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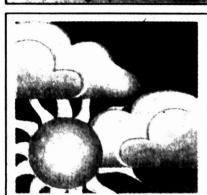


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High today 65 Low tonight 40 For weather details see Page 2

PAMPA The Gray Democratic County Convention will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the County Annex Building on Highway 60 East, said party chairman Jim Osborne. Delegates will be elected for the state convention in Fort Worth.

SKELLYTOWN — A country music show scheduled for Sunday at the Skellytown Elementary has been postponed until May. The show is being sponsored by the Skellytown Fire Department with the proceeds going to the local volunteer fire department. The show has been rescheduled for May 20.

WHEELER - The Special Olympic Islanders will host a track and field meet here Saturday.

Teams from across the panhandle will compete in the run, jump, walk and throw in the first eastern panhandle track meet for Special Olympics. Each contestant will receive a fee shirt.

"Many, many area businesses and individuals have donated goods and money for this track meet to be a success," said Jo Ann Green, one of the Shamrock coordinators. "however, volunteers to assist with the on track operations are still needed."

Green said volunteers should call Mary Stevens in Shamrock at 256-8964.

The track and field meet is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, at the Wheeler tootball stadium.

HOUSTON (AP)

Accused "railroad killer" Angel Maturino Resendiz is threatening to put his detense team in a bind after just one day at trial.

In a letter to the judge, Maturino Resendiz wanted his counsel ordered to abandon an insanity defense

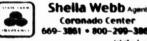
• Earl Snyder, 96, civil service Air Force mechanic.

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City to go after weed law violators

Associate Publisher

Pampa property owners who let weed growth get out of hand won't have it so easy this summer.

That's because changes are being made. to the weed/rubbish law that put more teeth into the ordinance that could have violators paying a fine, repaying the city for the cost of mowing as well as forking over an administrative fee.

complaint during a year the city canplace a lien against the property, said City Attorney Don Lane who drafted the law. The lien process will be especially helpful in cases where the property is vacant and finding the owner proves to be difficult.

Previously, violators paid only a fine

entorced through the fire department.

Tuesday, city commissioners unanimously approved the changes on first reading and are expected to make the decision law at their next regular meeting when they vote on second and final read-

The city's meter readers will also help which, in many cases, actually was in finding violators as they will check for cheaper to them than paying to have tall growth - over 10 inches in the will mow their lots they won't have to their own property mowed, said Fire alleys. The meter readers will hang door pay anything."

Not only that, but it there is a second. Chief Kim Powell. The ordinance is hangers at the violator's homes letting them know the property should be

> But the highest priority will be given to complaints that come in from citizens and violations by repeat offenders, said City Manager Bob Eskridge.

"We know who they [repeat offenders] are," Eskridge said. "It's the same people every year ... The bottom line is if people

Indictment

returned in

cattle thefts

Man out on bond

WHEELER - A Spearman

man was free on bond today

after being indicted by a Wheeler

County grand jury in connection with a cattle theft scheme.

Carl Wade Curry, 33, of Spearman, was indicted Monday by a Wheeler County

grand jury on charges of theft

over \$100,000 and under

\$200,000 in what officials termed

Curry is accused of writing

three hot checks about Nov. 11,

totaling \$155,000 and giving

them to a cattle truck driver who

was delivering cattle from

District Attorney John Mann

said the case was a Ponzi scheme

in which money 4rom one trans-

action was used to pay off other

Officials said Curry received

\$145,000 from a Kansas man to

buy about 300 head of cattle

trom a man in Abilene. Curry is

accused of using the money to a

previous cattle debt and giving

the truck driver hot checks for

Curry also faces related

charges, including tederal

charges, in Western Oklahoma,

the Texas Panhandle and the

The Spearman cattle buyer

Also indicted by the Wheeler

County grand jury Monday was

Michael Knapp, 42, of

Oklahoma, on charges of hin-

Officials said the charges

against Knapp stem from accu-

sations that he mortgaged some

cattle, then sold them without

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dering a secured creditor.

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was tree today on a \$25,000

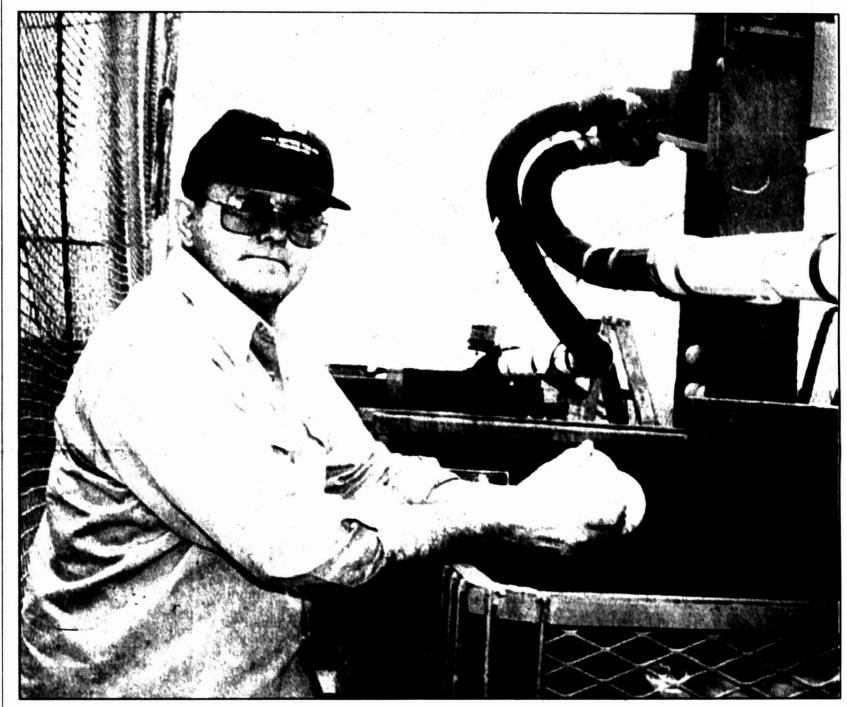
the cattle from Abilene.

South Plains.

Abilene to Curry in Shamrock.

a Ponzi scheme.

'Tis the season ...



It's that time of year again. Vinson Shaw is sorting balls and readying his pitching machines at Cow Pasture Batting Practice. Barring rain, he expects to open the season today at 4 p.m. Play ball!

April 8 concert to benefit WHS chemical-free graduation party

By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor**

WHEELER — It's getting time for high school graduation, and Wheeler is making preparations for the graduating class of 2000 to have a sate graduation celebration.

Larry Ford and His Bluegrass Band will be in concert at the Wheeler High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. on April 8 to raise funds to hold the Annual Chemical-Free Project Graduation Party.

He and his band are donating the proceeds of this concert for assistance with the chemical-free activity for the youth and students. Admission to the concert will be \$5 per person. Concessions will be available from the Wheeler High School Class

A presenter of Bluegrass, Gospel and Country Music, Ford's first hit album was entitled "Only a Phone Call Away." His current single hit is "Lorena."

Participation in the chemical-tree project requires the students and their guest arrive tobacco, alcohol and drug free. They must remain - chemical-free party.

so throughout the evening.

Donations for door prizes and sponsorship for this party are being sought for the chemical-free event.

Project celebration involves establishing a new tradition in many communities so that students and adults can learn that it is possible to have a good time at a party without drinking or using drugs.

Wheeler County Sheriff's office and the WHS senior parents will be sponsoring the activity which will include Fort Elliott and Allison. Providing a safe and secure environment for the high school students to celebrate is just what these interested community workers will be doing.

James Masters, senior parent chairman, said the party will follow graduation on May 26. "All students must be inside the building by H.p.m. and will be required to stay until 5 a.m. If they leave, we notity the parents that they have left," he said. "Prizes will be given throughout the night, with the bigger prizes to be awarded just before the end of the party."

Cames and a band will also provide entertainment throughout the

burn gets out of hand A Tuesday morning grass fire

burned approximately 20/30 acres of open pasture about 12 miles south of Pampa near Highway 70 before it was extinguished, according to Pampa tire officials.

The fire which began as a control burn shortly before noon Tuesday apparently got into some adjacent property, according to fire department person

Three units and tive personnel from the Pampa Fire Department responded to the grassfire at 11:50 a.m. They were on the scene approximately two hours before it was extinguished.

Gray County Precinct 3 employees also assisted in fighting the fire and furnished graders to bring it under control.

A burn ban which was in effect in Gray County was lifted March 15, according to Fire Chief Kim Powell.



PHS band uniform purchase on agenda Purchase of new Pampa High band uni- for Texas grant.

forms will be on the agenda of the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees when they meet at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Other items the board will consider will be the Eugene Anderson Resolution of apprecirequest to purchase real property and Read - cussed.

Also to be considered will be possible action of proposed renewal of teacher and other professional contracts. Proposed nonrenewal of teacher contracts will also be considered. Consideration and possible action ation, Worth the Wait Student Survey, on teacher resignations will also be dis-

Administrative report items will include academic report and discipline/teen leadership, financial operations, facilities action plan, board of trustee team development plan, bus fleet report, Region To Board of Director's Election, and Panhandle Area Association of School Board meeting on

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BABCOCK, Marcy Elizabeth Knight ---Memorial services, 10 a.m., First Baptist Church,

Obituaries

EARL SNYDER

Earl Snyder, 96, died Tuesday, March 28, 2000. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. J.C. Burt, pastor of Barrett Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Snyder was born March 10, 1904, in Huntsville County, Texas. He married Virginia Sheffield in 1941 at Sierra Blanco, Texas. He moved to Pampa in 1963 from Monahans. He worked as a mechanic for the civil service at Pyote Air Base at Pyote. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia, of the home; one daughter, Clara Smith of Pampa; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Barrett Baptist Church Building Fund, 903 E. Beryl, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Emergency numbers

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Crime Stoppers	.669-	2222

Police report

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

Tuesday, March 28

An assault by contact was reported Tuesday evening by a juvenile in the 1800 block of Beech. The complainant alleged he was struck with a skateboard and received minor injuries.

An assault was reported in the 400 block of Rose. Minor injuries were reported.

A burglary of a building was reported in the 800 block of S. Banks. Items reported missing were a tent, plastic gas can, two propane lanterns and a three drawer tool box containing assorted tools. Value was estimated to exceed \$900.

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, March 28 Jonathan P. Munn, 35, 1037 Varnon Dr., was arrested for violation of probation/aggravated

Debra Kay Howard, 44, Pampa, was arrested for public intoxication.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Tuesday, March 28**

10:58 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

5:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the fol lowing calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, March 28

11:50 a.m. — Three units and five personnel responded to a grassfire 12 miles south of

Divided Supreme Court hears arguments on school prayer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A lead such prayers. clearly divided Supreme Court subject of school prayer today as the justices sought to determine ball games.

Nearly four decades after the court banned organized, officially sponsored prayers from public schools, the justices' questions and comments alternately dischurch-state separation and students' free-speech rights.

Justice David H. Souter appeared most critical of a Texas school district's policy allowing pregame prayers over a stadium's public address system. It "requires these students to sit there while a prayer is going on,"

But Justice Antonin Scalia, who seemed most sympathetic to the now-suspended policy, give a "message or invocation," every case it's going to produce a he said.

A decision will be announced by late June. And as in many of the most divisive cases to confront the nine-member court, the votes of Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony M. Kennedy may prove pivotal.

which way they might rule. The said. eventual decision could help school prayer beyond sporting

the politically volatile issue system," he said. comes as an ABC News poll says students should be permitted to lenged in 1995 by four students. Jane Doe, 99-62.

returned to the politically volatile 1,000 interviews, found that 67 percent of those asked favored student-led prayers; 27 percent whether school districts can let opposed them and 6 percent gave students lead stadium crowds in no opinion. The poll's margin of prayer before high school foot- error was plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The poll, based on more than

Earlier this month in Texas' Republican primary, 94 percent played their concern for both events. Texas Gov. George W. and prayers "nonsectarian and

The Supreme Court, however,

school district's policy, argued uation-ceremony dispute. that it is a neutral one that does adding, "You can't say that in dent is the circuit breaker here,"

> Texas Attorney General John Cornyn also urged the justices to reinstate the policy and avoid her own high school gradua-"viewpoint discrimination" tion," the court said then. against those who want their messages to be prayers.

student-led prayers in class- organized school prayer. Both asked numerous ques- rooms could begin each school their questions did not signal is an extracurricular event," he

But Anthony Griffin, a The court's newest venture into class. "They're part of the school

The Santa Fe Independent two-thirds of Americans think School District's policy was chal- Independent School District vs.

and their parents. Their lawsuit also attacked the school district's policy of letting students lead prayers at graduation ceremonies.

Santa Fe, a community of some 10,000 residents about 40 miles southeast of Houston, has seen deep divisions created by the prayer dispute.

A federal appeals court ruled of voters approved a nonbinding last year that school officials resolution backing student-initi- must tell students to keep their ated prayer at school sporting graduation-ceremony comments Bush, the presumed Republican non-proselytizing" but also ruled presidential nominee, filed a that student-led prayers at high brief supporting student-led school football games are always out of bounds.

officials district School often ignores public sentiment in appealed both parts of the 5th fulfilling its role as the ultimate U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rularbiter of constitutional disputes. ing but the Supreme Court Washington lawyer Jay agreed only to focus on the foot-Sekulow, defending the Texas ball games, passing up the grad-

The justices' last major ruling not involve government speech. on school prayer was announced noted that it would allow a rep- Only who will speak — not the in 1992, and barred clergy-led resentative elected by students to message given — is subjected to a prayers — invocations and benemajority vote, he said. "The studictions — at public school graduation ceremonies. Constitution forbids the state to exact religious conformity from a student as the price of attending

> The ruling was viewed as a strong reaffirmation of the Asked by O'Connor whether court's 1962 decision banning

But in 1993, the justices refused tions today and appeared trou- day, Cronyn said no. Football to review a 5th Circuit ruling in bled by the policy at issue. But games are different because "this another Texas case that allowed student-led prayers at graduation ceremonies.

That ruling still is binding law clarify the law surrounding Galveston, Texas, lawyer repre- in Louisiana and Mississippi as senting those who challenged the well. But it conflicts with another events — a confusing jumble the policy, said high school football federal appeals court's decision nation's highest court helped cre- games "are just as much a part of barring student-led graduation these schools" as a homeroom prayers in nine Western states. The justices also refused to review that decision.

The case is Santa Fe

high of 65 today and northeast winds at 10-15 mph. Mostly cloudy tonight with a low of 40 and northeast winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and a high of 60. Yesterday's high was ranged from the 30s to 70s 73; the overnight low 40. Rainfall measured .04 inch.

deadly tornadoes and softballsize hail that slammed Fort sections of the state.

Elian says he wants to remain in Florida MIAMI (AP) — The government insisted that Elian want his father to visit him in federal appeals court in Atlanta Miami "because he'll take me to to overturn a federal judge's rul-Gonzalez's Miami relatives agree Cuba and I don't want to go to today to hand the boy over if they Cuba," according to the English lose their court case, and his great-uncle met with attorneys

"He can stay here, I don't want to go," Sawyer quoted him as

America."

before a late afternoon show-

down with the immigration ser-

Lazaro Gonzalez, the child's

paternal great-uncle, said he

would be willing to relinquish

Elian to the 6-year-old boy's

father if he came from Cuba to

Miami to pick him up. Lazaro

they'll have to go find him there."

If he refused, government offi-

cials said, they would revoke the

boy's temporary permission to

timetable Lazaro Gonzalez

would be given but have said

they would not do anything that

About 50 demonstrators gathered today outside the home where Elian has been staying

since he was rescued in

November from the waters off

Florida after his boat sank during

a voyage from Cuba. His mother,

who was divorced from his

father, was among 11 people

Eight killed

in mobile

home fire

ACWORTH, Ga. (AP) — Fire

destroyed a mobile home early

today and killed eight people,

including an infant, authorities

Five bodies were found in a

bedroom near the back door and

three others were in the front of

the four-bedroom, double-wide

mobile home, said police Maj.

to exit," said Mark Gresham, a

spokesman for the Cobb County

tried to open windows to get to

slammed it into the plate glass

window, but it wouldn't break,"

said Wheeling, a 40-year-old con-

Joanne Cochran, her four chil-

dren, her niece, her teen-age

son's girlfriend and the girl-

friend's baby, said Ed Converse,

who owns the mobile home

park. He said Cochran worked

for him as maintenance supervi-

sor until two weeks ago, when

she quit to manage a fast-food

was close to her kids. If there was

a stray, she took them in - any-

one, anything. She had a huge

The names of the other victims

Police said the fire at the

Modern Living Mobile Home

Park in Acworth, about 30 miles

northwest of Atlanta, was report-

were not immediately available.

"Everybody liked Joanne. She

The victims were Linda

"It appears they were all trying

Neighbor Jim Wheeling said he

"I picked up a big of rock and

Chuck Martin.

Fire Department.

struction worker.

the victims.

restaurant.

heart," he said.

ed at 3:16 a.m.

sent to Cuba.

ABC aired footage today of the boy saying he didn't want to be

would traumatize the boy.

Service.

Miami.

She said the boy also gave conflicting responses to some questions, saying there was nothing he liked about Cuba or Miami.

Reading from a statement after Gonzalez said he would not Lazaro Gonzalez balked at the he would send Elian out of the deliver the boy to the Immigration and Naturalization signing the agreement Tuesday, spokeswoman Karen Kraushaar said the Justice "I won't cooperate in anything," he told Spanish-language Department hoped the boy's great-uncle signed it soon. network Telemundo on Tuesday.

"While INS has always had the "The boy lives in my house and authority to implement its decision, we have gone to great INS officials said they have lengths to bring about a resolugiven Lazaro Gonzalez another opportunity to sign the pledge ner that creates as little disrup- protests. today at agency headquarters in tion for Elian as possible,' Kraushaar said.

> Family spokesman Armando Gutierrez criticized the INS tac-

stay in the United States at 9 a.m. tics. "They said, 'If you don't sign Thursday. The INS would then the paper, we remove Elian.' direct the boy's relatives to relin-They don't tell us how," quish custody, according to government officials, speaking on condition of anonymity. They Gutierrez said. Referring to Cuban leader Fidel Castor, Gutierrez alleged INS officials would not say exactly what "are following orders either from Clinton's lawyers or Fidel, and they need to answer to the community and to the world."

ing affirming an INS decision to return Elian to his father in Cuba. narration by ABC's Diane The court scheduled arguments Sawyer on "Good Morning for the week of May 8, which could complicate any steps by the government in the meantime.

In Havana, Castro said Tuesday his government fears Miami-based exiles might take Elian to another country or even harm him if they lose their court

Lazaro Gonzalez denied that country, or that he himself would

"It never even entered my mind," he said. "This is my home."

Federal and local officials said they are monitoring Spanish-language radio stations and public statements by some exile leaders tion that is carried out in a man- in anticipation of possible

Cuban religious leaders planned to hold a prayer vigil tonight near the Gonzalez home.

Jorge Mas Santos, chairman of the Cuban American National Foundation, a Cuban exile group, said he believes the U.S. government will think carefully before taking any action.

"We don't think the government would forcefully take the child," Mas Santos said. "If they are so confident they will win, then they can wait a few weeks. It would be a mistake, provoking



(Special photo) Lamar student Chris Duree pulls on his cowboy boots as he prepares to learn more about Texas at Lamar Elementary during Texas

I RECENTLY had a fire at my

home, that could have resulted in

a major loss. However, due to the

quick response of the Pampa Fire

Dept., damage was kept to a min-

imum. These people are truly

some of Pampa's finest. They

were kind, caring and handled

everything as only well trained

professionals could. Thank you

Pampa Fire Dept., Ron Dewitt.

City Briefs

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

CITY BRIEF Deadline for Friday Mar. 31st, has been changed to 9 a.m. Fri. 31st, due to Pride Edition, press run.

Public School Week recently.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy with

STATEWIDE - A strong storm system lingered over North Texas today in the wake of

Worth and the mid-cities near

An upper-level low pressure system was spinning toward the Arkansas state line, pulling the larger thunderstorms Northeast Texas as another, weaker storm center followed.

statewide. It was 35 degrees at Amarillo and 58 at El Paso.

Winds were mostly westerly to northerly at 5 to 15 mph, except for gusts near storms.

A weak high-pressure dome was developing across northern

skies Cloudy prevailed statewide.

Clearing was expected through Thursday across the expected state, with daytime highs from the mid 50s in the northern Panhandle to lower 90s along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight were expected from the mid-30s in the northern Panhandle to mid-50s in the Big Bend.

A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms could develop Thursday, mainly in northern portions of the state, with highs mid 50s in the north to around 90 along the Rio Grande.

Court of Appeals upholds conviction in Brown County capital murder trial McGinn was convicted of rap- girl's body in a culvert along a

viction of Ricky Nolen McGinn, 43, of Brown County.

In ruling Wednesday, the court did not comment on the appeal. McGinn's execution has been scheduled for April 27.

Court of Criminal Appeals has ing his 12-year-old stepdaughter farm-to-market upheld the capital murder con- and killing her with a short-han- McGinn's residence. dled ax on May 22, 1993, accord-

ing to court records. Investigators found blood in McGinn's attorneys had argued the trunk of McGinn's car, a that the trial judge's decision not bloody ax under the seat of a bro- to move the proceeding kept him

In a previous appeal rejected by the criminal appeals court, ken truck in his yard and the from getting a fair trial.

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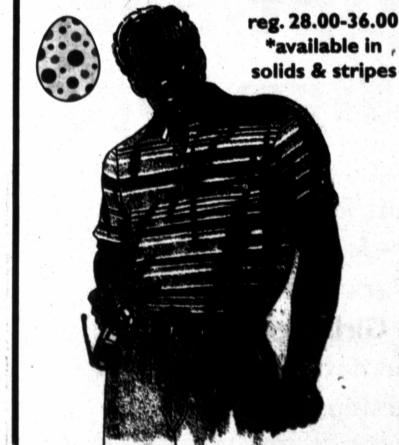
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White Deer deer forms



White Deer residents obtained deer forms from the city office last week as they compete to construct the winning deer which will be included in the new project at the White Deer City Park which will contain a butterfly garden and cage as well as fountains and flowers. Local residents who will be building a deer are from left, Stephanie Banks and children Emily and Sarah, Katrina Warminski, Anita Haiduk, Christy Brown, Tanner Auldridge, Sharon Stiles, Grady Milton, Lanya Blodgett and Kevin Blodgett.

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill

HUTCHINSON (NORTH HUTCHINSON Krider) Strat Land Exploration, #1 Buchner, 467' from South & West line, Sec. 4, A, DL&C (BHL: 660' from South & 2055' from West Sec. line) PD 4900'. Horizontal well

HUTCHINSON (WEST PAN-HANDLE Red Cave) J.M. Huber Corp., #1R Herring 'G', 1079' from North & 1962' from East line Juan Matta Survey, PD DLE) 2500'. Replacement well

Hill, 1012' from South & 1712' East line, 146,42,H&TC, PD 10700'.

Gas Well Completions CARSON (WEST PANHAN-DLE) Conoco, Inc., #A-75RH Burnett, Sec. 95,5,1&GN, elev. 3258 gr, spud 12-12-99, drlg. compl 12-22-99, tested 1-19-00, potential 1800 MCF, TVD 2525', MD 3295' — Horizontal well

CARSON (WEST PANHAN-Pioneer Resources USA, Inc., #A3 Lone Star, L.P., #9 Isaacs '209', ROBERTS (WILDCAT & Sanford, Sec. 9,3,AB&M, elev. Sec. 209,C,G&M, elev. 2572 kb,

TVD 2952' — Horizontal Sidetrack

HEMPHILL (S.W. CANADI-AN Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #8 Isaacs '210', Sec. 210,C,G&MMB&A, elev. 2502 gr, spud 11-25-99, drlg. compl 12-21-99, tested 2-4-00, potential 1780 MCF, TD 10600', PBTD 10484' -

HEMPHILL (S.W. CANADI-PARSELL Upper Morrow) 3197 gr, spud 11-4-99, drlg. spud 10-23-99, drlg. compl 11-Range Production Co., #10 Ben compl 1-4-00, tested 2-7-00, 19-99, tested 1-21-00, potential

potential 1110 MCF, MD 4524', 2280 MCF, TD 10600', PBTD 10260' -

ROBERTS (LIPS Morrow) Alpar Resources, Inc., #3C 158', Courson-Lips Sec. 158,13,T&NO, elev. 2940 gr, spud 12-28-99, drlg. comp. 1-15-00, tested 2-11-00, potential 2700 MCF, TD 9300', PBTD

Plugged Wells
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Natural AN Granite Wash) Samson Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #2-19 Shell Fee, Sec. 19,41,H&TC, spud 2-13-00, plugged 2-26-00, TD 8150' (dry)

> HEMPHILL (EAST PAN-HANDLE) Powerline Energy Corp., #1 Lois Flowers, James Survey, Kenney unknown, plugged 2-23-00, TD 7606' (gas) — Form 1 in Malouf Abraham Co.

HEMPHILL Tonkawa) George P. Post, #1 Abrams, Sec. 102,41,H&TC, spud in 1978, plugged 2-18-00, TD 8465' (oil) — Form 1 in Post Petroleum

WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Oil Dee's Oil 'Co., Sec. 80,17,H&GN, for the following

#1 Blake, spud unknown, plugged 2-15-00, TD 2150' (oil)

#3 Claire, spud unknown, plugged 2-21-00, TD 2150'

#1 Norma, spud unknown, plugged 2-15-00, TD 2150' (oil) -

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Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furrs Cafeteria.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

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. HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSO-

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236. LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Lovett Memorial Library's Spring Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. The program, which includes crafts and stories, is open to all children 18 months to 5-years-old. Story hours are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXTRAVA-**GANZA**

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with hold an Arts and Crafts Extravaganza from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in only one of the following cate-Saturday, April 1 in the school gymnasium, 2300 N. Hobart. The event will include a variety of crafts, tasty treats, face painting and more. The public is cordially invited to attend. Admission is free. For more information or to inquire about booth 21117. space, call 665-5665. **AHA ART GALA**

Heart Association will hold its annual Art Gala and Auction fund-raiser

at 7 p.m. April 8 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. HARRINGTON CANCER CEN-

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Pathways," a four-part series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. through the 28th. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235, Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or call toll-free 1-800-274-4673.

BSA HOSPICE PROGRAM

anyone interested in becoming a BSA Hospice volunteer from 1:30-4:30 p.m. every Monday and Thursday, March 20-April 13 at Amarillo BSA Hospice Building, 600 N. Tyler. The training is free and CEUs will be awarded by Amarillo College. To register, call Deborah Andrews, LSW, (806) 212-8715. **ERGONOMICS CONFERENCE**

American Society of Safety Engineers and Amarillo College will "Ergonomics April 28 at AC co-sponsor Conference" Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk, Amarillo. For more information or to register, call Bob Pearce at (806) 371-5207 or Rick Paris at (806) 355-9253.

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TEXAS CIVIL JUSTICE LEAGUE Texas Civil Justice League is offering voters an Internet source for candidates for the Texas Supreme Court, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and 15 Court of Appeals districts across the state. TCJL will post information on its website http://www.texasjudges.org. — about judicial candidates for appellate court benches including back-ground and qualifications for the bench. The information will be nonpartisan and is presented for the sole purpose of educating voters about the candidates.

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PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST International Library Photography is sponsoring the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. The deadline for entries is March 31. The contest is open to everyone and there is no entry fee. Participants are invited to send one 8 x 10 or smaller color or black-and-white print (unmounted), gories: People, travel, pets, children, sports, nature, action, humor, portraiture or other. Send entries to: The International Library Photography, Suite 101-9007, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD

MRS. TEXAS PAGEANT

Officials of the 2000 Mrs. Texas The local chapter of the American United States Pageant are seeking applicants for the competition to be held in April at the Holiday Inn Select in Dallas. The pageant is a preliminary to Mrs. United States to be held in July at Las Vegas. Contestants must be married, a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Judging will be based on personal interview, evening gown presenta-tion and swimsuit. For more information, write JDY Productions, 2910 E. Perryton Dr., Dallas, TX 75224 or call (214) 339-4788.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COL **LEGE STUDENTS**

BSA Hospice will offer a class for High school students with a grade point average of 'B' or better and college students with a GPA of 'B+' or better are eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship (U.S. citizens only). All requests for applications must include the following: student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate GPA, and year in school during the 1999-2000 academic year. To receive application, scholar@ecsf.org, paper Communications Educational Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box

5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012, or fax (847) 295-3972. Requests must be received by March 16, 2000. Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about April 7, 2000.



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Two tornadoes rip through Fort Worth area, killing four FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Rescue workers were combing through buildings, hoping to get a clear picture of the damage this morning after two tornadoes swirled through the Fort Worth area, killing at least four people and injuring well over 100 others. Authorities closed off the central business district and urged people

who work downtown to stay home after one twister shattered windows in dozens of office towers Tuesday, sending glass and debris crashing into the streets and leaving many buildings structurally

Rescue workers resumed their floor-by-floor damage assessment of ists from the Texas Urban Search Rescue Team, a group the Texas Legislature created after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing to respond

to catastrophes, said Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr. anybody. But we're bringing new search and rescue folks . . . so we're going to retry areas," said Pat Svacina, a spokesman for the city of Fort Worth. "We have no indication that there's any other victims, but

we want to be sure. The crash of glass breaking could be heard in the downtown area as workers early today began pushing pieces of windows out of their

"Our biggest concern is getting the glass out of these tall buildings. That stuff, if it starts falling and we get winds here, it becomes flying objects, and experts tell us they could fly for several blocks. So we've got to keep people out of here and not have people in danger,"

U.S. Rep Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth, faxed a letter to President Clinton asking the administration to provide financial assistance to the area hit by the storm. Granger, a former mayor of Fort Worth, expects to return to Fort Worth today.

Two people died in the tornado itself, said Lt. Kent Worley, a spokesman for the Fort Worth Fire Department. One person was crushed inside a collapsed industrial building, and another was hit by

No names were available early today.

Strong winds blew two other people from their car into the Trinity River. Their bodies had not been found, Worley said, and a search and rescue team was expected to resume searching at daybreak. Names of the victims were not available.

Three people were arrested on suspicion of looting at the corporate office of Cash America International pawn shop.

Based on reports-from tornado spotters, Fire Chief Larry McMillen said the storm spawned two tornadoes. One took a northerly route, while the second moved southeast through the downtown area. The storm arced in an east-southeasterly direction into Arlington

and Grand Prairie, he said. In Fort Worth, 89 people were injured. Four people were admitted

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> to area hospitals. One person was in critical condition this morning, said Lt. David Burgess, public information officer of the Fort Worth

> Twelve injuries, all minor, were reported to the east in Arlington, and 82 people were left homeless, said Officer Brad Blackman with the Arlington Police Department.

"It's somewhat of a miracle that there aren't more injuries than we've found out about so far," Barr told reporters at a news confer-

ence with other city officials. The wind was blowing so fast and all the people were shouting, 'We don't want to die, we don't want to die,'" said Sanu Piya, a worker at Star City Fina gas station and convenience store in downtown Fort Worth, who huddled with others in the store as the tornado

Mike Anderson, a Salvation Army spokesman said, "when the sun came up, we could see. It's total devastation everywhere you look" in one Arlington neighborhood. About 60 homes were damaged in the neighborhood, which is made up mostly of two-story houses in the 200,000 range

Many residents slept in their cars overnight in their driveways because they didn't want to leave their homes. Every house in one neighborhood sustained damage. Anderson described the damage ass a mile long and four blocks wide.

Sean Finley, manager of Reata, a popular restaurant on the top floor of the 35-story Bank One building in Fort Worth, said his business's was destroyed. "Imagine a large bomb going off," he said. "It got pretty hectic in here," said owner Mike Evans, who helped

evacuate patrons and employees down 35 flights of stairs to safety. "We were doing some major yelling to get people out of there." Jeffery Moore, a forecaster with the National Weather Service office

Boys accused of plotting to kill parents

MARTINEZ, Ga. (AP) — Three mando" knives, ammunition and possession of a firearm by a per-execute them, investigators said. boys have been accused of plot- detailed drawings of the plot. ting to kill their parents in an elaborate scheme involving uncovered Monday after the 14sleeping pills, guns and Molotov cocktails.

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A 12-year-old Lubbock

West Texas doctors announced the case Tuesday,

saying they are concerned the drought is causing rodents to seek human food sources, increasing the

likelihood of contact with their feces, the source of

"Fourteen cases in a seven-year period makes it a

relatively rare disease, but obviously there have

been outbreaks," Texas Department of Health epi-

demiologist Julie Rawlings said. "This seems a lit-

tle bit early in the year, and I think we need to be

Hantavirus has killed 42 percent of the 238 peo-

cases have been reported in Texas, mostly in the

like symptoms, including a headache and vomit-

"She came to the hospital and was breathing fast," Rosenberg said. "That's the first clue that

something more than simple influenza is going on.

During the first few hours in the hospital, she

girl was treated for hantavirus by Texas Tech

Health Sciences Center doctors last week after con-

The boys — two brothers ages 11 and 13, and another 11-year- the girl tried to telephone her old boy - were held Tuesday in mother, her brother "pulled a youth detention pending a hearing Thursday, prosecutor Brian Bush said. Their identities were her parents. Deputies found the plan, Whittle said.

withheld because of their ages. year-old's bedroom turned up a

tracting the virus earlier this month.

By PAM EASTON

the virus.

Panhandle, she said

decreased dramatically."

Associated Press Writer

year-old sister of one of the 11year-olds found the three at home instead of at school. When sleeping pills, a list of poisonous handgun on her," Whittle said

She ran next door and called boys, with the gun, hiding in According to notes found in They said the boys have never Columbia County Sheriff Clay nearby woods and they con- one boy's bedroom, the three been in trouble with the law and Whittle said a search of the 13- fessed to the plot, the sheriff said. planned to drug both sets of par- they often monitor the music and

Lubbock girl has hantavirus

weakens

her home

ple who have contracted it nationwide. Fourteen rate very quickly and by the time they make it to a

Dr. Robert B. Rosenberg, chief of pediatric critical a dust or mist from contaminated rodent feces, urine

care medicine, said the girl came into University or saliva in confined areas. Its outbreaks coincide

Medical Center on March 13 complaining of flu- with the arrival of spring and summer. The virus is

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ready to go home."

medical facility it is too late.

sures, Rawlings said.

of a crime and aggravated The plot allegedly included

plants from the Internet and plans to get more guns. Molotov cocktails were to be used on police if they found out about the

Whittle said the boys were ents with sleeping pills, barri-22-caliber pistol, three "com- charged with theft of a firearm, cade them in "holding cells" and

Doctors began suspecting hantavirus, which can

cause patients to develop a pulmonary syndrome

in which the lungs fill with liquid and the heart

"People get very sick, very quickly and if they are

going to recover, they usually recover within two to

three days and then recover rather quickly.

Rosenberg said. "This girl, for a period of a couple

of days, was on very high ventilator settings. ... We really did not find out that she had hantavirus until

she had been in the hospital a week and was almost

It's unknown how the girl contracted the virus.

"I think that is one of the problems as to why the

death rate is so high with this disease," Rosenberg

they have to go see a doctor, they begin to deterio-

said. "By the time people get so sick that they have

Hantavirus occurs in people when they breathe

released into the air when the dried feces are

"There is a hypothesis that hantavirus epidemics

may be related to the El Nino events," Rosenberg

Lack of rain also could contribute to more expo-

The Texas Department of Health is investigating

son under age 18, use of a The plans had swastikas drawn The alleged scheme was firearm during the commission on them and listed military-style ranks for each boy. A questionnaire of sorts that

Whittle said the 13-year-old may have used to recruit helpers asked, "Do you feel like your parents treat you like a slave?" The parents of the brothers

said they had no indication of problems with their children. television programs their children are exposed to.

"They are good kids," the mother said.

in Fort Worth, said a team of experts planned to survey the damage in the morning to determine where on the Fujita Scale the tornadoes would fall. Tornadoes range from F1, the weakest, to F5, where winds can exceed 300 mph.

Moore said another round of severe weather was possible this after-

"This is spring in Texas. Unfortunately, spring in Texas means we do have a chance for severe weather all too often," he said

TXU Electric and Gas spokesman Pat Nichols said about 7,500 customers remained without power in western, northern and central parts of the city.

"We have right now 250 people working on repairs. We're bringing in crew from Dallas & outside the Metroplex to relieve them. Our goal is to have everybody back on by nightfall - except, of course, for those buildings that are too damaged," Nichols said.

About 175 people stayed the night at an American Red Cross shelter at Will Rogers Coliseum, most of them elderly, said shelter manager Richard Fall. The American Red Cross also set up shelters at in Grand Prairie and River Oaks.

Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth treated 13 people for storm injuries, three of whom were admitted. Two patients were in critical condition, including a 19-year-old man had been hit in the head with a softball-sized hail stone, hospital spokeswoman Laura Van Hoosier

"The entire skull is fractured, so it'd have to take a tremendous force," Dr. Michael Hickey, a trauma surgeon at the hospital, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Another 26 people were sent to John Peter Smith Hospital with a variety of injuries, spokeswoman Drinda Witt said. Two were admitted — a woman in serious condition with fractures, and a man in fair condition with a head injury, Witt said. Their names were not available, she said.

Twenty-nine went to the Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas, three of whom were admitted overnight. One was in critical condition and

the other two were stable, nursing supervisor Tom McArdle said.

Three people were treated and released from All Saints Medical Center, spokeswoman Amy Henderson said. Three others were treat ed at Fort Worth Cook Children's Hospital and released.

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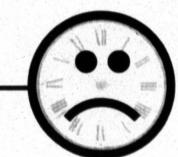
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Girl Who Says No to Bra Gets **No Support From Her Friends**

DEAR ABBY: When I was 12, couldn't wait to wear a bra. By the time I turned 16 last summer, I decided I'd had enough of wearing a bra. My mom, who hasn't worn one since she was 18, had no problem with it as long as it wasn't obvious that I was braless. And for six 'months it wasn't.

Not until I went to a slumber party, and some of the other girls there saw me change into my pj's, did anyone notice I was not wearing

The girls began to make fun of me, telling me that only lesbians go braless. (It doesn't help that I cur-rently have a boyfriend.) Now word has gotten all around school, and people are doing all sorts of things to make fun of me, from boys pretending to unsnap my nonexistent bra to a girl actually coming on to me thinking I was really gay. My mom says she was lucky; going braless was accepted when she was a teen, and I should just ignore the comments and they'll eventually

Having gone without a bra this long, I don't want to go back - they are just too uncomfortable and I am too flat to have any use for them. But I can't stand the constant ridicule. Do you have any suggestions as to what I can do?

BRALESS (NO CITY OR STATE, PLEASE)

DEAR BRALESS: I'm old enough to remember when feminists burned their bras in sym-



Abigail Van Buren

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bolic protest of restrictions on our freedom. It had nothing to do with a person's sexual orientation then - and your classmates are flaunting their ignorance if they think it has anything to do with it now. What

What probably started out as joke has taken on a life of its own and has gone too far. The behavior you are describing sounds like harassment, and the principal of your school should be informed. Part of his or her job is to guarantee that students can pursue an education free of harassment. Please

When I inquired about present-

anything. They have purchased an expensive new home, furniture, new automobiles, etc. The wedding and reception are being paid for by the bride's family, so the bride and groom have incurred little or no expense for these events.

Abby, I have attended bridal showers and weddings where a money tree was offered as an option in gift-giving. However, I find this to be in extremely poor taste and highly presumptuous. I have talked to others who are being invited, and we see this as nothing more than a ploy to gather a huge cash gift.

Your thoughts on this, please. AN OFFENDED FRIEND

DEAR OFFENDED: I agree that to ask for money is in poor taste and presumptuous, and to include an envelope with the invitation was tacky. I'd advise you to skip the shower unless you want to be soaked.

Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To orderr send a business-size, selfaddressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 per booklet (\$4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Booklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

Good advice for everyone seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send business-size, self-addressed enve plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Bex 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

well. Relax, and refuse to let day-to-day matters eat at you. Tonight: Change

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ** Deal with finances. Don't be surprised if what appears, this morning, to be a good risk changes. Flow with others' moods. Visit and socialize. Try not to react too strongly. Make a budget and stick to it. Use your good money sense. Tonight: Pay bills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** You are unusually robust and enthusiastic. Enter a project positively, knowing what you want and expect. Your sensitivity is enhanced. A friend could change his tune quite a few times. Don't take his decisions personally. Tonight: It

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) * * Say what you think, but don't be surprised by another's reactions. You move a partner and open new doors. Be can't always make the right call. Be more observant. You might need to play a boss ion just as easily. Brainstorm about work differently. You simply don't see eye to

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DEAR ABBY: I recently received an invitation to a wedding shower requesting that all gifts should be made in cash. Included with the invitation was a small envelope in which to place the money.

ing a more traditional gift to the couple, I was told they didn't need

Horoscope THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2000 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

* * * * Opportunity strikes. Don't hesuate to plunge in and grab an offer. Another might be cynical or somewhat difficult. Listen, but don't take it personally. A boss could be very difficult as well. Use your interpersonal skills. Tonight: With friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

have mixed feelings about whether to meet them. Remember on which side your bread is buttered. Another's perspective makes you think twice. A parent cares about your well-being. Tonight: Reject negativity. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

* * * * You are challenged to take an

overview and to not get caught up in 'details. Your perspective of a work mat--ter could change because of a partner. Refuse to be negative. Listen to others: open up to new ideas and solutions. Consider taking a risk. Tonight: Catch up on mail.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ** A partner helps in ways you

hadn't anticipated. Count on a friendship that can make a big difference for you. Revise work. Don't get stuck on unproven ideas. Ask for more support or ing. A family member clearly means Pa.

help if needed. Recognize that you can't have everything you want instantly. Tonight: Express your appreciation. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** * Defer to others and listen to feedback. Another might not agree with you, but he presents another side of the story. A partner plays devil's advocate, helping you see another way of thinking. Work with others. Expect the best. Tonight: Say yes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

** Work takes high priority. Good news that comes your way early on could be tempered later. Recognize the source of another's resistance, and deal with that, rather than getting into an ego struggle. A family member could change his tune. Tonight: Soak away stress in a hot

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realistic: another could reverse his opinwith those who can give you strong feed- eye with him today. Tonight: Get a good back. Tonight: Do something you night's sleep. enjoyed as a kid.

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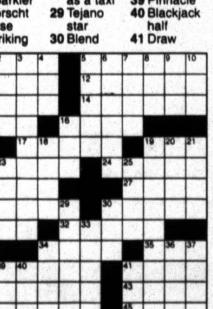




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SPORTS

Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa boys' basketball banquet will be held at 6:30 Friday night in the M.K. Brown room at the Chamber of Commerce build-

Tickets are seven dollars apiece and the banquet will be catered by Dyer's Barbeque.

CORRECTION

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Allison Earl, not Lindsey Earl, was one of the Pampa defenders who helped hold El Paso Bowie to only three shots at goal in the area soccer playoffs last weekend.

The error was made in Monday's Pampa News story on the Pampa-Bowie match.

SOCCER

WICHITA FALLS—Denton defeated Pampa 4-0 in the regional girls' semifinals Saturday.

The Lady Harvesters have a 13-7 record.

HOCKEY

NEW YORK (AP) — With little hope in their final four games of making the NHL playoffs, the New York Rangers decided the time was right to make changes.

The Rangers fired general manager Neil Smith and coach John Muckler on Tuesday in the wake of a fivegame losing streak that will likely keep New York out of the playoffs for the third straight year.

"And that doesn't happen in this city," Madison Square Garden president Dave Checketts said after the dismissals.

Smith was in his 11th season running the Rangers as GM and team president. He presided over the good times when the Rangers ended a year drought by winning the Stanley Cup in 1994.

But it was also under his watch that the team's payroll grew to a league-high \$61 million, and the wins became

tougher to come by.
"It should never happen with this organization, particularly as much as we're willing to spend and go to the mat for it," Checketts said. "It has not worked, that's the bottom line, and the results are what created this day."

The Rangers (29-38-11-3) are five points behind Buffalo in the race for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. New York is 1-8-1 in the last 10 games.

Checketts said the decision was made after Monday night's loss, and there was no reason to wait.

"Once you make a decision like this," Checketts said, "the sooner the better."

Muckler was in his second full season as New York's coach after getting the job on Feb. 19, 1998. He replaced the fired Colin Campbell, now the NHL's disciplinarian.

Assistant John Tortorella will finish out this season's coaching duties. Checketts will hire a GM, and that person will pick the next coach.

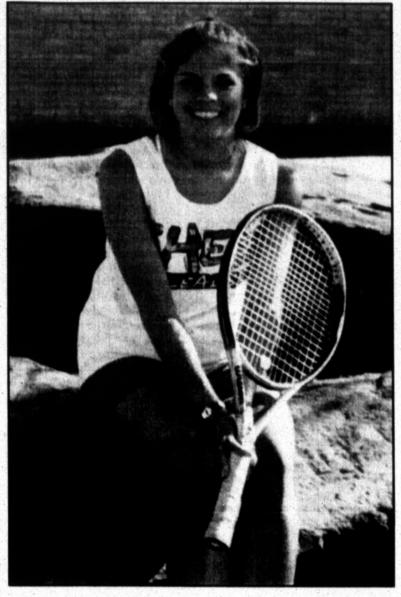
A source close to the team said Wayne Gretzky will be involved in helping select a new coach and general manager, but Checketts would not comment on possible succes-

"He's a former Ranger and one of the great all-time players," Checketts said of Gretzky, whose last three NHL seasons were spent in New York. "I don't expect him to be a part of that process."

The final blows for Muckler and Smith were blowouts on Sunday and Monday in which the Rangers were beat-en 8-2 and 6-0 by Detroit.

"I was just embarrassed and angry for the fans of the New York Rangers," Checketts said. "We were not showing any pride, we were not showing any leadership, we were not performing the way that these fans deserve, and something had to be done."

200 wins



Pampa senior Emily Curtis posted her 200th career victory last weekend during the Lubbock Invitational. Curtis is the only PHS tennis player to reach the 200win mark.

Rockets are starting to show improvement

Houston Rockets are beginning to show improvement in their transition to a younger team.

Shandon Anderson scored 20 points, and Walt Williams had 20 points and 11 rebounds as the Rockets routed the Golden State Warriors 121-86 Tuesday night.

It was the Rockets' second straight easy victory over an also-ran team. Houston beat Chicago 123-78 on Sunday.

We have to think as winners even if we don't have a winning record," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "I don't think this is a wasted year. It's a great experience as a foundation for our young guys to build on."

After using a half-court offense that stressed pushing the ball inside to Hakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley, the Rockets are now running more every game.
"We ran the ball really well,"

Williams said after the Rockets won for the third time in four games. "We played some very unselfish basketball. We tried to rebound aggressively so we could push the ball up court."

With Barkley out for the season after a quadriceps injury, and Olajuwon sidelined by respiratory problems, the younger Rockets are showing they can rebound, push the ball upcourt in a hurry and close in impressive fashion.

Houston outrebounded Golden State 65-49 and had 30 assists - nine more than the Rockets' average. Houston had 22 fast-break points to only 11 by Golden State as five Rockets players had 15 or more points.

"Everyone scored for us," said Steve Francis, who had 15 points, eight rebounds and five assists. "It feels good to win back-toback big victories at home like

"This lets us know that if we come out and play aggressively and rebound, there are not too many teams that can beat us."

Cuttino Mobley added 16 points and Matt Bullard 10 for the Rockets. Kelvin Cato had nine rebounds.

"We did a good job of moving the ball and finding the open man," Anderson said. "We have some guys who are very athletic and who are good ball handlers and can really push the ball. Sometimes it's hard for teams to match up with us.'

Anderson also was happy with the unselfishness his young teammates displayed.

"We're getting better chemistry as a team and that feels good," he said. "We've had a lot

HOUSTON (AP) — The of injuries and different lineups this year. We're starting to get a feel for each other and hopefully guys can stay healthy."

Golden State coach Garry St. Jean was surprised his team shot so poorly, hitting only 39.6 per-

"When you shoot under 40 percent, you're going to have problems," St. Jean said. "We also gave up too many transition points and had too many missed assignments on the half-court

Larry Hughes, who led the Warriors with 22 points, was only 9-of-26. "We missed a lot of shots,"

Hughes said. We had good looks but just didn't knock them down and that gave them a chance to

Notes: This was the first time the Rockets have posted back-toback 120-point performances since April 9-11, 1995, when they did it against Denver and Dallas ... Carlos Rogers left the game with a cut on his jaw in the second quarter. He later received stitches and is day-to-day ... Donyell Marshall left the game at the end of the third quarter after being hit in the nose. ... Mookie Blaylock played the game despite having the flu and scored 14 points.

Pampa wins district opener

AMARILLO — Shortstop out five and walking one. He bottom of the second tied Jesse Francis and pitcher Brent didn't give up a hit past the things at 1-1. Coffee helped lead the Pampa Harvesters to an 8-1 win over Tuesday.

Francis, who went into the game hitting .355, improved that average with four hits and three runs-batted-in. He was retired only once.

game to go 5-1 for the season.

third inning.
"Coffee had great control,"

Amarillo Caprock to open the said Pampa head coach Dennis District 3-4A baseball season Doughty. "He walked only one

Leading 5-1 after four innings, the Harvesters put the finishing touches on Caprock with a three-run fifth. A tworun triple by Francis and an RBI double by Greg Lindsey Coffee pitched a complete accounted for the runs.

Pampa plated its first run the The senior lefty allowed four second on an RBI double by seven innings while striking two-bagger for Caprock in the action.

Another double, this one by Cody Shepard, broke the tie

with a pair of runs in the third. The Harvesters added two more in the fourth on a double by Kaleb Snelgrooes and a single by Francis.

Snelgrooes had three hits in five trips to the plate. Russell Robben and Justin Barnes each had a single to add to the Harvester hitting attack.

Pampa hosts Dumas at 1 p.m. hits and one earned run in Randy Tice. Javier Barrera's Saturday in more district

Harvester junior varsity wins **Dumas Tennis Tournament**

DUMAS — The Pampa junior varsity tennis team continues its dominance of the area by winning the Dumas Tournament last weekend.

Pampa beat a dozen schools, including six small-school varsity teams and six Class 4A JV

Pampa JV finished with 226 points while Perryton varsity was second (180) and Friona varsity third (162).

An outstanding performance was given by freshman Jay Gerber in winning boys' singles. Second place was taken by freshman Pampa David Thacker.

These two freshmen amazingly find a way to win in singles or doubles in every tournament," said Pampa head coach Carolyn Quarles. Sophomores Ashlei Jordan

and Staci Carter won in girls' doubles. They defeated Deeds and Maybew of Groom in the finals, 6-2, 6-4. **Dumas Tournament**

Pampa results

Girls' Doubles

Ashlei Jordan-Stacie Carter def. Johnson-Stewart, Groom, 8-1; def. Hazlett-Lunt, Sunray, 6-2, 2-6, 6-0; def. Kline-Nepper, Canyon, 6-3, 6-4; def. Deeds-Maybew, Groom, 6-2, 6-4. Girls' Doubles

Abby Bradley-Liz West def. Sullivan-Parker, Canyon, 8-5; lost to Ragsdale-Nowlin, Perryton, 6-4, 6-4; def. Schubert-Reznik, Dumas, 0-6, 6-0, 6-3; def. Hazlett-Lunt, Sunray, 6-4, 6-2.

Boys' Doubles Jeff Adkins-Nathanael Hill def. Clift-Styne, Groom, 8-1; def. Ward-Styne, Dumas, 8-5; Heatwole-Heatwole, Canadian, 6-3, 7-6; lost to Cunningham-Stallings, Perryton, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5; lost to Cunningham-Stallings, Perryton, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5; lost to Cook-Spearman, Pampa, 6-1, 7-

Matt Cook-Jared Spearman def. Gentzel-Wilkens, Perryton, def. Winnerbrenner-8-1; Hendrickson, Friona, 6-0, 6-1; Minick-Graham, to Canadian, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; def. HillAdkins, Pampa, 6-1, 7-5.

Girls' Singles Ashley Willis def. Kristen Carson, Friona, 8-1; def. Kylee Wartes, Canyon, 8-4; def. Tiffany Harris, Sunray, 6-1, 6-1; lost to Melanie Symons, Perryton, 6-0, 6-0; def. Brittany Kindle, Pampa, 6-4,

Brittany Kindle def. Christina Patterson, Boys Ranch, 8-1; def. Rachael Nitsche, Canyon, 6-1, 6-3; lost to Jessica Perez, Friona, 7-5, 6-2; lost to Ashley Willis, Pampa, 7-5, 6-4. Boys' Singles

Jay Gerber def. Ryley Rodriguez, Canadian, 8-1; def. Parsley, Vega, 8-4; def. Landon Lewis, Canyon, 6-0, 6-0; def. Zubin Bhakta, Friona (default); def. David Thacker, Pampa, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

David Thacker def. Cade Culver, Canadian, 8-3; def. Richard Stewart, Groom, (default); def. Jonathan Espinosa, Friona (default); lost to Jay Gerber, Pampa, 4-6,

Lightning is struck by Stars,4-2

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The day before, Dieter Kochan was in the United Hockey League. Then he was facing the Stanley Cup cham-

Tampa Bay's rookie goalie allowed four goals on 17 shots Tuesday night as the Lightning dropped a 4-2 decision to the

Dallas Stars. "As funny as it sounds, I felt pretty relaxed out there," said Kochan, who was with Binghamton of the UHL. "After the first period, I got a little bet-

The first period was a tough Sylvain Cote, Guy Carbonneau and Mike Modano scored in the first seven minutes as Kochan was pulled after facing

just six shots. "I thought it was a tough spot to put him in," Lightning coach Steve Ludzik said. "Don't judge him on this game. We still think he's going to be a good goalie."

Dan Cloutier stopped all 11 shots he faced, but was forced out of the game after he strained a knee ligament early in the second period. Kochan returned and allowed Mike Keane's short-handed goal — the Stars' second of the night — on the first shot he faced.
"Their goalie was jittery, but he

was very good at the end," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "He made six or seven great saves at the end."

Cloutier is listed as day-to-day. Keane also had two assists, giving him 400 career points.

The Stars, who extended their road unbeaten streak to six, hold an 11-point lead over Los Angeles in the Pacific Division. Dallas has won an NHL-record 33 straight road games when scoring at least three goals.

Vincent Lecavalier recorded his team-leading 22nd goal for Tampa Bay, which became the second team in NHL history to lose 50 games in three consecutive seasons. The Pittsburgh Penguins did

it from 1982-83 through 84-85. Todd Warriner scored a short-

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handed goal with 1.5 seconds left in the second period for the Lightning, who have lost five straight and seven consecutive at home. Tampa Bay is 3-13-3 against Dallas.

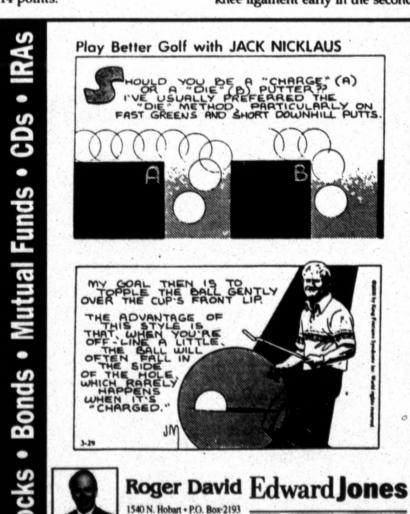
It was just the second time three short-handed goals have been scored in a Lightning game. It was the second time in three games the Stars have scored two short-handed goals.

Cote snapped a 21-game goalscoring drought during a 2-on-1 at 1:25 of the first.

After Lecavalier tied it 18 seconds later, Carbonneau made it 2-1 at 3:17.

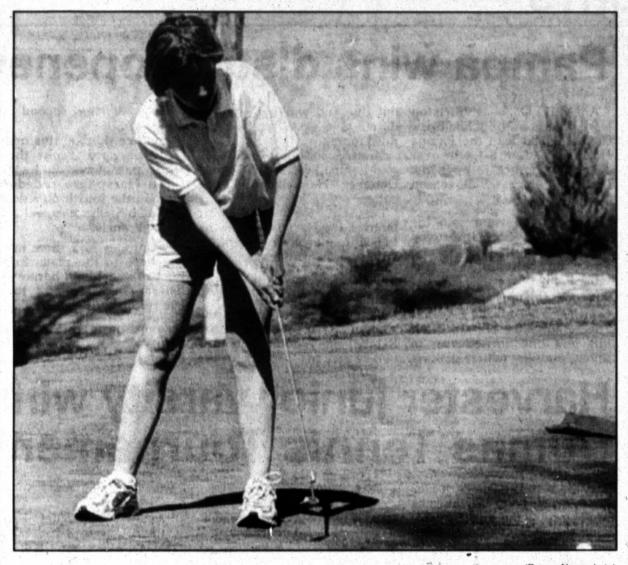
Modano — who has a leaguebest 21 goals and 43 points since Jan. 20 — put the Stars up two goals with a short-handed goal at

Modano, who has a four-game scoring streak, is questionable for tonight's game against Florida because of a hip flexor injury.





District golf play



Lynnsee Hancock of the Pampa girls' golf team sends a putt toward the hole in the second round of the District 3-4A Tournament on Monday at the Pampa Country Club. Pampa is second behind Borger heading into the third round, which will be played Saturday at Hereford.

Irish, Wake Forest in NIT final

Forest needed five extra minutes to beat North Carolina State.

The trish routed the Nittany Lions 73-52, and the Demon its the entire second half, and Deacons outlasted the Wolfpack Notre Dame led by as many as 22 62-59 in overtime Tuesday night to when Murphy's slam dunk at 2:28 advance to Thursday night's gave the Irish a 70-48 lead.9 National Invitation Tournament

Notre Dame (22-14) and Wake Forest (21-14) have never faced each other in basketball. Penn State (18-16) will play N.C. State (20-13) in the consolation game, like Penn State." which precedes the final.

Throughout the NIT, both Notre Dame and Wake Forest talked about showing the NCAA selection committee that it made a mistake by not giving them at-large invitations.

Both teams think their postseason runs have further strengthened their arguments.

"No one expected us to be here," Irish forward David Graves said. "No one expected us to be in the postseason, and it's a relief to prove everyone wrong.'

Troy Murphy had 18 points and eight rebounds to lead the Irish past the Nittany Lions. Matt Carroll added 13 points, and backup Jere Macura 12 points and seven rebounds for the Irish, who shot 53 percent on 25-for-47 shoot-

"We showed how we can spread our offense out," Murphy said. "They couldn't focus on any one of our players."

Notre Dame used its stifling zone defense to hold Penn State to just 33 percent shooting from the field (18-of-54).

Joe Crispin led Penn State with 16 points on 6-for-12 shooting, including 4-for-9 from 3-point range, and Jarrett Stephens added

11 points and nine rebounds. "We shot the ball very poorly,"

NEW YORK (AP) — While Penn State coach Jerry Dunn said. shots for a 60-56-lead. Notre Dame cruised past Penn "It wouldn't have mattered who State in the NIT semifinals, Wake we played tonight. When you ed with a 3-pointer with 22 sec-

> to win the basketball game." Penn State trailed by double dig-

intensity and the way they maintained it for the second half," lead and against a dangerous team. giving me the ball when it count-

since losing to Virginia in 1992.

"We're excited to be going to the championship game of the NIT against a good Wake Forest team," Doherty said.

Darius Songaila scored six of his 18 points in overtime to lead Wake Forest past Atlantic Coast Conference rival N.C. State.

"This was an old-fashioned they have the summer to rest." ACC, Tobacco Road type of game," Demon Deacons coach Justin Gainey each had 10 points happens when two evenly

matched teams play."

Songaila made a layup off a pass with 35.9 left and made both foul that's the nature of basketball."

N.C. State's Tim Wells respondshoot that poorly, you're not going onds left, closing the Wolfpack to

But Songaila was fouled by Anthony Grundy with 13.7 seconds and made both free throws to

"It feels great to be in that situa-"I was impressed with our guys' tion where you're making key shots at the end of the game," Songaila said. "The most impor-Notre Dame coach Matt Doherty tant thing for me was the confisaid. "That's tough to do with a dence my teammates showed in

It will be the fourth NIT final Josh Howard had 14 points and appearance for the Irish, and first Rafael Vidaurreta added 10 points and eight rebounds for Wake Forest, making its first NIT final appearance.

"It was a rough game, but we've been in those kinds of scraps all year long and we've always been able to come back," Odom said. "Truly for the first time this year, I'll be able to say to my players that

Inge, Damon Thornton and Dave Odom said. "That's what for N.C. State, which shot just 29.5 percent from the field on 18-of-61. shooting.

"I don't know if there was one from Robert O'Kelley with 58 sec- key to this game," N.C. State coach onds left to give Wake Forest a 58- Herb Sendek said. "I came down 56 lead in overtime. Songaila was to a foul shot. Either team could fouled by Kenny Inge on the point to any number of posses-Demon Deacons' next possession sions. It's frustrating to lose, but

NFL may ban celebrations

of planned on-field celebra- yardage penalties. tions by more than one player.

another film of high school instant replay.

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — games, the committee unani-The NFL's competition com- mously voted to suggest a mittee will recommend a ban series of fines, but not

The 31 owners were to vote After viewing tapes of NFL on the recommendation games, then seeing many of today, when they also were to the elaborate celebrations on consider whether to retain

Managers lined up for Optimist girls' softball

Sherri Tice has announced this season's managers for the 7-9

League this year.

"We are proud of the people who will be helping mold the spirit of the young people who will play softball this year," Tice said. "I have always liked the 7-9 League. The girls in this league have the most fun there is. The friends they make will last a lifetime. They learn the fundamentals of the game have fun doing

Tice explained that there are no tryouts in the 7-9 league. The girls will sign up at Optimist Park on April 4-6.

"All girls will be assigned to teams through a blind draft," she explained. "The girls who played last year will generally be placed back on the same team as last

Tice coached three years in the 7-9 League. This is her second year as Commissioner.

"Janice Miner and Tammy Courter will be co-managers of Computer Sales & Technology," Tice said.

Miner has coached softball for three years. She and her husband, Jimmy, have three children: Jessica 9, Jared 4, and Joshua 3. She helped originate and is now employed as a case work supervisor by Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the High Plains. An eight-year member of the Junior Service League, she served the organization for a term as vicepresident. She taught fifth and sixth grade Sunday School for two years and currently works with Elementary Total Youth Ministries and Children's Church for the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

"My daughter talked me into being a coach," Miner smiled. "What we are here for is to have fun. I teach my players to be proud about winning, but not to brag about it or rub it in. We have a wonderful team of players and parents. Sometimes kids will baseball or softball for five years. Scorekeeper.

League Softball Commissioner smiles on their faces saying, 'So, did we win or lose?' I have run into several players over the winter months who keep asking, 'When are we going to get started with softball again?' That kind of excitement makes me know that kids are having fun and are looking forward to playing again."

for Austin Elementary School for three years. She is the mother of two children: Nakayla 12, and Tabbitha 8. Courter's life revolves around her children. She has been a home room mothyears and just completed her first year as an Optimist girls basket-ball coach. This is her third year to coach softball.

"I have always been around on in life." kids," Courter said. "I love kids. Last year we didn't even tell our players the score most of the time. We just made it fun. We excited about the coming sea-

She is involved with Elementary Total Youth Ministries at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. at the church.

"I wanted to coach because I wanted to do something with my daughter," Wariner explained. "I loved softball growing up. I love to teach this age. They are just learning how to catch the ball coaches and umpires," she and hit the ball. "Coaching these added. girls is a lot of fun. I think by giving the girls a good experience at this age, It will keep them wanting to play later on."

 Optimist Little come to me after a game with He and his wife, Shelly, are the parents of a baseball player, Weston 12, and a softball player, Carlyn 8. He also coaches in the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken Baseball League.

Teichmann is the golf professional at Hidden Hills Public Golf Course. He is a deacon for the First Baptist Church and a Courter has been a receptionist member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

"I coach for the enjoyment of the game," Teichmann said enthusiastically. "I love to see little girls come out and learn sportsmanship and teamwork. er. She coached soccer for eight Teichmann explained his philosophy about coaching: "These girls attain developmental skills through interacting with other girls which will help them later

Teichmann thought for a few minutes and then chuckled, saying "Sometimes the girls are a little nervous, but I look forward to have some great girls on our the challenge of helping them team. They're fun. We have great believe in themselves. We try to support from our parents. I am develop every girl and do it in a fun way.

Returning to manage Culligan Kittee Wariner will head J&M Water Conditioning for the third Machine. Her son, Gregory, is year is Donnie Winegeart. nine and her daughter, Kylee, is Winegeart has been a operator at eight. She is the office manager at © Celanese for 12 years. He and his Caprock Engineering. Her hus- wife, Debbie, have two daughband, Jamie, furnishes his sup-ters. Erin is 13 and Holly is 9. He port and a helping hand. This is is a member of the First Christian her second year to coach softball. Church. He has coached Optimist and AAU girls' basketball for five years.

"The reason I coach is to help She also teaches an aerobics class the girls to learn to be competitive and to have fun," he said.

Tice said more adult volunteer are needed to work with these

"We expect to have more girls this year, so we really need more

Jimmie Clark will be back to serve as Assistant Commissioner again. Tanya Lidy will handle the duties of the league's secretary. David Teichmann is the man- Cavin Coleman is the Safety ager of Phil Pet Federal Credit Officer. Melody Yource will be Union for the second year. He the Player Agent. Teresa Gattis started in T-ball and has coached takes on the job of Head

Finley sparks Mavs by Clippers

Michael Finley has four tripledoubles this season, and needs three more in the Dallas Mavericks' final 11 games to match the single-season team record set by the guy he was traded for - Jason Kidd.

Don't bet against him. Right now, that appears to be the only drama left this season for the Mavericks, who are close to being mathematically eliminated from the Western playoff Conference race. Tuesday night's 112-102 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers only delayed the inevitable.

"I have high expectations for my teammates and this team. That's why I came to Dallas," Finley said after his 20 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists helped the Mavericks to their fourth straight road win. "Hopefully, these expectations can be reached in the future."

The Mavericks have won more than 30 games for only the second time since last making the playoffs in 1990, and they have a good nucleus to build around

LOS ANGELES (AP) — thanks to Finley, Dirk Nowitzki the second-year reserve forward and Hubert Davis.

The same cannot be said of the Clippers, who fully expect to lose starting point guard Derek Anderson and leading scorer Maurice Taylor after the season.

With just 14 victories, the Clippers have to go 4-6 the rest of the way to avoid tying the mark for the second-fewest wins during a full season in franchise history. They had 17 in four of the previous 18 seasons, and just 12 in 1986-87 under Don Chaney.

Chalk up Tyrone Nesby as the latest unsatisfied customer on the roster of castoffs, CBA retreads on 10-day contracts and promising young players such as Lamar Odom and Michael Olowokandi.

Nesby was benched by interim coach Jim Todd with 2 1/2 minutes left in the second quarter because of what Todd described a "team disciplinary action, which I don't want to expand

Nesby, who wore Troy Hudson's name on his sneakers a day after the Clippers waived

 and was criticized during the game by Todd for his defensive work - didn't mince words about his displeasure with Todd following the Clippers' eighth straight foss.

"Then he has the nerve to tell me he's not going to play me the last 10 games. That's bull," Nesby said. "If he wants to hurt the team, he'll hurt the team. I know I'm good enough to do something on the team. But if he wants to play it like that, it's cool

Nowitzki also scored 20 points for the Mavericks, and Davis finished with 15 points — including three 3-pointers in a 2:05 span to break open a tie game after Dallas blew a seven-point lead earlier in the fourth quarter. Greg Buckner sank five of six free throws in the final minute for the Mavericks.

Eric Piatkowski scored 28 points and Olowokandi added a career-high 27 for the Clippers, who have lost 36 of the last 40 games and six straight against

Fans can expect a subway series

Major League baseball is about to get arted and some fans were hoping for a started and some fans were hoping for a subway series last year.

If my fearless forecast means anything, they will get their wish in the 2000 season. My guesses are that the New York Yankees and the New York Mets will hook

it up in the World Series. Some of the experts are saying the current Yankees won't be able to win a third straight championship because of age, injuries, defensive lapses, whatever.

Put everything together, from top to bottom, and the Yankees still have more talent than any other team.

Don't believe it.

The Mets have the best defensive infield in baseball Just a bit more consistency from the pitching staff and a few more timely hits

should put them into the series. The Yankees, however, will prevail.

In case you missed it, Pampa senior Beth Lee set a new school record in winning the 3200 at last weekend's All-American Girls'

Her 11:25.79 broke the old record of I1:26 · Hefley is a junior.

PHOTO

held by Jenny Fatheree.

Rebecca Fatheree, Jenny's youngest sister, finished second to Lee at Abilene.

Lee has already signed a track and cross in Levelland.

Four Pampa-area players were named the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches

All-Region Team this season. Curt Smith and Nathan Hefley of Fort Elliott and Josh Ellison of Canadian were named to the the boys' team.

Groom's Carrie Davis was the lone representative on the girls' team. Smith, Eillison and Davis are seniors.

The 5-11 Smith was the area's outstanding player.

Smith averaged more than 20 points per game and the Cougars went as far as the regional semifinals this season. Smith averaged 18 points per game as a

junior when Fort Elliott went 31-0 during the regular season.

Many area fans can remember McLean athlete Sheri Haynes, who may have been the state's best 6-on-6 basketball player

Haynes was listed in the Top 100 Sports country scholarship to South Plains College Legends of the Panhandle published recently by the Amarillo News-Globe.

> Haynes averaged 34 points per game in four years as a starter at McLean. She was named to the all-state team in 1974 and 1975.

.... Coaches or anyone with sports news can reach me after office hours at 665-7650. That's my home phone and don't be shy about calling.

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Cubs win at Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) — A sumo dugout. wrestler waddled to his seat and Crown Prince Naruhito sat in the Royal Box. Fans snacked on sushi with chopsticks, and some even wore surgical masks.

Mike Hampton made this a truly wild opening day.

Baseball truly turned international today, and the Chicago Cubs took advantage Hampton's nine walks to beat the New York Mets 5-3 in the first major league game played outside North America.

A mostly quiet, sellout crowd announced at 55,000 in the Tokyo Dome watched the earliest opener ever and saw Shane Andrews and Mark Grace homer for the Cubs and new manager Don Baylor.

Mike Piazza hit a two-run shot for the Mets and, in keeping with Japanese "besuboru" custom, was presented with a stuffed doll when he reached home plate. He followed tradition, too, and threw the trinket over the wild pitch.

Sammy Sosa, who visited the U.S. Embassy with Piazza earlier in the day, got the biggest cheers. He delivered a double and single, and walked twice.

Jon Lieber kept in control, pitching seven neat innings and allowing one run and five hits.

After five women in colorful kimonos presented flowers to both teams and the umpires, Hampton started the season by throwing a strike to Eric Young at 7:06 p.m. local time, making it 5:06 a.m. EST in New York and 4:06 a.m. in Chicago and the Liebers' house.

That was about all Hampton got over the plate as he struggled with the mound dirt in his disappointing debut for the Mets.

Traded to New York after going 22-4 for Houston, Hampton lasted only five innings. In addition to his nine walks - one short of the team record set by Mike Torrez in 1983 - he hit a batter and threw a

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The Cancer Gateway differs from other Internet health sites in that each link has been reviewed for quality and usefulness by the site's Texas Link Evaluation Committee. These members are drawn

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Comptroller announces new sales tax exemptions on over-the-counter medicines

AUSTIN - Starting April 1, Texas consumers will no longer pay sales tax on most non-prescription pills, potions and ointments kept in the average home medicine cabinet to treat minor illnesses and injuries, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced.

The tax break is expected to save Texas families about \$160 million in state and local sales taxes during its first full year, 2001

"Exempting over-the-counter medicines from the sales tax is long overdue," Comptroller Rylander said. "Prescription drugs have been tax exempt since the state sales tax was enacted in 1961. Paying sales tax on non-prescription medicine is a bitter pill to swallow.

"The tax burden on working Texas families is too high," Comptroller Rylander said. "This new tax exemption on over-thecounter medicines is a way to ease the tax burden and help families

stretch their budgets a little farther."

To be tax exempt, a product must be a drug or medicine: an article or substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease or suffering. The drug or medicine must be intended for human use and must have a National Drug Code number issued pursuant to U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations.

Approximately 100,000 products manufactured by about 800 companies qualify for the sales tax exemption. The following are examples of product categories that will be exempt from the sales tax. The list does not include all tax-exempt drugs and medicines, but is intended for use as a guideline.

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Trinity Fellowship to present Women's Spring conference

Trinity Fellowship Church will present its Women's Spring Conference 2000 with guest speaker Devi Titus April 7-8. The conference will begin at 7 p.m., Friday, April 7 in the sanctuary of the church. Brunch will be served at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 8 in fellowship hall of the church and the conference will resume at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Titus will speak on "Passion for Purity."

Titus is one of American's recognized Christian conference speakers and authors. She first came to the attention of women nationwide in 1978 when she founded and edited Virtue, a successful Christian alternative to secular women's magazines. In 1979, she received the Superior Performance Award by Washington Press Women for her work with the magazine.

As an international conference speaker, Titus is able to draw from 30 years in the ministry. She always purposes to encourage

women in every aspect of their personal and ministry life.

Titus is a contributing author of "Help, I'm a Pastor's Wife" and 'How to Love Your Husband," published by Creation House. She also serves on the advisory boards of Ministries Today, Aspire and Sedatives and sleep aids

Stimulants

Sunburn prevention and treatment products Vitamins and minerals Wound care dressings and supplies
"Any product that has an NDC number, meets the definition of a

drug or medicine, or prevents disease must be tax exempt," Comptroller Rylander said. "It's not a matter of interpretation, it's a matter of the law."

The sales tax exemption does not apply to medical equipment, appliances and devices such as thermometers, heating pads, tooth-

brushes and dental floss. However, the legislature voted specifically to apply the new sales tax exemption to blood glucose monitoring strips. Previous law exempts orthopedic braces, such as neck and back braces, crutches, wheelchairs, hearing aids and their batteries, hypodermic needles and syringes from the sales tax. That will not

More information about the sales tax exemption on over-thecounter medicine is available on the Comptroller's website at <www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx94_155.html>, or by calling 1-800-252-5555.

High Plains Regional Science Fair



Nine students from Pampa Middle School recently participated in the High Plains Regional Science Fair in Amarillo. Students placing in the event were: Megan Jouett, sixth grade, first place, Chemistry; Monica Johnson, sixth grade, first place, Behavioral; Karli Douglas, sixth grace, second place, Environment; and Missy Brown, seventh grade, second place, Earth/Space. Douglas won Outstanding Student Award from U.S. Public Health Service. Other participants were eighth graders Krissy Holman, Erin Norris, Sara Albracht, Shelley Smith and sixth grader Sunil Kamnani.

Federal Consumer Protection has confirmed that the fuel saving theories of this advertisement are 100% accurate. Government Produced

Gov't. Confirms: Engine Platinum May Increase Gas Mileage

BOSTON - Federal Consumer ability to make non-burning fuel inside the engine so that, in theory, The government studied fuel saving more complete combustion and better gas mileage in automobile each gallon, a 22% increase. engines by means of platinum catalysis.

Their five year study concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the the catalytic converter. Gas Saver than that claimed by Corp. of Boston."

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> Since unburnt fuel leaving an engine is pollution, that 22% of each gallon would normally burn when it reaches the platinum of commented: "We have sold

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