

High today 70-75 Low tonight 40-45 For weather details see Page 2

Walk for Life Sunday, April 22

PAMPA Pregnancy Support Center of Pampa will host its annual "Walk for Life" fund-raiser at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 22, in Recreation Park. Sponsored walkers will receive a free Tshirt. For more information or to volunteer, call PSC of Pampa at 669-2229.

Officers arrested on drug charges

SAN ANTONIO (AP) The FBI, U.S. Attorney's Office and San Antonio police scheduled an atternoon news conference today amid reports that eight city police officers have been arrested on drug charges.

San Antonio TV station KSAT reported that the officers, including a sergeant, had been arrested.

· Billy G. Bridges, 72, retired

· Judge Grainger Walter McIlhany, 82, retired 31st District judge, former state representative.

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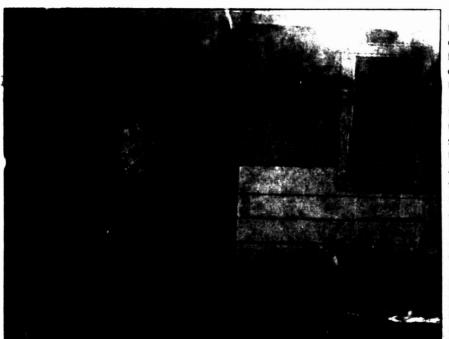
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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Firefighter Tim Roberts, dressed in full gear, listens to instructions from Pampa Fire Department Chief Kim Powell at a house fire at 1105 S. Dwight this morning.

Fire damages home



(Pampa Fire Department photo by Doug Pritchett)
Pampa Fire Marshal Gary

Flames erupt from a north bedroom window in a residence at 1105 Stevens said. S. Dwight. Flames from the fire shooting through the window One of the children threatened the house next door, but fire officials were able to came and told the mothquickly bring the blaze under control. Fire Chief Kim Powell said er about the fire, Stevens the neighboring house's asbestos siding also helped protect it.

Ryan new Pampa site

Lisa Ryan, currently plastics operation manager for Ticona at

She succeeds Riley Kothmann who was recently named site

director of the Celanese Edmonton, Alberta facility and president

Ryan joined Celanese in 1981 as a research engineer at the com-

pany's research center in Summit, N.J. and transferred to the

Corpus Christi Technical Center in 1984. After holding several

operations assignments at the Bishop facility, she was named

Celcon product manager at Ticona's Dallas office in 1996. Ryan

was named to her most recent position as plastics operation man-

Ryan earned her chemical engineering degree in 1979 from

Tufts University. She later earned her master's degree in chemical

engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1981 and a master's degree in business administration from Texas

the Bishop Texas facility, has been med site director for the

Celanese Chemicals' facility in Pampa effective April 9.

of Celanese Canada. (See related story).

ager at the Bishop plant in 2000.

A&M Corpus Christi in 1995.

director at Celanese

Children playing with fire in a bedroom closet caused a morning house fire in South Pampa, fire officials have deter-

Firefighters responded to the report of a structure fire at 1105 S. Dwight shortly before 9 a.m. today. When they arrived, flames could be seen shooting from the north side of the house and heavy smoke poured from windows, doors and from under the root, officials said.

"There were a couple of kids, 3 years old and 4 years old, playing in a closet, I think with a (cigarette) lighter, and caught the clothes on fire,"

(See FIRE, Page 3.)

Filing's over Candidates set for May 5 contest

By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor**

A contested mayor's race will highlight the ballot in the May 5th City of Pampa election while incumbent city commissioners don't have opponents.

And, there is no opposition for incumbents seeking re-election to the Pampa Independent School District as Wednesday was the last day to file in both school and municipal elections.

In the White Deer ISD Board of Trustees race, all three places which are expiring will be contested. The possible closing of the Skellytown campus of the White Deer School system appears to have become a Skellytown versus White Deer issue.

In each of the three places which will be on the ballot, a Skellytown and White Deer resident are pitted against each other.

White Deer's City Council will likely have a father-son team serving together on the council as only three candidates filed for the three

Across the area, nine candidates are seeking three positions on the (See FILING, Page 3)

Planned Parenthood reorganizing; Pampa office will stay open

Planned Parenthood offices will remain in Pampa, but five clinic locations in the Panhandle are closing.

The restructuring and consolidation of the region-wide operations purpose is to cut costs and to increase the variety of services the agency offers.

Services at the Shamrock Clinic will be consolidated with the Pampa Clinic located at 408 W. Kingsmill, effective April 1.

"Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle will discontinue services at five clinic locations in the Panhandle in order to cut costs and to expand services at the remaining nine clinics. Pediatric, mid-life, and male services will be added in remaining locations in addition to traditional family planning services, Claudia Stravato, CFO.

On May 1 clinics in Dalhart, Clarendon and Perryton will close. (See PLANNED, Page 3)

Trail ride Saturday

TIPSCOMB - The benefit trail ride for Kelley Butler has been rescheduled for 9 a.m., Saturday, March 24 at Lipscomb Arena. Riders are required to pay a \$25 donation fee to participate. Butler became a quadriplegic following a horseback riding accident. The event will include a spur rattle at 1 p.m. Rattle tickets are \$10

and will be available for purchase prior to the raffle. A chuckwagon meal for the riders will be served at the arena. Non-

riders may eat for So.

To make a contribution, send donations to. Kelley Butler Fund in care of Follett National Bank, P.O. Box 8, Follett, TX 79034. For more information, call Wayne or Kathryn Paul at (806) 862-4573 or e-mail spranch@vtt.net.

Celanese's Kothmann to head Canada unit

By KATE B. DICKSON

Associate Publisher

of the Pampa Celanese plant, Riley Kothmann will soon leave—things," Kothmann—said—this

tor his new assignment --- site director of the Edmonton. Alberta, Canada, plant and pres-After four years as site director—ident of Celanese of Canada.

"It's one of those bittersweet

enjoyed living in Pampa." Kothmann's new assignment

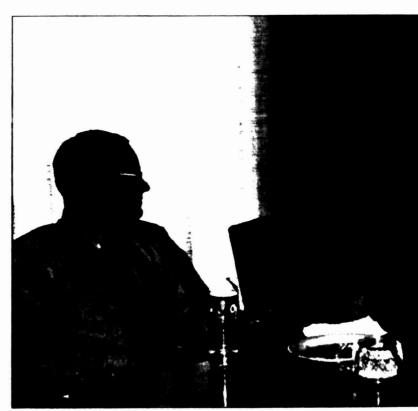
will have him at a larger plant with 700 employees and he and his wife Martha will be living in a large city. Edmonton's population is about 600,000

As president of the Canada operation, Kothmann will involve himself in corporate functions and must learn about that country's different tax laws and other legalities.

Asked at a Pampa Economic Development Corporation board meeting this week about environmental and other regulations in Canada, Kothmann said, "It has its equivalent OSHA and EPA ... they have a lot there to protect, too."

As the couple prepares to leave for a week-long stay in Edmonton to find housing, Pampa plant employees are getting ready to welcome Kothmann's replacement, Lisa Ryan. (See related story).

The Canada plant has a chemical division like Pampa's but also has an acetate division, he (See KOTHMANN, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Riley Kothmann, right, shares a laugh with fellow PEDC board member Jerry Foote at the group's meeting this week where Kothmann received good wishes and thanks.



72nd Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet And Citizen Of The Year Award April 10th 7:00 PM In The MK Brown Auditorium - Tickets \$20 Per Person - Guest Speaker: Marsha Sharp, Lady Raiders Head Coach

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BRIDGES, Billy G. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Amarillo. McILHANY, Judge Grainger Walter — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Wheeler.

Obituaries

BILLY G. BRIDGES

AMARILLO — Billy G. Bridges, 72, died Tuesday, March 20, 2001. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Dr. Chester Beavers officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Bridges, a retired barber, was a longtime Amarillo resident.

Survivors include his wife, Sallie; a son, DeWayne Clark of Dalhart; two daughters, Billie Porter and Mary Birdsong, both of Amarillo; two brothers, Roy Bridges of Amarillo and George Bridges of Friona; two sisters, Inez Johnston of Clarendon and Lucille Vaughn of Groom; 14 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Harrison, Amarillo, TX

JUDGE GRAINGER McILHANY

Judge Grainger Walter WHEELER — McIlhany, 82, died Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Wheeler First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ernie McGaughey, former pastot, of Tulia, and the Rev. Wayne Sheffield officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Judge McIlhany was born April 28, 1918, at Wheeler, to Mortimer and Golda McIlhany. Following graduation from Wheeler High School, he earned a bachelor's degree as well as a law degree from the University of Texas. He married Dorothy Dendinger on Aug. 20, 1955, at Dallas; she died in December 2000.

In 1948, he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives and served in that capacity for 18 years. As a member of the Legislature, he received numerous honors and awards including "The Texas Lawman Outstanding Legislator" recognition. In 1966, he was elected judge of the 31st Judicial District, an office he held until retiring in 1990. Following retirement and until his death, he heard cases by assignment as a senior district judge.

During his tenure as district judge, he was a member of the state's Criminal Justice Council and presided over several cases which significantly impacted such areas of law as medical negligence and oil and gas.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, seeing action in Europe while serving with the 13th Armored Division during World War II, and belonged to Wheeler First United Methodist Church since childhood, teaching Sunday school and chairing numerous committees over the years.

In 1980, he was named Wheeler Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year and received the PRMC. Pioneer Spirit Award in 1999.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include a daughter, Anne Kirkpatrick of Houston; two sons, Tom McIlhany of Abilene and Bill McIlhany of Austin; a sistet, Dr. Mary Lou McIlhany of Baltimore, Md.; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church of Wheeler.

Stocks

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provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa		Enron	52.60	dn 3.29
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Police report

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

Wednesday, March 21

Destruction of property was reported in the 1100 block of Terrace. The property owner reported juveniles had been damaging the inside of a residence causing an estimated \$1,500 damage. Civil charges may be filed, according to police reports.

Criminal mischief over \$50 was reported in the 600 block of East Francis. Parking lot lights and fixtures were damaged at Fellowship Baptist Church, 622 E. Francis.

Kenneth Hartley, 32, Borger, was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for Gray County Sheriff's Office on a charge of criminal mischief. Evelyn Lemons, 41, Amarillo, was arrested on

a blue warrant for two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear. Thursday, March 22

Police took an assault with minor injuries report at Pampa Regional Medical Center Emergency Room.

Thomas Lewis James, 27, 1144 Prairie Dr., was arrested at One Medical Plaza for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.



Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, March 21

Mark Thomas Lamar, 40, 1913 N. Faulkner, was arrested for the Pampa Police Department on a charge of criminal mischief. He was released

Gregory Edmondson, 21, 511 Roberta, was arrested on a violation of probation for possession of marijuana.

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, March 21

5:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Christy and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

7:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of North Russell and transported one

9:45 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Price Road, north of Pampa, and transported one to

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at

Wednesday, March 21 8:34 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters

responded to a Lifestar standby at One Medical 7:16 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters

responded to a false alarm in the 1500 block of West Kentucky. 11:30 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters

responded to a grass fire in the 800 block of West Francis. A failure on a SPS street light sparked and caused small grass fire.

Emergency numbers

Water	
SPS	
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
Police (emergency)	911
Fire	911
Energas	1-888-Energas
Crime Stoppers	
Ambulance	

Cold War adversaries gather to discuss Bay of Pigs

Fidel Castro briefly joined former Florida Straits. Cold War adversaries as they came together Thursday to attempt a dispassionate look at that shaped four decades of U.S.-Cuba politics.

Castro made his appearance as former advisers to President John F. Kennedy, ex-CIA operatives, members of the exile invasion team and retired Cuban military men opened three days of meetings. He personally greeted former Kennedy aide and American historian Arthur Schlesinger, but made no public statement.

"I would like to say that this conference is a victory, a victory over a bitter history and has a hundred parents whom are in this room now," said Thomas Blanton of the National no need for this conflict," said Security Archive, recalling Kennedy's remark that victory members of the Bay of Pigs invahas a hundred parents while defeat is an orphan

Later behind closed doors, the

war" in Cuba "could touch off a chain reaction in all parts of the globe

Kh ushchev issued an "urgent call" to Kennedy to end "the aggression" against Cuba and said his country was prepared to provide Cuba with "all necessary help" to repel the attack.

That was a long time ago and our countries are still divided," Schlesinger said at a news conference Wednesday night.

"I hope that this conference serves one purpose: that Cubans and lacking U.S. air support, from both sides see that there is Alfredo Duran, one of five former sion force who arrived in a delegation of about 60 Americans.

Trained by the CIA in understand the event still divid- government, which had seized

President ing Cubans on both sides of the power 28 months before.

New in office, Kennedy inher-In one document released ited the mission from the Thursday, Soviet leader Nikita Eisenhower administration. "I do Khrushchev warned Kennedy in not believe that Kennedy would the disastrous Bay of Pigs landing a letter sent the day after the have initiated this adventure, but invasion began that the "little I think he felt admiration for the brave Cuban exiles who wanted to go back and fight for their homeland," Schlesinger said.

At the time, Washington worried that the Soviet Union would use Cuba to establish a beachhead 90 miles from American shores. The invasion foreshadowed the crisis that blew up the following year over Soviet nuclear missiles being deployed in Cuba.

The three-day invasion was disastrous. Short of ammunition more than 1,000 invaders were captured. About 100 invaders and 151 defenders died.

Duran admitted that the presence of some former 2506 Brigade members at the conference was been criticized by fellow exiles in rest of the then were to discuss Guatemala, the 2506 Brigade Miami as a propaganda maneutheir roles and examine newly comprised about 1,500 exiles ver by Cuba, but said it was declassified documents to better determined to overthrow Castro's important that the brigade be rep-

Texas Round Up...

Legislator tries to open records access by repealing her own law

AUSTIN (AP) — A lawmaker whose bill two years ago blocked public access to hospital complaints at the state Department of Health now is

working to repeal the law.

Rep. Patricia Gray, D-Galveston, said her bill passed in the 1999 legislative session became a case

of "unintended consequences."
"Somehow it kind of took on a life of its own," she said. "The only thing I knew to do ... was just to repeal it and start over. Sometimes we just screw

up."
The intention of the bill — passed in the final days of the 1999 session — was to give subpoena powers to several state licensing boards, such as those overseeing dietitians and family therapists, Gray said.

The state health department does administrative work for the boards and requested the bill. A confidentiality amendment was added at the request of the Texas Hospital Association after the organization asked for protection of hospital and patient pri-

The intent, Gray said, was for the bill to have a "narrow scope" in keeping allegations private until they are substantiated. For example, she cited the hypothetical case of a doctor accused of sexual assault by someone involved in a fee dispute,

Bills could save at least \$32 million

AUSTIN (AP) — A package of bills that would help curb prescription drug costs could be just what the doctor ordered for the state's ailing budget, some lawmakers say.

So far this session, budget writers were told rising health care cost, including increases in drug prices and use, would cost the state more than \$1 billion in additional funding over the next two years.

"What we're trying to do is find a way that we can deal with that and there may be many approaches to that," said House Public Chairwoman Patricia Gray.

Her committee discussed two dozen bills Wednesday in hope of getting a handle on the sky-rocketing costs. By early evening, the prescription bills were left pending. The Senate Health and Human Services Committee was scheduled to hear similar bills Thursday.

Any savings, especially in health care, would be welcomed with open arms this session as lawmakers work with the tightest budget in a decade. The pinch is being felt from the state's prison sys-

tem to Medicaid to retirement programs for state and school employees. The increases are eating away at the proposed \$108.2 billion budget and any expected surplus.

Bill would list inmates' deaths as 'executions' instead of 'homicides'

HOUSTON (AP) — The death certificates of a stop and a Texas prison inmate, later executed in the engineer. This is like losing a family member."

lawman's slaying, had the same conclusion.

The certificates listed the cause of death in both cases as homicide. But a bill before lawmakers now seeks to change the designation on the death certificates of executed Texas inmates from "homicide" to "legal execution"

"legal execution."

Only a handful of states designate the deaths of executed inmates as homicides, while most carry designations denoting the death was a result of an

The bill is a glimmer of hope for the mother of state trooper Mark A. Frederick, who was shot to death as he approached a car he had pulled over on Interstate 10 near Sealy on April 4, 1976. At 25, Billy George Hughes had just committed a string of petty

larcenies when Frederick pulled him over. Hughes was caught two days after Frederick was shot.

He was convicted and finally executed last year after decades of delays. Hughes' death certificate lists his cause of death as "homicide." Pat Teer, Frederick's mother, appeared before lawmakers in Austin Wednesday to push the bill that would change the designation.

Tech fraternity member indicted in crash that injured girl at home

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Texas Tech University fra-ternity member faces indictment in connection with crashing his pickup truck into a house after a party

and injuring a sleeping girl.

A Lubbock County grand jury on Wednesday indicted Travis William Gilpin, a member of Phi Delta Theta, on charges of intoxicated assault and aggravated assault.

Siera Hanson, 10, was found by her stepfather beneath the truck's fender and a pile of bricks on Feb. 11 when the truck crashed into her room and struck her bed. She suffered broken ribs, a collapsed lung and a torn spleen. Hanson left a hospital Feb. 21 but remains homebound.

Gilpin, 20, withdrew from his sophomore level classes at Texas Tech following the crash and returned to his hometown of Austin.

Returning home from a fraternity-sponsored party, Gilpin said another motorist cut him off, causing him to overcorrect his steering. Police said Gilpin hit a utility pole and veered across six lanes of traffic before crashing into the home shortly after

Boeing to move world corporate headquarters out of Seattle, Wash.

SEATTLE (AP) — Although Boeing Co.'s decision to move its corporate headquarters away from Seattle will mean few lost jobs, many longtime residents say the impact of such a move is enormous.

"Being born and raised in Seattle, this is quite a loss," said Richard Powell, 49, who works at a downtown hotel. "We belong to the (Boeing) credit state trooper who was shot to death during a traffic union. My wife's father retired from Boeing as an

People in the News...

NEW YORK (AP) — Striding be cool. I look forward to it." across the lobby of Grand Central Station, Katie Holmes could be mistaken for a commuter — except for the knot of a dozen autograph seekers who mysteriously appear when she

The co-star of the WB's "Dawson's Creek" was in the train station recently to film scenes for an upcoming episode. Holmes' character, Joey Potter,

travels to New York to visit colleges with Jen, played by Michelle Williams. It marks a change for the series as the Comedian David Spade usually aging actors — Holmes is 22 leave high school. The series has returned to

form in its fourth season after a and he co-starred in the critical and commercial slump. Holmes, whose character lost her virginity for the February ratings "sweeps," said it's a better place to work.

We all found a groove after four years so it's been a really fun year," she said.

Holmes walked down to a Mexican restaurant on Grand Central's newly refurbished lower level, and said she was impressed by her first visit to the landmark.

"It's very exciting," she said. "It's very romantic in here."

LOS ANGELES (AP) Shooting begins in the next few weeks on the sequels to the 1999 sci-fi blockbuster "The Matrix," but Carrie-Anne Moss won't divulge much about them. "The Matrix 2" is set for a

Christmas 2002 release, with "The Matrix 3" expected in sum-

'The scripts are just fantastic and the journey of my character, and for everybody, it's different," she said. "It's just great. So it'll be just interesting to see. It'll her character, Trinity, than just recognize me." sunglasses, leather and attitude.

soul and I just believe in her and Night Live." On "Just Shoot believe in the warrior that she is Me," he plays the sarcastic, and believe in the cause that wisecracking Dennis Finch, she's fighting for, which is for assistant to a magazine publishpeople to be awake," she said. 'The 'Matrix' movies are incredibly deep for me and very much about things I believe in, in my

NEW YORK (AP) needs no introduction.

He's one of the stars on the NBC sitcom "Just Shoot Me," Sheep" films with the late Chris Farley. But there was a "don't vou

know who I am?" moment when he was promoting 1995's "Tommy Boy," Spade tells Cosmopolitan magazine in its April issue.

London," he said, "and we went out with hats and scarves on, like we were Madonna, and are "Company Man," now in nobody cared. Then the hats theaters, and "Heartbreakers," came off. And slowly we wound up at the Hard Rock Cafe with

'Tommy Boy' jackets, saying, Moss, 30, said there's more to 1 m runny and famous. Please

Spade, 36, became a familiar "I look at her heart and her face while on NBC's "Saturday er played by George Segal.

His new film, "Joe Dirt," is scheduled for release April 11.

NEW YORK (AP) - Even a star like Sigourney Weaver can act like a fan.

'The most embarrassing moment of my life was ... I saw someone who looked a lot like Tom Cruise buying something," she told ABC's "PrimeTime Tommy Boy" and "Black Thursday," which airs Thursday So she let out a scream.

"And he turned around and it was Tom Cruise. And I was already known then. I mean I had made a film. And she screamed again.

"I ran out. I was so embar-'Chris Farley and I went to rassed," said Weaver, who starred as Ripley in the four "Alien" movies. Her latest films which opens Friday.

City Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, Partly sunny with highs 70 to 75. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph with higher gusts. Tonight, Cloudy with lows 40 to 45. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. Southeast

winds 10 to 20 mph. STATEWIDE — A weak cold front brought cloudy skies to the Panhandle on Thursday, while light fog developed along

the Gulf of Mexico.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the mid-40s in the Panhandle and East Texas to the mid-60s in the far west. Readings included 62 degrees

at Abernathy and Abilene to 77 degrees at El Paso. The front moved through Borger on approach to Childress

and Lubbock. Winds shifted behind the front to the northwest and west at 5 to 15 mph. Elsewhere in the state, winds were southerly to southeasterly at 10 mph or less.

A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms in the Panhandle and North Texas was expected to persist through Saturday,

with decreasing cloudiness from the west by Sunday.

Daytime highs through Friday should range from the 60s to 70s, with 90s in the Big

Lows overnight were expect

By Monday, partly cloudy skies were expected across much of the state, with highs in the 60s and 70s.

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seeking openings on the city council. In White Deer's City Council race a fatherson team will likely be serving together on the council.

MUNICIPAL RACES

Pampa Incumbent Mayor Bob Neslage will have opposition in his bid for re-election in the May 5 election as Trinity Fellowship Church Minister Lonnie Robbins has also filed for the

Bob Dixon and Jeff McCormick, both incumbents, do not have any opposition for their places on the city commission.

McLean

In McLean, Councilman Bob Martin was

the only candidate to file in the mayor's race. According to City Secretary Toni Bohlar if no one files as a declared write-in by the 5 p.m. Monday, March 26, deadline, Martin will automatically be declared the next mayor of McLean.

Bohlar said the McLean City Council will appoint someone following the election to complete the year left on Martin's unexpired councilman position.

Three candidates are vying for the two councilman positions on the ballot. Incumbents Doyle Lee and Joe Billingsley are both seeking re-election while Dennis Ward has also tossed his hat in the ring.

Groom

Mayor Joe Homer will automatically retain his mayoral post if no one files as a declared write-in by Monday's deadline as there were no candidates to file against him.

Four candidates are seeking two positions on the city council. Incumbent Kenneth Weller is seeking reelection. Forrest McLaughlin, Chris Welch and Rick Prather are also seeking a spot on the ballot. The top two vote getters will be elected.

Panhandle will not have to have a city council race if no one files as a write-in by the 5 p.m. deadline on Monday.

Only three candidates filed for the three open positions. Incumbents Scott Kennedy CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

and Barry Metcalf both filed while Brad Maples is seeking the third position. White Deer

White Deer's City Council will likely have a father-son duo serving on the council three three-year terms on the board of together. Incumbents Britt Reid and Bart trustees. Incumbent Mike Darsey is seeking Wyatt filed for re-election to their places on the council. Joining the race for the third position is Reid's father, Harold Reid.

City Secretary Rosa Bilderback said there will not have to be an election for the three ters will be elected to the board. positions if no one signs up as a declared write-in on Monday.

In Lefors, no one seems to want to be mayor. Noel Clemmons was elected in the 2000 election to the two-year position. However, according to City Secretary Judy Williams, he resigned after only one month due to health problems. Melinda Forsythe was appointed to serve until the 2001 election. However, she chose not to seek the unexpired term in the election.

the election division of the Secretary of State's office to learn how to proceed.

Two two-year council positions are open on the council, and only one candidate, Gene Gee, filed before the filing deadline. Williams said possibly another candidate will file as a declared write-in. If not, the Secretary of State's office will have to advise them on the required procedure.

Melanie Ray is the only candidate seeking a one-year unexpired term on the council. SCHOOL RACES

Pampa Only the incumbents, Joe Martinez and Bill Jones, are seeking the two positions on the Pohnert. Pampa ISD trustee race.

Lefors In Lefors ISD race, eight candidates are of Skellytown. seeking the three three-year positions on the

The three incumbents, Clay Lock, Jr., Keith Roberson and Barry Jackson are being challenged by Bruce Withers, Jay Henson, Buddy

Reeves, Sherry Roberts and Michael Ray. Six candidates are seeking a one-year unexpired term currently held by Richard Harkcom. Harkcom is seeking election to the position he has been serving due to appoint-

Also seeking the unexpired term are Debra Kent, R.M. (Bob) Jones, Taylor Brooks, Julie Sims and Kevin Burrows.

In McLean nine candidates are seeking re-lection while Billy Joe Skipper, Jr. Donnie Basham, Joe Riley, Terri Adams, Toni Bohlar, Linda Syfrett, Jody Smith and Floyd Skipper have also signed up. The top three vote-get-

Grand view-Hopkins

Grandview-Hopkins ISD will not have to hold an election if no one signs up as a writein candidate. Two people signed up for the two positions on the ballot. Incumbent Greg Acker and Todd Harrison. Incumbent Don-Aderholt did not seek re-election.

Groom

Groom ISD voters will be selecting three board members, according Superintendent John Wilson.

Six candidates have filed. There are Williams said she is waiting on a call from Clifton Britten, Lonnie Brown, Jigger Britten, Mike Friemel, Ron Kuehler and Carla Koetting. Clifton Britten is the only incumbent.

White Deer

White Deer ISD selects their board members by the place system, and all three positions to be selected are contested

In each race a Skellytown resident and a White Deer resident are facing each other. Controversy over the possibly closing of the Skellytown campus of the White Deer ISD is expected to be the major issue.

In Place Three, incumbent Sherry Kramer of Skellytown is being challenged by Dudley

Place Four has incumbent Gary O'Neal of White Deer being challenged by Terri Cone

In Place 5, incumbent Bruce Brame is not seeking re-election. Matthew J. Craig of White Deer and Vance R. Griffith of Skellytown are vying for the position on the

Panhandle

Panhandle ISD voters will select the top two candidates in a four-way race. Incumbents William Hoffman and Don Bednorz are being challenged by Henry Mitchell and Robin Moseley.

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FIRE

said. When the woman entered the bedroom she saw the closet was on fire. The two little girls and their mother were able to escape from the home unharmed, he said

Flames from the north window threatened the residence next to the house, but firefighters were able to control the blaze in time, Fire Chief Kim Powell said. The neighboring

house's asbestos siding helped protect from the house, but he did not know the names of the flames, she added.

Neighbors standing in their yards and at their windows and doors watched as firefighters laid water lines, donned full gear, and worked to control the fire. A young child sat in the door of a white minivan in the driveway of the residence, while a woman stood by holding another small child covered with

Stevens said Alberto Ramirez is owner of

the children or the mother.

Officials called the local chapter of the American Red Cross to notify four other children attending Lamar School of the house fire. The mother told firefighters she did not want her children to come home from school and see their house in that condition.

Damage to the house is estimated at \$20,000. The house next door received no damage, firefighters said.

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PLANNED

Patients in Perryton can receive family planning services at the Title V Clinic operated by the Perryton Hospital. Dalhart Clinic will only be closed temporarily because there are no similar services in the community. In the interim, Dalhart patients will be seen in Dumas. Clarendon patients

can receive services in either Memphis or child services and mid-life services. Childress, and West Amarillo patients will Educational programs include middle and be seen at the Downtown Amarillo or the Canyon Clinics.

She said PPATP has over 30,000 patient visits per year.

Among the services provided are family planning and contraceptive services, screening for sexually transmitted diseases, cancer, records may be obtained by contacting 800 and cardiovascular disease, pediatric well-

high school programs in addition to parent training programs.

Nine sites will remain active in Amarillo, Borger, Canyon, Childress, Dumas, Hereford, Memphis, Pampa and Tulia.

Information about transferring medical

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KOTHMANN

said. Acetate is used in film, fibers and cigarette filters.

To make things more interesting for the Kothmann's as they get ready to move, the couple has a daughter, Delia Kothmann, who is getting married in mid-May. She has a masters in psychology and is preparing to enter a doctorate program at Rice. Their son, John Kothmann, works for US Filter in Alexandria, La.

While much will be different for the Kothmanns in Canada, he says the lay of the land is similar to the panhandle and the people in the Alberta province are similar to those in this part of Texas.

"They have the pioneer spirit, too," Kothmann said. "They've had to struggle against nature ... much like the people in the panhandle have done.

Kothmann, who says he's "almost 51," has been with Kothmanns have been communi-Celanese since 1978, serving in cants of St. Vincent de Paul several capacities as he has moved up the corporate ladder something that involves a relocation "about every five years."

Among things he'll miss, is serving on the PEDC board.

"I've really enjoyed that," he said. "It has allowed me to understand the community a lot better and to be involved in its future. The PEDC has been one of my more favorite community outreach activities."

active in the local home schooling effort here by teaching art to some of those students. She's also been known for being "a great cook," her husband said, adding that the couple enjoy frequently "taking food to others."

While living in Pampa, the Celanese."

Catholic Church.

board members surprised Kothmann with a cake. Dropping in to wish him well were Mayor Bob Neslage, City Commissioners Faustina Curry and Jeff McCormick, City Manager Bob Eskridge and Public Works

Director Richard Morris. "We also appreciate your work at Martha Kothmann, a former Celanese ... you have had a hard public school art teacher, has been row there. I hope the next [site manager] cares as much as an employee and community supporter [as you have] to keep involved in art clubs and is things level ... it would be a bad thing for Pampa to lose here ... but it really is true."

Noting his PEDC work, Curry added, "This is not an easy board to be on. Ya'll take the flack ... peo-As a going away gesture, PEDC ple don't always appreciate the good work the board does."

The mayor praised Kothmann for "... all you have done for the community. You've been a real asset and I hate to see you go."

PEDC board president Richard Stowers echoed the mayor and thanked Kothmann for his PEDC Curry praised Kothmann for service and "... for the service to his community efforts and said, other organizations and the contributions you have made to our

I've really enjoyed it here," Kothmann told the board. "I know it almost sounds trite at times to say it's the people in Pampa who have made it so good

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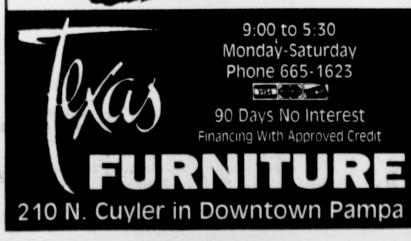
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Inside the Beltway

with

Sen. Hutchison

Gulf War veterans deserve answers

A letter came across my desk recently that I'd like to share

I am a veteran of the Gulf War. I have many, many symptoms of the Gulf War illness. I was holding a full-time job and foresaw a future of many years to take care of my family. Instead, my health is steadily declining and I am unable to take care of myself at times. No words can describe the pain I go through each day. I am unstable on my feet and I fall numerous times a week. I have lost almost all my sight, and am unable to drive a car and must depend on my family and friends to get me where I need to go.

The writer lives in Victoria, and his is only one among hundreds of similar, heart-wrenching letters I have received regarding a condition referred to as Gulf War Syndrome, which affects thousands of veterans of that conflict throughout our country.

uch investigathis illness to determine its exact cause and to accurately describe all of its symptoms. I believe the evidence is increasingly clear that this is not caused by stress. We have an obligation to ensure Gulf War veterans are properly diagnosed, effectively treated and compensated for anyservice-connected disabilities.

apparently were exposed to a veritable witch's brew of known and potential health hazards, including blowing dust and sand, smoke from oil well fires, petroleum fuels and their combustion products as well as possible exposure to chemical warfare nerve agents and biological warfare agents. They were given vaccinations and bromide pills to protect against nerve agents; they came into contact with insecticides, infectious diseases and perhaps depleted uranium. They were subjected to psychological and physiological

Those who served

One in seven of those who answered their

country's call to serve in Desert Storm were affected in some way. They are suffering from a long, painful list of symptoms, including debilitating muscle and joint pain, memory loss, severe sleep disorders, crippling depression, chronic fatigue and concentration problems, among others. These former soldiers are ill. They are entitled to some answers — and to appropriate treatment.

In 1994, Congress approved a bill recognizing Gulf War Syndrome and making disabled veterans who served in that war eligible for treatment and compensation. Unfortunately, the Veterans Administration has withheld that coverage from more than 9,000 such soldiers, including the one who wrote the above letter. This is unacceptable.

So I have introduced a bill that will extend the time during which these veterans will be eligible for treatment if they have not been diagnosed yet with Desert Storm Syndrome, allowing them another 10 years to claim eligibility and giving the Department of Defense an opportunity to delay the deadline even further if it is necessary to do so. My bill redefines an "undiagnosed illness" to include the delayed symptoms that still are being discovered. It would provide for the payment of compensation to Persian Gulf veterans suffering from a chronic disability resulting from their service in

Much investigation remains to be done into this illness to determine its exact cause and to accurately describe all of its symptoms. I believe the evidence is increasingly clear that this is not caused by stress. We have an obligation to ensure Gulf War veterans are properly diagnosed, effectively treated and compensated for any service-connected disabilities.

This bill will be a step in the right direction, a way to help repay our debt to these veterans. Not only is it the right thing and fair thing to do, but during these times of increased deployments and personnel shortages, it is in our national interest to continue to take care of our dedicated service

We are going to stand by those who answered their country's call. We should not still be talking about untreated cases of Desert Storm syndrome and undiagnosed illnesses 10 years after the Persian Gulf War ended.

Teens think they're invincible

When you're in the newspaper business, you are constantly learning. That's what I like most about the profession. It's never dull, and you learn at least one thing new each day. Through the years I have gained knowledge about topics and had experiences I probably would not have had in any other field.

Covering city councils, school boards and county commission meetings I have had the opportunity to certainly widen my knowledge and availability of new products. There were several bits of knowledge which were quite helpful when we remodeled our home about 15

My awareness of the seriousness of the has certainly been heightened because of stories and to explain the dangers. I've written. The downturn in the oil and gas industry has had a major economic effect, as Census 2000 figures revealing the declining rural population in our area is directly tied to the losses in that major industry.

what WADA means in school lingo, but I don't want to have to explain it.

I have also become aware of many facets in the law enforcement and judicial system. Hopefully, I would not have learned some of the areas had I not covered cases from arrests through trials



Nancy Young

Managing editor

of construction, the constantly changing trends cover tragedies. That is not the case. About three years ago I was involved in shaping a program for Borger High School students — Every Fifteen Minutes. It was to be a simulated accident in which teens were killed and injured due to alcohol. The purpose was to discourage drinking decreased valuation in property taxes in our area among teens with the upcoming prom season,

It was a project in which law enforcement, school, ambulance, LifeStar, funeral homes, the well as a population loss. The release of the hospital, parents, EOC, fire departments and the teens themselves were all involved. Planning on the program had taken months.

On that April Saturday night just two days I have learned what a Chapter 41 school is and before the program was scheduled on Monday and Tuesday, a teenage Borger boy was killed in an alcohol-related vehicle crash as the boys returned from a partying location outside of Borger. The driver of the vehicle wasn't seriously injured- his passenger was killed. The driver's mother, a teacher, was one of the most dedicated one of the hardest things a parent can do, but not of the anti-alcohol program committee members. as hard as burying a child. mother, a teacher, was one of the most dedicated There have been some sad times. Often the He was an outstanding BHS student, and his public thinks reporters are unfeeling when we mother is one of the nicest people I've every met. Death is final, and surviving can be helf.

At the mother's insistence, the vehicle in which the boys were in was taken by the local wrecker service on Monday to sit on a truck in front of BHS during the simulated crash. This was a very solemn group of students, and it became quite emotional. Reality had struck them just hours before as news spread of the tragedy. Some of them had even been at the same party.

When media representatives went to the hospital to cover the "deaths" of the teens in the simulated crash, tears were flowing from the reporters, television crews and paramedics. It was one of the most emotional events I ever covered. Oh, yes, we have feelings.

As the prom season is approaching as well as the anniversary of this tragedy, I've thought about the effect this crash had upon so many

About a year after the crash, I listened to the young driver of the vehicle speak to a group of young people at a church. The effect upon his life had been traumatic. The boy who was killed was one of his closest friends. They had grown up together in church as well as school. He was 16 at the time of the fatal crash, and his life changed forever.

I have sat with each of my four children as teenagers after fatal alcohol-related accidents claimed lives of friends and fellow students. It is

Teens think they are invincible. They're not.

Major League character education

With all the talk about character education in recent years, it's time for someone to write a best-selling book on how everything he needed to know about the subject he learned in kindergarten. But since I don't remember anything about kindergarten, I can only relate what I've learned on the subject from interviewing Major Leaguers in spring training.

A lot of players have voiced what I'd call Theory No. 1 of character education, but the most distinguished was Sandy Koufax — the adult unless there's a sharp break. By then, it's Hall of Fame pitcher of the 1960s who did some occasional instruction during the 1990s.

"You can't teach character," Koufax mentioned to me as he prepared to teach pitchers how to use their legs more to remove some of the burden from their shoulders: "It's something people develop in a thousand different ways, or they don't." Koufax, famous not only for his superb pitching but his refusal to pitch on the Jewish fast day of Yom Kippur, was pes- out of doing it right" and explained that he life changes." simistic: "Players with bad traits don't change could not teach virtue or character, but he could much as adults. That's the way it is now and teach habits of responsibility. vas when I was playing.

Theory No. 2 allows for change, but only after disaster. Dave Winfield, the outfielder inducted into the Hall of Fame last year, said that players change by going through "some kind of harrowing physical experience, something that makes a player think: 'I'm not invincible.' This talent can be taken away from me." Winfield emphasized that the shock "has to be break a leg: God simply made him a new crea- and teachers overall — succeed in putting old sharp. ... You don't see those changes in an ture in Christ, with old things passed away. ... heads on young bodies.



Marvin Olasky

Syndicated columnist

usually too late.'

Theory No. 3 is somewhat more optimistic: Players, instead of undergoing physical disaster, can pick up good habits that will change at least their surface behavior. Minnesota Twins Easler noted after practice: "You have to deal manager Tom Kelly went to St. Mary's High School in South Amboy, N.J., and learned there that "players can be trained to take responsible actions." He wanted players to "make a ritual

Theory No. 4 is the truly optimistic one. Mike Easler — the St. Louis Cardinal batting coach tions. Most people in ordinarily life are not as who is also a Baptist minister licensed by his vulnerable, but they need help, as well. The home church in San Antonio — presented it problem is that if theories one or two are true, while chewing on sunflower seeds before a not much can be done to help Major Leaguers spring-training workout: "A player doesn't or regular guys. That's why we should hope have to wait for something desperately physi- that theories three and four are true, and that cal to knock him down. The apostle Paul didn't managers and coaches in baseball — or parents

My job is to mold a guy, teach him to be humble, and I pray that God will work on him so he will change not just on the outside, but on the

Theory No. 4 goes with what I have seen: People who have been irresponsible often become responsible once they learn about God. But that learning often requires a teacher like Easler at the batting cage. After watching 10 teams in spring training, I most remember Easler showing his players how to make small adjustments in their hitting techniques, as he chewed sunflower seeds and offered punchy sermons: "Concentrate. Get your bearings. See, read, and explode. Concentrate. Get serious. with failure in lots of areas, find your gift, be serious about it and be serious about God. ... One player may gain that understanding earlier, another later — and whenever he does, his

Character education is vital for ballplayers: Newly rich and recipients of adulation since childhood, many fall prey to numerous tempta-

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 22, the 81st day of 2001. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

ed the Stamp Act to raise money from the American colonies and repealed it the following year. On this date: In 1820, U.S. naval hero Stephen

Decatur was killed in a duel with Commodore James Barron near Washington, D.C.

In 1895, Auguste and Louis to an invited audience in Paris.

signed a measure to make wine in San Juan, Puerto Rico. and beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal.

On March 22, 1765, Britain enact- in Washington state went into killing six people.

formed with the adoption of a er that had violated the cease-fire charter in Cairo, Egypt.

posed Equal Rights Amendment to accused of manipulating her stuthe Constitution to the states for dent-lover into killing her husratification. (It fell three states band, was convicted in Exeter, In 1882, Congress outlawed short of the 38 needed for N.H., of murder-conspiracy. approval.)

Lumiere showed their first movie year-old patriarch of "The Flying Lucid to a rendezvous with the Wallendas" high-wire act, fell to Russian space station "Mir," blasted

President Franklin Roosevelt a cable strung between two hotels

In 1995, convicted Long Island Rail Road gunman Colin Ferguson In 1941, the Grand Coulee Dam was sentenced to life in prison for

Ten years ago: A U.S. warplane In 1945, the Arab League was shot down a second Iraqi jet fightending the Persian Gulf War. High In 1972, Congress sent the pro- school instructor Pamela Smart, settlement of a federal sex discrim-

In 1978, Karl Wallenda, the 73- Atlantis carrying astronaut Shannon In 1933, during Prohibition, his death while attempting to walk off from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

One year ago: Journeying to the cradle of Christianity, Pope John Paul II knelt and prayed in Bethlehem at the traditional spot of Jesus' birth. Some 1,100 women denied jobs with the now-defunct U.S. Information Agency and its broadcast branch, the Voice of America, won \$508 million from the government in the largest-ever ination case.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Karl Malden is 89. Pantomimist Marcel Marceau is 78. USA Today founder Five years ago: The shuttle Allen H. Neuharth is 77. Composer-lyricist. Sondheim is 71. Actor William Shatner is 70. Actor M. Emmet,

We need to learn from school shooting

The school shooting near San Diego is a tragedy, and an even bigger tragedy is that chances are nobody will learn anything useful

The superstitious and the ignorant will, of course, try to blame the firearm. They might as well blame the kid's shoes or shirts or argue that some witch cast a spell over him.

A firearm is an inanimate, lifeless machine. It cannot do anything on its own but lie in one place until time and oxidation destroys it. To blame a gun for homicide is like giving credit to a hammer for a new house. One would think that, by the 21st century, we would have given up superstition and emotionalism.

No. The boy, Andy Williams, is the one charged with doing it. And the question is why. People say that he was bullied and picked on. OK, but lots of kids are bullied and picked on, and they don't shoot anybody. What is it about this particular boy that caused that particular reaction to being bullied and picked on?

I do not pretend to know, but someone besides cops and lawyers should be talking to this kid. No doubt he will be tried as an adult and put in prison. That's the end of his life. If he survives physically, he's almost sure to die spiritually and mentally. It is often said that prisons are country clubs, but state prisons are not, and most federal prisons are not. The only possible good that could be gleaned from this tragedy is knowledge that might help spot



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

another troubled kid before he or she explodes. Even that's being overly optimistic, I realize. Certainly one contributing factor is that today's large, public high schools simply make it impossible for the faculty and staff to observe the students closely. Even if they knew what to look for, with so many students, it would be pure chance if they spotted someone headed for violence.

Mind controls body. It's what is in a kid's mind that moves him to shoot. Because, according to police, he shot no one in particular but just people who, by chance, were near him, we could infer that he was expressing a generalized hatred for students — perhaps for humans

The natural state of man is to love and to desire to be loved. Something or some things apparently interfered with this natural impulse. Certainly the boy lives in a culture of been happy, too.

death. Abortion, if nothing else, sends the message that life is not valuable and can be disposed of. So does the gratuitous violence in entertainment. So does capital punishment. So does random bombing by the U.S. government. So does the news media's incessant attention to violence, which certainly sends a message that one way to get your 15 minutes of fame is to shoot a few people.

Let's face it, there isn't much in our culture that says life is a precious gift of God and should be cherished. Still, every child lives in that same culture. Reality is always more complex than we would prefer. There are, no doubt, multiple factors and multiple interactions that produced the violence.

For people of my generation, this situation is a mystery. When I was a kid, we got into fights fairly frequently at school or after school. We all had far more access to firearms than kids do today. Yet it never occurred to us to kill anybody. The people we usually got into fights with were friends. In the heat of sudden anger, we would exchange a few pops, and then it passed, like a cloud sliding past the sun. I cannot recall ever feeling hatted for anybody, not even for the Germans and Japanese during World War II.

If, as I suspect, all hatred begins with selfhatred, then simply being happy probably saved my generation. I wish this poor kid had Cale

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Lions Club Sweethearts

Pampa Lions Club recently announces its Sweethearts of the Month for February 2001 as Kira Chumbley, Mandi West and Katherine Zemanek.

Chumbley is the daughter of Terry and Dana Chumbley and is the granddaughter Tom and Reta Chumbley and Bill and Pat Kindle. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include: School Superintendent Scholar, UIL Spelling Team, UIL Algebra IT Honors Award, Team,

Advisory Board (member and Club coach, piano, Pampa High

Calculator Applications Team, Chemistry IT AP Award, District career goal of working in genetic mentor. She plans to pursue a National Honor Society, PHS UIL Science Team, Church Youth UIL Calculator Applications secpresident, National Honor ond place winner, American Society, Texas Association of Chemical Society-Panhandle West is the daughter of Bill and Future Educators, D-FY-IT Plains Section High School Mary West and is the grand-Chemistry Award and Senior daughter of Walt and Willie vice president), Varsity Girls Class Most Scholarly. Chumbley Basketball manager, Junior is currently employed as secre- accomplishments Varsity Basketball, Pampa Kids tary at Merriman and Barber, Cheerleading, volleyball, track, plishments include: Mixed Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Consulting Engineers, Inc., and tennis manager, Peer Tutor, Choir, Concert Choir (three Youth Ministry and Choir and lude: School Superintendent Scholar, plans to pursue a degree in bio-UIL Algebra IT Honors Award, chemistry at McMurry FY-IT, Special Olympics host, Advisory Board, Peer Tutor, medical science at Texas A&M UIL Geometry Honors Award, University in Abilene with a Awana Clubs International and Concert Choir secretary, University.

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West is the daughter of Bill and Simmons University. West. Her honors, activities and

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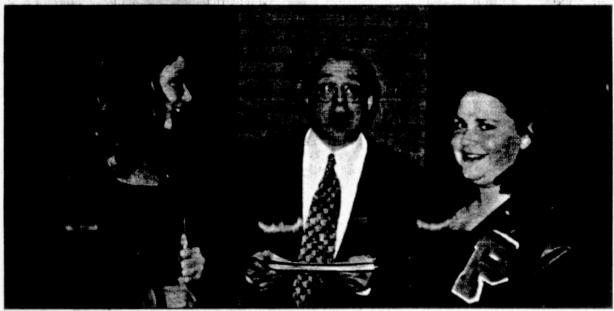
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PCCA CHECK-IN

Supper" on Tuesday, March 27 "Check-in Days" for Pampa with guest speaker Gwynne Community Concert Association workers will be from 10 a.m.-5:15 p.m., Monday, March 19 through Friday, March 23 at the Pampa Fine Arts office in Pampa Participants must RSVP by Community Building (Chamber March 25. Cost of the meal will building on Ballard). A covered dish dinner is scheduled at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 22 at Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan, for all board members, workers

PCCA membership drive



Ronnie Holmes, center, Pampa Community Concert Association presentation chairman, recently visited with Pampa High School Band members Kelley Stowers and Leslie McWilliams about the association's annual membership drive currently under way. To join PCCA or to renew a subscription, contact Ruth Riehart at 665-3362. Tickets are \$70 for families, \$30 for adults and \$15 for students.

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"Public Auto Wholesaleathon" Hits Guymon, OK

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"Buy Like The Dealers Do"

Michelle Cannon, Automotive Writer

Guymon, OK - When a dealer needs to sell over 400 vehicles in just one day, how does he go about doing this? He puts every one of them on the block with bids as low as \$99. It's called "The Public Auto Wholesaleathon." the most exciting one-day sell-off n the history of Irwin Auto Co. of Guymon. It takes place this Saturday for one day only.

This is how the "Public Auto Wholesaleathon" operates. Starting Friday afternoon, all vehicles will be displayed in a fenced area of the lot for everyone to look them over. This will be he only opportunity to get inside the fence and get an up-close look at all of the vehicles before the bidding starts. Buyers will have the chance to view each and every vehicles and decide which ones to bid on the following morning. Pre-registration forms and buyers bid cards are also issued on Friday. On Saturday morning, the gates open at 8 AM for last minute registration and final issuance of buyers bid cards. Buyers should plan to arrive as early as possible. At 10 AM the bidding begins. Buyers pick out he car or truck they want and stand next to it with their bid card n hand. Program vehicles as low as Ten Thousand Dollars. Used cars will as low as, Four Thousand Dollars. Some bids accepted on vehicles as low as, \$99. Yes, that's right, \$99.

Why wholesale every vehicle to the public? Géneral Manager Rick Tippett says, :We're a dealership that would like to give something back to the people who have been so good to us. The 'Public Auto Wholesaleathon" is the event where we all win, In November and December, our one owner used car trade-ins and ow mileage lease returns have really been accumulating to the verge of having to rent a secondary storage lot. The "Public Auto Wholesaleathon" allows us to sell off our inventory and the public saves hundreds or even thousands of dollars. Buyers can expect to find vehicles priced at, or in many cases below public auction values without any of the added auction fees or red tape. We're wholeselling used cars as low as \$99 because our lo simply has way too much inventory on it. I'm sure you could imagine the huge cost of having to go out and rent a storage lot for our excess inventory. Add to that the expense of having to secure that lot, and the hassle of having vehicles in an extra location. It's just not worth it to us. We would rather wholesale them off directly to the public as opposed to selling them to other dealers or having to load all of them on transport trucks and haul

nem to the auction. Instead of incurring the expenses involved in additional lot or taking them to auction, we're just going t wholesale them to the public to show our thanks.'

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Four Was Cozy Company But Now Three's a Crowd

DEAR ABBY: "Stan" and I have been married 45 years. He was always a loving and attentive husband. Two years ago, things began to change

I had a best friend I'll call Clara who was like a sister to me. Stan, Clara and her husband and I would often go to dinner. We were a close foursome. Unfortunately, Clara's husband was diagnosed with advanced cancer. He had to be hospitalized many times. Clara and I would walk together in the mornings before she went to the hospital. It seemed to help her face the day. Stan asked to join us, and the three of us would walk and go to breakfast, sometimes at her house.

As time went on, Clara opened up to Stan, and he would tell her things to make her feel good about herself. Well, one thing led to another. They would communicate on the computer day and night, sharing their feelings.

Abby, they fell in love. Clara's husband passed away a few months ago. Now Stan says he has two women to worry about. Clara has told people at work that Stan is her boyfriend. He has told her she is his girlfriend, and if she ever found someone else "it would break his heart."

He takes her to lunch and they often spend the day together. He says all they do is talk, but he finally admitted they hug and kiss each

Horoscope

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Where the crowds are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Work as late as necessary

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

stress buster.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

* * * Often, information challenges

your direction and thought processes.

Rather than getting frustrated, use feed-

back to solidify the ground you are on.

Your high energy takes you in a new

direction. Be careful not to let anger get

the better of you. Tonight: Opt for a

** * Though a partner really does

mean well, he has a tendency to be ruled

by anger. Don't worry so much about

plans, if they change. Just go with the

flow. A meeting or get-together with

friends gives you new direction. Tonight:

* * Take the lead, especially as some-

one might duck responsibility. If this per-

son is feeling out of sync, maybe it is bet-

ter that he goes a different way. Be care-

ful when another's temper flares. Do not

take comments personally. Tonight:

* * Easy does it. You might have

pushed way too hard, and you could be

reacting to a sense of exhaustion or to too

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5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

I have begged Stan to end the situation. He refuses. He says it's



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going to be like this from now on. He tells me he loves both of us and

can't give either one of us up. He blames me and says I should have told him to stop before it got out of hand. He says it's the first time in our entire married life that he has fallen in love with another woman. He feels no guilt because he says nothing sexual is going on.

My stomach is in a constant knot, and I cry all the time. They both know how hurt I am and say they feel bad about it, but it hasn't stopped them from being together. Please advise me about what to do. DEVASTATED IN DELAWARE

DEAR DEVASTATED: Whether anything sexual is going on between your husband and Clara is almost beside the point. What is going on is a full-blown affair of the heart, and because of it your marriage will never be the same. The two people closest to you have betrayed your trust. Particularly outrageous is your husband's insistence that this is your fault

Tonight: Split work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** You might not be as sure of a

partner as you would like to be. A risk

you have recently taken could backfire.

Even though you feel uptight and

pushed, keep one-on-one conversations

going. You get unusual answers if you

remain open. Tonight: Slow down with a

* * * Others prove to have their own

agenda, and they aren't listening very

well. A volatile situation could only

become more disruptive if you feed the

energy. Pull away from a disagreement,

especially if it involves your personal life

* * Dig into work. You might be hap-

builds around you. Screen calls and stay

focused. You might not always have all

the answers, and you don't need to,

either. Maintain your sense of humor.

ful. A child or loved one might goad you

into taking a risk. Be extremely careful,

both emotionally and financially. Realize

that you could be walking into quicksand

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

and well-being. Tonight: Hibernate

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Tonight: Soak away stress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

loved one. Put on some good music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

because you should have told him to stop sooner. Talk about blaming the victim!

Consult an attorney to determine what your rights are as a wronged Delaware wife with 45 years of equity in her marriage. Then ask your doctor to refer you to a therapist who can give you the emotional support you need as you decide how to deal with this. Insist your husband join you. If you have adult children, talk to them about what is going on. Do not isolate yourself. You have a right to be angry. Decide nothing in haste. Give yourself one year to decide what is best for you.

DEAR ABBY: Is it proper to send a thank-you note to an attorney and a county prosecutor for working out a deal that had charges against you dismissed? Please help. NEEDS TO KNOW ASAP. GRENADA, MISS.

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW ASAP: Absolutely! One good turn deserves another.

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thinking and talk, rather than getting into a power play or a war of wills. Discussions can prove to be illuminating. Tonight: A quiet night at home works.

eye with others. Muzzling your dissatisfaction is also not the way to go. Another sees a situation quite differently than you do. Worry less about what is happening. Just keep talking. Others will listen. Tonight: Head out with your friends.

A friend could be offensive or difficult. Demands seem to come from nowhere, especially financial ones. Slow down. Explore options as only you can! Tonight: Let off steam.

** * You might be coming off a lot more strongly than you realize. If you piest working on your own as pressure start getting strong reactions from those around you, stop and think about what you might have done to trigger some of this. Let your sense of humor help you detach. Tonight: Whatever feels right.

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only others', but also yours. Take time away from the immediate, even if it is just to surf the Net or take a brisk walk.

> CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) * * * * Sometimes you don't see eye to

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

* * You might want to change course.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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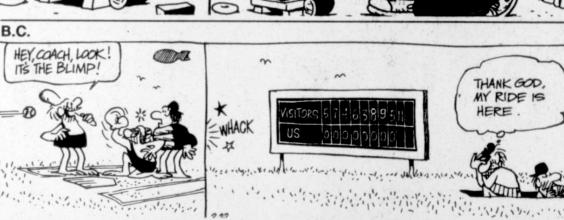
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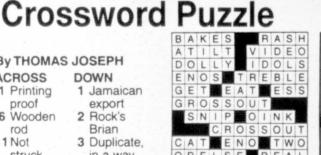
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SPORTS

Notebook BASEBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Kids & Youth Club will be having baseball signups at the Baker Elementary gymnasium on Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2

Additional signups will be on Monday, March 26 through Wednesday March 28 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Baker.

For further information, contact Peter Rodriquez at 669-6023 or Robert Siaz at 669-1740.

PAMPA — Palo Duro won over Pampa 7-1 in a junior baseball game varsity Monday.

"The team played hard and good enough to win, but we just couldn't get the hits in crucial situations," said Pampa coach Troy Owens.

Pampa's leading hitters were Tyler Ross two doubles, Charlie Craig double and single, and Max Simon two doubles. Others with hits were Matt Driscoll a double, Zack Cobb and Jon Lambright, one single each.

Pampa outhit Palo Duro 9-

Simon and Lambright pitched for Pampa. Simon started and pitched four innings, giving up 3 hits while striking out 8 and walking 8. Lambright went the final two innings, giving up 5 hits while striking out 2 and walking 1.

Good defense was played by Matt Robben and Ryan Zemanek, Owens said.

BASKETBALL

HUTCHINSON, (AP) - Wabash Valley of Illinois overcame a five-point deficit with less than 33 seconds remaining in regulation to beat Schoolcraft of Michigan 94-86 in overtime Wednesday night at the Junior College Division

tournament With the win, Wabash advances to the school's first

Final Four. Antwain Barbour scored 25 for Wabash, while Darren

Tarver added 22. "All these guys, all year, someone has stepped up," Warriors coach Spoonhour said. "You don't win as many games as we have without guys stepping up, without having so many

guys capable of stepping up. It's amazing."

Derrick Bird had 27 points and Sam Hoskin had 25 for Schoolcraft.

In the other quarterfinal, Dixie blew a five-point lead in the last two minutes of regulation to force overtime.

Marcus Banks scored 21 points and Eddie Shelby finished with 16 points for Dixies.

Tyrone Hayes Oskaloosa with 20 points and Kedrick Brown had 17.

In afternoon Wednesday, Westark defeated Northwest Mississippi 103-73 in a first round game. Allegany beat Odessa 79-73 in a first round game and Barton County eliminated Western Nebraska 67-64 in a

consolation game. Westark (28-3) exploded in the first half, leading Northwest Mississippi 59-37 at halftime. The Rangers (25-6) never made a serious run in the second half, snapping a 14-game winning streak. Marquis Shead had 15 points for Northwest Mississippi. Westark was led by 22

points each from Chris Sandy and Jarrett Hart.

Allegany (30-2) never blew out Odessa (27-6) but held a comfortable lead most of the

Jamar Smith, Terry Ross and Terrell Taylor scored 15 points for Allegany.

Odessa's Janavor Weatherspoon scored 21 points.

Western Nebraska (21-14) used a 24-4 run to take a 51-44 lead over Barton County (27-9), but Barton County made a comeback of its own and hung on to eliminate Western Nebraska from the tournament.

Knight closer to getting Tech job

Knight is on the verge of getting educator and his respect for the chance he's been looking for since he was fired at Indiana.

behavior policy imposed by the rules again. university.

place for Knight to get a second those reported during the chance. Sources told The Dallas coach's 29 years at Indiana. Morning News and Fort Worth tions that Knight will be named the Red Raiders' basketball coach on Friday.

told The Associated Presss. "He's one of the best basketball ed. coaches to ever live. If we could and has the same values that all of us in West Texas and Texas said history professor Ron Tech have, it would be a very Rainger, who voiced concerns good decision on our part."

recommendation Schmidly, who said earlier he would accept Myers' choice.

ing a positive recommendation, said the act violated the zero-tolbut I haven't made a final deci- erance policy. sion yet," Schmidly before what my athletic director says. more about basketball than I do.

Tech spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said Myers told her he signed a petition criticizing was going to tell Schmidly exact- Knight's behavior and advising ly what the president expected to against his hiring.

his recommendation, but I don't think anything has happened that would change his mind."

On Thursday, Rugeley said she would work on setting up a news conference Friday. She had already begun looking into satellite time on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Knight already begun scouting new talent for Texas Tech. On Tuesday, Knight was in Hutchinson, Kan., tournament, where two Tech sion. signees were playing.
On Wednesday, Houston tele-

vision station KRIV reported that Knight called Bellaire High School coach Dave Hudek to let him know he wanted forward formality. Emeka Okafor to visit Tech and hopes to sign him.

they were trying to "get this could then be made to Knight. thing done by Friday" and he The regents can approve or dis-

Knight can be named as Tech's coach after a waiting period of 10 business days expires Friday. Former Tech coach James Dickey successor to Dickey. Schmidly was fired on March 9.

meeting with Knight and likes list are in the NCAA tournament. the player graduation rate the coach had at Indiana, his success Tech "very appealing."

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Bob on the court, his dedication as an NCAA rules.

"I like the fact that he doesn't "He thinks this would be a violate NCAA rules, and that's good place for him to resume his the way he chooses to win," career," Texas Tech president Schmidly said. "We've had a David Schmidly said problem with NCAA penalties Wednesday. Knight was fired and that's set this institution from coaching the Hoosiers last back. We don't ever want to be fall after violating a no-tolerance on the wrong side of the NCAA

Schmidly also said he expects Tech administrators seem to the respect Knight has for Myers agree their school is the right to prevent any outbursts like

"If the incidents that happened Star-Telegram in Thursday's edi- at Indiana were to be repeated, I would have to terminate Coach Knight," the president told about 50 faculty members at a faculty "What better thing could hap- senate meeting, during which pen for Texas Tech," Schmidly heard some opposition, but not nearly as much as was anticipat-

"I was somewhat surprised get him here and his behavior is and a little bit disappointed that right, he is energetic, enthused there were not a lot of faculty members who had much to say," about Knight's turbulent past at On Wednesday, Tech athletic Indiana. "A meeting like that on director Gerald Myers offered many other campuses would be to much more ruckus"

Knight, 60, was fired from Indiana last fall after he grabbed "I am leaning toward accept- a student's arm, Indiana officials

During a meeting with Knight receiving Myers' recommenda- and his wife, Schmidly said he tion. "I have to wait and see talked with Knight about his behavior. Schmidly said Knight He's the person who knows told him he wasn't proud of some of his responses in the past.

About 100 of the university's 900 faculty members have

Wednesday's faculty meeting "Gerald Myers told me that he was viewed by some as the last was going to recommend that hurdle to Knight being hired. Bob Knight be hired," Rugeley Questions were asked about said late Wednesday night. "I whether Knight would be treatdidn't know that he had made ed differently from other faculty members, how university officials would handle any misbehavior and how hiring such a controversial figure could affect the university's image.

"This is a decision that is going to boil down to what do you feel here," Schmidly told faculty members, placing his fist over his heart. "This is a decision that boils down to what do you feel in your gut and your heart. And for the national junior college I am responsible for that deci-

> Once Schmidly approves Myers' recommendation, Tech Chancellor John Montford would be asked to concur - an action that is seen merely as a

Montford then would be responsible for informing Tech's Hudek said Knight told him Board of Regents, and an offer was excited to talk about Okafor. approve of any hire, but lack the power to veto.

Knight has been the only candidate publicly mentioned as a Knight has said he finds Texas

said a list of 10 other candidates Schmidly said he enjoyed was drawn up, but many on the



Members of the Pampa Blue fifth grade team, which participated in the MAYO Tournament, are (front row, from left) Jeremy Martinez, Tanner Dyson and Ada Estrada; (second row, from left) Joshua Humphrey, Mark Stone, Colden Fortenberry and J'Mico Mitchell; head coach (pictured) is Mando Ramirez. The tournament was held last year to benefit cancer victim Tanner Dyson, who is now playing basketball in the Pampa Optimist League.

Kelley Butler "Back in the Saddle" Basketball Tournament a success

The Miami Youth Organization (MAYO) hosted a benefit basketball tournament for cowboy Kelley Butler last weekend in Miami. Butler, of Darrouzett, was paralyzed in a horse riding accident.

Proceeds from the event will be split between the organization and the Butler family. The tournament raised approximately \$6,000. Many area businesses and individuals donated time or merchandise to the

Eighteen teams from area towns competed in the tournament. After 34 games of basketball, the results

3rd-4th grade: 1. Pampa All-Stars; 2. Panhandle All-Stars; 3. Stinnett; 4

Sportsmanship

Cheyenne, Okla. Pampa All-Stars; 3. White Deer. 6th grade: 1. Pampa All-Stars; 2.

Miami Spurs; 3. Morse, Tex. Sportsmanship award: Morse,

Handing out trophies at this year's tournament was Tanner Dyson, last year's benefit recipient. Tanner has recovered from cancer and played on Pampa's 5th grade team in the tournament.

Butler family members attending the tournament were Kim Butler, Niki Butler, Katie Butler, Brenda Hill and Lane Hill.

After the tournament, Miami 6th graders gave their trophy to Mrs. Butler. Kim also took home a bundle of get-well cards from Miami Elementary School students.

Kelley is approaching the \$40,000 that he needs for his upcoming surgery.

"MAYO hopes the tournament contribution will get him even closer," said Ty Greenhouse, the organization's president.

The Pampa Blue fifth-grade basketball team placed second in the MAYO Good Neighbor Benefit Tournament.

Pampa Blue had to fight an uphill battle throughout the tournament with little size in their favor. But the lack of height was made up for with

speed and determination as they defeated White Deer 40-27 in the opener. The second game was a 40-13 win over a very aggressive Lefors

Pampa started quickly to defeat Panhandle 40-16 in the third game. With three wins behind them, Pampa Blue then met the Miami Spurs for the tournament champi-

onship.

It was a hard-fought contest with Miami taking a 33-26 win. The Miami team had not lost a game in two seasons.

with 34 points, followed by J'mico Mitchell (32), Adam Estrada (30), Mark Stone (16), Colden Fortenberry (15), Joshua Humphrey (13) and Jeremy Martinez (6).

Mark Stone and and Colden Fortenberry were the rebounding leaders, while Adam Estrada, Tanner Dyson, Joshua Humphrey, Jeremy Martinez were the defensive standouts.

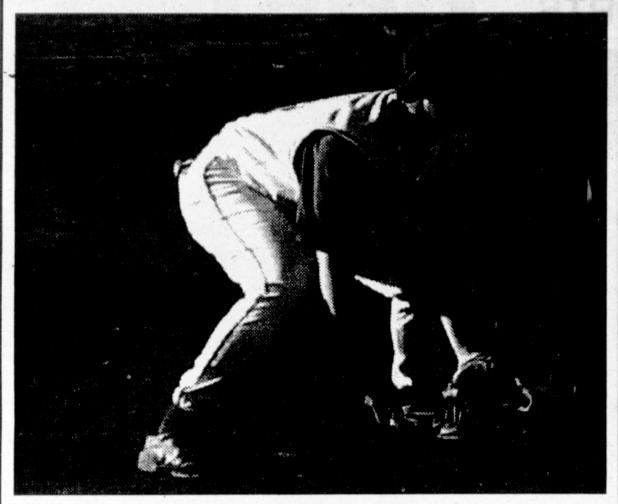
Pampa Blue plays in White Deer March 30-31, followed by a tournament in Panhandle on April 6-8.

"As a coach, I was very proud of The Blue team's leading scorer for these young men. They are little in the tournament was Tanner Dyson size, but play with very big hearts,"



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The Top O'Texas

Pampa senior Travis Lancaster is playing third base for the Harvesters this season. Lancaster and his teammates will play at Hereford on Saturday in a District 3-4A game.

NCAA Basketball Playoffs

All Tines EST Regional Semifinals

Thursday, March 22 Kentucky (24-9) vs. Southern California (23-9), 7:38 p.m. Duke (31-4) vs. UCLA (23-8), 25 minutes after first game Regional Championship Saturday, March 24 Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL At The Georgia Dome Atlanta Regional Semifinals

Michigan State (26-4) vs. Gonzaga (26-6), 7:38 p.m. Penn State (21-11) vs. Temple (23-12), 25 minutes after Saturday, March 24 first game

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Heavy enrollment continues for Optimist baseball-softball

PAMPA — Heavy registration for Optimist Baseball-Softball 2001 continued Wednesday, bringing the total to 620, and creating an urgent need for managers and coaches in several leagues.

Late sign-ups continue today, 7 p.m. at the Optimist Club now. building.

Ruth Commissioner Larry Craig. 'We need to form a new team and at the present are two managers short."

With 210 players on board in Girls Little League Softball, Commissioner Sheri Tice said, "All late sign-ups will have to go on a waiting list. We would like to have 12 or 13 players on each team so the kids will get more playing time."

and coaches we have now, we will have 15 on a team.

will not be able to play this year," borrow space from other Warner at 669-3397 or 669-9817.

"We will have more players in the 11-12 Cal Ripken League this Baseball-Softball Commissioner John Warner. "We have enough players to add at least one team making a total of eight, but we Friday and Monday from 5:30 to only have five managers right

The 11-12 League has 82 play- ister." "We have 67 players in the ers signed up with a team from Babe Ruth League," said Babe Lefors scheduled to register Lefors scheduled to register

The heaviest enrollment has been in the 7-8 Pitching Machine League where the total is 114 play baseball and softball has with more expected today, exploded in the last few years, including a complete team from

managers and coaches," said experience of working with Chico Ramirez, the league's Assistant Commissioner. "We ers. The community has always are going to have at least 10 come through with enough volteams in the 7-8 league, two unteers to make sure they can Tice said with the managers more than last year. We will work with the Commissioners of other leagues about scheduling ing kids is well worth it. This is a "Little League rules do not games on other fields because chance for an adult to make a permit more than 15 on a team. we will have eight teams in the We must have some more volun- 5-6 T-Ball League. With 18 teams kids in this area." teers or there will be girls who in the two leagues, we need to Volunteers are urged to contact

T-Ball currently has 86 players signed up with a Miami-Lefors year than we had last year," said team expected to be added

"I need another manager for the Cal Ripken 9-10 League," said Commissioner Mando Ramirez. "We have 61 players right now and expect a Lefors team to reg-

"Things are always hectic at this time of the season until our organization is completed," Warner said. "The number of kids in this area who want to outstripping our Optimist mem-bership and creating an opportu-We are in good shape for nity for new people to enjoy the young baseball and softball playplay. It takes a commitment of time, but the satisfaction of helpsignificant impact on the lives of

Boston's Garciaparra hopes to be ready for season opener

By The Associated Press

Eddie Perez and Jay Buhner don't know when they'll play again. Nomar Garciaparra still hopes to be ready by opening

Garciaparra threw Wednesday for the first time since having a removable cast placed on his injured right wrist and said he hasn't ruled out being in Boston's opening day

"If my wrist is going to be OK, I'll be ready," Garciaparra said from Fort Myers, Fla.

Manager Jimy Williams agreed, saying Garciaparra could start even if he gets just a few spring training at-bats.

"As long as he works out and keeps doing everything else, I

don't think he needs a lot of atbats," he said.

Meanwhile, Buhner doesn't know when he'll be healthy enough to return to Seattle's lineup, and Perez fears he won't be ready to play for Atlanta at all this season.

Buhner, second on the Mariners' career home run list, is contemplating retirement because his sore left foot isn't getting any better.

Yesterday was tough because I'd basically exhausted all avenues and we were right back to square one," Buhner said from Peoria, Ariz. "At this stage, you want to call for do-overs and start all over again, but you can't."

Buhner, 36, was supposed to platoon with Al Martin in left field. Now, Buhner's sidelined indefinitely because of an nflammation in the arch of the

He had an MRI on Wednesday and might need surgery.

"I'm real discouraged because I've lost all of spring training," Buhner said. "No matter what, I'm going to lose time. Based on that, it's going into the season. As a player, you're frustrated because you feel like you're letting people down.'

Perez, who missed most of 2000 after surgery on the shoulder in May, had an MRI that revealed new damage.

The Atlanta Journal reported that Perez would have surgery next week to repair a tear in his rotator cuff. He told the paper he plans to miss the season.

"One more year out of baseball," Perez said. "I don't even want to show up at the field. I don't want people to see my

Braves starting catcher Javy Lopez is also expected to miss opening day with a broken ring finger, leaving Paul Bako as the

In games Wednesday, it was Houston 13, Toronto 6; St. Louis 12, Florida 2; Boston 12, Philadelphia 7; Baltimore 3, Montreal 2; Pittsburgh 8, Cincinnati 5; San Diego 6, Anaheim 3; the Chicago Cubs 4, Colorado 0; Arizona 11, Seattle 7; Oakland 13, Chicago White Sox 10; Milwaukee 4, San Francisco 2; New York Mets 6, Los Angeles 0; and New York Yankees 10, Tampa Bay 4. Yankees 10, Devil Rays 4

At Tampa, Fla., Mike Mussina allowed one run in five innings in his first start since being hit by a batted ball near his left knee last week. Chuck Knoblauch worked out in left field and could make his debut at the new position in a minor league game Thursday. Cardinals 12, Marlins 2

At Jupiter, Fla., Shane Andrews homered twice and Matt Morris struck out eight in 5 1-3 innings. Orioles 3, Expos 2

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Jason Johnson pitched six innings of five-hit ball, and Willie Harris singled in the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. Brady Anderson homered for the

Pirates 8, Reds 5

At Bradenton, Fla., Bronson Arroyo pitched five strong innings in his bid to win a spot in Pittsburgh's starting rotation, and Derek Bell had three hits. Astros 13, Blue Jays 6

At Dunedin, Fla., Daryle Ward went 4-for-5 with a solo homer for Houston. Charlie Hayes, Richard Hidalgo and Morgan Ensberg also homered for the Astros.

Red Sox 12, Phillies 7 At Fort Myers, Fla., Philadelphia's Frank Castillo allowed six earned runs in three innings, but Boston won behind a pair of homers by Jason

Cubs 4, Rockies 0

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At Mesa, Ariz., Sammy Sosa hit his sixth home run of the spring, and Julian Tavarez pitched six scoreless innings. Both benches were warned about beanballs in the top of the fourth inning, when Tavarez hit Jeff Cirillo with a pitch.

Brewers 4, Giants 2 At Scottsdale, Ariz., Brian Lesher and Devon White hit back-to-back RBI doubles in the eighth inning to snap a tie for Milwaukee. Brewers rookie Ben Sheets extended his scoreless streak to 12 innings before giving up a run on Rich Aurilia's infield grounder in the fifth.

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the government approved a wristwatch-like device to do the job. Cygnus Inc.'s GlucoWatch checks glucose levels

every 20 minutes by sending tiny electric currents

through the skin. The GlucoWatch won't completely replace those finger-prick blood tests that diabetics perform because it's not perfect, sometimes giving erroneous

readings, the Food and Drug Administration warned.

more frequent blood monitoring that can help keep of child diabetics, who particularly struggle with train patients who must accurately answer a quiz diabetics healthier, the FDA said. Better, it sounds an alarm if blood sugar hits dangerous levels - possibly life-saving if glucose plummets while they sleep.

To use the prescription-only GlucoWatch, patients slide a thin plastic sensor onto the watch's back each time they strap it on. Small electric currents extract a tiny portion of glucose from fluid in skin cells instead of blood, measuring it every 20 minutes for

So far, the device is only for adults, the FDA how soon the watch would start selling, or its price. disease and nerve damage.

those painful finger-prick tests and are anxiously before Cygnus can ship them a watch. awaiting painless monitoring.

GlucoWatch in children, doctors simply don't know sugar, or glucose. They check levels by pricking a finglucose measured in skin cell fluid correlates to ger and placing a drop of blood on reactive strips. blood measurements in children like it does in adults. So the FDA will watch closely to ensure it is properly prescribed just to adults.

It will supplement finger testing, providing the stressed. That will greatly disappoint many parents But physicians must be trained to use it, and then

Some 16 million Américans have diabetes, mean-Not only has Cygnus not yet studied the ing their bodies cannot properly regulate blood

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