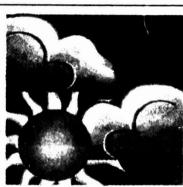
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### No Lotto winner as jackpot grows

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twiceweekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

A winning ticket would have been worth an estimated \$11 million.

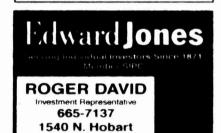
The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 3, 11, 26, 36, 40, 48.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$15 million.

Need some quick cash? Sell those unwanted items using the classified ads in The Pampa News. Call 669-2525 to place your ad.

- Hunky Greene, 62, farmer, rancher.
- Cleo Rose Jasper, 81, sister of a Wheeler resident.
- · D.L. Vinyard, 87, truck dri-
- · Bill Vuicich Jr., 17, grandson of Miami residents.
- · Willie Mae Wheeler, 84, former post mistress.
- Irene Williams, 87, licensed vocational nurse

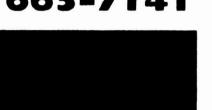
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## Near fatal illness ...



Kelley Stowers is shown in her room at Northwest Texas Hospital pediatric intensive care unit in the early stages of recovery from a near-fatal bout with Toxic Shock Syndrome.

# Teen beats odds, defeats Toxic Shock

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

High School junior, competed in a state swim meet this spring. Her relay team didn't win, but they made a good showing.

While competing in an athletic event at the state level is a remarkable accomplishment in itself, Kelley's story takes the achievement a step further - literally. You see, this time last year, she was learning how to

walk again. It all started on Oct. 23, 1999 when Kelley, then 15, traveled five hours with the high school band to a UIL marching contest in Odessa. Though it was "that time of the month," Kelley said the hectic trip and busy day kept her from changing the tampon she was wearing for almost eight hours.

"The next week, it was Tuesday I think, I telt like I was getting a cold," she remembers.

The high school sophomore went to swimming practice, but as she was getting dressed in the locker room she began to feel "really cold."

Her mother Janet Stowers noticed Kelley was running a low-grade fever and covered her in blankets. Despite Janet's objections, Kelley went to her flute lesson that afternoon. By the time she returned home from the one-hour lesson, Kelley felt much worse and her temperature had risen from 99

A trip to Dr. Nam Lee, the Her concern growing, she amily physician, on took Kelley back to see Dr. Lee family nosis and medication. But by Thursday, Kelley's condition had worsened.

"I couldn't eat anything. I was throwing up and I fainted," she said. "And I started to get red splotches all over me."

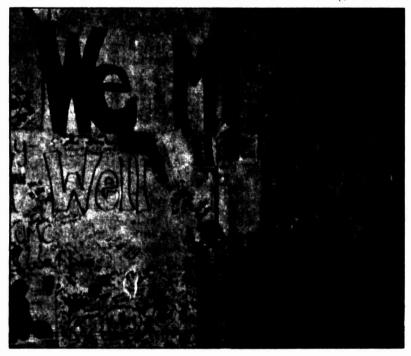
lanet remembers being contused by the red spots, wondering what was causing them to appear on her daughter.

They were a quarter to a

Kelley Stowers, a Pampa Wednesday netted a flu diag- with the help of a friend. By this time, Kelley was so weak she could hardly walk. When the doctor wanted to put Kelley in the hospital, she refused. It was Halloween weekend and she wanted to celebrate the holiday with her

> But Kelley's mysterious illness didn't allow it.

"I remember kids coming to (See TEEN, Page 5)



Posters and cards from well-wishers line the wall of Kelley Stowers' hospital room – one of the first things she saw as she emerged from a coma.

# City, school election filing deadline near

**By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor** 

Only two days are left to file for a position on the Pampa City Commission or the Pampa Independent School District Board of Residents of area towns and schools also have until 5 p.m.

Wednesday to file for a place in those elections.

The mayor's race has two candidates and two incumbent city com missioners have filed for re-election.

Incumbent Mayor Bob Neslage is being opposed in his bid for reelection in the May 5 Pampa City Commission election. Irinity Fellowship Church Minister Lonnie Robbins has also filed for the

Bob Dixon and Jeff McCormick are both seeking re-election on the

Deadline for filing for the May 5 primary is 5 p.m. Wednesday. Those interested in filing for a position on the city commission should file with City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers in the city office.

Filing for positions on area city commissions will also end on Wednesday. The city offices of each respective community is the location to file for a position on the ballot. McLean

Joe Billingsley is the only candidate who has filed for a position on the McLean City Council. Two alderman positions as well as the mayoral post will be decided in the May race.

(See ELECTION, Page 2)

# Robber wields tire iron in store hold up

Police officers were looking for a man today who robbed a Pampa convenience store Sunday night, brandishing a tire tool as a weapon. Officers said Bell Mart convenience store, 1020 E. Frederic, was robbed about 7:30 p.m. Sunday by a lone bandit.

Lt. Fred Courtney said officers responded to a report of an aggravated robbery in progress at the convenience store. He said Pampa Police Officers Cade Logue and Chad Johnson along with Gray County Deputy Morse Burroughs arrived at the store within two minutes of the alarm, but the robber had already fled.

The two women working at the store said the man left on foot.

Lt. Courtney and Officer Keith Morris searched the surrounding neighborhood but were unable to locate anybody matching the description of the robber, officers said today.

Deputy Police Chief Terry Young said today that neither of the clerks were injured in the robbery.

Police described the robber as a 5-toot-7 white male with brown hair and mustache. They said he was wearing a green letter-type jacket with tan sleeves. The robber appeared to be between 30 and 40 years old, officers said.

Young said a man matching that description tried to rob another (See ROBBER, Page 2)

# Man, 42, freed on bond for assault, other charges

A 42-year-old Pampa man was free today on bonds totaling \$3,500 after being charged with assault, failure to identity himself and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Leon Anthony Jacobi. 42, 1140 N. Jerrace, was free today after Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curtman set bond on a charge of assault, causing bodily injuries, at \$2,500; a charge of failure to identity himself to police at \$500, and a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia at \$500

Officers said Jacobi was initially arrested about 2 p.m. Sunday, after being accused of threatening Ionva Renee Roberts, 30, 1140 N. Terrace, with a club.

Authorities said he was released and returned to 1140 N. Terrace to find Roberts packing.

Jacobi was arrested about 11 p.m. after being accused of attacking Roberts with a club and breaking some furniture.

Police reports indicate that Dianne Oday Daniels, 56, of rural Gray County, reported about \$400 in items missing from 1140 N. Terrace about II p.m. Sunday, listing Jacobi as the victim.

Officers said Jacobi told them that his keys were missing. Police said Jacobi offered no resistance to arrest.

Hispanic boom — but many wonder what it means

Mattias of Dallas how he identifies himself, and he'll say "Latino." If you want to use "Hispanic," that's fine with him, too.

Ask him where he's from, and he won't left eight years before he was born. America's fastest-growing population

sector has a love-hate relationship with its definition on the census form. The "Hispanic" identity can provide a sense of strength, but it also obscures cultural differences of people with more than 20 national origins.

America's Hispanic population grew from 22.4 million in 1990 to 35.3 million last year — a 58 percent jump, according to the 2000 census.

Yet in Associated Press interviews hesitate: "Ecuador," the land his parents across the nation, on farms and in big cities, in crumbling barries and sparkling new suburbs, explaining "Hispanic" tied tongues

Terry Trevino-Richard, a University of Arkansas sociologist, noted the things in common: the language, the Roman Catholic faith, the larger, close-knit fami-

unique histories that each one of these groups has -- the different foods, the different types of accents, their different experiences in the United States.

Cuban-Americans tend to be middleincome, conservative Republicans: Puerto Ricans lean Democratic and many are working class. Mexican-Americans make up more than 65 percent of the group. Among the many communities, some came here seeking political refuge, while others sought economic betterment.

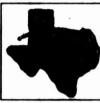
Despite those profound differences.

Still, he said, the term "ignores the community leaders insist that presenting a united Hispanic front is indispensable.

Susana Gomez, a Cuban-American from Alexandria, Va., joined Mexican-American and Puerto Rican panelists at a Washington-area conference to urge the Census Board to continue printing surveys in Spanish.

Grouping the disparate nationalities as Hispanic "provides a more accurate picture of the population," she said, and helps ensure schooling and other services tor immigrant communities.

(See HISPANIC, Page 5)



Monthly Chamber of Commerce Luncheon - Tuesday, March 20th At 11:45 a.m. Speaker: Joe Kyle Reeve, Dean Of Clarendon College Pampa Center; Caterer: Clint And Sons Smoke House; Sponsor: FirstBank Southwest. \$6.50 Per Person Call For Reservations 669-3241.

### Services tomorrow

GREENE, Hunky — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa. **JASPER**, Cleo Rose — 2:30 p.m., Beaver Baptist Church, Beaver, Okla.

### **Obituaries**

### **HUNKY GREENE**

Hunky Greene, 62, of Pampa, died Saturday, March 17, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of the church, and the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Born March 2, 1939, at Pampa, Mr. Greene graduated from Pampa High School in 1957 and participated in PHS football. He married Ann Barnes on July 6, 1968, at Pampa; she died Sept. 25, 1993. He had worked at John Deere Implement and farmed and ranched north of Pampa.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, Top O' Texas Livestock Show Association, American Quarter Horse Association and Tri-State Rodeo Association, serving as former sponsor of TSRA. He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty

Ann Goode; and by a daughter, Jane Ann Greene. Survivors include two daughters, Tammy Didway of Pampa and Ladell Greene of Seattle, Wash.; a son, Will Greene of Pampa; a sister, Nellie McDonough of Happy; two brothers, Jim Greene of Pampa and Dick Greene of San Diego, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Music Department, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065; or to Fellowship of Christian Cowboys.

### **CLEO ROSE JASPER**

BEAVER, Okla. — Cleo Rose Jasper, 81, sister of a Wheeler resident, died Saturday, March 17, 2001. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Beaver First Baptist Church with Dr. Don Rogers officiating. Burial will be in Pioneer Cemetery under the direction of Clark Funeral Service.

Mrs. Jasper married Sidney Jasper on May 15, 1941, at Panhandle and was a longtime member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include her husband, Sidney; a son, Butch Jasper of Amarillo; a daughter, Linda Jasper of Oklahoma City; two sisters, Odra Christopher of Wheeler and Fern Propst of Houston; two grandchildren; and five greatgrandchildren.

### ROBERT L. RAGSDALE

AUSTIN — Robert L. Ragsdale, 85, died a.m. Wednesday in Emmanus Catholic Church child.
with Father Richard McCabe and Father Patrick The family requests memorials be to BSA Ragsdale officiating. Burial will be in Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065. Assumption Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home

Mr. Ragsdale was born Feb. 23, 1916, at Yoakum, Texas, to Robert L. and Ethel Mae Johnston Ragsdale Sr. Inspired by barnstormers in the 1920s, he knew that he wanted to fly. He built his first airplane when he was 12 and still has that airplane on his ranch in Dripping Springs. He attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock and studied mechanical engineering. One day while hitchhiking to town, he accepted a ride with Pearle Baird who became the first name in his flight log, his first legal passenger and finally in, July 1940, his wife.

In 1941, he and Pearle moved to Austin where they owned and operated Ragsdale Flying Service, training flight instructors and pilots for the University of Texas and St. Edward's University. In 1958, the business was renamed Ragsdale Aviation, providing aircraft sales and service to general aviation. Operations were expanded to Houston, San Antonio and Dallas. They sold their final aviation operation in 1984 and retired to enjoy their airplanes, their ranch and their friends. Pearle died in 1993.

Both Bobby and Pearle were active in civic affairs. Bobby served as King Brio XI of the Austin Symphony League as well as a member of the Seton Northwest Development Board, original director and past president of Austin Community Foundation, member and past director of Austin Rotary Club, former chairman of the Board of Austin National Bank NW and director of Austin National Bank prior to the merger with NationsBank. On May 13, 1995, he was honored by St. Edward's University with a Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jim, in

Survivors include a brother and two sisters-inlaw, Bill and Iris Ragsdale of Pampa and Guadalupe Ragsdale of San Antonio; several nieces and nephews, Bill and Jan Ragsdale of Pampa, Joseph and Ande' Ragsdale, Peggy Davis, Jerry Davis and Jim Ragsdale, all of Austin, Michael and Nancy Ragsdale of Walnut Creek, Calif., Father Patrick Ragsdale of San Antonio, and Jane and Gary Judd of Amarillo; several great-nieces and great-nephews, Jereme and Melissa Ragsdale of Lubbock, Alexandria of Pampa and Jeff Davis, Chris Davis and DeeDee Judd, all of Austin; and great-great-nieces, Aubrianna and Emilee of Lubbock.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Emmanus Catholic Church Building Fund or to St. Edward's University. D.L. VINYARD

SHAMROCK — D.L. Vinyard, 87, died Friday, March 16, 2001. Services were to be at 10:30 a.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jack Lee, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral

Mr. Vinyard was born Jan. 18, 1914, in Atoka, Okla. He was a truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Nettie Faye Vinyard of Shamrock; two sons, Bill Vinyard of Kent, Wash., and David Vinyard of Shamrock; a brother, J.R. Vinyard of Shamrock; a sister, Jenel Franks of Farmington, N.M.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### BILL VUICICH JR.

SEMINOLE — Bill Vuicich, 17, grandson of Miami residents, died Thursday, March 15, 2001, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following an automobile accident north of Seminole Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in the Seminole Junior High School Auditorium with the Rev. Jim Auld officiating and the Rev. Bob Webb assisting. Burial will be in Gaines County Cemetery South under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

Mr. Vuicich was born Feb. 27, 1984, at Denver City. A junior at Seminole High School, he was an honor student, a Baptist and a member of National Honor Society, Seminole Indian Swim Team, 4-H and Future Farmers of America. He participated in stock shows and wool-judging team and was an avid fisherman and hunter as

Survivors include his parents, Bill and Sheila Vuicich of Seminole; two brothers, Jerod Vuicich and Nick Vuicich, both of Seminole; his grandparents, Joyce Moore of Miami, Raymond and Bessie Hughes of Seminole and Ruby Hughes of Lovington, N.M.

### WILLIE MAE WHEELER

Willie Mae Wheeler, 84, of Pampa, died Monday, March 19, 2001, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Wheeler was born May 13, 1916, at Finley, Okla. She married Albert "Pete" Wheeler on Jan. 20, 1934, at Antlers, Okla.; he died Feb. 23, 1999. She had been a Pampa resident since the early 1960s. She was post mistress of Kelton Post Office and owned-operated Keys Market in Pampa and Wheeler's Market in Kelton for several years. She was a member of Mary Ellen

and Harvester Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by a brother.

Survivors include two daughters, Voncile Nolen of Casper, Wyo., and Joan Madeen of Rhome; a son, Josh Wheeler of Pampa; nine grandchildren; Thursday, March 15, 2001. Services will be at 11 18 great-grandchildren; and a great-grand-

**IRENE WILLIAMS** 

AMARILLO — Irene Williams, 87, died Friday, March 16, 2001. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Rector Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Danny Logan, pastor of Bell Avenue Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services were scheduled at 1 p.m. in Hillcrest Cemetery at

Born in Wheeler County, Mrs. Williams moved to McLean in 1926 and was in the first class to graduate from McLean High School in 1931. She married Leroy Williams in 1931 at Sayre,

Okla.; he died in 1993. She was a longtime member of McLean First Baptist Church and taught the young married women's Sunday school class. She was a licensed vocational nurse at McLean Hospital for a number of years prior to moving to Amarillo in 1977. She was preceded in death by a son, Gene, in

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Wilson of Canyon and Marilyn Beckham of Houston; a brother, Daylon Johnson of Shamrock; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

### Stocks

The following grain quotations are		Columbia/HCA37	7.00	up 0.51
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		Enron61	1.90	up 0.34
, ,		Halliburton40	0.35	up 1.25
Wheat	2.61	KMI53	3.62	up 0.05
Milo	3.08	Кеп МсGee6	8.02	up 0.93
Corn	3.44	Limited15	5.59	up 0.10
Soybeans	3.58	McDonald's26	.42	dn 0.08
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Puritan	18.00	SLB		up 1.78
		Tenneco		dn 0.20
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Chevron89.06	up 1.56	West Texas Crude		27.30
Coca-Cola48.75	up 0.10	West Texas Crude		27.30

### **Emergency numbers**

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Police (emergency)	
Police (non-emergency)	
SPS	
Water	669-5830

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# **ELECTION**

Incumbent Mayor Joe Homer is the only candidate to have filed for mayor in Groom. Two alderman positions will also be on the ballot. Kenneth Weller, incumbent alderman, is the only candidate to have filed. Incumbent Mary Brooks has hot

### **Panhandle**

Three positions are open in the Panhandle City Council race. Two incumbents, Scott Kennedy and Barry Metcalf, have filed. Brad Maples has filed for the third position.

### White Deer

The White Deer City Council has three positions open in the upcoming council race. Only two people have filed: incumbent Bart Wyatt and Harold

### Lefors

The City of Lefors has two full term council positions open and Gene Gee is the only candidate seeking one of those positions.

Melanie Ray is seeking a one-year unexpired term on the council while the mayor's post has one year unexpired term. No one has filed for that posi-

### SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES Pampa

Only the incumbents have filed for positions on the Pampa ISD School Board as of Monday morning. Bill Jones and Joe Martinez are both seeking reelection to the board.

### Lefors

Five candidates have filed the necessary paperwork and are seeking positions on the Lefors ISD Board of Trustees with the deadline only two days

Buddy Reeves, Sherry Roberts, Michael Ray,

Clay Lock, Jr., and Keith Roberson have filed for three three-year positions on the board. Lock and

Roberson are incumbents.

The only candidate filing for a one year unexpired term on the Lefors ISD board is Bob Jones.

McLean Billy Joe Skipper, Jr. is the only candidate who

has filed for a place on the McLean ISD School

Incumbents whose terms are expiring are Bob Glass, Mike Darsey and Ted Simmons. None of the incumbents have filed.

**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.

Acker has filed for re-election. Also filing is Todd

Harrison.

### Groom

Three three-year positions will be filled during the upcoming school board election at Groom ISD.
Five candidates have filed. They are Clifton Britten, Lonnie Brown, Jigger Britten, Mike Friemel and Ron Kuehler. Clifford Britten is an incumbent. White Deer

Three candidates, including two incumbents, have filed for re-election to the White Deer ISD Board of trustees along with one newcomer. Trustees at WDISD are elected by the place system.

Place 3 incumbent trustee Sherry Kramer along with Place 4 incumbent trustee Gary O'Neal have both filed for re-election. Matt Craig has filed for the Place 5 slot. Incumbent Bruce Brame has not

### Panhandle

Incumbents William Hoffman and Don Bednorz have filed for re-election to the Panhandle ISD. Henry Mitchell has also filed. The top two candidates will be named to the board.

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### **ROBBER** convenience store nearby about the same time

Sunday evening.

Officers said a man wearing a green and tan jacket came into Gas N Stuff, 225 W. Brown, about 7:30 p.m. Sunday. A clerk at the store said the man had his hand in his jacket pocket and indicated he held a gun. The clerk said when he found out the man was not armed, he refused to give the would-be robber any money. Authorities said the frustrated robber left when a

customer drove up to the store.

termined amount was taken from Bell Mart.

No money was taken from Gas N Stuff; an unde-

### **Accidents**

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Friday, March 16

A 1997 white Buick LeSabre driven by Eva Griffin Dennis, 67, 1611 First, was in collision with a 1999 red Dodge pickup driven by Casey Suzanne Blalock, 20, 1500 N. Faulkner, at the intersection of Hobart and Harvester. Dennis was cited for ed \$2,500 in damage when they failure to yield.

### **Sheriff's Office**

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, March 18

Leon Anthony Jacobi, 42, 1140 North Terrace, was arrested on charges of assaulting a family member and causing bodily

Jerry Hicks, 35, 816 N. Dwight, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and indecent expo-

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Friday, March 16

A stolen vehicle was recovered at Crawford and Banks.

Harrassment was reported in the 1200 block of Hobart. Credit cards, \$220 in cash and a

cell phone valued at \$200 was reported missing from a car in the 900 block North Cinderella. Two cars sustained an estimat-

were scratched and covered with polish and toilet paper in the 1100 block of North Cinderella. Saturday, March 17 A car sustained \$450 in dam-

ages in a vandalism case in the 1000 block of Varnon.

A theft was reported in the 1100 block of North Terrace.

the 1100 block of without paying for it. Starkweather.

### An assault was reported in the 1800 block of North Christy. A domestic quarrel was report-

ed in the 900 block of Jordan.

Telephone harrassment was reported in the 1200 block of

Vandalism was reported in the 1000 block of South Banks. An assault was reported in the

1100 block of North Terrace. A window was broken by an egg in the 1000 block of South

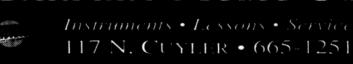
Sunday, March 18 A robbery was reported at the Bell Mart convenience store in

the 1000 block of East Frederic. An attempted robbery was reported at Gas N Stuff convenience store in the 200 block of West Brown.

An aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 1100 block of North Terrace.

Taylor Mart at 404 Ballard reported a motorist pumped A civil problem was reported \$5.00 in gas before driving off

# TARPLEY MUSIC CO.



### **Fires**

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, March 17

10:35 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a medical assist five miles north and a half-mile east of Pampa on Highway

11:56 a.m. - Four units and eight firefighters responded to a false alarm at the Freedom Museum, 600 N. Hobart. 2:35 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster

fire in the 900 block of Terry Road. Sunday, March 18 7:04 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters conducted a check for

carbon monoxide in the 2500 block of Christine. A small amount was

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## Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, Morning low clouds, drizzle and fog this sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest to west winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows around 36. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs around 72. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

STATEWIDE — Light rainfall moved across parts of North Texas on Monday while other areas of the state continued to

sprinkles between Fort Worth and Wichita Falls. Early-morning fog was developing in West Texas as an upper-level low presmorning, becoming partly sure system moved southeastward out of Oklahoma. Temperatures ranged from the

30s in the Panhandle to 50s along the Gulf of Mexico. It was 36 degrees at Amarillo and 57 degrees at El Paso.

Winds were mostly northerly to northwesterly at 5 to 15 mph. Skies were mostly clear from the Rio Grande through the Big

Most rain came in the form of aloft persisted across the West of rain in the South Plains,

Bend to El Paso.

Texas area.

It should be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy statewide through Tuesday.

Daytime highs were expected from the 50s to near 60, with upper 70s along the Rio Grande. A warming trend Tuesday should bring highs into the lower 80s in the Big Bend val-

Lows overnight should drop into the 20s to 50s under clearing

More fog was expected from the South Plains to the A moist northwesterly flow Panhandle, with a slight chance

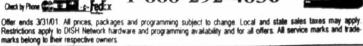
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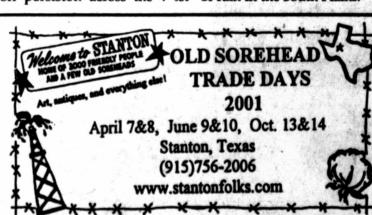
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# Babies see improvements and setbacks in 1990s

**By LAURA MECKLER Associated Press Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) Pregnant women were more likely to see a doctor but less likely to be married. They were less likely to smoke, but their babies were more likely to arrive too early.

It was a mixed bag for babies in the 1990s, when there were improvements in several measures that help predict children's well-being, but setbacks too.

reflect the forces that will shape a young person's life," said a report cent between 1990 and 1998. failing to get care. released recently, "The Right Meanwhile, in Columbus. Ohio, Start," produced by Child Trends, it increased from 4 percent to 12 its poor population probably con- who smoked during pregnancy a research firm, and Kids Count, a percent. project that produces an annual survey of child well-being.

The report, which examined Dallas?" trends from 1990 to 1998 in the 50 states and 50 largest cities, said progress varied widely. Differences may be related to have an opportunity socio-economic, demographic improve." and economic factors, with children born to poor women and racial minorities facing greater risks than other new mothers.

progress during the 1990s than problems, the report said. In did large cities, which lagged behind in almost every measure. And researchers noted wide vari- care, an improvement from 6 per- ideal prenatal care is, such as

In Dallas, for instance, the por-

Tomen who are at-risk include new immigrants who avoid clinics while they work on adjusting their immigration status, women without health insurance, and women who don't visit a doctor until they experience problems or are ready to deliver, Maganla said.

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progress on several measures:

The nation overall made more likely to have babies with health Tuesday editions. 1998, just 4 percent of pregnant from a lack of agreement among said. It ranged from 2 percent in women failed to get prenatal health professionals about what cent in 1990.

tion of pregnant women who there was a significant drop: from pregnancy, Harlass said.

"If you were Columbus, you'd say Drs. Frederick E. Harlass, percent in 1998 as smoking rates say, 'What are they doing in chairman of Texas Tech's obstetsaid Richard rics and gynocological depart- age fell. The portion of children Wertheimer, a senior researcher ment, and Jorge Maganla, direc- born to smoking moms ranged at Child Trends. "If the cities can tor of the City-County Health from 5 percent in Washington,

None who seek help are refused by Thomason Hospital Nationally, the report found and Texas Tech, which jointly did better than the nation as a operate a prenatal care program whole. In the 41 cities with 1998 -Prenatal care: Mothers who throughout the county, Harlass data, an average of 11 percent of get timely prenatal care are less told the El Paso Times for its babies were born to smoking

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babies in El Paso, while others stay away because they want to avoid building up hospital debt that could stall their U.S. immigration paperwork.

Women who are at-risk include new immigrants who avoid clinics while they work on adjusting their immigration status, women without health insurance, and women who don't visit a doctor until they experience problems or

failing to get care.

—Smoking: Nationally, the percentage of babies born to mothers tributed to El Paso's low ranking, fell from 18 percent in 1990 to 13 among all women of childbearing D.C., to 26 percent in West

On this measure alone, cities mothers, "a stunning drop" from Some of the problem stems 18 percent in 1990, the report Miami to 24 percent in Des Moines, Iowa.

> Education: 22 percent of ers with less than 12 years of edu-

Some women receive prenatal cation, a modest drop from 1990's ment problems, plus they have care in Mexico but deliver their 24 percent, consistent with an an increased chance of death in overall increase in high school the first year. Nationally, the graduation rates. Babies with share of preterm babies edged up poorly educated mothers are from 11 percent in 1990 to 12 permore likely to die in the first year cent in 1998. Among cities, the and face a host of other problems average was 13 percent, with St. growing up, the report noted.

State figures of babies born to cent. high school dropouts ranged from 10 percent in North Dakota report to statistics gathered on to 33 percent in Texas. Among birth certificates, which allowed cities, the average was 27 percent, for analysis of cities. down from its peak of 30 percent in 1991. Ranking worst was Los ing over more telling data only Angeles, where 45 percent of mothers had little education.

The nation lost ground on other measures:

-Unmarried parents: The portion of babies born to unmarried births have been dropping, so mothers continued its steady have births to older women. A climb, reaching 33 percent in 1994 and staying there. It ranged from the portion of all teens who give 17 percent in Utah to 45 percent birth in any one year, and by that in Mississippi.

significantly higher in cities: An 15-17 fell 18 percent between 1991 average of 43 percent in 1998. The and 1998, hitting a 40-year low. range was 24 percent in San Differences among states often Francisco to 78 percent in are related to racial makeup, the Hartford, Conn.

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Louis ranking worst at 21 per-

Researchers limited their

But that meant sometimes passavailable for states and the nation. For instance, the report found only modest progress in the portion of all births to teenagers. That's because while teen better measure, experts agree, is score, there's been considerable Out-of-wedlock births were improvement. Births to girls age

report said. On all measures -Underweight babies: Babies except smoking, whites did best

Researchers note that these result from inadequate prenatal racial gaps have deeper roots

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# The silent epidemic that's beginning to roar

AUSTIN — An estimated 300,000 Texans are walking around with a disease that exhibits few or no symptoms, while destroying their livers. According to the March issue of Texas Medicine magazine, hepatitis C is a silent epidemic that is beginning to roar.

as a cause of cirrhosis of the liver. is difficult. Medical researchers predict that "The virus mutates once it gets Magazine." hepatitis C will quadruple the number of liver cancers in the next 10 to 15 years and triple the number of liver disease by the end of this decade.

Hepatitis C is called a "silent" epidemic because it takes an average of 24 years after the initial viral contact to develop cirrhosis of the liver, according to William M Lee, MD, director of the Clinical Center for Liver Diseases at The University of fexas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. In the meantime, the person appears outwardly healthy and strong, showing no signs of the debilitating disease that lurks inside.

So who has hepatitis C? Nearly two million Americans, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Maybe 200 million people worldwide. No one knows for

However, several groups of people seem to be at higher risk. Intravenous drug users, even those who only tried IV drugs once, are at risk. Also at risk are people who received blood transfusions or whole blood products before 1992 - the year blood banks nationwide began screening the blood supply for the virus. People with multiple sex partners also should be screened because new evidence suggests the virus can be transmitted through sexual contact.

While researchers have found it challenging to track the incidence of the disease among most of the population, the jump in hepatitis C is quite notable in the prisons. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice recently found that 25 to 30 percent of incoming inmates have the hepatitis C virus. National statistics echo the Texas findings, with 30 percent of men in p ison and 54 percent of incarcerated woman testing positive for the

The disease poses a serious health threat and challenge to the medical community because there are so many unknowns associated with it, reports Texas Medicine.

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Texas Medicine is the official cult target to hit," said Dr. news magazine of the Texas Adams. "And because the dis- Medical Association and pro-

"We don't know the complete ease has been discovered only vides timely information on medical issues that impact cians. TMA is a professional organization of more than 37,000 physicians and medical student members. It is located TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all

### Elbow condition affects more than just tennis players HOUSTON — Tennis elbow is thought to be an on-court injury,

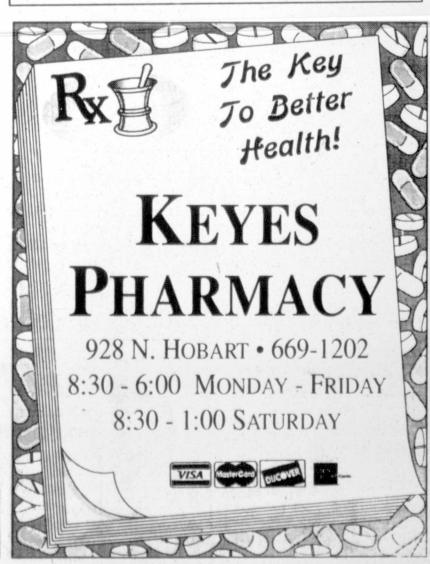
but it can happen in other sports or while performing basic tasks. "The condition was first identified in tennis players, but the majority of people diagnosed with it have never picked up a racquet," said Dr. Evan Collins, an assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Golfers can get it, but many people are injured lifting a briefcase or luggage the

Tennis elbow is an inflammation of the extensor muscles in the forearm, the ones used to extend the wrists and fingers. When the muscles are overused or fatigued, there is pain in the elbow, fore-

In tennis players, tennis elbow is usually the result of equipment problems such as using a racquet with the wrong grip size or one that's too light or too heavy," Collins said. " But in the general public, it can be attributed to a number of activities that put stress Collins said the best initial treatment for tennis elbow is rest and

ice. If that fails, patients may try a counterforce brace such as an elbow strap, steroid injections or a physical therapy program featuring stretching. Surgery is the final option. "Tennis elbow can be annoying, but it can be prevented," Collins

said. "tennis players should try to strengthen their forearm muscles and not rely on their sport to get into shape."



# What if we said "you'll smile again"?



Smiling isn't always easy. Sooner or later age brings adjustments and overwhelming change that can trigger a mental health crisis.

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# Multiple Medications for Seniors Can Do More Harm Than Good

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DEAR LEE: People who have

no reliable caregiver or mentor

to intercede for them when they

start slipping are at a danger-

ous disadvantage. Your letter is

a powerful reminder that peo-

ple who are having their annual

physical examinations should

bring with them a list of every

medication, vitamin and over-

the-counter drug and herb they

are taking. The effects can be

cumulative and debilitating,

and they should be regularly

DEAR ABBY: In a recent col-

umn, I think you dropped the ball

when you commented on the black

man who won a raffle and was first

denied but then awarded the Cadil-

that because of the time and locale

(North Carolina), it was revolution-

I know racism exists everywhere,

but I contend that because the

one. Your intensity and sense of direction

Tonight: Accept one of your many invi-

\* \* \* Plunge into work, with an eye

\*\* \* \* Your mind might be on any-

thing but work. Sometimes, giving in to

have a discussion with a loving partner

or associate. A talk proves to be animat-

\*\* \* Deal with family. You might

need to make a lifestyle change, whether

you want to or not. Open up to new pos-

sibilities. Your sense of humor emerges

with a child or loved one. Think through

a decision that involves your finances

\* \* \* \* Stay focused on the big picture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

good times roll.

You said something to the effect

reviewed by a physician.

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ary that justice prevailed.

are both seniors, and he just recovered from a near tragedy. I am sure it could happen to anyone who takes more than one prescription medication.

My husband was slowly deteriorating to the point of being unable to take care of himself. He was less and less interested in anything; his hands trembled; he couldn't write his name or drive a car; he had difficulty putting two words together; he couldn't remember anything; and his legs were very weak. In short, he was ready for a nursing home.

He was taking 11 different medications several times a day. As his caregiver and the dispenser of his medication, it occurred to me that the drugs could be part of the problem.

I wrote his doctor describing his symptoms and listing all of his prescriptions. Without seeing him, the doctor immediately eliminated two of them and reduced the dosage of others. Within two weeks, my husband's symptoms began disappearing. All of them are gone now, except for the weakness in his legs. He's

doing exercises to strengthen them. Abby, what happens to people who have no reliable caregiver or mentor? Who reads the list of "possible side effects"? I am sure there are people in nursing homes being given the same medications that put them there. Please remind your older readers not to accept symptoms as "just being part of growing

LEE IN WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.

Horoscope

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2001

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

\*\*\*\* The sun moves into your

sign, energizing you. You feel unstop-

pable. Focus on what you want and on

your long-term objectives. You seem to

say and do the right things at the right

times. Follow your instincts. Slow down

to socialize and network. Tonight: The

\*\*\* Others seek you out for your

impressions. You might have a nagging

doubt or a feeling that you have a prob-

lem putting your finger on. Though a

partner helps you work through an issue,

you might still want to maintain a low

\*\*\* \* You enter a cycle in which

success follows you and propels you in a

new direction. Your ability to read

between the lines helps you understand

what motivates a key associate. A friend-

ship could be blossoming into a lot more.

Is this what you want? Tonight: Rent a

\* \* \* Deal on a one-on-one level. A

friend or loved one cares about you more

than you realize. This person loves put-

profile. Tonight: In the limelight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

world is your oyster. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

made and rectified without government intervention or a media cru-Abigail sade, that speaks volumes about our great state. There have always Van Buren been more good people than bad, regardless of the times. The proof is in that story.

> Abby, I read you every day, and with very few exceptions, find you witty, wonderful and wise

CARL BROW, PROUD TO BE FROM NORTH CAROLINA

**DEAR CARL: You are correct** that the incident happened long ago, and it was remedied by people who believed in justice

However, it wasn't until the civil rights movement of the '60s that equal rights were finally realized for every American. While many good people on both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line may have wanted to correct the injustices that prevailed before then, ending them took a tremendous struggle.

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\* \* You might not realize what motilead you down the proper path. Someone vates your spending and sense of direcpitches in with many good suggestions. tion. Expenses easily get out of whack. A family member expresses his feelings. You might want to buy flowers or a new plant. Avoid acting out your anger. Talk about a problem. Tonight: Treat yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \* \* Your instincts direct you with a boss or someone in charge. You know the good times and enjoying the moment exactly what to do and when. Saying litare also important. You might want to tle right now will help you get a better grasp of a situation. Someone might be unusually assertive or aggressive.

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man's injustice was a mistake both ting you on a pedestal. Don't minimize Ask questions that spur not only your his importance to you. Remember, any- creativity, but also that of others. Think thing is possible when you open up. through your answers carefully. Return Tonight: Have a tête-à-tête. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

calls. Good news surrounds you. Carefully review a situation that involves \* \* \* \* Others reveal much more of a neighbor or sibling. Tonight: You make what is in their hearts and minds. Listen the first move. to your inner voice with a child or loved CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

to getting the job done. Seriously consid- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

er a home office, if you don't have one \*\*\* \* Your high energy takes you already. A partner or associate tries to in a new direction. Friends give you lure you into thinking as he does. You strong feedback, whether you seek it or want to go along with him, but honor any not. Being soft and responsive brings the reservations you have. Tonight: Get into results you want. Tonight: Beam in what

ed and informative. Tonight: Let the Carefully think through a decision. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

**BORN TODAY** 

Actress Holly Hunter (1958), director Spike Lee (1957), playwright Henrik Ibsen (1828)

and workplace. Tonight: Discuss a poten-© 2001 by King Features Syndicate Inc.









MA, CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?

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**Beetle Bailey** 

Marvin

B.C.

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FOR YOU TODAY, SARGE ..

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ME HOME,

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT

PLANNED FOR TODAY?

I SEND YOU TO SUNDAY SCHOOL TO LEARN THE BIBLE! — WHO TAUGHT

IT SAYS "FOR SALE -ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND ACRES - OWNER WILLING TO SUBDIVIDE "

YOU THAT !?

- WHO TAUSHT

. IT'S IN MATTHEW

OKAY!

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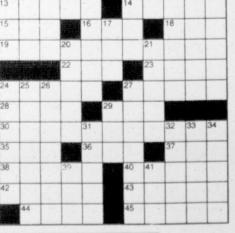
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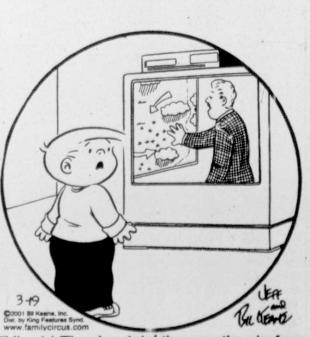
The Family Circus



"Uh-oh! They're doin' the weather before



**Blondie** DID YOU SEE THE FIGHT LAST NIGHT



the news! That's always a bad sign!"

## TEEN

the door and getting candy and all I could do is stay in the back room and throw up," she said. On Monday, Kelley went into

the hospital to be treated for severe dehydration and for

Blood tests revealed that the said. high school student suffered from a severe staph infection and sepsis, a potentially fatal condition where bacteria from a centralized infection enters the blood stream.

"Dr. Lee was trying to eliminate what could have caused (the infection,)" Kelley remembers. "He was asking me if I had been hurt or something. All I could think of was that I'd had a flu shot a couple of weeks

Finally, they centered on the Saturday Kelley had gone to Odessa for the marching competion. Dr. Lee realized the teenager must be suffering from toxic shock syndrome, probably as a result of not changing tampons for eight hours.

"When I read the label (on the tampon box) I realized she had every one of the warning signs, even the red splotches," Janet

Upon their Pampa physician's advice, Kelley was transferred to the care of Dr. Rolf Habersong, pediatric critical care specialist, and placed in pediatric intensive care at Northwest Texas Hospital (NWTH) in Amarillo.

Kelley remembers little about

the next 30 days. By then the girl's fever had climbed to 102 degrees, Janet said. She remembers her daughter complaining, even before going to Amarillo, that it hurt to breathe and it hurt to move her

The Stowers soon learned that these symptoms were indications that Kelley was experiencing adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) that often coincides with toxic shock.

Richard Stowers, trying to learn more about what was happening to Kelley, discovered on the internet that the ARDS mortality rate ranges from 60 to 70

Though Dr. Habersong was Kelley's primary physician, Dr. Eric Levy, a NWTH pediatric specialist, took over the day-today care in the hospital.

Shortly after entering the Amarillo hospital, Kelley's condition worsened as it became more and more difficult for her to breathe. The effort to breathe sapped precious energy needed to fight the infection. Finally, Dr. Levy recommended that she be placed on a ventilator.

As they were about to place Kelley on the ventilator, Janet remembers a commercial for one of her favorite television shows, "ER," came on. Despite the seriousness of the situation, Kelley quipped, "Look, Mom. Now you don't have to watch 'ER', you can just watch me."

"I think we were in shock. I don't think we realized how sick she was," Janet said.

"After getting Kelley settled, I had come home and wasn't going to go back until the next day. I figured this was just part of the treatment phase," recalled Richard Stowers, Kelley's dad. "I realized how serious it was when Mom and Dad (Dot and Dick Stowers of Pampa) were calling and said, 'You better come back. They're putting her on the ventilator."

By now, Kelley's illness had reached the point where it was decided to place her in a medically-induced coma. The next four weeks were touch-and-go for the teenager. As the infection spread, Kelley's body filled with fluid, inflating it by 30 pounds. Her hands and feet swelled to such proportions that medical staff worried the skin would split and spoke of possi-bly having to amputate her fin-

Dr. Levy, known for his directness, asked the family if they had any questions. After they had questioned him, he said, "Don't you have one other question to ask?"

Nonplussed, the Stowers family just looked at him.

"Are you going to ask me if she's going to live?" he said. "To tell you the truth, I can't tell you

right now." Kelley's illness became a month-long nightmare of IV's, medicines, and high tech medical equipment. At times, she had 10 IVs in her body at one time. Medical equipment surrounded her on her bed because there was no more room to

place it on tables nearby. Janet remembers the special

### CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

times to 106 degrees, medical personnel tried to control it by keeping the room cool and wrapping her in a cooling blan-

"We were freezing," Janet

Because her daughter's condition was so critical, a nurse was assigned to care for Kelley heart. exclusively.

"I remember the nurse going around like a chicken with her head cut off and I was just sitting there doing cross stitch that a friend had given me, all heavily sedated for weeks so calm," Janet said. "It was like she wouldn't fight the ventila-(the nurse) took all my nervousness. That's what I had prayed for - patience."

Despite his concern for his daughter, Richard had to keep up with his work responsibilities. He coped by searching for all the information he could about toxic shock syndrome and ARDS on the internet. It was difficult to answer the myriad of questions from friends and coworkers, so he wrote e-mail updates on Kelley's condition. And he grew a beard.

"I decided I'd start a beard and keep growing it until she me was exactly how much mus-wakes up," he explained. "That cle loss she had had," Richard way, anyone could see by look- said. ing at me how she was.

Doctors spent most of the month of November searching deadly infection in the hopes of to walk again. targeting it with antibiotics. Finally, an echocardiogram

air mattress sagging because of indicated a large area of fluid the weight of all the equipment.

As Kelley's fever climbed at Richard explained that his

Richard explained that his daughter had been born with a hole in her heart. Apparently, the staph infection had settled

Dr. Levy extracted a sample of the fluid, and sure enough, it was filled with the bacteria. He continued to siphon seven syringes of fluid off Kelley's

"You could see a change almost immediately," Janet said. "Her temperature dropped in 30

The teenager had been kept tor. Now that her condition improved, doctors began to gently bring her out of the induced coma.

"I was waiting for her to say something about my beard," Richard said. "One day she said, 'Dad, you're gross.' That's when I shaved it.'

Kelley's body, once in top physical condition from swimming, now looked like a refugee from a concentration camp. She had lost 50 pounds in the

"A point that really surprised

Though the worst was over, Kelley still had a long road ahead of her. She was no longer for the central location of the in a coma. Now she had to learn readers and viewers.

Tomorrow: The Road Ahead

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### HISPANIC Mattias, a 32-year-old Dallas tax consultant, agrees

"If I'm asked where I'm from, I will say where," he said, meaning Ecuador. "But the bottom line is I am Latino," the other term encompassing immigrants

from the Spanish-speaking world; both it and Hispanic appear on the census form. Some worry that such generic terms will subsume cultures already fragile from the rough

crossing into American homo-

Guatemalans, Salvadorans, Nicaraguans, all have their own different cultures," Elizabeth Salinas-Newby, 53, a Mexican-American administrator at Iowa's Division of Latino Affairs in Des Moines. "To lump them all together takes away their identity."

Some immigrants from Mexico and Central America have actively protested "Hispanic," saying it obliterates their Indian came here. Kraft foods, on the heritage. In Minnesota, college students went on a hunger strike until it was dropped from forms.

One refuge for those seeking to cultivate the difference is America's Spanish-language media. For the first time, the 2000 census asked Hispanic respondents their national origins, and Spanish-language publishers and advertisers plan to use the breakdown to "microtarget"

"Any time you have information that is segmented, it gives you a better understanding of

the consumer mindset, it gives us better tools to work with," said Horacio Gomes, incoming president of the Association of Hispanic Advertising Agencies.

A campaign using baseball would reach Cubans, for instance, but soccer is more likely to touch Colombians.

And there are the linguistic differences. Four or five different words for tires mean that tire ads aimed at the Hispanic market rely more on visuals to get the message across.

It's not just national origin, said Isabel Valdes, a Palo Alto, Calif., marketing specialist. When you arrived is also an

When we arrive, our mindset is what it was back home. Over 30 years, two generations, you become much more acculturated," she said.

In her native Chile, Valdes grew up with Colgate toothpaste, and she was glad to see it on grocery shelves when she other hand, were a mystery.

### Taliban slaughters cows for atonement

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) Butchers with long knives sacrificed 12 cows in the courtyard of Afghanistan's presidential palace Monday to atone for the delay in destroying two giant statues of Buddha.

The cows were the first of 100 that were ordered killed throughout the country by the Taliban's reclusive leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar.

Omar issued the order, saying the cows would be sacrificed as an offering because of the tardy demolition of 170-foot and 120foot statues of Buddha in central Bamiyan.

The statues were carved from a cliff face in the third and fifth centuries. It took Taliban soldiers nearly two weeks to destroy them after Omar declared the statues idolatrous and against the tenets of Islam.

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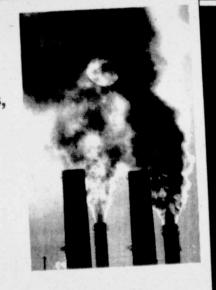
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# SPORTS

# PHS cagers receive honors

Congratulations to Gary Alexander, Tanner Hucks, Victor Brooks, Kirk George and Adam Rodgers. All five of these Pampa Harvester basketball players were named to the All-District 3-4A Team this season.

Alexander, a 5-8 senior and three-year starter, was a first-team all-district selection.

Alexander averaged around 19 points a game and some consider him to be in the same class with former Pampa and Texas Texas star Rayford Young, who is now playing professionally for the Kansas City Knights in the new American Basketball Association.

Alexander is similar to Young in the explosive way he takes the ball to the hoop. Alexander's a better rebounder.

The other Harvesters made the honorable mention list.

Tanner Hucks (5-8 senior) and Kirk George (6-4 senior) both fought off injuries to finish with productive seasons.

Hucks ran the offer e from his point guard position and the 6-4 George was the team's lead-

Brooks, a 6-3 senior, was a fierce rebounder, and Rodgers, a 6-1 junior, specialized in the 3point shot.

Even though the Harvesters didn't make the playoffs, they still finished with a respectable 19-15 record.

The all-district team was led by 6-0 Randall and Kendrick Dickson of Borger.

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senior Kendall Hooker, who was named Player of the Year. Randall's Leslie Broadhurst was named Coach of the Year.

I'm sure the coaches' voting was close between Hooker and Cody Hodges of Hereford for Player of the Year honors.

Hooker averaged 21 points per game and his 115 3-point baskets set an all-time record for boys' players in Amarillo. Hodges, a 6-1 senior, averaged 23 points and became Hereford's career scoring leader this season.

Other first-team all-district picks were J. Fields of Caprock, Calvin Nite of Randall, Tate Lombard of Canyon, Cody Hodges and Slade Hodges, both of Hereford.

Named to the second-team were Cody Marsh of Hereford, Derrick Collins of Caprock, Devin Johnson of Palo Duro, Zach Wilson of Dumas, Garrett Pool of Randall, Jay Roberts of Canyon

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# Pampa girls win bi-district matchup against EP Ysleta

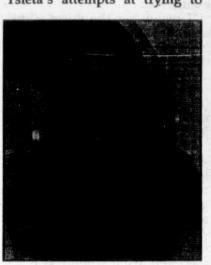
ODESSA — The Pampa girls' soccer team put on an offensive Ysleta's attempts at trying to show in the bi-district round of the Class 4A playoffs Saturday.

Going against El Paso Ysleta, the Lady Harvesters rolled to a 5-1 victory at the Ratliff Soccer Complex.

Sarah Porter, a sophomore, scored 3 goals and Misti Northcutt, a junior, chipped in 2 as Pampa had complete control of the match. Danielle Martinez had an outstanding all-around game as she added 3 assists. Heidi Amundsen and Northcutt each had an assist.

Northcutt got things started when she scored on a short corner kick in the third minute. Martinez had the assist, giving Pampa a 1-0 lead.

Pampa's defense smothered mount an offensive threat of any



Sarah Porter

kind for most of the match.

Goalie Leslie McWilliams made a save on a penalty kick in the first half and the Lady Harvesters allowed Ysleta only 5 shots on goal.

The Lady Harvesters, 12-7 for the season, take on San Angelo Lakeview in the area round. The match is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, but no time or place has been decided yet.

Canyon, out of Pampa's District 3-4A, won its bi-district match against El Paso Canutillo

Pampa fell to El Paso Bowie 1-0 in the bi-district boys' match Saturday. The Harvesters finished the season with a 9-12

# No repeat Final 4 appearances for North Carolina and UNC

By The Associated Press

A month ago, North Carolina was ranked No. 1, riding an 18game winning streak and looking like a fair bet to make the Final Four for the second straight year.

Then it all fell apart for the Tar Heels.

UNC, seeded second in the South, completed a stunning collapse by losing to No. 7 Penn State 82-74 Sunday in New Orleans in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

"It stings pretty good. The finality of it - it hurts," firstyear coach Matt Doherty said. Any team that's ranked No. 1 at some point in the year has a chance to do special things. Things just didn't click for us at the end.

The team that beat North Carolina in the national semifinals a year ago, Florida, also was eliminated Sunday on the same court. The No. 3 Gators were beaten by No. 11 Temple 75-54.

Penn State, in the round of 16 for the first time since 1955, plays Temple in Atlanta on Friday.

Top-seeded Michigan State, which defeated Florida in the 2000 NCAA title game, and No. 12 Gonzaga also advanced in the South.

In Memphis, Tenn., Michigan State beat No. 9 Fresno State 81-65, while Gonzaga topped No. 13 Indiana State 85-68 to get to the regional semifinals for the third year in a row.

The Midwest held to form Sunday, with the top four seeds - Illinois, Arizona, Mississippi and Kansas — heading to San Antonio for Friday's regional semifinals.

In New Orleans, Titus Ivory, Joe Crispin and Gyasi Cline-Heard combined for 61 points for Penn State, which was outshot 47 percent to 44 percent and outrebounded 44-33. But the Nittany Lions had half as many turnovers as the Tar Heels.

UNC has made 27 straight NCAA tourney appearances, won three national championships and produced such stars as Michael Jordan, James Worthy and Vince Carter. Penn State, by contrast, has made just three NCAA appearances in the past 35 years.

"It was a frustrating game," Doherty said. "They had 28 points off turnovers and that hurt. I don't know if I'll ever watch the tape. You can't turn the ball over 22 times and expect to win the game."

His team's first sign of trouble came Feb. 18, in a 75-65 loss to Clemson. The Tar Heels wound up losing four of their last eight games before the NCAA tourna-

Temple, meanwhile, used its trademark matchup zone defense to shut down Florida's up-tempo shooters and shut off

passing lanes. With six minutes left, the Gators had managed only 13 baskets and had committed 11 turnovers.

"We've been walking a tight wire for the last 4-to-5 weeks, Temple coach John Chaney said. With what they've accomplished, I've got to applaud

In the Midwest, No. 3 Mississippi edged Notre Dame Kansas 87, Syracuse 58 59-56 in Kansas City, Mo., to get past the second round for the first time in school history, but the other three game were lopsided. Ole Miss next faces second-seeded Arizona, which beat Butler 73-52.

In Dayton, Ohio, No. 1 Illinois beat Charlotte 79-61 to set up a game against No. 4 Kansas, which defeated Syracuse 87-58.

In Saturday's action, Duke, Kentucky, UCLA and Southern California made it to the round of 16 in the East, while Stanford, Maryland, Cincinnati, and Georgetown won in the West.

Four teams from the Pac-10 (Stanford, Arizona, UCLA, USC) made the final 16. The Big Ten has three representatives (Michigan State, Îllinois, Penn State), and no other conference has more than two teams left in

On Thursday in Philadelphia, the East matchups are No. 1 Duke vs. No. 4 UCLA, and No. 2 Kentucky vs. No. 6 USC. The West games, in Anaheim, Calif., on Thursday, are No. 1 Stanford vs. No. 5 Cincinnati, and No. 3 Maryland vs. No. 10 Georgetown.

Penn State 82, North Carolina

Ivory and Crispin each scored 21 as Penn State (21-11) became the first team to beat North Carolina this season while being outshot. Julius Peppers led the Tar Heels (26-7) with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Temple 75, Florida 54

Quincy Wadley had 24 points and 10 rebounds for Temple (23-

Florida's point total matched the lowest in coach Billy Donovan's five years at the school. The Gators (24-7) shot only 18-for-50 overall, including 8-for-29 on 3-pointers. Michigan St. 81, Fresno St. 65

The Spartans (26-4) had eight players score six or more points and moved into the round of 16 for the fourth consecutive year, tying Duke for the longest current streak. Michigan State held the

Bulldogs (26-7) 17 points below their season average. Gonzaga 85, Indiana State 68

Casey Calvary scored 24 points and Dan Dickau added 20, making all 12 of his free throws, for Gonzaga (26-6).

Matt Renn's 3-pointer for Indiana State (22-12) tied the game at 60 with under eight minutes left, but Dickau answered with a jumper and two free throws to put Gonzaga ahead to stay. **MIDWEST** 

Illinois 79, Charlotte 61

The Fighting Illini (26-7) won a second-round game for the first time since 1989, the only other time they had a No. 1 seed. Charlotte (22-11) missed 13 of its first 14 3-point attempts.

Drew Gooden had 17 points and a career-best 15 rebounds as the Jayhawks (26-6) ended their three-year second-round losing slide. Syracuse (25-9) had its fewest rebounds of the season, 23, to Kansas' 56. Mississippi 59, Notre Dame 56

Mississippi's 5-foot-5 Jason Harrison pulled up and hit a 3pointer with the shot clock winding down and just 46 seconds left to end Notre Dame's first NCAA appearance in 11

Rahim Lockhart led Ole Miss (27-7) with 24 points.

Troy Murphy a two-time American forward, had 17 points but was just 1-of-7 in the second half for Notre Dame (20-

Arizona 73, Butler 52

The Wildcats (25-7) won for the 17th time in 19 games and advanced to the regional semifinals for the fourth time in six years. Butler (24-8) went scoreless for nearly seven minutes during the second half.

### Woods wins in dramatic fashion

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - All year long, Tiger Woods has said that even the best player in the world needs a few good bounces to win.

He finally got them Sunday in the Bay Hill Invitational and, along with some of his old magic, put to rest all this babble about his so-called slump.

In a dramatic duel with Phil Mickelson, Woods was spared another disaster when his tee shot hit a spectator in the neck and stayed in bounds on the 18th hole. Then, he hit a 5-iron off a dead patch of trampled grass into 15 feet for birdie and a one-stroke victory. It this was Dubai, the ball

would have gone in the water. If this was San Diego, the putt would have stayed out of the

Instead, it was a joyful journey down memory lane for Woods, a winner for the first time this year and on a roll as he makes his way north to the Masters in three weeks. "It's always nice to win," said

Woods, who made three birdies on the final five holes to close with a 3-under 69 on a cool, cloudy day at Bay Hill. "Today was very satisfying, the fact that it wasn't a pretty round of golf, but I got the ball in the hole.

Woods, who finished at 273, became only the second player to repeat as champion at Arnold Palmer's tournament. More importantly, he won for the first time in seven starts this year, the longest he has ever gone at the start of a season without win-

Woods won for the 25th time on the PGA Tour in just 96 starts. Better yet, he probably won't hear any more questions about a slump for a while.



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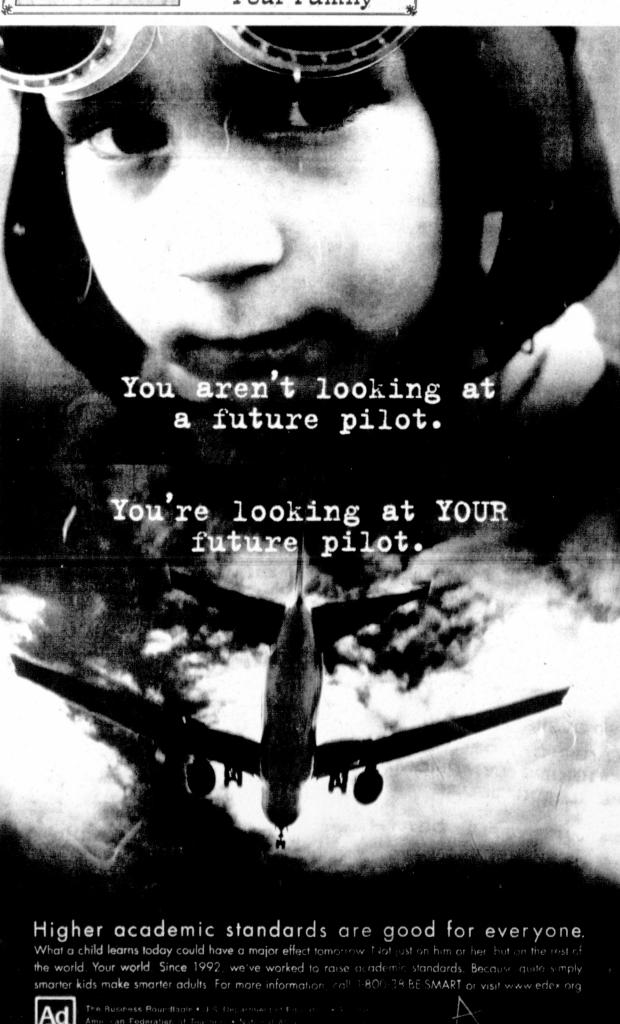
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The Pampa Chamber of Commerce

Dear Members,

You may be aware that representatives from a number of Pampa entities traveled to Austin on Wednesday, March 7, to participate in Panhandle Day. On this day every two years during the early days of the legislative session, representatives . from the upper 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle meet with the Texas Legislature, the Governor's office and regulatory agencies to highlight a number of issues of great importance to our region of the state.

Making the trip to Austin from Pampa this year were Chamber Chairman, Chuck White, Chairman-elect John Curry,

Executive Director, Clay Rice, Mayor Bob Neslage, City Manger, Bob Eskridge, County Commissioner, Joe Wheeley, Dean of Clarendon College - Pampa Center, Joe Kyle Reeve and Republican Party Chairman Doug Ware. As you can see, Pampa and Gray County were well represented. In total about 190 area representatives took part in Panhandle Day. Twenty four teams were created to meet with the legislators. The issues that were discussed included agriculture and the support of legislation to allow creation of rural economic development initiatives and subsequent funding. Another issue addressed was economic development and the opposition to any increase in state reporting requirements or otherwise limiting the ways in which the revenue may be used. A major topic was groundwater resources adding support to legislation that preserves reasonable management of these resources on a local or regional basis. In addition, higher education was discussed including the groups' support for funding of the states community colleges to 100% of the state funding formula.

The team that I was on included the college's Joe Kyle Reeve, a hospital administrator from Memphis, a businessman from Friona and two chamber representatives from Lubbock. We were very impressed with two representatives that our team had the good. fortune on meeting with. Representatives Ignacio Salenas of District 44 and Representative Jose Menendez of District 124, were very hospitable and invited us into their respective offices. They were both very knowledgeable about the issues we dis-

cussed with them and agreed with our positions.

The day was definitely educational and worthwhile. Representative Warren Chisum R-Pampa read a resolution proclaiming the day as Panhandle Day. During lunch we heard keynote speeches from Senator Teel Bivins R-Amarillo, Rep. David Swinford R-Dumas and Rep. John Smithee R-Amarillo. When we had completed our meetings with the representatives and/or their staffs, we had a group picture with Governor Rick Perry and then concluded the day with a reception for members and staff of the 77th Legislature. Panhandle Day in Austin is a very important way for our region of the state to bring

attention to issues that are crucial to our future economic viability. Our thanks to the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce for coordinating this event and also

to the sponsors who helped make this trip possible including several of our members: Southwestern Public Service Co., Energas and Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Sincerely, Clay Rice

Clay Rice, Executive Director

# Banquet tickets on sale

The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of and Citizen of the Year Award on Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

The featured speaker of the evening will be Ms. Marsha Sharp, head coach of the Texas Tech Raider Basketball team. The Chamber is excited to have Coach Sharp speak, as she is in demand as an after dinorganizations each year.

The Chamber invites everyone in Commerce will hold its Annual Banquet Pampa, and the surrounding area to welcome Coach Sharp, enjoy a great meal to be prepared by R&R Catering, and be on hand for the presentation of the prestigious Citizen of the Year Award.

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The Top O'Texans Gold Coats welcome new Pampa Chamber Commerce member Britcare, 800 N. Sumner. Gold Coats, from left, Gladys Vanderpool, Ken Susan Rheams. Winborne, Jerry Foote, John Warner, Chuck White, Scott Hahn, Lee Waters, Bill Hildebrandt, Darville Orr, Joe Kyle Reeve, Pat Montoya, with Britkare representatives, from left, Danny Murphy, Renee Stewart, Melissa Britten, Rhonda Been and Shelly Roach.



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The 72nd Annual Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Citizen of the Year Award will take place on Tuesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

This year's banquet promises to be one of the best ever with R&R Catering providing the meal which will include a ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, green beans and cobbler.

In addition, the big event of the evening each year is the naming of the Citizen of the Year. This award goes to a person who Coach Marsha Sharp unselfishly gives of himself or this award is always eagerly anticipated.

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herself to the community. The Sharp as a speaker is easy to announcement of the winner of understand when you consider just a few of her career highlights both on and off the court. Coach We will also hear from the Sharp has had tremendous suc-Immediate Past Chairman of the cess with her students academi-Chamber Paulette Kirksey as cally, graduating 99% of her playwell as current Chairman Chuck ers. Many have graduated with White. Our featured speaker of honors. Ms. Sharp's teams have the evening will be Marsha won Southwest Conference titles Sharp, Head Coach of the Texas in 1993 and 1994, three straight Tech Lady Raider basketball Big 12 Conference titles and best of all the 1993 NCAA National area. Tickets available at the Coach Sharp is in demand as title. One of her players, Sheryl an after dinner speaker appear- Swoopes was named National ing before many civic organiza- Player of the Year in 1993. Coach order to better serve you

Year in 1993 and 1994. She was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in January 2000. These are just a few of the honors and accolades bestowed upon her during her 18 year career.

Coach Sharp stays busy off the court serving on many boards such as the WBCA Board of Directors, Women's Protective Services and the NCAA Basketball Issues committee. In addition, she is the national chairperson of the American Cancer Society's Coaches vs. Cancer Advisory Board. Born in Washington but raised in Tulia, Texas, Marsha played guard in high school and later played for the Wayland Baptist Flying Queens before starting her coach-

ing career. Please join the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce for our 72nd Annual Banquet. We know you will be glad you did. Our invitations goes out to everyone in Pampa and the surrounding Pampa Chamber, 200 N. Ballard (669-3241). \$20 per person. In



The Top O' Texans Gold Coats welcomed new Pampa Chamber of Commerce member Keyes Pharmacy. Front Row: Gold Coat President, Pat Montoya, Gladys Vanderpool, Missy Roye, Alissha Jefferis, Marlin Rose (Owner), Stacey Reyes, Rheams, Winborne, Back Row: Chuck White, Lee Waters, Bill Hildebrandt, Jerry Foote, Scott Hahn, Darville Orr, John Warner, Joe Reeve.

# Upcoming meetings

will be held in the M.K. Brown Room of the Community Building at 8:30 a.m. Pampa Community Building at 11:45 a.m. Call for reservations at 669-3241.

March 27: Tourism Committee will meet Community Building at 2 p.m.

April 3: Membership Committee will Pampa Community Building at 12 noon Community Building at 10:30 a.m. (Dutch Treat Lunch).

March 20: The Greater Pampa Area April 4: Retail Committee will meet in the Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa

> April 16: Top O' Texan Gold Coat Meeting will be at 11:45 a.m.

April 17: Executive Board will meet in the in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 10:30 a.m.

April 19: Board of directors will meet in meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa

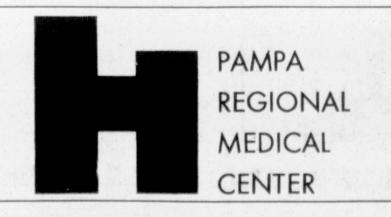
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### Make Chamber banquet plans now!

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