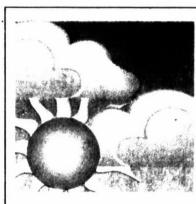
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High today 75 Low tonight lower 40s For weather details see Page 2.

PAMPA — The Salvation Army is forming a community-wide volunteer base to help in the event of a disaster. All those interested in helping are urged to attend this volunteer preparedness meeting tomorrow night at 6 at The Salvation Army at 701 S. Cuyler. No special skills are required. For more information call 665-7233.

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twiceweekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 5-11-28-32-36-45.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$10 million.

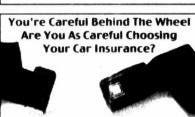
ANGLETON (AP) - Aformer Texas prison guard accused of delivering drugs to an inmate for cash has been indicted by a on a charge of bribery.

Former Ramsey II Unit guard Harry Landry Jr. faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted of the seconddegree felony charge.

Landry, 40, was fired because of his arrest.

- · Dan B. Buzzard, 78, attor-
- ·Linda L. Godfrey, 54, former volunteer at Columbia Medical Center.
- Fave Leadean Horton, 72, employee former Southwestern Lighting and Furniture.
- Curtis Ligon Johnson, 85, farmer, carpenter.

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Toddler critical after near drowning incident

An 18-month-old boy is in critical condition today after falling into a ravine filled with about two feet of water.

According to police, Ethan Allen Anderson, son of James and Angela Anderson of Pampa, was at the Super Playground Sunday afternoon with some other children and a babysitter when the incident occurred.

At 2:58 p.m. the child was reported missing and at 3:01 a call came in to dispatchers reporting a

Pampa Chief of Police Charlie Morris said a man in the park found the boy face down in the water, pulled him the pool of water, and called for help. He began CPR which a school nurse, who was also there, soon took over. When Officer Corey Powell arrived he took over CPR until the Pampa Fire Department and Rural/Metro Ambulance arrived. accepted there.

The child was rushed to Columbia Medical Center and then airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He was listed in critical condition today in the pediatric intensive care unit at the Amarillo hospital.

The water had collected in a ravine just east of the playground and was about two feet deep where the child was found. Pampa police along with the District Attorney's office are investigating the incident.

"We've been in contact with the parents," Morris said today. "They are asking for the prayers of the community."

Donations are being accepted for the family, said Pamela Neffendorf of United Foods where James Anderson works. Angela Anderson works at Frank's on Brown and donations are also being

PISD board adopts plan for future snow day usage

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY **Managing Editor**

"Snow dates will be used in order listed on the

School board officials elected to have these words printed at the bottom of this year's Pampa ISD calendar after a detailed discussion on when to schedule the two snow days required in every Texas school district calendar.

Snow days are used in the event that school is missed earlier in the year because of inclement

Board members decided to go with the 1999-2000 proposed snow days set on the calendar for Mon., April 20, and Mon., May 1.

"I like them there, but I just don't want what happened this year to happen next year," said Dr. lay Johnson, school board vice president.

Because of a day missed due to snow this last January, the board had to make a decision last month on which snow day to use to make up the lost day.

The decision was a difficult one for the board because the first snow day was the Friday of Easter weekend and the second day was at a time in May when a large group of students had

The problem with scheduling snow days, according to Johnson, is that people treat them as holidays and when we have to use one it interrupts their plans.

planned to be gone for a choir trip.

Choosing against the "worse of two evils," the board voted to use the day in May.

The problem with scheduling snow days, according to Johnson, is that people treat them as holidays and when we have to use one it interrupts their plans.

"People don't understand," he added. A suggestion by Assistant Superintendent Jane Steele to put a statement at the bottom of the calendar to let the pubic know that the first snow day listed will be used first to compensate for an

unexpected day of bad weather put the board at "I could live with that for sure," said Johnson. The board voted unanimously in favor of the

Homicide probe techniques, look at old cases part of clinic

A number of Pampa and Gray and Wheeler County law enforcement officers were in Odessa of the seminars at this year's convention is the recently examining splattered blood.

Bill McMinn with the 31st and 223rd District Attorney's office, Beverly Chace with the Pampa Police Department, Joel Finsterwald with the Wheeler County Sheriff's office, Rick Walden with the Wheeler County Sheriff's office and Kevin King with the Department of Public Safety were in Odessa today at the Homicide Investigator's of Texas convention.

A spokesman for the group said the major focus study of blood splatters at a homicide scene. Officers will also have a chance to discuss unsolved cases.

"It's a chance for law enforcement officers from, across the state to get together and compare old cases as well as new ones," McMinn said.

McMinn said it also gives officers a chance to become acquainted with new techniques and new crime fighting technology being developed.



One of the winning O, My Faire Shakespeare teams at Austin Elementary included (top left) Christopher Smith, Chase Brewer, Joe Whiteley and Jack Mackie. (Bottom left) Katie Holmes, Morgan Ketchersid and Myca Vinson.

Looking for a big one ...



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

"Heritage Day will honor

the Native American, as

County and the panhan-

Louise Hogan

association treasurer

Lee Scott risks a chilly wind to get a little fishing in last week. He caught some small channel catfish threw them back. But if he's back out today, Scott can expect a warmer time as a high of 75 is pre-

Old Mobeetie group sponsors art contest

The Old Mobeetie Texas Association is sponsoring a contest for artwork for a special stamp cancellation and they were a large part of for the cover of their the history of Wheeler new booklet.

The historical association will select one dle." piece of artwork from the contest for a pictorial United States Postal Service stamp cancella-

tion for the Red River War Village Station that will be open only on June 26, Wheeler County Heritage Day. A second selection will be used for the cover of the association's new booklet that will be available beginning

"Heritage Day will honor the Native American, as they were a large part of the history of Wheeler County and the panhandle,"

said Louise Hogan, association treasurer. The artwork must be black and white done in pen and ink. It should be seven inches wide and five inches high and should

reflect Native American life, she said. Hogan warned about making the artwork too detailed or busy because for the stamp cancellation, it will be reduced to four inch-

es wide and two inches high. All entries must be received by April 1. Name, address and telephone number must accompany each entry. Proof of age is

required. Entrants under 18 must have a guardian's consent. Hogan said eligible entries must be the original creation of the entrant and must not have been previously published. The artist must sign the work and the original, not a copy, must be submit-

The contest is open to anyone, and artists may enter as often as they like. All entries will become the property of The Old Mobeetie

Hogan said winners will be notified by April 10.

Entries should be mailed to The Old Mobeetie Texas Association, Box 66, Mobeetie, TX 79061.

For more information call 845-2028, 845-3401 or 826-3427.

Woman charged with arson

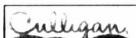
A Pampa woman was in Gray County jail today in lieu of bond after being charged with arson.

Joy Yvonne Bybee Brown, 36, was charged with arson in connection with a fire at her home Saturday.

Brown is accused of having set a bed on fire during a family argument, Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens said today.

Fire units were called shortly after 3 p.m. Saturday to the home at

Gray County Justice of the Peace Bob Muns set bond at \$10,000 on





Services tomorrow

GODFREY, Linda L. — 2 p.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

DAN B. BUZZARD

CLOVIS, N.M. - Dan B. Buzzard, 78, brother of a Pampa resident, died Friday, March 12, 1999. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Lawn Haven Memorial Garden with John Rollinson and Dr. Herbert Bergstom officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Muffley Funeral Home

Mr. Buzzard was born at Okmulgee, Okla. He earned his LLB degree with highest honors from the University of Oklahoma at Norman, Okla. He married Better Hunter in 1938; she died in 1982. He married Eleanor Sawyer Ferguson in 1982. He had been a Clovis resident since 1951, establishing his own law practice in 1953.

He belonged to St. James Episcopal Church, American Legion Post #25, Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks Clovis-Portales Lodge #1244 and Fraternal Order of Eagles and was past commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post

He was a veteran of the U.S. military, serving during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor; three daughters, Dana Burgett of Yorktown, Va., Paige Smith of Clovis and Jill McCoy of Fort Worth; a brother, Mark Buzzard of Pampa; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Plains Regional Medical Center Hospice-Home Health Care; High Plains Hospital Auxiliary; American Heart Association; Clovis-Carver Public Library; Curry Law Library; ENMU Symphony; Center Stage Theatre Group; a scholarship program of choice; or "simply plant a fruit tree in your own back yard."

LINDA L. GODFREY

Linda L. Godfrey, 54, of Pampa, died Sunday, March 14, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Central Baptist Church with Dr. Derrell

Monday, pastor, and the Rev Norman Rushing, pastor of First Baptist Church of Jacksboro, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Godfrey was born Oct. 12, 1944, at Utica, N.Y., and graduated from Utica

High School. She had been a Pampa resident since 1974, moving from Rome, N.Y. She married Corky Godfrey on April 19, 1983, at Pampa. She volunteered at Columbia Medical Center information desk for seven years.

She was a member of Central Baptist Church nd Bible Study Fellowship.

Survivors include her husband, Corky, of the home; two daughters and a son-in-law, Tammie Lee Madonia Keough of Albany, N.Y., and Donna Lyn Madonia Corbin and Josh A. Corbin of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; her mother, Thelma Mae Freeman of Pampa; a brother, John Patrick Freeman of Pampa; and six grandchildren, Michael James Keough, Kristen Michelle Keough, Kira Nicole Keough, Cody Joshua Corbin, Haley Brianne Corbin and Kirbee Nicole Fields.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church Building Fund or to BSA Hospice

FAYE LEADEAN HORTON

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Fave Leadean Horton, 72, died Saturday, March 13, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Bob Hudson,

pastor of Bible Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Horton was born Feb. 26, 1927, at Seminole, Okla. She married Ora Loranzo Horton on Dec. 14, 1942, at

Seminole. She was a homemaker and traveled across the U.S. with her husband while he was in the Army. She moved to El Cajon, Calif., in 1948 and worked as a bookkeeper for an automobile agency there prior to retiring in 1989. She had been an Albuquerque resident since 1989, where she worked for Strickley Southwestern Lighting and Furniture

She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce

Survivors include her husband, Ora, of the home; a daughter, Eunice Karen Shultz of Los Padillas, N.M.; a son, Travis Loren Horton of Jamul, Calif.; a sister, Betty DeLoach of El Paso; four brothers, Robert Thomas of El Cajon, Wayne DeLoach of Albuquerque, Jerry DeLoach of Oakridge, Ore., and Larry DeLoach of Crestwell, Ore.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchil-

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society or to a local Hospice.

CURTIS LIGON JOHNSON

AMARILLO - Curtis Ligon Johnson, 85, father of a Canadian resident, died Saturday, March 13, 1999. Services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Holley Funeral Home Chapel in Canyon with the Rev. Darrell L. Foster of Amarillo officiating. Burial was to be at 1 p.m. (MST) in Wheatland Cemetery at Wheatland, N.M. Burial will be under the direction of Holley Funeral Home of Canyon.

Mr. Johnson was born at Lutti. He had been an Amarillo resident for a year and a half, moving from Claude. He was a farmer and a carpenter. He was preceded in death by his wife, Delma, in

1996, and by a son, Michael Curtis. Survivors include three daughters. Vickie Keith of Amarillo, Susie O. Neill of Middleton, Mass.,

and Nancy Stout of Fort Sumner, N.M.; a son, Ronnie Cogdill of Canadian; four sisters, Ruby Cooper of Tucumcari, N.M., Rosalie Johnson of DeSoto and Arleen Hart and Jewell Hammons, both of Canyon; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society, 3915 Bell St., Amarillo, TX 79109.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department report ed the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Monday.

Sunday, March 14

William Howard Lankford, 25, Chicago, Ill. arrested by the DPS on an Illinois warrant and for no driver's license or seat belt.

Stanley Wayne Redmon, 35, 109 Montagu, arrested for public intoxication, domestic assault Casey Douglas Brittain, 18, 5720 S. Milan, possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, March 14

Alfredo Romero Armendariz, 31, 427 N. Crest, charged with no valid driver's license.

Heather Marie Franklin, 20, 2410 Fir, arrested on traffic warrants.

Saturday, March 13 Joy Yvonne Brown Bybee, 36, 617 N. Christy,

charged with arson. James Ray Jennings, 44, 212 W. McCullough, charged with no driver's license, failure to drive in a single lane and failure to control speed.

Maurilio Lopez, 22, 845 E. Denver, charged with evading arrest, no valid driver's license and failure to maintain a single lane.

Jeanette Young, 38, 1040 Neel Road, charged with criminal trespass.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department filed the following accident reports in the 48 hours ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, March 12

Gloria Jennings Parks, 45, of 624 N. Carr, was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign when her 1971 Buick Electra 225 collided with a 1998 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Robert David Brown, 32, 2211 Dogwood, at the intersection of North Ballard and Kingsmill. No injuries were reported.

Sunday, March 14

Mary Alvarado Dukin, 46, Pampa, was charged with having an expired inspection after the 1985 Chevrolet pickup she was driving collided with a 1990 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Amanda Jolene Thorp, 24, 419 N. Somerville, that failed to yield at the intersection of East Kingsmill and North Starkweather. Thorp was charged with no proof of liability insurance. A passenger in the Thorp vehicle, Myranda N. Thorp, 3, 419 N. Somerville, was taken to Columbia Medical Center with unknown injuries.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department made the following calls in the 48-hour-period ending at 7 a.m.

Saturday, March 13

3:17 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to a mattress fire at 617 N. Christy 5 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to a medical assist at 1200 N. Wells.

7:25 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to a medical assist at 218 N. Russell. Sunday, March 14

2:07 p.m. - Three units and five personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at Kingsmill and Starkweather.

3:02 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to a medical assist in the 1000 block o N. Frost.

5:58 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a dumpster fire at 1601 W.

7:19 p.m. - One unit and one person responded to a smoke scare at 801 E. Murphy.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, March 13

8:58 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

9:01 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

1:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of N. Christy and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

1:49 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the Baten Unit and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

4:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

4:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of N. Christy and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

5:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of N. Nelson and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

5:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 bock of N. Wells and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

6:03 p.m. - A mobile IGU responded to the 500 block of Powell; no one was transported. 6:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

Columbia Medical Center and transferred one patient to Baptist St. Anthony West.

7:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of N. Russell and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Child case workers face tragic abuse; leave agency quickly

images of charred little feet, bloated bellies, emaciat- Hotline. ed frames. A 13-year-old torso so severely whipped with an extension cord, the welts look like tattoos. A toddler's vaginal area sliced with a knife for her perpetrator's sexual perversions.

"The hardest part of doing this job is finally coming dren," said Randy Shell, a supervisor for the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services' agency known as Child Protective Services

Many case workers can't accept the reality that adults sometimes throw their 2-year-olds against the wall, dip their small hands into boiling water or kill them. About 37 percent of entry-level Texas child case workers leave within nine months of employment.

A CPS report released in January recorded 176 child abuse-related deaths in 1998, up some 71 percent from the year before.

Carla Cleeton, 32, a CPS case worker in the Fort Worth area for 3 1/2 years, said it's hard not to burn out on a mostly thankless job that rarely adheres to a 9-to-5 schedule and offers a \$23,000-a-year starting

"You can only carry the burden of society so long parents." without breaking your back," said Ms. Cleeton, who has been in social work for 12 years. "I have been looking into pursuing law school, so that I'll be financially better off so that I can advocate for children. But I don't want to sell out."

Like her 3,062 colleagues statewide — 83 percent of whom are women — Ms. Cleeton ventures into the most dangerous areas of her county to question parents' ability to care for their children, often without so much as a cellular telephone should an emergency

Because Lucia Cao works the 3:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. shift, she is sometimes accompanied by police as she the bench in 1989. visits homes where abuse has been reported in the

During her six-year tenure with CPS, parents have threatened her with knives, guns, and even the devil,

"A couple of weeks ago, I got home from work at 4 a.m. and was called back at 4:20 because of a child reported to be involved in satanic rituals," said Ms. Cao, 27. "The dad had carved '666' on his chest and there was blood and crack cocaine everywhere, and a 6-year old girl sitting in the middle of it."

take away their children. But we do everything we parents, provided we know they are capable of providing for them," Ms. Cao said.

"The stigma is that we go into people's homes and

Children can be placed temporarily with relatives or in foster homes, shelters or residential treatment

Under legislation that passed in 1997, foster care cases must be resolved in 12 to 18 months, by which time the child must be in a permanent living arrangement. That year and a half is often marked by court cases and counseling, and a judge ultimately decides if the child may return to the family.

It is not always an easy call, Shell said. How much abuse and neglect can a child handle at home, and at what point is it worse than the trauma of being removed from family and placed in foster care?" he asked.

"Can a 5-year-old live in a house that's filthy dirty, and how dirty does it have to be in order to be removed? How severe should the bruises be? Where do you draw the line? If you make the right decision, Pu vou'll never know, but every single one of your mistakes will be highlighted."

Shell, 39, leaned back in his swivel chair and began sorting through 13 manila folders that had been handed to him an hour before. Each contained another child's tragedy reported by a teacher, health-care

AUSTIN (AP) — First, the photographs: daunting worker, relative or neighbor through the Child Abuse

"Here's a case about a 14- and 9-year old, siblings, who wear the same dirty clothes day after day, have no access to food and go to home school," he began as he twirled the end of his long braid of brown hair. · "Neither of them can read, and they wander to the recognition that people intentionally hurt chil- around their neighborhood all day. Mother just

> sleeps, and father doesn't work." Although the Child Welfare League of America recommends that child case workers be assigned to a maximum of 12 families, Shell's five investigative case workers often juggle up to 30 families each.

> Shell continued flipping through his thick files. 'Here's a 2-year-old who still can't walk and can barely talk. His cries are ignored, and members of his household smoke pot. There is no heat, electricity or running water in the household, and the only thing for the child to eat is animal crackers.

While CPS has no firm figures, officials acknowledge that a significant percentage of the parents with whom they work have grown up in the system. According to Prevent Child Abuse Texas, about onethird of all victims of child abuse become abusive

You are going to parent like you were parented unless there is intervention," Ms. Cleeton said. "If I could work on genetics, I would make it so that we could not procreate until we're 28, and that would cut out half of my cases. These parents are young kiddos themselves.

Age isn't the only problem. According to 1997 CPS statistics, 29.5 percent of parents of children in substitute care abuse drugs, 21 percent abuse alcohol, and

29.9 percent suffer from financial strain. State District Judge Scott McCown has presided over 1,400 cases involving 2,500 children since taking

In an October report, McCown noted that CPS investigated only 60 percent of 100,000 allegations of child abuse between 1997 and 1998. He called for more state resources to ease the strain on the overburdened child welfare system.

In response, CPS officials said it would need an additional \$137.7 million in state funds over the next two years to fulfill his recommendations.

And Gov. George W. Bush pledged in his "State of the State" address to beef up CPS staff by adding some 380 new case workers.

But Ms. Cleeton said her agency needed more than money or additional staffers — it needs a way to cannot to — we want these kids to stay with their reach children before they become victims of abuse. "We don't protect children until after they have

been hurt and that ..." Ms. Cleeton's voice trailed off as she took a drag off a cigarette. "Well, that hurts," she said softly.

Report child abuse at (800) 252-5400.

Stocks

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly Sunny today with a nigh of 75 and south winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the lower 40s. Tomorrow, windy with a high in the upper 70s. The overnight low

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle - Tonight, clear with a low in the lower 40s. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph with occasional higher gusts. Tuesday, increasing high cloudiness and breezy. High 70 to 75. Southwest to south wind 15-25 mph with Highs 71 to 77. higher gusts. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains upper 30s to mid 40s. Tuesday, partly cloudy and breezy. Highs Hill Country and 40s south censouth. in the 70s. Permian Basin/Upper tral. Tuesday, increasing clouds. Trans Pecos — Tonight, partly High near 70 to mid 70s. mostly clear. Low in the upper cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Tuesday, partly cloudy and Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly mostly sunny. High in the upper breezy. Highs 75-80. Concho clear. Lows from the mid 40s 60s to lower 70s.

Valley/Edwards Plateau West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Mountains/Big Bend Area —

Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 70s to near 80. from the mid 30s to the mid 40s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs from the 70s mountains to upper 80s along the Rio Grande. NORTH TEXAS — Tonight,

fair. Lows 37 east to 49 west. Tuesday, partly cloudy and warmer. Windy west and central.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central - Tonight, fair. Lows in the Texas - Monday night, fair skies. Lows in the 30s to low 40s Southeast Texas and Upper 30s to middle 40s. Tuesday,

inland to the lower and mid 50s Tonight, clear. Lows in the mid at the coast. Tuesday, partly 40s. Tuesday, partly cloudy and cloudy and warmer. Highs near breezy. Highs in the mid 70s. Far 70. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s to Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs near 50. Tuesday, mostly sunny Guadalupe morning, partly cloudy during the afternoon. Highs in the mid

BORDER STATES NEW MEXICO — Tonight,

variable high clouds. Lows mid 20s to near 40 mountains and north, lower 30s to mid 40s elsewhere. Tuesday, increasing cloudiness and a little cooler west with a slight chance of showers in the afternoon. Partly cloudy and warm east. Breezy statewide. Highs 50s and 60s mountains and northwest with upper 60s to lower 80s east and OKLAHOMA — Tonight,

City briefs

NURSERY ATTENDANT Church, 1633 N. Nelson, 669-

3225. Adv. MASSAGE THERAPY by Doris King, RMT 665-6067. Adv. Scramble, Sat. Mar. 27, entry fee \$40 per player, only 1 player on team with 9 handicap or less! Adv. Proceeds to benefit Cart Trail 669-5866 for info. Adv.

GREAT NEW selection of kids needed. Please pick up applica- birthday plates & napkins, tion from 9-5 p.m. 1st Christian unique themes. Party favors also available at Celebrations, 125 N. Somerville, Adv.

ZACH THOMAS & Randy Moss bears in stock. Also HIDDEN HILLS - 3 Person Namath, Montana & many other past & present stars. Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler.

ST. PATRICK'S Day is Wed. Fund. Also Golf Sale on all mer- which means it is time to plant chandise. Get your handicap potatoes, onion sets & some established, you must pay hand- other vegetables. All available at icap fee, before April 1st. Call Watson's Garden Center, 665-4189. Adv.

OCB 2302 Alcock - Mon. Thurs. & Sat. Karaoke. Tue. pool tournament 8 p.m. Adv.

STOP BY & register for an Easter basket filled with Salvino's Baseball Bunnies to be given away March 31st. My Favorite Things. Adv.

ST. PATRICK'S Day shamrock plants, candy, jewelry, collection bears, & other great green gifts. We deliver at Celebrations, 665-3100, 125 N. Somerville. Adv.

ANY BUNNY or item with a bunny on it 20% off till March 31st. My Favorite Things. Adv.

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Members of the "Pride of Pampa" Band participated in UIL Solo and Ensemble contest recently. The contest was held at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Those students making first divisions on solos were: Kim Grice, trombone; Michael Leland, trombone; Darrell Schroeder, trombone; Wesley Warren, trombone; Brian Klein, percussion.

A&M at Galveston to host sea camps

GALVESTON — In the early morning, they run through June and July. Each camp is on the research vessel "Earl Milan," visit the attending Sea Camp. Each summer, Texas mammals in Mexico. A&M University at Galveston's Sea Camp hosts groups of youngsters exploring the for the environment," said Dr. Judy Wern, Sea bays, marshes and estuaries of the upper Texas coast. The weeklong adventure teaches through hands-on outdoor activities, we The cost of the basic camp is \$625, which the dynamics of the marsh through seeing, feeling, smelling, listening and actually "being there."

an adventure in learning about the wonders continuing education credit. of the ocean through hands-on experiences. Divided into 22 one-week sessions, the camps and sink up to their knees in soft mud, trawl http://www.tamug.tamu.edu/-seacamp.

pull their nets through the marsh, examining geared toward a specific age group and may National Marine Fisheries' turtle research the marine life in the shallow muddy water. focus on the ecology/biology of the facility and explore a living oyster reef with In the afternoon, they are on the research ves- Galveston area or on a particular topic such Sea Camp founder and renown oyster biolosel observing dolphins. They are not profes- as fishing, coastal camping, marine mamsional marine biologists. They are youth mals, ecological studies in Belize or marine

"We hope to instill in our campers a love Camp director. "Because the learning is teach kids lessons they won't forget about the marine and estuarine environments.'

Sea camp invites youth 10-18-years-old for serving as camp counselors while earning

First-time campers seine in the salt marsh

gist Dr. Sammy Ray.

Sea Camp has the social and evening recreational experiences of regular camps as well as the element of learning in a university atmosphere. Spaces in the camps are limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. includes tuition to the camp, room and board at the Mitchell Campus on Pelican Island and Teachers also may benefit from the camp by entertainment fees. Cost of advanced camps and "out of the country" camps and registration information are available by calling (409) 740-4525 or by visiting the camp's website at

CEUs, horse branding offered at Cattle Raisers school

FORT WORTH — Any horse be free to members. Nonmembers owner interested in protecting their horses from theft should put the 1999 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association School for Successful Ranching on their agenda, says C. Coney Burgess, president of TSCRA. The school will be March 27-28 in Fort Worth just prior to TSCRA's annual convention.

Butch Davis, TSCRA field inspec- Program. tor from Huntsville will explain how a permanent ID can deter horse thieves and help recover stolen horses. Davis will also probrand has been registered with ment. their county clerk. This service will

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will be charged \$25 per horse. Number and letters irons will be available; horse owners with specialized brands should bring their own iron. All horses must have a negative Coggins test to be admitted onto the grounds of the Will Rogers Center: TSCRA members will also be able to enroll their horses in the Horse Identification

Producers can also earn two CEUs required for self-certification of pesticide applicator licenses. One credit will be offered in drift vide freeze-branding services to minimization and one credit will be horse owners with proof their offered in integrated pest manage-

A seminar on risk management

expert in futures and options, Don Registration is \$50 per person. For McCasland, and an in-depth nutri- more information, call Sharla tion seminar will cover all aspects Ismael or Kathy Wood at 1-800-242of balancing nutritional require- 7820 or (817) 332-7155.

ments with consumption. Registrations will be accepted at line at www.thecattlemanthe TSCRA office until March 25. magazine.com.

will feature nationally recognized Producers may also register on-site.

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API announces upcoming meeting

The Panhandle Chapter of on "Total Electronic Well American Petroleum Institute will Control." meet for social hour at 6:30 p.m. and for dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18 at Pampa Country Club. memberships will be available at The guest speaker will be Thomas the door. Members are encour-Hill of KIMRAY, Inc.

Hill is vice-president of engineering at KIMRAY and is based prizes are being donated by B&B in Oklahoma City. He will speak Solvent, Inc., of Pampa.

A Mexican buffet dinner will be served for \$12 per person and API aged to bring a guest.

Door prizes and scholarship

FPC livestock judging team results

College Livestock Judging Team Chipper McLaughlin, 52nd recently competed in the High Individual in Horses. Houston Stock Show and Rodeo Livestock Judging Contest and placed 23rd overall.

Individuals taking honors Ortega. were: Larren O'Leary, second High Individual in Horses; Andy Hefley, 23rd High

BORGER — Frank Phillips Individual in Sheep; and

Other team members are Brian Bixby, Larren O'Leary, Juke Morrow, Melisa Price and Israel

Agriculture Instructor and Coach Buddy Curry trained the

New applications universal

CANYON — Applying for admission to a Texas public university has never been easier for students, thanks to a common application now being used for the Fall 1999 semester by West Texas A&M University and all of the state's other public universities.

It is hoped that the convenience of completing and submitting copies of the same application, instead of having to complete a separate application for each of the state's 35 public universities, will encourage many students to take the steps necessary to begin college or to continue work on a four-year degree.

Legislation sponsored by State Sen. Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo) in 1997 directed the creation of the common application. An advisory committee to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board developed two versions, one for first-time freshman and one for transfer students. Directors of admission of public universities

from across the state serve on the committee. "WT accepts both of the common applications and the WT application for admission, but we don't require all sections of the common application to be filled out," Lise Blankenship, WTAMU

enrollment manager, said. Approximately 600,000 copies of the common application have been mailed since August 1998 to high schools and community colleges throughout the state. Students may request a copy from

their academic counselor at those institutions or print a copy from See UNIVERSAL, Page 8

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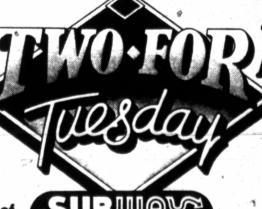
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Face of AIDS epidemic changing

By MARTHA IRVINE **Associated Press Writer**

CHICAGO (AP) — One of the country's last hospices set up to care exclusively for dying AIDS patients has a problem — albeit a good one. It's going out of business.

Experts in the field say the closing of the Chicago House hospice — and the shifting focus of AIDS facilities throughout the country — is further evidence that the epidemic is less about dying and more about caring for the millions who are living with HIV.

That includes Charles Borin, the last remaining resident at the two-story white stucco home on Chicago's far North Side where 357 patients have died in the last six years.

"I'm the only one who survived," the 76-yearold retired hairdresser said recently as he looked at the first boxes he's been packing. "Why? I

day. That includes a "cocktail" of protease the reason is - we don't need it.

Borin's relative healthiness since he was diagnosed with the AIDS virus seven years ago likely also director of the HIV clinical treatment unit at pices who care for people with all kinds of illhas much to do with the 17 pills he downs each Northwestern University Medical School. "And

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inhibitors, the drugs credited with stalling the progression of the virus and making it increasingly difficult for Chicago House officials to fill the hospice's nine beds in the past year.

At first, they were afraid they simply weren't getting the word out.

We contacted everybody we know. And nothing. There was no response," says Dr. Robert

Statistics have hinted at the trend for quite some time. Nationwide, AIDS killed about 43,000 people in 1995, compared with 16,685 in 1997, according to the most recent data available from the federal Centers for Disease Control and

Murphy has also seen the shift in his practice. Of the 1,000 HIV-positive patients being treated at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, he says only 15 have T-cell counts below 50, a level considered "high risk."

Francisco General Hospital's Ward "5A" — once singled out as a model for inpatient AIDS care is now filled with as many cancer patients as

"I think this is the best thing that's ever happened," says Murphy, who voted with the will quash any major resurgence of HIV. But even Chicago House board to use the \$250 a day they were spending per hospice patient on services in an unpredictable epidemic. greafer demand, including subsidized housing for healthier HIV-positive people and their fami-

pices who care for people with all kinds of illnesses. Borin, who was admitted in July for 24hour care but wasn't considered a terminal case, will move as soon as he can find other housing.

Many consider the closing of Chicago House good news, though there are a few cautionary notes. There are people out there who still have the disease who are not taking care of themselves," says Althea Porcher of the Connecticut Hospice Cottage Program, which has a five-bed hospice

for homeless AIDS patients in Branford, Conn. Others point to the estimated 40,000 new HIV infections a year, which some fear are being lost

in the news about the major drop in deaths.
"Complacency is setting in," says Gustavo
Suarez, a spokesman for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. "You often hear people say, 'Oh, it's just like diabetes.' And that's leading to a lot of unsafe practices, particularly in young people."

In still other cases, protease inhibitors have stopped working.

Two years ago, we were to the point that we almost had no AIDS patients," says Jeremy It's much the same elsewhere. Even San Hollinger, manager at Coming Home Hospice, a rancisco General Hospital's Ward "5A" — once 15-bed facility in San Francisco for AIDS and cancer patients. "Now we're getting more AIDS patients again."

Chicago House's Murphy says he's hoping a new line of protease inhibitors and other drugs the most hopeful understand they're dealing with

You never know. In a year, we might be right back here," Lisa Hamlin, resident manager at the es. Chicago House hospice, said as she looked Since then, they have stopped accepting hos- around the house. "But I hope not."

Health briefs

TV creates a weight problem for children

HOUSTON — Although today's children are not, on average, consuming more calories than previous generations, they certainly might be moving less.

More than one-fourth of Americans children spend four or more hours each day watching television, and a full two-thirds spend at least two hours a day in front of "the tube," according to a recent study. Not surprisingly, the more television the children watched, the fatter they tended to

While time spent sitting in classrooms, doing homework, and reading is not negotiable, parents can help their couch-potato kids become more active. Fiorotto suggests replacing unnecessary siting with family walks, bike rides, hopscotch, soccer drills, or even dances in the living room.

"Making regular physical activity a fun family a. r helps children build a lifetime of healthy habits," she said.

during allergy season

DALLAS —When the weather begins to get warmer, many people with allergies will start to sniffle, blow, sneeze and wheeze.

There are several ways to keep allergies from developing into a more serious sinus problem. Rinsing you nose with a saline solution or spray several times a day, as well as using a nasal decongestant pill can help keep your nose clear. But stay away from decongestant sprays, which can become addictive if used for more than a few days.

"Drinking plenty of fluids can also keep your nasal discharge thin and prevent thick secretions that stagnate in the sinuses," says otolarynology Southwestern Medical Center at

especially important during air can cause such allergic reactions

travel, which can dry nasal membranes and subject sinuses to air pressure changes. Of course, the best way to stay out of trouble is to avoid contact with the things vou know spark your allergy attacks, or consult a specialist, Mabry says.

Got heartburn? Gum up

DALLAS — One out of four healthy adults experience heartburn at least once a month. Heartburn is the painful sensation that occurs when small amounts of stomach acid, but regular use can cause side effects, such as

For an alternate remedy, Dr. Stuart Spechler suggests chewing a stick of gum.

'Chewing gum increases the flow of alkaline saliva, which neutralizes gastric acid and stimulates contraction of the esophageal muscles," says Spechler, professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

He also recommends avoiding fatty foods, chocolate, bedtime Avoiding sinus problems snacks and lying down after eating. Consult a physician if persistent heartburn doesn't respond to these simple remedies or if it's accompanied by weight loss, difficulty with swallowing or bleeding.

Dust mites might be

triggering allergies
HOUSTON — Washing your child's pillow in hot water could help lessen allergy symptoms.

"Pillows are one of the biggest triggers of allergies, because dust mites live in them," said Dr. Holly Birdsall, an ear-nose-and-throat specialist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Dust mites take up residence in pillows and beds coverings, where they feed off skin cells Dr. Richard Mabry, professor of that fall off the body. When your UT face comes in contact with the pillow, you might breathe in dust mites. One inside the nasal Mabry says that measures are passage, these microscopic bugs

Birdsall recommends washing pillows and all bedding every two weeks in hot water. "It's the hot temperature, not the soap that kills dust mites," she said. Nonwashable items like mattresses should be enclosed in allergyproof covers. Stuffed animals should be washed or moved away from the bed.

as sneezing and itchy eyes.

Doctors say seniors can walk off constipation

DALLAS — Constipation, a common complaint among senior citizens, is often not openly discussed, but can be a real problem for folks who get little exercise.
"Reduced physical activity can

contribute significantly to problems of constipation," says geriatric specialist Dr. Craig Rubin, associate professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Physical activity, like walking 20 minutes a day, may reduce or eliminate the need for laxatives."

However, Rubin cautions, constipation can be due to other factors and should always be discussed with your doctor.

Proper snack provides nutrition for fetus

DALLAS — A well-planned

snack can satisfy extra nutritional needs when you're eating for two. Pregnant women need an extra 300 calories a day during their

second and third trimesters and it's an easy task. "Most importantly they need more protein - about 10 grams more per day," says registered dietitian Joyce Barnett, an assis-

tant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical center's Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School. "So a glass of nonfat milk will give them about 90 calories, protein and also the calcium that's very important during pregnancy."

Tot hat add one-and-a-half ounce serving of lean meat or low fat cheese and a serving of whole grain bread. An extra fruit or vegetable will fulfill the remaining calorie needs.

Deadly liver cancer on the rise due to hepatitis, according to study

By KATHARINE WEBSTER **Associated Press Writer**

The most common form of liver cancer, a type that is nearly always fatal, is on the rise in the United States and the increase is likely to continue until hepatitis is better controlled, researchers reported recently.

The incidence of hepatocellular carcinoma increased 71 percent from the mid-1970s to the mid-1990s, according to researchers at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Albuquerque, N.M. Hospitalization and death rates for all and the only available treatment does not help types of liver cancer were also found to be the majority of patients. increasing at a similar pace.

was published in a recent issue of New England Journal of Medicine.

Liver cancer will strike an estimated 14,500 Americans in 1999, according to the American until we have either a vaccine or an effective Cancer Society. Most will get hepatocellular cartreatment."

carcinoma are alive five years after diagnosis, because the tumors usually are found only after the cancer has spread.

The cancer is often caused by chronic hepatitis B and hepatitis C, viral diseases that lead to liver scarring, known as cirrhosis, which in turn can lead to liver cancer. Hepatitis also can cause other changes in liver cells that make them can-

By IOSEPH B. VERRENGIA

AP Science Writer

believe most of the increase in liver cancer is due to hepatitis C, a disease discovered a decade ago.

Many Americans with hepatitis C got it from transfusions before the blood supply was cleaned up by 1992. The virus can also be spread between drug users sharing needles, and in rare cases, through sex. In half of all cases, doctors do not know how patients got it.

An estimated 4 million Americans are infected with the hepatitis C virus, but no one knows the exact number because it can take up to 30 years for symptoms to develop. There is no vaccine

Scientists call hepatitis C a hidden epidemic. A lot of people still don't know they have it, said Dr. Jack Wands, a liver research expert at Brown University. "I think it will continue to rise

Doctors should test patients with hepatitis-Only 5 percent of people with hepatocellular induced cirrhosis for liver cancer, because if tumors are caught early enough, surgery can be successful, said Dr. Hashem El-Serag, lead author of the study.

Hepatitis B is more infectious but is easier to treat. It is spread through blood, sex or from mother to child at birth. About 200,000 Americans are diagnosed each year. The vaccine has been available since 1991.

Hepatitis A, a relatively mild form of the virus, Alcoholism is another leading cause of cirrhois not a risk factor for liver cancer. It is spread prisis and liver cancer. But alcoholism is declining marily through contaminated food, such as shelland hepatitis B infections are slowing because of fish from tainted water or restaurant food that a vaccine and effective treatments. So researchers has been touched by infected employees.

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and regulate the burning of calories, Amarillo **Heart Group**

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ing a drug that keeps people trim.
The gene, known as Mahogany Researchers have identified the first gene known to suppress obesity researchers said it is the first discovered to regulate metabolism to the animals' brown fur).

and the expenditure of energy.

In one of two studies published Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, Mass., tested groups of mice with normal and mutated MG genes. a matter of genetics. They fed the mice diets with vary-

ing percentages of fat.

Mice with a mutated MG gene ate a high-fat diet or a low-fat one. California at Davis.

Scientists identify gene that may regulate weight a key step that may help in develop- Mice with the normal gene gained

weight on the high-fat diet. Researchers said they were optior the MG gene, was discovered in mistic that the gene would play the mice. It is the sixth gene found to be same role in humans, but cauimplicated in obesity, but tioned that it has been demonstrated only in mice (Mahogany refers

And though the findings suggest In one of two studies published the gene plays an important role in in a recent issue of the journal diet-related obesity — which Nature, scientists at Millennium afflicts most of the 54 percent of American adults who are too hefty obesity is thought to more than

"Obesity is a complex problem for which diet, exercise and biology all are important," said geneticist did not gain weight whether they Craig Warden of the University of



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Dad Who Walks on Family Has No Right to Walk Down Aisle

DEAR ABBY: I disagree with your advice to "Lisa in California" that she should have her grandfather and father walk her down the aisle. Her father gave up any rights or honors of being a father when he walked out on her when she was 2 years old.

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Conn.

I have lived through a similar situation. When I got married, I certainly did not have my father give me away or even attend my wedding, for that matter. If her father is sincerely sorry for the way he has acted, he should understand her feelings and tell her that he completely understands and agrees that her grandfather deserves the honor. After all, the grandfather was the one who was part of her life when the father chose to walk away. I also disagree with your suggestion that she could walk alone. Why should she?

I have never regretted my decision and I've been married 15 years. Even after my father's death three years ago, I had no regrets.

In this situation and my own, the fathers were the adults and made their own adult decisions. Now it's time for her father to act like the adult he is and take what is handed to him.

M.A.D.N., DOUGLASSVILLE, PA.

DEAR M.A.D.N.: If you have never regretted your decision, then you made the right one for you. I was surprised at the number of readers who disagreed with my answer — although not



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everybody did. Read on for a different perspective:

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "Lisa," who does not want her father to walk her down the aisle or even to attend her wedding. My parents divorced when I was an infant. By the time I was in high school and college, our relationship had diminished to practically zero. My stepfather, who had been a wonderful "Dad" since I was 6, walked me down the aisle. I do not regret giving that honor to my stepfather, who had been - and still is always there for me. But I wish I had handled it differently for my father's sake.

My father and I have since restored our relationship. We both know we have hurt each other and don't want it to happen again. Most of it was due to lack of communication. I thought he no longer loved me or wanted me around; he thought I didn't want him in my

life. Both of us were terribly wrong. Lisa, if you even think you may want a relationship with your father someday, please do as Abby

suggested. Include him in your big day. Let him escort you down the aisle with your grandfather, or walk down the aisle by yourself with both of them sitting in the pews beaming with pride.

J.M. IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR J.M.: I admire your compassion, even though it came to you from the perspective of hindsight. There was, however, a third alternative that both you and I did not consider. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: On the evening of my daughter's rehearsal dinner, she took her father aside and told him she had thought long and hard about her wedding day, and after reflecting on her childhood had reached a decision. She said, Daddy, even though you have not been a big part of my life so far, I love you. However, we both know who has earned the honor of giving

She went on to say that the honor of walking the bride down the aisle belongs to the person who guided her through childhood, latenight studies, heartbreaks and tri-

When the minister asked, "Who gives this woman to this man?" I proudly said, "I do!"

THE PROUDEST MOM IN TENNESSEE

Horoscope TUESDAY, MANCH 16, 1999 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Much goes on behind the scenes. Count on a radical change in plans. Work on opening doors, rather than closing them. You have the ingenuity and intelligence to get past an obstacle. Do some deep thinking. Tonight: Make some time for you. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Chase your dreams. Be direct... and don't let a partner's devices throw you 't agree with you and lets you know. You have an opportunity to think through a relationship. Oneto-one relating leads you down the victory path. Tonight: Where the action is. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Accept responsibility and keep an eye on long-term goals. Don't sell out to a jealous or irritated partner. Your ability to concentrate comes out. You work well under pressure; be productive and get the job done. Assume a leadership role at the office. Tonight: Make a must appearance. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Take an overview. Creativity emerges when you hit a major obstacle. Your ability to surmount a problem makes you a sure-fire winner. Allow more feedback from co-workers. Seek experts for answers to your questions. Take care of

work. Don't shy away from the inevitable. you will resolve it. Tonight: Don't put off night: Out at a favorite spot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Tonight: Let it happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Defer to others. Are you really tests your limits? Evaluate and work toward a change. Communication guides you. with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Work demands attention; don't lose PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Demonstrate your self-discipline. You get a lot done and can add to your financial structure. Don't try the same approach with collecting funds, however. Think before proceeding. Tonight: Hitched to your

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Jump over a financial restriction.

Allow your creativity to run high, but refuse to take any risks. A child or loved one might attempt to coerce you, but he does not have your best interests in mind. Express your expectations and needs, and expect a response. Tonight: Get physical. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

trouble, but, inadvertently, you do. Reconsider, before you say something you could live to regret. Family and domestic matters need to take the highest priority. Take some or older to call. A service of InterMedia Inc., time to reflect. Tonight: Think through a

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You could get blocked when you ★★★ Don't sabotage yourself when you

least expect it. Reconsider a decision. Lis- are heading in the right direction. Make ten to your inner voice when dealing with calls, talk to a friend and manifest dreams. a partner. You instinctively know what will You are on the route to success; only you can stop it. Keep up with your work, clear The sooner you tackle a problem, the sooner your desk. Your efficiency is tested! To-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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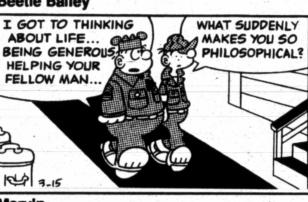
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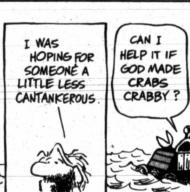
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LEVELLAND — Pampa's Curtis Johnson won three events at the South Plains College Invitational.

The Harvesters had 48.9 points to place eighth in the team standings

Team standings: 1. Plainview 160; 2. Frenship 152; 3. Seminole 66; 4. Borger 65.2; 5. Hereford 58; Levelland 55.4; 7. Brownfield 54; 8. Pampa 43.9; 9. Dimmitt 34.5; 10. Littlefield 16.

Pampa placings are as fol-

jump: Curtis Long Johnson, first place, 21-1. 100: Curtis Johnson, first

place, 11.20. 200: Curtis Johnson, first place, 23.03.

Shot: Calvin Tucker, fourth place, 46-1 1/2. Pole vault: Josh Taylor,

sixth place, 12-0. High jump: Holmes, fourth place, 5-10; Reece Hartman, fifth place, 5-10.

GENERAL

PAMPA — Baseball and softball coaches and managers are urged to attend tonight's meeting of the Pampa Optimist Youth Club to view a video.

The video will show ways of organizing practices and will show drills which will keep players interested while learning fundamen-

The meeting starts at 6:30 and will be held at the Optimist Building.

PAMPA — Baseball and softball programs for youngsters 5 to 15 years of age are now available at the Pampa Kids-Youth Club.

Signups will be held at the MPAC building (between the high school and baseball fields) from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on March 20 and March 27.

Sonny or Tinde Haskins at 669-7762 or 669-6732.

The season begins May 4 and lasts through June 29.

To keep costs down, the club is accepting donated baseball and softball equipment or charitable contributions.

Call Larry Lenderman at 669-2035 or Rusty Gallagher at 669-7179.

Coaches and other volunteers will not have to pay fees or club dues.

AUSTIN (AP) — Five runs in the first inning was more than D.J. Jones needed in a complete-game 12-2 victory over Kansas State on Sunday. Jason Cox went 3-for-4 with

a triple and four RBIs for Texas (18-7, 8-1 Big 12) while extending his hitting streak to nine games. Jeff ontiveros went 3-for-5 with a double and four RBIs.

Travis Andre went 2-for-4 with two RBIs for Kansas State, and Chet Savage went 2-for-3 with one double.

Optimist softball will expand this season

By John Warner **Guest Writer**

"The Optimist Girls Softball League is going to expand to three divisions this season," declared Sheri Tice, the new Commissioner for the League. "With the Pampa High School program becoming sanctioned by the U.I.L., we now have a gap for seventh and eighth grade girls which the Optimist Club will strive to fill," Tice explained. "We will offer girls 13, 14 and 15 years old the opportunity to play in a league of their own. We will continue to have the Minor League softball coach for the last three Division for girls who are 7, 8 and 9 as well as the Major beginning his 10' season of League Division for girls who Optimist coaching. He has are 10, I I and 12."

school began a softball pro- League, the Major Bambino Tice and her husband have son, Randy, attends all his sisgrade through the 12' grade," League. Tice recounted. "The Optimist Club did not want to be in competition with the high school, so we discontinued our Senior League Girls Softball. Now that there is no program for girls between the Optimist Little League program and high school, our Senior League will start up again to fill that need."

Tice will serve Commissioner for the girls for the first time.

She has been a member of the Optimist Club and an Optimist vears. Her husband, Randall, is coached in T-ball, the Rookie "Several years ago, the high League, the Minor Bambino Sheri Tice



gram for girls from the seventh League and now the Babe Ruth been married for 16 years and ter's games. Then we all go

Baptist Church.

"Softball gives the girls a and losing in a game as well as in life."

Tice speaks from experience.

enjoys the game of softball," new girls need to attend at I Tice said. "Randell and I have two of the tryout sessions." both played in the City's softball league. Randell still does. for our new division," Tice said. It is a family thing with us. "It is going to be really fun to Randell has helped with have the older girls playing Cassie's team's practices. Our again."

are the parents of two children. over and watch him in the Babe She is a member of the Calvary Ruth League. It helps families bond together."

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The Optimist Club has set chance to meet new friends and signups and tryouts for all teaches them to socialize," Tice three divisions of the Girls responded when asked about Softball League for April 6, 7 the benefits of girls softball. "It and 8 at Optimist Park. "Girls is good exercise and prepares who stay in the same division them for the years ahead They normally stay on the same team team how to deal with wining as last year," Tice explained. "They need to sign up but do not need to try out because they are automatically on the same "Our family thoroughly team. The girls moving up and new girls need to attend at least

"There is a lot of enthusiasm

Tourney provides good look at Texas recruits

two of its recruits' tournament savvy a year early.

The day after Texas was bounced from the NCAA tournament by Purdue — thanks in large part to shaky guard play -Roosevelt Brown scored a teamhigh 21 points in Duncanville's 78-61 victory over Dallas Kimball for the Class 5A state championship.

Seminole guard Chris Ogden, scored 22 points in his team's loss in the Class 3A final to Mexia.

Brown, a 6-3 guard, scored 37 points in two games for Duncanville and Ogden had 42 ment for Seminole. Now, Brown says, he's ready to

take his game to the big time of the Big 12 Conference. 'I think they (Texas) could have

AUSTIN (AP) — The University off Texas center Chris Mihm and the others. of Texas probably could have used forward Gabe Muoneke, Brown said.

> But Brown wasn't the only player to step up big in the quest for the title among Texas' largest high schools.

Brown's teammate, 6-9 junior forward Brian Boddicker, scored 52 points in two games and dominated the post like no other player in the tournament. Boddicker was Another UT signee, 6-foot-7 named the 5A championship game MVP with 20 points.

Duncanville's David Sykes, a Southwest Texas State signee, scored 33 points in the tournament and Kimball's Quinton Ross, who has signed with Southern points and 15 assists in the tourna- Methodist, scored 45, including 22 against Duncanville.

Duncanville (35-3) became just the third school to win University Interscholastic League state football and basketball titles in the used me. I will bring them stability same academic year. Dumas (1962) and quickness to relieve pressure" and Southlake Carroll (1993) were quarter.

football and basketball is quite an nament. Crowley never won a 22 points despite spending much accomplishment for our school state playoff game before this seaand it's something that we are son very proud of," said Duncanville coach Phil McNeely, who also Arthur Lincoln (29-6), which has coached Duncanville to the 1991 basketball title.

'Now it's up to our baseball team to pull off the three-peat, and we think they can do it," McNeely tournament game for Lincoln

Kimball (34-5) missed a chance for its fourth title of the decade. He retired after the 1988 season, Kimball won state championships but returned this year. in 1990, 1996 and 1997. In other tournament finals

Saturday: scored 13 points and Jason Smalls

Arthur Lincoln 60-51. Playing at a frenetic pace, Crowley pulled away by converting 15 of 17 foul shots in the fourth

Crowley (34-4) won its first state added 19. To win the state title in both title in its first trip to the state tour-

> Rhossi Carron scored 15 for Port won seven state championships in 11 state tournament appearances since 1981.

It was the first-ever loss in a state coach James Gamble, who led Lincoln to four titles from 1981-88.

Gamble now is 9-1 in state tournament games with Lincoln.

-In Class 3A, Mexia outscored -In Class 4A, Kevin Risher Seminole 12-6 in overtime by keeping Seminole from a second added 12 as Crowley beat Port shot on any of its extra period possessions to pull away for a 77-71

Sophomore Rickey Huckaby, the game MVP, led Mexia (33-5) with 25 points and Demar Chambers Brookeland.

Ogden led Seminole (36-4) with of the fourth quarter on the bench in foul trouble.

In Class 2A, A.J. Hill and Peaster's blond ambition proved to be too much for Wellington in a 66-62 victory.

Hill scored 31 points, including three free throws with 2.1 seconds left to send the game into over-

Neil Graves scored five points in overtime for Peaster (28-7), whose entire team and coach Danny Henderson sported bleached blond hairdos for their first state tournament.

George Shrubs led Wellington (29-6) with 21 points.

-In Class 1A, Robert Tovar scored 15 points and Anthony Weeaks added 14 as defending champion Moulton won its third title of the decade 54-49 over

Pampa JV tennis team maintains perfect mark

varsity remained undefeated, taking first place at the Pampa 4A JV and 3A Varsity Tournament over the weekend.

The team consisted of freshman David Phillips, sophomore Matt Cook, junior Kerry Turner, freshman Jared Spearman, freshman A.J. Smith and junior Shawn Stone for the boys. The girls were freshman Ashley Stucki, sophomore Celeste Stowers, freshman Stacie Carter, junior Jennifer Muns, freshman Michelle Lee, freshman Brittany Kindle and junior Helen Orr. Orr is a varsity player who couldn't make the trip to the Altus Tournament because of a choir conflict.

The Palo Duro varsity placed second and the Pampa JV Team Two placed third.

Finals results are as follows: Girls singles: Noo Sadakhoune, Palo Duro, def. Helen Orr, Pampa, 4-6, 6-3, 0-6; Stacie Carter, Pampa, def.

PAMPA - Pampa's junior Courtney Moreland, Pampa, 6-1, 6-1, for third place.

Sivixay-Girls doubles: Kayakone, Palo Duro, def. Celeste Stowers-Michelle Lee, Pampa, 7-6, 6-4; Reznex-Gonzales, Dumas, def. Miller-Francis, Canadian, for third place (injury default).

Boys singles: Caleb Ashley, Canadian, def. Jimmy Phansana, Palo Duro, 6-1, 6-2; A.J. Smith, Pampa, def. Jared Spearman, Pampa, 6-1, 6-1, for third place.

Boys doubles: Matt Cook-Shawn Stone, Pampa, def. Kerry Turner-David Phillips, Pampa, 6-7, 7-5, 6-4.

Lovelace-Anderson, Canadian, def. Minick-Graham, Canadian, 6-2, 6-2, for third

Top seeds head for Sweet Sixteen **By The Associated Press**

Miami of Ohio made it, but Miami of Florida didn't. All the top seeds advanced, but so did long-shots Southwest Missouri State, Gonzaga, Purdue and Oklahoma.

The NCAA tournament was reduced to 16 teams over the weekend, a group that includes traditional powers like Duke and Kentucky as well as five double-digit seeds the most ever in the regional semifi-

Duke, the heavy favorite to win it all, continued its impressive run Sunday with a 97-56 rout of Tulsa at the East Regional in Charlotte, N.C.

William Avery scored 19 points and Elton Brand added 17 as the top-seeded Blue Devils won their 29th straight game and reached the regional semis for the 10th time under coach Mike Krzyzewski.

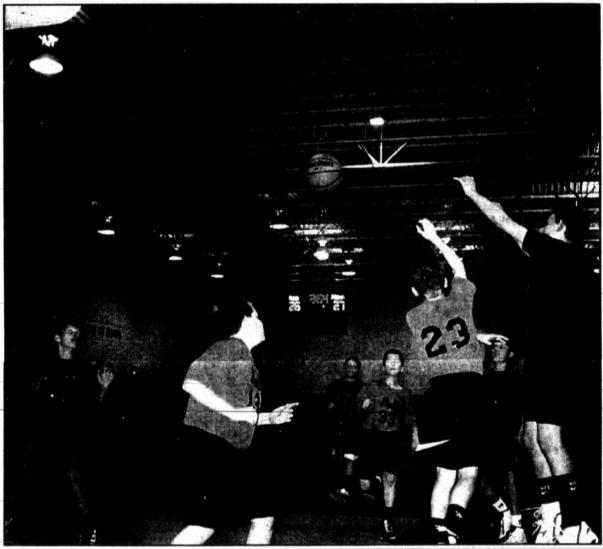
They are like a bunch of sharks. When they smell blood they definitely swarm to you," said Tulsa coach Bill Self.

Kentucky moved another step closer to its fourth straight NCAA title game by beating Kansas 92-88 in overtime at the Midwest Regional in New Orleans.

Scott Padgett scored a career-high 29 points, including seven in overtime, as the Wildcats won their first postseason meeting with the ayhawks.

"We weren't ready to go home," Padgett said. "We felt like we had something to defend here. I think we just willed that win."

Optimist basketball



Seth Foster of the Sonics passes to teammate Jarrod Kotara for two points in a recent Optimist City Tournament game. The Bulls defeated the Sonics 34-30 in the 5th-6th grade division.

NCAA Tournament Glance

All Times EST EAST REGIONAL Sunday, March 14 Charlotte, N.C. Duke 97, Tulsa 56 est Missouri State 81. Tennessee 51

At The FleetCenter Temple 64, Cincinnati 54
Purdue 73, Miami 63
At Continental Airlines Arena East Rutherford, N.J. Regional Semifinals

Friday, March 19 Duke (34-1) vs. Southwest Missouri State (22-Purdue (21-12) vs. Temple (23-10) Regional Champio Sunday, March 21 Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL Second Round Saturday, March 13 At The RCA Dome Auburn 81, Oklahoma State 74 Ohio State 75, Detroit 44 At Orlando Arena Maryland 75, Creighton 63 Thursday, March 18 At Thompson-Boling Are Maryland (28-5) vs. St. John's (27-8), 7:38 p.m. Auburn (29-3) vs. Ohio State (25-8), 9:55 p.m.

Second Round Sunday, March 14 At The Bradley Center Oklahoma 85, North Carolina Charlotte 72 Michigan State 74, Mississippi 66 At The Superdome New Orleans Miami, Ohio 66, Utah 58 At Trans World Dome St. Louis

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Hepatitis cases on rise in Rio Grande Valley

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Texas Department of Health statistics show that while reports of hepatitis B declined by 14 percent in Texas from 1,245 in 1997 to 1,076 last year - thanks to a new vaccine — there was a 46 percent increase in Hidalgo County, from 26 to 38 cases.

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For hepatitis C during the same time period, health statistics show an increase of 59 percent from 376 cases to 596 cases statewide, The (McAllen) Monitor reported Sunday. In Hispanics. Hidalgo and Cameron counties combined, the increase was patients and 20 of the 23 hepati-

State health figures show Texas Hispanics are the largest ethnic group contracting hepati-

In 1996, Hispanics comprised the highest rate, at 1.2 per 100,000 people in Texas, followed by an equal number of blacks and whites at .9 per 100,000.

In 1997, the state rate continued to rise for Hispanics at 2.2 per 100,000, followed by 1.8 for blacks and 1.2 for whites.

In Hidalgo and Cameron counties in 1997, 26 of the 40 hepatitis B cases and all 7 cases of hepatitis C were among

In 1998, 22 of the 38 hepatitis B

tis C patients were Hispanic, offi-cials said. health technician for the infec-tious disease epidemiology and Perdue said 85 percent of hepati-The real kicker about C is surveillance division of TDH. tis C cases become chronically almost no one has symptoms," "They aren't sick. Only in cases infected and cannot clear the virus, chronically infected and only half

said James Perdue, a public of acute hepatitis C, where they but the infected person may take up of those develop symptoms.

He also said in those with hepatitis B, only 5 to 10 percent become

Bill aims to recover millions in lost fuel tax revenue

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas is losing up to have backed a bill by state Sen. Teel Bivins, R-ing provisions to reduce their commission for \$200 million a year because not all the revenue Amarillo, aimed at making it easier to track collecting the tax, could put many of them out from motor-fuel taxes that drivers pay at the and collect fuel-tax revenue. gas pump is being turned over to the state,

The money would have been spent on highways and schools. But state and area trans-tions. "But there are some who commit this portation officials say some fuel distributors fraud." pocket a portion of tax revenue, claiming the fuel sold was exempt from taxation.

"The great bulk of fuel distributors in Texas Fort Worth Star-Telegram for Sunday's edi-

legislation, denying any major fraud exists. To stop the practice, transportation officials They say proposed changes in the law, includ- lost, but it doesn't in Texas."

of business.

"They are claiming fraud, but we don't according to Transportation Commissioner are hard-working, tax-paying corporate citi-Robert Nichols. are hard-working, tax-paying corporate citi-zens providing lots of jobs," Nichols told the Advance Petroleum Co. in Grand Prairie, who is president of the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association.

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Texas news round up

Two mites responsible for

nearly wiping out wild Texas honeybees COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Two parasitic

mites have so decimated wild honeybee populations in Texas, researchers say their numbers now hover close to extinction.

By Texas A&M University's estimate, the state's wild honeybee population — responsible for pollinating produce and wildflowers — has fallen by 90 percent since 1985. Commercial beekeepers have seen their honeybee colonies reduced by 50 percent over the same time period.

Bees may seem pesky, but beekeeper Clint Walker of Heidenheimer says their absence would be

"If you buy groceries, have a garden or like to see wildflowers, you're going to be affected by this, Walker told the Temple Daily Telegram.

The value of pollination of the cultivated crops by managed colonies of honey bees is estimated at \$487 million annually, said Dr. John Thomas, Texas Beekeepers Association executive secretary.

Music festival a big draw

AUSTIN (AP) — An annual music festival that

industry downsizing.

Registration for South by Southwest (SXSW) is up about seven percent over last year, with up to 6,000 badge-wearers paying hundreds of dollars each to attend industry sessions and showcases at the festival, which runs from Wednesday through Sunday.

When the hammer came down, we were expecting all these people to call and cancel because they lost their jobs, but that didn't happen," Roland Swenson, South by Southwest director, told the Austin American-Statesman. "If anything, (uncertainty) has stimulated interest in the business end of things.

That uncertainty followed what has been described as the most massive restructuring in the history of the music business. Several recording labels were lost following a mid-January downsizing by Universal Music Group.

Deep cuts to follow include an estimated 3,500 jobs and 250 acts.

Visiting cardinal on list of possible candidates to succeed John Paul II

DALLAS (AP) — A Nigerian cardinal wh

big time is turning into more of a job fair following name has appeared among possible papal successpective to a world conference on thanksgiving and gratitude.

> Cardinal Francis Arinze, the pontiff's deputy for only child, Philip Theodore. outreach to other faiths, also appeared at events outside the four-day Thanksgiving World Assembly, which brought dozens of religious leaders from other countries at the urging of a United Nations group.
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> After his Sunday sermon at St. Elizabeth of

Hungary, the Nigerian Catholic Association's local president gave Arinze a plaque, saying, "We would like to believe we are in the presence ...," then halting in mid-sentence.

Later, George Egbuniwe said he'd just been catching his breath.

But Patrick Awa, a fellow worshiper sitting near the altar, said the speech changed course because 'the cardinal held up his hand and said, 'No, no,

Report: Diary describes confrontation with Indian before slaying

diary once believed to have been missing, had described threats from an Indian tribe following his

visit in Mexico, according to published reports. Philip True, a Mexico Čity-based reporter for the San Antonio Express-News, described a confrontation with a man who threatened him with possible jailing for entering Huichol territory without permission, according to Newsweek magazine's March 22 issue.

"It is crucial evidence," True's widow, Martha, told the newspaper by phone from Brownsville on

"It is Philip's thoughts about what happened,"

she said, adding that law officers had earlier told sors has helped bring an interdenominational per- her that her husband's pocket journal, which he carried in his backpack, was missing.

Mrs. True on Thursday gave birth to the couple's

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AUSTIN: Right now, fair-market value for the innermost thoughts of the self-proclaimed "most hated woman in America," is \$6,500. Unless a higher bidder comes forth, an Austin man has put in the highest bid for the diaries of missing atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair. ... WASHINGTON: Octagenarian Charles Withers of Seguin, Texas, doesn't rank himself among Bill Clinton's biggest defenders. But when the retired industrial engineer received a solicitation to contribute to the president's legal defense fund, he whipped out his checkbook. Withers gave \$5 to the defense fund, joining more than 1,200 Texans who chipped in \$86,331 in the second half of last year to help defray Clinton's mounting legal bills. ... WACO: The state comptroller is withholding money from the Emma SAN ANTONIO (AP) A slain Texas journalist, in L. Harrison Charter School until other state agencies can determine the school's relationship to a taxdelinquent community center. Principal Roma Spivey said the state's move will put the troubled school in even deeper financial distress. ... YANTIS: Don't tell Debbie Holland the third time is the charm. The East Texas school teacher had heard how her mother-in-law was struck by lightning as a child, burning off all her hair and leaving her in a coma for weeks. Then a few years ago, her husband was hit by a bolt while tending to a dairy farm. On Thursday, Mrs. Holland became the third family member struck by lightning.

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acres on Sunday, shutting down across the Florida Everglades ural cause." the main road across the commonly called Alligator Alley Everglades.

houses and about 200 more structures were in danger. Residents Highway Patrol in Fort Myers. were asked to voluntarily evacu-

Two firefighters battling the 1,300 acres, the other 300 acres. southern Florida blaze suffered Collier County Sheriff's Office.

was shut down just before The blazes damaged up to 10 11:30 a.m., said Duty Officer William Scott of the Florida

The two fires were on either side of the highway, one burning

"We do not know the cause," second-degree burns, said Sgt. said Terence McElroy, spokesman Jeff Maturo, spokesman for the for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer

GOLDEN GATE, Fla. (AP) — About an 80-mile stretch of Services. "We're still investigat-Two brush fires burned 1,600 Interstate 75 — the main road ing, but we're not aware of a nat-

> There was zero visibility in the area due to smoke, and the flames were jumping over the highway, Scott said.

They haven't even begun to get it contained," he said. "The wind is whipping really hard."

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The common application may also be completed and submitted electronically to one or more public universities in the state. The Internet address is www.applytexas.org. The availability of an electronic version of the State of Texas Common Application adds a whole new dimension to the process of applying for university admission in Texas. Thousands of electronic applications have already been received by the state's public universities.

According to assistant director of operations Venessa McCallie, approximately 15 percent of the applications received by WTAMU this year have been common applications.

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