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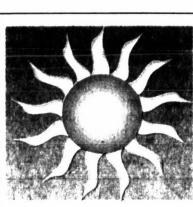
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High today upper 70s Low tonight mid 40s For weather details see Page 2.

**PAMPA** — The annual Joe Dicosimo-Pre-Contest Music Festival is today at the Pampa Middle School Auditorium. The concert begins at 4:30 p.m. with the Pampa Middle School Patriot Red Band followed by the Blue band at 6:30 p.m. At 8 p.m., the PHS Symphonic band will perform. Band students will be critiqued by Larry Harris, band director and Vega High School and Cody Myers, director of fine arts for Amarillo ISD.

PAMPA Elementary Chorus' 10th anniversary show, "Bye, Bye Birdie," directed by Wanetta Hill, is scheduled to perform this weekend Friday and Saturday, April 9 - 10, at 7:30 p.m. in M.K. Brown. Adult tickets are \$5 and student tickets are \$4. Children under 5 are free. .

P.T.O. will sponsor a Mexican Pile-on Dinner from noon until 3p.m. on April 11 at the school cafeteria. Take-out orders may be phoned in at 835-2533. Meals are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for 12 and under. A short P.T.O. meeting will follow the dinner.

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials

The ticket was worth an estimated \$4 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 11-12-20-29-45-47. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$7

million.

- Velma F. Evans, 88, grain elevator builder, operator.
- Norman Hinds, 60, retired lumber company yard fore-
- Robert Eugene Imel, 68, retired banker.

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# Strong winds may hit 60 mph or higher today

**Associate Publisher** 

Today is a day for rocks in your pockets and hanging on to your hat if you don't want to get blown away as winds are expected to build in strength as the day goes along.

Patrick Green of KGRO radio said about 9 this morning that wir d averages in town were at 15 mph but said that should increase to 25-35 mph with some gusts getting into the 50-60 mph range.

Outside town, however, wind readings were higher. At Celanese, equipment there was registering 35-44 mph shortly after 9 a.m. but a spokesman said she believes the winds were actually stronger "because we have buildings around that block some of

Last night, the Pampa area escaped some thunderstorms that hit around the area east of town around Lefors, Mobeetie and Wheeler where rain measured from .10 inch to one inch, Green said. No reports of damage had been received at KGRO.

A low pressure system to the north, winds off the mountains and pressure lines that are close have combined to create the windy conditions, Green said. He expects the high wind to continue through tonight before it calms down.

As a result of the system, the high humidity will fall and the area will be free from tornado and thunderstorm threats for the time

# Block schedule meet elicits lots of commentary

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY **Managing Editor** 

Praises for the high school's accelerated block system probably could have been sung well into the wee hours of the morning at the school district's public forum had it not been for the three-minute speaking limit imposed upon residents.

A whole spectrum of personalities participated in a Tuesday night meeting organized by school officials to hear public comment on Pampa High School's block schedule.

Many comments were sprinkled with humor.

"The only experience I had with the block was my mother telling me my head was going on the chopping block," before being hired at PHS five years ago, said Counselor Karla Howell.

"We know there is no perfect system yet, but we believe the block schedule gives the best opportunity for students, 'Howell added on a more serious note.

PHS Senior Daniel Dreher's comments probably received the loud-

In addition to being "for the system" because there is less work to make-up when students are out of school for UIL events, and because of the time for extra assistance from teachers, Dreher's third reason for favoring the block warranted a response from the super-

(See **BLOCK**, Page 2)



Gray County rancher L.H. Webb, left, accepts the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society's Environmental Stewardship Award from Gene Miller of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department during a meeting in Canadian Wednesday concerning the Lesser Prairie

## Fourth-generation rancher gets environmental award

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

named this week the 1999 recipient of the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society's Environmental Stewardship Award.

During a rancher's meeting in Canadian to discuss the lesser prairie chicken, a plains bird that is becoming increasingly scarce, wildlife officials presented fourth-genera-

tion panhandle rancher 1.H. Webb with a plaque and gate sign naming him tion of raising cattle for a living environmental steward of the year.

Webb's ranch, the Seven Cross Ranch, is 16 miles north of McLean. He owns 7,520 acres and leases another 1,920 adjoining

by it honestly." Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

"This area is typified by native shrub grass and mid-grass prairies with wooded draws containing plum thickets and hackberry groves and skunk bush and stands of plains cottonwoods," said Gene Miller with the Texas Parks and

Wildlife Department, who made the presenta-

The wildlife on the ranch includes lesser prairie chickens, white-tailed deer, mule deer, CANADIAN -- A Gray County rancher was bob white quail, turkeys, mourning dove and black tailed prairie dogs. In addition, there are 'seasonal water fowl on several wetlands on the

"He has a managed fishery and one pond that contains large mouth bass, catfish and blue gill,"

L.H. Webb, "H" to his friends, started here 13 "They're upholding a long tradiyears ago where his great-grandfather had settled in 1901 and while taking care of the land and began adding to his the native wildlife, and they come ranching operation.

"L.H. Webb, wife, two - Gene Miller young children and another on the way are an inspiration to those who care about land

and natural resources," Miller said. "They're upholding a long tradition of raising cattle for a living while taking care of the land and the native wildlife, and they come by it hon-

(Sée RANCHER, Page 5)

#### More images ...



Because The Pampa News received so many photos in its Images Contest as part of Pride '99 there wasn't room to run them all So, we've decided to run them over time in the "regular" paper. All you need to do is look for the More Images tag line to identify photos like this one entered in the Critters category. Karen Jones of Pampa submitted this picture of puppy Sadie and its mother, Sanoma, who relax on the couch after a round of playing.

### Crash kills Pampa woman, 79; leaves another one critical

Staff Writer

A Pampa woman was killed and another remains in critical condition after a north Texas traffic accident over the weekend.

Lois Strong, 79, 105 Worrel, was riding in a car driven by John Pontious, 54, 2134 N. Nelson, after visiting with Strong's granddaughter in Carrollton, said Chief Rex Hoskins of the Decatur Police

The Pampa vehicle was westbound on U.S. Highway 380 on the way home when another vehicle pulled onto an on ramp from a farm-to-market road and pulled in front of the Pontious vehicle, Hoskins said.

Both the driver and the passenger of the other car were airlifted to a regional hospital, the chief said. Strong was airlifted to Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth where she was pro-

Funeral services are pending for Lois Strong and Margie Pontious was in critical condition this morning in a Dallas hospital.

Both John Pontious and his wife Margie, 53, were taken by ambulance to the Decatur Hospital. Margie Pontious was later airlifted to Parkland General Hospital in Dallas, where she remains in critical condition, according to the Hoskins, John Pontious was released from the hospital the next day. Both people in the other car also remain in critical condition today, according to Hoskins.

Funeral services for Lois Strong are still pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral

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#### Services tomorrow

**EVANS**, Velma F. — 10 a.m., Schooler Funeral Home Brentwood Chapel, Amarillo.

HINDS, Norman — 2 p.m., Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Martin Road Chapel, Amarillo.

#### **Obituaries**

#### **VELMA F. EVANS**

AMARILLO - Velma F. Evans, 88, a former Groom resident, died Tuesday, April 6, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Schooler Funeral Home Brentwood Chapel with the Rev. Judd Wilhite, associate senior minister of Paramount Terrace Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Groom Cemetery at Groom.

Mrs. Evans was born at Canton, Okla. She married Ralph L. Evans in 1931 at Geary, Okla.; he died in 1960. She moved to Groom in 1950 from Eagle City, Okla. She and her husband built and operated grain elevators in Groom and the surrounding Texas Panhandle.

She had been an Amarillo resident since 1976. She belonged to Paramount Terrace Christian

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Karstens and Janet Heard, both of Amarillo; a half-sister, Charlene Steves of Albuquerque, N.M.; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite.

#### **NORMAN HINDS**

AMARILLO - Norman Hinds, 60, brother of a Pampa resident, died Wednesday, April 7, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Martin Road Chapel with the Rev. Brummett, of Covenant of Joy Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Hinds was born at Borger. He was raised at Ulysses, Kan., and graduated from high school at Liberal, Kan. He married Jackie Jennings in 1968 at Borger. He was a yard foreman for Lake Steel Company for 26 years.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie; two daughters, Sharon Brumley of Florence, Colo., and Cindy Reeves of Amarillo; a son, Clifton Hinds of Amarillo; his mother, Wilma Hinds of Amarillo; a sister, Loretta Vanderlinden of Pampa; a brother, Gary Hinds of Hugoton, Kan.; and eight grand-

The family will be at 1210 N. Fairfield in Amarillo.

#### **Stocks**

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#### **ROBERT EUGENE IMEL**

GENTRY, Ark. — Robert Eugene Imel, 68, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, April 4, 1999. Graveside services were held Tuesday in Gentry

Cemetery with the Rev. Bill Melton officiating. Burial was under the direction of Wasson Funeral Home of Siloam Springs, Ark.

Mr. Imel was born June 20, 1930, at Liberal, Kan., to F.E. Imel and Laura Barnes Imel. He came to Pampa in 1936 with his family when his father was named president of Citizen Bank and Trust

Company. He attended Pampa schools. He graduated from Oklahoma University in 1952 with a bachelor of arts degree in business. While at university, he was active in ROTC and Acacia fraterni

He was a banker, working at Citizen's Bank and Trust Company as a loan officer. The family bought majority control of the bank in 1962 and it sold in 1976. Imel bought Pampa Glass and Paint. He retired in 1989 and had been a Gentry area resident for the past 10 years, moving from Pampa. He was a 32nd degree Mason and belonged to First Christian Church of Pampa and Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict. He entered military training at Fort Sill, Okla., receiving a lieutenant's commission and an assignment with the 932nd field artillery battalion. He completed two tours of duty and was promoted to captain.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Kathryn Gushing of Fort Smith, Ark.; a son, Courtland Imel of Houston; a brother, Jack Imel of Pampa; and two grandchildren.

#### Police report

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

Wednesday, April 7 Melony Hicks, 18, 931 E. Browning, was arrested on municipal warrants.

Neal M. Shorter Jr., 21 939 E. Brunow, was arrested on charges of furnishing alcohol to a

#### **Ambulance**

Rural/Metro made the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Wednesday, April 7

5:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Duncan and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

#### **Emergency numbers**

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

# State Senate passes \$251 million sales tax relief bill

By PEGGY FIKAC **Associated Press Writer** 

would be \$45 million.

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate passed a bill today that would provide Texans with \$251 million in sales tax relief.

Senators approved the measure by voice vote without objection.

Diapers and over-the-counter children's medicine would no longer be subject to sales tax under moratorium on clothing and shoes in time for backto-school shopping next year.

"This bill would provide \$251 million in tax relief for working families," said Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, who is sponsoring the bill.

The measure goes to the House for consideration. Selected sales tax relief has been a key part of Gov. George W. Bush's proposals for funneling part of a budget surplus back to taxpayers.

Under the Ellis bill: Diapers would be exempt from sales taxes, office said.

costing the state \$56 million in revenue. The current exemption on prescription drugs would be expanded to over-fhe-counter medicines that have Food and Drug Administration approval and are formulated and labeled for children 12-

years-old or younger. The cost of this exemption

— A 14-day sales tax holiday would be created in August on shoes and clothing that cost up to \$200 per item. It would not apply to accessories or to special clothing and footwear, such as golf shoes, that is not normally worn except during an athletic activity. This would cost \$150 million.

On Wednesday, the House Ways and Means Committee approved a \$250 million sales tax relief package that would lift the tax on several items, including school supplies, diapers and children's the bill. There also would be a two-week sales tax over-the-counter medicines. It also includes nineday August sales tax moratorium for clothing and shoes costing \$75 or less.

Ellis' staff has computed the cost of his legislation as revenue lost to the state over the next twoyear budget period. Because the bill would not take effect until Oct. 1, the back-to-school tax moratorium would start in 2000.

The 6.25 percent state sales tax rate — which can be as high as 8.25 percent when local sales taxes are added — is one of the highest in the nation, Ellis'

His staff estimates that the back-to-school tax moratorium could save a family with two schoolage children at least \$20. They estimate the diaper tax break, alone, would save a family with one infant \$6.60 a month, or nearly \$80 a year.

The sales tax relief bill is SB441.

#### Tot hangs onto back of truck for miles SANTA CLARA PUEBLO, N.M. (AP) — A 3- watching over her."

year-old girl who wanted to go for a ride clung to the rear of her father's truck for nearly 12 miles as the vehicle reached speeds of up to 85 mph.

Chelsea Tafoya wasn't hurt in March 30 incident: Her father, Lincoln Tafoya, said Monday he was taking his four other children to Pojoaque Elementary School and didn't know Chelsea had iumped onto the back.

"I know we drove 10 to 12 miles before we were stopped," he said.

Tafoya credited a passing motorist, Connie down his Ford Expedition about 20 miles north of cold."

us," he said. "It's a miracle. God must have been road.

Romero was on her way to work when she spied Chelsea hanging onto the latch handle and windshield wiper, with her feet planted on a ridge above the license plate.

"I was saying, 'Please, God, don't let this kid

fall," she said. She honked and flashed her car's lights, but the truck didn't stop. Romero called state police on a cell phone and sped past Tafoya's vehicle on Route 502 until he finally stopped.

"I was in shock when I saw my daughter come Romero, with saving Chelsea's life after she flagged around," Tafoya said. "She was scared to death and

He said Chelsea told him she'd wanted to go for "I am very, very grateful to the lady who stopped a ride and "was having fun until we hit the main

#### CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

#### **BLOCK**

"We had a couple of sex assemblies this year," began Dreher. "And it only took 10 minutes away from each class to have them."

"I thought we were scheduling sex abstinence assemblies," remarked Orr following the boy's

With 350 student signatures in hand, student Christi Lee was the first high school student to address the Board with a favorable opinion of the

"All I ask for myself and many others is that you maintain the current schedule," said Lee.

PHS Junior Alex Soria agreed. "My motto is if it isn't broken, don't try to fix it,"

she said in conclusion to an impassioned speech that ran well over the allotted time frame. Every once in a while, amidst the wave of popu-

lar opinion for the block schedule, someone would express concerns. Gloria Robbins, former PHS teacher and mother

of a freshman student, raised issue about the current schedule in the form of three basic questions. "Have you checked to see if the same amount of material is being taught in the block as in the seven-period schedule?" she first asked.
"Why is it that band, choir, and athletic activities

are year long while others are not? How can you believe you're doing justice to our children when there can be a year gap between subjects?" Robbins added.

And finally, she asked if "zero-hour classes" are made available to all students, "and then how are teachers compensated for teaching when there are only one or two students?" (Zero hour is a class that begins before school to help students fit in all the courses they want to take.)

The father of two daughters, local businessman Richard Stowers approached the board to say he trusted the opinion of the school's leadership.

"As a parent, I support the recommendations of the teachers and staff ... I do not feel it is right or proper to change the schedule next year."

"We're all together on this — we're just trying to get the best for our kids ... but there's something inherently wrong to have math or science only for a half year," said CPA Bobby Ketchersid.

He also expressed concerns with the "mobility of

our system" for students moving into or from the

block schedule. "If the block system is the system of the future, why are there not more schools in the state of Texas on it?" he added. "I would hope the board would get a committee to answer these questions in an unbiased way."

At the other end of the spectrum was student Stephanie Braddock.

"I find the block system very positive. I have come from a seven-period schedule, a private school, a home school — any kind of school you can imagine, and I feel the block schedule is the best," she said.

"Ninety minutes gives you time to understand a

concept ... and what if we're not getting as much in 18 weeks versus 36 weeks ... wouldn't you rather have your students learn a little less and get it, rather than having the book crammed down their throats in 36 weeks?" Braddock remarked.

"Well it seems it was 100 years ago I graduated from PHS," said Gray County Veterans Services' Iohn Tripplehorn. "That was 1964 ... but between now and then something has changed."

Tripplehorn maintained that colleges have more remedial classes today because students aren't learning what they should in high school.

"If this system gets my daughter ready for college and I don't have to spend a year paying for her to take remedial classes then I'm the winner," he English teacher Mary Sturgeon was one of a

handful of people who approached the board after the formal public citizens comments portion of the meeting with a few more words to add. A self-proclaimed opponent of the block system

when it was being introduced to the district five years ago, Sturgeon said she sees things differently

"I understand the need to do it by the book. I wanted to teach all 12 of those novels, but I've learned less is more. I can teach six novels and teach them more. I don't have to teach 50 poems," said Sturgeon.

"Less can be a lot, lot more," she concluded. The issues surrounding the block schedule brought up at the public meeting will be discussed further by Board members at the district's next Board of Education meeting on Thursday, April 15.

# Texas round up

#### Link between children's health, housing quality; subsidized units'

•DALLAS (AP) — Substandard or inadequate housing has led to disease, malnutrition and other problems for hundreds of thousands of American children, according to a study that researchers say is the first to document on a national basis the connection between habitation and health.

The report, released Wednesday, urges the federal government to significantly increase spending on affordable housing to keep children from contracting asthma and other diseases with environmental links. In Dallas alone, according to the study, more than

5,500 federally subsidized apartments have been lost 40 percent of the total expunged in Texas over the past two years. "Many of the illnesses we see here are directly

related to housing," Dr. Carmen R. Wilson, a pediatrician, told The Dallas Morning News in today's edi-Ms. Wilson has noted cases of asthma and lead poi-

soning in her work at Parkland Memorial Hospital's clinic in East Dallas for five years. Oil companies settle for

\$160 million with royalty owners CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A federal judge has approved the agreement of several oil companies to pay \$164.2 million to settle a lawsuit alleging they shortchanged royalty owners.

Tens of thousands of royalty owners nationwide

will share in the settlement, approved Wednesday by U.S. District Judge Janis Graham Jack.

Companies involved in the settlement include independent oil producers such as Union Pacific Resources and major producers such as Amoco BP, Chevron, USA, Shell, Texaco, Exxon and Mobil.

The judge set aside 25 percent of the award, or about \$40 million, to the attorneys for the royalty

The settlement was the first of eight, totaling \$193.5 million, to be considered this week in Ms. Jack's courtroom. The remaining seven settlement proposals range from \$350,000 to \$11 million.

#### Elsewhere:

ELECTRONIC FILING: A push for mandatory electronic filing of campaign finance reports got a cold response from the head of the House Elections Committee. Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston, said every electronic filing bill she's seen would require thousands of dollars in hardware and expertise. ... CHARTER SCHOOLS: Gov. George W. Bush has reiterated his support for a private school voucher pilot program. He called publicly funded charter schools, which are free of many state regulations, a way to encourage educational innovation. ... TAX REPEAL: The House Ways and Means Committee has approved a proposed repeal of the sales tax on diapers and children's over-the-counter medicines. The panel also has OK'd a nine-day sales tax moratorium each August for school supplies, clothing and shoes.

#### Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

from 25-35 mph with gusts up to 50-60 mph. Tonight, mostly Highs in the mid 70s. cloudy with a low in the mid 40s and winds from 15-25 mph. Tomorrow, partly sunny with a high of 80 and southwest winds breezy. Highs from the mid 70s at 20-30 mph. Yesterday's high mountains to the mid 90s along mountains and northwest, was 68; the overnight low was the river.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Plains/Extreme Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — 50. Friday, mostly sunny, windy west. Highs 81 to 87. and warm. Highs 85-90. Concho

and very warm. Highs near 90. dust. Otherwise partly cloudy. Mountains/Big Guadalupe Bend Area — Tonight, fair. Lows 35-55. Friday, mostly sunny and

advisory today west and central. watch statewide. WEST TEXAS — South Tonight, partly cloudy west and Southern central, mostly cloudy east with Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains areas of fog developing after and north central. Mostly sunny - Tonight, mostly clear. Lows midnight southeast. Lows 51 40 northwest to near 50 south- west to 64 southeast. Friday, east. Friday, mostly sunny and partly cloudy, windy, and warm northwest to 80s far southeast. windy. Highs 80-85. Permian west and central. Mostly cloudy Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near of afternoon thunderstorms much of western and central

SOUTH TEXAS around 50. Friday, partly cloudy night, mostly cloudy. Low in the upper 70s to upper 80s.

60s. High in the 80s to near 90. Far West Texas — Tonight, fair Southeast Texas and Upper and mild. Lows upper 40s to Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly Wind advisory today with a mid 50s. Friday, becoming cloudy. Lows around 70. Friday, high in the upper 70s and winds windy with areas of blowing morning cloudiness, otherwise partly sunny. Highs in the mid and upper 80s inland, near 80 at the coast.

**BORDER STATES** 

NEW MEXICO - Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 20s and 30s upper 30s and 40s east and NORTH TEXAS — Wind south Friday, windy High wind Variable cloudiness north with a few rain or snow showers far northwest elsewhere. Turning cooler northwest with highs mid 40s and 50s

OKLAHOMA — Wind adviand warm east. A slight chance sory in effect through today for Oklahoma. Tonight, mostly clear Hill with diminishing wind. Low in Valley/Edwards Plateau — Country and South Central the middle and upper 40s. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows Texas — Tonight through Friday Friday, partly cloudy. High

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Students at Travis Elementary recently participated in the third grade play "Of Mice and Mozart". (From left) Kelly Turk, Rachel Bartel, Jad McGuire, Joseph Johnson, Julie Crossman, Kayla Kidd.

### Pampa High School to compete in folkloric dance event at SPC

LEVELLAND — Fifteen folkloric dance troupes from area high schools including Pampa will compete in a first-time folkloric dance event Friday as the eighth annual South Plains

Nearly 1,000 students from 34 high schools and junior highs on the South Plains and High Plains will compete in nine events in Spanish and French during the day-long festival celebrating the importance of learning a second language. The festivities are scheduled from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Student Center.

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Folkloric dance troupes from Amarillo Randall and Tascosa, Tulia, Pampa, Brownfield, and Portales, N.M. High Schools and J.T. Hutchinson Jr. High in Lubbock will participate. A command performance featuring the best of the best in Spanish skits and folkloric dancing is scheduled at 3 p.m. in the Sundown Room of the Student Center.

A command performance for French-speaking events is set for 3 p.m. in the snack bar area of the

Student Center. "Folkloric dancing has always been very popular, and we thought it would add excitement and variety to the festival. This is a cultural event, and folkloric dancing is another type of cultural expression," said Irma Bollinger, SPC associate professor of foreign language and contest coordinator.

Additional events include competition in puppets, skits, poetry, prose, extemporaneous speaking, written tests, art, drawings and paintings and folkloric crafts. Art will be displayed in the SPC Fine Arts

Neighborhood Watch works!



The Out Of Towners (PG-13) Frl. & Sat 7:15 & 9:10 Sun, thru Thurs, 7:15 Sat. & Sun. Matinees 2:00 1st Run

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Levelland Junior High, Lubbock others.

Center. Syllabication has been highs, Irons, Alderson, Cavazos, Hutchinson, MacKenzie, O.L. A total of 853 students will Slaton and Smylie Wilson, and compete in Spanish-related high schools in Abernathy, Littlefield, Pampa, Portales, N.M., Post, Randall and Tascosa

Foreign Language Festival gets events, and 85 students in Brownfield, Crosbyton, Denver underway at South Plains French-speaking events. Sixty- City, Dimmitt, Wolfforth, Friona, four teachers will be on hand Grady, Lamesa, Lazbuddie, School represented at the meet in Amarillo, Seagraves, Seminole, include Levelland High School, Slayton, Sunray, Sudan, Tulia and

#### **FPC events**

BORGER — The Frank Phillips College Marketing committee and Plainsmen are hosting the second annual Campus Beautification Day beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 17 with coffee and donuts. Work assignments begin at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided for all those volunteering their time and hard work. Everyone is welcome to come "Dig in the Dirt." For more information, contact the director of PR & Development at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 767.

6:15 a.m. Classes are limited to 30-35 people. 687-2056, ext. 767.

Register at the Front Desk of the BCAC. For more information, contact the Director of the BCAC at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 765.

Pre-Registration for the 1999 summer and fall course offerings begins on Monday, April 19, at 1 p.m., in the Classroom Learning Complex for currently enrolled FPC students in good standing. Pre-Registration will continue April 20, from 8 a.m. - 5; p.m., and April 21, from 8 a.m. - 12 noon

The summer and fall course offerings for on-Frank Phillips College announces free campus and PIN courses are currently available on Kickboxing classes during the month of May in the TPC web site at www.fpc.cc.tx.us/Offerings/ Aerobics Room of the BCAC, Monday and Fridays For more information, contact the Office of at 6 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m., and Thursdays at Admissions & Records at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-

#### Science Fair



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### The Internet is no longer just for techies

■ Electronic communications is becoming easier all the

The Internet is no longer just a place for mostly young male techies and hackers to hang out while pizza boxes and Coke cans pile up around their computers.

Nowadays, it seems everybody's going on-line. Some 74 million Americans are wired into the Internet, according to a new study by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, which obviously means this has become a mainstream

"They are more middlebrow, they are less affluent," Andrew Kohut, executive director of the center, told the Chicago Tribune of the latest image of new Internet users.

The frat house atmosphere is giving way as more women go on-line, as well as older people. It's now common for grandparents to use the Internet to keep in touch with their grandchildren. And last year saw the birth of the popular iMac from Apple, a Macintosh designed just for the Internet and having only two plugs: one for power, one for the phone hookup.

"The cost of a computer is dropping and the cost of an Internet connection is dropping," Jim Balderston, a computer industry analyst at Zona Research in California, said.

"As the Internet becomes more mainstream and less of a techie haven, we're seeing more people who are not part of the intelligentsia and the upper middle classes coming on board. This is a natural progression. It shouldn't be surprising to anyone. This is the way various types of media expand. In the same way telephone, television and other media moved their way through demographics."

Recently Zona reported that 1998 Christmas on-line purchases increased 200 percent over the previous year. Leading the way was the over-50 age group, whose purchases rose more than 500 percent. The average on-line Christmas shopper (of all age groups) spent \$629 last year.

"Getting a computer and getting online is no longer an intimidating proposition," according to Arley Baker, a spokesman for the California-based EarthLink Internet access provider. "Above all, the Internet as a medium has firmly established its value to the end-user — whether you're a student doing research, a senior citizen e-mailing grandchildren, a business executive tracking Wall Street trends or a Christmas shopper who hates malls," he said.

How can the Internet change your life, your decisions and personal choices, your investments, your business? Those are questions for the expanding base of users. And we're still at the beginning of the Internet Age.

—Odessa American

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# Twelve points about family stuff

When I first meet people, which I routinely do, I can count on being asked a few things.

#1. How long have you been in Pampa? #2. Are you married?

#3. What does your husband do?

#4. Do you have kids?

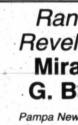
The last question is always followed up with, "Oh, you will." or "You have plenty of

I am unfortunatley then faced with the task of asking myself — in my mind — a few more

#1. When am I going to have children? #2. How many children will I have?

#3 How many of my children will hate my guts and how many will become my best

#4. What will my children look like? mom wants me to have children really bad. to HAVE children, as in the actual birthing She's already made a baby blanket. It's process.



Random-Revelations Miranda G. Bailey

it sure was

Pampa News staff writer

tucked it away in a closet. I'm scared to have children ... in more ways

than one. #1. It's expensive. #2. They turn into hormone driven teenagers

driving cars on our insurance coverage. #3. It's expensive. I think about kids from time to time. My #4. And most importantly I'm literally scared

purpose she was hoping to achieve. So I I have no problem with saying I'm weak.

I cry monkey the first chance I get. Notice a lot of women don't talk about all the pain they went through when showing off their newly born children? But that's the first question I have for them. And when asked, they usually come right out and tell me what I was expecting to hear: It hurts like nothin' else.

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Now that doesn't sound fun to me. Yeah, yeah, after the baby's born you forget the pain you went through ... or so "they" say. But I'm just not sure I'm willing to go through the pain to see if that's a true expression.

Sometimes I watch this show called "A Baby's Story" on The Learning Channel. It shows, actually shows, a different woman in the hospital giving birth everyday.

My mom says I should stop watching that

But as much pain as these ladies go through, I always end up crying at the end adorable. The very sight of it makes me think I don't hear many women confess to that when that little baby finally arrives. I don't about having children. I suppose that was the reason. Perhaps it would make one look weak. know why. Another mystery of womanhood,

#### **Today in history**

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 8, the 98th day of 1999. There are 267 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron of

the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record. On this date:

In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon claimed Florida for Spain.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration was approved by In 1946, the League of Nations

assembled in Geneva for the last time. In 1950, ballet dancer Vaslav Nijinsky died in London.

In 1952, President Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike. In 1970, the Senate rejected

President Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.

În 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France,

### It is morally wrong to attack Yugoslavia

Action against Yugoslavia is legally and morally wrong. Nations, however, frequently commit illegal or immoral actions for some strategic or tactical gain.

The stupefying mystery of the Clinton administration policy in the Balkans is just what does the United States gain? Nothing that I can see. The Russian foreign minister said it well: "It defies common sense." Edmund Burke, the great British states-

man, listed three reasons against the use of force in a speech urging Great Britain to seek reconciliation with its American colonies. One reason is that the effects of violence

are always temporary. Two, if the violence fails, then all chances for reconciliation have been lost. Three, violence often destroys what the

violence was employed to save. We are already seeing these principles at play in the Balkans. Clinton put U.S. troops into Bosnia three years ago (for 18 months, he claimed). Now, NATO officers have said it will be at least another five years before inside the former Soviet Union, in Africa the troops can be withdrawn. And after eight years, will the conflict have been resolved? No. Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

and very likely will take up arms again. And does Clinton think Yugoslav leaders will be easier to deal with after an unwar-

will still have conflicting goals and claims



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

ranted, unjustified attack on their country? If he does, he's a fool. And what will be left of Kosovo to save? And what right does the United States and NATO have to interfere in the internal affairs of Yugoslavia? None.

Turkey won't grant autonomy to its Kurdish citizens, and 30,000 of them have been killed. Is the United States going to bomb Ankara? China, of course, has come as close as anyone to committing genuine genocide in Tibet, but it is a most-favored nation. There are ongoing ethnic conflicts and in Asia. Is the United States going to bomb there?

Clinton's Balkans policy just plain makes no sense whatsoever. It is highly dangerous because it may well write an end to any

hopes of peaceful relations with Russia.

smart, Clinton and his foreign policy crowd are a bunch of blockheads who have blun-

dered into a situation they don't understand. I can cite you one easy example of how juvenile this administration has acted. You can start with Reagan and go all the way back, and I don't think you will find any previous administration that, in a foreign policy situation, threatened specific military actions if its conditions were not met.

It was always customary to warn of "grave consequences" without specifying what those would be. The obvious good sense of that is it gives you wiggle room in reaching a deal and avoids the situation the present adolescent administration has put itself in. By explicitly threatening to bomb, the administration left itself no face-saving out. I could hardly believe it when I heard grown men in Washington say, like some schoolchild, that NATO's prestige and credibility would be damaged if it didn't launch attacks. In other words, now NATO has to bomb for reasons of ego. God help us.

I can easily live with politicians and with administrations with which I have philosophical differences, but the thought of an incompetent administration is scary. Just as it is the stupid criminal who is most likely to nopes of peaceful relations with Russia. kill you, it's the incompetent politician who I can only conclude that, far from being is most likely to blunder his nation into war.

#### RANCHER

Webb put in cross fencing and water developments and uses planned grazing. He reseeded some areas as well.

Webb runs stocker cattle at the rate of one animal unit per 12 acres in a short duration grazing program. That means regular moves and long rest periods throughout the ranch pastures.

When he started operating the Seven Cross in 1986, it was much smaller. He started with 10 grazing paddocks. He had continually developed more water and increased his cross-fencing as he's added to the ranch.

Today he has 52 paddocks. "He's working toward a goal of

100," Miller said

During this time measured vegetative diversity and forage quality has steadily increased. During the drouth of 1997, he was able to take in extra cattle while others were liquidating herds.

"The country still looks great today," Miller said.

Webb said while he believes in stewardship of the land, he is a cattle rancher.

"I'm managing for cattle," Webb said. "I'm not managing for one species. I'm not going for a monoculture. I'm managing for the whole. I think that's what we have to do. God made this earth. It wasn't all prairie chickens. It wasn't all white-tailed deer. It wasn't all black-tailed prairie dogs. It wasn't all cattle. It wasn't all cotton. We need to get back to that balance.'

L.H. is putting the old family spread back together.

"Doing that and raising his children on the land, to me, surely exemplifies what we as wildlife professionals want to recognize and honor," Miller said.

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"His family is very important to L.H. The Webbs are truly demonstrating an enviable trait. That is being able to recognize and appreciate native wildlife as a byproduct of proper range management. It can lead to healthier land and, hopefully, profitable livestock operation."

Webb uses a conservative harvest strategy to promote quality in white-tailed deer and mule deer on the ranch, Miller said. Bob white quail are harvested

"His pond serves as a recreational fishery, a place to relax said.

Pond construction and retention of native brush and tree species has improved habitat for game animals and birds as well as reptiles, amphibians, small mammals, wading birds and migratory water fowl, Miller said.

"The habitat is the landscape," Miller said. "It's the over all picture. He's doing it on privately owned and held lands that he's raising a family on and paying taxes on.

A cottonwood riparian area has been enhanced for all species, Miller said, with a fencing project using cost-sharing incentives provided by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation as part of the Parks and Wildlife private land initia-

Permanent water and high quality wetland environment now exists in this riparian zone due to Webb's site specific management efforts.

#### **Trooper** accused of stealing dead man's money

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A state trooper accused of taking cash and credit cards from a man killed in a traffic accident has been fired and charged with theft.

Michael A. Grimes, 31, who joined the state police in December 1997, was charged Wednesday with stealing from Eddie Jackson, 39, of Branson, Mo. He was freed on \$5,000 bond after pleading innocent.

Grimes could get 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if con-

Jackson was killed March 13 in an accident on Interstate 40. An arrest report said his wallet was given to Grimes by an ambulance company employee.

The ambulance worker told investigators he saw at least \$500 in the wallet, the report said.

Grimes at first told investigators he never received the wallet, but later admitted he took \$1,100 from it and spent it, and cut up credit cards and telephone calling cards, the report said.

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"Nobody held a gun on him to techniques that work for him," do this," Miller said. "He did it Miller said. because he cares, because he's a

land steward." His management of the riparian areas and flash grazing strategy has led to steady increase of

eastern grama grass during the past five years. His grazing practices include maintaining habitat for grassland

"Through his contact with other panhandle ranchers by Association and National

Webb is a long-time cooperator Water Conservation District where he is board chairman.

"Mr. Webb has willingly cooperated with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's wildlife division," Miller said, "and we are very thankful of this continuous cooperation."

He is cooperating to make his lands available for monitoring membership in Texas and work in surveys for such animals Southwestern Cattle Raisers as lesser prairie chickens and

faith to cooperate with us. We appreciate that."

Webb cooperated with the with the Gray County Soil and TP&WD to establish a woody planting demonstration at his own expense through the department's private land initiative, Miller said. Webb's hosted 4-H activities at his ranch, including installation of wood duck nest boxes in his wetlands. He is also involved with a local Boy Scout troop.

"Probably the thing L.H. takes greatest pride in," Miller said, "is leading worship and teaching youth in the Methodist Church at

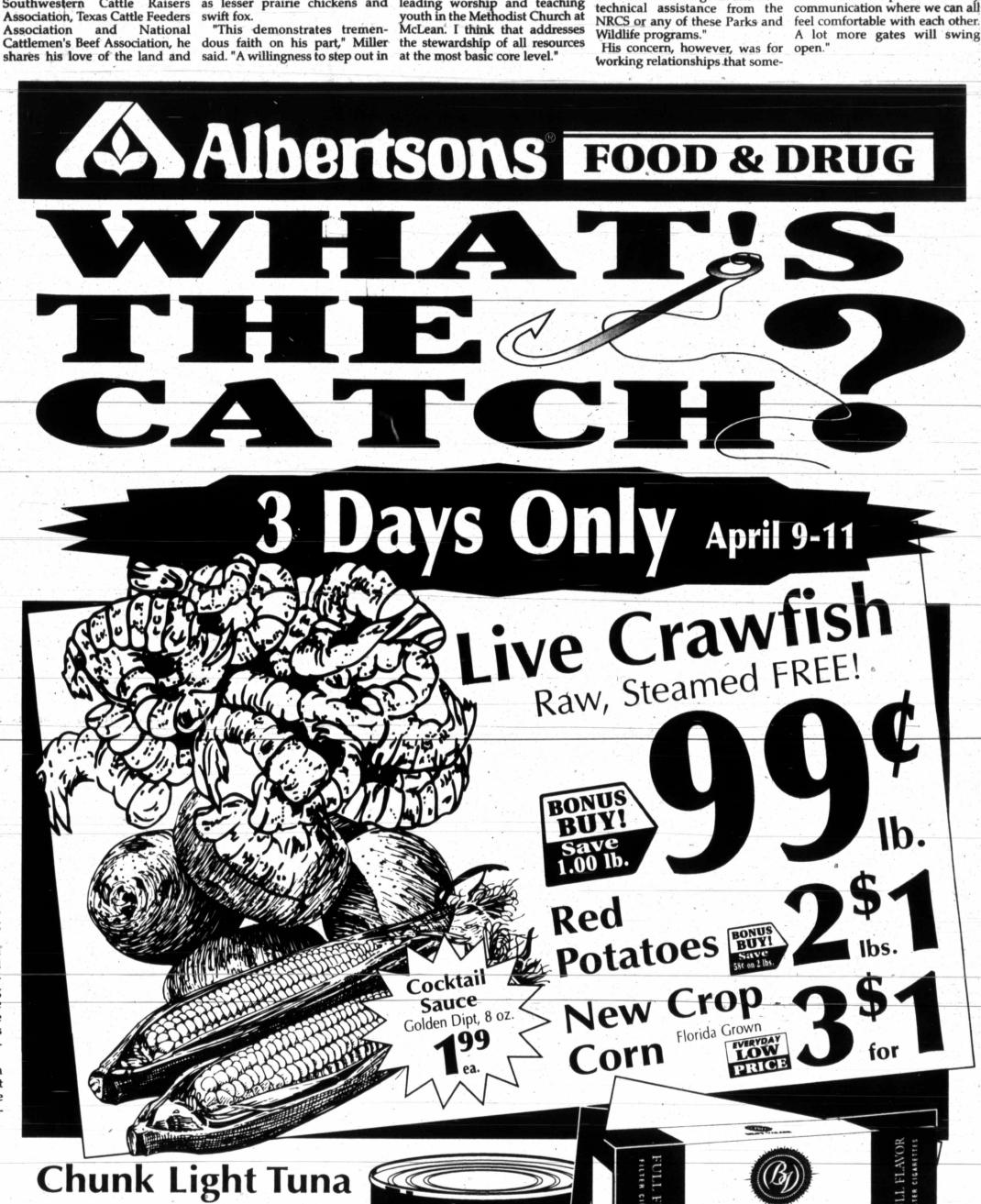
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the Great Plains program. ceremony not to me.

"I've gotten a lot of cost share er afraid of them. money in the past," he said. "I'm not a bit afraid to go in and seek said. "Let's keep the two-way

Webb said he's worked with the times seemed strained. He asked Parks and Wildlife people and in the government officials at the ceremony not to make the ranch-

"Let's keep the doors open," he feel comfortable with each other. A lot more gates will swing



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Wendy Myers (left) of the Sewing Nook in Amarillo demonstrates a Bernina computerized sewing machine for Gray County 4-Hers (front row, from left) Alexandra Long, Maggie Ayers, Lindsey Price, Emily Elliott, (back row, from left) Sarah Schwab, Kaylee Shank, Ashley Price and Lori Stephens. The students participated in the recent field trip as part of their involvement in the 4-H clothing project. They also visited with a buyer at JCPenney and

attended a modeling workshop at Diane Dick's International Talent and Modeling Agency. The 4-Hers will participate in the Gray County Fashion Show to be held Saturday, April 17 at the Gray County Annex. Entries in clothing construction, fashion buying, and fabric and fashion design all will be judged at that time. Winners at the county level will then participate in the District Fashion Show at Borger in May.

#### 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.

MY KID'S GROWING UP

"Get Ready, Get Set, Go! - My Kid's Growing Up!" will help parents of children with special needs to understand arrangements and decisions that need to be made before their child reaches 18, such as SSI and PASS, transition planning and guardianship. The program will be on Thursday, Apr. 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Red River Room of Region XVI Education Service Center, 1601 South Cleveland in Amarillo. There will be no charge. Respite stipends will be avail-

able for parents of children with disabilities. The meeting is co-sponsored by Uniting Parents of Amarillo and PATH Project. For information call Uniting Parents 806-354-4573.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

We will not meet this month at out normally scheduled time and place. Instead, PAMI will attend a presentation in Amarillo by psychiatrist Dr. Elizabeth Baxter on "Recovery From Mental Illness - A Three-Way Perspective." Dr. Baxter is a practicing psychiatrist, has a mental illness and is on medication.

Dr. Baxter will be speaking at the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center exhibit hall, 1314 South Polka St. in Amarillo from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Apr. 8. The public is invited. There is no charge to attend.

For more information or if you need a ride, please call Sharon King at 665-2818 or Rachel Hill at 835-2233.

**DANCE CLASSES** 

Country and Western dance classes will be held at the Canadian YMCA, 903 Cheyenne, Canadian, Texas, on Saturday Apr. 10, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the YMCA gym. Wanda and Joe Archer are nstructors, cost is \$5 per person. These are available to teenagers as well as adults - married or single. The main dances offered are the Two Step, the Waltz, the Shottish and the Cotton Eyed Joe. There will be variations taught with other dances. For more information call Glenda at 806-323-9717 or leave message.

CANADIAN SINGLES

Canadian Area Singles will have a dance on Apr. 10 at the Canadian YMCA, covered dish dinner at 7 p.m. Dancing will be from 8 - 11 p.m. featuring Michael Porter, one man band. Cost is \$5 per person, singles only.

#### Clarendon College discovers displays unique spotlight

CLARENDON — During the recent renovation of Clarendon College Harned Sisters Auditorium lighting system, CC made a golden discovery.

The college discovered it has a very unique spotlight. The unit, built between 1959-61, is one of only 200 production models ever

According to Synergy Systems, the lighting consultants for the renovation project, approximately 150 of these units were for one order — the Coney Island Amusement Park on Long Island, N.Y., while the other 50 were shipped across the country including one

The spotlight was originally manufactured in New York City, Synergy Systems explained, by The Kliegl Brothers Universal Electric Stage Lighting Co., Inc., a name synonymous with excellence in theatrical stage lighting from Broadway to Hollywood sound stages.

Since the original lamp, a 3,000-watt incandescent, has long since been out of production, the spotlight can no longer be utilized as

The Golden Spotlight is now permanently located in the lobby of Harned Sisters Auditorium. It now stands as a tribute to the original spirit of the Harned Sisters who loved, supported and nurtured the Fine Arts at CC.



Style Show and Brunch will Show. begin at 10:30 a.m. April 17 at For tickets, call (806) 256-3887. Pampa Country Club. Twelve Money raised will be used in the area businesses will be partici- promotion of beef as a healthy pating in the event. Brunch will and nutritional food.

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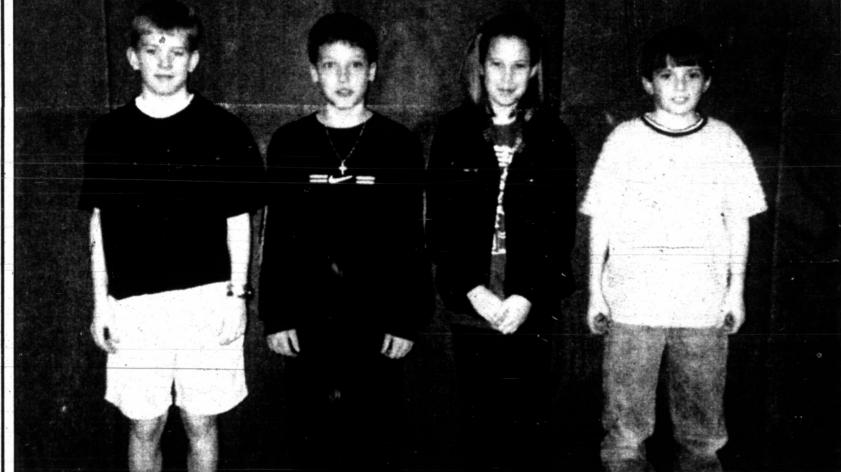


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#### Science Fair





Austin Elementary recently had its Science Fair, in the Physics-Heat category Jeremy Rice placed third, (top photo) Ragan Meeks placed third, Diana Cabrales placed first, and Shalea Ausbrooks placed second. (Bottom, from left) Also participating in the event were: Brody Smith placed first; Dak Fallon placed second; Britany Nelson placed first and she went to Regional where she placed third; Brian McIntosh placed third.

### Fugitive former governor says he gave police the slip

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A fugitive former governor fleeing arrest warrants on drug and organized-crime charges acknowledged in a taped interview that he slipped away from intense police surveillance.

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Former Gov. Mario Villanueva disappeared March 27, eight days before he left office - losing immunity from prosecution and 10 days before warrants were issued for his arrest.

In a videotape dated March 31 and aired Wednesday by the television network Televisa, Villanueva said he had been subjected to harassment by police in three cities on March 27 until he gave officers the slip after leaving an airport in Merida, the capital of Yucatan state. He did not reveal

his whereabouts. He appealed to President Ernesto Zedillo and Attorney General Jorge Madrazo to halt what he described as "violations of the law" in the investigation against him.

Villanueva said prosecutors had "fabricated evidence, paid for testimony from some witnesses and pressured others" to build a case against him.

"Mr. President, I respectfully intervention,' solicit your Villanueva said.

The charges announced Tuesday against Villanueva and five alleged accomplices marked the second time a former governor has been charged in a criminal case.

Western Jalisco state's former Gov. Flavio Romero de Velasco was arrested on money-laundering charges in 1998, but they were later dismissed because of a lack of evidence.

Prosecutors denied they had delayed the criminal case in order to avoid charging and impeaching a sitting governor, which has never been done.

The charges against Villanueva cap a long-running scandal in the Caribbean coast state of Quintana Roo, which U.S. and Mexican officials say has become a prime relay point for Colombian cocaine

entering the United States.

protecting drug traffickers, on many occasions with the complic- Yucatan. ity of local authorities," according to the statement.

The five other suspects were not but it noted that "other evi- contacts.

The warrants were part of an prosecutors said they were lookinvestigation of federal police ing for them in Mexico City, and "other police agencies" to "who dedicated themselves to Quintana Roo and the neighbor- help in the search for Villanueva, ing states of Campeche and indicating they believe he may

named in the press statement, but dence" existed against him.

Prosecutors have asked Interpol have fled the country. Media The statement said 15 witness- reports have suggested he may be es have implicated Villanueva, in Panama, where he has business

### Link between children's health, housing quality, according to study

DALLAS (AP) — Substandard or inadequate housing has led to disease, malnutrition and other problems for hundreds of thousands of American children, according to a study that researchers say is the first to document on a national basis the connection between habitation and health.

The report, released Wednesday, urges the federal government to significantly increase spending on affordable housing to keep children from contracting asthma and other diseases with environmental

In Dallas alone, according to the study, more than 5,500 federally subsidized apartments have been lost — 40 percent of the total expunged in Texas over the past two years.

'Many of the illnesses we see here are directly related to housing," Dr. Carmen R. Wilson, a pediatrician, told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

Ms. Wilson has noted cases of asthma and lead poisoning in her work at Parkland Memorial Hospital's clinic in East Dallas for five

The study by two doctors and a housing expert documents the connection between medical and housing problems with recent nationwide statistics, articles from medical journals and dozens of medical

Dr. Megan Sandel and Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, pediatric specialists at Boston Medical Center and Children's Hospital, and Randy Shaw, an executive director and chief attorney for a San Francisco housing clin-

ic that has helped poor families for two decades, authored the study. "I see this as preventative medicine," Ms. Wilson said. "If we take care of our children by providing them with good housing, we will

have much less illness and fewer problems at school."

"If we don't, these children will end up at emergency centers and in hospitals. And many will simply drop out of school," she said.

Many childhood diseases, injuries and other physical problems result from inadequate housing, according to the study. Asthma is more likely to victimize poor children, the report found, because they often live with cockroaches, dust mites, mold, rats, inadequate heat and crowding that can trigger respiratory system attacks.

Also, many poor families cannot pay for treatment because rent payments often consume more than half of their income, according to the study

The study entitled, "There's No Place Like Home: How America's Housing Crisis Threatens Our Children," contends that problems have increased in recent years by a sharp decline in affordable hous-

To address the shortage of affordable housing, the federal government last year appropriated money for 90,000 vouchers that allow poor families to rent private apartments. The Clinton administration has proposed funding an additional 100,000 vouchers in 2000. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development also

launched a \$7 million educational campaign last year to alert families to potential dangers in their homes.

At HUD, we have taken action to ensure that at home, a child is safe," HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo said Wednesday.

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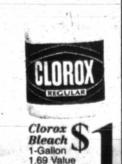
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### Wife Ready to Blow Her Fuse **Over Utility's Sick-Leave Policy**

DEAR ABBY: I am very frustrated and need your help. Please do not use my name, city or state. It could get my husband fired.

"Al" works for one of the largest electrical utilities in the country. He's a lineman and puts his life on the line every day. Al works hard, gets along well with co-workers and supervisors, and responds promptly every time he's called for an emergency. He has worked many holidays and missed a number of family celebrations

So what's the problem? Al is verbally chastised and receives low evaluation scores because he uses his sick days when he's ill. With young children, we have the usual colds, flus and viruses. He got the flu twice last winter, and I thought the company was going to fire him. The supervisor demanded that Al get a doctor's note for the days he

Abby, the unspoken rule is do not use sick days. His company touts safety and rewards employees for safety records but demands that they work even when sick. How safe can it be for a man shaking with chills and fever to be perched on a utility pole, 40 feet in the air?

The company hasn't singled Al out. - they treat all employees this way. In my opinion, forcing employees to work while sick is not in the best interests of the employees or the company. I cannot imagine why the company clings to this warped way of thinking.

How should we handle this with-

Horoscope

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Tonight: Kick up your heels!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

night: A weekend escape

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

must appearance.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average;

dealing with those at work. Pat yourself on

the back, you know when to spend and

when not to. A gift for a loved one builds

good will. Listen carefully to another; shar-

\*\*\* Be imaginative and direct when VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

ing feelings is his way of relating. Make How can you refuse a special invitation? Be

will get to do something you really want to derstand what others really want for you.

do. Pack your day with at least one happy Pace yourself to get everything done. Be

event. Take a break from responsibilities. careful about allowing too many distrac-

Let more joy shine in your life. Your smile tions into your life. An associate seems

naturally wins you friends. Tonight: A more than happy to give you the kind of

through a business decision. You see the ins \*\* Think before you leap into action.

overly sensitive; if you're feeling hurt, take ativity surges. A friendship becomes very

an overview. Another does not mean for important to you. You can trust another.

\*\*\*\* Take time to walk a partner SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★ You wake up knowing that you ★★★★ Build stronger foundations. Un-

getherness

**Abigail** Van Buren

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out jeopardizing Al's job? LINEMAN'S WORRIED WIFE

**DEAR WORRIED WIFE: Your** husband has the right to use his sick days as long as the need is legitimate. If the company is strict about bringing a doctor's excuse after each illness, Al

ersonally. Unless Al is being singled out and treated differently than his peers, or the company is violating an established policy, there is nothing to be done except consider finding a job with a different company, or another

must accept it and not take it

line of work.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to the letter from the gay man who finally came out after many years of marriage and several

Abby, I can relate to the man's wife. A few years ago, my husband came out at the age of 45, when our daughter was 9 years old. It was

could be developing into more. Examine

long-term goals; be willing to break pat-

★★★★ Plug into work. Allow others to

pinch hit when you need help. Others

appreciate your confidence in them and will

do an excellent job. A boss or someone you

put on a pedestal approves of you profes-

sionally, and possibly beyond. Build better

relationships through greater trust. To-

\*\*\*\* Allow your imagination to

You resolve problems quickly if you work

as a team. Catch up on correspondence.

approval you want. Tonight: Go for to-

Tonight: Play computer games.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

emerge. Let others offer more feedback.

terns. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

night: With the gang.

Go for the unusual.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

very traumatic, but I discovered a support group for us, the spouses.

Amity Pierce Buxton, Ph.D., wrote a book I found very helpful. It's titled "The Other Side of the Closet: The Coming-Out Crisis for Straight Spouses and Families." She also coordinates support groups, and counsels spouses and ex-spouses of bisexual, gay and lesbian mates.

There is also an online support network: Straight Spouse Network at www.ssnetwk.org. It, too, is a lifesaver your readers should know

SAN FRANCISCO SPOUSE

**DEAR SPOUSE: Thank you** for the information. I'm sure it will be of interest to the estimated 2 million straight spouses of bisexuals, gays and lesbians. Originally published in 1991, the book has now been expanded and revised.

Readers, if the book isn't available in your bookstore or the library, you can call the publisher, John Wiley & Sons Inc., at (800) 225-5945, for information on how to order a copy.

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flexibility. You could easily be distracted by others. Keep objectives in mind. Tonight: Talk about work with a friend. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

cially and creatively. Let a loved one know more about what works for you. Imagination peaks because of another's approach. Be willing to hash through ideas and concepts. Allow more caring into your life. Tonight: Treat another.

relationship or domestic matter. This person is coming from a loving space and can only help you. Listen to feedback from others on a money matter. You don't need to make a decision just yet. Be an informaplans to socialize with a co-worker later on willing to try a new set of plans. Tonight: tion gatherer. Tonight: You are the star. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\* \* You are full of information and chatter. Be willing to express your idea Don't let another inhibit you unnecessarily. You need to be more secure. Make that special phone call, reach out for another. lunch meeting proves most positive. Be open to a little fun mixed with work. Tonight: Make it early.

**BORN TODAY** 

and outs of work differently than he does. Communication is active and takes you on tress Keshia Knight Pulliam (1979), actor yet you require his support. You could be a different route than you anticipated. Cre-Dennis Quaid (1954)

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\*\*\*\* You're inspired, both finan-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* Accept another's counsel about a

Playboy founder Hugh Hefner (1926), ac-

\*\*\* Tinances absorb all of your attenover plans keeps interrupting work. Be tion. You might not be ready to discuss. Rotary or touch-tone phones. Must be 18 gracious with friends; understand how they problems on the necessary level. Discus-

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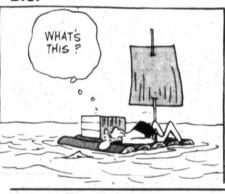


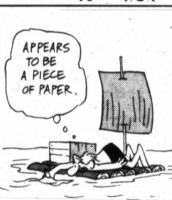


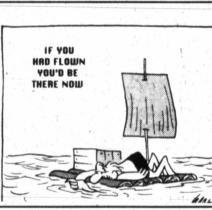












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**FOOTBALL** 

PAMPA — A Harvester football players' parent meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday night in the Ready Room at the PHS football fieldhouse.

The 1999 freshmen parents are urged to attend.

Plans will be made for the future of Harvester football.

#### **BASEBALL-SOFTBALL**

PAMPA — Pampa Kids-Youth Club is still accepting registration forms for its baseball and softball programs. Youngsters can register from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the MPAC center, located between the high school foot-ball and baseball fields.

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

Co-ed softball for ages 13-15 and 16-18 will also be offered. Players will be able to organize their own teams.

Club officials Sonny or Tinde Haskins can be contacted at 669-7762 or 669-6732 if more information is needed.

#### **GYMNASTICS**

**DUMAS**—Stormi Lancaster of Gymnastics of Pampa participated in the Dumas Tumbling and Trampoline Invitational last month.

Stormi, 8 years old, placed third in Level 5 tumbling and fourth in Level 4 trampoline.

Stormi's name was omitted in a Pampa News article on the meet.

#### TRACK

PAMPA — More results from the 7th grade division at the Pampa Middle School Girls' Track Meet are as follows:

100: Nicki Green, first place, 13.98; Tatum Brown, third place, 14.43; Brianna Hartman, fifth place, 14.71.

400: Nerissa Perry, first place, 1:08.8; Denise Solis, third place, 1:12.28; Tia Jones, fourth place, 1:13.35.

800 relay: Pampa, first blace (Robin Reidle, N. place Green, Katlin Passini and Perry), 2:00.75.

300 hurdles: Tatum Brown, third place, 58.04.

200: Nicki Green, second place, 29.94; Tia Jones, third place, 31.17; Katlin Passini, fifth place, 31.67.

1600: Tara Jordan, first place, 6:16.35; Abbi Covalt, second place, 6:19.01; Kori Dunn, fifth place, 6:47.09.

1600 relay: Pampa, first place (Covalt, Johnson, Dunn and Jordan), 4:45.91.

#### **GOLF**

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WELLINGTON — White Deer is in fourth place after the first round of the District 6-2A boys' golf tournament. The Bucks shot a first-round

Quanah leads the six-team field with a 356.

Jon Kinsey shot a 101 to lead the Bucks, followed by Justin Freeman at 105.

#### **BASKETBALL**

-ARTESIA, N.M. (AP) — Artesia High School coach Jennings, Bubba brought basketball success to a football town, is leaving to take the head coaching job at Lubbock Coronado High.

The Lubbock School Board was expected to approve the hiring of Jennings on Thursday.

Jennings, a prolific scorer at Clovis High School in the late 70s and then an All-Southwest Conference guard at Texas Tech in the '80s, led Artesia to state championships in 1995 and 1997. Those are the only two state basketball titles for the school that virtually every year has one of the state's strongest

football programs. It's a career move for me and my family," Jennings said Wednesday.

#### **Track champs**



The Pampa girls' track team displays the awards they received after winning the Dumas Demonette Relays. Team members are front row (from left) Robin Williams, Chelsea McCullough, Joy Young, Kristen Stowers, Levonne Evans, Lacrese Ford, Chasity Nachtigall, Angela Phillips and Marci Hansen; (second row, from left) Tandi Morton, Jenny Fatheree, Diana Solis, Lindsey Narron, Gema Venegas, Amanda White, Ashleigh Patton, Randa Morris, Crystal Sheppard, Rebecca Fatheree, Shelly Sims and Sarah Durrett. The Lady Harvesters compete in the Amarillo Relays on Friday and Saturday.

### Pampa, Dumas share district softball lead

Harvesters dropped a 6-0 deci- stranded. Dumas was retired in back into the field. sion to Dumas Tuesday in order in the third on two strike-District 3-4A fastpitch softball

Pampa appeared ready to go on the offensive in the top of the the inning. first, when, with two outs, Lisa However, they were stranded infield. The next two batters inning. when Pampa's fifth batter of the inning was called out on strikes.

Pampa would be unable to get another baserunner until the top of the sixth. With two outs, Stephanie Cameron singled, but was left on base when Dwight popped out to first to end the inning.

Dumas was held scoreless until the bottom of the fourth.

outs by Kimberly Clark and Cali bottom of the fifth on a single, Covalt's running catch of a ball two base on balls and two hit to shallow right field to end errors. With the bases loaded trict lead with Pampa.

as the Lady Harvesters were bring the score to 6-0. Runners for the mound win. unable to get a called force out on first and second also tagged at second or at third. Dumas and advanced on the play. The before the side was retired on a field and Kirkpatrick threw to 4-3 ground out for the second Dwight at the plate to get the out of the inning and a strikeout final out on the runner attemptof a Dumas batter for the final ing to score from third. out. Dumas led 2-0 going into

Pampa's offensive woes con-

DUMAS — The Pampa Lady and second innings only to be out sent the Lady Harvesters the game.

and Dumas leading 5-0, plated two runs on no hits next batter filed out to center-

Dumas was retired in order in the sixth, but held a 6-0 lead had a runner reach in the first ground out and another strike- for Pampa in the seventh ended crowned.

Pampa dropped to 8-2 in dis-Dumas scored four runs in the trict and 10-3 for the season. With the win, Dumas improved to 8-2 and now shares the dis-

Kimberly Clark held Dumas In the fourth, with one out, a Kirkpatrick made a diving catch to just two hits, while issuing The runner on third also surrendered two hits, would reach on fielder's choices tagged and scored on the play to walked one and struck out 10

Randall Saturday at 1 p.m. at prisingly positive. Optimist Park. Randall currently holds down second place in the district standings.

has been recognized as a a UILsanctioned sport.

The top three teams in each disgoing into the seventh. A 4-3 trict advance into the playoffs Going into the fourth, Dumas tinued as a strikeout, a 1-3 ground out and two strikeouts where a state champion will be

to try to finish the day in

timely fashion. They found

a course with the usual slick

greens and funny bounces.

but also two new tee boxes

as well as some strategically

placed pine trees.

# **Optimist** signups are heavy

PAMPA — Heavy registration continued Wednesday in the Optimist baseball and softball registration as 175 additional players signed up, making a two-day total of 477.

Sign-ups and tryouts continue today from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Optimist Park. People unable to come in person may register by phone at 665-

"We already have more players than we did last year," said Optimist President James Davis. "We are very pleased to have 50 players from Lefors and Miami. We know that they had options of playing in other leagues, but our club is glad that they chose to play with our program."

Girls softball has registered 142 players presenting a problem requiring additional managers and coaches, according to Sheri Tice, the softball commissioner. A meeting of parents will be held next week to try to resolve the situation. "We are glad to have the girls who want to play," Tice said. "We just have to get more adults to help."

Registration continues heavy in the 5-6 year old Bambino Beginner League with 72 and in the 7-8 year old Bambino Rookie League with 80. The Minor Bambino 9-10 year old League has the most players with 81.

"I can hardly wait for practice to start on Monday," said Eric Willingham, a 12 year old. "I am ready to play!" The first games are scheduled for

the week of April 26. Pampa head coach Dennis Doughty and his staff will conduct a coaches clinic at 2 p.m. Sunday at Optimist Park.

#### Texas downs Detroit, 10-7

Dwight singled and Lisa Dumas batter reached on an of a ball hit to shallow right-cen- three walks and striking out ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - When Kirkpatrick drew a walk. error of a ball popped up on the terfield for the first out of the seven. Dumas' meghan King Texas manager Johnny Oates heard that the Rangers had signed a 39 year-old journeyman during the winter meetings to bolster the team's The Lady Harvesters host pitching staff, his reaction was sur-

"I said that Mike Morgan might be our biggest signing of the offseason," Oates said Wednesday night after This is the first year softball Morgan made baseball history in Texas' 10-7 victory over Detroit.

Just two days after becoming the first player to appear on 11 teams, Morgan became the first player to win a game for 10 major league teams.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Morgan, who made his debut for Oakland in 1978 just one week after he graduated high school. "If I could pitch 20 more years and play with the other 19 teams, I would.'

Morgan went 2 2-3 innings, allowing one hit and striking out one. With the Rangers ahead 8-4 after seven, Morgan took himself out to rest a strained right hamstring.

### Masters tourney gets off to its traditional start

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — A ceremonial drive from 97-year-old Gene Sarazen landed in Augusta National's new rough as the 63rd Masters got off to its traditional start today.

The 1935 Masters winner, smartly decked out in knickers, ioined former champions Sam Snead and Byron Nelson on the first tee of a course that underwent more changes than ever in hole. an effort to harness golf's growing legion of long hitters.

All three of the ceremonial starters found the new rough, which was grown three-quarters of an inch deeper than previous years as part of changes that also included lengthening two holes and adding some pine trees to encourage greater accuracy.

Sarazen was first, pulling his drive into the left rough at the bottom of the hill off the first tee. The 87-year-old Nelson, a twotime winner, then topped his drive about 40 yards into the rough.

Snead, the 86-year-old threetime winner, got off the best drive, but still caught the right

'The tournament has begun," Masters chairman Hootie Johnson announced.



Masters officials reluctantly back 25 yards. made their biggest course changes ever this year, fearful that shaved, undulating greens and tight fairways were no longer enough to help a course gave him a chance to win last measuring under 7,000 yards fight off the assault on par.

Bobby Jones would turn over in his grave," Gary Player said of the changes made to the 17th The course still looks much the

same, except for the new light layer of rough that lines the expansive fairways. Things might actually have

improved for the big hitters by alterations that included toughening a pair of par-5s and making the Eisenhower tree on No. 17 a potential nightmare for the shorter hitters.

"All the changes, I think, are beneficial to the long hitters," Tiger Woods said. "There's no doubt about it."

While the big hitters can still blow it over the pine tree looming on the left side of the 17th fairway, guys like defending champion Mark O'Meara will have to try to cut the ball around

It's the kind of change that would make it awfully difficult for O'Meara to hit the driver and 9-iron to 7 feet for a birdie that

"I can't hit it over the tree now," O'Meara said. "It's the kind of change that favors the long hitters."

Woods, whose runaway win two years ago sparked the "Tiger-proofing" changes, was again a crowd favorite as he teed off in search of a second green jacket to add to the one he won by 12 shots in 1997.

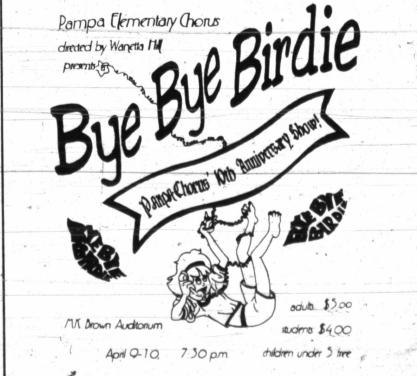
The oddsmakers favor Duval, though, who is plenty long himself off the tee and is riding a hot streak like golf hasn't seen since Johnny Miller was in his prime in the 1970s.

"I feel like I'm capable of winning out here," said Duval, who finished second last year when O'Meara sank a 20-foot birdie putt on the final hole to win his first major.

An elite field of 96 — bigger than usual because of changes in the selection process - played







### Heat escapes with 93-87 triumph over Mavericks

be embarrassed by the jump shooting

span of a week were bad enough for the basket to launch high-arching Miami. Now the Heat stood poised to jumpers. And with the same consistency, Bradley was hitting them.

"That's not what we expected,"

MIAMI (AP) — Losses to Miami's tenacious defense would later, shaking his head at the thought. Philadelphia and New Jersey in the force Dallas' 7-foot-6 center away from "I was being cursed out by Riles (coach Pat Riley)."

Eventually, though, the Heat managed to put the clamps on the Mavericks to escape with a 93-87 tri- Jersey which helped knock the Heat Time after time Wednesday night, Heat center Alonzo Mourning said umph, their third straight win as they out of the top spot.

top Eastern Conference playoff berth.

Miami's current streak comes on the heels of a four-game skid, including losses to Philadelphia and New



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### Cubs roll past Astros, 8-2

Sosa is still looking for his first his first hit of the season count, home run of the season, though he's not quibbling as long as his Chicago Cubs teammates keep hitting.

Sosa got his first hit and RBI of the season and Glenallen Hill hit a two-run homer and drove in four runs, as the Cubs beat the Houston Astros 9-2 Wednesday

night. Sosa is 1-for-7 in two games with four strikeouts and three offense is giving. walks. Hill also had a two-run with the bases loaded.

"This was a fun game, we beat a very good team on the road, we had good pitching, good offense and good hitting," Sosa said. "We keep playing like this, we'll

out three times in Tuesday We hit the ball real hard.

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HOUSTON (AP) - Sammy night's season opener. He made getting an RBI double to deep left field in the third inning to tie the score at 1. Hill followed with a two-run single for a 3-1 Chicago lead.

The Cubs out-hit the Astros 12-5 and got steady pitching from Kevin Tapani (1-0) who allowed four hits and struck out four in six innings.

Sosa likes the support the

"It was good to get the first hit single and Mickey Morandini and we got the game," Sosa said had three RBIs with a two-run "Right now, we are doing the job triple and he was hit by a pitch and if I don't do the job, someone else will."

Sosa went 1-for-3 with three; walks. He struck out against Doug Henry in the eighth inning before Hill hit his first homer.

"I need somebody behind me to protect me," Sosa said of Hill. Sosa went 0-for-4 and struck "Right now he's doing the job.

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### Gay rights group attacks governor's stance on hate crimes, gay adoptions

gay church has accused Gov. George W. Bush of pandering to religious conservatives with his stance on a proposed hate-crimes bill and on homosexuals' adoptions.

"He wants the world to believe that he is a com-

passionate conservative. We want the world to know that his compassion does not extend to all the citizens of Texas," the Rev. Michael Piazza, senior pastor of Cathedral of Hope, said Wednesday night. Piazza spoke at a rally that drew about 400 people

to his church.

Some state lawmakers say Bush has asked them not to pass a hate-crimes bill that gives special protection based on sexual orientation. The governor

has openly denounced gay adoptions. "He is ostensibly saying it's OK with him when hate crimes are committed against lesbian and gay people," Piazza said.

Bush declined to comment, but a spokeswoman, Karen Hughes, said his views on both issues have remained consistent. She said he has said he wants children placed with married men and women and

DALLAS (AP) - The pastor of the world's largest that he opposes special rights based upon sexual orientation.

Piazza conceded that the attacks by gay leaders could backfire by driving more conservatives into Bush's arms. But, he said, the group is trying to educate moderates who could decide the 2000 presi-

"If this sort of stand only gets him attention among the right wing, then he gets away with it," Piazza said. "It needs to cost him on the other side."

Ms. Hughes said such political calculations are not driving the governor, whose initial fund-raising effort for an exploratory presidential campaign now exceeds \$7 million.

The people of Texas know that Governor Bush bases his decisions on principles, and they will remain the same whether he's in East Texas or West Texas ... or Iowa or New Hampshire," she said.

Last summer, gay leaders lauded Bush after Texas GOP leaders excluded Log Cabin Republicans, a political group, from the state party convention in Fort Worth. Bush called for a stop to name-calling and infighting regarding the issue.

### Report: Atheist Madalyn O'Hair may have been dismembered

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — and heat-sensitive equipment. Federal investigators say atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair and her two adult children may have been dismembered and placed in 55-gallon metal drums after being murdered in late 1995, according to the San Antonio Express-News' copyright story today.

The newspaper quoted informed sources, who said agents believe the three may have been killed in San Antonio and then taken 120 miles west to a hidden burial site on a 5,000acre ranch near the tiny Real County town of Camp Wood.

ranch last weekend apparently turned up nothing, despite the work of three dozen FBI and

The ranch owner is under no suspicion, but the Express-News quoted sources who say investi-

gators are focusing on an Austin man who leased the property at

FBI spokesman Darren · Holmes in San Antonio would not comment on what authorities think happened to the O'Hairs or any federal interest in the leaseholder. He also declined to talk about the weekend effort in Camp Wood.

Murray and daughter Robin Murray O'Hair disappeared A three-day search of the along with \$500,000 in gold coins after spending a month in San Antonio.

Mrs. O'Hair gained fame in IRS agents using metal detec- the 1960s when she helped wage sive criminal records, including tors, dogs, a borrowed backhoe a Supreme Court fight that violent crimes.

removed the Bible and prayer from public schools. She later tried to remove the phrase "In God We Trust" from U.S. currency and stop potential jurors from saying "so help me God."

The family last was heard from Sept. 29, 1995, when Jon Murray spoke to atheist officials in Austin by cell phone.

Two men linked to the O'Hairs have been arrested, although neither is charged with an offense related to their disappearance or to the death of Mrs. O'Hair, her son Jon Garth another victim in the case, Danny Fry of Florida.

David R. Waters, 52, of Austin, and Gary P. Karr, 50, of Novi, Mich., were charged with being felons in possession of firearms or ammunition. Both have exten-



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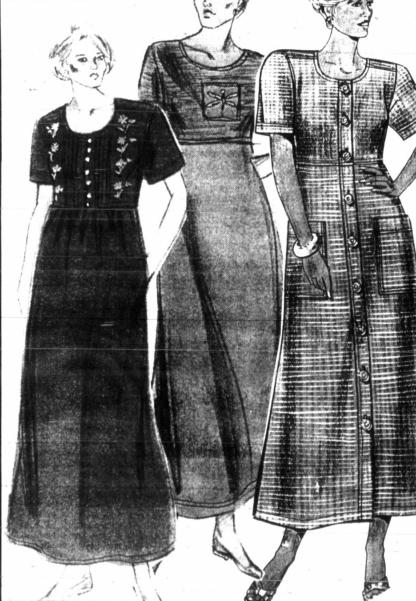
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