

High today mid 60s Low tonight mid 40s For weather details see Page 2

WDHS Class of 1991 reunion meet tonight

WHITE DEER — A reunion meeting of White Deer High School Class of 1991 is scheduled at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 6 at 707 Daffodil in White Deer. For more information, call Hope Stephens at (806) 883-2185.

PHS Class of 1991 sets March 11 meeting

A reunion meeting for Pampa High School Class of 1991 is scheduled from 2-4 p.m., March 11 at Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks. For more information Mitzi Hupp-McClelland at 665-8166 or Michelle Witson-Cochran at 665-7703.

Search continues for 9-year-old girl

SAN ANTONIO (AP) = ACentral Texas girl missing since the weekend was the focus of a continuing search Tuesday.

Nykema Augustine, 9, was reported missing on Sunday The third-grader disappeared while playing outside her northwest side apartment.

· Mildred I. Harbison, 83, tormer oil company employ

· Josephine 'Jo' Young, 95, former sales clerk.

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Wet ground no constraint to grass fires

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

Local firefighters aren't sure which is worse - battling grass fires or the wheel-well-deep mud they must drive their trucks through to get to them. And weather forecasters predict more rain is on the way. Since Monday afternoon, local firefighters have extinguished three grass fires, despite extremely wet conditions.

"It's not that it was such large fires, it was just mobility that was the problem," explained Assistant Chief Randy Dunham of the Pampa Fire Department.

The first fire was reported to Pampa Fire Department at 1:54 p.m. Monday. A pickup belonging to SERCO, an oilfield service company, caught fire, igniting grassland owned by Raymond Bennett surrounding the vehicle, according to fire reports.

Three Pampa fire trucks and four firefighters responded to the fire, in addition to two Lefors Volunteer Fire Department vehicles and

Deep, sticky mud hampered firefighters efforts as the fire trucks bogged down.

After the vehicles became stuck, a 6x6 road maintainer from Gray County Precinct 2 was called in to pull them from the mire. Firefighters were on the scene for four hours. (See **FIRES**, Page 3)

Filing still open for ISD boards

By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor**

Filing for positions on local and area school boards is under way. Candidates desiring to seek a position on the school boards should contact the superintendent's office of their school district: Last date for filing for a position on the school boards is March 21. Election is

Pampa

Joe Martinez and Bill Jones, both incumbents, are the only candidates to have filed for positions on the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees

Two three-year terms will be decided.

Lefors One three-year term and one one-year term will be decided by

Lefors Independent School District voters. Clay Lock, incumbent, has filed for the three-year term on the board. Also seeking the position are Michael Ray and Sherry Roberts.

No candidates have filed for the one-year term.

McLean In McLean, there seems to be little interest so far in the three threeyear terms on the McLean Independent School District board. No candidates have filed.

Three incumbents positions are open: Bob Glass, Mike Darsey and

(See FILING, Page 3)

JP interviews today

Gray County Commissioners Court were to meet in special session at 3:30 p.m. today to consider applicants to fill the position being vacated for Justice of the Peace Bob Muns.

Eight applicants applied for the position, according to County Judge Richard Peet, and will be considered during the executive The meeting will be in the county courtroom of the Gray County

Courthouse

Muns will retire at the end of March.

The public is invited a reception for Muns from 3-5 p.m. Friday in the second floor courtroom at the Gray County Courthouse.

Presidential appointment ...



Pampa's J.B. Horton recently accepted an appointment from President George W. Bush to serve in the Small Business Administration's International Trade Division

Horton's new SBA job will take him on world travels

Associate Publisher

ampa native J.B. Horton has been appointed by President George W. Bush to work in the Small Business Administration where he will serve in the

International Trade Division.

"I am deeply honored by the President's appointment and I am excited about helping our division promote U.S. small business around the world," said Horton, former student body president at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The role of the office is to help create markets in foreign countries for goods and services produced by U.S. businesses.

"I'm so lucky ... so very blessed," Horton told The Pampa News this morning in a telephone interview. "Right now I'm on the eighth floor and I can look out the window and see

Horton graduated from WTAMU with an International Business degree then studied in Veracruz, Mexico to enhance his language skills in Spanish.

It was after that he went to work for the Republican National Committee in Washington, D.C., helping prepare for the Republican Convention in Philadelphia. Then it was on to the campaign where Horton worked with the F-Campaign which averaged some 25,000 to 30,000 e-mails a day.

After the election, Horton went to work in the transition office until Jan. 20 when he moved over to the White House where he worked in the presidential personnel office. Horton was offered two different posts in the White House but opted instead for the SBA job something he called a "tough decision. At SBA, Horton said. "I can help the admin-(See HORTON, Page 3)

Personnel tops White Deer ISD agenda

School District Board of Trustees will meet executive session Wednesday night to discuss district personnel, according to an agenda for the special

WDISD Superintendent Danny Ferrell said Monday afternoon the board will also discuss district effectiveness in executive session, and no action will be taken.

Approval of the district technology plan is the room at the WDISD Administration Building

WHITE DEFR White Deer Independent only other item on the agenda. It is scheduled for the open meeting.

Ferrell said the board will review the five year plan which includes long range goals and the establishment of time lines to complete the goals

He said Region To Service Center has assisted

the district in formulating the plan. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. in the board

Quite frankly... Do you think PRMC has a good community image?

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BEN WATSON 665-3359 408 W. Kingsmill

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"I've had dealings with "I've been a hospital better. They extremely helpful."

-- Joe Davila

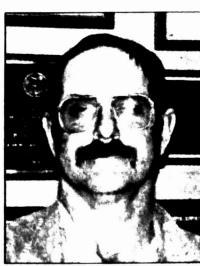


the O.B. unit, and it employee for 40 years could not have been in Pampa, and I feel it were has gained an excellent public image."

-- Columbus Morgan

"I think they do ... there have been a lot of changes in the last couple of years. Our physicians and staff are our greatest assets."

-- Denise Daves



"I believe it's getting "I can't say because better every day."



I've been fortunate -- Bill Daves enough to not have been hospitalized late-

-- Michelle Jones

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

YOUNG, Josephine "Jo" — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

MILDRED I. HARBISON

TULSA, Okla. — Mildred I. Harbison, 83, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001. Mass was celebrated Feb. 23 at The Church of St. Mary. Arrangements were under the direction of Stanleys Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harbison met and married John Max Harbison at Odessa, Texas, while they both were working for oil companies in December 1942. The couple moved to Tulsa and lived there for 49

She belonged to Church of St. Mary's, 96 Infantry Ladies Auxiliary and Oaks Country

Survivors include her husband of 59 1/2 years, Max; two daughters, Sue Ousterhout of Katy and Pat Howerton of Tulsa; a son, Dr. Joe Bob Harbison of Panama City, Fla.; a sister, Cleo Padgett of Bartlesville, Okla.; a brother, John Smith of Copan, Kan.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Ronald McDonald House, 6102 So. Hudson, Tulsa, OK

JOSEPHINE 'JO' YOUNG

Josephine "Jo" Young, 95, of Pampa, died Monday, March 5, 2001, at Spearman. Graveside

services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Young was born Feb. 7, 1906, at Lockhart, Texas. She moved to Pampa in 1929. She

was the owner and operator of Josephine's Beauty Shop in the early 1930s. She was manager of the City Swimming Pool for six years. She worked as a sales clerk for Behrman's for 36 years, from 1940 until 1976. She then worked for Texas Furniture for six years from 1976 until

She had been a rental realtor since moving to

She was a member of First Baptist Church, Son Shine Club and Annie Sunday School Class. She was also a member of Pampa Senior Citizens Center and Moose Lodge.

She was preceded in death by a son, Elmer D. Young, on Feb. 12, 1992; four brothers; and two

Survivors include a daughter, Eddie Largent of Spearman; a daughter-in-law, Pat Young of Pampa; a sister, Emily Peterson of Vernon; three grandchildren, Larry D. Young of Howardwick. Teresa Huston of Pampa and Lana Crawford of Forgan, Okla.; and four great-grandchildren, David Waters and Daniel Myers, both of Forgan, Jeffrey Young of Houston and Hannah Haddock of Spearman.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association or to American Cancer Society.

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Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, March 5

12:54 p.m. - Three units and four firefighters responded to a grass fire a quarter mile west and an eighth mile south of Gray I and Gray 6. Approximately 15 acres was burned in the fire. Two units of Lefors Volunteer Fire Department also responded. The fire was reportedly caused by a truck that had gotten stuck and then caught

3:29 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire three-fourths of a mile east of the intersection of Gray H and Gray 11. A downed power line caused a small grass fire. A Lefors Volunteer Fire Department unit was on the scene when Pampa firefighters arrived.

Emergency numbers

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Crime Stoppers	
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Fire	
Police (emergency)	
Police (non-emergency)	
SPS	
Water	

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported no arrests or incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Police report

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

Monday, March 5

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 800 block of Frederic. Sometime between 6:30 p.m., March 4, and 6 p.m., March 5, a window valued at \$50 was broken at at the residence and an unknown amount of food was stolen.

Burglary, criminal mischief, simple assault and harassment was reported to have occurred in the 800 block of North Nelson between Oct. 18 and Feb. 22. Charges are pending upon further inves-

A cellular phone valued at \$165 was reportedly lost in the 1100 block of Mary Ellen.

Two scooters were found in the 600 block of

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2600 block of Dogwood. A window was broken out of an outside storage shed sometime between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., March 3. Damage was estimated

A tailgate valued at \$500 was reportedly stolen from the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Burglary of a habitation was reported and \$350 in cash stolen in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., March 5.

Theft of \$75 was reported in the 500 block of West Montagu. The theft occurred sometime between 2 p.m. and 5:24 p.m., March 5. Charges

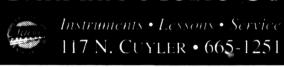
A street sign was reportedly stolen from 19th and Evergreen streets between March 3 and March 4.

Credit card abuse was reported in the 2600 block of Seminole. Police have no suspects at this

A trailer hitch valued at \$250 was reportedly stolen from the 400 block of North Sumner between March 1 and March 5.

Tuesday, March 6 James Dale Sells, 30, 312 N. Wells, was arrested on four capias pro fine warrants and two munic-

TARPLEY MUSIC CO.



Gray Co. court report

(Editor's note: We are behind collecting court news and are catching up. The following is from November, 2000).

Michael Douglas Crocker was found guilty of unlawfully carrying a weapon. The fine was \$300, 30 days in jail, 6 months probation, court costs and 40 hours community service.

David Flowers was found guilty of theft of property by check. The fine was \$350, 60 days in jail and court costs.

Evading arrest or detention was dismissed against Emmeual Eugene Wine due to insufficient evidence.

DWI was dismissed against Keith Thomas Hart due to insufficient evidence.

DWI was dismissed against Gregory Francis Costilow due to insufficient evidence.

DWI was dismissed against Robert Raymond Swearingim due to it being refiled in another cause.

Fernando Neri Martinez was found guilty of DWI. The fine was \$1,200, 60 days probation, court costs and 40 hours community service.

Theft o/\$50-u/\$500 was dismissed against Rebecca Irene Drinkard due to complaining witness has requested dismissal.

Thomas Peterson was found guilty of theft o/\$50-u/\$500. The fine was \$500, 30 days in

Jerry Raydell Thompson was found guilty of theft of property by check. The fine was \$1,000, 180 days in jail, court cost and restitu-

Charles Mehaffey, II, was found guilty of theft of property by check. The fine was \$300, 90 days in jail, court costs and restitution.

Criminal trespass was dismissed against Elwin Murry Shipp due to insufficient evidence and complaining witness requested dis-

Jeffrey Tyler Jenkins was found guilty of DWI. The fine was \$700, 60 days in jail, 2 years probation, court costs and 50 hours communi-

Jerrica Suzanne Mote was found guilty of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. The fine was \$800, 180 days in jail, court costs and 30 hours community service.

Fredrick B. King was found guilty of expired commercial motor vehicle inspection certificate. The fine was \$14.75, court costs and 60 days probation.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, March 3

12:15 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of S. Somerville and transported one to

1:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Gordon and transported one to PRMC. 2:35 p.m. - A mobile ICÚ responded to PRMC and transported two to Northwest Texas

Hospital in Amarillo. 7:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC

and transported one to NWTH. Sunday, March 4

7:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Wheeler Hospital; no transport. Monday, March 5

No transports.

Texas news round up

Legislation seeks to end policy of selling info from motor vehicle records

AUSTIN (AP) — The state of Texas sells the Social Security numbers, phone numbers and addresses of every registered driver in Texas to just about anyone who wants to buy them.

To most folks, and even some lawmakers, that's news in itself.

Now several lawmakers are trying to protect personal information they say is winding up in the wrong hands. They want to rewrite the law that lets marketers, advertisers, and just about anyone else, purchase motor vehicle records kept by the Texas Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety.

The DPS sells the bulk records of 18 million Texas drivers for \$1,600, said Frank Elder, assistant chief of the DPS drivers license division.

Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp has filed a bill that prohibits the bulk sale of information from motor vehicle records, unless the driver opts to disclose the information.

Ruling halts deportation of DWI offenders SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal appeals court ruling has halted the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service's policy of deporting immi-

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Thursday in New Orleans that felony DWI convictions in Texas are not crimes of violence like assault, rape and murder.

grants convicted of driving while intoxicated.

That was the basis the INS used to deport thousands of immigrants in recent years, including more than 500 arrested during a much-publicized 1998 roundup dubbed Operation Last Call.

Immigration lawyers hailed the decision as huge and said the ruling could enable those previously kicked out to return to Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi — the states under the court's jurisdiction.

News of the decision reached Huntsville's immigration court on Monday, scuttling several DWIrelated deportation cases, said Todd Keller, a lawyer with the State Counsel for Offenders.

Millions sought to inspect Mexican trucks McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Texas regulators are

seeking \$70 million they say is needed to inspect United States from Mexico under the North American Free Trade Agreement. Critics of the plan have said many Mexican trac-

tor-trailer rigs violate transportation regulations in this country and pose a potential safety threat. Texas Department of Transportation officials said and lighter features, the same advice.

the money would pay for construction of eight inspection stations along the Texas-Mexico border as well as an oval-shaped roadway to check the trucks, a parking lot for rigs found unsafe and offices for inspectors.

Under NAFTA, Mexican trucks were supposed to be able to travel throughout Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California by 1995 and the rest of the

But former President Clinton refused in 1995 to permit the access, limiting the trucks to within 20 miles of the border.

TWA lawyers: American bid only 'conforming' offer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Lawyers for a bankrupt Trans World Airlines Inc. received an offer from a group backed by former owner Carl Icahn, but said that a bid submitted by AMR Corp.'s American Airlines is the only "competing and conforming" proposal for the airline.

TWA's attorneys, who began an auction of the carrier's assets in New York on Monday, said they would look at and consider the other bids before making a recommendation to the court, however.

That recommendation is due Friday, when U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Peter Walsh will conduct a sale hearing in Wilmington, Del. It is possible Walsh will rule from the bench, meaning TWA - the longest flying carrier in American commercial aviation - could have a new owner in place by week's

"We are letting the process go forward," said TWA spokesman Mark Abels. "But, based on the experience of our council and our own intuitions, we don't feel our purpose would be served by slamming doors while there are still some days left for people to put there bonafides on the table."

That includes Icahn, who is providing financing to TWA Acquisitions Corp. The New York-based company presented the airline Monday with its own plans to reorganize the carrier and keep it flying under its own livery.

Bill would prohibit racial profiling

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Leiticia Van De Futte had different sets of advice for her two sons when they began driving.

For her 17-year-old son, who has dark features trucks that must now be allowed to cross into the and looks Mexican-American, like her, she told him if he was pulled over by police for a traffic stop, he should put his hands on the dashboard and not make any unannounced movements.

It never occured to the San Antonio Democrat to give her younger son, who has sandy blonde hair

tar was a wonderful way to honor

NEW YORK (AP) - Rocker

Chris Isaak suspects a few people

may be scratching their heads,

wondering how he landed his

own comedy series, "The Chris

"I know, 'How did he get a

show? Why him?" Isaak, 44, says

in the new issue of People maga-

As the show's March 12 pre-

miere nears, Isaak claims not to

a nightmare or two about what

came to me in a vision: 'Woefully

his way through a wooden per-

clutching that paper and saying,

But they meant it in a good

City Briefs

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the critics may say.

Isaak Show," on Showtime.

People in the news

but Michael Skupin says the news."

bly could," Skupin told AP Radio. "I don't harbor any their beliefs are. But I have my on Me.' belief system and I hope they respect mine.'

The slaughter, which was preceded by a viewer advisory on the CBS show, included shots of Skupin, 38, of White Lake, Mich., holding a bloody knife. The stabbing wasn't shown.

Skupin dabbed his cheeks with the pig's blood.

"The hunters out there would appreciate that because it's a common hunting ritual. The nonhunters of the world were probably in shock but it wasn't meant to horrify anybody or as a strategy," he said.

The software publisher was airlifted out of the latest outback 'Survivor' episode with severe

phone call woke her from a sound sleep.

But Julia Roberts was "quite she'd been nominated for a best- wish he was still alive.' Oscar for "Erin actress

Brockovich." "It's a nice call to get when Tritt said after a performance last you're sound asleep," Roberts week. "I met Dale years ago

Tuesday, an agency spokeswoman said.

NEW YORK (AP) — The said. "I had only just gone to when he called me to tell me that slaughter of a pig on "Survivor: sleep, just gotten quite asleep my song 'I'm Going to Be The Australian Outback" was when the phone rang. Benjamin Someone was a huge inspiration condemned as gratuitous and won the 'fast finger dial' on that to both him and his son. cruel by animal rights groups, one and got to tell me the good "I felt that using the special gui-

killing was humane. The other best-actress nomi- the memory of my friend." "I absolutely killed that pig in nees are Joan Allen, "The as humanely a manner as I possi- Contender"; Juliette Binoche, "Chocolat"; Ellen Burstyn, "Requiem for a Dream"; and grudges for anybody for what Laura Linney, "You Can Count

"This is just my happy time," Roberts said. "I got nominated for an Oscar! That's thrilling! I couldn't be happier.'

In the March 9 issue of Entertainment Weekly, Roberts said what she loves is that she will forever be on that list with be nervous. But he admits having those gals. 'Til the end of time. I. Will. Always. Be. On. That. List."

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — A year ago, a NASCAR fan gave miscast as himself, Isaak trudges country singer Travis Tritt a black Sam Bass guitar with Dale formance.' I want to walk around Earnhardt's likeness on the front. Tritt added it to his collection,

but didn't intend to play it. Last week, he decided to begin each performance of his tour by strapping on the guitar and singing a song in memory of LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Earnhardt, who was killed in a crash at the Daytona 500.

He reworked the lyrics to his opening number, "Put Some happy" to hear the news from Drive in Your Country." The final boyfriend Benjamin Bratt that line: "I miss Dale Earnhardt; I

"Dale's death was extremely disturbing to me and my family,

Dallas FBI office burglarized; laptop stolen

DALLAS (AP) — The FBI office in Dallas was burglarized early

FBI spokeswoman Lori Bailey said someone threw a brick or rock

through the first-floor window of their office in downtown Dallas

Bailey said the computer did not have any FBI data stored on it.

Bailey said a security guard noticed the broken window after the

about 3 a.m., climbed through and took a laptop computer.

HAPPY 70TH Birthday, Margie Prestidge, from old friends!!

way.'''

LET THE mighty March winds blow you to Clint & Son's Smokehouse, 1421 N. Hobart for lunch or dinner. 1 meat plate with 2 sides & cornbread, \$4.59 thru March.

NOW OPEN Ted's Place at 2121 Alcock open M-F & Sun. Noon - 12 a.m., Sat. Noon - 1 a.m.

Weather focus

intruder had gone.

PAMPA — Today, patchy fog n the morning. Otherwise, mostly cloudy with highs in the mid 60s. South to southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Northeast to east winds 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday, cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 50s. North to northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. STATEWIDE - High cloudi-

ness spread across Texas early Tuesday as another upper-level storm system approached from the Pacific coast.

It was clear to partly cloudy over far South Texas and along the Gulf coast.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 20s in the Panhandle to mid-40s and 50s in the northern and central parts of Readings included 36 degrees

McAllen and 48 at Grey Army Airfield near Killeen. Winds were mostly southeast-

erly to southwesterly at 5 to 10 mph in the western half of the state, with light and variable conditions in East Texas.

A chance of showers and thunderstorms was forecast for the northwest and parts of North Texas through Thursday with the storm system's arrival.
Increasing cloudiness should spread through West and Central Texas.

Daytime highs should be in at Nacogdoches, 54 degrees at the 50s and 60s.

Lows overnight were expected to range from the 40s in the north to 50s in the south and west.

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News in brief

Students say accused gunman warned of plan to shoot up school

SANTEE, Calif. (AP) — Some classmates described the 15-year-old as a "nerd" and a "dork" and said he was taunted relentlessly. Others said the high school freshman told them he in this middle-class San Diego suburb. One stusuburb about 10 miles northeast of San Diego. and fired shots randomly. He stopped to reload or more shots, Lewis said.

Doctors expect Cheney to return to work after angioplasty

WASHINGTON (AP) - Vice President Dick Cheney should be able to continue in his job unimpeded by his latest heart problems, doctors say, shrugging off any suggestion that he should curtail travel or his intense workload. But Cheney also was given some tough news after he had an angioplasty to unclog a coronary artery Monday. Even if he sticks to his no-beef diet and rigorous workout regimen, there is a fair chance he will be back in the hospital facing the same trouble soon, his physicians said. Cheney, who has had four heart attacks, underwent the angioplasty after he

experienced a series of subtle pains in his chest. Doctors said their best evidence indicated that Cheney, 60, had not suffered another heart attack. Naval investigator outlines mistakes

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) - A series of missteps by the crew of the USS Greeneville paved was going to bring a gun to school and shoot up a destructive path that led to the submarine's fatal the campus but they didn't take him seriously. On , collision with a Japanese fishing boat, according to Monday, the student who authorities identified as testimony from a Navy admiral. The mistakes Charles Andrew Williams allegedly opened fire at ranged from the submarine rushing to get back on Santana High School, killing two and injuring 13 schedule to vital sonar data not getting to the skipper, Rear Adm. Charles Griffiths testified dent said he had a smile on his face as he fired Monday, the opening day of a Navy court of away with a .22-caliber pistol in this middle-class inquiry into the Feb. 9 collision. Griffiths, who conducted the preliminary investigation, painted Police Lt. Jerry Lewis said the teen-ager shot two a picture of a submarine crew so consumed with people in the restroom, then walked into a quad putting on a good show for 16 civilian guests that standard procedures fell by the wayside. The his weapon as many as four times, getting off 30 nuclear attack submarine was demonstrating an emergency surfacing drill for the guests when it smashed into the Ehime Maru. The boat, carrying 35 people, was on an expedition to teach high school students from Uwajima, Japan, how to fish. Four teens, two teachers and three crewmen never were found.

Nor'easter not a lion — but not a lamb RYE, N.H. (AP) — Despite the direct of predictions, the East Coast largely rode out a snowy March nor'easter although New Englanders watched a strengthening blizzard and feared the worst was yet to come. From Connecticut to Maine, shelters were set up, schools were closed, flights were canceled and offices shuttered Tuesday as an unofficial holiday for many people

New Hampshire, according to the National period overnight.

Spy suspect ordered held in jail

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) - A federal judge said Monday that the government's case against accused spy Robert Philip Hanssen was "extraordinarily strong" and ordered Hanssen confined to jail. Hanssen, who appeared at a hearing wearing green jumpsuit with the word "prisoner" printed across the back, did not contest his confinement under an agreement forged with prosecutors. A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that law enforcement officials believe Hanssen may have alerted Moscow to a secret tunnel built under the Russian embassy by American intelligence agencies for eavesdropping

Remains recovered from crash site military vehicles delivered the remains of 21 guardsmen to a central-Georgia air base as Army

stretched into a second day. More than 20 inches bodies were transported Monday to the base south piled up early Tuesday in Keene, in southwestern of Macon. Local law enforcement officers escorted the convoy. The remains of the three Florida Army Weather Service. Half of it fell during a three-hour National Guard crew members and 18 passengers from the Virginia Air National Guard were to be flown Tuesday, weather permitting, to an Air Force casualty center in Bover, Del. The plane, a C-23 Sherpa was flying from Florida to Virginia when it crashed Saturday in a field. The recovery team had been slowed by 3 feet of mud caused by a 4-inch deluge of rain. Wind and sunshine helped dry the field Monday.

Supreme Court upholds freeze on Estrada charges

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The Philippines' Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected a request that would have allowed prosecutors to immediately file charges against ousted leader Joseph Estrada. The ruling, which means Estrada cannot be charged until March 23, was in response to a UNADILLA, Ga. (AP) — A somber procession of request by Ombudsman Aniano Desierto that the court lift its 30-day suspension of criminal cases against Estrada. The court said the suspension, investigators scrambled over the site where their ordered last month, cannot be lifted since its rulplane crashed, mapping and videotaping the ing Friday that stripped Estrada of immunity has charred wreckage. Lt. Col. Deborah Bertrand, a not yet become final. Estrada had 15 days to Robins Air Force Base spokeswoman, said the appeal Friday's ruling.

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FIRES

"We'd get the fire, get stuck and they'd pull us out, then we'd get the fire, get stuck, and they'd pull us out," Dunham said. "Everything we had out there got stuck."

A maintainer was also needed to pull out stuck fire equipment this morning as firefighters fought another small grass fire north of Celanese between U.S. 60 and Texas 152. Approximately a quarter acre was burned in the fire, according to fire reports.

Firefighters also put out a small grass fire caused by a downed power line three-quarters of a mile east of the intersection of Gray H and Gray 11, but because of the conditions, it was more than three hours before they had completed the

Unusually heavy snowfall and rain has contributed to the deep mud, officials say.

'We're considerably above normal for this time of year," said Darrell Sehorn, KGRO-KOMX meteorologist. "We're going into spring with the best moisture load in years.

Sehorn said that Pampa has received 3.75 inches of moisture since Jan. 1 and almost 12 inches of will be 70 percent on Wednesday night. On moisture since October.

"Snow-wise, we've gotten seven inches in

January, 1.6 inches in February, 15.6 inches in December and 3 inches in November," Sehorn said. "That's a total of about 24 inches of snow."

Dunham said it's not unusual for grass fires to

start in wet conditions such as these.

"I've fought fires in the snow. I've fought fires while it was snowing," he said, explaining that the grass and vegetation above the snow or the wet ground becomes dry and burns.

The growth above the ground is dead and dries out in no time," he said.

He said CRP land poses a special problem when fighting grass fires.

(The vegetation) gets really compacted after while and it holds moisture in the ground so

Sehorn said local residents can expect more rain Wednesday, adding that there could be "a touch of snow" Thursday morning.

"It looks like we may dodge any major storm,"

Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms followed by a 50 percent chance of rain on Wednesday. The highest chance for precipitation Thursday, low early morning temperatures may create a small amount of snow.

Barn Dance and Silent Auction



Grandview-Hopkins ISD will present its bi-annual Barn Dance and Silent Auction from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, March 8 at the school. Approximately 200 items will be auctioned and live DJs will preside over the dance. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 665-7318. Above: Chloe Zedlitz, Reid Bradley, Dakota Shiffman and Lyndy Whitson practice the "Cotton-eyed Joe."

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HORTON

istration more with my background. This is something I have wanted to do for a long time. It's more challenging and hands on. At the White House I would be a small fish in a huge pond. Here I am a small fish in a smaller pond.

Since his appointment on Feb. 23, Horton said, "I've learned so much about countries and cultures. The other day we had a briefing on Egypt and our trade status" where one of the things discussed was that country's poverty level.

"To me, it shows how blessed we are in the United States," he said.

Yesterday, Horton was part of a group that met with 100 Russians explaining to the visitors about the SBA's role. "They have nothing like it over there," he said.

"We got to meet with the governor of Nigeria," Horton said. "He was so nice ... so educated. His country's needs and demands are different from Russia but both are still interested in international trade.'

Horton will serve for 120 days on a temporary appointment until all FBI background checks are confirmed, he said. Once clearances are approved, he is expected to have a full appointment.

"I understand I am one of the younger appointments to the agency, maybe the youngest so far, so I have an inherent challenge to prove I can do a good job ... I am extremely honored that President

Bush has given me this opportunity to serve our great country," Horton, who ill be 25 in June,

His role will be to serve as Special Assistant to the International Trade Director of the SBA. Horton is expected to travel to many countries around the world for the purpose of helping the agency facilitate small business exports as well as developing new trade markets with other nations.

His first trip will be later this month when he travels to Mexico City as part of a group who will attend a small business conference to promote trade. One of the speakers will be Mexico's new president, Vicente Fox, who took office Dec. 2.

On the personal side, Horton has been staying with relatives in the Washington area but now he shares an apartment over a restaurant on Capital Hill ... something he says was quite a find.

"I have figured I'll save 40 hours a month in commuting time," Horton said with a laugh. "I've decided I'll work an extra 10 hours, sleep an extra 10 hours and have 20 more hours for my social

For friends who would like to contact Horton, he can be reached at his e-mail address: jbhorton4@hotmail.com

Horton's parents are Benny and Kerrick Horton of Pampa. His grandfather, John Horton, also lives in Pampa. His sister, Meredith Horton Bagwell and her husband, Jason, live in Amarillo and aunt and uncle John and Judy Warner live in Pampa.

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Grandview-Hopkins

Two three-year terms will be decided by Grandview-Hopkins CISD voters.

The positions held by incumbents Don Aderholt and Greg Acker are expiring. Todd Harrison is the only can-

didate to have filed. Groom

Three three-year terms will be filled during the upcoming school board election at Groom Independent School District, according to Superintendent John Wilson.

Clifton Britten is the only Coronado Center • 665-7141 incumbent to have announced he will seek re-election. Others seeking a spot on the board are Lonnie Brown, Jigger Britten and Mike Friemel.

White Deer

One incumbent has announced he will be seeking reelection to the White Deer Independent School District school board. Gary O'Neal in SAVE THE LAST DANCE Place 4 has announced he will seek another term on the board.

Two incumbents, Place 5 Sherry Kramer and Place 6 Bruce Brame, have not indicated

if they will seek another term on Independent School District the board. **Board of Trustees.** All three positions are three-One

year terms. **Panhandle**

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expiring on the Panhandle election

tion on the school board. Neither incumbent, William Hoffman or Two three-year terms are Don Bednorz, has filed for re-U.S. ALERT SECURITY of AMARILLO

candidate,

Mitchell, has filed to seek a posi-

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Texas water research cen-

Texas' demand for water is expected to grow about 18 percent over the next 50 years as the state's population continues to explode.

The estimated cost of meeting future water needs, including building seven major reservoirs, is a pricey \$17 billion. Already, water officials in the Fort Worth-Dallas area are talking of spending more than \$1 billion to build a huge new reservoir in Northeast Texas and pipe the water to the Metroplex.

Although demand for water undoubtedly will grow, Texans can temper that demand substantially by wasting

Texas water consumers — including farms and ranches, manufacturers and individual homeowners — need to get much better at conserving water. Experts are needed to tell us how we can best do that.

The Texas A&M University system should be commended for leading the way. It is planning to build a \$20 million Irrigation Technology Center in San Antonio for research and education in water conservation on agricultural and urban land.

Even though Texas has a predominantly urban population, agricultural irrigation still accounts for 65 percent of freshwater usage. And in many urban areas, landscape irrigation consumes 20 to 40 percent of municipal water

A&M plans to use a \$3.1 million federal grant to find new ways to reduce irrigation demand in San Antonio and the Rio Grande watershed — two thirsty areas where

rapidly growing populations and modest rainfall are pinching precious water supplies. The federal funds also will help provide seed money for

the new San Antonio center. A&M officials said they hope it will become the world's pre-eminent irrigation research center and a leader in educating both industry and individual consumers about improved conservation practices. In a fast-growing state hit hard by drought in recent

years, the new A&M center is a timely and splendid idea.

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The legacy of a gentle gentleman

Sometimes the English language becomes woefully inadequate.

Last week, I learned that some events and feelings transcend human ability to express

Two phrases that first come to my mind are "I love you" and "thank you." They just can't describe how I feel toward my husband and my family. "Thank you" isn't big enough to express my gratitude to all those who have been there for us in recent days.

Another word I think of is "amazed."

A special man died last week, my father-inlaw Lloyd Laramore. One would think this would be the cause for sorrow, a time of sadness and loss.

Instead, as I reflect on these events, I stand in awe and amazement. Words are my life, but words fall short of what I have seen and experienced this past week.

Last week, when I normally would have been riting this column, I waited with the rest of Lloyd's family as he completed the transition aside and asked him, "Aren't you robbing the illness, except for the very end. from life to afterlife.

In 1987, Lloyd and I went through 30 hours of training to become hospice volunteers. We served on the founding board of Hospice of the Panhandle. We both served as hospice volunteers. For eight years, I was paid to educate the public about hospice's special way to care for uncanny ability to target each one's special tal- death, but it wasn't. His tremendous will to live, the terminally ill. He had just begun his 14th year as a hospice volunteer.

I'm a fervent believer in the hospice philosophy that everyone has the right to die with dignity and, even more importantly, to live until they die, I knew that hospice workers are experts in pain control. I knew that the family and patient are considered as a "unit of care," that hospice care encompasses not only the physical needs of the patient, but also the spiritual, emotional and social needs. And I know that this care extends to the patient's family, as

Knowing this and believing this is one thing. It's the experience of a loved one dying with Laramore Staff writer

Dee Dee

hospice care that goes beyond my words. But I'm going to try ..

Lloyd was a complex man who thought deeply and cared deeply. He and my mother-inlaw Phyllis raised four strapping sons. Three who married me, two kids and a cat.

after meeting me for the first time, he took Vic

never made me feel that way.

A quiet man, he watched his sons with an ent and interest. He worked hard - sometimes three jobs at a time – to be sure his family had what they needed - no more, no less. He worried constantly about them, but carefully waited before giving it to them.

If a firm hand was needed, he obliged. Though not a demonstrative man, his love was American countenance could speak volumes.

He taught his sons patriotism, honor, and dignity. He instilled a strong work ethic and a solid

belief in the Almighty. Time and circumstances limited his own edu-vou'll understand.

cation, but Lloyd made sure his sons received all the education they wanted.

And then, he taught his family how to die. When diagnosed with bone cancer last summer, Lloyd chose to fight the disease with chemotherapy. Several treatments later, doctors

told him there was nothing else they could do. After all Lloyd had given to hospice, the roles had reversed and it was time for hospice to give

How difficult it must have been for this proud and independent couple, married 54 years, to become the recipients instead of the givers. How I respected their independence and now how I respected their gracious acceptance of this new role.

With the help of the hospice staff and physiwere his sons by blood, one was by choice. He cians, Lloyd and Phyllis spent the last four set a wonderful example for his youngest son, months the way they wanted. Controlling bone cancer pain can be quite difficult. While Lloyd I knew I would love Lloyd 20 years ago when, was probably never free from pain, he was kept comfortable and mobile through the last of hi

These past few weeks, because of the nature Two years older than Vic, divorced with two of my job, I've seen more than my share of children, I'm sure I was not exactly a parent's death. Somehow, being with Lloyd as he died choice as the girl for their son to marry, but he healed my emotional wounds from reporting so many tragic deaths in too short a time period.

I wish I could say his was a quiet, peaceful the strength and power of his lungs and heart not affected by the cancer, would not let him "go easy into that good night."

Yet, even so, his legacy of love welled forth in until they were ready to receive his advice his family, surrounding him in those last hard hours. He died with songs, praises, and prayers still lingering in the air around him.

Lloyd being Lloyd, not wishing anyone to fuss apparent. Though he spoke sparingly, a glance over him, waited until everyone had gone home from his sharp eyes, the set of his Native to rest a few hours. One son slept on a pallet next to his bed. His beloved wife slept in the room across the hall. When all was quiet and all was still, he slipped away, a gentleman. A gentle man. There's no way I can put it into words. Maybe

Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Tuesday, March 6, the

65th day of 2001. There are 300 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On March 6, 1836, the Alamo in In 1853, Verdi's opera "La day declared by President staged the first American raid on San Antonio, Texas, fell to Mexican Traviata" premiered in Venice, Italy. Roosevelt went into effect.

forces after a 13-day siege. On this date:

In 1834, the city of York in Upper that Scott, a slave, could not sue for Holmes Canada was incorporated as

Toronto.

his freedom in federal court. In 1933, a nationwide bank holi-

In 1935, retired Supreme In 1857, in its "Dred Scott" decision, the U.S. Supreme Court held Court Justice Oliver Wendell Junior died Washington.

In 1944, U.S. heavy bombers Berlin during World War II.

U.S. needs to be looked at realistically

Novelist Ayn Rand said something once that every American should keep in mind. She said, "We can evade reality, but we cannot evade the consequences of evading reality."

So true. People evade reality all the time by rationalizing, fantasizing or just refusing to think. One of the great literary examples was Scarlett O'Hara's oft-repeated phrase, "I'll worry about that tomorrow." Procrastination is a form of evading reality. So is excessively watching television or reading novels. Or drinking. Or taking dope.

The reality we are trying to evade, of course, is our life, the only thing we have. The really dangerous evasion of reality, however, is the delusion, shared by liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, that America is a special country that, because of its power and size, has a moral obligation to lead the world and shape it in our own image.

We are not a special country. We are a lucky country. We owe our size and prosperity to our ancestors. These ancestors were a roughand-tough bunch, about as politically incorrect as you can be. But they seized the choice parts of the North American continent. They left the frozen tundra for Canada and the deserts for Mexico.



Syndicated columnist

follow the path of all previous empires and collapse sometime in the new century. Let us look at ourselves realistically.

Our military power is mainly nuclear, and nuclear weapons are suicidal. We have not drive 200,000 draftees out of Kuwait, where they had neither air support nor cover.

We've become a nation that deludes itself nuke on Los Angeles or San Francisco. with hype. We called that a great victory, and world. If we do not shed this delusion, we'll lion missiles to blow up an aspirin factory in side their heads that can kill us.

Sudan and some tents and outhouses in Afghanistan.

The war against Yugoslavia was a failure. We bombed a little country of 10 million souls. Their army, however, emerged unscathed. And we drove out the people we intended to protect. In the end, Russian diplomacy saved our face. Now our own inept diplomacy has American troops sitting in armed compounds for an indefinite period of time and with no hope of solving the political If we continue to pursue American hegemo-

ny, we will create our own opposition. What we have to do is recognize that the rest of world is not going to accept American hegewon a real war since 1945. We had a stalemate mony. Frankly, I don't think we have either in Korea and defeat in Vietnam. The Gulf War the ability or the sand in our craw to impose amounted to a mugging of the expeditionary it. When the government is terrified of losing force of a Third World country. It is no great a single pilot, then we better not tangle with a military feat for 1,200 advanced warplanes, country that will kill our soldiers by the thou-600,000 troops and a fleet of modern ships to sands. If we're scared to death of a terrorist, then we'd better not tangle with people who have the willingness and the ability to lay a

We have too many academics and journalwe conveniently forget that a truck bomber ists in the so-called foreign-policy establishdrove us out of Lebanon. The barefoot sol- ment. Most have no experience in either war But our size and our power give us neither diers of a Somali warlord drove us out of or diplomacy. They live inside their heads. the moral right nor the ability to rule the Somalia. We have since taken to using \$1 mil- They read. They write. But it's the reality out-

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BY JACQUEL

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By THOMAS J **ACROSS** 1 Frolic 7 Tops a cake 11 Disloyal 12 School grade

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Grandparents Favor the Children Who Treat Them With Respect

on the letter you reprinted from "Your Son's Wife" about grandparents who don't buy gifts of equal value for their grandchildren. I am a grandfather who would like to treat each of my grandchildren equally, but I don't. Here's why:

One of my daughters-in-law is loving and respectful toward my wife and me as grandparents, has taugnt her children good manners and, in short, is a joy to all of us.

My other daughter-in-law has done exactly the opposite. Much as we might like to, we do not treat this granddaughter the same as her cousins. Of course, this granddaughter is not responsible for her mother's conduct, but she suffers the consequences in more ways than one. In short, she's spoiled, and it shows.

If a son's wife feels her children's paternal grandparents don't treat her children as well as they treat their cousins, I suggest the son's wife do some soul-searching. Perhaps she'll find the reason lies, at least in part, in the different relationship she and the other son's wife have established with their husbands' parents.

H.C. IN TAMPA

DEAR H.C.: I hate to see children suffer for the sins of the parents. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My grandmotherly reaction to the letter from "Your Son's Wife" is that many times but not in all cases - sons' wives

Horoscope

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

of plans. Tonight: Slow down, please.

extend yourself financially, new informa-

in a favorite way.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2001

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

respond to your energy. Pressure builds

and the unexpected runs rampant when

you least expect it. Don't get discouraged. You might not have the energy to

cover all the bases - nor should you.

* * * When you believe you have final-

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

lose pieces and break toys?

Abigail Van Buren SYNDICATED

COLUMNIST

are the carpenters of their own crosses. Perhaps unintentionally, they don't encourage their children to treat their paternal grandmothers with as much attention and respect as is accorded maternal grandmothers. This grandmother finally decided to treat grandchildren as they treat her!

TOUGH-LOVE GRANDMA, HOULTON, MAINE

DEAR TOUGH LOVE: Please read the reply to H.C. (above). Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a few questions for "Son's Wife":

- Do you treat your mother-inlaw the same as you treat your own mother?

you notes and show appreciation when they receive gifts? Do you involve your mother-

- Do your children write thank-

in-law in activities such as school

Do your children take care of their toys and clothes, or do they

authority figure. Tonight: Relax how you LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

* * Reach out for a loved one at a distance. An overture from a loved one is heartfelt. Unexpected developments surround interactions later in the day. Do your best to quickly resolve what is happening. Others behave unpredictably. Tonight: Work as late as you need to. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

* * * You could think everything is A-*** * You mean well, and others OK and then discover otherwise. How you see another could change because of a misunderstanding. Think about how you both might be right. Attempt to make peace. Use your creativity to clear out work efficiently. Tonight: Turn off your

Delegate, my dear Ram. Tonight: Relax mind. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

is a proven friend. Express your deeper ly settled a domestic matter and you can feelings. Don't take this person for grantrelax - pow! It turns out, someone you ed. You could be jolted by another's unanticipated reactions. You might not thought "got it" really didn't. You could be stunned and a misunderstanding be sure about what is workable. Slow might ensue. Tonight: Back to square down and think carefully. Tonight: Look closely at a friendship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

* * Take in news and be direct with ** * You might be more capable bosses or relatives. You cannot shy away than many to deal with stress. Stay as clear as possible when you seek out from the inevitable. Discuss a rapidly news. You might want to indulge a friend changing situation involving family or or loved one. Don't get upset by a change your residence. A partner proves to be difficult and nonresponsive. Pull away, and don't keep trying to make your point. * * Though you might feel that you can Tonight: Don't push.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) tion comes forward that encourages you *** Your spirit soars. You feel conto tighten your belt. Do not count on nected as the day begins. A sequence of anyone but yourself right now. Be careful misunderstandings or surprises tosses

Marmaduke

your children that they cannnot appreciate what others give them? Perhaps there's a reason for the favoritism.

ALSO HURTING, MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO

DEAR ALSO HURTING: A parent who has a bone to pick with a child or in-law should verbalize it rather than making the grandchildren bear the brunt of their passive-aggressive anger. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I had to laugh when I read the letter from "Your Son's Wife." For years, we have laughed with our children about not being their grandmother's favorites. We have accepted the fact that being a stepgrandchild brings with it consequences: fewer gifts, less attention and support at events, and less recognition of accomplishments.

Life is not always fair. Sometimes we have to realize that's the way it is and find humor in the situation. Parents will defend themselves and their actions to the end. What we can do is recognize something we don't appreciate in a parent - and be sure we never repeat

BEEN DOWN THAT ROAD, ST. GEORGE, UTAH

DEAR BEEN DOWN THAT ROAD: I admire you for your perspective. That's excellent

become depressed or negative. Simply take a deep breath and decide to head in another direction. Tonight: Play on the

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Use special care with financial matters. If you can avoid signing papers, all the better. You want to understand what others say and confirm that another also gets your message. Carefully think through decisions. A child or loved one acts contrary. Tonight: Go along with

another's suggestion AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

* * Just when you think that another understands you, you find out otherwise. Don't let what happens in the afternoon negatively color your thinking or get you down. Simply accept what is going on. A discussion with a roommate or family member tests your limits. Tonight: Let someone have his way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

** Keep your mind on your work, despite what is going on. A morning expenditure makes you very happy. Use care with someone who could be a bit off kilter. Ask yourself why you are reacting so strongly. Focus on work, not on emotional issues. Tonight: Soak away stress.

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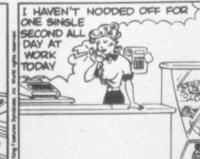


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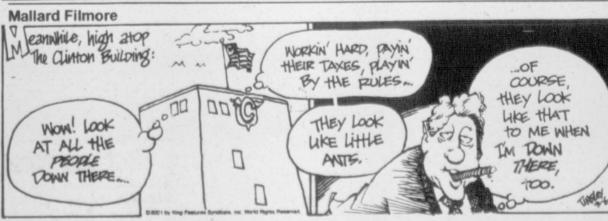


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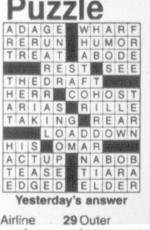
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SPORTS

Notebook

SOCCER

PAMPA — Pampa blanked Canyon 2-0 in a District 3-4A girls' soccer match last week-

Goals were scored by Jessica Burns and Desiree Vigil. Danielle Martinez had an assist on Vigil's goal.

Pampa, 4-3 in district, is in a three-way tie with Canyon and Palo Duro for second place in the standings. Both Canyon and Palo Duro have 5-3 records. The Lady Harvesters are one game behind because a previous contest was postponed because of bad weather.

Randall at 7-1 is the district leader. The Lady Raiders can win the district title with a win today against Canyon.

The Lady Harvesters have three matches scheduled this week starting today against Caprock at Travis Elementary Field. Gametime is 4:15.

Thursday, the Lady Harvesters host Borger and Friday they play Palo Duro in Amarillo.

SOFTBALL

LUBBOCK — Pampa Lady Harvesters were runners-up in the championship round of the Prairie Dog Classic last weekend in Lubbock.

Named to the all-tournament team for Pampa were shortstop Cameron, pitcher Stephanie Clark and catcher Cali Covalt.

In tournament Lindsey Narron and Charity Nachtigall each had inside the park home runs. Cameron had three triples and a double while Stacey Johnson, Shauna Broaddus and Ashlev Derington each had a double.

GOLF

MIDLAND - Pampa Lady Harvesters placed sixth with a two-round total of 808 at the Tall City Girls Invitational.

Pecos shot a 737 to win the Division II team title. Lamesa was second at 765.

Pampa's individual leader was Courtney Locknane, who shot a two-round 187. Other Pampa players were Annie Sims 196, Megan Shannon 203, Michelle Haley 222 and Krissy Holman 241. Afton Messenger of Borger

was medalist with a 166.

TRACK

Hornet Relays At Wellington Boys

Team standings: 1. Tulia 96; 2. Hart 82; 3. Boys Ranch 70; 4. Panhandle 60; 5. Vega 56; 6. River Road 38; 7. White Deer 21; 8. Miami 20; 9. Spearman 19; 10. Highland Park, Happy (tie), 15; 12. Lockney 19; 13. Channing 8; 14. Muleshoe 4.

Area results Boys

400: Second place, Thoms, Miami, 52.74 Discus: Second place, Ball, White Deer, 131-7 Pole vault: Second place, Hodges, White Deer, 13-0. Girls

Discus: Second place, Parks, White Deer, 94-3. High jump: Second place, Lemmons, White Deer, 4-8. Long jump: Second place, Petty, White Deer, 14-10; third place, Cox, Miami, 14-

Flashback

1976: Pampa defeated Dumas 10-8 to open the high school baseball season.

Mark Adair, Knutson and David Burns had three hits each to lead Pampa's hitting attack. One of Adair's hits was a tworun homer.

Dave Edwards went the distance to pick up the mound win.



Pampa gymnasts displaying their first-place trophy are (front row, from left) Jessica Miner, Lindsey Riley, Rebecca Taylor, Madison Fatheree, Lacie Thompson and Brittany Warminski; (back row, from left) Diana Mechelay, Kelli Willson, Brandi Holden, Kelby Doughty and Keisha Crowell.

blue on floor with an 8.4, a red on and vault 6.3.

"Drew is having a great year," Maurice Baker of Oklahoma said Kansas coach Roy Williams. State and Missouri swing man "Even though he missed the games with injury, you look and inated Associated Press all-Big 12 he's led or been close to the league lead in rebounding all

than Tinsley. The 6-3 ball-hanplayer named on every first-team dling wizard from the playgrounds of Brooklyn played the key role as Iowa State ousted Kansas as the Big 12's dominant

Aided by a very capable supporting cast, Tinsley led the yclones to their second straight Big 12 title, averaging almost 17 5 Baylor senior Terry Black, who points, seven assists and three steals in conference games. He ing the Big 12 for the second con-raised his team to such a level, the Cyclones were able to fool the experts and overcome the loss of Marcus Fizer, last season's Big 12 player of the year.

Tinsley does what all great players will do. He makes people around him better," said Texas coach Rick Barnes.

In his two years since transferring from Mt. San Jacinto rebounds as the Jayhawks fin- Cyclones never lost a home

and Nick Collison, defensive tournament averaging almost 15 what's had the most dramatic whiz Cookie Belcher of points for the Bears and tied with effect on our improvement. Nebraska, Iowa State guard Belcher for second place in the Kantrail Horton, and Chris league in steals, four behind ple I've ever coached.'

The third team consists of game before being sidelined with his team or his conference more Fredrik Jonzen, Texas' Darren perimeter," said Bliss. "His evo- said coach Eddie Sutton. Kelly and Iowa State's Martin

Rush brothers who became prep legends in Kansas City, was on his way to a monster season before the thumb injury put him on the bench. Rarely is a player blessed with greater offensive

Whether darting inside or pulling up and firing away from the baseline, he is equally dangerous. In Missouri's 75-66 victory over Kansas, he had 27 points and 11 rebounds.

"He's so hard to match up with ball to the basket. He presents standings. great problems for the opponent and gives them a tremendous was fourth and Wheeler sixth. emotional lift."

PAMPA — Level 4 competitive for beam 7.7, floor 7.4 and bars Lariot Lowrey: 3 red, 1 white, 32.8 gymnasts from Gymnastics of 7.1. In the All-Around, Rebecca Pampa recently competed in the received a yellow ribbon.

Pampa gymnasts win team

trophy at Snowman Invite

In the Recreational portion of Showman Invitational in their gymnasium. The gymnasts con- the meet, Aleah Noble had the highest total for the Recreational tributed their scores to the winning team effort, where along Level 4's. She earned red ribbons with their Level 5 and 6 team- for bars 8.5, vault 8.25, beam 8.25, mates, they won the Compulsory and floor 8.1. Her All-Around was a 33.1. Competing in her second Level Other Recreational Level 4

4 meet, Madison Fatheree results are: improved several of her scores Kimberly Curtis: vault 8.6, red ribbon, beam 8.35, red, bars 8.2,

and her All-Around total. She received blue ribbons on floor red, and floor 7.05, white, Allexercise 8.4, and on balance beam Around 32.2. 8.2. On bars, she scored a 7.4 for a Caitlin Hampton: vault 9.0, blue,

red ribbon and on vault she floor, 7.75, white, beam, 7.2, scored a 6.8 for a white. Her white, bars, 7.1, white, All-Around 31.05. Kayla Ware: vault 8.3, red, bars,

8.3, red, beam, 6.5, yellow and floor 6.5, yellow, All-Around 29.6. ribbon on floor exercise 8.0, in her Keziah Clendennen: vault 8.1, red, bars 7.9, white, floor 6.6, yelsolid performances on all four low, beam 6.0, yellow, Allevents and received a red for Around 28.6.

beam 7.8, and white ribbons on MaKayla Hampton: vault 7.9, vault 6.9, and on bars 6.5. Her white, bars 7.7, white, floor 6.7, All-Around score was a 29.2 for a yellow, beam 5.1, yellow, All-Around 27.4. Lindsey Riley also contributed

(Recreational high event scores) to the team total with a much-Vault: Shanna Keoun 8.5; Bars: improved All-Around score of Shanna Keoun 9.05; Beam: Carrie 29.1 for a white ribbon. She won a Angel 8.85; Floor: Ashley Wheeler 8.5; All-Around 34.5 beam 7.6, and whites on bars 6.8 Other results are as follows:

Level 3

Ashley Wheeler: 4 red ribbons, 34.5 All-Around score. bar and floor scores to help Team Shanna Keoun: 1 blue ribbon, 3 red, Pampa. She received red ribbons 34.3 All-Around score.

Allison Ramey: 2 red, 2 white, 31.35 All-Around score. Chelsie Whinery: 3 red, 1 white, 31.2

All-Around score. Payton Alvey: 2. red, 1 white, 1 yellow, 31.15 All-Around score. Lilly Price: 3 red, 1 yellow, 30.9 All-

All-Around score.

Around score. Carrie Angel: 1. red, 3 whites, 30.85 All-Around score. Mikala Furgason: 2 red, 2 white, 30.7 All-Around score.

Heather Dalrymple: 2 red, 1 white, 1 yellow, 30.65 All-Around score. KeEra Busse: 4 white ribbons, 28.85 All-Around score.

Level 2

Level 2

(Highest event scores) Vault: Taryn Eubank, 8.4; Bars: McKinlee Stokes, 8.6; Beam: Taryn Eubank, 8-0; Floor: Taryn Eubank, 8.95; All-Around: Taryn Eubank,

Taryn Eubank: 4 red ribbons, 33.35 All-Around score McKinlee Stokes: 3 red, 1 white, 32.25 All-Around score.

Bethney Mosteller: 2 red, 2 white, 31.85 All-Around score Haley Copeland: 1 red, 3 white, 31.0 All-Around score.

Kendle Ramey: 2 white, 2 red, 30.95. All-Around score.

Callie Hampton: 1 red, 2 white, 1 yellow, 30.5 All-Around score. Karami Rice: 1 red, 2 white, 1 yellow, 30.0 All-Around score. Kaylene Wyant: 1 red, 2 white, 1 yellow, 28.8 All-Around score.

Kolbi Furgason: 2 white, 2 yellow, 28.75 All-Around score. Robin Doan: 1 red, 3 yellow, 27.0

Guards dominate AP All-Big 12 basketball team place behind Iowa State. Kansas sophomores Kirk Hinrich guard. He goes into the Big 12 lution as an outside player is

Rebecca Taylor improved her

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Jamaal Tinsley of Iowa State, Kareem Rush head a guard-dombasketball team for 2000-2001.

quick and smooth 6-foot-6 season as well." a thumb injury, was the only ballot. Baker and Tinsley were named on every first-team ballot

The team announced Monday program. was selected by reporters who cover Big 12 basketball on a reg-

Filling out the first team are 6came within four steals of leadsecutive year, and Kansas sophomore Drew Gooden.

The 6-10 Gooden, who missed eight games with an injury, is averaging almost 16 points and nine rebounds and the only firstteamer to rank in the league's top 10 in both scoring and rebounding. He returned for the last two games of the regular-season and averaged 18 points and seven Community College, ished in a three-way tie with game. Texas and Oklahoma for second

Owens of Texas.

Division Team Trophy.

much improved All-Around

score of 30.8 was good for a red

Jessica Miner received a blue

first Level 4 competition. She had

white ribbon.

Rush, the younger of the two

Black was always known as a fine player, but he began to blossom this year when coach Dave 19-3. Heading the second team are Bliss moved him from forward to Discus: First place, White, Canadian, 125-5;

Tinsley.

Rush, Missouri's remarkably year. Plus, his scoring is up this Kansas senior Kenny Gregory, the great metamorphoses of colwho scored in double figures in lege basketball, from being an made an immediate impact. sophomore who was leading the No single player the past two every game he played in the reg- undersized post man to playing

"He's one of the five best peo-Baker transferred to Oklahoma

"He has gone through one of State from Dixie College in Utah

"He's such a competitor, and Big 12 with almost 22 points a years, however, has influenced ular season; Oklahoma State's all-conference basketball on the his work habits are so good,"

Canadian's White wins two events at Rocket Relays

WELLINGTON — Quanah boys and and Wellington girls were the winners at the Rocket Relays held last weekend.

Canadian, which placed third in the boys division, was led by Jacob White, who won both the discus and shot put.

Wheeler got an outstanding performance from hurdler Justin Chapman, who won both the 300 defensively," said Kansas coach hurdles and 110 hurdles. The Roy Williams. "He can take the Mustangs were sixth in the team In the girls division, Canadian

Rocket Relays

Area individual results Long jump: Third place, Bartlett, Canadian,

Shot: First place, White, Canadian, 46-10 110 hurdles: First place, Chapman,

400: First place, Bartlett, Canadian, 55.31; Third place, Parnell, Canadian, 57.12. 300 hurdles: First place, Chapman, Wheeler, 41.20. 600: Third place, Jewell, Wheeler, 5:22.00.

1600 relay: Third place, Canadian, 3:46.31. Girls High jump: First place, Harding, Canadian, Second place, Branson, Canadian, 5-3

3200: First place, Finsterwald, Wheeler, 12:01.53. 800: First place, Brown, Wheeler, 2:43.22;

Second place, Branson, Canadian, 2:46.54. 100 hurdles: Third place, Smith, Canadian, 100: Third place, Wilson, Canadian,

400: First place, Brown, Wheeler, 64.50. 300 hurdles: Second place, Rankin, Canadian, 53.31. 200: Third place, Wilson, Canadian, 28.56.

Catalanotto, Sheldon cover Rangers for just about anything PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) years in the majors. Then the infield positions for the Rangers get into the season."

covered for just about any situa- baseman Randy Velarde in a trade tion with Frank Catalanotto and with Oakland. Scott Sheldon on the bench.

some work in the outfield this player. spring. And Sheldon can play every position on the field, and role and accept your role," did so in just one game last sea-

out of players with them on the myself and plenty of at-bats. I'm ballclub," Texas manager Johnny excited about my role, especially Catalanotto had nine hits and the way."

six RBIs his first six games last base, 20 as designated hitter and some more at-bats. 12 at first), he hit .357 (10-for-28) as a pinch-hitter.

bench and do a good job," Oates in Chicago.

and the Rangers made clear that probably wouldn't be in the big Luis Alicea wasn't returning, it leagues," Oates said. "His versaappeared that Catalanotto may tility becomes very valuable in have an opportunity to be an that he can play every position." everyday player after only 2 1/2 Sheldon made starts at all four

Having already proven his abil- the move, Catalanotto looks fority as a pinch-hitter and backup ward to learning from the 12-year. infielder, Catalanotto is getting veteran while continuing as a role

"It's important to know your Catalanotto said. "It's a long season and I know that there's going "You feel like you'll never run to be plenty of playing time for on a team that I feel can go all of

He may also become a backup season, and set team records with outfielder this season. The 10 straight hits and 13 consecutive Rangers are giving him work times reaching base. In addition, there in hopes of better utilizing to starting 66 games (34 at second his versatility and getting him

Sheldon has already shown he can play everywhere, having "He seems to be an ideal guy become only the third major leafor that role, the fact that he can sit guer to play all nine defensive for a few days and come off the positions in one game last Sept. 6

You have to have those guys. If When the 2000 season ended, it wasn't for his versatility, he

- The Texas Rangers should be Rangers acquired veteran second last season, his first full major league season.

During spring drills, Sheldon with Oakland. Instead of being bothered by works out with outfielders, infielders and even catchers. A variety of different fielding gloves are stuffed into his locker. "I believe Cat and I are pretty

much in the same role, to be ready whenever we're called upon," Sheldon said. "Spring training is probably the hardest time of the free agent after the 1997 season. year. I get a little break once we

Sheldon said his multi-position-

Playing behind some 40-man the offseason.

roster players in the minors for the Athletics, Sheldon would play whatever position was available.

Catalanotto, part of the nine- wear contact lenses.

player deal in November 1999 that sent two-time AL MVP Juan al game goes back to his days Gonzalez to the Detroit Tigers, underwent two surgeries during

After nearly five years of progressively worsening pain in his right wrist, he had it examined Then when one of the catchers got and needed arthroscopic surgery hurt, he started helping out in the to repair a torn ligament and remove bone spurs. Last month, Sheldon joined the Rangers as a Catalanotto had elective laser eye surgery to eliminate the need to

Harvesters split twinbill with Weatherford

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Pampa split a high school entered in the Snyder March 15-17 in Burkburnett. baseball doubleheader with Weatherford, Okla. last week-

Michael Galloway's infield single in the top of the fifth gave Pampa a 4-3 win in the second game, which had a five-inning limit.

Shawn Strate started on the mound and went the distance to pick up the win. Strate, now 2-0, struck out eight and didn't walk a batter.

Weatherford won the opener night at Moffett Field. 8-1. Pampa's only hit was by

Tournament, which starts Thursday against Odessa High at Moffett Field.

Other teams entered in the Fort Worth Dunbar, Levelland, Mineral Wells, Snyder and

be played at 7:30 Saturday Henderson Field.

more tournament, which will Harvesters host Palo Duro.

Pampa, 2-4 for the season, is be the Boomtown Classic on

The tournament opener for Thursday. The Harvesters first- the Harvesters will be be round game will be at 9 a.m. March 16 at 9 a.m. against Burkburnett. That game will

be played on Henderson Field. Other teams entered include tournament are Dumas, Ardmore Plainview, Wichita Odessa Permian, Hereford, Falls High, Wichita Falls Rider, Perryton, Lubbock Cooper, Wichita Falls Hirschi, Lubbock Cooper, Iowa Park and

The championship game will The championship finals will be played March 17 at 7 p.m. at

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customers. said Dennis. "They feel time. people are just a number.

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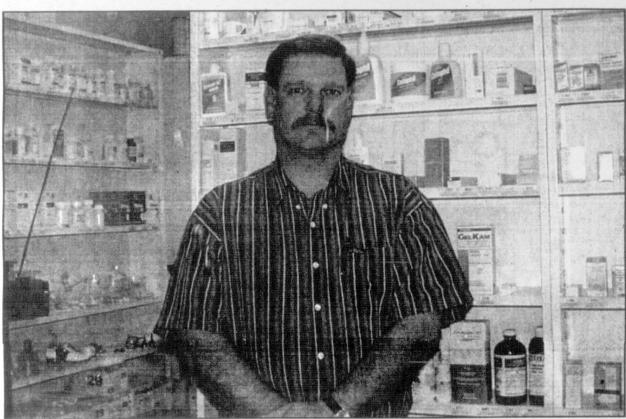
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here." Roark said the local Development Corporation Golden Plains Community business doesn't want the make the right moves he Hospital in Borger. Dennis' impersonal treatment of the believes the community parents, Ernie and Virginia large chain stores where will grow and prosper. Roark, are both retired and

> Dennis and Donna are He and his wife were parents of two sons, J.J. and

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