

Low tonight near 30. High tomorrow near 70. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA — The Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees has called a special meeting for Thursday, March 6, at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of Carver Center

Action items on the agenda include the consideration of a health textbook adoption and the approval of the textbook selection committee for the 1997-1998 school year.

The board will also consider athletic bids for the Fall of 1997, the policy for gifted and talented students, the ISD technology plan and modifi-cations of the telephone system at the elementary schools.

Non-action items include a Teen Leadership report, the 1997-98 school year, student transfer policies and the Region 16 board of directors election.

The meeting is open to the public and residents will have the opportunity to voice concerns regarding school board items.

LEFORS — The Lefors PTO will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6, in the school cafeteria.

Donna Brauchi, Gray County Extension agent family and consumer sciences, will be the guest speaker.

The PTO organization also will be recognizing the Lefors teachers to show its appreciation for the outstanding job they do. Everyone is invited to join the organization in supporting the school.

Free babysitting will be provided in the music room by the Junior Class.

FORT WORTH (AP) — A newly enacted agreement in Oklahoma will allow Texans who hold concealed weapons permits to now carry their guns across the Red River.

Officials said Tuesday it is one of the first such agreements allowing Texans the right to carry guns outside the state's borders, and it is not likely to be the last.

Legislation drafted by Rep. Bill Carter, R-Fort Worth, would allow licensed residents from other states to carry their weapons in Texas.

In addition, a Florida congressman is pushing a bill that would make all states that have concealed weapons laws to accept permits issued by other states – like drivers' licenses.

Assistant Oklahoma Attorney General Judy Terry told Texas authorities that Texas permits will be recognized in her state because Texas has a law that meets its standards. "Your state meets these requirements, and Oklahoma will recognize licenses or permits issued by your state," Terry told the Texas Department of Public Safety Feb. 6.

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Balanced budget amendment falls by only one vote

one-vote defeat of the balancedbudget amendment in the Senate shifted attention to congressional and White House attempts to come up with a real balanced budget by 2002.

Both sides say they want that, and each is already accusing the . other of political deceit.

The demise of the constitutional amendment Tuesday for the third time in three years appeared to erode what's left of the bipartisan spirit that heralded the start of this Congress.

Republicans said President Clinton's plan to balance the budget by 2002 was based on false premises and demanded he rewrite it. Democrats said it was inexcusable for Republicans to ask Clinton to rewrite his budget when they haven't produced their own.

The White House said Republicans shouldn't complain until they draft a balanced-budget plan. "If they don't like our budget, they ought to have the decency to produce one of their own," press secretary Mike McCurry said today.

House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt today sent a letter to Speaker Newt Gingrich urging

WASHINGTON (AP) - The immediate action on the fiscal 1998 budget to avoid a repeat of last winter's government shutdown. "The House is sliding into irrelevance in this community and in the government," he told reporters.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, frustrated again in his longtime quest for a balanced budget amendment, attacked Clinton for opposing the amendment while displaying a "lack of fiscal integrity" in his own plan.

"What kind of a fool does he think we are?" Hatch asked.

Clinton said he was pleased with the amendment's defeat but added, "At the same time, let me be clear: While I oppose a constitutional amendment, I am committed to achieving the bipartisan goal of balancing the budget by 2002."

The vote on the balanced budget amendment was 66-34, one short of the two-thirds majority needed to amend the Constitution. That was identical to the vote in 1995, when a single Republican, then-Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon, voted against it. Last year the vote was 64-34.

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City prepares for barbecue thanks to bet by Gov. Bush

ALTUS, Okla. (AP) Preparing to feed 5,000 people takes a little work, as the residents in Altus are finding out.

Members of an organizing committee have been putting in long days getting ready for the "border barbecue" to be held March 22 at the football stadium.

The barbecue is the result of a wager between Gov. Frank Keating and Texas Gov. George Bush. Bush lost the bet when the Oklahoma Sooners beat Texas in football last October.

"It's well more than what I expected when I was first asked to serve on this committee," said Willie Tarleton, director of related services for Altus public schools.

But, he said, "Everybody's really upbeat about it and ... willing to pitch in and just do whatever is necessary to be done to make sure this thing is a suc-

The Texans will provide the 1,500 pounds of beef, but it's up to Oklahomans to prepare it. Barbecue Chairman Herschal

Crow said he never expected Texas to offer more than the beef, especially since Keating wanted to have so many people attend.

"If it had come down to a dinner for 20 or 30 people, then the governor of Texas would have been glad to furnish all of the money and all of the food," Crow said.

Organizers don't seem bothered that they're spending more effort and money than Texas to hold the event. Many local residents see it as an economic development opportunity, a chance to show off the southwestern Oklahoma community to people in both states.

Organizers estimate there will be 80 gallons of beans and 320 loaves of bread to go along with the brisket.

The organizing committee has accepted about \$8,000 in donations, mostly from individuals and companies that have given more than \$500. They also have had offers, from restaurants and individuals, to cook all but 300 pounds of the meat for free.

Three workers hospitalized after collapse of drilling rig

federal regulators examined the wreckage at an oil and gas well site.

The 130-foot derrick fell Tuesday as a crew was installing casing to a depth of 9,000 feet in the shaft.

James Kirby, 31, was in serious condition at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock with multiple fractures. Robert McBride, 27, was in good condition at Odessa's Medical Center Hospital with a fracture.

Both men are part of a Hobbs, N.M.-based team from Allen's Casing Crew Inc. of Odessa, Texas.

David Nunez, a 34-year-old employee of Patterson Drilling Co., was in stable condition at Winkler County Memorial Hospital in Kermit with a bruised elbow and bruised

"It is a miracle that we did not have any fatalities," said

KERMIT, Texas (AP) - A Ed Cosgrove, area director for drilling rig collapse left three the U.S. Occupational Health workers hospitalized today as and Safety Administration in Lubbock. "The rig was really a mess.

> An OSHA compliance officer returned to Patterson's Rig No. 71 today in an investigation that Cosgrove said would likely take several weeks to com-

> Mark Cullifer, safety director of Snyder-based Patterson, said engineers would also examine the derrick to determine why it collapsed.

> Winkler County Sheriff Robert Roberts said Tuesday that metal fatigue on the derrick's frame could have caused the 6:45 a.m. eollapse. But Cullifer said engineers were more qualified to make that judgment.

> The well is about six miles southwest of Kermit, about halfway between Kermit and Wink near the southeastern corner of the Texas-New Mexico border.

Water spout



The streets of Pampa were a little wet Tuesday, at least along part of Hobart Street, when a water line at the corner of Hobart and Francis burst, spouting water about 40 feet into the air. According to witnesses, the water line erupted when workers from the Texas Department of Transportation accidentally drilled into the line while trying to place a sign on the corner of the two streets. City workers turned on two hydrants to lower the water pressure, which would allow them to work on the burst pipe. After about 30 minutes, the gusher was reduced to a bubbling pool of water at the site of the leak. It took city workers about one and a half hours to repair the water line.

State welfare official calls truce on funding

HOUSTON (AP) - Warned that Texas risked billions of federal dollars by moving forward with a welfare privatization plan without explicit approval, the state's top welfare official is going easy on the plan.

Mike McKinney, state commissioner of Health and Human Services, had declared last week that nothing short of states' rights was at issue in the feud over the multibillion-dollar proposal.

protect federal welfare funding. "We're not going to endanger

Now, he's calling a truce to

federal funds. I'm not stupid," McKinney said in Tuesday's Houston Chronicle.

"Because they did respond,

negotiations are ongoing. We're still working with the federal government. We're still trying to get their approval," he added. "I'm not going to unilaterally thumb my nose at them and put (the offer for bids) on the street."

McKinney and Gov. George W. Bush believe Texas has implicit federal approval to move ahead based on a federal rule that requires a definitive response to state proposals within 60 days, Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan said.

McKinney suspects national labor unions of contributing to a three-month delay of approval for the plan, the Chronicle reported from Austin. He said he retains the option to start seeking bids for the contract.

With Bush's approval, McKinney had planned to begin seeking bids on the contract within two weeks.

The contract would let a private technology company create and possibly run a system to screen applicants for more than \$8 billion in welfare benefits. The project includes 21 social service programs. Some have estimated it could lead to as many as 7,000 state job cuts.

Lockheed-Martin, IBM, Electronic Data Systems, Unisys and Andersen Consulting are among the companies that have shown interest in the contract, worth about \$2 billion over five years, the Chronicle said.

Lawmaker seeks new agency for child support

AUSTIN (AP) - Seeking to remove the state's child support collection system from elected officials, a lawmaker has filed a bill to strip the agency from Attorney General Dan Morales' control.

"If we didn't feel we were absolutely forced against the wall, we wouldn't be doing it," said. Rep. Leticia Van De Putte, D-San Antonio.

Ms. Van De Putte's bill, co-sponsored by 28 House members, would move oversight of the \$126 million, 1,450-employee division to a new independent commission.

She said such a commission would be more responsive to legislative mandates and, by focusing only on child support, would be better at collecting the billions of dollars owed to custodial parents.

Under the bill, also filed in the Senate by Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, a six-member Texas Family Support Commission would be appointed by the governor and include a family law

judge, a district clerk, a child advocate and a family practice lawyer.

Morales' spokesman, Ron Dusek, said the legislations is, at best, uninformed, and at worst, politically motivated.

Those who want the new commission "have not paid enough attention to facts and the record to come to a clear understanding that this would be a very foolish move," he said.

Duties related to child support constitute more than half of Morales' budget and employees

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HAMBY, Zella — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Miami

Obituaries

ZELLA HAMBY

MIAMI - Zella Hamby, 54, died Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church of Miami with the Rev. Wes Wellborn, pastor, and the Rev. Daniel Moore, pastor of United Methodist Church of Miami, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

Mrs. Hamby was born March 4, 1943, at Shamrock. She married Dick Hamby on May 20, 1961, at Wellington. She had been a Miami resident for the past 33 years. She was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Dick, of the home: a daughter, Wendy Weston of Delta, Colo.: two sons, Tony Hamby of Carrizozo, N.M., and Darrel Hamby of Lewiston, Maine; five sisters, Dorothy Stoner, Barbara Hill and Eulene Allen, all of Shamrock, Pearl Newkirk of Amarillo and Delores Gibson of Amhurst; two brothers, Cotton Seymour of Fort Worth and Jack Seymour of Texas City; seven grandchildren; and one great-

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS **GROUP COUNSELING**

Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler, is offering group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Narcotics Anonymous, a new non-profit group to aid people having problems with the use of narcotics, will have meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1121 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-6260 or 669-2665.

Stocks

The following	g grain quot	ations are	Chevron	up 1/2
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa		Coca-Cola 59 3/8	up 1/8	
			Columbia/HCA 42 3/4	dn 1/4
Wheat		4.10	Enron 40 1/4	NO
Milo		4.58	Halliburton 66-3/8	up 1 3/8
Corn		5.25	Ingersoll Rand 46 3/4	N(
		KNE	up 1/2	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation			Kerr McGee 63 1/8	up 3/8
			Limited	NO
			Mapco 31 1/2	dn 1/8
		McDonald's 44 1/2	up 3/8	
Occidental	25.5/8	NC.	Mobil129 5/8	up 2 1/8
			New Atmos 24 1/2	NO
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			Penney's 49	up 1/8
			Phillips	up 3/8
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Market quotations are furnished by		Ultramar 30 5/8	dn 1/4	
Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa			Wal Mart 26 5/8	up 1/8
Amoco	85 1/4	up 7/8	New York Gold	354 30
Arco	126 1/8	up 3/8	Silver	5.21
Cabot	23.5/8	NC	West Texas Crude	20.53
Cabot O&G	16 3/4	NC.		

Fires

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

TUESDAY, March 4

10:36 a.m. - One units and three personnel responded to 213 N. Russell for a medical assist. WEDNESDAY, March 5. 7:12 a.m. - Three units and five personnel

responded to Highway 60 on a structure fire. Smoke was coming from the smoking pit of Dver's Bar-B-Que. There was no damage

Sheriff's Office

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

TUESDAY, March 4

David Doherty, 42, Diana, was arrested on a charge of parole violation. He remains in custody. Bobby R. Tillaman, 51, 1136 Prairie Dr., was arested on a charge of theft of property. He was released on bond.

Russell Allen Owen, 30, Miami, was arrested on charges of escape on a previous conviction and a parole violation. He remains in custody. Bobby Ray Howard, 36, 1218 E. Browning, was

arrested on numerous DPS and Gray County traffic warrants. He remains in custody. Stephen William Greig, 25, no address listed, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He remains in custody.

Steve Deleon, 18, Borger, was arrested on a charge of no driver's license. He was released on

Eric Orlando Garcia, 16, Borger, was arrested on a charge of no driver's license. He was released on bond.

Police report

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

TUESDAY, March 3

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Sandlewood. Tires on a 1977 Bonanza, valued at \$375, were slashed.

A 28-year-old female reported an assault with a deadly weapon, a handgun, in the 500 block of West. A violation of a narcotics laws was reported in the 800 block of Talley.

A theft of a cellular phone and a flip phone, valued at \$300, was reported in the 300 block of North Warren.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. TUESDAY, March 4

10:23 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of North Russell on a trauma. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

12:03 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

10:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of South Sumner on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Reported the following accident for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

TUESDAY, March 3

A 1988 Chevy Pickup driven by Henry Mobley Buck, 21, 213 N. Starkweather, and a 1992 Olds Silhouette driven by Judy Hulsey Hansen, 48, 2515 Aspen, collided in the 400 block of Sloan. Buck was cited for failure to control speed.

Correction

The meeting place for the upcoming "Hospice Approach to Living & Dying" course was incorrectly reported. The 30-hour course will be held at the Hospice of the Panhandle Pampa office at 800 N. Sumner. The course starts Monday, March 10, and will meet Mondays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for 10 weeks through May 12. For more information, call (806) 665-6677.

Reese AFB plans reunion for base closing

REESE AIR FORCE BASE - tivate that day," Horton contin-Col Henry W. "Kodak" Horton, ued. "The ceremonial inactiva- at 801 Avenue Q in Lubbock is commander of the 64th Flying tion of the wing will occur on the "Reese Reunion '97" head-Training Wing at Reese Air Force April 2, 1997, during Reese quarters. Rooms will be available Base near Lubbock, has Reunion '97. The reunion will cel-there at a special rate. Reserannounced a series of ebrate the rich heritage of excel-vations may be made by calling "Inactivation Week" events lence that Lubbock Army Field 1-800-456-4329 and asking the March 31 to April 2, billed as and Reese AFB have been noted operator for "Reese Reunion '97" 'Reese Reunion' 47 — 55 Years of for over the years.'

inactivation of the 64th Flying 97-04, graduated Jan. 24, 1997, Training Wing, and Reese Air and the final aircraft departed private plane to Lubbock to Force Base closure in a positive. Reese Feb. 20," said Lt. Col. Ken. attend "Reunion" events will not manner, 'Reese Reunion' 97-55 Montague, 64th Operations be able to land at Reese since the Years of Excellence' enables us to. Group commander and chairman airfield will only have the ability accomplish this," Horton said, of the Inactivation Week Events, to service a very limited number family and friends to all of our working at Reese are now of flying training at Reese. Those

1997, and the 64th Flying ensuring the best base closure in Lubbock Aero Corp. at (806) 747-Training Wing will officially inac- September

It is our intention to mark the Joint Service Pilot Training Class be available on base. Everyone is welcome to bring. Committee. "The personnel of military aircraft after the end focused on creating a great interested in flying into Lubbock Reese AFB will close Sept 30, Reunion Week in April and International Airport can contact

The Holiday Inn-Civic Center or calling (806) 763-1200 in the The last class of student pilots, local dialing area. Rooms will not

Persons interested in flying a

'American Gladiators' champion killed by husband

A former champion of the come home late He said she had of competition. American Gladiators athletic com- been at the home of a woman he. The couple married that petition show was stabbed and believed was her loveras their 3.1/2-year-old daughter, wife to the floor, then choking and, after their daughter was born, watched, police said.

ing his parents in California, Juan - escaped outside, but he dragged show no reports of any domestic Minelli called 911 and said, "I just—her back into the house and beat her—violence at the house. killed my wife. Send everybody," in the head with a steel hammer. police said.

der Tuesday and held without slaying, police said. bond in the death of Cheryl syndicated TV show.

OAKLAND PARK, Fla. (AP) - Monday night when his wife had courses and other unusual forms

beaten to death by her husband.— Minellius accused of knocking his—he moved out a year later, shortly stabbing her repeatedly with but apparently the couple later Then, after showering and call-kitchen knives. Police said she reconciled. Oakland Park Police

Minelli was charged with mur- tany, witnessed her mother's told Minelli to get out because he

Ms. Wilson-Minelli met her didn't leave Wilson-Minelli, 31, the 1993 husband in Los Angeles in 1992 grand champion of the popular while she was a contestant on time All-America and Southeast-American Gladiators, in which ern Conference champion in the Minelli, 34, a former pro boxer, contestants match muscle against heptathlon and pentathlon at told police he became enraged the show's regulars on obstacle. Louisiana State University,

November. Court records show

James Wilson, the victim's The couple's daughter, Brit-brother, said she had recently was verbally abusing her, but he

Ms. Wilson-Minelli was a four-

Mann Regional Science Fair winners



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Students from Mann Elementary School traveled to Amarillo to compete in the 1997 Regional Science Fair. Robin Reidle, left, won first place for her color blindness project and first in Behavioral Sciences. Amber Freeman won second place for her left hand project and a distinguished award in Behavioral Sciences. Ashley Orr claimed a second in health and medicine, and Whitney Wichert received a distinguished award for chemistry.

Workshop to help people combat insect pests

PANHANDLE - The Square House Museum in Panhandle is control. offering a one-day workshop designed to combat insect pests ods of prevention, and commonly found in homes, businesses and storage areas.

The workshop is Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The deadline for registration is March 17.

According to museum contact, Georgia Lane, registrar, two trained entomologists, Bryan Springer from Texas City and Ken Bell from Amarillo, will give presentations Saturday morning. Both own and operate pest control businesses and are experienced in dealing with a variety of insect pests situations. Topics include:

 How to identify common insect pests.

• Easy and inexpensive meth-

 Advice on regular pest control and on emergency procedures. After a lunch provided by

Square House Museum, there will be hands-on demonstrations in several areas of the museum complex. Participants will see how clothing and other textile materials are properly and safely stored. Taxidermy mounts will be examined for insects and treatment methods discussed. A simple and effective means of fumigating objects which may have insects will be demonstrated. Everyone is welcome to partic-

ipate, and everyone will benefit from the workshop, Lane said.

• The consequences of losing um, an art gallery, an antique shop or a library, this workshop is for you. However, just about anyone will pick up some tips which may save a valued apparel item or clothing accessory, an antique quilt or oriental rug, a scrapbook or family bible, or that trophy head on the wall," she said.

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The cost is \$25, which includes a reference material packet by the two expert presenters, the famous board-cooked lunches served at the museum and hands-on demonstrations conducted by the museum staff and associate taxidermist.

The Square House Museum is located in Panhandle at the intersection of Texas Highway 207 and Fifth Street.

Call (806) 537-3524 for more "If you work in a small muse- information about the workshop.

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Budget

This time, with all 100 senators taking their seats in the Senate telling senior citizens that their chamber to show the gravity of the vote, all 55 Republicans and 11 of the 45 Democrats supported the amendment.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said the House, which passed the measure in 1995, would take it up this year, but set no date. "We will regroup the effort and determine the best it. time and place to move forward," he said.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., predicted the House would pass the measure in the next month or two, and the Senate would then consider taking it up again. "This is an issue that will not go away," he said.

House action this year stalled Democrats in voicing concerns that Social Security recipients could lose benefits unless the Social Security trust fund was removed from

general budget calculations. off the table it is very unlikely an accused Democrats of "sheer unmitigated demagoguery" for

Social Security checks would be there was little suspense: All 100 senators had announced their decisions by last week, when the last undeclared lawmaker, freshman Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-

N.I., said he would vote against

Several Democrats said they wanted a constitutional amendment but opposed the Republican version because they said it left Social Security vulnerable to future budget cutters and set too high a barrier for waiving the balanced budget requirement

in times of recession or war. when some Republicans joined sion states that a three-fifths majority in both houses is needed to allow a deficit in any year after 2002, and has a national security exemption only in times of war.

The defeated GOP-crafted ver-

Hatch, the chief GOP sponsor, amendment will ever pass," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

Republicans, wounded by the defeat of their major agenda item, took the offensive, citing esti-Despite the narrow margin, mates by congressional budget analysts that Clinton's budget plan would still leave the federal government \$69 billion in debt in 2002. Armey joined GOP budget

chairmen in demanding that Clinton submit a new budget. Daschle responded by holding two news conferences to blast Republicans for failing to produce their own budget. "I think that it's inexcusable for

them to be so audacious to ask the president to come and deliver vet another budget when they have yet to provide the first one," he said.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said that since Clinton worked to defeat the constitutional amendment, "the onus is on his back to produce a balanced budget that "Until we take Social Security works and is real.'

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST Tonight, generally clear with a

low near 30 and southeasterly winds 5-10 mph. Thursday, sunny and breezy with a high near 70 and southwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Tuesday's high was 60; the overnight low was 20. **REGIONAL FORECAST**

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, mostly clear with lows in low 20s to upper 20s. Thursday, mostly sunny and warmer with highs in low 60s to near 70. South Plains: Tonight, clear. Lows 25-32. Thursday, sunny. Highs 63-70.

cloudy. Highs 60 to 65.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, clearing and cool. Lows near near 50 coast. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in upper 60s inland to low 60s coast. Coastal Tonight, clearing, windy and Highs in the 60s.

North Texas - Tonight, cool. Lows in low 50s coast to decreasing cloudiness east early. mid 40s inland, low 50s Rio Clear to partly cloudy west and Grande plains. Thursday, central. Lows 29 west to 35 sunny and cooler. Highs in southeast. Thursday, partly upper 50s coast to mid 60s inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico – Tonight, mainly clear and cold. Lows 5 to mid 20s 40, mid 30s Hill Country. mountains and northwest with Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs 20s to low 30s east and south. in mid 60s. Upper Coast: Thursday, fair skies and warmer. Tonight, mostly cloudy and Highs mid 40s to low 60s mouncool. Lows in low 40s inland to tains and north with 60s to mid 70s south.

Oklahoma – Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the 20s to near 30. Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Thursday, increasing cloudiness.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

ALICIA PARRY and Chuck Ingram of Ingram Plumbing would like to invite friends and customers to be present as they exchange vows at Briarwood Church, March 8th, 2 p.m. Adv.

REBECCA ANN'S - Come Celebrate our 2nd Anniversary. 20% off Spring fashions including swimsuits. 1521 N. Hobart. 669-3095. Adv.

SHARON YOUNG Trunk Show, Thursday, March 6, 10-5:30 p.m. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, 669-1091. Adv.

TAX SERVICE: Glenda Borger - 274-2142 or 800-600-2670. Adv.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEET-ING for the 8th grade party, Thursday March 6th, 7 p.m., Pampa Middle School Library. Foster. Adv. All parents encouraged to

INCOME TAX Preparation vester, 669-3928. Adv.

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN Brownlee, 625 Whittenburg, School of Pampa. Student applications for Fall 1997. 665-3393, 1200 S. Sumner Street. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Wednesday 5-8 p.m. Meat loaf, fried chicken, spaghetti and meatballs, chicken fried steak, 716 W.

THE GROOBEES at the Landmark Club Saturday 8th, 9:30ish til 1 a.m. Cover charge \$5 single, \$9 couple, member-Wm. L. Arthur, 1103 E. Har- ship required. 618 W. Foster.



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Washington, relating to the

importance of the organizations of the Daughters of American

The DAR was formed in 1890,

Ramp is a candidate for Texas

She was first initiated into the

and has served for more than 33

Al'Louise Ramp, from the Daughters of American Revolution Comancheria Chapter at Canadian, presents a historical review on the DAR organization and the nation's government in a special program Monday for the students at Pampa Community Christian School.

Area DAR leader discusses history issues with students

By SHERRY CROMARTIE **Staff Writer**

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Al'Louise Ramp of Canadian, Revolution and the Sons of representing the Daughters of the American Revolution and their Revolution efforts at promoting education, Comancheria Chapter, joined history and patriotism. with local members of the Las Pampas Chapter Monday to pre- and Caroline Scott Harrison was sent a brief historical program to its first president general, accordthe students of Pampa ing to Ramp. Community Christian School.

The students participated in DAR vice regent's office this year, the opening flag ceremonies and and plans to attend the state consang the Star Spangled Banner, ference in San Antonio March 12 under the leadership of DAR Las through 15. She is the current Pampas Regent Willie Mae state treasurer and past corre-Mangold, prior to the start of the sponding secretary. program. Others representing the Las Pampas chapter were Betty organization as a young woman, White and Lillian Skelly.

Ramp addressed the students years. She is a charter member of on the reasons the American the Canadian DAR Comancheria Constitution was written and Chapter and is credited for orgathat our nation's government nizing that chapter in 1973. was formed on the principals of God, home and country.

"The Nation's government was forming a local organization of founded on these principals and Children it is the only government formed Revolution, a more recent moveon Christian concepts and ment sponsored by DAR and Christian morals," she told the SAR in several states.

Quincy Adams and George 7259.

Ramp suggested the young people of Pampa might consider of American

She said educational programs

Wearing hats designed from presented by the area chapters the 1776 era, the four program are available to any student presenters read historic quotes group. To request a program in from the composers of the Pampa, Regent Willie Mae Constitution, including John Mangold can be reached at 669-

Woman serves two days for tardiness

A Graham woman who reported released Tuesday. late for jury duty has been a federal detention center.

U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall

Mansfield, south of Fort Worth. He found her in contempt of there." court when she was tardy for jury duty in a trial last month in a fed- Ms. Smith and anyone else

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) - tence on Monday. She was

The judge said he ordered her released after serving two days in release early because he had made his point.

"Everyone there at the jail was sentenced Judy Smith, 55, to happy they allowed me to spend three days in the federal leave," Ms. Smith told the Wichita detention center for women at Falls Times-Record News Tuesday. "No one thought I deserved to be

The judge said he hopes that eral courtroom at Wichita Falls. doubting the importance of jury Kendall announced his sen- service learned their lesson.

GOP moves to distance itself from fund raising inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Republicans are moving to limit their investigation into 1996 presidential campaign fund-raising abuses while increasing pressure on Attorney General Janet Reno to appoint an independent counsel.

"The scope should be limited to illegal activities in the presidential campaigns last year" and other related practices by the two major political parties, said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., who is trying to appease GOP objections to expanding the probe into congressional races and campaign finance reform,

"The system isn't broken, the laws have been broken," Lott told reporters Tuesday.

He also proposed a non-binding resolution calling on Reno to appoint an independent counsel to investigate possible criminal wrongdoing by Democratic Party fund-raisers and President Clinton's re-election campaign.

Additionally, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he would ask the panel's Republican members to sign a letter formally requesting Reno to appoint an independent coun-

Under the independent counsel law, Reno would have 30 days to respond to the request. "I doubt that she'll refuse," Hatch

Sens. Russell Feingold of Wisconsin and Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York are among prominent Democrats who also have urged an independent counsel be named in the growing controversy over questionable Democratic fund-raising, plus Clinton's White House coffees and Lincoln Bedroom sleep-overs for big money

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., likened the Democratic campaign abuses to the Watergate scandal of the 1970s that brought down the presidency of Richard Nixon.

This is not some random accident," Gingrich said. "This is the most systematic, large-scale effort to get around the law that I think we've seen certainly since Watergate. And in its total effort is much bigger, I think, than Watergate.

Lott said Vice President Al Gore's aggressive fund-raising actions during the re-election campaign raise a "serious question" of wrongdoing and warrant investigation by a special prosecutor.

Gore on Monday acknowledged that "on a few occasions" he used White House telephones to solicit campaign money during the 1996 campaign. Gore said he did nothing illegal, but promised not to do it again.

Lott said proposals for campaign-finance reform "should be considered and it should be considered separately," from the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee investigation headed by Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn. Lott said he expected the Senate would scale back the \$5.7 million budget sought by Thompson. "We haven't made a final decision but I assume the money will be reduced some," he said.

Thompson had agreed to a Democratic proposal for a wider investigation that would include congressional races – an agenda that was unanimously approved by the panel.

Democrats, meantime, have called for spending just \$1.8 million on the investigation and have threatened to filibuster the larger amount proposed by Thompson.





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Pampa High School participants in the state DECA conference include, front row from left, Valarie Bruner, Nicole Watson, Matt Rhine, Tami Graves, Aretha Brown, Lorenna Medley and Jamle Leach, and, at back, Jeff Jenkins. Not pictured is Brandon Campbell.

Four DECA students going to national

Conference for DECA, Texas Participating Event. Association.

dents from Pampa participated in Chapter Public Relations Project the state conference held Feb. 26 that earned first place honors. through March 2 at the downtown Hyatt Hotel in Houston.

Saturday, March 1, were Matt Pampa. Rhine, Valarie Bruner, Jamie Leach and Lorenna Medley.

ment Conference in Anaheim, plan for Bealls. Calif., on April 28-May 4, with

DECA students qualified to go to stock trailer business. Bruner's ten Event and state officer candinational competition after earn- business plan for a ladies apparel date. ing state finalist posts at the 51st store also won her a first place

Leach and Medley were the Nine marketing education stu-chairpersons for the Pampa The public relations project was a Christmas Store the DECA mem-Recognized as state finalists at bers organized for the students at the Grand Awards Assembly on Lamar Elementary School in high schools across the state.

Aretha Brown was named an alternate in the Fashion Mer-They and other state finalists chandise Promotion Plan Event. conference. earned the right to compete at the Her project consisted of develop-

part of their expenses paid by the DECA chapter at the Houston Texas Association of DECA, conference were Nicole Watson, vide leadership experiences and according to local chapter advi- state officer candidate; Brandon recognition for its members as Rhine placed first in the and Tourism Management in marketing, management and

Four Pampa High School Event with his business plan on a Graves, Entrepreneurship Writ-

In addition to business meet-Annual Career Development ranking in the Entrepreneurship ings, career workshops and educational tours, students participated in curriculum related competitive events which allowed them to compare their knowledge and skills about various concepts in marketing, merchandising and management with those of students from over 500

> There were approximately 2,500 DECA members and their advisors taking part in the state

DECA is a 51-year-old youth National DECA Career Develop- ing a back-to-school promotion organization with almost 12,000 members statewide and 150,000 Also representing the Pampa members nationwide.

DECA's unique role is to pro-Campbell and Jeff Jenkins, Travel they prepare for dynamic careers Entrepreneurship Participating Decision Team Event; and Tami entrepreneurship, Crow said.

Hump of high water miles long threatens Louisville

of high water several miles long Cincinnati. snaked down the Ohio River, "The '37 flood run us out," had forced thousands of people pushing water levels higher than Perdue said. "The last time we from their homes along smaller they have been in at least three got run out was '64," mentioning decades and forcing even the the two floods along the Ohio by most stubborn residents to evac- which most others are measured.

Ollie Perdue and his wife move. We had to." small clapboard home along the Friday.

"We don't like to tear up and

Mary Lee were in the basement Fed by heavy rains and runoff of the Unity Fellowship Church upstream as far as Pittsburgh, the outside Warsaw on Tuesday. river was expected to crest this Church members had finally morning in Louisville, the state's persuaded them to leave their largest city, and surge again on

river in this small town about The river was engorged by

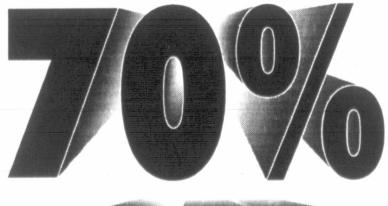
WARSAW, Ky. (AP) - A hump 35 miles southwest of runoff from record downpours over the weekend that already streams in Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. A total of 50 deaths have been blamed on the flooding and the weekend's tornadoes.

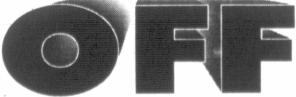


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Opinion

Taking anti terrorism too extremes ...

We still don't know what caused TWA Flight 800 to explode last July, although investigators say there is little evidence to suggest either a terrorist bomb or a missile. But, as often happens, fear triggered by such a tragedy was enough to spur the government to take action: President Clinton imposed new airline safety regulations and convened a commission headed by Vice President Al

The commission endorsed some immediate steps and recently proposed more regulations and safety measures.

It's time to start asking whether these expensive new mandates are worth the cost, either in money or in freedoms endangered.

Because of the new security measures implemented last July, the Federal Aviation Administration and the airlines recommended that passengers arrive at the airport for their flights a half hour earlier. In 1995, travelers took about 390 million trips on U.S. airlines. The FAA uses a value-of-time estimate of \$48 an hour for business travelers and \$42 an hour for non-business travelers. Thus these new delays have cost travelers about \$9 billion a year.

Now, the commission has recommended installing more explosive-detection devices in airports. But the FAA has certified only one such device, and a General Accounting Office review found it frequently yields false alarms and doesn't process baggage as quickly as claimed. It would cost \$2.2 billion to put such machines in the 75 busiest airports in the country. That wouldn't guarantee safety from terrorists, but would guarantee even more delays for

passengers. The commission also recommends only partial bag-matching, a theoretically automated system that would set off an alarm if a passenger doesn't get on the plane he has placed a bag on. Bag matches are now required for international flights, and the procedure takes an extra hour. So a full bag match - besides costing the airlines \$2 billion a year to perform – would cost travelers another \$ billion or so in lost time.

The commission says partial bag matching will be supplemented by "profiling" of passengers, a system in which law-enforcement agencies would develop a profile of the "typical" terrorist and check it against the characteristic of passengers. Passengers, of course, would be required to give more information about themselves than just their credit card number. The full monetary cost of such a system is almost impossible to calculate, but the cost in privacy would be enormous, not to mention the cost to innocent people who are detained or harassed because they fit a profile.

Robert W. Hahn, a Carnegie-Mellon University economist, has done a calculation of all the costs associated with these new airline security measures (necessarily an estimate, since federal officials have been notably reluctant to talk about cost.) He assumed the mandates would be 100 percent effective that no terrorist incidents would occur in the future. About 548 people have died in airline sabotage-incidents in the United States since 1982, about 37 a year. Saving those 37 lives each year would cost \$200 million per life saved. The figure, pending the investigation's outcome, includes passengers on Flight 800.

It's a harsh exercise to view the situation in those raw cost-benefit terms, and harder still to know where to draw the financial line.

Combating terrorism, lowering the odds of success of such international outlaws, is surely a worthwhile goal. But the costs as outlined in the commission's report sound high for an effect that in all likelihood won't bullet-proof the nation from terrorism - or whatever caused the failure of Flight 800.

Thought for today

"Let us a little permit Nature to take her own way; she better understands her own affairs than we."

Michel De Montaigne

Crusading on 'Chicago Hope'

In the late 1980s and early '90s, liberal political advocacy was commonplace on prime-time television. Head of the Class constantly belittled conservative personalities and causes from Ronald Reagan to Dan Quayle, from SDI to the Second Amendment. L.A. Law presented leftist spins on abortion, the U.S. invasion of Panama and the Los Angeles riots, to name just a few issues. Designing Women, A Different World, MacGyver, thirtysomething: The list of ideologically charged series was long and depressing.

With the arrival of Bill Clinton, political bashing all but disappeared from the small screen (though cultural activism continues unabated.) On Feb. 17, however, CBS' drama Chicago Hope offered a blast from the past, a double barreled shot of support for socialized health care "reform."

In the episode, Tommy Wilmette (Ron Silver), the owner of Chicago Hope Hospital, travels to Washington to testify before a Senate subcommittee on children's health care. Tommy is accompanied by Kate Austin (Christine Lahti), a surgeon at Chicago Hope. Both establish their liberal credentials early. Tommy remarks to Kate, "A lot of people have lost faith in government, but these guys actually have the power to do something useful." Kate comments that she "can't forget (Washington's) corruption and scandal, (but) then there's the romantic side of me." "Romantic" and "useful," in this sense, refer to a New Frontier/Great Society-style faith in what the federal government could accomplish if only it had the funding. If only those damn conservatives would just get out of the way.

Later, at the hearing, Tommy is welcomed by the subcommittee chairman, Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), playing Himself. Of course, in the real world, Kennedy doesn't chair didly-squat because in the real world, Kennedy's socialist ideas have been consigned to the trash heap of public policy. But this is Hollywood, where you can invent titles - and statis-



L. Brent Bozell

tics, too: Kennedy wonders, "Do we have the political will to provide health insurance to cover 10 mil-

lion" uninsured hildren? What ten million? As Michael Tanner and Naomi Lopez write in the February issue of the newsletter MediaNomics, three million of those children are eligible for Medicaid but are not enrolled; another 1.5 million children come from families earning over \$40,000 per year; many more families choose not to insure their youngsters, preferring to pay their medical expenses out of pocket. Moreover, many programs, both public and private, already provide for uninsured children. And child-only policies cost about \$100 a month - easily within reach for most

But back to the show's hysteria. On the tear jerking scale, Wilmette easily tops Sen. Kennedy: "American medical arrangements are out of control. We need to disconnect profit from care. There should be no profit from the pain and misfortune of others. No profit from sick children. No profit from the dying. Health care is a right, just like education is, just like equal justice under the law. The marketplace may be efficient, but it is amoral. The system is sick, and it is killing us."

That night's eleven o'clock newscast on CBS' Washington affiliate, WUSA, noted that Sen. Hillary.

Kennedy wrote his own lines and that he appeared on the show because Silver asked him to do so. During the WUSA report, Sliver asserted that CBS had been "courageous in allowing the argument about health care reform to be made in this episode."

Argument? The episode was thoroughly one sided. No conservative health care position was stated. Presumably for the sake of bipartisanship, Jack Kemp appeared briefly in another scene - saying hello to Silver's character.

So why this episode, at this time? After Bill and Hillary's health care plan was defeated in 1994, its backers claimed this happened largely because its opponents - led by two fictional characters, Harry and Louise - won the public relations war. Now that the Clinton administration has announced a new campaign for socialized health care, you can bet your bottom tax dollar it will use very communication outlet at its disposal - especially the cultural weapon of entertainment television - to get its message across.

And it has a willing mouthpiece in Silver, a long-time liberal activist who has been especially loud on this issue. He told CNN in 1992 that "it's time for a single-payer national health plan," and in 1991, he said on CNBC that "when the people have the information, (they will) create a political climate for radical change" regarding health care. Evidently, Silver and the producers of Chicago Hope felt the public still didn't have the information - hence their propaganda onslaught.

On the other hand, maybe the American people know more about health care than Silver and other liberals think they do. Maybe they know that our system is the world's best. And maybe that's why no one is leaving the United States in favor of those socialist countries already offering the utopia promised by Ron Silver, Ted Kennedy and Bill and

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 5, the 64th day of 1997. There are 301 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 5, 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who had been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people. (Two British soldiers were later convicted of manslaughter.)

On this date: In 1766, Spanish official Don Antonio de Úlloa arrived in New power. Orleans to take possession of the

Louisiana Territory from the French. In 1867, an abortive Fenian uprising against English rule took place in

In 1868, the Senate was organized first time.

into a Court of Impeachment to decide charges against President Andrew Johnson.

In 1933, in German parliamentary elections, the Nazi Party won 44 percent of the vote, enabling it to join with the Nationalists to gain a slender majority in the Reichstag.

In 1946, Winston Churchill delivered his famous "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. In 1953, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin

died at age 73 after 29 years in

tion treaty went into effect after 43 nations ratified it.

In 1976, the British pound fell below the equivalent of \$2 for the

In 1977, President Carter took questions from 42 telephone callers in 26 states on a network radio call-in program moderated by Walter

In 1982, comedian John Belushi was found dead of a drug overdose in a rented bungalow in Hollywood; he was 33.

Ten years ago: President Reagan called on Congress to approve the final installment of a \$100 million aid package for Nicaraguan Contra

Five years ago: Nebraska Sen. Bob In 1970, a nuclear non-prolifera- Kerrey dropped out of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. The trial of four Los Angeles police officers charged with beating Penn Jillette is 42. Rock singer motorist Rodney King opened in Simi Valley, Calif.

One year ago: Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole swept the Junior Tuesday primaries. Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz, R-Utah, tangled in a financial mess that she blamed on her estranged husband, announced she would not seek a secTee

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Today's Birthdays: Actor James Noble is 75. Actor James B. Sikking is 63. Actor Dean Stockwell is 61. Actor Fred Williamson is 59. Actor Paul Sand is 53. Actor Michael Warren "In the House") is 51. Singer Eddy Grant is 49. Violinist Eugene Fodor is 47. Rock musician Alan Clark (Dire Straits) is 45. Actress-comedian Marsha Warfield is 43. Magician Charlie Reid is 35. Rock singer Craig Reid is 35. Model Niki Taylor is 22.

Truth about partial birth abortion

Imagine if you will that a leading figure in the prolife movement issued a statement that he had "lied through his teeth" in the debate over partial birth

How do you suppose the story would be played? Is there any doubt that it would make Page One?

Well, a leading abortion supporter did exactly that. Ron Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, acknowledged that he had "lied through his teeth" during the partial birth abortion debate. In a 1995 appearance on Nightline, Fitzsimmons offered the party line, namely that partial birth abortions were very rare (only 400 or 500 per year) and were performed only to preserve a woman's health or when the fetus had severe abnor-

Just recently, Fitzsimmons admitted that pro-life advocates had been right all along. Partial birth abortions are not rare - Fitzsimmons estimates that there are between 4,000 and 5,000 per year. Moreover, most are performed on healthy women with healthy babies. The New York Times put the story on Page A12, and

The Washington Post placed it on Page 4.

To their credit, NBC and ABC gave the story prominent play (Nightline devoted another program to the subject), though their discomfort with the news was palpable. One female reporter noted sadly that this revelation of duplicity would play into the hands of those who want to ban the procedure for everyone. Jo Ann Silberner of National Public Radio reported the story with so many caveats and explanations that listeners could scarcely tell by the end of her account

The exposure of the alleged misdeeds of



Mona Charen

must what Fitzsimmons had done wrong.

Fitzsimmons explains that he had a guilty conscience for lying to Nightline. He had done his own research on the prevalence of partial birth abortions when the issue was first raised and knew that the procedure was neither rare nor performed only for medical necessity. He now says that lying about it made him feel "like a dirty-little abortionist with a dirty little secret." Was it only lying that made him feel that way?

Fitzsimmons was not alone. That's what makes this story so significant. The lies he told were the lies the entire pro-choice movement purveyed at the time. Pro-life advocates had proof that partial birth abortions were being performed on viable fetuses of who performed the procedure. Dr. Martin Haskell had told American Medical News that only 20% of the partial birth abortions he performed were for medical reasons. Dr. James McMahon testified that only nine percent of his procedures involved "maternal health" and, of these, the most common was depression.

At first, the press obediently reported the lies of pro-choice advocates as fact. But in time, sprouts of truth pushed through the concrete.

The Bergen Record newspaper reported that just one clinic in New Jersey performed 1,500 partial birth abortions in one year. The Washington Post reported that many partial birth abortions were performed on healthy teenagers who waited until their pregnancies were advanced because they could not come to terms with reality before then.

Fitzsimmons now says that his lies did a disservice to the pro-choice cause, since there is nothing to be ashamed of. But is it morally justifiable to partially deliver a viable fetus, only to kill it on the verge of birth? How is that distinguishable from infanticide?

Pro-choice fanatics know that there is little difference between partial birth abortion on late term fetuses and infanticide. The web of lies they wove to obscure the truth is unraveling.

The only question that remains now is whether President Clinton has enough integrity to reverse his position and his veto. He relied, after all, on the lies Fitzsimmons has now acknowledged. "There are a few hundred women every year," President Clinton said in his veto message, "who have personally agohealthy mothers. They had the testimony of doctors nizing situations where their children are born or are about to be born with terrible deformities, which will cause them to die either just before, during or just after childbirth."

If President Clinton now reverses himself, we will know that he was honestly misled. If he declines to do so, his motives will open to darker interpretations. Is Hubbell being paid to keep quiet?

President and Mrs. Clinton and various members of the administration has recently taken a sharp and for the Clintons - an extremely ominous turn. Your representatives

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Hitherto the impact of the successive revelations has been softened by their very complexity. The tangle of financial crimes summed up in the word "Whitewater" simply defies easy explanation.

True, every once in a while something simple but mysterious happens in broad daylight: Mrs. Clinton's legal billing records (which had been subpoenaed many months before) turn up, inexplicably, on a table in the White House residential quarters: torn fragments of a suicide note allegedly written by Vince Foster are found in his briefcase after it has been shaken vigorously and proved empty; the FBI files of 900 Republican officials are handed over, without explanation, to a White House personnel director whom nobody

Christopher Dodd's mocking question, "So But now, at last, as the story of the Democratic Party's illegal fundraising activities unfolds, we are moving into subject matter that is positively easy to understand. And nowhere is this truer than in the case of Webster Hubbell, Hillary Clinton's ex-partner in the Rose Law Firm.

cold, and we are left trying to answer Sen.

Hubbell was a major crony of the Clintons, and lighter sentence, or none at all? when Janet Reno was named attorney general al (the second ranking job in that vital depart- Clinton administration. Web Hubbell - under Hubbell's agreeing with him.

ment), quite obviously to keep an eye on things for the Clintons. Unfortunately Hubbell was soon under investigation on charges of cheating his clients and his own law partners back in Little Rock, and was obliged to resign his post at the Justice Department. Eventually, he plea bargained himself into a fairly short stretch in prison, from of Commerce by Clinton which he was recently moved to a "halfway can remember hiring. But the trails quickly grow

One can imagine what forebodings must have filled the minds of President and Mrs. Clinton in 1994, as prison loomed before Web Hubbell. Here was a man who unquestionably knew far more about the Clintons' private affairs, financial and otherwise, than it was safe for any talkative person to know. Up till then he had always been dependably close mouthed; but who knew what he might be persuaded to reveal in return for a

At just that point occurred another of those

investigation, out of Justice, and quite clearly facing indictment, conviction and jail - was suddenly hired, in his capacity as a private lawyer, and paid a large sum of money for his services. The sum of money has been variously described as \$250,000 and simply as "more than \$100,000." The services he performed for that fee are, at this point, unknown.

But what puts the maraschino cherry on the sundae is the identity of his new client. It was none other than the Lippo Group: A company owned by the Riady family, the Indonesian billionaires who funneled hundreds of thousands perhaps millions – of dollars to the Clinton campaign, and whose former employee, John Huang, first had a gaudy career as a Democratic fundraiser and then was named deputy assistant secretary

What could a prospective jailbird like Web Hubbell do for the Riadys that would be worth more than a hundred grand? Or were they simply paying him hush money at somebody else's request?

Hubbell, when asked to produce documents bearing on this question, told congressional investigators that he is invoking his Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination to avoid producing them. But, as he well knows, that privilege will protect him against having to testify, but not against having to produce documents.

Clinton insists he knows nothing about the Clinton designated him as deputy attorney genermy sterious events that seem to characterize the matter. A lot – an enormous lot – depends on Web



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Pampa girl competing in Miss Texas National Pre-Teen Program pageant

The Miss Texas National Pre- and candidates are encouraged Teen Program is the official state to join existing clubs or volunteer program for the Miss National organizations to help in the edu-Pre-Teen pageant to be held in cation of students to not use Orlando, Fla., in November 1997. drugs. This is the 17th year of competition for girls ages 9 to 12.

Ramona Lee Perez of Pampa has been selected as a candidate in the 1997 competition scheduled March 14-16 at the Waco Convention Center and Holiday Inn in Waco. Ramona, the daughter of Venancio and Betsy Perez to the Waco competition. of Pampa, is competing in the Texas pageant for her second time.

Ramona, 11 1/2, is a sixth grade student at Pampa Middle School and a member of the student in Pampa elementary "Darling Dimples" club at her schools. She has a brother, school, made up by several girls Manolito, who is in the seventh at the school because of their grade at the middle school. dimples.

in the Pampa Middle School Johnson, Titan Specialities, Top O' Band and is a past member of the Texas New and Used Cars, DARE program. According to Bartlett's Ace Hardware, Lulac her mother, she is a strong believ- Council 4528 of Pampa, Bill er in the anti-drug program and Allison Auto Sales, Perez Painting has supported the slogan, "Just and Contracting of Pampa, Raven Say No" to drugs, since before General Contracting she was in the fifth grade.

The current Miss National Pre- Insurance Accountant. Teen program is teamed up with

In the Waco competition, contestants will be judged on academics/achievements, gown presentation, interview and personality. Optional talent, sportswear and photogenic competition will be held during the state event. Her family will accompany her

She has two sisters who will probably follow in her footsteps, said Mrs. Perez. They are Noemi, who is a third grade student, and Lamelia, who is a fourth grade

Her local sponsors include Bill would help fund fugitive She plays the flute instrument Avon representative Ina Mae Construction, and Paul Clay,

The current title holder for "Just Say No" as the official Miss Texas National Pre-Teen is national service organization, Olivia Vickers of Kingsville.

Discovery Center planning its Spring Eggstravaganza

Eggstravaganza, hosted by the and two year olds at 11:30 a.m. Don Harrington Discovery One make-up egg hunt will be Center, will take place March 22 available at noon. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

children ages two through eight Interested parties can enter the to participate in Amarillo's drawing by filling out the stub on biggest egg hunt. In addition to the admission ticket. age specific hunts on the outside variety of fun and "eggciting" activities including Stars and the Bunny Chopper.

Eggs filled with surprises will Discovery Center for each schedat 10 a.m., four year olds at 10:30 Ext. 20.

Spring a.m., three year olds at 11 a.m.,

A ten speed bike will be raffled The Discovery Center invites off the day of the event.

Discounted tickets can be purgrounds, families can enjoy a chased at the Discovery Center Gift Shop beginning March 7. Science Ticket prices are \$3 for members Eggsperiments, Egg Spoon and \$5 for non-members in Races, Egg Toss, Bunny Toss, advance and \$4 for members and Bunny Walk, BunnyCrawl to the \$6 for non-members if purchased the day of the event.

Gift Shop hours are Tuesday cover the north lawn of the through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. uled hunt. Egg hunts begin at The Gift Shop is closed on 9:30 a.m. with seven and eight Monday. For further information, year olds. Age five and six start contact Julie at (806) 355-9548

Quarter horse show to air on ESPN

AMARILLO - America's Horse, will rebroadcast on March 26. the only television series dedicated to the American Quarter been produced by Winner Horse, will air as a half-hour Communications of Tulsa, Okla. broadcast twice a month on the Hosted by Jeff Medders and comcable sports network ESPN.

Horse highlight the American Quarter Horse in action from the cutting pen to the rodeo arena. Cutting competition from the National Cutting Horse Associa- Trailer I tion Augusta Futurity in Wrangler. Augusta, Ga., will be featured on the March 9 broadcast of America's Horse on ESPN and

rebroadcast on March 12. The second March program features the 1996 National Finals Rodeo timed-event champions; the 1996 AOHA/Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association/ Women's Professional Rodeo Association Horses of the Year; and the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame inductees. The program airs on ESPN March 19 and

mentators Mike Perkins, Tom

Since 1989, America's Horse has March broadcasts of America's Dawson and Tracie Wilson, America's Horse is presented by Breyer and sponsored by the Bayer Corporation, Buick Motor Division, GMC, Sooner Trailer Manufacturing and

al's office failed to produce a final model for damage calculations and the supporting infor-

try to delay the trial."

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Bringing in the 'copter pad

State briefs

AUSTIN (AP) - A veteran

"The Legislature of this state is

He spoke at a standing-room-

Black Panthers, upstart group

California Legislature in the 60s

say these upstarts are racists and

'We're totally against the race

baiting and bully tactics that they

use among people in the commu-

nity and the image they project

to our youth," said Fahim

Minkah, a member of the origi-

us re-emerging and not a single

one of them were former mem-

The New Black Panthers say

AUSTIN (AP) — Redirecting

some of the surplus in the state's

Crime Victims' Auxiliary Fund

could be one of the best ways to

keep Texans from becoming

crime victims, said Sen. Jerry

The Pasadena Republican said

the crime victims' fund, which

gets money from court cases set-

tled by the state and from dona-

tions, collected \$48 million last

The \$20 million surplus

brought the fund's balance to \$90

Patterson is sponsoring a bill to allocate some of that surplus to

the Texas Department of Public

Safety's Special Crimes Service,

which is responsible for tracking

down parole violators and the

state's ten most wanted criminals.

victims is avoiding being a crime

victim," Patterson said Tuesday.

'If we apprehend parole viola-

Industry, Morales spar over

the tobacco industry say

Attorney General Dan Morales

hasn't produced the mathemati-

cal "model" being used to calculate damage estimates in the

state's \$14 billion lawsuit against

But Morales' office says the

"We provided them with the

tobacco defense is blowing

information that we were

required to provide under the court's order,". Ron Dusek,

spokesman for Morales, said

Tuesday. "This is just another

effort by the tobacco industry to

In a motion filed in U.S.

District Court in Texarkana on

Monday, the tobacco companies

charged that the attorney gener-

the industry.

smoke.

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawyers for

tors, there won't be victims."

"The best assistance to crime

year and spent \$28 million.

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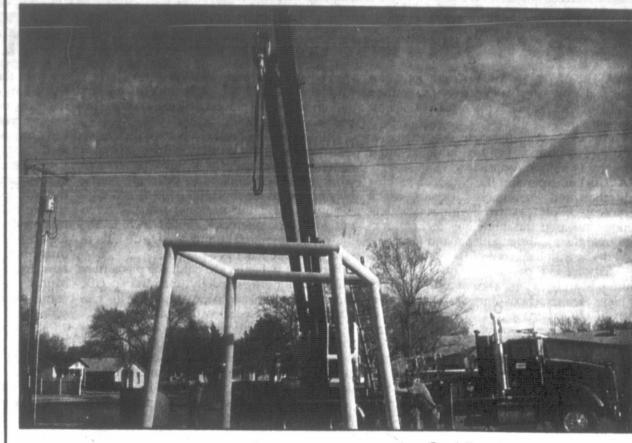
Patterson.

bers of the Black Panther Party.'

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nal Black Panther Party.

face off over name



The Freedom Museum USA received some much needed help from the K&K Inc. cconstruction company of White Deer in moving a steel stand which will be used to display a WWII War Bird Helicopter on the museum property later this year. Museum board members help guide the stand to the new location while a K&K employee work the controls of the giant crane during moving operations Monday.

McVeigh's lawyers decide delay not in best interests

DALLAS (AP) - They come wearing black berets, dark sun-DENVER (AP) - Timothy McVeigh can get a fair trial glasses and insist upon standing throughout school board meetdespite a newspaper story on his ings. Proud, angry and defiant, they are the New Black Panthers. purported confession, his lawyers said after they decided But former members of the not to seek a delay for the trial group that stormed the scheduled to begin on March 31.

The defense team made the decision Tuesday, after discussing options with McVeigh, and then meeting with U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch and prosecutors.

"We've talked about it among ourselves, debated it, gone back and forth, and slept on it, as they say, talked to our client and we're comfortable with the decision that's been made," defense attor-

"That's what our client wants and that's what we want and I think that's what everybody less, do-nothing organization wants."

ney Stephen Jones said.

Prosecutor Pat Ryan said he did not believe a delay was nec-

"I share the confidence of Mr.

Jones and the court that the peo-McVeigh a fair trial," he said.

ering a 90-day delay because statements from someone else of a story published by The the defense suspected in the Dallas Morning News. The bombing paper cited a defense memorandum that said McVeigh Oklahoma City radio station admitted to driving the explo- KTOK that an investigator for the sives-laden truck that demol- defense team had written the ished the Oklahoma City fed- "hoax document" and had eral building in April 1995.

Iones accused the newspaper ple here will be able to give Mr. of basing its story on a document he said it stole from his computer The meeting came a day files. The defense later said the after Jones said he was consid- confession was a ploy to elicit

In Oklahoma, a reporter told shown it to him about a year ago.



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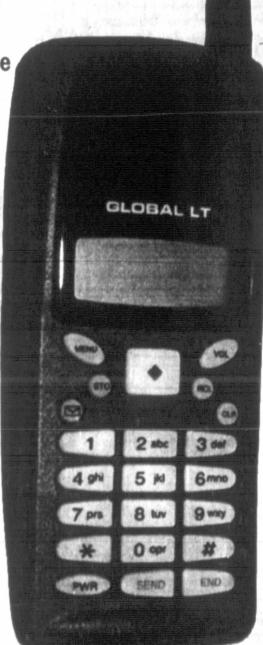
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Experts set new asthma treatment guidelines

WASHINGTON (AP) - Find new homes for gency basis, and many deaths. Fido and Kitty. Stop taking over-the-counter inhalants. And make a written plan to care for

affecting 14 million Americans.

A panel of experts in the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program, which represents 35 professional health care organizations, released the guidelines to help doctors treat their asthma patients and to advise patients how to help control their illness.

"Medicine is a partnership now," said Dr. Shirley Murphy, a professor at the University of New Mexico school of medicine and chairman of the experts panel. "Patients need to take a greater responsibility for managing their chronic disease."

Among the recommendations are for asthma-prone families to protect newborns from all types of smoke and to get rid of any furry or feathered pets. They also are urged to control dust mites, the microscopic insects common in many households and the source of misery for many asthmatics.

Asthma is a chronic inflammatory lung disease that can severely affect the ability to breathe. The incidence of the disease among Americans has increased from fewer than 7 million cases in 1980 to more than 14 million four stages: mild intermittent, mild persistent, in 1994. The disease causes thousands of hospitalizations annually, often on an emer-

"Asthma is still the most underdiagnosed and undertreated chronic disease in the coun-

yourself.

Those are among the new guidelines for treating asthma, a serious lung disorder

try," said Murphy.

The new guidelines, which are so extensive and detailed that they will be released on a computer disk, call for asthma patients to work with their doctors to develop specific

personal plans for controlling the disorder. Murphy said the personal plans, written out for quick reference, would include the daily medicines to take and what to do if there is an asthma crisis.

For some patients, she said, the plans may call for daily lung-capacity tests and specific directions on what medications to use to "rescue" themselves in a breathing crisis.

Also included are methods doctors can use to diagnose and start treatment of asthma at a very early age. Murphy said experts now know that early control of inflammation helps to preserve lung function later in life.

The new guidelines, which update those issued in 1991, are needed because in the last six years new medicines have been developed and clinical studies have given a sharper understanding of how to treat the disease, Murphy said. Highlights of the new guidelines include:

 A reclassification of asthma status into moderate persistent and severe persistent. The mildest form involves symptoms appear-

ing less than twice a week, with only brief exacerbations, or breathing crises. The severest form includes continual symptoms, pro-longed crises, limited physical activity and a lung function of less than 60 percent of nor-

The precise use and dosage of medication for each step of the disease. Murphy said the plan emphasizes the use of inhaled corticosteroids in various doses to control inflammation and the use of inhaled beta-2-agonist for crisis symptoms. Daily use of the beta-2 drugs is not recommended, while the use of new drugs for long-term control is discussed. Murphy said patients also are urged to stop using over-the-counter inhalants. New prescription drugs, she said, are more effective.

— Skin tests to identify allergy-causing substances in the home that must be removed or controlled. In addition to dust mites, smoke and warmblooded pets, Murphy said patients need to identify and avoid foods that aggravate allergies and to keep the humidity low in the air they breathe.

- Doctors are urged to establish formal and written personal treatment plans for each patient. This includes written instructions for what drugs to use and actions to take in the event of a breathing crisis.

 Full pulmonary function tests should be conducted when asthma is first diagnosed and then repeated every year or two so that disease control efforts can be monitored.

Harrington Cancer Center and CMC to open outreach clinic operations in Pampa

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center of Amarillo, in cooperation with Columbia Medical Center, announce the opening of the Harrington Cancer Center Pampa Outreach Clinic on Thursday, March 6.

The clinic is located at 3023 Perryton Parkway, Suite 108, in

The Outreach Clinic will be open from 9:30 a.m. to noon every other Thursday of each month.

Patient examinations and medical consultations will be offered initially, with an expansion of services as needed.

The primary physician of the Pampa Outreach Clinic is Charles Nash, M.D., FACP and medical director of Harrington Cancer Center.

Dr. Nash completed his residency in medicine at Metropolitan General Hospital/Case Western Reserve School of Medicine in 1977 and his fellowship in hematology and medical oncology at the University of Arizona School of Medicine in



Charles Nash, M.D., president and medical director of Harrington Cancer Center.

Dr. Nash holds certifications in internal medicine and medical

Anyone interested in scheduling an appointment may call Lisa Melendez at (806) 359-4673 or 1-800-274-4673.

AIDS deaths show first significant drop nationwide

ATLANTA (AP) – With the help of better drugs and treatments, the number of AIDS deaths has to 1994 was 5 percent. dropped significantly for the first time since the epidemic began in 1981, the government reports.

medication, people who would Lesbian and Gay Health those medicines became widely come in would die within six months," said Dr. Harold Kafner, who treats AIDS patients in Macon, Ga. "Now, they leave the breathe a sigh of relief." hospital and go back to work."

fell 13 percent in the first six months of 1996, to 22,000 people, down from 24,900 deaths in the same period a year earlier, the as a nation to further our progress Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

The CDC also said that while the number of people diagnosed with AIDS deaths came in January, CDC said. In June 1996, 223,000 growth rate is slowing. In 1995, percent decline in 1996. about 62,200 people were diagnosed, an increase of less than 2 ment for AIDS patients, including increase over 1993.

"This is one of the first bright ic," said Christopher Portelli, exec-Association in Washington. "But available. we hope it is seen as a call to arms rather than a chance to relax and AIDS is making an about-face.

against AIDS.

In the months and years ahead, we must continue to work together against this deadly epidemic," he The first signs of the drop in

percent over the 61,200 new cases new drugs, and better access to in 1994. The growth rate from 1993 treatment through state and feder-

What's still unclear is the impact spots we have seen in this epidem- of a new class of drugs called protease inhibitors. The AIDS death Portelli said. "We would hope to "Years ago, before we had this utive director of the National rate leveled off in 1995, before

Not all doctors are sure that

"In my view, this decline is President Clinton also said this unfortunately only a lull," said Dr. AIDS deaths in the United States was no time to let up in the fight Irvin S.Y. Chen, director of the AIDS Institute at UCLA. "Not all patients are responding as effec- ed for more cases of AIDS than tively as the majority of patients. There are some patients for whom the drugs are not effective."

> A growing number of people are living with AIDS each year, the

And some advocates point out that AIDS patients, as they live longer, will need more help, not less.

"We are concerned that people will misinterpret this news," see more money and support for better access to medical services. New drugs are not all we need." As of December 1996, 581,429

Americans had been diagnosed with AIDS since 1981: 488,300 men, 85,500 women and 7,629 children.

And some new trends are worrying health officials. Blacks accountwhites for the first time in 1996 - 41 percent compared to 38 percent. Hispanics accounted for 19 percent, and other races 2 percent.

Also, the proportion of women with AIDS is still increasing. In AIDS continues to climb, the when New York City reported a 30 Americans age 13 and older had 1996, women made up 20 percent the disease - a 10 percent jump of new cases. AIDS deaths have The CDC credits better treat- from mid-1995 and a 65 percent not declined among women or het-

Groom nurse serves on staff of CMC Golden Phoenix Unit

Columbia Medical Center of Pampa is introducing J'Lynna Finck, RN, as a member of the nursing staff of the Center's Golden Phoenix Unit.

Originally from White Deer, Mrs. Finck currently resides in Groom, where she and her husband, Slim, are raising their three young boys, Daniel, Kelvin and Andrew.

In 1995, Mrs. Finck received her associate degree in nursing from Amarillo College. She has been a part of the Golden Phoenix team since its opening in April of 1995. The Golden Phoenix Unit is a mental health program for senior citizens located on the second floor of the hos-

Her responsibilities, along with all the other Golden Phoenix nursing staff, is to develop com- to work with patients using the prehensive nursing care plans which take the patient's total needs into account, utilize assessment data and integrate this

providing the patient with safety, privacy and confidentiality. Hospital officials say one of times. Finck's greatest strengths is the provision of nursing staff leader- ing with older patients because

When asked what attracts her learn from them. to psychiatric nursing, Finck

J'Lynna Finck

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Finck said not all of her patients have critical medical conditions; however, she must be information into the medical care prepared for that possibility at any time. In addition to observ-All nurses are responsible for ing for therapeutic effects from

> Finck particularly likes workshe feels we have a great deal to

"Their courage to seek treatreplied, "It's exciting and differ- ment, despite the stigma ent. There is always something attached, shows me that people new and challenging." are never too old to impression She also stated it is interesting quality of life," she said. are never too old to improve their

Flu cases drop

ATLANTA (AP) - The flu bug is on its way out as the season winds down.

The number of states reporting flu outbreaks dropped from a peak of 38 in December to 21 through the first two weeks of February, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

Alaska, Arizona, Iowa, Nevada, Vermont Virginia still have widespread flu. Twenty-six states and the District of Columbia are reporting some flu cases, but no outbreaks. Colorado, Maine and Wyoming have no

The peak of flu season usually extends from December to early March. The CDC keeps track of flu cases through the middle of May.

Couch potatoes should take exercise cautiously HOUSTON - Couch potatoes your press on your ribs or take a His recommendations: may trade the couch for "ouch" if deep breath or move your shoul-

too aggressively.

"It's not uncommon at this time cartilage," Riley said. of year for patients to complain of chest-wall pain near the rib cage," said Dr. Wayne J. Riley, a general of Medicine in Houston.

"Often, they are sedentary peo- injury. ple who have made a New Year's getting back into shape slowly, basketball foe six hours or doing dislocated a shoulder. 50 stomach crunches on an

The chest-wall pain usually stems

inflammation of the rib cartilage.

they pursue an exercise program der, that's a strong indication you nal crunches at the start, begin have injured a chest muscle or rib

The injury can be treated with your goal. over-the-counter nonsteroidal drugs that decrease inflammation internist and an assistant profes- and pain. Riley also recommends sor of medicine at Baylor College applying an ice pack to the chest

If the intensity of the pain does resolution to exercise. Instead of not increase within 48 to 72 they try to achieve their athletic may be needed to determine ous shoulder-arm movements to

Rest at least a week before exer-strenuous workouts. abdominal-flexor machine," he cising again to allow time for the muscle to recover.

from a sprained muscle or an start at a lower level of intensity expand your workout gradually

 Instead of doing 50 abdomiwith 10 and increase the number by five each day until you reach Start weight-lifting routines

with a moderate load and perform repetitions several times a week. Increase the volume by during the first two days after the five to 10 percent as you become comfortable with the weight Limit tennis, basketball and

hours, see your physician. X-rays other sports that require strenugoals immediately by playing whether you have broken a rib or an hour of play the first few times, and build up to more

"Those good intentions to improve your health by exercis-"When you resume exercising, ing can be salvaged if you and pace yourself to avoid re- and give your body time to "If your left side hurts when injuring the muscle," Riley said. adjust," Riley said.

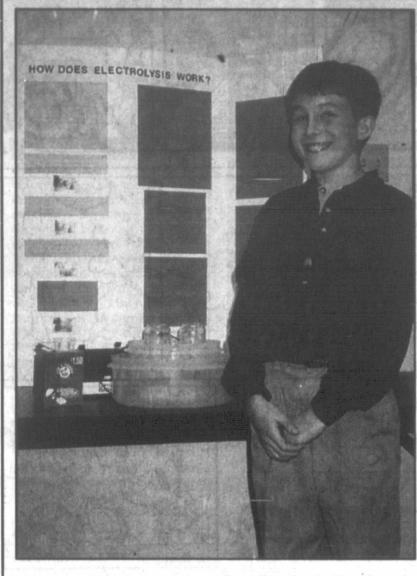
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PCCS Science Fair winner



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie) Evan Ladd, sixth grade student at Pampa Community Christian School, earned the sixth grade first place award and the "overall" winner's recognition at his school in the Science Fair held Friday, Feb. 28. Ladd presented his exhibit and experimental demonstration on "Electrolysis." He will attend the Regional Science Fair sponsored by the Association of Christian Schools International, where there will be approximately 250 competing entries, in Amarillo April 11 at the San Jacinto Christian School. The local first place winners will also attend, as well as second and third place winners. Other first place winners for PCCS include Nicholas Robbins for third and fourth grades; Joseph Kochick, sixth grade; Sarah Fraser, Life Sciences - seventh grade; Matt Bell, Physical Science - seventh grade; Jared Kochick, eighth grade; and Austin Smith, ninth grade. Jo Kochick is their science teacher.

Union asks Congress to keep Mexican trucks off U.S. roads

NAFTA trade agreement, con- vers from Mexico." tending the vehicles jeopardize In December, the governors of drug trafficking.

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Free Trade Agreement, commercial truck traffic from each country is permitted throughout the other's border states. But the Clinton administration has delayed putting those provisions into effect after complaints that Mexican trucks are older, heavier

and their drivers less trained. Now, Mexican freight carriers may travel only within a 20-mile mittee to refuse Clinton's request border trade zone.

NAFTA has harmed families eco-

nomically. working families on both sides of the border," Carey said in testimony prepared for delivery

today to the House International policy and trade subcommittee.

WASHINGTON (AP) – The companies have applied political Teamsters president is urging pressure on Clinton to imple-Congress to prevent Mexican ment the provisions but said trucks from traveling freely in those companies are simply U.S. border states under the "poised to begin exploiting dri-

highway safety and increase Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas sent a letter asking "There is no enforcement at Clinton to lift 20-mile limit on trucks because it "robs the Ron Carey said Tuesday. These entire-U.S.-Mexico border region trucks "are a ready-made of the full economic benefits that pipeline to bring more drugs into the North American Free Trade Agreement promises."

Opponents of NAFTA, includ-Under the North American ing House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., note that the U.S. trade deficits with NAFTA partners Mexico and Canada increased last year - to \$16 billion and \$23 billion, respectively. They also claim U.S. jobs were exported along with goods.

The administration blames the peso crisis and the strong dollar. Carey also urged the subcomfor so-called fast-track authority Carey said the restrictions that would speed up the process should remain in place, arguing of adding Chile and other South American countries to NAFTA.

The huge problems created "The trucking provisions by NAFTA should be solved should be renegotiated to protect before we even consider expanding the trade deal to other countries," Carey said.

The United States enjoys a \$1.9 billion trade surplus with Chile, Relations international economic which would ease its eleven percent tariff on imports under a He further contended trucking free trade pact.

Albania sends troops, tanks to crush revolt

planes bombed a town to try to quell a grow- government violence. ing revolt in the south, Albania's opposition claims. The allegation was backed up by the to fire on civilians.

Government tanks rolled through southern streets and police arrived with shoot-to-kill orders on Tuesday, six weeks into an intensifying rebellion triggered by the collapse of little-regulated pyramid schemes.

Crowds looted state grain reserves, trashing factories and firing guns at will. In the southern port city of Vlora, gunfire killed a

four-year-old girl as she played in her yard.

Across the country, Albanians stocked up on staple foods as special forces in black uniforms and ski masks manned roadblocks, backed by men in civilian clothes carrying

The government imposed censorship, forbidding reporters to travel to the south and restricting what Albanian news media can say about the unrest. Because of that, it was impossible to get a complete picture of the situation in the region.

Only the ruling party's newspaper published Tuesday; all independent and opposition papers refused to submit their stories to the government censor for approval.

Even the government has acknowledged control after protests over the failed invest- the capital, Tirana.

TIRANA, Albania (AP) - Government war- ment schemes escalated into general anti-

In Vienna, former Chancellor Franz Vranitzky said he would lead a delegation of defection of two fighter pilots, who say they the Organization for Security and fled in their MiG-15 rather than obey orders Cooperation in Europe to help mediate

between all political groups. The European Union also said it would soon send ministers to the country, and NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana ruled out military intervention. "Politics has to be done, diplomacy has to be done," Solana said in London.

But dialogue seemed far away. President Sali Berisha ruled out a coalition between his Democratic Party and the opposition Socialists, accusing them of having ruined "the constitutional order and Albanian democracy through armed rebellion."

Albanian opposition leader Gramoz ties and no independent confirmation. Pashko said the fault was all Berisha's.

"I blame Berisha ... because first he didn't handle the crisis," Pashko said from the United States. "He thought that he could have dealt with Albanians by setting up a pyramid of lies and promises. ... The other thing is that he is going on and on repeatedly making mistakes, like the state of emergency, so I think that unless this man is going to withdraw from these positions, even resign, Albanians will not have peace.'

State television reported Tuesday that tanks that much of southern Albania is out of its had arrived in Gjirokastra, 120 miles south of

Despite blanket police presence in Tirana overnight - 48 people were arrested for breaking the 8 p.m.-7 a.m. curfew - a cafe popular with journalists and political opposi-

tion members was firebombed. Two air force pilots defected to Italy, saying they were requesting political asylum after being ordered to open fire on a column of

civilian vehicles. "We fled because they gave us the order to fire on a column of civilian vehicles near Gjirokastra," Capt. Agrae Dasci told reporters in Lecce, southern Italy.

Britain's Channel 4 television, which had a reporter in the southern city of Saranda, quoted armed opposition members arriving from Delvina, twelve miles away, as saying that the small town had been bombed by government aircraft. There was no word on casual-

Channel 4 also said Saranda's pro-government mayor had been beaten Monday night and gone into hiding.

Vlora, 60 miles south of Tirana, also appeared to remain outside state control. Residents were staying inside their homes, too terrified by the relentless shooting to venture out, one resident said by telephone, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The resident said looters broke into state grain reserves in Pusi i Mezinit, just outside Vlora, and that trucks waited in line for loading. State news media later said 3,000 tons of grain were carted away.



Congress to consider resolution

Alabama judge's fight to keep a particular religion. This type of wood carving of the Ten intolerance is fundamentally Commandments on display in his un-American." courtroom has gotten the attention of

by freshman Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Ala., putting Congress on record in support of displays of the Ten Commandments in government offices and courthouses.

"Our nation was built upon practices the Judeo-Christian principles which are embodied in the Ten arate church and Commandments," said in a letter to House Judge Charles Price agreed, Majority Leader Dick Armey, who agreed to put the resolution up for a vote.

"At a time when these religious traditions are under assault, I Moore could keep displaying believe it is imperative to re- his plaque of the Ten emphasize the truth about our Commandments, but reversed

Michigan, ranking Democrat on Moore must remove the plaque the House Judiciary Committee, or make it part of a larger dissaid he would oppose the reso- play with nonreligious and hislution because it represents "a torical artifacts.

WASHINGTON (AP) - An symbolic endorsement of one

The American Civil Liberties Union filed suit two years ago The House was taking up a to stop Etowah County Circuit resolution Tuesday sponsored Judge Roy S. Moore from displaying a wood carving of the Ten Commandments in his courtroom and from opening court sessions with prayer.

The ACLU argued that Moore's courtroom religious violate Constitution's mandate of a sep-Aderholt Montgomery County Circuit ordering Moore last year to stop opening court sessions with a prayer by a Protestant minister.

Price initially ruled that nation's heritage," said Aderholt. himself last month after visiting Rep. John Conyers of Moore's courtroom. He said

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Woman Feels Like Cutting Ties With Family's Wagging Tongues

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago I found a lump in my breast. After a diagnosis of cancer, I decided to have a radical mastectomy. My husband and I told no one except our closest relatives.

My sister-in-law got up in church and announced to the entire congregation that I'd had surgery. My mother told all my acquaintances and even an old boyfriend.

I am very upset about this. No one should discuss someone else's medical matters unless given permission (and had I been asked, I would have said emphatically,

I feel betrayed and hurt, and I find it hard to be civil to my sisterin-law and mother now. I'd really like to move away and never see any of them again. I think they used me to get attention for them-

Please tell your readers to consider the person who is ill before talking about private family matters, and to ask before announcing them publicly

HURTING IN KANSAS

DEAR HURTING: If you told your mother and sister-in-law that you wanted your surgery kept confidential and they betrayed your confidence, then what they did was wrong. You ried that I might lose him forever. have my sympathy for your painful ordeal.

However, I hope that you will reconsider your stance on this



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

and not let your anger stand between you and your family. You all need each other right now. Consider the idea that they were acting out of love, and were seeking prayers and support for you from the community, as well as trying to cope with their own fears.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and have been dating for 2 1/2 years. We are both 22 years old and love each other very much and have been talking about marriage.

The problem is that Sam says that before we get married he would like to date other girls. He says he's had steady girls all through high school and never had a chance to "sow his wild oats."

I can see his point, but I'm wor-Am I crazy to agree to this? SCARED IN DENVER

DEAR SCARED: If you are

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are in a

beneficial cycle where new endeavors

are concerned. Focus exclusively on how

you intend to succeed, and dismiss any

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not let

others dissuade you today from estab-

lishing lofty objectives. You know your

thoughts failure

seriously considering marriage to a young man who's asking for permission to sow his wild oats, I advise you to postpone the wedding until he is completely done. That way, you won't have to pray for a crop failure.

DEAR ABBY: I read your column daily and enjoy it very much. I have wanted to tell you about something my oldest son did that made me very proud.

When he was a junior in high school (a very small school in the Midwest), the mothers were asked to prepare the banquet dinner for the Junior-Senior Prom. While the students were dancing and enjoying the prom, several of us mothers stood near the door of the gym proudly watching our children.

To my surprise, my son came over and asked me to dance. He had a date, but he wanted to dance with me for one dance. I felt so honored and proud.

My son is now a prominent man in the business world and has a lovely family of his own.

I hope his loving gesture will inspire other young men to honor their mothers in similar ways. PROUD MOTHER

DEAR PROUD MOTHER: You have reason to be proud of your sensitive and appreciative son. He is a credit to your loving parenting. You raised him well.

however, so don't waste time overanalyz-

intimidated by persons who appear to have power and position today; most of

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you believe Lady Luck favors you as much or more - than others today, developpremise

necessary for you to settle for the status quo today, even if situations are running reasonably well. Try to make good things

trends tend to favor you today, but you must move rapidly to capitalize on your advantage. Roll up your sleeves and get

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Too much deliberation could impede your progress today and affect your judgment. Conversely, your spontaneous urges could lead you to success.

ing developments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not be this is likely to be a facade.

ments could turn out to support your SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It isn't

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Fiscal

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reach and your own abilities. Do not be reluctant to assume more responsibility and authority this year. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you where your career is concerned. You should be able to pick up a little useful have what it takes to help run the show knowledge from everyone with whom you and you'll be rewarded proportionately to have personal dealings. What you learn will prove helpful later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will be in general are rather unusual today. gifted with a greater range of vision than Projects over which you have no authori- others today. Focus on things that appear ty could work out better for you than situ- to be opportunities, even if associates ations where you rule with an iron hand. disagree Know where to look for romance and LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you depend on you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Match- getting compliments from cohorts, you'll maker instantly reveals which signs are be less effective today. You have to romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to please yourself; live up to your standards Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. and abilities. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There should be ample career opportunity around you



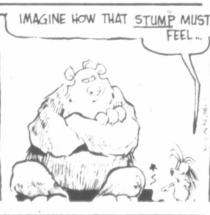
"I quess Paul Harvey's teacher didn't tell him we don't read the page number

This is the only doghouse I've seen with attic space.

out loud. The Family Circus Marmaduke























For Better or For Worse









Garfield







Walnut Cove

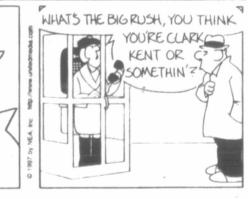












The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest DINGGG DONNGG... HELLOOD, KIMBERLY. WHY HELLO! AREN'T YOU ... DICK MORRIST YOU THOUGHT "MELROSE PLACE COULDN'

Mallard Filmore

BASEBALL

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Nellie Fox has been denied enshrinement into the Hall of Fame before by mathematics and technicalities. This year, however, there is nothing to block the second baseman's passage into baseball immortality.

Fox, who once finished two votes shy of induction - the slimmest margin in history was expected to be named as the Hall's 175th former major league player when the Veterans Committee announced its decision at 2 p.m. EST today.

In the 1985 vote by the Baseball Writers Association of America, 10 years after his death from cancer at age 47, Fox was named on 295 of 395 ballots, 74.68 percent of the total, just below the 75 percent needed for induction.

GOLF

PAMPA — The Pampa High School golf teams competed in weekend tournaments in Midland and Andrews.

Pampa girls were entered in the Midland Tournament and finished eighth in the 16team field with a score of 567.

Melissa Gindorf and Christina Gage each shot a 27-hole total of 138 to lead the Lady Harvesters. Other Pampa scorés were Shelbie Allison 145, Alison Piersall 148 and Patti Montoya 152.

PHS boys tied for ninth at the Andrews Classic with a 666.

Mike Smith led the Harvesters with a 155. Brian Brauchi had a 167, followed by Nathan Banner and Grady Locknane 174, and T.J. Davis

SOCCER

CANYON — Canyon shut out Pampa, 3-0, in District 5 girls' soccer action Tuesday.

The Lady Harvesters closed the season with a 3-5 district record. Canyon, at 6-2, has clinched a playoff spot.

TENNIS

BORGER — The Pampa High School junior varsity tennis team continued its perfect 1966-67 season with a 13-11 victory against the Borger junior varsity Tuesday.

The team has now won all three of its tournaments and the three dual matches in which they've played.

Sophomore Andrea Abbe and freshmen Helen Orr, Jennifer Muns, Allison Baxter and Rebekah Warner each won their singles and doubles matches to lead the girls' squad.

Freshman Ryan Mills won his singles and doubles matches for the boys' team.

The team will face its toughest test next as they play in the Pampa Varsity Tournament on March 21-22.

RODEO

SHERMAN — As far as bull riders go, he's as tough as they come. Micha Corzine has had his share of the ropes, the reins, the bulls and the blood. A real tough rider — for a 10-year-old.

Micha's been in the Professional Youth Rodeo Association since he was 5. Since then, he's taken home trophy saddles and championships in calf and steer rid-

ing in his age groups.
"I never dreamed I'd be riding bulls in a big rodeo when I was 10," he said.

His father, Mike, said the boy's all business when it comes to riding steers.

"He tells me to this day that he's going to be a world champion bull rider some day. Oh yeah, I think he can," Corzine added.

TRIVIA

What pitchers led the Major Leagues in lowest earned run averages in 1996?

American League: Juan Guzman, Toronto Blue Jays, 2.93: National League: Kevin Brown, Florida Marlins, 1.89.

Notebook Higher seeds advance in Big 12 tourney

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -After what Nebraska had been through late in the season, any victory was welcome, even a narrow one against a team it had been dominating.

Seventh-seeded Nebraska hung on after blowing an 11point lead and beat 10th-seeded Missouri 62-58 Tuesday night to advance to the quarterfinals of the inaugural Big 12 women's basketball tournament.

It was just the third victory in the last 10 games for the Cornhuskers (19-8), who had beaten Missouri by 16 and 38 points during the regular season.

"I was afraid we had lost sight of how to win," Nebraska coach Angela Beck said. "But we did what he had to do down the stretch to win. It was a great victory for us to get over the hump and take us into the tournament."

The four higher seeded teams all prevailed in the first round, although Iowa State also staved off an upset bid. The sixth-seeded Cyclones turned back 11th-seed-

Decision time

for Manning

Will he or won't he?

senior season.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -

Tennessee quarterback Peyton

Manning, likely to be the first

pick in the April 19 draft if he

makes himself eligible for the

NFL, is ready to make a decision

about whether he will play his

ing agents and NFL officials, said

they believe Manning is likely to

remain at Tennessee, there are

other reports indicating the quar-

Manning, the son of former

NFL and Mississippi quarterback

Archie Manning, said Tuesday he

planned to announce his decision

at 1:30 p.m. EST today on the

"I'd say it's 99 percent sure that

he'll stay," said one source, who

asked not to be identified, adding

he spoke with the Mannings on

Monday night. "But no one

knows for sure except the family.

Archie has done a masterful job

as agent-father of looking after

Meanwhile, the Knoxville-

News Sentinel reported in

today's editions that a source

close to the New York Jets, who

have the No. 1 pick in the draft,

said Manning has decided to

the decision is," the source told

Manning could be the first pick

of the Jets or by another team that

deals for the pick. Atlanta and

New Orleans, which have the sec-

ond and third picks, are both

Indications are it would be the

Jets. The player considered likeli-

est to go first in the draft if

Manning doesn't come out is

Ohio State offensive tackle

Orlando Pace, but Jets coach Bill

Parcells has indicated he is satis-

fied with left tackle Jumbo Elliott,

whom he coached with the New

declare his intention to enter the

Manning did not have to

"From what I hear, that's what

Tennessee campus.

his son's interests.'

leave for the NFL.

known to want him.

York Giants.

the newspaper.

terback will leave for the NFL.

While various sources, includ-

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

the Aggies in the regular season by 28 points.

Also, fifth-seeded Kansas State 12th-seeded past Oklahoma 81-56 and No. 8 seed Baylor beat ninth-seeded Oklahoma State 68-62.

That created the following matchups for today's quarterfinals: Baylor (15-12) against topseeded Kansas (23-4), Kansas State (19-10) against fourth-seeded Texas Tech (19-7), Nebraska against second-seeded Texas (20-6) and Iowa State (17-10) against third-seeded Colorado (18-8).

The top four seeds didn't play Tuesday.

Nebraska got 27 points from Anna DeForge, the most by any player in Tuesday's games, but needed LaToya Doage's steal of an inbounds pass in the final minute to pull out its victory.

The Cornhuskers were leading 60-58 when Doage, who underwent arthroscopic knee surgery only nine days ago, stole the ball

ed Texas A&M 63-56 after beating with 50 seconds left. Tina McClain sank two free throws 11 seconds later to secure the victo-

"Coach told us to trap them in the corner and go for the steal," said Doage, who had been the Cornhuskers' starting point guard before getting hurt. "I knew we needed a big play at that point."

Missouri fought back after trailing 40-29 early in the second half. The Tigers tied the score three times but never could get the lead.

"I think we should have beat them," said Missouri coach Joann Rutherford, who has no seniors. "I felt like we outplayed them in the second half scoring-wise, turnover-wise and rebounding-

Kesha Bond led Missouri (10-20) with 12 points. McClain finished with 12 for Nebraska. which shot 58 percent in the second half and 51 percent for the

Tara Gunderson, who had missed 10 of 13 shots, hit consecutive 3-pointers to put Iowa State ahead with a little more than three minutes left.

The Cyclones, who had led by played tough defense down the stretch, holding A&M scoreless after the Aggies had taken a 46-42 Finkes each scored 11. lead on Prissy Sharpe's putback with 5:19 left.

'What you saw was a team that six months ago I don't think could have won that game," said who picked up his 200th career STATE 62

Jayme Olson led Iowa State with 22 points as the Cyclones won for just the second time in 16 postseason tournament games. Melissa Rollerson and Amy Yates led A&M (9-18) with nine points

KANSAS STATE 81, OKLA-HOMA 56

start runs of 11-0, 10-0 and 19-6 points.

IOWA STATE 53, TEXAS A&M that enabled Kansas State to take control against a team it 'had beaten only 49-47 in the regular season.

The Wildcats got outstanding balance on offense and came up with 13 steals on defense. Brit Jacobson led the way with 15 11 points in the first half, also points, Decker scored 12 to go with eight assists and Andria Jones, Nicky Ramage and Angie

> Roxanne Long and Phylesha Wahley each scored 15 to lead Oklahoma (5-22), which finished with 16 straight losses.

Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly, BAYLOR 68, OKLAHOMA

Kacy Moffitt scored 15 of her 17 points in the second half to lead the Bears, who took charge with a 13-3 second-half run after trailing by a point at half-

Nicole Palmer added 15 points for Baylor.

Freshman Jennifer Crow led Missy Decker hit 3-pointers to Oklahoma State (15-12) with 19

PHS tennis squad shuts out Canadian

PAMPA — The Pampa High School varsity tennis team took to the home courts Tuesday and Rodrigues, 6-0, 6-2. defeated Canadian, 13-0, in improving their spring dual Anderson-Lovelace, 6-2, 6-4. match record to 6-0.

boys' team in winning all four of 6-1,6-2. his matches. Freshman Emily Waters and junior McKinley Minick-Rodrigues, 8-1. Quarles won an exciting threeset doubles match against Hilary Graham, 6-3. Brown, a Class 2A state doubles finalist last year, and Tatum Rankin.

Players of the week are Coffee and freshman Emily Curtis. The team next plays at the

Carlsbad, N.M. Tournament on March 14-15. Results from the match with

Canadian are as follows: **Boys Doubles**

Russell DuBose-Kyle Easley (P) def. Derek Anderson-Rex Lovelace, 6-1, 6-1.

Bryce Hudson-Ryan Witt (P) def. Tristian Carr-Michael Graham, 6-2, 7-5.

Dustin Laycock-Jason Vickery (P) def. Chris Minick-Ryley

Laycock-Vickery (P) def.

Brandon Coffee-Easley (P) def. Junior Brandon Coffee led the Greg Cook-Scott Louvounploy,

DuBose-Hudson (P) def.

Coffee-Hudson (P) def. Carr-**Boys Singles**

Coffee (P) def. Louvounploy, 8-

Coffee (P) def. Cook, 8-2.

Girls Doubles McKinley **Quarles-Emily** Waters (P) def. Hilary Brown-

Tatum Rankin, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (7-2). Valerie Lee-April Lopez (P) def. Allison Lusby-Laura Meadows, 7-5, 6-3

Emily Curtis-Mandy Wells (P) def. Leigh Farrar-Kendra Heatwole, 6-1, 6-0.

Girls Singles Amanda Browning (P) def. Heatwole, 6-2, 6-1.

Miami's Neighbors lands District 5-1A MVP honors

Miami's Jared Neighbors was named District 5-1A's

McLEAN — Miami senior Jared Neighbors was named District 5-1A's most valuable player this season.

most valuable player this season.

Neighbors' teammates, Shane Mitchell and Marshall Flowers, landed first-team honors on the all-district team.

All-District 5-1A Boys' Team

First Team

Thompson, Samnorwood; Levi Carter, sr., Mitchell, sr., Miami; Marshall Howard, sr., Lefors.

Second Team

Martindale, Dane Toby Purcell, sr., McLean. All-District 1-A Boys' Team

Donnie Barr, jr., Fort Elliott; Joel Booker, sr., Higgins; Nathan Deal, jr., Higgins; Brandon Dukes, jr., Allison; Monty Dukes, soph., Allison; Olin Gibson, jr., Follett; Jacob Heesch, sr., Higgins; sr., Higgins; Jared Miller, jr., Higgins; Nathan Rainey, fr., Allison; Tanner Smith, soph., Fort Elliott.

Honorable mention: Dusty Samnorwood; Artie Wright, Baker, jr., Higgins; Josh Baker, soph., Samnorwood; Shane soph., Higgins; Courtney Frazier, jr., Follett; Jamey Flowers, jr., Miami; Justin Herren, sr., Allison; Clint Miller, sr., Allison; Curt Smith, fr., Fort Elliott; Clay Zybach, fr., Fort Elliott.

Academic All-District: Dusty draft on Jan. 10, the deadline for Samnorwood; Nick Simpson, Baker, jr., Higgins; Joel Booker, most undergraduates, because he sr., Samnorwood; Mike May, sr., Higgins, Brandon Dukes, jr., is scheduled to graduate this soph., Miami; Blake Hurst, Allison; Jacob Heesch, sr., spring. That gives him until April soph., Miami; Bradley Hale, jr., Higgins; Lance Schilling, sr., 4 to make himself eligible for the Miami; Ike Hanes, fr., McLean; Follett; Shannon Shores, jr.,

New Mexico right at home

tournament title.

That meant nothing but trouble for San Jose State, which had the dubious honor of playing the No. 14 Lobos in a first round game Tuesday night.

New Mexico hardly seemed like the same team that has struggled on the road this year, blowing out the Spartans in the first half and cruising to a 103-70 win that served as little more than a tuneup for the defending WAC tournament champions.

"We don't have as much trouble playing away from home as we have passing the ball and playing offense away from home," coach Dave Bliss said. "Our offense has gone points. "Sometimes we get carinto a deep freeze on the road."

(13-14), though, in a game that together."

LAS VEGAS (AP) - New was settled early as New Mexico looked right at home in Mexico ran to a 52-26 halftime opening the defense of its lead. The Lobos set a tourna-Western Athletic Conference ment record by making 42 field goals and almost matched their own tournament record of 104 points, set last year against Fresno State.

Not bad for a team that won all 18 of its home games, but was 4-6 on the road this season.

"The way we played tonight we deserve to be one of the 64 teams," Bliss said, making his case for a bid to the NCAA tour-

The second half was little more than practice for New Mexico, which served notice that it could again be a factor in the tournament it won last year.

"The biggest difference was the way we played as a team," said Royce Olney, who scored 19 ried away with one-on-one stuff. Not against San Jose State That was the key, playing

Major League realignment: Not everybody is happy

Baseball has realigned numerous The most recent effort, in 1994, cormeet about 18 times a year. rected some geographic anomalies did little to create attendance-promoting rivalries.

Two Pennsylvania cities, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, were placed in separate divisions in the National League. However, the main problem continues to be that potential rivals are in separate

Longtime baseball fans remember when the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants in the 1940s and '50s had the most glorious rivalry in sports, as they frequently dueled, in sold-out arenas, for the championship of the National League and bragging rights in the nation's largest metropolis.

Drayton McLane Jr., owner of the Astros, believes league barriers American League games. should be removed to allow geo-

tremendous box-office revenues if times but never has gotten it right. the Astros and Texas Rangers could

"Baseball has a great heritage (Atlanta got out of the West), but with the leagues," he said, "but we zone," McLane said. "We should get out of whack with the way the divisions are lined up. It's important to get competition with the teams in your area. We need a structure that would tie the Rangers with the Astros."

As chairman of baseball's strategic planning committee, McLane for the past year has been floating the idea that the Astros might races more challenging. switch leagues to be in the same division as the Rangers.

Many Astros fans have objected to their team abandoning the National League, but McLane insisted he won't move without taking other NL clubs with him and without seeing the position of designated hitter banished from

HOUSTON — Major League graphic rivalries to flourish. He sees be changing leagues unless it's Royals, objecting to playing a few baseball owners. turing package.

> "We need to line up baseball so that teams play in the same time have Houston, Chicago and the Rangers playing each other. And you need ultimately to put all the Anaheim and Oakland. West Coast teams in one league.

sion, in order to make the division

The realignment issue resurfaced at the January owners meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz., when the Kansas City Royals and Rangers American League Central.

Acting commissioner Bud Selig wanted to make room for the Devil Rays by shifting the Royals from In other words, the Astros won't the Central to the AL West. But the being informally discussed by the together.

part of a comprehensive restruc- more games in the Pacific time zone, refused to be relocated. The Rangers meanwhile were

lobbying to leave the AL West, where they feel geographically isolated, in the same division as three West Coast teams: Seattle,

In order to deal with the discon-"And what we need to do is tent and to obtain an agreement on ture but have as many as nine schedule games so that in late where Tampa and fellow expan-August and September, we're sionist Arizona will play next seaplaying only the teams in our divi-son, Selig appointed a schedule-format committee, chaired by Boston Red Sox CEO John Harrington.

McLane was appointed to the 12-man committee, which held its

first meeting last week in Chicago. objected to an expansion club, in," Harrington said when the Tampa Bay, being placed in the two-day session was over. "We're

going to explore all possibilities." proposals have been submitted, though several sketchy plans are

Basically, there are two main

concepts: (1) Dismantle the two-league format and regroup under one entity, like the National Football League, National Basketball Association and National Hockey

(2) Keep the two-league structeams change leagues.

"I haven't figured out whether it would be better to have all the divisions in one league or to maintain two different leagues,' McLane said.

In the past several years, Major League Baseball has moved toward "Nothing has been ruled out or a more unified structure. Not only does interleague play, which begins this season, promote that concept, but so does revenue sharing, So far, no specific realignment which crosses league lines. For purposes of determining revenue sharing, all 28 clubs are grouped Boys Team totals: 1. Childress 199; 2. Spearm 191; 3. Wheeler 99; 4. Shamrock 37; 5. Memphis 34. High jump: Jason Porton, third place, 5-6.

le jump: Jason Porton, second place, 39-6 Pole vault: Travis Stevens, first place, 12-6. 400 relay: Wheeler, second place, 46.96. 110 hurdles: Jason Porton, figst place, 15.61. 300 hurdles: Aaron Dunnam, second place,

1600: Mike Jones, first place, 5:23.31. 1600 relay: Wheeler, second place, 3:39.81. Girls Long jump: Brooke Stevens, first place,

Wheeler, 15-11; Kristen Marion, third place, 15-2. 3200: Montgomery, third place, 15:17. 800: Kindra Jolly, second place, 2:46.58 100 hurdles: Brooke Stevens, first place,

800 relay: Wheeler, third place, 2:06.21. 400: Kristen Marion, third place, 67.58. 300 hurdles: Verden, first place, 55.70. 1600: Montgomery, second place, 6:52.53; Johnson, third place, 7:19.29. 1600 relay: Wheeler, second place, 4:46.11

BOWLING Harvester Lanes — Pampa Lone Star League Won Hamburger Station 63

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Week's High Scores High game: Sharon Dunlap 224; High series: Sandi Miller 578; High handioap game: Sharon Dunlap250; High handicap se Sandi Miller 656.

TENNIS

Individual records 1	or the Par	mpa varsity te
nis team as of March	2 are as	follows:
	Girls	
Name	Singles	Doubles
Emily Waters,fr.	11-9	6-7
Cami Stone,sr.	4-6	8-3
McKinley Quarles, jr.	9-4	14-11
Mandy Wells, soph.	22-2	1-0
Valerie Lee,soph.	7-4	19-7
Kellen Waters, soph.	7-1	9-3
April Lopez, jr.	0-0	11-3
Emily Curtis, fr.	0-0	20-6
Amanda Browning, so	ph. 3-2	0-0
Allison Baxter, fr.	0-0	1-0
Rebekah Warner, fr.	0-0	1-0
Totals:	63-28	45-20
	Boys	
Name	Singles	Doubles
Kyle Easley,sr.	3-8	10-8
Jamisen Hancock,sr.	4-8	5-7

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Miami 108, Detroit 99
Atlanta 93, Cleveland 88
New York 93, Milwaukee 86
Washington 107, Philadelphia 106
Indiana 98, Boston 95
Orlando 101, Seattle 89 L.A. Lakers 102, Dallas 92 Portland 123, New Jersey 118 Houston 113, L.A. Clippers 109 Wednesday's Games New York at Toronto, 7 p.m. Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. Detroit at Minnesota, 8 p.m. San Antonio at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. Dallas at Utah, 9 p.m. Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m. Denver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m. Thursday's Games Atlanta at Philadelphia 7:30 p.m. Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m. Boston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m. New Jersey at Vancouver, 10 p.m. Orlando vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif.

Knicks get double scare, but keep pace with Miami

9-5 11-9

Scoreboard

Tyan Witt,sr.

Chris Harrison,ir.

New York

Washington

Philadelphia

Central Division

Orlando

Boston

Chicago

Charlotte

Houston

Dallas

Minnesota

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Cleveland

Milwaukee

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NBA STANDINGS

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By CHRIS SHERIDAN AP Basketball Writer

On a night when the New York Knicks had a reasonable chance to take over first place in the Atlantic Division, everything seemed to be turning terribly wrong all at once.

Patrick Ewing went to the locker room in the fourth quarter after bruising his knee, and the Knicks allowed the Milwaukee Bucks to score 15 consecutive points.

Several hundred miles away, the first-place Miami Heat were beating the Detroit Pistons, and it looked like the Knicks would be beaten, battered and another game behind in the standings.

Ewing Instead, however, returned to the court and made a key free throw to help New York beat Milwaukee 93-86 Tuesday night, keeping the Knicks a halfgame behind.

In other NBA games, Miami beat Detroit 108-99, Orlando downed Seattle 101-89, Charlotte defeated San Antonio 105-98, the Los Angeles Lakers topped Dallas 102-92, Houston beat the Los fourth consecutive win. Angeles Clippers 113-109, Heat 108, Pistons 99 Portland rallied past New Jersey 123-118, Indiana edged Boston 98- Hardaway had 28 points and a 95, Atlanta defeated Cleveland 93- season-high 16 assists as Miami and Washington nipped Philadelphia 107-106.

NBA ROUNDUP

Russell DuBose, soph. 13-10

Dustin Laycock, ir.

Ewing collided with Bucks point guard Sherman Douglas late n the third quarter and bruised his knee. He left the court to get treatment with 6:16 to play and the Knicks up 85-69, then watched from the locker room with Madison Square Garden president David Checketts as Milwaukee went on a 15-0 run to make it a

one-point game. "I said, Dave, it was good talking to you, but I've got to go back," Ewing said. "He (Dave) just told me that if it hurts too bad, sit your butt down," Ewing said.

Ewing returned just in time to see Larry Johnson make a three-

"I saw that and said, 'Shoot, I may as well stay inside and rest up for tomorrow," Ewing said of tonight's game at Toronto.

Ewing made one of two foul shots after returning with 51 seconds left, and the Knicks needed John Starks' two foul shots with 9.6 seconds left to perserve their

At Auburn Hills, Tim improved to 2-0 against the

more points for just the sixth time input, they'll play harder." this season — but twice by Miami.

Detroit native Voshon Lenard added 21 points for the Heat, including five 3-pointers, and Jamal Mashburn and P.J. Brown had 18 each. Isaac Austin, starting in place of the injured Alonzo Mourning, had 14 points. The Heat is 3-2 since Mourning went down with a foot injury.

This was a case of one team playing very well and one team playing great," Pistons coach Doug Collins said. "We shot 56 percent, made 43 percent of our 3s, got more free throws and more rebounds, and they still beat us. I can't imagine a team playing much better than they did."

Magic 101, SuperSonics 89 At Seattle, Penny Hardaway scored all 26 of his points in the second half as the Magic, who lost to the Sonics in Orlando on Sunday, handed the Pacific Division leaders only their second loss since the All-Star break.

Rony Seikaly and Gerald Wilkins had 18 points each for the Magic, who improved to 7-1 under Richie Adubato, who replaced the fired Brian Hill on

Detroit just its second loss in 11 "He lets the players have a voice. games. Detroit gave up 100 or And when players can make an

Hornets 105, Spurs 98

Anthony Mason had 19 points, 13 rebounds and a career-high 12 assists for his third triple-double of the season.

Glen Rice had 24 points and Dell Curry 20 to help Charlotte win for the eighth time in nine games.

The Hornets, coming off a fivegame road trip, began a stretch in which they play 15 of their final 23 regular-season games at home. That run includes 14 games against teams with losing

Lakers 102, Mavericks 92

At Dallas, Nick Van Exel scored a season-high 37 points and tied his own club record with eight 3pointers as the Lakers avoided their first three-game losing streak of the season.

Elden Campbell added 22 points and 10 rebounds for Los Angeles, which improved to 4-6 since Shaquille O'Neal injured his left knee Feb. 12.

Shawn Bradley was ejected with 2:55 to play after scuffling with Campbell. He just missed a triple-double, finishing with 12 "Richie lets us play the game we points, nine rebounds and a Pistons this season and handed know we can play," Wilkins said. club-record 10 blocked shots.

Williams named AP Big 12 Coach of the Year

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -Roy Williams, whose remarkable super job at Minnesota. And I'm ability to recruit and train talent- sure there have been others. But ed young athletes has led Kansas Roy, he had Jacque Vaughn out to the winningest record in college basketball this decade, is the Associated Press Big 12 coach of just keep motoring.

It was close.

A panel of 24 media observers named Williams on 13 ballots and Colorado's Ricardo Patton on 11.

Patton, in his first full season as head coach, has turned heads all over the country by building Colorado into a solid first-division program. The Buffs, the perennial last-place doormat in NCAA tourney in 28 years.

But no less a coaching authority than Missouri's Norm Stewart figured the media panel made the right choice.

"In our league, the guy who took his ballcub from the lowest position to the highest position has obviously been Ricardo Patton," said the dean of Big 12 coaches, and the only coach to beat Williams' Jayhawks so far this sea-

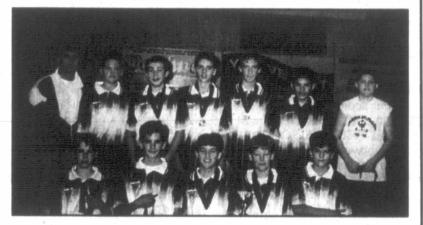
way. Clem Haskins has done a for (10) games. He had Scot Pollard out (for eight). And they

Although Williams obviously had assembled the deepest and most talented collection of athletes in the conference, fate did not allow him to just sit back and watch them steamroll every foe. Vaughn, the heartbeat point guard of the team and a preseason all-American, missed the first 10 games with a wrist injury.

Then, with 11 games left in the the old Big Eight, are certain this regular season, center Scot week to get their first bid to the Pollard went out with a foot injury. But Williams shuffled players around, saw junior forward Raef LaFrentz emerge as the Big 12's finest player, and the Jayhawks went 17-1 in the 18 games in which they had first one and then another senior starter out of action.

A 20-point victory at Nebraska on Sunday left the Big 12 champions with a 29-1 mark. Ranked No. 1 now for 14 straight weeks, the Jayhawks go into the postseason a "But when you look at the near cinch to be the overall No. 1 coaching job Roy Williams has seed when the 64-team NCAA done, boy you gotta look a long field is announced on Sunday.

Barracudas



The Pampa Barracudas won the U-14 indoor soccer championship at the National Indoor Regional Qualifying Tournament held recently. Team members are (front, I-r) Hayden Wade, Clay David, Tristan Brown, Jered Snellgrooes and Andrew Cambern; (back, I-r) Coach Greg Brown, Kyle Francis, Michael Cornelison, Keenan Davis, Jason Young, Michael Campos and Ryan Zemanek.

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Nation briefs

Search uncovers imprisoned, mentally disabled woman

LOS ANGELES (AP) Detectives hunting for clues about the bank robbers that shot up Hollywood last week discovered a mentally disabled woman locked in a squalid room owned by the mother of one of the gunmen.

The 44-year-old woman was living in a Pasadena building owned by the mother of Emil Matasareanu, who died during the furious battle with police Friday.

The room had neither a toilet nor food, Pasadena police Cmdr. Mary Schander said Tuesday. The unidentified woman told police the home was "awful and frightening." She also told police she had not taken her medicine, eaten or seen anyone in more than a week.

The gunman's mother, Valerie Nicolescu, ran a care home out of her Altadena house until authorities shut it down recently.

Also Tuesday, a spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said the agency has traced all the firearms recovered in Friday's shootout. He declined to provide any details.

Report: Avis faces new claims of discrimination

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) -Avis Rent-A-Car, already accused of discriminating against blacks, now faces assertions from former employees who say they were told to discriminate against Jews, USA Today reported today.

The paper quotes former workers at the company's customer service center in Tulsa, Okla., as saying that as recently as last month they were told to avoid giving corporate accounts or discounts to certain Jewish-owned businesses.

It quotes former employee Elaine Rodgers as saying in a sworn declaration filed Monday in Raleigh, N.C., that the instructions pertained to businesses owned by ultra-orthodox Hasidic Jews. Her statement was part of testimony in a racial bias suit previously filed in North Carolina, the paper said.

She says in it that agents were told to listen for accents and be suspicious of callers from heavily Jewish areas such as New York, USA Today said.

Black actor's portrayal of Jesus sparks controversy

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Eric Hafen knew he would get some telephone calls when he cast a black man to portray Jesus Christ in an annual play.

But he did not expect death

"The first call that I got, the woman asked me, 'When is the white actor playing because I don't want to see the black thing," "Hafen said Tuesday.

Hafen, artistic director for the Park Theater Performing Arts Center in Union City, selected Desi Arnaz Giles to play Jesus in *Passion Play*, a story of Jesus' final days.

This year is the 82nd season of the play, which draws many people and bus groups from all over. Giles' first performance came Sunday.

"It is the most important role of my life," Giles said. "I will never do anything more important than this."

Ecodyne recalls Sears water filter cartridges

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Ecodyne Water Systems is voluntarily recalling about 14,000 Sears drinking water filter cartridges because some may contain nickel chloride, which can make people ill if ingested.

Although no customers have reported becoming sick, drinking water containing nickel chloride can cause abdominal cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, the St. Paul distribution company said Tuesday.

Ecodyne said the problem cartridges - Sears Model No. 42 34275 – initially cause the filtered water to taste metallic and turn

Scientist transplants innate animal behavior

SAN DIEGO (AP) - A scientist has found a way to implant the natural behavior of one animal into another species, creating a chicken that acts like a

"It turns out there's a part of the quail's brain that I can transfer into a chicken that makes the chicken move its head like a quail when it's crowing like a chicken," said Evan Balaban, experimental neurobiologist at San Diego's

Neurosciences Institute. A chicken also sang like a quail after Balaban transplanted cells from a part of a quail's brain that dictates its distinctive sound pat-

Balaban's work, the result of twelve years of research, was published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Kicking off Texas Public Schools Week



Students at Wilson Elementary School kick off Texas Public Schools Week on Monday evening with a special PE performance at the McNeely Fieldhouse at Pampa High School. Each class performed a special dance to show their parents the importance of physical education. The fourth graders in particular did a special dance to honor Texas Public Schools Week.

'TEXAS' names new publicist

has joined the administrative agricultural journalism from staff of the musical drama Texas A&M University, where TEXAS as publicist.

Brownd previously was direc- Agricultural Communicators of tor of corporate promotions and Tomorrow and editor of the amateur activities for the Saddle & Sirloin Club yearbook.

American Quarter Horse She is a native of Crockett, Association and field editor for Texas and is married to Gary the The Quarter Horse Journal. Brownd of Canyon. Two of Brownd's Journal stories Mary Allison, the former received first place honors from TEXAS publicist, joined KVIIthe Livestock Publications TV Channel 7 to anchor the 5 Council, and other work was o'clock news. She will continue recognized by the Amarillo her involvement with TEXAS as Advertising Society.

Brownd serves on the com- TEXAS will open its 32nd sea-Amarillo Chamber of Com- through Aug. 23. The outdoor merce and is a board member musical, staged in the Palo

Baptist Church of Canyon.

CANYON - Luanne Brownd Brownd received a degree in she was president of

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munications committee of the son June 11 and will continue for the Texas Plains Girl Scouts Duro Canyon State Park, plays nightly except Sunday. For tick-She is a member of First et information, call (806) 655-

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