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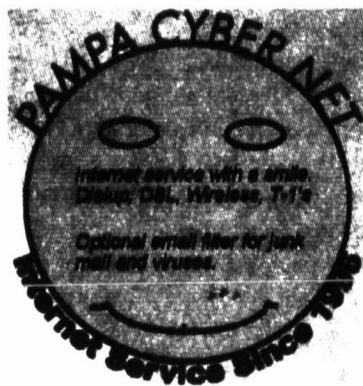
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STAND meeting scheduled Tuesday

AMARILLO — STAND of Amarillo will sponsor a water discussion group and a panel discussion with J. Robert Oppenheimer on March 4 and 7 respectively. The water discussion will take place from 6:30-9 p.m., Tuesday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Amarillo. The panel discussion will begin at 7:30 p.m., at Amarillo College West Campus Auditorium in Amarillo. Cost to attend the Oppenheimer talk is \$10 per person or \$5 for students.

STATE

State budget cuts may impact TAKS

AUSTIN (AP) — State budget cuts could mean there wouldn't not be enough money to prepare students for a tougher standardized test. Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis told lawmakers Monday.

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Two women arrested on meth charges

Two women were in Gray County jail today in lieu of bond on drug-related charges.

Alva Dee Boaz, 31, of Lefors, and Shawna Gail Henry, 36, 1023 N. Wells, were arrested at Boaz' home in Lefors after Gray County Constable James Lewis and Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Bruce Burrell found what appeared to be a meth lab.

Boaz was in the Gray County jail today on charges of possession or transportation of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Henry was in jail charged with possession or transportation of chemicals

with intent to manufacture a controlled substance. Henry was also charged with possession of a controlled substance, less than a gram, and with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfinan set bond on the intent to manufacture charge at \$25,000 for each woman. He set bond for Henry on the possession charge at \$10,000.

Sheriff Don Copeland said today that Constable Lewis and Deputy Burrell had gone to Boaz residence at 113 McLean Street in Lefors about 5:30 p.m. to serve civil papers evicting Boaz from the house.

When the officers entered the house, Copeland said, they noticed an odor usually associated with making methamphetamine.

They notified the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force.

A search of the house resulting in officers finding items, including a tank of anhydrous ammonia, that are used in manufacturing methamphetamine.

A Drug Enforcement Agency-certified team was called in from Sherman, Tex., to remove the hazardous material.

Gray County deputies said Monday morning.

Gray County Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing said today that local law enforcement officers have made closing down meth labs in the area a priority.

"There's not nearly as much cooking go on now as there was a year ago," Rushing said. "We feel like we've been able to stem the tide, but it's a continuing priority with the sheriff's office."

Rushing said that in addition to the arrests that have been made, the number of successful prosecutions have impacted the drug trade in Gray County.

PISD board members will be opposed in May

By NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR

Both school board incumbents have opposition in the upcoming election. With two weeks before the deadline, only the incumbents in the city commission race have filed for office.

Both incumbent members of the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees will have opponents in the May 3 election.

Board President Lee Porter is being challenged by Thomas Barton for the Place 5 position on the board.

Nancy Coffee, incumbent office holder in Place 4, is also being challenged. James "Jimmy" Goode is seeking to unseat Coffee on the board.

In the City of Pampa City Commission race, all three incumbents on the commission are seeking to keep their positions.

Mayor Lonny Robbins, who is in his first term on the commission, has announced he will seek another term at the helm of local government.

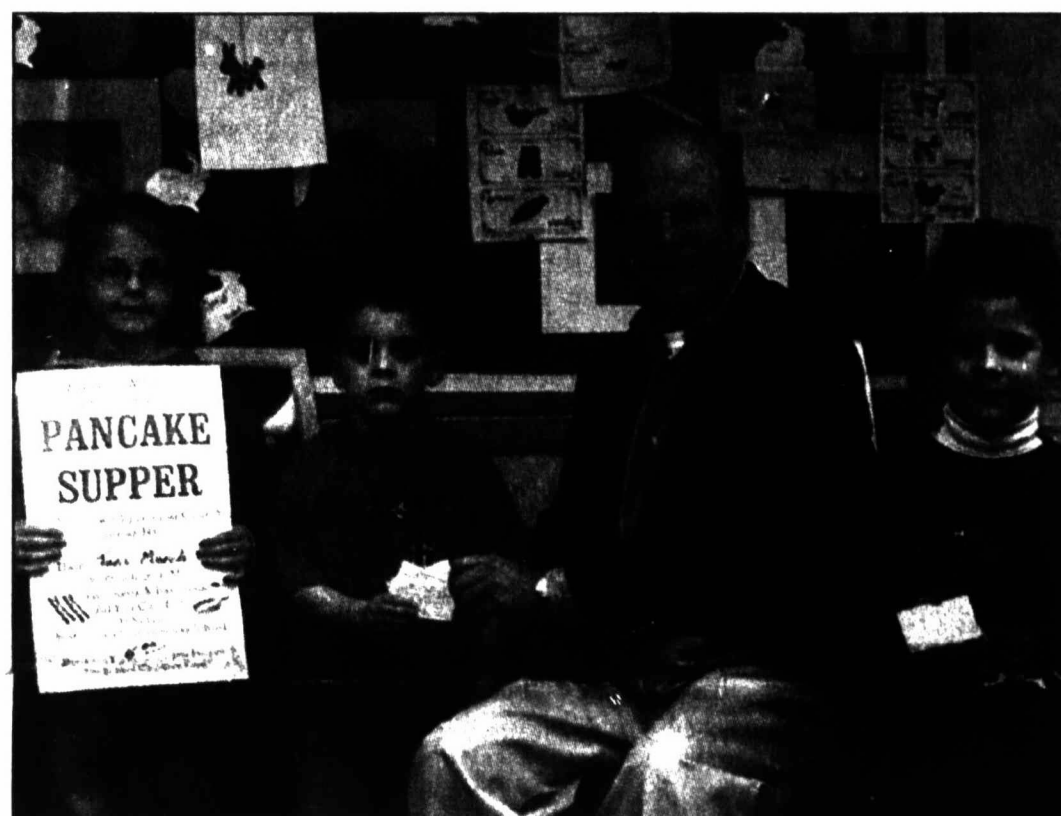
Veteran councilmen Jeff McCormick and Bob Dixon have filed to retain their positions on the council. McCormick represents Ward 1 while Dixon is the Ward 3 commissioner.

Only the incumbents have filed, said City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers Monday morning.

Deadline for filing for the positions on the city commission and school board is at 5 p.m. on March 19. The election will be on May 3.

All candidates must file in person for city commission at Pampa City Hall or school board at Pampa Independent School District's Carver Center.

Pancake Time....



(Courtesy photo)

Students, staff and volunteers at St. Matthew's Day School get ready for their 49th annual Pancake Supper, Tuesday, March 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. Josie Aler holds the pancake supper sign while Jett Richards gets his tickets from Hal Cree, supper chairman. Chase Cree has his tickets to sell, too. Tickets are \$5 for all-you-can-eat pancakes and bacon.

Supreme Court considers health care fraud case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court considered Monday how far the government can go to make a delusional dentist well enough to stand trial for health fraud charges.

Dr. Charles Sell sees imaginary leopards, believes the FBI is trying to kill him and wants to go into combat. He is locked up in a psychiatric unit while the Supreme

Court decides if the 53-year-old can be forced to take anti-psychotic drugs.

Justices seemed conflicted with the question before them: How to balance the government's interest in punishing nonviolent crime with a person's constitutionally right to control his or her body?

Despite his delusions, Sell can behave normally and knows that

he does not want to be put on powerful drugs, justices were told by attorney Barry Short.

"Then he should be able to stand trial," Justice Antonin Scalia interrupted.

Justice Anthony Kennedy asked if prosecutors should be allowed to medicate defendants, and witnesses, all in the name of justice.

"Could you send your guy out there with a needle the day before the trial ... so that he behaves the way the government wants him to at trial?" Kennedy asked the government lawyer.

Later, Kennedy told the attorney, "I do not understand your basic authority to do this at all."

The justices were hearing arguments in a follow-up to a 1992

court ruling that defendants can be forced to take drugs only if it is medically appropriate.

Sell's case raises questions that could apply more broadly to, for example, government programs requiring vaccinations against anthrax or school mandates that children with hyperactivity or attention deficit disorder take drugs to remain in class.

Clean Pampa Inc. wants your old telephone books

By NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR

Got old telephone directories that need to be recycled? Clean Pampa, Inc. has a solution.

Telephone Book Recycling 2003 has begun.

With the distribution of 2003-2004 Amarillo/Canyon telephone directories due out soon, Clean Pampa is sponsoring its annual recycling program.

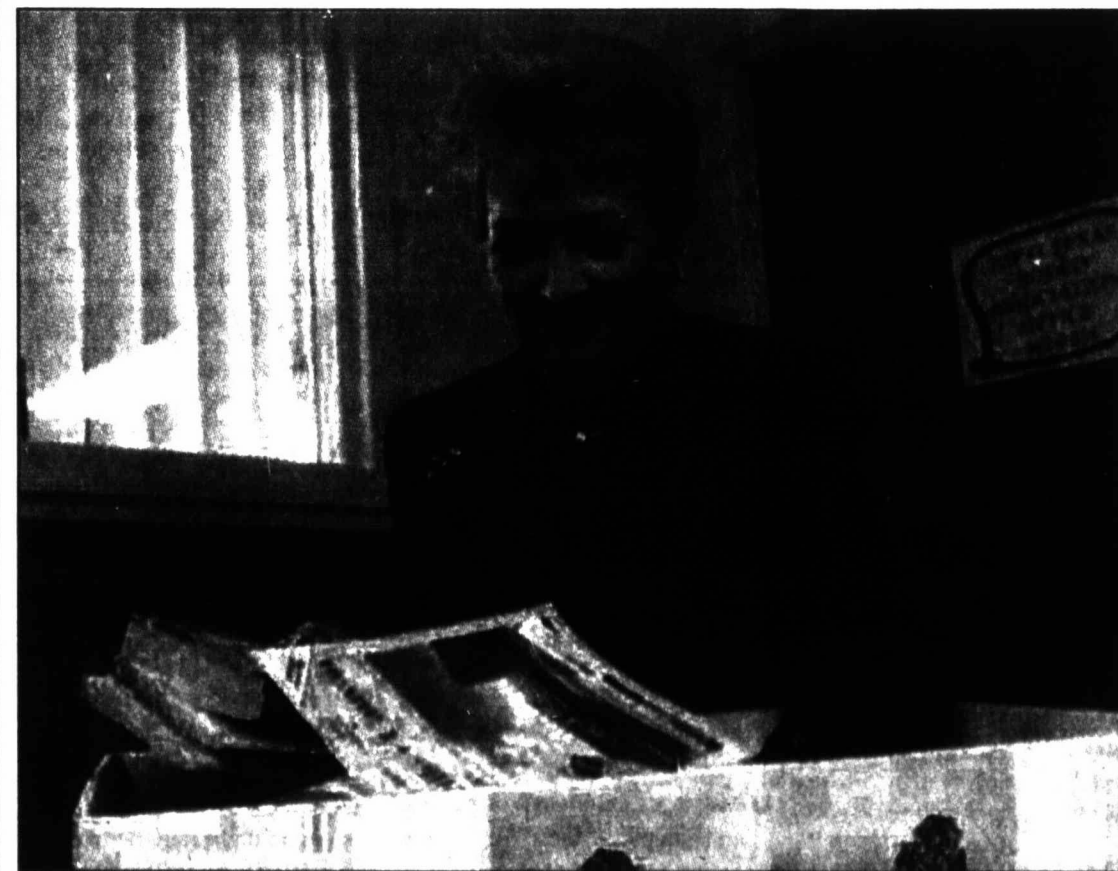
Drop-off boxes are located at several locations in Pampa. They are First American Bank, 221 N. Gray; Pampa Chamber of Commerce, Pampa Post Office, Combs-Worley Building, First Bank Southwest and Pampa Regional Medical Center.

The phone books may also be taken to the Clean Pampa office on 836 W. Foster during normal business hours — Mondays through Fridays, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

In addition to Amarillo/Canyon telephone directories, Clean Pampa encourages that any and all other obsolete phone books be included for recycling in the program.

Paula Goff, Clean Pampa Office Manager, said, "Last year 1,290 pounds of 'old' phone books were collected at our various drop-off locations. It's easy. It's simple. And, it works!"

The recycling project is in effect through March 24. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Clean Pampa at 665-2514.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Katrina Bigham deposits outdated phone directories in the receptacle at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce office. Clean Pampa is accepting the old phone books for recycling at several local locations for several more weeks.

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

WADE, Nelle — 2 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Vernon.

CLED KETCHERSID
1927-2003

VERNON — Cled Ketchersid, 75, a lifelong Vernon resident, died Friday, Feb. 28, 2002, at a hospital in Vernon. Services were to be at 11 a.m., today in Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel with Brett Hogland and Bill Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Eastview Cemetery under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home of Vernon.

Mr. Ketchersid was born Oct. 6, 1927, at Fargo, to the late Frank Ketchersid and Birdie Wilson Ketchersid. He was raised at Fargo and graduated from Northside High School. He worked for Les Hamilton at Vernon then moved to Lubbock in 1949 where he was employed with South Planks Electric. He was self-employed with Electrical and Telephone Power Line Company in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma for 26 years.

He was chairman of Power &

Communication Contractors Association Insurance from 1980-1987.

He was a member of Chillicothe Church of Christ.

He married Frances Tooley on Aug. 16, 1947, at Jackson Springs. The couple lived in Plainview for 28 years prior to relocating to Chillicothe in 1989.

He was preceded in death by a brother and four sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; two daughters, Sherry Watson of McLean and Jo Ann Moore of Vernon; two sons, Jimmy Ketchersid and Bobby Ketchersid, both of Lubbock; a sister, Virginia King of Vernon; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Tipton's Childrens Home.

LARRY E. SHULTZ
1941-2003

HOUSTON — Larry E. Shultz, Sr., 61, passed away Feb. 28, 2003. Larry was born on June 2, 1941, in Arnett, Okla. He is survived by his loving wife, Daisy; children, Debbie Copeland and husband Todd, Bradley Shultz and wife Tracy, and Larry Shultz, Jr., and wife Wendy; his mother, Geraldine Shultz; his grandchildren, Danielle, Desiree and Kevin

Copeland and Lauren and Hunter Shultz; his brother, Gordon Shultz; and his sisters, Shirley Ray and Punky Daniels. Visitation was held on Sunday, March 2, 2003, from 5 until 7 p.m. with Rosary recited at 6 p.m., in the chapel of Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m., today at Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home in Houston.

NELLE WADE
1929-2003

VERNON — Nelle Wade, 73, died Friday, Feb. 28, 2003, at a hospital in Vernon. Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Ron Fox officiating. Burial will be in Wilbarger Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home of Vernon.

Mrs. Wade was born March 9, 1929, at Augustus, Ga., to the late Emmett Arnette and Reba Reynolds Arnette. She married Steve Wade on May 8, 1929, at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

She moved to Vernon 1966, she was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, was state president of

WMU, Red Ford Association president, was a Sunday school teacher and a G.A. and Acteen leader.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Steve; a son, Jamie Wade of Vernon; a daughter, Sheila Lindsay of Pampa; a stepson, Steven E. Wade of Hawkins; two sisters, Jeanie Brewer of Ardmore, Okla., and Alyce Roberts of Rosehill, N.C.; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7-8 p.m., today at the funeral home.

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 48 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, March 2

Adam Joseph Metz, 22, Amarillo, was arrested by TABC agents on charges of public intoxication.

Deborah Walsh Dalton, 51, McLean, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Mark Allen Haynes, 34, 628 Roberta, was arrested by Pampa police officers on burglary charges.

Deana Romona Vargas, 23, 1201 E.

Frederic, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of theft, failure to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

Richard Eugene Brookshire, 32, 1120 E. Kingsmill, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of assault and causing bodily injury to a family member.

Antonio Andy Vela, 22, of Pampa, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and on traffic warrants.

Terry Renee Lemons, 46, 1829 N. Banks, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of theft by check.

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Friday, February 28

A 1991 ford pickup, driven by Brian Cole Watts, 19, 2631 Cherokee, was in collision with a 2000 Oldsmobile driven by Richard West Stowers, 76, 2015 Charles, in the 1500 block of North Hobart. Watts was cited for

failure to control speed.

Saturday, March 1

A 1999 Honda, driven by Joshua Granillo Mendoza, 16, of Denver City, was in collision with a 1993 Chevrolet pickup, driven by Karen Renee Deanda, 35, 415 Warren, at the intersection of Wilks and Hobart. Mendoza was cited for an improper turn.

AMBULANCE

Rural Metro Ambulance responded to the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Feb. 28

5:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Gray and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Saturday, March 1

5:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to two separate calls approximately 5-miles east on Highway 60. No patients were transported.

7:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 1100 Neel Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded approximately 10 miles east on Highway 60 and transported one to PRMC.

10:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Dogwood. No patient was transported.

11:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North West Street and transported one to PRMC.

2:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

3:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Children's Hospital in Dallas.

5:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of North Cuyler and transported one to PRMC.

5:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Gray and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, March 2

12:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of East Kingsmill and transported a patient to PRMC.

2 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported one to PRMC.

11:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist-St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.

8 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Nelson and transported one to PRMC.

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 72 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, February 28

A 16-year-old was detained in connection with drugs.

Brian Dupree Perry was arrested in the 1100 block of Neel on disorderly conduct charges.

The theft of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1500 block of North Coffee.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 800 block of North Dwight.

Harassment was reported in the 600 block of Frederic.

A disorderly conduct report was made to the police department.

Almost \$4,000 worth of jewelry, cash and CDs was reported in the 1700 block of North Coffee.

A model tire was found at the intersection of Harvester and Coffee.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of South Farley.

Saturday, March 1

An electric guitar was reported stolen in the 1100 block of Duncan.

Culberson Stowers reported that someone had scratched new cars on their lot.

Sunday, March 2

Broken car windows were reported to the police department.

Richard Brookshire, 32, 1120 E. Kingsmill, was arrested on charges of assault and causing bodily injuries to a family member.

Car windows were broken out in the 800 block of East Scott.

Deana Romana Vargas, 23, 1201 E. Frederic, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Signs were reported broken out at the First Christian Church, Grace Baptist Church and New Life Assembly of God Church.

More than \$500 in cash and an electronic scanner were reported stolen in the 800 block of West Foster.

Terry Renea Lemons, 46, 1829 N. Banks, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and on traffic warrants.

A dent in the side of a pickup and a broken driver's side mirror were reported in the 1500 block of North Nelson.

Shoplifting was reported at Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Feb. 28

3:10 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a structure fire at 1108 S. Christy.

10:19 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist at 2628 Dogwood.

Saturday, March 1

12:29 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check at 706 Frost.

7:52 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident at Highway 60 and Highway 70.

Sunday, March 2

3:56 p.m. — Three units and five firefighters responded to a heater treater fire 14 miles southwest of Pampa.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	3.17	KMI	45.41	-0.12
Milo	3.77	XCEL	11.20	+0.11
Corn	4.31	Kerr McGee	41.35	+0.11
Soybeans	4.95	Limited	12.01	+0.13
		Williams	3.86	+0.05
		McDonalds	13.63	+0.02

The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Exxon Mobil	34.54	+0.52
Atmos	21.40	+0.12
Pioneer Nat	26.23	+0.08
Penney's	19.48	-0.37
COP	51.70	+1.00
Schlumberger	41.53	-0.08
Tenneco	2.30	-0.05

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Wal-Mart:

CVX	64.92	+0.75
Wal-Mart	48.33	+0.27
OKE	17.44	+0.21
NS Group	8.25	-0.20
BP	38.90	+0.79
Celanese	20.09	+0.19
Cabot Corp	21.94	+0.04
Cabot Oil Gas	24.28	+0.21
Coca Cola	39.94	-0.28
VLO	39.19	+0.18
New York Gold	349.95	
Silver	4.60	
West Texas Crude	36.60	

Declaration of Texas' independence observed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — At the shrine of Texas' independence, hundreds helped celebrate the 167th anniversary of the state's freedom from Mexico in a ceremony with prayers, songs — and sounds from Scotland.

While speakers Sunday described the importance of the state's turbulent history, a wreath of flowers was placed outside the Alamo entrance to the music of bagpipes.

Texans declared independence from Mexico on March 2, 1836, as Mexican Gen. Santa Anna's forces surrounded the mission, which now is located in downtown San Antonio.

"You just feel it," said Ben Taylor, 26, an engineering student from Tennessee who was with his wife, Ashley. "It's just the ambience of the place."

Some of the 250 people at the Texas Independence Day ceremony included out-of-state residents who still follow Texas history.

"Texas pride is wonderful," said Rick Taylor, a self-described "Alamo nut" who lives in Neptune, N.J., with his wife, Gail. "(Texans) have a lot to be proud of."

The Taylors, standing near the area where the battle took place 167 years ago, recounted historical facts that would

make many Texans tip their hats.

"What they did here is unique in military history," Taylor told the San Antonio Express-News in Monday's editions. "They were so outnumbered, and they even knew beforehand that they would be given no quarter."

City Briefs

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BACON & Pancakes, all trimmings, St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 727 W. Brownring, Tues., Mar. 4th, 5-8 p.m. Tickets \$5, pre-school free.

MEREDITH HOUSE has a 1 bedroom apartment avail, suitable for a couple, licensed assisted living, 665-5668.

SMALL GIFT and Party Shop for sale in Pampa. For more info. call 806-662-7857.

WEATHER FOCUS

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Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the lower 60s and southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy with lows in the mid 30s and south winds

10 to 20 mph. Tuesday should see partly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 50s. West winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

STATEWIDE

Cool temperatures and cloudy skies will be the norm over the state today. South Texas should see rain in some areas, with a possibility in North Texas and southern West Texas. No severe weather is forecast.

Tuesday should be dry. By the end of the week nearly all areas should warm to the 60s and 70s, but with increasing chances of rain beginning Thursday. Sunday's temperatures

ranged from a high of 79 degrees at Brownsville to an overnight low of 21 at Dalhart.

West Texas should be pleasant this week, with partly cloudy skies and highs ranging from the mid 50s to mid 60s. Scattered thunderstorms are forecast today in an area south of Abilene, including San Angelo and Brownwood. Temperatures will warm up somewhat through the week, then cool back on Friday, with a slight chance of showers in the south and far west Friday. The far west should be windy Tuesday, with a slight chance of showers forecast late Tuesday and Wednesday. South Texas will be mostly cloudy this week, with cool temperatures giving way to temperatures in the 60s and 70s by the end of the week. Central South Texas should see showers and thunderstorms today, generally north of a Laredo-to-Corpus Christi line.

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4-H Photo workshop



(Community Camera photo by Judy Elliott)

Several Gray County 4-H students participated in a workshop at Amarillo College recently. The workshop was conducted by instructor Danny Spence who explained, among other things, how to develop photos, discussing the creation of test prints, contact sheets and the enlargement process. The 4-Hers will have the opportunity to participate in the Gray County 4-H Photography Contest in March. Above: (front, left-right) Brittany Chisum, Chloe Zedlitz, Hilary Zedlitz, Emily Jackson; (back, l-r) Dustin Neef, Emily Elliott, Matricia Davis, Drake Jackson and Sarah Schwab.

12-year-old Gordon cowgirl reserve champion of cutting horse finals

HOUSTON (AP) — The new reserve champion of the World Cutting Horse Competition is a 12-year-old cowgirl, the youngest ever to show in the event that she says is very important to her.

"I was hoping to get first place," McKenzie Mullins said early Monday after the world finals at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. "I am very excited. It means a lot to me. I enjoyed the competition in the show. I did really well and I am very happy."

She had led competition atop her father's 1,240-pound horse, Rosies Lena, an 11-year-old quarterhorse, was last year's world champion. But during the first two nights of competition, McKenzie fell into second place behind Don Pooley and his horse, Quixote Mac.

Pooley became world champion. Mullins led more than a dozen men three times her age in year-round earnings going into the final round at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Third place went to Harriott Playgirl, a horse from Batesville, Miss., guided by Allen Crouch, who had dominated the World Finals competition but lagged behind in year-round earnings. The owner is Lee Garner.

Mullins of Gordon, Texas, won a saddle, trophy, buckle — and a place in the history books.

"She is the youngest ever to compete in that event," said National Cutting Horse Association spokeswoman Amy Vorhes.

She moved ahead of Crouch, who came in second, and her other 13 competitors Saturday night in a win that put her back ahead of Pooley's \$66,447.91 in earnings.

"I didn't have the best luck," the girl said of her first two rounds of competition on the horse she affectionately calls "Tater."

Vorhes said each of the four rounds of competition has a payout for those in the top spots and an additional amount was added to the pot of the rider who had the best average for the four rounds. The horse with the top earnings for the year is declared the world champion.

Mullins said she was overwhelmed with hugs from her competitors when she won Saturday's competition and moved back into first place for yearly earnings. She said she rewarded her horse with apple wafers.

"McKenzie did very well and being 12, we don't have them that young competing in the open finals," said Rebecca Brian of the NCHA.

Robert Rust, who qualified Rosies Lena for the World Finals, said he is proud of his stepdaughter.

"I thought it was a great life experience — one that would be hard to duplicate," he said. "I am tickled to death. She has handled everything really well."

Economy: Consumer spending down, construction spending up

By JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers worried about a possible war with Iraq and their own financial prospects trimmed spending in January and manufacturing slowed in February, sending a pair of signs for an already struggling economy.

The 0.1 percent cutback reported by the Commerce Department Monday came after consumers splurged in December, boosting their spending by a sizable 1 percent. End of year financing deals on cars and other big-ticket goods proved too good to pass up.

In January, consumers sharply cut spending on such big-ticket "durable" goods. And that was the major factor behind the overall drop in spending for the month.

The cutback in spending came as Americans' incomes, including wages, interest and government benefits, went up by a modest 0.3 percent for the sixth straight month in January.

In a more forward-looking report, the Institute for Supply Management's index of manufacturing activity fell to 50.5 in February, slipping markedly from a January reading of 53.9. A level above 50 indicates the manufacturing sector is expanding; below 50 means it's contracting.

Monday's report showed that manufacturing barely grew last month, turning in a performance that was significantly weaker than the 52.0 reading analysts were predicting.

Manufacturing is the weak-

est link in the economy's ability to get back to full health.

But the housing sector continues to be one of the economy's strongest pillars as evidenced in another report from the Commerce Department.

Construction spending jumped by 1.7 percent in January to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$877.9 billion, an all-time monthly high, as builders bet that low mortgage rates would continue to support the housing market.

The increase followed a strong 1.5 percent advance in December.

Most of January's strength came from residential projects, where spending rose to a record monthly rate of \$452.6 billion.

Government spending on big public works projects rose solidly, but spending by private builders on commercial construction, such as office buildings, continued to be weak, a sore spot for the economy.

In the report tracking consumers, both the spending and income figures were weaker than economists were expecting. They were forecasting spending to go up by 0.2 percent and incomes to grow by 0.4 percent in January.

Worries about a war with Iraq, a rollercoaster stock market, a sluggish job market and sinking confidence in the economy are a few of the forces making consumers more cautious.

The 0.1 percent drop in spending in January marked the first and biggest decline since September, when consumers trimmed spending by 0.4 percent.

Unlike businesses, which have been loathe to make big financial commitments, consumers have been the main force keeping the economy going. Their spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States.

If a war were to break out, economists believe consumers initially would sharply cut back on their spending, a force that would slow the recovery.

If the United States were to put a quick and successful end to the war, then consumers and businesses would probably return to more normal buying and investing behavior, helping economic growth. But if a war turns out to be drawn out and severe supply disruptions cause dramatic spikes in oil prices, the economy could be looking at a backslide into recession.

The Federal Reserve is expected to hold short-term interest rates at 41-year lows of 1.25 percent when it meets next on March 18. Fed policy-makers hope that by keeping rates so low consumers and businesses would be more inclined to boost spending and investment, helping along the recovery.

In January, consumers cut spending on "durable" goods, such as cars, by 5.7 percent, the biggest drop since Feb. 1990, and a reversal from the brisk 6.8 percent rise registered in December.

Spending on nondurables went up by 1.3 percent in January, following a 0.4 percent increase. Consumers boosted spending on services, including travel and utilities, by 0.4 percent, up from a tiny 0.1 percent advance in December.

Dodd declines presidential bid, sources say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut has decided against seeking the Democratic Party's nomination for president next year, The Associated Press has learned.

Sources in Washington and Hartford, Conn., speaking on condition of anonymity, said Dodd will not join the crowded field of Democratic candidates. Nine Democrats either have announced plans to run or created committees to begin fund raising for a possible White House bid.

A senior Democratic official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Dodd's staff began informing fellow Democrats Monday morning that he will not run. Dodd, who is up for re-election to the Senate in 2004, scheduled a news conference for noon in Hartford, Conn., to answer questions about his plans.

The 58-year-old Dodd had been widely quoted in recent months as indicating an interest in the nomination. But The

Journal Inquirer of Manchester, Conn., citing unnamed party insiders, reported Jan. 31 that he likely would not seek the nomination.

Dodd, who was general chairman of the Democratic National Committee, is the senior senator from Connecticut. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, also a Connecticut Democrat, entered the presidential race earlier this year.

Dodd visited California, Florida and North Carolina in recent months, but he did not make requisite stops in New Hampshire or Iowa, where the first primaries and caucuses can go a long way toward determining the party's nominee.

First elected to the Senate in 1980, Dodd was author of the landmark Family and Medical Leave Act guaranteeing workers at larger companies time off to care for a new child or sick relative. Dodd, who served in

the Dominican Republic as a Peace Corps volunteer in the 1960s, has been a leading voice on foreign policy, particularly issues involving Latin America and South America.

Dodd challenged South Dakota's Tom Daschle for his party's Senate leadership job in 1995 and lost by a single vote.

Pasadena academic decathlon team heads to nationals

GARLAND, Texas (AP) — After a year of court challenges that led only to heartbreak, the academic decathlon team from Pasadena's Dobie High School is finally representing Texas in the national tournament.

Last year, after a dispute over scoring discrepancies, Dobie and Lubbock High School turned to the courts to settle which team should go the national contest in Phoenix.

The Pasadena school district sued the Texas Academic

Decathlon on behalf of the Dobie team, which contended that it was cheated out of points because an overlooked test was not graded. Had the test been graded, the team argued, it would have been declared the winner, not Lubbock.

The Texas Supreme Court eventually ruled that the courts had no jurisdiction in such matters, giving Lubbock the go-ahead to represent Texas.

After winning first place Sunday at the Texas Academic Decathlon Championship in Garland, the Dobie team will

head to Erie, Pa. next month for the national tournament.

"We're so elated, relieved and elated," Richard Golenko, the team's coach, said Sunday.

The team in January won its regional meet earning 45,803 points, the most earned statewide. Lubbock High School finished second at its regional meet with 42,764 points.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Teenager Deserves To Know Circumstances Of His Birth

DEAR ABBY: My 14-year-old son, "Bradley," was conceived by artificial insemination using an anonymous donor. His father and I divorced when our child was very young, and Brad has never been told the truth about his conception. However, a handful of people on both sides of the family do know. Over the years, Brad's father has provided minimal financial and emotional support for our son. (My ex has remarried, I have not.)

I have been advised by my minister to tell Bradley the truth now. However, I am being told by my mother that Brad should never be told, and we should just hope that no one spills the beans.

Have you any thoughts on a situation such as this?
WORRIED MOM IN CHICAGO

DEAR WORRIED MOM: Your mother is well-meaning, but your minister is right. Your son should be told the truth. There is no shame in it, and because other family members already know, the boy needs to hear it from you before he hears it from someone else. Better now than later.

DEAR ABBY: For the past year, I've had an exclusive relationship with "Bernie." We're both in our mid-20s and live in the same neighborhood. A month ago, Bernie broke up with me. He said he hadn't gotten over the pain of a previous relationship and wasn't ready to get serious. He said he wanted to remain "friends," but every so often

he'd do something that made me feel like I still meant something to him.

One night last week we went to a movie, grabbed a bite to eat and ended up at his place. Bernie sweetly asked me to stay the night and I was overjoyed. The next morning he said it had been a mistake — his feelings for me had not changed.

We haven't talked since then, and I feel hurt and devalued. Am I overreacting?
CONFUSED IN BROOKLYN

DEAR CONFUSED: I don't think so. Bernie knew he had a

sitting duck and his behavior wasn't sportsmanlike. Accept the fact that you and he have different goals and move on. Once you have started dating someone else, you can revisit the issue of a friendship with Bernie. (I'll bet you decide against it.)

DEAR ABBY: My fiancé, "Todd," presented me with a ring made of cheap, colored stones that cost him three days' pay. Nobody treats me like I'm engaged because my ring doesn't look like an engagement ring. Meanwhile, I am surrounded by women at work who have beautiful solitaire engagement rings.

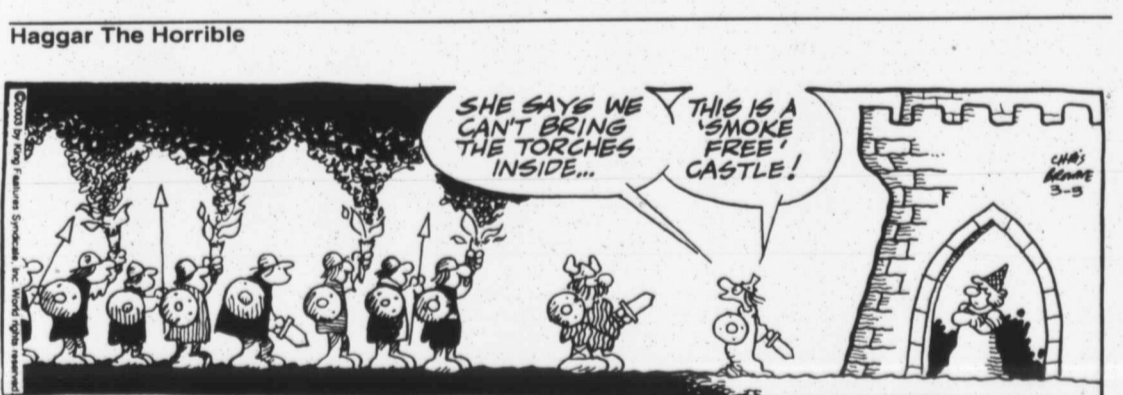
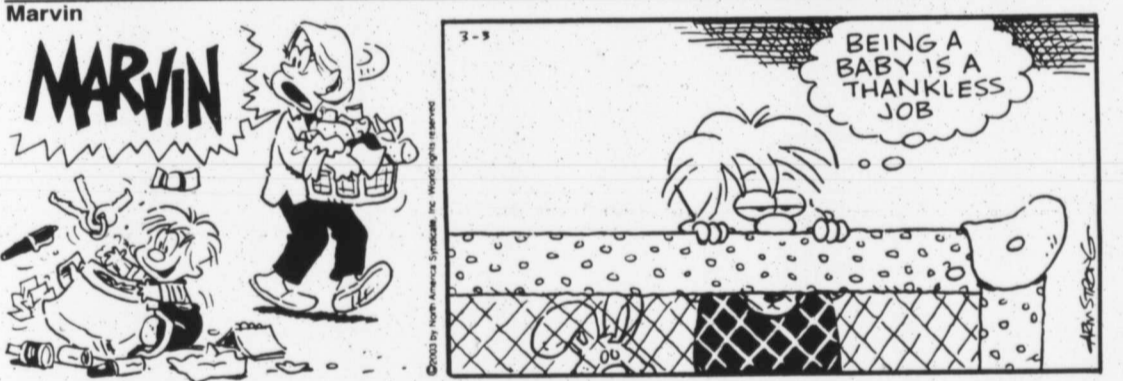
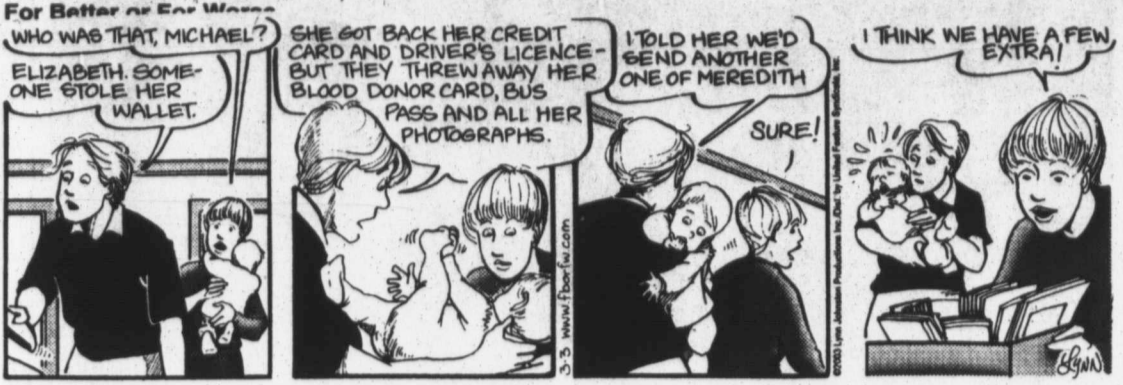
Todd never makes any effort in bed. He takes his pleasure and gives me none. He keeps a photo scrapbook of his former girlfriends and continues to take them out to dinner during the week. If I object, he says they're just "gal pals," and I'm being unreasonable.

On weekends — which is the only time I see him — Todd says he's "too tired" or "too broke" to take me to dinner and a movie. Am I right to feel cheated?
MAD AND SAD IN MISSOURI

DEAR MAD AND SAD: From what you have written, Todd is meeting none of your needs — materially, physically or emotionally. If you continue this relationship, you are only cheating yourself. A word to the wise: Ask yourself why you are with him. Only you can answer that.

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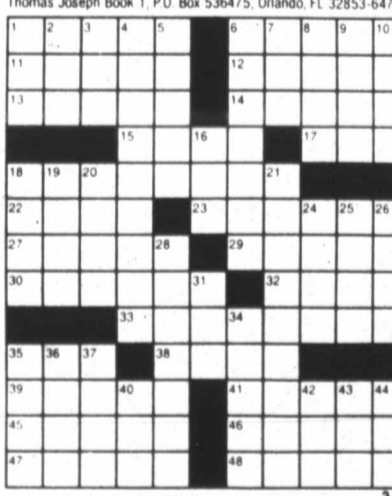
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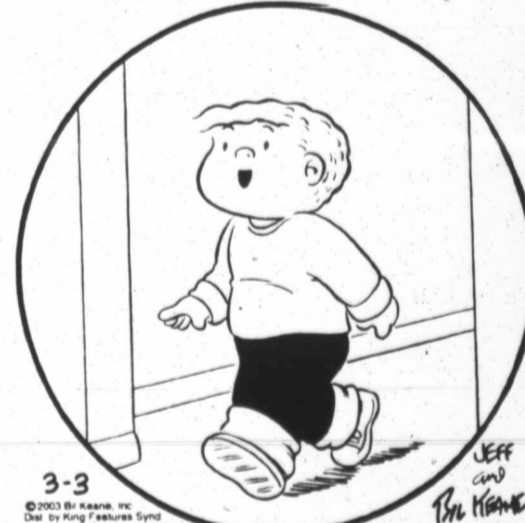
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SPORTS

Canyon Lady Eagles win 10th state title

AUSTIN (AP) — Canyon came to the state tournament with the reputation as the best team in the country. They'll leave with a Class 3A state championship and a mythical national title wrapped nicely together.

The top-ranked team in USA Today's national poll didn't disappoint in winning its 10th state championship Saturday with an easy 76-45 victory over Kountze.

"I don't think we did anything to hurt ourselves," in the national poll, said Canyon coach Joe Lombard. "We played great.

"I think this will be a year these guys will remember," he said. "I know I will."

Just like most of Canyon's game this season, this one was never in doubt.

With two McDonald's All-Americans in guard Brooke Baughman and center Kalee Carey, the Eagles (32-1) built

a big lead early and never looked back.

The strategy was simple. Get the ball to the 6-foot-5 Carey under the basket, pivot, shoot and score.

Carey, who has signed to play at Texas, scored 32 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and had three assists to earn game most valuable player honors.

"It wasn't as easy as it looked," said Carey, who flashed the "Hook'em Horns" sign before leaving her future home court. "They were scrappy."

Carey made it look easy, however, with 12 points as Canyon built a 24-12 lead and Baughman made it 28-13 with a steal and layup.

With Carey firmly planted in the post, Baughman was everywhere else, dishing assists nine assists and making four steals to start fast breaks.

Baughman, who will be at Texas Tech next season, had 15 points by halftime, including three free throws after she was fouled on a 3-pointer at the buzzer that made it 45-24 after two quarters.

One Kountze player who wasn't intimidated by

Canyon's size, talent and reputation was freshman Gabriell Mattox, who turned in her second impressive performance of the tournament with 13 points and eight rebounds.

Kountze (26-2) was the only one of Canyon's six postseason opponents to score

more than 26 points.

But Canyon was just too good.

Carey scored eight in the third quarter as the Lady Eagles stretched the lead to 62-35. Kountze never got within 20 points in the second half.

A three-peat for Plainview

AUSTIN (AP) — Once again, the best team out of Dallas couldn't beat the best from West Texas.

In one of the most electrifying performances of the state tournament, senior Tojinyin Thompson scored 20 points to send Plainview to its third consecutive Class 4A state championship with a 50-42 win over Dallas Lincoln on Saturday.

It was the third straight year that Plainview (34-2) beat Lincoln (27-5) in the final.

But unlike Plainview's 68-40 rout in 2002, this one was tight until the very end.

Lincoln returned three starters from its 2002 state runner-up and appeared determined to take home a title.

But while Lincoln was bigger, stronger and arguably more athletic from position to position, another dismal shooting night (28 percent) doomed the Tigers. In each of their three championship game losses, Lincoln has failed to score 50 points.

Meanwhile, Thompson and

Alesha Robertson provided nearly all the scoring Plainview would need.

Thompson was everywhere, grabbing 11 rebounds, making four steals and starting fast breaks to earn game most valuable player honors.

Robertson, who scored 34 in the 2002 final, nearly equaled her with 18 points and nine boards.

Robertson scored six points, including a layup on a laser-sharp pass from Thompson with 1:52 left that gave Plainview a 48-42 lead.

Gymnasts bring home awards from Lubbock meet

LUBBOCK - Gymnastics of Pampa Advanced Team, Junior Team and Pre-team members recently competed in the Texas Elite Gymnastics Academy Winter Classic meet.

Level 7 gymnasts Kelby Doughty, Lacie Thompson and Keisha Crowell led the team as Pampa's highest level of competitors won third place.

Kelby Doughty, 11 years old, had Team Pampa's highest All-Around score, a 36.75 for the silver medal. She also won the silver on uneven bars (9.2), and the bronze on floor exercise (9.3). Her outstanding vault earned a 9.35 for fifth place, and her solid beam score of 8.9 was good for sixth place.

Kelby was competing in the 10-11 year old age group.

Lacie Thompson nearly swept the 12-year-old Division of Level 7, and was Pampa's only All-Around winner at the competition. Her 35.15 in the All-Around earned the gold medal. She also won the gold on floor exercise (9.4), vault (9.3), and balance beam (8.9). Lacie placed fifth on bars.

Keisha Crowell, first-year Level 7 gymnast, earned fifth All-Around in the 12 year and older age group

with a 32.25. She won the silver medal on balance beam with a solid 8.35, was fifth on floor exercise (8.7) and sixth on bars.

Madison Fatheree and Rebecca Taylor competed in Level 6 for the first time at the Classic. Both girls had wonderful performances and gold medal finishes in several events.

Madison, who is 8 years old, won a gold medal on vault with an outstanding 9.3 and on floor exercise (9.05). She earned the bronze on balance beam (9.125), and won silver medals on bars (8.1), and in the 7-10 year-old All-Around with a fantastic first-time score of 35.575.

Rebecca Taylor struck gold on balance beam in the 11 year-old older Division of Level 6 with an 8.7, and won the silver medal on vault with a personal best 9.0. She earned sixth place on floor exercise with an 8.0 and on bars with a 7.2. Her 32.9 in the All-Around was good for the bronze medal.

In Level 5 competition, MaKayla Hampton led her teammates with gold medal performances on balance beam (9.35), and uneven bars (9.25), both personal best scores. She won the silver medal on floor exercise

with a 9.05 score and earned a bronze medal for vault with an 8.05. Her outstanding performances combined for a personal best 35.7 All-Around score and a silver medal in the 7-8 year-old age group.

Pampa's other Level 5 gymnasts, Payton Alvey, Caitlin Hampton and Chelsea Whinery, were competing in Level 5 for the first time. The three girls' scores, along with MaKayla's, combined to win the second place team trophy.

Nine-year-old Payton Alvey earned sixth place individually on vault with an 8.2 score and was seventh in the All-Around with a 30.35.

Caitlin Hampton competed in the 11 and up Division where she won the All-Around bronze with a 29.9 total. She placed second on vault (8.15), floor exercise (8.15), beam (7.6) and was fourth on bars (6.0).

Chelsea Whinery also competed in the 9-year-old age group and earned 12th in the All-Around with a 27.65.

Competing in Level 4 were Kristen Kahn, McKinley Stokes, KeEra Busse and Calli Brewer.

Kristen won blue ribbons on vault (9.15), floor exercise (8.1), and in All-Around

32.1. She received red ribbons for balance beam (7.75) and bars (7.1).

KeEra won blue ribbons on vault (9.15) and floor exercise (8.3), red ribbons on balance beam (7.85), and in All-Around (31.65), and earned a white ribbon for bars (6.35).

McKinley Stokes received blue ribbons for vault (9.275) and balance beam (8.0). She won red ribbons for beam (7.3), floor (7.05), and in the All-Around (31.625).

Calli Brewer won blue ribbons for vault (9.15) and

floor exercise (8.15). She earned red ribbons in balance beam (7.9), and in All-Around (31.6), and received a white ribbon for bars (6.4).

The Level 4 team combined their scores to win the second place team trophy.

Preteam and Junior Team members participating in the competition were:

Level 2 — Kelsey Bradley and Lindsey Broun.

Level 3 — Ellen Cambern, Cori Cook, Nakayla Hardman and Lexi Urquhart.

Level 4 — Natasha Hayes and Karami Rice.



Gymnastics of Pampa Level 5 gymnasts (l-r) Keisha Crowell, Lacie Thompson and Kelby Doughty at the Texas Elite Gymnastic Academy's Winter Classic in Lubbock. The girls combined for the third-place team trophy.

Glanville looks to revitalize career with fresh start in Texas

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Doug Glanville wants to play like it's 1999 all over again.

With a fresh start in Texas, Glanville is hoping to revitalize a career in which his numbers have declined each year since hitting .325 with 204 hits and 34 stolen bases four years ago in Philadelphia.

"I'm hungry, I have a lot of things I want to prove," said Glanville, 32. "Last year I didn't really give much of an indication to people, if you look at the numbers, what I've been able to do. I'm hoping to be able to shine and really show what I'm capable of."

The Rangers were looking to add depth in the outfield with a quality defender who was also a potential leadoff hitter. Glanville, a free agent after five seasons in Philadelphia, fit the bill at the right price — \$1 million for this season.

Glanville provides a different dimension for a Texas team better known for bashing the baseball than producing runs with speed on the

basepaths. He provides a different option for manager Buck Showalter.

In his first spring training game for the Rangers, Glanville hit a leadoff homer before finishing his 4-for-4 day with a bunt single. He led off for the third straight game Sunday, playing right field with Carl Everett in center.

"He's been down these streets many times, he's an established guy," Showalter said. "He's been showing us that since he got here. One of the reasons Doug was so attractive is he can play a lot of places."

Glanville is a .281 career hitter, including a .291 mark in 2,573 at-bats from the lead-off spot. In the last two seasons in Philadelphia, he hit from every spot in the batting order except third and fourth.

With Everett coming off an injury-plagued season, the Rangers wanted protection in center. Glanville has made two of his three starts in right with Juan Gonzalez sidelined so far this spring because of back spasms.

Glanville lost his starting job last year in Philadelphia, when he hit .249, the lowest of his six full seasons. But he still played 117 games in the outfield without an error (227 chances), hit .350 (7-for-20) as a pinch-hitter and stole 19 bases, 10 more than the Texas leaders.

Glanville also spent much of last season tending to his ailing father, who died after a long illness on the same day the outfielder played his final game with the Phillies and got his 1,000 career hit.

When Glanville had 204 hits in 1999, he was the first Philadelphia player in 20 years (Pete Rose in 1979) with more than 200 hits, and the first Phillies outfielder since Richie Ashburn in 1958.

Between 2000-02, he saw a drop in his primary numbers — average (.275 in 2000 to .249 last year), hits (175-105), runs (89-49), RBIs (52-29) and stolen bases (31-19).

"I felt like, Texas offered me the best opportunity and chance to kind of revitalize my career," Glanville said. "I

wasn't performing at the top level the last few years, and look forward to a change of scenery."

Still, leaving Philadelphia was tough for the Pennsylvania graduate who started his career with 1 1/2 seasons with the Chicago Cubs. That is only a couple of hours from his parents' home in New Jersey.

Glanville, a systems engi-

neer major at the Ivy League school, completed his degree in 1992 by studying transportation issues around the construction of a new baseball stadium. That thesis earned an 'A' grade and is now part of the Baseball Hall of Fame's collection.

"It ended up in there for a revolving exhibit," he said. "That is a thrill, I can say I'm in the Hall of Fame."

Lady Raiders lose on homecourt

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Jamie Carey used the simplest terms to describe her decisive 3-point basket against No. 7 Texas Tech.

"I was open. I put it up. It went in," Carey said.

Carey hit a 3-pointer with 26.1 seconds remaining and scored five points in the last 30 seconds to lead No. 10 Texas to a 70-67 victory over Texas Tech on Sunday.

"We just wanted to get settled offensively," said Texas coach Jody Conradt. "My sense has been that set plays have some advantage, but this

team focuses on trying to get the ball where it needs to go, and we have such good balance with people who can play on the offensive end."

Carey finished with 17 points and Nina Norman scored 16 for Texas (21-5, 14-1 Big 12), which led by as many as 12 points in the second half, but had to hold on the win. Stacy Stephens and Heather Schreiber each added 11 points.

Plenette Pierson scored 22 points and Jia Perkins added 18 for Texas Tech (22-4, 12-3), which shot 28-for-70.

NOTEBOOK

WRESTLING

PAMPA — There will be a Harvester Wrestling Booster Club meeting at 7 tonight in the Pampa High cafeteria.

All club members are urged to attend.

The wrestling banquet for high school and middle school athletes is March 19, starting at 7 p.m.

Tickets are nine per person. Wrestlers eat free.

CORRECTION

Chance Crain scored both Pampa goals in a 3-2 loss to Caprock last week in a District 3-4A soccer match.

GOLF

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — The idea behind the World Golf Championships was to bring together the best players from every tour on every continent.

Tiger Woods remains in a world all his own.

The final trophy in his collection of world titles came Sunday at La Costa when Woods captured the Match Play Championship with some dramatic moments that he could have done without.

Woods expected a gutsy comeback from David Toms.

What he never imagined was a bee landing in front of the hole and knocking a pivotal birdie putt off line. Equally surprising were his own mistakes under pressure, which made him toil longer that he wanted.

"This was one tough week," Woods said.

Next up: A two-week break.

Woods decided to skip the Dubai Desert Classic and \$2 million in appearance money, saying it was too close to Iraq and not safe enough for him to travel.

"Going overseas in this particular year, right now, especially in that part of the world, is a little tough for me," he said.

He finished off Toms on the 35th hole, hitting a 7-iron 195 yards — it was only supposed to go 188 yards — and saving par from the bunker to win 2 and 1.

Woods never trailed the entire day.

He played 112 holes over six rounds, the fewest among any winner in the five-year history of the Accenture Match Play Championship.

That didn't make it any easier.

Woods built a 4-up lead after the morning round, increased it to as many as five holes and then had to grind as hard as ever to claim his first match-play title as a professional.

"This is the hardest to win," Woods said. "Yeah, it's physically grueling, but I think it's more mentally grueling because of the ebb and flow of match play."

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Milwaukee	29	30	.492	9
Atlanta	22	38	.367	1/2
Chicago	21	40	.344	18
Toronto	18	38	.321	1/2
Cleveland	11	48	.186	27

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Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	45	14	.763	—
San Antonio	41	17	.707	1/2
Minnesota	40	21	.656	6
Utah	34	25	.576	11
Houston	30	29	.508	15
Memphis	18	40	.310	2/2
Denver	12	48	.200	3/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	41	19	.683	—
Portland	39	20	.661	1/2
L.A. Lakers	32	26	.552	8
Phoenix	31	28	.525	9
Golden State	29	30	.492	1/2
Seattle	27	31	.466	1/2
L.A. Clippers	19	39	.328	21

Saturday's Games

San Antonio 108, Sacramento 100
Washington 101, Chicago 93
Dallas 114, Memphis 87
New Orleans 97, Phoenix 92
Golden State 92, Detroit 90
Seattle 109, L.A. Clippers 101

Sunday's Games

Orlando 102, Cleveland 96
Utah 91, New Jersey 70
Toronto 104, Boston 92
Milwaukee 120, Atlanta 93
Minnesota 99, New York 90
San Antonio 97, Houston 88
Miami 93, Washington 83
Portland 103, Detroit 86
Philadelphia 100, Denver 94

Monday's Games

Boston at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Denver at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Major College Basketball Scores

By The Associated Press
EAST
American U. 79, Lafayette 62
Brown 88, Princeton 74
Dartmouth 70, Cornell 53
Delaware 74, Towson 69
Fairfield 69, Loyola, Md. 51
Fairleigh Dickinson 75, St. Francis, Pa. 73
George Mason 57, Drexel 55
Harvard 66, Columbia 63
La Salle 71, Duquesne 66
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 60, Cent.

Connecticut 56

Navy 62, Army 56
Penn 80, Yale 75
Robert Morris 69, Monmouth, N.J. 59
Rutgers 93, Notre Dame 82
Sacred Heart 79, Long Island U. 73
Saint Joseph's 75, Richmond 59
Seton Hall 56, West Virginia 53
Siena 100, St. Peter's 69
St. Francis, N.Y. 96, Wagner 84
Syracuse 93, Georgetown 84, OT
Temple 78, St. Bonaventure 77
UMBC 80, Quinnipiac 58

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 90, Texas Southern 82
Alcorn St. 63, Southern U. 62
Austin Peay 76, Morehead St. 64
Boston College 72, Miami 68
Charleston Southern 70, Coastal Carolina 66, OT
Charlotte 58, DePaul 50
Charlottesville 83, W. Carolina 75
Coll. of Charleston 73, Georgia Southern 71
Davidson 84, VMI 49
Delaware St. 70, Md.-Eastern Shore 57
ETSU 88, Appalachian St. 78
Elon 70, High Point 46
Florida 73, Auburn 70
Florida A&M 73, Coppin St. 69, OT
Florida St. 73, Virginia 59
Georgia St. 64, Gardner-Webb 58
Hampton 79, N. Carolina A&T 63
Jacksonville St. 68, Campbell 56
LSU 88, Tennessee 67
Louisiana-Monroe 80, Lamar 52
Louisville 82, East Carolina 76
MVU 85, Jackson St. 78
Memphis 67, Cincinnati 48
Mercer 101, Stetson 84
Morgan St. 59, Bethune-Cookman 55
Morris Brown 72, Texas-Pan American 71
Murray St. 80, Tenn.-Martin 59
N.C.-Wilmington 80, Va. Commonwealth 63

Norfolk 63, S. Carolina St. 61

North Carolina 67, Georgia Tech 66
Old Dominion 77, Hofstra 46
Prairie View 60, Alabama St. 54
SE Louisiana 81, McNeese St. 78, OT
SE Missouri 89, Tennessee St. 82
Sam Houston St. 83, Northwestern St. 72
South Alabama 61, New Orleans 58
South Carolina 76, Vanderbilt 64
Southern Miss. 70, South Florida 62
Tennessee Tech 97, E. Illinois 84
Troy St. 94, Jacksonville 72
UCF 82, Florida Atlantic 75
Virginia Tech 88, Villanova 63
W. Kentucky 89, Middle Tennessee 75
Wake Forest 80, Clemson 68
William & Mary 75, James Madison 72
Winthrop 76, N.C.-Asheville 65
Wofford 75, The Citadel 63

MIDWEST

Akron 85, Kent St. 70
Bowling Green 51, Miami (Ohio) 48
Butler 76, Wis.-Milwaukee 74
Cent. Michigan 106, E. Michigan 89
Dayton 69, Fordham 64
Detroit 72, Cleveland St. 55
Evansville 54, Bradley 51
Ill.-Chicago 73, Youngstown St. 47
Illinois 82, Michigan 79
Illinois St. 80, Indiana St. 50
Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 67, Chicago St. 55
Indiana 91, Iowa 88, OT
Kansas 79, Oklahoma St. 61
Marquette 98, UAB 87
Michigan St. 69, Purdue 61
Missouri 77, Kansas St. 70
N. Illinois 85, Toledo 75
N. Iowa 59, Drake 48
Nebraska 69, Iowa St. 63
Northwestern 85, Penn St. 79, 2OT
Oakland, Mich. 92, S. Utah 77
Ohio 70, Marshall 65
S. Illinois 70, Creighton 62
Saint Louis 76, Tulane 74, 2OT
UMKC 83, W. Illinois 79
W. Michigan 86, Ball St. 74
Wichita St. 71, SW Missouri St. 65
Wright St. 77, Wis.-Green Bay 74
Xavier 71, George Washington 70

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Little Rock 67, Fla. International 62
Arkansas 53, Mississippi St. 51
Colorado 72, Baylor 59
Crambling St. 68, Ark.-Pine Bluff 63
Houston 75, TCU 57
Oklahoma 69, Texas A&M 64

Oral Roberts 89, Valparaiso 75

Rice 75, Hawaii 58
SMU 65, UTEP 43
SW Texas 60, Stephen F. Austin 58
Texas 76, Texas Tech 71
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 72, Binghamton 68
Texas-Arlington 68, Texas-San Antonio 60

Tulsa 74, San Jose St. 53

FAR WEST
Arizona 72, Stanford 69
BYU 56, Air Force 43
Boise St. 74, Louisiana Tech 51
CS Northridge 70, Cal St.-Fullerton 62
Cal Poly-SLO 76, Long Beach St. 64
Fresno St. 107, Nevada 99, 2OT
Gonzaga 72, San Diego 69
Idaho 52, Utah St. 51
Idaho St. 65, E. Washington 63
N. Arizona 69, Montana 59
New Mexico 76, Utah 69
New Mexico St. 80, North Texas 66
Oregon 79, UCLA 48
Oregon St. 61, Southern Cal 60
Pacific 77, UC Riverside 65
Portland 75, Santa Clara 63
Sacramento St. 72, Montana 52
San Diego St. 86, Wyoming 73
San Francisco 90, Pepperdine 82
St. Mary's, Cal. 67, Loyola Marymount 62
UC Santa Barbara 67, UC Irvine 51
UNLV 73, Colorado St. 67
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Memphis 34 19 4 72 211169
Boss.-Shreveport 29 19 9 67 188155
Fort Worth 13 40 5 31 129231

Northwest Division

Oklahoma City 33 18 5 71 199176
Tulsa 32 20 5 69 194177
Amarillo 33 22 1 67 177160
Wichita 18 32 7 43 194238

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x-Austin 44 10 3 91 188118
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Corpus Christi 28 27 2 58 174180
San Angelo 17 34 5 39 163238

Southwest Division

Odessa 31 21 6 68 166168
New Mexico 26 25 5 57 158175
Lubbock 25 25 6 56 180184
El Paso 17 33 6 40 168224

x-clinched playoff spot

Note: One point for loss in overtime or shootout. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OTL column, not the loss column.

Saturday's Games

Memphis 5, Indianapolis 2
Lubbock 4, Tulsa 3
Laredo 3, Fort Worth 1
Bossier-Shreveport 6, San Angelo 2
Austin 4, Corpus Christi 1
Oklahoma City 4, Wichita 2
El Paso 5, Amarillo 3
Odessa 4, New Mexico 2

Sunday's Games

Corpus Christi 7, San Angelo 0
Amarillo 3, El Paso 1
Laredo 3, Bossier-Shreveport 1
Indianapolis 6, Wichita 5
Memphis 3, Fort Worth 1

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Oklahoma City at Bossier-Shreveport
Corpus Christi at San Angelo
Lubbock at Amarillo
Austin at Laredo

Indiana University fans still rooting for Knight

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — It's not unusual to see Indiana basketball fans decked out in red.

But for some, it no longer represents the crimson of Indiana University, but the scarlet of Texas Tech.

It's been more than two years since coach Bob Knight was fired from IU and subsequently went to Texas Tech to lead the Red Raiders.

And while some IU fans continue to root for the Hoosiers and their new coach, Mike Davis, others have turned their loyalties westward.

"People do not want to let go of him," said Jean Duncan, a 1976 IU graduate who has organized fund-raisers for Texas Tech basketball scholarships. "He's such an important part of basketball in the state of Indiana."

Duncan, 50, has attended dozens of Texas Tech games, organized group trips to Tech games and recently presented the school with \$100,000 — about half the cost of an endowed basketball scholarship. She plans to continue her fund-raising efforts to come up with the money needed for a full endowment.

"I was amazed that someone who had given so much

Stars win without injured star

DALLAS (AP) — While the cash-strapped Pittsburgh Penguins struggle to compete, the Dallas Stars have the resources to compensate for the loss of the injured star Bill Guerin.

After the Stars learned that Guerin is out for at least the rest of the regular season because of a badly bruised right thigh, Jason Arnott and Jere Lehtinen helped fill the void Sunday night in a 3-1 victory over the Penguins.

Arnott scored twice, and Lehtinen stretched his goal streak to four games as the

Stars handed the Penguins their fifth consecutive defeat. "They're a great team," said Penguins captain and owner Mario Lemieux, who had a late goal in what could be his final game in Dallas. "They're tops in the league even when they're missing people. When you spend that much money on a team, you can afford to be missing guys."

Lemieux simply doesn't have the kind of cash to compete financially with a rich team like the Stars, who are seeking their second Stanley Cup in five years.

to the state of Indiana and IU didn't get so much as a gold watch," Duncan said. "This is, in some small way, the gold watch he never received."

Duncan is far from alone in her loyalty to Knight. Geoffrey Fortner, who attended IU for both undergraduate studies and medical school, grew up watching Bob Knight basketball and has taken trips to see Texas Tech play.

"The way he ran his program for close to 30 years at IU certainly builds loyalty," said Fortner, 30, who lives in Indianapolis. "The way he leads a basketball program is very appealing to watch."

Larry Johnson, 32, of Fairmont in central Indiana, runs a Web site for Knight fans and has not supported IU since Knight was fired. Johnson has even thrown out all but a few pieces of IU memorabilia and started to collect Texas Tech items.

"I look forward to the day when coach Knight will lead Texas Tech to a victory over IU," Johnson said.

Bob Carroll, 80, said Knight inspires devotion.

"I think it's because of the many things he has done besides being a basketball

coach, like raising money," said Carroll, who founded the Indiana Double T Club for other Knight fans.

The club has about 35 members. It meets monthly during basketball season and recently has been taping programs to send to KKAM Sports Radio in Lubbock, Texas — the home of Texas Tech.

Jim Haney, executive director of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, said it's unusual for a coach to stay with one program for 29 years. Such longevity inspires loyalty.

Also, Haney said, because Knight was fired from IU, rather than retiring, it may make fans' emotions about the coach more fervent.

Some may feel that Knight simply did not get a chance to finish his job.

"It's pretty remarkable, quite frankly," Haney said of fans traveling hundreds of miles to see Knight coach or raising thousands of dollars for scholarships at a Texas university.

Haney also noted that Knight is the sort of coach who transcends his job.

"He's become sort of an icon," he said. "He gains a lot of attention."

"It's tough," Lemieux said. "The playoffs are the best time of the year and are a lot of fun. That's what you play for. It's different times now and a different era and I have to deal with that."

Guerin, Dallas' second-leading scorer, remained in a Dallas hospital recovering from surgery and missed his second straight game.

"Bill Guerin is not born on trees," Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "All parts of his game will be missed. Other guys have to fill in and we definitely have the people capable of doing that."

Fans should get ready for a messy Masters

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

Over the weekend, the Masters slid further down the slippery slope that separates sporting event from spectacle.

At this rate, by early April, Martha Burk will get her wish. It will be a full-fledged freak show.

The leader in the clubhouse isn't Tiger Woods any longer, but a 39-year-old repairman who loves poodles and fancies himself an Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan — even though he wields as much real clout as the Wizard of Oz.

His name is J.J. Harper, and say what you will about him, even an opportunist needs an opportunity.

After driving over from his home in the middle of Georgia sometime during tournament week, he plans to set up shop as close to fellow demonstrators Burk and Jesse Jackson as the authorities in Augusta will allow. Harper's views might be foolish, but he's no dummy; he knows that without Burk and Jackson

"We thank it is not a surprise that Augusta National has attracted the support of the Ku Klux Klan. After all, they are flaunting discrimination and the support of a group that is about discrimination is to be expected."

— Martha Burk, chairperson, National Council of Women's Organizations

close by, he'd spark as much attention as a soggy match.

Harper became the unanimous choice to run the KKK's American White Knights chapter earlier this year, but that's because he also happens to be the only member. As a spokesman for the Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors hate groups, told the Daily News, "If he shows up at Augusta with his two poodles, he'll have a protest of three."

Unfortunately, Harper also figures to draw a media following many times that, especially if he shows up in traditional KKK garb. That's because Burk did Harper's advance work for him. She suggested his endorsement

proved that Augusta National chairman Hootie Johnson and most of the members secretly yearned to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Harper, modeling percale bedsheets with the eye-holes cut out, too.

Though Burk must know that she is as responsible for Harper's 15 minutes of fame as anyone, it serves her agenda to pretend otherwise. Harper said Friday the only reason he even sought a permit to demonstrate was because Jackson planned to stake out a spot next to Burk. But the chair of the National Council of Women's Organization's insisted the men who run the Masters were the real draw.

"We think it is not a surprise

that Augusta National has attracted the support of the Ku Klux Klan," she told the Daily News.

"After all, they are flaunting discrimination and the support of a group that is about discrimination is to be expected. But we have not heard from a single member of Augusta on this issue, and that includes the heads of some of America's largest corporations. Do they think their membership is more important than speaking out?"

Maybe they don't see the need. Polls consistently show Americans evenly split on the issue, with 46 percent of respondents to an Associated Press poll conducted in November backing Augusta's current membership

Campbell calls for more resignations of U.S. Olympic Committee officials

DENVER (AP) — Lloyd Ward became the seventh top U.S. Olympic Committee official to quit in the past 10 months when he resigned Saturday as chief executive.

If Colorado Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell has his

way, Ward won't be the last to leave in the troubled organization's latest leadership shakeup.

Campbell, part of a Senate committee investigating the USOC, said Sunday that only way to get back on track is with more house

cleaning.

"There is still some people, and they're the people basically that Lloyd Ward brought in there, that I think ought to go out with him," Campbell said. "I don't know how we get this thing back on the right track unless

we start with a clean slate in that management group."

Ward resigned following nearly three months of turmoil that began with conflict-of-interest charges against him. Since then, six top officials have quit, including president Marty

Mankamer and ethics compliance officer Pat Rodgers.

That still isn't enough for Campbell. He has called on chief operating officer Fred Wohlschlaeger and human resources manager Rick Mack to step down, saying the two didn't stop Ward's

questionable behavior. Both were hired by Ward.

"To me, they've been a party to the indiscretion," Campbell said. "They were either a party to it or they should have stepped up and said 'We shouldn't be doing this.'"



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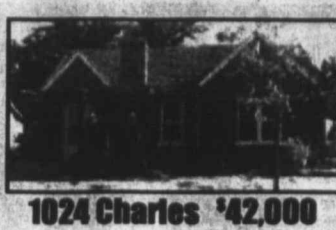
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 4, 2003:
Your ability to deal with changeable circumstances comes to the forefront this year. Often you might want to toss it all in. Don't. Stop and use your excellent mind and unusual creativity. You get where you want because of endurance and follow-through. If you're willing to push, you will get what you want. Some of your friends might believe they are seeing another side of you. You are transforming and will continue to in the next few years. If you are single, a relationship becomes a distinct possibility in the fall. If you are attached, remain sensitive to your loved one's needs. Share a new hobby or pastime together. ARIES helps you make money.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** You make up for lost time. Evidence supports taking action in the next few weeks. The unexpected occurs within a group of friends. Your ruler changes signs today into powerful Capricorn. Take the leadership position. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
** Slow down and make more solid choices. Unexpected information involving an authority figure heads your way. You might want to seek out an expert. Follow your sixth sense and your intuition, if need be. Take your time making decisions. Tonight: Take time off from everything.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Reach out for what you want, be it a person or a goal. You discover that someone close might want to discuss a responsibility that has been weighing on him or her. Do be careful, because this problem could be yours. Reach out for others. Tonight: You hit the bull's-eye no matter what.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** All eyes turn toward you. Evaluate a situation carefully, especially where a partner could be a bit touchy or difficult. Be sensitive to a boss or authority figure you care a lot about. Remember your role at work. Don't undermine yourself. Tonight: Work as late as need be.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Reach out for a loved one. Consider what might be a more effective or applicable manner to deal with your work. You have many options. Simply acknowledge them. An associate or partner could be a resource. Listen to this person more often. Tonight: Make a call to a relative at a distance.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** With planetary changes, you decide to head in a more beneficial direction, though a partner certainly could give the incentive. Your creativity and hot energy help you deal with unanticipated news coming from left field at work. Tonight: Follow your friends.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Others defer to your expertise. You seem to be more in control than the majority of people. Still, communication remains the critical element in your decision making. Scan co-workers. Gather as much information as you can. Tonight: Off to the gym.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You might want to be more playful and direct with a child or loved one. A family member could squawk when you least anticipate it. Work with others. Your ideas will be valued, as long as you present them in a forceful manner. Tonight: Show off your naughty side.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Do your best with your dealings involving a child or loved one. You could be most unpredictable to others, even though you believe you're levelheaded. You could demonstrate a devil-may-care attitude in the next few weeks, especially with finances. Tonight: Put your feet up.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Reach out for others. Take a risk, especially if you have a very good idea. Your understanding of a personal financial matter could change. Speak your mind, but also be willing to act on a concept. Use your high energy positively. Tonight: Out and about.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Express yourself, especially if you have been holding back. You could become angrier in the next few weeks. What is important is not to suppress your feelings, but rather to express them in a way that others can hear. Start thinking taxes. Tonight: Buy something you want.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** What seems like a brilliant idea in the morning could become a problem by evening. Loosen up with others. If you have been considering joining a new organization or group, do so. You need a new avenue of self-expression. Tonight: Whatever makes the Fish happy.

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Italy scrambles to determine target of suspected terrorists

By **FRANCES D'EMILIO**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ROME (AP) — Italian anti-terrorism experts scrambled Monday to determine the possible target of two suspected Red Brigades fugitives involved in a deadly shootout with police on a train, amid fears the far-left terrorist group was preparing to strike again.

The shootout Sunday near Arezzo left a policeman dead and another wounded. A member of the group that terrorized Italy in the '70s and '80s was killed and his companion captured. The group had resumed killings a few years ago.

Authorities were holding Nadia Desdemona Lioce, 43, who was wanted for the 1999 slaying in Rome of Massimo D'Antona, an adviser to the labor ministry.

When led away in hand-

Rio Carnival goes under tight security

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Thousands of feather-and-sequin clad dancers of the Academicos de Santa Cruz samba school kicked off Brazil's Carnival with a glittering tribute to actors and the theater.

There was a heavy police presence around the Sambadrome stadium Sunday to prevent trouble from drugs gangs which were behind a week of violent clashes that left four people dead and saw dozens of buses and cars burned and buildings strafed with gun fire.

The start of this year's Carnival, however, was relatively calm in Rio, with the usual high level of thefts but few reports of serious violence, Cayres said.

Academicos de Santa Cruz led the first of seven schools, each featuring 4,000 or more dancers, luxurious floats and 300-piece percussion sections, past 100,000 spectators packed into the Sambadrome.

The parade continues Monday night with the last seven schools. They'll be judged on best music, costumes, originality, floats, percussion and enthusiasm and the winner earns bragging rights until next year.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil's biggest city and financial capital, the two-night samba parade closed Sunday with just one incident: a court stepped in to prevent a couple from performing a live sex show on the opening float of the Leandro de Itaquera school, which was celebrating "quality of life" as its theme.

The northeastern city of Salvador lays claim to the title of "Brazil's best Carnival," with dozens of huge sound trucks known as electric trios leading mobs of dancers through the streets, where roaming gangs of men and women plant kisses on unsuspecting revelers.

Throughout Sunday, more than a million people followed 140 sound wagons around Salvador, dancing on relentlessly despite cloud and even a little rain, that sent some musicians with electric equipment running for cover, but couldn't dampen the spirits of the dancers.

On Sunday evening, culture minister Gilberto Gil — who is also a pop music star — joined the Expresso 2222 wagon on the streets of Salvador, where he was joined by fellow cabinet member and finance minister Antonio Palocci.

The celebration officially ends on Ash Wednesday.

cuffs Sunday from the tiny train station where the train had stopped, Lioce shouted, "Yes, it's me, Nadia Desdemona Lioce. I declare myself a political prisoner."

With Lioce's refusal to make any further comments, and the death her companion, Mario Galesi, 37, after surgery for his wounds in the shootout, investigators were concentrating on the contents of a bag the couple carried on the train.

Inside, state TV reported, was a tiny video camera tucked into a cigarette pack, floppy disks, a road map of central Italy, notebook pages with names and phone numbers and a palm-held computer.

Italian news reports also said the bag contained articles from Il Sole 24 Ore, a financial daily, talking about the labor reform guidelines drawn up by Mario Biagi, a govern-

ment consultant who was gunned down in Bologna last year.

Police guarded the home in Arezzo of an undersecretary in the labor ministry, Grazia Sestini, from Premier Silvio Berlusconi's Forza Italia party, who lives in Arezzo. She told state radio she doubted she was the target, because she works on matters dealing with the disabled and not on the controversial labor reforms

that the center-right government has been crafting.

D'Antona was advising the previous center-left government while Biagi worked with Berlusconi's government on reforms, which include making it easier to fire workers.

Enzo Bianco, the head of the Italian Parliament's oversight committee on secret services, expressed concern that the Red Brigades and an associated terrorist group, the

Fighting Communist Party, might be targeting military figures in view of a possible war in Iraq, a conflict widely opposed by the Italian public.

Although most attention was being put on a possible attack, the possibility that the couple were planning a robbery for funds was also raised.

Galesi was arrested in 1997 for robbing a post office in Rome, a crime investigators said was planned to bankroll the Red Brigades, and a year later disappeared while on a leave from prison.

Galesi and Lioce were described as fugitive Red Brigades members in a report on wanted terrorists delivered on Jan. 27 to the Chamber of Deputies by Interior Minister Giuseppe Pisanu.

The killing of D'Antona was the first Red Brigades attack in 11 years.

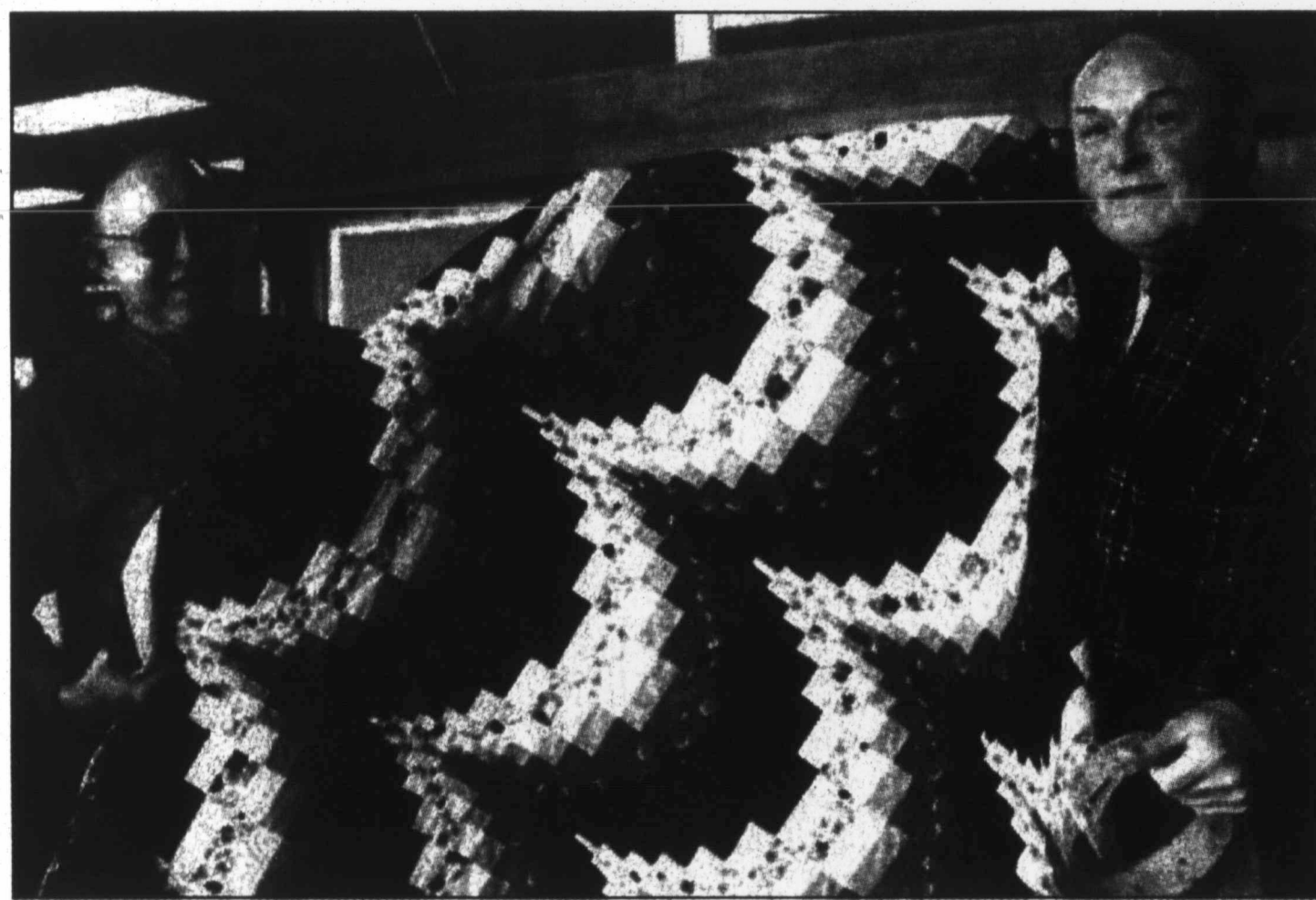
The shootout Sunday began after two policemen on the train asked the couple for their identity documents. Under laws to combat the bombings, shootings and kidnappings of the 1970s and 1980s when terrorists from the extreme right and left of the political spectrum kept the country gripped in fear, police can stop citizens on the street or traveling to examine their identity papers.

Although the Interior Ministry described the identity checks on the train as part of routine control, it is rare to see police aboard trains do random identity checks.

It was not clear if the police on the train had become suspicious or if perhaps there had been a tip or if the couple had been tailed.

The Red Brigades in the '70s and '80s targeted politicians, businessmen and military officials. Among their most notorious strikes with the 1978 kidnapping and slaying of former Christian Democrat Premier Aldo Moro, and the kidnapping of U.S. Brig. Gen. James Dozier, who was freed in a police raid.

Library fund-raiser



Roy Morriss and Ed Marshall display a beautiful handmade quilt the Friends of the Library will soon be giving away. The group is currently selling chances on it, and it will be given away April 3 at the annual library sale. Proceeds will go to the Friends of the Library organization.

North Korea claims right to develop missiles

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A week after test-firing a missile, North Korea said Monday that it had the right to develop and deploy missiles for self-defense and called its confrontation with the United States "extremely acute."

North Korea also criticized U.S.-South Korean military exercises scheduled to begin Tuesday, saying they were a preparation for war. The North routinely makes such accusations whenever military drills are held in the South, but the rhetoric has been more bellicose recently because of tension over the North's nuclear development.

South Korea and its chief ally plan to hold an annual training exercise called FOAL EAGLE for a month. The United States keeps 37,000 soldiers in the South, a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War.

Washington says the nuclear issue is not bilateral and involves all countries concerned about nuclear proliferation. The U.N. Security Council is expected to debate the issue.

North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency accused the United States and

Japan, which is within range of North Korean missiles, of using the alleged threat from North Korea as a pretext to plot war against the communist country.

The U.S.-Japanese strategy comes "at a time when the DPRK-U.S. confrontation is getting extremely acute and a touch-and-go military situation is prevailing on the Korean Peninsula," KCNA said. DPRK stands for Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

North Korea said its missiles "can never be a threat to other countries," and that Washington and Tokyo were using the North's missile program as an excuse to plan missile defense systems.

"The DPRK's production and deployment of missiles are a matter pertaining to its sovereignty in every respect, and they are intended to increase its self-defensive military capability," KCNA said.

Missile exports are a major source of hard currency for impoverished North Korea.

U.S. officials have said they have no plans to invade North Korea, but are growing increasingly concerned about

the North's reactivation of a nuclear reactor that is part of a suspected weapons program. Washington believes Pyongyang already has one or two nuclear weapons.

North Korea launched an anti-ship missile into the sea off its east coast on the eve of the inauguration of South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun on Feb. 24.

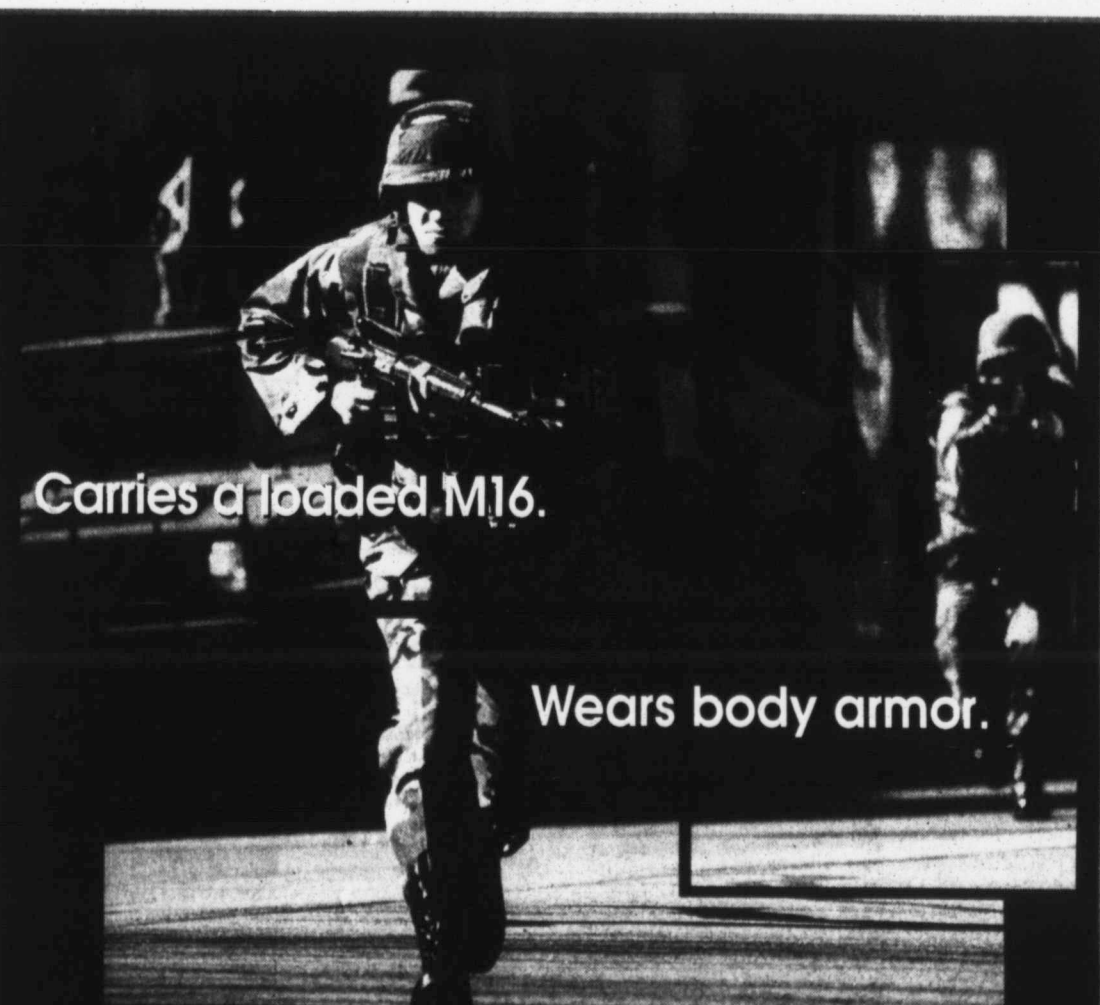
West Texas A&M to host annual Student Job Fair

CANYON — College students looking for employment can find just what they are searching for at West Texas A&M University's annual Student Connection '03 Job Fair set for 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, March 11 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Commons.

The event, sponsored by WTAMU's Student Employment Services and Cooperative Education/Internship, is open to all college students looking for part-time, summer and

internship positions. More than 15 businesses from the Amarillo/Canyon area are expected to be on hand to share job information about available positions. Employers from Wonderland Park as well as various retail and healthcare businesses will be represented. Applications will be available, and students are encouraged to bring resumés if possible.

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