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## Pampa Redistricting Panhandle lawmakers to cover more ground

**By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor** 

Tempers are beginning to flare in Austin as rural Texas legislators are concerned about how redistricting is going to have its affect on their districts. Rural counties are going to be the losers due to the drastic population decline in those small coun-

Pampa's State Representative vet just who he will be repre-

of the legislature is completed. He does know the 88th District will be changed.

Chisum said he and fellow Panhandle Republicans John Smithee and David Swinford aren't going to be deterred.

"We're not going to give up our seats just to satisfy the Houston and Dallas Republicans," said a determined Chisum in a phone interview Monday as he was on the floor Warren Chisum doesn't know of the House of the Representatives in Austin. "They senting after the current session (downstate Republicans) packed

this to get them another seat in the metropolitan areas."

The declining population of the Texas Panhandle is definitely affecting the area Chisum will represent. His district will encompass more counties due to people moving to metropolitan

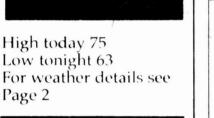
At least five house seats are estimated to be lost in rural Texas counties. The redistricting is based on the Census 2000 figures released in March.

Currently representing 16 (See **REDISTRICTING**, Page 3)

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> State Rep. Warren Chisum





### No Lotto winner. jackpot's growing

High today 75 Low tonight 63

Page 2

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated \$6 million. The numbers drawn were: 18-26-32-45-49-54. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$10 million.

#### Thieves take birth certificates

AUSTIN Thousands of missing Texas birth certificate forms are a potential problems for law officers who are thing for phony documents to start showing up at drivers' license offices and embassies.

The U.S. State Department has sent an alert to all its embassies about the blank birth certificates, which were taken from a locked safe.

· Ronald Ray Browning, 54 Vietnam War veteran. • Telitha Hand Jones, 84, for

mer grocery store employee.

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Horse owners across the area are getting their horses vaccinated for rabies following several confirmed cases recently in Pampa along with Gray and Wheeler counties. Bear, who is owned by Skyler Fulton of Pampa, received his rabies shot this week along with his Coggins test from Dr. Brian Gordzelik, DVM. All three local veterinarians will conduct the 31st Annual Rabies Drive Friday, Saturday and Monday at their office locations.

### Patient death increase in Nocona sparks order to exhume 12 bodies

Wednesday that clears the way for the exhuming of at least 12 bodies in the investigation of patient deaths at Nocona General Hospital.

The order signed by Justice of the Peace Roger Russle allows authorities to look for traces of mivacurium chloride in the bodies.

District Attorney Tim Cole said the exhumations will be conducted within the next 30 days. The Texas Rangers and FBI also are investigating.

Cole had previously said he would seek court

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — A Montague forders if relatives oppose the exhumations, County justice of the peace signed an order although many families already have given con-

> A twofold increase in patient deaths in December and January prompted the investigation by local, state and federal authorities.

> They are investigating whether more than 20 patients were given lethal doses of Mivacron, or mivacurium chloride, which is used to temporarily stop the natural breathing process in order to insert a breathing tube.

(See PATIENT, Page 3)

Lawmakers drafting tightest budget in a decade

## Mayor's race tops Saturday's ballot

WDISD board race hot contest

**By NANCY YOUNG** Managing Editor

Pampa voters will decide Saturday who will lead the community as mayor the next two years.

And, if early voting is an accurate indicator, the number of voters is likely to be a record turnout. Early voting ended Tuesday, and 780 voters cast ballots in the mayor's race before it closed.

The mayoral race is the only contested position on the ballot locally, and has generated significant voter interest. Incumbent Mayor Bob Neslage, owner of a cable advertising company, is seeking his fourth term. He is being challenged by Lonny Robbins, a local min-

Incumbent city aldermen, Jeff McCormick and Bob Dixon, are unopposed in their bid for re-election to the local city commission. According to the state election, code unopposed candidates are automatically declared as winners without an election.

Incumbent Pampa School Board Trustees Joe Martinez and Bill Jones are also unopposed and have been declared victors.

Voters in school and municipal elections throughout the area will also go to the polls in many contested races.

(See MAYOR'S, Page 2)

### Bill would give indigent quicker access to lawyers

From staff and wire service reports

Court-appointed attorneys in Texas would have to be appointed within a week and meet minimum statewide standards under a bill approved by the state Senate.

The Texas Fair Defense Act would also for the first time set aside up to \$19 million to help counties pay for the legal representation of poor defendants.

"I think it's a good bill," commented District Attorney Rick Roach. "I think it was enacted initially because in certain parts of the state it is a critical need. It doesn't apply to this area, though. I think (poor defendants) are getting excellent representation

Texas is one of only-four states that contribute no state funding to indigent defense. Texas ranks 49th in the nation in per capi-(See BILL, Page 3)

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### **West Texas**

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But Rylander has already warned budget writers not to count on a big increase Thursday when she updates the amount of tax revenue available to spend in the 2002-03 cycle, which begins Sept. 1.

"There's not going to be Christmas in May." Rylander told a Senate committee earlier this session.

That's bad news for lawmakers pinching pennies in a session where several high-dollar, high-profile priorities have\* emerged and where health care costs and other factors have absorbed the hopes of a surplus.

In January, Rylander said state taxes and fees would generate \$5.1 billion more than what lawmakers spent in the 2000-01 budget of \$98.1 billion.

Initial estimates are typically conserva-

tax cuts, Rylander increased the estimate

the tightest state budget in a decade are session, when then-Gov. George W. Bush lion more last fall, at the height of Bush's increase the estimate in a slowing econopresidential campaign.

Budget leaders this year have said they

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers drafting a tive and adjusted upward in May. Last by \$807 million. She upped it by \$45 mil-never expected Rylander to greatly my that's holding down state tax revenue. (See LAWMAKERS, Page 2)

### Teacher's insurance How health coverage plan works in PISD

By KATE B. DICKSON **Associate Publisher** 

Teachers and school staff in Pampa as in the rest of the state have their eyes on the Legislature in anticipation of what health insurance plan will come out of the current session.

PISD has been self-insured for the last 15 years and provides several packages of coverage from which employees can choose for either single or dependent coverage, said Mark McVay, district business manager. The plans include dental and prescription drug coverage.

No matter what the coverage, PISD pays \$140 per employee

per month, McVay said in a telephone interview today. With 500 employees that costs the district \$840,000 in a year.

For a \$250 deductible plan, the monthly employee-only premium is \$215, he said. Subtract the \$140 the district pays and the employee pays \$75 a month. For family coverage, the monthly premium is \$515. Subtracting the \$140, that leaves the employee

paying \$375 a month for family coverage. Even at \$515 a month, McVay said that premium is "probably low because it is not uncommon to see \$600 and \$700 premiums for family coverage

What school employees want to see come out of the (See TEACHER'S, Page 2)



May 19 - 20 - Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament. Play Hidden Hills Golf Course & Pampa Country Club. Contact David Teichman at Hidden Hills or Mickey Piersall @ Pampa Country Club for more information.

## Daily Record

### Services tomorrow

**BROWNING**, Ronald Ray — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa. JONES, Telitha Hand — 10:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Laverne, Okla.

### **Obituaries**

#### **RONALD RAY BROWNING**

Ronald Ray Browning, 54, of Pampa, died Wednesday, May 2, 2001. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of The Carpenter's Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Browning was born Feb. 11, 1947, at Little Rock, Ark. He had been a Pampa resident since 1948. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include two daughters, Crystal Morales of Amarillo and Dee Anna Browning of Steamboat Springs, Colo.; his mother, Frances Browning, of the home; a sister, Barbara Stubblefield of Pampa; and a brother, William J. Browning of Pampa.

**TELITHA HAND JONES** LAVERNE, Okla. — Telitha Hand Jones, 84, died April 29, 2001, at Pampa Regional Medical Center in Pampa. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in First Baptist Church of Laverne with

the Rev. Gaylon Cox presiding. Burial will be in May Cemetery in May, Okla., under the direction of Myatt-Seeger Funeral Home of Laverne. Mrs. Jones was born Sept. 6, 1916, at Lone Wolf, Okla., to Samuel Hand and Belva Campbell Hand. She married Everett Lee Jones on Aug. 31, 1932, at Arnett, Okla.; he died July

The couple made their home in May for a number of years prior to relocating to Buffalo, Okla., where she worked for Bob Fossey and Larry Painter in their grocery stores.

In 1966, she and her husband moved to Laverne. She was employed by Western State Hospital at Fort Supply, Okla., until retiring in 1981. She belonged to Laverne First Baptist Church and Womens Sunday School Class.

She moved to Meredith House in Pampa in May 2000.

She was preceded in death by her parents; by her husband, Everett, in 1978; and by a sister,

Survivors include two daughters, Berdena Richardson of Pampa and Barbara Snell of Buffalo, Okla.; two sisters, Wilma Coffman of Loomis, Calif., and Viola Bell of Derby, Kan.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchil-

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Laverne or to Laverne Senior Citizens in care of Myatt-Seeger Funeral Home, P.O. Box 909, Laverne, OK 73848.

### Police report

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

Wednesday, May 2

Dustin Wayne Douglas, 17, 800 E. Foster, was arrested on a traffic warrant.

A \$10 gas drive off was reported at a convenience store in the 1000 block of Wilks. Assault by threat was reported in the 700 block

Police responded to an unattended death from natural causes in the 2200 block of Williston.

Criminal mischief to a habitation was reported in the 500 block of Wynne. Paint was poured on cabinets, walls and floors, according to police reports. Damage was estimated at \$1,000.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Crest as eggs were thrown at a car.

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#### **Fires**

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

Wednesday, May 2

7:39 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of Williston for a standby.

11 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center for a Lifestar standby.

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	dn 0.77	West Texas Crude	28.12

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reporting prescriptions was the original charge. ed the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Wednesday, May 2

Richard H. Leger, 19, 513 Ward, was arrested for violation of probation with original charge as driving while intoxicated.

Tammie Mae Young, 38, 322 1/2 Wynne, was arrested for violation of probation. Forgery/alterMartin P. Rothman, 60, Palm Beach Gardens, Fl.,

was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a blue warrant.

Charlie Mullen, 40, Lefors, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety for driving while

Lenord Anthony Scott, 35, 1141 S. Huff, was arrested on a bond forfeiture on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

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### **LAWMAKERS**

But any extra funding would be welcome.

With less than a month to go in the 140-day session, lawmakers have yet to agree on how much to give to a statewide health-insurance plan for teachers and other public school employees, Medicaid, state employee pay raises and higher education.

Two top issues, teachers insurance and Medicaid, have been pitted against each other by legislative leaders under increased pressure. The budget and it must be balanced—is the only bill legislators are required by law to pass.

The House has approved a \$109.7 billion budget. The Senate passed a \$111.7 billion spending plan. A conference committee has until the end of next week to reconcile the proposals.

The Senate is accusing the House of spending too much on teachers insurance, slighting Medicaid. In Texas, an estimated 200,000 children are eligible for but not enrolled in the health care program for the

'I would be hard-pressed to turn my back on the sick children in Texas and to say that teachers' health insurance ought to take a higher priority than children's health," said Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, said Ellis is wrong.

The House is willing to increase funding by \$542 million to Medicaid and other areas such as nursing homes, Junell said, but upping social service funding by more than \$700 million, as the Senate suggested "is so irresponsible."

### People in the news

Iglesias has loved before, add two.

The 57-year-old Latin singer's longtime girlfriend, Miranda Rijnsburger, gave birth Tuesday at Mount Sinai Medical Center to twin daughters. All

are doing well, Iglesias' spokeswoman said. Iglesias and Rijnsburger have two sons, ages 2 and 3.

He also is the father of three adult children from his first marriage — a daughter Isabel, who is a Enrique and Julio Jr., both singers.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country singer Terri Clark was charged with drunken driving after a police officer stopped her for speeding. Clark, who was stopped Tuesday night, was

released on \$2,000 bond

"The officer detected several cues usually identi-

fied with an alcohol-impaired driver," police spokesman Don Aaron said. Clark had glassy eyes, was very talkative and

had a hard time keeping her balance when she was asked to stand outside her car, Aaron said. The 32-year-old singer said in a statement that she was driving home from a business meeting

when she was stopped. "While I had had some alcohol with dinner, I did not feel like I was impaired," she said. "I do not, nor have I ever condoned drinking and driving, brother for a 1985 drug offense.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — To all the girls Julio and know that no matter how little alcohol one has, one should never drive after drinking.

"I apologize, and deeply regret this incident." Besides DUI, she was charged with implied consent for refusing to take a blood-alcohol test. Clark said she refused to take the test on the advice of a friend who is an attorney

Clark, a native of Quebec in Canada who wears a trademark wide-brimmed cowboy hat during performances, has scored hits with "A Little Spanish-language television personality, and sons Gasoline," "Better Things to Do" and a remake of Linda Ronstadt's "Poor, Poor Pitiful Me."

> TORRANCE, Calif. (AP) — The arraignment of Roger Clinton, the brother of former President Clinton, on charges of drunken driving and disturbing the peace has been postponed.

> On Monday, a new arraignment date was set for

May 14.

Clinton's attorney requested the postponement to allow more time to gain recordings of police radio dispatches. The attorney is attempting to show that officers recognized and unjustly targeted his client.

The 44-year-old Clinton was charged Feb. 21 with drunken driving after he allegedly was seen weaving his sport utility vehicle down a Hermosa Beach street. The charge came less than a month after the former president pardoned his younger

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### **MAYOR'S**

The only polling place in the Pampa mayoral race will be at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. The polls will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Two area races are being closely watched. In the White Deer Independent School District Board of trustees race, all three places which are expiring are

White Deer's trustees' decision to close the school cafeteria at the Skellytown-based campus of the school system coupled with the decision to bus the fifth and sixth graders to White Deer during the 2001-2002 school year appears to have refueled a decades-old division between the two communi-

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

Skellytown voters will vote at the school library while White Deer voters will cast ballots at the Antler Gym.

McLean voters will decide if the economic development in the community will change from a 4A city to a 4B city. Currently, one-half of one percent sales tax goes into the fund. City leaders say passage of Proposition 2 would enlarge the number of projects the sales tax money could go towards for the community.

#### MUNICIPAL RACES McLean

Councilman Bob Martin and declared write-in candidate June Suggs are vying for mayor.

Four candidates are vying for the two alderman 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. LaVon Watson is seeking a position as a declared write-in.

Groom

Mayor Joe Homer will retain his mayoral post 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** 

Panhandle will not have a city council race. Only three candidates filed for the three open positions. Incumbents Scott Kennedy and Barry Metcalf both filed while Brad Maples is seeking the third position. The three men will automatically be declared the winners

White Deer White Deer's City Council will have a father-son duo serving together on the council. Incumbents Britt Reid and Bart Wyatt filed for re-election to their places on the council. The third position will be filled by Harold Reid. He is the father of Britt

City Secretary Rosa Bilderback said there will not be an election as there are no contested races. Lefors

In Lefors, there will not be a city election.

Gene Gee, Melanie Ray and Russell Jackson are the only candidates seeking the three positions open on the city council, according to City Secretary Judy Williams. She said there will not need to be an election and the three candidates have been declared winners according to election code provisions. Five Skellytown residents are seeking the may-

oral post. Current Mayor Mike Chaney did not

seek re-election.

Jerry Palmer, Christy Maher and Lucille Laurence all filed to seek the mayor's position. LaJonna James and Dustin Larkin are also seek-

ing the office as declared write-ins. Incumbent council members Marcy Ruth and Jerry Tice are both being returned to office without an election as they are not opposed

#### **SCHOOL RACES** Pampa

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

#### Lefors

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

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 appointment.

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

#### McLean

In McLean, nine candidates are seeking three three-year terms on the board of trustees, according to Superintendent John Griffin.

Incumbent Mike Darsey is seeking re-election while Billy Joe Skipper, Jr., Donnie Basham, Joe Riley, Terri Adams, Toni Bohlar, Linda Syfrett, Jody Smith and Floyd Skipper have have signed up. The top three vote-getters will be elected to the board.

**Grandview-Hopkins** Grandview-Hopkins ISD will not have an election this year. Only two candidates signed up for the two positions on the ballot, and they have been

declared the winners. Todd Harrison and incumbent Greg Acker were declared the winners. Incumbent Don Aderholt did not seek re-election.

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

Six candidates have filed for the three board positions. They are Clifton Britten, Lonnie Brown, Jigger Britten, Mike Friemel, Ron Kuehler and Carla Koetting. Clifton Britten is the only incum-

#### White Deer

White Deer ISD selects board members by the place system. Three positions are to be decided. and all are contested.

In each race, a Skellytown resident and a White Deer resident are facing each other.

In Place Three, incumbent Sherry Kramer is being challenged by Dudley Pohnert. Kramer is from Skellytown.

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

**Panhandle** Panhandle ISD voters will select the top two can-

didates in a four-way race. Incumbents William Hoffman and Don Bednorz are being challenged by Henry Mitchell and Robin

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### TEACHER'S

Legislature, says McVay, is for them to be included in the current plan with state employees.

"It's a good plan with good benefits but it is also very expensive," the business manager said. The state pays the total employee premium and half of the family coverage cost.

The state pays an average of \$400 a month for health insurance for each state employee and that's why the teachers want it," McVay said.

While he doesn't believe school employees will be included in the state plan as it is now, McVay says, "It looks like the Legislature is moving toward

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Several different plans are

paying a portion" of premiums. being talked about by state lawust how much that may be isn't makers but the common thread is that whatever plan materializes, all carry a Sept. 1, 2002 start-up.

## City Briefs

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### Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, cloudy and showers and thunderstorms. mph. Some storms may be severe. east winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, cloudy with a 80 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Locally heavy the Panhandle southward into rainfall possible. Lows around the Concho Valley. 63. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy with a 70 percent chance of thunder- sized in Childress County. storms. Highs around 77. South percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 58.

STATEWIDE — A slow-moving cool front triggered showers thunderstorms and early Thursday in the Texas Panhandle.

The strongest storms developed between Snyder and Air Force Base near Del Rio. Abilene, the National Weather

Service said. The storms, which developed along a dry line associated with the front, were movcool with a 70 percent chance of ing to the northeast around 25

The nearly stationary front Locally heavy rainfall possible. extended from near Shamrock to Highs around 75. Northeast to around Muleshoe, then west into New Mexico. Widely scattered showers and

> Hail reports ranged from quarter-sized in Lubbock to baseball-

winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday clear in the Guadalupe night, partly cloudy with a 40 Mountains and far West Texas. Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 40s and 50s north of the front to the 60s and

70s in southern and far western

parts of the state. Extremes varied from the 40s in the Panhandle to 75 at Brownsville, Corpus Christi, along the Rio Grande. Laredo, Port Isabel and Laughlin

Other readings included 67 at 40s in the mountains.

Houston and 70 at Dryden.

Winds were from the north and northeast at 10 to 20 mph behind the front and from the south and southeast at 5 to 15 mph ahead of the system.

Skies should remain partly to mostly cloudy from the Panhandle and Permian Basin to the Concho Valley through thunderstorms were noted from Friday, with a chance of shower and thunderstorms for most of this region.

Rainshowers should be most numerous from the Panhandle into the Rolling Plains, with Meanwhile, skies were mostly some storms severe.

A slight chance of thunderstorms were forecast in the Big Bend area. Chances were better for storms in South Central Texas.

Daytime highs should range from the 60s and 70s in the north to the 80s and 90s in South and far West Texas, with high 90

Lows overnight were expected in the 50s to 70s except for some

ta spending on defense, spend per capita on poor.

"I like the fa posed law) is go ties with the defense," Roach that's going to h **Gray County** 

\$100,000 last y legal defense co 31st District Co 223rd District co county court, **County Auditor** Morris explain costs fluctuate i according to the in each court. A "in the interest of led to the high court costs, she "In a capital

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"I like the fact that (the proposed law) is going to help counties with the cost of legal defense," Roach said. "All in all

that's going to help the counties." Gray County spent more than \$100,000 last year for indigent legal defense costs - \$25,086.79 in 31st District Court, \$80,558.93 in 223rd District court, and \$2,219 in county court, according to County Auditor Elaine Morris.

Morris explained that the court costs fluctuate from year to year according to the cases presented in each court. A large amount of "in the interest of children" cases led to the higher 223rd District court costs, she said.

"In a capital murder case, this would make a very big difference," she said.

"I think it's needed," Harold Comer, a Pampa attorney and former DA, said of the proposed legislation. "It's perhaps long overdue."

"The county is going to have to be compensated for some of the costs that are incident, particularly to capital murder cases," Comer said. "I'm glad to see that's proposed in the bill."

Both the Texas and U.S. Constitution guarantee an individual the right to be represented by counsel, the veteran Pampa lawyer said.

"I think the Constitutions recognize, too," Comer said, "that they want to put a person who is indigent on the same parity with a person who has the funds to select a counsel of their choice."

That necessarily implies, Comer said, effective counsel. "Overall, it's good," said John

Mann, a Pampa attorney and former DA. "The bill apparently attempts to correct two main weaknesses in the system. Number one is the appointment of competent counsel and, number two, speedy appointment of counsel so as to protect every person's rights under the Constitution and the Bill of

The proposed legislation comes after Texas' tough-on-crime reputation came under the national spotlight of President Bush's

Texas does not have a uniform system for representing indigent defendants. Court-appointed lawyers are chosen by a myriad of local rules. Critics of the system have called it a national embarrassment.

"This gives judges the flexibility to determine who to appoint," Roach said. "Right now, judges are obligated to appoint people who really don't care one way or another. This would make way for people to specialize in these

type cases."
"I think if we look at it statewide, there is a need to have minimum standards for those who are appointed by the trial

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court to represent indigents, par- to correct the weakness of incomticularly in felony cases," Comer That is especially true in capital

murder cases, he said. "I think we've gone a long way in making sure that counsel who are appointed in capital murder cases now are qualified, Comer

There is a program now where attorneys can be qualified to represent defendants in cases where the penalty is death.

The administrative judge in each region selects a committee composed of four people, including the administrative judge and at least one member of the state bar, to select counsel in that region that are qualified to represent defendants in capital murder

The qualifications are that you have to have had at least been a second chair in a capital murder in Pampa is that counsel is not case for at least one trial before you can even go on the list," Comer said.

Then the counsel has to be approved by the trial judges in

They have made an effort at least to make sure that counsel in capital murder cases are competent, are qualified to represent someone," Comer said.

That program has been in place for about two years, Comer said. There is a list posted in the District Clerk's office showing those attorneys that are "death" qualified. Among those in Pampa on the list are Comer, Mann and

"In Gray County," Comer said, cases other than capital cases, they tailor a counsel to the particular type of case that's involved."

Comer said if it is a serious crime or a violent crime, the district judges in Gray County, Judge Lee Waters and Judge Steve Emmert, will appoint counsel that they feel are most qualified to handle those types of cases. He says the judges in Pampa will select experienced lawyers in those cases.

"I don't know whether that's true statewide," Comer said. "I don't think it is."

He said he's lived in other parts both tough and fair," Ellis said. of the state where it wasn't. Comer says Pampa has much to this bill ought to go a step further be proud of in it judiciary.

in some of these large urban to make bail, it ought to prevent areas," Comer says. "Judge them from getting a free court-Emmert and Judge Waters both appointed attorney, make sure that the counsel they appoint can handle a particular type of case."

It is a point with which Mann agreed. Pampa is very lucky with the quality of counsel that is available, Mann said.

"Frankly, we should be appreciative of our judges here who make the appointments," Mann

He said the two district judges do everything they can to see that an indigent defendant receives the best counsel possi-

To the extent that the bill tends

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named one of the top 100 in the

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er last year.

petent counsel, that is not a problem in this district, Mann said, although other parts of the state, particularly in heavily populated

areas, it is a serious problem. "As for speedy appointment of counsel, the police don't want it because it wouldn't give them as long to have their way with the case, many times in violations of a defendant's right," Mann said. "As many people as we're seeing who are in prison who turn out to be innocent are a testimonial to the fact that when the locomotive getting to rolling with the steam of the state, they can roll over anybody they want to. That makes it all the more necessary for somebody to be appointed early to see that the locomotive never gets up that head of

Mann said the only drawback appointed soon enough.

The Associated Press reported that a private study of the indigent defense system last year found that some poor defendants wait months before they get a

In 1999, Bush vetoed a bill that would have required attorneys be appointed within 20 days of arrest. County judges objected that it limited their appointment

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, sponsor of the bill approved by the Senate, said under the current system some poor defendants are appointed lawyers who are negligent.

"As much as I like to say the "our judges, the way they do it in state doesn't make mistakes there's always the possibility," Ellis said.

"I'm convinced that there are people in jail today because their lawyers ought to be in jail," Mann said. In cases other than capital mur-

der, Comer said, there is still a need that appointed counsel meet minimum standards. "I think this bill sets up some minimum standards," Comer

"The Texas Fair Defense Act is a significant step toward creating a criminal justice system that is

"The other side of that coin is, and try to prevent people who That's not necessarily the case have the financial wherewithal

Representatives.

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REDISTRICTING counties in the Panhandle, Chisum said that number will increase to 20 or 25 counties, depending on which plan is passed by the legislature.

Chisum referred to one plan approved in committee Monday to redistrict the areas across the state. Rep. Delwin Jones, chairman of the House Redistricting Committee, was the only Republican on the committee approving the plan which had an

If Jones' plan passes, incumbents in nine districts would be pitted against each other.

He said under that plan he would lose Hartley County constituents, but gain Wilbarger, Motley, Briscoe, Cottle and Hardeman counties.

Another plan, Chisum said, would take his district as far east as Vernon and down south to encompass Swisher and Parmer counties.

It appears the redistricting plans are causing political party in-fighting in the Republican Party,

and also between the Republicans and Democrats. Redistricting occurs every 10 years after new census figures are released. The Texas Legislature creates boundaries not only for its two chambers, but also for the Texas congressional delegation and the State Board of Education.

Chisum currently represents residents of Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler counties.

U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry's 13th District has lost over 54,000 residents according to Census 2000. The area his district represents will also be increased due to the decline in population.

The Texas Senate is also working on a redistricting plan for its 31-member district. State Senator Teel Bivins' district also is certain to increase due to the population shrinkage in the Panhandle.

The 150 members of the House are expected to debate the issue on the House floor in the next few

### Father charged in two daughters' fatal shootings at loft apartment

was charged Thursday with shooting his two young daughters to death as he argued on the telephone with his ex-wife.

John David Battaglia, 45, was booked into Lew Sterrett Justice Center on two counts of capital murder, Dallas County sheriff's officers said. He was being held

on \$1 million bond. Liberty Battaglia, 6, and Faith Battaglia, 9, were found slain in a pool of blood inside the man's downtown-area loft. Police who had sought Battaglia for questioning in the fatal shootings also detained an unidentified female

friend early Thursday. Lt. Bill Walsh said he could not comment on whether the crime was premeditated. "It just seems maybe more than a coincidence that he wouldn't have had the children yesterday, called his wife to get them and then several hours later he murders them," he said.

Police said the case began unfolding Wednesday, when Battaglia contacted his former Sgt. David Graham said. "It's surmother-in-law, saying he needed to reach his ex-wife.

Mary Jean Pearle, the girls' mother, began arguing with Battaglia by telephone from her home in the North Dallas suburb of Highland Park.

"He put the oldest daughter on the phone who was visibly upset," Walsh said. "She ... asked her mother, 'Why are you trying to nave Daddy arrested and nave The bill has not yet been voted him put in jail?' Before the mother on by the Texas House of could respond, she heard the girl

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DALLAS (AP) — An accountant screaming, 'No, Daddy! No!' And prising that he would have been located to the crime Highland Park police tipped scene." Dallas officers, who broke into

Battaglia's loft apartment Highland Park with their mother Wednesday night and found the following a divorce in August. girls slain amid half-unpacked shotguns and rifles.

complex in a black extended-cab pickup truck. Douglas Cartmel said he saw the pickup leave and later saw the mother arrive."

"She was crying and freaking out," Cartmel said. "She looked in really bad shape.

Officers staking out nightclubs in the Deep Ellum entertainment district several blocks from the lofts spotted a truck that matched the description of Battaglia's vehicle shortly after 1 a.m. Thursday. Battaglia, who had been at a tattoo parlor, returned to the vehicle for cigarettes and was apprehended after a short struggle, Walsh said.

"I would consider this strange,"

The children had lived in

Battaglia has a previous crimiboxes and numerous handguns, nal history, according to Dallas County records. He was charged Witnesses told police that with two counts of assault for a Battaglia was seen leaving the Christmas Day 1999 incident involving his wife, receiving a sentence of two years' probation and a \$1,000 fine on one count, according to court records.

Dorrace Pearle, Mary Jean Pearle's mother, said her daughter was so afraid of her husband after the reported attack that she tried to limit contact with him. The younger daughters were

described as good students at Bradfield Elementary School in Highland Park. The grandmother said Liberty was involved in ballet, while Faith played the violin. They were beautiful, perfect

little children," Dorrace Pearle told The Dallas Morning News. "We're just heartbroken."



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deaths each year, said Charles E. Norris, hospital administrator. FBI charges scientists in trade secrets case

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technology to a Chinese firm. The three men were arrested by the FBI today and were sched-Brunswick, the FBI said.

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### Texas Editorials

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By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:

Austin American-Statesman on nursing home crisis: Nursing home care in Texas is the elephant in the room that no one in the Legislature is eager to talk about.

At least a quarter of the nursing homes in Texas have filed for bankruptcy in the past three years, and more are likely heading that way. This month, the state took over 14 nursing homes that had failed financially. Nursing home operations - whether large corporations, small businesses or nonprofits — all blame their problems on Texas' low reimbursement rate for Medicaid patients.

Medicaid is the primary government program that pays for nursing care for residents who don't have long-term care insurance or who can't pay out of pocket. The federal government pays 60 percent and Texas 40 percent of Medicaid costs, so the more money Texas commits to Medicaid, the more it gets from Washington. Or, in the case of nursing homes, the less Texas reimburses for Medicaid patients, the less it gets from Washington.

On average, nursing home care costs about \$96 a day in Texas, and the average Medicaid reimbursement is about \$82. With 70 percent of the 100,000 patients in the state's 1,200 nursing homes on Medicaid, that shortfall amounts to a financial disaster for Texas. And the problem will only

worsen as the population ages To settle a lawsuit over the reimbursement rate, the state agreed in 1997 to fix the financial shortfall but has failed to comply. Recently, another suit was filed to force Texas to live up to its promise to raise reimbursement amounts to at least

the break-even level for nursing homes. Budget writers aren't talking openly about actual numbers, but it's estimated that it will take about \$200 million more a year in state money for Medicaid reimbursements to match nursing home costs. That's a lot of money, but the

Legislature must consider the alternatives. The continuing failure of the nursing home industry in Texas, and an expensive legal judgment, could cost the state far more to provide care for its poor and elderly residents. Texas ranks 47th in the nation for nursing home reim-

bursement, the level averaging about \$15 a day below actual costs. That means either the private paying and insured patients make up the difference or the nursing home faces bankruptcy, which is happening at an alarming rate.

Other costs have risen for nursing homes, too, particularly insurance premiums. Financial and staff shortages affect the quality of patient care, which produces lawsuits.

Fearing that insurers won't continue to provide insurance in Texas, many nursing home advocates are pressing for tort reform to limit punitive damages in liability cases.

Yes, the state budget is strained by pressing needs. But Texas can pay now to end its nursing home crisis or it can pay a lot more later.

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## like to read stories about fighters

A few days ago a feature story appeared on the wire service and it caught my attention. It was about about State Representative Irma Rangel of Kingsville and her battle against

The story, which was very well written by Anna M. Tinsley of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, tells of not only Rangel's battle with the cancer, but also her determination as a young child to get an education.

Rangel has been undergoing chemotherapy throughout the present legislative session while also serving as chairwoman of the House Higher Education Committee. Very well-known in political and public ser-

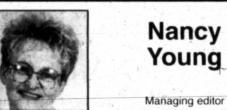
vice circles, Rangel, 69, has been a state representative since 1976. A veteran politician, I would wager she is very experienced in battles. Tinsley describes a lesson Rangel learned

early in life about the importance of education. Her father was determined his three daughters would get educations, and he wanted them to vovarian. Her fighting spirit and sense of humor research and more focus on the uterine and be determined to obtain those educations.

He took Rangel and her two sisters — Olga and Minnie \_ to a farm in South Texas for a week to pick cotton. After a week of the backbreaking work, he gave his daughters a choice: did they want to pick cotton or go to school?

All three were unanimous in wanting to pursue an education. Rangel received her law degree while Minnie became the first female doesn't give up. She's not giving up on life and Hispanic pharmacist in Kingsville. Olga became a teacher.

Their father apparently conveyed to his daughters that if you work hard you can do anything and to never give up. Even though he and their mother didn't have an education, they were very hard workers and eventually became successful appliance store and dress



shop owners. But they wanted more for their children.

"They had wonderful ambition and wanted to achieve success," Irma Rangel is quoted as While their parents instilled the determina-

tion to obtain educations, they apparently also ingrained a persistence in their children about how to overcome life's obstacles.

Rangel's cancer, according to the story, first began as breast cancer and progressed into the Rangel's openness will open the door to more have apparently helped her in the battle for her ovarian cancers. Hopefully, her battle will draw

have been supportive of her during this health crisis in her life. Apparently her stubbornness has become quite an asset. She stubbornly pushes for proposals to improve education and

Her sense of humor also seems to have carried her through her public service post as well as her personal fight against the cancer.

I like to read stories about fighters, and I don't mean the Mike Tysons and George Foremans. It's the fighters like Irma Rangel. They give me inspiration.

When I was diagnosed with breast cancer in January of 2000, I looked to people like that as examples. My primary role model was my mother — as she fought the disease from 1978 to 1995 when she died. She didn't let the cancer control her life. As she was in politics, she also was experienced in determination. I'm proud June Christian was my mother. She taught me to never give up.

Another person whom I have been very grateful for has been Betty Ford, the former first lady. I strongly believe that when she went public about her fight with breast cancer a number of years ago that she brought attention to the disease which it would not have received otherwise. I feel that her openness also caused considerable research to be done which has saved many lives - mine included. I thank God for her every day.

My fervent prayer is that the well-known attention to the need for more research to defea Fellow colleagues in the Texas Legislature those cancers. I am watching a woman right now trying to beat uterine cancer, and much more needs to be done in that field.

Local residents can help fight cancer by participating in the upcoming Relay for Life sponhelp students get those educations, and she sored by the American Cancer. It is scheduled for June 22 and 23. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Pam Dalton at 665-0356 or the American Cancer Society at 353-

> In the meantime, if you know someone battling the disease help them by listening. Encourage their faith and sense of humor. Toss in a copy of "Chicken Soup for the Surviving Soul." That helps, too.

### Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 3, the 123rd day of 2001. There are 242 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On May 3, 1802, Washington D.C. was incorporated as a city.

On this date: In 1916, Irish nationalist Padraic

in the Easter Rising. In 1937, Margaret Mitchell won

cuted by the British for their roles

'Gone With the Wind." In 1944, U.S. wartime rationing Pearse and two others were exe- of most grades of meats ended.

Rangoon, Burma, from the Japanese. In 1948, the Supreme Court

In 1945, Indian forces captured

the sale of real estate to blacks or members of other racial groups were legally unenforceable.

In 1971, anti-war protesters began four days of demonstrations in Washington aimed at shuta Pulitzer Prize for her novel, ruled that covenants prohibiting ting down the nation's capital.

### We must preserve 'spirit of defiance' Your representatives

Language these days is used more often to confuse and mislead than it is to communicate. There are some terms that we, as a people, should insist that our government define in an intelligent man-

Years ago, when there was a friendly dictator in. the Sudan, the United States quickly dispatched fighters and AWACS radar planes to Egypt after Libya's leader, Moammar Gadhafi, said something cross about the Sudan.

Just for the fun of it, I called the State Department and asked why we were so eager to sierra that poured forth. The more I asked the guy to tell me, specifically, just what our national and annoyed he became. He never did tell me, countries' conflicts. but that was OK, because I already knew.

Only a month or two before, an old newspaper colleague who had become a world adventurer showed up in the parking lot, fresh from Sudan. Among the tales he told me was that Standard Oil of California had just discovered a pretty big oil field. He knew because his company ferried supplies out to the site.

That was our "national interest." A sweetheart deal with a dictator by an American oil company. It was a good two years later before I saw any reference at all in American newspapers to that oil.
"National interests" and "Stability in the

region" are just meaningless terms used to dupe the American people. Our true national interests can be specifically defined. And stability in a region a long way from our shores is irrelevant to

We have a national interest in freedom of navigation. Because this interest is shared by every nation, it really hasn't been a serious problem in the past few decades.

We have a national interest in seeing that



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

defend Sudan. You should have heard the bravo American citizens, provided they break no laws, are treated fairly in foreign countries. We have no interest at all in rescuing Americans who commit interests were in the Sudan, the more flustered criminal acts or who involve themselves in other

> It's in our national interest that no one should interfere with voluntary trade between our nation and other nations. But guess what? The United States is the villain par excellence when it comes to interfering with voluntary trade between nations. We have sanctions in one form or another on nearly 60 nations.

I have to point out that Fidel Castro's Cuba is an exception. Our sanctions against Cuba apply only to American firms. Cuba is, and always has the world — and does so. Cuba is not poor to do. because Americans can't do business there. Cuba is poor because Castro is a thief, a man whose word is no good, a poor credit risk and an incompetent but vicious tyrant.

Nevertheless, Congress ought to get over its imperial illusions and confine itself to doing its, constitutional duty and stop meddling in the internal affairs of other countries.

One of the most pernicious propaganda phrases was born out of NATO's aggression against Yugoslavia: "Intervention for humanitarian rea-

sons." Now that's a crock and a flaunting of the law of nations. There are two things to say about this nonsense.

One, no humanitarian problem is ever going to be solved by killing people and destroying property. Two, given the cowardice of the Western nations, you can be sure "intervention for humanitarian reasons" will be highly selective and confined to only small, defenseless countries. It's strange, indeed, that the United States

should assert the right to attack another nation "for humanitarian reasons" when it refuses to allow United Nations peacekeepers to protect the Palestinians from very inhuman treatment by the

All of this arrogance, cowardice and hypocrisy is caused in part by our departure from our republican roots. In a republic, elected officials from the president on down are just ordinary citizens hired on a temporary basis to do jobs the rest of us are too busy to fool with.

Sometime around the Kennedy administration, people began to look upon politicians as though they were gods, or at least emperors. Since the days of the Revolution, some Americans have hungered for a king. Some Americans are so psychologically debilitated that they long for a been, free to trade with all the other countries in Daddy Figure to tell them what to think and what

Naturally, this adoration and celebrity go to the heads of the politicians, most of all to the least intelligent and accomplished.

Walt Whitman, the poet, warned that if Americans were to avoid tyranny, they absolutely had to preserve "their roughness and spirit of defiance." "Resist much, obey little," he advised on another occasion.

The first thing to do is throw these political euphemisms into the dustbin of language where PAM

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## Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Women's Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

LAS PAMPAS WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

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

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's

PLANNED PARENTHOOD Planned Parenthood hosts "Dose of Reality" at 6 p.m. the second of Monday of each month in Suite 173A of the Hughes Building. The program is open

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MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-492

PAMPA MINISTRIAL ALLIANCE Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes month-

GRAY COUNTY

**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at

BEEF AMBASSADOR CONTEST Top O' Texas CattleWomen is seeking youth between the ages of 15-19 to compete for the Beef Ambassador Award. For more information, contact Amy Brainard at (806) 323-6397.

ACS LOOK GOOD ... FEEL BETTER The American Cancer Society will present the program "Look Good ... Feel Better" from 1-3 p.m. May 5 at the ACS office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. The program is aimed at helping cancer patients cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatments. Cosmetology professionals will The Cost Containment Research Institute in demonstrate techniques how to compensate for hair loss through the use of turbans and scarves. To register or for more information, call the ACS at (806) 353-4306.

**QUICK TASP** 

Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky, will conduct a Quick TASP exam at 9 a.m., Monday, May 14 at CCPC. Cost of the exam provide two forms of identification. For more www.institute-dc.org. information, contact the college at 665-8801.

3D PROGRAM Free weekly classes for the Christ-centered 3D program featuring the three Ds — Diet, Discipline and Discipleship — will begin soon. The program will tailor an eating plan to suit the individual tastes and lifestyles of each participant. For more information, contact Judith Loyd, 665-6127; Jamee McCarty, 669-7869; or Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-

**OUTWARD BOUND** 

North Carolina Outward Bound will offer three paddling adventures for teens during the 2001 summer break. In addition to outdoor activity skills, NCOB courses provide instruction for navigation, basic first aid, wilderness safety, camping techniques and environmental stewardship as well as teamwork and leadership. For more information on these courses or other NCOB summer offerings, call 1-877-77-NCOBS, e-mail challenge@ncobs.org.

Consumer Guidance Corp. has established a grant fund to help people in financial difficulty due to high energy costs. The program is funded by private donations from corporations and private citiorganization's 501(c)3 non-profit status granted by IRS. To receive a grant application or for more information, call (202) 595-1035 or visit www.ConsumerGuidance.org on the Internet. To contribute to the fund, send tax deductible donations to: Consumer Guidance, P.O. Box 96051,

Washington, DC 20090-6051.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more informahelp with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income tion, call 665-3024. and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m.,

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. May 16, Harvest House, 736 Cuyler, Pampa; and 12 noon-4 p.m., City Hall, 6th and Main, Canadian. The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657,

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

lowing upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: May 21, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, and May 22, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, Pampa; April 4 and 18, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; April 11, Family Care Center, Shamrock; and April 16, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

SCIENCE SPECTRUM

The Science Spectrum and Omnimax Theatre in Lubbock have announced upcoming events throughout the month. Omnimax Theater will offer the following presentations: "Journey into Amazing Caves," featuring spelunkers Nancy Aulenbach and Dr. Hazel Barton; "Island of Sharks," featuring underwater shots of the Cocos and surrounding islands; and "Gold Fever," featuring abandoned mines from the Klondike to the Gold Coast of Africa. Science Spectrum will offer: Funhouse of Imagineering, a collection of engineering displays and experiments; and Ramar Adventures, an informative clinic to update parents and youth about summer programs and

camps, slated from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., April
MRS. TEXAS AMERICA Mrs. Texas America Pageant officials are seeking participants for the Mrs. Texas America 2001 Pageant slated July 6-8 at the Doubletree Post Oak Hilton in Houston. Contestants will compete in Evening Gown, Swimsuit and Personal Interview. The winner will go on to compete in the nationally-televised Mrs. America Pageant to be held in September in Honolulu. For more information, contact Bonnie Productions at (480) 563-4216 or visit www.mrstexasamerica.net on the World Wide

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currenty accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-forprofit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit http://www.heifer.org. on the Internet. BOY SCOUTS

The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-650 CASE

Cultural Academic Student Exchange is seeking families of all types — retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples — to host a high school exchange student.

For more information, call 877-846-5848.
PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOOKLET Washington, D.C., recently published at 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet #: PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at

The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., is offering the booklet "Directory of Micro Loan Sources." The booklet includes information on how and where to get micro loans of up to \$25,000. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, Micro Loan Sources - Dept. DMLS-0313, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, DC 20090-6071; by calling (202) 595www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the World Wide Web.

**FEI BOOKLET** 

The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., is offering the booklet "The 100 Most Popular Government Giveaway Programs." The booklet includes information on how and where to take advantage of the most popular government giveaway programs. Consumers can obtain a copy by visit sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage http://www.ncobs.org/summer.html on Internet.

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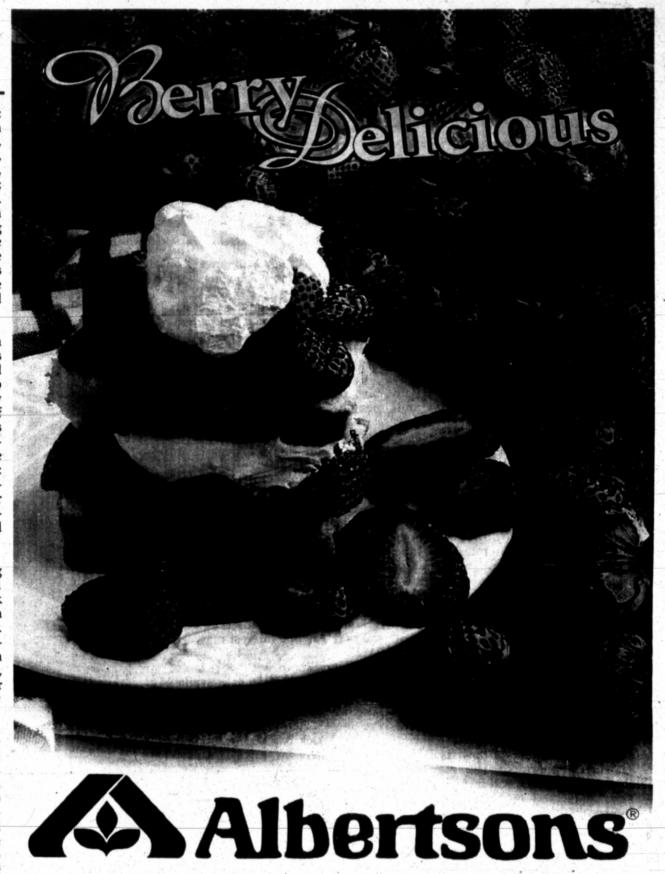
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zens who receive a tax exemption because of the The Family Health Research Council is offering a free booklet "Getting the Sleep You Need" with information about sleep and suggestions on how to cure insomnia. To receive a copy, consumers should send \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Regional Fulfillment Center, Sleep Booklet #143, P.O. Box 692634, Boston MA 02269-2634. The information is also available at the Council's website at www.familyhealthresearch.org.
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## Harvest Lanes Family Fun Center

Center.

Enthusiasm and positive attitudes are contagious among the staff and owners at the Family Fun Center. Upon arriving at the center, customers become friends as they enter the friendly atmosphere.

"Bowling is the number one family sport," said Joann West, co-owner with husband, Ralph. "Everyone in the family plays. This is not a bench-warmer

Open seven days a week, the center for family fun has entertainment for all ages. "You are never too young or too old to bowl," she said. "We start them bowling as young as 3 years of age."
A summer "Kids Club" allows the

younger generation to bowl all summer long for a minimal amount. A one-time fee of \$15 is charges for membership. The fee includes free shoes and allows members to play a game for \$1.

"For \$5, the children can play videos, bowl three games and also have a soft drink," said West. "You can't beat that price for entertainment."

She also said they have lightweight equipment as well as small shoes, ball ramps and bumpers to fill the gutters so the children will not get gutter balls. Kids Club goes through Aug. 31, and

children may still join.

A Junior program for bowlers is held on Saturday mornings. They may bowl three games for \$5, and included is the shoe rental and money for a trophy fund, said West. She added that certi-

One of the busiest places to be in fied bowling coaches are always on site Summer hours for the Harvester Pampa is Harvester Lanes Family Fun to help the young bowlers with the Lanes Family Fun Center will be

> Rock 200 began about a year ago. It is enjoyed by the teen crowd on Saturday nights. High-tech laser lights are on here," said West. The center is located at while the bowlers bowl. "We've had 1401 S. Hobart. really good response to it," said West.

Christian Rock is available from 7-9 p.m. on Sunday nights for the young

"Fund -raising packages and bowl-athons are also available for groups," she said. "The birthday party packs are also available for parents.

"Parents supply the kids and the cake, and we provide the rest," said West. "One and one-half hours of bowling, use of bowling shoes and balls, party favors, a reserved table adjacent to the bowling lane with a complete Birthday Party setup and a personalized bowling pin with a balloon bouquet for the Birthday Child are included

in the package. Just call us to set it up!" Summer leagues are now forming, she said. Anyone interest may call 665-

A Game Room with pool tables, air hockey and video games is available at the Family Fun Center. The latest in bowling equipment is available in the Pro Shop.

"Our Snack Bar features some of the best burgers in town," said West. "Come join us."

**Photos by Nancy Young** 

Wednesday through Sunday, said West. The couple is proud to be in Pampa. "Come see us. We have a lot to do



Red Mills is manager of the Pro Shop at the Family Fun Center.



Serving and cooking for customers at the Snack Bar are Jennifer Hulsley and Sharon Cook.



Joann West, co-owner of Harvester Lanes Family Fun Center, and Dusty Nelson, assist bowlers at the desk

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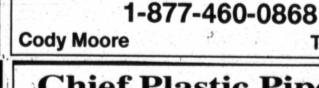




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## Planned Parenthood announces area-wide changes in operations Planned Parentood of the Texas Panhandle undergoing

restructuring and consolidation to cut costs

Planned Parenthood of for over 30 years. However, Amarillo and the Texas Congress has not increased Panhandle has restructured and funding for family planning serconsolidated its region-wide vices for over 10 years while operation to cut costs and to utility and pharmaceutical costs increase the variety of services it have increased exponentially offers. Services at the Amarillo making it impossible to support clinic, located at 6300 I-40 West, the same size operation in 2001 have been consolidated with the Downtown Planned Parenthood clinic. Services at the Shamrock of the Texas Panhandle for over clinic, located at 204 S. Wall, have been consolidated with the Pampa Clinic located at 408 W. Kingsmill.

Clarendon and Perryton closed. available within a reasonable Nine sites will remain active in distance of the closed clinics. Amarillo, Borger, Canyon, Childress, Dumas, Hereford, Memphis, Pampa and Tulia.
"Planned Parenthood of

Amarillo and the Texas costs and to expand services at Amarillo or the Canyon clinics," the remaining nine clinics. Pediatric, mid-life, and male serlocations in addition to tradi- uninsured of the tional family planning services," said Claudia Stravato, CEO, in a because Planned Parenthood Panhandle." has provided clinical, educational and patient advocacy services patient visits per year. Its clinical throughout the Texas Panhandle services currently include family

that we did in 1990."

"We have served the families

30 years and we will be serving them for years to come," Dennis Dougherty, PPATP Board president, said. "We have taken care On May 1, clinics in Dalhart, to see that similar services are Patients in Perryton can receive family planning services at the Title V Clinic operated by the Perryton Hospital. ... Clarendon patients can receive services in Panhandle will discontinue ser- either Memphis or Childress, vices at five clinic locations in and West Amarillo patients will the Panhandle in order to cut be seen at the Downtown

Dougherty explained.
"The closing of these clinics vices will be added in remaining will make it difficult for the Panhandle to receive timely and preventive healthcare," Stravato prepared statement. "It was a said, "but it was necessary to very hard decision to make insure our future presence in the

PPATP sees over 30,000

planning and contraceptive services, screening for sexually transmitted diseases, cancer and cardiovascular disease, pediatric well-child services and mid-life services. Education programs include middle and high school programs in addition to parent training programs. Advocacy issues include contraceptive equity in group insurance plans and federal funding

Texas Tech Health Science Center of Amarillo provides gynecological, pediatric, clinical and pharmaceutical supervision for medical services provided by Planned Parenthood.

for uninsured women's health

For information about transferring medical records, or appointments, patients may call 1-800-999-3107.

### State PRS launches campaign to prevent elder abuse

more adults are at risk of abuse, neglect and exploitation, according to the state agency charged with protecting elderly and adults with disabilities. The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services has launched "Not Forgotten," a statewide, multimedia campaign to kick-off Elder Abuse Prevention Month in May.

Longtime champion for the protection of elders and people with disabilities, Senate Health and Human Services Committee Chair Mike Moncrief (D-Fort Worth) urged Texans to remember our state's precious resources during May and every month. "These Texas treasures, our state's elders, deserve all of our efforts to make sure they are able to live healthy and inde-pendent lives for as long as possible," Moncrief

"Most of us have heard about the issues surrounding child abuse and neglect. But children are not the only Texans victimized by abuse," commented Jim Hine, executive director of PRS. 'Adult abuse is just as real as child abuse. Adult abuse — especially neglect, can be difficult to detect because it's easy to think that our elders often, family members, such as adult children,

AUSTIN — As the population ages, more and deserve better. They deserve to be remembered. Remembering the community around us is the focus of PRS' first-ever statewide multimedia public awareness campaign designed to prevent adult abuse. Television ads depict a World War II veteran who recently lost his wife and is now facing life alone.

"Isolation can make the elderly and people with disabilities vulnerable to abuse, neglect and exploitation," said Bettye Mitchell, director of Adult Protective Services division of PRS Experts project that the number of elderly people in Texas will more than double in the next 25 years. We have to show vulnerable elders now that they are 'not forgotten.'

To find out more about this campaign, visit www.notforgotten.org on the Internet. This website is full of information and resources on discovering and preventing adult abuse. The site contains warning signs of abuse, ways to help volunteering opportunities and statewide and local resources available for adults in need.

The website also contains facts about adult abuse. APS confirmed more than 35,000 cases of abuse, neglect or exploitation last year. Most can take care of themselves. These Texans spouses or grandchildren, are the perpetrators.

## AIYS program seeking students, host families

The American International Youth Student Exchange Program is a non-profit high school foreign exchange program in the United States, Europe, and other parts of the world. AIYSEP believes a greater international understanding is accomplished among people and countries through cultural and home stay programs. If offers qualified students a chance to spend a summer, semester or school year with a host family in America or abroad.

At present, American host families are being sought for 25 students from high schools in Europe and other foreign countries for the coming school year. Students will arrive in the United States in late August, attend the local school and return home in late June next year. The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school counselors in their home country and will receive medical insurance and spending money.

American families with small children are welcome to participate in the program. All families hosting a student for the year can deduct \$50 a month for income tax purposes.

AIYSEP is also seeking American High School Students, ages 15-19, who would like to spend a high school semester or year with a European family or to participate in a 4 or 6 week family stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIYSEP school counselors and educators in the local schools. Candidates who have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language can be finalists and become AIY-SEP students.

Interested students and families are asked to please contact the AIYSEP International Headquarters: Office of the Director, 200 Round Hill Road, Tiburon, CA 94920; 1-800-347-7575. You may also visit our website: www.aiysep.com or email aiysep@aol.com.

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Now for the rest of the story:

Hi-Land Christian Church

To Our Fellow Pastors:

March 3, 1998

Just moments ago, I was asked by several of my fellow pastors, to draft a letter sharing with you an emergency situation that has raised its head here in Gray County. The pastors who made this request were; Darrell Evans, Lyndon Glaesman, Lynn Hancock, Lonny Robbins, Mike Sublett and Doug Yates.

Pro-life officials and those who strongly support pro-life concerns are being attacked by a highly organized, abundantly financed group of pro-abortion (pro-choice) activists who reside right here in Gray County. The battleground that has been selected is the upcoming Republican primary county elections. The current Republican leadership is boldly, outspokenly "PRO-LIFE" and we thank God for that. However, each of us who were in attendance at the luncheon today are full of concern for the impact that the pro-abortion individuals could have on the moral fiber of Gray County.

Therefore we feel compelled to share several things with you; pastor to pastor. First, we have included a list of those Republican candidates that we personally know to be "strongly, outspokenly pro-life". This does not mean that we are saying that everyone else is proabortion. It just means that we want you to know those candidates for whom we can speak with confidence regarding their pro-life convictions. We would encourage you to share this list your members. What an opportunity for each of us as pastors to mightily serve our congregations.

Second, we have included a list of the various precinct voting sites around the county for next Tuesday's primary elections so that you can strongly motivate your members to be a "pro-life" activist by voting on March 10.

Third, we want you to understand that there is a back-up plan by the pro-abortionists to dominate the precinct meetings which will be held on election night at the the voting sites at 7:15 pm. At those precinct meetings the precinct delegates will be selected who will then by their vote determine whether "pro-life" or "pro-abortion" will be part of the Gray County platform. What this means is that everyone who is strongly concerned over pro-life matters and the moral direction of Gray County needs to be at their precinct meeting. Please encourage the members of your church to be at these precinct meetings. If pro-life candidates win the election, but then pro-abortion supporters dominate the precinct delegate selections later that evening, the platform will be "pro-abortion". Candidates do not determine the platform; the precinct delegates do. Therefore, we must not only be concerned about the election, but the precinct delegate selections as well.

806/669-6700

If you feel you need any further information, please feel free to call either Lonny Robbins (665-3255) or Mike Sublett (669-6700). May God bless us all as we stand on holy ground with our weapons drawn ready for the fight.

Darrell Evans

Lyndon Glaesman

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Doug Yates

**Lonny Robbins** 

Mike Sublett

Please keep in mind that an unorganized majority can be defeated by an organized minority anytime. Get out and vote your convictions on May 5th.

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### TDH reminds consumers to stop using recalled items

AUSTIN — The bread slides out of the under-the-But along with turning the wheat slices a golden brown, this particular brand of toaster is scorching cabinets and — all too often — causing fires.

Black & Decker Toaster Model T1000 TY1 was recalled in 1997 because of a potential fire hazard. Although approximately 234,000 toasters were sold, only about 19,000 consumers responded in the first six months after the recall, a fact that illustrates the problem of getting consumer attention.

Removing recalled products from major retail outlets before they are sold usually is not difficult," said Annabelle Dillard of the Product Safety Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "But getting consumers to give them up later can be a challenge."

Despite recall notices and public warnings, many old hazardous products are still found in homes, flea markets, resale shops and garage sales. Even years later, recalled items such as toys, household appliances, heaters, lamps or children's furnishings

can be dangerous if they are still in circulation.

"People, especially children, have been injured or killed by unknowingly using items that have been recalled. These products just keep resurfacing," Dillard said. "There is no such thing as an old recall. If it is still being used, it's still a danger."

One week each spring, TDH product safety inspectors visit resale shops to remind owners and managers about potential hazards associated with recalled products. Many small resale shops do not get information on recalled products directly from the manufacturer, so TDH product safety inspectors work year around with shop owners and managers to keep them up to date.

"Our visits also help remind consumers that recalled items could still be in circulation and still be dangerous to use," Dillard said. "Recalled items are hard to track once they are in use because they may be resold or given away by unsuspecting consumers," she said.

TDH works with the U.S. Consumer Product counter toaster at just the right shade and texture. Safety Commission (CPSC) to handle about 300 recalls of defective or dangerous products annually.

When a recall is first issued, retailed outlets are notified to remove the item from store shelves. Consumers are asked to stop using the product immediately and return it to the store where it was purchased for repair or replacement.

Consumers can learn about a recall from the retailer who originally sold the item, notices in the media or directly from the manufacturer by mail.

"It's important for consumers to fill out and return the registration card that comes with a new product," Dillard said. "These cards help manufacturers keep track of buyers and let them know about any recall."

Both TDH and CPSC have complete information on recalled items including specific problems and suggested remedies. For help identifying recalled products or to report an unsafe consumer product or product-related injury, contact the TDH Product Safety Division at (512) 834-6773 or check the TDH

www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/ps/index.htm. Information also is available from CPSC's tollfree hotline at 1-800-638-2772, on the CPSC website at www.cpsc.gov. or by fax 24 hours a day by subscription. Fax-on-Demand Service may be ordered by calling (301) 504-0051. Information for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-638-8720. Consumers also can report product hazards in info@cpsc.gov. For a list of major recalls, send a

Commission, Washington, DC 20207. But even without specific recall information, Dillard urges consumers to check toys, furniture, appliances and equipment for safety hazards. "You may just suspect that an item is not working correctly or may be causing problems," she said. "At

that point, just stop using the item." Selected Items for 2001 Recall Round-Up:

18AWGX2C 60 C imprinted in black on the cord. Cords have undersized wires and reverse polarity receptacles that allow plugs to be incorrectly toaster, Model T1000, Type 1. The toasters allow inserted, presenting fire, shock and electrocution hazards. Sold from March 1997 to November

 Tools Exchange Inc. blue outdoor extension cords, 10 and 50 feet long, with 3/C 300V. OUT-DOOR (6) imprinted on the cord. Cords have undersized wires, lack overcurrent protection and have reverse polarity receptacles that allow plugs to be incorrectly inserted, presenting fire, shock and electrocution hazards. Sold from August 1998 to January 1999.

· Empire Industries children's battery-powered riding vehicles, marketed as "Power Drivers" or "Buddy L." Battery chargers can overheat, presenting fire and injury hazards to children Sold from July 1995 to December 1997.

Tek Nek Toys children's battery-powered riding vehicles with model names " Prowler, "Dodge Ram," "Corvette," "PSC Motorcycle" and "Honda." Battery charger or wires can overheat, presenting fire and injury hazards to children. Sold

from July 1998 to April 2000. Fisher Price children's battery-powered Power Wheels ride-on cars and trucks. Electrical components can overheat and cause fires. Also wiring problems can prevent the vehicles from stopping. Sold before October 1998.

 Gerry Baby Products Clear Choice rechargeable postcard to Recall List, Consumer Product Safety baby monitor Model 618. When an electrical short occurs, the rechargeable battery can cause the monitor's unit to smoke and flame.

· All halogen torchiere floor lamps for in-home consumer repair manufactured before Feb. 5, 1997. Halogen bulbs in these lamps can cause fires.

Welbilt toaster Oven With Rotisserie and Griddle, Model TR660. The ovens' heating elements can break, causing the glass door to shatter.

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Black & Decker Spacemaker Optima horizontal food to catch on fire, and when the toaster door automatically opens and the food rack extends beyond the door, flames from the food can escape

and expose kitchen cabinets to fire. • Holmes Products Corp. wide-angle portable heaters, manufactured in 1998, Model HFH-297. Thermostats in some of these heaters are improperly positioned, which can cause them to overheat,

posing a fire hazard. · Older model hand-held hair dryers that do not protect against electrocution if they fall into water with the switch in either the "on" or "off" position. When buying a hair dryer, look for a larger rectangular-shaped plug at the end of the cord and a certification mark of a recognized testing laboratory.

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### West Texas A&M University briefs

Department of Music and Dance at West Texas

A&M University will close out their spring semester with recitals in Northen Recital Hall on the

Cancer screening. West Texas A&M University, in cooperation with The Don and Sybil Harrington ter with recitals in Northen Recital Hall on the WTAMU campus.

Ryan Thrasher-bass, a senior performance major from Abilene, will perform his senior recital at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 3. Laura Anderson-piano, a senior music major from Canyon, will perform at 6 p.m. Friday, May 4.

On Saturday, May 5, Emily Starnes, a graduate music student from Canyon, will present her recital

requirements for music, music composition, music education, music therapy and performance majors. For more information, call (806) 651-2840.

WT Women. More than \$1,900 was raised at the annual WT Women Scholarship/Tasting Party April 21 at the home of Arlie and Barbara Petty. The money will benefit the WT Women Scholarship spring semester and the first summer session. A Fund for faculty, staff or children of WTAMU fac- complete listing of intersession class offerings is ulty and staff members attending or planning to available in the Schedule of Classes available on

Poster presentations. Cody Drager, a WTAMU graduate student in agriculture/animal science from Clovis, N.M., earned a fourth-place award and cash prize for his poster "Effect of Feed Intake Restriction on Animal Performance and Carcass Characteristics of Finishing Beef Steers" in gradu-Nutrition Council Conference April 5-6 in San Antonio.

Michael Jeter, a graduate student in agricul- Monday through Thursday as listed in the ture/animal science from Friona, also presented a WTAMU Summer Schedule of Classes. poster titled "Drinking Water Intake by Finishing Yearling Beef Steers." Both students are advised by

Student recitals. Four students in the Dr. Mike Brown, assistant professor of agriculture. System, will offer a breast cancer screening clinic from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 9 in Old Main, Rooms 314 and 317. For more information, call (806) 356-1905.

Farm and Ranch Safety Camp. More than 700 area fourth-graders will participate in the Progressive Farmer Farm and Ranch Safety Day at 1 p.m. Tim King-clarinet, a senior music major from San Antonio, will present his senior recital at at West Texas A&M University. Local volunteers will address 13 different areas of safety. The camp Student recitals are part of the degree-completion is sponsored by the WTAMU Division of Nursing, the Randall County Extension Service and the Safe Kids Coalition of Potter and Randall counties. For more information, call (806) 651-2648.

> Intersession classes. West Texas A&M University will offer undergraduate and graduate courses May 14-31 during intersession between the WTAMU campus and http://www.wtamu.edu/administrative/vpa/reg /schedule/sched.htm. For more information, call

Summer hours. West Texas A&M University will begin observing its summer schedule on Monday, May 14 through Friday, Aug. 17. The University's ate student poster competition at the Plains summer hours will be from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:30-11:30 a.m. on Fridays. WTAMU classes will meet

Library hours. The Cornette Library at West

Texas A&M University will be closed May 12-13. On Monday, May 14 through Aug. 15, the library will observe its summer hours schedule-7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30-11:30 a.m. on Fridays. The library will be closed on Saturdays during the summer months, but will open from 1:30-5:30 p.m. on Sundays.

WTAMU will offer two sessions of Camp

Tatanka-May 29-July 5 and July 9-Aug. 16 from 8:15 a.m.-noon for children who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade. Cost for the first session is \$84 per child and cost for the second ses- 651-3601.

For more information about Camp Tatanka, contact Bill Craddock at (806) 651-2400.

Calf scramble. Students Assisting 'N' Good Endeavors (SAGE), a new community service organization at West Texas A&M University, will sponsor a Calf Scramble and dance beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, May 4 at the University Horse Center. All proceeds from the event will benefit the American Cancer Society. For more information, call (806)

### Internet offers new slant on field trips

all it takes to discover a whole new way of teaching Burleson, assistant professor in education at and learning about the state of Texas via the Internet and the Virtual Field Trip Network

VFTN is an on-line technology-rich curriculum and resource program that allows primary and secondary school students to visit various sites across the state of Texas without ever leaving the classroom. The program is funded through a Texas Education Agency grant with collaborative support from West Texas A&M University (WTAMU), Texas A&M University-Texarkana, various state agencies, the Liberty-Eylau Independent School District and the Cypress Valley Alliance.

By fall 2001, students from across the state of Texas will be able to visit the VFTN at www.vftn.org and click into 80 different locations to learn about Texas historical sites, parks, museums, laboratories and more. Students living in south Texas can experience the sites of the Panhandle, or those in the Panhandle can visit the USS Texas Battleship in Houston all thanks to the

"Everyone is very passionate about their site —

CANYON - "CLICK HERE TO ENTER." That's that's what makes it so exciting," Dr. Kathy WTAMU, said. Burleson is one of several from across the state to receive grant monies to develop a field trip as a professional intern for VFIN. She recently completed a week's worth of training at the Cypress Valley Alliance in Jefferson, and is ready to create a field trip through the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

Although she explored several choices from around this area, Burleson settled on the museum because of its rich history, detailed exhibits and possibilities for curriculum material. Her role as developer of a field trip is two-fold.

"The first part is creating the field trip complete with pictures and text. In addition, I will develop curriculum materials that are aligned to TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills)," she said. Her field trip to the museum will be designed for fourth- and fifth-grade students and the curriculum will align to their texts in social studies, language arts and technology. The curriculum will promote the development of projects related to various exhibits in the museum.

(See, FIELD TRIPS, Page 10)

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### House committee rebuffs President on abortion

WASHINGTON (AP) - A House committee has voted to overturn President Bush's ban on giving foreign aid to organizations that discuss abortion with their clients or advocate abortion rights.

The House International Relations Committee on Wednesday also voted to reverse Bush's decision to end the annual assessment of Taiwan's military equipment needs. A third vote urged the president not to scrap a global warming treaty that mandated pollution reductions to curb heat-trapping greenhouse emissions.

However, the committee's actions on the \$8.2 billion State Department authorization bill face a long legislative road before final passage — separate House and Senate floor action and a likely conference committee compromise that would have to go back to both

If the abortion provision survives all that, the committee chairman predicted Bush would veto the bill.

But on Wednesday, three Republicans sided with unanimous Democrats on the 26-22 vote dealing with aid to foreign organizations engaged in abortion-related activities. The provision — which would nullify the order Bush imposed as

his first act after taking office - was added to the authorization bill, which was then approved by voice vote. "This issue, in our view, is a freedom of speech issue, not an abortion issue," Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., the committee's top Democrat. The committee chairman, GOP Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois, a long-

time abortion opponent, said before the vote: "If this amendment prevails, the bill will be vetoed."

Other amendments approved would: -Urge the administration to continue participating in international negotiations to complete the global warming treaty.

-Require the president to consult with Taiwan and Congress at least once a year regarding what weapons the island needs, in line with U.S. policy since 1982. Bush said last week the administration would consider arms sales on an "as-needed basis."

-Urge the president to rejoin the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, which the United States quit in 1984 over concerns about political polarization.

The restrictions on support for foreign organizations involved with abortion activities are called the "Mexico City policy." President Reagan first announced his plans to implement the strategy at a 1984 population conference there.

The first President Bush continued it, but President Clinton overturned it, except when he allowed it to become law for a year as a compromise to gain passage of a bill that included money for some U.N. dues the United States owed.

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GOP ready to push 2002

budget through Congress WASHINGTON (AP) tary and then retracting the state-ment, which it called a misun-a 2002 budget through Congress a 2002 budget through Congress derstanding. An official memo- with most of the big tax cut randum from Rumsfeld's office President Bush proposed and Monday to senior military and more spending for prescription civilian officials in the Pentagon drugs and other programs that said he had directed "the sus- he wants. GOP leaders planned Adm. Craig Quigley, said the for spending restraint. The bud- the minivan into a parked

tax cut over the next 11 years down from the \$1.6 trillion, 10year reduction that has been Bush's marquee issue since his fight for the GOP presidential nomination. Spending for many programs would grow next year by 5 percent, exceeding the 4 percent increase Bush had insisted was enough.

One killed, seven injured as hijacked LA transit bus crashes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A shooting suspect hijacked a pubpension of all Department of to muscle a compromise House- lic bus and held a gun to the dri-Defense programs, contacts and Senate fiscal blueprint through ver's head during a police chase activities with the People's both chambers on Thursday, that ended when the bracket Republic of China until further Congressional passage and a tri-slammed into a minivan at a notice." Hours after the memo umph for Bush's budget goals intersection, killing the van s leaked on Wednesday and was seemed assured, they said, driver and injuring seven peoreported worldwide by U.S. thanks to concessions Bush made ple. Officers shot at the suspect news organizations, a to Senate moderates to temper Wednesday but missed as he ran spokesman for Rumsfeld, Rear the tax reductions and his calls from the bus, which had pushed

United Parcel Service truck and then crashed into a downtown parking lot filled with cars. The suspect, whose name was not released, was arrested as he tried to get into a stopped car and was booked for investigation of murder. The bus driver, five passengers and the UPS driver were injured. The minivan driver, who died at the scene, was a woman in her 30s, police

Death toll rises to 65 in Chinese landslide

BEIJING (AP) — Rescuers have found 65 bodies in the wreckage of a nine-story apartment building buried by a landslide in southwestern China, the official Xinhua News Agency said Thursday. Only seven people of an estimated 76 people in the building are known to have escaped the disaster Tuesday evening in the city of Chongqing, Xinhua said. Hundreds of police and soldiers had cleared away about twothirds of the rubble by early Thursday and unearthed 65 bodies, it said. There was no indication of anyone found alive in the wreckage.

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so that when students tour the transportation exhibit, for example. I will have them pick a vehicle from that exhibit and write a histo-

Burleson first heard about VFTN from Dr. Christine Purkiss, assistant professor of education at

"This is a great opportunity for collaboration between school districts, junior colleges, universities, museums and state agencies. an outside agency or local museum. Together they create a virtual field trip of an area, or place of interest which students across the state will get to visit, virtually.

enormous," Purkiss said.

Julie Ann Moore, a junior education/mathematics major from Amarillo, will work together on the project. Burleson is excited also be responsible for updating about creating the design and is the field trip on exhibits that rotate working with the museum to see what images the facility has to offer. Moore will do some research and work on the technology side of it. Burleson also plans to incorporate her own classroom curriculum into the project to pull WTAMU education students in and make them aware of VFTN and what it

Every aspect of the project must come together quickly. Burleson is scheduled to travel back to Jefferson in July with a workable demonstration of her field trip. She

these places. I think the benefits to But even after the final touches are the school children of Texas are given, Burleson will remain tied to the project. The museum is currently undergoing major renova-tion and Burleson will continue to update the field trip to reflect those changes at the museum. She will in and out of the museum.

WTAMU and the Panhandle are not limited to just one field trip, Burleson said. If a subject can align itself to TEKS, it is considered a field trip. The Panhandle area is well represented so far on the VFTN. Besides the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, students will be able to visit such Panhandle sites as the Lubbock Lake Landmark and the Alibates Flint Quarries and Lake Meredith. But this area is rich with possibilities and Burleson hopes others will become creators of field trips for

### **Identity Theft** Seminar slated

AMARILLO - The Golden Spread Postal Customer Council in cooperation with the United States Postal Service, the Better Business Bureau, the Amarillo Police Department and Amarillo National Bank will host an Identity Theft Seminar at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 8 at San Jacinto Baptist Church, 801 Tascosa Road, Amarillo.

Inspector Alan T. Holmes, USPS Fort Worth District Office, will be the featured speaker. A panel of experts including victims of identity theft will be pre-sent to address questions from the audience.

Attendees will learn what identity theft is, how to avoid becoming a victim and what steps to take if they have been a victim of identity theft. Identity theft, much like other scams, knows no boundaries. Anyone can become a victim.

"Over 500,000 people were victims of identity theft in the year 2000," said Janna Kiehl, executive director of BBB. "This is a problem that needs to be addressed, before any more money is lost to this crime. Protecting your personal infor-mation is more important than

The seminar will offer answers to questions such as: "How do they get my name?" or "How can I stop getting all those credit card offers?" or "Should I really be shredding mail with personal information on it before putting it in the trash?"

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### Congress moving quickly on education bills

By GREG TOPPO **AP Education Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) President Bush's education package is gaining momentum, but without a voucher plan that would let low-income students in poorly performing schools use federal funds for private school tuition.

House Education Committee voted Wednesday to strip private school vouchers from Bush's education legislation in a setback for conservatives that, nonetheless, likely will boost the bill's chances for wider support.

"I think that winning the voucher vote is a very, very important step toward a positive, bipartisan bill," said Rep. David Wu, D-Ore.

Even as the voucher plan was going down to defeat, Congressional leaders picked up the pace on the president's education package with agreements on school testing and help for stu-

dents in failing schools.

Education debate has stalled for weeks in the Senate as lawmakers discussed details of how student test scores should be weighed. GOP and Democratic senators were expected to announce an agreement on testing Thursday.

Meanwhile, the House and Senate were intensifying work on their own versions of a major education funding bill, which has provisions designed to improve student performance while giving more freedom to schools to spend

The two bills are similar at their be allowed to transfer to another D-Calif. She said Congress should core. Each would require that students be tested annually on reading and math from the third grade until the eighth. School districts would be granted greater flexibility in their use of federal funds, a provision designed to give local officials the ability to direct resources to their greatest needs - higher teacher salaries, for example, or

improved classroom technology. The committee vote to remove the voucher provision was 27-20, with five Republicans siding with all the panel's Democrats.

public school and use federal funds invest more in school construction, for tutoring.

Conservatives registered their displeasure at the vote.

If this provision is eliminated, we have lost most of the president's vision for education reform because the only thing this bill will do is empower the bureaucrats in Washington," said Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich.

would drain needed resources away from public schools.

Vouchers aren't as popular as As it stands, low-income stu- this administration would have main elements of his package dents in failing schools would still you believe," said Rep. Hilda Solis, would clear Congress.

saying she was disappointed that a construction amendment was defeated.

"A lot of my kids, they go to school in portables," she said

Bush conceded in advance the voucher provision was doomed to defeat, but Education Department spokeswoman Lindsey Kozberg said Bush still supports "parental Critics argued that vouchers choice" and looks forward to floor amendments reintroducing vouchers in both the House and Senate.

Kozberg also predicted that the

### Panhandle-Plains FLBA earns top rating

Association, FLCA, recently received the Farm as exemplary lending institutions. Credit Bank of Texas Pacesetter Award for Henson noted the number of Pacesetter Award achieving the bank's highest possible rating in recipients has increased each year since the 2000. The award recognizes outstanding performance in the areas of growth and financial oper-

Panhandle-Plains was one of 17 rural financing cooperatives honored during the 10th Farm Credit District Annual Stockholders Meeting in Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. San Antonio. Award recipients included eight Agricultural Credit Associations (ACAs), eight \$5.2 billion in mortgage and production loans Federal Land Credit Associations (FLCAs) and outstanding to agricultural producers, rural resione Production Credit Association (PCA).

"The recipients of this Pacesetter Award exceeded a rigid set of growth and financial per- Association is headquartered in Amarillo with formance standards set by the bank," said Arnold offices in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton and Henson, FCBT chief executive officer. "They are Plainview.

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award was established in the mid-1990s, indicating the outstanding performance of the 10th District lending network as a whole.

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### **Pennies From Heaven Give Comfort to Many on Earth**

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in response to "Daughter of a Frugal Mom," who received a birthday card from her mother containing a penny. Two years ago my father passed away, leaving his wallet with six pennies inside. There are six children in our family, and the conclusion we reached was that he left one for each of us.

When she heard about it, our aunt (Dad's sister) presented us with the following: "I am like a penny. Not a bad one, a very bright one. Remember, I'll always turn up wherever you find a penny anywhere. In the years to come, you'll pick one up and say, 'There's Dad!' In time you'll have a thousand reminders of how much you're loved."

Abby, countless times since that day, we have been reminded in the most unusual and spontaneous ways that our dad is still very much a part of our lives.

IN MINNESOTA

DEAR KEEPING: What a charming and comforting story. mail. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My grandfather told me that when an angel misses you, he or she will toss a penny down to tell you so. I believe it.

Right after the start of the new millennium, I unexpectedly lost my life partner, Greg, from acute pancreatitis. He started feeling poorly on Jan. 2 and died a week later days before what would have been our 20th anniversary.

Greg's mother passed on only four months earlier. As he and his sister were sorting through her

### Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

belongings, they were surprised to find some pennies in a very unlikely place. His sister recalled how years before, their father - long deceased - would sing "Pennies From Heaven," so they took it as a sign that both of their parents were watching

During the days that Greg was dying, I kept finding pennies in strange places. Once, in the parking lot, I looked down at what I thought was a shiny bracelet. It was six KEEPING PENNIES newly minted pennies lying in a perfect row — one for his sister, her husband, three children and myself. I found one in the hospital corridor the day he died. It was in the center That letter generated a flurry of of a key chain someone had twisted into the shape of a heart.

I continue to find pennies often especially when I'm feeling blue. So, maybe the mother of "Daughter of a Frugal Mom" had a premonition. TERRY IN GILBERT, ARIZ.

Please accept my sympathy for the unexpected loss of your life partner. What a bittersweet story. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The writer who inquired about the meaning of a penny her mother sent her before she died may not have gotten it "for

It seems more likely that the seemingly insignificant token was a "penny for her thoughts," rather than the good luck charm you suggested.

My mother sent me such a penny during my busiest college days. I took the hint, and ever since have made sharing my busy adult life with her a top priority.

I hope "Daughter" didn't wait until it was too late to stop being frugal with the contact her mom

LINDA'S DAUGHTER, TULSA, OKLA.

DEAR DAUGHTER: While that "hint" is a little too subtle for me, several other people also mentioned it. I'll leave it up to my readers to decide which explanation they prefer.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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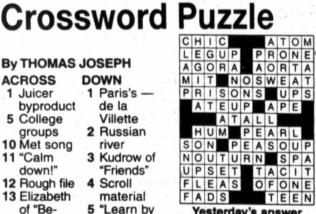
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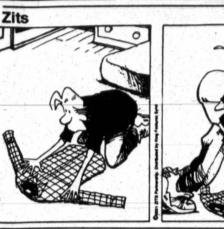
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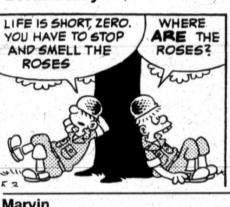






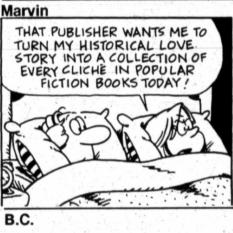


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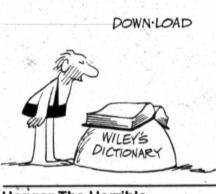


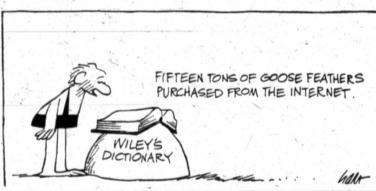












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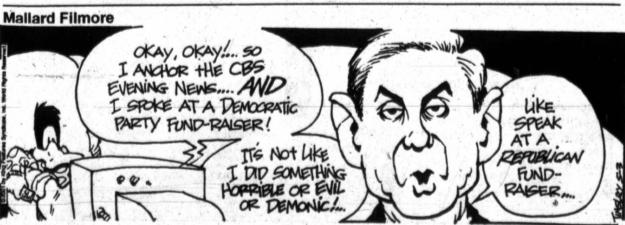




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## SPORTS

### Notebook

**GENERAL** 

PAMPA — Coaches or scorekeepers in the Optimist baseball and softball leagues can pick up scoresheets at The Pampa News sports department.

Call 669-2525 or 669-2527 if more information is needed.

#### **GOLF**

AMARILLO — Mark Walker of Arlington shot a first-round four-under-par 67 to take the lead Wednesday in the Amarillo Open at LaPaloma Golf Club.

Walker had a 32 on the front nine, followed by a 35 on the back nine.

Jeb Stuart of Dallas and Jeff Leach of North Richland Hills are tied for second at 68. John Sosa of Austin is by himself at 69.

Pampa native Cory Stone shot 73 and is tied for 16th place with 11 others.

There were 112 golfers who teed off Wednesday. The 54hole tournament ends on Friday.

#### **BASKETBALL**

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) -Trading for Dikembe Mutombo doesn't look like so much of a risk anymore.

Philadelphia went only 15-12 in the regular season after acquiring Mutombo from Atlanta in February, but the NBA's defensive player of the year gave the 76ers everything they needed to beat the Indiana Pacers in the first round of the playoffs.

"Everybody knew what he was going to bring to this team. The deal was great for us, but that guy's proved what he can do year after year after year. He's just a presence down there," said Allen Iverson, who had 33 points in Philadelphia's 88-85 victory Wednesday night.

Philadelphia won the series 3-1 to advance to the Eastern semifinals Conference against either New York or Toronto. The Raptors beat the Knicks 100-93 to force a deciding fifth game Friday

night. Elsewhere Wednesday Sacramento beat night, Phoenix 89-82 to win their series 3-1.

On Thursday, Dallas is at Utah for the decisive fifth game of that series.

Mutombo, who had 16 points, 11 rebounds and five blocked shots Wednesday, averaged 10.3 points, 14.8 rebounds and 4.5 blocks against the Pacers.

A 3-point basket by Travis Best gave Indiana an 85-82 lead with just over two minutes to go, but Aaron McKie's basket pulled the 76ers within one. Then Mutombo blocked a shot by Derrick McKey and put Philadelphia in front for good on a hook shot with 1:09 remaining.

After an exchange of pos-Reggie Miller sessions, missed a 3-pointer, and McKie pulled down the rebound with 5.8 seconds to go. He was immediately fouled and hit both free throws. Jalen Rose then missed a 3-pointer for

Indiana as the game ended. "The only way we win this game is with great defense," said Mutombo, who was named defensive player of the year by the league for the fourth time in his 10-year

NBA career. "I knew time was running out. I didn't have a choice,' he said of his go-ahead basket. "I took a great hook and it went in. There's nothing more you can ask. I never thought this year was going to end up the way it has.

### Flashback

1984: Jennifer Roden of Pampa competed in the Texas Special Olympics in Austin. She scored a 9.45 out of a possible 10 in the Three Gymnastics

Jennifer, 14, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joey Roden.

## Oklahoma draws High Plains Bass Anglers

WEATHERFORD, Okla. -The High Plains Bass Anglers held a tournament at Lake Crowder near Weatherford, Okla. on April 21-22.

Seventeen anglers were greeted with very high winds on both

Doug Youree came away with the win and had the Big Bass on Saturday. Matt Hinton was second and Tyson Paronto third. Dicky McCarn had Big Bass on

Sunday. held May 5-6 at Baylor Lake. The

Tuesday of the month at Topographic Land Surveyors. For more information, go to the web at www.geocities.com/kickinbass2000/bass.html

**CANADIAN** — Landowners interested in developing habitat for the lesser prairie chicken and other rare Panhandle wildlife tion. now have some new tools at their disposal.

According to John Hughes, a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in Canadian, private landowners We want to assist landowners in may now take advantage of a managing for rare species while voluntary incentive program aimed at rare special conserva-

"The High Plains Partnership for Species at Risk is a program tance to the USFWS. designed to assist private

#### **Outdoors**

landowners with habitat development and enhancement for declining wildlife such as the lesser prairie chicken, swift fox and burrowing owl.

While these species are not listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act, the USFWS wishes to provide technical assistance for landowers interested in develop-The next tournament will be ing habitat for these species, Hughes said. "We feel that a nonclub meets at 7:30 the first regulatory, incentive-based approach is the best way to ensure the continued survival of these species."

> Hughes said incentives come in the form of cost-share payments for rangland habitat inprovements, such as crossfencing, water development, prescribed burning, brush management and native prairie restora-

"Landowners can also receive written assurances that they will not be subject to future governmental regulations if they agree to maintain or improve habitat. eliminating their fears of future restrictions on land use," he said.

Hughes said private property rights are of paramount impor-

"We believe we can protect

those rights and still keep rare species from becoming threatened or endangered," he said.

Interested landowners may contact Hughes at 806-323-6636.

SANFORD — The Meredith Gun Club is hosting a Rattle Battle on Sunday, starting at 1 p.m. at the rifle range, located just south of Antelope Creek between Borger and Sanford on SR# 1319.

It will be a .22 rifle, open class competition with five rounds fired at eack distance (20 rounds) in two minutes. All sight adjustment and reloading are included. Entry fee is six dollars per con-

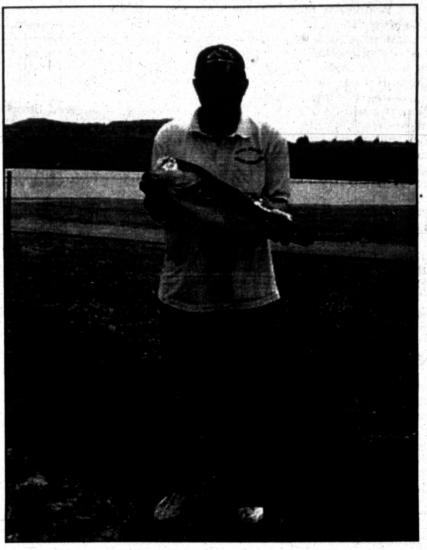
testant. Individual and team events will follow for interested persons

For more details, call 806-865-3695 or 806-865-3602. . . . . . .

AMARILLO - There will be a course on responsible boating from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with lunch break at noon) May 12 at Palo Duro Masonic Lodge, 1701 S. Polk St.

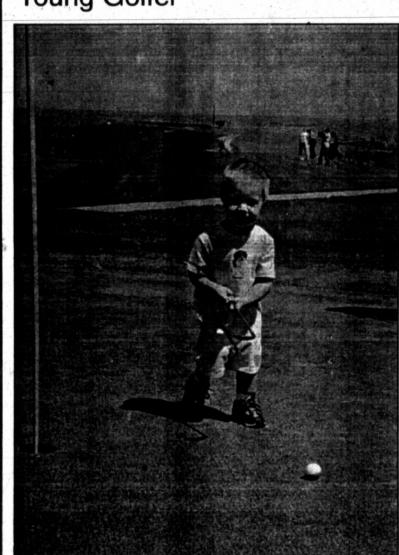
The course is sponsored by Flotilla 52 of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. There is no charge for the

course, but a \$13 fee can earn a Texas Boater Education Card. To register, call 806-374-0219.



Doug Youree with Saturday's 6.93-pound Big Bass.

### Young Golfer



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Golfers start young at Hidden Hills as 21-monthold Karsten Harrison gets in some putting practice at the public golf course north of Pampa. Karsten started his career when he was 10 months, according to his father J.K. Harrison, Hidden Hills Superintendent. "He would get a golf club and just swing it around, hitting my shins.I decided it was time he learned how to

### Detroit hurler beats his hometown

he beat his hometown team.

Holt (3-2), a Dallas native, first seven runs and won 8-3.

beat these guys, and a team I've ed the pitches." rooted for my whole life," said me, but it wasn't all me. I wasn't and friends in the stands. really at my best. Scoring runs early definitely helps."

lead in the second inning against Darren Oliver (4-1).

After Roger Cedeno led off the game with a single and a stolen base, the Tigers went on to score four runs in the first. Bobby Higginson and Deivi Cruz had RBI singles before Encarnacion's

Tony Clark hit an RBI single before Palmer's two-run double made it 7-0 in the second. Those three unearned runs came right after a catcher's interference call against Doug Mirabelli, on a liner that Oliver caught.

"We're not pitching terrible," one pitch or one play away from Plainsmen this fall. getting out of an inning."

Texas starter this season. Eight of the nine Detroit starters had hits before he left.

Holt left after walking season. The All-City (Bossier asset for the next two years."

up cheering for the Texas hits and three runs — on two him. Rangers. On Wednesday night, homers - while striking out three and walking five.

in his first appearance against him locate," Tigers manager Phil Texas as the Tigers scored the Garner said. "But he got outs "It was nice to come back and made the pitches when he need-

Holt, who still lives in the

"It was a little bit different. I running around at home and out double against R.A. Dickey, Juan Encarnacion and Dean doing a lot of stuff today," Holt Palmer each hit two-run doubles said. "I was able to keep my as the Tigers jumped out to a 7-0 mind off of it until I got to the in the ninth to make it 8-4. park.

Matt Anderson allowed one seven runs, just four earned, run in three innings for his first save in three opportunities.

Mirabelli was filling in for All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez, didn't get a decision last week at who was placed on the 15-day Cleveland after he gave up seven disabled list because of a bruised runs in four innings in a game left heel. Mirabelli was 0-for-1 the Rangers won 11-9.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Mirabelli, the No. 9 hitter, to lead with two walks, and Detroit was Detroit starter Chris Holt grew off the seventh. Holt scattered six 2-for-3 in stolen bases against

Gabe Kapler led off the second with his second homer, and is "I didn't feel like he was sharp. hitting .393 (11-for-28) with hits pitched six-plus innings to win He didn't locate like we've seem in seven of the eight games since coming off the disabled list.

After Alex Rodriguez reached when he needed hem and he on a two-out double in the third, Rafael Palmeiro hit his sixth homer to make it 7-3.

Detroit added another run in Holt, in his fifth major league Dallas area during the offseason, the seventh when Damion season. "This is a good win for had 65-to-70 family members Easley, the first batter faced by Mark Petkovsek, hit an RBI single. Cruz had reached on a twowho replaced Oliver in the third. Rusty Greer had an RBI double

Oliver gave up eight hits and

raising his ERA from 6.49 to 7.22. The Rangers scored 33 runs in Oliver's first four starts. Oliver

### FPC signs all-state cager

from Airline High School in cent from the three-point line. Bossier City, La. has signed a play that Higginson had appar- national letter of intent to conently made the third out with a tinue his basketball playing have Justin as part of our bascareer at Frank Phillips College. He is the first signee of the Texas manager Johnny Oates spring period for FPC coach the floor and has the potential said. "The numbers are hideous, Steve Payne, who begins his to a very effective contributor but it seems like we're always second year as coach of the

Collins, a 5-11, 170-pound, Oliver pitched just 2 1-3 Class 5A honorable mention allinnings, the shortest outing by a state guard, averaged 18.1 points and 6.2 assists per game as a senior. He led the Airline Plainsman. He fits our style of Vikings to a 24-10 record last play and will be a tremendous

BORGER — Justin Collins City) selection also shot 40 per-

"We're incredibly excited to ketball family," Payne said. "He gives us a true point guard on at that position next year in this league. "I feel confident that's he's up to the task. Justin has all the qualities on the court, off the court and in the classroom that I want in a Frank Phillips

### Mavericks return to Utah tied at 2-2

Karl Malone didn't want a 77 victory. Game 5 — or a Game 4, for that from Utah's point of view.

More games mean too many Malone and his pick-and-roll mate, 39-year-old John Stockton, and too little time to prepare for San Antonio should the Jazz beat the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night.

And worst of all, more games mean too many variables after Utah was 30 seconds from eliminating the Mavericks in Game 3 last weekend.

We don't want to let it come down to one game," Malone said last week before the Jazz left for Dallas holding a 2-0 series lead. "You do that, and anything can happen."

Spoken like a 16-year NBA veteran. Give your opponents life, the Mailman suggested, and they'll get stronger. And that's exactly what has happened, postseason for the first time. with Dallas capturing the

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - momentum after Tuesday's 107- Jazz, it took a while for the tal-

With the series tied 2-2, everymatter. The reasons are simple thing comes down to Game 5 at things when Stockton hit a meets the Spurs in the Western seconds remaining in Game 3. extra minutes for 37-year-old Conference semifinals, beginthe Dallas with a baseline jumper Saturday at Alamodome.

> The Mavericks, who played one of their best games all season in Game 4, return to Salt Lake City a different team from the playoff rookies who melted emotionally in Games 1 and 2.

"We've really grown as a team," said Dirk Nowitzki, who scored 33 points in each of the two games in Dallas after shooting 10-of-31 in Utali.
"Hopefully, we've grown enough to win Game 5 on Thursday."

The wide eyes and wobbly knees were understandable. With Dallas back in the playoffs for the first time since 1990, most of the Mavericks are in the

ented Mavs to collect their playoff wits. Utah almost finished the Delta Center. The winner layup for a 91-90 lead with 34 Steve Nash answered for

> with 22.7 seconds left, and the Mavericks won 94-91. In Game 4, Nash, Nowitzki and Michael Finley combined for all but one basket in a 36point third quarter that swung the series. The Mays blitzed Utah with 52 percent shooting

> fast-break offense. "Coach told us, 'Don't get into a track meet," Utah center Olden Polynice said. "We got into a track meet with Marion Jones and Carl Lewis, and we were running like Bill Cosby."

on 3-pointers and a relentless

In Salt Lake City, coach Don Nelson and Vernon Maxwell of the Mavericks were ejected with two technical fouls. In Dallas, it was Utah's John Starks and Matched against the veteran Donyell Marshall.



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By The Associated Press

Greg Maddux usually wears batters down. On Wednesday night, he over-

whelmed them. Maddux struck out a careerto lead the Atlanta Braves over

the Milwaukee Brewers 1-0. "It doesn't mean anything," Maddux said. "I'm more excited about finishing the game and helping us win. The strikeouts innings. are nice, but they're a very small part of pitching. Strikeouts are overrated."

\* Maddux (3-2) retired his last 13 homers. batters, striking out six in a row Astros 6, Mets 5 at one point.

"I looked up and saw he had coach Leo Mazzone marveled. lead. "That's going one strike, two strikes, three strikes, with not too much fooling around."

Maddux got his 100th complete game and 32nd shutout. "He can't pitch any better than

that," Brewers manager Davey Lopes said. "If he can, I don't want to see it."

Tyler Houston struck out pumped his fist, took the ball from catcher Paul Bako and threw it high into the stands on his way to the dugout.

"I was throwing it at my inlaws," Maddux said, grinning. In other NL games, it was Angeles 7, Cincinnati 3; Montreal 4, Arizona 3; Colorado 7, Pittsburgh 6; and St. Louis 4, Florida 2 in 11 innings.

At Turner Field, Paul Rigdon and five hits in seven innings. (2-1) allowed five hits in 7 2-3 Expos 4, Diamondbacks 3 innings, but gave up a second-

inning homer to B.J. Surhoff, hit- run single off Brian Anderson (0ting just .178 coming in.

"I had to be perfect," Rigdon

Cubs 8, Padres 3

Sammy Sosa hit his 200th home run at Wrigley Field — a high 14 and pitched a two-hitter solo shot in the fourth — and Gary Matthews Jr., Bill Mueller and Eric Young all hit two-run

> Jon Lieber (3-1) allowed three runs and five hits in eight Kevin Jarvis (1-3) lasted five-

plus innings, giving up five runs and five hits — three of them

At New York, Lance Berkman and Moises Alou hit back-to-11 strikeouts with only 80-some- back homers in the 10th off thing pitches," Braves pitching Armando Benitez (2-1) for a 6-4

> Until the Astros hit five solo homers off the Mets' bullpen, the biggest excitement came when Houston's Jose Lima hit New York's Jay Payton with a pitch in the sixth inning, causing both benches to clear and the two players to be ejected.

Billy Wagner (1-1) got out of a bases-loaded, no-outs jam in the swinging for the final out on a 10th. After Robin Ventura's sacrifastball low and away. Maddux fice fly, Wagner struck out pinchhitter Todd Pratt and Joe McEwing to end it.

Dodgers 7, Reds 3 Kevin Brown hit his first career homer — one of four off Pete Harnisch (1-3) at Cincinnati.

Marquis Grissom homered Chicago 8, San Diego 3; Houston twice and Eric Karros added a 6, New York 5 in 10 innings; Los two-run shot off Harnisch, who allowed six runs - five earned — and nine hits in five innings. 6, Philadelphia 2; San Francisco Gary Sheffield added his eighth homer off Scott Sullivan.

Brown (4-1) gave up three runs

Tony Armas Jr. (1-4) hit a two-

3) in a three-run fourth and allowed one hit in six shutout innings at Montreal.

Arizona's Luis Gonzalez hit his major league-leading 14th home run off Guillermo Mota in the seventh. Graeme Lloyd got the final out

for his first save since May 26, Rockies 6, Phillies 2

Todd Hollandsworth homered and had two RBIs, and Brooks Kieschnick hit a two-run single for his first hit in the major leagues since Sept. 28, 1997.

Brian Bohanon (1-3) gave up two runs and six hits in six innings at Veterans Stadium. Kane Davis pitched 2 2-3 innings of scoreless relief, and Jose Jimenez got Doug Glanville to line out with the bases loaded in the ninth for his seventh save.

Robert Person (2-3) gave up three runs and seven hits in 62-3 innings.

Giants 7, Pirates 6 Armando Rios hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the sixth off Jose Silva (1-2), overcoming a 5-3 deficit and sending host Pittsburgh to its fourth straight

Barry Bonds hit his 12th homer of the season and the 506th of his career, and Russ Ortiz (4-1) remained undefeated against the Pirates despite allowing five runs, six hits and six walks in six innings

Robb Nen pitched the ninth for his seventh save. Cardinals 4, Marlins 2

Ray Lankford hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning off Antonio Alfonseca (1-2)

Steve Kline (1-1) gave up two hits in 1 1-3 innings, and Dave Veres pitched a scoreless 11th for his second save.

Arizona (Reynoso 1-4) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 3-1), 7:10 p.m. St. Louis (Kile 4-2) at Atlanta (Glavine 4-1), 7:35 p.m. American League

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Colorado (Astacio 3-1) at Philadelphia (Telemaco 2-0), 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 3-3) at Montreal (Thurman 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 2-1) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Prokopec 2-0) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Hermanson 1-1) at Florida (Dempster 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 1-2) at Atlanta (Burkett 1-3), 7:35 p.m.
Friday's Games

Los Angeles (Park 3-2) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 3-1), 3:20 p.m. Houston (Miller 4-1) at Montreal (Peters 2-2), 7:05 p.m. Colorado (Hampton 3-0) at Pittsburgh (Arroyo 2-2), 7:05 p.m. San Diego (Eaton 3-2) at Cincinnati (Dessens 2-1), 7:05 p.m. Milwaukee (Wright 3-2) at Florida (Clement 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hernandez 1-4) at Philadelphia (Chen 1-1), 7:05

Tuesday's Games
Baltimore 3, Tampa Bay 1
N.Y. Yankees 4, Minnesota 0
Detroit 6, Texas 3, 10 innings
Cleveland 13, Kansas City 2
Boston 2, Seattle 0
Toronto 5, Oakland 4, 10 innings
Anaheim 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Wednesday's Games
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Minnesota 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
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\*\*\*\* Walk in another's footsteps, no matter how difficult it might seem. Your ability to empathize, mixed with \*\* \* What you think is what you are your innate Leo charm, impels others CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) likely to create. Toss negative thoughts toward you. A loved one opens up and \*\*\* Let others see your caring, vulwarmer, more caring communication. Tonight: Join a friend after work.

stern. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Work closely with an associate or friend. \*\* \* What was a hassle yesterday What might be a friendship has elements becomes an easy matter to deal with of a romantic attachment. Make sure you \*\*\*\* Your mind might not be on today. You don't need to feel vulnerable. want to go down that road. Tonight: Do what you are doing. Even loved ones and

well-done. Tonight: Get the weekend restrict you from doing something you others will be receptive to your thoughts. really want to do. Create greater happiness in your life by allowing a loved one PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Express your steadiness with to do more for you. Talk about dreams, \*\*\*\* Discuss a feeling of restrica child or loved one. You might not and someone will respond in kind. Start tion with a loved one or associate. always come up with the right answers, making plans. Tonight: Whatever makes Understanding helps you get past a nag-

want. A friendship could be changing \*\* ★ Your laughter eases a difficult sit- finances. Tonight: Out with a favorite

substantially. Talk about your dreams, uation with an associate or co-worker, person. Think about what is on your mind involving a financial and emotional tie. BORN TODAY \* ★ ★ ★ Touch base with family before Don't stress out, but at the same time Actress Audrey Hepburn (1929),

\*\*\* A very serious partner needs

someone. Make an important call in the late afternoon. Network at a meeting and worry less about time. Tonight: Where you are, there is a party.

out and welcome happy ones. An over- shares deep feelings. An offer proves nerable side. Though you might doubt it, ture to a friend or partner establishes irresistible. The only answer is yes, others become responsive when they identify with your humanity. Enjoy a family member who is prone to exaggeration. Care with finances goes a long way. Don't let funds drip out of your wallet. Tonight: Work as late as you need to. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

friends notice that you keep drifting off. Act on your dream, and eventually you will return to the present. Ultimately, Tonight: Take off ASAP.

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making an important decision. A boss or additional making an important decision. realistic. Tonight: Get some much- (1928), actress Pia Zadora (1956)

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### Army aims for environmentally friendly — not people friendly — ammo

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military is trying to go green, and not just with berets or fatigues.

In a multimillion dollar project, the Army has come up with a new bullet said to be just as deadly as the old lead-based one but cleaner

'We want to be good stewards of the environment," said Army spokeswoman Karen Baker.

The military says using "green ammunition" cuts soil contamina-tion caused by the millions of slugs fired year after year at its practice ranges. In the new bullet, a less toxic tungsten composite replaces the

It's just one of the Pentagon's efforts to keep troops trained for combat while protecting the environment on military land. Critics say the armed forces have a long way to go on that score.

In a program it says has cost about \$12 million so far, the Army in 1994 started researching ways to make a more environmentally friendly 5.56 mm bullet. It's used in the M-16 rifle, a weapon issued to every Army infantry soldier, and an estimated 200 million rounds are shot a year.

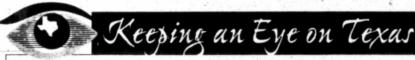
Researchers studied different combinations of metal to design a slug that would perform the same as the old one, have the same density, ballistic quality and so on, said Michael Dette of the Army Environmental Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

They settled on a tungsten composite slug and kept the old copper casing to produce a bullet Dette says actually turned out to be more accurate and causes less barrel erosion. Soldiers won't notice a difference, he said.

The Army, which produces ammunition for all the services, started limited use of the new version in 1999 and is producing 50 million rounds this year for practice at a new range in Alaska and an old contaminated one in Massachusetts.

Officials hope the switch to lead-free slugs will be complete in 2005. The new bullets cost about 8 cents each compared with a half cent for the old ones. Dette said they'll cost less in full production and when officials consider the savings of millions of dollars that would otherwise go for cleaning contaminated ranges.

The 5.56 mm bullet accounts for half the small caliber ammunition used annually - troops shoot another 200 million rounds of 7.62 mm and 9 mm bullets, not to mention mortars, artillery and other large



### **Hot Tips for Cool Canines**

The sizzling temperatures of Texas' summer days are just around the corner. Some hot spots around the state may reach higher than 100 degrees. This summer remember to protect your dog as well as yourself from the sun while traveling or vacationing with your pet.

#### Beach Basics:

- · Provide plenty of fresh water and shade for your dog. Apply sunblock to your dog's ears and nose 30 minutes prior to going outside, and limit
- your dog's exposure to the sun, especially during the hottest part of the day. Check with a lifeguard for daily water
- conditions. Dogs are easy targets for jellyfish and sea lice.
- Rinse your dog's coat before leaving the beach. Salt and other minerals found in the ocean can damage it
- Prevent your dog from drinking too much salt water. Salt in the water will make · Limit your dog's exercise. Running on a beach is strenuous exercise and a dog
- that is out of shape can easily pull a tendon or ligament.

Sources: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the American

The lead slug is not the only noxious part of the bullet.

Chemicals used for sealing, waterproofing and painting the bullet as well as for propelling the slug also are being studied and some of their ingredients have been changed, too. But officials don't know when ammunition might be completely

In 1997, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ordered the Army's Massachusetts Military Reservation to stop all live-fire training after a study showed lead and other toxins seeping into Cape Cod's underground water supply. Troops started using the new ammunition there in October 1999

But critics recently urged an end to training in small weapons at the reservation's Camp Edwards after a new National Guard study said soil had illegally high amounts of an ingredient from the ammunition's propellant.

Baker said the Army is working on its own study. "It doesn't matter what you make the bullet out of if the propellant

is nasty stuff," said Joel Feigenbaum, a local activist. "Then it's not

Activists are pressing for widespread improvements in munitions and want something done about the chemical runoff from solvents

that troops use to wash machinery.

"If they eventually get the lead out of everything and all the other hazards out of everything, this could be an important step," said Steven Taylor of the advocacy group Military Toxics Project based in

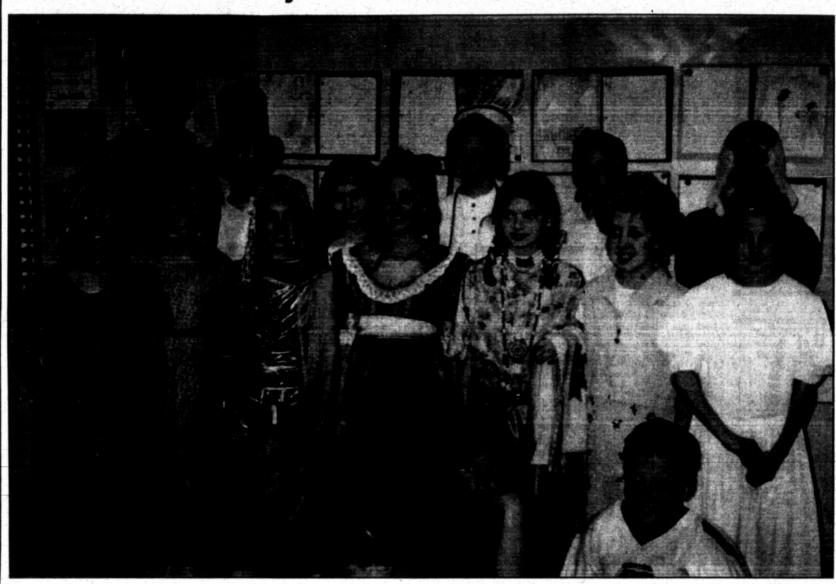
"But if it's taken ... years to get this far, it doesn't speak well for how

long it might take to get the rest of the way ," he said.

Taylor said the \$4.3 billion the Pentagon will spend on environmental activities this year is too tiny a fraction of its \$296 billion budget.

Pentagon officials say keeping forces ready for combat is getting to be a challenge when they have to deal with environmental laws and urban sprawl that has brought civilians to the fence line of once-isolated military facilities.

### Austin Elementary



Austin Elementary students dressed-up as famous people recently. Above: Students participating included (front row, left-right) Mitchell Killgo, Tye Powell, Michael Adams; (middle row) Cheyanne Jones, Mary McKay, Ashley Williams, Emilie Troxell, Hannah White, Allison Pfitzner, Kelsey Wallum; (back row) Mrs. Vinson, teacher, Eric Lewis, Sarah Tatum, Caitlin Walker, Ryan Conner and Travis Hagerman.

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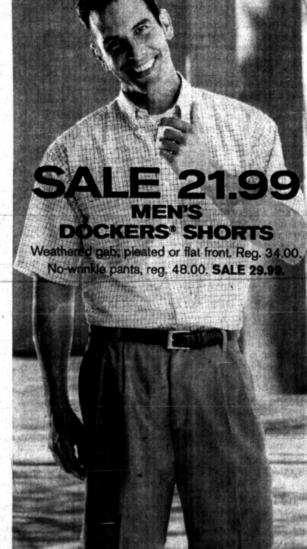
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