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Grand jurors hand up 8 indictments

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STAFF WRITER

Judicial District Court. None of them cer. involved an attack by one or more of five Rottweiler dogs on a 4-year-old girl at a house at 1117 Darby.

residence while her father, Steve Organ, Janene Lucas, according to a Feb. 18 as of press time today. news release from Pampa Police for further care.

eight indictments yesterday in 31st ing to Sandy Burns, animal control offi- for a total of \$10,000.

a telephone interview March 1 that he would present the case to grand jurors The girl was mauled on Feb. 16 when this month to determine whether crimishe was playing in the backyard at the nal charges should be pursued against the two adults. Attempts to contact ment for theft. was inside with the property owner, Roach by telephone were unsuccessful

Britt Allen Jones, 41, also known as attack, intervened, and took the girl to day for aggravated sexual assault, a first- on May 10, 2001. Pampa Regional Medical Center, where degree felony. Bond was set at she was treated and then transferred to \$250,000. Jones allegedly sexually ed on the state jail felony charge of poscharge was set at \$4,000. Williams Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo assaulted an elderly woman on March 1. George Cadena Jr., 29, was indicted

Pampa Animal Control, who destroyed ment to obtain property or credit, and than one gram of cocaine on Feb. 8, the dogs and tested them for rabies. The theft over \$20,000 and under \$100,000. Gray County grand jury handed up rabies tests came back negative, accord- Bond on each offense was set at \$5,000,

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District Attorney Rick Roach said in false or misleading written statement on charge was set at \$7,000. Rosenberg April 24, 2003 in an attempt to buy a allegedly possessed less than one gram 2002 Lincoln Town Car from West of methamphetamine on Oct. 6, 2001. Texas Ford. He also unlawfully appropriated the car, according to the indict-possession of marijuana. Bond on the

indicted for theft over \$1,500 and under four ounces and five pounds of marijua-\$20,000, a state jail felony. Bond was set na on April 24, 2001 Department. Lucas discovered the Britt Allen Marsh, was indicted yester- at \$3,000. Malone allegedly stole cash

> session of a controlled substance. Her allegedly possessed less than one gram bond was set at \$7,500. Moore allegedly of cocaine on July 24, 2001.

All five dogs were surrendered to on two third-degree felonies, false state- was found to be in possession of less

Bruce Wayne Rosenberg, 45, was indicted for possession of a controlled Cadena allegedly made a materially substance. Bond on the state jail felony

Nathan Williams, 26, was indicted for state jail felony charge was set at \$3,000. Brooke Leigh Malone, 28, was Williams allegedly possessed between

Reggie Ugene Williams, 33, was indicted for possession of a controlled Lalena Renee Moore, 21, was indict-substance. Bond on the state jail felony

City officials look for ways to trim costs

BY DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

are up and the city budget may end up with a nice surplus, Pampa officials are still look-

ing at cutting costs. In a case of hope for the best, but plan for the worst, city officials are exploring a budgeting process that was developed in Eugene, Ore.

Like many cities across the U.S., Eugene faced shrinking revenues and increased demand for public services. In response to the situation, they developed a prioritization process.

John Horst, who as Pampa's financial director is charged with the nuts and bolts of developing the city's annual budget, said the new process would involve com-

mittee-based budget groups. A committee of Pampa residents would be formed and they Although sales tax receipts would be brought more closely into the budgeting process.

"Let's say we take all the commissioners and they name five civic leaders, business leaders, to this group," Horst said. "They prioritize the services that the city provides."

The theory behind the process is that a formal priority-setting method can make balancing a budget a little eas-

The first step in the process is to ask citizens how to balance the city's budget. A survey of a group of citizens would ask them to specify needed service improvements, the dollar amounts of service reductions and new money raising options for city servic-

(See EXPENSES, Page 3)

At the boat wash ...



Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Jerry Rhoades of Pampa washes his boat in preparation for a trip to Lake Greenbelt today for spring break. Weather forecasters predict near-perfect boating weather with clear, sunny skies, moderate winds, and temperatures near 80 degrees on Friday.

Insurgent attacks, blasts rock Iraq cities

By DANIEL COONEY ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) the southern city of Basra as a by, killing three bystanders.

In Baghdad, the U.S. mili-Wednesday's suicide bombing at another hotel to seven, after initially putting it at 27.

A man suspected of being involved in the Basra bombing and who got out of the vehicle shortly before the blast, was caught by passers-by and stabbed to death, Lt. Col. Ali Kazem of the Iraqi police said. Two others also spotted getting

explosion were caught by members of the public and

A suicide bomber exploded a wounded, hospital officials funded TV station in northcar Thursday near a hotel in said. Ambulances rushed to the area, and Iraqi police and British military patrol passed British forces tried to push the rounds at two U.S. military crowd back

tary lowered the death toll in were two men and a boy, still in the vehicle. No British soldiers were wounded in the

In the Baghdad bombing, the military had first said 27 out of the vehicle before the later lowered it to seven.

Gunmen opened fire on a ed, the British government not clear what the target may minibus, killing three Iraqi journalists and wounding nine At least 15 people were other employees of a coalitioneastern Iraq, police said.

Insurgents also fired mortar bases on Wednesday, killing The three civilians killed three American soldiers and wounding nine others, the milpolice said. The body of the itary said Thursday. The deaths suspected suicide bomber was brought to 567 the number of U.S. troops killed in Iraq since the start of hostilities last year. according to Department figures.

people were killed. On were wounded in Wednesday's Thursday, U.S. Army Col. Jill car bombing at the Mount and detonate, which is why it Morgenthaler put the toll at 17, Lebanon Hotel in the heart of is not as declarative as we may and Brig Gen. Mark Kimmitt Baghdad. One Briton was have thought at first. killed and another was wound-

Morgenthaler confirmed the attack was a suicide bombing but said the destroyed Mount Lebanon Hotel may not have been the intended target because the vehicle loaded with explosives was in the middle of the street and not parked in front of the hotel.

"It may have been a different target, it may have been a different day the bomber intended to use this car bomb," Defense Kimmitt told ABC's "Good Morning America." "It does Kimmitt said 35 people not appear as if the car was able to pull in front of the hotel

Morgenthaler said it was

have been.

Shawayas, the council official, said the vehicle was moving at the time of the explosion, indicating it was a sui-

The explosion, which left a jagged 20-foot crater, also set ablaze nearby homes, offices, cars and shops, sending dazed and wounded people stumbling from the wreckage.

A spokesman for the Iraqi Governing Council, Hamid al-Kafaai, blamed al-Qaida for the blast but offered no evi-

"It is aimed at terrorizing the civilians, destabilizing the country and hampering the

(See IRAQ, Page 3)



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her husband Dave and their children, John and

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wife Nancy of Boulder, Colo., and their chil-

and Laura and Eric Pittman of Toledo, Ohio;

Holt Cowden and his wife Kaye and their sons,

dren, Zach, Scott and Michelle of Dallas. He

was blessed with three great-grandchildren,

Asia Clark, Mason Faulkner, and Max Doenges.

Preceding him in death were two grandchildren,

addition, he is survived by a brother, Frank

Cowden, Jr., and his wife June of Midland, and

a sister, Elizabeth Walter Kenney and her hus-

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

COWDEN, Courtney Holt Sr. - 2:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Midland.

COURTNEY HOLT COWDEN, SR. 1921-2004

MIDLAND - Courtney Holt Cowden, Sr., 82, of Midland, passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2004. Memorial services have been scheduled for 2:30 p.m., Friday, March 19, 2004, at First Presbyterian Church of Midland with Dr. Jerry Hilton, Dr. Ray Riddle and the Rev. Stephen Wilkins officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

He was born to a pioneer ranching family on June 19, 1921 in Midland. His parents were James Franklin Cowden, Sr., and Gladys Holt Cowden. Courtney received his education in Midland, attending North Elementary, Cowden Junior High and he graduated from Midland High School in 1938. He attended New Mexico dren, Christi and Carl Doenges of Midland, Military Institute for two years, where he Sarah and Chris Faulkner of Flower Mound, enjoyed playing polo. Courtney went to Texas Tech University for one year and then lived at the M Bar Ranch for a year before volunteering Courtney and Chris of Midland; Lynn Cowden for the Army Air Corps. Courtney served in the and his children Kemper, Patrick, Craig and Army Air Corps and was trained as an airplane Mary Caroline of Amarillo; Susan Cowden mechanic. He was stationed many places during Raybourn and her husband Kyle and their chiltraining and served two and one-half years near Reykjavik, Iceland. It was in Reykjavik that Courtney discovered his hidden talent of writing poetry, which he later used to entertain his family. He loved to tell the story that he was the Katherine Ann Clark, Blake Cowden Raybourn only one in his group who could type, so he and great-grandson, Karl Hugo Doenges. In became the base "typist" – a far cry from an airplane mechanic.

Courtney always enjoyed the country. He ranched all of his life and rode his horses until band Huey of Houston, and numerous nieces the day he died. As a young man, he roped and nephews. calves and later trained and rode a prize winning cutting horse named, "Mr. Harmon." He taught Courtney Holt Cowden, III, James Kemper all of his children to horseback ride and to love Cowden, Christopher Scott Cowden, Patrick and appreciated the outdoors. He and his brother raised Hereford cattle and Ouarter Horses.

In September 2002, the Haley Memorial Library of Midland, honored Courtney with the Memorial Library, Foy Procter Memorial Foy Proctor Memorial Cowman's Award of Cowman's Award of Honor, 1805 W. Indiana, Honor. He was a member of the First Midland, Texas, 79701 or Friends of Fairview Presbyterian Church. Courtney was a past pres- Cemetery or Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 W. ident of the Midland Fair, Inc., which produced Midland, Texas, 79707.

GAYLE REICHER

Gayle Reicher, 66, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, in Dallas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

WEATHER FOCUS

South winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower to the upper 70s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. mid 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Lows in the mid 40s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. Highs in the upper 60s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows near 50. Monday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 70s. Monday night,

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Attorney: Funding overhaul won't ease burden on schools

AUSTIN (AP) - An attortricts in a lawsuit challenging tee. state school funding says an will do little to ease the burden said. on schools.

session is to make things worse in the coming weeks. for the state," Buck Wood of Press on Wednesday.

tem. A July trial date has been land value. That would require set in their lawsuit. About 230 the state to find about \$5 billion and poor, are now part of the to offset it. lawsuit, Wood said.

school funding plan. The com- by half is unrealistic. mittee wants to reduce the owners, while maintaining

ney representing school dis- options laid out by the commit- we're spending on public edu-

"Schools want more money. expected overhaul of the way What they would get under by the committee is a statewide Texas pays for public education these plans is less money," he

"The only thing I can see to announce a special legisla-

The majority of the public comes from local property Wood represents about 200 taxes, but Perry and other lawschool districts that are part of a makers have indicated their lawsuit challenging the state's intentions to cut the rate by share-the-wealth finance sys- about 50- or 75-cents per \$100

Scott McCown, the former A legislative committee state district judge whose decireleased its ideas Tuesday for sions helped shape the current the so-called Robin Hood goal of reducing property taxes. ment vote.

property tax burden of home- technically feasible as well as business activity tax in lieu of politically possible that can the current franchise tax. That equitable funding to all dis- raise enough money to both idea is on the list of options for lower property taxes by half the Legislature.

Wood was skeptical of the and significantly increase what cation," McCown said.

One of the options floated property tax, which would be redistributed to every district Gov. Rick Perry is expected on an equal funding scale. A statewide property tax would that can be done in a special tive session to take up the issue require a constitutional amendment to be voted on by Texans.

"You can make a very equi-Austin told The Associated education budget in Texas table system with a statewide property tax, but it doesn't put any new money in the system," Wood said.

McCown said a state personal income tax would be the ideal solution to pouring enough money into the system school districts, both wealthy to \$8 billion in new state taxes while lowering property taxes and maintaining equity.

A personal income tax, which has been unpopular among lawmakers, also would the most viable alternatives to school funding system, said the require a constitutional amend-

The next best thing, he said "There's no state tax that's would be a lower broad-based

ON RECORD

FIRE

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

Wednesday, March 17

responded to a report of a grass fire in the in the 400 block of Carr.

1800 block of North Fir. Residents were burning a stump. Fire was out when firefight-

6:10 p.m. - Three units and seven fire-4:19 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters fighters responded to motor vehicle collision

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests as of 7 a.m.

Tuesday, March 16

Possible child abuse was reported. Wednesday, March 17

A runaway was reported in the 2500 block

of Aspen. The person was later found. A bicycle was reported stolen from the

300 block of Sunset. Estimated loss was \$96. Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 400 block of West Brown. A citation was issued.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 300 block of Gray. A citation was issued.

Theft under \$50 was reported at Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart. Five packages of steaks, valued at approximately \$45, were taken and later returned to the store.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of Sunset. Entry was made by breaking a window. A tool known as a transit was taken. Estimated loss was unknown.

Kim Mills, 43, 723 N. Banks, was arrested on a warrant for public intoxication.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents as of 7 a.m. today. Sunday, March 14

10 a.m. - A 1991 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Dorma Priscilla Cook, 78, 500 N. Lefors, collided with a legally parked 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer owned by Michael Limul Dickinson, 1033 Twiford, in the 500 block of North Lefors. No injuries were reported. No citations were issued.

Wednesday, March 17

10:45 a.m. - An unknown white vehicle with unknown driver struck a legally parked 1994 Suzuki, owned by Craig Schaffer, 2369 Beech, in a private parking lot at One Medical Plaza, and then left the scene. No injuries were reported, and no citations were

6:10 p.m. - A 1997 BMW 23, driven by Debra Ann Hickerson, 42, 929 N. Mary Ellen, struck the curb at 420 N. Carr and then struck a tree, landing on its side. Hickerson was transported by Rural/Metro Ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center with possible injuries. No citations were issued.

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SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department today reported the following arrests.

Wednesday, March 17

Charott Ann Liles, 62, Amarillo, was arrested for disorderly conduct/language.

Earl Liles, 37, Amarillo, was arrested for two capias pro fines and interfering with an emergency

Melissa Peterman 30, 408 S. Starkweather, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. Russell Lance Whitehead, 43, 305 N. Roberta. was arrested for theft by check.

Aaron Eugene Young, 36, 340 Tignor, was arrested for credit card abuse.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, March 17

9:12 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Doucette and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. 5:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a

local nursing facility and transported one to

6:13 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Carr and transported one to

7:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to NWTH and transported one to PRMC.

Thursday, March 18

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EXPENSES

es they want.

In the second step, citizens would select from the options outlined in step one to balance the budget, either by cutting expenses or by raising revenues.

The needs and wants of the community would be listed in the priority in which citizens view them.

"If you were on the committee, you may say that parks are more important than the library, or visa versa," Horst said. "Then, we'd concentrate on that survey."

This isn't going to happen overnight, Horst admitted. There are complexities in put-

ting such a program together committee was asked to target and it will take time to work out the kinks.

months to implement the pro-

"With the change in ambuto be able to implement that this year," Horst said. "I don't expect that we will be able to, but perhaps it's something we can start on later when we have the time to do it right."

developed the concept in in this every year, constantly, 1990, divided the city's services into four broad priority categories and then listed specific services within each cat-

The commission-citizen

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a level of funding. They were to indicate whether the gener-It took Eugene, Ore., 18 al fund budget for each service should be increased, maintained or reduced.

Over the past decade, lance service, we're not going Pampa officials have chosen to reduce funding in a number of areas because of falling population numbers.

"We've cut and we've cut," Horst said. "We've lost utility connections from people The Oregon city that first moving away. Those who are can lose sight of something that may be out there that can be changed."

> Somebody else may have a brilliant idea, he said, that will

Sources: Rest of Tulia settlement may be approximately \$1 million

TULIA (AP) — Cities and tiffs in a now-discredited reached. drug bust continue to hammer say may reach \$1 million.

Towels

amounts ranging from a few said. thousand dollars to tens of

n't talk about the details of

counties not part of a \$5 mil- Blackburn, who represents bust. Forty-six people - 39 settlement reached the Tulia defendants, said he of whom were black — were between Amarillo and plain- is hopeful a settlement can be arrested, prompting claims by

out an agreement that sources case so that the entire Panhandle can put this night- representing Randall County Twenty-six counties and mare behind them, like in the suit, said details have three cities would pay Amarillo did last week," he been mostly worked out with

The city of Amarillo setthousands of dollars each tled with 45 of the defendants and it's really down to a few under the agreement, which March 11, agreeing to pay \$5 narrow issues," he said. "I has not been finalized, sever- million and effectively dis- would hope it wouldn't take al sources involved in the band the task force to which too much longer to resolve negotiations told the Amarillo Tom Coleman, the lone those." Globe-News in Thursday's undercover agent in the busts, Attorneys said they could- died before going to trial.

the negotiations, but they ed, would bring an end to a tifying at hearings in March confirmed talks were ongo- federal lawsuit filed in 2003 that were related to the August in connection with the busts.

Amarillo attorney Jeff controversial 1999 Tulia drug civil rights groups that the "We're eager to settle this busts were racially motivated.

Mark White, an attorney only a few details remaining.

"Negotiations are ongoing,

Coleman is scheduled to was assigned. One defendant stand trial in May on three charges of aggravated perjury The settlement, if complet- for allegedly lying while tes-

IRAQ

democratic march in the country," he said.

A U.S. counterterrorism official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said al-Qaida-linked , Jordanian Islamic militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi is among those suspected of playing a key role.

The Mount Lebanon was a so-called "soft target" because it did not have concrete blast barriers and other security measures that protect offices of the U.S.-led coalition and buildings where Westerners live and work.

Shawayas said that suggests "this terrorist group is weak and cannot get to important targets."

He said the attackers were foreigners, according to collected evidence, which he did not disclose.

The U.S.-funded Arabic Al-Hurra television station captured the blast on video. As a massive fireball explodes into the night sky about a halfmile away and a second later a thunderous boom is heard, an Iraqi woman in a Muslim shawl who was about to be interviewed ducks for cover.

Rescuers pulled two more bodies from the rubble before dawn Thursday and smoke

poured from the site 12 hours after the 8:09 p.m. explosion. The nationalities of all the dead were not immediately

Moroccan, three Jordanians, two Britons, two Lebanese and an Egyptian were registered at the Lebanese-owned hotel, duty manager Bashir Abdel-Hadi

He said among those killed were the hotel's three security guards, who were standing in front at the time.

Much of the damage was done to surrounding buildings. Across the street, the one-story house of a Christian family of seven was virtually destroyed. Associated Press reporters saw four bodies in the wreckage.

"I was sleeping in the room and then I heard a huge explosion, I ran out and then I was hit against the wall," said Jihad Abu Muslah, from a bed in Al Kindi Hospital, bandages on his face.

A U.S. soldier less than a half-mile away said the blast felt as though it were next

U.S. Army Col. Ralph Baker of the 1st Armored Division estimated the bomb contained 1,000 pounds of explosives and was a mixture

of plastic explosives and artillery shells.

The Iraqi journalists were killed in the city of Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, when attackers in a car opened fire on the minibus they were riding in, said Sanaa al-Daghistani, information director of Diyala TV.

In Fallujah, insurgents clashed with U.S. troops Thursday, leaving a civilian dead, another wounded and two U.S. soldiers slightly hurt, witnesses said.

At least 10 masked attackers used AK-47 rifles and rocket-propelled grenades against the soldiers, who were guarding a building where a meeting between local officials and U.S. military authorities was under way. Military helicopters and jet fighters flew overhead as the troops fired back.

A U.S. military media official said she had no information on the clash.

Haiti installs new U.S.-backed government

(AP) — The installation of Haiti's new U.S.-backed government generated complaints from some opposition politicians who charged that members of former President Jeanunfairly excluded.

Latortue, who had said that Aristide's Lavalas party would action on organizing legislative al aid. elections.

Latortue said Wednesday at a anarchy," he told The capital.

National Palace ceremony. Both Lavalas and the opposi-

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti excluded from the government. "It's more of a personal gov-

ernment of Latortue than a real flawed 2000 legislative elections government of consensus," said opposition leader Evans Paul, a former Port-au-Prince mayor.

Bertrand Aristide's party were ernment of national unity," Monday to reunite with his Mischa Gaillard; of the daughters. Prime Minister Gerard Convergence coalition, said on Radio Vision 2000.

participate in the government, Foley said "Latortue chose wise- fere in Haitian politics during his defended his choice of Cabinet ly" and that Haiti could expect temporary stay in Jamaica. members and promised fast significant U.S. and internation-

nonpartisan, and I invite every- remarkable given the complete led by a street gang and former one to judge it by its results," breakdown ... a virtual state of army officers could engulf the

1400 block of South Barnes Street.

Associated Press.

Haiti has been in crisis since swept by Lavalas. Aristide fled on Feb. 29 as a three-week rebellion threatened Port-au-"You cannot call this a gov- Prince. He arrived in Jamaica

Aristide told Jamaican Prime Minister P.J. Patterson on U.S. Ambassador James Wednesday that he won't inter-

Aristide claims he was forced out under U.S. pressure. "I do think that the situation Washington insists he resigned "This is a government that is will stabilize, which is before the bloody insurrection



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THURSDAY • March 18, 2004

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Roller-Coaster Romance is Making Boyfriend Queasy

DEAR ABBY: I need help dealing with my ex-girlfriend, "Ashley." We were together off and on for 2 1/2 years and lived together for a year. It was a new experience for both of us.

About a year into our relationship, Ashley decided she wasn't sure that what we had was what she wanted anymore. I was OK with it. We split up for four or five months, and then we started talking and decided to try again. About three months later, she did the same thing.

It has now been another three months, and supposedly she has a new boyfriend, but she's calling me. I love her and would do anything for her, but I just don't know what to do anymore. My romance with Ashley has caused a lot of arguments between me and my parents. Any advice would help. -- HURTING IN **PASADENA**

DEAR HURTING: Ashley appears to be too immature and indecisive for a serious commitment to anyone -- her current boyfriend included. If it's love you're looking for, she isn't the girl who can provide it. The best advice I can offer is to admire her from a safe distance. She's a heartbreaker.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my husband, "Ron," for 12 years. We have always gotten along well except for one thing. He smokes pot -- a lot of it. He says he will never stop. I am against pot smoking, but I've tolerated it for his

My daughter, "Erica," just turned 15 and has become involved with a bad crowd. I recently found out she has been smoking pot with Ron. Ron says he'd rather Erica do it at home instead of on the streets.

Now, if Ron and I have even the smallest disagreement, Erica will automatically take his side. The two of them have their own bond and inside jokes; I feel like an outsider. I would take Erica and leave my husband, but I'm not financially able.

How can I make Ron realize it is unacceptable -- that he should be a role model instead of a friend? I really feel

like I am going crazy. Any ideas? --**UNCOOL MOM**

DEAR UNCOOL MOM: Rather than behave like a responsible parent, your husband has become your daughter's enabler. I urge you to draw the line. Tell him that you want the house to be "clean" by tomorrow. If it's not, let him know you'll be calling the police to report him for supplying drugs to a minor. Then do it. Let him explain his off-the-wall philosophy to them. And for your daughter's sake, recognize that it's time you started job-hunting. You may need to support the two of you in the near future.

DEAR ABBY: I attended a wine testing a few weeks ago where a guest accidentally broke a wine glass. The hostess didn't seem concerned that he might be injured, but she did get upset that the glass was broken.

Before he left, the guest offered to pay for the broken wine glass and the hostess accepted, saying that he owed her \$16. He produced a \$20 bill, which she pocketed without offering change -- and later bragged to me that she had made money on the deal. I thought her behavior was

She recently confided that she's going to buy a crate of 99-cent glasses and charge \$5 apiece if any of them are broken. What do you think of this? --APPALLED IN BEVERLY HILLS

DEAR APPALLED: The hostess appears to be ethically challenged. If she'd cheat her guests on the wine glass, how can one be sure she's pouring the vintage she claims to be? Frankly, I think she's popped her cork, and if I were you, I'd skip her soirees.

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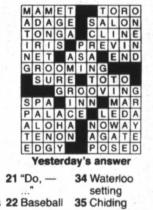
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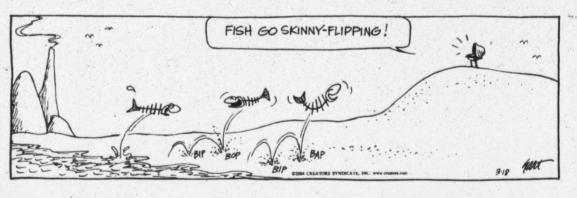
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The Family Circus



"If I combed my hair different, would I look like a teenager?"

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SPORTS

Lady Harvesters unbeaten in district softball play 4A softball.

FOOTBALL Keyshawn-Galloway deal heating up By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer IRVING, Texas (AP) — The proposed trade that would send Keyshawn Johnson to the Dallas Cowboys and Joey Galloway to Tampa Bay was almost complete Wednesday night.

The deal had been stalled because Buccaneers were refusing to offer more than \$1 million for one year to Galloway, who is due \$6.31 million under his existing contract. Tampa Bay upped its bid Wednesday, a day after Galloway visited team headquarters.

"Things are close," agent Leigh Steinberg said late Wednesday night. "There was real progress made today. It looks promising."

Tampa Bay is likely to get rid of Johnson one way or another by April 1, when he's due a \$1 million roster bonus. The Bucs would prefer to get something for

The initial talks with Dallas several weeks ago went far enough that both teams were allowed to try striking new contracts with their prospective players. Johnson quickly agreed to a four-year, \$20 million contract with a \$4 million bonus with the Cowboys.

When Tampa Bay wasn't able to work out anything with Galloway, Dallas refused to offer a draft pick, figuring it could wait for the Bucs to release Johnson and sign him as a free agent.

Johnson was inactive the final six games last season because of a spat with coach Jon Gruden.

Galloway never lived up to expectations since Dallas gave up two first-round picks to get him before the 2000 season.

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORI-**OLES—Optioned INF Jose** Morban and 1B Walter Young to Bowie of the EL, RHP Daniel Cabrera and LHP Ryan Hannaman to Frederick of the Carolina League, LHPAdam Loewen to Delmarva of the SAL and C Raul Casanova, INF Napoleon Calzado and OF Pedro Swann to their minor league camp.

CLEVELAND INDIANS-Claimed LHP Matt White off waivers from Colorado.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Reassigned RHP Rob Bell, RHP Ken Cloude and INF Jason Maxwell to their minor league camp. **National League**

ATLANTA BRAVES Reacquired RHP Alec Zumwalt from Tampa Bay and sent him outright to Richmond of the IL. Optioned RHP Roman Colon and INF Nick Green to Richmond, RHP Brett Evert, INF Richard Lewis, INF Tony Pena Jr. and INF Kelly Johnson to Greenville of the Southern League and RHP Blaine Boyer, INF Scott Thorman and OF Onil Joseph to Myrtle Beach of the Carolina League.

remain unbeaten in district 3- with a tough loss.

Pampa (3-0) with the victo- a game winning double. ry kept its share of the early lead in district play with co-Caprock (2-0).

all) got a strong outing and for seven innings of 3-hit sure hit. from Jenna Schlabs, getting pitching. two outs in the seventh in a

Freshman starter Nicole inning Tuesday afternoon, Batting next, senior third base- defense took charge. they edged the Hereford man Haley Bowen hammered center, scoring Clark easily for Claudio of a sure double.

The Pampa Lady Haryesters would send the Herd home throw to third in an attempt for and finished allowing only a double play.

Hereford built a 4-0 lead With two consecutive Clark drilled a shot off the going into their half of the the bottom of the third, scoring. doubles in the seventh fence for a standup double. third inning when Pampa's three times, twice more in the including a

Right fielder Callie Cobb runs each. Lady Whitefaces by 6-5 the first pitch to the gap in left made a diving catch to rob Liz

The dugout emptied to con- who had two of three Hereford of extra innings to come. gratulate Bowen with high hits in the game, drove a hard leaders Dumas (3-0) and fives for the game-ending hit. liner between first and second top half of the seventh, got a single, Clark (6-4; 3-0) received that Amy Youree snagged, tak-Hereford (1-2; 4-6 over- plenty of praise for the rally ing away what looked like a Stacey Johnson made a leap-

The Lady Whitefaces did Clark struggled early, walk- get another run courtesy of a taking away another hit from Palo Duro. They will return 6-6 ball game but a fresh- ing three batters in the first walk in their four taking the the Herd. connection that later scored on an over- lead, but Clark found the zone

two more hits.

Pampa finally got going in

huge lift when shortstop ing catch of another hard liner the total. from Hereford's leadoff hitter,

hits total and two reached on walks.

Leading hitter for Pampa was Amy Youree going 3 for 4

· fourth to tie the game at five bunt single. Cassy Tice picked up 4 RBIs on a single and a Neither team was able to double. First baseman score another run through the Whitney Roden had 2 singles The next batter, Jane Hays, end of six with the possibility and Clark had two doubles. Abbi Covalt reached base 3 The Lady Harvesters, in the times by way of 2 walks and a

> Bowen's RBI single and Callie Cobb's base hit added to

Pampa's next game is at home March 23 when co-The Lady Harvesters had 12 leader Dumas comes visiting.

The Pampa Globetrotters played in the Devils of Enid, Okla., 41-38. B-State Shootout Baskschall Tournament in Elk City the weekend of Feb. 20. The said, "but came up short at the end."

leach Jeff Skinner, "and got beat 48-32 by was next with 9. the Oklahoma City Rumble."

Trotters got back on the winning track, Skinner and Monte Covalt. defeating Brownfield 42-31. Matt Smith The team members are, seventh had a big game, scoring 29 points. Blake grade, John Luke Covalt, Mathew

"Pampa played great defense," Skinner campy team finished the tournament with Enid had earlier defeated the Rumble by

30 points. Mathew Smith once again led the "The Trotters started out slowly," said team in scoring with 19. Thomas Fraser

In the last game, Pampa defeated the Matt Smith led the Globetrotters in host team, Elk City, 48-32, in a hard-fought coring with 12 points. Thomas Fraser game of defense. Matt Smith scored a game scored 7 points, and Alex Clendening high 14 points. Thomas Fraser ended up with 13.

In the second game, Skinner said, the The Globetrotters are coached by Jeff

Smith, Blake Sieck, Casey Trimble, In game three, the Globetrotters lost a Thomas Fraser, Hayden Skinner, heartbreaker in double overtime to the Heath Skinner and, sixth grade, Alex eventual tournament winner the Blue Clendening.

Notre Dame over Purdue in first round of NIT

By The Associated Press Randy Foye and Allan Ray points to finish with 15.

first round of the NIT.

The Boilermakers (17-14), used a 22-12 run to take a 52- Drexel (18-11), which never Island (20-13) with 13 points and 51 lead in the second half. has beaten Villanova (17-16) Dawn Robinson added 12. Notre Dame (18-12), which in 17 tries. shot 50 percent in the first half, missed its first 10 shots after halftime.

ended the game with a 20-7 a second-half collision to lead 12th in the nation with 58.8

Saint Louis in the second round.

FIRST ROUND Virginia 79, GW 66

five of Virginia's 13 3-pointers final eight games. in possibly his final home Cavaliers with 19 points.

year and fourth time in six sea- Golden Flashes 19-11. sons under coach Pete Gillen, will play Villanova in the second round.

for the first time since 1997.

Rutgers 76, Temple 71

in his first start and Rutgers first NIT appearance. rallied from an eight-point deficit. The victory was the Tennessee 55 Scarlet Knights' first in a nonconference postseason tournament since the NIT in 1999.

and West Virginia.

David Hawkins, with a 24.4 average, had 25 in tournament and 0-2 in the NIT. his final game at Temple.

Villanova 85, Drexel 70

points and Rick Cornett added eight straight points during turnovers. a career-high 16 Wednesday Villanova's decisive 18-0 run night, leading Notre Dame to a that turned a 10-point deficit 71-59 victory over Purdue in into a 53-45 lead midway through the second half.

who trailed 39-30 at halftime, career-high 24 points for threatened. Steve Mello led Rhode

OPENING ROUND West Va. 65, Kent St. 54

KENT, Ohio (AP) — West Virginia. It was the first points allowed per game. The Fighting Irish will play at postseason win for the Mountaineers (16-13) since

Sally scored only two

Niagara 87, Troy State 83 George Washington (18-12) and Juan Mendez added 20 points. made their final six foul shots. was making its first postseason and 16 rebounds. Niagara, which appearance since the 1999 NCAA trailed by 17 points, advanced to tournament and playing in the NIT the first round and will play at Dylan Page scored 22 points, Nebraska on Friday.

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) and Rob Lewin added 16 out Rice. It was the first win ever Freshman Quincy Douby points and 10 rebounds for for Wisconsin-Milwaukee (20-10) scored a career-high 28 points Troy State (24-7), making its in a postseason tournament.

> George Mason

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — George Mason won its first postseason game in 18 years State 84, 20T Rutgers (17-12) will face and gave the Patriots (22-9) a the winner of a first-round school record for wins in a Tim Pickett scored 25 points to game between Rhode Island season. The school won its lead Florida State (19-13) to a pair first tournament game since of comebacks. Pickett hit three the the 1986 NIT. George Mason second-half 3-point shots to help nation's fourth-leading scorer had since gone 0-3 in the NCAA the Seminoles ally from a 14-point

points, and Terry Reynolds got also had to come back from six VILLANOVA, Pa. (AP) — George Mason's last eight points down in the first overtime.

each scored 20 points, and Brandon Crump scored 16 SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) Curtis Sumpter had 14 points points to lead Tennessee (15-- Chris Quinn scored 21 and 11 rebounds. Ray scored 14), which was hurt by 18

RI 80, Boston U. 52

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. (AP) — Rhode Island opened a double-digit lead in the Sean Brooks scored a first six minutes and was never

Rhode Island surpassed the highest point total scored on Boston University (20-6) this season with 7:27 remaining as But the Irish made four of Tyrone Sally scored 17 points Mello hit a 3-pointer for a 75five shots down the stretch and and braved a bloody nose from 39 lead. BU came in ranked

Austin Peay 65, Belmont 59

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. they reached the regional (AP) — Austin Peay had an semifinals of the 1998 NCAA 11-0 run over a two-minute CHARLOTTESVILLE, tournament. The Golden stretch late in the second half, Va. (AP) — Todd Billet made Flashes (22-9) lost six of their then weathered a rally by Belmont in the final minute.

The Governors (22-9) game. Billet, the lone senior points in the final 7:17, but his scored their final 14 points who plays for Virginia, led the defense in the middle of a 1-3- during a span of 1:40 to extend 1 zone helped force four their home winning streak to Virginia (18-12), playing in turnovers down the stretch, when 29 games. Belmont (21-9) ralthe NIT for the third straight the Mountaineers outscored the lied in the final 40 seconds to 59-57 with 19 seconds left.

> However, the Governors, AMHERST, N.Y. (AP) — who attempted 30 free throws Tremmell Darden had 26 points to just four for the Bruins, were

Wisconsin 91, Rice 63 MILWAUKEE (AP) -Ed McCants added 21 and Greg Davis had 18 points Wisconsin-Milwaukee blew

> Brock Gillespie led the Owls 58, (22-11) with 15 points. The last postseason appearance for Rice was in the 1993 NIT. Florida State 91, Wichita

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) deficit. Florida State, which Tony Skinn scored 16 snapped a five-game losing streak.

Lady Harvesters JV drops one to Hereford The Lady Harvester JV JV record to 3-1. Overall

couldn't keep a late lead, McVay is 4-1 picking up her losing 11-9 to the Hereford other win at the varsity Borger Lady Harvester Field.

Hereford scored 6 runs inning to take away the victory. Pampa's Stephanie McVay Nickel.

JV in the second half of tournament. McVay also led in Tuesday's doubleheader at hitting picking up 3 hits in 4 at Kali Jimeniz added two

after two outs on five hits and RBIs on two hits, along with four Pampa errors in the 5th singles from Ashlee Ferguson, Tamara Trevathon and Kinzi took her first loss dropping her

Pampa is now 1-1 in district

Attorneys says client didn't yell racial slurs

slurs outside a fast-food court records. restaurant as alleged in a College Station police Lt.

a nearby home where he failed was said. a field sobriety test. Teammate intoxication.

said in a story in Thursday's written affidavit. Bryan-College Station Eagle. of racial comment and did not 12 honors. exit the vehicle."

Restaurant called police to the restaurant 2003.

COLLEGE STATION just before 1 a.m., saying two (AP) - A Texas A&M white men were shouting football player arrested on racial slurs at black passena drunken driving charge gers in another car in the says he didn't yell racial drive-thru line, according to

police report, his attorney Mark Langwell said one of the players got out of the sport Geoff Hangartner was utility and began yelling at the charged early Monday with car's driver. Hangartner told driving while intoxicated after police Smith had gotten into police said they followed his an argument with the car's vehicle from the restaurant to driver, but would not say what

The people inside the car Cole Smith, who was in the told police they wanted to vehicle, was cited for public press charges based on the racially charged verbal attack, "Geoff completely denies which a police officer, who making any kind of racial epi- was across the street, said he taph," his attorney, Jim James, could hear, according to a

Hangartner will be a senior "He finds any kind of racial in the fall. He has started at slur absolutely abhorrent. My center for the past two years client did not make any kind and earned third-team All Big

Smith, who will be a junior, employees has appeared in one game in

Slammers place third in Spearman tournament

The Slammers are entered in the finals. in the Perryton tournament this weekend.

entered in the tournament," Jimmy Barker said.

A and play at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday and 10:30 a.m.

· Saturday. Tigers 32-26.

Guymon defeated Perryton Spring Break."

Perryton advanced to the finals by defeating the fifth "There are 12 teams grade Pampa Sparks by two points.

The two Pampa teams The Slammers are in Pool played each other in the third place game.

"Fourth grader Kailyn Troxell played with the The Slammers went 2 and 1 Slammers," Jimmy Barker in Spearman with their lone said, "and did a great job loss coming from the Guymon of filling in for players who were out of town for

| Player | PT | RB | ASSTS |
|---------------------|----|----|-------|
| Emilie Troxell | 15 | 14 | 2 |
| Kara Stephens | 8 | 5 | 2 |
| Kailyn Troxell | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Brooklyn Barker | 3 | 22 | 3 |
| Serina Wagner | 16 | 1 | 7 |
| Carlyn Telchmann | 19 | 13 | 9 |
| Shelble Watson | 6 | 6 | 4 |
| Ashley Facio | 34 | 18 | 5 |
| Three point goals | | | |
| Carlynn Teichmann-1 | | | |
| Serina Wagner-1 | | | |

Hawks down Mays in hard fought game

Atlanta Hawks played free and open shots. We got good looks 34 seconds left. easy, while the Dallas and I was just able to knock Mavericks felt pressure to them down." keep pace in the Western Conference playoff race.

won — but just barely.

points, 31 in the first half, and ous seven games. the Hawks led by as many as game home winning streak.

anything anymore," out there and jack it up and their eighth road win. have fun. It's tough to play those teams."

cess against Dallas this season. 10 ry over the Mavericks on home record. Feb. 9.

of the Mavericks.

"We were just playing great

Jason Terry had 25 points, Bob Sura added 19 points and The team with no worries 11 rebounds, and Boris Diaw had 15 points for the Hawks, Stephen Jackson scored 36 who had lost six of their previ-

Atlanta opened a big lead 26 before holding off Dallas behind Jackson's 12-for-16 111-110 Wednesday night to shooting before Dallas used a ning it but you lose a lot of of 24 attempts: snap the Mavericks' nine- 34-21 fourth quarter to nearly pull off the biggest comeback "They aren't playing for in franchise history. But Steve Nash failed to hit the rim on a Mavericks forward Dirk fading left-handed runner at to get home court (in the play-Nowitzki said. "They just go the buzzer, giving the Hawks offs). To lose to Atlanta is

Nash scored 30 points, 25 Jackson continued his suc- Nowitzki added 28 points and the shot he wanted. rebounds for Hawks' 102-96 home victo- night with a league-best 29-4 to try to forget it," Nash said.

The Hawks have won only points and Antoine Walker Finley and Nowitzki hit con- most points scored by a Dallas 22 times this season, but they contributed 12 points, 12 secutive 3-pointers during a 9- opponent in any half this seacompleted a two-game sweep rebounds, six assists and three 1 run to make it 108-105 with son. ... The record quarter steals for Dallas.

The Mavericks trailed by as team ball," said Jackson, aver- many as 26 points in the third seven points during Dallas' 11- in 1995 and the Detroit aging 33.8 points over his last quarter but closed to 111-110 3 run to close the third quarter, Pistons in 1984.

Terry's 15-foot jumper with 14 seconds left rattled in and out, with Nowitzki pulling the Hawks were building a 40down the rebound to give the 25 first-quarter edge. Atlanta Mavericks a last shot. But scored the most points by a Nash was forced to the outside Dallas opponent in any quarter as the clock wound down, and this season. Jackson went 7his shot from about eight feet for-9 from the field in the never reached the rim.

coming back," energy big loss for us. We're right there with everyone and trying inexcusable."

in the second half, and gasp attempt, which was not ive crowd booed their team as

"I'm going to have to live with He had 30 points in the Mavericks, who began the that one for a while but I'm going back was from 25 points down

> The Hawks were in front Michael Finley had 17 107-96 with 4:55 left, but 31-point first half was the 1:05 left.

DALLAS (AP) — The four games. "We had a lot of on Nash's baseline drive with but the Hawks still took a comfortable 90-76 lead into the fourth.

> Jackson had 19 points while opening quarter while the "We had a great shot at win- Hawks were connecting on 15

"The first half couldn't Nowitzki said. "This is such a have gone any better," Atlanta coach Terry Stotts said. "Stephen Jackson was putting on a shooting clinic."

With the Hawks holding a 25-point halftime lead, the Nash had to hurry his last- Mavericks' normally supportit went to the locker room.

Notes: Dallas' best comeagainst the Denver Nuggets on Nov. 12, 1994. ... Jackson's for a Mavericks opponent Marquis Daniels scored is 46 by the Boston Celtics

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A'ggies walk over Sam Houston State STATION, Texas A&M added three

COLLEGE Texas (AP) — Austin Boggs runs in the fourth to take a 6-1 Wednesday.

Texas A&M (20-2) trailed 1-0 in the top of the third after Sam Houston State's Aaron Ruchti scored on a two-out

first run on an RBI-double allowing two hits and no runs by Coby Mavroulis. Cliff in two innings. Pennington added a run on after the third.

but Sam Houston (4-13-1)

The Aggies used six hits to score six runs in the sixth

The Aggies got their win for Texas A&M after

a fielder's choice and loss for Sam Houston State. Boggs had an RBI-single to He allowed four hits and three give Texas A&M a 3-1 lead runs in the two and two-thirds innings.

The women want Baylor to

ty rowing teams.

Athletic director treat them equally, said Ray McCaw said Baylor has a Yasser, an attorney represent- strong commitment to Title ing the women in the lawsuit IX. The school is developing a filed Monday in federal court five-year strategic plan that in Waco. The group is seeking will include a gender equity recognition but not damages. plan focusing on the universi-The rowing club has ama- ty's plan to maintain compliance.

By The Associated Press

of his big day at the bank.

White Sox on Wednesday in Thursday. Phoenix.

third baseman, is expected to this healthy since he pitched for the I did then," Park said. "I know finalize a contract extension — Los Angeles Dodgers three years it is there. Winning will be the thought to be worth \$66 mil- ago. lion over six years — on Thursday. His long homer to good I am feeling," he said after Yankees center fielder Bornie Boston Red Sox beat the but threw only 30 of 58 pitchright off Shingo Takatsu was giving up three earned runs and his best hit yet in a slow seven hits over 4 1-3 innings for for the first time since his appendix spring.

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least 25 homers. Though back injuries during his first other way. It was a good first Baltimore Orioles. "I made a runs in the second.

minor league games while the Yankees open the regular season with two games in Tokyo against Tampa Bay on March

In Fort Myers, Fla., Curt Schilling allowed one run and Miguel Batista pitched one-hit In Tampa, Fla., New York two hits over six innings as the ball for four shutout innings

"I felt as strong after the

pitches.

returned to the Boston after missing four games with a sore (ss) 0 heel and went 0-

spring training. David Ortiz went Giovanni Series MVP Josh Beckett, who

Carrara. At Lauderdale, Fla., Andy Pettitte might be experi- Yankees. encing a "dead arm."

said Pettitte, who Haynes, recovering from Milwaukee.

"It went well," he said after allowed a run and six hits over lower back problems, needed starts, I didn't work a lot. Williams is scheduled to Today I got in innings and Mesa got a save against his

> Taylor Buchholz. In other games:

Blue Jays 7, Devil Rays 4 At St. Petersburg, Fla., es for strikes.

Cardinals 6, Dodgers (ss) this spring.

game," he said At Jupiter, Fla., Jim after throwing 74 Edmonds played in his first Mets' errors led to all of spring training game and dou-N o m a r bled in his first two at-bats. Garciaparra Edmonds, recovering from offseason shoulder surgery, also lineup stole a base.

Marlins (ss) 4, Dodgers hits in five innings.

At Vero Beach, Fla., Hideo for-2 with a walk. Nomo gave up six hits, includ-He's hitless in ing four for extra bases, alloweight at-bats in ing three runs in four innings.

Twins 6, Marlins (ss) 5 At Fort Myers, Fla., 2-for-3, Michael Cuddyer went 4-for-4 including his fifth with five RBIs, hitting a pair of homer, a drive off run-scoring singles off World

gave up three runs and seven Fort hits in four innings. Yankees 7, Reds (ss) 3 At Tampa, Jose Contreras spring Wednesday innings. Jason Giambi and and hinted he Hideki Matsui homered for the spring outings.

Pirates (ss) 11, Reds (ss) 1 "I didn't feel allowed four hits in five City, and Geoff Jenkins had a real good today," shutout innings. Jimmy long three-run shot for

Eric Chavez had a big after- 101 RBIs last season — his son of a \$65 million, five-year taking about 50 swings. "I was 3 2-3 innings in the Houston 27 pitches to get out of a scorenoon at the plate, a day ahead fourth straight year with at contract, has been bothered by working to hit the ball the Astros' 3-2 loss to the less first and gave up three Pirates (ss) 4, Phillies 3

At Bradenton, Fla., Jose former team, pitching a score-Jack Cust homered for less ninth. Randall Simon hit a Baltimore in the ninth off two-run homer, Ruben Mateo added a solo shot and Jason Kendall went 2-for-3 with an

Expos 4, Braves 3

At Kissimmee, Fla., John Smoltz allowed one hit, struck out one and threw 18 pitches in one inning, his second outing

Tigers 9, Mets 1

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., three Detroit's runs. Center fielder Timo Perez misplayed a single into a three-base error, allowing two runs to score against Tom Glavine, who gave up six

Giants 7, Padres 4

At Peoria, Ariz., Barry Bonds hit a 410-foot drive off the center-field wall for an RBI double. Kirk Rueter allowed four runs and five hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Angels 5, Rockies 2

At Tempe, Ariz., Jarrod Washburn had his best spring outing in three starts, allowing one hit in four scoreless innings.

Rangers 6, Cubs 1 At Surprise, Ariz., Greg wasn't happy with allowed one hit and struck out Maddux allowed six runs and his third start of the eight over four scoreless eight hits after pitching five shutout innings in his first two

Royals 6, Brewers 5

At Phoenix, Aaron Guiel hit At Sarasota, Fla., Josh Fogg a two-run homer for Kansas

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different. 3-18

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I SHALL HAVE TO SLEEP THREE WEEKS ON END TO GET RESTED FROM THE REST I'VE HAD. — THOMAS MANN

Chavez hit a two-run homer Chavez wasn't available for two seasons with the Rangers, day, overall. Everything is lot of mistakes. The first two

and Erubiel Durazo drove in comment and the A's wouldn't going a combined 10-11. He is fine." three runs with two doubles in say anything official, the team the No. 2 starter in the the Oakland Athletics' 10-3 plans to make what it says is Rangers' rotation behind remain in Florida and play in threw a lot of pitches." victory over the Chicago an important announcement Kenny Rogers.

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inning to lengthen their lead.

Kyle Marlatt (3-0) got the

Dustin Craig (1-2) took the

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10. Clarification of the aquifer depletion rule es-

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March

19, 2004: Your understanding points you in a new direction. You seem to be able to churn up important facts through intuitive actions and questions. Others seem to be unable to risk, yet will do whatever they must to please you. How nice! Just recognize when there is a cost attached, which might have nothing to do with money. Others seek you out, and you pretty much have rule of the roost, getting more of what you want. If you are single, you certainly will have an opportunity to change that status, with so many admirers around you. Treat each person with dignity and care, even if you don't want to hook up with him or her. If you are attached, share more of your wild ideas with your sweetie. You often have a veritable romp together, revitalizing your activities. PISCES can

be hard on him- or herself. 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) ** If you are ready to take a back seat, you will be on cruise control. Spend your time focusing on private matters or a project that can be done alone. You might really enjoy yourself. Your instincts provide insight into a

loved one or finances. Tonight: A friend reaches out (or you do!).

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Others might see a situation considerably differently from you. You learn and gain insight as a result. Understand that there is no "right" way. Flow with others, learning more of their ideas. You will work out a plan. Tonight: Lead the way out the door into

the weekend. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Others demand a lot from you because you generally come through for them. Realize limits within your immediate circle. Look for other sources, experts and different perspectives. You might be delighted by what you turn over. Tonight: A force to be dealt with. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Take an overview, and you

will gain. Don't get into a problem, just

figure out the solution. Also, understand

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where others are coming from right now, and you will know what to do. Someone key lets you know how great you are. Tonight: Take off ASAP. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Your sensitivity comes through during a conversation. In fact, you might want to help too much, if that is possible. Understand what is going on

before you jump in. An associate or loved one gives you powerful feedback.

Tonight: Dinner for two. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Others come through for you. Someone has a soft spot in his or her heart for you. Be careful with this person, as his or her feelings could be easily hurt. Your nurturing could be misinterpreted. Quit daydreaming about more meaningful work. Go out and

make it so. Tonight: Say "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Your responsiveness to associates could cause a problem in your personal life. Slow down and make time for someone key who makes a difference in your life. Gain a different perspective by not jumping to conclusions. Tonight: Easy does it.

**** Your innovative style mag-

netizes many. Use this gift not only in

your personal life but also professional-

ly. You seem to have the answers. You

could mix work and your personal life.

Careful. Tonight: Have a ball. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

** You find yourself in demand. The resulting pressure might be a little difficult to handle or juggle. Bosses want something. A key appearance could be in store. You want some time at home and with family. Can you do it all? Tonight: Chill out and recuperate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Your ability to organize, clear your desk and make sense of what others cannot marks your day. Conversations about security and funds have their place, but make time to enjoy those around you. Tonight: Hook up

out about a relationship before you make a worthwhile decision. Tonight: Stick to your budget, even if you don't

with friends at a favorite spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** You have a way of phrasing

requests that delights those around you.

Others seem only too happy to pitch in

or respond. You might need to bottom

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You have a way about you, with the Moon in your sign. Use this lunar magnetism to zero in on what you want. Your intuition serves you with a monetary risk. Talk and get feedback. Note how everyone wants to please

you! Tonight: What ever the Fish

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Top O' Texas CattleWomen select Ag Family of the Year

hosted by the Agriculture Council of America a time to recognize and celebrate the contribution of agriculture in Americans' lives.

As part of the local celebration of March 20 as National Ag Day and March 14-20 as National Ag Week, Top O' Texas CattleWomen selected their president's family as the the Ag Family of the Year.

Liz and Joe Austin of Wheeler represent a large segment of the agriculture industry who have full time jobs, but love the land and a lifestyle that is close to nature.

The Austins own and operate a small family ranch just north of Wheeler in Wheeler County. This land has been in the Austin family for the better part of a century. Joe and Liz reside in town and commute to the farm every evening to check on the livestock.

Joe has been employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 23 years and is a rural letter carrier. Liz has been employed by the Bank of Commerce in McLean as the financial accounting director for nearly two years. Before working for Bank of Commerce, Liz worked for the Wheeler County Extension Service for five years. They have two children - sons Payton, 10, and Korbin, 3.

The Austin Ranch is located approximately five miles north of Wheeler. Part of the land is located on Sweetwater Creek. James Reginald Austin purchased the property in the late 1920s. Since that time, the land has remained in the Austin family, passed on generation by genera- Livestock Show and Auction from year to year.

Joe and Liz volunteer countless hours to the Wheeler 4-H program. Their oldest son Payton is active in 4-H. He exhibits cattle, sheep and swine in local, county and state livestock shows family to visit the small ranch for wildlife and some jackpot shows. He's also active in the viewing of deer, turkey, wild hogs, dove and Foods and Nutrition project. Liz coaches Payton in the kitchen and at the sewing

Saturday, March 20, is National Ag Day, machine. Payton is active in the Santa Gertrudis Association and is a junior member of Premier Santa Gertrudis of Texas. He owns a registered Santa Gertrudis show heifer which is expecting a first calf. With the support of family and friends, Payton is starting his own Gertrudis herd. He also belongs to the Texas Junior Livestock Association, the Texas Club Lamb Association, and the Texas Club Calf Association.

> Liz currently serves as president of the Top O' Texas CattleWomen. She has been a member of the club for six years and has served as president for the past two years. She is also involved in Texas CattleWomen, serving as State Ag Day Chairman this year. She often helps educate and promote beef throughout the Panhandle counties by conducting demonstrations, promoting beef at health fairs and serving samples of nutritious beef products. Lize was instrumental in teaming up with TOTCW with the National MS Society to help conduct the 2003 MS Beefathon. Liz and several local cattlewomen helped man the phone banks throughout the televised Beefathon.

> Liz and Joe are also active in the Wheeler Livestock Boosters organization, where Liz serves as vice president. She is involved in the Wheeler County Livestock Show Association as well. She has been a member of the stock show board for three years and currently holds the office of board secretary. She can often be seen helping out during the County Junior

> The Austins occasionally get the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of their land by having family picnics on Sweetwater Creek with fishing and deer watching. They allow friends and quail. They also extend limited hunting privileges to family and friends.



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Joe Austin and his sons, 3-year-old Korbin and Payton, 10. Payton who is following in his parents' footsteps, takes part in numerous agricultural activities.

Crude oil passes \$38 a barrel; higher gasoline prices possible

WASHINGTON (AP) -As oil prices jump to a 14-year high, there is growing speculation that gasoline this summer could reach a national average of \$2 per gallon, and even higher in some regions.

Dwindling stockpiles and increasing demand have put new pressure on both crude oil pump, analysts said.

Separate surveys this week had the national average of stocks) in the rate we normally gasoline at \$1.72 a gallon for see," said Ed Silliere, vice regular grade and \$1.77 a gal- president of risk management 199.6 million barrels last lon for all grades. That is a 26cent increase since the first of Lundberg Survey, which tracks prices at 8,000 stations.

Crude Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange at \$38.18 a barrel, the highest since October 1990. It had a year ago.

The high cost of crude is Administration. causing refiners to shy away from buying oil, analysts say. crude as well as petroleum at levels well below normal. demand also has risen. That, in turn, is putting pressure on prices.

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at Energy Merchant Corp. the year, according to the market will have better supply 200 million barrels, the report down the road," he said, said. adding that refiners at today's crude prices do not want to different survey method than take on more oil than they can Lundberg's, put the price of

actually increased slightly last decline of 1.4 cents from the peaked during Wednesday week, stocks of gasoline week before. Prices in some trading at \$38.35, a level not declined by 800,000 barrels to regions were much higher reached since it briefly neared nearly 10 million barrels an average of \$2.10 a gallon in \$40 a barrel a few weeks below the five-year average California, for example. before the start of the Iraq war for this time of year, according to the Energy Information prices to go still higher as the

were producing gasoline at a ing \$2 a gallon on a national It also is leaving inventories of rate of 8.6 million barrels a day, the most since the week products, including gasoline, just before Christmas. But

average of 8.9 million barrels www.eia.doe.gov

"We have very low crude of gasoline a day over the past prices and the tab at the gas inventory stocks, low gasoline month, 4.5 percent more than inventory right now. ... We're the same time a year ago, the not seeing the buildup (of agency said in its weekly report.

Gasoline stocks fell to week, declining for the first "It's a viewpoint that the time since Nov. 28 to below

The agency, which uses a regular-grade gasoline at While crude inventories \$1.72 a gallon last week, a

Analysts expect gasoline summer driving season The agency said refiners approaches, probably eclipsaverage.

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