts. That would involve a substantial tax cut right now because the present tax rate generates far more money than is needed to pay benefits. It would also, however, involve a commitment by Congress to raise taxes to whatever rate it takes in

the future to meet the obligations. Coupled with a pay-as-you go system should be a provision for people to opt out. Well-off folks don't need Social Security. But opt-out provisions should be carefully crafted. While it's probably true that the same amount of money invested

tainly true that lots of folks don't have the smarts

**Charley Reese** 

or the discipline to make private investments. The much quoted figure of 36 million Americans without medical insurance surely includes millions who could afford medical insurance but choose not to buy it. Well, you say, let that. them suffer the consequences. But it wouldn't work that way.

Responsible people would suffer the consequences because large numbers of indigent people would run to Congress asking for help. And Congress, always a soft touch with other people's money, would help them.

It would seem prudent then to require, as a condition for opting out, proof of a private investment plan with some provision to verify it every so often. If people cash in their retirement plan, then they should be put back into Social Security with no further opportunity to opt out.

Finally, Congress should squarely address the issue of creating a sound money and credit system. As it is, Congress grants cost-of-living increases as an excuse not to deal with monetary inflation. This has contributed to the bloat of the federal budget, federal deficit and federal debt.

To do all of that, Congress will have to knock heads with the bankers, and nobody has been willing to do that since Andy Jackson went home to Tennessee. Jackson, unlike contemporary politicians, was not one to mince words.

As he prepared to veto a bill renewing the national bank (a forerunner of the present day central bank), he told some bankers who came to argue with him, "You are a den of vipers and thieves, and I intend to rout you out. And by the eternal God, I will rout you out." And he did just

As one of Old Hickory's friends remarked, When Andy starts talking about hanging someone, you might as well go get the rope

Since Bill Clinton has turned our White House into a bed and breakfast for his big money contributors, you needn't expect such honesty and courage from him. With a few exceptions, there's not a lot of courage to be found in the House or Senate. Those folks exhale so much hot air that if someone closed all the doors and windows, the Capitol building would probably rise up off its foundations and float away on the jet stream.

The point is that, as irresponsible as politicians tend to be, it's a whole lot better to rely on them for your retirement than it is to rely on the Wall Street sharks.

The sharks know what they are doing, and they aren't in the business of compassion or being a soft touch for a starving widow.

# Berry's World



# Dreaming of the Brooklyn Dodgers I had the most agreeable dream the other

evening It had been a busy day, and I had not had the time to read the pleasurable parts of the newspaper until just before I went to bed. The last image saw before turning out the light was a story neadlined, "O'MALLEY IS SELLING headlined,

It wasn't long before I was deep into Part One of my reverie. (You probably didn't know this, but writers tend to dream in chapters.) I was reading a headline that said, "Mystery Investor Buys Dodgers, Will Move Team Back to Brooklyn."

My pulse quickened. I read on. This moneyed man, it turned out, had spent many glorious afternoons as a child at Ebbets Field. He had idolized people by the name of Campanella, Furillo and Robinson. Now he was buying the Dodgers and turning them over to a nonprofit corporation, shares of which would be offered to the public

dividends, and profits would be plowed back into the team. Shares could not be sold except back to the corporation. The team would be run by an executive committee, which would hire an operations director, who would hire managers the fans who cherish and support them.

and negotiate with players. Hmm, said I, this sounds similar to the been operating for 75 years. The Packers are a safe bet to stay in Green Bay forever, and they hasn't some baseball brain or interested the notion in a hurry.



Joseph Spear

observer thought of public ownership before? Well, some interested observers have. In July 1990, New York governor Mario Cuomo suggested that the state or the city of New York buy the Yankees. It would be a "great investment," he said. And a columnist by the name of Spear has been touting several public ownership ideas since September 1989.

Baseball teams are important civic institu-There were a few provisos. There would be no tions, much too vital to the general sanity to be entrusted to the buffoons, bean counters, unbalanced personalities, moguls, cowboys, pizza makers and car dealers who currently own and a sign said "Abused Managers Department." them. They should be owned and controlled by There are many problems associated with the

proposal, of course, not the least of which are manner in which the Green Bay Packers have the rules the owners have against public ownership. It is "inefficient," they say. Back in 1989, San Diego Padres owner Joan Kroc suggested have the most loyal fans in America. Why the team be given to the city. The owners nixed

Well anyway, back to Part One of my dream. The idea of bringing the Dodgers back to Brooklyn proved wildly popular, and the citizens lined up for many blocks to buy shares. Back in California, the Disney people stepped forward and urged forsaken fans not to fret. Disney would build a BallWorld, they said, with plastic grass and plastic bleacher seats with plastic splinters

and out-of-work actors selling plastic hot dogs.

In Part Two of my dream, I saw a walled-off compound with a sign over the entrance that said "Owners' Purgatory." Inside were many men engaged in sweaty labor and sleeping on mats of artificial turf. Among them were Walter O'Malley, the man who took the Dodgers to Los Angeles in 1958 and eventually turned them over to his son, Peter; Calvin Griffith, who moved the Washington Senators to Minnesota in 1961; and Bob Short, who moved another Senators team to Texas in 1971.

In Part Three of my dream, I followed the shuffles of a hunchback who left the steamy owners' purgatory every day and climbed a few ladders to a level where the sun shone and flowers bloomed There sat men by the name of Yogi and Billy and Bucky. The old man waited on them, bringing fruit and confections and occasionally getting down on his hands and knees to polish their

At one point, the geezer turned toward me and saw it was George Michael Steinbrenner III, and I snuggled down and fell into as peaceful a slumber as I've had in many a night.

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# Texans donated to DNC following coffee

heeled Texans pumped more than \$157,000 into guests said this week. Democratic Party coffers in the six weeks after they sipped coffee and chatted with President Party raised \$27 million from 350 people who Clinton in the White House Map Room.

The Texas coffee klatsch, attended by for-nies that were represented there. mer Gov. Dolph Briscoe, Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro and other party activists, was one of more than 100 coffees held at the White House in the last two years.

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Clinton readily acknowledged Wednesday that he hoped the coffees and other meetings with potential donors would result in contributions. But he denied any illegal solicitation tributed last year. Those figures don't include of money and told reporters there was "no price tag on the events."

Documents released this week by the White House - which place Clinton at the center of an all-out fund-raising push – show the Aug. 23 Texas gathering was scheduled because goals in Texas.

In a July 14, 1996 memo to White House the event. officials, Clinton campaign manager Peter Knight said Texas party officials were \$2 million short of their goals. The coffee, shoeraising schedule, was projected to bring in since then.

Over the past two years, the Democratic attended the White House sessions or compa-

An Associated Press review of soft-money contributions - which donors can make without limit to political parties - shows that eleven of the 21 guests at the Texas coffee contributed \$743,000 over the last two years to

the Democratic Party. The bulk of that money, \$591,400, was conthe hundreds of thousands of dollars more given directly to individual campaigns by the

Houston trial lawyer Lee Godfrey, who gave \$50,000 to the Democratic National Committee nine days before the coffee and the party wasn't meeting its fund-raising another \$10,000 a month later, said there was "absolutely" no fund-raising pitch linked to

Texans and their families.

"Nobody said 'Give us X dollars' or that sort of thing," Godfrey said Wednesday. "I had given money to the Democratic Party for Rodham Clinton also made a fund-raising horned into Clinton's already crowded fund- a long time before that and quite a few times

No solicitation was made in advance or at pant, Houston lawyer Arthur Schechter, in August.

WASHINGTON (AP) - A handful of well- the coffee, Knight and some of the Texas acknowledged that being invited for coffee with the president isn't likely to prove a fund-raising deterrent.

"There was a big push to get money in," said Schechter, who was finance chairman for the Clinton campaign and DNC in Texas. But, he added, "We never, never, never made a quid pro quo for any invitation to the White House."

After the events, he acknowledged, "I'm sure that all of these people, especially those who hadn't given any money, were contacted and asked for money - but not as a quid pro quo for going and having coffee with the president."

Schechter contributed \$62,400 to the party in the last two years, including \$30,000 two weeks before the coffee and \$1,400 two weeks after. The invitation came "days" before the event, he recalled.

It's no surprise that Texas contributors were giving money in the period surrounding the coffee, Schechter said, noting that Clinton attended major fund raisers in Houston in June and September. Hillary swing through Texas that summer and Texas party activists were asked to raise \$400,000 Godfrey and a fellow coffee klatsch partici- for the president's birthday gala in New York

# Pampan crowned WT prince

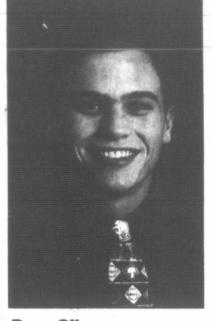
CANYON - Ryan Gibson, a freshman animal science major from Pampa, was crowned Prince at the West Texas A&M University All-University Formal Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, at the Ambassador Hotel Amarillo.

Katy Huffaker, a sophomore marketing major from was Tahoka, crowned Princess.

Gibson is the son of Mark and Jan Gibson of Pampa and the grandson of Bill and Jean Gibson of Hooker, Okla., and Orville and Marge Scoggins of Tyrone, Okla.

A two-way tie WTAMU's Formal Queen between Marsha Hamilton and Sarabeth Key gave this ing two queens.

student elections Feb. 11-12. The court included Parker, a Huffaker and Gibson.



Ryan Gibson

year's Formal King, Matthew senior pre-medical major Parker, a king's wish of hav- from Umbarger; Hamilton, a senior reading major from Royalty was selected during Clovis, N.M.; Key, a senior reading major from Amarillo;

# Record 188 salamanders found

months after the deaths of some Barton Springs hasn't changed a record 188 of the amphibians have been found.

this week at a spring outlet in Zilker Park, where 28 of the rare creatures recently were killed as a result of a faulty pool-cleaning procedure.

Scientists said the discovery, reduce the urgency of protecting the species, known only in three outlets fed by the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards

AUSTIN (AP) - Just 2 1/2 cluded that water quality at Barton Springs salamanders significantly since 1979 but is made front-page news in Austin, likely to decline as urban development continues in the largely rural watershed, the Austin The salamanders were found American-Statesman reported

Wednesday. The salamanders are rare amphibians that recently were denied endangered species status. At 2 1/2 inches long, the tiny salamanders have been at the while encouraging, doesn't center of a controversy between environmentalists and developers in Austin for years.

Scientists found the 188 salamanders on Monday in Eliza Springs, an oval-shaped outlet Meanwhile, a new study con- adjacent to Barton Springs Pool.

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# Wilson School Honor Roll

Woodrow Wilson Elementary

Second Grade A Honor Roll: **Britnee** Ledbetter,

Roll: Kirby A-B Honor Broaddus, Jenea Edie, Matthew Garrison, Ashley Martinez,

Chelsea Anderson, Adeena Venegas and Erin Watson.

A-B Honor Roll: Dusty Cook, Rippetoe, Anthony Staab and Erin Turner.

Fourth Grade A Honor Roll: Kristen Boyd,

A-B Honor Roll: Brandi Stephanie Nidiffer and Philip Staab.

Fifth Grade A Honor Roll: Melissa Land,

A-B Honor Roll: Cody Atwood,

School has announced its Honor Cooper Crow, Ryan Flores, Dylan Roll lists for the fourth six-weeks Henley, Bear Raymo, Mandy grading period of the 1996-1997 school year.

Megan Addington, Shaunna Gray, Lyndsey Dyer and Angela Kaley Henthorn. Maddox, Kenzi Nickell, Ashton Matthew Trusty.

Tanner Ray and Tasha Triplett. Third Grade

A Honor Roll: Alicia Anguiano, Dallas, Christan Daughtery, Jorden Douglas, Karli Douglas, Brandi Holden, Jon McCoy, Julie Pilkington, Sarah Platt, Jose Stephenson, Ashley Winton and

### Ray, Toria Rodriguez, Justin Carpenter, Stephanie Cross, Sealman, Alex Torres and Susan Jay, Cassie Newton,

Tisha Platt, Cara Pryor and Bobby Wood.

Brad Britten, Nicky Davila, Benny Martinez, Ryan McCarley, Melissa Scobee, Jessy Silva, Luis Silva, Heather Staab, Amanda Zack Woodruff.

# Lefors School Honor Roll

LEFORS - Lefors Junior High and Linda Schwab. and High School has announced its Honor Roll lists for the fourth six-weeks grading period of the Gwen Nolte. 1996-1997 school year.

Seventh Grade Davenport and Aaron McKean. A-B Honor Roll: Caleb Barnes, Evelyn Drinkard, Dee Jay Preston and Amanda Woodard. Eighth Grade

A-B Honor Roll: JW Mains. Ninth Grade A Honor Roll: Jeremy Pierce and April Rogers.

A-B Honor Roll: Nick McKean, Candid Ray and Michael Steele. Tenth Grade

A Honor Roll: Shelly Murray McKean.

A-B Honor Roll: Dana Crutcher, Heather Howard and Eleventh Grade

A Honor Roll: Nikki Bockmon, A Honor Roll: Tommy Angie Davenport and Misty McMullen.

> A-B Honor Roll: Terri Burris, Katisha Jackson, Maureen Patterson and Tracy Tucker. Twelfth Grade

> A Honor Roll: Tenille Franks, Karla Murray and Brandie Pierce. Honor Roll: Jamie A-B

> Ceniceros, Amber Gilbreath, Justin Howard, Kim Seung-Il, Jennifer Lock and Chris

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# **Those Who Wait For Gifts** Are Unclear On The Concept

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long as they are registered and are

not serving a prison term (for felony

conviction) and/or on parole. Once

the parole has been served and the

convict has been discharged from

the sentence, his constitutional

PARALEGAL INVESTIGATIONS

Voting is not a privilege, Abby, it

DEAR DON: I checked with

my legal expert to be certain

that I had not misled my read-

ers. In 47 states and the District

of Columbia, upon a felony con-

viction the right to vote is lost.

In many, but not all states, the

right to vote is restored upon

completion of the sentence or

parole. Some states require a

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A staunch

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Tasks that

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right to vote is restored.

DEAR ABBY: I'm continually amazed by people who write to you with righteous indignation about gifts that weren't good enough, objects they feel entitled to, or inheritances that they expect to receive.

Don't these people understand the concept of a gift? A wedding (or birthday or Christmas) gift is not an obligation, it is a generosity. An inheritance is not a right; it is a choice made by the benefactors to bestow upon whomever they wish.

I get the feeling that many of your readers would lead happier lives if they would quit worrying about what they think they're entitled to, and concentrated on earning what is theirs and being grateful for the gifts they receive.

My dear grandmother (whom I prefer alive, lucid, happy and loving at the age of 85, rather than tallying whatever her estate might amount to) gave me a plaque many years ago that contains a motto to live by: "Blessed are those who expect nothing, for they will not be

JÉFF KURTTI, LOS ANGELES

DEAR JEFF: You make a good point. The higher the level of expectation, the lower the degree of satisfaction.

DEAR ABBY: You said in your column that a felon loses his right to vote. I think your experts need to bone up on constitutional law

Horoscope

Friday, Feb. 28, 1997

In the year ahead you may be inclined to

Abigail Van Buren SYNDICATED COLUMNIST felon resides.

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to

Why should she be the one to do anything differently? He should stop being helpless and self-centered. They both work and neither sews, so let him take care of his own pants. If he runs to his ex-girlfriend for something this trivial, be assured he'll start doing it every time his current girlfriend disappoints him. Peace schmeace! Tell him to

convict can vote again. ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are likely to be more perceptive in your commercial affairs today. If you use your insights

> LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your chances of adding to your resources today are very encouraging. You will, however, have to push harder than usual to get it. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It is very likely you're going to be closely scrutinized today; be sure to make a good impression with your behavior, appear-

> SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Significant objectives can be achieved today by letting associates think your ideas were spawned by them. They will be cooperative if they feel involved.

close friends might depend on you more than usual today. Be prepared to shoul-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb will be capable of running a swifter race than your opponents. Do not get nervous if you find yourself drawn into a competi-

The courts have upheld state laws that prohibit felons from serving on juries, holding elective office and working as peace officers, and have limited other rights. So, while felons are afforded due process of law, their rights may be limited or revoked either permanently or temporarily, depending on the right and the state where the

the woman whose live-in boyfriend would rather have his ex-girlfriend hem his pants than pay a measly \$5 was lousy. You told her to take them to the seamstress when they arrived and pay the money to keep the peace. He's a cheap jerk who cares more about saving a buck than his girlfriend's feelings.

SELF-RELIANT

DEAR SELF-RELIANT: I'll tell him, but I doubt if he will change his manipulative ways. Why should he? He has two women bending over backward to accommodate him.

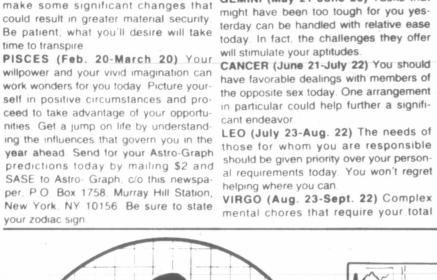
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Two der some of their duties.

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PAMPA - All Pampa Optimist Club members, coaches, parents and others interested in the Optimist Softball and Baseball Programs are needed for a workday at the ballparks on Saturday, starting at 9 a.m.

Major work needs to be done on the softball park in addition to annual maintenance on other park facilities. Workdays are scheduled for every weekend until the softball-baseball seasons begin.

More information can be obtained by contacting Ronnie Babcock at 665-1536 or James Schaub at 665-4406.

#### BASKETBALL

PAMPA - The Pampa High School boys' basketball banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Starlite Room at Coronado Inn.

In addition to the banquet, end-of-season awards will also be presented.

Tickets are seven dollars and may be purchased at the door.

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BATON ROUGE ,LA. -Jerome Davis, 24, the 1995 world champion bull rider from Archdale, N.C., tied for first place with Cory Check, 20, of Eastman, Wis., in the bull riding event at Louisiana State University Livestock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 13-16 in Baton Rouge, La. Both men scored 86 points and eamed \$2,1 10 each.

Other winners in Baton Rouge were Shane Call (Rock Springs, Wyo.), bareback riding, 86 points on Harper and Morgan Rodeo's Colt Python, \$1,552; Shawn Ayers Texas), saddle bronc riding, 80 points on Harper & Morgan Rodeo's Open Road, \$1,472; Bill Pace (Sonora, Texas), steer wrestling, 3.8 seconds, \$1,835; Stran Smith (Tell, Texas), calf roping, 16.5 seconds in two rounds, \$2,'-120; and Kay Blandford (Stockdale, Texas), barrel 16.40 racing, \$1,076. seconds,

Gary Daniel, 37, of Telephone, Texas, won the steer wrestling title at the Dixie National, Feb. 6-12 in Jackson, Miss., by downing two steers in 7.4 seconds. He eamed a total of \$3,617.

Other winners in Jackson were John Hunt (Eagle Butte, S.D.), saddle bronc riding, 81 points on Harper and Morgan Rodeo's Surprise Package, \$4,365; Keith Adams (Fredricksburg, Texas), bull

riding, 91 points on Harper and Morgan Rodeo's Tony Lama Boots, \$5,209; Marty Wells (Sulphur, Okla.), calf roping, 17.1 seconds in two rounds, \$3,492; and Sherry Cervi (Midland, Texas), barrel racing, 14.53 seconds, \$3,571.

Jeffrey Collins of Fort Scott, Kan., tied for first place in the bareback riding event with Scott LeJeune of Church Point, La. Collins rode Harper and Morgan Rodeo's Red Spider for 80 points, and Leseune scored 80 points on Harper and Morgan Rodeo's Python. Each man eamed \$3,702.

### **FOOTBALL**

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — Mac McDaniel, a Texas high school coach, will be assistant head football coach at Murray State, coach Denver Johnson announced Tuesday.

McDaniel has been at Cleburne High School for five years. He will coach the runnings backs at Murray next year. Prior to Cleburne, he was coach at Texas-El Paso, White County (Tenn.) High School and Clear Lake

High School in Houston. McDaniel is the first coach added to Johnson's staff since he was hired Jan. 23.

# Notebook Cowboys take different trails during off-season

By DENNE H. FREEMAN **AP Sports Writer** 

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Troy is playing golf, filming Brut cologne commercials and trying to recover from one of his most difficult seasons. Deion is playing baseball. Michael has returned to court. Jerry has gagged everybody except himself.

Moose is running loose as a free agent. K-Dub may go to Miami. Erik has sued the Dallas Police Department.

Such are the off-season doings of the volcanic Dallas Cowboys, the team America loves to loathe. The team where you can use the first name like soccer stars do and everybody knows who you're talking about.

Troy Aikman has neck and calf problems a chaotic 1996 season that ended in the divisional playoffs with a loss to Carolina.

"I've got to see if I need any surgery on the calf," says Aikman, who says he'll probably play again. "If I had to bet on it, I'd bet I'd be back. It was a frustrating season for have made off-season news. us. Changes do need to be made."

some of them, trying to jiggle contracts around so the Cowboys can afford fullback Daryl Johnston, who in addition to being a great blocker, receiver and special teams asset is also a good friend of Aikman's.

the Cowboys could afford Johnston. It charges should be easy since Leigh Steinberg represents them both.

"I think DJ will stay because Leigh is very leaked to his enemies creative and Jerry can be also," Aikman says. "This team needs Daryl."

well-publicized off-the-field problems, also need to settle down.

"It's been hard to enjoy games on Sunday," Aikman says. "It gets frustrating. All this has to stop.'

coach, Jack Reilly, to help offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese. The Cowboys' and on the field," Aikman said. offense fell off dramatically last year because of suspensions and injuries.

give us some different ideas."

Deion Sanders has created a stir within the Dallas organization by opting to play baseball for Cincinnati. It means Sanders, who was trying to be a full-time wide receiver as well as a full-time cornerback, won't be counted on as a two-way starter.

Even with a training camp and daily work, Sanders caught only one touchdown pass as a starting receiver last year.

It would stand to reason that with no work, Sanders could hardly be considered a primary target for Aikman's passes.

"I'm doing this to please myself," Sanders says from Plant City, Fla. "I will probably be there with the Cowboys for 16

Probationer Michael Irvin, who missed the first five games last year because of and will be seeing doctors soon. He can still drug-related problems, had to go back to play golf but he's sore and dispirited from court recently because he and several other Cowboys found they had been sold stolen airline tickets at a discount.

In this case, Irvin was testifying for the prosecution.

The Williamses, Kevin and Erik, also

Free agent Kevin Williams has received Owner Jerry Jones has been working on an offer from Miami coach Jimmy Johnson, who drafted the speedy wide receiver for the Cowboys. The offer could be too high for the Cowboys to match.

Erik Williams has sued the Dallas Police Department and a local television station in Aikman could restructure his contract so the aftermath of the groundless rape

Jones has decided to muzzle his entire staff so draft and free agent secrets won't be

Kevin Williams, safeties George Teague and Brock Marion, and linebacker Darrin Aikman said the Cowboys, beset with Smith are likely to be free agents who could be leaving Valley Ranch.

> One top priority is to find a solid wide receiver. The other is to make Aikman

I don't know that we deserved to make The Cowboys have hired a quarterback it to the Super Bowl last year because of some of the things that we went through off

If the Cowboys don't have a good off-season with free agents and the draft, they "I was all for it," Aikman says. "It would may not deserve it in 1997, either.

# Girls' state tourney begins

AUSTIN (AP) — Duncanville and Alief "It doesn't matter what time of year it is." Elsik don't have to worry about Austin Westlake in the girls' state basketball tournament this year.

Westlake beat Duncanville in overtime for the 1995 Class 5A title and then toppled Alief Elsik 24 points. in double overtime for last year's 5A crown. This year, Duncanville and Alief Elsik could

very likely have each other to worry about when the finals are played Saturday. Duncanville is a perfect 38-0 and is consid-

ered one of the best teams, not just in Texas, but in the country, led by Tamika Catchings, a 6foot forward who has signed with Tennessee. The Pantherettes have won four state titles,

including three straight from 1988-90, and will the state tournament. To avoid placing undue pressure on her

team, Duncanville coach Sara Hackerott has limited media access to her players.

"There's always pressure," Hackerott said. title in its 10th appearance.

Aller Elsik, which returns two starters from last year's team that went 38-0 before entering the state tournament, is 36-1 this season and has won its last three games by an average of

"There was a lot of pressure last year coming in at 38-0, but maybe it will turn out like it did last year where the underdog wins it," said senior guard Fola Stephens. "At least that's what we're hoping for."

Duncanville will meet San Antonio East Central (34-1) on Friday at 3 p.m., followed by the semifinal matchup of Alief Elsik and Longview (32-2) at 7 p.m.

In Class 4A, two perennial powers were to be making a state-record 18th appearance in meet in today's semifinals when Waco Midway (29-6) takes on Levelland (30-3).

Waco Midway is seeking its seventh state title in its 14th state tournament appearance, while Levelland is seeking its seventh state

# League champions



(Special photo)

The Black Knights won the second session of the Amarillo Indoor High Plains Indoor Soccer League with a perfect 11-0 record. The Black Knights of Pampa participated in the Under 12 Division. Team members are (front row, I-r) Adam Etchison, Megan David, Tyler Dubose, Eric McClure and Andrew Curtis; (back row, I-r) Aaron Simon, Hunter Craig, Stuart Curry, Zach Hucks, Kyle Cambern and Andrew Ammons. Kerry Ammons and Roger David coached the team.

# Pampa and Borger meet in District 5 soccer clash

PAMPA — The Pampa boys' soccer all at the end of regulation play. team will be seeking a playoff spot and also a measure of revenge against but then they beat us in a shootout," Borger at 4:15 p.m. Friday at Harvester Cottle added.

The Harvesters, 4-2 in the District 5 standings, can clinch one of the three playoff berths with a win over the Bulldogs.

"It's a very important game," said Pampa head coach Warren Cottle. "We need some fan support. If we have half Jaramillo has 4. the crowd we had at our last match here, that would be a good thing."

its first two district matches of the with 21 saves. shootout after the score was tied at 1- Canyon.

"We outshot them in that first match,

Pampa's scoring attack is led by striker Lucas Jaramillo, who has 11 goals for the season. Striker Randall Odom and outside middle back Jason Vance has 6 goals each.

Nick Smiles and Chris Welch lead the team in assists with 5 each while

Goalie Joel Bolz has allowed 15 goals while collecting 41 saves. His backup, Pampa, 9-5 for the season, had won Jeremy Goode, has given up 4 goals

before meeting Borger on Feb. 13. The Pampa closes the regular season on Bulldogs upset the Harvesters in a the road next Tuesday against

# Lady Longhorns fall to Colorado

the Texas seniors taking a bow before the I've seen them play together.' Lady Longhorns' regular-season finale.

The night ended with two Colorado seniors stealing the show.

Erin Scholz scored 19 points and Raegen Scott added 16 points and 21 inside combination of the 6-foot-4 Scholz rebounds as the unranked Buffaloes beat and 6-3 Scott to establish a lead and hold No. 12 Texas 60-56 in the Big 12 Conference on Wednesday night.

AUSTIN (AP) — The night started with coach Ceal Barry. "This is the best game

It was the first conference loss at home for Texas (19-6 overall, 11-4 Big 12) this

Colorado (17-8, 11-4 Big 12) used the it throughout the game.

"As far as being both significant leaders "I think the difference in this game was out on the floor, I think it's been one of Erin and Raegen," said Colorado head our best games," Scholz said.

# Minnesota wins Big Ten title

By The Associated Press

Minnesota cut down the net at one end of Crisler Arena, a rather subdued celebration for a school that just won its first Big Ten title since 1982.

The second-ranked Golden Gophers beat No. 24 Michigan 55-54 Wednesday night and won the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. "I know it's always going to be

special," said coach Clem Haskins, who is in his 11th season at Minnesota. "I'm going to have pictures and I'm going to have all the news stories and I'm going to say Minnesota beat every team in the

"The most important thing was to get 20 wins, and then the most important thing was to win the Big Ten championship. The important thing now is that we not let down.

No letdown should definitely mean a No. 1 seeding for the Golden Gophers (25-2, 14-1), who ended Purdue's three-year reign as Big Ten champions.

2.9 seconds remaining gave the to him."

Gophers the victory and sent the Wolverines (17-10, 7-8) to their fourth straight loss.

In other games involving ranked teams on Wednesday night, it was No. 6 South Carolina 74, Vanderbilt 53; No. 8 North Carolina 76, No. 12 Clemson 69; No. 13 Iowa State 65, No. 19 Colorado 54; No. 17 Louisville 72, North Carolina Charlotte 71; and West Virginia 83, No. 18 Villanova 76.

Jackson scored 18 points and Eric Harris 12 for Minnesota (25-2, 14-1). which joins Ivy League champion Princeton as the only qualifiers for the NCAA tournament so far.

"We knew we had an edge on everybody with all our starters coming back," said Jackson, who tied the game 54-54 with a baseline jumper with 39 seconds left.

Michigan came down after Jackson's jumper and tried to run out the shot clock, but Jackson knocked the ball away from Louis Bullock, and Harris was able to bat the loose ball ahead to Jackson.

"I took a gamble," Harris said. "I reached in, and fortunately I got the steal. I saw Bobby on the Bobby Jackson's free throw with other end and I was able to get it

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	as of Peb. 23 are as 1	IOROWS:		
		Girts		
	Name S	ingles	Doubles	
	Emily Waters,fr.	8-9	6-7	
	Cami Stone,sr.	4-6	83	
	McKinley Quartes,ir.	9-4	11-10	
	Mandy Wells, soph.	19-2	1-0	
	Valerie Lee,soph.	7-4	16-6	
	Kellen Waters, soph.	7-1	9-3	
۰	April Lopez,jr.	0-0	8-2	
	Emily Curtis, fr.	0-0	17-5	
	Amanda Browning, so	oph.3-2	0-0	
	Totals:	57-28	38-18	
		Boys		
	Kyle Easley,sr.	3-8	7-7	
	Jamisen Hancock, sr.	4-8	5-7	
	Russell DuBose, sop	h. 11-8	9-5	
	Dustin Laycock,ir.	8-6	11-9	
	Jason Vickery,jr.	14-5	8-6	
	Ryan Witt,sr.	2-5	12-5	
	Bryce Hudson,soph.	0-1	4-8	
	Brandon Coffee, jr.	2-1	2-3	
	Matt Rains.fr.	0-2	1-4	

#### **FISHING REPORT**

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ARROWHEAD: Water off-colored; 52 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are fair on Jig-N-Pigs and spinners; catfish are fair to good on bass minnows and prepared balt. KEMP: Water stained; 3 feet low; black bass are fair on black lizards and spinners; striped bass are fair to good on live bait and crank baits; catfish are fair and improving on cheese

O.H.IVIE: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries;50 degrees; black bass are fair to good on crank baits and worms fished on the main take drop offs; crappie are fair on small minnows fished in deep water; channel and blue catfish are fair on trot lines baited with cut bait; flathead catfish are good on live perch fished in the river.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 2 feet low. black bass are fair on red spinners and crank baits; striped and white bass are good on live

crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished over baited holes; catfish are fair or cheese and cut bait. AMISTAD: Water clear to murky; very low; 58 degrees; black bass up to 11 pounds are good on Model As, lizards, Slug-gos and Rat-L-Traps: striped bass are fair on live bait and

bait fished in deep water and by downrigging:

baited with shrimp, shad and cut perch fished in very deep water BRAUNIG: Water stained; normal level; 58 degrees; black bass are good on spinners lizards and worms fished in 4 to 8 feet of water: hybrid stripers are fair on live bait and Rat-L-Traps; redfish are good on perch and crank baits; channel and blue catfish are fair

crank baits; catfish are fair on rod and reels

CALAVERAS: Water murky; normal level; 59 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are good on Rat-L-Traps, Swimmin Shad and worms; hybrid stripers are fair on live bait; redfish are

L.A. Clippers 24 29.453 14

on rod and reels baited with shrimp and

good on shrimp and cheese bait. CHOKE: Water murky; low; 52 degrees; black bass to 6 pounds are fair on chrome colored crank baits, Jig-N-Pigs and worms fished on the edges of creeks and in the grass; white bass are fair to good on live bait and Roadrunners fished up the river with some bird action starting on the main lake; catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with cut shad, live shiners and cheese bait.

**BASKETBALL** 1996-97 All-Lone Star Conference Team ...

Tyrone Hopkins, Central Olda., 6-6 sr.; Kevin Miles, Texas A&M Commerce, 6-9 sr.; Damion McKinney, Midwestern State, 6-1 sr.; Stephan Sheckles, Tarleton State, 6-5 jr.; Darrell Waters, Texas A&M-Commerce, 6-4 jr. Second Team

Troy Anderson, Eastern New Mexico, 6-3 sr.; Broderick Bobb, Abilene Christian, 6-8 jr.; Martin Lattibeaudiere, West Texas A&M, 6-1 sr.; Joe Newton, Central Oldahoma, 6-0 jr.; Des Stewart, Texas A&M-Kingsville, 6-6 jr. Most valuable player: Tyrone Hopkins, Centeral Oklahoma, 6-6 sr. Freshman of the year: Matt Vail, Eastern

New Mexico, 6-3. Defensive player of the year: Bobby Davis, Tarleton State, 6-3 sr. Coach of the year: Jim Seward, Central

**National Basketball Association** At A Glance By The Associated Press All Times EST **EASTERN CONFERENCE** 

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	42	14	.750	-
New York	41	16	.719	1 1/2
Orlando	29	25	.537	12
Washington	25	30	.455	16 1/2
N. Jersey	17	38	.309	24 1/2
Philadelphia	- 14	41	.255	27 1/2
Boston	11	44	.200	30 1/2
Central Divis	sion			
Chicago	49	6	.891	_
Detroit	41	14	.745	8
Atlanta	37	18	.673	12
Charlotte	35	22	.614	15
Cleveland	30	24	.5561	18 1/2
Indiana-	26	29	.473	23
Milwaukee	25	30	.455	24
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Minnesota	28	27	.509	11 1/2
Dallas	19	34	.358	19 1/2
Denver	17	40	.298	23 1/2
San Antonio	13	42	.236	26 1/2
Vancouver	11	48	.186	30 1/2
<b>Pacific Divis</b>	ion			
Seattle	39	16	.709	_
L.A. Lakers	38	17	.691	1
Portland	29	28	.509	11

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New Jersey 97, Sacramento 90
Washington 108, Indiana 87
Seattle 72, Cleveland 66
Houston 100, L.A. Lakers 96

Utah 110, New York 99 Dallas 86, Charlotte 84 Toronto 124, Denver 122, OT LA. Clippers 98, Philadelphia 93 Wednesday's Games Sacramento 111, Boston 105 Orlando 98, Miami 86 Indiana 92, Seattle 78 Minnesota 108, San Antonio 89 Atlanta 79, Milwaukee 72 L.A. Clippers 83, Vancouver 80 Phoenix 111, Philadelphia 104

New York 96, Portland 95, OT Thursday's Games L.A. Lakers at Washington, 7:30 p.m. Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Charlotte at Houston, 8:30 p.m. Toronto at Utah, 9 p.m. Friday's Games Detroit at Boston, 7 p.m. Golden State at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. San Antonio at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Ailwaukee at Indiana, 7:30 p.m. Seattle at Miami, 8 p.m. Sacramento at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. New York at Denver, 9 p.m. Utah at Portland, 10 p.m. Philadelphia at Vancouver, 10 p.m. Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m. HOCKEY **NHL Glance, Standings** 

**EASTERN CONFERENCE** 

Philadelphia	36	17	9	81	206	157
New Jersey	30	18	12	72	161	142
Florida	28	19	15	71	172	145
N.Y. Rangers	28	26	9	65	204	176
Tampa Bay	24	29	7	55	168	185
Washington	24	30	7	55	157	172
N.Y. Islanders	20	31	10	50	165	182
Northeast Div	rision	1				
	W	L	т	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	32	19	10	74	180	151
Pittsburgh	31	24	5	67	216	195
Hartford	24	28	9	57	174	192
Montreal	23	29	11	57	195	222
Ottawa	20	28	13	53	173	183
Roston	20	33			173	

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	W	L	т	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	37	22	4	78	190	153
Detroit	29	19	12	70	191	143
St. Louis	28	28	8	64	190	196
Phoenix	28	30	4	60	179	191
Chicago	25	29	9	59	166	163
Toronto	23	37	2	48	181	219
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**TRANSACTIONS** Wednesday's Sports Transact By The Associated Press BASEBALL

American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with OF Tim Salmon on a four-year contract extension through 2001. Agreed to terms with RHP Robert Ellis, RHP Mike Freehill, RHP Pep Harris, RHP Jeff Schmidt, LHP Mike Holtz, LHP Darrell May and OF Orlando Palmeiro or one-year contracts.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Named Terry

Wetzel scouting director.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Damon Buford, 1B Lee Stephens, RHP Jose Alberro and RHP Julio Santana on one-year National League
ARIZONA DIAMONBACKS—Named Bob

Brenly lead analyst of their television broad-ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with INF Ed Giavanola on a one-year contract. CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with INF Pokey Reese on a one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Ismael Valdes on a two-year con-

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with LHP Ricardo Jordan and RHP Derek Wallace on one-year contracts.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with OF Miguel Mejia, OF Terry Bradshaw, RHP Mark Petkovsek, RHP Brian Barber, RHP John Frascatore, RHP Eric Ludwig, 1B Dmitri Young, INF David Bell and INF Aaron Holbert on one-year contracts.

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The Pampa Stars placed second in the Amarillo Challengers Valentine Indoor Soccer Tournament held recently. Team members are (front row, I-r) Chase Phillips, Braydon Barker, Jordan Miller, Matthew Trusty, Cooper Brazile, Weston Teichmann and Nicolas Robbins; (standing, I-r) Jake Craig, Drew Morrison, Judd Miller, Brett Ferrell and John Doss. Coaches are Jimmy Barker (left) and David Teichmann.

# Report: Alamodome to get nod

Conference football champi- will not be diverted from the Big onship game likely will move to 12 men's and women's basketball San Antonio's Alamodome this year from St. Louis, the Austin City, Mo. American-Statesman reports. In a story published Thursday,

the newspaper quoted an unnamed source familiar with the selection process as saying the choice might be made Friday.

If not, the league may wait more than a week to make an announcement might be made.

AUSTIN (AP) — The Big 12 announcement so that attention tournaments next week in Kansas

> Big 12 conference spokesman Bo Carter said the proposal to move the game been under discussion since the first conference championship in December, but said he did not know when an

# Wheeler's Goad named to all-district basketball team

WHEELER — Wheeler senior All-District Girls' 1-12A Team Mika Goad has been named to the 1996-97 All-District 2-1A 'Girls' Basketball Team.

the Mustangettes

most valuable player honors. Claude, named coach of the year.

District 2-1A coaches.

Mika Goad, Wheeler, sr.; Tracy Winn, Booker, fr.; Brandi Goad was a 5-9 post player for Godino, Booker, soph.; Missy Skiles, Claude, sr.: Laci Crowell, Weslyn Maupin of Gruver won Claude, jr.; Mishon Ollinger, jr.; Amber Murrell, Steve Myatt of Gruver was Gruver, sr.; Cara Hathaway, Gruver, sr.; Janae Whatley, The players were selected by Gruver. fr.; Corey Little, Shamrock, sr..

# Whiteface advances to Class A finals

Bankhead scored 26 and Amy with 10 points, finished the season Foote had 12 points in a decisive 29-6 after making its first state first quarter as Whiteface used an tournament appearance since winearly 19-1 run to pull away from ning the Class B title in 1961. Henrietta Midway in an 82-37 victory today in the Class A semifi-lead, Whiteface used swarming nals.

Whiteface (34-1), making its first game against the winner of the left in the first quarter. Brookesmith-Celeste semifinal. Whiteface becomes the 15th West points, capped the run with a 3-Texas team to earn a berth in the Class A finals in the last 17 years.

Midway, led by April Wilson

After Midway took an early 4-2 defensive pressure to create turnovers and easy transition basstate tournament appearance, kets in a 19-1 run that gave the earned a berth in Saturday's title Lady Lopes a 21-5 lead with 2:10

> Foote, who finished with 16 pointer, and Whiteface increased its lead to 27-7.



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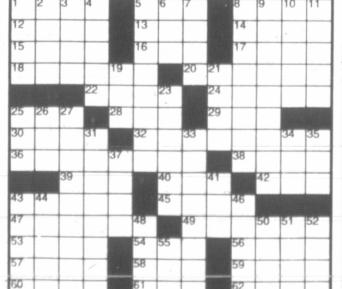
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# **Spirit posters**



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Sixth graders Julie Thompson, Jessica Nicolet, Meagan Craig, Amber Bowers and Joanna Lawley have kept busy making new spirit posters for the Pampa Middle School choirs and bands.

# Texas Tech Continuing Education to host distance learning conference March 2-4

LUBBOCK - The Division of of Southwestern Bell. Continuing Education at Texas professionals.

The conference is scheduled 2-4, at the Lubbock Memorial New is available.

the country including Tarleton ditional ways of thinking. State University; the Dallas Wilmington, Calif.

Keynote speakers are Don R. changes in laws Foshee, president of the Texas telecommunications, Distance Learning Associa- education and telehealth. tion; Sally M. Johnstone, direccations; and David A. Cole, update conference participants the corner of 15th Street and

"The conference will offer the Tech University will host opportunity to learn more about "Visions of the Future: Distance telecommunications technologies Learning for the 21st Century" a directly from the people who are telecommunications successfully using them," said conference for education, library William McCaughan, Texas Tech services, health care and business vice-provost and executive director for extended learning.

On Sunday, Foshee will speak Sunday through Tuesday, March about "Technology as Facilitator: Perspectives Civic Center. On-site registration Collaboration and Change," during a banquet at 6:30 p.m. The The conference also will be speech will focus on emerging broadcast by satellite and com-technology in the workplace and pressed video to locations across workers' needs to shift from tra-

More than 25 seminars will be County Community College conducted Monday. The sessions District; Cameron University in include distance education in Lawton, Okla.; Oklahoma State telemedicine, community col-University; the University of leges, the Internet in the school Vermont in Burlington, Vt.; and library and help for at-risk stu- ister, call the Division of Los Angeles Harbor College in dents. Cole will speak at a noon Continuing Education's Personal luncheon about the recent and Professional Development

president of the Texas Division about the Western Governors Akron in Lubbock.

University project and how its using technology to improve access to learning opportunities, reduce higher education costs and meet individual and private sector educational needs.

More than 15 concurrent sessions will focus on business opportunities in telemedicine, transmission of master's level courses in higher education and long-range plans for instructional technology in primary and secondary education. Additionally, post conference seminars will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m.

Conference registration is \$79, which includes instructional materials, the dinner and luncheons. Texas Distance Learning Association membership is an additional \$20

For more information or to regaffecting area at (806) 742-2352. Phone regdistance istration may be charged to VISA, Mastercard, Discover or Johnstone will be the closing American Express. Individuals tor of the Western Cooperative keynote speaker at the noon lun- also may register at the for Educational Telecommuni- cheon on Tuesday. She will Continuing Education Office at

# State briefs

Houston man arrested for selling LSD-laced cards

RICHMOND (AP) — Police say a Houston man was trying to sell baseball-style cards with images laced with enough LSD to provide a chemical high for 100 people.

Police said the cards seized from David Henry Johnson, 21, netted 500 "hits" or doses of "alien acid" believed destined for sale to students at Elkins and Clements high schools in the Fort Bend Independent School

Johnson remained in the Fort Bend County Jail in lieu of \$8,000 bond Wednesday.

Convicted child molester agrees

VICTORIA (AP) — A 70-yearold man convicted of molesting a and county authorities will seven-year-old girl has agreed to require certain offenders to move out of the neighborhood as part of a plea bargain.

Dionicio Flores was sentenced Wednesday to ten years deferred adjudication and 240 hours of a second-degree felony.

Flores was accused of coercing to play in those violent activi- I made up. ... They are issues my the girl to indecently touch him ties," said Tim Byrne, administra- constituents brought to me."

himself to her about 2 1/2

months later. gave Flores 90 days to move out of his home or face sentencing to a community correctional facility, such as the Victoria County Jail.

The girl's mother told The Victoria Advocate she was pleased with the sentence because it removes Flores from her Primrose subdivision neighborhood.

Violent juveniles may be required to view autopsies

EL PASO (AP) — Violent juveniles and young repeat offenders will soon be forced to confront adolescent body piercing would the consequences of violence in a need a parent's OK, holders of graphic way that officials hope overdue library books could be will discourage further criminal

Within two months, juvenile instead of beer. watch hourlong autopsies. They want to jolt young minds with images of the damage inflicted average Texan. by gang members and criminals.

community service and fined the process and show them the is serving his fifth term in the \$500 after agreeing to plead aftermath of their violent activi- Legislature. "Sometimes it's the guilty to indecency with a child, ties, and actually, how they might little laws that can change our

on May 1, 1996, and of exposing tor of the El Paso County medical examiner's office.

The plan is to have the viewings District Judge Robert Cheshire available as an option to judges when sentencing juveniles.

The viewings are a "scaredstraight" approach to dealing with violent criminals similar to programs in California, Byrne said. In Texas, a Houston judge ordered a teenager last year to watch an autopsy as part of a probated sentence.

Dallas lawmaker sponsors offbeat bills

DALLAS (AP) — In state Rep. Tony Goolsby's perfect world, jailed and college students would play drinking games with soda

Overhauling the state's education system it's not. But Goolsby, R-Dallas, says his bills are aimed at improving life a little for the

"Not every law has to part the We want to take them through Red Sea," said Goolsby, 54, who end up one day if they continue lives the most. These aren't ideas

# Ranch Cowboys Association elects officers

Ranch Cowboys Association WRCA in 1996 (WRCA) has announced the election of a new president and four bers are: additional members to the board of directors.

"I am honored to be elected supporting the working cowboy, stewards of our western heritage and rangelands. It is an exciting time for the organization with all the growth and new member the newly elected president.

development. He was part of the WRCA. She lives on her in Amarillo at (800) 967-9722.

The newly elected board mem- mittee.

Texas. He has worked at the tries, a division of which is the president. The WRCA is the only Pitchfork for the past 24 years successful Schaeffer Outfitters. In organization in the United States and has been the manager for the past 10. He is also a talented photographer. He serves on both the the Membership committee. Events and the Rules and Sanctioning committees.

input," says Duane McPherson, and is president of Primal Lite in lived in Elko since 1979. She also Richmond, Calif. In 1993, she serves on the Board of Directors McPherson, a Nevada native received the Small Business for the Spring Creek Association. now living in Elko, produces the Administration's "Women in Elko Ranch Hand Rodeo and is Business Advocate of the Year" ing association membership or also president of the Spring award. She is working to create a rules and sanctioning for ranch Creek Association, a 16,000 acre full merchandising program for rodeos, contact the WRCA offices

AMARILLO - The Working original meeting that created the ranch in Martinez, Calif., and heads the Public Relations com-

Russ Overguard lives in Bob Moorhouse is a manger of Steamboat Springs, Colo. In 1983, the Pitchfork Ranch in Guthrie, he founded Soda Creek Indus-1995, he sold much of this business and now joins the WRCA on

Sheri Klein is the new treasurer for the WRCA. She is a CPA Sue Scott is an Arizona native residing in Elko, Nev. She has

For more information concern-

# This year's weird and wacky Grammys honor everybody

an award. Her mother did

The 39th annual awards honored a wild and ple awards - ten performers in all walking off with at least two Grammys.

If that wasn't enough, self-described "tonedeaf" Hillary Rodham Clinton collected her first

Unlike past years, when one artist or song emerged from the scores of nominees, the firstever Madison Square Garden festivities were all over the musical map. The closest thing to a consensus was the unlikely collaboration between Eric Clapton and Babyface, the No. 1 hit Change The World.

The British guitar god and the smooth R&B producer captured three Grammys apiece - including one they shared for the record of the year, Change the World. Clapton performed it, while Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds produced it.

The wistful tune, featured in the John Travolta movie Phenomenon, also earned Clapton best male pop vocal, was cited as song of the year, and helped Babyface – who earned a record-tying

The pair each won awards in their usual fields, too. Babyface was cited for writing the best R&B song, Exhale (Shoop Shoop). Clapton captured best rock instrumental as part of an all-star tribute to his late pal Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Several winners were as stunned by their victories as most music critics. LeAnn Rimes, the 14best new artist and best female country vocal, said she expected pop group No Doubt to capture the first of those awards.

Her plans to celebrate? "I'm going to go out to dinner, but I guess that's about all I can do," said Rimes, who got a little weepy when accepting state dinner. her Grammy.

vocal performance. Dion, the Canadian sionals.

NEW YORK (AP) - How strange were this chanteuse, had to be satisfied with a pair of presyear's Grammys? Whitney Houston did not win tigious awards: album of the year and best pop Ibum for Falling Into You.

"Everybody, thank you, thank you. This is a weird cross-section of winners, with artists from surprise," sputtered Braxton, who regained her Beck to Babyface to the Beatles collecting multi- composure and offered some specific thanks during her turn as a presenter.

> Bruce Springsteen, who won for contemporary folk album after a riveting performance of The Ghost of Tom Joad, summed up the 1997 awards process this way: "I guess ... if you sing the song, you get the award."

> It worked for Beck. After a suitably quirky version of his single Where It's At, Beck received the best male rock vocal performance award to go with his best alternative music award.

> Bucking the trend were three-time winners the Beatles, whose Grammy haul for the previous 33 years was four. They won the night's first award, best pop performance by a duo or group with vocal for their reunion work on John Lennon's leftover track, Free As a Bird.

They later added awards for their video anthol-

ogy and their Free As a Bird video. The other multiple winners were rappers The Fugees, country star Vince Gill and rocker Sheryl Crow. Crow, winner for best rock album and best twelve nominations - gain the best producer female rock vocal performance, attracted almost as much attention for a shear, black dress that left

> little to the imagination. Whitney Houston, nominated in two categories, did not add to her career total of five Grammys. Her mother, Cissy Houston, did win her first Grammy ever for traditional soul gospel

album, Face to Face. And then there was Mrs. Clinton, who was year-old Patsy Cline sound-alike who won for honored for her recording of her book on child rearing, It Takes a Village.

"I was very surprised because I didn't even know that the Grammys were given to tone deaf people like me," said Mrs. Clinton, who brought her trophy back to Washington to show off at a

Winners were chosen by the 9,000 voting mem-Toni Braxton, another double winner, expected bers of the National Academy of Recording Arts Celine Dion to walk off with the best female pop & Sciences, a group of music business profes-

# Battle heats up over access to adoption records

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - legislative session, opening privacy. The law was put on hold five years of searching, Cindy after a baby-selling scandal. Bradley was about to learn who that a federal court had closed state adoption records.

Bradley, who got the call at work Tuesday, the day before she state acts as a go-between. planned to look through the

and others must wait to see if the Australia. records remain closed in a case to know their birth parents vs. about her past. the rights of those parents to keep their identities secret.

asked the U.S. Supreme Court to are watching closely as they decide whether to open their own adoption records.

the adoption law during the past lated their constitutional right to Tennessee Constitution.

After a lifetime of wondering and records that were closed in 1951

she really is when she got a call adoptees and others involved in Appeals in Cincinnati opened the an adoption to view the entire "I cried all the way home," said between an adoptee and a birth parent if one of them objects. The

Bradley said she just wants to that pits the desires of adoptees meet her birth parents and learn

"I'm not going to jump up and slap my birth mother in the face. already been released." Lawyers for people who want I'm not angry," she said from her to keep the records sealed have home in the small west Tennessee community of Brighton. "I'm just hear the case, which other states trying to find out about my life." Last year, two birth parents, for at least 90 days after that.

two adult adoptees and an adop-

until the courts could decide.

On Feb. 11, three judges from The new law allows adult the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of files, and four adult adoptees got record. It prevents contact to learn about their pasts. But the appeals court panel suspended its order late Monday to allow state acts as a go-between. the law's opponents to take their Such a provision, called a "concase to the U.S. Supreme Court.

tact veto," is new to the United Lawyer Larry Crain, who filed Now, the 35-year-old Bradley States, having first been used in the lawsuit, was pleased the birth parents' identities would remain secret until at least April 1.

"They are sighing relief," he said. "Many of them were in despair that their records had

Crain said he will ask the Supreme Court to hear the case before the April 1 stay expires, but he doesn't expect its decision

Crain also is considering filing tion agency filed a federal law- a similar lawsuit in state courts, Tennessee lawmakers rewrote suit contending that the law vio- arguing that the law violates the

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