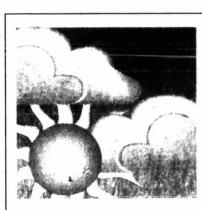
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MEDICAL CENTER OF PAMPA



High today upper 70s Low tonight upper 40s For weather details see Page 2.

TYLER (AP) — Doctors at a Tyler hospital are working to save the arm of a volunteer at a wildlife refuge who was mauled by a tiger she was

petting. A 2-year-old Siberian tiger named Ernie bit down on the left arm of Holly White, 19, of Tyler just below the elbow, authorities said.

The attack occurred shortly before 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Tiger Creek Wildlife Refuge near the Red Springs community about 20 miles north of Tyler, officials said.

Ms White was in fair condition at East Texas Medical Center after six hours of surgery Wednesday evening. Her left arm was dislocated from the shoulder, her elbow was separated and she suffered broken bones, both above and below her elbow. Authorities said she had lost much blood and muscle.

Brian Werner, executive director for the nonprofit rescue organization said he was told Ms. White was petting the animal when it clamped down on her arm. He said she had her hand in the cage between the locked gate and fencing when the animal latched on to her arm.

It's a violation of refuge policy for volunteer workers to touch the animals, Werner said. Ms. White was cited during one training session for unauthorized petting of one of the cats, he said.

tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. A winning ticket would have been worth an estimated \$7 million. The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were 14, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$10 mil-

• Jewel Bowers, 97, moved to Pampa by covered wagon in 1916.

- Molita LeFors Eastland, 93, retired secretary, volunteer. • Joe Lynn Franks, 52, retired
- crane operator · Katherine Hubbard, 77, homemaker.
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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

Managing Editor

"I feel like a movie star," said Irene Farino. Farino was one of three Russian visitors in Pampa earlier this week greeted by the mayor, the school district's superintendent, and the

Farino, acting as the English interpreter for her father, Dr. Kasimir Stepanovich Farino and her mother, Dr. Natalia Farino, arrived in Pampa by 7 a.m. to tour the Columbia Health Clinic on Kentucky Street.

Irene and her parents are in the U.S. for two weeks touring education and health care facilities throughout the panhandle to gather ideas to take back home to Minsk, Belarus, where her father works as principal of a 2000-student school and her mother practices medicine.

Having already visited several Amarillo and Canyon schools for the past week, Irene, who studies in the language school at the University of Minsk, said she has enjoyed her visit so far.

"It's wonderful ... we love this country. We're trying to get something we see good and take it back to Belarus," she said.

Upon touring the health clinic, Irene's mother, Dr. Natalia Farino told the health care officials commented on the facilities

"The conditions for nurses are wonderful. I can feel love in this place," Irene said inter-

An interpreter for the CIS Foundation of Amarillo, a church missions group that works specifically with the Soviet Union, Irene reunited with several Pampa residents who have traveled to Belarus in the past.

preting for her mother.

The Farinos have also given presentations at combandle schools on the political and economic situation in Belarus, said Irene.

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"I'm glad I got the chance to show them the hospitality they've show me every time I've been there," said Carolyn Hall, who has gone to Belarus twice with CIS.

Hall organized the tour which included refreshments and visits from prominent community leaders.

"I could have kept them forever," said Hall. The Russian family was to also speak with educators in Perryton this week.

It's official ... Local hospital changes name

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY **Managing Editor**

It is now official.

Columbia Medical Center is changing names to Pampa Regional Medical Center effective today after the facility was one of several hospitals choser to spin-off from the Columbia organization at the beginning of the year.

"Columbia" has been

stripped off the hospital's main exterior and several of the signs on the grounds are in the process of being painted to reflect the change. "Our hospital is no longer owned by Columbia so legally the word "Columbia" had to be dropped," said Marketing and Public

Relations Director Terry Barnes The name change is also affecting the Columbia Health Clinic, formerly the Texas Department of Health Clinic, on Kentucky Street. Clinic staff say they hope to have a new name secured for the clinic in the next couple of weeks.

The spin-off and resulting name change is the only change being made at the hospital, according to Barnes. There are no expected changes to be made in administration, personnel or internal opera-

Illegal dumping offenders sought

By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher

Roberts County has a problem with illegal dumping and authorities there hope citizens will keep a watchful eye out and report violations they see to the sheriff's department at 868-3121.

Most of the dumping is not far into the county near its border with Gray County and the start of "tire dumping" has proven to be the proverbial "straw that broke the camel's back," said Deputy Buck Williams, spokesman for Sheriff Bill Britton.

"We've had two places where tires were dumped recently," Williams said. "In one spot there were 25 tires and in another there

In both instances the tires were dumped on private property which means the offenders, it caught, can be prosecuted for trespassing as well as illegal dumping," Williams said.

The property owners, who are complaining, have been left holding the bag for the cost of removing the tires which carry special fees at proper landfill disposal sites, he said. Additionally, county crews have had to pick up old refrigerators,

washers and drivers and other debris dumped along county road-Sheriff's deputies are stepping up patrolling in an effort to catch

violators but Williams said it's a job that to be successful needs help from the public, too.

Parents prom meeting April 8

It's time for the parents of upcoming PHS grads to get together and plan the 1999 Senior Prom. There'll be a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, in the high school library. Parents are urged to

For more information call Kim Allison at 669-7632 or Susie Lindsey at 669-7563.

PISD board hopeful quits

A letter of resignation by the only opposing candidate in the Pampa ISD school board race is resulting in the cancellation of the election that was scheduled for May. Bill Simon, 2001 Mary Ellen, signed up to run for school board

Place 1, a position currently held by the board's president, John Simon, who works at Pampa Office Supply, submitted his letter of

resignation from the race late Friday afternoon, according to Jack Bailey, director of personnel for PISD. "No comment," was Simon's response Wednesday morning when

questioned as to why he resigned from the race.

Playground fund needs dollars

Hundreds of people have put in thousands of hours on Pampa's Super Playground, but money is still needed to help pay for it.

About \$99,000 has been raised to pay for the Super Playground but the total cost so far has been approximately \$120,000. To help make up the difference, members of the Super Playground fundraising committee will be at the site starting Saturday, April 10, according to Fundraising coordinator Misty Alvey. They will be there selling t-shirts with the motto "Pampa

Superplayground We Built It Together." The phrase was coined because building the playground was a community effort that brought together young and old to assemble

the massive structure in about a week's time. The city is trustee for the donations. Checks should be made out to City of Pampa Superplayground and mailed to City Hall, P.O. Box

2499, Pampa, TX 79065



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.

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Got Trash? WASTECO, INC. Rural Waste Hauling 806-665-7766

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DULL, Sarah Ellen Ellison Morris — Graveside services, 2 p.m., White Deer Cemetery, White

GRANT, Luther Monroe — Graveside services, 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 Baptist Church with the Rev. Harold Bostwick officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Ustick Donelson Johnson 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., where her father filed on land. They moved by covered wagon to Pampa in 1916. She married Richard O. Bowers in 1919 at Pampa; he died in 1970. She lived at Rocky Ford from 1934-40 then returned to Texas. She retired in 1965 and later returned to Rocky Ford. She belonged to Washington Avenue Baptist Church and was an active member of Senior Citizens Golden Age Club, serving as president for six years, as well as Sage Shop and Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She was a resident of Pioneer Health Care Center at the time of her

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son; a sister; and a brother.

Survivors include a sister, Tressie Velasquez of Albuquerque, N.M.

MOLITA LeFORS EASTLAND

TULSA, Okla. - Molita LeFors Eastland, 93, died Tuesday, March 30, 1999. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Eastland was born Oct. 22, 1905, on Perry LeFors Ranch east of Pampa, to Perry and Emma LeFors. She married James H. Eastland Jr. on Nov. 4, 1933, at Palestine; he died May 19, 1990. She attended the University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas. She was a secretary for an abstractor. She had lived at Shamrock and Beaumont prior to moving to Tulsa five years

She belonged to Womens Club and Friendship Club and volunteered at various hospitals.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Emmett LeFors, on Aug. 18, 1994; and by five sisters, Ersa LeFors, Mava LeFors, Freda LeFors and Eva LeFors, all in September of 1909, and Vera block of Kingsmill; no patient was transported. LeFors Doucette, in 1984.

Survivors include a niece, Dorothy Doucette Biery of Tulsa; and a nephew, Berton Doucette of

The family requests memorials be to a favorite

The body will lie-in state from 1-8 p.m. Friday and from 8-9 a.m. Saturday at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home.

JOE LYNN FRANKS

QUANAH - Joe Lynn Franks, 52, of Longview, brother of a Lefors resident, died Tuesday, March 30, 1999. Services will be at 3 p.m. today in Price-Jackson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. John Spangler, minister of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Quanah Memorial Park.

Mr. Franks was born at Clarksville. He married Margaret Ann Gordy in 1982 at Longview. He had been a Longview resident since 1982, moving from Quanah. He was a retired crane operator for a construction company.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving two tours of duty in Vietnam.

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Angie Kates of Bryan and Katie Franks of Longview; two sons, Stanley Scott of Joshua and Jeff Brown of Austin; a sister, Lena Stewart of Chillicothe; two brothers, Jerry Franks of Vernon and James Franks of Lefors; and two grandchildren.

KATHERINE HUBBARD

HEREFORD – Katherine Hubbard, 77, mother of a Shamrock resident, died Tuesday, March 30, 1999. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Parkside Chapel Funeral Home in Hereford with Ted Taylor, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery at Hereford.

Mrs. Hubbard was born at Ada, Okla. She married Leabert Hubbard in 1940 at Tempe, Ariz. She was a homemaker and a longtime Hereford resi-

Survivors include her husband, Leabert; two daughters, Linda Perry of Hereford and Kathy Payne of Kansas; three sons, Paul Hubbard and Billy Hubbard, both of Hereford, and Larry. Hubbard of Shamrock; a brother, Dr. Franklin Jones of Bethesda, Md.; 26 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are		Coca-Cola	60 15/16	dn 7/16	
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		Columbia/HC			
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Corn		3.65	KNE	20	up 1/16
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Puritan		20.18	SLB	58 1/4	dn 1 15/16
			Tenneco	27 15/16	NC
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Market quotations are furnished by		Ultramar	21 1/16	dn 9/16	
Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa		Wal-Mart	92 9/16	up 3/8	
Amoco		NA	Williams	39 9/16	up 1/16
Arco	73 1/16	dn 1/16	New York Gol	d	279.90
Cabot		up 9/16	Silver		4.98
Cabot O&G		up 1/4	West Texas Cr	rude	16.99
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Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, March 31

Jesus Rodriguez, 19, 417 N. Faulkner, was arrested on charges of bond surrender/possession of a controlled substance.

Mary Reynolds, 43, Borger, was arrested on charges of public intoxication. Eva Jo Isbell, 28, 1307 Coffee, was arrested on

charges of domestic assault and criminal mis-

Richard E. Brookshire, 28, Rt. 2 Box 108B, was arrested on charges of simple assault.

Gregory Scott Campbell, 38, 421 Graham, was arrested on a warrant. Theft of \$500 worth of guns was reported in the

300 block of Faulkner. Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300

block of Coffee. Aggravated assault was reported in the 900 block of Gordon.

Sheriff's Office

The Grav County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, March 31

Jerry Lee Hicks, 33, 816 N. Dwight, was arrested on charges of domestic violence and simple

Ronnie Don Jenkins, 47, 312 1/2 N. Wells, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls ending at 7 a.m. today

Wednesday, March 31

9 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Nelson and transported one to Pampa Medical Center.

3:49 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Craven.

5:17 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of North Hobart and transported to Pampa

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 12:22 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600

block of North Christy; no patient was transport-

12:34 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200

Hoover fire runs

The Hoover Volunteer Fire Department made the following calls during March.

March 1 - One unit and one personnel responded 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 on Highway 70.

March 15 - Two units and four personnel responded to a false call on Highway 70 North. March 18 - Two units and five personnel responded to atraffic accident 20 miles north of Pampa on Highway 70.

March 26 - Two units and eight personnel responded to a traffic accident 15 miles east of Pampa on Highway 152.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill. ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364. **EMMAUS REUNION**

Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information, call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

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ST. MARK CME CHURCH

St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Donations will be accepted. THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COW-**BOYS**

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	
Energas	
Fire	
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	
SPS	
Water	669-5830

N.M.Torture suspect described as nice guy

By CHRIS ROBERTS **Associated Press Writer**

(See related story on Page 10)

ELEPHANT BUTTE, N.M. (AP) — David Parker Ray, accused of sexually torturing two women, is described as polite and willing to help people he barely knew. He even won a state efficiency award.

Cynthia Lea Hendy, Ray's girlfriend and codefendant, wrote to a judge last December that she "drinks too much" and was on drugs to treat manic

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. 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 kill them if they tried to escape.

Ray's co-workers are flabbergasted by the allega-

Glen Parks, a volunteer who works at the Elephant Butte State Park visitor center, said Ray was the "neatest, cleanest, politest person you could ever want to meet."

Ray was a maintenance worker at the state park for about five years, fixing vehicles and heavy machinery in a garage on the grounds, said his boss Jerome Madrid, a New Mexico State Parks manag-

Madrid said he didn't socialize with Ray, but he depended on him to do his job: "We are as shocked as everybody else," he said.

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 letter extended its "sincere appreciation and congratulations 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 Ray still offered his tools.

"To me it's totally mind-boggling that this is happening — it's scary," Parks said.

Court records paint Ms. Hendy as a diminutive woman with tattoos who had abusive relation-

In September 1997, Ms. Hendy filed a domesticviolence complaint against her boyfriend, John Edward Youngblood. The complaint alleged Youngblood grabbed her by the arms and pulled her out of a pickup truck, slamming her back on the ground and causing her to hit her head on the

That case was dismissed last November when

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sheriff's deputies couldn't find Ms. Hendy.

In December 1998, Ms. Hendy again accused Youngblood of violence. But she withdrew those allegations and wrote a letter asking state District Judge Thomas Fitch to drop the case, saying she

"I have been in counseling ... for manic depression, and on medications and I tend to go off for no reason," her letter said.

She wrote that she was "getting help" and concluded: "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

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Ryan said he only met Ms. Hendy twice, both times 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 violence 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 violence against each other at Arrev's Caballo residence. The complaint against Ms. Hendy was dismissed in February after she went to anger management and alcohol counseling.

There was no telephone listing for Arrey in Caballo and he would note be reached for com-

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly sunny today with a high in the upper 70s and southwest winds at 15-25 that will continue through tomorrow. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the upper 40s and tomorrow, mostly cloudy with a high in the low 70s. Yesterday's high was 81; the overnight low 51.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, partly cloudy and breezy with a low in the mid 40s. Southwest wind 15-25 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy and windy. High around 70. Southwest wind 20-30 mph. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 50-60. Friday, mostly sunny and afternoon thunderstorms low rolling plains. Highs in the mid 70s to around 80. Permian cloudy with a slight chance of Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, partly cloudy, a slight inland, around 70 at the coast. partly cloudy. Lows 55 to 60.

guite as windy. A slight chance of 78 to 86. showers. Highs around 70. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s to lower 50s. NORTH TEXAS — Wind

advisory in effect today and this Tonight, mostly cloudy and and windy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs 77 to 81. SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central

patchy drizzle. Lows in the low Concho cloudy with a slight chance of and southern lowlands. showers. Lows in the upper 60s showers or thunderstorms. Highs inland, mid 70s at the coast. to lower 80s.

in the lower 80s. Far West Texas Coastal Bend and the Rio lonight, partly cloudy and Grande Plains — Thursday continued windy. Lows in the night, mostly cloudy. Lows 66 to mid 50s. Friday, cooler and not 72. Friday, mostly cloudy. Highs

BORDER STATES NEW MEXICO — Wind advi-

sory today southeast three quarters of New Mexico. Winter Friday, partly cloudy and breezy. storm watch tonight and Friday Highs from near 60 mountains to western, central and northern the mid 80s along the Rio Grande. mountains and northwest plateau. Tonight, breezy to locally windy. Colder northwest and evening central and west, cooler southeast. Snow showers mountains and showers mixing windy. A slight chance of show- with or changing to snow showers or thunderstorms late. Lows ers lowlands northwest half. 60 to 65. Friday, mostly cloudy Partly cloudy elsewhere with slight chance of showers. Lows 20s to mid 30s mountains and northwest, upper 30s to near 50 elsewhere. Friday, much cooler breezy, a slight chance of late Texas - Tonight, cloudy with with a good chance for showers, and mountain snows much of to mid 60s. Friday, mostly the west and north. Cooler with a chance for showers and thunshowers. Highs from the lower derstorms elsewhere. Windy Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in 80s west to near 80 east. east and south. Highs upper 30s the lower 50s. Friday, partly Southeast Texas and Upper through the 50s mountains and cloudy and breezy. Highs in the Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly northwest, 60s and 70s eastern

OKLAHOMA — Tonight chance of thunderstorms. Lows Friday, mostly cloudy and Friday, partly cloudy with a around 60. Friday, partly cloudy breezy with a chance of showers chance of showers and thunderand breezy. A slight chance of or thunderstorms. Highs near 80 storms. Highs in the upper 70s

CBS to buy King World

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS Corp. King Productions, whose hits like "Jeopardy" and "The Oprah Winfrey Show" have made it television's biggest syndicator, for about \$2.5 billion in stock.

The deal announced today would greatly expand CBS's position in the business of selling programs to TV stations and complement its other broadcasting activities, led by its ownership of the CBS television net-

King World has been a frequent subject of takeover speculation and the rumors about a deal with CBS had intensified in recent

Under the deal, Roger King and his brother Michael, who is vice chairman of the syndication company, would continue in their current positions and report to the head of the CBS Television division, Leslie Moonves.

City briefs

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

EASTER TREATS - Sugar cured, hickory smokéd hams. Old fashioned, fully cooked & spiral sliced honey glazed. Smoked turkey breast, briskets & prime ribs. Ćlint & Sons, 1421 N. Hobart, 665-2825. Place your order today, supplies limited.

"MASTER, IS It I?" Easter drama/worship service, 7 p.m., April 1, First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Public invited. FRAMES - CUSTOM &

Ready Made 20% Off entire package incl. glass & mat, Mar. 29-Apr. 3, Hobby Shop. Adv. **EASTER CHICKS**, ducks,

bunnies & Parakeets. 115 N. West, 669-7387. Adv. YARD WORK, bush trimming. Wade Gardner, 665-2386.

BEAUTIFUL HAND Crafted Cedar Chests. 669-1167 after 4 p.m. Adv. CHANEY'S CAFE, Thur. 5-8

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Jambalaya, Gumbo, ch. fr. steak.

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716 W. Foster. Adv. DENNIS JERNIGAN'S newest release, "This Is My destiny", is now in stock along with other great praise and worship

music at The Gift Box, 117 W.

Kingsmill. Adv. **BASEBALL BUNNIES** in all your favorite players make great additions to your Easter Basket. Just arrived Float like a butterfly sting like a bee Ali sets and Baseball opening day bear sets all new colorful bears of your favorite player. Holmes

Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler.

Poster contest



(Community Camera photo)

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 Wilson Elementary. Avila is pictured with Shonda Meadows.

Economic indicators shows little activity

Economic Texas Indicators continues to forecast 7.8 percent in January, compared slower economic growth for Texas to the same period last year. The during the next four to six increase came despite a fifth conmonths," Texas Comptroller secutive month of declining con-Carole Keeton Rylander said.

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of rith January, up just 0.2 percent compared to December, and up by 0.4 percent compared to January 1998.

"Five of the 10 leading economic indicators reflect a positive state economy, while the remaining five point to a slower-growing economy. Overall, the Texas economy remains strong," Rylander said.

The Texas 100 Stock Index is the strongest component of the January index of Leading Texas Economic Indicators. At 127.1, the January Texas 100 was up 23.1 percent compared to January 1998.

New home construction continues to boom, thanks to unseasonably warm weather, low mort- previous January. gage interest rates and strong

Chamber of Commerce and West

Texas A&M University Small

Business Development Center

"The Index of compared to January 1998.

Texas retail sales increased by sumer confidence. Texas con-The latest index was at 132.9 in sumer confidence fell by 7.5 percent during January 1999, and was down 15.2 percent compared to January 1998.

New business incorporations slowed in January. The number of new businesses grew by 6.3 percent compared to January 1998. The average number of manufacturing hours per work week in from January 1998. Manufacturing slowed nationwide.

January unemployment claims were up 8 percent compared to January 1998. The Texas unemployment rate was 4.8 percent, in the Texas economy up to six down 0.2 percent compared to the

For the fifth consecutive month, demand for homes in one of the Texas employers posted fewer jobs fastest growing states in the in the want ads. The January Texas nation Construction permits for Help Wanted Index, a measurenearly 13,000 new homes were ment of job listings in Texas news- Indicators was at 106.9, up 2 perissued in January, up 22.2 percent papers, was down 0.4 percent cent compared to January 1998.

from December, and down 21.6

percent compared to January 1998. During the last 12 months, Texas has gained about 278,000 new jobs, an increase of 3.2 percent. Most of the new jobs -269,000 are in the service sector.

Low oil prices continue to hurt the Texas economy. In January, Texas crude oil was priced at \$10.58 per barrel, down 26 percent compared to January 1998. Compared to December, however, the price of crude oil was up 12 percent amid speculation that OPEC and Mexico might reach an agreement to cut production to Texas showed a 0.8 percent decline help reduce a worldwide oil surplus.

The Comptroller's office produces the monthly Index of **Economic Texas** Leading Indicators to help predict changes months in advance, and to help compare Texas' economic activity to the nation as a whole. While the January index for Texas was nearly stationary at 132.9, the U.S. Index of Leading Economic

Canyon Chamber, WT to hold business seminar Canyon will present "Bagles Don't Flock" keeping good people. In this and West from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., April 9 at workshop, you'll learn where to Cole Community Center, 300 find the best people, how to pre-16th Street. Don Taylor of the vent hiring mistakes and how to

Small Business Development maintain peak performance. Cost of the seminar will be \$15 included.

To register or for more information, call the Chamber of is finding, hiring, training and Commerce at (806) 655-1183.

Fire burns to be held at Meredith

FRITCH — Superintendent John 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 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 assistance from local fire departments. The purpose of these burns is to reintroduce fire into the ecosystem, and to reduce mesquite to it's natural cycle of growth. The reduction of mesquite will prevent disastrous wildfires that could threaten lives and endanger

personal property. During these controlled burns some of the areas will be closed to the public. Park officials ask that people traveling in the area use caution by reducing their vehicle speed and turning on their headlights when smoke is present. For more information, contact park headquarters at (806) 857-

Baby Geniuses (PG) Frl. & Sat 7:15 & 9:10 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:15 Sat. & Sun. Matinees 2:00 My Favorite Martian (Pd) Frl. & Sat. 7:10 & 9:05 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:10

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Center will present the seminar. Taylor will discuss the people for Chamber members and \$20 side of business — no business for non-members. Lunch will be ever outperforms its employees. One of the greatest challenges

small business owners face today

Lotto Commission posts bingo prizes AUSTIN — Panhandle counties Potter County, \$41,531.35; Gray

have received \$45,315.29 in prize County, \$1,226.11. fees form Charitable Bingo for fourth quarter 1998 sales, Charitable Bingo Operations.

The allocations cover prize fees paid by Charitable Bingo players i Panhandle counties during October, November and December of 1998. Cities and counties that have imposed the local-option fee are: receive a quarterly equal to fivepercent of the prizes won by Bingo players in their jurisdiction.

The Texas Lottery Commission prize fees: Deaf Smith County, \$2,557.83; 1994

The payments were part of the \$2.4 million in prize pees allocated announced Billy Atkins, director of to Texas cities and counties this month. All told, 66 county governments received \$1.2 million in prize fees. The largest single allocations of prize fees for the fourth quarter was \$182,951 to Dallas County. The remainder top four

Tarrant County, \$167,453; Harris County \$135,549; Bexar County, \$95,833.

The Texas Lottery Commission this month allocated the following assumed regulatory responsibility for Charitable Bingo on Apr. 1,

To Celebrate Spring... Invite The Neighbors, Call Your Friends To Don Ho's Restaurant. We're Here To Serve You. To Celebrate We've Added More Of Your Favorite Dishes Almost Doubling The Size Of Our Buffet. But, Yes For The

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Coronado Center - 665-0202

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

President of Comfort, Texas, will speak at 7 past. p.m. April 12 at Mel's Diner in Wheeler. In addition, Spenrath will address a Daughters of the American Revolution meeting April 13 in Canadian. The public is cordially invited to attend the April 12 meeting.

Spenrath's topic will be "Restructuring of Society," and will explore a new problemsolving technique called "Consenus." The technique can either be used to by-pass local and state governments or, as in some counties, to drive local commissioners in the direction of sustainable development, Spenrath says.

Top O' Texas CattleWomen has announced She will provide examples of how this tech-Sharon Spenrath, 1998 Texas CattleWomen nique has been applied in other areas in the

This movement is taking place without the debate of our national and state congresses by individuals claiming to represent their community or state but who have not been either requested or elected by their peers, according to a CattleWomen release:

The local CattleWomen chapter urges private property owners to attend this meeting. Spenrath, a rancher's wife, became involved with an organization promoting this plan in the Kerrville area.

To make reservations, call (806) 826-5250.

TPMHA announces three way perspective on mental illness sponsored by Novaritis

Pharmaceuticals Corp. is bringhealth field with mental health Directors of Friends Helping 1997. professionals, consumers, families 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 serious mental illness for the past 15 years. She is on medication for her mental illness, is a practicing psychiatrist and is on staff at the Mental Health Cooperative in Nashville, Tenn. Baxter's topic is "Recovery From Mental Illness — A Three Way Perspective." She will share her pain, her challenges and the success she has experienced in her personal and professional life.

As a university student in the early 1980's, Dr. Baxter began to have consecutive clinical depressions. Her feelings of despair, suicidal ideation along with difficulty concentrating and early morning awakenings were endured for years as she knew of no other way of life or that these experiences had a name. Dr. Baxter said that by the time she graduated from college, she knew there was something wrong with her

Dr. Baxter is a graduate from Rhodes College and Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. She is also a writer, a speaker and a mental health advocate. Her professional affiliations the American

- Novartis Psychiatric Association, the president, Friends Drop-In Center, the Mentally Ill and Tennessee to all attendees. Women in Medicine.

College, 1982; freshman class additional information.

Regional Planning Committee University School of Medicine; ing to Amarillo Elizabeth A. of the Tennessee Department of 1990; and the Clifford W. Beers Baxter, MD, to share her per- Mental Health and Mental Award (for consumer advocasonal experiences in the mental Retardation, the Board of cy), Mental Health Association,

Refreshments will be served Advisory Board of the during the lecture. Certificates Nashville Alliance for the of attendance will be presented

Texas Panhandle Mental 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 Woman of the Year, Rhodes Ann Grant at (806) 354-2191 for

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

For over 50 years, the U.S. has been the beacon of democracy 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 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

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 situations, so we have to decide when we will get involved and when we

These decisions should not be based on the amount of coverage a conflict happens to receive on CNN. They should be based upon the national interests of the United States. Right now, it is hard to see how our security or vital national interests are threatened by the violence in Kosovo.

It's even harder to see what our policy is with regard to using our military in these types of situations. With bombs dropping daily and the possibility of ground troops being used, it's something we'd better figure out — and soon.

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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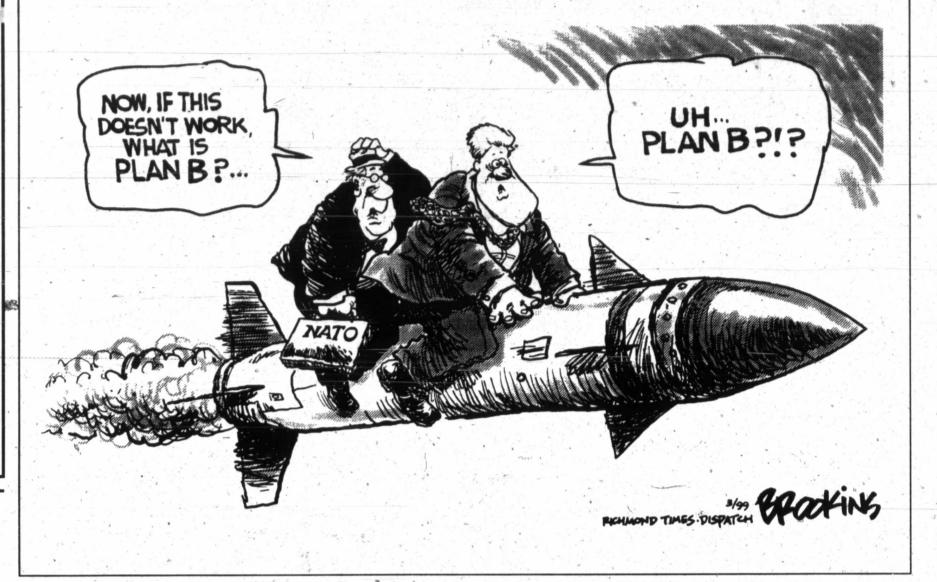
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Ruby is no wimpy truck

I have assimilated.

Nobody can accuse me of not being a Texan since I am now the proud co-owner of a new, used, red, extended cab XLT Ford 150.

The best part of owning this monster truck is going to be posing in front of it with my man for photographs to send out with next year's Christmas cards.

Our friends back home will get a good laugh, because ... how do I say this right ... my husband and I are probably just about the last two people on earth you'd expect to be riding in a big ol' red truck.

I don't know why. For starters, we're not cowboys or farmers or former 4-Hers ...uh, actually my husband can't claim that entirely. (There are rumored pictures of him with award-winning table place settings at 4-H competitions.)

We don't listen to country music, own a pair of cowboy boots, Wrangler jeans, or a boat, or a trailer; 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.

Plus, our poor 1984 Bronco II just couldn't make it into the millenium.

So we went on a quest to purchase a lowpriced sport utility vehicle.

Maybe it's my definition of low-priced, but it was quickly realized that wasn't gonna happen. And since I ain't about to spend no \$30,000 on a vehicle — 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-

Random Revelations Miranda G. Bailey

Pampa News staff writer

It wouldn't seem that difficult to find a lowpriced, low mireage, cool vehicle. All the car lot ads on TV say that's all they sell. If only we didn't have those nasty little things called BUDGETS to live under.

Ever notice vehicles blow budgets?

are things you can expect.

But who expects to fall in love with the 1999 hyacinth, sleek, extended cab, Ford 150 with keychain car alarm? Nobody accounts for the "WE LOOK

SOOOOO DARN GOOD RIDING IN THIS THING" factor that becomes critical in the automobile shopping process. It can change the common, budget minded couple into maddening, pleasure-seeking, who-cares-if-it's-\$500-a-month car shoppers.

So before we spent out lives away, somewhere in the back of my clearly jaded mind was the idea to call my father-in-law.

"Maybe you should call your dad," I mumbled to my husband amidst the feelings of serene awe. "See what he thinks."

My father-in-law is, to say the least, a num-

bers-kind-of-guy. A former computer programmer for Sandia National Laboratories when computers used to take up rooms and only responded to numerical mumbo-jumbo (my words, not his), he is our light house in times of tax question troubled waters.

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In short, Carl Bailey is the king of budgetary excellence.

So of course our heads quickly came out of the "new truck clouds" after my husband made a call home.

And then we resumed our search to pleasantly find Ruby, the big ol' red truck, as I like to call her.

Wanting something to haul dogs, camping tents, (not that there is really anywhere to camp around here ...) and anything else that Gas, insurance, registration, up-keep ... those won't fit into my little Geo, we made a purchase with which we are happy about.

Instead of wondering what days of the month our Bronco will be broken, I get to laugh at myself everytime I have to boost myself into that mother of a truck.

The coolest thing about owning this baby is the fact that it has TWO gas tanks. You push this button and it switches over to the other tank. How cool is that? (I know it's just a gimmick to compensate for the fact that we have to use twice as much gas to go anywhere ... but

The added bonus is the big muscle I'm developing in my left leg from pushing in the clutch and switching gears on the thing. I won't even tell you how tough I feel driving Ruby — that would just make all of you owners of wimpy Land Rovers jealous...

Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, April 1, the

days left in the year. This is April House Speaker.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 1, 1945, American firefighters a regular salary. forces invaded Okinawa during World War II.

On this date: In 1789, the U.S House of Representatives held its first full established in Britain.

meeting, in New York City. In 1933, Nazi Germany began Frederick Muhlenberg 91st day of 1999. There are 274 Pennsylvania was elected the first

> In 1853, Cincinnati, Ohio, became the first U.S. city to pay its

> In 1873, composer Sergei Novgorod Province, Russia.

In 1918, the Royal Air Force was

persecuting Jews with a boycott of lewish-owned businesses. In 1939, the United States recog-

Spain following the end of the sion Spanish Civil War.

In 1946, tidal waves struck the more than 170 deaths.

In 1947, Greece's King George II

In 1963, the daytime drama "General Hospital" premiered. In 1970, President Nixon signed

a measure banning cigarette nized the Franco government in advertising on radio and televi-

In 1984, recording star Marvin Gaye was shot to death by his Rachmaninoff was born in Hawaiian islands, resulting in father, Marvin Gaye Sr., in Los Angeles. The elder Gaye pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, and received probation.

When blue-ribbon panels don't work

When the issues get toughest, the habit in Congress and the White House is to hand them off to commissions, special panels that are sup posed to bridge political differences and come up with answers both sides can buy. Sometimes it works. Not now.

Not on Medicare, which could be broke in 10 commission members, one short of the less than a decade without an overhaul or new funding, or both.

After a year on the case, a bipartisan commission on the future of Medicare couldn't agree on a recommendation, and President Clinton rebuffed a proposal from its majority. That puts the future of the government

health care system for senior Americans back into the political mix, and it may stay there, unresolved, until after the next election. Republicans suspect that is what the

Democrats want, since they have used Medicare to advantage in past campaigns, and 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 that Republicans want to use money best earmarked for Medicare and Social Security for more reliable reformers.

That's where it all stood before the commission got its delayed start on the problem, after a political hassle over who would run it. The White House wanted a Democrat, and got one, Sen. John Breaux of Louisiana.

Walter Mears AP Special correspondent

super-majority required to make it a formal recommendation, wasn't to Clinton's liking. Breaux, a Clinton ally, had a hard time getting the president even to talk about the proposal.

Breaux and his commission partner, Republican Rep. Bill Thomas of California, recommended that Medicare be transformed into a system more like private health insurance, with the government providing allowances

That's like the system that covers federal employees, and Congress.

The plan, which Breaux and Thomas are proposing to Congress on their own now, includes limited coverage for prescription drugs and a gradual increase in the eligibility age, from 65 to 67:

Clinton wants more extensive prescription tax cuts instead; the GOP retort is that the sur-coverage and insists on keeping the basic benplus budget can afford both, and that they are efit system in place. He wants 15 percent of ed stopgap steps to keep Medicare solvent for projected budget surpluses over the next 15 a decade * and set up the commission to work years, an estimated \$700 billion, earmarked for on long term changes.

Just before the commission's final session, on-March 16, Clinton said its approach "falls it will bump into the politics of 2000. short," taking on an issue he hadn't said much The plan Breaux shepherded to approval by about. In successive State of the Union mes-

sages, he had proposed opening the Medicare system to people as young as 55, letting the uninsured among them buy into the government coverage, covering prescriptions and reserving the surplus to keep it all solvent.

Republicans, and Breaux, are wary that the surplus plan would paper over the underlying problems in Medicare and ease the pressure for reform in the system.

That draws the lines for another season of arguments. Clinton said that with hard choices, 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 beneficiaries would use to buy their own cov- of a go-broke year were made long ago. An earlier commission on entitlement reform pointed to the problems but divided on the solutions 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 more for health coverage. That was dropped from the budget bill that year, which instead includ-

That was supposed to insulate the issue against the politics of the 1998 campaign. Now

"Some people want an issue out of Medicare rather than solving the problem," Breaux said.



Dinate Lefors



THE ROAD TRAVELED to state

staff writer Amanda Sprouse

On the morning of March 14th, two very lucky Lefors High girls found themselves on the way to a State CX Debate Tournament in These Austin. would be spending four days in our wonderful state capitol. Gwen Nolte, senior, and her replacement partner, Amanda Woodard, freshman, were 30,000 feet and climbing.

How did these two end up on a plane heading toward Austin? It all started

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back in July of 1998 when Amanda attended debate camp in Kansas. At this camp learned 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 Gwen's replaced partner, Shelly Murray, who wasn't able to attend the tournament.

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

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

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

LIVING ON THE EDGE

Pirate Pride editor

If you want to live on the edge, live in the Texas Panhandle. In the Panhandle, there 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 thunderstorms 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 world. 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. Many times a tornado will

form and the funnel cloud

will not be in contact with

the ground. To tell if a

formed and that it is not

just a rotating funnel

cloud; look directly under

the funnel cloud, if there

is a debris cloud under

is indeed on the warpath.

the funnel, then a tornado.

Although tornadoes

actual tornado

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 just 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 caught in a lightning

winds show no mercy to any persons or property. Hail form supercell thunderstorms can reach the size of grapefruits and larger. Hail causes millions of dollars in damage each year in the Panhandle alone. Thrashing crops and killing livestock, hail hits where it hurts worse. Not enough is said

about the straight line winds that blow across the plains during a thunderstorm. reaching one hundred mph can rip apart homes and tumble cars like little Rotating winds is not the only kind of destructive wind in a storm.

to come. Hail and high

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 available from junior class members or you can send \$2 per ticket to Lefors High School/Furby, Box 390, Lefors TX 79054. Be sure to include your and phone name number. We will draw on Friday, April 30th. 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

staff writer Amanda Sprouse

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 Miss Dove" by William McClerry, Samnorwood High, with scenes from "Up Down Staircase" by Bel Kaufman, and Lefors High, with "Good-Bye to the Clown" by Ernest Kinoy.

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

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. Sometimes shed tears are tempers lost, with all of the stress of trying to get it all organized in Directors and time. Directors Assistant spend hours working on their cast members making sure all lines are We also learned. cannot forget 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 and congratulations everyone who made it a big success.







Furby Raffle **Begins** Today!!

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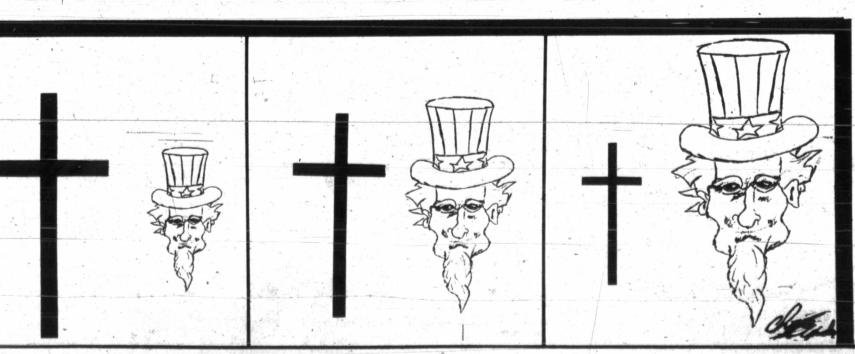
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produce better pictures.

from the storm

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

The junior class is trying to raise enough money to take a 7 day 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 the Roatan Bay Islands in Honduras.



The cowardly kings play chess As if they knew how the pieces moved Never realizing that the pawn has control Wincing ever so slightly when loss is experienced 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?

> By Jeremy Pierce, Pirate Pride Editor

Mistress Learns the Hard Way: Cheatin' Hearts End Up Broken

DEAR ABBY: I was shocked by how you missed the boat regarding 'Ex-Mistress in Chicago's" purported plea for forgiveness for her adultery. "Ex-Mistress" went to great lengths to point out how she was lied to and strung along, and how she didn't get what she wanted out of the affair, before she finally offered a clearly insincere apology to the wife of her ex-lover for the pain caused by the wife finding out about the affair.

Infidelity is wrong, Abby. It's not wrong because it didn't give the cheater what she wanted, or because a wronged spouse found out about it. It's the act itself that's wrong. The pain caused to the innocent parties involved, or the perpetrator's disappointment with the results, is merely a foreseeable byproduct of this wrong.

You had an opportunity to point this out to "Ex-Mistress" and the many morally challenged dimwits like her, and you missed it.

DAVE IN EUGENE, ORE.

DEAR DAVE: Everybody knows that infidelity is wrong. If it hadn't been occurring since before Moses climbed Mount Sinai, it wouldn't have been mentioned in the Ten Commandments. That it's still going on today should be a clue that many people consider themselves "exceptions" to the rule, Condemning infidelity as "wrong" will turn fewer people from infidelity than illustrating



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for them that it does not work. Ex-Mistress in Chicago's" letter was a clear example. Read on for another:

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from the woman who fell into the trap of a married man. It happened to me, too. I was 21 and recovering from a very difficult divorce, trying to adjust to the fact I'd be raising a child alone. I felt I'd never be happy again, when I was introduced to "John."

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 private jet to Florida where I was visiting my parents and took me to a fabulous restaurant. I fell head over heels. He surprised me with a beautiful 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 different states, so it was easy for him to keep things hidden.

One night, I invited "Cynthia," one of my girlfriends, to join us for dinner. We had a great time, and enjoyed many other outings together with her and her boyfriend. This lasted a year and a half, until things with John began to fall apart. Last weekend I found out that Cynthia had gone away skiing with John. My heart is crushed. I've never been so hurt in my life. I love John more than life itself, but apparently he doesn't feel the same. 'm in tears as I type this, Abby.

Please print this so maybe they'll read it and see the damage they have caused. Please help me. DROWNING IN TEARS

DEAR DROWNING: The damage they have caused you? If you think you're hurting, imagine how John's wife must feel as the wife of a serial philanderer. You're learning a tough lesson, my dear. Your affair with John reminds me of the frog who was asked by a scorpion to ferry it across the river on its back. "No," the frog replied. "If I take you, you'll sting me and I'll die." The scorpion swore a solemn oath that he would not sting, so the frog started to take him across the river. When they reached the middle, the scorpion stung the frog viciously. "Why did you sting me?" cried the dying frog. "Now we'll both die." The scorpion replied, "It's my nature!"

Horoscope

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 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)

★★★ Hold your breath! A lot happens that you didn't anticipate. Outguessing another will only backfire. Take care of finances, don't let another coerce you into doing it his way. A friend can't visualize what you want, which could be a disappointment. Tonight: Take it easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You could cause yourself problems simply by being negative or difficult. A partner pushes you hard, and you react, perhaps more strongly than necessary. A boss doesn't understand what you want. Patience, decorum and diplomacy are needed. This, too, shall pass! Tonight: Accept an invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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** Pace yourself. You might be exhausted or feeling down. In this mood, you could easily make a mistake at work or in your personal life. Pull back and be careful. News from a distance charms your mind and imagination, but it isn't what it appears to be. Check it out. Tonight: Home, after socializing a little CANCER (June 21-July 22)

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Crossword Puzzle

Be willing to say "no" to this person. Your imagination speaks. Forthcoming news is important; you need this piece of information. Tonight: Dance the night away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Push comes to shove when dealing with family and work. You might not like with a partner, yet give him the space to be himself. You'll understand more clearly when new information arrives. Tonight: A

calm night at home, hopefully. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Reach out and discuss what is on your mind. A partner has an odd reaction; he simply might not understand. Creativity is high. A serious discussion with a loved one is important. Let go of negativity. Getting work completed proves to be a

challenge! Tonight: Join friends. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Money issues can no longer be PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) avoided. Think about a partner's sugges- ** You definitely aren't anchored.

Tonight: Balance your checkbook SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ A smile goes a long way, but perhaps not with that testy, remote part- BORN TODAY ner. He simply doesn't think like you. Comic Dana Carvey (1955), actress Linda Understand what is expected of you. A Hunt (1945), musician Leon Russell (1941) family member or roommate might be confused or noncommittal. Could this be in.

Your call! SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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Marmaduke

get into the middle of everything, and staying on the sideline is best for you. Tonight: You need a night off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **★ Confirm meetings. Have a talk with a friend to clear the air. A loved one or new friend could be unusually dour. Be news about a joint money matter. Be direct careful committing financially right now, even if you think it's a good idea. You'll be heading for a backfire if you aren't careful.

Tonight: Wish upon a star. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

** Remain in control; stay on top of changes. How you present a monetary issue might have a lot to do with how it resolves itself. You might be having a difficult time grasping the whole picture. Discussions prove insightful, even if they're not pleasant. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.

tion, although he could be negative. Avoid Take time, pull back and visualize what you loans; right now, they could backfire on want. Make calls and contacts. Your sense you. Unexpected developments occur with of humor helps you gain a perspective. a child. You aren't seeing the whole picture. Break past the status quo; try, something different and exciting. Tonight: Where the

response to your own vagueness? Tonight: For a personal consultation with a psychic, call (900) 000-0000, \$2.95 per minute. You can request your favorite psychic, and ★★★ Family members might not be sure Spanish-speaking psychics are available. *** You could be confused about of their direction; confusion marks the Rotary or touch-tone phones. Must be 18 another's intentions. A friend is negative homefront. Still, you are on the verge of orolder to call. A service of InterMedia Inc.,

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The Family Circus



Mommy. I was just April

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SPORTS

Notebook BASEBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Kids and Youth Club will still be accepting registration forms on Saturday, Apr. 3, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the MPAC center (located between the high school football and baseball fields.)

There will be no try-outs or draft. Registration fee is only \$20 and scholarships are avail-

Also, the club will be introducing CO-ED softball for ages 13-15 and 16-18. Players will form their own teams.

To keep costs down, Kids Club is accepting any good baseball and softball equipment or charitable contribu-

For more information, please contact Sonny or Tinde Haskins at 669-7762 or 669-

CORRECTION

The Heat won the 5th-6th grade boys' tournament title at the end of the Pampa Optimist basketball season. They were not the league winners as was reported in a photo caption in Wednesday's edition of The Pampa News.

FOOTBALL

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) -Brett Favre, who once protested when the NFL made him refrain from drinking, now is making a conscious effort to abstain from alcohol.

The three-time NFL MVP 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 untair that the NFL had banned him from drinking as part of its rehabilitation program.

He said his decision to quit drinking isn't related to that, but to a desire to have a long and productive career and to be a good family man.

"I don't want 15 years to go by and be looked at as a goofball bum who could still throw 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 be remembered as a good family 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, 'You may be right," Favre said.

"There was a time when all I cared about was the next game, the next party, the next tee time. I've come to a crossroads. "I can't think of one thing that drinking has done that's been good for me or my family.

"I'm not saying everyone in the world should quit drinking, but I wasn't the best drinker in the world, so I'm quitting it."

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Favre said the pregnancy

has changed his priorities.

"Being out drinking and 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 attention for a change," he

Pampa 7th graders take 2nd at Canyon

Pampa 7th graders captured second place at the Canyon place; Johnny Story, fifth place. Middle School Track Meet last weekend.

Pampa was fourth in the 8th grade division.

Pampa results are as follows: 7th Grade

Long jump: Jesse Tarango, second place.

Discus: Aaron Simon, third

Triple jump: Mac Smith, first place, 31-3 3/4

2400: Cody Locknane, second place; Jacob West, sixth place. 400 relay: Pampa, first place (Mac Smith, Johnny Story, Derek

Lewis and Jesse Tarango), 50.56. 110 hurdles: Chance Bowers, sixth place.

100: Andrew Curtis and Mat Smith (tie), third place; Jesse Tarango, fifth place. 800: Andrew Ammons, fifth

place. 800 relay: Pampa, second place (Max VInson, Johnny Story, Derek Lewis and Andrew

300 hurdles: Collin Bowers, sixth place.

200: Andrew Curtis, third 1600: Cody Locknane, fifth

1600 relay: Pampa, fifth place (Nick Story, David Perez, Brandon Boyd and Mac Smith). 8th Grade

Long jump: Hayden Wade, fourth place.

Triple jump: James Gaddis, second place.

2400: Clint Culver, fifth place. 400 relay: Pampa, fourth place (Justin Haddock, Tristen Brown, Tyson Moree and Devin Session).

100: Devin Session, second place; Tyson Moree, fourth place. 400: James Gaddis, first place,

800 relay: Pampa, fourth place (Tim Kettenring, Hayden Wade, Tristen Brown and Devin Session), fourth place.

300 hurdles: Trey Curtis, second place, James Gaddis, third

200: Tristen Brown, fifth place. 1600 relay: Pampa, fifth place (Hayden Wade, Tim Kettenring, Curtis Pritchett and James

Harvesters meet Dumas in key district contest

ond game of the District 3-4A baseball season, but the man, went 4 for 4 at the plate Pampa-Dumas Saturday could be a key one hitting .403 going into the when the playoff picture is game. completed the first week of May.

sion of first in the district race. 27. Pampa, Dumas and Borger are Dumas and Pampa both

in first place. We want to keep Randall. Randall was moved winning and never give it up," said Dennis Doughty, who is in his sixth season as Harvester head coach.

Pampa went 10-9 for the season after routing Caprock 14-4 on Tuesday in the district 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.

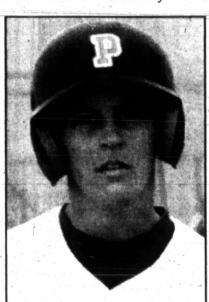
Pampa defeated Dumas 16-14 earlier in the Snyder Tournament.

The Harvesters put together a torrid hitting attack against the Longhorns as four players Brandon Hill, Casey Owens, Kaleb Snelgrooes and Greg Lindsey

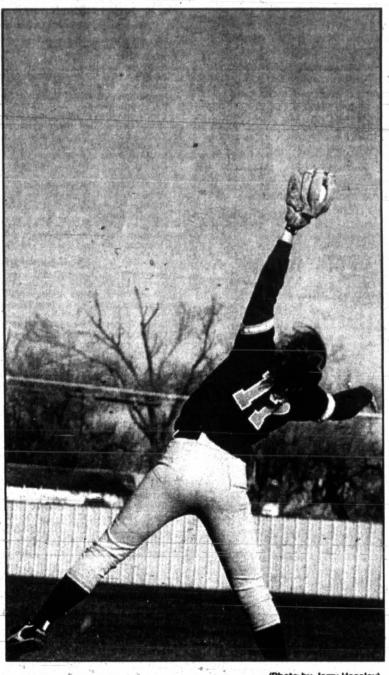
PAMPA — It's only the sec- Brent Phelps — hit home runs. Owens, a junior first basematchup to lead the Harvesters. He was

Junior third sacker Greg Lindsey added to his team-If Borger falls to Caprock leading 509 batting average Saturday, the Pampa-Dumas with a pair of hits. Lindsey is winner will have sole poses- also the team-RBI leader with

currently tied for the top spot. made the playoffs a year ago, "We're shooting for staying placing second and third, respectively, behind first-place into District 4-4A this year.



Leaping catch



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa first sacker Kelsey Yowell makes a leaping catch of a line drive against Borger in a District 3-4A softball game Tuesday at Optimist Park. The Lady 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

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Garagiola said, "and I'm really Looking for experienced relievers 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 league bullpen," Arizona general manager Joe Garagiola Jr. said after the trades were made Tuesday.

The Diamondbacks considered relief pitching their biggest need in the days leading up to next week's season opener.

In the offseason, they signed 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 really talking

happy these are the two we would come out of this with."

The Yankees also agreed to pay about \$1 million of the \$3.45 million Holmes is owed on the remaining two years of his contract, according to a baseball official who spoke on the condition that he not be identified.

New York received young pitcher Ben Ford and minor league catcher Izzy Molina. In exchange for Frascatore, the Cardinals got right-hander Clint Sodowsky, who is expected to be assigned to Triple-A Memphis.

The trade will save the Yankees \$527,000 in luxury tax and reduce their major leaguehigh payroll to about \$85 mil-

Holmes was 0-3 with New York last season with a 3.33

9th graders win twinbill

PAMPA - Pampa swept a doubleheader from Dumas in a 9th-grade baseball action.

Kyle Francis threw a two-hitter as Pampa defeated Dumas 14-3 in the opener. He struck out 12 and walked 7.

Justin Waggoner led the Pampa freshmen in hitting with three hits. Francis and Cody -Elliot had 2 hits each while Michael Galloway and Randy Tice each had 1.

Galloway and Charlie Craig played good defense, said coach 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 Estrada, who also led his team at the plate with 3 hits. Matthew Crow had 2 hits while Chase Babcock, Randy Tice, Cody Elliott, Ryan Nash and Justin Waggoner had 1 hit each.

. Aaron Keller and Crow played outstanding defense for

"The kids never gave up. 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 to win," Owens said.

Stars stop Lightning

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars are on their way to a franchise-best point record. Not even a bad night can stop them.

Joe Nieuwendyk scored the tiebreaking goal midway through the third period and the Stars went on to a ragged 6-4 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Wednesday night.

"We had as many bad players as good ones," said Stars coach en 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 Tampa Bay, tying the game at 4 with a short-handed breakaway 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 clubrecord total.

Book touts catfish as a rising star The Aller of the Control of th

DALLAS — There's a new hardcover book available that at first glance seems almost too slick for its readers. Called "Fishing For Catfish," the 128page volume is richly illustrated with 220 color photos and diagrams. It's the closest thing available to a coffee table book for catfish 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 of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. "And while we're recognizing the catfish, we should understand that catfishermen are due a lot more respect

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"We're starting to see catfish tion devoted to catfishing."

catfish advocate. He was lucky "arriving in bookstores soon. enough as a youngster to have an uncle who built a fishing pond fish fan, his research taught him for the children of

the family and stocked it with even he didn't know. big channel cats. It was the uncle's way of getting his family's kids excit-

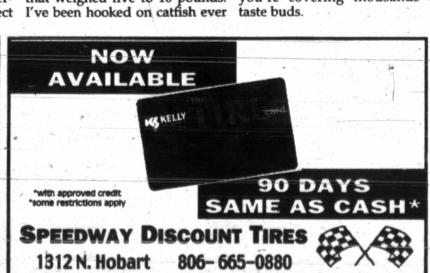
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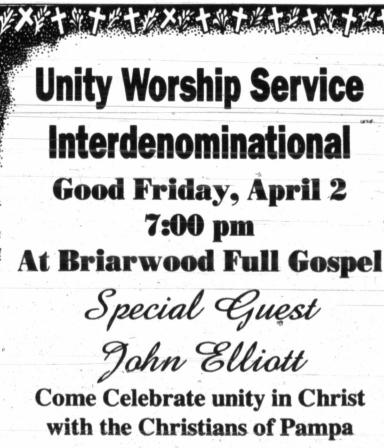
Sutton has been planning a cattournaments and tackle manu- fish book for at least 15 years. He facturers are finally paying atten- spent an entire year working tion to one of the largest seg- with Creative Publishing ments of the fishing public. In. International on the end product. five to 10 years, I think you'll see an immense increase in the attention devoted to catfishing."

The Minnesota publishing company has an entire series of hard-cover how-to books. The catfish cover how-to books. The catfish Sutton was a good choice as a book costs \$19.95 and should be

some things about catfish that

The fish, for instance, are covered with taste buds. One scientist Sutton interviewed described catfish as swimming tongues. You can't touch a catfish anywent fishing," said Sutton. "I where with the tip of your finger was 5 years old. We fished with without covering hundreds of cane poles, and just about any taste buds, Sutton said. Touch the day we could catch a channel cat fish's lips and whiskers and that weighed five to 10 pounds. you're covering thousands of





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Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Atlanta at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Vancouver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Indiana at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.

Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m.

Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Vancouver at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Milwaukee 107, Washington 105

Old meets the new soccer

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) -Old meets new when the 17th UIL State Soccer Championships kick off Thursday at Eagle Stadium in Georgetown.

A new classification Conference 4A — will be vying for a state title this year. Prior to this season, all UIL soccer schools played until there was just one champion.

All eight schools that have qualified in Conference 4A are making their first trip to the state tournament. In Conference 5A, just two of the eight schools are making their first appearance.

Round Rock Westwood and Humble Kingwood in the girl's division are making their sixth and seventh trip respectively while Klein in the boy's division is making their state-record ninth appearance.

Conference 4A will begin the three-day event with semifinal games: Grapevine Colleyville Heritage (24-0-1) meets Denton Ryan (14-8-1) at noon, while Buda Hays (18-3-4) and Friendswood (15-6-1) follow at 2 p.m. in the girl's divi-

In the boy's division, Granbury (19-1) faces Belton (21-4-2) at 5:30 p.m. and Coppell (19-5-1) will battle Nederland (21-3-1) at 7:30 p.m. San Antonio Churchill and Humble Kingwood are represented in both the girl and boy's divisions.

San Antonio Churchill (21-4-1) faces Round Rock Westwood (20-2-1) at noon Friday while Humble Kingwood (25-3-1) and Lewisville (21-4-2) play at 2 p.m. Klein (25-0-1) and defending state champion San Antonio Churchill (20-2-3) square off at 5:30 p.m. while Humble Kingwood (22-3-1) and El Paso Del Valle (21-4) follow at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Conference 4A girl's and boy's finals are scheduled for 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. while the Conference 5A girl's and boy's finals are slated for 2 p.m. and 4

ndiana at Charlotte, 8 p.m. PRO BASKETBALL Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

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Orlando at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. Seattle at Portland, 10:30 p.m. By The Associated Press All Times EST EASTERN CONFERENCE Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS Wednesday's Sports Transactions

By The Associated Press BASEBALL

American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Optioned RHP John Wasdin to Pawtucket of the International League and 3B Wilton Veras to Trenton of the Eastern League.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Optioned RHP

Olsen, LHP Scott Eyre and RHP Chad Bradford to Charlotte of the International League. Reassigned RHP Mike Heathcott to their minor league camp. Returned OF Tyrone Pendergrass to

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed OF Mark Whiten and OF Jacob Cruz on the 15-day disabled list. Accepted OF David Miller back from Philadelphia.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Optioned LHP Glendon Rusch to Omaha of the PCL. Released RHP Erik Hanson and RHP A.J.

Sager.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Traded LHP Dan Seratini to the Chicago Gubs for cash.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Optioned RHP Ker Cloude, RHP Rafael Carmona and LHF Greg McCarthy to Tacoma of the PCL. Assigned C Raul Chavez to their minor league camp. Released RHP David Chavarria, LHP Lindsay Gulin, RHP Marcus Moore, INF Claudio Liverziani, C Francisco Santiesteban and C Jake Underwood from

their minor league camp.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Placed OF Mike Kelly on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.
TEXAS RANGERS—Placed RHP AI Levine on waivers for the purpose of giving him his conditional release. Optioned RHP Jonathan Johnson to Oklahoma of the PCL. Assigned RHP Brandon Knight to

TORONTO BLUE JAYS-Released 18-DH Cecil Fielder. Optioned RHP Tom Davey and RHP Nerio Rodriguez to Syracuse of the International League. Reassigned Sal Butera, third base coach, to their minor league complex. Named Terry Bevington third base coach. Sent OF Wayne Kirby to their minor league complex.

National League ATLANTA BRAVES—Placed OF Danny Bautista and 2B Tony Graffanino on waivers for the purpose of giving them their uncon-CHICAGO CUBS—Claimed LHP Brad

Woodall off waivers from Milwaukee.
Optioned LHP Ray King and INF Jose
Nieves to Iowa of the PCL. Re-assigned
LHP Doug Creek, RHP Steve Gajkowski, C
Alan Zinter, INF Scott Stahoviak and OF
Derrick White to their minor-league camp. Placed RHP Kerry Wood on the 60-day dis FLORIDA MARLINS-Optioned LHP Brent

Billingsley to Calgary of the PCL and RHP A.J. Burnett to Portland of the Eastern League. Assigned C John Roskos to their

minor league camp.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Optioned RHP
Al Reyes to Louisville of the International
League. Assigned RHP Joe Borowski and O
Charile Greene outright to Louisville.
Released RHP William Van Landingham.
NEW YORK METS—Assigned OF Andy
Tombartin to their minor league camp.

Scoreboard

omberlin to their minor league camp National Basketball Association NBA—Suspended Portland F Isaiah Rider for one game for entering the stands during a game against Golden State on March 30. FOOTBALL

National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed OL Matt Joyce and LB Mark Maddox.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Withdrew their one-year contract offer to DE Kendall

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS-Traded TE Lovett Purnell to Baltimore in exchange for a 1999 sixth-round draft pick. HOCKEY

National Hockey League
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Assigned LW Josh
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Seattle 9, Arizona 5
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San Diego 9, Milwaukee 4 San Francisco 10, Chicago Cubs 9 Chicago White Sox 6, Colorado 1

Wednesday's Games Houston 6, Los Angeles 4 Tampa Bay 15, Cleveland 1 Toronto 6, New York Yankees 5 Texas 11, Minnesota 4 Kansas City 7, New York Mets 4 Detroit 7, Atlanta 1 Boston 5, Pittsburgh 4 St. Louis 6, Montreal 3

Philadelphia 10, Cincinnati 4 Anaheim 17, Oakland 3 Chicago White Sox 9, San Francisco 6 Seattle 16, Milwaukee 13 Chicago Cubs 15, San Diego 6 Colorado 6, Arizona 3 Baltimore 2, Florida 2, tie, 13 innings

Thursday's Games Cincinnati vs. Texas at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m. Detroit vs. Kansas City at Haines City, Fla., Tampa Bay vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Boston vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m. Baltimore vs. Florida at Viera, Fla., 1:05 Montreal vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05

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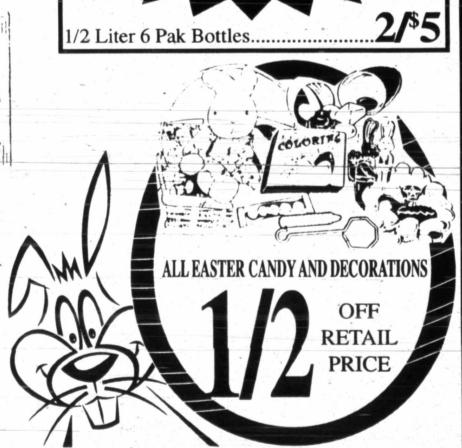
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Heading into the weekend, the scuttlebutt was that Jordan is interested only in owning the league's Charlotte franchise. On Tuesday night, it became that he might want to play for the team, too. The possibilities grow more intriguing by the day. At the breathless pace that Fox Sports News is pushing this story, mascot Hugo The Hornet's job won't be safe by end of the week, either.

"I'd be very surprised if he came back and played," good buddy Charles Barkley told Fox when cornered by the network late Tuesday

night.
"That's a new one," former running mate Scottie Pippen weighed in a few minutes later. "I don't see him coming in as a player." Of course, the two Houston

Rockets have their reasons for wanting Jordan as far away from a basketball court as possible. His absence is Barkley's best chance to acquire at least one championship ring. It is Pippen's only chance to get his hands on any more.

But not all their reasons are selfish ones. Barkley, like Magic Johnson, another Jordan intimate, want to see his friend become the first black owner of a major sports franchise. Both of them, as well as Pippen, share the same concern for Jordan's legacy that Jordan expressed at a retirement news conference barely 10 weeks ago.

"I think he'd do a disservice to himself," Barkley said. "I think all athletes who come back do a disservice to

Pippen, never an original thinker, concurred. "He had a great career. He's going to leave it at that." But will he?

The guess here is probably not.

People who have seen Jordan in recent days peg him at a good 20 pounds heavier than his last listed playing weight of 216. He hardly needs the extra weight to leverage his bid to buy a controlling interest in the team since commissioner David Stern, along with just about everybody else in his home state of North Carolina, would like nothing more than to see Jordan ease current owner George Shinn on down the road. And they might even show their gratitude by building him that new stadium that Shinn has begged shamelessly for the past few months.

But Jordan is likely to want his portion of ownership without putting much of his own money out, and for considerably less than half the \$250 million that Shinn is said to be asking. That's where the playing part of the equation apparently comes in.

Current NBA rules prohibit a player from owning a team and vice versa. But if Jordan expressed a willingness to climb back into a uniform, who knows what concessions the league might be willing to throw at his feet?

And if the spirit of cooperation really takes hold, who's to say the rest of a widely circulating wish list couldn't come true: Jordan's last coach, Phil Jackson, back coaching for at least one season; his college coach, Dean Smith, as the Hornets' president; his agent, David Falk, negotiating player contracts.

The linchpin, though, is Jordan, and not just in the front office, but out on the floor. He might have been honest when he said in January that there was only a 1 percent chance of his ever coming back to play. But if Jordan has been watching the sorry state of play so far this season - beyond the occasional cameo as Jack Nicholson's guest the percentage must be in double digits at the very least.

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HOUSTON (AP) — Despite American Bar Association approval, 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 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 recognition from an established public college.

But state District Judge Suzanne Covington on Wednesday said such an affiliation violates the Texas Constitution. She cited a provision that bans state lawmakers from authorizing public money for "any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other cor-

The judge did not elaborate.

Lawyers for South Texas and A&M said they were disappointed. The law school planned an appeal.

"We expect to reverse Judge Covington's ruling and obtain a ruling ... in furtherance of good public policy for the benefit of the students," John Hill, a lawyer for South Texas, told the Houston

Texas A&M President Ray Bowen said the university made an extensive legal analysis before creating the affiliation agreement. We were confident we were working within established authori-

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 to expand its curriculum to include law. The Coordinating Board oversees state-supported universities and approves academic degrees.

In February, the judge told educators hire a mediator to settle a

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lawsuit that South Texas officials filed against the Coordinating Board. Attorneys for the private Houston law school had wanted a court order declaring legal and binding an affiliation agreement between it and A&M.

Sources have said the efforts failed because South Texas officials refused to stop using the A&M name.

Educators, since the affiliation was signed in January 1998, had complained 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.

In January, the accreditation arm of the Chicago-based American Bar Association approved the affiliation between the two Texas schools. The ABA's Council on the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar had reviewed and accepted the terms of the

State Department issues travel advisory to Mexico

Department advises U.S. citizens to defer elect. unnecessary travel in the Mexican state of tions such as Acapulco — because of threatened political demonstrations there.

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Digging begins at home of pair suspected of sexual torture

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ELEPHANT BUTTE, N.M. (AP) — Investigators have spiracy. Two women accused the begun excavating around the lakeside trailer where two women said they were held in the home 150 miles south of chains and sexually tortured this

"We are doing some selective digging by hand," FBI agent Doug Beldon said Wednesday. face.

Cynthia Lea Hendy, 39, have Butte Lake.

sexual abuse, battery and con- acquaintance said. days-long incidents of torture at

Albuquerque.

authorities have not ruled out the possibility of homicides. An

been charged with numerous . She said other bodies were crimes, including kidnapping, buried in the desert, the

Agents used hand shovels, pair of holding them in separate metal detectors and electronic probes to measure soil density around the home for any signs of recent excavation or burial. There has been no indication Beldon said they were looking that bodies have been found, but for items listed in a search warrant, which was not released.

Investigators have examined "We're looking for some things acquaintance said Ms. Hendy the dusty half-acre lot around that might be concealed subsur- told him Ray had killed four to Ray's double-wide trailer home six people, mutilated the bodies for several days, and the search David Parker Ray, 59, and and dumped them in Elephant for victims and witnesses earlier covered Arizona, Texas and

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David Parker Ray, 59, and Cynthia Lea Hendy, 39, have been charged with numerous crimes, including kidnapping, sexual abuse, battery and conspiracy. Two women accused the pair of holding them in separate days-long incidents of torture at the home 150 miles south of Albuquerque.

northern Mexico.

defense attorneys Wednesday waived arraignment on the criminal complaint and her association (with Ray)." trial was tentatively set for April

Attorneys for both defendants said their clients are innocent.

"Quite frankly, there are no

bodies," said Xavier Acosta, a volunteer who works at the Prosecutor Ron Lopez said lawyer for Ms. Hendy. "I believe Elephant Butte State Park. Ms. Hendy is unjustly being tied to these matters just because of er at the park for about five

were shocked by the allegations. Madrid. "He was the neatest, cleanest,

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"He showed up, he did his politest person you could ever job, we depended on him," want to meet," said Glen Parks, Madrid said.

Captured **U.S. soldiers** to face trial

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Three U.S. soldiers captured by Yugoslav forces in Kosovo will face a military trial on Friday, the state news agency reported.

The Tanjug report said Jovica Jovanovic, a judicial official in Pristina, the Kosovo capital, said an authorized military court would conduct the trial of the three soldiers.

The trio includes Army Spec. Steven M. Gonzales, 21, of Huntsville, Texas.

The others were identified as Staff Sgt. Andrew A. Ramirez, 24, of Los Angeles and Staff Sgt Christopher J. Stone, 25, of Smiths Creek, Mich., whose wife and child are in San Antonio.

NATO officials warned Thursday they would hold Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic responsible for any mistreatment of the three Americans, who disappeared during a patrol along the Macedonia-Yugoslavia border on Wednesday after sending a radio message they were under attack.

U.S. officials said the three should be released immediately because they were part of a peace-. keeping mission in Macedônia that represented no threat to Yugoslavia.

Texas soldier good student

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) -Captured soldier Steven M. Gonzales was a well-liked, academically gifted high school student who left Texas A&M after his freshman year because he wanted to join the elite Army Ranger corps, a friend recalled today.

That was the point of joining: so he could go to Ranger school,' recalled Kelly Williams, a classmate of Gonzales' at Palestine High School, who is now a college senior.

Ms. Williams said she thought it was the 21-year-old Gonzales, who was known for a good sense of humor, as soon as she saw his picture broadcast early this morning on television.

Unfortunately, he's got rather big ears. He used to wiggle his ears for us and make us laugh," she said. "That's how I knew it was him. I was like, you could not mistake those ears.

Genzales enlisted in the Army in September 1996. Ms. Williams said she did not believe he had fulfilled his dream of joining the Ranger corps.

The Yugoslav army said three Americans were caught Wednesday southern Yugoslavia. The three grim-faced soldiers, dressed in camouflage, appeared on Serb television with what appeared to be cuts on their

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Teacher Kay Stroud, who had Gonzales in her advanced placement biology class his senior year. said, "He was the type of student you'd love to have: hardworking,

always happy, funny. Ms. Stroud said he took several upper-level science classes and was on the school science team that won the district championship in his senior year. He was in the top 10 percent of graduates in a class of about 200, she said.



