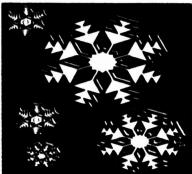


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High today 35-40 Low tonight 25 For weather details see Page 2.

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 6-15-19-22-38-39, Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$22 million.

FORT WORTH (AP) - A Tarrant County grand jury on Tuesday indicted a man suspected in more than a halfdozen break-ins in north Arlington and Grand Prairie. Police suspect 34-year-old Charles Dewayne Thornton broke into several apartments in the middle of the night and touched women while they slept. Thornton is a convicted sex offender from Arizona. Police arrested him in December. In each break-in, a woman was sleeping in bed when she realized an intruder was in her home. The suspect ran away when the women awoke. One woman said she believes the intruder was naked when she saw him standing next to her bed. Another woman awoke to find him rubbing her leg. Police believe the man entered through unlocked doors or windows

Tainted water not off Pantex site

Department of Energy, the EPA,

Mason and Hanger, and City of

Amarillo officials met with citi-

zens and the press to answer

questions and take comments at

the meeting in the War Memorial

By KEITH ANDERSON Staff Writer

Contaminated water has not yet left the Pantex site, Pantex and state officials said Wednesday.

Water from the Ogallala Aquiter was discovered to be contaminated with Trichloroethylene (TCE) during

water-testing from a well at the Conservation Commission, the nuclear weapons disassembly site May 13, 1999.

The findings weren't publicly reported until March 3, 2000, though, and many in Carson County voiced their anger at the public meeting in Panhandle Wednesday.

"Quite frankly, we had a The Texas Natural Resource. breakdown," said Ben Pelligrini,

Building.



(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)

Plant, told officials and citizens, "The end result does affect someone."

plant manager for Mason and Hanger, the company operating the government-owned Pantex plant, "There was no intent to cover anything up."

According to the May 13, 1999, test, the water contained eight parts per billion of TCE. The FPA limit for TCE in water is five parts per billion. A separate August 19, 1999, TNRCC test revealed 9.3 ppb TCE in the well' water.

"We missed it," TNRCC Section Manager Richard Lee said. The TNRCC also failed to report the findings.

Lee said the TNRCC had formed two teams; one to figure out what went wrong with TNRCC and Mason and Hanger testing and reporting procedures, and another team to evaluate the contamination and possible solutions to the soil and water near the contaminated well.

"We should have an agreed order in six-to-nine months," Leeadded. TNRCC issued • an enforcement order against the Department of Energy Tuesday, but the TNRCC and the DOE are working toward an "agreed (See WATER, Page 2)

Teen's sentence unfair, mom says Sydney Blankenship (center), Co-Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Board at the Pantex He was sent away; others



"Are we going to water our crops and put that grain in the community elevator? Are we going to slaughter those animals and send them to other parts of the world?"

> - Farmer Phillip Smith

• Lillian R. Benedict, 80, former federal government employee.

• Nora Clawson, 96, born in Indian Territory.

• Tom Flowers, 96, retired oil driller.

• Leymond O. Hall, 75, former tire company, auto sound business owner.

• Opal Wheeler Kent, 82, homemaker.

• Clarence Upton, 85, former PISD, USPS employee.

• Heather Rene Wilson, 11, Travis Elementary student.

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PMS to get full-time police officer if grant authorized

By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher

Pampa Middle School will get its own police officer and will no longer have to share a resource. officer with Pampa High School if a Governor's Criminal Justice Grant Division (CJD) grant is approved as expected.

In support of the plan, Pampa City Commissioners passed a resolution backing the grant application which also has the endorsement of Pampa Independent School District and Gray

County Juvenile Probation.

If approved, the grant is for three-years with decreasing funding the second two years. During the first year, the award is about \$46,000. In addition to the officer's salary and benefits, funds are included for training, travel, equipment and supplies

Police Chief Charlie Morris told commissioners last week he plans to change the D.A.R.E. program from one for fifth-graders to sixth grade. That way, he said, the PMS Resource Officer Keith

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Turnout exceeds state average

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Voter turnout in Gray County was heavier than the turnout across Texas on Tuesday, but there weren't that many.

While over 24 percent of the registered voters went to the polls Tuesday in Gray County only 16.9 percent of the qualified voters across the state cast ballots in Tuesday's election, according to Gray-County Clerk Susan Winborne.

Three election runoffs will be April 11 to decide

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The main event of

the celebration is the

parade on Saturday

morning, which trav-

els down Main Street

starting at 10:30 a.m.

entries are planned

this year including

bands, antique cars,

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More

drill teams.

winners of the Republican nomination for local offices

Incumbent 31st District Attorney John Mann of Gray County and challenger Richard "Rick" Roach of Roberts County will be campaigning heavily for the Republican nomination. The winner will square off against Charles L. Kessie, a Hemphill County resident, in the November election.

Five counties compose the 31st District Attorney area: Gray, Lipscomb, Roberts, Hemphill and Wheeler.

(See TURNOUT, Page 2)

Saturday's Shamrock event backed by bit o' history

By DEBORAH QUARLES For the News

Thought you had to travel to Ireland to kiss the Blarney Stone? Think again. All you have to do is head for Shamrock, Texas.

A piece of the original Blarney Stone from the Blarney Castle in Cork County, Ireland, is located in Elmore Park in Shamrock. Zollie Steakley former Secretary of the State of Texas dedicated it on March 17, 1959.

Joe Greenhill, associate judge of the Texas Supreme Court, formally dedicated the stone saying, "I hereby dedicate this stone to: The memory of the good St.

Patrick wholesome tun - The young and the young at heart - The growth and prosperity of Shamrock, Texas, and to the wonderful people who dwell within."

Located in the Panhandle at the crossroads of Interstate 40 and US 83 along Old Route 66, Shamrock (population 2,300) will be rocking this weekend during their annual St. Pat's Celebration. The celebration has been held since 1938 with cancellations in 1941 for World War II and 1951 due to the Korean Conflict. Shamrock bandmaster Glenn Truax started the celebration. The first general

The spirit of good chairman was Sol Blonstein. Under his command, the parade drew a dozen bands and a crowd ot a couple thousand.

This year's General Chairman Elvie Williams expects a crowd Texas of close to 20,000 people. He is excited about overseeing the celebration, which runs March 17-19. "It is a way to let people know about Shamrock," he said. "It is the biggest thing that happens here every year."

Williams graduated from high school in Wheeler, left the area and came back to Shamrock 16 years ago. The 61-year-old redhead said he wouldn't be caught a homecoming. dead without green on this

weekend. "I will be wearing my green sportcoat and my green tie with white shamrocks on it."

Mayor Pro-Tem Noel Walton says there's one thing people in Shamrock have — a lot of green "Everybody clothes. in Shamrock has a lot of green in their wardrobe," he laughs.

Walton has lived in Shamrock tor 26 years and has served as general chairman of the St. Pat's celebration twice. He says the event is something you don't want to miss. "Both my daughters come back to Shamrock for the weekend," he says. "It is like

(See SHAMROCK, Page 5)

Finish Line, Travel Express, Harvester Lanes, Pampa Country Club, Pampa Pool and Spa, Uniglobe, Hidden Hills and M&H Leasing Co., Inc. are just a few of the Companies being represented at our "Boat, Travel and Recreation" Show!! Join us at the M.K. Brown Auditorium on March 25th and see what exciting things Pampa can provide for all your summer fund and leisure!

got supervised probation tacility. The other two received

By KEITH ANDERSON Staff Writer

Three juveniles were charged with the same crime, yet each did not do equal time, and one Pampa mother is angry.

In September of 1999, three 14-year-old male Pampa Middle School students broke into an art room and an English room at PMS and poured glue and dveon the walls and floors, PMS Principal Tim Powers said.

The juveniles were all charged with criminal mischief, All three juveniles had at least one prior felony conviction, Gray County Attorney Todd Alvey said.

Yet only one juvenile was sent to a Texas Youth Corrections

INC Mulanax's son was sent to Victory Fields Correctional Academy in Vernon, for a period of nine-to-twelve months. Also, 223rd District Judge Lee Waters ordered that the Mulanax's pay \$100 a month to

intensive supervised probation.

got so mistreated, and nobody

else did," said Sonya Mulanax,

mother of the juvenile sent to

"Ljust want to know why we

TYC for housing the juvenile. "He was not a bad child, but I don't know what he'll be like

when he comes out of that place," Mulanax said. "We did recommend TYC

(See TEEN, Page 2)

Fish, and more fish ..

Delivery, weather permitting, of 1,000 rainbow trout for Recreation Park Lake is expected sometime today. The tish will be between eight-and-12-inches long, and will be big enough to keep

Fishing licenses are required for fishermen at the lake who are between 17-64 years old as well as a treshwater trout stamp, available at locations where tishing licenses are purchased. Those outside the license age limits don't have to have a trout stamp, but must obey daily state limit laws.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BENEDICT, Lillian R. - 10:45 a.m., Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio. CLAWSON, Nora - Graveside services, 1 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.

Obituaries

LILLIAN R. BENEDICT

FORT WORTH - Lillian R. Benedict, 80, died luesday, March 14, 2000. Services will be at 0:45 a.m. Friday in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at San Antonio. Burial will be in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery under the direction of Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home of Colleyville.

Mrs. Benedict was born June 18, 1919, at Pampa. She was an administrative assistant with the U.S. government.

Survivors include a son, Bill Kelley; two prothers, Otto Pete Rice and Billy Reid Rice; and our grandchildren.

NORA CLAWSON

McLEAN - Nora Clawson, 96, died Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at Shamrock. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Hillcrest Cemeterv with Lowell Wallace officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Clawson was born Dec. 18, 1903, in Indian Territory, Okla., to James Douglas and Elzora Bates Brock — the first of eight children born to the couple. She married Archie Clawson on Dec. 18, 1921, at Clarendon; he died June 14, 1989, after 67 years of marriage. She had been a McLean area resident for 62 years and was an active member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Doug Clawson, in 1978; a sister, Cecile Paumlee; and three brothers, Ed Brock, Orin Brock and Claude Brock

Survivors include a daughter, Juanita Forsdick; three sisters, Alma Nelson, Sadie Lane and Edna Lou Hood; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandhildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite harity.

TOM FLOWERS

SHAMROCK - Tom Flowers, 96, died fuesday, March 14, 2000. Services were to be at 2:30 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jack Lee officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Flowers was born Jan. 8, 1904, at Fort libson, Claborne, 'Miss. He married Gladys ones on May 17, 1925, at Rolling Fork, Miss.; she died in 1987. He had been a Shamrock resident since 1939 and worked in the oil field as a driller for many years. He belonged to First Baptist Church and, since age 16, to Woodsmen of the World.

He was preceded in death by two daughters,

and a special friend, Edna Ridgway of Pampa. The family will be at 1840 Evergreen and requests memorials be to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, First Christian Church or a favorite charity.

OPAL WHEELER KENT

CANADIAN - Opal Wheeler Kent, 82, of Pasadena, Calif., died Tuesday, March 14, 2000. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in First Christian Church with Roger Smelser Sr., minister, officiat-ing. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Kent was born at Reydon, Okla. She mar ried Garney A. Kent in 1939 at Miami; he died in 1992. She had been a Miami resident most of her life, moving to Dumas in 1982. She was a home maker.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lee Roy Kent.

Survivors include three daughters, Nelda Jean Kent of Amarillo and Judy Allen and Linda Stricker, both of Pasadena; four sons, Bobby Joe Kent, Don Kent, Jimmy Kent and Billy Kent, all of Amarillo; two sisters, Winona Stephenson of Eufaula, Okla., and Norma Rogers of Canadian; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

HEATHER RENE WILSON

Heather Rene Wilson, 11, of Pampa, died Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood

Full Gospel Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction **Carmichael-Whatley** of

Funeral Directors of Pampa. Heather was born Feb. 20,

1989, at Seymour. She moved to Pampa in 1990 and was a fifth grade student at Travis Elementary School.

She belonged to Briarwood Full Gospel Church.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Heath Wilson, in 1993.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Theresa Wilson and Sammy Doyle, of the home; a sister, Cassie Rigney, of the home; two stepsisters, Erika Doyle and Amber Doyle, both of Pampa; her maternal grandparents, Judy Gates of Pampa and Jimmy Hailey of Biloxi, Miss.; her great-grandmother, Frances Musgrave of Borger; and her stepgrandmother, Betty Kitchens of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 190567 Dallas, TX 75219-0567.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrest and reports for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Wednesday, March 15 William Clark Worth, 21, 1200 N. Wells, was arrested on the charge of theft \$50 to \$500. Criminal trespass of a habitation was reported in the 1000 block of Jordan. A window screen was damaged. Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of Garland. A front door screen was damaged.

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Nevada Test Site, argued Dutton's findings. Ebeling said the Amarillo wells were drawing a large vol-ume of water, which would cause underground water to be sped up. He also cited other geologic factors that would possibly lead to the acceleration of underground water. hood leukemia, and birth defects, though his hand-

Carson County landowners also questioned Dutton's statements. Many had wells adjacent to the north and east edges of the Pantex site. The contamination is suspected to have originated Pam

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in an area of the Pantex site known as the burning grounds. Some 90,000 to 350,000 gallons of chemicals were dumped in unlined pits and troughs and burned between 1954 and 1989, according to Dennis Huddleston, a senior official for Mason and Hanger.

According to a slide presented by Huddleston, the following chemicals were put in the pits and troughs: acetone, trichloroethene, methyl isobutyl ketone, carbon tetrachloride, benzene, methyl ethyl ketone, dimethyl formamide, ethyl acetate, 1,1,1, tetrahydrofuran, tetratrichloroethane, chloroethane, methylene choride, chloroform, tetrachloroethene, toluene. The contaminated well is 45 feet from the burning grounds.

The [223rd District] court held a ruling on the

contested the recommendation. The court ruled

that the child be placed in supervised probation,"

The other two juveniles had previous convictions

for stealing a car at Culberson-Stowers, Nichols

said. Sonya Mulanax's son had a previous convic-

Mulanax's son will be on parole until he turns 21.

The other two boys call me," Mulanax said,

They say, 'Where's your son, we're at home.' How

Mulanax said she has called the governor's office

"It's disrupted our family quite a bit," Mulanax

"I feel like justice has been done for all three chil-

dren," Chief Nichols said, "Though I would have

preferred that the third child also go to TYC."

for help, and she is considering getting a lawyer.

The other two boys will be on probation until they

tion for breaking a window at a paint shop.

Probation Chief Albert Nichols said.

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TURNOUT

with 181 votes.

Amarillo wells.

WATER

ed water."

order," that is, an order both parties agree to.

Dr. Michael Honeycutt, a senior toxicologist for

the TNRCC, said that TCE has been linked to child-

out stated, "Studies of women exposed to high lev-

"I would start to worry in the 30-to-50 ppb range," Dr. Honeycutt said, though he added, "I would not want my kids drinking TCE-contaminat-

Alan Dutton of the Texas Bureau of Economic

Geology said the contaminated underground water

is moving north north-east, towards the southern

end of the City of Amarillo well field in Carson

County. He downplayed any danger to Amarillo

residents, though, and cited a 1990 computer model

that said the water was traveling 80-to-100 feet per

year. At that rate, he said, it would be more than 50

years before the contaminated water reached the

Lynn Ebeling, principal hydrologist for the

els of TCE did not find any link to fetus damage.

TYC recommendation for the third juvenile. He commitments on all three of them," Gray County Juvenile Probation Assistant Chief Sharon Greene said. County Attorney Alvey said.

"The first child plead true to that allegation [criminal mischief], and on the recommendation of the juvenile probation office he agreed to go [to TYC]," County Attorney Alvey said, "The second and third child both contested the allegation and the placement recommendation. They later changed their minds, and both plead true to the criminal mischief allegation."

The second child went before Judge Waters in February and was sentenced to six months intensive supervised probation (ISP). In March, Judge Waters sentenced the third child to one year ISP. All three juvenile offenders were also required to pay restitution of \$1,227 each.

"The Judge [Waters] suppressed the confession of the second child, and on that suppression we changed our recommendation to ISP," Juvenile

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said.

turn 18.

do you answer that?"

tions also said any candidate who was defeated in the Tuesday primary cannot seek the same position as a write-in candidate

According to Section 162.015 (b) of the Texas Election Laws regarding restrictions on candidacy in general election by a candidate in a primary, "A person who was a candidate for nomina-tion in a primary election is ineli-received the nod for the presigible for a place on the list of dential nomination of the write-in candidates for the succeeding general election for state and county officers as a write-in candidate for the office sought by that candidate in the primary." She said the candidate may file as a write-in for another office, but cannot file as a write-in for the office in which they were defeated in the primary. This election law went into effect in the 1980s, she said.

voting period prior to the election 1,175 voters cast ballots in the Republican primary and 91 cast ballots in the Democrat primary

appear to have been an "important factor in the locally heavy turnout at the polls even though Texas' Governor George W. Bush was seeking the Republican nomination for U.S. President in the election. Bush won the Texas primary by capturing over 90 percent of the popular vote in the

Two constable races will also be on the Republican ballot. **Incumbent Constable Precinct** on March 14. No. 2 Chris Lockridge received The assistant director for elec-244 votes to Paul Sublett's 229. Edged out was Robert Douglas

in the General Election.

During the two-week early

Contested races in the county

Republican primary.

will have a list of all voters who cast ballots in the Tuesday primary elections. She said the list will designate which primary, if any, the registered voter cast a ballot

Dorothy Holmes, in 1997; and Margaret Ladd, in 1995.

Survivors include three daughters, Betty Nelson of San Antonio, Nancy Skinner of Amarillo and Sandra Deviney of Troy; a son, Fred Flowers of Amarillo; a sister, Versie Crow of Hazelhurst, Miss.; a brother, Bilbo Flowers of Marshall; 16 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

LÈYMOND Ó. HALL

Leymond O. Hall, 75, of Pampa, died Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in First

Christian Church with the Rev. Barry Loving officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Euneral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Hall was born Sept. 7,

1924, at Stigler, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident since 1926, moving from Stigler. He married Jo Ann "Jody"

Hall on Nov. 16, 1947, at Pampa; she died March 2, 1987. He owned-operated Hall Tire Company and Hall's Auto Sound for more than 50 years.

He belonged to First Christian Church, was an active member of Pampa Senior Citizens Center and was a former member of Pampa Jaycees.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, servng during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Cameron McPherson, in 1994; and by a sister, Doris Pinson, in 1997.

Survivors include a daughter and a son-inlaw, Leanne and Garland McPherson of Kingwood; two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Susie Hall and Richard "Rick" and Janella Hall, all of Pampa; nine grandchildren;

A 14-year-old boy was reported runaway from an address in the 900 block of South Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of East Francis. White paint was splattered on a porch, a storm door, and a window.

A red, 20-inch Mongoose bicycle was reported stolen in the 1800 block of North Nelson.

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Vermont House set for final debate on civil union legislation

unions.

Wednesday to advance the bill. A final vote was expected today, but proceedings were delayed briefly after a lawmaker fell in the House chamber and needed medical assistance.

"The issue before us does arouse deep emotion and that's because there have been years upon years, decades upon decades of mistreatment, discrimination and prejudice against one particular group in our society and that group being gay men and lesbians," Rep. William Lippert said Wednesday.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - The they have enough votes for pas- would be solemnized by justices Vermont House has moved with- sage there. Both houses are con- of the peace, judges or clergy. in a key vote of backing a bill that trolled by Democrats and Gov. They would have the right to diswould grant homosexuals the Howard Dean, also a Democrat, benefits of marriage through civil supports the civil unions bill.

Spectators, some wearing pink The House voted 79-68 on badges for the bill and others wearing white badges against it, packed the House for Wednesday's debate. The measure was introduced in response to a state Supreme Court ruling that gays in Vermont were unconstitutionally denied the rights and benefits of marriage.

Both supporters and opponents say the bill would provide more benefits for same-sex couples than any other state.

Under the bill, gays could be joined by civil unions just as hetcrosexual couples can marry, domestic partnership alternative They would seek licenses from to bring state law into compli-Supporters in the Senate said town clerks and their unions ance.

solve their civil unions through divorces in Family Court.

In an effort to appease reluctant lawmakers, an amendment was adopted today declaring that marriage in Vermont is a union between a man and a woman. That definition previously had existed only in the bill's preamble and not in the text of the statute.

The move was regarded as largely symbolic: The bill may not recognize gay "marriage," but it does provide all the benefits of marriage to gay couples. The state Supreme Court said

lawmakers could either amend the marriage statutes or create a

Melinda Nickless, assistant director for elections in the Secretary of State's office, told The Pampa News Thursday morning voters who cast ballots in the Democrat primary may not cross over and vote in the Republican runoff in April.

In the Constable, Precinct No. 1

& 3 race, incumbent James H.

Lewis lead the field of four with

813 votes. Challenger Randy

Stubblefield was second with 401

votes and will meet Lewis in the

primary. Eliminated in the pri-

mary were Curtis Dalton with

298 votes and Michael Ray who

came in fourth with 236 votes.

However, voters who did not cast a ballot in either primary may vote in the runoff, she said. Nickless also said all election judges at the polls on April 11

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Morsis, can teach the anti-drug program at the school.

Not only will that save money, the chief said some research is now showing the D.A.R.E. program is more effective when taught to sixth graders rather than to those a year younger.

Chief Morris and Officer Morris are not related.

Last school year, Officer Morris spent six weeks at PMS - a time that saw referrals to juvenile probation cut in onehalf and the number of inschool suspensions drop from 65 pupils to 35, the officer told commissioners.

The middle school serves 820 students in grades six through eight. Statistics show the local juvenile probation department has received referrals on 10 percent of these youngsters.

The first few days Officer Morris was at the middle school in October, he said he maintained a "police presence" in the principal's office where students sent there for disciplinary reasons could see him.

"It had an impact on the students," the officer said. "A lot of them didn't have a return trip."

Weather focus

PAMPA - Snow advisory today, cold with a 70 percent chance of rain turning to snow with accumulations of from oneto-three inches. The early high today will be 35-40 with temperatures dropping into the lower 30s this afternoon. Tonight, clearing a cold with a low of 25 and north winds at 10-20 mph. Tomorrow, Patchy fog covered much of North and Southeast Texas, with mostly sunny with a high of 40-45 and light and variable winds. There was a trace of moisture

Of the 15,255 registered voters in Gray County, only 3,717 voters cast ballots in the primary elections on Tuesday.

Democrat party of Texas. In the non-binding referendum regarding school prayer, Gray County voters followed the trend across the state. Local voters cast 3,502 ballots favoring student initiated prayer at school sporting events with 88 local voters casting ballots against it.

In the 7,933 voting precincts across the state, 94 percent of the voters voted in favor with six percent against. Total number of state voters were 1,016,136 in favor of the measure with 65,996 voting against.

City Briefs

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CALF FRIES, Moose Lodge, Thurs. 6:30 p.m. Members & guests.

CELEBRATE ST. Patricks day with Flash back, old time rock & roll. Fri. night. Sunset Bar & Grill. 665-7119.

CLUB BIARRITZ wet T-shirt contest Fri. March 17th, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Drink specials & party favors. Call 665-0225 for information.

GINGERS WATERCOLOR class March 22 & 23 reserve your space. 665-8848.

HOLIDAY GREETERS are taking orders for lighted Easter decorations. 669-1986 or 665-2454.

Early today, the front extended

from Lake Ontario through the

Dalhart, Texas area and into New

visibility reduced to a quarter-

the state.

Mexico.

KILLARNEY BAR & Grill Celebraters St. Patricks - 17th. Corn Beef & Cabbage - Rueben San Fillet for two. New spring hours 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tues. thru Saturday. Closed Sun. & Mon. Delivery & Take out. 665-

PAY 1/3 down, 3 months no interest, on stoves in stock, while they last. Fireside Comfort, 725 W. Brown, Hwy. 60, 665-9333.

SENIOR CITIZENS St. Patricks dance. Northfork band. \$3.50 each. 7-9:30 p.m. Friday evening.

SMALL BORE Rifle Silhouette Fun Match sponsored by Pampa Rifle & Pistol Club, Sat. 18th, 1 p.m. For info. call 669-3026 after

WOODSTOVES FACTORY price increase effective April 1st. Buy now at '99 prices!! Fireside Comfort, 725 W. Brown, Hwy. 60, 665-9333.

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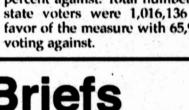
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Winds were generally light and variable from the southwest ahead of the front, but 20 to 30 mph and gusty behind the system.

Freezing rain was falling over the Panhandle just behind the front.

early today. Yesterday's high was 72; the overnight low 27. STATEWIDE - Four to six inches of snow were expected today in the Texas Panhandle as the latest in a series of strong cold fronts is poised to sweep across

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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331. THEE PLACE

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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.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family vio-lence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

GRAY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Gray County Republican Party and Top of Texas Republican Women will co-sponsor a forum for Republican candidates seeking election in the March 14 primary at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2 at Knights of Columbus Hall, 318 N. Cuyler. The public is cordially invited to attend.

COFFEE MEMORIAL BLOOD CENTER

To celebrate March as "Bring a Buddy, Get a Buddy" month, Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo is offering a blood drop beanie for all donors who bring a "buddy," as well as themselves, to donate blood. For more information, call Linda Guthrie at (806) 358-4563.

SHRINE MEETING

Pampa Shrine Club will meet at 6 p.m. March 17 at the Sportsman Club on South Barnes. Members should bring a covered dish. TOP O' TEXAS QUEEN CLINIC

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is sponsoring a "Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Queen Clinic" from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, March 25, at Pampa Community Building. Cost of the clinic is \$5 per person. This year's pageant will be discussed in detail and pageant clothes will be accepted for resale. For more information, call the rodeo office at 669-0434 or Sonja Daniel at 665-5501

FOL BOOK SALE

Friends of the Library annual Book Sale will be from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. March 30 at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston. For more information, contact Louise Bailey, president, at 669-6578, or the library at 669-5780.

WOMEN IN TOUCH

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Women In Touch," a monthly support group for women with breast cancer, from 5:30-7 p.m. March 20 at the Center's Women's Center. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or 1-800-274-4673.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE WORKSHOP

Texas Association of School Boards will sponsor a School Board Candidate Workshop from 7-9 p.m. March 23 at Region 16 Education Service Center, 1601 S. Cleveland, Amarillo. Topics will include a school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students and keys to responsible campaigns. The work-

CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Top O' Texas CattleWomen will award one \$500 scholarship and two \$250 scholarships to high school seniors who are planning to major in an agricultural, nutritional or health-related field in college. These scholarships are available to students living in Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts or Wheeler Counties. Applications - now available at schools in these counties — must be received by April 28 and should be mailed to Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096, The winners' schools will be notified in early May prior to graduation.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and BSA Health System will conduct breast cancer screening clinics March 20 at First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, and March 28 at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc., 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 359-4673, (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

STARGAZING PARTY

The Amarillo Astronomy Club will meet for a Stargazing Party at 7 p.m. March 25 at Palo Duro Park Visitor Center. Refreshments will be provided.

MS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Multiple Sclerosis Association of America will conduct PROJECT: Learn MS 2000 national essay competition for high school juniors and seniors and freshmen and sophomore college students. Scholarships will be awarded to the winners. Participants must submit a 500-1,000 word essay on how MS affects a person or his or her family on a daily basis. Each entry must be typed and double spaced and can take the form of a traditional essay, personal narrative, open letter, feature or fiction story. All entries must be postmarked by June 2. For more information or for an official registration form, visit www.msaa.com, e-mail projlearn@msaa.com or call 1-800-LEARN MS.

CASE

Cultural Academic Student Exchange is seeking families of all types - retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples - to host a high school exchange student. For more information, call 877-846-5848.

TEACHERS CONSERVATION INSTITUTE

Registration is currently under way for Texas Forestry Association's 38115.

week-long Teacher's Conservation Institute summer workshop to be held June 25-30, July 9-14 and July 16-21. Teachers will receive a firsthand look at forestry in East Texas by touring forest product mills, a Tree Farm, a logging operation, a nursery and a seed orchard. They will also be trained in Project Learning Tree and Project WILD. The first session is currently full but spaces are still available for the other two sessions. Registration is \$75 and includes all food, lodging and materials for a week. For a free brochure or for more information, call TFA at (409) 632-TREE; e-mail ccalhoun@texasforestry.org; or write P.O. Box 1488, Lufkin, TX 75902.

TEXAS' ANNIVERSARY TICKETS

Tickets for the 35th anniversary season of the outdoor musical drama "TEXAS" (June 7-Aug. 19, 2000) are now available for purchase on-line at www.texasmusicaldrama.com. For more information, call (806) 655-2181

PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOOKLET

The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C. recently published at 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet #: PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at www.institute-dc.org

U.S.N. ARMED GUARD VETERANS

U.S.N. Armed Guard World War II veterans are seeking former gun crew members. The guards were a special branch of the WWII Naval Service who manned guns and communications on Liberty Ships, tankers, troopships and other small crafts. Contact: U.S.N. Armed Guard WWII Veterans, Charles A. Lloyd Chairman, 115 Wall Creek Drive, Rolesville, N.C. 27571 919-570-0909. Ex-guards should include a list of ships served aboard along with dates on and off for computer data file to help locate other shipmates. The U.S.N. Armed Guard 19th National Reunion will be May 21-24, 2000, at Drawbridge Estate Hotel in Fort Mitchell, Ky., 1-800-354-9793-9866.

AMERICA'S HOMECOMING QUEEN

America's Homecoming Queen, Inc., a non-profit organization promoting education, educational travel and non-violence in schools will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2000 for 1981-00 high school homecoming queens. For more information, call, e-mail or write: (901) 794-8680; Telee@pacbell.net; 6135 Mt. Moriah, Suite 111, Memphis TN,





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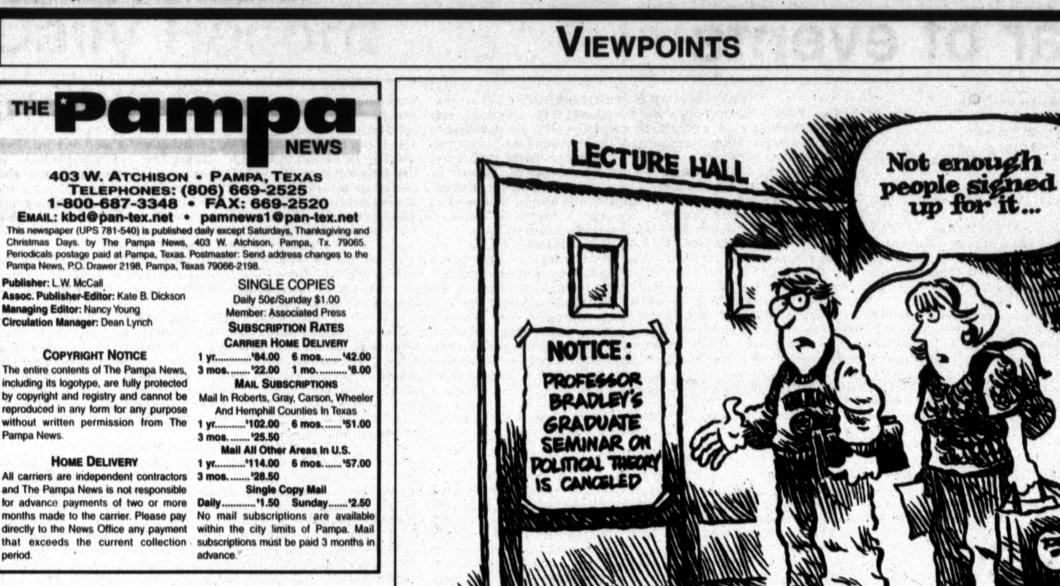
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Texas Editorials

Pampa News.

The Dallas Morning News on Texas lottery woes: After Texans spent the better part of the 1990s locked in a torrid romance with the state's multimillion-dollar game of

chance, they obviously have lost that loving feeling. Sales are down more than 28 percent for the first six months of the fiscal year. And lotto prospects don't show signs of improvement now that state officials probably will have to lower the minimum jackpot by \$1 million.

The steady decline in revenue collected from the lottery has been a constant cause of consternation in Austin. The legalized gambling has poured billions of dollars into the state treasury since its inception in 1992. No other financial source brought such immediate and dramatic results.

But those who were convinced this love affair would last forever have ignored the track record in other states. After a few years, public response to a lottery always declines. The thrill of plunking down a buck or two each week fades when the participant seldom if ever wins.

State officials never should have assumed the lottery would be a growing cash cow. If they are determined to boost revenue, they should ask the Texas Lottery Commission to seek new ways to attract buyers, including

participation in a multi-state game with bigger prizes. But the Texas government should view lottery revenue as an added windfall — not a dependable stream of revenue. That's the only way to avoid a broken heart.

The Victoria Advocate on drought is our enemy:

Texans contemplating the vagaries of nature and the rought conditions that have been prevalent throughout

FCC not disclosing phone tax

Vice-President Al Gore, aided and abetted by Jay Rockefeller, D-W.V., and Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, fought for and succeeded in amending the Telecommunications Act of 1996 such that a universal services fund was created to subsidize telecommunications services for schools, libraries and rural health-care providers. The subsidies that go into the fund are collected by way of a charge on residential and commercial telephone bills, an e-rate tax that has become popularly known as the "Gore tax."

In a May 1997 order, the Federal Communications Commission ordered telephone companies to start making universal service "contributions" for the social good of wiring schools and libraries to the Internet. In 1999, the Federal Communications Commission, not Congress, raised the federal telephone e-rate tax by 73 percent.

Do you see anything wrong with this ture? You should. Any high-school student knows (or used to know) that only Congress has the power to tax. In particular, Article 1, Section 7 of the U.S. Constitution reads: "All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills." Congress cannot delegate its taxing authority to any agency. In other words, Congress does not

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By The Associated Press

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Letter," Nathaniel Hawthorne's

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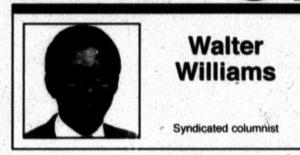
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so-called independent agencies such as the FCC.

You say: "Come on, Williams, are you serious? How can the FCC get away with such a flagrant constitutional violation?" It's easy. It does it through nothing less than government charges itemized, but you won't see the Gore tomers. So why not accept and applaud govtax (e-rate tax) listed.

vice) charges as ... mandated by the commission or the federal government by terms or placement on the bill.' "While telephone companies are mandated or required to pay into a Universal Services Fund via the Gore tax, if they use the words "FCC, federal, required or mandated" to list and identify the e-rate tax on customer telephone bills they will be subject to FCC retribution. Therefore, when telephone bills rise, we blame telephone companies, not Congress, not the FCC and not Al Gore.

Do we Americans deserve this deception, deceit and trampling on our Constitution? I'm of two minds. Americans accept and applaud government extortion of the tobacco industry and its customers, government extortion of thuggery. It conceals and intimidates. Look at Microsoft and its customers, and the beginning your telephone bill. You'll see taxes and other extortion of the firearms industry and their cusernment extortion of the telecommunications ax (e-rate tax) listed. Why? The Federal Communications industry and its customers?

But on the other hand, because of the public

education establishment's deliberate dumbing

down, most Americans have no idea what the

Constitution is all about, and they are unappre-

ciative of the ongoing attack on our liberties.

With that kind of innocence, we elect the worst

kind of scoundrels to public office, who refuse

to allow the Constitution to stand in the way of

their personal agenda. We might deserve what

we're getting, but not our children and their

the state over most of the past three years surely would not be surprised to learn that drought has affected human history more than floods or heavy rains, according to archeological evidence.

For example, the world's first great empire, the Akkadian in Mesopotamia, was struck down by drought. Students of South American prehistory suggest the major factor in the collapse of several pre-Inca civilizations and empires was drought. The mysterious Anasazi culture in the southwestern United States almost certainly was undone by drought.

An article in a recent issue of Nature by Dr. Dirk Verschuren of Belgium's University of Ghent (and also the University of Minnesota), cites a study which suggests that severe drought will threaten catastrophe in central west Africa, possibly in the coming century. That dire forecast is based on analysis of the indirect evidence of weather conditions over the last 10,000 years.

Weather historians tend to discount the current debate on the impact of greenhouse emissions from human activity. In a commentary accompanying the Nature article, Dr. Frank Oldfield, director of the international Past Global Changes project, wrote: "Human societies suffer much more from declining or irregular water resources than from changes in temperature." Dr. Verschuren tends to agree that global warming's effect on rainfall will be small compared to the naturally-occurring variations reported in his team's study.

Nevertheless, historian climatologists advise, the world needs to plan now for drought all over the world as well as for local flood disasters. Floods are terrible but soon subside. Drought causes long-term catastrophes that have the ability to bring entire societies to collapse. In our chronically water-short part of the world, that's cause for very serious thought.

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Commission has forbidden telephone companies from telling the American people about the tax. More specifically, the FCC's Truth in Billing docket (CC98-170) declares, "in contrast, we would not consider a description of that charge (e-rate tax) as being "mandated" by the commission or the federal government as accurate." The order goes on to read, "Our view is consistent with the recent decision of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service have the power to grant taxing authority to which recommended that the Commission the White House, the Supreme Court or to 'prohibit carriers from depicting (universal ser-

Today in history

Today is Thursday, March 16, the posed by Jules Massenet, pre-December 1991. In 1915, the Federal Trade

President F.W. de Klerk announced that exiled African National Congress leaders could return home for talks with the white-led Pacific island of Iwo Jima was government.

Five years House ago: Republicans pushed through \$17 billion in spending cuts, prompting a veto threat by the White House. NASA astronaut Norman Thagard became the first American Moro was kidnapped by left-wing to visit the Russian space station urban guerrillas, who later mur-Mir.

One year ago: The Dow Jones

European Commission resigned following publication of a critical report on sloppy management and cronyism. The Nebraska Cornhuskers beat Chicago State 50-3 in an NCAA baseball game.

Today's Birthdays: Statesman Mike Mansfield is 97. Actor Leo McKern is 80. Comedian-director Jerry Lewis is 74. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) is 73. Jazz musician Tommy Flanagan is 70. Movie director Bernardo Bertolucci is 60. Game show host Chuck Woolery is 59. Singer-songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker is 58. In 1985, Terry Anderson, chief industrial average briefly topped Country singer Robin Williams is Middle East correspondent for The the 10,000 level, reaching a high of 53. Actor Erik Estrada is 51.

Bush, university victims of newspeak

Let me make sure I understand the new Bob Jones University rule of politics.

As I understand the criticism directed at George W. Bush, any politician who speaks at a university is obligated to determine the views of its faculty and administrators and then publicly disassociate himself from those views with which he does not agree.

Well, that's interesting. In Israel, religious Jews are putting up posters calling Pope John Paul II "the evil one," so I assume that, henceforth, all American politicians who visit Israel or speak to the Israeli lobby in the United States will make it a point to disassociate themselves from this viewpoint. Otherwise, we might take a page from John McCain's campaign book and call them all anti-Catholic. Let's get the syllogism right now: Some Israelis don't like the pope. Therefore, any American who speaks in Israel or at a pro-Israel function must denounce the anti-Catholic sentiments of these Israeli Jews or be himself branded an anti-Catholic bigot.

Because the American university system is the last outpost of Marxism, I will be interested to see how many politicians, when speak-ing at universities, will publicly disassociate themselves from the Marxists on the faculties. As I hope you can see, this flap over Bush's

appearance at Bob Jones University in South Carolina is pure political agitprop. Had Bush gone to speak about religion, then it would



have been proper for him to spell out his differences in religious beliefs. However, he went there to make a secular political speech, and it would have been rude for him to insult his hosts by condemning their religious beliefs.

Even though Bob Jones University is the favorite whipping boy of the postmodern nihilists, its views are not that out of line with Bible-believing Protestants. After all, the Protestant religion was born in the rebellion against the Roman Catholic Church by a German priest, Martin Luther. Incidentally, Luther also called the pope the anti-Christ.

Bob Jones University is also criticized for its rule — applicable only to its own students who voluntarily attend this private university against interracial dating. Whether we approve or disapprove is irrelevant. That's how it interprets the Scriptures, and in our free society, people are entitled to their own beliefs. After all, as one Orthodox writer

wryly commented, the Protestant rebellion against the pope has had the effect of creating 22,000 popes. By the by, Bob Jones has accepted minority students for years.

This belief, too, is not so out of the park as the liberal establishment would have you believe. Some Jewish writers have referred to the intermarriage of American Jews and Gentiles as "a second Holocaust." To affix such a horrific name to assimilation certainly reveals the intensity of feeling on the writers' part on the need to preserve group identity. Some American blacks strenuously opposed the adoption of black children by white parents. Postmodernists greatly desire that we all be one amorphous, bland colony of identical ants, but in fact humans cling to their separate

identities, including their group identity. Finally, theological differences do not equate to bigotry. Protestants and Catholics necessarily disagree on certain theological issues. That does not mean either is bigoted toward the other. It is the nature of revealed religions that they have mutually exclusive core beliefs.

The beauty of America's religious-freedom tradition is that everyone can believe as they like. This wonderful tradition, however, is threatened by the totalitarian technique of condemning selected beliefs in the name of tolerance. Both the school and Bush were victims of this example of newspeak.

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SHAMROCK

"People come from all over," he says. "My son-in-law's parents travel from Plano, Texas, for the celebration. They have been coming for the last five years. Now they bring their friends with them. They look forward to spending St. Patrick's Day in Shamrock." The main event of the celebration is the parade on Saturday morn-

ing, which travels down Main Street starting at 10:30 a.m. More than 100 entries are planned this year including bands, antique cars, floats, clowns and drill teams.

But this is only a small taste of the weekend events. A banquet kicks off the weekend on Friday night at the Shamrock Community Center. Entertainment will be the '72 oz. Quartet from the Big Texan Opera from Amarillo, Texas. The masters of ceremonies are Jimmy Donchez and Johnny Palumbo from radio station KRMN 92.7

Contestants in the miss Irish Rose beauty pageant are introduced at the banquet. A Miss Irish Rose has been crowned annually since 1938. The contestants come from all over the Texas Panhandle. They are judged on poise, personality, knowledge of current events as well as beauty. Miss Irish Rose is crowned on Saturday at 3 p.m. at the high school.

Another festive part of the weekend is the annual donegral beard contest. A donegral beard is sort of a whiskey fringe around the lower chin and jowls. A Chief Fuzzer is elected each year to judge the contest by testing each beard for that true Irish Donegal. The Chief Fuzzer has the responsibility of making sure any man in Shamrock for the weekend not wearing a beard must buy a \$1 shaving permit or he will be placed in the bare-face jail.

Williams said he has already bought his permit. "I already bought me a permit for \$1," he laughs. "I don't have a beard and I don't want to be put in jail."

There is food and fun for all ages including a carnival staged all weekend downtown under the Tallest Water Tower in Texas standing 190-feet tall.

Other events during the weekend include an antique car show on Old Route 66, a golf scramble at Shamrock Country Club and an arts and crafts show at the Jaycee Gym on Main Street.

The Legend of Shamrock

But how did shamrock get its name? Legend has it that in 1898 a secret decree was issued by a direct representative of St. Patrick himself stated that a spot in Texas should prosper in his memory. It was decreed that it would be called "Shamrock" and that a great piece of the Blarney Stone be planted there to commemorate its founding. The stone was placed by secret formula by messengers of the "old coun-try" in the spot of the present site of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank.

It remained there for a long time until one day a cowboy on his way to a square dance at Elm Creek sat down on the stone while resting his horse. He had never felt a stone so soft and upon closer examination he realized the stone was of many colors and when he stared into the shiny stone he became as content and peaceful as he had ever felt. When he came back to his senses he remembered the square dance, and he rode out forgetting all about the stone. The stone remained unfound again until 1901 when the settling of the fine city of Shamrock began.

Then it was reported an Irish nobleman working on the laying of the railroad track through town, spotted it for what it was and dug it up with a crowbar. He carried it to the North Fork of the Red River just north of town where he sat out to begin to clean it back to its brilliance. He gave the stone a kiss and hid it in O'Gorman Cave on the riverbank. In the next few years, good fortune came to the Irishman because of his association with the stone. He became smitten with a rich rancher's daughter, got married, started one of the largest ranches in Texas near Mobeetie and the stone passed from his memory.

The stone remained hidden in the cave until 1910 when a group of youngsters found it and brought it to town to a picnic in Elmore Park. None of the older folks gave the stone much mind, so the kids just laid it in the dirt street where it ended up being a "dead man" for the hitching rack in front of "Sport" Pendleton's drug store. Through the ars, it became covered with dirt and was lost again until excavation began on the paving of Main Street where it was hauled off to fill in a sink hole in Elmore Park. There it lay for many years until it was discovered when laying water lines in Elmore Park. It was recognized there by a native Irishman, who told of its significance. That year, in 1947, it was put on display. When Lucian Purcell began construction on the community center in 1948, it was decided by all to use it as a cornerstone in the building. It was erected there exactly 50 years since its arrival in this country. When construction was nearly complete, a corner of the stone was chipped off accidentally where an engraved message was found which states "All men who cross this spot will be received with tolerance and consideration, for they who reside here are as wise as New Englanders, as hospitable as a Kentucky colonel and have the keen eye and good soul and hearty smile of a true son of the old sod." In 1959, another slab of the Blarney Stone was brought from Blarney Castle in Cork County, Ireland, and placed in Elmore Park so all visitors to Shamrock may kiss the stone for good fortune and the gift of gab. **History of Shamrock, Texas** Shamrock was originally called Wheeler when the Rock Island and Gulf Railroad first ran its line across Wheeler County at the turn of the century. In 1902, town lots were sold and a barbecue was held at the site where the railroad site was officially called Shamrock. The name evolved from a post office established in 1890, six miles north of the present townsite, where George Nichols, an Irish sheep rancher, had named his place in honor of his homeland. In 1900, the Nichols home burned and Mary R. Jones located the post office in her home four miles south of Nichols Draw which became the railroad stop name for Shamrock. A school opened in 1904 and the town began to grow and prosper. The town of Shamrock was incorporated in 1911.

Ice Damages Wires



(Pampa News photo by Beth Rowell)

A build-up of ice early this morning contributed to failing electrical lines at the intersection of Highway 60 and Barnes. Pampa Fire Department was assisting on the call. The mid-March storm was dumping ice and snow across the Panhandle today with one to three inches of snow expected this afternoon.

Surgeons reattach boy's arm bitten off by tiger

HOUSTON (AP) — A man's pet Bengal tiger tore off part of his 3year-old nephew's right arm after the little boy reached into the animal's cage. Surgeons today reattached the arm but weren't sure if the boy would be able to use it.

Jayton Tidwell, whose arm was ripped off between the shoulder and elbow, underwent 11 hours of surgery at Memorial Hermann ask him if he knew what happened." Children's Hospital, hospital spokeswoman Lisa Lagrone said.

Jayton, who went into the operating room just before 8 p.m. Wednesday, was listed in serious but stable condition.

'As far as I could see, the limb did come in good shape last night," said Dr. Richard Bradley, the attending physician. "And we're very glad for that," he said on CBS's "The Early Show."

However, he added, it was too soon to say whether Jayton would be able to use it.

The boy was alert when he arrived at the hospital from suburban Channelview, where the caged animal attacked the boy in the back about 400 pounds. Olivas added that her 17-year-old daughter freyard of his uncle, Larry Tidwell.

Bradley said Jayton was conscious when he arrived.

"He was crying a little bit," Bradley said. "He was able to follow simple instructions. We had our child-life specialist in reading a book to him, actually.

"I didn't want to stress him out any more than he was, so I didn't

The tiger was left in the cage overnight Wednesday. No charges were expected, as authorities believed the attack was an accident. But animal control officers planned to go to Tidwell's home today to investigate

It is legal to keep a wild animal in an unincorporated area of Harris County where the uncle lives.

Tidwell did not return telephone calls today from The Associated Press

Olivas said the tiger, named Cheyenne, is 4 years old and weighs quently pets the declawed tiger.

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10-year-old charged with killing father over sweets

DOVER TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) - A 10-year-old boy has been charged with stabbing his father to death as the two argued over a missing can of chocolate cake frosting, authorities said.

Andrew Harms, 38, accused his son of taking the icing, goaded the boy and even handed him a 5-inch kitchen knife during Monday night's argument, Ocean County Prosecutor E. David Millard said.

The discussion became heated and emotional. At that point, Mr. Harms picked up a knife and placed it in the juvenile's hand and stated that if he hated him that much, then he wanted him to stab him," he said.

His son then allegedly plunged it once into the man's chest. Harms died an hour later.

The boy, a fourth-grader whose name was not released, has been charged with manslaughter and illegal possession of a weapon. He was being held without bail Wednesday in a juvenile detention cen-

The boy is too young to face charges as an adult, but could get three years of juvenile detention if convicted, Millard said.

"The focus with very young offenders like this is usually toward rehabilitation," he said.

Millard would not discuss the prior relationship between the boy and his father except to say there had been "some emotional turmoil."

Jailer fined for providing beer to inmates

ROCKWALL, Texas (AP) — Because he provided beer to inmates for doing repair work on his pickup, a 53-year-old Rockwall County jailer has been fined \$1,000 and won't be allowed to serve in law enforcement again.

Karl Hust also received a year's probation in the sentence Tuesday. He agreed last week to a plea bargain that allowed him to avoid jail

District Attorney Ray Sumrow said Hust admitted to investigators that he allowed inmates to get beer from his private vehicle in the parking lot of the Rockwall County Detention Center.

The Bengal tiger, which neighbor Tracy Olivas called "a really nice and passive animal," attacked when the boy stuck his arm through a gap in the animal's chain-link cage, authorities said.

While Olivas' husband and Tidwell's wife coaxed the animal to one side of the cage, Tidwell's son retrieved the boy's arm. They packed the limb in ice, and an emergency medical team took it to the hospital with the boy.

Killer welcomes his execution

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Unlike the scene in the Texas death chamber 24 hours earlier, when another prisoner resisted his lethal injection and spit a key from his mouth in a final act of defiance, Gribble peacefully accepted his punishment for killing a Galveston County woman more than a dozen years ago.

"I was wrong what I did," he said in a final statement in which he apologized for the killings. "Just please find peace."

In a handwritten statement prison chaplain James Brazzil read, Gribble said he had been living with guilt and pain.



Lake Meredith NRA Famous people ... to hold trail ride

National Recreation Area will high use by campers, boaters, host a trail ride beginning at picnickers and swimmers. 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1 at However, the area opened to Cedar Canyon overflow park- riding is away from these ing lot at the top of the hill. types of activities and is From the overflow lot, "trail appropriate for horseback ride here" signs will direct use. participants to the meeting point. Participants must 1998 demonstrated that your bring a current Coggins test National Recreation Area is a certificate and are advised to fine place for horseback ridpack a lunch as well as water ing and other activities and a snack.

The free, four-hour ride is suitable for riders with mod- ways people enjoy the lake. erate experience, but not for Offering a trail ride in the beginning riders. Further Cedar Canyon area lets our rides will be offered in the visitors know not only that spring for beginners.

and west of Sanford-Yake Benjamin said.

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"Our first trail ride in April beyond boating, fishing, camping and all the other the area is open for horseback Superintendent John riding, but that Lake Benjamin opened the areas Meredith has hidden recre-north of Cedar Canyon Road ational treasures,"

Road to horseback riding Jan. For more information, call 11. Previously, all of the Diane VanTatenhove at South District of the lake had LMNRA at (806) 857-0311.





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Students in Mrs. Gibson's third grade class at Austin Elementary recently participated in a program about famous people. Above: (left) Kamie Doughty as Harriet Tubman; and (right) Chelsea Wallin as Juliet Gordan Lowe.

Austin Elementary honor roll

Austin Elementary School recently announced its fourth sixweeks honor roll for the 1999-00 school year.

SECOND GRADE A Honor Roll

Michael Adams, Erin Buck, Michelle Burke, Rylan Clark, Cheyenne Collins, Damon Dennis, Garrett Fatheree, Haylea Harper, Savannah Hoover, Emily Jean, Susanne Kane, Alex Koevoet, Kaitlin Koop, Christian Martinez, Mary McKay, Ashlyn McNeeley, Zachery Pearson, Samantha

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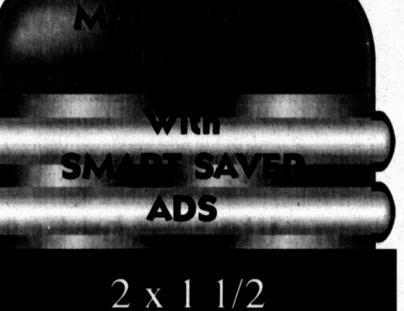
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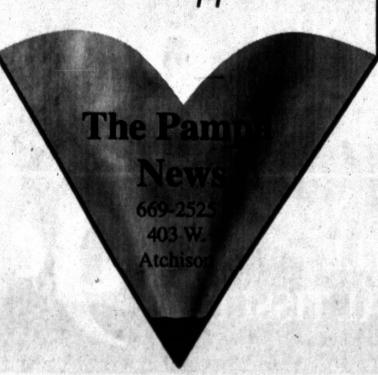


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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS **RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES**

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a proposal with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs') surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The Company proposes to change its environs rates to the same level as the Company is proposing for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The environs rates will not change until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities change. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. The proposed changes will affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the sixty-seven West Texas Cities. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa. The new environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services of all municipalities served by Energas in the same county.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date file written comments or a protest with:

> **Docket Services Section** Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068) **Railroad Commission of Texas** P.O. Box 12967 Austin Texas 78711-2967

Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than April 7, 2000.

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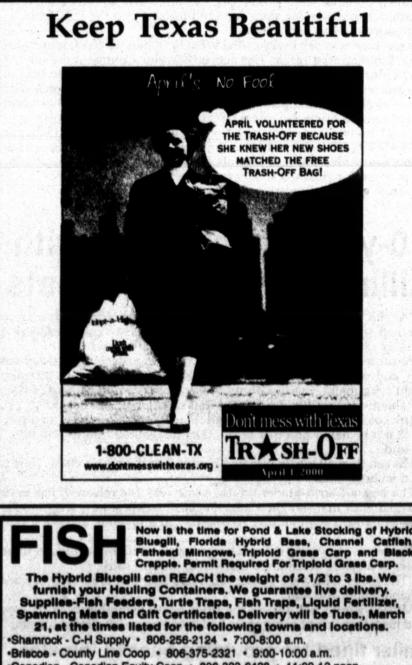
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Merger negotiations between BP Amoco and Atlantic Richfield back on track

By H. JOSEF HEBERT **Associated Press Writer**

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A merger of BP Amoco PLC and Atlantic Richfield Co. was back on track Wednesday as the Federal Trade Commission and the companies agreed to examine a revised proposal aimed at easing the government's concerns about competition.

The government put on hold indefinitely a lawsuit that had challenged the \$30 billion deal that would create the world's second

largest nongovernment oil company. The breakthrough came after Arco agreed to sell all of its holdings in Alaska, where the two companies currently control about 70 percent of the North Slope oil assets and operations, to Phillips Petroleum Co.

The companies announced late Wednesday that Phillips will pay \$7 billion for all of Arco's Alaskan assets.

The FTC said it would soon resume talks with BP Amoco and Arco on whether the new proposal resolved fears that the new company would have too much control over Alaska oil production.

'It's been a long and hectic road," Rodney Chase, BP Amoco's deputy chief executive, said while announcing the Phillips deal in Anchorage, Alaska. "Today it seems to me that the destination is clear and in sight."

The FTC had filed a lawsuit in federal court in San Francisco, challenging the merger.

The agency argued that the combined BP Amoco and Arco would have such market power in Alaska so as to unfairly influence retail competition on the West Coast gasoline markets - especially California. The West Coast relies heavily on Alaska oil.

But lawyers involved with the talks said

FTC lawyers must still determine, however, whether Phillips can provide the competition the agency considers necessary. After the Arco sale, the combined BP Amoco and Arco would control about half of the North Slope oil assets and operations, according to sources familiar with the discussions.

the proposed sale to Phillips, would likely resolve the most substantial FTC concerns about competition in the Alaska operations.

"In light of the substantial and constructive proposals made by the defendants, all parties have agreed to seek adjournment of the federal court proceedings," Richard Parker, director of the agency's Bureau of Competition, said in a statement.

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A federal judge was expected later in the day to approve the indefinite postponement of the case, which was scheduled to go on trial March 20 in San Francisco, pending the outcome of the new negotiations. The FTC rejected the London-based BP

Amoco acquisition of Arco on Feb. 2 and asked the court to put the deal on hold. The agency argued the merger would harm com-petition on the West Coast and violate ages&charts/alaska/sld001.htm

antitrust laws.

BP Amoco initially agreed to reduce its Alaska holdings to about 55 percent, but that was not sufficient to sway FTC antitrust lawyers. BP Amoco argued that oil prices are set in a world market and that its Alaska holdings pose no threat to West Coast competition.

Phillips said the purchase from Los Angeles-based Arco, which was expected to close this spring pending regulatory approval, would add to its 2000 earnings.

Arco now produces about 325,000 barrels of oil a day from Alaska's North Slope, most of it from the huge Prudhoe Bay field.

Phillips, based in Bartlesville, Okla., would get that production, along with the lion's share of a 425-million-barrel field due to start flowing later this year. The Alaska sale also includes a 22 percent interest in the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, nine oil tankers and more than 12 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

"In looking at Arco's Alaska business, we see unlimited potential," said Jim Mulva, Phillips chief executive. "We intend to be a very strong, independent competitor in Alaska."

Mulva said Phillips would hire all of Arco's Alaska work force. The original BP Amoco-Arco deal called for roughly 400 layoffs as the combined company consolidated its Alaska operations.

Arco shares were up \$4.25 to \$83.25 on the New York Stock Exchange while U.S. shares of BP Amoco gained \$1.62 1/2 to \$52.75.

On the Net: http://www.bpamoco.com http://www.arco.com

Phillips' chart and maps of the areas involved in the sale: http://www.phillips66.com/newsroom/im



DECA Quilt

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The Pampa Chapter of DECA created a Free Enterprise project for the fifth grader classes at Lamar Elementary. The project consisted of teaching the young students about the five characteristics of the Free Enterprise System. The DECA members then created a paper quilt from the construction paper that will be given to the Lamar fifth grade class. Above: Julia Olson working on her square for the paper quilt.

Convicted killer executed for abduction, rape and murder

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In a handwritten statement prison chaplain James Brazzil read, Gribble said he had been liv-

ty, "although I have no regrets in had been missing for almost a my case," he said.

The death penalty is an unnecessary punishment for a society who has other means to protect itself."

'I go with God," Gribble said after the chaplain finished reading. Then he began chanting a prayer, gasped and snorted as the drugs began taking effect. He slipped into unconsciousness and eight minutes later, he was pronounced dead.

"I feel very satisfied justice has been served." Mike Guarino, the Galveston County district attorney who prosecuted Gribble, said after watching the prisoner die. "I sin- tors presented to the jury three cerely hope he meant what he said. women who testified they were "I hope, sincerely, that he has raped by him. come to grips with the horrible things he did." Elizabeth Jones, 36, a former city. councilwoman in Clear Lake Shores and a manager who worked in the space shuttle program, was one of three women Gribble confessed to killing. Gribble, 36, the 12th Texas inmate to be put to death this year, led authorities to the body of Galveston County field, after she the previous evening.

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"I'm guilty," he said in a death row interview last week. "I've confessed to my crimes.

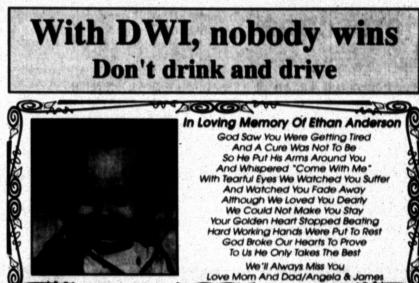
"I'd like to say I was a killer with a conscience. I was being eaten up.

He confessed to her slaying and two others. Gribble was indicted but not tried for the murder of Donna Weis, 23, whose remains were found in Galveston County 18 months after she disappeared in June 1986. Authorities never were able to confirm his claim of a third slaying.

At his trial, however, prosecu-

Several weeks later, he confessed to raping and abducting Jones and taking her to a remote area near League City, north of Galveston. According to his confession, Gribble told Jones he was going to tie her naked to a tree and leave her there. When she began to scream and struggle he took the sash from her bathrobe and tightened it around her neck until she died.

Gribble was tried twice for Jones' death. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturned his first conviction in 1988, saying jurors should have received better instructions about defense claims that Gribble suffered mental disorders and was sexually abused as a child.



ing with guilt and pain. But he added he needed to speak out against the death penal-

TPHF to hold annual meeting

CANYON — Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, the non-profit producer of the "TEXAS" Musical Drama, will hold its 39th Annual Meeting Saturday, April 1 at American Quarter Horse Museum in Amarillo.

"The Annual Meeting will serve as a kick-off for our Membership Stampede which will run throughout the 35th Anniversary Season of 'TEXAS,' " said Blaine Bertrand, president-general manager of "TEXAS." "The new, evening for-mat of the meeting will create more of a social atmosphere, and still give the 'TEXAS' staff the chance to tell all that is being done to pre-serve our prideful history beneath the ethereal skies and majestic cliff of the Palo Duro Canyon. We want TPHF members to put on their western best, and come out and learn about Texas tourism, enjoy a steak dinner and dance to the music of The Prairie Dogs.

Paul Serff of the Texas Travel Industry Association will provide Texas travel facts from the state's \$35 billion industry that plays a large part in making tourism the third largest industry in the nation. Serff is president/CEO of the Austin-based organization that is a branch of the Texas Department of Economic Development.

"TEXAS" guests during the 2000 season will be the first to view the astounding new sidestages that are currently under construction at the Pioneer Amphitheatre. A grant from the Amarillo Globe News, the Meadows Foundation, and many other contributors made the

stages a reality. "Our goal is to involve many new people as supporters of "TEXAS," "Bertrand said." 'TEXAS' exists because people from this area supported the 'TEXAS' dream in the 1960s. Now, 35 years later, we have a mature production that has been acclaimed the best-attended outdoor drama in the nation for many years. With the maturation comes the need for facility repairs and improvements to keep 'TEXAS' a proud and strong tradition," Bertrand said.

Members and those who wish to join the non-profit TPHF should call (806) 655-2181 to RSVP for the meeting by March 24. Cost for the evening is \$20.

Jones' friends became concerned when she failed to show up for work Sept. 9, 1987, and called police after finding her house locked and her car parked in the driveway. There was no sign of forced entry, and nothing missing except her purse and a bathrobe.

Her house was being renovated and authorities determined Jones, left under some brush in a Gribble had worked on the roof

AHA Art Auction



(Special photo

Dr. Chuong Pham and Stacy Gourley display a painting by Dr. Vijay Mohan which was purchased last year at the American Heart Association's Art Auction. This year's art auction is slated at 7 p.m. April 8 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. For reservations or for ticket information, call 665-0356 and ask for Suzanne.



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Child's Playing on Thin Ice Breaks Schoolmates' Hearts

DEAR ABBY: Feb. 4 was a sad day. One less child is going to come back to school. He will never eat pizza, play games or laugh again. He passed away last night. William Brown died on Feb. 3 in an icy pond in Chesapeake, Va. He

an icy pond in Chesapeake, va. He and some other boys were playing on an iced-over pond when the ice broke. Two of the boys got out, and 911 people pulled one boy out of the pond. Sadly, William could not be revived. He died after 45 minutes in the freezing water. He wasn't even a teen-ager yet. I had seen William in the halls

at school, and he was probably in my class at one point or another. When I heard he had died, I started to cry. How could this happen to someone so young?

I want to make sure no more children die the way William did. Please, Abby, warn your readers about the danger of ice. Even if the ice looks thick, it often isn't. It may break, and you could drown. William learned the hard way.

No laughter was heard in school today. The flag will be raised only halfway. One less person will come back to school — because of thin ice. KRISTEN MC CARTHY, AGE 12, CHESAPEAKE, VA.

DEAR KRISTEN: My deepest sympathy goes out to William Brown's family. Your heartfelt warning deserves space in my column. Thank you for writing.

Abigail Van Buren SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter from "Tempted," the girls' high school coach in California, I had to write. I would like to urge him to remain calm and cool.

He should take "that look" some of his students are giving him as a compliment - and handle it gracefully. Girls that age quickly develop crushes, and sooner or later they get over them. I would not bench anybody or report her to the principal. To do so would be an overreaction and too harsh. I would let them flirt all they want (after a while they'll become bored) and continue to go

about the business of coaching. While Title IX has given young women the opportunity to be strong and confident and learn teamwork, it seems to have given some of them license to be as aggressive, profane, vulgar and obscene as men can be which is unfortunate.

I have also noticed that some girls without fathers, be it through desertion, divorce or death, especially crave older male attention, and they don't care where they get it. Girls learn to relate to and love

the day. Tonight: Paint the town green.

a walk or get some exercise, and you'll

recycle. You clear your desk, get ahead

and feel great with another. Don't hesi-

tate to go for what you want. Allow an

associate who has a lot of energy greater

* * * Stay goal-oriented. Keep a list of

things to do. You could be easily dis-

flexibility. Tonight: Feeling Irish!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Tonight: Treat another.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

men through their fathers. Dad is "safe" and should be a role model. Teachers and coaches are handy substitutes.

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So, "Tempted," be patient, kind and keep it friendly - and keep

your wits about you. 60-YEAR-OLD RETIRED COACH IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR COACH: You have DEAR COACH: You have made some valid points, and I agree with your conclusion. However, the 26-year-old coach signed his letter "Tempted." If he gives in to that temptation, he could not only ruin his bud-ding career, but the life of the student with whom he became involved as well. If there's a question, it's better to arr on question, it's better to err on the side of caution.

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2000

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)

* * * * Unexpected developments mark your morning. Go your own way at work. Concentration, mixed with your high energy, permits accomplishment and a sense of completion. Take time to make a doctor's appointment. Tonight: Off to the gym to work off some stress. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

* * * * Bosses can and will become

folk leader!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** You are a force to deal with. **** Establish a better rapport with another, whether about financial or Not only do you know what you want, but you are willing to flex with an unpreemotional matters. You work well as a dictable partner. Your drive and vision team. Discussions are animated. You pull team up. Break into new turf. Be willing the financial wild card. You feel pushed to do something totally different. by a family member. Tonight: Try a different type of St. Patrick's Day happen-* * * Your nerves could be frayed. Take

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) * * * * * Others seek you out, but your response is unpredictable, as usual. Keep communication going. You're a whirlwind as you return calls, make plans or initiate an important meeting. You find others highly responsive. Tonight: Opt for a private party.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

tracted; knowing what is needed remains ** * Charge into work and get as much



demanding. You are hard-pressed to cover all bases. Handle a personal matter early on or it will invade your whole day. Your intuition is right on. Follow through on an idea that you mull over. Tonight: Paint a loved one green! GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

* * * * * Communication helps you understand why someone is acting up. Listen carefully to another, who obviously cares a lot about you. Field messages; touch base with friends. You cannot and should not avoid a key meeting. Tonight: Spend St. Patty's Day at home. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

* * * * Money - and making more of it --- remains a high priority. Know what you want and need, then make choices accordingly. Listen to feedback from a boss and see how to enhance your work productivity. Postpone calls until later in

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takes KCY to change. Dynamic thinkin you in a new direction. Follow-through counts with a loved one, even if he doesn't let you know it. Tonight: A case of the "bah humbugs." SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

* * * * Take charge. Bring co-workers together. Let spontaneity play a bigger role in your life. You might not always be in sync with others' needs, but your sense of leadership carries you far. Clear out work; you quickly accomplish a lot. Tonight: Wherever the leprechauns are. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You love the unpredictable. and you deal with it in a most creative age him. Tonight: Play the role of Irish Pa.

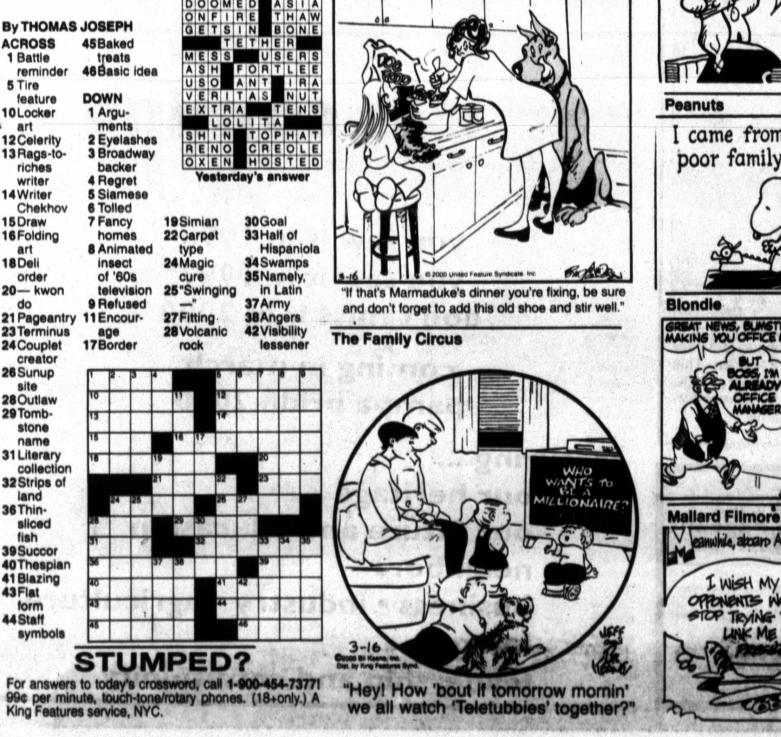
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of accomplishment, knowing what is workable and what isn't. Don't hesitate to decline an unnecessary expenditure. You have a sudden flash of insight. Tonight: Accept a last-minute invitation.

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PAMPA — The City of Pampa **Recreation Department will be** offering the following leagues for Spring Softball: Men's Open, Men's Masters - Over 35; Men's Church, Mixed Open and Women's Open.

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team. The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open, Men's Masters and Men's Church, and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

The entry deadline is March 22 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date. Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on March 29 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin on April 3 for Men's Open and Men's Masters, and April 4 for Women's, Men's Church and Mixed.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If more information is needed on the Spring Softball Leagues, call Shane Stokes at 669-5770 during business hours.

PORTALES, N.M. Eastern New Mexico's Jennifer Harper was selected as the Lone Star Conference South Division pitcher of the week in softball. Teammate Sarah Rempp was selected as LSC South Division hitter of the week.

GENERAL

PAMPA — Pampa Kids & Youth Club will have have sign-ups for its baseball and softball programs March 20-24 and March 27-31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Donut Stop, 1330 North Hobart. Cost is \$20 per child and tage. Hosting scholarships are available upon request.

PAMPA — After opening the District 3-4A season with a solid victory, the Pampa Lady Harvesters will try and make it two in a row when Dumas comes to town Friday.

Pampa girls beat Caprock

It was a team effort all the way as the Lady Harvesters defeated Caprock 14-6 Tuesday to open the district season.

"We played as a team," said junior Charity Nachtigall. "It all came together for us," added sophomore Lindsey Narron.

"We played good defense. "We made less errors in this game," said junior Shanna Buck.

Both Buck and Nachtigall were a perfect 5 for 5 at the plate with Nachtigall scoring three runs. Narron was 4 for 5 with a home run. Nachtigall also hit a homer.

Narron was the winning pitcher and finished with three strikeouts.

"Lindsey has really stepped up and been a team player for us," said Pampa coach Jamie Greene. "It's been awesome the way Lindsey and Karissa Intemann (freshman pitcher) have worked. They knew it was something they had to do and they did it."

A rash of early-season injuries left the Lady Harvesters with a slim roster. Narron, not normally a pitcher, had to fill in at that position when starter Stephanie Clark went out with a knee injury.

Pampa had consistent hitting all up and down the lineup against Caprock. Intemann, Stephanie Cameron and Jessica Leos had four hits each for the Lady Harvesters.

Pampa's district contest with Dumas is scheduled to start at 5:30 Friday at Optimist Park. Intemann is expected to be the starting pitcher.

Dumas opened its district season Tuesday with a 6-4 win over Hereford.

Miami Spurs



The Miami Spurs are league and tournament champions in the Optimist 3rd-4th grade Boys Division. Team members are (front row, from left) Alex McDowell, Aaron Carr, Ryan Spearman and Kadin Barton; (second row, from left) Cameron Underwood, Casey McDowell, Darius Kimberling and Colby Greenhouse; (back row, from left) coaches Mike McDowell, Lisa Spearman and Ron Carr. The Spurs finished regular-season play with an 11-1 record, outscoring their opponents by 178 points. Following the regular season, the Spurs went unbeaten in the tournament.

Harvesters capture their own tennis invitational

PAMPA - The Pampa High the road. They are both talented ty, providing an example to his Cornelison-Jordan. Pampa Kessler, Canyon 6-3, 6-0; lost to tennis team knows how to make players, but more importantly teammates to play with with (first place) def. Isaacson-Alade, Scott Nickson, Canyon 6-2, 6-3. the most of a homecourt advanthey know how to compete and your heart," Quarles pointed find a way to win," said Pampa out. coach Carolyn Quarles.

(Note: Nickson was the eventual Thomas, Canyon, 6-1, 6-0; def. champion. Match for third and fourth pending with Pampa's Matt Cook. Matt Cook, Pampa (fourth place) det. Dung Pham, Palo Duro 6-1, 6-1; def. Colt Braden, Borger 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; lost to Matt Boedeker, Plainview 6-7 (8-6), 6-2, 6-2.

There is no tryouts or draft.

HOCKEY

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — After spending three-fourths of the season struggling to overcome injuries and frustration, the Dallas Stars appear to have found the ingredients to win another Stanley Cup.

Some of the injured players are getting back in the lineup, the team is winning and Mike Modano is playing well.

Modano extended his point streak to 11 games, scoring his 33rd goal of the season to lead the Stars to a 3-2 win over the New Jersey Devils on Wednesday night.

The win was the third straight for the defending Stanley Cup champions, and their 32nd straight on the road in games where it has scored at least three goals.

"We were a little slow getting out of the gate and maybe some of our momentum was taken away by the injuries," Modano said. "We expected to roll like we did the last two or three years and when we didn't, a little frustration creeped in. But we've still found ways to win, and that's the good thing."

In spoiling Alexander Mogilny's debut with the Devils, and welcoming back goalie Ed Belfour after a week's absence, the Stars and Modano capitalized on a little luck with the score tied at 2-2 in the third period

Modano couldn't immediately handle a pass from Jon Sim and he was forced to take a bad angle shot

against Martin Brodeur. "I really didn't have an angle on Brodeur," Modano said. "I threw it across the box to see if something would happen, and it did." The loss was the second in

three games for the Devils in which the game-winning goal bounced past Brodeur after hitting the skate of a defender.

Pampa the Invitational last weekend, the Harvesters won their own tournament by scoring 111 points. Canyon placed second with 103 points. Borger was third (80 points), Pampa JV fourth (65), Plainview fifth (46), Randall sixth (40), Palo Duro seventh (30) and Hereford eighth (29).

Pampa's two doubles teams led the way by winning the boys and girls divisions. Seniors Emily Curtis and Emily Waters won girls doubles, defeating Palo Duro's Kayakone and Thanourith 6-4, 7-6 (7-2) in the finals. Curtis and Waters are having an outstanding spring. They are 15-2, losing only to Jones-McGowan of Plano (5A district team favorite) and to Cone-Bankhead of Tascosa. Together, they were 20-5 in the fall.

"I am excited about this team's performance this year. They will be the favorite to win district and I like their chances on down

and Bryce Jordan won the boys doubles, defeating Manhkong-Iones of Canyon in the finals 6-4, 6-3. Manhkong and Jones are the defending district champions from their district. Cornelison and Jordan are 15-4 this spring, showing improvement every tournament, Quarles said.

"Michael and Bryce have matured as a team tremendously since the fall when they were 14-11," she said. "One by one these guys have identified the areas that needed work and tried to correct the problem. The result seems to be a much higher level of confidence and intensity."

Junior Matt Cook and sophomore David Philips both made it Pampa (fourth place) def. to the semifinals in boys singles, finishing third and fourth, respectively, in the tournament. Cook lost a hard-fought semi-

final match to Matt Boedecker of Plainview 6-7 (8-6), 6-2, 6-2. "Matt plays with great intensi-

Quarles said she was pleased Juniors Michael Cornelison with the junior varsity's fourthplace finish.

Out of 16 players in each division, Pampa had some fifth and sixth places among seven other varsity teams.

Lubbock Invitational. There are 16 teams entered.

Pampa Invitational **Girls Doubles**

Curtis-Waters, Pampa (first place) def. Plainview 6-0, 6-0; def. Settle-Sommers, Randall 6-2, 6-2; def. Franklin-Virak, Canyon 6-2, 6-1; Jordan, Pampa JV 7-5, 6-2. Kayakone-Thanaourith, def. Palo Duro 7-6 (7-2) 6-4).

Ashley Alexander-Lumpkin, Borger 6-1, 6-0; Canyon 6-2, 6-3; lost to 6-3, 6-4. Kayakone-Thanourith, Palo Duro 7-5, 6-1; lost to Franklin-Yirak, Canyon 6-3, 7-5.

Boys Doubles

Hereford, 6-1, 6-0; det. Minium-Salcido-Slaton, Randall 6-3, 6-3; def. Jones-Manhkong, Canyon 6-4:6-3.

Ryan Mills-Matt Rains, Pampa (fifth place) det. Woods-Taylor, Randall 6-1, 6-4; lost to Milner-Milner, Borger 6-4, 7-6 (9-Pampa's varsity travels to 7); det. Thacker-Gerber, Pampa Lubbock March 24-25 for the 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; def. Jensen-Hughes, Borger 6-2, 6-2.

Girls Singles

Helen Örr, Pampa (fifth place) def. lvory Isaacson, Hereford 3-6, 7-6 (7-4) 7-5; lost to Webb-Bain, Erin Hicks, Canyon 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (7-3); def. Crystal Cannon, Plainview 6-3, 6-2; def. Ashlei

Jennifer Muns, Pampa (seventh place) def. Loan Lao, Palo Stucki-Michelle, Duro 6-2, 6-2; lost to Angela Porter, Canyon, 6-2, 6-3; lost to Ashlei Jordan, Pampa JV 6-4, 6-2; def. Parker-Manhkong, def. Crystal Cannon, Plainview

Boys Singles

David Philips, Pampa (third place), 2-2 record. place) def. Tyler Buschman, Randall 6-0, 6-0; det. Tyson record.

Pampa Junior Varsity Results Girls Doubles

Ashley Willis-Brittany Kindle (fifth place), 2-1 record; Abby Bradley-Helen Brooks (seventh place), 1-2 record.

Boys Doubles

David Thacker-Jay Gerber (seventh place), 2-2 record; Jeff Adkins-Nathanael Hill (ninth place), 3-1 record.

Girls Singles

Ashlei Jordan (sixth place), 2-2 record; Stacie Carter (tenth place), 2-2 record.

Boys Singles

Jared Spearman (ninth place), 3-1 record; Jon Brooks (tenth

Jon Brooks (tenth place), 2-2

Bruins hope another injury doesn't slow tournament run

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - When hand and wailed in agony, Steve Lavin wasn't terribly surprised.

coach's first three seasons in Westwood, he dealt with a lateseason crisis involving a 6-foot-10 big man. What's one more?

Near the end of the Bruins' light practice at the Metrodome on Wednesday night, Gadzuric left the court wincing in pain after colliding awkwardly with a teammate and the ball. He sat on the sideline with his head down before walking to the locker room with a bag of ice on his left hand.

"When he got hurt, part of me was thinking that's par for the course," Lavin said. "That (could be) the fourth year we've lost our 6-10 center at the NCAA tournament."

Lavin said his starting center suffered a minor sprain to his left thumb, an injury that might affect his shooting touch, but which shouldn't keep him out of sixthseeded UCLA's first-round game against No. 11 Ball State tonight.

"We'll probably have to take the left-handed sky hook out of his arsenal," Lavin said with a grin.

In the other late game, No. 3 Maryland takes on No. 14 Iona.

drawn both ardent praise and were still adjusting to 30-degree guard Duane Clemens. After all, in each of the UCLA harsh criticism during his four days after arriving from 80seasons in the L.A. fishbowl. Whatever the knocks against lier Wednesday. him, almost everyone can agree on one thing about Lavin: He knows how to handle a crisis.

Lavin's teams usually have finished the season strong despite adversity. Star center Jelani McCoy was knocked out of the 1997 tournament with an injury, and McCoy quit the team in mid-February two years ago, but the Bruins won a combined five NCAA tournament games in the two years.

Last year, Gadzuric suffered a season-ending knee injury in late February, but the rest of the Bruins' roster was solid — so of course UCLA suffered a shocking 56-53 loss to Detroit in the first round.

The current Bruins (19-11) literally saved their season with six straight wins to close the regular season, including a victory over then-No. # Stanford. UCLA made the tournament for the 12th straight time by going on its longest winning streak in three years.

degree weather in Westwood ear- JaRon Rush, the talented sopho-

"I had to wear a sweater on campus, and I was sweating all in time to allow him to return to "We expect a lot." day," junior point guard Earl the team in time to hit the win-Watson said with a grin. "It paid ning shot against Stanford. off when I got here, though."

safely been reached, last year's loss to Detroit weighs heavily on the Bruins' minds. Lavin never tires of pointing out that that team was the youngest in school history, but the players who remember the defeat aren't interested in excuses.

"I remember that loss precisely," Watson said. "Every single moment at the locker room, every single minute on the way to the bus and the flight back home. We've talked about getting back to this point. I think we have a lot of motivation this year, probably more than any other team. We have a lot of unfinished business here in the tournament."

Lavin used 12 starting lineups during the regular season, and it

Injuries haven't usually been the NCAA's bracket. The NCAA coach said he hadn't decided how who wants his team of tomorrow Dan Gadzuric clutched his left funny for Lavin, the 35-year-old then sent the Bruins to frigid best to attack Ball State's perimewunderkind coach who has Minneapolis, where the players ter game, led by high-scoring

Lavin could choose to start more forward whose lengthy NCAA suspension was reduced

He could start co-captain and Now that the postseason has defensive specialist Rico Hines, who said his injured toe is "100 percent — it's my conditioning that isn't 100 percent yet." About the only player certain to be in the starting lineup is Jason Kapono, the Pac-10 Co-Freshman of the Year and the team's leading scorer with 16.4 points per game.

If the Bruins can make it past Ball State, they will likely face an intriguing second-round matchup with No. 3 Maryland, another team relying on young players to advance quickly. Of the 11 UCLA players who have seen significant playing time this year. only forward Sean Farnham is a senior.

If all of the key players from this season's team return next' fall, Lavin and the Bruins will wouldn't be inconceivable to see have no more excuses for not the Bruins with a 13th combina- making the most of their talent. Weatherford (16-3-2) (16-3-2), 6 p.m. That success ensured a spot in tion on the court tonight. The But that's of no concern to Lavin,

to perform today.

"This is a mature basketball team, partly because they're a year older, and (because) the kind of season we went through has been good preparation for the NCAA tournament," Lavin said.

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UIL Soccer Pairings Girls

Bi-district Pairings

Region 1 Pampa, bye Randall, bye

Canyon, bye

El Paso Bowie vs. San Elizario, 6 p.m. Friday at El Paso Bowie

El Paso Parkland, bye

Cleburne, bye Justin Northwest (14-7-1), bye Denton (17-4-1) vs. Fort Worth

Boswell (7-9-2), 6 p.m. Friday at Boswell Burleson (13-5), bye

Canutillo (5-9) vs. El Paso Riverside, 7 p.m. Friday at Riverside Canyon

El Paso, bye Granbury (10-7-1), bye Wichita Falls Rider, bye

Denton Ryan (10-9-1) vs. Thursday at Denton Ryan

Cy Young winner has rough outing against Anaheim

By The Associated Press

The way Randy Johnson pitched, it didn't matter how much support his teammates gave him.

Johnson, who gave up 10 runs in an eight-start span last last summer, was pounded for 11 in me the best and can watch me three-plus innings Wednesday as the Anaheim Angels beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 15-9.

was spring training.

The NL Cy Young Award win-ner failed to retire any of the eight batters he faced in Anaheim's 11-run fourth, getting chased by Tim Salmon's two-run homer, his fourth of the spring.

"Everything I threw was down the middle of the plate, and they hit it," Johnson said. "I don't think I got too many quality pitches in."

Bengie Molina hit his third homer to start the inning, and first five innings, retiring the Gary DiSarcina had a two-run Tigers in order in the fourth and double.

Anaheim sent 16 batters to the plate in the inning - 13 before Arizona got an out - and was helped by four errors in the inning. Pitcher Kent Mercker made the first out of the inning. "I was pretty much sleepwalk-

ing out there today," Johnson said. "I just had a bad day. It was just a game that you put behind you."

Johnson had not allowed a run in his first two spring starts.

"It happens," Arizona manager Buck Showalter said. "You don't like to see it, but it's part of the game."

At Dunedin, Fla., Houston coach Jose Cruz Sr. got a rare opportunity to watch his son play for Toronto in the Blue Jays' 8-3 win over the Astros.

"Someday I hope he could play with a team that I'm coaching, but right now I just hope he has a good time and enjoys playing the

Cruz thinks his son has the potential to hit 35 home runs. Last year, Cruz Jr. homered for. Toronto while his father watched during a spring training game against the Astros at Kissimmee.

"He sees a lot of what I don't see," Cruz Jr. said. "He knows take a pitch and know right away how I am feeling."

Raul Mondesi, Tony Batista, "I stunk," said Johnson, able to Homer Bush and Shannon joke about the outing because it Stewart homered for the Blue lavs.

At Lakeland, Fla., Roger Clemens gave up four runs on three hits and three walks in the New York Yankees' 8-2 loss to the

Detroit Tigers. An RBI double by Juan Gonzalez was the hardest ball hit off Clemens. The Tigers scored four runs off Mike Grace in the sixth.

Clemens (1-2) actually was fairly impressive in his third outing of the spring. He worked the fifth.

"I felt strong," Clemens said. "The fifth inning, I wanted to turn a few balls loose and was able to do that. I think it was a good trip. I'm working on some stuff. I've got to find out where some pitches are, regardless of scores, inning or count."

In other games: Red Sox 8, Reds 1

At Sarasota, Fla., Carl Everett and Trot Nixon homered and Martinez pitched Ramon allowed one run and four hits in three innings. Ken Griffey Jr. was 0-for-2 and is 5-for-26 (.192) with three homers and four RBIs this spring. Cardinals 7, Marlins 3

At Viera, Fla., Ryan Dempster allowed six hits and six runs in two innings. Mark Smith was 2-for-2 for Florida and is batting .577 (15-for-26) this spring. Expos 3, Twins 0

At Jupiter, Fla., Hideki Irabu game," the elder Cruz said after struck out five in five innings, his son went 2-for-4. allowing one hit. Marty McLeary, allowing one hit. Marty McLeary, two strikeouts.

Braswell leads Hoyas to triple-OT win

Shayne Bennett and J.D. Smart finished the combined two-hitter. **Royals 7, Braves 2**

At Haines City, Fla., Brett Laxton gave up two runs and three hits in four innings, allowing Andres Galarraga's third homer of the spring. Loser Bruce Chen allowed three runs and five hits in four innings. Pirates 15, Devil Rays 5

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Aramis Ramirez hit a two-run homer, and Adrian Brown, Pat Meares and Bruce Aven keyed a 20-hit attack with three hits each. **Rangers 2, Orioles 0**

At Port Charlotte, Fla., Darren Oliver pitched 4 1-3 hitless innings, and Ivan Rodriguez was 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Mets (ss) 6, Indians 3

At Winter Haven, Fla., Jay Payton singled in each of his three at-bats. David Justice hit his second home run of the

spring for Cleveland. Mets (ss) 6, Dodgers 6, 10 innings

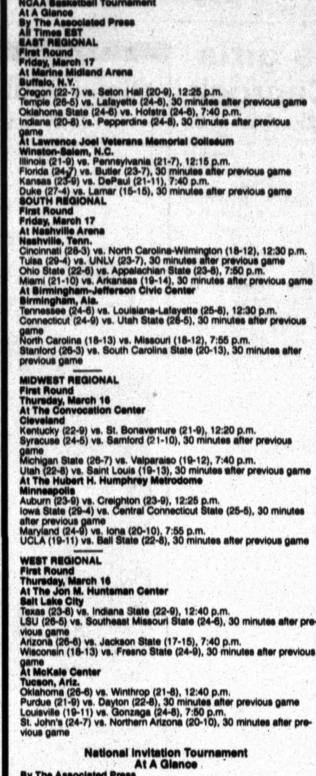
At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Glendon Rusch couldn't hold a 5-0 lead, allowing five runs and six hits in five innings. Geronimo Berroa hit a two-run double, and former Met Kevin Elster had a solo homer. Cubs 10, Brewers 4

At Mesa, Ariz., Henry Rodriguez returned from a shoulder injury to hit a three-run homer and a sacrifice fly, and Shane Andrews hit his fifth home run of the spring. Giants 8, White Sox 7

At Scottsdale, Ariz., Jeff Kent hit a three-run homer in his spring debut, and Chris Magruder had a game-winning sacrifice fly in the ninth.

Rockies 7, Mariners 5

At Peoria, Ariz., Larry Walker hit his first homer of the spring, and 18-year-old Taiwanese right-hander Tsao Chin-Hui made his spring major league debut for Colorado. Chin-Hui pitched the fifth, setting the Mariners down in order with



COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA B

At A Glance At A Glance By The Associated Press All Times EST First Round Tuesday, March 14 North Carolina State 64, Tulane 60 Wake Forest 83, Vanderbilt 68 Wednesday, March 15 Penn State 55, Princeton 41 Xavier 67, Marquette 63 Villanova 72, Delaware 63 Georgetown 115, Virginia 111, 30T Mississippi 62, North Carolina Charlotte 45 Norte Dame 75, Michigan 65 Brigham Young 81, Bowling Green 54 Arizona State 83, New Mexico State 77 California 70, Long Beach St. 66 New Mexico 64, South Florida 58 Thursday, March 16 Massachusetts (17-15) at Siena (23-8), 7 p.1

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CLEVELAND INDIANS—Reassigned RHP Tim Drew to their minor-league camp. DETROIT TIGERS—Released LHP Ramon Tatis. KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Optioned RHP Lance Carter, RHP Jeff D'Amico and OF Goefrey Torminson to Omaha of the PCL and LHP Justin Lamber to Wichita of the Texas League. Reassigned C Izzy Molina, C Paul Phillips, INF Alejandro Prieto and RHP Bill Risey to their minor-league camp. Released RHP Clint Sodowsky. NEW YORK YANKEES—Optioned OF Donzell McDonald and RHP Ben Ford to Columbus of the International League. Reassigned INF Mike Coolbaugh and RHP Mike Jerzembeck to their minor-league camp.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS-Optioned OF Alex Sanchez to Durham

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Optioned OF Alex Sanchez to Durham of the International League. TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Optioned RHP Matt Dewitt, LHP John Bale and 3B Casey Blake to Syracuse of the International League. Reassigned INF Felipe Lopez to their minor-league camp. National League ATLANTA BRAVES—Reassigned RHP Jason Baker, RHP Matt Belisle, RHP Richard Dishman, RHP Derrick Lewis, RHP Scott Sobkowiak, C Fernando Lunar, C Steve Torrealba, INF Mark DeRosa, INF Marcus Giles and INF Tim Unroe to their minor-league camp.

camp. FLORIDA MARLINS—Optioned RHP Joe Fontenot to Calgary of the PCL, RHP Nelson Lara to Portland of the Eastern League, and RHP Josh Beckett to Kane County of the Midwest League. Reassigned C Ryan Robertson and RHP Claudio Vargas to their minor-league

Camp. MONTREAL EXPOS—Optioned LHP Brent Billingsley, LHP Trey Moore, SS Tomas De La Rosa, 1B-OF Talmadge Nunnari to Ottawa of the international League and LHP Matt Blank to Harrisburg of the Eastern League. Reassigned C Yohanny Valera, INF Jamey Carroli and OF Soctt Hunter to their minor-league camp. PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Reassigned C Humberto Cota to their

minor-league camp. BASKETBALL CHICAGO BULLS—Activated F Ron Artest and G B.J. Armstrong from the injured list. Placed G John Starks and F Michael Ruffin on

the injured list. PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Signed G Ira Bowman for the remainder of

the season. United States Basketball Leegue DODGE CITY LEGEND—Signed C Darius Beard. FLORIDA SEA DRAGONS—Signed G Brian Green.

FOOTBALL CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed DT Andre Purvis to a one-year

CINCINNATI BERGALS—Signed DT Alland Future to the total of the part contract. DEINVER BRONCOS—Named Karl Dorrell wide receivers coach. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed DE Bernard Holsey. MIAMI DOLPHINS—Agreed to terms with RB Lamar Smith. NEW YORK JETS—Promoted Mike Tannenbaum to director of pro player development-contract negotiations. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed C-G Eugene Chung to a two-year contract. Re-signed DE Al Wallace and TE Kaseem Sinceno to one-year contracts. ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed DT Sean Moran. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Agreed to terms with LB Gerald Dixon on a two-year contract.

on a two-year contract. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed C-LS Joe Zelenka. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed QB Jon Kitna.

HOCKEY DALLAS STARS-Reassigned G Marty Turco to Michigan of the

DETROIT RED WINGS-Signed D Aaron Ward to a one-year con-

NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled G Jean-Francois Labbe from Hartford of the AHL, Signed G Bryce Wandler. TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled G Zac Bierk from Detroit of the

IHL. SOCCER CHICAGO FIRE—Acquired F Hristo Stoichkov from San Jose for an allocation. Waived MF Paul Dougherty and MF Kevin Jackson. SAN JOSE CLASH—Traded an allocation to Chicago for a 2002 first-round draft pick and two 2001 second-round draft picks. TAMPA BAY MUTINY—Waived D Ubusuku Abukusomo and D Matt

COLLEGE AKRON—Named Catherine Byrne women's soccer coach. LIMESTONE—Named Stewart Brown men's soccer coach. OKLAHOMA STATE—Named Mike Jacobs offensive line coach. PIEDMONT—Named Jim Stoeckel baseball coach. TENNESSEE-MARTIN—Named Nathan Pifer women's soccer

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By The Associated Press

After leading Georgetown to a triple-overtime victory in the National Invitation Tournament, Kevin Braswell's body finally gave out.

Braswell developed leg cramps after the game and needed intravenous fluids. He was unable to speak to reporters, but it didn't matter - his play spoke volumes.

Braswell scored a career-high 40 points and played 49 of 55 minutes in Georgetown's 115-111 NCAA tournament, was led by victory over Virginia on Wednesday night.

"He was phenomenal,' Virginia coach Pete Gillen said. "We couldn't stop him. We put everyone on him, tried box and one, ran at him. He was just too quick, too clever, too cagey."

Braswell scored 32 points after halftime and five in the third overtime as the Hoyas (19-14) rallied to tie it in regulation and had last-chance shots in the first two extra periods.

But they ultimately didn't need a desperation shot as Gharun Hester gave them a 112-109 lead with his first career 3-pointer. Anthony Perry added a free throw 17 seconds later.

within two on Adam Hall's putback with 6.8 seconds left, fouled Braswell with 6.2 left. The Cavaliers caught a break when hit a 3-pointer and a free throw in Braswell missed his second shot, but threw the ball away before they could get off a potential

game-tying 3-pointer. In other NIT first-round games, Penn State beat Princeton 55-41; Villanova defeated Delaware 72-63; Xavier edged Marquette 67-63; Mississippi topped North Carolina Charlotte 62-45; Notre Dame beat Michigan 75-65; Brian Wardle's 3-point attempt Brigham Young routed Bowling Green 81-54; Arizona State defeated New Mexico State 83-77; California edged Long Beach to clinch it. State 70-66; and New Mexico beat Mississippi 62, UNC Charlotte South Florida 64-58.

After the Hoyas rallied from a four-point deficit, Virginia went back ahead 109-107. But Braswell tied it with a driving layup and then Hester, a wide receiver on the Georgetown football team, knocked in his big shot.

"That was one of the craziest games I've ever been associated with," Hoyas coach Craig Esherick said.

Forced to play without Ruben BYU 81, Bowling Green 54 Boumtje Boumtje because of an

injury, Georgetown lost three players to fouls and finished with six players. Lee Scruggs played the last half

of his 44 minutes severely hobbled and with a noticeable limp, and also needed IV fluids after it was over.

"We were lucky we had five uys left that were able to play," Esherick said. "Our guys just gutted it out."

Virginia, making its first postseason appearance since a firstround loss to lowa in the 1997 Chris Williams' 23 points. Penn St. 55, Princeton 41

At State College, Pa., Joe Crispin and Jarrett Stephens each scored 11 points as Penn State (16-15) held Princeton (19-11) to 32 percent shooting.

Stephens added 16 rebounds for Penn State, which made eight 3-pointers, including 6-of-9 in the first half.

Villanova 72, Delaware 63

At Villanova, Pa., Malik Allen had 16 points and 16 rebounds, and Gary Buchanan scored 18 for Villanova.

The Wildcats (20-12), unbeaten in seven games against Delaware (24-8), took its biggest lead at 54-29 early in the second half after a Virginia (19-12), which pulled 14-2 run that included eight points by Brooks Sales. Xavier 67, Marquette 63

At Cincinnati, Maurice McAfee the final two minutes as Xavier overcame a big second-half deficit.

Xavier (21-11) trailed by 10 with 15:25 left before rallying behind the front-line play of Kevin Frey and David West and McAfee's clutch 3-pointer.

Marquette (15-14) had a shot to tie it at 66 with 5 seconds left, but went off the side of the rim. Aaron Turner got the rebound, was fouled and hit one free throw

At Oxford, Miss., Marcus Hicks scored 14 points as Mississippi (18-12) held North Carolina Charlotte (17-16) without a field goal for seven minutes in the first half.

Lataryl Williams had 13 points, Rahim Lockhart 12, Jason Harrison 10 and Jason Flanigan 13 as the only players to score for Mississippi.

At Provo, Utah, Terrell Lyday

scored 15 points, and Michael Vranes added 14 for BYU (21-10), which won for the fifth time in six games.

Dave Esterkamp led Bowling Green (22-8) with 19 points. Notre Dame 75, Michigan 65

At South Bend, Ind., Troy Murphy scored 32 points - 12 at the free-throw line - as Notre Dame beat Michigan.

Notre Dame (19-14) survived a physical final 49.6 seconds without Murphy after his fifth foul and Michigan (15-14) down 69-64. Notre Dame made it through a flurry of fouls by going 6-of-8 from the foul line to clinch it.

Arizona St. 83, New Mexico St.

At Tempe, Ariz., Eddie House scored 32 points, including 22 as Arizona State rallied from a 16point halftime deficit to defeat New Mexico State.

The Sun Devils (19-12) opened the second half with a 27-10 run to take the lead at 58-57 with 10:33 remaining. House, who became the school's career scoring leader with 2,012 points, scored 12 in the run.

Eric Channing led New Mexico State (22-10) with 21 points.

California 70, Long Beach St. 66 At Berkeley, Calif., Sean Lampley had 20 points, including six straight in a 12-1 run to start the second half, as California (17-14) opened defense of its NIT crown.

Robbie Jones added a careerhigh 19 points for California, which scored the first eight points of the second half.

WBU wins two

PLAINVIEW — Daniel Franklin pitched a complete game three-hitter to carry Wayland Baptist to a 6-1 win in the first game of a doubleheader against Valley City State on Monday at Wilder Field.

In the second game, J.J. Pierce collected four RBIs and hit a home run as the Pioneers rallied to beat Valley City 9-8.

In the first game, Franklin walked one and struck out six to improve his record to 2-0.

Nathan Culwell, Brad Eppler and Kurtis Klug each picked up two RBIs for the Pioneers in the opener

In addition to Pierce's four **RBIs**, Josh Utter drove in three runs in the second game for the Pioneers (17-8).

Massachusetts (17-15) at Siena (23-8), 7 p.m. Rutgers (15-15) at Kent (21-7), 7 p.m. Southern Illinois (19-12) at Colorado (18-13), 7 p.m. Southern Methodist (21-8) at Southwest Missouri State (22-10), 8:05	At A Glance By The Associated Press All Times EST EASTERN CONFERENCE	Stine A		
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Semifinal winners, 7 p.m. RODEO

Dodge National Circuit Rodeo Results POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Results Thursday after the first perfor-mance of the Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo: Bareback Riding 1. Denny Mcbanahan, 83 points on Flying U Rodeo Company's Samantha Skoal. 2. Lan LaJeunesse, 82. 3. Scott Lund, 79. 4. Chad Hughes, 76. 5/6/7, (tie) Eric Mouton, Sylvain Meunier, Clint Corey, 74. 8. Damian Paulson, 72. 9. Neal Dillahunt, 71. 10. Paul Appleoath 64.

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Team Roping 1. Jeff White/Bret Trenary, 5.9 seconds. 2. Logan Olson/Paul Tierney, 6.5. 3. Sam Bird/Jim Cole, 7.3. 4. Brian Winn/Brian F 8.1. 5/8. (tie) Justin Hampton/Dusty Watkins and Spunk Sas

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1. Jake Costelio, 84 points on Flying Five Rodeo's Spring Break. 2. Tom Reeves, 79. 3. Dean Schlattmann, 75.4/5. (ile) Jesse Hampton and Jim Burnette, 74 points each. 6. Jeb Knox, 71. 7. Justen Washburn, 68.
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1. Herbert Theriot, 8.5 seconds. 2. Jesse Egan, 9.0. 3. Bill Huber, 9.3. 4. T.W. Snyder, 9.5. 6. Mike Freeland, 10.7. 6. Johnny Emmons, 13.1. 7. Brett Fleming, 19.4. 8. Mike Cody, 20.1.
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1. Ruth Haislip, 15.53 seconds. 2. Martene McRae, 15.54. 3. Dallas Dewees, 15.59. 4. Randy Rae Britt, 15.66. 5. Charlotte Schmidt, 15. 81. 6. Kim Dance, 15.99. 7. Mary Bonogofsky, 16.17. 8. Renee Gossett, 20.35. 9. Terri Wood-Gates, 20.69. 10. Tamara Reinhardt, 20.76. 11. Lori Sanders, 20.96. 12. Liz Loeffler, 30.36.
Bull Riding

Knight can't recall choking former player

Indiana coach Bob Knight doesn't ed he was physically and mentally recall choking former player Neil abused by Knight. recall choking former player Neil Reed, although he might have grabbed him around the neck for motivational reasons.

denied Reed's claim that he ordered the university's president out of a basketball practice.

Reed, who transferred from Indiana at the end of the 1996-97 season, accused Knight of choking

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) - him during practice and contend-

An interview with CNN/Sports Illustrated in which Reed repeated his charges was broadcast

Knight on Wednesday also Tuesday night, and a longer version was part of a CNN program Wednesday night.

"Maybe I grabbed Neil Reed by the shoulder, maybe I took him by the back of the neck, I don't know. I don't remember everything I've

done in practice," Knight told Indianapolis television station WTHR on Wednesday.

The university investigated and rejected Reed's claims three years ago, but school officials said Wednesday that they would look into the new claims.

"Whenever something like this comes up, obviously the university is under an obligation to check things out," athletics director Clarence Doninger said.

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At least 34 people injured after tornadoes tear through Louisiana

HOUMA, La. (AP) - Sam Mahan was watching through. Seconds later, it was over, and he and his devastated his home. "This is bad housekeeping, TV with his wife and two young children when the roof disappeared.

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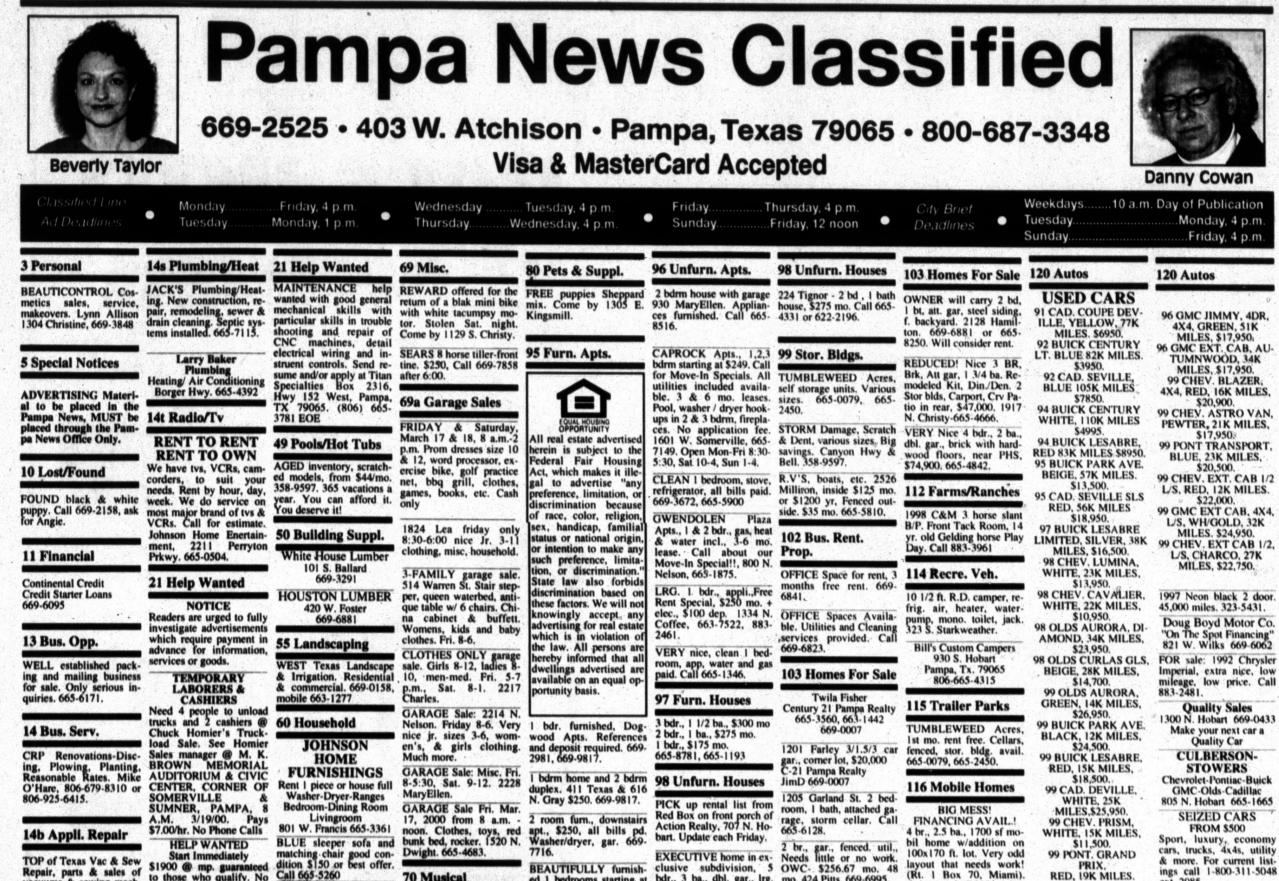
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He said the wind was roaring and he saw debris

wife were clutching the children as the rain huh?" poured in.

At least 34 people were injured Wednesday swirling overhead as the tornado plowed then I'm all right," Mahan said after the twister damaged homes, downed power lines and debris-

strewn streets in two southern Louisiana parishes. No damage estimate was immediately available. The governor's office gave the area a disas-"As long as my wife is all right, and my kids, afternoon as two tornadoes left a mile-long line of ter designation, making it easier for residents tocollect state and federal funds to rebuild.



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ring again, Gene Kelly leads Democrats into Senate runoff

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Democrats will need a runoff to pick their U.S. Senate nominee after giving the most votes in that primary to a man who has lost six previous bids for statewide office.

But because of a number discrepancy, it was unclear Wednesday night who the second runoff candidate would be.

The party that once sent Lyndon B. Johnson and Lloyd Bentsen to the Senate will choose April 11 between Gene Kelly, 73, a retired Air Force lawyer, and one of two other men — former oneterm state legislator Charles Gandy or computer systems analyst Don Clark.

With 100 percent of the precincts reporting Wednesday night, the unofficial vote totals from the Texas Secretary of State indicated Gandy was 468 votes ahead of Clark. Voter News Service, a partnership of The Associated Press, ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox and NBC that conducts exit polls, reported that Clark was 378 votes ahead of Gandy.

Jane Dees, spokeswoman for the secretary of state, did not return a call and no one was available to comment from Voter News Service Wednesday night.

The eventual Democratic winner's prize? Facing Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison and her

\$6.1 million campaign treasury. First elected in a 1993 special election and over-whelmingly re-elected in 1994, Hutchison is considered one of the nation's strongest incumbents.

'It's bizarre. It really is. It's going to be a long time before voters send a Democrat to the United States Senate again," said George Christian, who was Johnson's White House press secretary.

"The Democratic Party can make all kind of excuses as to why they couldn't field candidates this year, but the truth is it's just so difficult for a Democrat to win statewide that nobody wants to run," Christian said.

Democrats sat out six of the nine statewide races Tuesday, with party chair Molly Beth Malcolm saying they were focusing on legislative contests.

Democrats gave Republicans free rides for both seats on the Railroad Commission and all three spots on the Supreme Court, plus one of the three Farley and Belton contractor Rodney Geer Court of Criminal Appeals races.

But nowhere was the party's lack of big-name challenge Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Waco. andidates more apparent than in the five-way. There also are runoffs in all three Court of candidates more apparent than in the five-way. Senate primary.

Kelly, whose defeats included races for the U.S. Senate, Texas Supreme Court, criminal appeals court and attorney general, topped a field that included one candidate who was jailed on Election Day and another who proposed paving the planet Mercury.

Kelly urged the eventual runner-up to drop out. Believe me, I will face Hutchison in the fall and

I will beat her," he said. Hutchison pledged a vigorous race no matter what. "I would not ever take a campaign anything but seriously," she said.

But the situation left some Texas Republicans chuckling.

"I was rooting for the guy who wanted to pave Mars," said GOP spokesman Robert Black, getting the wisecrack right but the planet wrong.

Noting that the GOP primary drew more than 1.1 million voters to about 780,000 for the Democrats, Black added, "I think the vote totals indicate clearly that Texas voters believe Republican leadership is working."

This year's primary set a record for the number of Republican voters, said GOP chair Susan Weddington. The 1.14 million votes topped the previous record of 1.01 million in 1996.

Democrats have had trouble in Senate races throughout the 1990s.

Republican Sen. Phil Gramm easily dispatched Democrat Hugh Parmer in 1990, then dusted pickup-driving school teacher Victor Morales in 1996. After defeating Democrat Bob Krueger in the 1993 special election runoff, Hutchison cruised past Dallas financier Richard Fisher in 1994.

GOP voters have a little work remaining, including runoffs in two congressional primaries. State Rep. John Culberson and businessman Peter Wareing emerged from a crowded field of eight GOP candidates in Houston hoping to succeed House Ways and Means Committee

Chairman Bill Archer, who's retiring. In Central Texas, retired Temple oilman Ramsey advanced to a GOP runoff for the nomination to

Judge orders accused 'Railroad Killer' to undergo psychological exam

HOUSTON (AP) - A state district judge who he was betrayed by Texas Rangers and FBI agents ordered a rail-riding drifter accused of nine slayings in three states to undergo another psychological examination has rejected the suspect's accusations of broken promises by prosecutors.

Resendiz that he could cite him for contempt, limit testimony of a defense psychiatrist or tell jurors that the defendant wouldn't follow the court's order.

Resendiz attempted Wednesday to trade his cooperation with a court-appointed psychologist for a hearing on what he contends were promises on his claim that authorities lied to induce his broken by the lawmen who negotiated his surrender. But Harmon told Maturino Resendiz, 40, he wasn't interested in his reasons for not talking to the court's expert.

who told him prosecutors would not seek the death penalty if he surrendered.

Harmon granted prosecutor Devon Anderson's request that Maturino Resendiz be compelled to Judge Bill Harmon told Angel Maturino cooperate with the independent sanity evaluation, to which prosecutors are entitled by law.

Since his arrest, Maturino Resendiz has argued that authorities' promise to treat him humanely meant he would not face the death penalty, which is outlawed in his native Mexico.

Although Maturino Resendiz wants a hearing surrender in El Paso on July 13, Harmon said the suspect's attorneys would have to formally request it.

Criminal Appeals primaries. Sharon Keller and Tom Price will face off for the presiding judge nomination, with the winner meeting Democrat Bill Vance in November. The winner of the Place 1 nomination — Charles Holcom or Guy Williams — faces no Democrat. The Place 2 winner — Barbara Parker Hervey or Jim Wallace — meets Democrat William Barr.

Thornton in Central Texas' 10th District.

Four runoffs were set for the Legislature. Republicans Bob Deuell and Richard Havery will square off for the Senate District 2 nomination to face Sen. David Cain, D-Dallas.

Three House nominations are yet to be settled. District 48, vacated by Sherri Greenburg, D-Austin, produced a runoff between Republicans Jill Warren and Scott Loras; District 130, left open, Culberson, will have a GOP runoff between One Republican nomination remains to be Bill Callegari and Aubrey Thoede; and District finalized for the State Board of Education: 116 will have a Democratic runoff between Bob Schoolfield will face Cynthia A. incumbent Leo Alvarado Jr., and Trey Martinez



"Mr. Resendiz, I'm not making any deals with you," said Harmon.

Defense attorney Allen Tanner has said he intends to pursue an insanity defense in the case of slain Houston-area physician Claudia Benton, who was killed in December 1998. Limiting expert testimony would be a blow to that effort.

Maturino Resendiz has refused to talk to a court-appointed psychologist, who he said was an agent for the prosecution. The suspect claims Texas murders.

The death penalty is not considered cruel and unusual punishment in the United States or Texas, which has executed more killers than any other state since capital punishment resumed in the 1980s.

Jury selection is set to begin March 28 in Maturino Resendiz' capital murder trial for Benton's death.

Maturino Resendiz also is charged in three other Texas slayings, two in Illinois and another in Kentucky. He is the only suspect in two other

Three-year-old boy's right arm bitten off by tiger

CHANNELVIEW, Texas (AP) - A 3-year-old boy was in he was crying a little bit," attending surgery Wednesday night after a caged Bengal tiger tore off part of his right arm.

Jayton Tidwell was alert when he arrived at Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital for surgery. Doctors were trying to reattach the limb, which was separated at mid-bicep. The procedure was expected to last about 10 hours.

"He was awake, he was conscious, the boy was alone when he walked physician Dr. Richard Bradley told the Houston Chronicle."He was able to follow simple instructions. We had our child-life specialist in reading a book to him, actually.

"I didn't want to stress him out any more than he was, so I didn't ask him if he knew what happened." A spokesman for the Harris County Sheriff's Department said

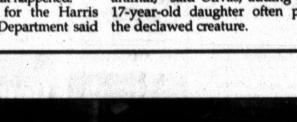
up to the tiger's chain-link cage and stuck his arm inside.

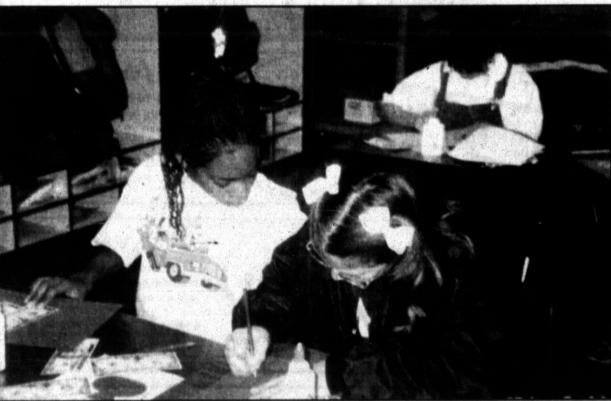
Tracy Olivas, a neighbor who heard the boy screaming when the attack occurred, said the tiger, named Cheyenne, is 4-years-old

and weighs about 400 pounds. "She's a really nice and passive animal," said Ólivas, adding her 17-year-old daughter often pets the declawed creature.

DECA Quilt







The Pampa Chapter of DECA created a Free Enterprise project for the fifth grad-er classes at Lamar Elementary. The project consisted of teaching the young students about the five characteristics of the Free Enterprise System. The DECA members then created a paper quilt from the construction paper that will be given to the Lamar fifth grade class. Above: Oceana Parker, Jessica Howe and Kali Jimenez work on their square for the paper quilt.