

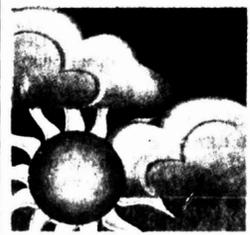
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**Spotter classes
 to be discussed**

March meeting of the Gray County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was to be today at the M.K. Brown Auditorium, Heritage Room, 1100 W. Coronado Dr. LEPC members plan to discuss Storm Spotter Training Classes scheduled for the following dates: 7 to 9 p.m., April 3, in Letors; 7 to 9 p.m., April 5, in McLean; 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Pampa, April 20; and an all-day Severe Weather Workshop on Saturday, April 7, in Amarillo. Other topics to be discussed include the Emergency Management Website and the State emergency management conference.

- **Lita M. Flynn**, heir to Westland Development Company.
- **Penny Jackson**, 62, nursery worker.
- **Pauline Owens**, 71, former Curry County Sheriff's Dept. employee.
- **Ramon Reyes**, 24, employee of Service Drilling in Borger.
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Thornberry's district biggest loser

By **NANCY YOUNG**
 Managing Editor

Census shows 54,218 fewer people

Texas Panhandle residents could likely be losing the strength of their voice in Washington, D.C. in the wake of 2000 Census numbers.

The population has shifted across Texas from rural areas to metropolitan cities — something that will impact the once-a-decade redistricting process.

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) is going to have to find another 55,000 constituents.

"A lot of people were surprised and a little disappointed to see how many people have left the rural areas," Thornberry told *The Pampa News* today. "We knew the metropolitan areas were growing faster, but we didn't realize how many had moved from the rural areas."

When the new congressional

district figures were released Tuesday, they revealed Thornberry lost 54,218 of his constituents since the 1990 census. His district has the dubious distinction of having lost the most number of people in a Texas congressional district. There are now 597,401 people residing in the 30th district.

A suburban Dallas district represented by Rep. Dick Armev topped the list with a 29.76 percent increase that raised its total population to 845,541.

"It's getting harder for young people to raise families in small rural areas," said Thornberry. "Many are having to move from the rural areas to the metropolitan to get jobs. Fewer and fewer people live outside metropolitan

areas."

Thornberry said it will be challenging for the rural districts to really work in those areas for their needs to be considered.

"We need to be sure the technology which is available in large areas is also available in rural areas," he said. "A person sitting at a computer in Pampa needs to have the same high quality technology available to them as someone sitting at their computer in Dallas."

His district currently represents part or all of 38 counties. It includes the Panhandle, and the district goes as far south to include a part of Lubbock County. Then, it goes to the east past Wichita Falls and snakes into Denton County.

"I won't have a lot to do with the redrawing of the lines for the redistricting of congressional boundaries as they will be redrawn by state lawmakers," said Thornberry. A typical district consists of 651,000 population.

While the census numbers show the two new congressional seats are likely to be created in the north Dallas area and possibly in Central or South Texas.

To make room for the new seats, state lawmakers will likely redraw the lines of other districts.

Population declined in 20 of the top 32 counties in the Panhandle, according to the census.

(See **THORNBERRY**, Page 3)



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— U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry

City running deficit in golf course venture

By **KATE B. DICKSON**
 Associate Publisher

The city-owned Hidden Hills Golf Course is running a "pretty sizable deficit" auditor Doug Ware told the Pampa City Commission adding, "I don't know what the answer is out there."

Ware met with commissioners during Tuesday's work session as part of a review of the comprehensive annual financial report which overall gave good marks to the city for its money management and record keeping.

The golf course cash deficit of about \$60,000 a year, Ware told commissioners, "Is probably something you want to address."

Commissioner Jeff Andrews said the deficit has "always bothered me but you have an asset worth a couple million dollars that if you don't maintain it you throw it away."

The course was built during 1988-90 and opened in 1991. Not included in the numbers is the value of the water the city uses on the course which during the height of summer can be as much as one millions gallons a day, Andrews said.

The cost to the city of buying and treating water for the golf course runs about \$80,000 a year, City Finance Director John Horst said in an interview this morning.

The city does have a plan to use effluent from the sewage treatment plant for watering the course but is waiting on the Texas

(See **CITY**, Page 3)

Police charge man in stabbing of wife

A reported domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Carr early this morning escalated into a stabbing and the arrest of a Pampa man on aggravated assault charges.

Billy Wayne Morgan, 53, 434 Carr, remained in Gray County Jail this morning, charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the stabbing of Patsy Jean Morgan, 49, of 425 Carr, shortly after 1 a.m. today.

Officer Keith Morris of the Pampa Police Department responded to a domestic disturbance call about 1:34 a.m. and found blood on the front porch of 434 Carr, according to police reports. Officers also observed bloody footprints going both directions between the 434 Carr residence and the house at 425 Carr, police reports state.

When police arrived at 425 Carr, they reported finding Mrs. Morgan being treated by paramedics for an apparent stab wound and that they saw a large amount of blood on the table. The location of the stab wound was not listed in the initial police report.

Mrs. Morgan told officers she had been stabbed with a garden

(See **POLICE**, Page 3)



Boy on bike hit by truck

A Pampa boy, riding his bicycle while on spring break, was injured Tuesday afternoon when he was struck by a pickup in the 400 block of North Gray.

Johnny Price, 7, 410 N. Gray, reportedly suffered a broken leg when the bicycle he was riding collided with a 1992 Ford F150 pickup driven by Gordon S. Taylor, 84, of 1225 S. Sumner at 2:50 p.m.

The pickup was traveling south on Gray when the child rode a bicycle into its path, a witness to the accident told police.

The boy was wearing a bicycle helmet at the time of the collision, according to the police report. He was reportedly bike riding with his 3-year-old brother Nolan, who was not involved in the accident.

Rural Metro Ambulance transported the child to Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment. Hospital officials had not returned calls by press time today, and a report on the boy's condition was not available.

At the time the ambulance was transporting to PRMC radio traffic indicated he had abrasions and possibly a broken leg.

No citations were listed on the police report.



Emergency personnel minister to Johnny Price, telling him what a good patient he is, while Lt. Fred Courtney, left in second photo, talks over accident details with Officer Cade Logue. The injured boy was wearing a helmet, according to police.

(Pampa News photos by Kate B. Dickson)



Oilfield accident kills man

Services for a Pampa man who died of injuries received in an oilfield accident will be Friday in Juarez, Mexico. (See obituary on Page 2)

Ramon Reyes, 24, died Saturday at Northwest Texas Hospital where he had been airlifted from the hospital in Wheeler, said Jim Flaherty, vice president of Service Drilling Southwest in Borger.

Flaherty said the March 4 accident is still under investigation. But he said it "... appears the accident occurred when a line on break out tongs, used to disconnect joints of drilling pipe, became caught in a piece of rotating equipment."

As a result, the company official said the tongs "jerked very quickly and hard" impacting Reyes' chest.

Bids, books on Miami ISD agenda

MIAMI — Miami Independent School District's board of education plans to consider transportation bids and textbook recommendations at the March 15 meeting, as well as hear a series of reports on matters important to the school district.

School board members will consider approving the textbook committee's recommendations for the 2001-2002 school year at the meeting set for 7 p.m. Thursday in the school administration office. Release of bids for transportation needs is also listed on the agenda.

Superintendent reports are scheduled on the

following topics:

- school finance litigation;
 - Roberts County Appraisal District audit report;
 - student activities survey results;
 - revision of cheerleader rules and regulations;
 - school safety procedures; and
 - bloodborne pathogens exposure control plan.
- Board members also plan to recognize All-District Basketball players and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America State Qualifiers.



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THORNBERRY

Gray County was among the 20 counties which lost population since the 1990 census as the number of people is down 2,072 since 1990.

In actuality, Gray County's population could be considered to have dropped more if the 1,387 state prisoners here are taken into account. Prisoners were counted in the 2000 tally and not in 1990 because the prison wasn't built then.

Thornberry's own home county, Donley, was one of the 12 Panhandle counties to show a gain in population. The small rural county gained 132 residents causing the county population to reach 3,828 and show a 3.6 percent increase.

While Texas as a whole showed a large population increase, the gain was in the metropolitan areas, not the rural areas.

The majority of the counties in the middle and eastern part of the Panhandle showed losses in population while the western Panhandle counties generally had gains in people.

The 12 counties to show a gain since the 1990 cen-

sus were Dallam, Sherman, Hartley, Moore, Potter, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Farmer, Swisher, Childress, and Hale.

Prisons were constructed in Gray, Dallam, Randall and Childress counties in the early 1990s.

The arrival of new jobs in the industry of pig farms to the Panhandle in the 1990s is also credited with increasing the population in some counties.

Counties which showed a loss in population in the top part of the Panhandle numbered 20 of the 32 counties. They are Oldham, Deaf Smith, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Collingsworth, Castro, Briscoe, Hall, Bailey, Lamb, Floyd, Motley and Cottle.

Roberts County, a neighbor to Gray County to the north, had the largest percentage loss of 13.5 percent in population dropping from 1,025 people in 1990 to 887 in 2000. Hartley County, which borders the New Mexico line in the western Panhandle, had a 52.4 percent gain in residents. It grew from 3,654 people in 1990 to 5,537 county residents in 2000, according to the statistics released this week.

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Natural Resources Conservation Commission to approve a permit before the project can go ahead, said City Manager Bob Eskridge, adding, once approved, the piping job won't take long.

Once that project is in place, the \$80,000 water cost "will go away," Horst said.

Eskridge said the current commission has reduced the annual subsidy at the course by about \$20,000 a year by going up on membership and green fees, cart rental and by cutting expenses.

"The problem with the golf course is the number of rounds played," Eskridge said. "We need more."

Commissioner Faustina Curry said, "Golf courses are things you subsidize to some degree."

Further discussing the audit, commissioners

looked at the city's debt service load acknowledging there is little, if anything, that can be done about the amount because it is pledged to fund project costs.

Curry lamented the fact there is no money to do major street work especially needed in the wake of damage caused by the harsh winter.

Mayor Bob Neslage noted Pampa's many city facilities were designed for a larger population.

"We are shrinking in numbers but we have an infrastructure to support that was designed for a larger city," Mayor Bob Neslage said.

"In the last five or six years we have spent a million dollars or so a year for things we had to do because of [state and/or federal] regulations," Andrews said in reference to water, sewer and other mandated projects. "It has been one thing after another with no choice."

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POLICE

shovel while in the upstairs bedroom. The police report did not say whether or not a garden shovel had been recovered at the scene.

The stabbing victim was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural Metro Ambulance Service. PRMC officials had not returned calls and a report on Mrs. Morgan's condition was not available at press time today.

Police questioned Billy Wayne Morgan, who said that he had gone to "his wife's house" to talk with her when they began to argue. He told police that Mrs. Morgan pulled his hair, scratched him, and attacked him with a hammer. He said he left her house, taking a knife that had been used to close the door. He denied stabbing Mrs. Morgan, according to the police report.

A knife and a hammer were recovered from the 434 Carr residence, according to police records. The knife did not appear to have blood on it, the report stated.

After leaving the house at 425 Carr, Morgan told officers he returned to 434 Carr. He said that Mrs. Morgan called him there and when he wouldn't answer the phone, she went to the house and began kicking and beating on the door.

Police reports indicate Morgan had numerous scratches, a bruise on his back and hair appeared to have been pulled from his scalp.

Officers arrested Morgan at the scene and placed him in Gray County Jail where he awaited a bond hearing at press time today.

Officers from the Pampa Police Department's criminal investigation division are continuing to investigate the events surrounding the stabbing.

Two 12-year-old girls charged with trying to drown classmate

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) — Two 12-year-old girls were charged with trying to drown a classmate who refused to lend her swim mask and flippers.

The unidentified girls face attempted murder and robbery charges, St. Lucie County police said. One was arrested Tuesday and the other was arrested the previous evening.

Witnesses said Rebecca Nicole Maines, 12, was swimming in a lake near her home Monday afternoon when the two girls asked her for the mask and flippers. When Maines refused, they jumped in the water, grabbed Maines' gear and began beating her.

Maines told police the girls shoved her head

underwater. A witness, Hoser Rivers, 16, jumped in, separated the girls and pulled Maines out of the water.

Rivers told authorities he had to pull Maines out of the water a short time later when the girls attacked her again.

A police report said Maines had cuts and bruises all over her body.

David Capps, the father of one of the alleged attackers, said his daughter appeared for a court hearing Tuesday and was prohibited from leaving her house for 21 days.

St. Lucie County officials refused to disclose whether the other girl was being held early Wednesday.

Senate supporters leave out allowing religious groups to compete for funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate supporters of a plan to boost religious groups are set to introduce legislation, but they're leaving out the core of President Bush's program — allowing religious groups to compete for government money without divorcing themselves from religion.

The decision comes amid mounting criticism from Christian conservatives, civil libertarians and religious groups that already provide social services.

Bush told reporters Wednesday that his proposal is still on track. "We're moving on a timetable that we're comfortable with. We're moving our package and I'm confident it will be passed," he said.

Sens. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said Tuesday they would introduce a bill next week implementing one of the most popular aspects of the Bush plan, which is allowing tax filers who don't itemize to claim a deduction for contributions to charity. An independent analysis estimates this could produce an extra \$14 billion in charitable giving each year.

The bill also would offer a tax break for banks that allow so-called individual development accounts, which match the money saved by poor people. And it would limit liability for corporations that make in-kind contributions, as Bush has proposed.

They won't include in the bill an expansion of "charitable choice," which allows religious groups to qualify for government money without changing the nature of their programs and without forming secular spin-off organizations,

as most groups looking for funding do now. "Some serious questions have been raised from the left and right about the president's proposal," said Lieberman, who joined Bush six weeks ago at the launching of his plan and has boasted of being an original co-sponsor of charitable choice in 1996.

Charitable choice is already law for federal welfare, drug treatment and community service programs, and Bush wants to expand it to social service programs across the government.

But given the concerns that have been raised, Lieberman said, it makes sense to go slowly, "not to hurry it, not to rush to test the most difficult and complicated questions."

Santorum said that for now, proponents should work to see that charitable choice is implemented more aggressively where it already is law.

"At this point, what you've got to focus on is the fact that these programs are underutilized," he said. As for expansion, he said: "I think it's less important that we fight that battle."

Report: Weather may have contributed to Lifestar crash

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A medical helicopter crash that killed four people last March was partly caused by poor weather conditions, according to a report released by federal investigators on Tuesday.

Pilot Ed Sanneman, 33; flight nurse Lauren Stone, 30; paramedic and former Pampan Terry Griffith, 35; and their 4-month-old patient, Kathy Esparza, died en route to an Amarillo hospital on March 10, 2000, after picking up Esparza from an ambulance on a northern Texas Panhandle highway.

The National Transportation Safety Board's report showed the weather rapidly deteriorated while the LifeStar helicopter was parked on the highway near Coldwater, about three miles from the Texas-Oklahoma border, waiting for an ambulance to bring the ill infant.

"If you look at all the witness reports then you

know they took off in very poor weather conditions," NTSB investigator Jason Ragogna said in Wednesday's editions of the Amarillo Globe-News.

The report did not include the NTSB's opinion on the cause of the fatal crash, which will be released in a few months, Ragogna said. He said fog and ice were not the only contributing factors in the crash.

Witnesses, including an ambulance driver, a paramedic and a sheriff, didn't see the crash, but described watching the helicopter lift off with its lights on and flying low to the ground under considerably foggy and icy conditions.

None of the witnesses saw the crash.

Federal Aviation Administration officials said the BO-105 American Eurocopter had no history of safety problems. The craft was leased to Northwest Texas Hospital by TEMSCO Helicopters Inc. of Ketchikan, Alaska.

State asks Energy Department to find water solutions at Pantex

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — The Energy Department has been asked to submit a groundwater compliance plan for Pantex that will set deadlines for environmental investigations, work to thwart potential contamination of Amarillo water wells and help secure federal money for cleanup.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has requested the plan in the wake of trichloroethylene — a solvent — contamination showing up in one of Pantex Ogallala Aquifer water wells.

Last year, Pantex and state officials acknowledged a nine-month delay in reporting the contamination of a Pantex Ogallala well located near city of Amarillo water wells.

"That is the one incident that has initiated the compliance plan," Musick said. "Definitely, we're trying to stop the contamination from getting to the municipal water supply."

In November, state officials cited concerns about various groundwater problems and told the DOE to obtain a compliance plan that sets up a monitoring or corrective action program.

Musick believes the compliance plan should have been established long ago, but said the TNRCC now must focus on the groundwater issue.

"With the TCE hit, as an agency,

we think that it's necessary at this point in time to step up and require an additional enforceable contract," Musick said.

Pantex officials said they are preparing the proposed compliance plan now, but say it is too preliminary to discuss at this time. The plan is expected to be submitted to the TNRCC in three months.

But Dan Glenn, manager of the DOE's Amarillo Area Office, said Pantex is trying to determine the extent of contamination and work toward eventual cleanup.

DOE is actively attempting to locate sources where contamination originated, Glenn said.

Glenn acknowledges that some neighbors think DOE's cleanup efforts are slow.

"That final fix is long-term, and that I think is a point of frustration for the neighbors in the community," Glenn said.

Beverly Gattis, president of Serious Texans Against Nuclear Dumping, an Amarillo-based environmental group that has closely watched Pantex groundwater issues, said the discovery last year that Pantex and state officials failed to publicly report solvent contamination demonstrated shortcomings in the TNRCC's oversight of Pantex groundwater.

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PCCA membership drive



(Special photo)

Ruth Riehart, right, president of Pampa Community Concert Association, and Willie Mangold, PCCA board member, center, visited with Frances Nooncaster recently about renewing her PCCA membership subscription during the 2001-02 membership drive. To join PCCA or to renew a subscription, contact Riehart at 665-3362, or mail dues to: Pampa Community Concert Association, P.O. Box 1935, Pampa, TX 79066. Fees are \$3 for adults, \$70 for families and \$15 for students.

Public School Week



(Special photo)

Mayor Bob Neslage, center, and two members of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966, R.C. Grider and B.B. Bearden, visit Wilson Elementary School in recognition of Public School Week. Mayor Neslage signed a proclamation making March 5-9 Public School Week in Pampa which urged local citizens to visit their public schools "to observe the excellent work being done by our young people and their teachers and administrators."



(Community Camera photo)

Peg Kehret, above, well-known children's author and speaker, visited Pampa schools recently, discussing with the students her own personal experience with creativity, research and revision as a writer.

Children's author pays rare visit to Pampa schools

Elementary students and faculty were treated to a presentation by children's author Peg Kehret recently when she visited the Pampa schools. The author presented a program to grades three through five and autographed books for students and teachers in attendance.

The Pampa schools were fortunate to have Kehret as a guest

author. She told Judy Hansen, elementary library coordinator, that she rarely schedules school visits any more. Most of her presentations are at reading conferences and library conventions speaking to teachers and librarians.

Kehret discussed her creativity, how she works and the importance of research and

revision. Kehret has written 37 novels for children and enjoys this target audience. The book, "Small Steps," is her biography that tells about the year she got polio at the age of 12. According to Kehret, this was the most vivid year of her life and she likes to write about this age because she remembers it best.

Prairie Rivers Musical, Sing-a-long announces final concert of the season

CANADIAN — Jay Godwin, with Prairie Rivers Musical and Sing-a-long in Canadian, reminds everyone that the show's last scheduled performance of the season will begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 17 at the middle school auditorium, 404 Sixth Street, Canadian.

Running approximately 2 1/2 hours, the family oriented show is free and open to the public.

"The show has really matured since it began in November, 1999," Godwin said. "We had 10 different individuals singing in February plus another one-half dozen musicians entertaining a

fantastic crowd of 300 people. We had people in attendance from across the panhandle who really seemed to enjoy the show even though we played for three hours!"

Returning this month is fiddler and steel guitarist Harold Studebaker of Alanreed, who first played with Prairie Rivers in February. "Harold adds real professional music skills plus he seems to have a lot of fun," Godwin commented. "We're also looking for a repeat performance from Bart Sherrill, singer and lead guitarist from Wellington."

Regular performers have included George Briant, Lonnie Cox, Wayne Wright, Hank and Venita McPherson, Lana Graham, Pat Popham, Gena Christensen, Scott Campbell and Jay Godwin, all from Canadian, as well as Frankie McWhorter of Lipscomb, Phil Ridgway of Higgins and Myron Merz of Wellington.

Returning in March will be the James Rankin family of Canadian. The Rankins combine fiddle, harp, mandolin and guitar in an old-time music style. "Family music groups are very popular with our audience," Godwin said. "Get together with a carload of friends and come enjoy an evening of live country (old!), gospel and rock-abilly!"

For more information, contact Godwin at (806) 323-6213.

Red Cross CPR course



(Special photo)

Matthew Winton, 19-month-old son of Sheila and Gary Winton of Pampa, demonstrated during an American Red Cross, Gray Co. chapter, CPR course recently at Trinity Fellowship Church. The youngster crawled right over and showed the class, conducted by Jana Gregory, just how it's done. March is American Red Cross Month.

PAWCJ to host conference

AMARILLO — Panhandle Area Women in Criminal Justice (PAWCJ), a newly formed organization of professionals involved in the criminal justice system, will host its "First Conference for Women in Criminal Justice" April 12 at Amarillo College Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk.

The event, open to both men and women, will include three keynote speakers and several break-out sessions exploring practical lessons in specialized law enforcement.

For more information, contact Rebecca King, 47th District Attorney, at (806) 379-2325.

PAWCJ was established in an effort to foster a higher degree of confidence and skill in its members as well as to promote interest among students and others of all ages who seek a new direction in their lives and careers.

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Q Tell me why it is inevitable for couples with good marriages to go through "flat spots" or "the blahs," and can you offer advice about what to do when those times come?

A Romantic love is an emotion, and as such, it has a way of coming and going. It tends to oscillate from high to low to high, etc. One of the best ways to regenerate "that lovin' feeling" in the down times is to talk about the time and place when passion ran high. Do you recall those days when you just couldn't wait to see each other, and how each minute away seemed like an eternity? Recalling those moments together is one way to regenerate what you felt before.

Even better than talking about them is re-experiencing them. My wife and I celebrated a recent wedding anniversary by exploring what we called our "old haunts." On a single evening, we went to the Pasadena Playhouse, where we had our second date; we ate at the same restaurant for dinner. The next week we visited the Farmers' Market, where we used to stroll on a lazy summer evening. We talked about warm memories and relived the excitement of those days. It was a wonderful reprise.

Another suggestion is to return regularly to the kinds of romantic activities that drew you together in the first place. You need to put some fun and laughter into your lives, which otherwise can get dreary and oppressive.

A few years ago, Shirley and I found ourselves in that kind of situation, where we had almost forgotten how to play. We finally got fed up and decided to do something about it. We loaded the car and headed for a winter wonderland in Mammoth, Calif. There we spent the weekend skiing and eating and laughing together. That night we built a fire in the fireplace and talked for hours while our favorite music played on the stereo. We felt like kids again.

"The next time you feel that you're losing that closeness you once shared, try talking about your memories of earlier days and revisit the old haunts, sing the old songs, tell the old stories. It's the best bet to rekindle the sparks of romance that first drew you together.

"To keep a marriage vibrant and healthy, you simply have to give it some attention. Water the plant, place it in the sunlight, and it will grow. If you put it in a cold dark corner, however, it is likely to die.

"With a little effort and creativity, you can keep the fireworks in your marriage ... even when the Fourth of July has come and gone.

Q I find I'm more likely to say "no" to my children than to say "yes," even when I don't feel strongly about the permission they are seeking. I wonder why I automatically respond so negatively.

A It is easy to fall into the habit of saying "no" to our kids:

"No, you can't go outside."
"No, you can't have a cookie."

"No, you can't use the telephone."

"No, You can't spend the night with a friend."

We could have answered affirmatively to all of these requests, but chose almost automatically to respond in the negative. Why? Because we didn't take time to stop and think about the consequences; because the activity could cause us more work or strain; because there could be danger in the request; because our children ask for a thousand favors a day and we find it convenient to refuse them all.

While every child needs to be acquainted with denial of some of his or her more extravagant wishes, there is also a need for parents to consider each request on its own merit. There are so many necessary "no's" in life that we should say "yes" whenever we can.

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Erroneous Tax Tip May Send Taxpayers in Wrong Direction

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to the letter from "Tax Tips From a Professional," who offered some helpful income tax filing suggestions. The tax preparer made some excellent points.

However, point No. 7 was incorrect. The Internal Revenue Service no longer issues "temporary" Individual Tax Identification Numbers (ITIN). The process for securing a permanent ITIN is as follows: Complete application form W-7 and take the completed form to the local Internal Revenue Service office along with two forms of identification. The local IRS office will forward your application to the Philadelphia Service Center for processing. They generally issue the ITIN within four to six weeks.

Abby, please inform your readers as soon as possible to avoid the rush at the IRS offices from people attempting to take advantage of this erroneous data. Thank you.

ANNE HAMILTON DAYE, TAX RESOLUTION REPRESENTATIVE, IRS, DURHAM, N.C.

DEAR ANNE: Thank you for correcting the erroneous information in "Tax Tips From a Professional's" letter. I am grateful — and I'm sure my readers will be, too.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

tracts with the caterer, florist, photographer, etc., but my mother still complains about "loose ends." We have agreed on almost everything — except for one thing: the wedding night.

My mother says that after the wedding reception, the bride and groom "traditionally" go back to the mother-of-the-bride's house to say thank you. After that, we can be free to go to our hotel room.

Abby, my wedding reception will end around 10 p.m. My mother's house is 30 minutes in the opposite direction. The flight to our honeymoon destination leaves at 9 o'clock the following morning. If we go from the reception to my mother's house, we won't get to the hotel until after midnight. My fiancé thinks this is another way Mother is trying to control me.

Have you ever heard of my mother's "tradition"?

WHAT'S UP WITH MOM?

DEAR WHAT'S UP: No, I haven't. I think your fiancé is on to something. Take your mother

aside at the reception and thank her profusely for all she has done. Then put on your running shoes and head for the hotel.

DEAR ABBY: Our neighbors have built a chicken coop along the fence that separates our back yards. They have eight chickens and roosters running around inside. It is a split-rail fence so all the "critters," feed bags and other equipment can be seen through the chicken wire.

These neighbors are also friends. The wife baby-sits for us and we have daily contact. We feel they should have asked us if the chickens bothered us; however, it is all on their property.

Abby, we don't know whether to put up a solid fence along that section, plant some bushes, or just forget about it. What would you do?

TOO CHICKEN TO SPEAK UP DEAR TOO CHICKEN: Your neighbors sound like a flock of good people. Be a good egg and plant some attractive, fast-growing shrubbery along that section of the property line. Unless there is a code that restricts raising chickens, they haven't committed a "fowl."

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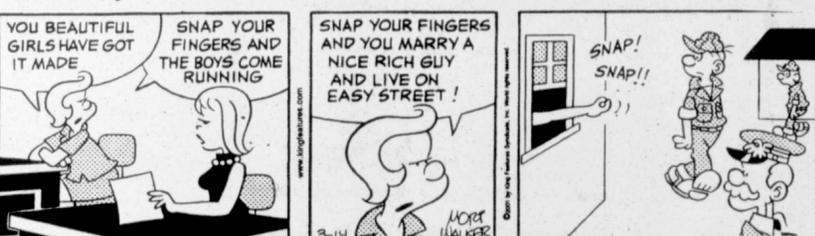
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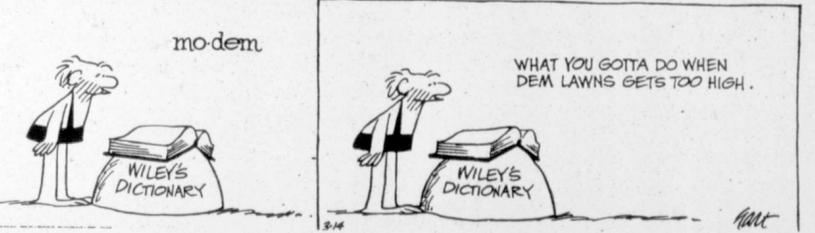
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Horoscope

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Reach out for someone at a distance. Use your high energy and direction. Turn your thinking inside-out. Refuse to limit yourself with negative thinking. Others respond to your caring ways. Tonight: Plan your weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** A partner means well and expresses himself meaningfully. Not everyone understands where you are coming from. Rather than being challenged by the questions, respond openly. Edge away from being overly sensitive. Tonight: Share with a trusted partner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You don't have much to do other than sorting through proposals, phone calls and invitations. Popularity soars, bringing a multitude of options. Don't be worried if another changes his position. People change, situations change. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Join in on a project, and you'll clear it out before you know it. Others respect your advice and appreciate your help. Understand that you are a key player. Make what you want possible. Realize a long-term goal. Take the first step in making it happen. Tonight: Get

some exercise!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Learn to understand another by giving him some space. Your sense about someone changes once you allow more detachment and make fewer demands. Experiment with different ideas. Your ingenuity meets challenges. Use your natural assets. Tonight: Play the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Deal with a partner. You can trust that this person only has the best intentions. Openly review a problem that could impact your investments or home life. Know that there are solutions. Simply seek them out. Don't start a problem where there is none. Tonight: Listen to a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Someone has a lot to communicate. Your view of what can happen here and what is possible could change radically. You might not be aware of how much another cares about you. Discussions revise your point of view. Accept an offer, smiling. Tonight: Be with a special friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Your finances gain because of your natural talents and ways. Others respond to your energy and savoir-faire. You might opt to spend a little in the hopes that you could make more money. Weigh a risk carefully. Understand your limits and communicate them. Tonight: Treat yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You win others over. Understand what is going on with others before you make a decision. Another's offer could be so attractive that you can't

say no. Don't turn yourself inside-out while trying to understand someone better. Be open. Tonight: Anything goes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Do a better job of pulling back and listening. Answers come through the back door. Be sunny and expressive with loved ones and family. You get an unusual perspective and feedback. Revel in the possibilities. Understand how you can sometimes block yourself. Tonight: Rest up. Surprises are on the way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Stay focused on your objectives. You understand a lot more about what is motivating you. Use your charm. Realize more of what you want through networking and friendship. Your appeal draws others. Ask for what you want. Tonight: Favorite spot, favorite people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Take charge, and use your sense of direction. Realize what is happening with someone close to you. Information that comes to you is key. You have a unique ability to make money. A boss or someone in charge changes his direction. Tonight: In the limelight.

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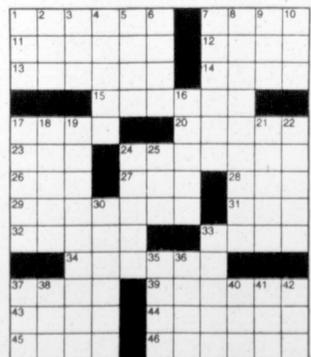
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GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Seniors held a 4-man scramble last weekend.

Results are as follows:

First place: B. F. Dorman, Oscar Sargent, Walden Haynes and Ken Reeves 62.

Second place: Darrell Phillips, Larry Schneider, Lucio Moreno, Marvin Allison and Jess Mathis 62.

Third place: John Darby, Harvey Malone, Jim Howell and Preston Cox 63.

Fourth place: Bill King, Carl Warner, Jerry South and J.B. Hold, 63.

Closest to the hole: Leroy Morris, No. 6.

HOCKEY

CHICAGO (AP) — Ted Donato had a goal and an assist, and Marty Turco made 27 saves as the Dallas Stars beat the Chicago Blackhawks 3-0 Tuesday night.

Donato tipped Sami Helenius slap shot past Jocelyn Thibault to open the scoring at 11:50 in the first period. Donato's sixth goal of the season, on Dallas' third shot of the game, proved to be the game-winner.

Turco, Dallas' backup, earned his second shutout of the season, improving to 10-6.

Roman Lyashenko scored his fifth goal of the season to put the Stars up 2-0 at 16:58 in the first period. After eluding several Chicago defenders behind the net, Lyashenko fired a back-hander past Thibault.

BASKETBALL

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — For 30 minutes, Alabama showed why just two weeks ago it was considered a virtual lock for the NCAA Tournament.

The final 10 minutes illustrated why the Crimson Tide didn't make it.

Alabama rolled to a 21-point lead midway through the second half and held on for an 85-79 win over Seton Hall in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament.

"We're not focusing on the (NCAA) any more," said Travis Stinnett, who scored all 22 of his points and hit six 3-pointers in the first half. "We didn't make it to the NCAA, so we thought we'd try to make it to New York (for the NIT's final four)."

"We're still playing, and that's better than not playing."

In the only other game Tuesday night, it was Memphis 71, Utah 62.

Alabama (22-10), which plays the South Alabama-Toledo winner next Monday or Tuesday, had three players record double-doubles and three score 22 points.

Erwin Dudley had 22 points, a career-high 19 rebounds and a putback on a missed free throw in the final seconds. He had nine of Alabama's 20 offensive rebounds.

"I'm proud of the way our guys bounced back and played hard," Alabama coach Mark Gottfried said. "The last couple of days, I felt like we've been getting beat up (in the media)."

"We certainly wanted to be in the (NCAA) tournament, but we're not."

It was not the finale Seton Hall (16-15) wanted after making it to the NCAA's round of 16 last season and the semifinals of the Big East tournament.

"We're very much disappointed in the way things ended for us," Pirates coach Tommy Amaker said. "A lot of people probably felt they should have been in the other tournament."

"It looks like they are going to try to make a statement in this tournament and that's the way to go about it."

Rod Grizzard had 22 points and matched his career best with 11 rebounds.

Demons win game nobody wanted to play

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Northwestern State's athletic director walked from one end of the court to the other, pointed his disposable camera at the scoreboards and clicked off frames for posterity.

The final score still twinkled in white lights: Demons 71, Eagles 67, 00.0 to go.

The Louisiana school known as the backdrop for the movie "Steel Magnolias" had a little piece of NCAA tournament history to take back to Natchitoches. Northwestern State's 71-67 victory over Winthrop in a novel play-in game Tuesday night gave the Demons a distinction and a challenge.

By winning the game that no one wanted to play, they got to try for the upset that no one has ever pulled off. The Demons (19-12) get a full-fledged tournament game Friday against mighty Illinois, a No. 1 seed.

A 16th seed has never beaten a top seed in the 16 years of the current tournament format. Teams with Northwestern State's seed

NCAA Tournament

have tried 64 times and failed 64 times.

"That's in the back of our heads," guard Michael Byars-Dawson said. "Hey, things happen in the NCAA tournament. We've made history already by playing this game. Why can't we make more history?"

Given the way things had gone in the last three days, the Demons weren't fazed by what comes next.

The Southland Conference champions had to board a bus during a thunderstorm at 5:30 a.m. on Monday just to get to Dayton. They ate breakfast sandwiches while rain pelted the windows, wound up standing in line to order a fast-food lunch at the airport because of a flight delay, and went right to practice when they got to University of Dayton Arena for their workout.

They still hadn't seen any tape of Winthrop (18-13), the Big South champion. That wasn't such a disadvantage — the Eagles

hadn't been able to learn much about them, either.

When they took the court Tuesday in a half-empty arena, sandwiched between "Martial Law" and a monster truck show on TNN, the play-in teams looked like they hadn't slept or practiced much.

The low point of a ragged first half came when Winthrop's Marcus Stewart put way too much oomph on a jump shot from the top of the key. The ball flew over the backboard and slammed off the shot clock.

Stewart dropped his head, and his coach mercifully called a timeout.

"I can't believe he shot it that high," said Northwestern State center D'or Fischer, who scored 10 points and blocked nine shots. "I guess he knew I was a good shot blocker."

The closing minutes were the best, though a big part of the crowd of 6,813 got up and left before the drama unfolded. Josh

Hancock, who won two games this season with last-minute baskets, hit a 3-pointer from the right corner with 1:00 to play to put the Demons in control.

Winthrop made 11 of its 20 3-point attempts, but Tywan Harris had one roll off the rim and another partially blocked by Fischer in the final minute.

The NCAA's first play-in game in 10 years at least had a good ending, even though CBS, TV home of the tournament, was showing "Judging Amy" instead.

"I hold no ill will toward the NCAA for this game, and I wouldn't mind coming back," Winthrop coach Gregg Marshall said. "If they start the season and say, 'Would you like to play in the play-in game?' I'm coming back."

The Demons aren't going home. They have two days to prepare for a challenge far greater than their play-in.

Since the tournament went to its current format in 1985, the 16th seed has lost to the No. 1 seed by an average of 25 points. Only 10 games have been decided by fewer than 10 points.

There have been a few close calls. In 1989, two games were decided by one point. In 1990, Murray State took Michigan State to overtime before losing 75-71.

The last near-upset came in 1996, when Western Carolina missed two shots in the closing seconds and lost to Purdue 73-71. In the last three years, no 16th seed has stayed closer than 19 points.

The Demons didn't know about those numbers. Some of them didn't even know the itinerary.

"We'll play Thursday and we're just going to try to be positive," said Fischer, whose timetable was off by a day.

Given all that had happened in the last few days, their confusion was understandable. So was their gumption.

"When we got here, we weren't used to all the lights," Byars-Dawson said. "We weren't even used to flying. We didn't want to come here for just one game. We wanted to stay for the weekend."

"In this tournament, anything can happen. Who knows?"

Soccer practice



Misty Northcutt (left) and a Lady Harvester teammate take part in a practice earlier this week at Travis Field. Pampa is getting ready to play an El Paso team in the bi-district soccer playoffs at 12 noon Saturday in Odessa.

Small Fry Tournament looking for volunteers

Outdoors

FRITCH — G.E. Merrell, president of the Lake Meredith Small Fry Tournament Association, and Win Bishop, vice-president, are seeking volunteers to assist with the annual fishing tournament to be held April 14.

Volunteers will be needed to staff a refreshment stand, assist with check-in of participants, management of the tournament and distribution of prizes.

"We have had a tremendous response from area businesses donating money and prizes to the event, now we need people from area communities to donate their time on the day of the event," Merrell said.

A planning meeting will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Lake Meredith National Recreational Area Headquarters at 419 E. Broadway in Fritch.

For more information, call 806-857-2541.

CLARENDON — Donley County Tourism Council will hold the first annual Donley County Spring Turkey Strut Festival April 21-22.

The Turkey Strut will take place in downtown Clarendon and will include an extensive festival and a wildlife tour of some of the area ranches.

Other activities include a turkey cook-off, 9-hole golf scramble, strolling bluegrass fiddlers and kids turkey strut contest.

For more information, call 806-874-3889.

DALLAS — There's a new organization forming in Texas with the idea that the ancient art and science of duck hunting deserves yearlong status.

For these hunters, the off-season should be a time for honing skills, acquiring knowledge and sharing information

designed to make duck hunters into environmental and ethical stewards for a sport as old as mankind.

Ironically, it was the ease of communicating through cyberspace that led to the formation of the traditional grass-roots Texas Waterfowl Hunters Organization (TWHO, pronounced with an emphasis on the T, as in T-hoo).

"We've been e-mailing hunting reports through the Southern Duck Hunters Web site at duckcentral.com," said Dan Lynch, an Ennis waterfowl hunting guide who is one of three TWHO state directors. Dave Pulliam of Burleson and Walter Berner of Huntsville are the other two.

It became apparent from Internet reports that duck hunters everywhere were concerned about the same problems. They were seeing a general lack of ethics among hunters who showed an equal disdain for the game they pursued, for their fellow hunters and for the environment.

"There seem to be a lot of duck hunters who really don't know how to hunt," said Lynch. "They don't know where or how to set up decoys. They don't know how to call ducks. They don't know when ducks are in effective shotgun range. They shoot at ducks passing at 150 yards. They frequently set up decoys with no regard for nearby hunters and they leave spent shells and other trash in the hunting area."

In short, slob hunters are ruining the experience for those who would like to do it right. How do you deal with slob hunters? Lynch asked that question in an e-mail. Most responses favored confrontation, never a wise option when everyone is armed with a shotgun. Duck pond rage can be just as ugly and dangerous as road rage.

All-Americans earn a piece of basketball history

By **JIM O'CONNELL**
AP Basketball Writer

Each member of The Associated Press All-America team earned a piece of history with his selection.

Duke's Shane Battier and Jason Williams were the top vote-getters when the team was announced Tuesday, becoming the eighth set of teammates chosen for the first team.

North Carolina's Joseph Forte was next in the voting. Forte and the two Blue Devils became just the second threesome from one conference to make the first team.

Notre Dame's Troy Murphy was the 44th player to repeat as an All-American, while Casey Jacobsen was Stanford's first first-team selection.

Battier, the only senior on the All-America team, was one vote shy of being a unanimous selection by the national media panel. The 6-foot-8 forward was on 70 first-team ballots and had 353 points in the 5-3-1 voting system.

The national defensive player the last two seasons, Battier averaged 19.5 points and 6.8 rebounds in leading Duke, which was No. 1 in the final regular-season poll for the third straight season, joining UCLA from 1971-73 as the only teams to do that.

Battier, a second-team All-America last season, and Williams, a 6-2 sophomore who averaged 20.8 points, 6.2 assists and 1.9 steals, are the first teammates selected for the first team since 1997-98. Both Raef LaFrentz and Paul Pierce of Kansas and Mike Bibby and Miles Simon of Arizona did it that season.

"As nice as it is to get the attention individually, it makes it even better that I can share All-America status with one of my teammates," Battier said. "Hopefully, we can both continue to perform well as we enter the NCAA tournament."

Forte, a 6-4 sophomore, was chosen co-player of the year in the Atlantic Coast Conference with Battier. He averaged 21.6 points, 6.0 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 2.0 steals for the Tar Heels, who finished tied for the ACC regular-season title with Duke. North Carolina lost to the Blue Devils in the tournament championship game.

Three players from one conference were first-team selections in 1995-96, when the Big East had Ray Allen of Connecticut, Allen Iverson of Georgetown and Kerry Kittles of Villanova.

Williams and Forte both received 61 first-team votes, with Williams getting 335 points, while Forte had 332.

"Knowing it's only the second time three players in one league have made the team shows people what a great league the ACC is," Forte said. "It is incredible that of all the schools in the country that play ball, three All-Americans play only 10 minutes apart. It was fun competing against them this year."

Murphy, a 6-10 junior who averaged 22.0 points and 9.2 rebounds in leading the Fighting Irish to their first NCAA tournament since 1990, had 55 first-team votes and 312 points. He is the first repeat selection since LaFrentz in 1997-98.

"It's a tremendous honor to be named a first-team All-American for the second consecutive year," Murphy said. "It's a special feeling this year because of all the success we have had as a team, and that we were able to accomplish our goal of reaching the NCAA tournament."

Jacobsen, the third sophomore on the first team, received 35 first-team votes and 259 points. He averaged 18.0 points and 4.0 rebounds, shooting 47 percent from 3-point range as the Cardinal won the Pac-10 Conference. Stanford finished as the only Division I team with less than four losses.

Jacobsen is the first Stanford player chosen for the first team

since the AP started selecting an All-America team in 1948.

"He came to Stanford with high expectations from everybody and he has met all the challenges," Cardinal coach Mike Montgomery said. "He has expanded his game, and in less than two seasons at Stanford he has established himself as one of the best players to wear a Cardinal uniform."

Iowa State senior Jamaal Tinsley led the second team, and was joined by juniors

Ravens snare eager Searcy

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — Luring free agents has never been easier for the Baltimore Ravens, who have suddenly become very attractive to players looking for a new home.

Elvis Grbac took less money to join the Ravens than he would have received in Cincinnati, primarily because the quarterback wanted to be a part of the defending Super Bowl champions.

Ditto for Leon Searcy, who was eager to join the Ravens as soon as he learned Baltimore was interested in making him its starting right tackle.

"I was thankful, coming off a devastating injury, to have the

world champions interested in me," said Searcy, who signed a \$31.5 million, six-year contract Tuesday. "They're already locked and loaded. I told my agent to just make it happen."

Not content to defend their Super Bowl title with a pat hand, the Ravens have been aggressive in free agency this winter. The additions of Grbac and Searcy should enhance an offense that last year ranked 16th among 31 teams.

"Clearly you can see what we're doing. We have to change the dynamic a little bit if we want to go back to the Super Bowl," Ravens coach Brian Billick said.

Fastest skier



(Special photo)

Wendy Cavalier of Pampa gets some help holding her championship trophy from son Casen during the Texas State Ski Championships held recently in New Mexico. The championships are an annual race hosted by New Mexico for Texas residents only. Fifty-six racers competed for the title of the Lone Star's fastest skier. Cavalier placed first in the women's division.

Rangers win exhibition tilt

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Chad Curtis and Andres Galarraga each hit solo home runs to lead the Texas Rangers to a 7-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Tuesday night.

The Rangers have won four straight, while Boston has dropped eight in a row, including a split-squad game with Minnesota on Tuesday afternoon.

Curtis hit his first homer of the spring on the fourth pitch of the game from Boston starter Tim Wakefield (0-1) to lead off the bottom of the first.

Galarraga hit his third of the spring to center field with one out in the second off Wakefield.

Bo Porter finished 3-for-3 with two doubles and a pair of RBIs and two runs scored for the Rangers. Ruben Mateo doubled twice and scored two runs.

Trot Nixon had three hits, including a double, for the Red Sox.

Doug Davis (2-0) worked the first four innings for the Rangers, and allowed four hits and two runs. After going hitless the first three innings, the Red Sox got to Davis for runs in the fourth on an error by Texas second baseman Randy Velarde and a bloop single by Morgan Burkhardt.

Pat Mahomes allowed two hits and struck out four for the Rangers.

Wakefield allowed three runs and three hits, struck out four and allowed no walks in three innings.

Sometimes, the ball had a mind of its own for Ankiel, Knoblauch

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

Lenny Dykstra reported for spring training almost a decade ago predicting a very good year. He had reason for optimism. "I'm in the best shape of my life," Dykstra said, "and that includes my brain."

There are two guys in camp this spring who'd like to be able to say the same. Rick Ankiel is with the Cardinals, trying to shake the wildness that could derail one of the most promising debuts in a while. Chuck Knoblauch is with the Yankees, hoping to reclaim his job.

Their stories are different, their problems the same. Ankiel is a 21-year-old left-hander, just starting out. Knoblauch is a 32-year-old second baseman with a few World Series rings. After throwing a baseball effortlessly most of their lives, both were suddenly gripped by episodes when throwing accurately became impossible.

Neither has been able to explain it. After games, they stand in front of lockers and struggle through answers that sound like this: Sometimes, the ball has a mind of its own.

Tuesday, Ankiel pitched masterfully. The Cardinals played the Mets in Jupiter, Fla., and Ankiel yielded one hit, struck out two and walked one in two innings work. All but one of his 12 pitches in the first inning were strikes.

"We haven't had a better day all spring," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said. "We've had some really good ones, but today's tops."

La Russa has gone out of his way all spring to protect Ankiel. His last favor was to list Chad Hutchinson as Tuesday's pitcher, even though he told Ankiel days ago it would be his start.

"The fact is he walked out there at 12:30 and there were several thousand people in the audience and we're playing the National League champions," La Russa said. "So he was going to have enough to deal with."

Included were the memories of last postseason. Ankiel was 11-7 going in, with a team best 3.50 ERA and 194 strikeouts in 175 innings. In his next two starts and a relief appearance, he lasted just four innings, walked 11 batters and threw nine wild pitches. Five of those came in one inning against the Braves, something that hadn't been done in 110 years.

In the last game, La Russa brought Ankiel out of the bullpen against those same Mets, hoping to salvage something from his disastrous postseason. Instead, Ankiel threw a warmup pitch that nearly beamed Mr. Met, the club's oversized, baseball-shaped mascot, as he exited the field after leading cheers.

"I think I anticipated it for a little while," Ankiel said about his first real outing. "I'm glad it's out of the way and, hopefully, we can just continue on with spring training and get ready for the season."

Knoblauch should be so lucky. His progress has been from bad to worse. He didn't accompany the Yankees for a game against the Royals at Haines City, Fla., but not because he's made seven wild throws in the previous three days. It turns out he cleared the day off with manager Joe Torre some time ago.

But Knoblauch's timing couldn't have been better. When he handled his last chance cleanly in a loss to the Twins a day earlier, lobbing the ball to first to complete a routine play, Knoblauch drew mock applause.

"Overall, I think his attitude is fine," Torre said. "There's no question this is something that's

there. ... He's just going to have to fight through it. I don't see any other answer."

Torre can be loyal to a fault. Years ago, while managing the Cardinals, he came under fire for playing ham-handed Pedro Guerrero in the outfield. "His only limitation," Torre said with a straight face, "is his ability to move around."

On Tuesday, the manager continued to insist Knoblauch was his second baseman. That's because the Yankees need Knoblauch's leadoff skills, but also because the DH spot is full and figures to get more crowded once the aging ballclub starts feeling the usual aches and pains. An outfield slot isn't an option, either.

"It's going to take longer than this year to go away," Torre said. "He might not make a bad throw from now until July and throw a ball in the stands and there is going to be someone that's going to remind him. That's part of what's happening here."

The list of players driven from the game with the same malady contains a few familiar names: Steve Sax, another second baseman; starter Steve Blass, closer; Mitch Williams and Mark Wohlers.

In an effort to keep their names off the ledger, Ankiel and Knoblauch both spent time recently visiting sports psychologists. They are working toward the same goal, with drastically different time frames.

"I'm leaving no stone unturned," Knoblauch said. "If it happens out there, great. If it doesn't, then I can look at myself in the mirror at night and say, 'Hey, I couldn't have been in any better shape.'"

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Olajuwon's career could be finished

HOUSTON (AP) — It might be all over for the greatest player in Houston Rockets history.

The team has not completely shut the door for a possible return next year by Hakeem Olajuwon, whose season has been cut short by a blood disorder in his leg.

The Rockets said Tuesday that Olajuwon, their anchor over a 17-year career and the player who took them to a pair of NBA titles in the mid-1990s, would be sidelined for the next three to six months. Medication he needs to treat the problem they described as similar to a blood clot raises

the possibility of additional internal injury if he gets banged around on the court.

The medication is a blood thinner called coumadin.

Doctors have refused to clear him to play, ending the season for the 7-foot center out of the University of Houston and first overall selection in the 1984 draft. Olajuwon's contract, which pays him \$16.5 million this year, expires with the completion of this season.

"I wouldn't say it's over," Rockets general manager Carroll Dawson said. "I think it has a lot to do with what happens with his

condition. ... You don't ever say it's over with. You keep every option open. You keep trying to get better."

But Dawson and coach Rudy Tomjanovich clearly were downcast as they spoke of Olajuwon, who did not appear at a news conference late Tuesday, often speaking in the past tense.

"I don't want to project into the future," Tomjanovich said. "I know in talking to 'Dream' he always wants to keep his options open. If it was (the end), I'm really thankful it wasn't a guy walking away from this team in defeat."

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA Basketball Tournament
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EST
OPENING ROUND
Tuesday, March 13
At University of Dayton Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Northwestern State 71, Winthrop 67

EAST REGIONAL

First Round
Thursday, March 15
At Greensboro Memorial Coliseum
Uniondale, N.Y.
Kentucky (22-9) vs. Holy Cross (22-7), 12:20 p.m.
Iowa (22-11) vs. Creighton (24-7), 30 minutes after previous game
Boston College (26-4) vs. Southern Utah (25-5), 7:40 p.m.
Southern California (21-9) vs. Oklahoma State (20-9), 30 minutes after previous game

At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Ohio State (20-10) vs. Utah State (27-5), 12:25 p.m.
UCLA (21-8) vs. Hofstra (26-4), 30 minutes after previous game
Duke (29-4) vs. Monmouth, N.J. (21-9), 7:40 p.m.
Georgia (16-14) vs. Missouri (19-12), 30 minutes after previous game

Second Round
Saturday, March 17
At Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum
Uniondale, N.Y.
Boston College-Southern Utah winner vs. Southern California-Oklahoma State winner, 5:30 p.m.
Kentucky-Holy Cross winner vs. Iowa-Creighton winner, 30 minutes after previous game

At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Duke-Monmouth, N.J. winner vs. Georgia-Missouri winner, 1:10 p.m.
UCLA-Hofstra winner vs. Ohio State-Utah State winner, 30 minutes after previous game

At First Union Center
Philadelphia
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
Kentucky-Holy Cross-Iowa-Creighton winner vs. Boston College-Southern Utah-Southern California-Oklahoma State winner, 7:30 p.m.
Duke-Monmouth, N.J.-Georgia-Missouri winner vs. UCLA-Hofstra-Ohio State-Utah State winner

Regional Championship
Friday, March 23
Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At The Summit
Memphis, Tenn.
Virginia (20-8) vs. Gonzaga (24-6), 12:25 p.m.
Oklahoma (26-6) vs. Indiana State (21-11), 30 minutes after previous game
Michigan State (24-4) vs. Alabama State (22-8), 7:40 p.m.
California (20-10) vs. Fresno State (25-6), 30 minutes after previous game

At The Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans
Texas (25-8) vs. Temple (21-12), 12:30 p.m.
Florida (23-6) vs. Western Kentucky (24-6), 30 minutes after previous game
Penn State (19-11) vs. Providence (21-9), 7:50 p.m.
North Carolina (25-6) vs. Princeton (16-10), 30 minutes after previous game

Second Round
Sunday, March 18
At The Pyramid
Memphis, Tenn.
Oklahoma-Indiana State winner vs. Virginia-Gonzaga winner, 2:15 p.m.
Michigan State-Alabama State winner vs. California-Fresno State winner, 30 minutes after previous game

At The Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans
Florida-Western Kentucky winner vs. Texas-Temple winner, 2:30 p.m.
North Carolina-Princeton winner vs. Penn State-Providence winner, 30 minutes after previous game

At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
Michigan State-Alabama State-California-Fresno State winner vs. Oklahoma-Indiana State-Virginia-Gonzaga winner
North Carolina-Princeton-Penn State-Providence winner vs. Florida-Western Kentucky-Texas-Temple winner

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At University of Dayton Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Illinois (24-7) vs. Northwestern State (19-2), 12:15 p.m.
Tennessee (22-10) vs. Charlotte (21-10), 30 minutes after previous game
Kansas (24-6) vs. Cal State Northridge (22-9), 7:40 p.m.
Syracuse (24-8) vs. Hawaii (17-13), 30 minutes after previous game

At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
Wake Forest (19-10) vs. Butler (23-7), 12:30 p.m.
Arizona (23-7) vs. Eastern Illinois (21-9), 30 minutes after previous game
Mississippi (25-7) vs. Iowa (22-10), 7:55 p.m.
Notre Dame (19-9) vs. Xavier (21-7), 30 minutes after previous game

Second Round
Sunday, March 18
At University of Dayton Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Kansas-Cal State Northridge winner vs. Syracuse-Hawaii winner, 12:10 p.m.
Illinois-Northwestern State winner vs. Tennessee-Charlotte winner, 30 minutes after previous game

At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
Arizona-Eastern Illinois winner vs. Wake Forest-Butler winner, 2:20 p.m.
Mississippi-Iowa winner vs. Notre Dame-Xavier winner, 30 minutes after previous game

At The Alamodome
San Antonio
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
Illinois-Northwestern State winner vs. Tennessee-Charlotte winner vs. Kansas-Cal State Northridge-Syracuse-Hawaii winner

At The Alamodome
San Antonio
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 15
At Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl
San Diego
Georgia Tech (17-12) vs. St. Joseph's (25-6), 2:42 p.m.
Stanford (28-2) vs. North Carolina-Greensboro (19-11), 30 minutes after previous game
Indiana (21-12) vs. Kent State (23-9), 7:55 p.m.
Cincinnati (23-9) vs. Brigham Young (24-8), 30 minutes after previous game

At BSU Pavilion
Boise, Idaho
Wisconsin (18-10) vs. Georgia State (28-4), 12:40 p.m.
Maryland (21-10) vs. George Mason (18-11), 30 minutes after previous game
Arkansas (20-10) vs. Georgetown (23-7), 7:50 p.m.
Iowa State (25-5) vs. Hampton (24-6), 30 minutes after previous game

Second Round

Saturday, March 17
At Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl
San Diego
Indiana-Kent State winner vs. Cincinnati-Brigham Young winner, 5:38 p.m.
Stanford-North Carolina-Greensboro winner vs. Georgia Tech-St. Joseph's winner, 30 minutes after previous game

At BSU Pavilion
Boise, Idaho
Maryland-George Mason winner vs. Wisconsin-Georgia State winner, 3:20 p.m.
Iowa State-Hampton winner vs. Arkansas-Georgetown winner, 30 minutes after previous game

At Arrowhead Pond
Anaheim, Calif.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
Stanford-North Carolina-Greensboro-Georgia Tech-St. Joseph's winner vs. Indiana-Kent State-Cincinnati-Brigham Young winner

Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners

THE FINAL FOUR
At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Minneapolis
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 31
East champion vs. West champion
South champion vs. Midwest champion
National Championship
Monday, April 2
Semifinal winners

National Invitation Tournament
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EST
First Round
Tuesday, March 13
Alabama 85, Seton Hall 79
Memphis 71, Utah 62
Wednesday, March 14
South Carolina (15-14) at Connecticut (19-11), 7:30 p.m.
N.C.-Wilmington (19-10) at Dayton (19-12), 7:30 p.m.
St. Bonaventure (18-11) at Pittsburgh (18-13), 7:30 p.m.
Illinois State (21-8) at Purdue (15-14), 7:30 p.m.
Southern Mississippi (22-8) at Mississippi State (16-12), 8 p.m.
Detroit (22-10) at Bradley (19-11), 8 p.m.
Miami (16-12) at Auburn (17-13), 8 p.m.
UC Irvine (25-4) at Tulsa (21-11), 8 p.m.
Pepperdine (21-8) at Wyoming (20-9), 9 p.m.
McNeese State (22-8) at Texas-El Paso (22-8), 9 p.m.
Villanova (18-12) at Minnesota (17-13), 9:30 p.m.
Baylor (19-11) at New Mexico (19-12), mid-Thursday, March 15
South Alabama (22-10) at Toledo (21-10), 7 p.m.
Friday, March 16
West Virginia (17-11) at Richmond (21-6), 7:30 p.m.

Second Round
Monday, March 19 or Tuesday, March 20
Start times TBA
South Carolina-Connecticut winner vs. Detroit-Bradley winner, TBA
West Virginia-Richmond winner vs. N.C.-Wilmington-Dayton winner, TBA
Alabama (22-10) vs. South Alabama-Toledo winner, TBA
Illinois State-Purdue winner vs. Miami-Urbain winner, TBA
Villanova-Minnesota winner vs. UC Irvine-Tulsa winner, TBA
St. Bonaventure-Pittsburgh winner vs. Southern Mississippi-Mississippi State winner, TBA
Pepperdine-Wyoming winner vs. Baylor-New Mexico winner, TBA
Memphis (18-14) vs. McNeese State-Texas-El Paso winner, TBA

Third Round
Wednesday, March 21
TBA Thursday, March 22
TBA Friday, March 23
TBA

Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 27
Semifinal, 7 p.m.
Semifinal, 9:30 p.m.

Championship Round
Thursday, March 29
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Third Place
Semifinal losers, 6 p.m. Championship Semifinal winners, 9 p.m.

HOCKEY
Western Professional Hockey
League At A Glance
By The Associated Press
Eastern Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Astoria	40	20	5	85	256	188
Tupelo	39	19	5	83	223	157
B-Spreport	39	20	5	83	231	157
Austin	39	19	5	83	223	157
Monroe	32	24	8	72	203	224
Corpus Christi	34	26	3	71	203	221
Lake Charles	26	32	4	56	199	238
Fort Worth	19	40	4	42	181	251
x-Central Texas 14	18	5	33	104	128	

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
New Mexico	41	19	4	86	254	222
Odesa	36	18	9	81	225	177
Lubbock	36	23	6	78	245	211
San Angelo	26	31	7	59	201	264
El Paso	25	28	8	58	176	201
Amarillo	25	30	8	58	202	247

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NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; shootout losses earn one point and are referred to as ties.

Tuesday's Games
Odesa 5, Lubbock 1
Tupelo 4, Monroe 3, SO
New Mexico 8, Amarillo 2

Wednesday's Games
Austin at Corpus Christi
Lubbock at El Paso

Thursday's Games
New Mexico at Amarillo
Bossier-Shreveport at Lake Charles

PRO BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB
x-Philadelphia	47	16	746
New York	38	26	594
Miami	38	27	585
Orlando	34	29	540
Boston	27	37	422
New Jersey	22	44	333
Washington	15	48	238

W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	39	24	619
Charlotte	37	27	578
Toronto	35	30	538
Dallas	27	35	435
Detroit	24	39	381
Cleveland	23	40	365
Atlanta	20	45	308
Chicago	11	51	177

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	44	19	698
Utah	43	19	694
Dallas	41	23	641
Minnesota	38	26	594
Houston	36	29	554
Denver	31	34	477
Vancouver	20	45	308

W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	43	19	694
L.A. Lakers	42	21	667

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Drilling Intentions ...

Intentions to Drill
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & PARSELL Lower Morrow) Range Production Co., #1-121 Remington 'B', 1320 from North & 1910 from West line, Sec. 121, 42, H&IC, PD 13007.
 ROBERTS (WILDCAT & GILL) J.M. Huber Corp., #1-62 Gill, 871' from South & 592' from East line, Sec. 62, M-2, H&GN, PD 142007.

Amended Intention to Drill
 HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #100 Herring 'A', 1627' from North & 5724' from West line, E. Almaguie Survey, PD 3425'. Amended to change well location.
Gas Well Completions
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Amoco Production Co., #1

Big Lake '03', Sec. 103, 41, H&IC, spud 6-15-00, drlg. compl 10-20-00, tested 11-28-00, TD 15400', PBTD 13410' —
Plugged Wells
 GRAY (PANHANDLE) Grand Petroleum Co., #1 Thomas, Sec. 155, B-22, H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 7-14-00, TD 3080' (oil) —
 GRAY (PANHANDLE) Grand Petroleum Co.,

Urbanczyk, Sec. 158, B-2, H&GN (oil) — for the following wells:
 #4, spud unknown, plugged 8-22-00, TD 3137' —
 #10, spud unknown, plugged 8-24-00, TD 3172' —
 ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Sidwell Oil & Gas, Inc., #1045 Thompson, Sec. 45, M-2, H&GN, spud 12-14-00, plugged 1-19-01, TD 11950' (dry) —

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1 Public Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 County of Gray
 TO: TREVOR SHANE COLPETZER, Respondent (s)
 GREETINGS:
 YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court, 223rd Judicial District, Gray County, Texas at the Courthouse thereof, in Pampa, Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation then and there to answer the Petition of LORELEI L. COLPETZER filed in said Court on the 8th day of March, 2001, against TREVOR SHANE COLPETZER, Respondent (s) and said suit being numbered 32142 on the docket of said Court, and entitled: IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF LORELEI L. COLPETZER AND TREVOR SHANE COLPETZER AND IN THE INTEREST OF KIERSTYN D. COLPETZER AND MYCAELA A. COLPETZER, MINOR CHILDREN
 the nature of which suit is a request to DIVORCE said child KIERSTYN D. COLPETZER was born on the 24th day of October, 1998, in LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO
 MYCAELA A. COLPETZER was born on the 25th day of October, 1999 in LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO
 The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the adoption of which will be binding on you.
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14d Carpentry

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21 Help Wanted

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 Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.
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Calendar of events

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

LAS PAMPAS WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY
Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

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.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
In lieu of the March meeting of the Gray County Genealogical Society, there will be a computer workshop from 2-3:30 p.m., March 28 at Lovett Memorial Library. Pre-registration is required. If you have not previously been contacted, call 669-5780 to register.

PHS Mixed Choir



(Special photo)

Mixed Choir students at Pampa High School recently earned first division ratings during UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Above: April Angel, Maggie Ayers, Kera Bruce, Brianna Bailey, Ryan David, Denise Mackie, Michael Martinez and Tisha Platt, all solo, first division; Lauren Acker, Brianna Bailey, Brittany Brazile, Ande Shank, Megan Shannon and Kelly Tripplehorn, all treble ensemble, first division; Acker, Angel, Alan Arzola, Ayers, Bailey, Brazile, Kera Bruce, Jaime Chavez, Davis, Jared Dunham, Jarren Long, Mackie, Martinez, Platt, Shank, Shannon, Kendra Strickland, Tripplehorn and Jacob West, all mixed ensemble, first division.

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Lions Club Sweethearts



Lindsay Langford



Jaclyn Jennings

Pampa Lions Club recently announced Lindsay Langford and Jaclyn Jennings as its Sweethearts of the Month for January.

Langford is the daughter of Melanie and John McBride and Dale Langford and is the granddaughter of Ronnie and Linda Johnson and Catherine Langford. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include: Concert Choir, D-FY-II, dance (Madeline Graves, 5 years), PHS Superintendent Scholar, National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, United States Achievement Academy and Spanish I Subject Award. She is active in Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ and

plans to pursue a degree in business at Texas Tech University.

Jennings is the daughter of Gary and Cinda Jennings and Debbie Chandler. Prior to moving to Amarillo, she attended Pampa schools from second through sixth grade, returning to Pampa her senior year. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include: Student Council (Amarillo), Varsity Girls Track and Field, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Gifted and Talented, Choir, Art Club, Ken Club and Certified Life Guard. She is currently employed as a hostess at Texas Rose Steakhouse and plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall.

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