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Roach defeats Mann by six votes By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor**

While rumors were circulating this morning there will be a recount in Tuesday's five-county 31st District Attorney's race, incumbent John Mann told The *Pampa News* he has not decided if

he will make a request. Mann was edged out by Rick Roach by six votes in the elec-

Mann said he is conferring with his attorney this afternoon to determine whether or not to seek a recount.

After the final vote count seesawed back and forth several times this morning, it was determined there was a six-vote mar-

gin instead of a one-vote victory for Roach.

The confusion was in the voting precinct box which consisted of precincts 3, 7, 11 and 12 in the Republican runoff, said Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne.

The discrepancy seemed to be in reading the vote count numbers submitted to Gray County Clerk Winborne. The precinct box count for Roach was first determined to be 95 in that box, but changed to 90 Tuesday evening. This morning it was determined the number in question was a 5 and the total changed back to 95.

At times today the final vote count was believed to be only one vote apart in the hotly con-

tested race. However, the last word from Winborne is six votes. Rick Roach - 1, 263

John Mann - 1, 257 "We were telling all our supporters prior to the election that it would be close: We weren't lying," said the elated Roach this morning of the six-vote margin. He said he feels the people want a full-time DA. Roach has said the \$80,000 annual salary for a part-time DA equals 80 percent of a district judge's salary while the salary for a fulltime DA is the same as a district judge, \$101,000.

"I don't feel the people were aware of the number of pending cases in the DAs office," said Roach. He also learned many



Rick Roach

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Gray County voters weren't Hemphill, Lipscomb - in addiaware the 31st District is comprised of four additional coun-Roberts, Wheeler,



John Mann

Two Gray County

constable winners

in runoff contests

Two incumbent Gray County Constables were returned to office fol-

Chris Lockridge won over challenger Paul Sublett, 225-179, to stay in

In the March 14 primary Lockridge lead the three-way race with 244

Constable, Precinct 1 & 3 James Lewis garnered 75 percent of

Lewis lead a field of four candidates in the March 14 primary, but

Totals in the March primary were Lewis, 813; Stubblefield, 401; Curtis

In Roberts County, chief deputy sheriff Dana Miller will be the next

sheriff. He defeated Gray County Deputy Lt. Dallas Hardin, 233-170. In

the primary on March 14, Hardin lead the field with 180 votes while

Miller was second with 175 votes. Gary Pettit was third with 23 votes.

Miller will succeed current Sheriff Bill Britain. Britain is retiring when

his term ends in December. No candidates for the sheriff position were

In the only other runoff race in the area, Wheeler County voters oust-

ed incumbent Precinct 1 County Commissioner Kenneth Childress to

In the March 14 primary elections the vote total was Snelgrooes, 185;

Lefors schools

also plan health

coverage change

Tuesday's runoff to retain his position. His vote totals were 676 to chal-

didn't have a majority of the vote so the Tuesday runoff was required.

votes. Sublett received 229 while the third-candidate, Robert Douglas,

office another four years in the Precinct 2 position. He received 56 per-

lowing Tuesday's Republican runoff elections.

Dalton, 298; and Michael Ray, 236.

had 181 votes. Douglas was eliminated in the primary.

on the Democratic ballot in the General Election.

choose Daryl G. Snelgrooes, 250 to 183.

Childress, 181; and Joe VanZandt, 168.

By DEE DEE LARAMORE

Independent School District

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the Panhandle in withdrawing

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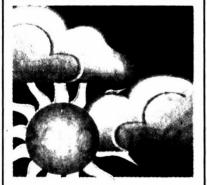
Staff Writer

LEFORS

lenger Randy Stubblefield garnered 230 votes in the runoff.

tion to Gray.

Roach believes the DAs job is (See ROACH, Page 2)



High today upper 50s Low tonight mid 40s For weather details see Page 2

PAMPA — Act 1 Theatre will present "An Evening of One Acts" at 7 p.m. April 13-15 at the theatre in Pampa Mall (west entrance). Dinner will be served prior to the performance at 6 p.m. Reservations are required. Cost of the meal is \$8. Tickets to the performance are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for students. The one-act performances will include "Unhand Her, You Villain" by Ray Hamby, "When God Comes for Breakfast You Don't Burn the Toast" by Gary Apple and "Forward to the Right" by Lily Ann Green.

 $\dot{P}AMPA$ — A ceremony dedicating National and Texas historical markers to be placed at several historic Pampa buildings is set for 2 p.m., Saturday, April 15, at the Gray County Courthouse Court Room.

A special tribute honoring John and Ted Gikas, owners of the Coney Island Cafe, is also planned. (See related story this page) A tour of the markers is to be conducted after the ceremony.

National Register of Historic Places markers are to be dedicated for Gray County Courthouse, City Hall, Central Fire Station, Combs-Worley Building, and the White Deer Land Office. Texas Historical markers are to be dedicated for the Gray County Courthouse and Combs-Worley Building.

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· Nealie Jackson Konesko. owner of Lubbock's first beauty salon.

· Lela Mae Muse Norton, 89, former co-owner-operator Lee's Cabins, Lee's Cafe.

 Winifred M. 'Barney' York, 78, retired City of Austin employee.

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Pampa tradition... Special tribute to Gikas brothers set for Saturday

By DARLENE BIRKES **For The News**



have long been a Pampa tradition will be honored Saturday, April 15, at 2 p.m. at the Court Room of the Gray County Courthouse during the state national

citizens

Two Pampa

who

Many returning to Pampa never feel they have been home until they have been to the Coney. "When they come to a class reunion they always mention returning to the Coney," said former Pampa High School science teacher Elaine Ledbetter, who suggested the Pampa tribute.

"Class and family reunions try to avoid our vacation dates, because a visit to the Coney is traditional," said John Gikas. Some warn that "Coney Island eating attacks" may occur if the Coney is closed.

In Pampa since 1933 and at 114 W. Foster since 1958, the Coney Island cafe has become a tradition. Part of a by-gone era, people stop by to enjoy the coneys and tasty homemade pie, the delicious ham sandwiches and stew, and to visit old friends fat a place that never changes. Perhaps that is part of the appeal in this fast changing world.

The waitresses still call out the orders in the same way; "three on one, heavy on the onions, and without"...on and on. "This saves 25% of the time over writing the order out," claims Ted

During busy periods, dozens of hot dogs line the grill awaiting the Coney treatment: a spoon full of chili, a dash of mustard and chopped white onions over a grilled dog in a steamed bun. Hamburgers are frying and stew is simmering. In the evening many of the orders are takeouts

work stopping by to pick up a sack of coneys or some chili to take home.

One noticeable change is the absence of the old regulars. Most of the Coffee Gang famous for their practical jokes are gone. They included Warner Phillips, Hub Homer, Bill Ted Gikas with some of the 17 kinds of 40 pies baked daily.

Ladd, Shirley Nichols, Homer Doggett, Haughty Doggett, Rufe Jordan, Paul Crossman, Ott Shewmaker and Ed Anderson. Fines were executed if one of the gang

John and Ted Gikas in front of the Coney

Island Cafe, a Pampa tradition since 1933.

missed the coffee session, and the only legitimate excuse for being absent was one's demise, so everyone kept a check on the obituaries. Probably one of the most memorable events occurred when one of the members struck a match on another's jeans and caught the jeans on fire

Occasionally a famous personality would appear at the Coney Island. The brothers remember Bob Wills in 1951 when he came in and went back to the kitchen stand at the place where he had "Washed thousands of dishes" then nisced about where he had cut hair in the

barber shop next door. Woodie Guthrie penned "All Alone on a Saturday Night" — over coffee at the Coney

(See TRADITION, Page 5)

the school library Tuesday, school board members voted unanimously to leave the co-op effective June 1, following the lead of other school district members such as Miami ISD and Highland Park ISD. "If we get out right now, we're

going to end up owing \$10,000 to \$12,000," said Superintendent Allen Law. "Basically what we're owing is for a car wreck that happened last year."

Lefors ISD entered the cooperative about 18 months ago, Law explained.

"The problem is, when we entered into the co-op, nobody put in any up-front money," he

Board members also unani-

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 Superintendent Allen Law

mously approved Law's recommendation to accept a bid from a fully-funded provider, UNI-CARE Life and Health small group insurance. The plan, which was \$200 per month lower than any other bids, Law said, offers a six-month rate guarantee, \$500 annual deductible and \$20 copay for medical, \$100 deductible and \$10/\$20 copay for medications, life and dental benefits.

"It's basically the same policy we have now except it will pay 80-20 for major medical instead of the 90-10," the superintendent explained.

(See LEFORS, Page 2)



Mark Your Calendars Now For The Dairy Festival!! Business Expo, June 17, 2000!! More Details To Come!!

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

NORTON, Lela Mae Muse - 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Clarendon.

Obituaries

NEALIE JACKSON KONESKO

ABERNATHY - Nealie Jackson Konesko died Sunday, April 9, 2000, at Lakeside Rehabilitation Center. Memorial services were to be at 11 a.m. today in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jim Currie officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of RIX Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Konesko was born in Brown County, Texas. The family moved first to Hardeman County and later to Lubbock County where she graduated from Lubbock High School. She attended beauty school in Los Angeles, Calif., and upon graduating owned-operated Lubbock's first beauty salon "Mi Lady Beauty Salon." She married Leo B. Konesko in St. Louis, Mo.; he died June 3, 1958. The couple farmed and ranched in Lubbock and Hale Counties. After her husband's death, she took over the business and belonged to Angus Breeders Association and First Ladies of Lubbock.

Survivors include three nieces, Laurese Smith of Amarillo, Christine Jackson Campaigne of Pampa and Jane Jackson Adams of San Antonio.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 53276, Lubbock, TX 79453; or to First United Methodist Church of Abernathy. **LELA MAE MUSE NORTON**

CLARENDON - Lela Mae Muse Norton, 89, mother of a Pampa resident, died Monday, April 10, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Terry Tamplen, pastor of Kingswood United Methodist Church of Amarillo, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Norton was born in Knox County. She had been a Clarendon resident since 1929, moving from Amarillo. She married Lee Alonzo Muse in 1926 at Throckmorton; he died in 1975. The couple owned-operated Lee's Cafe for 40 years and Lee's Cabins for 20 years. She later married Charlie Norton in 1982 at Amarillo; he died in

She wrote a newspaper column entitled "Let George Do It" during the 1950s and was a former Sunday school teacher. Since 1931, she belonged to First United Methodist Church of Clarendon.

Survivors include a daughter, Cora Lee Heckman of Pampa; a son, Sid Muse of Grove, Okla.; two sisters, Margaret Ellis of Fort Worth and Ruby Stice of Midland; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family will receive visitors from 5-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

WINIFRED M. 'BARNEY' YORK AUSTIN - Winifred M. "Barney" York, 78,

brother of a Groom resident, died Thursday, April 6, 2000. Memorial services will be scheduled at a later time in Panhandle. Arrangements are under the direction of Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home.

Mr. York was born at Panhandle and attended school there, graduating from high school as valedictorian in 1939. He was enrolled in the University of Texas prior to the war and continued his studies at UT in 1946, later earning a degree from Washington University in St. Louis,

He lived in Dallas and Houston until moving to Austin where he worked for Calcasieu Lumber and the City of Austin Health Department, retiring in 1987.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. He guarded merchant ships and was commissioned as an officer.

Survivors include a sister, Sybil D. Harrell of Groom; and a brother, Charles Weldon York of

The family requests memorials be to Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during he 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Tuesday, April 12

8:28 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. 2:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

ordan Unit and transported one to PRMC. 6:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1009 block of West Somerville and transported one to

9:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, April 11

Willie Boyd Ballard, 29, Amarillo, was arrested on a bond surrender in connection with a theft

Wednesday, April 12

Wayne Leon Woodward, 36, White Deer, was arrested on a Hutchinson County warrant for theft by check.

Pampa Fire Department responded to the folwing calls during the four-day period ending at

Saturday, April 8 10:09 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters sponded to a request for standby at a control burn at Gray 1 and Gray D.

1:34 p.m. — Three units and six firefighters responded to a vehicle accident at Gray 1 and

4:18 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters were called back to Gray 1 and Gray D to wet down the site of a controlled burn.

9:04 p.m. — One unit and two firefighter responded to 325 N. Dwight. The fire turned out to be smoke from a barbecue grill. Sunday, April 9

2:36 a.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a request for medical assistance at 1943 N. Sumner.

8:51 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a false alarm at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston.

9:10 a.m. — Five units and nine firefighters responded to a structure fire at 309 S. Gillespie. A mobile home was completely totaled in the

10:10 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters returned to Gray 1 and Gray D to wet down the site of an earlier controlled burn.

12:49 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a request for medical assistance at 1504 W. Kentucky.

2:01 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters were called to stand by for Lifestar helicopter at Pampa Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. 8:24 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters

returned to 309 S. Gillespie to put out a smoldering telephone pole. 9:05 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters

were called to stand by for Lifestar helicopter at Pampa Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. 11:14 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a call for lifting assistance at 1505

N. Hamilton. Monday, April 10 No fires were reported to the Pampa Fire

Department during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Tuesday. Tuesday, April 11

No fires were reported to the Pampa Fire Department during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

Police report

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

Saturday, April 8 Nora Gabriel, 1600 Buckler, reported theft of \$100 from the residence. Tuesday, April 11

An employee for Allsup's, 309 Hobart, reported theft from the business. Tonya Nichols, 812 Beryl, reported theft

of a police scanner from the residence. Michael Dewayne Cox, 36, 1032 Huff, was arrested at Huff and Crawford streets on four outstanding warrants.

Jimmy Duane Burks, 27, 1701 Williston, was arrested for failure to appear, four capias pro fines, four warrants, and two instanters.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Tuesday, April 11

2:29 p.m. — A 1997 Chevrolet mini-van, driven by Terry Joe Whitely, 912 S. Sumner, and a 1992 Chevrolet pickup, driven by Jimmy Dean Rex, 1520 Hamilton, collided at the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky streets. No injuries were reported at the scene. Whitely was cited for no

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Republicans reveal prescription plan for seniors

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans today unveiled the outlines of an election-year plan its way to passage sets aside nearly \$40 billion over to make prescription drug insurance available to the next five years for the effort, in which private senior citizens, with the government subsidizing insurance companies would be free to offer a varilow-income individuals as well as those with unusually high expenses for medication.

"We don't want to see anyone denied these drugs because they are just too expensive," House Speaker Dennis Hastert said at a news conference on the Capitol steps.

He said the Republican-written budget making ety of policies for purchase. He said he hoped to have legislation on the floor of the House by sum-

Hastert and other lawmakers said the legislation would be drafted to allow insurance companies to offer policies dedicated to prescription drugs.

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just too huge to be done on a part time basis, and it just wasn't being done.

"People are ready for a change. It's time for a fresh start," said Roach. Roach will face Charles Kessie of Canadian in the

General Election. Kessie is Hemphill County Attorney while Roach is Roberts County Attorney. Roach said he expects the fall election to be a clean

race on the issues. Roach narrowly defeated incumbent Mann, who lead a field of three candidates in the March 14

On March 14, Mann had 2,408 votes, Roach had 1,769 and Pendleton, 907. Pendleton was eliminated in the primary and endorsed Mann in political

Gray County vote totals in the DAs race in the

advertising prior to Tuesday's primary.

Republican primary.

early voting box were Roach, 227; and Mann, 300.

In the polling place with precincts 2,10,13, Roach had 151 and Mann, 143.

Other voting precinct totals were: precincts 8 & 9, Roach, 141, and Mann, 137; precincts 3, 7, 11, 12, Roach 95; and Mann, 53; precincts 4 & 5, Roach, 19; Mann, 30; precinct 1, Roach, 64; Mann, 44; precincts 14 and 15, Roach, 195; and Mann, 156.

Totals for Gray County were Roach, 892, and

Four other counties also compose 31st DA District. Vote totals from those counties are as follows: Roberts-Roach, 254, Mann 144; Wheeler-Roach, 37, Mann, 75; Hemphill-Roach, 49, Mann, 173; Lipscomb-Roach, 31, Mann, 2.

The vote count will be canvassed Thursday night by Republican party since it is a primary runoff

Republican County Chairman Doug Ware said this morning he has placed a phone call to the Secretary of State's office about the recount procedure if a recount is requested.

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ROACH

"It's fine as far as I'm concerned. We've got to get out of that co-op," commented Barry Jackson, vice president, who presided over the meeting in President Keith Roberson's absence.

A UNICARE representative will come to Lefors the first of May to sign up Lefors ISD employees who wish to participate in the insurance plan, Law

No action was taken on the proposed 2000-2001 school calendar. Four possible calendars for the coming school year were presented to board mem-

Ken Miller, board member, recommended the calendars be given to the Lefors ISD site-based committee for consideration. Law will present the the regional level in tennis singles. calendars to the committee at it's next meeting

Tojuanna Pierce, parent of a Lefors High School (LHS) senior, presented a request for funds from the board to help pay for student prizes to be given

at the LHS all-night party following graduation. "We'll discuss it and get it on the next board meeting's agenda," said Jackson. "I don't know if we can do that legally or not."

In other action, the board approved current further action.

billings and letters of assurance to non-contract personnel sent out annually by the school district. Doug Reeves was added to the substitute teacher list. Reports for the cash position of the district and tax collection were not available at the meeting

May 9, the next scheduled school board meeting, was set to canvass votes from the May 6 school

board election. Two seats, presently held by Ken Miller and Jada Murray are open on the board, Law said. Incumbent Miller and Roy Lott, Ron Turpin and Stephanie Brooks are running for the two spots, he said. Murray is not seeking re-election, he said.

In his report to the board, the superintendent said Lefors students have don well in district track and field events and one student will advance to

"We've gotten a lot of compliments from other schools on how well our students have behaved," Law commented.

Two LHS students will participate in impromptu speaking and mathematics at the regional UIL meet at South Plains College in Levelland this

Following an executive session to discuss school operations, the board adjourned without taking

Experts: traces of explosives found in ground water samples

PANHANDLE (AP) — Pantex experts say there are possible traces of high-explosives in offsite groundwater, but have to take more samples to confirm the finding, officials reported at a public meeting Monday.

This is the second public meeting with area residents to discuss possible groundwater contamination. At the first meeting less than a week ago, two reports were issued criticizing the plant for delayed groundwater contamination reporting and inadequate water monitoring.

Boyd Deaver, the plant's department manager for the environmental protection division, told about 100 people that possible traces of RDX, a type of high explosive, have been found in two private Ogallala Aquifer wells south and southeast of the Pantex Plant.

Chromium has also been found in an Ogallala well on the plant site, but more tests will be conducted, he said.

The plant also is drilling two additional monitoring wells at the plant where tricheloroethylene (TCE) contamination was discovered last year.

Even though the TCE contamination, which exceeds federal drinking water standards, was discovered last year, Pantex officials did not report it until March 3.

Blowers recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) - Some 200,000 gasoline powered blowers were recalled on Tuesday because of a fire and burn hazard, the Consumer Products Safety Commission said.

Plastic engine covers on the Homelite combination blowervacuums may cause a gasoline leak by rubbing against the fuel line, the commission said.

The blowers were made by John Deere Consumer Products Inc., of Charlotte, N.C. which joined with the commission for a voluntary recall after two reports of leaks.

been detected in nearby Amarillo lake where the plant's treated city wells. Landowner Jeri Osborne asked

Pantex officials why the plant, nation east of the plant. which is operated by Mason & Amarillo DOE office contamination earlier.

when they were doing a year- 2004. end review of reports," Amarillo Area Department said, 'Look, there's been some information that has been missed.' This type of stuff should not happen again."

if something could be done to invite comment."

The contamination has not keep water flow from a playa effluent flows from spreading the possible high-explosive contami-

Amarillo DOE official Jerry Hanger, did not report the TCE Johnson, who is overseeing the cleanup, said Pantex plans to cor-"This was actually detected as rect the situation and stop sendinternal with Mason & Hanger ing the effluent to the playa by Amarillo Area residents have until April

Energy 28, to comment on the two spokesman Dan Glenn said. reports criticizing Pantex for it's Somebody raised a flag and delay in reporting the TCE conta-'We were just deluged with a

great deal of information," Tom Hicks said of his DOE team's Landowner Doris Smith asked visit to Pantex. "We certainly do

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the week. Weather focus

PAMPA — Cloudy early with ncreasind sunshine today, a few sprinkes, a high in the upper 50s and south winds at 5-10 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the mid 40s and south winds from 10-15 mph. Tomorrow, sunny with a high of 80 and south winds at 10-15 mph. Rainfall measured .37 inches by a.m. Yesterday's high was 51;

the overnight low was 44.

STATEWIDE — Persistent rain driven by an upper-level low pressure system continued to spin across Texas today, with a warming trend expected later in

The cold front that accompanied the system was poised over **South Texas**

derstorms continued along with widespread light rain over North Texas. Light rain and fog were also occurring over South and Southeast Texas as well as the

Hill Country. Showers also moved into the Permian Basin and Concho Valley. Early-morning temperatures

Plains. Temperatures

warming into the 50s and 60s. Extremes ranged from 39 degress at Dalhart, 58 at Burnet and Port Arthur and 75 at Embedded showers and thun-McAllen.

Rain was likely with a few thunderstorms through Friday in Central and West Texas. Rain could be heavy in the eastern third of the region.

Late night fog should develop in most locations, with a chance of rain or thunderstorms in the central and east.

Lows were expected in the across the state ranged from the mid 40s northwest to 70s elseupper 30s in the Panhandle to where. Afternoon highs will the lower 70s over the Coastal range from the upper 70s to mid

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Students at Travis Elementary School recently participated in the program "One Big Happy Family." Above, left, Shanna Keown, Emily Nicolas and Cali Gibson. On the right, Philip and Braxton Reagan spend some time together.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

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-

LAS PAMPA WATER

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 ASSOCIATION

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-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.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella).

Pneumococcal vaccines are also available. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., April 6 and 19, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 10 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3 p.m., April 25, White Deer school, White Deer; 1-3:30 p.m., April 26, Skellytown

school, Skellytown. TRÁSH DAY The first Lakeshore Cleanup of the 21st Century and the Lakeshore Annual

Cleanup at Lake Meredith network affiliated with the Amarillo. For more informa- self-propel a manual wheel-The Toastmasters will meet National Recreation Area and Quarries National Monument will be from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15. Marked items will be placed among the real trash in cleanup areas and will be exchanged for door prizes. For more information, call Lakeshore Cleanup Coordinator Laura Illige at (806) 857-3151.

WORTH THE WAIT

Worth the Wait will meet at 7 3036. p.m. Monday, April 17 in Pampa Middle School Library. Last year's survey results will be discussed as well as a protion will be presented in both or 1-800-274-4673. English and Spanish. For more BSA HOSPICE PROGRAM information, contact Worth the Wait at 669-6222.

'BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S'

The Canadian Arts Alliance is bringing the classic movie "Breakfast at Tiffany's" to the Palace Theatre in Canadian at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20. Tickets — \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 - will be available at the door. The 1961 movie, based on a novel by Truman Capote, was directed by Blake Edwards and stars Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard.

PPQG Piecemakers Panhandle Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 27 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. The program will be a demonstration on making chenille. For more information, call (806) 779-2115. Visitors are

GARDENFEST 2000 Potter-Randall County

Extension Service's Texas Master Gardener Program, will hold its annual fund-raiser "Gardening with the Masters Gardenfest 2000" from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. May 6 at Texas A&M Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West. The event is being sponsored by PRMG in associ-2000 ation will Amarillo Botanical Gardens. For more information, call Linda at (806) 355-6608 or Teresa at (806) 359-

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will posed new survey tool to be hold "Advance Care Planning" administered to students in April 5 and "Journal Writing" May. The meeting is open to April 12 in the cancer center the general public, most espe- amphitheatre. For more inforcially parents of sixth-12th mation call The Quality of Life grade students. The informa- Project, (806) 354-5875, ext. 327

> BSA Hospice will offer 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.

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE Chamber of Wheeler Commerce will sponsor a "Citywide Garage Sale and Car Show" fund-raising/community project Saturday, May 6. For more information, contact the Chamber at (806) 826-

> **ERGONOMICS CONFERENCE**

American Society of Safety Engineers and Amarillo College will co-sponsor "Ergonomics Conference" April 28 at AC Business and Master Gardeners, a volunteer Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk,

tion or to register, call Bob chair at their home or indepen-Rick Paris at (806) 355-9253.

OUTWARD BOUND

COURSE North Carolina Outward Bound is offering both a 21- and a 28-day "Classic Outward Bound Course" for teens interested in backpacking, rock climbing, rappelling and white-water canoeing through the wilds of the Southern Texas United States Pageant the Government Giveaway more information, call 1-877-77to http://www.ncobs.org/sum-

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Crisis Center's founder sees dream become a reality

By DR. TRAVIS PLUMLEE

Recently my family was traveling through the Texas Panhandle along I-40. I persuaded them to take a quick detour through Pampa. I wanted to see the Tralee Crisis Center. I had no idea where the shelter or the offices were located. We just drove downtown and there it was! The offices and the resale shop of the center. This was the manifestation of a dream I had some 20 years ago. When I grabbed the door handle and walked into the offices, I touched a dream. When I shook hands with the volunteers and the staff, I touched a dream. When I picked up a brochure and looked at all the programs, I touched a

Good things do still occur. There are people who care and do things for others. The city of Pampa should be so overjoyed with the services now being offered. It appears to be a wonderful place to help hurting people. But Pampa has always been that way. It is good to see some things don't change. There are so many agencies that help the hurting in this community. Pampa is a caring community. How it all started

I was employed as the counselor at Coronado Community Hospital (now Pampa Regional Medical Center) in 1979. I was often er. When anyone came into the emergency room as a victim of family violence or rape,

there was no safe haven for them to temporarily go and rest and recover. They were treated and

There was one case that finally broke the proverbial "camel's back." A woman had been brought into the hospital with horrible injuries sustained from her husband. He had beaten her with a guitar. When she tried to stand up, he grabbed a kitchen chair and broke it over her back. She was then beaten about the face. After treatment and crisis counseling from me, she was dismissed. She had no place to go. The law enforcement officer said that he was going to call her husband to come pick her up. I said, "Why are we going to call him now? He's the one that did this to her. I don't think it is in take much more than two weeks for me to see this her best interest to be with him right now." The offi-



times called to the emergency room to help Tralee Resale Shop volunteers, from left, Margie Moore and Kay Harris, pick out an Easter dress and We were the only shelter in out with all kinds of problems. There was one Easter basket available from the shop's selection of children's clothing and toys. Moore and Harris each existence in the entire area that was very frustrating to me, howev- have four years experience as Tralee volunteers.

> cer looked at me and said, "She has nowhere else to started trying to find volunteers. go, does she? She's married to him. She belongs to him." At that point, the husband came and picked

I vowed that night that I would do something to make sure that any child or woman who had suffered from domestic violence or rape would have a safe refuge to temporarily get some help until deci-truth. sions could be made about the future for the family. I lobbied the hospital to purchase a beeper for me. This was an unusual item back in 1979. They call me if there were any rape victims or family violence patients admitted to the hospital. Needless to say, there were an overwhelming number. It didn't The first volunteers was bigger than a one-man job. I needed help. I volunteers. He did. In 1980, six women offered to a dream!

I chose to go and speak to all the women's organizations, civic clubs and churches in Pampa. I was shocked to be met with resistance. The most common comment I heard back then was, "That was a good program, but we don't have that problem here in Pampa." I certainly knew that wasn't the

I really felt there were certain cases, particularly rape cases, that because I was a man, I was not the best person to be talking to a woman immediately did. The emergency room staff was instructed to following such a crime. I needed some women to volunteer to help me. I continued on for about six months without any volunteers.

I prayed fervently for the Lord to send me some

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calls. I only remember their first names. They were Becky, Fran, Kathy, Lynn, Nancy and Sandy. arranged for these six women to go to Amarillo and be trained as volunteer counselors from Amarillo center. I worked many hours with these women to help them understand how to counsel these hurting people who came to us. We didn't have a shelter. We all took turns carrying the beeper. We went out day or night to the emergency room and counseled the people in my office at the hospital. If the person needed a safe place to stay, we had safe houses where they could spend two or three nights. This is how the shelter operated for a long time. Finally, toward the mid-1980s, we applied for official recognition as a shelter serving the eastern Panhandle. Panhandle except Amarillo.

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We received our first grant that we worked so hard to achieve. It was a day of celebration when we

received a grant for \$12,000. We could actually start doing things now. We served all of the eastern Panhandle and western Oklahoma at that time. I was deeply honored when the named the shelter

I have moved on now and started several other shelters in cities where I have lived. I currently serve on the board of directors for Have House – a home for abuse victims in Conway, Ark.

I still have my strong Christian conviction of reaching out and helping others. But no one will ever know the joy I felt in my heart when I drove down the main street of downtown Pampa and saw the Tralee Crisis Center. I got out and touched

Tralee Crisis Center salutes its volunteers



Denise Taylor talks to a caller on the Tralee Crisis

Hotline. Trained volunteers man the hotline number

Week

Volunteer

Gray County Denise Taylor Cindy Cooper Lavon Mackey Lynda Paul Claire Ann Edwards Linda Duncan **Wheeler County** Mary Garner Lois Meir

RESALE SHOP Margie Moore Kay Harris Jeanne Bailey **Dorothy Roth** Ann Stobbe Georgia Johnson **Judy Warner** Kada Schale **Billie Sue Evans**

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VOLUNTEERS IN TRAINING

Teresa Heckman Pamela Best Joann Taylor Brianna Taylor Dale Taylor

POLICE LIAISON Lt. Stephanie Raymond

MASSAGE THERAPY Doris King, RMT





(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Lavon Mackey talks with a victim of domestic violence. Mackey has worked as a Tralee Hotline volunteer for two years.

24-hour per day to help victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

Program services expand as agency grows Tralee Crisis Center, a United Way agency, has steadily increased services to victims of domestic

violence and sexual assault. Following are some of the services now available through Tralee Crisis Center:

Emergency Shelter - An emergency shelter is available 24-hour per day for victims of sexual assault and battered women and their children. Advocacy and counseling is provided for both women and children, including a full range of needed information and referrals. Length of sty is determined on an individual basis, but no longer than 30 days after admission. Access is available through the hotline, shelter manager and face-toface contact.

Crisis Hotline - Tralee's crisis hotline, (806)669-1788, is manned 24-hour a day by trained volunteers. The hotline provides immediate crisis counseling, information about services available, facts about family violence, sexual assault, and crime victim's compensation, in addition to referrals for battered women and other crime victims.

Legal Advocacy – Legal and personal advocacy services are available to all Tralee clients. Referrals are also given for battering intervention programs. Justice Support - Tralee provides victims with information about the criminal justice system,

explanation of court procedures and court accom-

paniment. Counseling and Support Groups - In addition to immediate individual crisis counseling, Tralee offers short-term individual counseling, support group interaction and survival skills training

Since it's inception almost two decades ago, management, health and nutrition, personal advocacy, and money management.

Transitional Living Project - An opportunity for

sheltered women to live in a transitional apartment, rent-free, up to one year, while learning to become self-sufficient

Thrift Store - Tralee's Thrift Store provides clients with a limited amount of free clothing and household items, as well as job training and employment opportunities. Items received through community donations are also sold with the proceeds going back into the agency operations to help provide funding for the organization.

Community Education - Tralee's staff and volunteers present programs to help increase commu-

nity awareness. Volunteer Opportunities – Tralee provides a 10week, 30-hour, volunteer training program. Volunteers will staff the crisis hotline, provide direct and indirect client services, and assist the agency in ensuring services are available to all victims of violent crime.

Educational Arrangements for Children -School-age children staying in the shelter are able to continue their education and are provided transportation to an educational facility if needed.

Emergency Medical Care - Assistance is given to shelter residents and non-residents who need emergency medical services.

Transportation - Transportation is available for victims throughout the seven-county service area, as well as providing local transportation for shelter

Outreach - Staff members visit weekly with outincluding job re-entry, stress management, inter-reach clients and law enforcement agencies to propersonal relationships, parenting skills and child vide information about available services.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Teresa Heckman studies information from the volunteer training class. Training topics include dynamics of family violence, understanding sexual assault and other crime victims, advocacy training and basic telephone hotline procedures.

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Island in Pampa, Texas. This was in 1946. It was the number one requested tune over the armed forces radio in Germany two years later, and this prompted G.I Joes to hunt up the Coney "just to see the place," according to John. Guthrie stayed in one of John's apartments for about two weeks during that visit. Guthrie, who lived in Pampa from 1929 to 1936, is famed for his song "This Land is Your Land." He stayed in one of John's apartments for about two weeks during that visit.

Van Cliburne came after a concert at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The former world champion cowboy Larry Mahan once said whenever he hears anyone mention Pampa, he thinks of the Coney Island. Even a group of NASA scientists have visited the cafe.

Price changes are another difference, although the Gikas brothers work hard to have a "simple menu and honest prices." Many Pampans still refer to the early days when a coney, a 12-ounce Pepsi, and a movie cost 25 cents. 'Currently, the last time we had a price change on our menu was when Jimmy Carter was president, and that was 19 years ago," said John. Where else can one find a chili dog topped with onions or a slice of homemade pie for 80 cents, or a carbonated beverage for 40 cents?

The quality of meat "is the best" from the franks to the sirloin, stated John. "The sirloin is ground fresh daily in the Coney kitchen; that's 80 pounds for chili and the beefburgers. We purchase only whole bone in dry cured ham. It is skillfully cooked and trimmed of all fat and bones and sliced every morning in our kitchen," said John. They use boneless, 95% fat free sirloin cubed beef for the fresh stew — five gallons made daily with fresh vegetables that include onions, celery, carrots, potatoes, peas and green beans.

"For ultimate required protection to our customers, the only acceptable safe system of dish and glass washing is the final one minute submersion in boiling water at 200 degrees," added John. A sparkling glass of ice water is served to every customer.

John fondly remembers the "Golden Cup Award" they received years ago from the American Coffee Brewing Institute for a perfect cup of coffee. "We were recognized in the national magazine. The only other recipient in the area was the Silver Grill Cafeteria in Amarillo. He added that the Coney coffee remained only five cents a cup until 1975.

Some of the more unusual incidents at the Coney include the thief that hid out in the upper balcony above the counter. And then

there was the waitress that was

married at the Coney. The Coney Island began in 1933 with Bill Coronis, John and Ted's uncle. It was first located in the foyer of the State Theater north of the former First National Bank on Cuyler. Coronis later opened a sandwich shop next to the bank. The Coney moved to 108 W. Foster when the bank expanded, then in 1958 to the current site.

Coronis and the Gikases moved from Greece to America and then to Nebraska, where John and Ted were born. Coronis worked in many restaurants and Nestor Gikas worked for the Stetson Hat Co. They moved to Borger in 1926 during the beginning of the wild boom days. Nestor Gikas had a hattery for cleaning and blocking hats in the 500 block of Main Street. Uncle Coronis opened The Buffalo Cafe at 6th and Main, but following a hijacking twice at gunpoint, he moved to a safer Burkburnett and then back to John Remembers Pampa. well the wild days in Borger and the difficulties the Gikas family with six children had during the depression. It was then, when he

was 12, that he went to work at a grocery store. He did everything from pluck the chickens to shooting the rats that invaded the store when the lights were turned off at night. His 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. work schedule netted him \$2 a day. At one time he sold newspapers in the morning and nights, making one cent on the five-cent sale.

Following service by all the Gikas boys during WWII, John moved to Pampa to help in the Coney when Coronis needed a partner in 1947. Ted followed five years later when Coronis died.

John married Pampan Joyce Stone, and they had three children. Tim is a graduate of Texas Tech and WT A&M and lives in San Francisco where he is a senior program manager for California State Auto Association. He and his wife have two girls. Grant attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is pastor at Community Harvest Church in Granbury. He and his wife have one boy and twin girls. Daughter Karen Gikas Jacobsen and husband have two boys. Karen has a degree from Eastern New Mexico University and an MA from Texas Tech. She is director of External Relations for the College of Education at Texas

Joyce usually prepares breakfast and dinner for John, but she adds that occasionally she asks him to bring home a coney. "I never make pies, because he is a better pie maker," admitted Joyce. Although she never worked at the Coney, their grandchildren help sometimes during the summer.

The family is active in First Baptist Church. John was an officer for Every Man's Bible Class and Director of the Adult Department for years. He is a Deacon and has served on numerous committees.

John Glover, Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, stated that John had helped in the church in countless ways, from getting up at 4 a.m. to help prepare breakfasts for the men to furnishing ham and meat for hospitality dinners, funeral dinners, and many

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Now that John is crippled with arthritis and Ted suffers from a stroke, they move at a much slower pace. Retirement? "We never talk about it. I wouldn't have anything else to do," answered Ted.

Through the years, over a half a century, businesses have come and gone, but the Coney Island, the hardworking Gikas brothers and the traditions giving some stability to Pampa in a very special way.

other events.

Ted is an art collector. A painting by former Pampan Richard Thompson of the famous Buffalo River War hangs in the Coney. unique restaurant." Ted helped organize Pampa Fine group to help sponsor the Mormon Tabernacle Choir visiting Pampa. He has helped pro-

Anne Davidson, he donates to the for the Coney for lunch." White Deer Land Museum in been very supportive of the American Red Cross, said Ken Hall.They often provided hot sandwiches, hot dogs, and iced tea for firefighters so they can have a hot meal.

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When you hear Coney Island Cafe, Ted or John Gikas, what do you have to say?

Lilith Brainard asked Pampans the above question and received D.C., we often carry a bag of the following answers:

Flossie Anderson, "Can't find a better place to eat! When my grandson comes to town he has to go to the Coney Island and order a plate full of coneys and a ham sandwich. I have eaten there ever since Uncle Bill Coronis opened the Coney in the '30s."

Bill Hite: "The Coney Island is one of the finest and most unique restaurants in America. A real credit to Pampa.

ries! A great place that is known the coney since 1933 when John all around Texas and Oklahoma and Teds Uncle Bill Coronis and the U.S. Thanks for the mem- owned it."

or the cooks for that matter?" Berlee Clement: "A coney, no memories of a great place."

Waitresses remember the orders cheese with onions, and the great-

onions, and a bowl of stew - my favorite order. As a small child Ted and Johnny always gave me a small sack full of oyster crackers. Wallow Battle during the Red They are great friends and have a

June and Buster Ivory: "I think Arts in 1966 when they needed a of the best coneys in the world plus great friends, Ted and John. When I as a young girl and lived in Lefors, my folks came to vide meat for many of the Fine Pampa every Saturday. I'd wait to Art events. He also was a charter eat lunch at the Coney. I'd order member of the Community five coneys and put lots of salt on Concert Association and on the them so I wouldn't eat them so board from 1953 until recently. He fast. Anytime we would be gone still donates ham and meat for from Pampa rodeoing and to foreign countries, as soon as we got According to Museum curator back to Pampa, we would head

Jimmie Kay Williams: "I think many ways. Both brothers have of when I paid \$15 for a can of chili in the Middle East, and it wasn't even Coney Island chili. It was a reminder that when we returned to Pampa, the first place we would go was to the Coney. I have been eating at the Coney for 56 years. When my children were arthritis and Ted suffers from a one week old, I fed both of them chili at the Coney. Thirty years later they continue to eat that chili. I still remember running down the alley at noon from Pampa Junior High School for a century, businesses have come 10-cent coney and five-cent chocolate milk.

Martha Patillo Siv and Sicha Siv (former aide to President George Bush and Cambodian representative to the United Nation): "When we come to Pampa, the first place we eat is the Coney Island. We always order three coneys each. When we return to Washington, coneys with us."

Mary Ann Davis: "I would walk to the Coney when it was north of the present Bank of America. Coneys were five cents then."

Lilith Brainard: "Edy, my 2year-old granddaughter, wants to know if she is going to the Coney every time she comes from Canadian. Ted is my "brother" and best friend of our family."

Georgia Mack: "My favorite place to eat — a ham sandwich David Fatheree: "What memo- with mustard only. I have eaten at

Swasey Brainard: "Apple pie, John Curry: "How do those coneys with onions, ham an est aroma on a cold day. Great



Ted Gikas prepares some of the dozens of beef weiners for those coneys.

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Youth crimes declining but punishments on the rise, advocates say

By ANJETTA McQUEEN AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Alan Heitner says he'd like to believe that his children are safer because of zero-tolerance penalties for schoolchildren who

carry weapons, start fights or make threats. But his son's two-week suspension hasn't convinced him.

"I don't think anyone who is in a position of responsibility can be mindless," said Heitner, a physician in Madeira, Ohio, whose son Dana, 18, was punished last fall for school-election signs in a restroom that joked about a bomb in the toilet.
"From a safety standpoint, this is really absurd."
Heitner is not alone in his concern.

Two youth advocacy groups are issuing a report today that cautions school against reacting to highprofile shootings like the one at Columbine High School last year. Youth violence is falling, but punishing children is on the rise, the report says.

"We've got kids getting kicked out of school for saying 'bang-bang' to each other," said Vincent Schiraldi of the Justice Policy Institute, a youth advocacy think tank that co-authored report. "It's no more fair to stereotype them all as school shooters than to stereotype all adults as Timothy

The report by the Justice Policy Institute, based in Washington and San Francisco, and the nonprofit legal aid Children's Law Center in Covington, Ky., recommends more school counseling, balanced media coverage of school shootings and tougher gun control laws. The groups gleaned data from federal and state agencies, and nonprofit research centers.

McVeigh," who bombed the federal building in Oklahoma City.

The report - released a week before the first anniversary of the April 20 Columbine High School shooting that killed 14 - says the public isn't paying attention to overall youth-violence trends. Instead, shootings in Colorado, Arkansas, Oregon and most recently Michigan — where one first-grader shot and killed another youngster in class —

have driven schools to install more metal detectors, cent from the 1997-98 school year to the 1998-99 conduct more locker searches and impose more year. Although it was not known whether the conduct more locker searches and impose more suspensions and expulsions for threats, Schiraldi said.

"Even though these are awful tragedies, we can't set public policy based on these events," Schiraldi

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The report findings include: Seven in 10 Americans think a school shooting could happen in their communities, but a child has a 1 in 2 million chance of being killed in a U.S.

-Youth homicide arrests dropped 56 percent from 1993 to 1998, but two-thirds of 1,000 people polled by The Washington Post in November said they believed children were getting more violent.

—Citing Maryland as an example, suspensions on the Net: The report will be available today: for false alarms and bomb threats went up 44 per-http://www.cjcj.org/schoolhousehype/shh2.html

alarms and threats themselves increased, the group said the significant increase in suspensions alone reflected a crackdown on such infractions.

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"Kids have to know there are consequences to illegal activity," said Jim Pasco, executive director of the Fraternal Order of Police, the 285,000-member police union. "The real issue is how can they (officials) be tough without creating the perceptions that they are oppressing these kids.

Most of the punishments were for what the report called "petty acts." For example, a 17-year-old junior was expelled from his suburban Chicago high school in 1998 after the paper clip he shot with a rubber band struck a cafeteria worker, drawing a small amount of blood. He was also charged with disorderly conduct.

The crackdown hit minority children especially hard, the report said. In Phoenix, black students are suspended from school at 22 times the rate of white students; in Denver, San Francisco and Austin, they are suspended at least three times as often.

On the Net: The report will be available today:

Prison time possible for former Dallas councilman

DALLAS (AP) - Former Dallas City Councilman cretion than the average municipal judge," said Al Lipscomb faces the prospect of prison time as pun-ishment for taking bribes, despite an illness that required hospitalization.

À U.S. District Court judge will consider a range of punishment from three to five years in prison for the 74-year-old civil rights activist, those familiar with the pitalized April 4 with pneumonia. federal court system told The Dallas Morning in today's editions.

Lipscomb was expected to appear in court this afternoon to learn his punishment. He was convicted by an Amarillo jury in January on 65 counts of conspiracy and bribery.

He was hospitalized April 4 at St. Paul's Medical Center in Dallas, suffering from congestive heart failure and pneumonia.

But Marvin Collins, a former U.S. attorney in valid reasons to deviate from sentencing guidelines. The average federal judge has less sentencing dis-

David Lane, a Colorado criminal defense attorney who teaches law at the University of Denver.

Lipscomb initially was to be sentenced Monday, but his lawyers told Judge Joe Kendall that he was too sick to appear in court. The ex-councilman was hos-

Today's court appearance was expected to be "a real strain on him," said Tom Melsheimer, one of Lipscomb's lawyers.

Defense attorneys planned to ask Kendall to consider a "downward departure" from federal sentencing guidelines in handing down punishment because of their client's age and failing health. Lipscomb has said he'd hoped for probation or home confinement. Lipscomb was convicted on Jan. 25 on charges that

he traded his votes for payments from Yellow Cab Co. Dallas, said age and health are not considered to be owner Floyd Richards. Lipscomb, the first black to run for Dallas mayor and a city councilman for 14 of the past 16 years, resigned his seat Feb. 3.

Police officers accused of beating, sexually torturing 13-year-old boy

DALLAS (AP) — Two all assault of a child and nine According to the affidavit, and sexually tortured a 13year-old boy in their care.

Lt. William Homer Ransom, 53, and his wife, Sgt. Judith Corkran Ransom, 54, were indicted last week on a variety of charges. They remained late Tuesday at the Ellis County jail, with bail for each set at \$200,000, authorities told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

Their attorney, George Milner III, said the two officers "adamantly deny the alle-

gation."

DeSoto Police Chief Mike Brodnax said the Ransoms have worked for his department for about 20 years. Last year, Sgt. Ransom was voted officer of the year, he said.

"They're exemplary employees," said Chief Brodnax told the newspaper. He added that he has known the couple for about three years. "This caught us completely offguard," he said.

Milner said the boy and his older sister, who also lived with the couple, are Sgt. Ransom's nephew and niece.

Lt. Ransom was indicted on diately, she said.

DeSoto police officers face counts of injury to a child. Sgt. the boy told caseworker criminal charges that they beat Ransom faces one count of Christy Campbell that his aggravated sexual assault of a injuries were inflicted by Sgt. child and three counts of Ransom as punishment for his injury to a child.

> that she saw and photographed bruises, a black eye and evidence that the boy had or cord. A Waxahachie police officer took the boy to Baylor Medical Center in Waxahachie to have the 4-foot cord removed.

> DeSoto police officials said the Ransoms have been placed on administrative leave without pay but can use vacation and sick time.

> The department will do its own investigation, but it has not received information it told The Morning News.

CPS regional spokeswoman Marleigh Meisner said a tipster notified her agency about child as punishment in a manthe allegations of abuse. The ner that amounts to physical boy and his sister were abuse," according to docuremoved from the home imme- ments obtained by the news-

conduct. He also said that he According to a probable had been beaten regularly cause affidavit filed in when he soiled himself and February, a CPS caseworker that he was not allowed to told Ellis County investigators remove the cord without Sgt. Ransom's permission.

The boy also told Campbell that Lt. Ransom was present been sodomized with a cable on occasions when Sgt. Ransom beat him for removing the cable and soiling himself, according to the affidavit.

Chief Brodnax said the 13year-old has learning and physical disabilities and has to wear a diaper. The boy cannot control some of his muscle functions and has a device inserted into his rectum to help with bowel movements,

Ellis County Investigator needs from Ellis County Marlena Pendley, however, has authorities, Sgt. James Henrise testified that the Ransoms used the cord and a probe to punish the boy and that Sgt. Ransom "regularly beats the

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Hutchinson County Museum to host 'Visions Along the Canadian' art show and reception

Ray was born and raised in the Texas Panhandle. His upbringing continues to influence the subjects of his artwork: western landscapes, historical paintings and bronze sculptures depicting southwestern life and culture. His early exposure to horses, ranching and real cowboys made a lifelong imprint and created a passion for depicting the scenes in oil and bronze.

BORGER — The Hutchinson County Historical Museum in Borger will host "Visions Along the Canadian," a western art and landscape show featuring the work of Clarendon native Don Ray, April 16-June 17. A public reception for the artist slated from 2-4 p.m. will open the show Sunday, April 16.

The show numbers 26 paintings and bronzes and provides scenic, historic views of the past. Views of the Comanchero traders, buffalo hunters and Comanches as they might have been seen along the Canadian River trace their story through bygone

seen along the Canadian River trace their story through bygone days. The familiar panoramas of the river are favorite subjects of Ray's. The paintings are selected from both private and public collections throughout the panhandle and is the largest showing of Ray's work in many years. The Hutchinson County Historical Museum will be the only venue for this important show.

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Some of the works that will be on display include these oil paintings: "XIT Cowboy," "End of the Longhorn Trail," "Bone Pickers," "Invitation to Trade" and "Cibolero." Some of Ray's beautiful bronze sculptures include "Longhorn," "Comanche Moon," "Comanchero Trader" and "Cow Camp Chorale." Many other fascinating western artifacts that relate to the artis-

tic subjects from private collections will be included in the exhibit. An original 1838 Dragoon Pistol, an original Spanish Colonial Bowie Knife, with a set of Spurs ca. 1540, are just a few of the items you won't want to miss.

Ray has exhibited in many invitational and one man art shows which include the Hudson Valley Art Association, White Plains, N.Y.; Abercrombie and Fitch, New York, N.Y.; American Quarter Horse Heritage Center, Amarillo: as well as numerous callery

Horse Heritage Center, Amarillo,; as well as numerous gallery shows in the Southwest.

Ray's works are shown in the permanent collections of the XIT Museum in Dalhart, Haley Library and History Center in Midland, Mountain Oyster Club in Tucson, Ariz., the Phippen Museum of Western Art in Prescott, Ariz., Cherokee Strip Museum, Enid, Okla., the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock and many others. Les work is also held in the private Lubbock and many others. I-Es work is also held in the private collection of a New York investor, a prominent Lubbock, Texas collector and many others.

His work has appeared in the "National Cowboy Hall of Fame" magazine, "Persimmon Hill," as well as "The Western Horseman," "Southwest Art," "Accent West," "Grain Producers News" and "Scene," a magazine supplement to the "Dallas Morning News.

"This western art show is the culmination of almost a year's work in locating the art, negotiating for the loan of the items and preparing for the exhibit," said Edward Benz, museum director. "We are very excited to share this exhibit and bring to Borger, Don Ray's magnificent images of the southwest that we

The show has been generously underwritten by the Palo Duro Corral of the Westerners International and the Friends of the Hutchinson County Museum. Their generosity allows the museum to produce a poster, invitations and gallery guide. The Square House Museum and American Quarter Horse-Heritage Museum are also assisting with the loan of artworks.

enjoy the show. Special gallery tours for school and scouting groups may also be scheduled by calling the museum at (806) 273-0130. Hutchinson County Museum hopes the public will come and

Piano donation in memory of panhandle native

Miller's profession was medicine, but his passion was music. Thus his widow, Lydia Miller, believes a piano is the perfect memorial for her husband, who grew up in Canyon, graduated from the University in 1959 and spent the past 25 years as medical director for Shell Oil Co., in Houston.

CANYON ceremony is sched-uled for 5 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at West Texas A&M University's Alumni Banquet Facility to dedicate a piano that has been donated to the University in memory of alumnus Dr. David E. Miller, who died in January.

The piano, Steinway, was donated to the University by Dr. Miller's longtime friend and med-

ical school roommate, Dr. Malouf Abraham, Jr., of Canadian. It has been permanently placed in the Hazel Kelley Wilson Dining Hall in the Alumni Banquet Facility.

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"He started singing in the choir at the First Presbyterian Church in Canyon when he was 13, and he never quit singing no matter where we lived," Ms. Miller, who plans to attend the dedication ceremony, said. "The night before he died he went to choir rehearsal. It was more than a hobby; it was a passion. I think the piano is most appropriate because he loved music, he loved Canyon and never forgot his association with the University."

Dr. Abraham selected the gift for similar reasons. "I wanted to do something in Canyon," Abraham said. "I wanted it to be something with a sense of celebration, celebrating the joy of life. I like to think that nothing could be more celebratory than a Steinway grand piano because I know David would really be pleased knowing that it's helping the University fulfill its mis-

In conjunction with the dedication ceremony, the WTAMU Foundation will launch a campaign to establish a scholarship in Miller's name.

"The only way David could afford to attend medical school was through scholarships," Lydia Miller said. "That's why I think it's so important to have a scholarship in his name."

For more information about the dedication ceremony, the Dr. David E. Miller scholarship fund or other scholarships at WTAMU, contact the WTAMU Foundation at (806) 651-2065.

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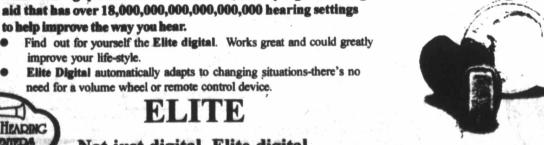
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Cleanliness Protects Hospital Workers and Patients Alike

thoughts regarding the letter from "Daughter of a Patient," who wrote to stress her concerns about healthcare workers and hand-washing? I strongly confirm that health-care workers need to demonstrate frequent and proper hand-washing techniques. Gloves are required while performing invasive procedures such as starting an IV, drawing blood, changing a dressing, etc. But please do not assume that hand-washing did not occur if it was not done in the patient's visual

I have been an RN for more than 20 years. I wash my hands before and after patient contact - always, without fail. Our institution does not allow us to use a patient's bathroom for our routine hygiene (unless our hands become soiled while in contact with that patient). Nurses, physicians and other health-care personnel in direct contact with patients generally use a central hand-washing area, such as in a nurse's station. In this case, patients and their families may never actually observe personnel washing their hands - even though they have.

However, if a patient or family member actually sees a health-care worker going from one area to the next, one patient to the next and having direct skin contact with that patient, I suggest they report it immediately to the unit manager. A health-care worker is more likely to acquire an infectious disease from the public than the other way

Horoscope

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2000

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

**** What starts as a jolt could

easily be turned into a stroke of good

luck. Your personality and imagination

help you transform chaos into nirvana.

Don't hesitate right now. Take action and

move with the moment. Tonight: Zoom

★★★★ Realize that another means

well, even if he manages to shake up

your universe. You have your hands full,

but go within, and you'll find good solu-

tions to what seems impossible. Use your

resourcefulness and energy. Tonight:

**** Take a leap of faith, and

you'll land on your feet. Choose to do

nothing halfway right now. Information

that comes forward might have you shak-

ing your head. You know what works for

you. Follow through accordingly.

*** * Stabilizing your finances

takes skill and determination. A new

issue is thrown into the mix, forcing you

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Tonight: Seek out a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

in on what you want.

Take it easy.



COLUMNIST

around. That's now twice the reason to observe good hand-washing INFORMED AND HYGIENIC RN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR INFORMED RN: The majority of mail I have received from medical personnel corroborates your statements.

DEAR ABBY: In response to the letter about hand-washing by medical personnel — yes, it probably could be better in some cases. I have been an RN for 12 years.

Just because a patient doesn't see me wash my hands, it doesn't mean I haven't done it just before I entered the room. I generally wash my hands at the nurses' station for several reasons. I don't believe a patient's room or bathroom is the most hygienic place for me to wash my hands before I assess the

At my hospital, the soap kept in the nurses' station is a stronger germ killer than what is kept in the

Fun doesn't mean expensive.

Tonight: Have a good time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Marmaduke

between friendship and love. Let another

reveal more of his thoughts before you

make a decision. Proceed in a new direc-

tion; make waves only where it counts.

* * If you feel you are in a pressure

different.

friend's activity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

patient rooms. Furthermore, I often follow hand-washing with an anti-bacterial spray or lotion of my own. With the dramatic rise in antibioticresistant bacteria these days, such precautions not only protect patients, but also protect me. SUSAN KELLY,

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: Twenty-five years ago, a group of veterinarians developed and patented a hand-washing device that would give a surgical scrub in 30 seconds. A portable model that could be placed on a cart and moved from room to room was available. Prototype models were proved effective by bacteriologic testing. Though several companies expressed interest, we were never able to bring the device to market.

While there have been tremendous advances in the medical field in the last 25 years, the age-old problem of contaminated hands, first described by Semmelweis in

the 19th century, still persists. WILLIAM V. LUMB, DVM, PHD, FORT COLLINS, COLO.

DEAR DR. LUMB: Unfortunately, you're right. And hand-washing is still the single most effective method of disease prevention. To quote an old saying, "The more things change, the

Where the music is. Gibraltar" turns in a new direction. Initiate discussions with a boss. Tonight:

* * * You might be upset by a money dilemma, but you can easily figure it out. Knowing what works helps you make the *** Tou might shock others as much as they jolt you. Stop and think right decision. You might need to stop and explain the fundamentals to a partner about the message behind the words. before you take action. Ultimately, you Sensitivity opens doors; being bullheadget needed support. Tonight: Go for ed slams them shut. You have a unique opportunity to break a pattern. Why not? togetherness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

* * Take a deep breath. Understand what is going on within you. We all need an occasional timeout, and you are no exception. Move forward. Refuse to be ers. You quickly accomplish a lot. intimidated by a work-related situation. Tonight: Say yes to something new and Tonight: Not alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Stop: pull back: do what is necessary to regain your balance. You might need some time off — perhaps several days. Finances straighten out as soon as you Bring others together. Tonight: Join a feel better. Trust your judgment. Tonight: Put your feet up.

BORN TODAY

the lead and let others know who you are. For a personal consultation with a psy-

more they remain the same.'

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

* * * * You are capable of surprises, but this behavior encourages others to behave in a similar manner toward you. Observe what is going on rather than reacting. Make calls; reach out for oth-

*** Making a decision tears you ** Your nerves have had enough.

cooker, you are right! The planets pull Actor Rick Schroder (1970), actor Ron Perlman (1950), actress Saundra and tug at you from different directions. Stay centered, knowing what will work. Santiago (1957) Dig into tasks. Accept a challenge. Take

chic, call (900) 000-0000, \$2.95 per * * * * * You rush right in where othminute. You can request your favorite ers might not want to tread. Handle situpsychic, and Spanish-speaking psychics ations carefully and with a great deal of are available. Rotary or touch-tone decorum. Consider others' reactions. phones. Must be 18 or older to call. A service of InterMedia Inc., Jenkintown, to think and evaluate carefully. Someone Creativity and intuition intertwine, help-

you once considered the "Rock of ing you make the right decision. Tonight: Pa. Crossword Puzzle

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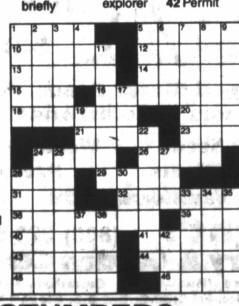
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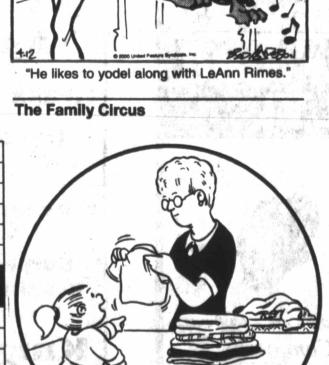
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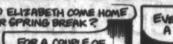
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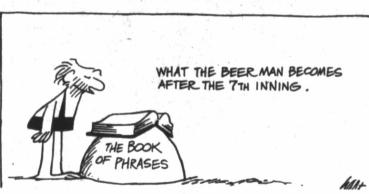
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I'LL BET ANYTHING THAT YOU'D GIVE UP THAT BLANKET IF YOU KNEW JUST HOW RIDICULOUS YOU LOOK.





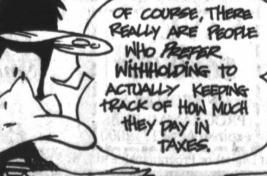
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SPORTS

Notebook GENERAL

PAMPA - Rainy and cold conditions Tuesday forced postponement of Pampa baseball and softball games.

The Pampa-Palo Duro girls' softball game has been re-scheduled for 5:30 today in Caprock.

Pampa and Hereford are tied for second behind Dumas in the District 3-4A standings.

The Pampa-Borger baseball ame will be played at 4:30 Thursday at Harvester Field. Pampa is atop the district standings with a 4-0 record while Borger is tied with Dumas and Caprock for sec-

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ond at 2-2.

DUMAS — Reece Hartman of Pampa cleared 6-0 to take second in the high jump at the North Plains Relays last weekend in Dumas.

Joey Daniells of Dumas had the winning jump of 6-2. **District 3-1A Meet** at Groom

Girls 3200: Crowell, Groom, second place, 14:25.75; Britten, Groom, third place, 15:05.06; McMahon, Groom, fourth place, 15:20.93.

400 relay: Groom, first place, 53.50.

800: Barnett, Groom, first place, 2:50.63; Crowell, Groom, second place, 2:59.00. 100 hurdles: C. Davis, Groom, first place, 16.63; Trimble, Fort Elliott, second place, 17.94.

100: Conrad, Groom, second place, 13.75.

800 relay: Groom, first place, 2:02.12.

400: Trimble, Fort Elliott, second place, 66.68; Britten, Groom, third place, 67.94; Ray, Lefors, fourth place, 73.15.

300 hurdles: C. Davis, Groom, first place, 47.19; Burgin, Groom, fourth place,

200: K. Davis, Groom, second place, 28.25; Bohr, Groom, third place, 28.75.

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BASKETBALL

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) -Indiana University officials are convinced of the authenticity of a tape showing basketball coach Bob Knight grabbing a player by the neck during a practice and pushing him backwards.

'Clearly it's an important piece of information as we continue our review," university spokesman Christopher Simpson told The Associated

Two university trustees are investigating the outspoken and controversial coach following recent reports from two former players that he physically abused team members.

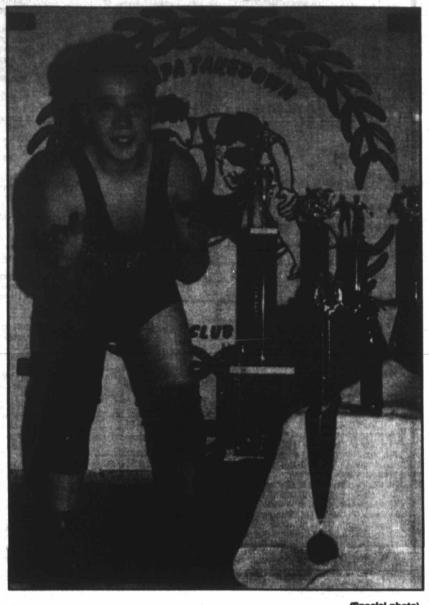
Last month, CNN/Sports Illustrated reported former player Neil Reed's allegation that Knight choked him during a 1997 practice. The videotape obtained by CNN/SI, and first aired Tuesday night, shows Knight grabbing a player by the neck, pushing him backward. The player's head appeared

to snap backward. Reed, who left Indiana in 1997, said he is the player on the videotape after watching it for the first time Tuesday.

"I don't need a tape to tell me what happened," he told CNN/SI.

Although Reed told CNN/SI in its March report that two assistant coaches had to separate him and Knight, the videotape reveals

no such action. Instead, it shows Knight releasing Reed and the two walking their separate ways. Reed told CNN/SI on Tuesday he still recalls the incident unfolding that way, even though the footage shows otherwise.



Pampa's John Burns finished in the top eight at the World Wrestling Tournament.

Pampa wrestler goes against world's best in Reno, Nevada

Nevada last weekend to prove Championships in Tulsa, Okla. has helped and I left someone his point in the World 105-pound division, Burns fought through a tough bracket added. to place among the top eight in the world.

Burns, an Austin School fifthgrader, drew a first-round bye.

"Everything seemed to be going great," said Ricky Urguhart of the Pampa Takedown Club. "As it turned out, John had to wrestle last year's champion for his first match."

The match stayed tied until the third period when John's advantage that would be enough to capture the win.

"We can't even begin to express how proud of John we wrestling squad," Urquhart each category.

PAMPA — John Burns of Cameron Wall, Gavin Jimenez, wrestlers to the tournaments. Pampa is now officially one of Steven Botello and Kasey the best wrestlers in the world. Urquhart of Pampa to compete seems so inadequate," he said. Burns traveled to Reno, at the AAU-USA World "If I tried to think everyone that

Tournament. Competing in the Pampa's wrestlers will shine ish the entire list. I just want to with the brightest," Urquhart say that without the devotion

appreciation to the Pampa citi- dreams would not come true zens for helping send the for these athletes."

"To simply say thank you "I have no doubt that off the list, I would only diminof caring and giving business Urquhart expressed his people and individuals, these

Small Fry Fishing Tournament will be held at Lake Meredith

FRITCH — The John Brownlee donations. Memorial Small Fry Fishing Tournament will be held April Fishing Tournament commemo-22, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the rates the memory of past Stilling Basin in Spring Canyon. Association president John opponent gained a two-point The Stilling Basin is located Brownlee in the 2000 tournabelow the dam at Lake Meredith ment, National Recreation Area.

Children ages 6 to 14 may fish in the tournament. Check-in will are. He has put forth the effort be from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on the it takes to be worthy of respect day of the event. Each child must around the world. John has a have an adult remain with him bright future in what every he or her throughout the tournadecides to attack. John will be a ment. There will be three age catvaluable asset to the Pampa egories, and numerous prizes in

On April 21-22, John joins provided through community at 806-274-3127.

The Lake Meredith Small Fry

Brownlee was active in community, church and civic organizations throughout his life. He dedicated thousands of hours to the youth of Borger and Fritch.

To honor his memory, this year's tournament will be the John Brownlee Memorial Small Fry Fishing Tournament.

For more information on the Free drinks and snacks will be tournament, contact G.E. Merrill

Cardinals down Astros in home run explosion at Enron Field

by the opposing team.

Pinch-hitter Thomas Howard's ry over Houston on Tuesday night.

The Cardinals and Astros combined for five home runs, after hitting eight in Monday's series opener. There have been 19 home runs hit in five games this season at the new ballpark, where Houston is 1-4.

HOUSTON (AP) — The home manager Tony La Russa said. "It's runs continue to fly out of Enron a different ballpark. When you Field. Unfortunately for the have good hitters they are going to Houston Astros, most are being hit hit it out, and every team has good hitters.

Howard's seventh-inning grand first career grand slam highlighted slam highlighted a seven-run the St. Louis Cardinals' 10-6 victo- inning for the Cardinals, that included a three-run homer by Edgar Renteria.

After I got mine, then Edgar came in and finished things off," Howard said. "I never really thought about it being my first grand slam until someone men-

Howard's slam came off losing Mike Matheny. pitcher Chris Holt (0-2).

Houston manager Larry Dierker wanted to take Holt out in the seventh inning, but couldn't because of a rules technicality.

Holt had to throw at least one more pitch before Dierker could lift him. And Howard hit the first pitch he saw for the grand slam.

Dierker came out to talk to his bases on walks to Mark McGwire and Eric Davis around Jim tioned it. It feels good because it Dierker returned to the dugout did sive. He left one up and I jumped meant something and we got the he notice the switch-hitting on it.

the mound to pull Holt for a lefthanded reliever, but was stopped hander in. I was asking for a ruling by home-plate umpire Dan on why I couldn't, but I couldn't lassogna. A brief conversation very well contest it when they said ensued because Dierker believed the switch to Howard came after he left the mound. But Iassogna said it was announced before that.

"I knew (Dierker) wanted to right-hander after Holt loaded the take (Holt) out," Howard said. "So I wanted to get to (Holt) early before they could take him out. So Edmonds' single. Not until after I got real anxious and real aggres-

see when the umpire brought him Dierker attempted to return to into the game," Dierker said of the mound to pull Holt for a left-Howard. "I wanted to bring a left-Howard was already in."

> The Cardinals' 7-1 record matches the 1986 club for the best start.

"We've been going about it the right way, we're playing hard, and the results are nice," La Russa said.

"Every night it's somebody new. That's the nice thing about this lineup, its not just McGwire, it seven or eight other guys too,"

Lions looking for life after Barry

By HARRY ATKINS **AP Sports Writer**

Nearly a year after Barry Sanders shocked the football world by retiring, the Detroit Lions are still wondering what to do about it.

Maybe they'll find the answer in the NFL draft this weekend.

Running backs Greg Hill and Ron Rivers helped the Lions to an 8-8 finish and a wild-card playoff berth last season. But they were let go after the season and Jacksonville free agent James Stewart was signed for \$25 million.

Stewart is a decent runner. He rushed for 931 yards and 13 touchdowns on 249 carries for the Jaguars last season. But he doesn't have the big-play capability Sanders had - nobody does — and the Lions certainly don't want to place the load of a full season on Stewart's

So, they'll likely draft another running back if one is still available when the Lions get their first pick. Still, because Detroit has the 20th pick in the first round, the best prospects might already be gone.

This draft is not filled with dominating players," said Ron Hughes, the Lions' vice president of player personnel. "It's filled with a lot of good play-

The top prospects at running back are Thomas Jones of Virginia, Shaun Alexander of Alabama, Ron Dayne of Wisconsin and Jamal Lewis of

Baltimore is seeking a running back and chooses fifth.

(ninth) and the New York Giants (11th) all select before the Lions and are interested in the position.

The Ravens pick again at No. 15. Kansas City, selecting one spot behind Detroit, is eager to get Dayne and might trade ahead of the Lions to do so.

If Dayne were still on the board, the Lions might very well take him. Detroit coach Bobby Ross has always liked big players, one reason he took Wisconsin offensive tackle Aaron Gibson in last year's draft. The 6-foot-4, 380-pound Gibson — who cleared the way for 259-pound Dayne in college - missed the 1999 NFL season with a shoulder injury, but he is

expected to be ready for 2000. If none of the top four running backs remain, the Lions might be interested in J.R. Redmond of Arizona State in a lower round. Detroit has the 19th pick in the second round, 19th in the third, but no pick in the fourth round.

Jones figures to be the first runner to go. The top four choices seem certain, although the order is not. Cleveland has the top spot and has narrowed its focus on Penn State defenders Courtney Brown and LaVar Arrington. Washington will take whichever Nittany Lions player doesn't go to the Browns, plus, it appears, tackle Chris Samuels of Alabama with the Nos. 2 and 3 selections.

Next up are the Bengals, and Peter Warrick should fall to

Running back is considered one of the stronger positions in the draft, so the Lions won't

Arizona (seventh), Chicago have to search too hard in any

round to find one. Other possibilities, although not in the opening round, would be Miami (Ohio) tailback Travis Prentice, Arizona's Trung Canidate, Oregon's Reuben Droughns and James Madison's Curtis Keaton.

Pitching clinic is set for Saturday

PAMPA - There will be a pitching clinic held at the Optimist Club's girls' softball park from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Tommy Bolden a pitching coach from Amarillo, will be the instructor. The clinic is for girls' ages 10 and up. Cost is \$15.

To sign up, call Layne Clark at

PAMPA — Pampa Optimist 13-15 girls' fastpitch softball tryouts are scheduled Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

All players new to the league must try out. Tryouts will be held at Optimist Park. For further information, call

Sherri Tice at 665-3505 or Jimmie Clark at 669-7782.



Youth bowler Cory West of Pampa received the Danny Hillier Award for having the high scratch series (639) at the Amarillo Area Bowling Tournament earlier this year. He had high scratch game (245) in the boys' division to place third.





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Royals win again on late homer

By The Associated Press

The Kansas City Royals are making a habit of hitting walk-off home runs. The Detroit Tigers Johnny Damon's ninth-inning have done the same by opening a game-winner from a day earlier by new home with a win.

Gregg Jefferies and Bobby Higginson each drove in two runs as Detroit beat the Seattle Mariners 5-2 Tuesday at Comerica Park, the Tigers' first home game in 104 years that wasn't played at the cor-ner of Michigan and Trumbull. "This is home," Detroit first

baseman Tony Clark said. "It feels good to break in with a win at our new home."

That's nothing new for the Tigers, who have won the openers at all three parks they have played

The Tigers, then in the Western League, routed Columbus 17-2 in 28, 1896. When Navin Field, later of Ty Cobb and Al Kaline, to luxu-Detroit beat Cleveland 6-5.

The Royals' tradition is a much

hitting a two-run homer with one out in the 12th inning to give 39,168 on a cold afternoon that fea-Kansas City a 7-5 come-frombehind win over the Baltimore Orioles.

"We're not going to let ourselves get carried away with this. We're not going to let that happen," Johnson said. "We'll always be happy with a single if that's all it

In other AL games, Boston routed Minnesota 13-4; the Chicago White Sox beat Tampa Bay 13-6; Cleveland beat Oakland 5-1; and

Anaheim edged Toronto 5-4. Comerica Park, built at a cost of \$300 million in downtown Detroit, the Bennett Park opener on April has all the amenities, from statues called Tiger Stadium, opened on ry suites and a carousel, yet it also the same site on April 20, 1912, seemed to satisfy the baseball purists.

"It's a beautiful stadium," said

more recent one, as they won for the second straight night with a walk-off homer.

Brian Johnson followed up

Seattle's John Olerud, whose first-inning double was Comerica's first-hit. "And it's big. I thought there were some balls today that definitely would have been home runs in the old Tiger Stadium."

tured a steady drizzle, players wore parkas — with hoods up — under their uniforms. Their breath was visible in vapors — like foot-ball players on a November day.

Brian Moehler (1-1), who started and won the final game at Tiger Stadium, gave up 10 hits and one walk, but allowed just two runs one earned — in six innings.

Freddy Garcia (1-1) gave up five runs and six hits in six innings. The Tigers only scored five runs off Garcia all season in 1999.

At Kansas City, Joe Randa, whose three-run homer in the eighth off reliever Al Reyes had tied it at 5, beat out an infield single leading off the 12th against Tim Worrell (1-1). Then Johnson hit his second home run to leftcenter with one out.

Randall wins JV contest

PAMPA — Randall blanked Pampa 2-0 in junior varsity baseball action Monday at Harvester Field.

Pampa's only hit came from Adam Wright.

Kyle Keith and Jon Lambright pitched for Pampa with Keith taking the loss.

Keith went the first three innings and gave up three hits while striking out three and walking one. Lambright went four innings and didn't allow a hit while striking out seven and not walking a batter.

Pampa had two errors, one costly that gave Randall its two runs.

Rainey was the winning pitcher. He struck out three and walked five.

'We didn't hit the ball like we should have. We made one terrible base-running mistake," said Pampa coach Troy Owens. "Our defense did a great job. Kyle Keith and Jon Lambright had an outstanding game on the mound along with Michael Galloway behind the plate."

Pampa JVs play at River Road at 4:30 Friday and host Caprock at 3:30 Saturday.

Oilers hoping to clear Stars' hurdle

DALLAS (AP) - Every upand-coming team has a nemesis — a rival that's a notch better and keeps getting in the way of a breakthrough. The thrill of finally shattering that barrier can take a team a long way.

Before the Dallas Stars won the Stanley Cup last year, their nemesis was the Detroit Red Wings, winner of the two previous NHL

While the Stars were targeting the Wings, they became targets themselves. The Edmonton Oilers found out the hard way that for them to return to the NHL's elite, they'd have to topple Dallas.

Starting tonight, the Oilers get another chance.

The Stars' defense of the first Stanley Cup in franchise history begins in earnest with a third straight first-round series against Edmonton.

Nobody would blame Dallas players if they were a bit cocky. After all, they were 3-0-1 against the Oilers this season, swept them in last year's playoffs and needed only five games the previous year. But cautious is a better way to

describe the Stars. They remember the three overtime games in last year's first round, including the triple-overtime finale. They also know that every game in that series, and all three Dallas victories this season, were decided by one goal.

"They're going to be coming at us hard," said Joe Nieuwendyk, who scored the triple-overtime winner en route to earning the Conn Smythe Award as the MVP of last year's playoffs.

"More than ever they want to win now. We've played them so much, they're really looking to get over the hump. We have to be aware of that. We certainly have to be ready to counteract that."

The Oilers certainly aren't spooked by the sight of the Dallas skyline. The Stars are their measuring stick, and they're eager to see how they stack up.

"To be the best you're going to have to beat the best," right wing Bill Guerin said. "It's not going to be easy, it's always tough. They're the defending champions. But we're excited. We'll see how it

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Saturday, April 15

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Activated 3B Vinny Castilla from the 15-day disabled list. Designated 3B Herbert Perry for assignment. National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Recalled RHP Rick Croushore from Oldahoma of the Pacific Coast League. HOUSTON ASTROS—Traded C Paul Bako to the Florida Marlins for cash and a player to be named. Recalled INF Julio Lugo from New Orleans of the Pacific Coast League.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Placed RHP Gregg Olson on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled LHP Jeff Williams from Albuquerque of

the PCL.
NEW YORK METS—Signed INF Rafael Bournigal to a minor league
contract and assigned him to Norfolk of the International League.
Released INF Domingo Cedeno.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed INF Dave Magadan on the 15-day
disabled list. Purchased the contract of INF-C John Roskos from Las
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Columbine anniversary slips past with no new gun-control legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) - Although President Clinton asked Congress to pass new gun laws before the first anniversary of the killings at acknowledges the deadline will slip.

to take their own steps for gun control. A week before the April 20 Columbine anniversary, Clinton was endorsing a state ballot measure that would impose new requirements for buyers at Colorado gun shows, as Clinton wants to do

town hall gathering on guns.
Republican Gov. Bill Owens supports the initia-Columbine High School, the White House tive but did not plan to attend today's rally. He said of Clinton: "I do hope that he doesn't politi-Clinton was to complain about Congress and the cize a Colorado issue, and get involved in somegun lobby today while urging voters in Colorado thing that ought to be up to Coloradans to vote and agree on," Owens said.

Two teen-age gunmen were among 15 dead at Columbine, in the Denver suburb of Littleton. Clinton has frequently invoked the killings as he argues for what he calls "commonsense gun laws" that include background checks for buyers at gun

Clinton also planned to participate in a Denver shows. The killers got weapons from an acquain- after his own bill became mired on Capitol Hill. tance who easily bought them at a flea marketstyle gun show.

The Colorado initiative is sponsored by Sane Alternative to the Firearms Epidemic, a group formed after Columbine.

It would require a background check before a vendor could sell a gun at a gun show, with criminal misdemeanor penalties for offenders.

Under current federal law, unlicensed dealers

may sell weapons in private transactions without subjecting the purchasers to a background checks. Clinton said he would attend the SAFE rally

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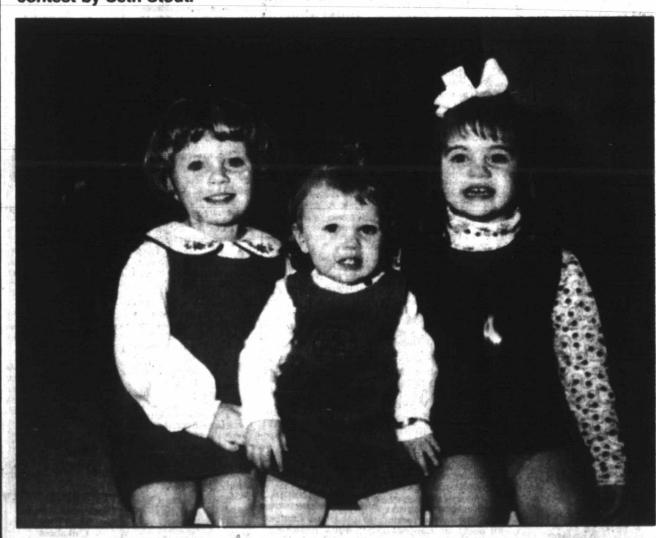
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