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LOCAL

Curfman named municipal judge

Justice of the Peace Kurt Curtman will fill in as Pampa's municipal judge while fellow JP and City Judge Joe Martinez is serving on active duty with the Texas National Guard.

Curfman, who will be paid \$1,325 a month on a contract basis, was selected by the City Commission Tuesday for the post.

All-night party set to follow graduation

PHS Class of 2002 will have their All-Night Graduation Celebration from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., Saturday, June L. at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The party, sponsored by Senior parents, will be drug free and alcoholfree. For more information. call Mauri Johnson at 665

City accepts bids for tax properties

Bids for three pieces of delinquent tax property were accepted Tuesday by the Pampa City Commission.

goes to G.W. Hendrick. • For \$1,100, 910

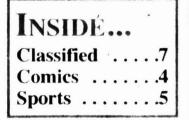
For \$100, 1013 Reid,

Osbourne, goes to Ronnie Holmes.

 For \$1,500, 731 N. Dwight, goes to M.G. Hillman.

DEATHS

Connie Langwell, 21. services pending.



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School's out

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2002

White Deer ISD board votes to close Skellytown campus

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

SKELLYTOWN

Closing a rural school often means the end of the community, and Skellytown residents are worried today that their small town will cease to exist.

In a 5 to 2 vote, White Deer Independent School District board members voted to close the Skellytown campus during a special meeting held in White Deer Tuesday night.

The two Skellytown residents - Sherry Kramer and Vance Griffith - who are members on the school board were the two dissenters to the

Voting to close the Skellytown campus were Kent Kelp, Linda Hawley, Joe Freeman, Terry Lewis, and Gary O'Neal. All are residents of White Deer.

The Pampa News was unable to reach the White Deer school board members and school officials by dead-

line this morning.

Skellytown residents say they weren't surprised at the vote which closed the school, but many people in the small community weren't aware there was a meeting Tuesday night to decide the matter.

"It was the way it was done," said Andra Canaday. -The last day of school was Friday, and the kids got out at noon. An agenda for a meeting wasn't posted then, but it wasn't required to be (posted) to meet the 72-hour requirement prior to the meeting. The agenda wasn't posted until later in the afternoon.

"School was just out and it was Memorial Day weekend, she said

She said she received a phone call from a woman who told her an agenda was posted at the post office for a special meeting for Tuesday.

The Pampa News did not receive an agenda of a meeting notice for the special (See **SCHOOL**, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Four emergency workers take a break from battling fires from the head-on collision of two freight trains near Clarendon Tuesday.

Pampans lend hand in deadly train crash

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

CLARENDON - Pampa firefighters and local Red Cross workers were among the many who helped after Tuesday's fatal crash between

A booster truck with foam capabilities and two firefighters with special hazardous material training from Pampa Fire Department were—up maybe 200 feet in the air." dispatched to the fiery scene at 9:23 a.m.

Jerry Tomaschik, a hazardous material specialist, and Tim Roberts', a hazardous material technician, brought their special abilities and 50 gallons of Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) to suppress the billowing blaze in one

In addition, Heidi Phelps and Joe Milligan of the Gray County Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, brought the local chapter's ERV to the scene and served sandwiches and drinks to the emergency workers and officials working at the site.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight trains

ended up on the same track before their headon collision that killed a 61-year-old engineer and injured three others in the Panhandle.

"We heard them hit, so I looked up and there was just fire everywhere," said Mike Ritchie, a Texas Department of Transportation worker, who went to the scene from his work site a mile away. "I saw this huge fireball shoot

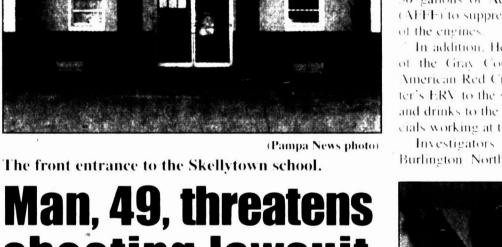
Galen Shelby, who worked for BNSE for 27 years, died from extensive injuries suffered in the fiery collision Tuesday morning, railroad spokesman Joseph Faust said.

Officials said Shelby was pinned under the trains for about five hours before his body was

BNSF conductor Bruce Patterson, 57, had to be dug out from beneath a burning coal car by rescue workers and bystanders, officials said.

"There's no doubt in my mind the death toll would have gone up by one if it weren't for these people." Department of Public Safety Investigators don't know yet how two spokesman Wayne Beighle told the Amarillo

(See WRECK, Page 3)



Man, 49, threatens shooting lawsui

Jail crowding eases

SKELLYTOWN-SCHOOL

By DAVID BOWSER STATE WRITER

A Pampa man who says he was hurt when city police shot him 40 to 50 times with a pepperball gun and then denied medical treatment in the county jail for at least three days afterward is threatening to sue the city and the county.

Jose Andres Felix, 49, of 1003 S. Sumner, said three Pampa police officers - two men and one woman - shot him with pepper pellet guns. on Dec. 21, 2001, and is

By KATE B. DICKSON

Associaté Publisher

in the Gray County Jail today

after several people bonded

out Tuesday and the U.S.

Border Patrol took away four

inmates, Chief Deputy Kelly

Rushing said. But there were

On Tuesday morning, the

78-bed facility was at capacity

and Sheriff Don Copeland was

considering farming some

inmates out to other counties

if need be. This morning the

One of the factors con-

tributing to a full jail that

Copeland mentioned is a

backlog in the court system.

some new arrests, too.

count was at 75.

There are a few spots open

threatening a lawsuit against the city and county.

James Fling, a Shamrock attorney who represents Felix. said in a letter to Pampa City Manager Robert Eskridge. Pampa Police Chief Charles Morris, Gray County Judge Richard Peet, and Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland that Felix had just pulled into his driveway when he was confronted by three police officers, was shot by nonlethal pellets and was initially refused medical treatment

That's, something he and

31st District Attorney Rick

Roach don't necessarily see as

a negative because both said it

is indicative of an increasing

number of arrests and grand

sheriff's office and have rec

ommended some bond reduc-

tions," Roach said. "But there

are just flat out some people in

jail who we think need to be in

jail. There are some people we

aren't going to offer probation

Another compounding fac

"We work closely with the

iury indictments.

(See **LETTER**, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo) A pepperball gun.

Rodeo Association extends deadline on queen pageants

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association has extended the deadline for entries in the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen pageants until Friday.

Young women from 13-23 years old are eligible to enter. Entry forms, rules and general information can be obtained by contacting the rodeo office at 200 N. Ballard or by calling 669-0434,

Winners will receive many outstanding prizes including saddles, buckles, tiaras and other beautiful items. Horse products, jewelry, clothing and other prizes totaling over (See PAGEANTS, Page 3)

UIL declines action on Lefors complaint

AUSTIN (AP) - University Interscholastic League officials on Wednesday declined to further punish Lefors High school for using an ineligible player in six-man football last season, refusing to actson a teacher's claim that administrators pressured him to give the player passing grades.

Lefors had already voluntarily forfeited a game it won during the 2001 season when it was determined the school played the ineligible student.

UIL executive director Bill Farney said there wasn't enough evidence to determine whether or not administrators pressured first-year Spanish teacher Clint Staj-into changing grades despite more than 50 pages of conflicting statements introduced as evidence from both sides.

"We may never know the truth," Farney said. Staj also is pursuing the same complaint with the State Board of Educator Certification.

(See UIL, Page 3)

'Eyesores' might be in city's line of sight

By KATE B. DICKSON ASSOCIALL PUBLISHER

An often-discussed subject evesores at the highway entrances into Pampa - may become the target of the City Commission which is contemplating a clean-up effort that could include property condemnations.

During commission's work session Tuesday, the first step was taken when City Building instructed to make a list of code violations involving property west on U.S. Highway 60 to the city limits

from its intersection with Texas Highway 70./ He'll report his findings at a later meeting.

Winborne came armed with photos of unappealing buildings, dilapidated structures, and debris that cover lots at the three main highway entrances.

Commissioners thumbed through the photo albums quickly, and decided that the entire project is too much to Official Danny Winborne was tackle at one time thus they opted to look at the abovementioned area first.

> All of the property (See EYESORES, Page 2)

tor. Roach said, is that some of those are jailed on seemingly "petty crimes" but the charges are enhanced to a higher-grade (See JAIL, Page 2)

ON RECORD

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

Tuesday, May 28

8:37 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Doyle and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

10:14 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Golden Plains Jordan Unit and transported one to PRMC. Community Hospital (GPCH) in Borger.

11:56 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to GPCH and transported one to PRMC.

2:07 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the the 1200 block of North Wells; no transport.

Pampa Fire Department responded to the

ollowing calls during the 24-hour period end-

Tuesday, May 28

9:23 a.m. – One unit and two firefighters

responded to a head-on collision between two

rains, 2.5 miles west of Clarendon, on U.S.

involved is privately owned and Winborne

said the condemnation of buildings involves a

Some buildings on Price Road that are con-

sidered eyesores are in the county which does-

n't have as much legal control over property

as does the city, Winborne and City Attorney

dated houses and other buildings, those that

have been destroyed are structures that people

wanted to get rid of and that can be a far cry

from condemnation, said City Manager Bob

torn down," he said. "So you are looking at an

complaint he often hears is that people don't

want to fix up their property contending if

"Some people don't want their property

Also, according to Winborne, he says a

So far, in an effort to rid the city of dilapi-

ng at 7 a.m. today.

Eyesores

lengthy legal procedure.

Don Lane said.

Eskridge.

JAIL

adversarial dealing."

felony because of the per-

speed up the handling of

cases will be the reopening

in the spring of the Gray

County Courthouse which

Right now, there is a sin-

The courtroom is avail-

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the 223rd district - Judge

Lee Waters – for the hearing

of civil matters and some

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will have two courtrooms.

the Hughes Building.

month, Roach said.

criminal matters.

Something that will help

son's past criminal history.

1300 block of West Kentucky; no transport. 4:11 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Mary Ellen and transported one

AMBULANCE

FIRE

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throughout the district and

Waters remains in Gray

real good about hearing

Even so, not having ade-

quate courtroom space "...

puts a damper on not being

able to try cases as quickly

violators locked up until the

crime that triggered the vio-

lation is handled locally

before they are returned to

ahead and take them and rant.

County, Roach said.

regard."

as we'd like.'

state prison.

6:12 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West Brown and transported one to PRMC.

6:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

9:50 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of East Foster; no transport.

10:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

Highway 287. (See related story, Page 1.)

the 1000 block of Mary Ellen.

they do so their taxes will increase.

block of North Wells.

safety violations.

specific law violations.

entrances into the city look.

Emmert, who handles return them to us after their

"Judge Waters has been Assistant District Attorney

pleas," Roach said, "He's into the Pampa office for a

been very helpful in that while to help get some cases

Roach lamented, too, that up in a capital murder trial

"The state needs to go he attempted to serve a war-

Amarillo.

counties have to keep perole that starts Friday

criminal matters, travels state sentence is served,"

4:29 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters

10:35 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters

Then there is the issue that while a building

"A lot of these buildings are not structural-

may be an eyesore, there are no health and

ly unsafe," Eskridge said. "They're ugly. It's

very hard to regulate ugly... you have to have

Commissioner Faustina Curry mentioned

previous clean-up efforts, one by the PEDC

and those by Clean Pampa. She asked if there

is any way to have a public relations campaign

to foster interest in cleaning up in and around

to clean up," Eskridge said. "But when they

the community would take more of a "sense of

pride" in the city and said the most frequent

complaint he hears is about how bad the

Roach said.

In an effort to "move

some cases," Roach said

David Holmes will come

Holmes, who works cases

in other parts of the district,

won't have a judge available

for possibly several months

as Judge Emmert will be tied

That change-of-venue

trial involves the killing of a

Hemphill County deputy

last year on Father's Day as

.38-caliber Taurus revolver

Oballe, now a law student

Nueces County District

"When she left employ-

Attorney Carlos Valdez said

Oballe had no idea the pistol

ment with the county, they

had boxed up a bunch of stuff

that was in her office and

Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

"We asked her to do us a

favor and look through the

stuff that she had taken

thought the gun would ever be

Valdez said he never

"I thought for sure it was

gone," he said. "I thought

somebody took it and was

going to keep it and show it

home."

was in her possession.

in Houston, declined to com-

used by Saldivar.

ready for trial or pleas.

"That works really well when people want

Mayor Lonny Robbins said he wishes " ...

responded to a request for lifting assistance in

responded to a medical assist in the 1200

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department eported the following arrests during the 24hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, May 28

Misty Miller, 22, 1778 Dwight, theft under \$20,000. She was returned to Gray County from Potter County on charges relating to a break-in and theft incident in February.

Robert Glenn Williams, 30, 1101 S Sumner, arrested on warrants for expired inspection, failure to maintain financial responsibility, fraud/Childress County and fraud/Hall County.

Cinta Rodriguez, 18, 400 Hughes, arrested by the DPS for no Texas driver's license.

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POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrest and incidents during the 24hour period that ended at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 4 Theft of \$689.04 at Mr. Payroll, 309 N Hobart that was linked to a theft at Pizza Hut.

Sunday, May 12 Checks stolen and forgery reported in the

100 block of South Finley. Thursday, May 23

Simple assault at Pampa High School. No njuries. Friday, May 24

Minor in possession of alcohol at Pampa High School.

Tuesday, March 26

Forgery was reported in the 1200 block of North Garland.

Monday, May 27

Checks stolen and forgery reported in the 300 block of North Coffee.

Tuesday, May 28 An unattended death of a 21-year-old woman was reported in the 1200 block of North

Trespassing was reported in the 1000 block

of North Dwight. Criminal mischief causing \$150 in damage to a city water meter and the theft of \$34.50 worth of water was reported in the 1000 block of East Jordan.

Paint huffing (sniffing) was reported in the 1100 block of South Clark. Three youths were

A \$20 gas drive-off was reported at Taylor Mart, 1342 N. Hobart.

Jose Manuel Hernandez, 21, 1137 Clark, possession/use of abusable aerosol paint.

Wednesday, May 29 A domestic disturbance was reported in the

400 block of North Hazel.

OBITUARIES

CONNIE LANGWELL

Tuesday, May 28, 2002. Services are pending Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Connie Langwell, 21, of Pampa, died under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

Other readings included 57 at Marfa, 72

The North Texas storms formed south of a line

degrees at Killeen and Gray Army Air Field west

of Killeen, 70 degrees at San Angelo and Wink

from McKinney to Jacksboro, moving southeast

and increasing in areal coverage. Small hail,

gusty winds, heavy rain and cloud-to-ground

and 61 degrees at Gainesville and McKinney.

WEATHER FOCUS

76 degrees at Palacios.

PAMPA

Today's forecast calls for patchy low clouds and fog early turning mostly sunny with highs in the upper 80s, and variable winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows near 60, and southeast winds 5 to 10 mph becoming variable late. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs around 90. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 60.

STATEWIDE

Showers and thunderstorms moved through North and West Texas early Wednesday as an upper level low-pressure system continued to spin out moisture.

Storms in the Concho Valley and Big Country resulted in hail up to golfball-size across portions of Yoakum and Gaines counties on the South

Some showers also developed southwest of

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the

Extremes ranged from 55 degrees at Marfa to at 5 to 10 mph.

San Angelo.

50s to 60s.

Light fog developed from the Dallas-Fort Worth area west into Mineral Wells, the National Weather Service said.

lightning accompanied some of the storms.

Winds were southerly to southeasterly at 5 to 10 mph, with light and variable conditions out-

side of the storms. · More showers and thunderstorms should end south of a line from Canton to Stephenville. A slight chance of storms was forecast across the panhandle and South Plains, with late afternoon

Daytime highs will be in the upper 70s to mid 80s, with near 105 along the Rio Grande.

Overnight lows will be in the 50s to mid-to

upper 60s.

Winds will become northerly to northeasterly

City Briefs

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BREN-ATTENTION

CELEBRATIONS WILL open Sat. at 9:00 and close at 12:00, due to the fact that graduation is at 2:00. If you taken it away," Valdez was need anything please call earquoted as saying in ly. Thank You and Congratu-Wednesday's editions of the lations Seniors. Coronado Center, 665-3100. We Deliver!

> FENCE REPAIR or Build New. 665-5839, Joe Johnson.

IUNIOR GOLF Clinic at Hidden Hills, June 5th, 6th and 7th. From 8:30-11:30 a.m. on June 5th, Juniors will be split for other 2 days. Cost only \$20 per child, incl. all fees, balls and clubs to hit. Ages 6-15. Prizes and refreshments provided! Call David @ 669-5866 to sign up.

KINDERGARTEN. TIME Ballard. Academic program. mailed, May 31st. A wise choice!

KRISPY KREMES Doughnuts will be at First Christian Church 1633 N. Nelson- Sat. June 1st at 7:00 am. \$6 per doz., This is the youth mission trip fundraiser. For more info, call Paul Carruth at 669-Cheryl Couts 669-6278.

3225, Alicia Snelgrooes 665-8880, Elaine Morris 665-6554, Dixie Nickell 669-2690 or

PAMPA FINE Arts Association's Summer Art Program, June 24-28. Watch for registration form and de-June 9th, in the Pampa News. choice!

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Pistol used to kill Selena found CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas worked together to find the

(AP) — The missing pistol used in the shooting death of Tejano singer Selena has turned up at the home of the court reporter from the trial of the singer's killer, investigators said.

The weapon was located in a box of office supplies at the Harris County home of Sandra Oballe, the former court reporter at the 1995 murder trial of Yolanda Saldivar.

Selena was shot and killed by Yolanda Saldivar on March 31, 1995, at a Corpus Christi motel. Saldivar, former president of Selena's fan club, was convicted of murder and is serving a life sentence.

Saldivar's trial had been moved to Harris County from Nueces County on a change of venue petition.

Investigators from Nueces County and Harris County

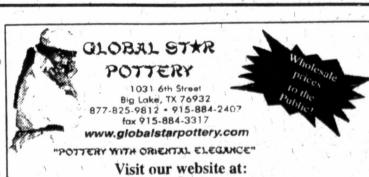
> around privately." Once the gun is returned to the district attorney's office, Valdez said, it will probably be destroyed.

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Rodeo Top O' 7 Rodeo Top O'T



"I'm happy for the school and for the kids," said Lefors Independent School District Superintendent Allen Law. He testified at Wednesday's hearing but declined further comment on its decision.

More than a dozen Lefors students, teacher and parents attended hearing to support

The grading scandal first

semester in the tiny Panhandle town of about 560, about 60 miles Northeast of Amarillo.

Staj said school administrators pressured him to give passing grades to a pair of football players.

Jay Henson, a former school board candidate who has two children in the school, wrote the UIL in October outlining the accusation.

Staj said Law and his wife, school principal Suzanne Law, pressured him to pass the players. Both administrators denied any wrongdoing.

"This has been a year of misunderstanding," Allen under 60, the front office

surfaced early in the fall Law told the committee. "We awarded them an extra 10 both have a burning desire to help students."

> student earn at least a 70 pergrading period. If not, the student is ineligible.

According to Staj, who is not a certified Spanish teacher, he was first told to "water down" his class and give the players a 70 in their Spanish II course.

"In my mind, giving one point or giving 20 was cheating and I wasn't going to do

that," Staj said. When he graded them

points, Staj said.

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The school said the 10 State law requires that a points were justified under school policy, which considcent passing mark during a ers Spanish II an advanced course.

> Staj said the Laws then asked him to give the students grades of "incomplete", even though no assignments were unfinished, and assign extracredit work to be finished after grades were due.

Staj said he reluctantly agreed, not knowing the extra credit work for eligibility would be improper under UIL

> He also complained of sev-Law said he admitted the

eral confrontations with the Laws over the grades.

Staj said he was removed from the classroom in January and that his contract will not return to teaching.

Allen Law, who serves as chairman of the school district's UIL committee, disputed the allegations of wrongdo-

"I never directly told the Mr. Staj to pass anybody," Law said.

Law said that once he realized that the extra-credit work was improper, he contacted the UIL and was told the player was ineligible.

mistake and the district committee determined the school would forfeit one victory. Lefors finished 4-6 on the sea-

Sam Harper, the UIL's compliance officer, wrote the Laws in November to say the league had found nothing improper and the issue should be put "to rest."

Staj and his wife, Jennifer, who also taught at Lefors, said they moved last week to find new jobs and pursue his career with a Christian rock band.

"I feel like education lost 'today," Staj said. "I'll always be able to look back and know I did the right thing.'

SCHOOL

meeting.

"I was the only one who spoke at the meeting," said Canaday. "So many people in Skellytown felt like there was nothing that they could say or do. They just felt so outnum-

In the spring of 2001,

WDISD voted to bus the fifth and sixth graders from Skellytown to White Deer as well as close the Skellytown School Cafeteria and take meals to the students, prekindergarten through fourth grade.

"They keep saying it is economic," Canaday said. "I know the enrollment is down in rural schools all over the

Texas Panhandle. I just don't see why we aren't going to be able to utilize the Skellytown campus for middle school or something else. However, the White Deer parents don't want their kids bussed Skellytown."

Skellytown is nine miles north of White Deer.

"Why are they building in White Deer?" she added. "We

don't even know what they are building. How is this saving money?

Canadav also questioned the wisdom of bussing prekindergarten -age groups on the same bus with junior high and high school age stu-

"What else can happen in Skellytown?," said Guy McKissick, city fire chief.

Many residents in the community have been in conflict

with each other over city matters during the past several weeks. "I don't see the benefit to closing it," he said. "They say

it's financial but now they're turning the little kids' gym into classrooms and building a brand new gym. It doesn't make sense." McKissick said White Deer

is a Chapter 41 (property wealthy) school and they are using the monies to build so that they don't have to send the money to another school

"It was inevitable, I guess," said McKissick. "I just hope we get to keep a school in Carson County before its all

There is a sense of sadness among many of the Skellytown residents today.

"It's a sad thing," said praying, they said

Debbie Brame, who works at the Skellytown campus. "I feel like I'm losing a good friend. It's a hard thing to go through.

Brame, who is completing her 20th year as an employee at the Skellytown campus this week, said her husband attended the school at Skellytown as well as their three children. Two children are already students at White Deer as a junior and senior in high school. The third child is a third grader and

will be bussed next year. "This is our home. This is our school. The school is the main thing in our community," she said.

Residents in Skellytown say they are praying their community won't disappear as the Skellytown school campus is closed. They know the closing of rural schools can often mean the demise of the small communities, but they are still

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LETTER

after being jailed. "Mr. Felix exited his car and walked to the rear of the vehicle when the officers

per bullets," Fling said. The lawyer insists that Felix had nothing in his hand and does not know what

opened fire with plastic pep-

Fling said Felix suffered injuries to his back and legs when he was shot 40 to 50

prompted the shooting.

times with the pepper pellets. Felix was arrested and put

in the Gray County Jail, Fling said, but claimed he received no medical treatment for three days even though he requested

"My client has suffered medical expenses, loss of earnings, and pain and suffering as a result of this violation of his constitutional rights by the officers," Fling said.

The Pampa News records indicate that the Pampa Police

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Department arrested Felix on Dec. 21, 2001, on charges of driving while under the influence of alcohol (third or more offense), evading arrest in a vehicle, and resisting arrest.

Fling said in his letter that he had initially requested an investigation by Texas Ranger Gary Henderson of Pampa, but that Henderson had referred the matter to Police Chief Morris.

Inquiries of Eskridge and Morris were referred to City Attorney Don Lane.

Lane released a copy of the May 17, letter after The Pampa News made a written request under the Texas Public Information Act.

Pampa city officials and commissioners discussed the matter in a closed session with City Attorney Don Lane during Tuesday night's city commission meeting. They took no action after reconvening in open session.

Judge Peet said Tuesday afternoon that he had referred the matter to Gray County Attorney Todd Alvey.

"That's really where we need to go from here," Peet said. "He is the legal representation for the county, and I'm having him respond to it."

Associate Publisher Kate Dickson contributed to this Victims Of The Cholesterol-Lowering Drug

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Belinda Montana, director of operations for Clarendon Emergency Medical Services, said Patterson was conscious and talking to them as they tried to free him. It took about 20 minutes to free Patterson as flames threatened.

'We were just focused on getting him out," Montana said. "I was concerned for the safety of my crew, but I wasn't worried about the danger to myself. We had to save him."

Patterson and engineer Ronald Gordon, 51, remained

PAGEANTS

Northwest Texas hospital in Amarillo early Wednesday morning. Conductor Rodney Torres, 34, was treated and

leading locomotives. One was ripped from its chassis and pushed back from the wheels. A 20-foot section of track was pushed through a coal car and stuck straight into the air.

and 25 rail cars derailed in the

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in stable condition at Clarendon:

A total of four locomotives

train loaded with coal was traveling from Wyoming to Texas and the other intermodal train was bound to

The impact crushed the

BNSF officials said one

were released in the crash, which happened at 9 a.m. about three miles west of

> Cleanup crews removed the trains and debris from the tracks Wednesday morning, BNSF spokesman Joe Faust said. The main line reopened at 5:45 a.m.

Investigators with the Federal Railroad Administration and National Transportation Safety arrived at the scene early Wednesday, but neither agency could be reached for comment.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Mom's Parking-Lot Policy Has Hands-Down Winner

my pet peeves: I don't know how teachers can write to the education many times I have pulled into busy association in the district where parking lots and seen small chilthey attended school. Most association dren running between the parking tions maintain a list of retired spaces with little or no supervision, teachers and their addresses. Some Three times in the last month, I will also know where those who have seen drivers brake abruptly to have left the district have relocated. avoid hitting little kids.

door and exit the vehicle. However, when the child closed the door, he or she had to keep both hands on the car until an adult came and took him or her by the hand. She would always remind them by repeating, "Remember, both hands

KUDOS TO MY S-I-L

DEAR KUDOS: I'm glad it worked for your sister-in-law. However, were it my child, I would insist that he or she wait to be assisted out of the safety seat - and after that I would take the child firmly by the hand.

DEAR ABBY: "Grateful Doctor in Dallas" wrote about the difficulty in tracking down-some of the teachers who made a difference in his/her life.

I have been teaching for 39 years and often reminisce about former students and wonder how they're doing. A student in the very first third-grade class I taught tracked me down and invited me to his high school graduation. I couldn't have been more pleased.

DEAR ABBY: Please print one of "Those trying to locate "missing"

oid hitting little kids.

My sister-in-law had a system mer students, Abby. It is gratifying when her children were small. Once to know I have touched the lives of the car was parked and the engine turned off, the child could open the certainly made a difference in mine. In fact, one of my former students is now my current principal!
THELMA L. CLIFFORD,

NEW JERSEY DEAR THELMA: I'm sur many former students wil appreciate your informative letter. We all have had at least one special teacher who stood out above the rest. Your tale proves the truth of the old saying: It pays to be nice to everyone you meet because you never know when you'll meet them again.

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for encouraging "Desperate in the U.S.A." to contact the nearest suicide hotline. "Desperate's" friends should take his or her feelings seriously. In one poll, 7 percent of youth under 25 acknowledged having made at least one suicide attempt.

As you point out, there are many suicide crisis lines in the country offering free crisis counseling 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. Our Suicide Prevention Center, the oldest in the country, receives more than 17,000 calls annually. Please let your readers know they will

automatically be linked to the closest available accredited suicide hotline by calling The National Hope-

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ber: (800) SUICIDE (784-2433). RITA S. CURRY, PH.D., DIDI HIRSCH COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, CULVER CITY, CALIF.

DEAR DR. CURRY: Thank you for the valuable input. Readers, if you or anyone you know suffers from depression, this is a phone number that just may come in handy. The urge to end it all is something that can strike people of all ages - not just teens.















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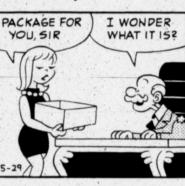
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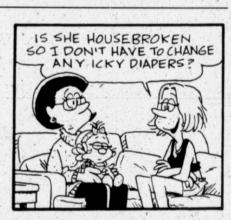
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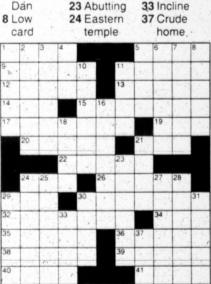
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PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Club will be hosting a fastpitch elinic June 11, 12, 13 at the girls' softball field.

The instructor will be Kaci Clark, a pitcher for the Florida Wahoos of the Women's Professional Softball League. Clark is a former WPSL Most Valuable Player and twice was named the league's Pitcher of the Year. She ranks first all-time in the WPSL in wins. shutouts and strikeouts.

The advanced clinic will be June 11-12 and will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Cost is \$100.

The beginners clinic will be June 13 and will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$40. > Class size is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Registration deadline is June 2. To sign up or for more information call 665-

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — The 2002 Lady Harvester Volleyball Camp will be held next month at McNeely Fieldhouse in Pampa.

The camp will under the direction of Lady Harvester head coach Mike Lopez and middle school coaches Kendra Reeves and Deanna Polasek.

Other instructors will be former players.

Camp dates and times are July 15-17 for third-fifth graders from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; July 15-19 for sixth-ninth graders from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Parents are required to pick up campers after each session. A concession stand will be available.

The purpose of the camp is to help each girl improve in fundamentals, volleyball including skills such as passing, setting, serving, spiking, footwork and game situations. Registration deadline is

July 1. For more information, or to pick up an application, call (806) 669-4900, ext. 37, or (806) 665-0491.

The three-day camp fee is \$25 and the five-day camp fee is \$40. This includes a t-shirt and one-on one instruction.

Checks should be made payable to Kendra Reeves.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA - Entry deadline is June 1 for Steve Schmidt's basketball camp for girls.

Schmidt, the Lady Harvesters' head coach, will direct the camp June 17-21 at McNeely Fieldhouse. The camp will be for girls in the fourth through ninth grades. Each day's session starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m.

Cost is \$55, which includes a t-shirt, basketball and lots of instruction.

Scholarship opportunities are available for those who need financial support. If interested, brochures are available from the physical education teachers at the four elementary schools or coaches at the middle schools. Area youngsters

are also invited to the camp. Former PHS players will assist Schmidt with the

Schmidt can be contacted at 669-4830 or 669-9013.

Flashback

1960: Pampa lost to El Paso Ysleta 25-12 in high school football action.

Quarterback Roy Don Stephens scored on a 36-yard run and halfback Steve Dobbin added a 1-yard TD plunge.

Glo-Valve maintains first place in 11-12 league

Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League action.

Heath Skinner, Glo-Valve's third pitcher, won his third game of the season as Glo-Valve maintained first place and improved to 6-0. Heath Skinner faced only four batters, striking out three and throwing the other out to earn the win. He entered the game in the bottom of the fifth inning with two outs, five runs in and the go-ahead run on second

Lane Douglass started for Glo-Valve and faced only one batter over the minimum in three innings. A catcher-shortstop double play on a strikeout and a caught stealing in the first inning from Marsh to Hayden Skinner, and a round-the-horn double play from Heath Skinner at third to Aaron Carr at second to a stretching Shane Davis at first in the

Wrestling camp coming

PAMPA

WRESTLING

Pampa High wrestling coach Justin Turner offers

some advice to wrestler Jordan Smith during a

recent tournament. Turner will be conducting a

wrestling camp June 12-14 at the MPAC Building.

To sign up for the camp, Turner can be contacted at

(806) 669-9668 (home); (806) 669-4830 (work) or

(806) 886-8965 (cell). The camp is for youngsters

Hurricanes advance to finals

TORONTO (AP) - Ron night. "The guys in the locker

room showed character and

the Toronto Maple Leafs in

Game 6 of the Eastern

Conference finals, winning 2-1

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The Carolina Hurricanes,

for so long a bust in the play-

offs, are on their way to the

Stanley Cup finals for the first

"This team has certainly

come a long way," Francis, the

team captain, said Tuesday

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old team anymore.

PAMPA - Travis Marsh, third inning erased Rotary knocked in runs with his bat and baserunners. Douglass allowed his leg to lead Glo-Valve Service _ three hits. He struck out five and past Rotary Club 8-6 Tuesday in only allowed one runner to get as far as second base. He threw just 29 pitches.

> Carr came on in the fourth, allowing five earned runs. He struck out four, walked three and permitted three hits.

Shavious Kelley started for Glo-Valve. He was relieved by Madison Wilson in the third inning. Mark Stone relieved Wilson in the sixth, but was replaced by Kelley, who got the final out. Kelley allowed three runs, struck out seven, walked four and allowed six hits. Wilson struck out five while giving up three hits and three runs. He walked three. Stone surrendered two runs, two hits and hit three batters in two-thirds of an inning. He struck out one.

Glo-Valve wasted no time getting on the scoreboard. With one out in the first inning, Carr beat out an infield single and moved to second on a passed ball. Hayden Skinner dribbled a Rusty Snider walked. Kelley sinhit down the third base line. Carr held at third. Hayden Skinner stole second. A single to center field by Heath Skinner scored Carr with Hayden Skinner scampering back to third as Heath Skinner took second. Garrett Eggleston plated both runners with a solid single to center to give Glo-Valve a 3-0 lead. Glo-, Valve threatened in the second, third and fourth innings, leaving seven base runners stranded, but

the score held at 3-0. In the bottom of the fourth, Rotary's Kelley was safe on an error. He took second on a passed ball, third on an overthrow and scored on a single by Kenny Hightower.

Glo-Valve extended its lead in the fifth inning to 6-1 on an infield single by Jonathan Smith, a walk to Scotty Brown and a live-drive home run by Marsh.

Rotary came roaring back with five runs in the bottom of the fifth to tie the game. Robert Saiz, Michael Anguiano and

gled home a run and Stone singled home two more. Hightower slammed his third consecutive hit to tie the game. He took second on the throw in from the outfield. Heath Skinner took the mound with a 2-0 count on the batter and threw three straight strikes to end the inning.

Glo-Valve had its rabbit's foot in hand in the sixth inning. Eggleston stroked his second hit of the game, a shot to center field. Jacob Davis was hit by a pitch and Brody Russell executed a perfect sacrifice bunt to move the runners to second and third. Douglass bunted safely to load the bases.

Marsh, who homered the time before, squared to bunt and was hit on the leg by a pitch to force in the go-ahead run. An out later, Shane Davis was struck on the hand to force in another run.

Heath Skinner pitched a perfect sixth inning to record the

Rotary's Hightower' led all hitters with three hits, a run Corporation.

scored and three RBI. He also had the defensive plays of the game, catching a flyball in center and fielding several ground balls and holding runners at third. Kelley had two hits, two runs and one RBI, while Stone had a hit, a run and two RBI for Rotary.

Eggleston was two for two to lead Glo-Valve in hitting. He scored once and and had two RBI. Hayden Skinner had two hits and a run scored. Heath Skinner had one hit and two RBI. Shane Davis had one hit and one RBI. Jacob Davis had one hit and one run scored. Marsh had one hit, one run scored and four RBI, knocking in three with his home run and the winning run when hit by a pitch. Glo-Valve had nine different batters get base hits and eight different players score runs in a complete team effort.

Rotary, with two losses, dropped into a tie for second place with Celanese

Kings win squeaker over Lakers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - For Mike Bibby, it was a chance to make the big shot.

For Kobe Bryant, much more experienced in these matters, it was another misfire. And this time, there was no Robert Horry to rescue the Los Angeles Lakers.

Bibby, emerging as a star in his first visit to the playoffs, made a 22-footer with 8.2 seconds remaining Tuesday night to give the Sacramento Kings to a 92-91 victory and a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference finals.

When Bryant's potential winner from the right corner hit the rim and bounced away, the Kings. drew within one win of their first appearance in the NBA Finals since 1951.

And the two-time defending champion Lakers, winners of 13 titles since that time, are one loss from elimination.

Game 6 is Friday night in Los Angeles. Game 7, if necessary, will be Sunday at Arco Arena.

Bibby was freed for the winning shot by a screen from Chris Webber that knocked Derek Fisher to the floor. "I told Chris that if he handed

the ball out to me, I was going to make it," said Bibby, who scored 23 points. "I think there are a lot of people on this team who could have taken the last shot."

"This is my first year here," he added. "I'm just happy to be

Bibby, who spent his first three NBA seasons with the hapless Vancouver Grizzlies, came to Sacramento 11 months ago in a trade for Jason Williams.

"In the huddle Mike said he wanted to shoot it," said Webber, who had 29 points and 13 rebounds. "We all have confidence in Mike. I just wanted to get a piece of Fisher.'

The Lakers countered by getting the ball to Bryant, as expected. Closely guarded by the smaller Bobby Jackson, Bryant let fly from the right corner with one second left. The shot wasn't

"I knew he'd try to spin baseline — it's his favorite move," Jackson said. "I was thinking, 'Please miss. Please, please miss.' He's a great player. He doesn't miss many shots."

Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal each missed as time was running out in Game 4 before Horry's 3pointer gave the Lakers a 100-99 victory to even the series.

Horry wasn't open this time. Webber said there was no way he was going to leave him alone.

"I was just trying to shoot over (Jackson) and the shot went long," said Bryant, who scored 30 points. "We'll take the one-point defeat, go home and win the next Sacramento seemed to be in

good shape when O'Neal fouled out with 3:22 left; Bibby drew the big man's sixth foul on a drive down the lane.

The Kings took an 88-87 lead on a free throw by Webber with 2:23 to play, but a jumper by Bryant 14 seconds later and two free throws by Samaki Walker with 59.3 seconds left put the Lakers on top by three.

Bibby made two free throws with 46.6 seconds to go and

Anaheim (Ortiz 4-5) at Kansas City

N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 7-2) at Chicago

Seattle. (Moyer 4-2) at Baltimore

Detroit (Greisinger 2-2) at Cleveland

Oakland (Hudson 3-6) at Tampa Bay

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Vlade Divac blocked a shot by Bryant 17 seconds later to set the stage for the biggest shot of Bibby's life.

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By JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

Watching John Shulock's calls for a second time sent Lou Piniella over the

The Mariners manager seethed over Shulock's strike zone for five innings before replays of Tampa Bay's five-run third inning brought Sweet Lou storming out of the dugout.

Piniella pointed angrily at the video screen highlights, got ejected and covered home plate with dirt during the Mariners' 5-1 loss to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Tuesday night.

"I've got to do what I've got to do, and the umpires' got to do what they got to do. But if the replays hadn't been shown, I wouldn't have gotten thrown out," Piniella said.

Piniella and Shulock also exchanged words in the third after Ben Grieve drew a walk on a 3-2 pitch with the bases loaded. The next batter, John Flaherty, hit his second career grand slam for a 5-0 Tampa Bay lead.

Once he was tossed, Piniella kicked once toward Shulock and nine times on home plate before getting down on one knee and using his hands to completely cover the plate with dirt.

Shulock refused to sweep the plate

for the start of the bottom of the eighth. Instead, he waited until catcher Dan Wilson cleaned it — first with his feet and then with Shulock's brush.

"I wish I had been out there," Piniella said. "We would have played with a dirty home plate the rest of the ballgame, I can tell you that.'

The ejection was the second this season for Piniella. Shulock was reluctant to talk about the ejection, but did say: "I have no grudge for Lou and no chip on my shoulder.

In other AL games, it was: Boston 6, Toronto 4; New York 4, Chicago 2; Oakland 5, Baltimore 2; Cleveland 4, Detroit 2; Kansas City 7, Anaheim 4; and Minnesota 11, Texas 4. Ryan Rupe pitched his first career

complete game for the Devil Rays, who won two of three games against the defending AL West champions at Safeco Field last week. Rupe (5-5) finished with a five-hitter,

beating the Mariners for the second straight time after losing his first four career decisions against them. Flaherty's grand slam finished a fiverun third inning against Seattle right-han-

runs in three innings. Red Sox 6, Blue Jays 4

Toronto closer Kelvim Escobar (1-2) walked Jason Varitek and Trot Nixon

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der Joel Pineiro (4-2), who allowed five

with the bases loaded in the ninth inning a club record-tying six straight, and to give visiting Boston the win.

Jose Offerman hit a two-run homer for the Red Sox, who rallied after Pedro Martinez allowed four runs in the first two innings.

Tim Wakefield (2-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the win. Ugueth Urbina pitched the ninth for his 17th save. Yankees 4, White Sox 2

Derek Jeter and Bernie Williams sparked an eighth-inning rally with RBI singles, and Rondell White doubled in the go-ahead runs as New York won at Chicago.

Ted Lilly (2-4) allowed three hits in seven innings for the Yankees, who won their fourth straight to remain a game behind Boston in the AL East. Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his 16th save.

Athletics 5, Orioles 2

Mark Mulder (3-4) won for the first time since April 6, allowing one earned run over six innings as Oakland won at Camden Yards.

Eric Chavez and Adam Piatt both hit two-run homers off Calvin Maduro (2-5) for the A's, whose fourth straight victory matched a season high.

Billy Koch worked the ninth for his 10th save.

Indians 4, Tigers 2 Chuck Finley struck out 11, including Travis Fryman drove in three runs against Jeff Weaver (4-6) to lead host Cleveland.

two hits in the first inning but then dom-

inated. He retired 20 of 21 before Brandon Inge opened the eighth with an infield single to end Finley's night.

Bob Wickman worked the ninth for Finley (3-6) gave up two runs and his 12th save as the Indians won for the fourth time in five games.

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Philadelphia	21	30	.412	6 1/2
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St. Louis	30	22	.577	1/2
Pittsburgh	23	. 28	.451	7
Houston	22	29	.431	. 8
Chicago	20	30	.400	9 1/2
Milwaukee	17	35	.327	13 1/2
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Arizona	31	20	.608	-
San Francisco	:30	20	.600	1/2
Los Angeles	30	. 22	.577	1 1/2
Colorado	27	25	.519	4 1/2
San Diego	24	28	.462	7 1/2

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Umbrellas rule the day at soggy French Open

Cincinnati 6, Florida 5, 11 innings Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Mets 3 Atlanta 5, Montreal 2 St. Louis 4, Houston 1 Colorado 3, San Diego 2, 12 innings Los Angeles 8, Milwaukee 4 San Francisco I, Arizona 0, 10 innings Wednesday's Game

Milwaukee (J. Wright 1-1) at Los Angeles (Perez 4-3), Montreal (Ohka 4-3) at Atlanta (Millwood 3-5), 7:05 Chicago Cubs (Lieber 3-3) at Pittsburgh (K. Wells 7-2),

incinnati (Hamilton 2-2) at Florida (Beckett 2-2), St. Louis (Stephenson 1-3) at Houston (Miller 0-2),

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rizona (Helling 4-5) at San Francisco (Rueter 6-2), Colorado (Neagle 3-2) at San Diego (Jones 3-2), 5:05

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PARIS (AP) — Justine more than a week ago. Henin was ill. Roger Federer The fifth-seeded Henin, a was weary. Most everyone else semifinalist at the French Open at the French Open was sick and last year, was truly under the tired, too - fed up with rain weather.

that backlogged play and made A sore throat, fever and conumbrellas as visible as tennis gestion made for a miserable day and an early exit for one of "I've never experienced anythe favorites coming into thing like it, raining consistently Roland Garros. She lost 4-6, 6for 2 1/2 sets," Roger Federer 1, 6-0 to Hungarian qualifier said after Tuesday's 6-3, 6-2, 6-Aniko Kapros.

"I just feel physically Arazi. "If it rains really, we can awful," said Henin, who stop. But it was just raining admitted she probably should not have ventured out on a raw and cold day. "I was not ready to play this match."

At least Henin and Federer Federer went with a new look, got on the court. The wait conchanging from a head-to-toe tinued for many players Tuesday when four more rain to delays ran the total to seven over two days. Only 84 of 128 "I've played in rain before. scheduled matches had been He was just much better. It's a completed when play was pity," added Federer, who said called after the second day.

he was worn out from winning a Top-seeded and defending tournament in Germany just champion Jennifer Capriati was out long enough to build a 4-2 lead over Marissa Irvin before more rain and then darkness descended. Serena Williams, Andre Agassi and Andy Roddick were hoping to finally play Wednesday.

No. 5 Yevgeny Kafelnikov finally finished off his match started Monday, beating qualifier Tomas Behrend 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-7 (3), 6-1.

While waiting out the raindrops, Kafelnikov tried to "I came back for an hour,

had a little nap, rethought what I had to do. It worked out," he said. For Kapros, making her

French Open debut, things worked out, as well, against an ailing opponent. "I played one of the best

matches I ever played," she said, smiling ear to ear. Kapros comes from a solid

sports background and has traveled the world with her acrobat parents.

Her mother, Aniko Kery, was a member of Hungary's bronze medal gymnastic team at the 1972 Munich Olympics. Her father, Attila, is her coach. She learned tennis while living in the Bahamas, one of several locations where her parents performed.

Now the 18-year-old and 179th-ranked player has made the second round of a Grand Slam event. And she got there by beating Henin, a player with a sweet backhand and a serve that floats over the net. "You have to get used to it

— that if you get a soft serve, you have to hit it," Kapros said. "She didn't really to that." A rain delay didn't bother

Monica Seles — it actually. got her going.

She lost the first five games. But after play was halted in the second set with the score tied, she ran off nine straight games to beat Angeles Montolio 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-0.

No. 4 Kim Clijsters, last year's runner-up, came back to beat Tatiana Poutchek 3-6, 6-3, 8-6.

"Tough with the rain and wind. But it's tough for both of us," Clijsters said.

Rodriguez cleared for rehab duties

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez has been cleared to begin a rehab assignment from the back injury that has kept him out since April 15.

Rodriguez was examined by team back specialist Dr. Drew Dossett on Tuesday night, and Dossett gave the 10time All-Star the OK to report to Port Charlotte, Fla., for extended spring training on Thursday and Friday.

Rodriguez will start by playing designated hitter and catching batting practice.

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sionally and emotionally. You have many Consider taking off this weekend. talents. Learn to use them well this year. CANCER (June 21-July 22) while this year, you could fully enjoy along

your status. Yet, you might meet some- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) one who captures all your attention and **** Allow others to play their whom you want more with. If you are cards first. Listen well to another's sugattached, your relationship will improve gestion. Lighten up with discussions, CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) because of your ability to relate to each especially if you find that someone could ** Deal with funds, especially after other. Your compassion makes you a be too distracted to listen. Choose the an early-morning message or thought. great listener. AQUARIUS opens doors right time for a talk. Give yourself sever. You might be one of the few who man-

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

understanding what motivates this per- at home. son. Whether you realize it or not, you LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) meeting, understanding that you're encourages you to zoom into your work to you! working toward a mutual goal here, and get the job done. There might be no Tonight: Get into weekend mode.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ** Head on out the door, making with time for yourself. Tonight: Get into Tonight: Join a pal for a late dinner.

sure you see eye to eye with others. Your weekend spirit. vision revolving around a project could SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Many opportunities drop in your lap this calls, hopping on the computer or what- who aren't as perky or able as you. In year. In fact, you will gain both profes- ever mode you find appropriate. Tonight: fact, a close associate or partner might

focus on applying these talents in a from a key-relationship or an association. Out on the town, if you can. meaningful manner. Travel and educa- Be sensitive to this person's ideas. What tion could play a meaningful role in your you deem necessary might not actually choices. Someone quite exotic could be. Move away from a set concept of enter your life. If you are single for a what needs to happen. Tonight: Play

al days. Tonight: Just don't be alone. VIRGO (Aug., 23-Sept. 22)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll ** Don't worry so much about what Concentrate on your work rather than Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; another thinks or feels. Loosen up and do others' problems. Tonight: Treat yourwhat you must. Schedule an appointment self. that could be long overdue. You might AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) not want to take a break from work, but *** * Suddenly you're a power to *** Dance to another's tune, you need to Tonight: Clear off your desk behold. As the moon slides into your

stopping you once you get started. You whirl through task after task, leaving

be met with enthusiasm. Just lay an idea ** * News comes in from a distance, a loved one shares with you. Consider out on the table. Stay sensitive to some- You might feel the need to think through what your options might be and where one who functions as an authority figure. your plans before you leap into action, you might be best off. It doesn't hurt to Understand your limitations in a domes- rethink a decision carefully. You're play-GEMINI (May 21-June 20) . tic matter. You might try to plead your ing for the long term. Consider your *** Return calls. While you have case with a loved one. Tonight: Your options. Tonight: Vanish into your own a chance, check your balance. Events home is your castle.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May might happen far more quickly than you SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) thought. Do needed research by making *** Extend yourself toward those

ask you for additional help. Do all you can. Meanwhile, start clearing your desk You will also gain professionally, if you *** Realize more of what you want and getting your work done. Tonight:

> ages his or her funds adroitly. Others could seek you out for advice!

sign, your natural energy and personality

come out. If you see a problem arise, ask have the same agenda and follow the *** * Kick up your heels all you yourself how have you been a part of it. same beat. Brainstorm with others in a want. Perhaps that extra bit of energy Deal with others directly. Tonight: It's up

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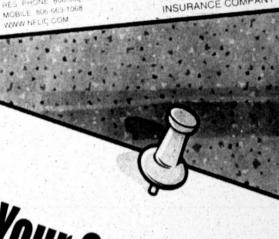


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