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# LOCAL

#### Public invited to Love's reception

Y'all come. That's the invitation to Pampans who want to recognize Pampa Police Lt. Charles L. 'Charlie' Love who is retiring after more than 30 years of service. The reception will begin at 2 p.m. Monday, March 18, in the second floor conference room at City Hall.

#### St. Patrick Day events planned in Shamrock

SHAMROCK place to see the green this St. Paddy's Day will be Shamrock, Texas, site of the 56th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration March 15-17. The event will kick-off at 5 p.m., Friday, at 9 a.m., Saturday, and at 12 noon Sunday. Activities and events will include: A carnival, Miss Irish Rose Pageant, dances, arts and crafts show, Donegal Beard Contest, Old Settlers Reunion, parade, Motorcycle Rally, Antique and Classic Car Show, Lad and Lassie beauty pageant and Bull Buck-out with PRCA rodeo riders and bullfighters. For a complete listing of events, visit www.shamrocktx.net on the World Wide Web.

## STATE

#### Police suspect mother of suffocating infant

PLANO (AP) - A Plano woman is being held without bond on a capital murder charge for the suffocation death of her 4-month-old daughter.

Investigators believe Guadalupe Garcia caused the death by holding a blanket over the infant's face.

#### DEATHS

No deaths were reported to The Pampa News by press time today.

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## **West Texas LANDSCAPE**

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young) Ed Robinson, candidate for Gray County Commissioner Precinct 4, outlined his position to **ACCORD** members Thursday night.

Managing Editor

Political candidates are winding down their campaigns for elected positions on the ballot as the campaigns are going into their final days. last pitches for votes Thursday night in a pub-

lic setting at the ACCORD Inc. meeting. The candidates appearing at the forum were all Republican, as only candidates in contest-

ed races were invited to speak. The Tuesday Democrat primary has several candidates on the ballot, but none of the local races are contested.

Both candidates Inspector of Hides and Animals provided hymor as

they told the crowd in the meeting room at the Lovett Memorial Library why they were seeking the unpaid position.

"I'd like to see my name in the book as having served," John Radcliff said.

Radeliff told the crowd as far as qualifications, he and his opponent Bill Reeves are equally qualified for the position which has no responsibilities and is unpaid.

Radcliff said he'd like to keep the office on the books because it is part of history.

He said research of county records have determined no one has occupied the inspector position for 100 years. He did say it was possible two men — J. J. McCartney and L.A.

- served in surrounding counties around 1920.

Radcliff said he believed the job was possibly filled between 1876 and 1902, but records of county history prior to 1902 are scarce.

He said more than likely the position was Candidates were invited to give one of their held by early day residents who had many hats such as a grocer who possibly also served as

mayor as well as hide inspector on the side. Reeves told the crowd he was pleased it had been such a clean campaign.

"There has been no mudslinging in the campaign, and there are two reasons," he said. "Number one is we are both nice fellows and the other reason is because we haven't had any moisture around here to have mud to sling."

He also said he would be willing to take any continuing education requirements needed for qualifications for the office which has been done away with in all but a handful of counties in the state.

On a serious note, Reeves said he filed for the office to get rid of it. He cited the problems Donley, Randall and Potter counties have had with county constable positions.

"These counties are facing litigation costs of possibly \$500,000 due to the problems with these positions," he said. "I don't think Gray County can afford this."

All three candidates for the Gray County (See **PITCH**, Page 3)

# **Health officials** report sypniiis outbreak here

By KATE B. DICKSON ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

An outbreak of syphilis is hitting the Texas Panhandle and health department officials here are running blood tests this week in an effort to confirm some possible cases in Gray County.

That's according to Carolyn L. Hall, RN, Disease Intervention Specialist, who said the Amarillo area has a case count into the 30s - up from the usual 12 cases or so at one time.

"Busy," is how Hall, who works out of an office at. the Harvest House, 736 S. Cuyler, in Pampa, describes herself of late. She is responsible for 20 area counties excluding Randall and Potter but she has been called to lend a hand there.

Anyone who wants to be tested for this or any other sexually-transmitted disease should contact Hall at

Syphilis is a serious disease which is passed from one person to another during sexual contact, she said. If not treated, it can cause permanent damage to many parts of the body. Pregnant women with syphilis can pass it on to their unborn children causing birth defects or death.

While 90 percent of those with syphilis do become exposed through sexual contact, about 10 percent of the cases result from drug users sharing needles with infected persons, Hall said.

Many people with syphilis have no signs and symptoms while other people with the disease notice an open sore on the sex organs, the anus, or the mouth, she said. Some people develop body rashes, especially on their hands and feet but the rash can appear anywhere, including the face.

(See OUTBREAK, Page 3)

## Pretty as her picture



(Pampa News photo by Redonn Woods)

Megan Brock, 4, above, took top honors with her entry, left, in the *Pampa News* Coloring Contest 4-7 age division. Julie Schuneman's entry won the 8-11 division. Each received \$25 in Pampa Bucks. The girls' winning artwork can be seen on Page 12 of today's edition.

## **Deputy discovers** another meth lab

Second found in Pampa this week

BY KATE B. DICKSON

ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

For the second time this week, the Gray County Sheriff's Department has summoned to Pampa specialists at dismantling methamphetamine labs and properly disposing of the volatile chemicals.

The latest call was prompted by an incident about 12:30 this morning when a sharp-eyed deputy sheriff in search of a suspicious vehicle, spotted a man coming out the back door of a house, said Chief Sheriff's Deputy Kelly Rushing. The deputy was cruising down an alley in the 1100 block of South Christy

"He (Deputy Heath Cates) saw that the man had something in his hand," Rushing said. "Then the subject turned around and put the object under the house through a hole in the foundation and then went back inside.

Cates spotlighted the hole and could see a plastic bottle with a tube running out of it.

"Through his experience, Deputy Cates knew the bottle was consistent with materials used to make methamphetamine," Rushing said.

Methamphetamine is commonly known as speed or

poor man's cocaine. Cates went to the door of the home and recognized the man who answered both as someone he was famil-

iar with and as the man he'd just seen, Rushing said. After getting consent to search, Cates turned up a product believed to be methamphetamine and recovered the jug that was rigged for cooking methamphet-

amine, Rushing said. Arrested was Patrick Lee Herr, 38, 1130 S. Christy, who remained in the county jail at mid-morning awaiting arraignment on a charge of possession of a controlled substance over one gram and under four.

(See LAB, Page 3)

# **Borger Kmart to close**

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

BORGER — Borger's Kmart is one of the 284 stores in 40 states which will be closed as part of its restructuring under Chapter 11

bankruptcy, the company announced today. , Bernie Lawler, manager of the Borger Kmart, said he was notified this morning of the impending closure of the store.

He said the date of the closing has not been announced. "It will be decided after the company goes"

to court later this month," he said. Lawler said approximately 50 people are employed at the Borger Kmart. He has only been with the store 3 1/2 months.

The Borger store is among 33 Texas stores listed as closing. Plainview's Kmart is also on

the closing list. No Amarillo stores appeared on the list.

Borger's Homeland will close Sunday as part of a bankruptcy in that company. Both businesses have been in operation in

the Borger community for several decades. According to an Associated Press story, approximately 22,000 jobs within Kmart will

be cut. Stores to be closed include 271 Kmart discount stores and 12 Kmart Supercenters and one Kmart store in Puerto Rico.

Kmant, the nation's third biggest discount retailer after Wal-Mart and Target, currently operates more than 2,100 stores nationwide. The job cuts amount to just under nine percent of its work force of about 250,000. (See KMART, Page 3)

Tripplehorn is former exec-

## **Governor names Tripplehorn** to state nurse examiner board

AUSTIN - Governor Rick Perry Thursday announced the appointment of six individuals to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners, including Pampan Susan Tripplehorn.

The board ensures that Texans are served by a qualified safe practitioner of vocational nursing through the establishment and implementation of educational standards, licensure requirements and disciplinary processes.

utive director of the Pampa Development Economic Corporation. She previously



Susan Tripplehorn

served as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, and is (See **BOARD**, Page 3)

#### ON RECORD

#### **SHERIFF**

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

#### Thursday, March 7

Dixie D. Wilson, 47, 426 Hill Street, notion to revoke probation/driving while intoxicated and arrested on warrants for no seat belt, failure to appear and possession o drug paraphernalia.

KimerLee Sue Smith, 42, 723 N. Banks unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

Chad Michael Helms, 29, White Deer arrested on warrants for theft by check and four counts of issuance of a bad check.

Amy Renee Gordon, 19, 604 Sloan, arrested on warrants for failure to appear, minor in possession and running a stop sign.

#### Friday, March 8

Marlon Lurue, 33, 1217 E. Kingsmill arrested on a warrant for no driver's license and no proof of liability insurance.

Patrick Lee Herr, 38, 1130 S. Christy, possession of a controlled substance over one gram and under four.

#### **POLICE**

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

Friday, March 8 A domestic assault with no injuries was reported in the 800 block of East Browning. Thursday, March 7

Marc S. Covalt, 21, 924 S. Nelson, resistng arrest, evading arrest, no seat belt and vio-

lation of driver's license restriction. A simple assault involving two juveniles and minor injuries was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A domestic assault/verbal was reported in

the 800 block of North Frost. A domestic dispute with no injuries was

reported in the 300 block of North Wells. Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of North Perryton Parkway in which a vehicle suffered \$1,000 in damages. A verbal assault was also reported.

A black wallet containing a driver's license, credit cards and \$160 in cash was reported lost.

Resisting/evading arrest was reported in he 900 block of South Nelson.

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Thursday, March 7

9:32 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 21st and Hobart; no transport.

11:15 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of East Frederic and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

7:42 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Wells; no transport. Friday, March 8

6:40 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center and transported one to PRMC.

#### FIRE

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

#### Thursday, March 7

9:07 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a request for mutual aid from Lefors Volunteer Fire Department at a structure fire in the 100 block of East 4th, Lefors. A fire in the chimney was out by the time Pampa firefighters arrived. Damage was estimated at \$500.

9:36 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at 21st and Hobart streets. No injuries were reported.

11:21 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1500 block of East Frederic.

1 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a hay fire in the 100 block of South Perry. A 5-foot by 20-foot area of hay spread in a stall was burned. Cause of the fire is unknown.

# **Economy: Unemployment** rate drops to 5.5 percent

BY LEIGH STROPE AP LABOR WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate unexpectedly slipped to 5.5 percent in February as businesses, after slashing payrolls for six straight months, added 66,000 new workers. It was the strongest signal yet that the country's first recession in a decade is over.

The Labor Department reported Friday that the jobless rate dropped by 0.1 percentage point in February to the lowest level since October. Before the report was released, private economists had been looking for the jobless rate to rise by 0.1 percentage point.

The addition of 66,000 jobs during the month followed losses that had averaged 146,000 a month since the recession started in March 2001. It was the largest payroll increase since February 2001.

President Bush "thinks there are encouraging signs from a statistical point of view, but he remains concerned about people getting jobs and keeping their Fleischer said.

The positive report sent stock prices sharply higher, with the Dow Jones industrial average up 134 points and the Nasdaq up 49 points in the first hour of trading.

Economists cautioned that the helpwanted signs won't be popping up just yet.

"A positive jobs number signals better times ahead, but this report as not as good as it looks at first glance," said Bill Cheney, chief economist with John Hancock Financial Services.

Many of February's gains were temporary — mild weather boosted construction and an unusual holiday hiring period influenced retail, economists said

Overall, the report supported other recent indications that the nation's economy is rebounding from the first recession in a decade. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan on Thursday had offered his most upbeat assessment yet, saying recovery "is already well under way."

The job market improvements were announced as the Senate passed a recession relief package that would extend regular 26-week unemployment benefits by 13 weeks and allow additional automatic extensions in states with high unemploy-

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)

— Anna Nicole Smith was

awarded more than \$88 mil-

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Playmate had a reasonable

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receive part of her late hus-

band's estate without interfer-

U.S. District Court Judge

David O. Carter wrote in his

ruling that Howard Marshall

II's son, E. Pierce Marshall,

and others spied on the couple

and controlled his father's

access to money to deny

ence from her stepson.

The House broke months of partisan gridlock Thursday and passed the legislation. President Bush has said he will sign the bill, which also gives businesses tax cuts, as soon as it clears the Senate.

The legislation would pump \$51 billion into the economy this year, \$43 billion next year and \$29 billion in 2004, congressional analysts say. Its cost over 10 years is about \$42 billion, because some tax breaks would generate government revenue in later years.

In the jobs report, the largest increases last month occurred in retail, though Labor Department economists stressed caution in interpreting the numbers as a sign of strength in that industry. Retail businesses added 58,000 jobs in February.

Large seasonal layoffs always occur in retailing in January and February following the holiday-season buildup. But holiday hiring last year was well below normal, so there were fewer workers to lay off.

Job gains also occurred in health services with 34,000 new jobs. And mild weather last month helped boost the number of jobs in construction by 25,000.

Manufacturing continued to shed jobs, losing 50,000 last month. That was about half the average pace of the previous 12 months. Employment in motor vehicle manufacturing jumped by 26,000 last month, prompted by the reopening of automobile plants that had shut down for inventory control in January. Still, employment in auto manufacturing is down 63,000 over the year.

Employment in finance fell by 11,000 in February, the first loss in the industry since July. In that sector, security brokerages were hardest hit and employment has fallen by 45,000 since a peak in March 2001.

In transportation, job losses at airlines have slowed dramatically in the past two months, following a decline of 87,000 in the last quarter of last year.

About 40,000 jobs in the service sector were added last month. Temporary employment services were able to avoid losing jobs for the first time in nearly 1 1/2

The drop in the unemployment rate came even as the work force grew. Overall, 821,000 people returned to the job market last month after nearly 1 million gave up looking for employment in

#### WEATHER FOCUS

#### **PAMPA**

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy and windy with highs near 79. West winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph. Caution is advised on area lakes through tonight. Tonight should be partly cloudy and windy with lows in the upper 20s and west winds 20 to 30 mph, becoming north and decreasing to 10 to 20 mph late. Saturday, mostly sunny and cooler. Highs in the upper 50s. North winds 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast late. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows near 30. Sunday, mostly sunny and breezy. Highs in the lower 60s. Sunday evening, mostly clear. Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the mid-60s. Tuesday through Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs near 60.

#### **STATEWIDE**

Texas will enjoy continued warm temperatures Friday, with windy conditions in West and North Texas this afternoon.

Widely scattered thunderstorms with hair may develop over West Texas this afternoon and move into North Texas this evening, with cooler temperatures on Saturday in both

Temperatures over the last 24 hours ranged from 86 at Wink to 43 at Marfa.

In West Texas, it will be partly cloudy today. High winds will exist this afternoon and early evening, with high potential for grass fires across the extreme southern panhandle, South Plains, and Low Rolling Plains. Highs today in West Texas will be mainly in the 70s and 80s, except for 50s and 60s in the moun-

Lows tonight will range from the mid 20s far north to the upper 40s in the Concho Valley and near 50 along the Rio Grande. Mostly

sunny skies are forecast Saturday, with highs from the mid-50s to mid-60s, except for the upper 40s in the far north and mountains, and reaching the 70s along the Rio Grande. Slightly warmer daytime highs are forecast Sunday and Monday, with no precipitation expected.

In North Texas today, it will be mostly cloudy and windy. A slight chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms will exist, mainly in the central and east. Highs today will range from near 70 in the northeast to near 80 in the northwest.

Tonight, there is a chance of thunderstorms in the central and east. Some storms may be severe, with hail. Lows will range from the mid-30s in the northwest to near 60 in the southeast.

On Saturday, a slight chance of thunderstorms is forecast in the morning in the east, otherwise, sunny and windy. Highs will range from the mid-50s northwest to the upper 60s southeast. It will be cold Saturday night, with lows ranging from the upper 20s northwest to mid-30s southeast. Warm daytime temperatures will continue through Tuesday, with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in central and eastern regions on Monday and

South Texas will be mostly cloudy today, with highs from the mid-70s to the upper 80s. Isolated showers are possible in the southeast and upper coast. It will be windy in the east.

Tonight, a chance of showers will exist in all but the deep south. Saturday, cooler, with highs from the mid-60s to the mid-70s. Breezy to windy conditions will exist, with a slight chance of early showers in all but the far west. On Sunday, mostly cloudy and cooler, with highs around 60. Mostly cloudy skies and slightly warmer daytime temperatures are forecast Monday and Tuesday.

## Woman leaves man to die on hood

FORT WORTH (AP) — A nurse's aide charged with murder after a homeless man she hit died in her car windshield is not a "monster," her attorney says.

Chante J. Mallard, 25, is accused of slamming into a man, driving home with his head lodged in the broken windshield and ignoring his cries for help as he bled to death the next two days in her garage.

Police say she waited for him to die, and then her friends dumped the stranger's body in a park.

"She is not the monster that police and prosecutors are making her out to be," said Mike Heiskell, Mallard's attornev. "She was simply a frightened, emotionally distraught young woman who had an accident, panicked and made a wrong choice."

Some residents in the east Mallard, her neighbor, never 665-2320. mentioned the incident.

Heiskell said his client is only guilty of failing to stop and render aid — not murder.

He said the victim died a few hours after Mallard drove home and was in her garage no more than 24 hours. Heiskell said her friends advised her not to call for help and suggested dumping the body.

Gregory Glenn Biggs' legs

were broken and he suffered cuts, but he had no internal injuries that would have caused his death, according to

the medical examiner's office. Mallard was arrested Wednesday night and was later released after posting bail. She faces from five years to life in prison if convicted.

"There's a pretty good possibility he'd be alive if he'd gotten help, but she concealed the body in the garage ... so that's why she's charged with murder," said Fort Worth Police Lt. David Burgess.

Biggs, 37, had struggled with mental illness and had been staying at a homeless shelter, where workers said he often brought them flowers. Biggs was estranged from his mother and sister, but he also had a 19-year-old son who only recently found out about the tragic death, relatives said.

Brandon Glenn Biggs has questions for Mallard, but says he isn't angry.

"I pray for her, actually," the high school senior told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Friday's editions.

# City Briefs

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GRAND OPENING! Sat. Fort Worth neighborhood said 12-11p.m. Stained Aggreswas wrong. Sherry Orr said 120 W. Kingsmill #304. Call spring plants just arrived.

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what promised. "The evidence of willful-

ness, maliciousness and fraud is overwhelming," said the ruling, which was released on Thursday. Carter said in his ruling

Judge awards Anna Nicole Smith \$88 million

Smith

that Smith was entitled to \$44.3 million in punitive damages and the same amount in compensatory damages against E. Pierce Marshall, who controls the trust established by his late father.

"This is a complete victory

for my client, and I think it's a victory for a husband's love for his wife," said Smith's attorney, Philip Boesch.

E. Pierce Marshall said his father "would be appalled that the district court continued to ignore his clearly stated wishes." He planned to appeal. The ruling came after E.

Pierce Marshall challenged a federal bankruptcy court decision awarding Smith \$475 million of the oil tycoon's

Smith, 33, has fought lengthy court battles in California and Houston over her late husband's fortune. He died at age 90 in August 1995, 14 months after they wed.

The former Playboy Playmate, whose real name is Vickie Lynn Marshall, met her husband in 1991 when she was working as a stripper. The couple married three years later in Houston when she was 26 and he was 89. He died the following year.

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Treasurer position spoke at the meeting.

Incumbent Scott Hahn told the crowd the duties of the treasurer's office include payroll and managing investments of the county funds.

"I have been able to earn \$4 million in interest funds since I have been in office," he said. "Someone said that wasn't a big amount, but it is \$4 million less in taxes that you (the taxpayer) has to pay."

Citing his 15 years in office, Hahn said he wants to be returned to the position.

He said he has successfully managed the county's funds.

"Gray County is a \$7 million corporation, and the voters are given the opportunity every four years to decide whom to hire for their chief financial officer," said Hahn.

He said he has obtained hundreds of hours in training for the position.

Candidate Tory Peet, a teacher and coach at White Deer, also cited the duties and qualifications for the office. He also said investments are a large part of the duties as well as the payroll and employee insurance.

Peet said he teaches math courses at WDHS from algebra to calculus, and coaches all sports.

He said there is currently a bonded indebtedness due to the courthouse restoration, but it is not the treasurer's responsibility to be sure the money is there to pay it. Instead, he said, it is the county judge and four county commissioners.

Streamlining the treasurer's office with computers is one of objective of Peet's. He said he wants to do what is best for the citizens of Gray County.

"I would like to see a new sense of cooperation in the courthouse," he said. "I want the employees to know I'll listen. I will work for them and with them. I'll help them with their paycheck and insurance."

He said there is a spark needed in the courthouse, and he wants to be that spark.

"I am not running because I want to get out of teaching or coaching," he said. "I love to teach and to coach. I just want to serve the communi-

Lee Cornelison, a candidate for the office, said his experience in finance includes handling a \$1-1 1/2 million budget of his church.

He also said he has successfully managed a business in Pampa for many years as well as teaching microeconomics at Clarendon College.

Cornelison also listed numerous civic and church accomplishments.

"The county has a job that's coming up for bid, and I want to be your treasurer."

He and his wife own a local beauty salon.

Referring to the November, 2001, election which dissolved the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, Dale Roth asked Cornelison if he felt the vote was a 'voice of the , we need to continue to work to defeat the use of

Cornelison said any comment he would give would be pure speculation. "When the majority speak and the majority win, that's the American

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In the contested county commission races, only Ed Robinson, candidate for Precinct 4 Commissioner, appeared at the forum.

His opponent, incumbent James Hefley, sent a written statement saying he could not attend due to a prior commitment.

Robinson cited the decline in the local economy, and said he would like to see the economic situation improve locally.

He said the county has always had a large number of self-employed people, and he promotes self-employment. He said he is not an advocate of big government.

A local businessman, he said it is time for a change in county government.

Citing environmental concerns with confined animal feeding operations, he said the county

commission has to write the rules. He expressed his pollution concerns for the

In a written statement, Hefley said, "I know all of you are concerned about the environment. and so am I. It is frustrating to deal with appointed authorities, but we must continue to try."

He said he has always put the county business over his personal business, and he would continue to do so. He said he is available 24 hours a

Neither M.V. (Bill) Horne or Gary Willoughby, candidates for Precinct 2 Commissioner, were at the meeting, citing prior

commitments. Several candidates said they only received the

invitation on Tuesday for the Thursday meeting. Willoughby sent an e-mail to ACCORD stating he had a prior commitment, but he would

appreciate their support. Justice of the Peace Precincts 1 & 3 Joe Martinez said he would like to continue in the

office he has held since March 2001. He said he wanted to serve the citizens with dignity, and that it has been very rewarding to be in the position. He cited his knowledge of the

Hispanic language as an asset in the position. Challenging him is Rusty Horton, who was working, and sent word he could not attend.

Margie Prestidge is seeking the JP Precinct 2 position she held for 22 years until Kurt Curfman defeated her in 1998. She said she loved that job and would like to return to it. Curfman was not at the meeting due to a prior commitment, but sent word he wants to be returned to office.

In a written statement, he said he has attained the required courses and is continuing to acquire more knowledge and expertise.

"I have worked with the law enforcement agencies to curtail the crime and drug use in our city," he said. "We have touched the surface but drugs and stop the crime rate."

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### OUTBREAK

Cases of syphilis are reported to the Texas Department of Health while others come to the health department's notice by people who have a problem and want to get tested for sexually transmitted diseases.

In addition to testing and treating people with this disease and other sexually transmitted ones, Hall also investigates the diseased per- Tetracycline and Doxycycline.

son's sexual partners by contacting and interviewing them.

In the case of the current outbreak, Hall said it appears to have come from contact with prostitutes in Dallas and in Oklahoma.

"It apparently came from prostitutes but the outbreak has now worked its way into all

aspects of society," she said. Syphilis is treated with antibiotics such as

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Earlier this week, Deputy Morse Burroughs uncovered a methamphetamine lab at 436 Crest while he was looking for a fugitive.

The resident there had been out of town and returned to find his home had apparently been

broken into, Rushing said earlier this week. No arrest was made in that case and an investigation continues.

Meth lab clean-ups are made by a firm from Oklahoma City that contracts with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Rushing

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## **KMART**

"The decision to close under-performing stores, which do not meet our financial requirements going forward, is an integral part of the company's reorganization effort," Chuck Conaway, chief executive, said in a statement.

"While the business rationale supporting this action is compelling, we deeply regret the impact these store closings will have on our associates, our customers and the communities where these stores are located," he said.

Kmart officials said they anticipate that the sales generated from store closings and related cost savings will

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### BOARD

currently a member of the Chamber Pampa Commerce Gold Coats and the Career and Technology Advisory Board at Pampa High School. She is a graduate of the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma. Her term will expire Sept. 6,

be about \$550 million in 2002 and about \$45 million annually after that.

Kmart expects to record a charge in the range of \$1.1 billion to \$1.3 billion as a result of the closings and job cuts, but the closings are expected to improve its earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation by about \$31 million a

On Wednesday, a bankruptcy court approved \$2 billion in additional financing for Kmart, plus up to \$150 million in bonuses for employees who help the company get off the

The \$150 million is a ceiling on bonuses Kmart can pay to vice presidents, various middle managers and pharmacists whom it considers crucial to keeping stores in operation.

Union attorney William Widmer ridiculed the notion that more than 9,000 employees are key to Kmart's longevity. He said those likely to get the money were to blame for the company's woes.

"They depend on Kmart for foot traffic," said Martin Zohn, with Proskauer Rose LLP. "The center loses most of its attraction to consumers, so even if there is a replacement tenant eventually, there's a long period of a boarded-up store.

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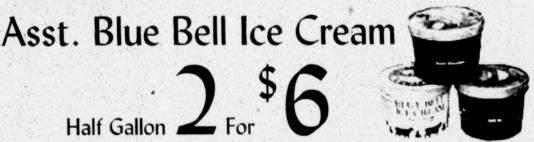




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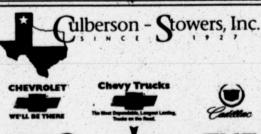
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## **CHURCH BRIEFS**

#### Christian coffee house opens Saturday

Calvary Baptist Church announces the opening of APOL-LOS, an adult coffee house featuring Christian talent from around the Panhandle each Saturday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

On Saturday, March 9, Rick Scott of the North Fork Band will present a blend of gospel and Christian cowboy ballads with humor and testimony.

APPOLLOS is located at 900 E. 23rd at the south end of Calvary Baptist Church. The coffee house offers a menu of cappuccino, slushies, hot chocolate and coffee.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m., following by the musical performance at 7:20 p.m.

For more information, contact Rick Pearson at Calvary Baptist Church, 665-0842.

#### Rushing Wind, Waka plan potluck dinner

Rushing Wind Emmaus and Waka Christian Center Victory Celebration is set for 6 p.m., Saturday, March 9, at the Waka Christian Center.

The public is invited to attend the potluck dinner. A nursery will be provided.

#### Easter services set at Cross of Our Lord

GROOM - Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ Ministries announce a series of services celebrating the Easter holy season at the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, off I-40 near

On Good Friday, March 29, a Rosary of the Sorrowful Mysteries will be led by Jim Lummus of Pampa at 12 noon. At 1 p.m., Bishop John Yanta of the Amarillo Diocese will preside over "The Seven Last Words." Deacon Floyd Ashley of Amarillo will then assist with the Stations of the Cross.

Special music will be provided by Joe Martinez of Pampa, Eddie Hastings of White Deer, Home Grown Kids - Sing & Sign of Erick, Okla., and Loretta Hall and Charla Kooprider - Sign & Sign of Elk City, Okla.

On Easter, the public is invited to Easter Sunrise services at the Cross with Jim Bible of McLean presiding and Sharyn Morrow of Clarendon providing the music.

For more information about Easter observances at the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, call 665-7788.

#### Briarwood returns to the airwaves

Briarwood Full Gospel Church is returning to the radio airwaves with a week-day and Sunday broadcasts.

The Rev. Lynn Hancock, minister of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, will present "Words of Life," a devotional program providing encouragement and motivation on KOMX radio, FM 100.3, Mondays through Fridays.

"Sunday Morning at Briarwood" will be presented on KGRO, AM 1230.

All broadcasts follow Paul Harvey's commentary at approximately 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sponsors for the programs are Clifton Supply and Comet Cleaners.

#### St. Vincent youth to perform in silhouette

The youth department of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church will present "The Mysterious Glories of Jesus" in silhouette at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 24 at the church. The production will be under the direction of Greg Bullard. Assistant directors are Jackie Gerber, Angela Mechelay and Stephanie

Cast members include: Hector Leal (Jesus); Stephanie McVay (Mary); Angela Mechelay (Mary Magdalene); Gregory Wariner (Peter); Trevor McVay (Centurian); and Amber Ebenkamp (Angel).

The youth will be behind a large screen set up in the church. The shadow play will be accompanied by music from Dallas Holm's "His Last Days" soundtrack.

The program is free and open to the public.

## Music minister, wife work in harmony

By LISA SOULE KILLEEN DAILY HERALD

KILLEEN - Choir members at Killeen's First Baptist Church get a double dose of musical proficiency.

Besides the professional expertise of the church's music minister, the choir has the benefit of a well-known Christian composer singing among them.

Music Minister Bruce Berry directs the 40-plus singers including his wife, Cindy, who knows some pieces better than anyone.

Cindy, 52, has composed and published more than 50 Christian anthems. Her pieces are favorites at the Killeen church and are sung nationwide by many denominations.

Although some of her anthems are now best sellers, Cindy said she never dreamed of career in composing.

"It started as a hobby," she said. Bruce, 54, sometimes asked her to write something when his church music budget was running short.

After a music conference in 1983, Cindy said she felt God had called her to write her worship to Him.

It was Bruce who began sending her work to publish-

"He saw that part of it," Cindy said. "He thought others should have this available."

When the Killeen choir sings a Cindy Berry piece, Cindy said she leaves the directing to her husband.

During a recent choir practice, Bruce gave silent orders with his hands as he signaled to two piano players. Choir members kept time with their feet as they focused on his motions.

When Bruce's directions differ from the tempo markings on her printed work, Cindy said she can sense some choir members stir.

"The choir looks at me, as if to ask, is that OK? But, he is the director and it is OK with me," she said.

Bruce said that was something Cindy had to learn as she first began hearing others interpret her songs. "She had to learn to let it go. That's often hard for young composers," he said.

"I let God use it," Cindy said of her music. Different congregations have different needs. "Some need to speed it up or slow it down," she said.

Cindy said she has come to a point where she can remove herself from her own music. She considers hearing her work performed both a blessing and an honor.

Her first published work, "At the Name of Jesus" is a. standard in many churches. She also wrote "Restore My Joy" and has published seven piano books with hymn arrangements.

"Occasionally, I am moved to tears when I hear a choir sing one of my anthems," Cindy said.

The musical couple met in Houston when they were in high school singing in the

#### Moderate Texas Baptists create missionary fund

DALLAS (AP) — Moderate Baptists in Texas have pledged \$1 million to help Southern Baptist missionaries who decline to endorse a conservative doctrinal statement they are being asked

The moderate Baptist General Convention of Texas said it created the fund after hearing from more than 60 missionary families who said they could not sign the statement, which opposes women pastors and says wives should "submit graciously" to their husbands. The doctrinal statement also created controversy when it was initially approved in 2000.

Some missic aries feared they would lose their jobs if they resisted, the Texas group said Feb. 26.

"The call to stand by those who are being asked to put either calling or conscience at risk cannot go unanswered," said Charles Wade, executive director of the Texas convention. "We must provide places of refuge and renewal, places of warm acceptance and dependable support, places where dreams of serving God can become reality again.'

Conservative leaders of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board asked missionaries in January to affirm the "Baptist Faith and Message."

By doing so, missionaries would put aside "a continuing and potentially damaging issue" that was "creating suspicion," mission board president Jerry Rankin said at the time.

Larry Cox, a mission board vice president, said the Texas moderates were "manufacturing a crisis where none exists."

choir. They have been married now for 32 years and have three grown children.

Cindy said their children grew up singing in choirs, but none have pursued musical careers. "that's not where their talents lie," she said.

Bruce has taken his ministry from the city of Magnolia, near Houston to Dallas. Before coming to Killeen, he worked at a church in Lawton, Okla., near Fort Sill.

As a music minister, Bruce said he does more than direct the choir. "It's always the big joke, that I just work Wednesdays and Sundays,'

"I marry, bury and do counseling as well," he said. Bruce visits church members in the hospital one day each week and also makes home visits. A church search committee

invited him to the Killeen church five years ago, in part, because he understood the military community.

Choir member Stephanie

Walburn was introduced to the couple when her husband was stationed at Fort Sill.

Before she discovered who Cindy was, Walburn said she had no idea a composer was among the choir members.

"She is so humble you just don't know who she really is," Wałburn said.

"I. love her music," Walburn said. "I can always spot a Cindy Berry piece."

Walburn said singing under Bruce's direction is a great experience. "Bruce has always been my favorite. He loves to be with people and he makes practice fun.'

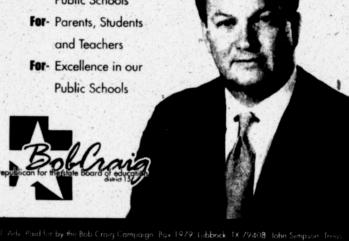
Besides the fun, Walburn said practice is a spiritual experience, too. "He really strives to use the time in choir to minister to us." Walburn said Bruce often has the choir stop to reflect on the words they have sung.

Gloria Walker has been a First Baptist Church member since 1959.

"We are truly blessed to have both of them," she said of the Berrys.



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school with "Christian" in its name might seem like an odd place for in-depth Judaism studies.

But Texas Christian University - or TCU, as it prefers to be called - and its Brite Divinity School are launching a Jewish studies program and expanding the library with 10,000 Jewish manuscripts and books spanning five centuries.

"I am the least concerned about the 'Christian' in Texas Christian University," said W. David Nelson, assistant professor of Jewish studies. "It's devoted to free thought, diversity and academic excellence, and within that context that makes sense to have a Judaism professor."

The university and divinity school are affiliated with Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, which started in the 1800s and now has about 850,000 members in North America. Although the church provides some funding, it does not control its schools.

The denomination claims no official doctrine but continues to be influenced by its founding ideals of informality, openness and diversity,

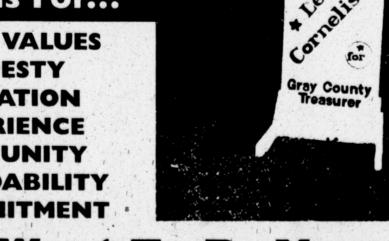
according to church officials. Nelson is the first non-Christian professor at Brite. But he's certainly not the

FORT WORTH (AP) - A first on the Fort Worth campus who is not a Disciple of Christ.

In fact, most TCU students are Catholics, and most Brite students are United Methodists. About 30 denominations are represented in the divinity school's student body, nine in the fac-

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# Churches use pagers to alert parents

BY DARREN BARBEE
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

FORT WORTH — If only Moses had been wearing a pager when the children of Israel forged their golden calf, he could have been beeped the minute mischievous Aaron and his friends started worshipping a false idol.

These days, perils of a less biblical nature are averted each weekend across Tarrant County.

A growing number of church nurseries, from First United Methodist Church of Arlington to St. Stephen Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, are using vibrating pagers and digital displays to alert parents during worship services when their children need help that only Mom or Dad can provide.

Some parents say they like the immediacy of the system and that ushers no longer raise a clamor searching for them when trouble strikes.

Others may view the paging systems, silent though they are, as yet another intrusion of the secular world into the sanctuary, said Julie Byrne, a religion professor at Texas Christian University.

"It depends on what your taste in sanctity is," she said.

In the sea of 4,000 faces at Fellowship to page a part Church in Grapevine, it would have been after services.

difficult to quickly and quietly find 2year-old Madison's mother, Natalie Walden.

Walden, a volunteer and longtime member of Fellowship Church, said she recalls seeing her child Madison's "name in lights" more than other children's. The church uses two digital displays placed discreetly in the sanctuary.

"We got paged a lot for our daughter," said Walden, who once sent her husband to attend Madison while she stayed for the day's sermon on parenting skills. She was paged 10 times in a three-month period when Madison cried uncontrollably because of stranger anxiety and reflux, she said.

"She suffered from the infant stuff," Walden said.

For congregations as large as Fellowship Church, where 3,200 children attend in a weekend, providing individual beepers would have cost far more than the \$3,000 system now in place, said Mike Johnson, church education director.

The system also provides security. A computer "spits out name tags, spits out the receipt, and parents take their kids right to the classroom," Johnson said. The receipt includes a reference number that, along with the child's name, is used to page a parent and to reclaim a child after services

But some think the visual paging screens could cause minds to wander from the sermons. A few models' red numbers resemble the "now serving" displays at customer service desks.

"We felt like the physical pagers, because they vibrate, would only disturb the parents ... wearing them," said Annamarie Hall, nursery coordinator at First United Methodist Church of Arlington. "The visual board has numbers flashing from time to time, so it could be distracting to people in the congregation."

In time, worshippers become accustomed to the flashing displays, said Jamie Harrison, marketing director of Microframe Corp. The Norman, Okla., company is one of several manufacturers of visual paging systems and pagers for churches.

"When the system is first installed, everyone ... is looking at it," Harrison said. "But once it's up, the only people who notice it are parents."

The paging system crosses most denominational lines, since concern for children is universal, she said. But Microframe, which has seen sales increase over the past five years, does not sell as many paging systems to Roman Catholic churches, where parents tend to take their children into the sanctuary.

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A couple I know is celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this March 5, 2002. I am talking about J.B. and Bethel Walker. I asked J.B. what the secret to a happy and long marriage was and he smiled and said, "Don't argue, and just love the other one more than they love you." Wow, that was neat. Hey, J.B. and Bethel, I salute you! Way to go! And to anyone else who is celebrating 25 years of marriage this year – way to go!

One person wrote that love is "an unconditional committment to an imperfect person." That is a great working definition of love, don't you think? We tend to think of love as some squishy, sloppy, gooey, mushey lovey dovey thing — an emotion! I think rather it is like the definition states — a choice.

I know I am easy to love when I am in a good mood, all cleaned up, got my aftershave on, hair combed, slacks and shirt are pressed, and wearing a smile. But when I'm not in a good mood (boy, I hate to admit I'm moody) and I'm having a bad hair day, I know my spouse does not depend on emotion. Huh-

No, it's like J.B. said, "Love the other one more than they love you." He's talking about a choice here, not emotion. That kind of committment and choice carries one through the bad times and the sickness and crisis that come to all of us. In the end, those experiences bond us together even deeper and our love grows even stronger.

Thanks, J.B. and Bethel for the reminder about love. Congrats on your 25th and more power to you.

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DR. JAMES DOBSON is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

As a father, what should I be trying to accomplish with my son in these teen years?

Someone has said, "Link a boy to the right man and seldom goes wrong." I believe that is true. If a dad and his son can develop hobbies together or other common interests, the rebellious years can pass in relative tranquility. What they experience may be remembered for a lifetime.

I recall a song, written by Dan Fogelberg, that tells about a father who shares his love of music with his son. It is called "Leader of the Band," and its message touches something deep within me. The son talks of a father who "earned his love through discipline, a thundering, velvet hand." The father's "song is in my soul." The son himself has become a "living legacy to the leader of the band."

Can't you see this man going to visit his aged father today, with a lifetime of love passing between them? That must have been what God had in mind when he gave dads to boys.

Let me address your question directly: What common ground are you cultivating with your impressionable son? Some fathers build or repair cars

with them; some construct small models or make things in a woodshop. My dad and I hunted and fished together. There is no way to describe what those days meant to me as we entered the woods in the early hours of the morning. How could I get angry at this man who took time to be with me? We had wonderful talks while coming home from a day of laughter and fun in the country. I tried to maintain that kind of contact with my son.

Opportunities to communicate openly and build the father-son relationship have to be created. It's a goal that's worth whatever it takes to achieve.

Can you give me a simple definition of menopause?

It is a time of transition in a woman's life when the reproductive capacity is phasing out. Ministration gradually stops and hormonal changes occur. Specifically, the ovaries produce only about one-eight the estrogen that they once did.

This affects not only the reproductive system but the emotions as well. If you are having irregular periods, if you frequently cry for no apparent reason, if you are having"hot flashes" or night sweats, if your interest in sex has diminished, if you have very low self-esteem and are depressed most of the time, and if you lack the energy to get through your day-you need immediate medical attention.

There is hope for women who are suffering from symptoms associated with menopause. Estrogen replacement therapy can help put you on your feet again. But there are other disorders that produce symptoms similar to menopause. That's why it is important to have a complete physical exam to get a definitive diagnosis.

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO. 80903; or www.family.org Questions and answers are excepted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale House.

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## U.S. squeezes in on hard-core al-Qaida

GARDEZ, Afghanistan (AP) — Sandstorms and high winds eased over the battle area in eastern Afghanistan on Friday, enabling U.S. and Afghan forces to step up attacks on al-Qaida from the ground and air. Afghanistan's interim government rushed fresh troops to the fight.

U.S. infantrymen came under fire late Thursday and early Friday in the southern sector of the 60-square-mile area of operation, said Col. Joe Smith, chief of staff of the 10th Mountain Division.

Smith, briefing reporters at Bagram air base, described the fighting in the southern sector as heavy with "lots of casualties" among al-Qaida forces.

"I have not seen anyone surrender," said Col. Frank Wiercinski, a brigade commander in the 101st Airborne

Wind and sandstorms slowed allied air and ground operations Thursday. Skies cleared somewhat overnight, and the rumble of heavy explosions from the battle area could be heard more than 20 miles to the north.

With the fight intensifying, the interim Afghan government of Hamid Karzai decided to rush in reinforcements, bolstering an Afghan force made up largely of militias recruited by the Special Forces.

A member of the Gardez town council, Safih Ullah, said the central government was sending about 1,000 new Afghan fighters, of whom about 600 had already arrived. They were under the command of Gul Hydar and came with tanks and other fighting vehicles, the councilman said.

A convoy of 12 to 15 tanks was seen in Logar province Friday heading south from Kabul to Gardez. An Associated Press photographer saw another convoy in the same direction, including trucks carrying multiple rocket launchers and other vehicles with soldiers armed with rifles and grenade launchers.

The need for reinforcements became apparent after U.S.

commanders, relying heavily on their Afghan partners, underestimated the size of the al-Qaida force.

Afghan fighters said they were told to expect about 100-150 al-Qaida foes. U.S. officials are now estimating kills in the hundreds — greater than their initial estimates of the entire

In Washington, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the offensive could end as early as this weekend, but said al-Qaida was also rushing in reinforcements and supplies.

"We have seen some infiltration of additional fighters in small numbers, traveling in SUVs from the south," Smith said. Wiercinski said al-Qaida remained "a determined force" but that seven days into the operation U.S. troops were no

longer seeing large groups of fighters. "We still see small pockets of resistance," he said. "They are determined. Whether you would call that martyrdom or

whatever, they are still determined in their small pockets." U.S. Special Forces teams established checkpoints along roads and smuggling routes to try to intercept al-Qaida fighters trying to slip in from the area along the Pakistani border.

An Afghan commander, Abdul Matin Hasankhiel, said some al-Qaida sympathizers managed to cross the Pakistani border early in the battle but he thought most had been blocked.

Hafeezullah, a member of the Surmad town council, said men from his region probably joined the fight on the al-Qaida side because of the prestige of the local commander, Saif Rahman, a former Taliban official whose family comes from

Rahman issued a call earlier in the week for jihad, or holy war, against the U.S. campaign. In Surmad, loudspeakers repeated the call, saying it was the duty of Muslims to fight, said the deputy intelligence chief in Gardez, Ziarat Gul.

The Pentagon is sending about 200 soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., equipped with 16

## Mexico to export winning theme park across border

MEXICO CITY (AP) -The City of Children, a theme park designed to teach a work ethic and create brand loyalty at the same tender age, could be coming soon to a shopping mall

The successful Mexican attraction will begin construction in the United States soon, and malls in the New York and Los Angeles areas are competing to host to the first U.S. branch.

"This is genius," said James Ashton, president of AFC Commercial Real Estate, based in Westlake Village, Calif. He toured the attraction recently and is negotiating with the owners to build a similar park for a new mall in the Los Angeles area.

"People are so starved for something like this and there is nothing comparable. Everything is going kid-oriented and there is nothing that could compete with

But the concept that has been accepted so overwhelmingly here — companies build brandoriented attractions for children within a "city" provided by the developer — could face more probing questions in the United States about its motives.

Mexican upper classes, to which the attraction caters, are lacking in cynicism about commercialism and materialism.

In the United States, where the planned entrance fee of about \$20 would be accessible to many more families, people tend have a more pointed opinion that is the opposite of their Mexican peers.

"There are certainly some segments of the population who very much can't stand that kind of commercialism, but at the same time that's more and more in the mainstream of American society," said Gary Ruskin, executive director of Commercial Alert, a Portland, Ore.-based anti-commercialism group.

"More and more, this is what American marketing is looking like. It seems like there's nothing they won't do to market to kids

The idea of the park is simple: After buying their American Airlines "ticket" to enter, children receive play money, which they can spend on General Motors bumper cars (Avis rents them). Or, they can make themselves up at the Pond's Institute beauty salon or scale a rock wall emblazoned with the word "Nesquik."

If they run out of money, they can go to work — applying Sherwin Williams paints to a wall at the Cemex construction site, caring for babies (dolls, actually) at the Johnson & Johnson hospital or reading bar codes at the Superama supermarket.

The 52 sponsors at the current site put up about half of the money for construction. What they get is hard-core advertising to impressionable children.

"Kids don't say, 'Let's go to the pizzeria.' They say, 'Let's go to Domino's.' Obviously when they want a pizza they're going to want Domino's," said Esteban Lopez Ancona, general director of Amazing Toys de Mexico, which runs the theme

The park itself is laid out in the form of a city, with a central kiosk, drainpipes where children can go on an "archaeological dig," a theater where plays are performed every half-hour and streets where fire trucks crawl along, sirens blazing, and tiny detectives in trenchcoats look for bad guys.

There are areas for toddlers a "farm" with activities for the smallest — and for all other ages. Directors say 80 percent of their clientele is between the ages of 5 and 12, but most are between 6 and 10.

## Japanese economy sinking deeper in recession

TOKYO (AP) — Japan toppled into its worst recession in at least two decades after the economy shrank for the third straight quarter on a biggerthan-expected plunge in corporate investments.

Japan's gross domestic product, or the value of goods and services produced in a nation, shrank 1.2 percent during the quarter that ended in December, translating to an annual 4.5 percent contraction, the Cabinet Office said Friday.

That was despite a strong turnaround in the U.S. economy, which grew at an annual rate of 1.4 percent during the same quarter.

Japanese growth depends which go to the United States.

But the U.S. recovery was not enough to offset weak demand within Japan, which helped cripple the economy, said Mamoru Yamazaki, an economist at Barclays Capital Japan in Tokyo.

"Just because the U.S. economy recovers, it doesn't the latest GDP data was the 12

mean the world economy is going to rebound immediate-Yamazaki said. "The impact may start to be felt in

the latter half of fiscal 2002." The last time the economy contracted for three quarters straight was in 1993, when it shrank at around 0.0-0.1 per- my, the government said. cent each quarter.

Before that, Japan had never seen even two back-toback quarters of contraction the usual definition of a recession — since the government began keeping such records in 1980.

On Friday, Yuzo Kobayashi, a Cabinet Office vice minister, acknowledged that the Japanese economy d likely fare worse than the 1.0 percent contraction forecast by the government for this fiscal year ending in March.

be severe throughout the current fiscal year," he told

The most critical factor in

percent drop in private sector

That helped wipe out a 1.9 percent increase in private consumption and a 2 percent rise in household consumption. The fallout from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks also hurt the econo-

Battered by the global slump, companies held back on investing more in plants and other facilities, said Taro Saito, economist at NLI Research Institute in Tokyo.

Some signs of recovery could come by summer if rising exports set off a chain of good developments, such as boosted corporate profits and salaries, a move that in turn activity, he said.

During decades of modernization, Japan had public works projects and booming exports to keep its economy going.

Both are running out of steam.

Top electrorics companies are rapidly losing their competitive pricing edge against growing Asian rivals. The increasingly urbanized public is no longer interested in seeing pork-barrel spending on roads and bridges.

#### Five Israelis, 32 Palestinians dead

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — On the deadliest day of the 17-month-old conflict, Israeli troops killed 32 Palestinians, including two children and a general, in raids of villages and refugee camps Friday. A Palestinian killed five Israeli teen-agers in an attack on

to the region next week to try to negotiate a cease-fire. In the past, U.S. officials have said mediation only made sense if the Palestinians tried harder to curb violence. It was not immediately clear what brought about the shift.

The past week has been the bloodiest since fighting erupted in September 2000, with 104 Palestinians and 35 Israelis killed. The deaths came in a string of Palestinian shooting and bombing attacks on Israeli civilians, and intense Israeli retaliation, with tanks and helicopters often firing at populated

ly killing Palestinians and said of U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni military said it was targeting Israelis.

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Palestinian officials accused Israeli troops of indiscriminate-Friday's raids were intended to sabotage the mediation mission before it even began. The Israeli strongholds of Palestinian militants involved in attacks on

# **DRILLING INTENTIONS**

**Intentions to Drill** HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & CANADIAN Douglas) Questar E&P Co., #4038 Humphreys, 2310' from North & 660' from East line, Sec. 38,1,G&M, PD 7450'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Jones Trust '21', 660' from South & West line, Sec. 21,1,G&M, PD 8200'

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT CANADIAN S.E. Douglas) Questar E&P Co., #5048 Humphreys 'K', 660' from North & 1320' from West line, Sec. 48,1,G&M, PD 7300'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & TEXFEL Douglas) Questar E&P Co., #2020 Hodgson, 1036' from North & 2194' from East line, Sec. 20,42,H&TC, PD 7350'.

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., Herring, PD 3350', for the following wells:

#205, 6400' from North & 4190' from East line, David Luce Survey.

#206, 2310' from North & 330' from West line, Sec. 8,J,H&GN.

**Application to Plug-Back** CARSON (WEST PAN-HANDLE) Stallion Energy, Inc., #A-1 Brown-Ware, 330' from South & West line, Sec. 113,4,1&GN, PD 3134'.

#### Amended Intentions to Drill

WHEELER (WILDCAT & S.W. BRISCOE Upper Morrow) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #1062 Brown, 2500' from South & 1250' from East line, Sec. 62,M-1,H&GN,

PD 15000'. Amended to change well location

**Gas Well Completions** ROBERTS Lower Morrow) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Parsell Ranch '156', Sec. 156,42,H&TC, spud 11-23-01, drlg. compl 12-15-01, tested 1-23-02, TD

**Plugged Wells** CARSON (PANHANDLE) Ananda Energy, Inc., #3W R.C. Ware, Sec. 113,4,1&GN, spud unknown, plugged 2-6-02, TD 3170' (disposal) —

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GRAY (PANHANDLE) Bradley Operating Co., #11 Gething 'B', Sec. 14,A-9,H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 12-13-99, TD 2860'

GRAY (PANHANDLE) H&K Plugging & Salvage, J.S. Morse 'H', Sec. 54,25,H&GN (oil) — for the following wells:

#2, spud unknown, plugged 2-18-02, TD 2931' -

#3, spud unknown, plugged (PARSELL 2-15-02, TD 2870'

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #1024 Thomas, Sec. 24,41,H&TC, spud 11-25-01, plugged 12-11-01, TD 8200' (dry) -

HUTCHINSON (PAN-HANDLE) SNW Operating Co., #191 C.L. Dial, et al, Sec. 34,M-23,TCRR, spud unknown, plugged 6-4-01, TD 3044' (oil) — Form 1 in Gulf Oil

WHEELER (WILDCAT) Devon Energy Production Co., #1 Patterson '17', Lot 17, CCSL, spud 8-28-99, plugged 2-5-02, TD 16275' (gas)

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## **Encounter Between Dog, Child** Isn't Always Walk In The Park

DEAR ABBY: Many cities have set aside land for use as "dog parks." They are designed to be open places where dog owners can let their pets off leash to run free.

Last Saturday, a woman brought her 18-month-old son into the dog park. Several of us suggested to her that it wasn't a good idea to let her toddler wander free among 20-plus strange dogs. She said he had been knocked down several times by their own dog, and always got up and laughed and chased after the dog.

I am glad their family dog is child-friendly. My dog is not. Children's quick movements, highpitched squeals and tendency to hit, poke and grab all scare my dog.

Abby, a dog park is designed to allow dogs the opportunity to run free and socialize with other dogs. What might happen in an encounter between a child and the wrong dog terrifies me. Please pass on this request to parents: If you bring your dog to the dog park, leave your babies at home - or at least keep them close to you and away from the

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DEAR C & D LOVER: Your background checks. letter may avert a tragedy. A wise parent will remember that not all dogs are friendly and will

encounter with a child until the parent is certain that both the child and the dog can be

DEAR ABBY: Yesterday for the first time in years, I stopped at a yard sale. As I approached, a man was examining a Colt model 1911. 45-caliber handgun. He waved it around, pointing it at everything in

I asked the owner if the gun was unloaded. "Sure is," he said. "The clip is safely in my pocket." When it was my turn to look at the gun, I pulled the slide back and out popped a live round. I'll never forget the look of horror on the faces of the owner and the man who had been waving the gun.

I don't know what made me stop at that yard sale, but I feel if I hadn't, the gun would have eventually fired and perhaps someone would have been killed.

Abby, I have never felt outlawing guns is the answer. Education is. CLOSE CALL IN YUMA, ARIZ.

DEAR CLOSE CALL: I agree. That, and trigger locks and

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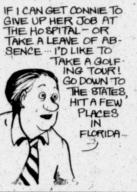
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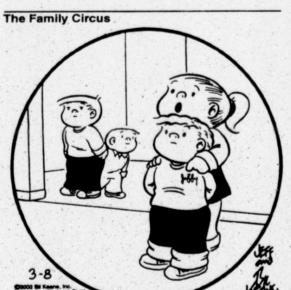








"I'll dance with you, but you have to let me lead."



"If Billy's the oldest and PJ's the youngest, which of us two is the in-betweenest?"



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**Peanuts** 



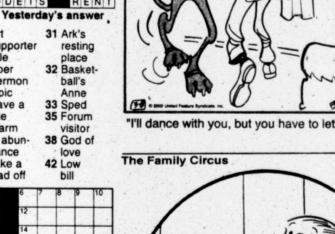


WHEN HIS PLAYERS TROT OUT ONTO THE

FIELD, AND ONE OF THEM TRIPS OVER SECOND BASE







## SPORTS

**GOLF** 

PAMPA — Dr. Joe Donaldson, 84, of Pampa shot his age Wednesday with a round of 84 at the Pampa Country Club.

#### BASEBALL

PAMPA — There will be signups for Optimist baseball and softball, both boys and girls, from 5:30 to 7 on March 19, 20, 21 at the Optimist Club.

Tryouts will be held April 2,3,4, at Optimist

#### FOOTBALL

AMARILLO - High school coaching legend Gordon Wood and coauthor John Caryer are in Amarillo this weekend for book signings of Wood's biography, "Coach of the Century.'

They are scheduled to be at the Wood Law Firm, 1222 S. Fillmore, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wood remains the alltime winningest high school football coach in Texas history. He won 396 games and nine state championships - two at Stamford, seven at Brownwood - before retiring in 1985. Wood has been named the 20th century's top Texas high schoolfootball coach by the Dallas Morning News.

#### BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -Rookie point guard Tony Parker is showing off more of his repertoire as the playoffs approach.

The 19-year-old scored 16 points and added a careerhigh 10 rebounds for his first career double-double to help lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 99-97 win over the Houston Rockets Thursday night.

"Tony Parker really stepped up tonight," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "We saw him mature before our eyes."

Parker also hit a key shot late in the game, a 20-footer from the left baseline with 55 seconds left to give San Antonio a 94-87 lead.

'You don't see that kind of poise too often in a player that young," Houston head coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "He was aggressive tonight and led his team well."

Parker surprised himself with his performance.

"If somebody told me my first career double-double would include rebounds, I would have said nope, never," said Parker, averaging 2.5 rebounds per game. "Assists and points I would have believed, but not rebounds."

Tim Duncan recorded a double-double by halftime and finished with 30 points and 16 rebounds, while Malik Rose scored 14 and David Robinson grabbed 12 rebounds. The Spurs had a 52-26 advantage on points in

the paint. It was the 14th time in the last 15 games between the teams that the Spurs defeated the Rockets.

San Antonio led 94-87 after Parker's long 2-point jumper from the left baseline with 55 seconds to play, but a furious Houston rally, keyed by four points from Steve Francis and a 3-pointer by Walt Williams, cut the margin to 97-94.

Two, free throws by Antonio Daniels with 11 seconds left helped seal the win.

# Favorites win in 4A to set up title game

AUSTIN (AP) — The Chris Bosh. Class 4A boys basketball tournament is playing out according to plan.

With semifinal victories Thursday night, Dallas (39-0)Lincoln and Beaumont Ozen (32-3) set themselves on a collision course for Saturday in a 4A final that is one of the most anticipated matchups in tournament history.

Lincoln, ranked No. 1 in the nation by USA Today, got to the final with a 62-49 victory over San Antonio Roosevelt behind Bryan Hopkins' 15 points and 14 points and 11 rebounds from McDonald's All-American

Lincoln was a favorite to win the title last year but lost in the semifinals.

Ozen, ranked seventh in the same poll, survived a 55-53 scare from Fort Worth Dunbar when Javin Clover converted a layup — his only basket of the game with 30 seconds left on an inbounds pass under the goal.

The victory also kept defending champion Ozen's 6-foot-10 standout junior center Kendrick Perkins in the tournament. Perkins, who goes by the nickname "Baby Shaq" is considered one of the best juniors in the

country and a potential NBA lottery pick after his senior year.

He scored 13 points against Dunbar but had to watch the final minute from the bench with his fifth foul.

"When the big fella went down," said Ozen coach Andre Boutte, "I knew somebody else would step in. It just happened to be Javin. Javin found his way to the basket and found a good look."

Both 4A semifinals drew sellout crowds of 16,995 to the Frank Erwin Center and another is expected' Saturday.

In other games Thursday:

Nazareth (26-3) defeated defending champion Goodrich 61-58 in the title game behind 26 points and 12 rebounds by Eric Schilling.

Brady Deaver scored 20 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead Brock (31-7) past Kennard 76-59 for the Division I championship. Brock and Nazareth will play Saturday for the Texas Cup, the mythical championship for Texas' smallest schools.

Class —In Gainesville (28-6) sailed past Aransas pass 74-60 behind J.R. Harrison's 22

-In Class 1A Division II, points and 10 rebounds a rim-rattling display of dunks.

Kountze (34-4) defeated Dimmitt 59-56 as Trey Peters shook off the flu for four 3-pointers and 30

Today, the Class 2A semifinals match 1999-2000 champion Peaster (29-7) against Little River Academy (31-3). Frankston (31-5) plays Olney (29-6).

In Class 5A, Midland Lee (29-5) plays Dallas Kimball (28-6) and Fort Bend Hightower (34-3) plays San Antonio Jay (26-9).

All finals are Saturday.

## New Mexico signee



Jana Francis (42), Canadian's 6-3 post player, goes for a rebound in a recent playoff game in Pampa's McNeely Fieldhouse. Francis has signed a basketball letter-of-intent with the University of New Mexico. She averaged 18 points, 11 rebounds and 5 blocked shots per game this season.

# Report: William's signs with Miami

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Dolphins reached an agreement in principle to acquire running back Ricky Williams from the New Orleans Saints, a Dolphins source said Friday.

The agreement came hours after a face-to-face meeting Thursday in Coral Gables between Miami senior vice president Rick Spielman and New Orleans general manager Randy Mueller, said the source, who didn't want to be identified.

Spielman said the trade hasn't been finalized, and he planned to talk to Mueller again Friday.

"There are a couple of issues that aren't resolved," Spielman said. "We hope we're going to be able to cross that bridge this morning, but it is not done. There are some minute things that need to be addressed. We don't have our signature or theirs on any documents.

The agreement in principle was first reported in Friday's Miami

The Dolphins had offered their first- and fourth-round picks this year, and a conditional third-round choice in 2003 that could become a first-rounder depending on how Williams performs. In exchange, they wanted Williams and New Orleans' third-round pick this year.

The 1998 Heisman Trophy winner is expected to seek a new contract from Miami. After the Saints made him the No. 5 pick in the 1999 draft, rapper Master P. represented Williams and negotiated an eightyear deal with large incentives but low base salaries, including just \$350,000 this season.

Williams set the NCAA career rushing record at Texas and has topped 1,000 yards the past two seasons for New Orleans, including 1,245 in 2001. But he says he hasn't hit it off with Jim Haslett, who became the coach last year.

New Orleans took running back Deuce McAllister in the first round of the draft a year ago.

Williams would give the Dolphins their best running threat since the 1970s, before Dan Marino turned them into a passing

Miami is also awaiting a decision by two-time Pro Bowl center Olin Kreutz, who flew home to Hawaii on Thursday following a two-day visit with the Dolphins. His agent, Mark Bartelstein, said Kreutz would likely decide Friday whether to accept a free-agent offer from Miami or re-sign with the Chicago Bears.

## Lady Bears advance to Big 12 finals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -11 assists as seventh-ranked Baylor beat No. 10 Iowa State 91-83 Thursday night to give the Lady Bears their first Big 12 Conference tournament title game appearance.

The second-seeded Lady Bears (26-4) will play top-seeded and fourth-ranked Oklahoma on Saturday in the championship

Baylor shot 53.7 percent and Sheila Lambert had 20 points and forced 21 turnovers by Iowa State (23-8) to win its eighth straight game. Danielle Crockrom added 18 points, Stasha Richards 17 Stephanie Blackmon had 16.

Angie Welle paced Iowa State with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Lindsey Wilson scored 24 and Tracey Gahan had 19.

Baylor started the second half with a 12-1 run.

## Del Rio honors Olympic bobsled medalist

the searing South Texas summer heat beat down on him during football practices many years ago, Todd Hays amused himself with visions of a winter wonderland.

"I always pictured myself on the icy slopes of Switzerland somewhere," he

And there he was two weeks ago, leading the U.S. Olympic bobsled team to a silver medal at the Winter Games in Salt Lake City against a similar backdrop.

It was the first time in 46 years that the United States earned a medal in the bobsled. Hays' hometown of Del Rio paid homage on Thursday with

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — As a celebratory Todd Hays Day. A police-escorted limousine took Hays to Ram Stadium, where he played football in his youth, for a ceremony complete with a parade and "torch run."

"I think every child dreams of coming home to a hero's welcome and today you made my dream come true," said Hays, wearing his silver medal, told more than 1,000 well-wishers at the stadium.

On Wednesday, Del Rio Mayor Dora Alcala gave Hays the key to the city.

Hays, 32, credited his hometown with molding him into a world-class athlete.

"My athletic foundation was laid in Del Rio," he told

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the San Antonio Express-News for its Friday editions."

One of Hays' four older brothers, Lee, saw a TV ad in 1994 mentioning bobsled tryouts in San Antonio and drove Hays to Fiesta Texas to audi-

The rest is Olympic history.

For Rudy Rodriguez, a coach at Del Rio Middle School who said he coached Hays in football and track, watching him compete on the world stage was a thrill.

"It made me feel like I was up there, like I was an Olympian," Rodriguez said.

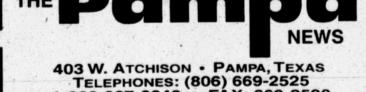
# Let's Talk Real Estate

by Jim Davidson Realtor SIZE MATTERS

After location, size is the single most Important factor considered by home-buyers. Living area, in terms of square footage, is generally defined as space intended for human occupancy that is heated, finished, and directly accessible from other living areas. Beyond that, real estate appraisers and lenders generally further distinguish betwee above-grade and below-grade areas If there is any living area that is access ble by interior stairs and has earth adjacent to any exterior wall, it may be considered below-grade. Harder to define as living areas are attics, bay windows, finished rooms over garages, enclosed breezeways, closets, laundry rooms, stairs and storage rooms, there is any question about what included in a square footage quote

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Gymnastics of Pampa's Optional Team members enjoy a break during a recent workout. The five gymnasts will compete in Levels 7 and 8 in the Junior Olympic program. They are (back) Kelby Doughty, Level 7; (front, 1-r) Lanie Bishop, Level 8; Lacie Thompson, Level 7; Lacie Long, Level 7, and Brittany Warminski, Level 7. Lacie Long will be attending the Level 7 Texas State Championship this weekend in Dallas. Lanie Bishop will be competing in the Level 8 state meet in Lancaster at the end of March.

Kansas State wins in overtime

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) left and the score tied at 73 points, Guinn had 12 and

"That's the kind of play

- Larry Reid took care of the when Wendell Greenleaf was Greenleaf finished with 11

we're going to have to make,"

said Woolridge, whose team

meets No. 4 Oklahoma in

Friday's quarterfinal game.

"Matt's a real blue-collar play-

layup for Kansas State (13-15)

with three seconds left, and

Siebrandt was fouled by R.T.

Guinn as he tried to put back

the basket at the end, we got hit

harder than Siebrandt did,'

Baylor coach Dave Bliss said.

"To call a foul with a second

his second shot - but also

missing the rim, giving the ball

to Baylor out of bounds -

Siebrandt stole the inbounds

second," Woolridge said. "I

forgot to add, 'Make sure you

pointers and 16 points for

Kansas State, and Pervis Pasco

had a double-double with 15

Baylor with 23 points and 10

rebounds. John Lucas added 16

Lawrence Roberts

points and 11 rebounds.

Nick Williams added four 3-

"Make the first, miss the

After deliberately missing

left is a little much."

"I thought when we went to

the rebound.

hit the rim."

Phineas Atchison missed a

pretty plays. Matt Siebrandt called for charging Siebrandt, points and seven assists.

#### Tumbling

PAMPA — Gymnastics of Pampa students recently participated in their annual tumbling meet.

The students competing ranged in age from 3 to 11 years old.

Results are as follows:

Level 1, 3 year olds: 1. Rhett Harden; 2. D.J. Ford; 3. Megan Brock; 4. MacKenzie Dull; 5. Angel Rosalez.

Level 1, 4 year olds: 1. Hailey Chambers; 2. Ashton Sims; 3. (tie) Kindle Hunt and Shelby Langley.

Level 1, 4 year old boys: 1. Corey Patulea; 2. Zachery Sandefur; 3. Lewis Abraham.

Level 1, 5-6 year olds: 1. Greg Smith; 2. Megan McCollum; 3. Shantae Foster: 4. Kenzie Griffin.

Level 1, 7-9 year olds: 1. (tie) Harley Jacobs and Bethany Casas; 2. (tie) Jennifer Hendrick and Monica Rodriquez.

Leve. 2, 5-7 year olds: 1. Taylor Giles; 2. Alison Alexander; 3. Mattie Eldridge; 4. Marlee Youree; 5. Chris Smith; 6. Caregan Niccum.

Level 2, 7 years and older: 1. Mary Jo Collier; 2. Shelbi Cross; 3. Ashley Parsley; 4. Angela Carlton; 5. Calysta Cook.

Level 3, 5-7 year olds: 1. Chelsie Griffin; 2. Kellyn Reeves; 3. Chrissy Di Tirro.

Level 3, 7 year olds: 1. Miranda Patterson; 2. Devin Chambers; 3. Lexi Urguhart; 4. Elyxes Anaya.

Level 3, 8 and up: 1. Mendy Cross; 2. Anna Lisa Parsley; 3. Samantha Kelly; 4. Erika Dodge; 5. Shelby McCollum.

Level 5, 8 years and up: 1. Stephanie Jasso; 2. Alex Romero; 3. Natosha Hayes.

Five of Lucas' points came

Roberts scored from the lane

in overtime; he gave Baylor its

last lead, 73-71, on a layup with

with 23.8 seconds left in regula-

tion, giving Baylor a 60-58

lead, but Reid hit a driving

layup with six seconds remain-

ing to send the game to over-

something off the glass," Reid

said. "I got to the lane, and it

time, a layup with 1:01 left, tied

30-all halftime tie, as streaky

shooting in the first half kept

either team from pulling away

the field in the first 7 1/2 min-

utes, while Kansas State missed

six of its first seven shots. The

Wildcats hit their next six

attempts and nine of their next

11, though, while Baylor was

just 4-for-16 (25 percent) for

A 15-5 run, capped by

Williams' basket with 7:42

remaining, gave Kansas State

its biggest lead of the half at 25-

the rest of the half.

Baylor went 7-for-10 from

just opened up.'

the game at 73.

"I was just trying to get

Reid's last points in over-

The two teams played to a

**BOWLING** Harvester Lanes League Individual Results

Wednesday Night Mixed League

High scratch series: Kelley Dewey 634; High scratch game: David Livingston 204; High handicap series: Kent Knowles 678; High handicap game: Keith Glassey 244-

High scratch series: Jackie Broadus 497; High scratch game: Billie Gowdy 178; High handicap series: Sherilyn Hoeltzel 649; High nandicap game: April Dewey 247.

Caprock League sociation Awards

Don Burch: 243, ABC award, 75 points over avg., game.

Steve Nolte: 748 ABC awards, 150 points over avg., series, and Eric Nord: 736, ABC awards 150 points over avg., series and 700 high series recognition; 300, ABC awards high game recognition

Week's Top Scores ligh scratch game: Eric Nord 300; High scratch series: Eric Nord 748; High handicap game: Eric Nord 320; High handicap series: Eric Nord 826.

(Week 22) Association Awards

eroy Hilbern: 684, ABC awards, 150 points over avg., series, and 600 high series recognition Week's Top Scores ligh scratch game: Jesse Cannon 257; High scratch series: Leroy Hilbern 684; High handicap game: Carl Graves 288; High handicap series: Leroy Hilbern 828.

BASKETBALL

Texas Women's Conference Tournament Glances All Times EST Big 12 Conference At Municipal Auditoriu Kansas City, Mo. Tuesday, March 5

Oklahoma State 92, Texas A&M 76 Texas 63, Kansas 61 Texas Tech 78, Missouri 51 Iowa State 74, Nebraska 55

Quarterfinals Wednesday, March 6 Oklahoma 87, Oklahoma State 56 Kansas State 79, Texas 63 Baylor 75, Texas Tech 60 Iowa State 58, Colorado 56

Thursday, March 7 Baylor 91, Iowa State 83

Saturday, March 9 Oklahoma vs. Baylor, 7 p.m. Conference USA At DePaul Athletic Center

Friday, March 1 Charlotte 58, Memphis 46 Louisville 83, Southern Mississippi 52 Tulane 62, Alabama-Birmingham 35 Saint Louis 43, Marquette 40 Quarterfinals Saturday, March 2

Houston 68, Charlotte 65 Cincinnati 80, Louisville 70 Tulane 88. DePaul 83 Texas Christian 68, Saint Louis 57 Sunday, March 3 Cincinnati 78, Houston 74 Tulane 80, Texas Christian 76, OT

Monday, March 4 Cincinnati 68, Tulane 56

First Round Tuesday, March 5 Texas-Arlington 68, Southwest Texas 64 Southeastern Louisiana 66, Texas-San Antonio 64 Thursday, March 7

Stephen F. Austin 78, Southeastern Louisiana 53 Northwestern State 66, Texas-Arlington 59 Nacogdoches, Texas

Northwestern State at Stephen F. Austin, 4:30 n.m.

Southwestern Athletic Conference Tuesday, March 5 Alabama State 73, Texas Southern 45

Jackson State 60, Alcorn State 46 Grambling State 83, Alabama A&M 75 thern University 69, Prairie View 44 At Fair Park Arena Birmingham, Ala.

Friday, March 8 Southern University vs. Jackson State, 1 p.m. Grambling State vs. Alabama State, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9

Sun Belt Conference At Lakefront Arena New Orleans First Round

Thursday, Feb. 28 New Mexico State 56, Arkansas-Little Rock 54 Middle Tennessee State 90, Louisiana-Lafavette 59

Saturday, March 2 North Texas 75, New Orleans 49 Sunday, March 3 Western Kentucky 64, South Alabama 49 Denver 78, Middle Tennessee State 63

Monday, March 4 North Texas 84, Western Kentucky 52 Florida International 80, Denver 65

Florida International 66, North Texas 49 Western Athletic Conference

At The Reynolds Center

## **S**COREBOARD

First Round Tuesday, March 5 Southern Methodist 73, Texas-El Paso 66

Boise State 65, Fresno State 54 Wednesday, March 6 Hawaii 45, Nevada 41

Rice 80. Southern Methodist 57 Louisiana Tech 70, Boise State 53 Tulsa 66, San Jose State 63 Semifinals Friday, March 8 Hawaii vs. Rice, 1 p.m.

Louisiana Tech vs. Tulsa, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9

Semifinal winners, 2 p.m. Men's Conference Tournament Glances By The Associated Press All Times EST **Big 12 Conference** 

At Kemper Arena First Round Thursday, March 7 Colorado 67, Nebraska 60 Texas Tech 80, Texas A&M 71 Kansas State 74, Baylor 73, OT

Missouri 79, Iowa State 59 Quarterfinals Friday, March 8 Kansas vs. Colorado, 1 p.m. Oklahoma State vs. Texas Tech, 3:30 p.m. Oklahoma vs. Kansas State, 7 p.m.

Texas vs. Missouri, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9 Kansas-Colorado winner vs. Oklahoma State-Texas Tech win-

ner, 2 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10

Conference USA At Firstar Center Wednesday, March 6 Louisville 110, Texas Christian 86 Houston 58, East Carolina 49 South Florida 65, Alabama-Birmingham 62 Tulane 50, Saint Louis 47 **Ouarterfinals** 

Thursday, March 7 Marquette 84, Louisville 76 Houston 80, Memphis 74 Cincinnati 79, South Florida 57 Charlotte 78, Tulane 69 Semifinals

Friday, March 8 Marquette vs. Houston, 5 p.m. Cincinnati vs. Charlotte, 7:30 p.m. Championship Saturday, March 9 Semifinal winners, 11:45 a.m.

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First Round Monday, March 4 Texas-San Antonio 99, Southwest Texas 83 Lamar 53, Stephen F. Austin 36 Wednesday, March 6 McNeese State 71. Lamar 57

Louisiana-Monroe 64, Texas-San Antonio 62 At Burton Coliseun Lake Charles, La. Saturday, March 9 Louisiana-Monroe at McNeese State, Noon

Southwestern Athletic Conference First Round Tuesday, March 5 Alcorn State 108, Grambling State 84 Texas Southern 68, Mississippi Valley State 61 Alabama A&M 114, Prairie View 82 Alabama State 60, Jackson State 56 At Fair Park Arena

Semifinals Friday, March 8 Alcorn State vs. Texas Southern, 6:30 p.m. Alabama State vs. Alabama A&M, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 9

Semifinal winners, 6:30 n.m. Sun Belt Conference At Lakefront Arens **New Orlean** 

Friday, March 1 Arkansas State 58, Denver 53 North Texas 84, Florida International 71 Middle Tennessee 48. South Alabama 47 Quarterfinals Saturday, March 2 Louisiana-Lafavette 74. Arkansas State 59 Western Kentucky 82, North Texas 68 Sunday, March 3

Arkansas-Little Rock 71 New Orleans 67 New Mexico State 63, Middle Tennessee 48 Monday, March 4 ouisiana-Lafayette 67, Arkansas-Little Rock 53 Western Kentucky 73, New Mexico State 72

Western Kentucky 76, Louisiana-Lafayette 70 Western Athletic Conference At The Reynolds Center Tulsa, Okla. First Round Tuesday, March 5 San Jose State 58, Rice 57 Boise State 73, Texas-El Paso 72, OT Thursday, March 7 Hawaii 71, San Jose State 56 Nevada 72, Southern Methodist

Fresno State 72, Louisiana Tech 69 Tulsa 72, Boise State 53 Friday, March 8 Hawaii vs. Nevada, 7 p.m. Fresno State vs. Tulsa, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9

# Gordon out with shoulder injury; Pujols sprains ankle

By The Associated Press

made the gritty ones.

tournament.

Between them, they man-

Reid went scoreless for the

first 29 minutes of Thursday

night's 74-73 overtime win

over Baylor — then strung

together a series of 3-pointers

and driving layups to lead the

ed. He wasn't doing the things

we needed him to do," Kansas

State coach Jim Woolridge said

of Reid's slow offensive start.

"In the second half, I thought

seeded Kansas State (13-15) in

the game with his late heroics

- he had eight points in the

extra period and hit the

Wildcats' final field goals in

Siebrandt's willingness to take

a different sort of shot put

Kansas State in position to win

late in overtime, including one

that led to the game-winning

free throw with 1.4 seconds

had the ball with 33 seconds

Ninth-seeded Baylor (14-16)

He drew two critical fouls

the game.

both regulation and overtime -

While Reid kept seventh-

"I told him I was disappoint-

Wildcats with 21 points.

he had a gutsy effort."

aged to get Kansas State into

the quarterfinals of the Big 12

The Chicago Cubs are searching for a new closer after Tom Gordon went down with an injury. The St. Louis Cardinals feel fortunate that Rookie of the Year Albert Pujols only sprained his ankle.

On a day when injuries made the biggest news at spring training, the Cubs learned Thursday that Tom Gordon has a "severe" shoulder injury and will be sidelined for the foreseeable future.

The Cubs had counted on Gordon to come back strong from an injury-plagued season. Instead, a second MRI exam Thursday confirmed their worst fears.

"It's a significant injury that's going to require significant time off," Cubs president Andy MacPhail said. "We don't have a time frame yet.

"We don't know the sever-

ity of it, but we know it's Cubs trainer Dave Tumbas

said the injury occurred in the back of Gordon's right shoul-Minus Gordon, the Cubs

will use Kyle Farnsworth and Jeff Fassero to close games. They both held the job last year when Gordon was hurt, but Cubs manager Don Baylor really wanted to use them in setup roles.

"It's a blow," Baylor said. "But we can't give up the season because we lost Flash."

Pujols left the Cardinals' exhibition game in Jupiter, Fla., with a sprained left ankle after stepping awkwardly on the bag at first.

Pujols was trying to beat

out a grounder to third in the want it to be," manager Joe been quick, so I think this second inning against Philadelphia's Brandon Duckworth when he was hurt. He was down for several minutes in foul territory just outside of first before leaving the

"It looked scary to all of us," manager Tony La Russa said. "The fact he walked off, I think he was more upset at himself than anything else. I think there isn't anything serious there."

Pujols' status is day-to-day. and he will be evaluated Friday. The Cardinals won the game 5-0.

In other injury news, Jason Giambi's left hamstring/still hasn't healed, and the New York Yankees' first baseman won't return to the lineup until at least Saturday.

"It's not as good as you"

Torre said. "It's not an injury. It's tightness in there."

Giambi missed two games last week because of left hamstring tightness, and his leg stiffened during Monday's game against Minnesota.

Meanwhile, shortstop Derek Jeter could return to the Yankees' lineup by the weekend. He has been out since Sunday because of a strained neck muscle and probably won't play until next week. San Francisco's Jeff Kent is

optimistic about returning to the Giants' lineup by opening

Kent left for the Bay Area on Sunday for tests on the broken bone in his left wrist, which revealed minor ligament damage. He returned to Arizona to begin rehab work. "My rehab history has prognosis is good for us," Kent said. Royals 2, Tigers 1

At Haines City, Fla., Mike

Sweeney homered Detroit's Jeff Weaver in a matchup between the main players from one of last season's most spectacular brawls. Astros 4, Dodgers 2

At Kissimmee, Fla., Wade Miller pitched four scoreless innings in his second spring start to help Houston defeat Los Angeles.

Devil Rays 8, Yankees 5

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Wilmy Caceres and Troy O'Leary had two-run singles during a five-run seventhinning as Tampa Bay beat New York. Red Sox 1, Orioles 1

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., John Burkett extended his

Thursday as Boston tied Baltimore in a game called after seven innings because of

string of hitless innings to six

Marlins 8, Twins 5

At Melbourne, Minnesota's Brad Radke gave up one run in three innings before Florida rallied from a four-run deficit to win. Rangers (ss) 7, Blue Jays 3

At Dunedin, Fla., Hideki Irabu threw three shutout innings as Texas beat Toronto. Indians 6, Braves 2 At Kissimmee, Fla., Jim

Thome and Bruce Aven each hit two-run homers to help Cleveland beat Atlanta. Mariners 5, Cubs 2

At Mesa, Ariz., Jamie Moyer allowed one run in three innings, and Dan Wilson had three hits as Seattle beat Chicago.



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## Horoscope

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; seen this person like this. Remember, 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult lock others into specific roles. Let your ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* \* Clear the airways, return all and about.

favorite TV show.

and regroup. Delay actions until stay close to home, all the better. Good conversation. In fact, you talk so much Thursday. feelings surround you. Tonight: Think that you could wind up with laryngitis. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Monday. \*\* \* Establish your flexibility when This Week: Others run with the ball. You AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This Week: On Monday, Tuesday and Reschedule your time in order to have Wednesday, you have what you want, time to spare here. Often, you get way Nudge others on the right path. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\* \* Listen well to another who has to you. Tonight: Add more mischief to hard look at your budget. Find an expert

ture to your plans. You discover that you whelmed right now. You might see day- \* \* You cannot avoid a get-together, have a good time wherever you are light on Thursday, if you're lucky. Tonight: Curl up with a good book. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) This Week: Take charge when others \* \* \* You might not have the whole appearance elsewhere. Strangely

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll one's reaction. You might not have ever calls and answer e-mail this morning. This Week: Let another do whatever he CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

the mold in your thinking about an VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) important person. Tonight: Relax to a \*\*\* Loosen up with a domestic allows a sense of control. Make your This Week: If you think you misunder- and allow another to have his or her way, trate on a project. Tonight: 'Get a good stood someone, you probably did. In any this person changes his or her mind. night's sleep.

the ride. Oddly enough, you enjoy your- Thursday. self much more than you thought you LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

could radically change your opinion This Week: Work, work and more work becomes you. about this person. Add a touch of adven- is your week's theme. You could be over- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

you're all smiles. CANCER (June 21-July 22) you might need to make too much of an you burn the candle at both ends.

This Week: Detach from immediate than you think. Express your ideas and Norris (1940) news. Do research before you make a connect on a deeper level. You might not

adjustment to make this person happy. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

14s Plumbing/Heat

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\* \* \* Your perspective could be changed substantially because of someeveryone changes, and sometimes we

Plans form that could be unusual and or she needs to do. You actually might innovative. Ask friends and/or family to have more similarities in your thinking You just might be happiest working on join you in this special happening. Break than you are aware of. Work as a team. matter or a family issue. Once you flex calls early in the day so you can concen-

a partner does a reversal. Though you have little choice but to go along with the \*\*\* The spotlight highlights you. might not be thrilled, you go along for program. Get into a proposal on Seize the moment to do something you would. Have more fun by breaking out of \*\*\* \* Use your imagination with a a party or while visiting. Your creativity rigid constraints. Tonight: Get a head child or a loved one. You delight another when you relax with him or her.

your life.

back off. You have unusual ideas that picture. Think in terms of expansion. A enough, once you get going, you might win you acknowledgment. On Thursday, change on the home front might not be actually enjoy yourself. Don't think preventable. Explore your options so that about what you would like to do, but when the time comes, you're not cor- rather what you are doing. Tonight: \* \* Someone might need some nered or upset. Include a family member Snuggle. focused time. Enjoy a playmate and get in talks. Tonight: Enjoy a favorite meal. This Week: You hit your high days of the together with him or her. Your ability to This Week: Creativity plays a role, Take month Monday through Wednesday. understand someone comes out, making an idea and bat it around with others. You're unstoppable. Others simply step this person more comfortable. However, Better concepts develop. On Thursday, out of your way. That's more like it!

always understand those around you. Use a leisurely chat over a meal to learn how another ticks. Superficial knowledge

won't satisfy either of you. Tonight: At a favorite spot This Week: Consider working from home more often. Deal with someone loved ones be who they are. Tonight: Out directly on Thursday. You get excellent

\* \* \* \* Take your time making plans

your taxes or paying bills. To others, this

activity might feel dreary, but for you, it

case, it gives another more time to think Relax and enjoy the moment. If you can This Week: Don't think you can avoid a

would really like to do. Others gather around you, whether at a favorite spot, at

surges to a new level when in the right

company. Sharing ideas and brainstorm-

ing can be just for fun. Tonight: It's your

Lay low from Thursday on.

too busy to enjoy yourself and others. This Week: Expenses go overboard with-Stop. Look around. See what is available out you doing hardly anything. Take a

if you need to. You'll find that success

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\* \* Others understand you better Osama bin Laden (1957), actor Chuck

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## **Coloring Contest winners**





The Pampa News recently held a coloring contest open to children between the ages of 4-11. Megan Brock, 4, took top honors with her entry, left, in the 4-7 age division while Julie Schuneman's entry, right, won the 8-11 division. Each received \$25 in Pampa Bucks.

## Astronauts wrestling with camera on Hubble

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) — In the fifth and final spacewalk of their mission, shuttle Columbia astronauts went back out Friday to try to revive a disabled infrared camera on the Hubble Space Telescope.

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It is a last-ditch attempt by NASA to open the camera's

infrared eyes so that they can peer once again into the dark, dusty regions of the universe. Officials consider the cooling system experimental and insist they will not be overly disappointed if it does not work.

Mission Control started the spacewalk late to give Columbia's crew time to recover from Thursday's excursion, which went long.

"It's four down and one to go," Mission Control told the astronauts. "It's been a grueling couple of days, but to see you guys work, you'd never know it."

Grunsfeld and Linnehan unbolted the door to the telescope bay containing the infrared camera, then removed the new cooling system from Columbia and carried it up to the open compartment for installation.

"It's nice to see an old friend," said Grunsfeld, who was on the last servicing mission in 1999.

The comatose camera — the Near Infrared Camera and Multi-Object Spectrometer, or Nicmos for short — was launched to Hubble in 1997. But it stopped working in 1999 when a small heat leak caused its supply of nitrogen ice to run out early. The ice was needed to keep the infrared detectors at their operating temperature of minus-350 degrees.

# Universe beige not turquoise

WASHINGTON (AP) — The color of the universe is not an intriguing pale turquoise, as astronomers recently announced. It's actually beige — and a rather ordinary beige at that.

Two Johns Hopkins University astronomers announced in January they had averaged all the colors from the light of 200,000 galaxies and concluded that if the human eye could see this combined hue, it would be a sprightly pale green. That, they said, was the color of the universe.

But Karl Glazebrook and Ivan Baldry said Thursday that their conclusion was wrong. They had been tripped up by flawed software that was uncovered by color engineers who checked their data.

"It is embarrassing," Glazebrook said. "But this is science. We're not like politicians. If we make mistakes, we admit them. That's how science works."

The effect of the error was that the computer picked a non-standard white from its electronic palette and mixed it with the other colors to come up with the turquoise. When the error was corrected and replaced with a standard white index, beige was the result, Glazebrook said.

"It looks like beige," he said.
"I don't know what else to call it.
I would welcome suggestions."

In January, Baldry called the turquoise "cosmic spectrum green." But the pair offered no fancy name for the new beige hue.

# Republicans delay vote on Pickering

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans demanded one more week to try to prevent Charles Pickering from becoming the first judicial nominee to be publicly defeated in a Senate committee in more than a decade.

In a heated Senate Judiciary Committee hearing Thursday, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, delayed the vote for the federal appeals court nominee, saying "extreme left" interest groups were "lynching" the Mississippi jurist by opposing him

Committee members can automatically get a one-week delay on a nomination. The earliest the committee can now vote on Pickering would be next Thursday.

But the committee's majority Democrats insist they still will not approve the nomination. Pickering "does not have majority support in this committee," Sen. Richard Durbin, D-III., told Republicans.

Rejection of Pickering, a U.S. District Court judge, would be a setback for President Bush in a prelude to possible future Supreme Court vacancy fights. Bush invited Pickering to the Oval Office on Wednesday to help bolster his nomination. \*

The last time a judge was voted down in committee was 1991, when the Senate Judiciary Committee voted against Kenneth Ryskamp in his attempt for a seat on the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The White House, Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi and Judiciary Committee Republicans all said they would use the extra week to sway one Democrat to at least vote to send Pickering's nomination to the full Senate for a vote. Right now, Pickering would likely be defeated 10-9 in a committee vote, with all Democrats opposing him.

Republicans want the nomination sent out of committee and to the Senate floor, where all 100 senators could vote, and where Pickering's supporters say they could prevail. But Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., says Pickering will not get a Senate vote if the committee does not vote him out.

"There may be an opportunity to persuade people, if not to vote for Judge Pickering, which I think is a foregone conclusion, but to at least take the lesser step of reporting him to the floor," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa.

It also would give Pickering time to decide whether he wants to withdraw his nomination. Lott, one of Pickering's biggest supporters, said last week Pickering would have to "decide whether he wants to go forward with a vote if the votes aren't there."

If confirmed, Pickering would sit on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, which serves Mississippi, Texas and Louisiana.

Much of the opposition to Pickering, 64, has come from civil rights groups which say he supported segregation as a young man in Mississippi. But supporters point to numerous examples of support for civil rights as far back as the middle to late 1960s and note that Pickering won Senate confirmation in 1990 to be a U.S. District judge.

Hatch said groups lobbying against Pickering are politically motivated. "There is a new war over circuit nominees, and they demand that the Democrats do whatever possible to stop or slow the confirmation of these fine nominees," Hatch said.

The Utah senator's lynching remark echced Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas's angry claim 11 years ago that he was the victim of a "high-tech lynching for uppity blacks." Thomas ultimately was confirmed after the committee agreed to send his nomination to the Senate floor.

