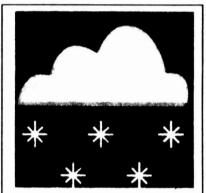
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#### Genealogical group to meet at library

PAMPA — In lieu of its March meeting, Gray County Genealogical Society will meet at Lovett Memorial Library for further computer training March 1 and 28. Members should call the library at 669-5780 to register to attend one of the workshops.

- · Verna Biggers, 92, home-
- · Goldie Marie Cannon, 83, she had traveled by covered
- Frank Clayton, 58, carpenter, tool pusher.
- Robert Cosper, 89, retired employee of Natural Gas Pipeline Company of
- America. · Helen Gillispie, 73, home-
- · Lela Elizabeth Hunt, 76, homemaker.
- · James Lloyd Laramore, 78, retired employee of Skelly-Getty Oil Company.

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## Wind ranch to go up near White Deer

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

AMARILLO - Southwestern Public Service has signed a contract with an Austin-based company to buy electricity generated in White Deer.

Cielo Wind Power, LLC, will build a wind ranch at White Deer this summer with 80 white, three-bladed wind-turbine generators sitting atop 226-foot tall towers, it was announced Tuesday. Each of the 80 turbines will generate one megawatt of electricity for the SPS system.

The 80 megawatts of electricity that the Llano Estacado Wind Ranch at White Deer is expected to generate will fill the average - ny officials said, Xcel companies

**By DEE DEE LARAMORE** 

denied for not being filed on time.

today to file the necessary signatures

Steven Losch of Longview.

Staff Writer

Express.

Hornaday, president of Cielo.

Gary Gibson, president of SPS, today signed a contract committing the electrical utility, now a part of Minneapolis-based Xcel Energy, to buying electricity from Cielo's wind ranch for the next 15 years.

Gibson said the costs of wind power have come down in recent years, making it competitive with other sources of energy.

Company officials said today that while wind energy is still more expensive that coal, it is less expensive than natural gas at today's prices.

By the end of the year, compa-

Petition appealing

Skinner's murder

convictions filed

Attorneys for Henry Watkins Skinner have once more filed a peti-

A change in state law allowed Skinner's attorneys an extension to

The (state legislature) changed the law and said the case could be refiled, explained Skinner's attorney Douglas G. Robinson of

Robinson is representing Skinner pro bono, according to District

The petition, consisting of two volumes, was filed shortly after

noon Tuesday, in the District Clerk's office. District Clerk officials

said the writ documents arrived from Robinson's office, by Federal

Robinson said in a recent interview that new information gleaned

(See SKINNER, Page 5)

Restoration bond

issue on agenda

Deadline for petitioners seeking to bring the issue of a \$1.5 million

In order to call a special election, petitions containing signatures of

a minimum five percent of the registered voters in Gray County

must be delivered to the Gray County Clerk's office by the deadline.

about 60 petitions have been circulating and approximately 400 sig-

natures had been obtained to call for a vote. At least 731 valid voter

Issuance and sale of \$1.5 million in certificates of obligation bonds.

for the restoration is on the agenda to be discussed at a 9 a.m. spe-

cial meeting of the Gray County Commissioners Court on Thursday.

Action on the issue in Thursday's County Commission meeting.

(See **RESTORATION**, Page 5)

signatures must appear on the petition to call for an election

Farl Smith, one of the organizers of the petition drive, said Friday

courthouse restoration bond issue to a public vote have until 5 p.m.

tion appealing his capital murder conviction citing nine reasons why

refile a writ of habeas, corpus after a previous petition had been

Washington, D.C. He said the deadline for retiling was set at Feb. 27.

Attorney Richard Roach. He is also represented by Texas attorney,

31st District Judge Steven Emmert should reconsider the case

needs of more than 26,000 will own or purchase for re-sale capacity in Texas and New homes, according to Walter more than 500 megawatts of wind energy. SPS owns 4,369 megawatts of fossil-fueled plant will be the largest in a region

Mexico.

The White Deer wind ranch

from Midland and Odessa to Wyoming, Gibson said. SPS has about one million customers in a (See WIND, Page 5)



Windmills like these at the 107-turbine Southwest Mesa Wind Farm near McCamey, Texas will be going up near White Deer as part of a deal between Cielo Wind Power, LLC and Xcel Energy's Southwestern Public Service Company.

### Mother's quest helps bring understanding to runaway law

By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor** 

A Pampa mother has recently been be forced to return home only to find there is already a law on the books.

enforced locally. in the Texas Family Code, the Penal Services. Code and what is in the Texas Criminal Law appears to have been part of the

culprit. Add to that an Attorney General's opinion issued in June of 2000, and it gets fairly confusing. Gray County Sheritt Don Copeland said this morning, "It is a fallacy in the law that needs to be changed. If you can put a 17-year-old in jail, why can't i e or she be a runaway?

He said under the Penal Code, a 17-year-old can go to jail, but then the Family Code states a 17year-old is considered a minor until they are 18.

The mother's concern began about a year ago when Dana Peerey's then-17 year-old-daughter ran away from home. Peeve said she contacted

to legislators about her concerns. Dana working to change a law in Texas Peevey learned Tuesday that if a parent regarding at what age a runaway can files a runaway report with law enforcement the agency is required to return the The problem was it just hasn't been 17-year-old to the possession of the par-Confusion between what is provided ents of the Department of Human

After months of researching and talking

the Pampa Police Department to file a runaway report and have her daughter returned home, but was told police couldn't do anything because the girl was legally considered an adult.

Peevey said she then contacted the Gray County Sheriff's Office where she was told the same thing. After learning that 17-year-olds cannot legally enter into contracts to make purchases, rent a home or apartment, buy a car, obtain utilities or any other day to day business dealings, the moth-

er became concerned about the situation and (See RUNAWAY, Page 5)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Whitney Maples, a student at Panhandle High School, examines World War II artifacts as students from PHS history classes toured the Freedom Museum this morning.

## Police to get new weapons quickly

By KATE B. DICKSON **Associate Publisher** 

The city's police force soon will be armed with new weapons in the wake of the failure of some of the Smith & Wesson Sigma handguns that have been in use for the past six years.

City Commissioners wasted little time Tuesday authorizing the purchase of almost 30 new weapons for officers citing the danger posed if one of the handguns fails to fire in a critical situation

The weapons that have tailed due to light hits by the tiring mechanism have been "taken off the streets" said Deputy Police Chief Terry

Nevertheless, concern remains because some weapons have provento be unreliable, said Police Chief Charlie Morris. The particular model at issue is no longer made by Smith & Wessen

To expedite the purchase, commissioners authorized an expenditure of up to \$14,900 for the guns. Because the amount is under \$15,000 bids are not required by state law

Commissioner left Andrews said he does not want the public to think the commission is trying to "play games" with more time consuming bidding requirements, but said the need to quickly replace the

Mayor Bob Neslage said the weapons need to be purchased soon

and urged that the new weapons be "high quality" firearms. The police chief said the department is leaning toward purchasing the same type of metal 9mm semi-automatics, made by Sig Sauer, now used by Department of Public Safety troopers.

Morris said that weapon costs about \$600 per unit and said the company makes a similar firearm, made of polymers, that costs about \$400. Morris said the department will contact firearm experts with the DPS to determine their satisfaction with the Sig Sauer.

## Daily Record

### Services tomorrow

GILLISPIE, Helen — 2 p.m., Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, Shamrock.

**HUNT**, Lela Elizabeth — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Jericho Cemetery, Borger.

LEONARD, William "Bill" — Memorial services, 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. LARAMORE, James Lloyd — 2 p.m., First

Christian Church, Pampa. ROBERTS, Jimmy Douglas — Memorial ser-

vices, 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Lefors. WHATLEY, Jewel Annabel — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial

### Obituaries

Chapel, Pampa.

**VERNA BIGGERS** 

McLEAN — Verna Biggers, 92, died Monday, Feb. 26, 2001, at Shamrock. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in McLean First Baptist Church with Joe Jernigan officiating and Brian Quisenberry assisting. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of

Mrs. Biggers was born Dec. 9, 1908, in Erath County, to J.C. and Margaret White. She married John Biggers in 1932 at Whitt, Texas; he died in 1979. A McLean resident for 70 years, she was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sherry Eagle, in 1979.

Survivors include a daughter, Margaret Thompson of Shamrock; two sons, Jerry Biggers of Amarillo and Joe Don Biggers of Chico; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hillcrest Cemetery Association.

**GOLDIE MARIE CANNON** 

AMARILLO - Goldie Marie Cannon, 83, of Amarillo, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001. The body was cremated. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Rector Funeral Home Chapel with Scott Hendricks, elder of the First Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, offi-

Mrs. Cannon was born in House, N.M., to a family of migrant farmers who lived at Cedar Hill and who traveled by covered wagon to Tularosa, N.M. She settled in Silverton, where she met Mack Estes "Rusty" Loggins of Amarillo. The couple married in 1934.

A construction operating engineer, Rusty and Goldie followed construction sites, living in Utah, Alaska, and California, where Rusty was killed in an auto accident in 1946. Mrs. Cannon returned to Amarillo, where she

met and later married Marvin T. "M.T." Cannon in 1965; he died in 1993.

Patsy Jo Loggins, in 1935.

Survivors include a daughter, Jeanette Loggins He was a member of the founding board of the Brown of Amarillo; a son, Michael Joseph Loggins of Haughton, La.; a brother, Ernest Clendennen of Robert Lee; a half-sister, Oneta Beth Singleton of Tucson, Ariz.; two half-brothers, Harold Clendennen of San Angelo and Cov Clendennen of Fredonia, Ariz.; and five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a greatgreat-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society.

### FRANK CLAYTON

Frank Clayton, 58, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing. Memorial services will be scheduled at a later time. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mr. Clayton was born May 28, 1942, at Canadian. He was a carpenter and a tool pusher in the oilfield industry and had been a Pampa resident since June of 2000, formerly residing at West Plains, Mo., for several years.

He was a Baptist. Survivors include two daughters, Kim Milburn of Canadian and Melissa Hayes of Ardmore, Okla.; four sons, Frankie Clayton, Michael Clayton and Billy Clayton, all of Amarillo, and Joey Cryer of Fritch; two sisters, Juanita Patrick of Pampa and Betty Marshall of Shepherd; and 15 grandchildren.

ROBERT COSPER

Robert Cosper, 89, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Don Stone, minister of White Deer Church of Christ, and Bill Morrison, minister of Wheeler Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Cosper was born Nov. 15, 1911, at Meridian, Texas. He married Ruby Mae Dillard on Dec. 16, 1933, at Memphis, Texas; she preceded him in death on Jan. 18, 1994. He later married Drusilla Briscoe on May 24, 1997, at Wheeler.

He worked for Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America for 35 years, retiring in 1976. He was a former resident of Fritch, moving to Pampa in 1992. While in Fritch, he was an elder of Fritch Church of Christ, and he was currently a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Ruby Beaver and Jettie Anderson; and a stepson,

Survivors include his wife, Drusilla, of the home, two daughters and sons-in-law, Janette and Darrel Cathey of White Deer and Patricia and Ed Forrester of Wheeler; two sisters, Ines Hardeman and Oma Griffin, both of Jay, Okla.; a stepson and wife, Elmer D. and P.I. Wilson of Pampa; and four grandsons, John Cathey of Grapevine, Dan Čathey of Pampa, Curtis Forrester of Carrollton and Gary Don Forrester of Broken Arrow, Okla.

The family requests memorials be to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

**HELEN GILLISPIE** 

SHAMROCK — Helen Gillispie, 73, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Calvary Christian Fellowship Church with Joe G. Jernigan officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Gillispie was born in Wheeler County and lived there most of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Gillispie, in 1973.

Survivors include a daughter, Evelyn McNeal of Nebraska; a son, Charles Gillispie of Shamrock; a sister, Opal of Pampa; two brothers, Dick Anderson of Lela and Dub Anderson of Amarillo; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

LELA ELIZABETH HUNT STINNETT — Lela Elizabeth Hunt, 76, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001, at Borger. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Jericho Cemetery with Bill Graham officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Hunt was born at Joyce Ranch in Roberts County and was a graduate of McLean High School. She had been a resident of Stinnett for three years and belonged to the Church of Christ and Josiah Bartlett Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Hunt Sr., in 1997; and by twin daughters in

Survivors include two sons, Leroy Vernon Hunt Jr. and Oliver Easley Hunt Sr., both of Stinnett; a sister, Barbara Ann Latham of Amarillo; a grandchild; and a great-grandchild.

JAMES LLOYD LARAMORE

lames Lloyd Laramore, 78, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m Thursday in First Christian Church with the Rev Barry Loving, pastor of the

church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with graveside rites courtesy of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Laramore was born June 24, 1922, in Pike County, Ark. He married Phyllis Rosalee Followell Partin on Aug. 2, 1946, at Clarendon. He

had been a resident of Pampa since 1939, moving He was employed by Skelly-Getty Oil

Company, serving as gas plant operator. He retired in 1980 after 33 1/2 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in

the Pacific, at Pearl Harbor, Ford Island and Johnston Island. He was a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars #1657, a member of Pampa Toastmasters, Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM and Pampa Senior Citizens. He had been a member of First Christian Church since 1955 She was preceded in death by a daughter, where he had served as elder, deacon and boardmember.

Hospice of the Panhandle, volunteering for 13 years. He assisted his wife in teaching the AARP '55 Alive" Mature Driving Course for 10 years, and he was a board member of Freedom Museum

He was preceded in death by his parents, O.B. and Della Laramore.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis, of the home; four sons, Larry Partin of Argyle, J.D. Laramore of Allen, Doug L. Laramore of Ada, Okla., and Victor W. Laramore of Pampa; a brother, Blake Laramore of Pampa; seven grandchildren; and four greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

### Police report

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

Tuesday, Feb. 27

Raymundo Hernandez, 81, 916 S. Wells, was arrested for simple assault and resisting arrest in the 900 block of South Wells.

Criminal mischief to a 1993 Cadillac was reported in the 100 block of East Craven.

Disorderly conduct - language was reported in the 400 block of West Kingsmill. No charges were

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

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### Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, Feb. 27 April Kathleen Gomez, 25, 800 N. Nelson, was arrested on a bond forfeiture out of Potter County.

Christopher Lee Yarbrough, 25, Dallas, was arrested on a violation of probation for possession of marijuana.

### **Emergency numbers**

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	
Water	

### Court report

(Editor's note: We are running behind reporting court news and are catching up. The following is from September and October)

James Lowell Royse was found guilty of DWI. The fine was \$750 and court costs.

Joe Marcus Conch pled no contest to hunting from motor vehicle on roadway. The fine was \$4,000, court costs and 90 days probation.

DWI, resisting arrest and evading arrest was dismissed against Michelle Burnley due to being taking into account w/felony charge cause #5984.

Theft of property by check was dismissed against Christine Aldaco due to court costs and restitution have been made. Randy Darwyn Malone pled no contest to pos-

session of marijuana. The fine was \$700, 6 months probation, court costs and 70 hours community

Michael Lee Dittberner was found guilty of DWI. The fine was \$750, 75 days in jail, 2 years probation, court costs and 75 hours community

Failure to appear was dismissed against Jamie Marie Leace due to insufficient evidence. DWI was dismissed against Tammy Jo Shook

due to insufficient evidence. Valerie Parks Cole was found guilty of posses-

sion of marijuana u/2 oz. The fine was \$350, court costs and 180 days in jail. Steve Gregory Franks was found guilty of DWI. The fine was \$900, 60 days in jail, 2 years proba-

tion and 40 hours community service. Karen Gabriel pled no contest to theft of property by check-Class B. The fine was \$500, 12 months probation, court costs and 30 hours community service.

Jason Deon Ellis was found guilty of failure to identify. The fine was \$500, 30 days in jail, 6 months probation and 50 hours community ser-

Krista Ramon was found guilty of theft of property by check. He was placed on 18 months probation, 45 days in jail, court costs and restitution.

Theft of services o/\$20-u/\$55 was dismissed against Jeffrey Junior Martin due to insufficient Tobee Jefferson Bowman pled nolo contendre to

no seat belt. The fine was \$175, 60 days probation and court costs. D. Barry Osborne pled no contest to DWI-1st

offense. The fine was \$900, 60 days in jail, 1 year probation and court costs. Krista Raymond was found guilty of theft of

property by check. She was placed on 18 months

### **Ambulance**

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Tuesday, Feb. 27

7:27 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Warren; no transport. 8:13 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Hilton Road and transported one to PRMC.

9:18 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Mary Ellen; no transport. 2:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000

block of Love and transported one to PRMC. 4:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

Wednesday, Feb. 28 5:32 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2700

block of Cherokee and transported one to PRMC.

### Accidents

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

Monday, Feb. 26

9:13 a.m. - A 1988 Chevrolet driven by Stephen Orin Stokes, 38, 1107 S. Hobart, and a 1994 Kenworth tractor trailer rig driven by Oliver Willard Chapman, 25, Spring Creek, Nev., and

by Terry owned Clark Transportation of Antlers, Okla., collided in the 1100 block of South Hobart. Stokes was cited for backing without safety. No injuries were reported at the

Tuesday, Feb. 27

11 a.m. - A 1990 Mercury driven by Veronica Paige Unruh, 21, struck a parked 1989 GMC van in the 1100 block of Neel Road. Unruh was cited for unsafe backing and failure to leave information. No injuries were reported.

11:35 a.m. - A 1978 Chevrolet driven by Abel Rodriguez, 28, 1216 E. Browning, collided with a legally parked Dodge pickup belonging to Kari Kathleen Wilson, 1228 E. Darby in the 1200 block of East Darby. Rodriguez was cited for no proof of insurance and failure to stop and exchange information. Weather focus

with a 20 percent chance of

freezing rain, sleet, and snow.

Lows in the middle 20s. South

winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday,

mostly cloudy with Highs in the

upper 40s. South winds 5 to 15

mph. The overnight low was 15.

as a persistent upper-level

storm system from the Pacific

Some showers and thunder-

plows through a cold front.

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storms continued in parts of South Texas early Wednesday.

PAMPA — A winter weather fell from the Panhandle to the Pass near 40 mph. advisory is in effect for today Concho Valley and Guadalupe with cloudy and cold conditions with periods of freezing rain.

Mountains. Slow-moving thunderstorms Freezing rain may mix with dumped well over an inch of sleet or snow at times. Highs near 30. Northeast winds 10 to rain within a two-hour period at Conroe in Montgomery County, 15 mph, becoming variable 5 to 10 mph late. Tonight, cloudy north of Houston.

between Conroe and the Woodlands.

The arctic front stretched through South Texas before sun-

Early-morning lows ranged STATEWIDE - Rains are from the teens in the Panhandle and West Texas to 70s in the far expected across wide sections of Texas through much of the week

It was 16 degrees at Dalhart, 70 degrees at Houston, 37 at Junction, 47 at El Paso, 35 at San Angelo and 73 at Harlingen.

Winds were mostly northerly and northeasterly at 10 to 20 Snow, sleet and freezing rain mph with gusts at Guadalupe

More showers and thunderstorms were expected on and off through Friday in parts of South and North Texas.

The National Weather Service posted a winter storm warning fro the Permian Basin and snow Higher totals were reported advisories for the northeastern Panhandle and West Texas mountains. Freezing drizzle was expected in the Concho Valley.

Daytime temperatures should be in the 30s in the west and Hill Country, in the 50s from San Antonio to Houston and 70s and 80s in the south.

Lows overnight were expect-ed to range from the 20s and 30s in the Panhandle to 60s in deep South Texas.

White are 1-4 vided.

probation, 45 days in jail, court costs and restitu-

Pampa Fire Department responded to the fol-

lowing calls during the five-day period ending at

Saturday, Feb. 24

10:02 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters

3:15 p.m. - Two units and five firefighters

responded to a 18-wheeler roll-over on Texas 70,

10 miles north of Pampa. Firefighters washed

down a small diesel fuel leak and stood by as emergency workers righted the vehicle which

6:32 p.m. - Two units and seven firefighters

responded to a fire alarm in the 2800 block of

North Crest. An automatic alarm had been set off

by cooking, according to the report.
11:10 p.m. - Three units and eight firefighters

responded to a reported structure fire at the

Courtyard Apartments in the 1000 block of North

Sumner. The "smoke" coming from the building was steam from a vent pipe, the report stated.

Sunday, Feb. 25

8:46 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters

responded to a carbon monoxide check in the

5:06 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters

responded to a report of gas odor in the 1000

Monday, Feb. 26

responded to a car fire in the 1100 block of Neel

10:45 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters

1:04 p.m. - Two units and seven firefighters

2:08 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters

6:17 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters

responded to an automobile/ pedestrian colli-

Tuesday, Feb. 27

responded to a medical assist in the 300 block of

7:36 a.m. - One unit and four firefighters

6:05 p.m. - Four units and six firefighters

responded to a chimney fire one and one-half

mile west of Pampa on Texas 152. Firefighters

extinguished a fire in the chimney flue, checked

for fire in the attic, and cleared smoke from the

6:59 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters

responded to a carbon monoxide reported in the

2100 block of North Hamilton. Carbon monoxide

was found to be coming from a wall heater. The

heater was turned off until it could be repaired.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

responded to a medical assist in the 2700 block of

5:37 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters

McDonald's

Exxon Mobil

responded to a second false alarm at the White

responded to a false alarm at the White Deer

1600 block of North Christy. None was found.

had rolled over in high winds.

block of Scott. None was found.

Land Museum, 116 N. Cuyler.

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residence, the report stated.

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### Calendar of events

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White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator pro-

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

PLANNED PARENTHOOD Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

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 1-800-806-7236. **ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP** The local Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780. PHS SCHOLARSHIPS

Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800. **GED TESTING** 

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will conduct GED testing at 9 a.m. Feb. 26 and March 26. Test-takers must bring a government-issued picture ID such as a driver's license and a Social Security card. Pre-registration is not required. Cost is \$45 or \$10 for each re-test. CLASS OF 1961

Pampa High School Class of 1961 will hold its 40th class reunion this year. Anyone interested in helping plan and organize the event should contact Zip Swaney at 665-5532.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY Lovett Memorial Library will offer four introductory hands-on computer workshops: "Computer Comfort I" for beginners; "Computer Comfort II" for individuals who can open and close files and use the mouse; "What is the Internet?"; and "Introduction to E-Mail," for individuals who wish to learn how to establish a free web-based e-mail account. All classes are free but registration is required. Class size is limited to 10, so space is limited. For information, contact the library at 669-5780. The workshops will continue monthly through the spring.

INDUSTRIAL CONTROL TRAINING COURSE The Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center of the Texas Engineering Extension Service will offer the following Industrial Control Training Courses — 8 a.m.-5 p.m., March 26-27 at the University of Texas at Arlington and April 10-11 at the Houston Regional Training Center in Houston. Each course will target maintenance technicians, facility maintenance employees, electrical maintenance personnel and automation technicians. For more information, call TMAC at 1-800-625-4876 or visit www.tmac.org on the World Wide Web.

**EXTENSION WORKSHOP** On March 23 and 25 at Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will conduct a two-day "Wildlife and Leadership Development" workshop for adults interested in youth development, wildlife and natural resource management. Cost of the workshop is \$50. Topics will include: Quail behavior, ecosystem, management, deer aging and evaluating predation. Attendees will participate in a tacky deer survey, a hunter safety skills course and wildlife trivia activities. Registration deadline is March 9. To obtain a registration form or for more information, contact Helen Holdsworth at (210)

LAD N' LASSIE PAGEANT

A new Pre-Teen Pageant is planned in conjunction with the Ninth Annual Lad n' Lassie Pageant to be held at 1:30 p.m. in Shamrock High School Auditorium at Shamrock during the Saint Patrick's Day Celebration. The Lad n' Lassie pageant is open to boys between 0-9 years of age and girls between 0-13. The boys may come dressed in either casual wear or Sunday best. The Pre-Teen Pageant is open to young ladies between the ages of 10 and 13. These contestants will compete in both Casual Wear and Sunday best as well as photo judging, short interview and public speaking. All participants must submit an entry form along with two photos and a \$10 entry fee. The photos will be published in the local paper. Late entries will pay an additional \$5. Deadline for entry is March 1. For more information or to obtain an entry form, contact Betty Lee at (806) 256-5337 or Lynette Kidd at (806) 256-3044.

USABDA

United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association is seeking support for a chapter for beginner social or recreational ballroom dancers in the Amarillo area. If enough interest is expressed, a local steering committee will be formed to guide the project and enroll members. For 1-800-447-9047; e-mail information, call USABDACENT@aol.com; or write: USABDA, P.O. Box 128, New Freedom, PA 17349.

**FSA WEBSITE** 

USDA's Farm Service Agency has launched a redesigned website located at www.fsa.usda.gov. on the Internet. The redesign includes user-friendly features and easily accessible on-line FSA forms.

RELIGIOUS POETRY CONTEST New Jersey Rainbow Poets is sponsoring a free religious poetry contest. The grand prize winner will be awarded \$1,000. The entry deadline is April 7, 2001. To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., PMB 70, Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter be available. on-line at www.freecontest.com

WILL TO WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

The "Will to Win" Asthma Athlete Scholarship Program is currently accepting applications. The program will grant \$35,000 in scholarships to 10 high school seniors who have excelled in athletics while coping with asthma. The deadline for entries is April 30, 2001. Scholarship applications may be obtained by calling "The Will to Win" hotline at 1-800-558-7305.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering a free "Conservation Trees" booklet with colorful photos and illustrations and easy-tounderstand descriptions to help people plant and care for trees. To have it made to their strict speciobtain a booklet, send name and address to: Conservation Trees, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410. 82ND AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is seeking new members. Airborne is the only requirement for membership. The Association holds a national reunion each year plus many mini-reunions, picnics and dinner dances. For more information, write AIRBORNE 2001, 5459 Northcutt P, Dayton, OH 45414-3742; or call S.R. Gossett (WWII) at (937) 898-5977.

U.S. LST ASSOCIATION

U.S. LST Association is seeking shipmates from World War II to the present date to participate in its upcoming reunion Sept. 18-24 at Mobile, Ala. For more information, contact: Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948; 1-800-228-5870; or e-mail JSLST:@KMBS.Com

### Girl Scout cookies



Mikala Furgason, Ashley Hernandez, Laci Hernandez, KeEra Bussee and Kolbi Furgason, above, members of Girl Scout Troup 232, collect cookies for delivery to patrons during the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale which officially ends March 24. To place an order or for more information, call 669-6862 or 665-2751.

# Rep. Thornberry to sponsor Academy Forum in Amarillo

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(806) 371-8844.

AMARILLO - U.S. Rep. Mac return, they agree to serve in the Thornberry will host his Third Annual Academy Forum from 10-11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 3, in the cafeteria of Tascosa High 3921 Westlawn, School, Amarillo. The Forum is open to all area students interested in attending one of the nation's military service academies. Their parents are also encouraged to attend.

Representatives from West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy will be on hand to speak and to answer questins regarding their respective institutions.

Thornberry said high school sophomores and juniors would be most likely to benefit from the forum but added all students, their parents and counselors are welcome to attend.

As a member of Congress, Thornberry can nominate up to five students for each service academy. That number varies, he noted, depending on how many students from the 13th District are attending an academy at the time of nomination. Applications for nomination must be submitted to Thornberry by Nov. 1 of a student's senior year. Final decisions on which nominees are selected are made by the service academies.

Nominees who are accepted receive their education free. In

### KOC gearing up for annual feast

The Frank Keim Council of Knights of Columbus in Pampa will hold its 49th Annual Polish Sausage Dinner from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, March 4, at its new hall located at 318 N. Cuyler. Polish sausage, Polish coleslaw, red beans, potato salad, barbecue sauce, apricots, dessert and tea or coffee will be served. Take-out and bulk sales on all items will

The secret recipe for the Polish sausage was brought to this country from Poland over 130 years ago by the great-grandparents of two of the council's members. The recipes are kept locked up from year-to-year and are only used in preparation for the annual dinner. The local Knights of Columbus do not prepare the sausage themselves but rather fications. Often several "tastetests" are done to insure proper quality of the sausage before it is served.

Tickets will be \$6 in advance or \$7 at the door for adults and \$3 for youngsters 12- to 6-years of age. Children younger than six eat free provided they eat in. Proceeds benefit the council's many charitable activities. To purchase tickets in advance, contact Dan McGrath at 665-3569, Jim Lummus at 669-0468 or Wes Hukill at 665-3786.

### Lamar to host D.E.A.R Day

Beginning at 8 a.m., Friday, March 2, Lamar Elementary School will celebrate D.E.A.R. Day (Drop Everything and Read Day) with readers in all classrooms throughout the morning and a special 'story book character" fashion show. Volunteers, Pampa ISD personnel and others will be participating.

Scheduled readers will include: John Curry, 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Kelley Bilyeu's and Carol Reed's fourth grade classes, respectively; Lynn Harwood, former Lamar teacher, 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., Kim West's and Linda Adams' classrooms; Gaye Honderich, 9 a.m., Debbie Lee's room; Kadda Schale, 9:30 a.m., Renee Doughty's room; Jannie Lewis 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., Starla Fogle's and Reed's rooms; and Mary McDaniel, 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m., Misty Townson's and Adams' rooms.

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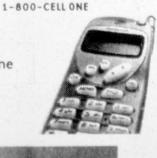
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Inside the Beltway with

Sen. Hutchison

### Charitable giving without tears

"I deem it the duty of every man to devote a certain portion of his income for charitable purposes, and ... his further duty to see it so applied as to do the most good of which it is capable." — Thomas Jefferson, 1806

Thomas Jefferson never imagined in his wildest dreams that the federal government which he helped to found would exact tribute from Americans' philanthropic efforts. But that is the case in our

Right now, Americans who wish to donate assets held in an IRA to a charity of their choice have to pay federal taxes on those assets first. Under current law, Uncle Sam takes as much as 39 percent of such gifts out in taxes. So I have sponsored legislation, the Charitable IRA Rollover Act, to allow these generous-hearted individuals to roll over assets from an IRA to a charity without incurring a tax liability. Gifts to charity shouldn't be taxable events. This s best charitable instincts and to strengthen our charitable organizations as well as our colleges, universities and other educational institutions.

Here's how it would work: Many people have done such a good job of saving for their retirement that, when the day comes, they find they do not need any or part of the assets they hold in IRAs for living expenses. They would like to donate those funds

to a charity or educational institution whose work they support, Under current law, they must remove the funds from their IRA, pay any federal taxes owed and make their diminished contribution to charity

My bill would change that burdensome and costly process by allowing a person who has reached age 59 1/2 to move assets from an IRA directly to a charity or into a qualifying deferred charitable gift plan without having to pay federal tax on the transfer funds.

This could provide a valuable new stream of philanthropy for our nation's charities. Recent studies show that retirement plan assets comprise a substantial part of the net worth of many individuals. So these IRA assets represent the main source of funds from which they can make charitable gifts.

The additional giving encouraged by my Charitable IRA Rollover Act would support increased public services through the nonprofit sector. I believe voluntary charity changes hearts and lives much more effectively than government programs — the hearts and lives of those who voluntarily help as well as those in

Americans are among the most generous people in the world — 70 percent of all U.S. households contribute to charity — but we have the potential to give even more. To those who argue we can't afford to forego this particular stream of tax revenue, I would counter with Thomas Jefferson's words once more: "I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it.

I first introduced the Charitable IRA Rollover Act in 1998. Unfortunately, it was part of the tax relief bill that President Clinton vetoed in 1999. With a President who has expressed support for tax relief and for encouraging private charities to step in where government cannot, I'm hopeful the time is right to make the Charitable IRA Rollover Act the law of the land.



## Proselytizing and the forward pass

Back-to-basics football coaches tend to frown on the forward pass. Three things can happen when a quarterback throws one completion, incompletion, interception - and two of the three are bad.

The same can be said about proselytizing, a long word that is rolling off the tongues of pundits as President Bush's faith-based initiatives are debated. To some, the word connotes force'd religious conversion; to others, it means offering bribes to say some religious words or engage in some ritual; but to a third group, it means discussion leading to a free, informed choice.

The word "proselyte" emerged in Greek and Latin 1,800 years ago as a term for a person converting to Judaism. "Proselytize," a word that first appeared in 1679, means to induce a person to convert to one's faith.

lews were sometimes drafted into the army for themselves but for others as well and forced to undergo baptism, as if that made a person a Christian. When Turkey a century ago was putting down an Armenian rebellion, in at least one instance captured Armenians were lined up and asked whether they worshipped "Christ or Allah"; if the answer was Christ, a sword thrust to the gut followed.

A second type of inducement, also bad, is the material inducement offered as a payoff for making a profession of faith. A century ago, missionaries in Asia warned of the dan- in that third type of proselytizing, also known encounter, unfashionable religious ideas. But ger of encouraging what they called "rice as evangelizing. The last command of Jesus in the freedom to proselytize in that sense is part Christians" — those who might say anything the Gospel according to Mark is to "go and of our liberty, and it makes our land sweet.



Marvin Olasky

Syndicated columnist

to get bowl of rice. If Christians running a homeless shelter today were to tie provision of food and shelter, "three hots and a cot," to saying some supposedly magic words about Jesus, then that brand of proselytizing would been forced to say anything. also be labeled both dumb and disgraceful, and rightly so.

Religion" at the University of Texas and regu- why is this terrible? larly bring in Muslims, Jews, Christians, third sense of the word, laying out arguments mean by that? as to why his belief is right, reasoning with students who ask questions, and inviting them gering a person until he gives in. That's rude,

to attend worship services and discussions.

make disciples of all nations"; Christians call that "the great commission." Throughout most of American history, evangelical Protestants and Catholics have run homeless shelters in large American cities, offering both material and spiritual food. Individuals have not been forced in, but those who came were expected to listen to some kind of a sermon.

I've listened to sermons at homeless shelters and feeding programs in Chicago, New York and Washington, and in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Oklahoma and Texas, as well. Some have been good, some have been bad, most have been short. None of the listeners has ever

Those sermons are as much an impediment to freedom of conscience as bathing suits are But a third type of proselytizing is what to freedom of swimming. Sure, some "naturalmost religions in America currently do: Their ists" think that all beaches should be nude What kind of inducement? The pressure of adherents tell people what they believe and ones, but for most people it's natural to wear a force is the worst. In Russia under the Czars, why they think such a faith is good not only swimsuit at a beach, and for most people it's natural to hear a sermon at a Christian shelter. I teach a course called "Journalism and As long as secular alternatives are available,

Over the next few months, whenever we Buddhists, Hindus and pagans for the class to hear someone praise or (more likely) condemn interview. Each interviewee proselytizes in the proselytizing, we should ask, "What do you

Some people think of proselytizing as badand wrong. Other people don't like the idea of Christians in particular are called to engage ever encountering, or having others

### Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2001. There are arrived at San Francisco, carrying 306 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Feb. 28, 1951, the Senate committee headed by Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., issued a preliminary report saying at least Party. two major crime syndicates were operating in the United States.

On this date: Railroad Co, the first U.S. railroad

chartered to carry passengers and freight, was incorporated.

In 1844, a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur and several others.

the first of the gold-seekers. In 1854, some 50 slavery oppo-

nents met in Ripon, Wis., to call for creation of a new political group, which became the Republican In 1861, the Territory of Colorado

was organized.

relations after a seven-year break.

In 1975, more than 40 people were killed in London's Underground when a subway train smashed into the end of a tunnel.

Olof Palme was shot to death in In 1849, the ship California Stockholm.

agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms tried to serve warrants on the Branch Davidians. Four agents and six Davidians album and album of the year at the were killed as a 51-day standoff Grammy Awards.

In 1974, the United States and Airport opened after 16 months of In 1827, the Baltimore and Ohio Egypt re-established diplomatic delays and a \$3.2 billion budget overrun.

> Ten years ago: Allied and Iraqi forces suspended their attacks as Iraq pledged to accept all United In 1986, Swedish Prime Minister Kuwait.

Five years ago: President Clinton and the Congress agreed on a sanc-In 1993, a gun battle erupted at a tions bill aimed at driving foreign compound near Waco, Texas, when investors from Cuba. Britain's Princess Diana agreed to divorce Prince Charles. Alanis Morissette's "Jagged Little Pill" won best rock

One year ago: Right-wing In 1995, Denver International Austrian leader Joerg Haider resigned as head of the Freedom Party in an apparent bid to end Austria's international ostracism following his party's rise to power. Today's Birthdays: Actress Billie

Bird is 93. Actor Charles Durning is Nations resolutions concerning 78. Svetlana Alliluyeva, daughter of Josef Stalin, is 75.

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cuss President George W. Bush's defense plans recently, and two out of the three were convinced that it was entirely politics. That's the trouble with Washington journalism. People become so consumed with politics that

I was watching some Washington pundits dis-

they treat every subject as if it were politics. They ignore the substance. In fact, the president's commonsense proposal that strategy must determine the budget and not the other way around is one of the things that first

attracted me to his campaign. He laid out that position long before he received the Republican interesting to see what these studies come up It's just common sense. You wouldn't go out and buy two dump trucks, a milling machine and a race car and then try to decide what you were going to do with them. You first would determine

what you wanted to do, and then you buy only the stuff you needed to accomplish that goal. That's all Bush is proposing. Let's review our military; let's determine the most likely threats; let's decide what our strategy is going to be and then tailor the force and the equipment to accomplish our goals. It makes perfect sense, which is probably exactly why it seems so weird to

Washington pundits. They are not used to sensible proposals.

America's interests and deter aggression is quite needs.



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

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Sensible proposals confuse pundits

In the meantime, Bush is going ahead to increase pay and benefits for the troops. That raise is necessary no matter how you structure the force or equip it. I've never believed in an all-volunteer force, but if you're going to go that route, then you have to pay the price. You can't treat volunteers like conscripts and expect them to stay.

No doubt a lot of work is needed on the part of the military that is invisible to most civilians. I way to get them to the war. A large fleet won't be effective if you lack the means to refuel and resupply the ships at sea. Transport ships and

In the past eight years, some of the defense budget has been diverted to social spending. Hopefully, the Bush team will eliminate this. I would prefer it if we would go back to the old name, War Department, to remind people that every penny spent should be devoted to preparing for war — not accomplishing some civilian

Nor should we forget Dwight Eisenhower's warning about the military-industrial complex. Buying weapons, most of them produced on a fight a major land war in Europe or Asia. It will be cost-plus basis, is where you will likely stray from

I once talked with an efficiency engineer who had gone to work for a defense contractor. His profession was to find out how to do things more cheaply. After a few weeks, he was called in, and his supervisor told him bluntly, "We didn't hire you to tell us how to make this cheaper; we hired you to justify the price we are charging the government." The engineer, who is a man of integri-

The purpose of our armed forces is not to be a mean the logistical tail. It doesn't do any good to source of pork-barrel spending for members of have 1,000 tanks parked in Texas if you have no Congress or of outrageous profits and bribes to people in the weapons business. Anybody who supplies defective equipment or overcharges the military should be treated as an enemy of the The kind of force structure you need to guard transport aircraft are probably way short of our country, just as you would treat a saboteur or a By JEA

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## The next 50 years... A world larger, older and poorer

By JEAN H. LEE **Associated Press Writer** 

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - A new U.N. study predicts the next 50 years will bring a million more people by 2050. world that is larger, older and poorer.

The world, 6.1 billion people strong today, is anticipated to reach 9.3 billion by 2050, the U.N. Population Division estimated in a report issued Wednesday. The world's poorest nations will triple in size. Nine of every 10 people will live in a developing country, one of six in India alone.

Meanwhile, Europe and Japan will see their populations plummet, forcing them to rethink immigration policies and adjust social services to accommodate a shrinking work force and a growing elderly population, said Joseph Chamie, director of the U.N. Population Division.

Some people think the world population problem is over," he said. "No. This is a longterm issue and it's a very complex symphony you have some countries declining, you have other countries growing rapidly, and you have some staying the same.

oping world — and a good part of it is in the poorest countries," he added.

Growth will be phenomenal in Africa, much of Asia and Latin America, the study projected. The United States, with a fresh influx of 1 million immigrants a year, will grow — to nearly 400 million at mid-century from 283 million today, it said.

Europe, in contrast, will start seeing a decline as early as 2003 without migration. Ukraine's population is projected to drop nearly by 40 percent by 2050, and Russia's and Italy's more than a quarter.

Last year, the 15 European Union nations

growth — births minus deaths — of 343,000. It took India just a week to match that. Like China, India is already burdened by a population of 1 billion. It is anticipated to have 600

"We have wasted 50 years," said Ashish Bose, an Indian demographer and longtime critic of the government's population control policies. "Our planning has failed. The attack on poverty, the attack on fertility, the attack on illiteracy should have been simultane-

Fifty years ago, Europe claimed 22 percent of the world population, Africa just 8 percent. Today, they stand even at about 13 percent, outnumbered by Asia's 60 percent. But in 50 years, Africa will have three times as many childbearing years — is dropping faster and people as Europe, even with AIDS-related deaths.

'It's like a mortality avalanche from the HIV/AIDS epidemic," Chamie said. "Despite that, you see Africa going from about 800 million to 2 billion." Without AIDS, that figure would be 300 million higher by

2050, Chamie projected. Meanwhile, the industrialized world -"Virtually all of this growth is in the devel- Europe, North American, Japan, Australia and New Zealand - will face an aging population. A fifth of Europe was age 60 or older in 1998; by 2050, that figure could jump to more than a third, with children making up only 14 percent of the population, the report

> The U.N. projections take into account economic gains as well as lower mortality and fertility rates. But Ben Wattenberg, a senior fellow at the conservative-leaning American Enterprise Institute, cautioned that the population estimates could be "potentially mis-

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from wind in this area.

The world, 6.1 billion people strong today, is anticipated to reach 9.3 billion by 2050, the U.N. Population Division estimated in a report issued Wednesday. The world's poorest nations will triple in size. Nine of every 10 people will live in a developing country, one of six in India alone.

more consistently worldwide than the U.N. report suggests, making it likely that the 2050 estimate is inflated, he said.

"Their numbers are high — they should be lower," he said.

If the predictions do play out, fewer workers will be bearing the burden of supporting the elderly, an economic impact that Paul Hewitt of the Center for Strategic and International Studies said could prove "catastrophic" when many of the world's baby boomers — now in their 40s and 50s — begin retiring en masse.

Countries must rethink pension, retirement, trade and immigration, he said. "This is very controversial, but I think it all points the way to globalization. Labor-short countries will need to integrate more with the developing world."

On the Net: Population Division: The fertility rate — the average number of http://www.un.org/esa/population/unpop **Brighton contest** 



Linda Reed, above, won a purse recently as part of "Brighton Hearts for Your Sweetheart Contest," staged in conjunction with National Brighton Week, a promotional held during Valentines at participating stores including Images in Pampa. Other winners were Jamie Winborne, earrings; Belinda Waldrip, charm rose box; Judy Hansen, wallet; Raynetta Earp, watch; and Valta Trusty, sunglasses.

### Tapes don't reveal cause of OSU crash Basketball players aboard

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The final conversations between air

County Airport in Colorado during a storm on Jan. 27. The plane crashed about 15 minutes later 40 miles east of Denver.

death for the 10 men. Members of the team had played the University of Colorado earlier that day.

before air traffic controllers lost contact with it. No distress call was made. Investigators have ruled out engine failure as a possible cause of the crash.

reach the plane. The tapes do not give any indications of problems. Voices are often absent or unintelligible.

Act requests. It did not release a transcript.

The National Transportation Safety Board will not complete its preliminary report on the crash for another few months, spokesman Paul

that covered the field a month ago has melted and investigators hope to find bits of wreckage that may have been obscured earlier,

By JENNIFER L. BROWN **Associated Press Writer** 

traffic controllers and the crew of a plane carrying members of the Oklahoma State basketball team provides no explanation for why the plane crashed, killing all 10 on board. The Beechcraft Super King Air 200 took off from the Jefferson

Coroner Rick Amend listed ground impact as the official cause of

The plane climbed to 23,000 feet and cruised for three minutes

Before takeoff, pilot Denver Mills told controllers he planned to fly to Stillwater, Okla., and then on to Oklahoma City, the tape shows. "I'd like to check the weather and give you a couple of flight plans," Mills says. Later, an air traffic controller in Denver radioed that he could not

The FAA released the tapes Tuesday under Freedom of Information

Schlamm said. The final report is expected late this year or in early Investigators plan to return this week to the site of the crash. Snow

company built a single wind generator operation in 1999, near Texico on the Texas-New Mexico stateline that provides electricity for SPS. The company also has Southwest Mesa Wind Farm near McCamey,

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52,000 square mile region that includes the Texas Panhandle, the Texas South Plains, southeastern New Mexico, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas.

Survey crews were to have been on site yesterday. Installation of the generators and their steel towers is expected to begin in July, Joe Peter with Cielo said. He said he hopes to be selling power to SPS by

Peter said he views the White Deer project as a seed program.

from recent DNA testing of evidence not entered in the original trial

GeneScreen, a Dallas forensic laboratory, recently examined previ-

ously untested evidence gathered by law enforcement officials after

the the 1993 murder of a Pampa woman, Twila Busby, and her two

sons, Randy Busby and Elwin Caler. Skinner, Busby's live-in

boyfriend, was convicted of capital murder in 1995 and sentenced to

Mann, indicated that several pieces of evidence never entered in the

trial contained DNA not only from Skinner and Twila Busby, but also

According to the petition, Skinner's attorneys are asking for an

2. A police officer and district attorney investigator "through

appeal alleging nine reasons the man did not receive "due process":

"This may be a significant development," said Robinson.

The lab's written report, ordered by former District Attorney John

beal efforts on behalf of Skinner.

Tex., the largest in the state with 107 wind turbines. CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

by the DA investigator or police officer;

4. Skinner was denied the effective assistance of a trial counselor; 5. Skinner was denied a right to counsel under the Sixth Amendment because former District Judge Kent Sims allegedly knew that Harold Comer, lead defense attorney, had a conflict of interest and did nothing to protect Skinner's right to conflict-free representa-

Within five years, he said, he expects 2000 megawatts of power to be

Each of the 14 families, who own the land upon which the White

This is not Cielo's first venture onto the plains. The privately held

Deer wind ranch will sit, will be paid wind royalties.

"They will be similar to oil and gas royalties, "Peter said.

6. Effective assistance was denied because Judge Sims overruled Comer's post-trial motion to withdraw and rejected Skinner's request for an appointment of a different lawyer to prepare a motion for a new trial without holding a hearing to determine whether Comer had a conflict of interest at a critical stage;

7. The court ordered Skinner's attorneys to disclose defense expert's work product to the prosecution without the prosecution providing reciprocal recovery of evidence;

8. Then-Gray County Sheriff Randy Stubblefield violated Skinner's right to counsel under federal and Texas constitutions by reading and copying privileged correspondence with his attorneys about trial 1. Skinner was denied due process because the prosecutor (Mann) strategy and facts of the case; and knowingly elicited testimony from a witness which left the false impression that Skinner told Reed he had murdered Twila Busby;

9. The court violated Skinner's Sixth Amendment right to consult with lawyers during the trial in Fort Worth by ordering the bailiff to eparate him from his attorneys during every court recess.

threats and intimidation" caused the witness to give false testimony Pages of written testimony from previous court proceedings and reports, as well as, references to case law are included in the massive 3. The prosecutor did not disclose that the witness was threatened petition which will now be considered for review by Judge Emmert.

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### RUNAWAY

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be significant to a

death for the crime by a Fort Worth jury.

DNA that could not be attributed to either of them.

about Skinner's condition on the night of the crime;

decided to try to change the law.

After months of researching and talking to legislators about her concerns, she learned Tuesday that if a parent files a runaway report with law enforcement the agency is required to return the 17-year-old to the possession of the parents of the Department of Human

Police Chief Charlie Morris said he wasn't aware until Tuesday of an AG's opinion issued in June of 2000 by Attorney General John Cornyn. He said the opinion is based on the Code of Criminal Appeals, section 63.009 in the Juvenile Law Section of State of Texas. Morris said his department does not get updates from that agency. He said city police will begin taking reports on 17-year-old run-

aways and notifying the parents when they are located. Sheriff Copeland said he distributed a memo this morning to his

deputies informing them of the AG's opinion. Sharon Greene, interim chief juvenile probation officer, said the ey/index.html.

juvenile probation office is governed by the Family Code. She said if a minor is on juvenile probation the department can pick them up if they run away from home. She said if a minor is placed on probation before his or her 17th birthday, the teen can be kept on probation until However, if a 17-year-old who is not on probation runs away from

home, Greene said juvenile probation cannot pick them up. "We must have a police report on a child before we can take possession of a child," Greene said. Peevey said this morning she will begin getting the word to other

parents that they can file a report with law enforcement concerning

their 17-year-old runaways. "I will keep getting it out that the cutoff age is 18 years of age," said Peevey, who has a web site on the issue. She said she will be making changes to her web page to convey the information to parents seek-

Peevey's web address is http://www.geocities.com/danapeev-

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### RESTORATION

will depend upon whether petitions containing the required number of signatures are filed today in the county clerk's office.

Bids may be opened and read at 11 a.m. Consideration of the receiving of bids and adoption of an order authorizing the issuance of such certificates of obligation may be considered at 12 noon. Also on the agenda is to consider a road right-of-way at County

Road Y and Z and a request from County Clerk Susan Winborne to change computer service in her office and replace terminals. Adding Melinda Cochran, Wade Mitchell and Shelly McCarn to the Inmate Fund Account will also be considered.

Routine monthly items on the agenda include pay bills and salaries as approved by the county auditor and consider intrabudget transfer requests and budget amendments.

### Seguin jeweler arrested; missing jewelry salesman's body believed found

SEGUIN, Texas (AP) — A Seguin jeweler was arrested Wednesday and charged with the death of New York jewelry salesman who has been missing for a week.

A body believed to be that of Majid Zerovabeli was found early Wednesday on a ranch near Geronimo, north of Seguin and about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Police arrested and charged 26-year-old Alejandro Torres with the

death. He was held without bond. Authorities said Torres worked at the M.R.T Jewelers in Seguin, the last known stop for Zerovabeli, 38. The salesman last was seen

there Feb. 21 between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. after making a sales call. Police say he was carrying about \$500,000 in jewels at the time of

He was supposed to arrive at his nephew's home that evening but never showed up, never returned his rental car and did not make his scheduled return flight to New York.

Right now ... I will say that we have recovered a body, we have no positive ID, we are waiting for some dental records to be brought down," Seguin Police Chief Gary Hopper said.

Zerovabeli's rental car was found in New Braunfels. "At this point we are working three different scenes, really four different scenes. One where the vehicle was located, one where the body was buried, one where the murder occurred and one where the some of the evidence was secreted," Texas Rangers Sgt. Tony

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### Family of Six Tries Not to Be A Burden on Weekend Hosts

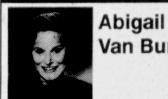
DEAR ABBY: I have tried for years to contact some of my husband's Army buddies. I have finally gotten in touch with one of them, and we'll be visiting him and his family for a weekend in the near

They told us our large family is no problem, and it would be easier for us to stay with them than in a motel. Because of the size of our family, I feel we should stay in a motel. My husband thinks we should stay with them.

Abby, what should I take with me when we visit them? What would be an appropriate hostess gift? I have never met these people, although we've communicated often via phone calls and online communications. Should I bring groceries or go shopping with the hostess and pay for some of the food? Should I send money in advance to help with the extra expenses of our visit? Should I take towels for our family? Six showers a day equals a lot of laundry.

I would appreciate your guidance. UNEASY VISITOR IN BATH, N.Y.

**DEAR UNEASY: Because of** the size of your family, ask your hosts if they would like you to bring towels, pillows, sleeping bags or linens and blankets. If they aren't needed, they will tell you. Forget about taking groceries since this is only a weekend visit, but do take your hosts out for a meal during your stay. Take along a lovely basket of



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fruit you can all enjoy as your hostess gift, and following your visit, be sure to thank your hosts in writing for their hospitality.

DEAR ABBY: Last fall, you printed a letter from a woman who gave her friend a hat shower. The friend had lost her hair from chemotherapy treatments. Because you printed that letter, I was the recipient of two hat showers! You have no idea how much they meant

At one of the showers, the hostess asked everyone to explain how they knew me and to tell what I meant to them. It was a very special and emotional time. I have never felt so loved and embraced as I did that night. The hostess also asked the attendees to give me a card to open at a later date. I now have cards to open over the next four months - and I look forward to opening them. What a thoughtful way of letting me know how much I

am loved long after the shower. The school bus drivers I work

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tives in mind. A partner could be dis-

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with gave me the second shower. To see all the drivers wearing pink ribbons on their I.D. badges was awesome!

The first time I went through chemo was 13 years ago. This time I have almost 100 hats from which to choose. It makes being bald not quite so hard.

Thank you, Abby, and also the woman who wrote the letter. I love all my hats. Each one has a special

> CONNIE OLIVER, MOSES LAKE, WASH.

DEAR CONNIE: I hope your terrific letter inspires other readers to follow suit. We all need affirmation in times of trouble. I wish you successful treatment and a speedy recovery.

DEAR ABBY: You were wrong when you told "Happily Dating in N.J." that "years ago girls used to dream about a little white house with a picket fence. Now they're likely to dream about a corporate

office with a couple of windows."

Many girls still dream about that "little white house," but today they are focused on providing it for themselves instead of waiting for a man to get it for them.

GRANDMA GAYLE IN TENNESSEE

**DEAR GRANDMA GAYLE:** Your point is well taken. However, I think we are both right.

about what you have accomplished. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* A financial matter seems to have many twists and turns. Try as you might, you could be having a difficult tracting, as there are a lot of unexpected time getting it under control. Unfortunately, you might need to take a strong action that you have been trying to avoid. A child or loved one needs your strength and guidelines. Tonight: Put

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\* \* You might want to disrupt the status quo. Others could see this as being somewhat difficult. Get down to basics and express yourself in a way that others can understand. You cannot avoid a serious decision any longer, even though you would prefer not to make it. Tonight: Go home first, then decide.

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to your inner voice. Tonight: Feel good

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Try to see a different point of view. You might shake yourself up trying to understand what is going on with another. Be more aware of how uniquely different people are. Work with someone in charge. Don't buck the status quo. Don't stand on ceremony. Tonight: Join a friend for dinner.

Filmmaker Ron Howard (1954), musician Glenn Miller (1904), singer Roger **Daltrey** (1944)

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**Beetle Bailey** 





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### **Blondie**





#### Horoscope errands. A meeting is thought-provoking. Tonight: Join friends early. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2001 \* \* \* Roll into work with your objec-

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; perspective. Stretch to find solutions that 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\* \* \* Roll with a surprise early in the

day. Though you might not be thrilled, another thinks you should be. Be nice! Your high energy moves you to do research and perhaps plan a getaway soon. Study your budget before making a final decision. Tonight: Visit with a loved TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\* \* \* What someone thinks is humor-

ous, you might be inclined to groan at. Accept differences. A partner makes a suggestion that will ultimately benefit your public image. Don't overthink this idea. Ask yourself what you really have to lose. Tonight: Treat yourself to a new item for the spring. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\* \* \* Sit back instead of getting into the confusion. Not everyone agrees with you. You could be startled by another's reaction. Associates or friends express their feelings with the intention of making you happy. Mellow out and don't react. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\* \* Maintain your focus despite another's confusion. A partner means well, but he might not see the whole pic-

#### work for everyone. You can do it - just try. Tonight: Clear your desk, then join a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\* News forces you to regroup. Maintain a high level of flexibility as you begin to sort through information. Your ability to work with facts separates you from many. Hop on the Net or call experts if need be. Tonight: Put on a

favorite piece of music. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

how he impacts your life. Accept another's comments and work within an established framework. A child or loved one might be pulling the wool over your eyes. Tonight: Togetherness. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* Let others take action while you support them. A family member jolts your thinking. Regroup. Think about where you might not have seen the writing on the wall. Network. Make calls. Others respond positively to your inquiries. Popularity soars. Tonight:

Don't be alone

Yesterday's answer

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Jump over an obstacle that is tossed in your path. Don't let others stop you. Your vitality soars. You have what it ture as you see it. Your high energy sup- takes to fulfill a long-term desire. Listen

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## SPORTS

### Notebook

#### **FOOTBALL**

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) -The NCAA has granted Texas Tech senior linebacker Jonathan Hawkins a sixth year of eligibility.

Hawkins, 23, suffered a broken left fibula in a 38-16 win against Utah State Sept. 2. He didn't play the rest of the season, making him eligible for sixth year of eligibility under NCAA medical hardship rules.

Hawkins will be a top candidate to start for Tech this fall, according to Wednesday's editions of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

After the season, Tech applied for an extra year of eligibility for Hawkins and senior running back Rickey Hunter. Hunter was denied a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA because he redshirted without injury in 1996.

### BASKETBALL

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) - If this was going to be the last game at GM Place for Dallas guard Steve Nash, he made sure he savored every moment.

The Grizzlies are on the verge of moving next season, which prompted Nash, a native of nearby Victoria, British Columbia, and a Canadian Olympic team member, to play his best in Dallas' 116-112 victory over Vancouver on Tuesday night.

"I'm really saddened by (the prospect of a move by the Grizzlies)," said Nash, who finished with 22 points in 35 minutes. "They've supported a team that hasn't won. They've only really had one owner and general manager. As soon as the second owner came in, they wanted to move the team. You've got to give someone else a crack. I'm disappointed it doesn't look like its going to happen."

Nash spent nearly an hour after the game with friends and family.

### BASEBALL

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — Already baseball's best-fielding shortstop, Omar Vizguel doesn't have to be defensive about his contract anymore.

Vizguel, who has won eight straight Gold Gloves, has agreed to terms on a \$15 million, two-year contract extension with the Cleveland Indians, a baseball source told The Associated Press on the condition he not be identified.

The Indians are expected to announce the deal during an 11 a.m. EST news conference at their spring training facili-

Vizquel had been signed through 2002 at \$3 million per season — a relative bargain when compared to the colossal deals signed this winter by shortstops Alex Rodriguez and Derek Jeter.

The new extension includes a mutual option for 2005.

Vizquel, who has grumbled in the past about his contract, arrived at camp four days late. But he was doing cartwheels on Tuesday.

As he ran on the field for an intrasquad game, the 33-yearold Vizguel, who just last week described his contract as "minor league" in today's market, he landed a cartwheel behind the pitcher's mound.

Moments later, Vizquel was tumbling in the outfield grass, where he made a diving backhanded stop in the hole, bounced to his feet and threw in time to get Terrell Lowery at first base.

Following the game, Vizquel got dressed quickly and said he was on his way to a meeting in Indians general manager John Hart's office. When he finally arrived at camp last week, Vizquel said he was close to signing an extension.

"Hopefully, we can get it done," Vizguel said.

Vizquel signed a six-year deal in 1995 that became obsolete with the enormous contracts signed by Rodriguez and Jeter.

## Johnson didn't ask Aikman about his plans

WACO, Texas (AP) - When Jimmy Johnson spoke with Troy Aikman about three weeks ago, the former coach never asked ever throw a pass for the Dallas Cowboys again.

"We had other things to talk about," Johnson said.

waiting to see how things shake out with Aikman and the Dallas like the drama might last 12 by back pain. weeks longer than expected.

Aikman's agent, Leigh cil to allow them to amend Aikman's contract so that both sides can have until June 1 to make some big decisions.

contract extension through 2007. Texas Sports Hall of Fame. whether the quarterback will Jones could avoid writing the big he ever drafted.

from the burden by retiring. The the right situation. While Johnson is among those three-time Super Bowl champion quarterback has suffered at least done it before and he can do it Cowboys, he's willing to let the with four coming in his last 20 situation play out. And it looks games. He also has been stymied him. If he's going to carry the said it should be an easy choice. mately happen.

> wants to keep playing, he hasn't see him take the hits." worst season.

"I would advise Troy to do decision deadline. what he wants to do and what

Or, Aikman could free Jones still be a winner — if he's put in

"He can win a Super Bowl; he's team, he's going to take too

Jerry Jones are expected to soon must decide if it wants him back tor of the NFL Players don't know why you wouldn't truly on how he feels and on his ask the NFL's management coun- considering his tenuous health. Association, said Tuesday that he give him the benefit of the health. He will not risk going out and the fact he's coming off his would support the request for doubt." the 2 1/2-month extension of the

15 to decide whether to give Johnson said Tuesday while in what this is all about," said year. Young ended up retiring, Aikman a \$7 million bonus and a Waco to be inducted into the Upshaw, who also was inducted freeing the San Francisco 49ers in the Waco ceremony. "This is from a \$1 million roster bonus. Johnson said he saw every not about the money Troy is. The team ended up paying him check by cutting the first player down the Cowboys played last going to get. This is not about anyway. season and believes Aikman can Jerry trying to get some advantage. It's about trying to give "We went through this with

> healthy." Upshaw said the approval of

"When health is concerned, Although Aikman has said he many hits. And I don't want to you've got to give everyone the last week and I know he's not benefit of the doubt," Upshaw sure," Upshaw said, "Troy will Steinberg, and Cowboys owner ruled out retirement. Dallas also Gene Upshaw, executive direc-said. "After that last hit he took, I make a decision that's based

"You have to make sure he's client, several delays while he more important."

Jones currently has until March his doctors advise him to do," healthy enough. That's really was facing a similar decision last

"Why rush?" Upshaw said. Troy a chance to see if he's Steve Young and, well, lo and behold he didn't play anymore."

Upshaw said that even after 10 concussions in his 12 seasons, again," Johnson said. "But he's the management council is "not a talking to Aikman last week, he got to have good talent around mere formality," although he has no insight into what will ulti-

"I saw him hit some golf balls there and being a vegetable. I Upshaw said the league gave know that. I've talked to him Steve Young, another Steinberg enough to know that his health is

## Pampa boxers compete in Amarillo Tournament

Pampa, Liberal, Kan., Garden match. Amarillo Boxing

Tournament. Fairgrounds.

The night was filled with excitement as every contender out to be the surprise of the gave their very best.

and former Golden Gloves be led to the slaughter. boxer. "The louder the crowd Perez faced a larger more seasaying there's nothing to do."

tournaments.

Some of the boxers are hardly tall enough to come up to the posts. Outside the ring, these each other. kids are some of the most polite

Bobby Sanchez, who moved second half when the match with cat-like agility and landed was stopped due to a bloody numerous blows to opponent nose. Manuel Garcia of Plainview.

However, when the fight was finished Garcia had scored the

Pampa. He stepped into the had more experienced. ring to meet the more experi-

AMARILLO - Boxers from rang in the first half of the sure.

City, Kans., Lubbock and However, with some corner though he didn't win the sions had Hernandez stagger- MD Boxing Show. Plainview converged on the coaching and added determina- match, he still got the experi- ing, However, Hernandez Anyone interested in dates, city last weekend to enter the tion, Perez came back and ence he wanted. Club turned the match around.

Perez sustained a bloody was between Pampa newcomer The Pampa boxers are sched- Moreno at 665-1197. The Amarillo Boxing Club is nose and the match was located just west of the stopped when he was just one point behind.

The next match would turn night.

"The kids were not there for Quiet, shy and well-mannered, money or fame, but to partici- Christopher "Cookie" Perez pate in a sport they love, and to stepped into the ring like he represent their families and was coming into church late. friends," said Grover Black, a The crowd looked on, thinking Pampa News correspondent Perez was like a lamb about to

cheered, the better they per- soned opponent, who stood formed. While watching the menacingly in the other corner contenders and listening to the with a scowl on his face. But crowd, one wonders why there when the bell rang, Perez are people sitting at home, and unloaded his gloves on him with relentless fury. Almost as Black said people are really soon as it started, the match missing something by not was over with his opponent attending one of these boxing pleading with the referee to stop the fight. Perez won by forfeit.

Pampa was the only club to top rope, yet others are big show up with its female boxers enough to rip out the corner and they were matched against

It was Celia Moria vs. Nikki kids in the neighborhood," he Medley with Medley quickly dominating the match. She con-Pampa's first fighter was tinued her domination into the

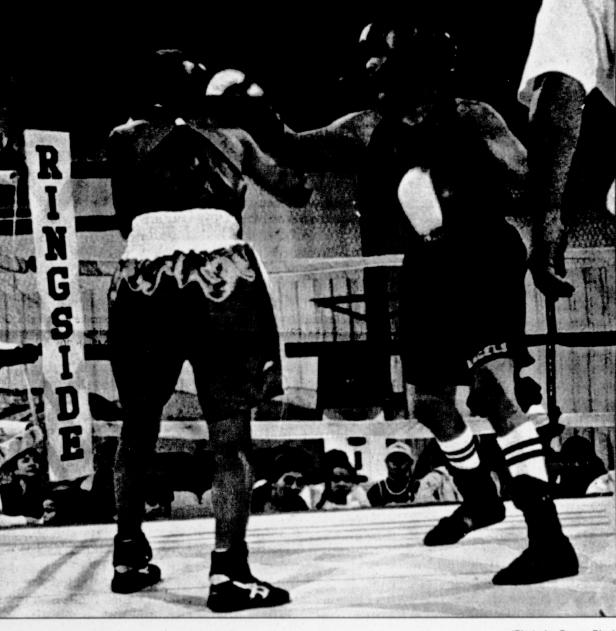
From Pampa, an anxious Michael Wiknson was ready for his first time in a public ring. Wiknson was going against an Next was Joshua Perez from opponent, who was bigger and

Since it was his first fight, enced Jeremy Valderaz from Wilknson was asked if he want-Lubbock. Valderaz, who also ed to wait and be matched had a height advantage, quick- against a less-experienced ly took the lead and scored boxer. Wilknson declined, say-

The tournament's final match the match.

Larry Clark and Liberal's Diego uled to fight in Odessa next in Wilknson did well. Even Hernandez. Clark on two occa- the second annual A.B. Finch,

scored the most points and won times or in joining J.R.'s Youth Survival Club can contact J.R.



(Photo by Grover Black)

numerous points before the bell ing he needed some ring expo- Joshua Perez of Pampa delivers a left jab to Jeremy Valderaz of Lubbock.

### Maryland hands Duke its worst loss of the season

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — fracture is." its worst loss of the season.

than a game to No. 16 Pittsburgh 69. Maryland on Tuesday night.

national championship is in titles at four.

jeopardy. "We've just got to circle the wagons and get tougher,"

Krzyzewski said. The 6-foot-9 Boozer, Duke's more than 10 minutes left in cern the 91-80 loss.

ages 13.9 points and 6.5 out. rebounds.

Wednesday, but probably will been sidelined with sore knees. about what happened last miss Sunday's rematch with No. 4 North Carolina, the ACC depends on the day, but he's Steve Blake said. tournament in Atlanta next had a series of bad days. That Juan Dixon was the offensive ranked teams Wake Forest, took over sole possession of

week — and maybe beyond. "He may not be back unless Krzyzewski said. we got deep into the (NCAA)

convincing when he said No. 2 ranked teams on Tuesday, it tain. Duke had to regroup following was No. 3 Michigan State 51, No. 22 Wisconsin 47; No. 18 St. Maryland loss. But the coach of the Blue Joseph's 84, Massachusetts 69; Devils knew he had lost more and No. 19 Syracuse 80, I'll be there for them," said

Center Carlos Boozer went over N.C. State on Wednesday night and has averaged just half, but watched Duke crum- midway through the second down in the second half with night would clinch the No. 1 eight minutes in 15 ACC ble in the second half. what Krzyzewski said was a seed in the ACC tourney for games. "If that takes extra runbroken bone in his right foot, the Tar Heels and snap Duke's ning, extra reps in practice, left, but missed 25 of its first 31 but they went scoreless for meaning Duke's run at a run of outright regular-season whatever.

Mike Dunleavy said.

While the Terrapins (19-9, 9- like this." main inside threat, hurt his foot 6) gained confidence from the Point guard Jason Williams 70-69, and he followed with a Conference regular-season title early in the second half, tried to win, the mood in the Duke also reinjured his sore calf and steal and layup on Duke's next by rallying from a 16-point return, then left for good with locker room was one of con- was limping by the end of the trip down the floor.

Casey Sanders, a 6-11 sophohalf without Boozer, who aver- the inside load with Boozer Cameron Indoor Stadium.

because That's Krzyzewski said Boozer Christensen, Duke's top front- way we know how and do all 3-for-19 from 3-point range. would be X-rayed again court reserve all season, has the right things and not worry

Duke's depth also took a hit with five steals.

Mike Krzyzewski tried to look In other games involving games. His return is still uncer- and 12 rebounds as the tie with No. 5 Illinois in the Big

"If my team' needs me, than Dixon had 31 here last year." Sanders, who picked up four 31 points in his last game in since 1950. The Badgers fought A win by North Carolina fouls in four minutes Tuesday Cameron, getting 19 in the first back from a 13-point deficit

"We pretty much saw this comes to this school to play. I out a basket as Maryland took game as a must-win, and we know it kills certain players on over. didn't get it," Duke forward the team not to be able to play. I just didn't want it to happen with six minutes left gave the 1) won their 10th straight and

shot 24 percent in the second career, will take over most of home, but got revenge in 1:34.

Matt and be positive and play the for-37 from the field, including

Terrapins dominated the Ten. Sanders was in tears after the boards in winning at Duke for the second straight season. for Wisconsin (17-9, 8-7), which

Duke led 60-51 with 15:20 under five minutes remaining, shots of the final half, going more than four minutes. "Every player on this team more than eight minutes with-

> Dixon's floater in the lane points and the Hawks (24-4, 14-Terrapins the lead for good at clinched the Atlantic 10

The Terrapins blew a 10- percent in the second half, for the visiting Minutemen (13-The Blue Devils (25-4, 12-3 more who has been a major point lead against Duke in the sealed it from the foul line, 13, 11-4), who were 6-for-30 Atlantic Coast Conference) disappointment so far in his final minute a month ago at making 10 of 11 in the final from the field in the second

"We wanted to go out there worst of the season, going 9- 69

Wisconsin 47

tournament," Krzyzewski said. early in the season when 6-10 Lonny Baxter added 15 Andre Hutson scored 13 Ricardo Greer had 14 points "It depends on how big the Nick Horvath injured his foot points and 10 rebounds, while points, and the Spartans (23-3, for Pittsburgh (14-12, 6-9).

and has missed 21 straight Terence Morris had 13 points 12-3) moved into a first-place

Kirk Penney had 13 points was looking for its first unbeat-Shane Battier led Duke with en conference season at home half to make it 47-45 with just

No. 18 St. Joseph's 84, Massachusetts 69

Marvin O'Connor had 21 halftime deficit.

The Terrapins, who shot 53 Monty Mack had 15 points

Duke's second half was its No. 19 Syracuse 80, Pittsburgh

Allen Griffin had 14 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds in Maryland lost four of five his final home game, and after the Duke loss on Jan. 27, Damone Brown had 21 points "Matt's thing kind of time," Maryland point guard but have rebounded to win and 10 rebounds for the four in a row, including over Orangemen (21-7, 9-6), who has been disheartening," and defensive hero for the Oklahoma and the Blue Devils. second place in the Big East Terrapins, scoring 28 points No. 3 Michigan St. 51, No. 22 West Division with one game left in the regular season.

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#### HOCKEY

Vestern Professional Hockey Leagu	е
By The Associated Press	

B-Shreveport	3/	18	3	. 11	210	139
Tupelo	36	20	5	77	233	177
Austin	35	19	4	74	207	150
Corpus Christi	33	23	3	69	189	201
Monroe	29	23	6	64	184	207
Lake Charles	23	30	4	50	174	215
Fort Worth	17	37	4	36	160	220
x-Central Texas	14	18	5	33	104	128
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	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Mexico	38	°16	3	79	228	202
Lubbock	32	22	6	70	220	195
Odessa	31	16	8	70	201	165
San Angelo	25	28	7	57	190	239
El Paso	24	24	8	55	172	183

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Wednesday's Games Tupelo at Fort Worth Lake Charles at Corpus Christi

### Devils win and get help around NHL

By IRA PODELL **AP Sports Writer** 

While the New Jersey Devils were helping themselves, they were getting a lot of assistance around the NHL.

right lately for the Stanley Cup champions. Injuries and a rare slump knocked them into third place in the East, with several other teams threatening to pass

York Islanders 4-1 Tuesday two wins back to back." night, the defending champions' second straight victory.

Alexander Mogilny scored seconds of the second period, and Turner Stevenson tallied moved within one point of in the middle period. first-place Philadelphia in the Atlantic Division.

and the Devils also benefitted game up until that time. when Northeast Division-lead-Washington fell 3-2 to visiting put the Islanders away.

happy he was to escape Long to see those go in." Island with a victory.

"This is a really big win for Bruins 7, Coyotes 4 us, especially with both Ottawa and Philly losing, and

Boston 7, Phoenix 4; Carolina 1, Phoenix. Atlanta 1; and Los Angeles 2,

and the Eastern Conference first victory of the season. before injuries took their toll sidelining Mogilny, Jason Arnott, Scott Gomez, Sergei Brylin and Petr Sykora.

Mogilny, the only one of the group back on the ice, also had Not much has been going two assists in Monday's victory over Florida. But he wasn't about to take credit for the Devils' mini-turnaround.

"Hockey's a team game," he said. "Bottom line is two wins. We've been struggling a little But the Devils beat the New bit lately and it's good to get

Martin Brodeur stopped a penalty shot taken by New York's Dave Scatchard in the the game-winner in the closing scoreless first period. The teams were tied at 1 when Mogilny put the Devils in front twice in the third as New Jersey for good with 15.7 seconds left

"There's no question the second goal really hurt us," Philadelphia was beaten 3-2 Islanders coach Butch Goring at home by lowly Montreal, said. "We had a really good

ing Ottawa lost 4-1 at home to and eighth goals of the season Buffalo, and Southeast-leading — and first in eight games — to

"We got key goals from key Devils coach Larry Robinson people, especially those last couldn't stress enough how two," Robinson said. "It's nice

Lee Goren and Jarno Washington losing," he said. "It Kultanen each scored his first won a matchup of backup month in franchise history. In other NHL games, it was goalies as Boston beat visiting

Grahame, playing in place of the injured Byron Dafoe and

Bill Guerin had a goal and streak. two assists and Cameron Mann five consecutive games on its recent six-game road trip.

Robert Esche allowed four 3 in the second period. goals on 16 first-period shots before Sean Burke replaced

#### Sabres 4, Senators 1

J.P. Dumont scored two of Hurricanes 1, Thrashers 1 Buffalo's three second-period goals, and Dominik Hasek made 29 saves at Ottawa.

Buffalo, and Doug Gilmour tie with Carolina. assisted on both of Dumont's

eight since losing to the Sabres shots. in overtime Feb. 10.

#### Stevenson scored his seventh Blackhawks 3, Capitals 2

Sullivan ended Washington's their Southeast Division rival. 12-game unbeaten streak.

Eric Daze also scored for the Kings 2, Predators 1 visiting Blackhawks, who have won three straight. Chicago is

Dmitri Khristich and Adam

#### Canadiens 3, Flyers 2

Oleg Petrov had a goal and New Jersey, 3-4-3-1 in the last the slumping Peter Skudra, an assist and Jose Theodore Kings, tied it in the third period 11 games, was atop the Atlantic stopped 22 shots to earn his stopped 29 shots as Montreal when Cliff Ronning scored.

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Stephane Robidas and Chad had an empty-net goal and two Kilger also scored for the assists for Boston, which lost Canadiens, who tied a club record with only 13 shots on goal. Montreal was outshot 15-

> Peter White and Keith Primeau scored for the Flyers, unbeaten in their previous eight home games (7-0-1) since losing to New Jersey on Jan. 18.

Steve Staios scored with 2:11 remaining to force overtime, Eric Rasmussen and Vladimir and Atlanta set a franchise Tsyplakov also scored for record with 44 shots in a home

Scoring his first goal since goals as the Sabres ended the Jan. 20, Staios spoiled an other-Senators' three-game winning wise outstanding performance by Carolina goalie Arturs Irbe, Ottawa had won seven of who saved a season-high 43

Atlanta, which had lost five straight and nine of 11, picked up its first point against the Hurricanes. The second-year A pair of goals from Steve Thrashers were 0-8 against

Ziggy Palffy scored a shortseven points behind eighth- handed goal with 4:08 left in place Edmonton in the Western the third period to give Los Angeles a road victory.

Palffy scored on a breakaway Oates scored for the Capitals, 9- that sent Nashville goalie Mike was a very, very, very big win NHL goal, and John Grahame 1-1 in February — the best Dunham sprawling backward in a futile attempt to stop the point-blank shot.

The Predators, who overcame a three-goal deficit for a 6-4 win in their last meeting with the

## The Big Hurt, and surviving on \$9.9 million a year

By JIM LITKE **AP Sports Writer** 

Sacramento

Phoenix

Frank Thomas said he was misunderstood.

"I did look like a poster boy for greed over the weekend, but that is not the things clear. I made no con- work to begin repairing his mean, the Dodgers just night's meeting with Texas needs a DH to hit case," Thomas said after tract demands, I made no relationship with the fans," gave Darren Dreifort \$55 Reinsdorf for heading him behind Rodriguez?) showing up at training trade demands. Money was Reinsdorf said. camp Tuesday, the last day players could report without being punished by their clubs. "I've never been greedy. I've had a couple of opportunities to be the highest-paid player in this game, and I didn't want to past few days trying to hire working stiff within a 50-

The Olive Garden when I either.) can graze in the White Sox The wonderful thing going to matter," Wells out the other. He's our DH, Smith at 375-2129 at night, or Remember, this is a fun tour-

(Translation: Suckers!!!)

"It was never a holdout," never the issue. I felt a (Translation: Fat chance time. But you don't hear me player who's done what of that happening. We flapping my gums, do you? I've done and established a couldn't sell tickets last The rule that applies when career like I have, that cer- season with a team barrel- you're making too much tain clauses just seemed ing into the postseason and for doing too little is know-

(Translation: No matter instead of the mopes who six more years at a \$9.9 mil- Manuel. what people tell you, it's work for me now. But Boras lion per. What was I thinknot easy scuffling by on wouldn't return my phone ing?) \$9.9 million a year. Just ask calls. I spent the rest of the Even a grizzled veteran the distractions we've had, Gary Sheffield or Barry time watching "Arli\$\$" like David Wells, who just he seems to be in good spir-Bonds. Proud men have reruns on HBO. That joined the ballclub, was its." appetites, too. So why Robert Wuhl guy is sharp; quick to forgive. should I spend \$7.95 for the funny, too. Unfortunately, all-you-can-eat buffet at he wouldn't take my calls, himself and doesn't bring it ing match with this guy

"I extend my apologies to that White Sox owner Jerry it in his own way, and if it doesn't play in the field, he Elliott school, 375-2454. There you are working with seniors those who were affected by Reinsdorf and Thomas' does become a distraction went 0-for-the-playoffs, will be a \$25 entry fee for each who are doing their best and my absence," Thomas con- teammates welcomed him in the clubhouse, I'm sure and he's still displaying as team and fans will be charged providing a service for your tinued. "It was a big dis- back with open arms, act- we will all address it at that much leadership as the one dollar at the door. players," said Fort Elliott traction. I do want to apol- ing like his extended hissy time."

ogize to my teammates and fit never happened. That (Translation: The Big steer the sub. But hey, at two years from now?"

him having an MVP year. ing enough to keep it to (Translation: I spent the Now, he's ticked off every yourself.)

"He understands the going to stick a forkball in as if he never left.) million and he's 39-45 life- in the right direction.

And no one was more Alex Rodriguez's guy, mile radius of Chicago, and pleased to see Thomas back uberagent Scott Boras, I'm stuck with this guy for in camp than manager Jerry

"It's as if he never left," Manuel said. "Despite all

(Translation: Last year in "As long as he keeps it to camp, I got into a screamupon us, I don't think it's and it went in one ear and about the entire episode is said. "Let Frank deal with for crying out loud. He by leaving a message at Fort nament for the players and

all Chicago White Sox means the fans can't be far Hurt, huh? The next time least my conscience is clear. he opens his mouth, I'm I told the truth: It really is

"He didn't promise he would make any changes, but he said we would work Jim Litke is the national knows where I would be him at jlitke(at)ap.org

(Translation: First chance I get; I'm outta here. Now public damage caused by it. I've put up some good Basking in the warm glow that I've got Boras' number Thomas added. "It was tak- his comments and realizes numbers, too, and I've been of his team once more, on my speed dial, I wonder ing days off until we got how hard he will have to playing longer to boot. I Thomas credited Monday if that boob owner down in

> on it," Thomas said. "If I sports columnist for The didn't clear it up, who Associated Press. Write to

### Fort Elliott seniors to host Little Dribblers Tournament

BRISCOE — On March 6-10, able. the Fort Elliott 2001 senior class will be hosting a Little in the tournament, but can't Basketball Dribblers Tournament for grades K-6.

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### Earnhardt Inc. driver pays tribute to late boss by winning Dura Lube 400

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. He reversed direction was killed on Feb. 18 on (AP) — The raced ended with a smoking spin in the final lap of the just the way The front of the main grand- Daytona 500. Intimidator would've stand and drove back the "It's been a tough week liked — with one of his other way before stopping and this is a dream fincars bumping and thump- briefly alongside team- ish," Park said. "Dale's ing its way to the check- mate and Daytona 500 gone, but he's not forgotered flag.

Speedway roared Monday opposite ute to his late boss with a thrust in the air.

winner Michael Waltrip. ten, and he's going to be Tears flowed and the The two exchanged a with all the DEI drivers crowd at North Carolina high-five and took off in the rest of the year." directions as Dale Earnhardt Inc. dri- around the 1.017-mile Bobby Labonte, the ver Steve Park paid trib- track, both with No. 3 hats defending Winston Cup

forting end to an event final lap that came down When the rain-delayed that began on Sunday to which driver got the race was over, Park with a frightening first- best run off the fourth grabbed the No. 3 lap crash that took Park's turn. Earnhardt hat hanging other teammate, Dale from his gearshift lever Earnhardt Jr., out of the The two bumped and and thrust it out his car race. The younger the right rear of Labonte's window, holding it high Earnhardt came away car caromed off the conin salute to the fallen hero with minor bruises in a crete wall. Park pulled as he took a slow victory wreck eerily similar to the away, winning by two carone in which his father lengths.

The win wasn't easy. champion, was banging at victory in the Dura Lube It was a fitting and com- Park's rear bumper on a



### Pampa educator, pastor to speak at Christian Education Conference

AMARILLO - During "The K-College Christian ference about what's working for them, and network said." Presenting both perspectives is necessary to keep School Coalition; Lisa Ramsey, Amarillo San Jacinto Education Conference: Equipping Parents, Students and Teachers," Pampa school administrator Ray Thornton and local pastor Harold Eggert will be among education leaders from across the Top O' Texas appearing alongside national known speakers from Focus on the Family Institute, Summit Ministries and Texas Home School Coalition. The two-day event is slated to begin at 7 p.m. March 2 at the Maxus Building in Amarillo and will continue at 9 a.m., March 3 with a continental breakfast.

The event is organized by Christian Institute of the West, which is bringing a Christian college to the panhandle. "We at the institute see this gathering as a time for people involved in K-12 Christian schools and area

among themselves. Those interested in Christian higher education will get plenty of attention, too," said Dr. Kyle Huckins, president of CIW. "We'll also talk with and encourage students, because reaching them is the whole object of education."

Thornton, assistant principle at Pampa Middle School, will be a panelist for the discussion "The Purpose of K-12 Christian Schools: Spirituality, Academics and More." During the session, he'll draw on his experiences in public and private education, the latter involving service as headmaster of a Christian school.

"I think this conference is important to the Panhandle because we're long overdue in examining private edu- Martin, "The State of Christian Education"; Kirk On-site registration will begin at 6 p.m. Friday and will homeschool groups to be informed, tell others at the concation as an alternative to public schooling," Thornton McCord, founding executive director of Texas Home continue throughout the conference.

parents and students informed of educational opportu-

The Rev. Eggert, pastor of Pampa's New Life Assembly of God," will moderate the round table discussion "Education After High School: Choosing Colleges and Other Schools as a Christian." Eggert, a former college English instructor, will facilitate the discussion among such educators as Dr. Cliff Kelly of Focus on the Family Institute

Kelly will present the keynote address, "Worldviews in Crisis," a look at the role of worldview in teaching and learning. Other speakers will include: Huckins; Dr. Jobe

Christian Academy high school guidance counselor; and Bob Stitzel, president of High Plains Christian Home Educators in the Borger area.

Complete conference schedules are available on-line at www.aboutchristiancollege.org. or at Pampa's New Life Assembly of God, 1435 N. Sumner, or Trinity

Fellowship Church of Pampa, 1220 S. Sumner. Registration, which includes all events, meals and parking, is \$20 for adults and \$5 for youth 18 and under. Tickets will be available at the door or by early registration. To pre-register, call CWI at (806) 373-7490 or access www.aboutchristiancollege.org on the World Wide Web.

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I believe it is desirable to postpone the adolescent experience until it is summoned by the happy hormones. Therefore, I strongly recommend that parents screen the influences to which their children are exposed, keeping activities appropriate for each age. While we can't isolate our kids from the world as it is, we don't have to turn our babies into teenyboppers.

Please talk about a father's impact on his daughter and what he should hope to accomplish through that relationship.

Fathers have an incalculable impact on their daughters. Most psychologists believe, and I am one of them, that all future romantic relationships to occur in a girl's

life will be influenced positively or negatively by the way she perceives and interacts with her dad. If he rejects and ignores her, she will spend her life trying to replace him in her heart. If he is warm and nurturing, she will look for a lover to equal him. If he thinks she is beautiful, worthy and feminine, she will be inclined to see herself that way. But if he thinks she is unattractive and uninteresting, she is likely to carry self-esteem problems into her adult

I have also observed that a woman's respect for her husband is significantly influenced by the way she perceived her father. If he was overbearing, uncaring or capricious during her developmental years, she may disrespect her husband and question his judgment. But if Dad blended love and leadership in a way that conveyed strength, she will be more likely to live harmoniously

None of these tendencies or trends are absolute, of course. Individual differences can always produce exceptions and contradictions. But this statement will be hard to refute: A good father will leave his imprint on his daughter for the rest of her life.

My children are still young and they are doing fine now, but I worry a lot about the adolescent years that lie ahead. I've seen other parents go through some pretty terrible things when their teen-agers began to rebel. How can I help my sons avoid that turmoil 10 years from now?

The apprehension you describe is wellfounded, and many parents feel something similar today. The most important suggestion I can make is for you to redouble your efforts to build good relationship with your kids while they are young. That is the key to surviving the adolescent years. If they emerge from childhood with doubts about whether you really love and care for them, anything is possible during the turbulent teens. Boundaries, restrictions and treats will be no match for

adolescent anger, frustration and resentment. As author Josh McDowell has said, "Rules without relationship leads to rebellion." He is right. That's why parents can't afford to get preoccupied with business and other pursuits that interfere with the task of raising children. Kids are young for such a brief period. During that short window, they must be given priority.

Once you've done what you can to lay the proper foundation, I urge you to approach your parenting duties with confidence. Anxiety about the future is risky in itself. It can make parents tentative and insecure in dealing with their youngsters. They don't dare cross them or deny their wishes for fear of being hated in the teen years. Teen-agers pick up those vibes intuitively, which often generates disrespect in return.

Don't make that mistake. You have been placed in a position of authority over your children. Lead them with confidence and care.

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