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Andrews files for re-election

Ward 2 Commissioner Jeff Andrews filed Monday seeking re-election to the Pampa City Commission. Filing is open weekdays from 8 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. to 5 in the City Secretary's office on the second floor at City Hall. Filing

PISD board incumbents plan to run

Independent School District board members whose places will be open on the May 4 ballot plan to file for office between now and the filing deadline on March 20.

Curry, Place 2

member Lance

DeFever and

Place 3 mem-

ber Dr. Jay

Johnson told

The Pampa

News they will

ELECTION

be candidates seven-member board. Curry and Johnson are

seeking re-election and DeFever is running for the first time after having been appointed to finish the unexpired term of Pat Kennedy who resigned to make more time for a new job.

The three board members

All three incumbent Pampa echo one another when they point to declining enrollments and funding as the greatest challenge now facing the board

"How to continue to provide a quality education with Place I member John the money we have," is what Curry says is

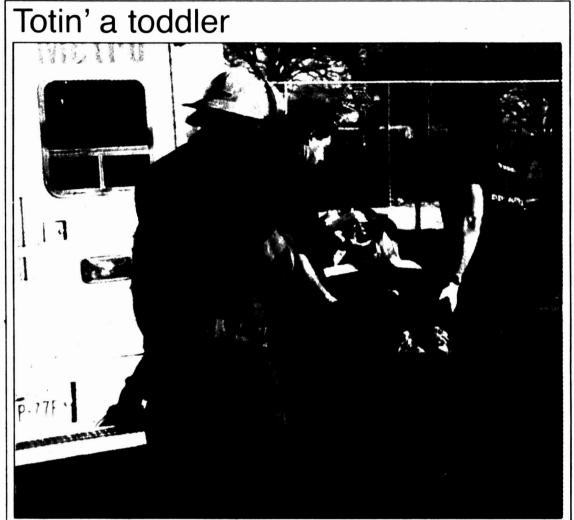
the immediate area of most CON cern "We

have every thing in place (finan-

for three-year terms on the cially) for the budget this year," he said, but it is going to be a big challenge how we can continue to get the most for our money.

Curry said he decided to seek re-election because. "Education and the Pampa Independent School District is one of the most important

(See BOARD, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Firefighters and paramedics take a little boy, still in his car seat, to an awaiting Rural/Metro ambulance following a two-car collision at 8:40 a.m. this morning at Ward and Browning streets. The accident happened when Donna Miller, 508 Hazel, driving a Chevrolet Cavalier, failed to yield the right of way and struck a 2002 Pontiac Aztec driven by Michael Kirkpatrick, 1529 Williston, the investigating officer said. The little boy was in the back seat of the Cavalier. No information on his name was available at press time but a spokesman at Pampa Regional Medical Center said the child was treated and released.

ends at 5 p.m. March 20

American Legion to meet Thursday

American Legion Post #334 will meet at the Museum. Freedom Thursday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m.

STATE

Brothers mad at dad steal car and burn it

TYLER (AP) - Two East Texas boys who were angry their father didn't take them to the movies stole his car and set it ablaze, firefighters said.

The burning 1993 BMW was discovered by Lindale firefighters behind a convenience store in Swan, just outside of Tyler, on Sunday night.

Authorities said one suspect is a 13-year-old and the other is 14.

"Witnesses said before the fire, there were two vehicles sitting there — one drove away and the other caught fire," Oren Hale, assistant Smith County fire marshal, told the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Republicans air qualifications at forum

Treasurer hopefuls outline their abilities

By NANCY YOUNG MANAGING EDHOR

Conservatism and moral values were discussed as Republicans seeking political office in Gray County spoke to about 90 local residents at the Top O' Texas Republican Worhen's political forum Monday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Outlining their qualifications, the candidates seeking the party's nomination in the upcoming March 12 Republican Primary in the six contested races asked for the support of the crowd.

Incumbent County Treasurer Scott Hahn told the crowd he is the only qualified candidate for that position.

"The task of selecting the county treasurer shouldn't be at all difficult," said Hahn, " because I am the only qualified candidate.

He said that if he didn't believe he is the best candidate for the position and he failed to tell the people at the forum, then he has failed in his effort.

"Gray County is a \$7 million corporation," said Hahn. He said the voters of Gray County will soon be given the task of becoming the 'hiring committee' to determine who will fill the necessary roles within the 'corporation.'

"One of those positions is to be chief financial officer - county treasurer," said Hahn.

The president, whose provocative labeling

Landing on a tightly secured U.S. military

base in downtown Seoul, Bush saw none of

the anti-American protests that have marred

the run-up to his first visit to Korea. He

indulged cheering U.S. military families with

On the streets of Seoul itself, police in riot

gear stood watch over Koreans who went

about their routine with barely a passing

of North Korea as part of an "axis of evil"

has stirred Asian unease, arrived here with

first lady Laura Bush from Tokyo.

handshakes and autographs.



Pampa News photo by Nancy Young) State Rep. Warren Chisum, (R) Pampa, and his administrative assistant. Ann Franklin, are joined by Linda Daniels, Top O' Texas Republican Women president, at the candidate forum Monday night.

He said he has run an efficient office for more than 15 years, saying he has earned \$4 million in interest income for the county. Hahn said he has been a responsible, conservative manager of the treasurer's office, and added he has no increase in staff since he took office.

With a college degree in business, he said he successfully ran a business before elected as county treasurer. He also said he is certified for the position having obtained 280 hours in continuing education (See ABILITIES, Page 3)

County candidates promising to listen

By NANCY YOUNG MANAGING EDHOR

Republican Gray County voters will be choosing two county commissioner nominees of their party in the March 12 Republican primary. Winners in the primary will be on the November ballot.

While the Precinct Four Commissioner position is unopposed in the November election, the Precinct Two Commissioner position will not be decided until that election.

Candidates for the two positions spoke to Republican supporters during the candidate forum Monday night.

Two Republicans are seeking the Precinct Two position currently held by Democrat Jim Greene.

Gary Willoughby told the crowd he has been going door-to-door meeting the people of his precinct. He said one of the issues he has had people complaining about is road maintenance in Precinct INO.

He said if he is elected he will improve the roads. He also said he will "do his very best to control the budget and work with the other commissioners."

Willoughby has been a private business owner in the Pampa area for 22 years.

He said he believes the commissioner position to (See LISTEN, Page 3)

DEATHS

Sheila Catherine Hood, 63, school teacher. Claudia "Pearl" Barber Parker, 87, homemaker Joe I. Timms, law enforcement officer. Grace Jane Wiens, 85. school teacher.

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glance at Bush's motorcade.

President arrives in South Korea;

critics protest 'axis of evil' remark

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Facing In a speech earlier Tuesday to the Japanese protests in Seoul's streets and a combative new message from North Korea, President Diet, Bush toned down talk that many in the Bush on Tuesday opened a two-day visit to region have perceived as troublesome saber-South Korea that will take him to the dividing rattling and spoke of "a fellowship of free line between what he has called, good and Pacific nations."

He is expected to continue the somewhat muted tone on Wednesday when he rallies U.S. troops patrolling the hostile and heavily armored Demilitarized Zone dividing Koreans into communist North and democratic South.

A nearly final draft of the president's speech does not contain the words "axis of evil," president counselor Karen Hughes said.

' Still, North Korea's Radio Pyongyang continued to hold up the phrase as evidence the United States is trying to incite war. (See BUSH, Page3)

'Lock-up' to help raise MDA funds

Some well-known Pampans calling friends and encouragwill be behind bars Thursday when they "volunteer" to serve time in a mock jail at the Texas Rose Restaurant to raise money for the local Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The MDA Lock-Up, held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., will be hosted by Shane and Brent Dyer, owners of the Texas Rose. More than 200 Pampa area executives and civic leaders are expected to serve their sentences for MDA.

Acting judge. MDA's Director Cary District McDaniel, will sentence' each participant to "raise bail" by ing contributions to advance MDA's lifesaving programs.

MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat neuromuscular diseases through worldwide research, comprehensive services and far-reaching professional and public health education.

In additions to funding groundbreaking research. MDA maintains some 230 clinics nationwide, including one in Amarillo at BSA Hospital, local support groups and a summer camp for children with muscle-wasting diseases at Ceta Canyon outside

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

SHIPLEY, Donnie Lee — 3 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

DONNIE LEE SHIPLEY 1944-2002

Donnie Lee Shipley, Sr., 57, died Simmons of Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, at Amarillo. Henton Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Okla.; three Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with daughters, Rev. Albert Maggard, pastor of the First Carolyn Pentecostal Holiness Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Shipley was born Sept. 7, 1944, in Phillips. He had been a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1962. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was employed by Hoagie's Deli as a deliveryman.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Carol Lynn Shipley and Kay Shipley, and his parents, Paul and Katy Shipley.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Shipley of Pampa, two sons, Donnie Lee "D.L" Shipley, Jr., of Pampa, and Bobby J.

Claudia "Pearl" Barber Parker, 87, of Pampa, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at Round Rock, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of the Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Parker was born on March 7, 1914, on the Spade Ranch in Colorado City, Texas, to James Sanders Barber and Ella Browne Barber. She had been a resident of Pampa since the early 1940s before moving in May 1999, to reside at "The Pointe at Cedar Park" for the remainder of her life, making lots of additional friends and extended family whom were dearly loved by her and her family.

Joyce White, Kristie Dawn Fuller and Kendra LaShelle Henderson. all of Pampa; one brother,

Kenneth Shipley of Arlington; two sisters, Judy Haynes and Gay Dismuke, all of Pampa; 13 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials go to Pampa Special Olympics.

CLAUDIA 'PEARL' BARBER PARKER

1914-2002

She married Manuel Forest Parker on June 1, 1948, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on Nov. 24, 1993.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Central Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; seven brothers; and a sister.

Survivors include four children, Richard Laphon Chance and wife Rose Marie of Ardmore, Okla., Cheryl Chance Patrick and husband Phillip Dale of Cedar Park, Joan Chance Terrell and husband Merle, formerly of Pampa, now of Whitney, and Rosella Chance Stout and husband, Hollis, formerly of Pampa, now of Poolville; a close friend, Jackie Cain of Pampa; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and other friends.

POLICE

following arrest and incidents during the 24-hour

period ending at 7 a.m. today.

The Pampa Police Department reported the

Monday, Feb. 18

Gary Lonnie Kotara, 48, 422 Wynne, burglary

The theft of a metal brake fluid cap was report-

JOE I. TIMMS

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, serv-MARTINDALE — Joe I. Timms, a Pampa native, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, at his home ing during the Vietnam War. in Martindale, Texas. Services are scheduled Survivors include his wife, Eveline; two today under the direction of Pennington

sons, Jay and Nikki of Martindale; four daughters, Jen of Martindale and Tammy, Holly and Tina, all of Dallas; his mother, Penny DeLany of Martindale; a sister, Dixie Deaton of Addington, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made in lieu of flowers to a special fund set up through the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department.

Survivors include her husband, Edward K.

Wiens, of the home; two daughters, Sue Bell of

Amarillo and Virginia Dewey of Pampa; a

brother, George Roth of Oklahoma City, Okla.;

four grandchildren; and four great-grandchil-

United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981; or to Alzheimer's

The family requests memorials be to First

GRACE JANE WIENS 1916-2002

Grace Jane Wiens, 85, of Pampa, died Classroom Teachers Association, Pampa Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002. Services are pending Retired Teacher Association, AARP, Friends of under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley the Library and formerly belonged to Delta Funeral Directors of Pampa. Kappa Gamma Sorority.

Mr. Timms was born and raised in Pampa,

He was a Department of Public Safety

trooper in El Paso, was chief of police in

Martindale and worked for Caldwell County

graduating from Pampa High School. He

received the Hustling Harvester Award in bas-

Funeral Home in San Marcos.

ketball in the late 1950s.

Sheriff's Department.

Mrs. Wiens was born Aug. 9, 1916, at Independence, Kan. She received a bachelor of science degree in education from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan. She married Edward K. Wiens on Dec. 6, 1941, at Bartlesville, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident since 1958, moving from Ulysses, Kan.

She taught Latin and English through Pampa Independent School District for 25 years.

She was a member of First United Methodist Association, Panhandle chapter, 2200 W. 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106. Church, United Methodist Women, Pampa

SHEILA CATHERINE HOOD

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1938-2002

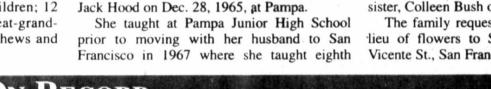
KALISPELL, Mont. - Sheila Catherine grade at St. Cecilia's School for nearly 20 years. Hood, 63, formerly of Pampa, died Sunday, The couple relocated to Bigfork, Mont., in Feb. 17, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical 1991 Center. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m.,

She enjoyed music and hiking.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two sisters, Ann Jourdan of Hobbs, N.M., and Jean Martin of Covington, La.

Survivors include her husband, Jack, of Bigfork; two brothers, Thomas Chisholm of Austin and Kevin Chisholm of Dallas; and a sister, Colleen Bush of Grand Junction, Colo.

The family requests memorials be made in lieu of flowers to St. Cecilia's School, 660 Vicente St., San Francisco, CA 94116.



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SHERIFF

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

Saturday, Feb. 16

Sam K. Calloway, 36, Clarendon, was arrested by the DPS for, driving while intoxicated and on an Anderson County warrant for

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day.

AMBULANCE

Friday in Risen Christ Parish in Kalispell.

Mrs. Hood was born Oct. 7, 1938, at Pampa,

to Russell A. and Frances B. Chisholm. After

graduating from Pampa High School, she con-

tinued her formal education at Benedictine

Heights College in Tulsa, Okla. She married

Rural/Metro made the following calls dur ng the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. yester Wheat

Sunday, Feb. 17

7:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Starkweather and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo. 8:15 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Somerville; no transport. 10:51 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the Puritan 000 block of Gordon; no transport.

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CARSON CO. SHERIFF

The Carson County Sheriff issued the folowing jail intake report

Feb. 11-17

Tommy Hess, 49, Amarillo, theft. Heather Queen, 29, Kansas City, Kan., possession of a controlled substance greater than 400 grams.

Tracy Zeek, 31, Lefors, possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Michael Marsh, 45, Pampa, possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Jackie Vaughn, 42, Lefors, possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Antonio Calvo, 48, Fort Worth, public intoxication.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period end ing at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Feb. 18

2:23 p.m. - Two units and three firefighters responded to a hazardous material spill at U.S Highway 60 and Loop 171. Traffic had driven through a large puddle of what appeared to be used motor oil. Texas Department of Transportation employees were called to sand down the area.

Рамра

Today, mostly cloudy and breezy with highs near 60. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph early, becoming northwest. Caution advised on area lakes. Tonight, becoming mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday, sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. West winds 5 to 15 mph.

STATEWIDE

Showers and thunderstorms developed early Tuesday along an invading Pacific front, with some high winds and large hail expected as the system swept across Texas.

The frontal boundary in western parts of North Texas will remain the focus for more widespread strong thunderstorm activity through midday.

Early-morning temperatures before daybreak ranged from the mid-30s to the lower 70s

ed in the 400 block of Oklahoma Runaways were reported on North Faulkner and Fir.

of a habitation with intent to commit assault.

A puppy valued at \$200 was stolen from the 700 block of Sloan.

A forgery was reported at First State Bank of Miami, 120 W. Kingsmill.

A burglary of habitation was reported in the 300 block of Perry where an ice chest and set of salt and pepper shakers were taken. No forced entry.

The theft of \$1,500 in cash was reported in the 400 block of Perry.

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department filed the folowing accident reports.

Saturday, Feb. 16

No injuries were reported when a 1997 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jason Allen Huckins, 26, 1000 Crane Road, collided at the intersection of North Duncan and East 25th Street with a 1995 Ford driven by Vivian Houck Huff, 72, of 2732 Beech. The report said Huckins failed to yield at a stop sign.

A 2002 Nissan X-Terra driven by Lauryn Nicole Langford, 16, 1813 Grape, backed unsafely in the 1800 block of Grape and struck a legally parked 1999 Chevrolet pickup owned by Brad Justin Been, 24, 821 N. Christy.

CORRECTION

The Gray County Sheriff's Department has changed its records to reflect an address of 605 Deane for DaNelda J. Burke, 41.

WEATHER FOCUS

Extremes were 34 degrees at Dalhart to 72 at LaGrange.

Elsewhere, it was 57 degrees at Dryden, 68 at Killeen and 56 at both Abilene and Wichita Falls. Winds were generally southwesterly to

westerly at 10 to 20 mph. West winds were gusting to 38 mph in El Paso. It was drizzling in far South Texas.

Skies were clearing over West Texas, with conditions remaining cloudy in the south.

Areas of drizzle or light rain dampened a

few locations in the Rio Grande Valley. Some severe storms were forecast by the National Weather Service for central and eastern parts of North Texas.

A chance of showers remained for the western panhandle.

Highs through Wednesday should be in the 50s and upper 60s to mid-70s along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight were expected in the 20s outdoor to lower 40s, warming from the 50s to 70s by Wednesday.

A clearing trend was forecast for Wednesday.

Monday, Feb. 18

1:11 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and ransported one to North West Texas Hospital. 5:17 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a ocal nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

Police testify in trial of woman accused of drowning children

HOUSTON (AP) — When tub until they stopped breath-Andrea Yates said she had just killed her children, the police officer stood at the door in dis-

belief. Officer David Knapp followed her into the house, and in the bedroom he saw a child's arm protruding from under a wet sheet. Knapp lifted it and

saw the lifeless bodies of Mary, 6 months, Luke, 2, Paul, 3, and John, 5. Noah, 7, was floating face down in the bathtub. "She was standing behind

me ... and I didn't hear her cry" or show any emotion, Knapp said Monday as Yates' capital murder trial started.

Yates, 37, is charged with two counts of capital murder for the June 20 drownings and faces the death penalty. She has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.

Testimony was to resume Tuesday.

Defense attorney George Parnham told jurors that Yates had a history of suicide attempts and was so psychotic that her delusions drove her to drown her children.

"Postpartum depression with psychotic features, as will be testified to from the stand, is the cruelest and most severe of mental illnesses," Parnham said. "It takes the very nature and essence of motherhood --to nurture, to protect and to love

- and changes the reality. Prosecutors say she knew her actions were wrong when she held each of her five children beneath water in the bath-

ing "She knew this was an illegal thing," Harris County assis-

tant district attorney Joe Owmby said during opening statements. "It was a sin. She knew it was wrong."

Jurors on Monday also heard Yates' 911 call. During the call, Yates paused frequently and breathed heavily. When asked if she was alone, Yates first said "ves." But the second time, she responded "no, my kids are here" and then told the dispatcher their ages.

Knapp said Yates answered his questions in a monotone voice and followed his instructions to sit down and show identification.

"Her eyes were wider that what I'd consider normal," Knapp said.

Frank Stumpo, the second Houston police officer who arrived at the house, testified that he found the oldest boy dead in the bathtub, then went into the living room and asked Yates if she realized what she had done.

"Yes, I do," was Yates' response, the officer testified.

Stumpo said Yates did not appear to be upset or distraught and that she would answer his questions without prompting when he spoke aloud to himself.

Owmby said Yates, during questioning by police, told an officer that she should go to hell for what she had done. She told the officer she waited to drown

the children until her husband, Russell, left for work because he would have stopped her, the prosecutor said.

Yates' extensive medical records detail her bouts with depression and two suicide attempts. They also show her fear that she might hurt someone and a doctor's caution that the couple stop having children to avoid future psychosis after Luke was born in 1999.

If Yates is found innocent, a hearing will be held to determine whether she will be released or involuntarily committed. If found guilty, jurors will have to determine if there is enough mitigating evidence to sentence her to life in prison rather than death.



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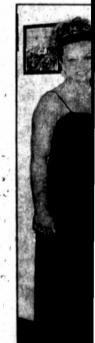
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Travis Science Fair



(Courtesy photo)

Travis Elementary School recently held its annual Science Fair. Grades kindergarten through fifth grades participated. Above, left-right: Fourth graders Tanner Davis, first place; Robin Fernuik, second place; and Dallas Passmore, third place.

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BOARD

assets that Pampa has and the direction of it will affect whatever growth we have."

Johnson says the "top priority" as he sees it is to find ways to improve the quality of education for our students but he acknowledges "the biggest obstacle this board will face in the immediate future is financing our local public schools."

DeFever said his time on the board so far has "been rewarding" in that it has been interesting to see the inner workings of the district and how the "large budget" is administered.

Like his cohorts, the newest board member is concerned about "finances" and the declining population of the schools coupled with increases in operational costs.

Filing for the positions is in Supt. Dr. Dawson Orr's office at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert. Filing is open weekdays from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Supreme Court upholds student grading another

The Supreme Court upheld the common schoolroom practice of having one student grade another's work, ruling Tuesday that such paper-swapping does not violate federal privacy law.

The 9-0 ruling ends a challenge filed by a mother whose learning-disabled son was ridiculed as a "dummy" when his poor grades were read aloud to classmates.

WASHINGTON (AP) - could sue the Aware Woman Center under the name Jane Roe II. Justices refused to consider overturning that decision.

-Declined to decide if defendants have a right to use insanity defenses. The Nevada Supreme Court said the state's

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ABILITIES

hours. Hahn said both of his opponents, Tory Peet and Lee Cornelison, are 'awfully nice guys', but do not have the qualifications he has for the job.

He said his comments to the Gray County Commission on Feb. 15 concerning a supplement not received by the county since September 2001, demonstrates he is a 'watchdog' for county finances.

Hahn said he wanted to make the commissioners aware of a shortfall in the budget which might need to be made up elsewhere.

Peet, a high school math teacher, said he wants to "give back to the community." In his fourth year as a math teacher, he also coaches all sports. He said he also has completed 18 hours towards a computer science degree.

"I may coach blue and white, but my blood flows green and gold," said Peet.

He said many people follow parents in pursuing careers, and he said he wanted to do the same. Acknowledging he is the son of Gray County Judge Richard Peet, the younger Peet said he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps.

Peet said it is time for the young people to stand alongside parents and grandparents and to add to and build upon what the older generations have already built in Gray County. Crediting former teachers with planti-

be serving the people. "Tell me what

you want, and we'll get it for you," he

over 30 years and wants to continue to

Bill Horne said he has lived in Pampa

Recently retired from his veterinarian

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ng the seed of the dream that the younger. generation will be leaders of tomorrow, Peet said he decided two years ago to seek the county treasurer position. He said he is qualified for the position, and can easily learn the duties.

He outlined the duties of the office, and said he has been researching the duties of the office. He said he has talked with financial directors and talked to county treasurers in other offices.

Speaking of the day-to-day operations of payroll, monthly reports to investments, he said was aware of those duties.

He said the only budget the treasurer is responsible for is that office's, saying the county judge and county commissioners' are responsible for the county budget.

"With the knowledge I have attained in computers and the computer environment, I will work to make the treasurer's office as efficient as possible through the use of these computers," said Peet.

"I want the employees of the county to know that my door will always be open. I will be available to help them in any way I can in concerns of payroll, workers comp or insurance. I will instill a new sense of cooperation between the treasurer's office all the other county offices in the courthouse. I will spend as much time as necessary on the phone, online on the computer to find the best rate of interest for your money."

Lee Cornelison told the crowd he is

the county is the responsibility of the

tax base," said Horne. Citing the declin-

ing population in the area, he said, "This

has to stop. We need to rekindle the

County Commissioner James Hefley

"Gray County needs to increase the

also very qualified for the position. Citing his experience in business, Cornelison said he is qualified for the office.

Describing himself as a conservative Republican, he said he was a radical Hubert Humphrey supporter as a student in the late 1960s.

Investments would not be a major issue for him, he said.

"I'm running for more than just for exercise," he said. "I'm running because I'm qualified.'

He said he has a business degree and 37 years in business, making a profit every year. He said it was because of hard work that he and his wife Brenda achieved a profit each year.

"I can do this job because I have taken care of my own business all those years," he said. "I rely on professionals when I come up against a problem that's bigger than I am.

"I know how to use professionals, I know how to use reference books, I know how to call the state capitol," he said.

Cornelison said he looked up the qualifications of the job in the constitution, and he is qualified.

Investments would not be a major issue for him, he said. He said the county does have some options in investments. The candidate said if he is elected he will be at a county treasurer's conference at ' Texas A&M as soon as possible.

"You all elect me and I'll do you a good job," said Cornelison.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE Horne said the \$7 million budget of

county government. He stressed the county commission must value the taxpayers' money. "You + pay the taxes and I have to decide how it must be spent," said Hefley.

Challenging Hefley is Ed Robinson, a local businessman.

"I think changes are good and I think it's time for a change," said Robinson.

He said he wants to see the water preserved in the area, and he will work towards achieving that goal. He also cited a dwindling population in the area.

"I also think that McLean could be a valuable asset to Gray County some day," said Robinson, as he cited the town's location on I-40.

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Gray County Commission.

vision of Gray County."

In other court action Tuesday, the court:

-Agreed to intervene in a fight over copyrights, deciding whether Congress has sided too heavily with writers and other inventors. The outcome will determine when hundreds. of thousands of books, songs and movies will be freely available on the Internet or in digital libraries.

-Said it would consider the constitutionality of Internet registries listing the names of convicted sex offenders who long ago completed their punishment. The ruling could affect sex offender laws in about a dozen states that publish the names, addresses or other personal information about convicted sex offenders on the Internet.

-Turned down a chance to decide whether police can use video cameras to secretly monitor people on the job without getting a warrant.

---Refused to get involved in a case involving a woman who wants to sue a Florida abortion clinic anonymously. A panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta had ruled that the woman

ban on such defenses was unconstitutional. Justices refused to consider the state's appeal.

Teachers nationwide commonly tell students to swap homework, guizzes or other schoolwork and then correct one another's work as the teacher goes over it aloud. Sometimes the teacher then has students call out the results, and the teacher records them.

"Correcting a classmate's work can be as much a part of the assignment as taking the test itself," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote for himself and seven colleagues. Justice Antonin Scalia filed a separate concurring opinion.

"It is a way to teach material again in a new context, and it helps show students how to assist and respect fellow pupils," wrote Kennedy, a former law professor who still teaches several classes a year.

Kristja Falvo won a lower court decision that banned classroom grading aloud as a violation of a 1974 law that gave parents veto power over the release of student "education records."

At issue for the Supreme Court was whether the result of a pop quiz or other classwork is considered a record under the law.

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provoke the second Korean War, to the end, our military and people will attack them with 100 times to 1,000 times of revenge," the state-controlled Radio Pyongyang said in a commentary monitored by the Radiopress agency in Tokyo.

The president was bringing to the DMZ an unclassified satellite photo of visible light on the Korean peninsula, showing the highly developed South awash in blots of light and only two or three pinpricks of white in the North, the largest in the Pyongyang capital.

Bush sees the photo as proof of the "light and opportunity that comes with freedom and the dark that comes with a regime that's repressive and holds its own people back," Hughes said.

She denied that the omission of "axis of evil" from his speech is any kind of sign Bush was backing off his hard line and said that, as he stands just yards from the border. Bush

Without mentioning North Korea or the weapons trafficking there that has drawn his ire, Bush earlier assured the Japanese Diet he seeks an Asia "where military force is not used to resolve political disputes."

"We seek a peaceful region where the proliferation of missiles and weapons of mass destruction do not threaten manity," Bush said.

On the eve of what promised to be a dramatic visit to the hostile and heavily armored zone, Bush added:

"We seek a region in which demilitarized zones and missile batteries no longer separate people with a common heritage and a common future."

His speech in the wood-paneled chamber of the Diet's upper house, where the wooden dais and massive semicircle of desks so closely resembles America's own House of Representatives, evoked images of Bush's State of the Union address last month, in which he condemned North

cy" of engaging the North, sent hundreds of anti-U.S. protesters into the streets of Seoul days before Bush's visit. About 60 demonstrators clashed with police outside the base where Bush arrived Tuesday.

"Bush is a war maniac and an international hooligan." some chanted over the weekend.

Bush's earlier, more aggressive talk of evil in the North and joint news conference, has heightened anxiety in the government of South Korea's Kim Dae-jung, which has years of trying to entice North

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Blue House, the official presidential residence, on Wednesday morning for two hours of talks expected to focus on their differences over how to achieve inter-Korean reconciliation.

Just last week, Kim reiterated his worry that the new Bush rhetoric could create "a war atmosphere" on the peninsula.

After their private meeting Bush was venturing to the DMZ, where some 37,000 U.S. troops patrol the curled staked its legacy on nearly five razor wire alongside South Korean forces.





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VIEWPOINTS

Spring seems far away, but it's not

I find myself thinking of sunny climes and sandy beaches every year at this time.

February seems to be the month where the dreariness of winter almost becomes too much to bear. Dead grass and naked tree limbs depresses me after awhile.

Driving to Amarillo recently, I commented on the tan sea surrounding the gray highway.

"I'm sick of looking at all this dead grass," I lamented.

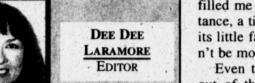
Husband Vic tends to rant and rave more than I do, but this time he's the one that set me back on track.

"Hey, grass needs to rest, too," he reminded me in a calm voice.

I hate it when he ruins a really good mad.

Saturday morning, I had already decided that I was going horseback riding "if it harelips the governor!" I declared as I stomped out the door.

The red line on the temperature gauge would be a good day to ride.



spied a harbinger of spring. A singing robin perched in one of my apricot trees.

Hallelujah! When I got out to the horse lot, a bitter wind cut through my coat, freezing my ears. My horse T.J. was hiding from its bite by lying down behind a fence.

It may be 50 degrees outside, but the wind chill was 32. I could ride but I wouldn't be enjoyable.

Slim, who watches over T.J. for me, eased my disappointment by offering to go riding with me in the afternoon after it warmed up, promising that, by then, the wind wouldn't be so cold.

That afternoon turned out to be glorious! The wind had died and we rode in our shirtsleeves, warmed by a balmy sun. Halfway through the ride, another one of my riding buddies, Patty, joined us.

The grass was still dead. Dust still As I drove away from the house I coated everything with another layer of like spring will never come.

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tan. But I saw another sign of spring that filled me with joy - on a hill in the distance, a tiny calf stood close to its mom, its little face a brilliant white. He couldn't be more than a few days old.

Even the horses seemed elated to be out of their pens. T.J. pranced around like he was a colt instead of 12 years old. His thick winter coat was soaked with sweat by the time I unsaddled him almost three hours later.

The best part of the day happened as I put T.J. back into his corral. I stepped over to the water tank to see if I could get a glimpse of Long John Silver, my gold fish. If you remember, he's the one that's probably the world's oldest gold fish. He'll be nine years old soon.

He's also the world's luckiest gold fish. He was frozen in a solid block of ice once. He's been dropped on his head more than once. And he turned blind after a change in the water left him without enough oxygen.

Sure enough, he swam up to me when I swished the water around with my finger. He brought his wife with him. They were surrounded by about a dozen baby gold fishes.

Yes, life is good, even when it seems

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TEXAS EDITORIALS Paying for public education

From the San Angelo Standard Times:

Paying for public education is one of the most important functions of state government, and one of the most difficult.

Lawmakers relearn that lesson every time they try to improve the existing system, and learned it again in Austin in recent weeks as an interim committee heard testimony and weighed proposals.

Not surprisingly, no magical answer has emerged. Indeed, it would be surprising if the Legislature were to adopt a new funding formula in the next session, because traditionally action only has come when the courts forced it.

That will happen again in four years, one education consultant warned lawmakers recently, as a substantial majority of districts bump up against the \$1.50 per \$100 valuation tax cap. The result, many say, is that it would effectively be a state income tax, which is prohibited by the constitution.

Presumably lawmakers could simply raise the cap, thus allowing the continuation of the current plan that equalizes funding by having wealthy school districts send money to poorer ones. But in some of the more interesting testimony given at a heating; one expert put into figures the argument against high-

touched the 50-degree mark. It could only go up from here. Hardly a breath of air stirred the brittle grass. Surely, now that the snow and ice had melted, this

er property taxes that ordinary citizens feel in their bones.

Malcolm Richards, director of the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, said that property taxes have increased 367 percent in the past two decades. Moreover, school property taxes have risen from 49 percent of all property taxes levied in 1981 to 58 percent last year. Richards argues convincingly that the high rate adversely affects property values.

A few proposed changes surfaced at the hearings. State Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, suggested that experts should determine how much a basic education costs, and then the state would fund that entire amount. Local districts could add whatever they want.

But that would lead to precisely the kind of disparity that the courts found unconstitutional in the 1970s.

Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, said the state should pay the entire cost, which is the right goal. But he didn't say how that could be done. And it must be noted that George W. Bush, when he was an extremely popular governor, tried to shift the funding burden back to Austin and was unsuccessful.

Richards of A&M proposed a state income tax, but, not surprisingly, no one echoed his call.

Its good that a committee is looking at better ways to pay for public education. But so far its hard to have confidence that anything substantive will come of the effort.

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Let's review the facts on Lindh

John Walker Lindh, if he can receive a fair trial - and that's a huge if - will probably be acquitted of all charges.

Maybe it is because we haven't found the leadership of al-Qaida, or the Taliban, or the man who sent the anthrax letters, but the Justice Department seems to be almost hysterically determined to make a scapegoat out of an American kid who is guilty, it seems to me, of nothing but bad judgment and even worse luck.

Let's try to calmly review the facts as we know them:

This kid converted to Islam. That's not a crime. Thousands of people do that every day around the world. It's one of the faster-growing religions.

He went to Yemen to improve his Arabic. That's not a crime.

He went to Pakistan for further study of Islam. That's not a crime.

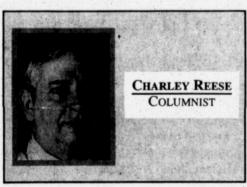
He went to Afghanistan, became enamored of the Taliban and signed up in its army. That's not a crime.

Because he could not speak the language of the Afghans but was fluent in Arabic, the Taliban (according to his lawyer) sent him to al-Qaida for military training. That's not a crime.

After he completed his training, which is the same training we provide our own soldiers (though probably not as thorough), al-Qaida tried to recruit him for a terrorist mission, either in the United States or Israel. Young Walker said "No" and returned to the Taliban as a common soldier. That's not a crime, and it's to his credit.

At this time, the Taliban was fighting the Northern Alliance, which, far from being an American ally at that time, was on our "dirty guys" list, so that was not a crime. The mission that resulted in the Sept. 11 attacks had been put into operation long before this kid even arrived in Pakistan. There is no way he would have had any advanced knowledge of it. He was Taliban, not al-Qaida, and the Taliban, however bad we think it is, was the legitimate government of Afghanistan and not a terrorist organization.

At what point he knew, if he ever knew,



that the United States had decided to attack the Taliban and make itself an ally of the Northern Alliance, I don't know. I suppose that will come out in the trial. Bear in mind that this kid was a lowly soldier in a country with virtually no televisions or radios and very little contact with the outside world. And having been a private in our own Army, I can tell you that neither the brass nor the political bosses make it a habit to tell you what their plans are.

Perhaps when we started bombing the hell out of the Taliban, he realized what was going on. What was he supposed to do? Report to his commanding officer and say, "Sir, now that the United States is assisting our enemy, the Northern Alliance, I'm going to have to desert"? He would have been shot.

More to the point, men who fight together form a bond, so it's no surprise that this idealistic kid chose to stay with his comrades, with whom he had shared dangers and hardships. But to say that a lowly soldier fighting in the trenches is conspiring to kill Americans is absurd on

FODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 2002. There are 315 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 19, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt signed an executive order giving the military the authority to relocate and intern Japanese-Americans as well as'Japanese nationals living in the United

its face. At the time he joined the Taliban, we were not at war, and there was no reason for him to think we ever would be.

Part of this kid's problem is the notoriously sloppy use of language by politicians and journalists. We call these training camps "terrorist training camps," but the training is the same, as I said, as the type our own soldiers receive. There is no such thing as terrorist training. There is only training in military skills. It's how you use the training, not the training itself, that determines if you are a terrorist.

I have on my desk two manuals that explain in great detail, complete with diagrams, how to make letter bombs, package bombs, booby traps and explosives from commonly available chemicals, along with all sorts of other unconventional ways to maim and kill. Who published them?

The U.S. government. They are training manuals used by our special-ops people and have been commercially available since 1977. Does possession of this knowledge make me a terrorist? No. A Chinese firecracker is all the explosive stuff I want to deal with. I bought the manuals when I was thinking about writing a spy novel.

It is no credit to our government to try to make a monster out of a kid who found himself in the wrong place at the wrong time and has done no harm to any. American.

(Charley Reese can be contacted at briarl@earthlink.net.)

States. On this date:

In 1473, the astronomer Copernicus was born in Torun, Poland.

In 1803, Congress voted to accept Ohio's borders and constitution. (However, Congress did not get around to formally ratifying Ohio statehood until 1953.)

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was arrested in Alabama.

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Travis Elementary Science Fair



(Courtesy photos)

Travis Elementary School recently held its annual Science Fair. Grades kindergarten through fifth grade participated. Above are first, second and third place third grade winners in various Eubank, second place winner; Cali Gibson, third place winner. Top, right: Kylee Wyatt, first

winner; and Jessica James, third place winner. Middle: Rhett Skinner, first place winner; Taryi categories. Top left, left-right: Hayley Steger, first place winner; Braxton Reagan, second place place winner; Cody Cole, second place winner; and Dillon Green, third place winner.

Banks asking federal government to block consumer privacy laws

WASHINGTON (AP) -The banking industry is reaching out to Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge and lawmakers in search of federal help to block state consumer privacy laws that bankers argue will hinder their efforts to spot terrorists.

Industry lobbyists have been arguing that state laws that prohibit banks from sharing con-

WTAMU to host middle schoolers

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Approximately 175 Amarillo middle school students are expected to attend West Texas A&M University's seventh annual Sigma Tau Delta Middle School Paper Conference beginning with registration from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Friday, March 1 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center.

Middle school students are invited to present original works in fiction, nonfiction sumer information without permission might preclude them from alerting law enforcement to potential crimes.

"We would have trouble communicating with law enforcement and it would be extremely chaotic. We need a uniform privacy standard," said David Liddle of the Financial Services Roundtable, an industry lobby. Some state officials don't buy

the argument, maintaining that state laws have adequate exemptions for law enforcement. They suggest the bankers are using national security to disguise their true intention of winning free rein to sell customer information for profit.

"What they ultimately want is the full use of the financial information of their customers for marketing purposes. This is about money," said North Dakota state Rep. Jim Kasper, a Republican who wants to toughen his state's privacy laws.

The national security argument is the latest twist in the banking industry's long-running fight against information-sharing sumer protection legislation tries in lobbying spending, around the country.

A handful of states permit banks to share or sell customer information to outside companies only if accountholders approve it first.

These "opt-in" laws in states like Alaska, Illinois and Vermont are tougher than a recently enacted federal law that allows financial institutions to share information unless consumers instruct them not to.

Banking lobbyists have defeated opt-in legislation in several states and now have their sights focused on California, where Democratic Gov. Gray Davis is expected to sign a proposed opt-in requirement if lawmakers approve it.

"If California were to pass a privacy bill, it could set the stage for other states to follow suit," Liddle predicted.

As one of Washington's biggest political donors, the financial services industry has plenty of friends to call upon. It donated some \$300 million to Republicans and Democrats in the 2000 elections, the most

Center for Responsive Politics. Roundtable members recently asked Ridge to step in, telling President Bush's homeland security chief they fear state laws would prevent them from tipping federal authorities about suspicious customers as required under new federal anti-terrorism laws. Ridge hasn't decided whether

to intervene. "We will work with the states

and private corporations in order for both sides to be able to meet their various obligations," Ridge spokesman Gordon Johndroe said.

The Roundtable also is lobbying for two proposed bills in the House that would block or supersede the state laws.

One would place a moratorium on state financial privacy laws while a task force studies how they affect the flow of information that affects national security. The other would set federal standards that would supersede state financial privacy laws.

The legislation's first stop would be the House Financial said he doesn't plan to act on either bill immediately - unless Ridge or law enforcement officials raise concerns.

"Right now it's a solution to a problem that doesn't exist," Bachus said. "I've not heard from any law enforcement or regulatory agencies that the privacy laws are a hindrance."

Privacy advocates say state

Rep. Spencer Bachus, R-Ala., · privacy laws and federal law already contain broad exemptions for law enforcement, and there's no reason to weaken the state laws.

> "There is no element of security in having a bank or other financial industry sell or share or lease information to any source," said Tena Friery of the San Diego-based Privacy Rights



Clearinghouse.

and poetry. Participants will present entries from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Classroom Center.

Several Region 16 middle schools are expected to participate in the conference. Sigma Tau Delta, an international English honor society, designed the conference to encourage writing excellence in young students, and to reinforce the idea that writing is as important outside the classroom as it is in the classroom.

"We hope to encourage students in their writing pursuits and reinforce the fun in writing," Kelli Ondusko, conference coordinator and teaching assistant in the Department of English and Modern Languages, said. "The students come and present before an audience of their peers, teachers and parents. We want to provide them an authentic conference experience as well as exposure to the university atmosphere."

Each participant will read original works before contest judges at a designated time. Presentations will be scored individually, appropriate to grade level. The papers with the highest scores will receive awards at a 1 p.m. ceremony following the conference.

AAUW to present history program

AMARILLO — "Reviving the Dead Ladies" will be presented by the Amarillo chapter of American Association of University', Women (AAUW) from 10 a.m.-12 noon, Saturday, March 2 at the Black Historical Cultural Center, 903 N. Hayden Road, in Amarillo.

The presentation, in celebration of Women's History Month, will take the audience back to 1850 through the words of the courageous women who dared to make their demands for equal rights including Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sojourner Truth and Ernestine Rose.

The event is free and open to the public.

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of any economic sector, and Services Committee's financial chairman has already heard from the industry.

United Airlines dodges mechanic strike

deal that averted a potentially crippling strike, United Airlines and the union representing its mechanics and aircraft cleaners reached a tentative contract agreement providing industry-leading pay.

Approval by the 12,800 mechanics in a March 5 ratification vote, while not assured. would end a bitter two-year contract dispute and give them their first raise since 1994. If they were to reject it, United would again face the threat of a walkout.

Airline consultant Michael Boyd predicted that the mechanics "will go along with this" even though last Tuesday they turned down the same pay increase by a 2-to-1 margin. The key is United's removal of two key issues - delay of retroactive pay for more than a year and insistence that mechanics agree to unspecified pay cuts as part of its recovery plan.

The announcement came on

CHICAGO (AP) — In a the fourth day of urgent talks at a suburban Chicago hotel following the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers' rejection of United's last contract offer, which was crafted by a presidential emergency board.

Although United, the world's second-biggest carrier, is still loaded down with the baggage of higher costs and lower revenues, the settlement was a breakthrough in efforts to end its protracted labor turmoil.

United chief executive Jack Creighton called the accord "a critical milestone in developing a recovery plan that meets the needs of passengers, preserves jobs and puts the company on the road to financial stability." The Elk Grove Village, Ill.-based airline lost \$2.1 billion last year.

Despite Creighton's repeated assurances that he was confident an agreement would be reached, United had acknowledged a decline in bookings for

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the coming days, reflecting public fears of a shutdown.

The mechanics had been preparing to strike starting at 12:01 a.m. EST Wednesday.

The tentative pact would grant mechanics 37 percent pay raises and make more of them eligible for top-scale pay, which is being bumped up from the current \$25.60 an hour to \$35.14, or about \$73,000 a year.

It also would improve retirement benefits, the union said, and move up the payment of retroactive pay for work dating to July 2001 by 3 1/2 months. Back wages totaling several hundred million dollars would be paid in quarterly installments beginning Dec. 15 and lasting until Oct. 15, 2004, instead of from 2003 to 2005.



(Courtesy photos)

Travis Elementary School recently held its annual Science Fair. Grades kindergarten through fifth grades participated. Top: Fourth graders Kristin Roy, first place winner; Braden Hunt, second place winner; and Anthony Allen, third place winner. Above, right, left-right: Fifth graders Rachel Lee, Nicki Cole and Scott Langford.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Wife Is Fed Up With Husband Who Leaves A Trail Of Trash

DEAR ABBY: Here's one I've never seen in your column. I am a stay-at-home mom with two kids, a 5-year-old and a nursing 7-monthold. My husband provides for us. In return, I do all the child care, housekeeping, cooking, dishes, bill-paying, laundry, etc., and other things as they come up. We have a large, fivebedroom, four-bath house:

Needless to say, at the end of the day I am exhausted, and in 24 hours the house is a mess again. I feel more like a mother of three than a wife. I pick up his used tissues (he has allergies and leaves them around the house), used dental floss, empty beer bottles, food scraps, etc. I get grossed out, but he says it's part of my job.

Right now I'm looking at the kitchen table, and his dirty dishes, hot sauce and salad dressing are still there from last night. Apparently the "waitress" fell asleep with the kids.

At what point does a wife draw the line in picking up after the husband? Are husbands today responsi-ble for any housework if the wife stays at home with the kids? INDENTURED SERVANT

DEAR INDENTURED SER-

should be ashamed of himself. There is no excuse for a grown man not to pick up his own garbage - and that includes tissues and dental floss. There is also no reason why he cannot help set and clear a table. Many husbands today pitch

in to help with household chores - it's called partnership. ***

DEAR ABBY: My husband's brother was married to "Ellie" for 17 years. She was a wonderful woman They had two great kids. Ellie always treated his parents and sib-lings with respect. Sadly, they were not as nice to her. In spite of it, she considered them her family.

When Ellie finally decided to divorce my brother-in-law, after years of emotional and verbal abuse by him and his parents, it was a gutwrenching decision.

Although Ellie and my brotherin-law continued living together for more than a year while their divorce was pending, my in-laws cut off all contact with her. They removed her pictures from the walls of their home, "uninvited" her to a family wedding for which she had already attended the bridal shower, and

Shortly after the divorce was final, my brother-in-law died in a car accident at the age of 47. Ellie's children, now 13 and 11, no longer want anything to do with their grandparents. They feel very angry about the way their mother was treated. Ellie has told them she would like them to have a relationship with their dad's family, but will not force them

Who should make the first move, Abby?

ON THE SIDELINES

Beetle Bailey

DEAR SISTER-IN-LAW: If you have a relationship with the grandparents, urge them to apologize to Ellie for the way they treated her. However, truthfully, it may be too late to make amends. Children can smell hypocrisy a mile away.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440. Los Angeles, CA 90069

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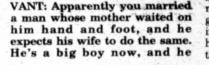
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Business Review

Skill, new machines at Bob Clements, Inc.

sional cleaning when they leave their garments at Bob Clements, Inc., 1437 N. Hobart.

The Fultons have not only the latest in equipment, but extremely qualified employees.

When clothing is taken in for cleaning, it goes to the check-in desk where Linda Andrews tags the articles to be cleaned with the owners' name.

The garments then are distributed to the cleaning area of the business to begin the cleaning process. Following cleaning, a new shirt unit begins by pressing shirts. Employees then hand press clothes to remove any wrinkles. Then, the shirts are

Customers are assured of profes- placed on a shirt form, remaining there until the process is finished.

After the cleaning process is complete, the garments are placed on hangers with plastic bags covering the items to protect them until the owners pick them up.

A petroleum machine is utilized by the staff in cleaning the clothes. Bob Clements, Inc. does not have the odor caused by many chemical cleaning agents.

Neil and Mary Fulton are proud of the Pampa business. The Fultons credit the expertise of their employees for the success of their dry cleaning business.

"Our greatest asset is our employees," said Neil.

The Fultons know how important employees are to their business. "Our employees are experienced and they are dedicated," said Neil Fulton.

Some employees were at the business prior to the Fulton's purchasing it in 1998.

Lottie Cary has been working at the dry cleaners since 1961, and is quite appreciated by the Fultons. Lottie Cary joined the business in 1973. Linda Ford became an employee in 1984, as did Mary Fulton. Olivia Portillo has been an employee for 15 years.

When Mary began working at the business, she was a front desk clerk. She learned the business from the ground up.



Olivia Portillo is one of the many experienced employees at Bob Clements, Inc, and is skilled in all phases of cleaning at the local business. She has been employed at the business for 15 years. She watches as clothes are cleaned in the petroleum machine which doesn't leave a chemical odor on the clothing. Located at 1437 N. Hobart, Bob Clements, Inc. is proud of their long established customer base and welcomes new customers to come by.

In time, she began working in the back cleaning the items, and learned all facets of the business.

The Fultons are proud of the expertise achieved by their staff through the years, and know the service will continue.

The couple recently lowered the shirt prices at the local business.

A unique feature at the business is a men's suit bar. The suit bar is possibly the only business in Pampa which sells men's suits.

Experienced staff members are available to assist customers with their selection of a suit of their choice at the local business during regular business hours.

Men's suits ranging between sizes 40-60 are found in stock at the local store.

Mary said she can also obtain suits in smaller sizes for her customers upon request.

Gift certificates are also available for the wide selection of the latest styles in ties and blazers.

A wide selection of colognes is available for their customers. A new array of colognes for teen boys and girls is available for purchase at the suit bar as well as ladies and men's colognes.

A distinctive feature offered by Bob Clements, Inc. is the only Ozone Room in Pampa.

The special room has oxidation which will remove the smoke smell from clothing, blankets and other household items following a fire.

As smoke is extremely difficult to remove from clothing. The Ozone Room is a welcome feature to residents whose personal items have been saturated with the unwelcome odor.

"Removal of the smoke odor and stains is very hard work," said Mary Fulton. The Fultons said the oxidization procedure removes the odor usually in a 24-48 hour period.



Linda Andrews checks in all articles to be cleaned.

"We don't do any cleaning until the process is complete," she said. "It is pure oxidization and gets the smoke smell out."

Neil and Mary enjoy working together with their 12 employees.

The business provides a full range of cleaning services. Alterations and repairs are provid-

ed by Linda Ford. She works full time keeping the garments in excellent condition.

The business performs all types of cleaning and dry cleaning. Among the services offered are heavy starched shirts and jeans. Also, drapery cleaning, as well as bedspreads, blankets, table cloths and wedding dress preservation are among the many varied features offered by the local business.

Fur coats and stoles are also stored in a refrigerated area at Bob Clements, Inc. The couple invites the public to "come by and get the laundry and dry cleaning service you deserve."

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Eight Palestinians killed in gun battles, reprisals from Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) — Eight Palestinians, including a 14-year-old girl and three other civilians, were killed Tuesday in gun battles and Israeli reprisals for a string of deadly attacks by Palestinian militants. Israeli warplanes and helicopters pounded Palestinian targets in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In one strike, Israeli helicopter gunships fired three missiles at the office of the Islamic militant group Hamas in the crowded Jebalya refugee camp, killing two Palestinians and critically wounding four, including a 10-year-old girl, doctors said.

In all, 25 Palestinians were wounded in the fighting, including five children.

With nine Israelis killed over six days, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is under growing pressure to take more decisive action. Hardliners demanded that he crush Yasser Arafat's government and recapture Palestinian territory.

Sharon decided after consultations with top security officials late Monday to stop short of a large-scale military operation, while intensifying military strikes. "There will be no strategic change, but there will be wider use of military means," said Sharon adviser Raanan Gissin.

A group of 1,200 retired Israeli security officials, meanwhile, proposed an immediate Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the dismantling of 40 to 50 isolated Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

In a position paper published this week, the Council for Peace and Security said troops being used to defend the settlements should be deployed along a line close to the invisible frontier between Israel and the West Bank. The group also called for the immediate resumption of negotiations with the Palestinians

In nearly 17 months of fighting, Israel has launched air strikes against Palestinian Authority installations, raided Palestinian areas, killed suspected militants in targeted attacks and destroyed hundreds of acres of crops.

Newspaper commentators said the current situation was unbearable.

"In the present situation, a decision must be made," wrote commentator Yoav Limor in the Maariv daily. The army should either conquer the Palestinian territories, withdraw unilaterally or pursue a peace agreement, Limor wrote.

Arafat said Tuesday that despite the Israeli reprisals, "we are still committed to the peace process." Israel accuses Arafat of playing a double game, professing commitment to peace talks while quietly encouraging militants to carry out attacks.

The latest string of events began Monday, with three separate attacks.

On the outskirts of Jerusalem; a Palestinian detonated explosives after being stopped by police, killing himself and an officer. Later, a Palestinian gunmen fired at Israelis in the Gaza Strip, killing an Israeli motorist and two soldiers before being shot dead. Another Palestinian was killed by Israeli troops in a failed shooting attack.

Near the site where the motorist and the two soldiers were killed, Israeli troops demolished two Palestinian homes Tuesday, and soldiers ordered 18 other homeowners in the area to remove their belongings ahead of evacuation, witnesses said.

Israeli warplanes pounded Palestinian security installations in the West Bank town of Ramallah and the refugee camp of Rafah in Gaza, and gunships fired missiles at the Hamas office in Jebalya.

In the Gaza town of Khan Yunis, three Palestinian civilians, including a mother and her 14-year-old daughter, were killed early Tuesday when an Israeli tank shell hit their homes,

Palestinian witnesses said. The army declined comment.

Later Tuesday, two Palestinian opened fire at soldiers near a junction in the Gaza Strip, and one of the assailants was killed by return fire, the army said. In response, army bulldozers knocked down the outside wall of a nearby flour mill, saying the compound had given cover to the gunmen.

Israeli troops also blocked Gaza's main northsouth road to Palestinian traffic, effectively dividing the strip into three parts.

In the West Bank, Israeli undercover troops approached the Balata refugee camp, a stronghold of the Al Aqsa Brigades, a militia linked to Arafat's Fatah movement, members of the militia said. A Palestinian gunman and a woman from the camp were killed in the ensuing firefight, witnesses said.

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The military confirmed soldiers were in the area, but made no reference to undercover activity.

Travis Elementary Science Fair





Milosevic begins cross examination

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Slobodan Milosevic cross-examined the first witness in his war crimes trial Tuesday, seeking to discredit a Kosovo Albanian politician who said the Yugoslav government imposed a form of apartheid in the Serbian province.

At times sarcastic and patronizing, Milosevic read from a stack of hand written notes as he vigorously questioned the former head of the Communist Party in Kosovo, Mahmut Bakalli.

On Monday, Bakalli told the

Milosevic, 60, is accused of 'Bakalli said: "I told him: 'You war crimes and crimes against humanity in Kosovo and Croatia, and of genocide in Bosnia during the 1991-99 Balkan wars. He could be sentenced to life imprisonment if convicted on any one of 66 counts.

In his 10-hour opening statement, he scorned charges that he was responsible for thousands of murders and nearly a million deportations, and accused Western countries of inflaming ethnic tensions to hasten the disintegration of Yugoslavia and assert their domination.

are killing women and children," referring to the police action against the Jasharis in the village of Prekaz.

"He knew about the incident," Bakalli said.

In a series of rapid-fire questions, Milosevic asked the witness: "Did you know that they did not want to surrender and they shot at policemen?"

"Do you know that the ones that came out did not get killed?"

"Do you know of any police that would flee when they are

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the Plainview Invitational last weekend, placing 10th in the 19-team field with a 640. Daniel Heuston had a two-round score of 153 to

PLAINVIEW — Pampa

boys golf team competed in

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lead the Harvesters. Other Pampa scores were Brad Stucker 163, Daniel Williams 165, Gary Utsey 166 and Mitch Schilling 167.

BASKETBALL

AMARILLO — Lefors was defeated by Nazareth 84-25 in a bi-district boys game Monday at the Tascosa Activity Center.

Kade Wilcox was high scorer for Nazareth with 21 points.

Ricky Vaughn had 10 points and Josh Jackson-6 to lead the Pirates.

PAMPA - Follett downed Hartley 53-38 in a boys bi-district game Monday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Follett's Josh Robertson was the game's top scorer with 15 points.

Jade Harris led Follett with 14.

BOXING

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mike Tyson was granted a boxing license by the D.C. Boxing and Wrestling Commission on Tuesday, setting the stage for a possible bout against Lennox Lewis at the MCI Center in June.



The Harvester boys team are pictured with their firstplace trophy from the Vernon Tournament. Front, 1-r, Jay Gerber, jr.; Britton White, soph.; Zach Hucks, sophomore; Adam Etchison, soph., and Tyler Howard, junior; (back row, 1-r) Jared Spearman, jr.; David Thacker, jr., and Kevin Turner, jr.

Top-ranked Kansas routs Iowa State

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) top-ranked The Kansas Jayhawks took scissors in hand and approached the nets with surgical care.

Their 102-66 victory over Iowa State on Monday night, in their first game since replacing Duke atop the poll, actually. clinched only a tie for the Big 12 title with three games to go.

But their next game is on the road at Nebraska, and well, they didn't want to miss the ceremonial net-cutting altogether.

So in deference to their remaining opponents, they carefully left a few strings hanging.

"We thought about (whether to cut down the nets) a great deal," said coach Roy Williams, who pulled his starters off the court with about six minutes to go. "We just got part of the conference championship. We didn't want to show any disrespect to Nebraska, Kansas State and Missouri. Hopefully, they'll see it that way.

Kansas (24-2, 13-0 Big 12), three wins away from the first perfect conference season in the Big 12, got a combined 34 points from Drew Gooden, Nick Collison and Wayne Simien en route to a 49-25 halftime lead.

Gooden finished with 26 points, Collison with 16 and Simien with 15.

"This is a great experience for me," said Simien, a muscular 6-foot-9 freshman. "I wanted to do this the minute I came here and we really wanted to do it for the seniors. It's always great to win it the way we did."

In just a few unforgettable hours, the Jayhawks became No. 1 in the country, played one of their best games of the season and cut down the nets as Big 12 champions.

"I don't think I could be any happier,' said Gooden, who fell one rebound shy of his 20th double-double. "This is really wonderful."

Pampa wins Vernon tennis title second year in a row

VERNON — The Pampa Harvester tennis team took the first-place boys trophy at the Vernon Tennis Tournament forthe second year in a row. The girls team competed well, posting some solid victories despite the absence of one singles player due to illness.

Overall, Pampa took third in the eight-team tournament.

The Pampa boys, led by juniors Jay Gerber and David Thacker, won the doubles title. Thacker and Gerber defeated two Wichita Falls Rider teams, the last being Flack and Murdock in the finals 2-6, 6-4, 7-5. Flack and, Murdock were last year's Boys Doubles Regional Champions and State Semi-finalists.

"These guys played with amazing maturity as juniors against a very seasoned talented

8th grade team

team," said Pampa coach Carolyn Quarles. "I could not be more pleased with this match. Now we must get to work so we can take advantage of future opportunities."

Coach Quarles said another great finish was by senior Jared Spearman, who was third in boys singles, losing only to tournament champion Roy Lehman of Vernon.

"This was a great weekend for Jared. He is working hard to repeat a trip to regionals this year," Quarles said.

Sophomore Britton White finished fourth in boys singles, defeating Lytle of Vernon in the quarterfinals, 6-2, 6-7, 7-6. Sophomore Zach Hucks and junior Tyler Howard finished ninth, losing only in the first round to Flack and Murdock.

Senior Ashlei Jordan and

sophomore Tara Jordan are developing into a strong doubles team. They finished fifth in girls doubles. Tara Jordan amazingly won her 100th career victory as a sophomore. She has the opportunity to surpass Emily Curtis as the all-time career leader in victories. Curtis had 209 victories.

"I was extremely pleased with the performance of some our younger players in mixed doubles," Quarles said.

Junior Kevin Turner and sophomore Erin Norris finished third in the mixed division, and sophomore Adam Etchison and freshman Erin Winegeart placed fourth.

The Harvesters will be at home Saturday, hosting a quad with Amarillo High, Tascosa and Altus, Okla. Starting time is 9 a.m.



(Courtesy photo)

The three-member commission approved the license by a 3-0 vote via conference call.

"To say we are not concerned about his past would be disingenuous," vice chairman Michael Brown said. "But we looked at the application on its face."

Tyson has been looking. for a boxing body - in the United States or abroad that would permit him to fight WBC-IBF heavyweight champ Lewis. The bout was originally scheduled for April 6 in Las Vegas, but Nevada officials denied Tyson a license after a melee with Lewis at a news' conference last month.

Tyson's past also includes a three-year prison sentence for rape, a oneyear sentence for a road rage assault and a one-year boxing suspension for biting Evander Holyfield's ears during a fight. Nevada police are currently investigating two sexual assault complaints against Tyson, although no charges have been filed.

With Nevada out of the picture, Tyson's supporters have searched the world for potential venues. California, Texas,

Georgia, Michigan, England, Denmark and the Netherlands are just some of the sites that have been floated, most without success. Georgia, for example, fell out of the running the moment Gov. Roy Barnes referred to Tyson as a "sexual predator."

Washington Mayor Anthony Williams has said he would not object to Tyson's fighting in the district if the commission gave its approval. Both Williams and Brown cited the economic impact the fight would bring.

"Sept. 11 has changed a lot of things," Brown said. "A lot of hotel and restaurant people are out of work, and this fight would be helpful to the city."

"But you're supposed to enjoy college basketball."

Houston Texans put their

money where the talent was in

They have the makings of a

competitive offensive line,

starting with Jacksonville's

five-time Pro Bowl tackle Tony

Boselli, who became the cor-

nerstone of an expansion team

for the second time in his

on their defense Monday by

grabbing starting cornerbacks

Aaton Glenn and Marcus

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Jets and Jaguars defensive tack-

les Seth Payne and Gary

players was more than \$40 mil-

lion, but the Texans were con-

gratulating themselves for a job

about this group for a number

of reasons," coach Dom Capers

said. "We have two starting

offensive linemen, two starting

defensive linemen, two starting

cornerbacks and a playmaker

like Jermaine Lewis who have

The first eight players on the

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all been in the battle before."

"I'm extremely excited

The price tag for picking 19

The Texans got a good jump

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the NFL expansion draft.

Iowa State (11-16, 3-10), the two-time defending Big 12 champion, dropped to 0-9 on the road while suffering coach Larry Eustachy's most lopsided loss ever.

of the \$71.8 million salary cap.

The Texans still have free

agency and the April college

the foundation of our team in

terms of ability and experi-

ence," Capers said. "You have

to expect a lot of leadership out

of these guys. They will have a

lot to say with how quickly we

can come together, as a team."

chosen by the expansion

Jaguars in the 1995 draft and

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Texans fans, wearing blue-

and-red jerseys and helmets

with bulls' horns, cheered the

choice of Boselli, who missed

most of last season with a

shoulder injury that makes him

something of a question mark.

guys that no one thought could

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offensive lineman.

Charley Casserly said.

Boselli was the first player

"These guys are going to be

draft to consider.

HOUSTON (AP) - The Texans' list cost \$38.5 million

Texans dig deep for starters in first eight selections

good." The first eight choices came from just three teams - the Jaguars, the New York Jets and Baltimore, all of whom have serious cap problems.

"Obviously, Charley knew the teams in cap trouble - us, Baltimore and Jacksonville," said Terry Bradway, general manager of the Jets.

For their offensive line, the Texans also picked up guards Jeremy McKinney from the Cleveland Browns and Matt Campbell from the Washington Redskins and tackle Ryan Schau from Philadelphia.

Texans returning home, were excited about being chosen.

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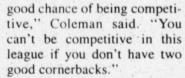
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Lewis, a top kick returner, and linebacker Jamie Sharper came to the Texans from the Ravens.

opportunity, I want to show everybody that I can play wide receiver too," Lewis said. "My return game, I feel, is one of the tops in the league.

But I want to show I can be a receiver too. I thought the last couple of years I wasn't getting used the way I should have been.'

Glenn, who played college football at nearby Texas A&M, said he was happy to be coming home.

"I don't know what the Jets were thinking," Glenn said. "But I'll tell you, they did a favor for us. I think me and Marcus will do well on this team."

"I look forward to the

SAD SAD SAD SAD SAD SAD **Run With This Offer** Glenn and Coleman, both "I think we have a pretty



Pampa's 8th grade boys basketball A team placed third at this year's District Tournament. Team members are (front, from left) Ryan Torres, Braydon Barker, Nick Robbins and Tyson Hickman; (back, from left) Jarrett Kotara, Chris Smith, Weston Teichmann, Brody Smith, Eric Kingcade and coach John Starling. The team finished strong, winning four of its last five games.

MG Flyers participate in local meet

Around Team recently completed in a gymnastics meet in Pampa. Those competing in Level 4 placed third in the Overall, All-Around Team category.

ribbons on floor (8.4) and vault

PAMPA - MG Flyers All- (8.2), along with a red ribbon on . bars and a yellow ribbon on beam. She had an All-Around white ribbon for an overall score of 31.1.

Megan Edwards received a red ribbon on floor and and a blue rib-Danielle Zuniga received blue bon on vault (8.4), a yellow ribbon on bars, and a white ribbon on

was 29.0. Jenna Munsell, received a white ribbon on floor, a blue ribbon on on vault (8-4), and yellow ribbons on bars and beam.

Her All-Around score was 28.6. blue ribbon on vault (8.6), and

(Courtesy photo)



MG Flyers are Abbey Rios (front); Caylee Steward, Danielle Zuniga and Amanda Bennett (second row, from left); Jazmine Rose, Jenna Munsell, Monica Schepp and Allison Cooper. Not pictured is Megan Edwards.

score was 31.6, good for second place.

floor and vault, and second

place on beam. Her All-Around

beam. Her All-Around score

Monica Schepp received a

Caylee Steward received red ribbons on vault and floor, yellow ribbons on bars and beam. She had an All-Around score of

Abbey Rios received a red ribbon on vault, and yellow ribbons on floor, beam and bars. She had an All-Around score of

Amanda Bennett received yellow ribbons on floor and bars, and a white ribbon vault. She had an All-Around score of

Jazmine Rose did not compete because of a broken foot. Allison Cooper, competing in Level 5, received first place on

yellow ribbons on vault, floor, bars and beam. She had an All-

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Mashburn shows no signs of rust as Hornets roll past Bucks

By MIKE FITZPARTICK

Associated Press writer

The Charlotte Hornets waited three months to get Jamal Mashburn back in the lineup. It took him just 12 minutes to remind them what they were missing.

Mashburn scored 12 of his 22 points in the first quarter, leading Charlotte past the Milwaukee Bucks 101-92 Monday night in his first appearance since sitting out 42 games with a lower abdominal strain.

"I've said so many times.

ball conditioning. I always thought about the game. I mentally prepared myself for this day.

Ray Allen led Milwaukee with 27 points.

In other NBA games, it was Houston 102, Washington 89; Utah 103, Cleveland 92; Philadelphia 110, Denver 83; Miami 102, Chicago 80; Detroit 89, Toronto 76; and Portland 80, the Los Angeles Clippers 79.

Only six players scored for the Hornets, but all reached double figures. Elden Campbell led the way with 24 points, and Baron Davis had 20

Michael Jordan had 11 points and 11 assists one day after his 39th birthday for the Wizards, who had won four straight at home and six of eight overall. Fluid buildup in his right knee will keep Jordan out of Wednesday night's game at Detroit.

Rudy Tomjanovich got his 450th NBA victory on the 10th anniversary of his hiring as Rockets coach. 76ers 110, Nuggets 83

Allen Iverson had 27 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, and Dikembe Mutombo added 20 points on

points to lead the Cavaliers, who had a four-game winning streak snapped. Pistons 89, Raptors 76

Jerry Stackhouse scored 20 points, and Ben Wallace added 13 points and 13 rebounds to help surging Detroit beat injury-depleted Toronto.

The host Pistons (29-22) have won three straight and nine of 11 to move seven games over .500 for the first time since they were 14-7.

Toronto has lost five straight since Vince Carter went on the injured list with a quadriceps strain.



Madeline Graves is the head coach. Assistant coaches are Jeanna Zuniga, Shauna Munsell and Chris Steward.

you don't know what you miss until the guy comes back and gives you this kind of production," Hornets coach Paul Silas said. "He came back just at the right time."

Mashburn, the team's leading scorer last season, was placed on the injured list Nov. 20 after he hurt himself trying to pivot during practice. He was averaging 18 points, 6.8 rebounds and 3.9 assists.

Finally back in uniform Monday night, the 6-foot-8 forward was in top form right from the tip. He played 44 minutes and helped the Hornets grab the lead for good early in the second quarter.

"I didn't have much rust," Mashburn said. "One thing about this injury, I was able to do some type of conditioning, even though it wasn't basket-

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)

- Nebraska's Eric Crouch on

Monday received the Davey

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the nation's best college quar-

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Crouch wins O'Brien Award

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The Bucks were without point guard Sam Cassell, sideined with a sprained toe for the third time in four games - all losses.

Without him, all nine Bucks who played turned the ball over as Milwaukee lost for the ninth time in 12 games and fell into a tie with Detroit Sunday. atop the Central Division.

"We have a lot of little things going wrong," coach George Karl said. "What we've always worried about is now playing out, the one guy we couldn't afford to lose is Sam.'

Rockets 102, Wizards 89

Cuttino Mobley had 31 points, and Steve Francis, questionable before tipoff with a migraine, scored 16 of his 20 points in the second half for Houston.

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Crouch said it was an honor

9-for-9 shooting for host Philadelphia.

Iverson, who missed Sunday's loss at Indiana because of a sprained big toe, was listed as out following the morning shootaround. But he played after forwards Derrick Coleman and Corie Blount were suspended for scuffling with Reggie Miller on

Jazz 103, Cavaliers 92

Karl Malone scored 23 of his 35 points in the second half as Utah won its fifth straight and improved to 5-2 on its nine-game road trip forced by the Olympics.

Malone shot 11-of-24 from the field and made 13 of 16 free throws. He helped force three Cleveland players -Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Chris Mihm and Tyrone Hill - to foul out.

Lamond Murray scored 25

Heat 102, Bulls 80

Alonzo Mourning scored 23 points, and Miami won for the 13th time in 17 games.

With trade rumors swirling, the visiting Bulls dressed only eight players, holding forward Ron Artest and center Brad Miller out of the game and leaving injured forward Charles Oakley at home.

Reports have linked all three to a possible six-player deal with Indiana. The NBA trade deadline is Thursday. Trail Blazers 80, Clippers 79 Damon Stoudamire's jumper with 3.2 seconds

Portland to its 13th win in 18 games. Michael Olowokandi had 15 points and 15 rebounds for the Clippers, who have lost 18

remaining lifted visiting

of 22 against the Blazers.

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20, 2002 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Keep conversations going Speak your mind, but prepare for someone's reaction. Aim for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Wish upon a star. You can pull white rabbits out of black hats. Concentrate and communicate. Tonight: Do your magic!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) * * * You feel uptight about a financial investment. You might be totally grounded. State your reasons to someone. Sometimes the process of bantering around a problem can also solve it. Feedback adds a new dimension to your work ethic and commitment. Tonight: Balance your checkbook. · GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Your smile melts someone's résistance, yet you might be too uptight to relax easily. Put on your headphones at lunch and chill out to a favorite piece of music. A positive approach could spell the difference between success and failure. Tonight: Claim your power. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

* * Step back rather than plunging forward. You gain another perspective and your personal life. Anything can happen BORN TODAY look at a possibility in a new light. An or become possible. Speak to a good Musician Kurt Cobain (1967), model associate or loved one illuminates your friend. Tonight: Make nice. view and helps you see what could hap- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Tonight: Curl up with a good book. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★ ★ ★ ★ Your intention speaks. Others see your will and determination; lasso in

points.

what you want. After you get it., you might discover that you don't want it after all. Integrate your dreams into your life, and you'll navigate your life in the right direction. Listen to a dour friend. Tonight: Chitchat with a pal.

* * * Others seek you out for answers. As it stands, you could feel rather overwith an associate how much work you can defer to this person. Stay in tune to AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) your needs. Don't exaggerate your appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Nothing seems impossible a child or new friend finds you a little with your imagination. Leap barriers and tough on him or her. Could you perhaps your intellect will follow. Your mind carries you to the finish line, no matter what Have a caring talk your project is. Be spontaneous and you #ISCES (Feb 19-March 20) find success greets you. Clearly, good

a well-versed friend. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

changed if you play your cards right. A new idea holds tremendous potential,

especially if it involves your home and

pen if you were a little more optimistic. * * * * An associate or partner lets you know just how serious he or she is. What you decide to do with this information is a whole different story Speak of your desires openly, letting this person know exactly where you stand. Tonight: Hang out

(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Augie Larson of West Texas A&M puts up a jumper in

the Buffs Lone Star Conference game with Eastern New

Mexico Monday night in the WT Event Center. Larson

is a Pampa native. The Buffs lost in overtime.by four

* * * * Pace yourself if you're going to get all your projects and errands done. If feeling tired, make an appointment for a check-up. You might feel as if you have been dragging for quite a while. Use whelmed by what is going on. Discuss some of your income on yourself. Don't cut here. Tonight: Call it an early night.

**** Your imagination takes you strength or abilities. Tonight: A must in a new direction. Fortunately, your intuition comes into play, suggesting when to risk and when not to. Sometimes

be controlling with this person? Tonight:

PISCES (Feb 19-March 20)

news heads your way. Tonight: Listen to weigh heavily on you. You want to deal with a loved one carefully, or else you might hit a brick wall. Stop and consider *** Someone's "no" could be how realistic you are with your expectations. Could this be the root of a problem? Tonight: Head on home.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Massachusetts' smallest towns hard hit by budget cuts affecting state-owned land

WASHINGTON, Mass. (AP) - For lifeblood that can determine whether roads get plowed in the winter and school get proper funding.

But the Massachusetts Legislature made a \$3 million cut in payments for state-owned land this year, a devastating move for towns that have large tracts of public land.

"It's a terrible situation," said Richard up half the town's acreage. towns like Washington, state money is a Grillon, who chairs Washington's board of selectmen. "They just pulled the rug right out from under us.

Massachusetts compensates towns for revenue they lose because local governments aren't allowed collect taxes on public land. In Washington, a farming community of 550 people in the Berkshires, state forest makes

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The state's payments for the forest land dropped from \$102,622 to \$26,392 this year because of the cuts and a revaluation of its holdings that went into effect this year.

The payments amounted to nearly half of the total state aid Washington received and about one-sixth of its annual budget.

That means Washington is looking into

raising taxes and cutting budgets for snow plowing and schools, which sometimes are the only benefits provided by small towns.

"Shame on the state," said Jan Paxton Huebner, who operates a slip cover and curtain business out of her Washington home and serves on the regional school committee. All seven towns in the school district are in the same predicament.

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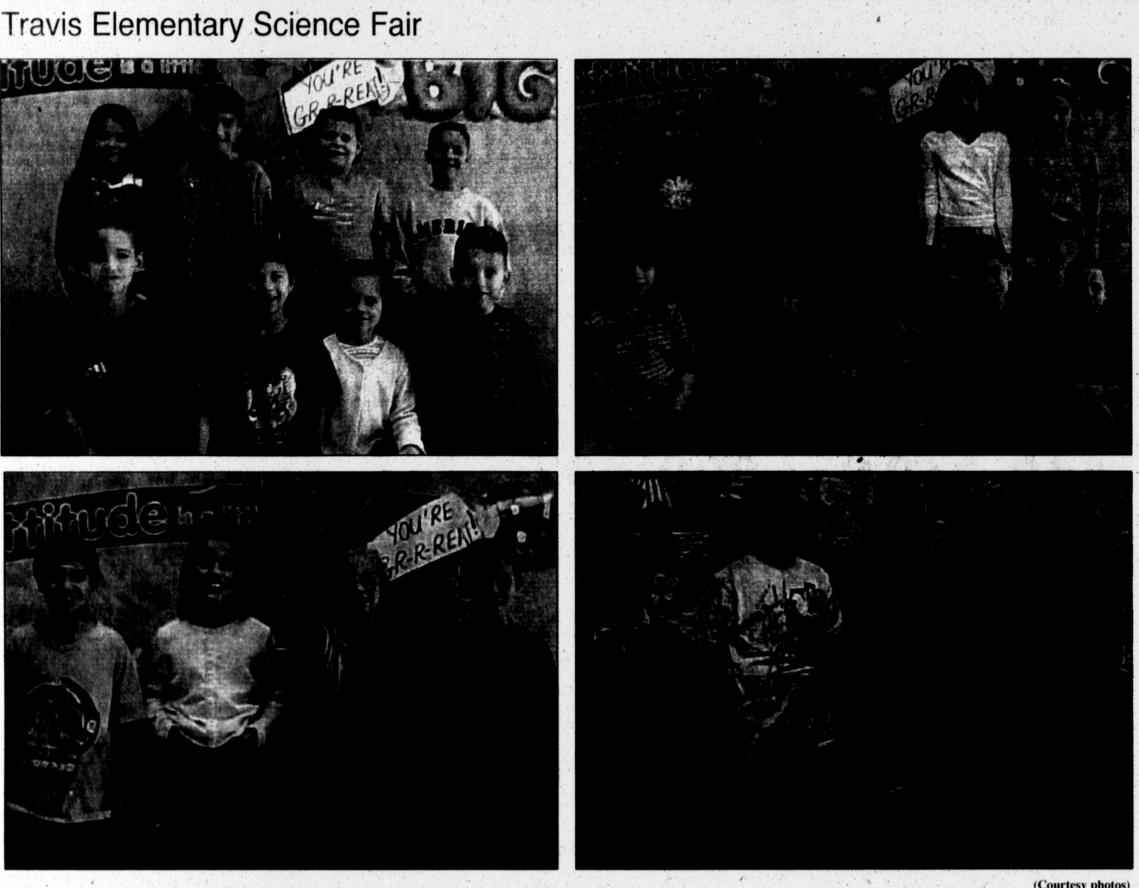
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Travis Elementary School recently held its annual Science Fair. Grades kindergarten through fifth grades participated. Top, left: First grade participants (back row) Alison Alexander, Chiles Spencer, Ryan Bromlow, Jordan Lemons; (front row) Dallon Poole, Zane Robles, Madison Carl and Sheldon Reeve. Top, right: Second grade participants (back row) Janell Parks, Jacob Frost, Raegann Roden, Stephanie Allen, Ashley Stucker; (front row) Keira Margo Mendoza and Tyler Smith. (Courtesy photos)

Roberson, Hayley Pettit, Omar Marquez, Braden Russell and Taylor Smith. Bottom, left: Second grade participants Danny Simmons, Tierra Lewis, Kendall Aikin and Brandon Grimsley. Bottom, right: Second grade participants (back row) Jacob Pyle, Garrett Renner, Shane Smith, Schrade Thompson, Teaira Jordan; (front row) Jaden Howard, Jennifer Hendrick,

'Horror movie' unfolds at Georgia crematory

BY BILL POOVEY Associated Press Writer

NOBLE, Ga. (AP) - As the ground around Tri-State Crematory yielded more corpses, residents in three states faced the horror of planning funerals for loved ones they had long believed were resting in peace.

Forensics teams late Monday had recovered 139 bodies left to rot outside the northwest Georgia crematory, finding skeletons sealed in vaults and bodies that had been dragged into a shed.

"I feel like I'm in a horror movie," said Leatha Shropshire, a mother of three, whose own mother died Jan. 30 and was found dumped in the 16-acre area behind the crematory.

Clutching a framed photograph of her mother, Shropshire said she is more fortunate than hundreds of others who are still waiting to see if their loved ones can be identified from the intermingled skeletons.

"We just lost our mother two weeks ago and we are having to do this all over again," Shropshire said. "The waiting was killing us. There is no way to describe what that kind of waiting is like.

Ray Brent Marsh, operator of the crematory in this rural town 20 miles south of Chattanooga, Tenn., was arrested for a second time and authorities filed 11 new theft-bydeception charges against him, bringing the total to 16.

"By the hour, this is getting bigger and bigger and bigger," said Kris Sperry, the state's chief medical examiner. "I don't have a theory because none of this makes sense. I don't think it ever will."

Investigators have said Marsh told them the bodies were not cremated because the incinerator was broken. Authorities said they were unsure how long the incinerator was broken, but evidence shows some dumped bodies have been there for 15 years or more.

Sperry said some corpses were found in body bags, while others were dressed in clothing or hospital gowns or wrapped in sheets. They ranged from newly delivered to severely decomposed, even mummified, he said, predicting that some would never be identified.

A federal disaster mortuary team began arriving late Monday to open a mass morgue to sort the bodies. More than 400 people were involved in the investigation.

Marsh, 28, refused a request for a jailhouse interview. Calls to his home and the crematory went unanswered Monday, and voicemail boxes

at both numbers were full.

As the body count rose, agents said they had begun examining the records of Marsh and his parents, Ray and Clara Marsh, who turned the business over to their son in 1996. The elder Marshes have not been charged, but authorities said bodies were being dumped before the son took over.

"As far as the criminal investigation goes, we have to question everybody who was involved in the operation and that's being done," said Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman John Bankhead.

Clara Marsh, who taught high school for more than 30 years, appears not to have been involved in day-to-day operations at the crematory, Walker County Sheriff Steve Wilson said.

In almost all cases, Tri-State Crematory picked up the bodies from up to 30 funeral homes in Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama, delivering ashes later in return, said Walker County coroner Dewayne Wilson, who is not related to the sheriff.

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency has said the state would pay the cost of identifying the bodies. Gov. Roy Barnes has declared a state of emergency in Walker County.

At the state Capitol in Atlanta, lawmakers proposed legislation hoping to prevent such gruesome problems in the future. Tri-State was never inspected because it worked only with funeral homes and not the public.

"This is an absolute abomination," Rep. Mike Snow said.

Twenty-seven bodies have been identified and about nine have been returned to relatives. Initially, officials said they expected to find as many as 200 bodies.

Fifty-one urns were examined and nine likely contained powdered cement rather than human remains, officials said. The other 42 appeared to contain human remains, but it was not clear whose. Sperry said there was no way to make a positive identity using cremated remains.

As investigators combed the grounds, griefstricken families arrived with urns of ashes, wondering whether loved ones they thought had been cremated were instead among the corpses.

Bobbie Cann of Chattanooga, who for some 18 months has worn a locket containing what she thought were ashes from her husband's remains, said she felt "doubly robbed."

"I felt all along that I had a little of him with me," she said while awaiting forensic test results.

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