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## ROBERT KNOWLES





Mark Jennings 1615 N . Hobart
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From Belarus to Pampa ...

(left) Dr. Kasimir Farino, Dr. Natalia Farino and their daughter, Irene Farino, visit with mayor Bob Neslage at the Columbia Health Clinic. The family comes from Minsk,
Russian visitors feel 'love' during visit here By MIRANDA $G, ~$
Managing Editor

PISD board hopeful quits

Playground fund needs dollars


Jim Crossman, (from left) Joe Stringer and Miles Cook are three of the actors in tonight's "Master, Is It I?," based on Leonard Da Vinci's painting "The Last Supper." The public is invited at 7 tonight to the free dramatic presentation to be held at First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ) Sanctuary, 1633 N . Nelson.

## Daily Record

Services tomorrow
DULL, Sarah Ellen Ellison Morris - Graveside
services, 2 p.m., White Deer Cemetery, White
Deer.
GRANT, Luther Monroe - Graveside ser-
vices, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
HUBBARD, Katherine - 10.30 a.m., Parkside
Chapel Funeral Home, Hereford.
Obituaries
JEWEL BOWERS
ROCKY FORD, Colo. - Jewel Elmina Bowers,
97, died Feb. 12, 1999, at Pioneer Health Care
Center. Services were held Feb. 16 in Washington
Avenue Bappist Church with the Rev. Harold
Bostwick officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest
Cemetery under the direction of Ustick Donelson
Jomnson Funeral Home.
Mrs. Bowers was born Nov. 22, 1901, at
Plainview, to L.D. and Jane Looper. When she
was a year old, her family traveled by covered
wagon to Floyd N.M. whera her father filed on

Police report


Sheriff's Office
The Gray County Sheriff's Department report-
ed the following arrests during the 24-hour peried the following arrests during the 24 -hour peri-
 ed on tharges of domestic violence and simple
assanter
Ronnie Don lenkins, $47,3121 / 2 \mathrm{~N}$. Wells, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

## Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls ending Wednesday, March 31
9 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800
block of North Nelson and transported one to Pampa Modical Center.
3:49 a.m. A A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Craven.
5.17 a - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 $5: 17 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200
block of North Hobart and transported to Pampa
Medical Center. Medical Center.
9:06 p. m. A mobile ICU responded to the 1600
block of Somerville on a trauma and transported one to Pampa Medical Center.
10:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Nelson and transported one to Pampa Thursday, April 1
mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Christy; no patient was transport-
ed. 12.34 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200

## Hoover fire runs

The Hoover Volunter Fire Department made
the following call suring March
March 1 - one unitand one personnel respond. March 1 - One unit and one personnel respond-
ed to a medical assist on North Price Road.
March 15 - Three units and four personnel
responded to a grass fire 20 miles north of Pampa




Calendar of events

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 For more infỡmation, call 6 6.-2.-2


## pampa area literacy council.

 Ampa Area Literay Council office will beopen from 1 to 4 pm Tuussay through Friday




## Stocks

 Donations will be accepted
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 Emergency numbers


## N.M.Torture suspect described as nice guy

by ChRIS ROBERTS


ELEPHANT BUTTE, N.M
Ray, accused of sexually torturing - David Porker women is
 Cynthia Lea Hendy, Ray's girlfriend and co-
defendant, wrote to a judge last December that she "drinks too much" and was on drugs to treat mani
depression
The two are charged with 25 counts, including
criminal sexual penetration, kidnapping and aggravated battery in the bizarre sex-torture case that has shaken this small to
shore of Elephant Butte Lake
shore of Elephant Butte Lake.
Two women accused Ray and Hendy of holding
them against their will this winter. They said they were molested by Ray while Hendy watched. They
said Hendy held a gun and threatened to kitt them said Hendy held a gun and threatened to kifl them
if they tried to escape.
Ray's co-workers are flabbergasted by the allegations. Gl Parks, a volunteer who works at the Elephant Butte State Park visitor center, said Ray could ever want to meet.
Ray was a maintenance worker at the state park
for about five years fixing vehicles and or about five years, fixing vehicles and heavy Jerome Madrid, a New Mexico State Parks manag

Madrid said he didn't socialize with Ray, but he as everybody else" he said. a
In July 1995, a state board awarded Ray $\$ 1,182$ and a certificate of recognition for "special achievement in a government cost savings program. A let ulations to Mr. Ray for his exemplary work and dedication
Parks said Ray offered to help fix the state park
trailer where Parks lives Parks declined but said trailer where Parks lives. Parks declined, but said
Ray still offered his tools. '"To me it's totally mind pening - it's scary," Parks said
Court records paint Ms. Hendy as a diminutive
woman with tattoos who had abusive relation
ships.
In September 1997, Ms. Hendy filed a domestic-
violence complaint against her boyfriend, John Edward Youngblood..The complaint alleged
Youngblood grabbed her by the arms and pulled Youngblood grabbed her by the arms and pulled
her out of a pickup truck, slamming her back on the her out of a pickup truck, slamming her back on the
ground and causing her to hit her head on the pavement.
That case was dismissed last November when

The two are charged with 25 counts, including criminal sexual penetration, kidnapping and aggravated battery in the bizarre sex-torture case that has shaken this small town on the southwest shore of Elephant Butte Lake.
heriff's deputies couldn't find Ms. Hendy. Youngblood of violence. But she withdrew those allegations-and wrote a letter asking state Distric udge Thomas Fitch to drop the case, saying she
lied.
"I have been in counseling ... for manic depresion; and on medications and I tend to go off for no She wrote that she was "getting help" and conluded: "I drink too much and that's why I'm on On Feb. 9 , Youngblood was given probation on
condition that he stay out of Sierra County and away from Ms. Hendy. His Las Cruces attorney, Steve Ryan, said
Wednesday that Youngblood had been in Wilcox, Ariz., but apparently left Wilcox about a month ago. Ryan said the relationship between
Youngblood and Hendy dated back several years - to time spent together in Washington state. "He told me she was mentally unstable; she was violent, that he was the one who ended up getting
in trouble, but that she initiated these things," said Ryan, former chief judge of the Municipal Court in
Ryan she Ryan said he only met Ms. Hendy twice, both
年mes in court He said the stormy relationship limes in court: He said the stormy relationship
between Youngblood and Ms. Hendy was tied up with alcohol.
"Mr. Youngblood's portrayal of her was that she still wanted him and he didn't want her," Ryan said, adding there was no mention of her having a
new boyfriend,
Ms. Hendy's lawyer, Xavier Acosta, said he believed his client had only been involved with Ray for "a matter of months,"
Acosta declined comment on any domestic vio Acosta declined comment on any domestic vio-
lence complaints filed by Ms. Hendy, saying they lence complaints filed by Ms. Hendy, saying they
might become an issue in the criminal case. In another domestic violence case filed in 1998,
Ms. Hendy and Pierre Arrey were arrested for vio Ms. Hendy and Pierre Arrey were arrested for vio-
lence against each other at Arrey's Caballo resience against each other at Arrey's Caballo resi-
dence. The complaint against Ms. Hendy was dis-
missed in February atter she missed in February after she went to anger management and alcohol counseling.
There was no telephone listip There was no telephone listing for Arrey in
Caballo and he would note be reached for com-


CBS to buy
King World

## City briefs



Poster contest


Ruth Avila (left) placed third over all in Gray County SWCD Conservation Poster Contest. She placed third out of 460 entrants and is a student at Wison Elementary. Avila is pictured with Shonda Meadows

Economic indicators shows little activity
AUSTIN
Leading Texas "The $\begin{gathered}\text { Index of } \\ \text { Economic }\end{gathered} \begin{gathered}\text { compared to January } 1998 . \\ \text { Texas retail sales increased by }\end{gathered}$ Leading Texas Economic Texas retail sales increased by percent compared to January 1998 .
Indicators continues to forecast 7.8 percent in January, compared During the last 12 months, Texas
slower economic growth for Texas to the same period last year The during the next four to six months," Texas Comptrolle
Carole Keeton Rylander said. The latest index was at 132.9 in January, up just 0.2 percent compercent compared to January 1998 indicators 10 leading econom ic indicators reflect a positive state point to a slower-growing econo
my. Overall, the Texas economy remains strong" Rylander said.
The Texas 100 Stock Index is the trongest component of the anuary index of Leading Texas
Economic Indicators. At 127.1, the anuary Texas 100 . was up 23.1 per New home construction contin ues to boom, thanks to unseason age warm weather, low mort gage interest rates and strong lastest growing states in the nation Censtruction permits fo lis ind hew homes were

Canyon Chamber Chamber of Commerce and West Texas A\&M University Small
Business Development Center

Fire burns to be held at Meredith FRICH - Superintendent
ohn C. Benjamin has announced that Lake Meredith
National Recreation Area will be conducting five prescribed burns, beginning today and
continuing through May 30 . The burn units are located at
Fritch Fortress, the Triangle area north of Sanford Dam, North Canyon Blue West and
Chimney Hollow. Each burn Chimney Hollow. Each burn
unit is small in size and easily surrounded by fire crows. The burns will be a cooperative effort, sponsored by the
National Park Service with National Park Service, with
assistance from local fire departments. The purpose of
these burns is to reintroduce fire into the ecosystem, and to cycle of growth. The reduction of mesquite will prevent disas-
trous wild fires that could threaten lives and endanger During these controlled burns some of the areas will be
closed to the public. Park officials ask that people traveling in the are use caution by
reducing thetr vehicle speed and turning on their headlights when smoke is present.
For more information, contact For more information, contact
park headquarters at (806) 857-
3151 .

 cent during January 1999, and was the Texas proconomany. In January, down 15.2 percent compared to Texas crude oil was priced at
January 1998.
$\$ 10.58$ per barrel, down 26 percent New business incorporations compared to Jown 26 percent 1998 . slowed in January. The number of Compared to December, however, new businesses grew by 6.3 per-
cent compared to January 1998 . The average number of manufacturing hours per work week in OPEC and Mexico might reach an Texas showed a 0.8 work weent decline in agreement to cut production to from January 1998. Manufacturing plus.
slowed nationwide Slowed nationwide.
January unemployment claims duces the monthtrollers office prowere up 8 percent compared to Leading Texas Economic
January 1998. The Texas unem- Indicators to help predict changes January 1998. The Texas unem- Indicators to help predict changes
ployment rate was 4.8 percent, in the Texas economy up to six ployment rate was 4.8 percent, in the Texas economy up to six
down 0.2 percent compared to the months in advance, and to help down 0.2 percent compared to the
previous January.
For the fifth For the fifth consecutive month,
Texas employers posted fewer jobs Texas employers posted fewer jobs in the want ads. IThe January Texas
Help Wanted Index, a measurement of job listings in Texas newscompare Texas' economic activity to the nation as a whole. While the January index for Texas was near-
ly stationary at 132.9 the Index of Leading Economic Index of Leading Economic
Indicators was at 106.9, up 2 per
cent compared to January 1998 . er, WT to hold business seminar will present "Eagles Don't Flock" keeping good people. In this
from 11. a.m.-1 p.m., April ${ }^{\text {at }}$ at workshop, you'll learn where to
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Small Business Development maintain peak performance.
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ever outperforms its employees. included. One of the greatest challenges. To register or for more infor-
small business owners face today mation, call the Chamber of small business owners face today mation, call the Chamber
is finding, hiring, training and Commerce at (806) 655-1183
Lotit Commisison poss bing oprzes AUSTIN - Panhandle counties Potter County, $\$ 41,531.35$; Gray
have received $\$ 4531529$ in prize fees form Charitable Bingo for The payments were part of the fees form charter 11998 sales, $\$ 2.4$ million in prize pees allocated
fourth quare
announced Billy Atkins, director $\begin{array}{ll}\text { announced Billy Atkins, director of } & \text { to Texas cities and counties this } \\ \text { Charitable Bingo Operations. } \\ \text { month. All told, } 66\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { The allocations cover prize fees } & \text { month. All told, } 66 \text { county govern- } \\ \text { ments received } \$ 1.2 \text { million in }\end{array}$ paid by Charitable Bingo players i prize fees. The largest single alloOctober Nanh counties during cations of prize fees for the fourth of 1998. Cities and counties that County. The remainder top four have imposed the local-option fee are: receive a quarterly equal to five- Tarrant County, $\$ 1677,453$; Harris
percent of the prizes won by Bingo County $\$ 135,54$; Bexar-County, players in their jurisdiction.
The Texas Lottery Commission $\begin{aligned} & \$ 95,833 . \\ & \text { The Texas Lottery Commission }\end{aligned}$ this month allocated the following assumed regulatory responsibility prize fees: $\quad$ for Charitable Bingo on Apr. 1,

##  <br> To Celebrate Spring.



## Top O' Texas CattleWomen 1998 state president to speak at diner in Wheeler

## Sharon Spenrath, 1998 Texas CattleWomen She will provide examples of how this tech

 President of Comfort, Texas, will speak at 7p.m. p.m. April 12 at Mel's Diner in Wheeler. In
addition of the American Revolution meeting April 13 attend the April 12 meeting.
Spenrath's topic will be "Restructuring of Society"" and will explore a new problemsolving technique called "Consenus."" The
stechnique can either be used to and state governments or, as in some counties to drive local commissioners in the directio

# This movement is taking place without the 

 iebate of our national and state congresses by munity or state but who represent their comequested or elected by their peers, according The CattleWomen release.vate proal CattleWomen chapter urges -pri vate property owners to attend this meeting. Spenrath, a rancher's wife, became involved
with an organization promoting this plan in of sustainable development, Spenrath says.

TPMHA announces three way perspective on mental illness sponsored by Novaritis
AMARILLO - Novartis Psychiatric Association, the president, Vanderbilt Pharmaceuticals Corp. is bring- Regional Planning Committee University
ing to Amarillo Elizabeth A. of the Tennessee Department of 1990; and the Clifford W. Beers Baxter, MD, to share her personal experiences in the mental
health field with mental health heafessionals conental healt lies and the general public from 9-11:30 a.m. April 8 at Amarillo College of Business and
Industry Center, Exhibit Hall, 1314 S. Polk. Admission is free Dr. Baxter has battled a seri15 years. She is in for the past for her mental illness, is a prac-
ticing psychiatrist and is staff at the Mental Health Baxter's topic is "Recovery
From Mental misess Way Perspective." She will and the success she challenge enced in her personal and pro fessional life. As a university student in the
early $1980^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$, Dr. Baxter beg have consecutive clinical depressions. Her feelings of despair, suicidal ideation along and early morning awatrating were endured for years as she knew of no other way of life or name. Dr. Baxter said had a the time she graduated from college, she knew there was brain. Dr. Baxter is a graduate from
Rhodes College and Vanderbilt Rodes College and Vanderbilt
University school of Medicine. She is also a writer, a speaker and a mental health advocate.
Her professional affiliations
include of the Tennessee Department of 1990; and the Clifford W. Beers Retardation, the Board of cy) Mental Health Association Directors of Friends Helping 1997. Friends Drop-In Center, the Refreshments will be served
Advisory Board of, the during the lecture Certificates
Nashvill Nashville Alliance for the of attendance will be presented Mentally III and Tennessee to all attendees.
Texas Panhandle Menta
Women in Medicine. Receiving honors and awards Health Authority Continuing have been a vital part of Dr. Education Committee members Baxter's life. Some of those are the local contacts. Call Gary,
recognitions are: Sophomore. Fox at' (806) 337-1000 or Gene recognitions are: Sophomore. Fox at (806) 337-1000 or Gene
Woman of the Year, Rhodes Ann Grant at (806) 354-2191 for College, 1982; freshman class. additional information.
Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas


Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas, Brandy Kemph recently participated in the St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Parade in Shamrock.


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Inside the Beltway
with
Rep. Mac Thornberry
Kosovo is not well conceived policy

cy around the world. Now, it seems, we are in danger of becoming the world's policeman.

The decision to use U.S. forces in the strike against Kosovo
is the latest in a series of ill-considered moves to inject our military into situations they do not belong.
There was Somalia. Then, it was Haiti. Next, it was Bosnia. In each of these situations, the President failed to explain how
vital American interests. Would be put at risk if we did not act vital American interests would be put at risk if we did not act
militarily. Kosovo is no different. No one disputes the fact that
President Milosevic is a murderous thug. But no one seriously suggests that the situation in Kosovo presents a threat to our
national security. Some say we have a moral obligation to take action. Well,
there are currently over 60 armed conflicts underway across,
the globe. Horrible things happen somewhere in the world every day. We cannot get involved in all of these in situations, so
the




Thought for today
'No state [of mind] once gone can recur and be identical with what it was before." -William James

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## Ruby is no wimpy truck

I have assimilated.
Nobody can accuse me of not being a Texan
since I am now the proud coowner of a new, since 1 am now the proud coowner of
used, red, extended cab XLT Ford 155 .
The best part of owning this monster used, red, extended cab LLTT Ford 150 .
The best p part of owning this monster truck is going to be posing in front of it with my man ror photographs
Christmas cards
Christmas cards.
Our friends back home will get a good laugh because ... how do I say this right ... my hus-
band and I are probably yust about the band and are probably just about the last in people on earth
bigol 'red truck
I don't t know why
For starters, we're not cowboys or farmers or former 4-Hers ...uh, actualy my husband can
claim that entirely. There are rumored picture claim that entirely. (here are rumored pictures
of him with award-winning table place set tings at 4 -H competitions.)
We don't listen to coult
We don't listen to conntry music, own a pair
of cowboy boots, Wrangler ieans, or a boat, ora of cowray
traile; and I've only been out to the dump once in my two years in Pampa. I don't think our life has been very truck-worthy up to this point.
But we do have three big dogs. But we do have three big dogs.
Plus, our poor 1984 Bronco II just couldn' make it into the millenium.
So we went on a quest to purchase a low So we went on a quest to purchase a low
priced sport utility vehicle. Maybe it's my definition of low-priced, but was quickly realized that wasn't gonna hap
pen. And since I ain't about to spend no $\$ \$ 3,000$ on a venicle e even if it is God's gift to
SUV's - to the used car lot we went. Can I tell you how much I hate car shop.

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, April 1, the
meeting,
91st da Today is of 1999. There are 274 Pennsylva
91st day of
days left in the year, This is April House Spe
Fool's Day $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Fool's Day } \\ \text { Today's Highlight in History: } \\ \text { On April } 1 \text { 1945, American } & \begin{array}{l}\text { In } \\ \text { Inecame the }\end{array} \\ \text { firefighter }\end{array}$ On April 1, 1945, American
forces invaded Okinawa during World War II.

When the issues get toughest, the habit in
Congress and the White House is to hand ther Congress and the White House is to hand ther
off to commissions, special panels that are sup off to commissions, special panels that are sup
posed to bridge political differences and con
up with answers both sides up with answers both sides
Sometimes it works.
Sometimes it works. Not now.
Not on Medicare, which could be broke in less than a decade without an overhaul or new funding, or both
After a year on the case, a bipartisan com
mission on the future of Medicare couldn' agree on a recommendation, and Presiden Clinton rebuffed a proposal from its majority. That puts the future of the governmen health care system for senior Americans back
into the political mix, and it may stay into the political mix, and it may stay
unresolved, until after the next election. Republicans suspect that is what th Democrats want, since they have used Medicare to advantage in past campaigns, and
could try it again in 2000, in the contest for the could try it again in 2000 , in the contest for the
White House and for the six-seat gain it would to capture control of the House.
The Democrats' well-rehearsed theme is tha
Republicans want to use money Republicans Want to use money best ear
marked for Medicare and Social Security fo tax cuts instead; the GOP retort is that the sur plus budget can afford both, and that they are more reliable reformers.
That's where it all stood before the commis sion got its delayed start on the problem, afte
a political hassle over who would run it The a poitical hasste over who would run it. The
White House wanted a Democrat, and got one Sen. John Breaux of Louisiana.
The plan Breaux shepherded to approval by


Random Revelations Miranda G. Bailey

It wouldn't seem that difficult to find a low priced, low mueage, cool vehicle. All the car lo ads on TV say that's all they sell. If only we
didn't have those nasty little things called BUDGETS to live under. Ger notice vechicles blow budgets?
Gas insurance, registration, up-keep ... those are things you can expect. But who expects to fall in love with the 1999
hyacinth, sleek extended cab Ford 150 with hyacinth, sleek, extended cab, Ford 150 with
keychain car alarm? Nobody accounts for the "WE LOOK SOOOOOO DARN GOOD RIDING IN THIS THING" factor that becomes critical in the
automobile shopping process. It can change the common, budget minded couple into mad dening, pleasure-seeking, who-cares-if-it's$\$ 500-\mathrm{a}$-month car shoppers. So before we spent out lives away, some was the idea to call my father-in-law., "Maybe you should call your dad," I mum-
bled to my husband amidst the feelings of serene awe "See what he thinks". Jeelings

## Today in history

## When blue-ribbon panels don't work


sages, he had proposed opening the Medicare
system to people as young as 55, letting the
uninsured among them buy into the governuninsured among them buy into the govern-
ment coverage, covering prescriptions and reserving the surplus to keep it all solvent.
Republicans, and Breaux, are wary that the Republicans, and Breaux, are wary that the
surplus plan would paper over the underlying surplus plan would paper over the underlying
problems in Medicare and ease the pressure for reform in the system.
That draws the line
That draws the lines for another season of
arguments. Clinton said that with es, there can be reform this year. He said Medicare is too important to let partisanship prevent progress.
It has before and may again.
None of this is new business. The projections of a go-broke year were made long ago. An
earlier commission on entitlement reform pointed to the problems but divided on the olütions in 1994, telling, Clinton then that
"tough action is needed sooner rather than


The Senate voted in 1997 to raise the Medicare age to 67 and to base premiums on
income so that the well-to-do would pay income so that the well-to-do would pay more
for health coverage. That was dropped from or healtg coverage. That was dropped from ed stopgap steps to keep Medicare solvent for on long term changes on long term changes.
That was supposed to insulate the issue
against the politics of the 1998 campaign. Now it will bump into the politics of 2000 .
"Some people want "Some people want an issue out of Medicare
bers-kind-of-guy. A former computer program-
mer for Sandia National Laboratories when
computers used to mer for Sandia National Laboratories when
computers used to take up rooms and only componded to numerical mumbo-jumbo (my
respords words, not his), he is our light house in time of tax question troubled waters.
In short Carl Bailey is the kin excellence. So "of course our heads quickly came out of
the "new truck clouds" after my husb ade a call home. clouds" after my husban And then we resumed our search to pleas-
atiy find Ruby, the big ol' red truck, as I like to call her.
Wanting something to haul dogs, camping camp, around here ...) and anything else that won't fit into my little Geo, we made a pur Inse with which we are happy about. month our Bronco will be broken laugh at myself everytime I have to boost The coolest thing about owning this baby is he fact that it has TWO gas tanks. You push tank. How cool is that? (I know it's just a gim ack twice as much gas to fact that we have to amuse me.)
The added
eveloping in bonus is the big muscle I'm clutch and switching gears on the thing. won't even tell you how tough I feel driving
Ruby - that would just make all of you ownrs of wimpy Land Rovers jealous.

In 1963, New York City. In 1933, Nazi Germany began In 1963, the daytime drama
Muhlenberg of persecuting Jews with a boycott of "General Hospital" premiered.
was elected the first Iewish-owned businesses.


THE ROAD TRAVELED TO STATE

taff writer

Amanda Sprouse
On the morning of March 14 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, two very lucky Lefors High girls found themselves on the way to a State CX Debate Tournament in Austin. These two would be spending four days in our wonderful state capitol. Gwen Nolte, senior, and her replacement partner, Amanda Woodard, feet and climbing

How did these wo end up on a plane heading toward Austin? It all started back in July of 1998 when Amanda attended a debate camp in Kansas. At this camp principles the principles of debate.
Then came the long hours of going through all the information she gathered at camp. Next were the tournaments, which took her to different towns across the Panhandle. Finally all of her hard work paid off when she replaced
partner, Shelly Murray, who wasn't able to attend the tournament.

The road fo Gwen hadn't been as long as Amanda's but it was just as deserved Gwen started her journey back in January journey back when Shelly Murray needed a partner tournaments with Shelly learning all about the debate business.

Since Shelly was going to be unable to attend the state tournament Amand took her place

This would be the second year that Lefors has had a CX team travel to Austin Last years participant did considerably well since neither had done debate before.

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If you want to live on the edge, live in the Texas Panhandle. In the Panhandle, there is always the threat of severe-weather phenomenons. Ranging from sudden blizzards and winter time tornadoes to summer windstorms and lightning shows, the weather in the Texas Panhandle is in a class of it's own.

Why is this so, you may ask. It is possible because the Panhandle of Texas is the "melting pot" of all North American frontal systems. Cool dry air from the Canadian border converges with hot dry air from Arizona and Mexico and then meets with warm moist air from the Gulf of Mexico. This can result in a day of very little activity, a resultant of the Mexican Plume, or it can be a severe weather breakout.

The spring is the perfect - time to see thunderstorms in the Texas Panhandle at their prime. This is when all the ingredients are in place for servere weather

During the spring it is not uncommon to see storm chasers from all over the vorld. The Panhandle is the most active severe weather place in the entire world. It is also a prime time to see natures greatest and most feared weather phenomenons, the tornado.
A tornado is a rotating column of air in contact with the ground.

form and the funnel cloud will not be in contact with the ground. To tell if a actual tornado has formed and that it is not just a rotating funnel cloud; look directly under the funnel cloud, if there is a debris cloud under the funnel, then a tornado is indeed on the warpath. Although tornadoes
tend to dominate severe weather conversations, there is still a deadly killer on the loose. Lightning kills more people per year than tornadoes. Lightning has iust as many storm chasing followers as, does tornadoes. It has a spectacular beauty to it. Yet don't let that fool you. It will strike you down in a heartbeat. If you are

storm in your car, do not get out and seek shelter. The car itself is a great insulator from lightning. Also, do not photograph lightning from close ranges, always stand off from the storm to photograph lightning. It is much safer and will produce better pictures.

There is still more

Furby Raffle Begins Today!!

The Lefors Junior class is raffling an electronic Furby the month of Furby the month of
April. Tickets are $\$ 2$ April.

The junior class is trying to raise enough is trying to raise enough money to take a 7 da Texaribbean cruise for their senior trip next year. The cruise will leave from the Port of Houston on March 12, 2000 and make port calls in Cancun and Cozumel, Mexico and Cozure, Mex and the Roatan Bay Islands in Honduras.
 the plains blow across thunderstorm W W reaching one hinds mph can rip apart homes and tumble cars like little toys. Rotating winds is not the only kind of destructive wind in a storm,

With all these ingredients colliding in the Texas Panhandle, expect a ride of your life every time spring unleashes her rage upon the people of the plains.


Tickets are available from junior class members or you can send $\$ 2$ per ticket to Lefors School/ High St Furby, Box 390, Lefors TX 79054. Be sure to include your name and phone number. We will draw on Friday, April $30^{\text {th }}$ You do not have to be You do not have to be present to win. There is no limit on ticket purchases. We greatly appreciate your support in this endeavor.

## The Lefors Junior Class



Good Bye to the Clown safritar Ammanspoce

Tuesday March 23, 1999, the Lefors High School was the host for the South Zone One-Act Plays.
Schools that attended were Hedley High, with scenes from "Good Morning Mis Dove" Morning Mis Dovery William McClerry, Samnorwood High, with scenes from Up the Down Staircase" by Bel Kaufman, and Lefors High, with "Good-Bye to the Clown" by Ernest Kinoy.

Samnorwood High School took $1^{\text {si }}$ place with Hedley finishing $2^{\text {nd. }}$. Lefors did respectively well and was chosen as the alternate play for this year's zone. Lefors also received several individual acting awards with Todd Mullen receiving Best Actor, Candid Ray and Candice Murrell receiving All Star Cast, and Rebecca Gilbert receiving Honorable Mention All Star Cast.

A One-Act Play takes a lot of hard work and dedication. There are a lot of after school rehearsals
homework. Sometames tears are shed or tempers lost, with all of the stress of trying to get it all organized in time. Directors and Assistant Directors Assistant Directors spend hours working on their cast members making sure all lines are learned. We also cannot forget the crewmembers that give a play its sound, light and other special effects. A play would be useless without these items.

Lefors would like to thank all the schools that participated in the South Zone One-Act Play congratulations to everyone who made it a big success.

The cowardly kings play chess As if they knew how the pieces moved Wincing ever so slightly when loss is experience Just a friendly game, no harm done Chess pieces have no feelings Have no thoughts, no motives No backbone. No soul. Nothing to lose Even the more reason to fight. To make a stand. To change, to metamorphosize the game. Maybe the chess pieces, play the cowardly kings?

TuE PCIMPC: Thursday April
Mistress Learns the Hard Way: Cheatin' Hearts End Up Broken

One night, I invited "Cynthia,"
one of my girlfriends, to join us or
dinner. We had a great time, and




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Imin tears as t typethis, Abby.

Please print this so maybe they
 DEAR DROWNING: The dam age they have caused you? If
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ine how John's wife must feel as the wiff of a serial philanderer.
You're learning a tough leson my dear. Your affair with John reminds me of the frog who wa asked by a scorpion to ferry it
across the river on its back. No," the frog replied "II I I take you, you'll sting me and III die
The scorpion swore a solem Ooth that he would not soting, so
the frog started to take him across the river. When they reached the middle, the scorp
on stung the frog viciously
aWhy did the dying frog. "Now we'll both the dying frog. "Now we whoth
die." The scorpion replied, "It's
get into the middle of everything, and stay
ing on hhe sideline is best for you. Tonigh You need a night off.
CAPRICORN (Dec $\star \star \star \star$ Confirm meetings. Have a talk
with a friend oclear the air. A loved one or With a friend to clear the air. $A$ loved one or
new friend could be unusually dour. $B$ careful committing financially right now
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not pleasant. Tonight: A force to be yeck not pleasant. Tonight: A force to be reck. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Take time, pull back and visualize whatyou
want. Make calls and contacts. Your sense Of humor helps you gain a perspective.
Break past the status quo; try, something different and exciting. Tonight: Where the born today Comic Dana Carvey (1955), actress Linda
Hunt (1945), musician Leon Russell (1941)



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never be happy again, when I was John was brilliant, outgoing,
handsome and very wealthy. He wined and dined me like I never dreamed possible. A couple of weeks
after meeting me, he flew his pri-
vate jet to Florida where I was visiting my parents and took me. to a heels. He surprised me with a beau-
tiful diamond bracelet for my birthday and made countless promises
over the months. He kept the fact he was married a secret. By the
time I found out, I was too much in
love to break it off. We lived in diflove to break it off. We lived in dif-
ferent states, so it was easy for him Be willing to say "no" to this person. Your
imagination speaks. Forthcoming news is
important; youned this piece of inform
ion Tonight Dance the night away. tion. Tonight: Dance the night away.
LEO (July 23 -Aug. 22) $\star \star \star$ Push comes to shove when dealing
with family and work. You might not like

AGITTARIUS( (Nov. 22 -Dec. 21 )
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"There isn't really a tiger out there, Mommy. I was just April Foolishing you."


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## Notebook

BASEBALL
PAMPA - Pampa Kids and
Youth Club will still be accepting registration forms an ing registration forms on
Saturday, Apr. 3, from 11 a.m. 108 p.m. at the MPAC center
located between the high school football and baseball
fields.) There will be no try-outs or $\$ 20$ and scholarships are avail-
Also, the club will be intro-
ducing CO-ED softball for ages 13-15 and 16-18. Players will form their own teams.
To keep costs down, Kids To keep costs down, Kids
Club is accepting any good
baseball and softball equipment or charitable contributions. more information,
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CORRECTION
The Heat won the 5th-6th grade boys' tournament title at the end of the Pampa Optimist
basketball season. They were bosketbal season. They were
not the league winners as was reported in a photo caption in
Wednesday's edition of The Wednesday's
Pampa News. FOOTBALL
GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) Brett Favre, who once protest
ed when the NFL made him refrain from drinking now is making a conscious effort to abstain from alcohol. said in an interview with the Green Bay Press-Gazette published today that the decision was based on reasons that
were both personal and professional.
The Packers' quarterback underwent rehabilitation for an addiction to painkillers
three years ago. Afterwards, he complained that it was unfair that the NFL had
banned him from banned him from drinking as
part of its rehabilitation pro$\underset{\text { He said his decision to quit }}{\text { gram. }}$ drinking isn't related to that, but to a desire to have a long
and productive career and to be a grood family man. "I don't want 15 years to go by and be looked at as a goof touchdown passes and defy the odds," he said
"And I don't want to be remembered as just being a
good football player. I want to good football player. I Want ily man, too. At times I haven't been that,"
Favre's wife, Deanna, is due
to give birth to their second child in August.
"Deanna told me,' This baby is an act of God.' I said, 'Yo
may be right,"' Favre said. may be right,'
"There was a time when all cared about was the next game, the next party, the next tee
time. I've come to a cossmad "I can't think of a cossroads drinking has done that's been good for me or my family. "I'm not saying everyone in ing, but I wasn't the best ing, but I wasn't the best
drinker in the world, so I'm quitting it."
Favre said the pregnanc has changed his priorities. doing other things isn't the best example of being a family man," he said.
Favre said part of his move stems from a renewed interest in religion.
' I'm not calling myself
Reggie White yet, but I've tried
to become a better Christian, to show up at church and pay to show up at church and pay
attention for a change," he
said.

## Pampa 7th graders take 2nd at Canyon

Pampa 7th graders captured 200: Andrew Curtis, third
second place at the Canyon place; Johnny Story, fifth place. second place at the Canyon place; Johnny Story, fifth place.
Middle school Track Meet last 1600: Cody Locknane, fifth weekend.
Pampa was fourth in the 8 th Pampa was fourth in the 8th
grade division.
Pampa results are as follows:
7th Grade 7th Grade
Long jump: Jesse Tarango, Long jump: Jesse Tarango, sec-
ond place.
Discus: Aaron Simon, third place.
Triple
 place, $31-3$
2400 :
place; Jac 240e; Jacob West , Locknane, secon
400 rel 400 relay: Pampa, first place Lewis and Jesse Tarango), 50.56 .
110 sixth place.
100 : 100: Andrew Curtis and Mat
Smith (tie) Smith (tie), third place; Jesse Tarango, fifth place.
.800 : Andrew Ammons, fifth place.
800 relay: Pampa, second place
(Max VInson, Johnny Story (Max VInson, Johny Story,
Derek Lewis and Andrew Curtis). hurdles: Collin Bowers,
sixth place.

## Harvesters meet Dumas in key district contest

PAMPA - It's only the se
ond game of the District 3 ond game of the District 3-4A Owens, a junior first base-
baseball season, but the Pampa-Dumas matchup to lead the Harvesters. 4 at the plate Saturday could be a key one hitting 403 arvesters. He was when the playoff picture is game May.
If Borger falls to Caprock leading added to his teamSaturday, the Pampa-Dumas leading .509 batting average winner will have sole poses- also the team-RBI leader with sion of first in the district race.
Pampa, Dumas and Pampa, Dumas and Borger are
currently tied "We're shooting for staying in first place. We want to keep
winning and never winning and never give it up,"
said Dennis Doughty, who is in his sixth seas
Harvester head coach
Pampa went 10-9 for the sea-
son after son ater routing Caprock 14-4 opener. Dumas, 8-8-1 overall, opener. Dumas, 8-8-1 overall,
opened district with a 12-6 win over Hereford. "Dumas has a young club,
but coach (Bill) Zamberis is working them hard to get better. Dumas is also a hard place to win," Doughty said.
Pampa defeated D. Pampa defeated Dumas 16-
14 earlier in 14 earlier
Tournament.
Tournament.
The Harvesters put together
a torrid hitting attack against a torrid hitting attack against
the Longhorns as four players - Brandon Hill, Casey

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Book touts catfish as a rising star

DALLAS - There's a new
hardcover book available that at hardcover book available that at
first glance seems almost too
slick for its readers. Called slick for its readers. Called
"Fishing For Cattish," the 128page volume is richly illustrated
with 220 color photos and diagrams. It's the closest thing available to a coffee table book for cat-
fish fans. fish fans.
If that sounds an unlikely best seller in a sport dominated by
cane poles, trotlines and stinkbait, consider the words of author Keith Sutton.
"We're on the verge of catfish being recognized for the great
sportfish they truly are," said Sutton, editor of Arkansas Wildlife magazine, a publication Come Arkansas Game and Fish recognissing. "And while we're recognizing the catfish, we
should understand that catfisher-
men are due a lot more respect


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## Leaping catch



Pampa first sacker Kelsey Yowell makes a leaping Pampa first sacker Kelsey Yowell makes a leaping
catch of a line drive against Borger in a District 3-4A catch of a line drive against Borger in a District 3-4d Harvesters won 8-7 to boost their district record to 8 -1. Pampa's next outing is at Dumas on Tuesday starting at 4:30 p.m.

Arizona'signs relievers
Garagiola said, "and I'm really
happy these are the two we Loking for experienced reliev- happy these are the two
ers to back up their high-priced ers to back up their high-priced starting rotation, the Arizona
Diamondbacks acquired Darren Holmes from the New York
Yankees and John Frascatore from the St. Louis Cardinals.
"Now we have a major leage bullpen," Arizona general man-
ager Ioe - ager Joe Garagiola Jr. said after The Diamondbacks consid ered relief pitching their biggest
need in need in the days leading up to
next week's In the offseason, opener. Greg Swindell, and they want
Holmes, 32, and Frascatore 29 to give them the experience and depth they need as setup pitchers for closer Gregg Olson.
"They were in a group of four
or five that we were reall or five that we were really
actively talking about,"


9th graders win twinbill PAMPA - Pampa swept a
doubleheader from Dumas in a 9 th-grade baseball action. Kyle Francis threw a two-hit-$14-3$ in the opener. He struck out 12 and walked Z. Justin Waggoner led the
Pampa freshmen in hitting with three hits. Francis and Cody Elliot had 2 hits each while Michael Galloway and Randy Galloway and Charlie Craig
played good defense, said coach played good d
Troy Owens.
"The team came out swinging and never slowed down,
Owens said. "Everyone hustled and did a great job."'
Pampa won the second game by a score of 11-7.
Winning pitcher was Antonio Winning pitcher was Antonio
Estrada, who also led his team at the plate with 3 hits. Matthew Crow had 2 hits while Chase
Babcock, Randy Tice, Cody Babcock, Randy Tice, Cody
Elliott, Ryan Nash and Justin Waggoner had 1 hit each. Aaggon Keller and Crow
Alayed outstanding defense for played o
Pampa.
The kids never gave up.
They came in the last inning They came in the last inning
after being down 7.4 When a team scores seven runs in the
last inning, you know they want Stars stop Lightning
DALLAS (AP) - The Dallas
Stars are on their way to a fran-chise-best point record. Not
even a bad night Joe Nieuwendyk scored the Joe Nieuwendyk scored the
tiebreaking goal midway
through the third the Stars went on to a ragged 6 4 victory over the Tampa Bay "We had as We had as many bad players Ken Hitchcock. "That was one awful hockey game. We should bundle it up as a ride and sell it to Disney World." Stephane Richer scored twice for 4 ampa Bay, tying the game away at 7:14 of the third period, his 10th goal.
But Nieuwendyk answered at 11:10 with his 24th goal on a blast from beyond the right circle that beat Tampa Bay goalie
Corey Schwab, making Dallas 5-1 in its last six games. "We didn't play extremely
well,", Nieuwendyk said. "We weren't at our best but it's a The victory gave the leagueleading Stars 106 points, three
behind last season's club-
record total behind last
record total.

##  <br> Unity Worship Service Interdenominational <br> Good Friday, April 2 7:00 pm <br> At Briarwood Full Gospel <br> Special Guest Gahn Elliatt <br> Come Celebrate unity in Christ with the Christians of Pampa "John's music turns the heart to God. When he leads worship, he reflects both the Scriptures and the person of Christ. It is ministry, not performance. <br> ..Dr. Jerry White (President, The Navigators) "John ministers frequently at First Baptist of Atlanta and every time is a great inspiration." ..Dr. Charles Stanley *** Child Care Provided ***

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## What will Jordan do？



## South Texas' bid to affiliate with A\&M rejected

South Texas College of Law's affiliation with Texas A\&M University has hit a roadblock, with a judge ruling that the move would be Texas A\&M ha
Texas A\&M had wanted the deal that would provide it a highly
sought law school without having to build or buy a new one, while giving the 1,200 -student law school in downtown Houston the name But state District Judge Suzanne Covinge.
such an affiliation violates the Texas Covington on Wednesday said sion that bans state lawmakers from authorizing public money for "any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corThe judge did not elaborate.
Lawyers for South Texas and A\&M said they were disappointed The law school planned an appeal.
ing ... in furtherance of good public policy for the benefit of the stuing ... in furtherance of good public policy for the benefit of the stu-
dents," John Hill, a lawyer for South Texas, told the Houston Cronale.
Texas A\&M President Ray Bowen said the university made "We were confident we were working within established auth ty of our board of regents," Bowen said. But the deal had come under criticism from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which last year rejected A\&M's request sees state-supported universities and approves academic degrees. In February, the judge told educators hire a mediator to settle
the deal had come under criticism from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board which last year rejected A\&M's request to expan its curriculum to include law. The Coordinatin Board oversees state-supported universities and approves academic degrees.
lawsuit that South Texas officials filed against the Coordinating
Board. Attorneys for the private Houston law school had wanted Board. Attorneys for the private Houston law school had wanted a ourt order declaring

## State Department issues travel advisory to Mexico

Department advises U.S. citizens to defer elect unnecessary travel in the Mexican state of On Tuesday, the nation's top electoral political demonstrations may take place in
Guerrero - which includes coastal destina Guerrero - which includes coastal destina- court upheld the narrow victory of Rene the capital city, Chilpancingo, and rural
tions such as Acapulco - because of threat- Juarez Cisneros, a member of the ruling areas may also witness action by guerrilla ened political demonstrations there. party in the controversial election in groups In an advisory issued Wednesday, the Guerrero. This prompted increased protests The mapr department relayed reports from the U.S. by members of the leftist. Democratic the coast passes through Chilpancingo. U.S. opposition in Guerrero has vowed to block ruling party of widespread ircegularities citizens were advis
travel to the area.

Sources have said the efforts failed Educators, since the affiliation was signed in January. 1998, had
omplained that A\&M eventually would divert tax money to the law Lawyers for South Texas have said no state laws or regulations
banned public universities like A\&M from forming such affiliations. Michigan State University has a similar affiliation with the private
Detroit College of Law. etroit College of Law. In January, the accreditation arm of the Chicago-based American chools. The ABA'sprovencil on the Section of Legal Education and
Admissions to the Bar had reviewed and accepted the terms of the
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