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Ruth Estes Herlacher. 97, homemaker. Lorene Stephens, 92, drapery store owner.









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Landfill filling up; Cell 3 on the way **By DAVID BOWSER** STAFF WRITER

director of public works, plans pretty fast." on finishing the review of contracts today for the construc- ing Cell 2 closely the last sevtion of the third cell at the city eral months. Morris said he landfill.

size to Cell 2," Morris said. "It stretch his budget a little furwill look like the previous ther. cells once it's in operation."

project schedule in October.

April," Morris said, "we'll be the site. going out for bids."

Compared to the original schedule that was set back in September, he said, the project material, over to the west," is in a two to three week Morris said. "Then when we crunch, but time was built in did the second cell, we realfor delays.

"The construction time was set up for six months," Morris we'll be using that area for said.

Cells in the past, he said, days, or within four months.

"I think we have a little bit

of time to play there," Morris said. "We need to be in that cell by late November or early

Richard Morris, Pampa's December. We're filling up He said he's been monitor-

hopes to get an extra couple of "Cell 3 will be similar in months out of it. That would

One of the things the city He began looking at the plans on doing with the new cell is finding someplace else "Some time in the month of to stockpile the dirt dug out for

> "When we developed the first cell, we stock piled a lot of the material, the excess ized that wasn't the thing to do because at some point in time, new cells."

When they started the sechave been completed in 120 ond cell operation, he said, they hauled a lot of the excess (See LANDFILL, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

R

Alex Price driving a compactor spreads and presses Pampa's trash into the ground at Cell 2 of the city's landfill. Cell 2 is expected to be full by the end of the year. The city plans to open Cell 3 in the late fall.

He just wanted to go home BY MARILYN POWERS and traffic violations at the into a scuffle" with the

STAFF WRITER

intersection of county roads E deputies. He managed to get







Jim & Shari Morrison 806-665-8014



Srowwy

Gray County commissioners will hear a quarterly report from County Attorney Josh Seabourn at their April 1 regular meeting, beginning at 9 a.m. in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

County Commission

to meet on Thursda

Other items on the agenda are:

- Road crossing on County Road 1.
- Contract with Official Payments Corporation.

 Resolution concerning Texas Governor Rick Perry's new tax plan.

deputy's foot with his vehicle. Copeland.

Mark Douglas Hinkle, 45, Route 1, Box 959, was stopped found, Hinkle "got belligerby two deputies for vehicle ent," Copeland said, and "got

A Pampa man remains in night. He gave them permis-Gray County Jail today after sion to search the vehicle, and reportedly fighting with local they found what was believed peace officers and running to be a controlled substance, over one county sheriff's according to Sheriff Don

After the substance was

and 4 soon after midnight last into his vehicle and drive off, running over one deputy's foot in the process, the sheriff said. "It was near his home, and

> he drove to his place," Copeland said. There, Hinkle was finally arrested after the two deputies followed him

> > (See ARREST, Page 3)

Natural gas demand spurs new

BY BETSY BLANEY ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

the Permian Basin in West Texas, lead- Association. ing to an increase in rigs and jobs, industry officials say.

statewide total of 497.

The increase in rigs allowed opera-

Railroad Commission.

LUBBOCK (AP) — The surge in said Morris Burns, executive vice presnatural gas prices has been a boon for ident of the Permian Basin Petroleum for a thousand cubic feet for a long and El Paso areas.

"That means that there's another Flaharty said. 10,000 jobs in the Oil Patch than there Two years ago, the Permian Basin were two years ago," Burns said had 131 active drilling rigs. Today, it Tuesday. "We've got a lot of people boasts 214 rigs — nearly half the developing new prospects and drilling new wells."

tors to complete 680 new wells in the rising price of natural gas, in the

than 30 years, according to the Texas investor relations for Houston-based lion cubic feet per year, nearly 30 per-Baker Hughes Inc., which has tracked Each new rig creates about 100 jobs, the rig count since 1944.

> "The price has been in excess of \$4 enough time that it's worth drilling,"

Natural gas prices began rising quickly in November and have remained high for several months. Analysts have expressed surprise, noting that inventories have seemed ade-The new workers owe their jobs to quate, but demand has been rising.

Texas is the country's largest pro-

cent of the U.S. total. In addition to those in the Permian Basin, other rigs are active in the Lubbock, Amarillo

It is also the largest consumer of natural gas in the nation, at 3.9 trillion cubic feet annually. Demand has been rising with the population but mostly because of a jump in the number of gas-fired power plants.

Since 1995, 56 such plants have been built in the state - an unprece-

(See GAS, Page 3)



By APRIL CASTRO ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER business property owners.

AUSTIN (AP) — The of the other elements of your ness group would be opposed one option that should be to a new split-roll tax, the only rejected. That option is the school finance taxing alterna- split roll tax, however it may proposed a split-roll tax," said Legislature. tive that Gov. Rick Perry has be proposed," the groups said Perry spokesman Robert publicly advocated.

Business, Texas Taxpayers and Finance. Research Association and a handful of other business and several options the committee homeowners and business." trade groups signed a letter presented as a viable alternawould mean charging different Legislature.

tax a "great idea" that could "While we differ on some lead to the replacement of the hasn't been popular among share-the-wealth school as Robin Hood.

Perry has made no proposal ple."

opposing the idea, which tive in its report to the on how to replace revenue from property taxes that business property tax, which is

business-friendly Republican state's most influential busi- report, we agree that there is finance system known to many lawmakers. Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has pre-"Governor Perry has not dicted its failure in the

"I think it's pretty unpopuin a letter to the Joint Select Black. "In fact Texans will lar," said Bill Allaway, presi-Texas Association of Committee on Public School find that Governor Perry's dent of the Texas Taxpayers Research Association. "So far, The split-roll tax is one of stitutionally protect both the only real advocates for it have been the governor's peo-

Under one proposal, the

now levied by local govern-The idea of a split-roll tax ments, would become a statewide property tax. Any statewide tax requires a constitutional amendment and a public vote. It would also require passage by two-thirds of both the House and Senate - a seemingly unlikely proposition under the recent partisan climate of the Legislature.

> Perry has been sensitive to the state's corporate population as lawmakers look to find an alternative to Robin Hood.

> > (See TAX, Page 3)

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plan will cut taxes for and con-

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OBITUARIES SERVICES TOMORROW

STEPHENS, Lorene — 10 a.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Dumas.

RUTH ESTES HERLACHER

1907-2004

CAMERON — Ruth Estes Herlacher, 97, of Cameron, died Tuesday, March 30, 2004. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

Mrs. Herlacher was born Feb. 11, 1907, in Hansford County. Before moving to Wilberton, Okla., and then subsequently to Cameron, Mrs. Herlacher had been a resident of Pampa since 1926.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Pampa and Pythian Sisters.

LORENE STEPHENS 1912-2004

DUMAS — Lorene Stephens, 92, of Dumas, died Tuesday, March 30, 2004. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Brad Foster, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Dumas Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Stephens was born March 15, 1912, at Greenville and moved to Dumas in 1951. She owned-operated Lorene's Draperies from 1959 until retiring in 1999. She was a longtime member of Calvary Baptist Church of Dumas.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Virgil C. Estes; her second husband, Edward D. Herlacher in 1984; two sons, J.T. «Estes in 1936 and Merl Estes in 2002; a daughter, Juanita Winborne in 1967; and 12 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Jerry Coffman of Granbury; a son, Donald Estes of Cameron; nine grandchildren; nine greatgrandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Mrs. Stephens was preceded in death by her husband, Marion Stephens in 1982.

Survivors include a sister, Grace W. Burg of Hermitage, Tenn.; a brother, Dayton Wallace of Pampa; a stepson, Bill Stephens of Friona; three stepgrandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

The family will be at 206 Beard in Dumas and requests memorials be to Memorial Hospice, 224 E. 2nd St., Dumas, TX 79029 or to Calvary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 633, Dumas, TX 79029.

WEATHER FOCUS

LOCAL FORECAST



Today's forecast is calling southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. for highs in the mid 70s and Tonight should fall on mostly clear skies with lows in the lower 40s and southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday should see mostly sunny skies. Highs in the mid 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday night, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Highs in the lower 60s. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. 30 percent chance of showers in the mid 60s.

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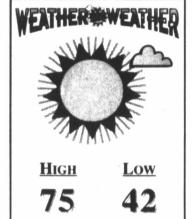
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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported

the following incidents and arrests.

Friday, March 26

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Hobart. The vehicle was unlocked at the time. A purse and its contents

were taken, for an estimated loss of \$35.

Sunday, March 28

Theft was reported in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen. Taken were a computer, printer, computer monitor, television, dinette set and chest of drawers. Estimated loss was \$1,000.

Monday, March 29

Evading arrest was reported in the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Tuesday, March 30

Telephone harassment was reported in the lobby of the police department. The incident occurred in the 1100 block of Sirroco.

A telephone was reported lost. Location was unknown, and value of loss was unknown.

A domestic disturbance with minor injuries was reported in the 1200 block of South Sumner. Mark Allen Haynes, 35, 1222 S. Sumner, was arrested for domestic assault and possession of a controlled substance. Aquilla Lynn Duck, 29, 1222 S. Sumner, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred at the intersection of Starkweather Street and Kentucky Avenue. A vehicle was damaged. The amount of damage was unknown.

Joseph Lee Remington, 28, 1800 N Sumner, was arrested at 1341 Starkweather for burglary of a habitation with intent other felony.

Larry Michael Leal, 23, 8110 FM 149, was arrested at 100 N. Cuyler for no driver's license, no insurance, and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Mandel Garcia, 17, 1341 Starkweather, was arrested at his residence for capias pro fines on charges of failure to appear, expired motor vehicle registration, no insurance and two counts of no driver's license.

Mitchell Carroll, 17, 1905 N. Wells, was arrested at the police department on five capias pro fines.

SHERIFF

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

Tuesday, March 30

Shon Loyd Kysar, 34, Howardwick, was arrested for eight counts of issuing a bad check.

Fidel Enrique Torres, 29, McLean, was arrested for aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury, concerning domestic violence.

Wednesday, March 31

Mark Douglas Hinkle, 45, Rt. 1 Box 959, was arrested for aggravated assault on a public servant, possession of a controlled substance under one gram, and evading arrest with a motor vehicle.

FIRE

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

Tuesday, March 20

8:01 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in the 2200 block of North Hobart. A car belonging to Sharda Williams sustained a small amount of damage in the engine compartment, according to fire reports.

8:50 a.m. - Three firefighters went to the Jordan Prison Unit for pre-fire training.

12:07 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision at Hobart and Randy Matson streets.

1:13 p.m. - Four firefighters responded to the Jordan Prison Unit for pre-fire training.

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lowing calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, March 30

9:17 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:04 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Gray 4 at Gray E. No transport.

St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

6:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Nelson. No transport.

6:22 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Doucette and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:12 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to

Report: Police, zoo staff clash after escape; tranquilizer jams

DALLAS (AP) - As a 350five years of emergency drills pound gorilla terrorized Dallas together, records obtained by Zoo patrons, a tranquilizer gun The Dallas Morning News for reportedly jammed and park Wednesday's editions show. employees clashed with police

"It was mayhem," Mike Glover, the zoo's emergency weapons team leader, wrote concerning the March 18 escape. "Nonzoo personnel were all over the site and approaching any zoo staffer they could find with questions and

instructions. They were pre-

pared to move in and frustrated that we were holding them up."

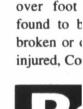
Zoo staff members tried for almost 50 minutes to evacuate patrons into locked buildings, move the injured to safety and track Jabari but found themselves overrun by police officers who ignored or were unaware of established emergency protocol that Police Department personnel had helped write, the report stated.

The missteps added to the confusion during evacuations of about 300 people from the 116year-old zoo, with some guests hiding inside a restaurant and the monorail surrounding the award-winning Wilds of Africa exhibit where the gorilla escaped, then snatched up a toddler with his teeth and attacked three other people.

William Tinkle, a senior animal keeper with the zoo, said in a statement that the police SWAT team ran past employees on a nature trail, bypassing a meeting point set up to organize a search-and-rescue mission.

"One other officer told us there was a 2-year-old and 8year-old still unaccounted for, but I told the officer that the kids were ... (at) Station One secured," said Tinkle.

The newspaper reported that law officers who had never been involved in any training drills ran past the zoo's emergency response team with pistols drawn, despite warnings from zoo staff members that handguns against a gorilla were useless. Police urged zoo weapons experts to shoot the gorilla as they were trying to quietly approach the animal.



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Shriners barbecue

(Courtesy photo)

Shriners Ben Watson, left, and Keith Woods get set for Pampa Shrine Club's all-you-can-eat Spring Bar-B-Que slated from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, April 4, at Top O' Texas Sportsman Club on South Barnes Street. Adults eat for \$8; children 6 through 12 years of age for \$5; and children under 6 for free. Carry-out will be available as will bulk meat sales. Proceeds will benefit Khiva Temple Pampa Shrine Club activities.

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LANDFILL

material over to the old landfill.

site," Morris said, "which we were going to have to do anyway.'

This time, the city plans to build more berms around the cell and the landfill site and fill in a lot of areas.

of the excess material over to the stockpile west of Cells 1 and 2.

"At some point in time, said. looking at Cell 3, we will probably want to go back to the west of Cells 1, 2 and 3, and develop a cell there," Morris said. "If not the next they don't have to pay for it.

west of the cells now in use available to contractors and

"We capped off the old rid of that existing stockpile \$250,000 for the landfill. there," Morris said.

putting it on their building site.

Morris said he hopes the They don't plan to haul any city will have some other construction like that.

> The stockpiled dirt is an asset to the community, he

"It's pretty good material," Morris said today.

Contractors can afford to haul it a little further since

seconded. Horst said that every

the state highway department. year, the city reserves "We do need to try to get between \$160,000 to

"By September of this Wal-Mart is hauling a year," Horst said, "we'll have tremendous amount of that a total of a million dollars material off, he said, and is available. Of course, we'll be spending some of that earlier, but as long as the cost doesn't exceed a million dollars, we'll be okay."

> Morris said the estimated cost will be \$1.2 million, but part of that comes from other funds.

"One of the things we did last time, when we went to Cell 2," Morris said, "we actually went over what we had, but we took some of that

probably something ti .t we'll

do again."

THE PAMPA NEWS - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2004 -3 Inhalant abuse: A silent epidemic

Huffing, bagging, spook- people use inhalants in any Sudden Sniffing Death can ing, and sniffing are terms for month.

inhalant use - a cheap, legal communities are getting high.

the dangers and popularity of executive director. this deadly practice.

opportunity form of substance room. More than 1,000 abusabuse. They are used by able products exist including the risk of brain damage and cooking spray, "poppers", even death. Local numbers are "rush" and "locker room." inhalants at least once during gasoline and lighter fluid. their lifetimes according to

and accessible way that young talk to their kids about tobac- of breathing mechanism. people in Pampa and other co, marijuana and drinking Long-term effects of inhalant because they have enough use include brain damage, res-The National Inhalant knowledge about these things, piratory problems, liver dam-Prevention Coalition (NIPC) but inhalants are an informa- age, kidney damage and bone recently kicked off a cam- tional blind spot for them," marrow damage; short-term paign to raise awareness of said Harvey Weiss, NIPC memory loss; and hearing

Inhalants are as close as the Inhalants are an equal kitchen sink or a child's class-

Using inhalants is like program, the Texas A & M Texas playing Russian Roulette: Inhalant Prevention Coalition School Drug Survey. Almost a Users can die the first, 10th or at 1-800-269-4237, or go to quarter of a million young even 100th time they use. www.inhalants.org.

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GAS .

dented binge - said Charles Matthews, a member of the Texas Railroad Commission.

The same trend has taken place nationwide. As a result, the amount of natural gas burned nationwide to generate power rose 56 percent from. 1993 to 2002, outstripping the growth of coal and oil in power production, according to the Energy Department.

The volatility has led to turmoil in the natural gas industry, said Cloyce Talbott, chief executive of Snyderbased drilling company Patterson-UTI Energy Inc., which owns the nation's second-largest fleet of landbased rigs.

long assumed that natural gas was plentiful and cheap, leading to the building of so many gas-fired power plants that demand now outstrips supply.

pockets of natural gas, producing them at a higher rate quickly, and the decline rates are going up," Talbott said. The decline rate is a measurement of how quickly a gas reservoir is being drained.

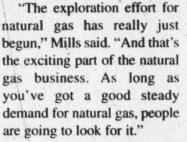
"It's really a hell of a mess," Talbott said. "It's good for people like us, but it's not good for the people of this country."

Alex Mills, president of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers, disagreed. He said natural gas used to be a byproduct of oil drilling but is now a separate industry.

result from heart or lung fail-"Most parents know how to ure, asphyxiation, or paralysis impairment.

The key to preventing inhalant use is education. Parents and educators should be aware of the signs of use young people of all economic butane, propane, gasoline, paint or stains on the body or levels and all ethnic back- Freon, degreasers, correction clothing, loss of appetite or grounds. Nationally, almost fluid, nitrous oxide, whipping nausea, a chemical breath one in six 8th graders has cream, shoe polish, spray odor, spots or sores around the intentionally inhaled house- paint, toluene, paint thinner, mouth and nose, red or runny hold chemicals to get high at chloroform, air freshener, eyes or nose, anxiety or a drunk and dazed appearance.

For more information on higher. Last spring, 25 percent Young people in the 12 to 17 inhalants, contact Lesley of Pampa Middle School 8th age group most commonly use Gershmel with the Pampa graders reported having used glue and toluene, followed by I.S.D. Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities the National



Nationwide, 1,150 rigs were working last week, up from 962 a year ago, according to Baker Hughes, far below the 1981 peak but an improvement from the low of 488 rigs in 1999.

Of the active rigs last week, 982 were exploring for gas, 165 were looking for oil and three were listed as miscellaneous.

On the Net: Baker Hughes: www.bakerhughes.com

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Talbott said the country

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cell after three, the one after that."

is making the stockpile of dirt Pampa's director of finance,

Morris said the project to money and used it to begin date is well within the budget, closing the old cell That's Morris said today the city a view that John Horst,

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ARREST

home with reinforcements from Pampa Police Department, other deputies, and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers.

Deputies Scott LaRue and Dennis Elliot, the arresting officers, sustained minor injuries such as scrapes and bruises from the scuffle, as did other peace officers entering into the fray. The deputy's runover foot was treated and found to be bruised but not broken or otherwise seriously injured, Copeland said.

Hinkle was charged with aggravated assault on a peace officer, possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance, and evading arrest with a motor vehicle. He remained in jail today awaiting a bond

Pampa Regional Medical Center's emergency room this morning as a precaution to check for any injuries that needed medical treatment, Copeland said.

"It was a pretty good scufhearing. Hinkle was taken to fle," Copeland said.

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IAX

the split-tax roll would not foster the positive business climate that Perry has been adamant about maintaining.

inevitably lead to higher property tax burdens on businesses, But, according to the letter, discouraging new investment and stifling job creation," the letter said. "Texas cannot attract new capital investment with inordinately high proper-"The split roll will ty taxes on businesses."

Pet of the W e



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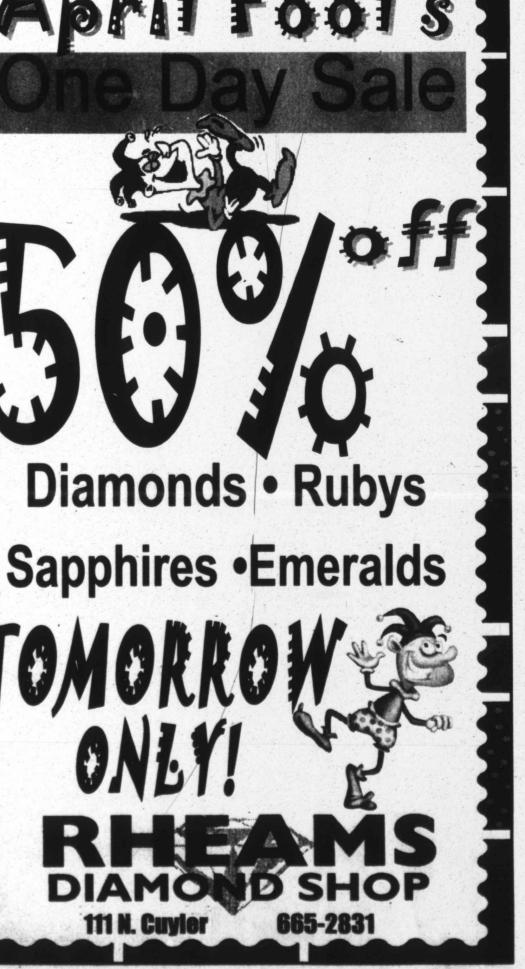
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written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Trucker's Midlife Crisis May Be Causing Couple's Rocky Road

she's OK.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Chuck," and I have been married going on five years. He's a long-haul truck driver.

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Three weeks ago, he asked me for a divorce because he's been cheating on me with a long-haul lady driver I'll call Annabelle. The next weekend, he came home and we were together like nothing happened.

The weekend after that, Chuck said he's decided to hold off on the divorce until he can straighten out his head. He says he's depressed and unhappy, that he still loves me, but he doesn't know what he wants. Before he left on his new job -- driving with Annabelle -- he put his wedding ring back on. Then Chuck made a comment I still don't understand. He said that she was happy he did it.

Chuck says I have to lose my stomach and firm up my breasts, but that is easier said than done at 40. Before we got married, I was a size 24. Now I'm a size 16, so where does he get off saying I'm too fat?

Some of my friends say Chuck is going through a midlife crisis because he'll be 45 in a couple of months. I don't know what to do anymore. My head says to file for divorce and get on with my life. My heart says to wait a couple of months. I love him deeply even though he ripped my heart to pieces and destroyed what little self-esteem I had left. Please help. -- HURT AND CON-FUSED IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR HURT AND CONFUSED: Hold off on that divorce. It appears your husband's spirits are sagging more than your stomach and breasts. His problem could be a midlife crisis or depression -- but whatever it is, he needs to speak to his doctor and stop projecting his problems onto you.

P.S. He should also change driving partners. If I were you, I'd demand it. *****

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, Nancy," is 14 going on 21. She wants to

Nancy also refuses to do her chores. Not long ago, she failed to come home after school; she takes the bus. I looked for her for two hours, then I called the police and filed a report. She didn't show up until after 11 p.m. Her excuse was that she was working on an English project with a friend. I wanted to believe her. I told her she should have at least called. The next night, she did the same thing.

This time, I called her friends and found out she was with a boy named "Steve" and she wasn't doing homework.

What can I do, Abby? My daughter will not listen to me. She plans to continue seeing Steve, even though I forbid it'-- and plans to spend the night with him. I think she's too young to be dating this seriously. What's the best way to tell when your teenager is ready to date? --WORRIED IN NEW YORK

DEAR WORRIED: Girls who are "ready to date" are young women who have proven they are responsible, make intelligent decisions and can be trusted.

Your daughter has not done this, and she is on the verge of getting herself into serious trouble.

As her parent, you must quickly learn to assert yourself -- something it appears you have not done. There is a support group for parents of hard-tohandle children. It is called BILY (Because I Love You). For information and locations, log on to the Web site at www.BILY.org.

P.S. You did not mention how old Steve is. If he is 18, he is presumed to be an adult. At 14, your daughter is legally too young to consent to sex, which would make Steve a sex offender and vulnerable to prosecution. *****

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440,

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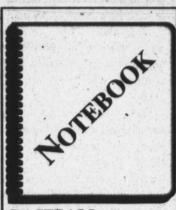
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BASEBALL

PAMPA — Baseball fans are invited to a "Family Day" at Harvester Field on Saturday.

Pampa welcomes Dumas in District 3-4A action. The varsity plays at 1, followed by the junior varsity at 3:30.

The first 100 fans will receive free seat cushions.

There will be brisket wraps, hot dogs and homemade ice cream for sale at the concession stand.

Baseball Booster Club members urge the fans to come and join the Harvesters for a fun day. CORRECTION

Lucas Almanza's name was misspelled in a March 30 article on the Pampa Middle School swim team.

SOFTBALL

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AMARILLO — Pampa beat Caprock 8-2 Tuesday to take sole possession of second place in the District 3-4A softball race.

Amy Youree slapped a three-run inside the park home run to key a five-run outburst by the Lady Harvesters in the fifth.

Pampa improved to 5-1 in 3-4A and 12-5-1 overall. Caprock, which dropped out of a tie for second place,

Pampa run-rules Hereford, 11-1

long for Pampa to pick up its first District 3-4A win of the season.

Senior outfielder Jed Martin went 4 for 4 at the plate and junior right hander Tyler Doughty tossed a twohitter as the Harvesters runruled Hereford 11-1 Tuesday in five innings.

Martin batted in four runs and had a two-run homer in the first inning that gave Pampa a 3-1 lead. Derek Lewis added a leadoff home run in the second that sparked a five-run outburst.

inning home run to Jayden Harvesters have an 8-8 Slentz, but settled down to

PAMPA — It didn't take allow only an infield single in the third. Doughty finished with 8 strikeouts and 1 walk to boost his record to 4-2 for the season.

> Both Pampa and Hereford are 1-2 in district play.

Tyson Hickman had two hits and two RBI while Seth Foster also had a pair of hits and an RBI. Nick Story had a run-scoring double and Dusty Lenderman added an RBI single. Hunter Craig, Shea Brown and Doughty each rapped a base hit.

Pampa visits Palo Duro for more district action Friday. Doughty gave up a first- For the season, the record.

> Tampa Bay, coming off six gle off loser Jeremi Gonzalez. straight last-place finishes, was pretty much overlooked during its five days in Japan.

Devil Rays manager Lou Piniella understood that. 'We came to play a team

that was very popular here," he said. "If we can play .500 against New York all year, I'll

The night — if not the whole week - belonged to Matsui, Japan's biggest sports star.

After starring for 10 years with the Yomiuri Giants, he signed with the Yankees before the 2003 season. In his first game back, he homered against his old team in Sunday's exhibition game.

That didn't count. This one

He repeatedly was greeted 198th career victory in his going 0-for-5 and dropping to by flashbulb-popping fans flesh, and he rewarded them with two big hits. After Aubrey Huff's RBI single in the first put the Devil Rays ahead, Matsui tied it in the fourth with a run-scoring sin-

Clark's homer in the fourth put New York ahead 3-1. In the fifth, Matsui teed off on a belt-high pitch, sending it deep into the seats in rightcenter. Fans gave him a standing ovation, a rarity in Japan. Some of the spectators repeatedly bowed to him.

The ovation was prolonged, as if fans were trying to get him to come out for a curtain call. But Matsui, always modest, didn't leave the dugout.

He had another chance to come up big in the seventh when he batted with the bases loaded, but Matsui struck out against Trever Miller.

After he was presented with the series MVP award, a red-and-gold armored samurai helmet called a Kabuto, he addressed the crowd from a the same game, the first since

The crowd in the Big Egg was much quieter than the previous night. And while some Yankees' fans might have been furious over the opener, players were calm.

Brown, the 39-year-old right-hander acquired from Los Angeles in December, struck out five and walked none. His turning point came in the fourth, when he gave up a leadoff single to Jose Cruz Jr. and went to a 3-0 count on Tino Martinez. Brown came back to strike out Martinez as Cruz was caught trying to steal second.

Posada homered righthanded off Damian Moss in the fifth and left-handed against Jorge Sosa in the seventh.

It was the fifth time he homered from both sides in podium near home plate. The June 28, 2002, against the

Senior outfielder Jed Martin raps a fourth-inning double for the Harvesters. Pampa visits Palo Duro for a district clash Friday afternoon and then hosts Dumas at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Yankees rip Devil Rays; Matsui comes through for his fans

TOKYO (AP) - Hideki Giambi's ailing knee, hit a Matsui and the New York Yankees came through for their fans.

Matsui rocked the Tokyo Dome with a two-run homer, Jorge Posada hit three-run shots from both sides of the plate and the Yankees calmed their jittery supporters back home by routing the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 12-1 Wednesday night.

"It was truly a happy moment for myself," Matsui said, allowing himself a rare moment of public emotion.

A day after Tampa Bay turned baseball upside down by winning the season opener 8-3, the Yankees restored the old order — appropriate for a country tied to tradition — in another game that started just after 5 a.m. in New York.

Kevin Brown recorded his but had another quiet night,

tiebreaking two-run homer for the Yankees, who made sure they didn't return from Japan in last place.

Owner George Steinbrenner took the first loss calmly, saying, "It's not where you start, it's where you finish," but an 0-2 trip might have led to a different be very, very pleased." tune.

"It wouldn't be fun. In fact, I made a comment when we were down 1-0 in the first," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "I felt a little tenseness in there. I said, 'Guys, what's the worst thing that can happen? We lose 162 games, big deal. We can still eat, and you're still going to get paid.""

Alex Rodriguez came a few feet short of a grand slam "did.



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is 4-2 in district and 9-7 overall.

The winning pitcher was Nicole Clark, who gave up only three hits.

The Lady Harvesters play at Randall on Saturday.

allowing six hits over seven Jeter finally got his first hit, innings, and Tom Gordon and an RBI single, after going hit-Mariano Rivera finished with hitless relief.

base because of Jason hit," Jeter remembered.

less in his first seven at-bats.

"I was in there saying, Tony Clark, playing first 'I'm the last one without a

first start for the Yankees, 1-for-9 with no RBIs. Derek thrilled to see him in the videoboard showed his New York Mets. father.

> many more games like this," he said. "Everybody really enjoyed this, and the fans were great."

His drives were an after-

"Hopefully, we can have thought as players dressed for the 7,250-mile flight back to spring training in Florida. "Now," Posada said, "we can talk on the plane."



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National Football League will have instant replay five more years

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) ---Instant replay is in for five more years, and the NFL hopes Maurice Clarett will be out of next month's draft.

Hours after league owners approved a five-year extension of instant replay, adding a third coaches' challenge if the first two are successful, the NFL succeeded in a federal appeals court in New York. The court agreed to hear arguments days before the draft to overturn the lower court ruling allowing Ohio State sophomore Clarett and other underclassman and high schoolers into the draft.

NFL chief counsel Jeff Pash believes there's a strong chance the court will grant a stay of the lower court ruling before the April 24-25 draft. That means Clarett, Southern California

sophomore Mike Williams and seven others would not be included in the draft.

'We are very optimistic. We think it is a positive indicator of the seriousness with which the court of appeals is taking the argument," Pash said. "Yes, I think there is a very substantial chance he will not be in the draft."

Should that happen and the NFL subsequently loses the appeal, a supplemental draft for those players would be held within 10 days of the court decision.

That, says Alan Milstein, Clarett's agent, would damage his client. Milstein said Clarett would lose leverage to negotiate a contract, as well as practice time and time to learn his new team's playbook, if he were not

drafted in April.

"They did not issue a stay," Milstein told The Associated Press. "They set forth an expedited briefing schedule. Nothing happened today that was unexpected. The court is just doing what it needs to do to work hard and get Maurice in the draft -and with plenty of time to do it." Pash said the hearing will be

April 19 or 20. The vote on replay was 29-3, with Kansas City, Indianapolis and Cincinnati voting against. Arizona, for "the first time in recorded history," according to commissioner Paul Tagliabue, voted for the five-year extension - with the additional challenge. "I'm sure (the league's) con-

cern is lengthening the game," Texans coach Dom Capers said. "The main purpose of instant

replay is when there's an obvious error made that you have a chance to correct that error twice, and have been right both times, to me, you deserve a third one."

Twenty-four votes were needed from the 32 teams to keep replay. Tagliabue said some teams were reluctant to put it in permanently in fear it would be too difficult to remove.

"Some people were still concerned about replay,"- Tagliabue said. "And there were many, including myself, who felt that putting it in for five years rather than permanently would provide an incentive for the officiating department and the league office to continue to find ways to improve it."

In a key financial move, owners renewed for 15 years the NFL Trust, which provides \$4 million per team in licensing revenue for merchandise with team logos. But there was enough sentiment from teams such as the Cowboys, Redskins and Dolphins to investigate modifying it, and Tagliabue will appoint a nine-member committee to look at all aspects of revenue sharing.

No one questions the concept of apportioning income, particularly from the eight-year, \$17.6 billion television contract. But owners such as Dallas' Jerry Jones and Washington's Dan Snyder want wider marketing rights for their teams' products. Owners in smaller markets, including Buffalo's Ralph Wilson, Indianapolis' Jim Irsay

and Pittsburgh's Dan Rooney, are concerned about what they consider an increasing disparity in cash flow between teams.

Tagliabue, 63, indicated there will be no problem in negotiating an extension of his contract, which expires May 2005.

The owners voted unanimously Monday to give him as many as three more years beyond that date.

The owners heard more on the proposal to build a new stadium for the New York Jets on the West Side of Manhattan. Tagliabue said there would be further discussion of the stadium, perhaps even on Wednesday, but emphasized no commitment was made by the league for a future Super Bowl there.

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MIAMI — Miami teams won its own Warrior Relays last weekend.

Miami won a half-dozen events in the boys' division on the way to compiling 125 points. McLean was a distant second with 94.

The Warriorettes also won six events and finished with 140 points. Lefors placed second with 114.

Warrior Relays at Miami Boys

Team totals: 1. Miami 125; 2. McLean 94; 3. Groom 91; 4. Lefors 80; 5. Adrian 72; 6. Holy Cross 55; 7. Samnorwood 26; 8. Hedley 22; 9. Higgins 4.

Long jump: 1. Browning, Miami, 19-0; 2. Kyler Roach, Miami, 18-11 3/4; 3. Alexander, McLean, 18-7 1/4.

Triple jump: 1. Kyler Roach, Miami, 39-0 1/2; 2. Browning, Miami, 38-9 1/2; 3. Kris Roach, Miami, 37-10.

High jump: 1. Miller, Miami, 5-11; 2. Ratterree, Groom, 5-9; 3. Browning, Miami, 5-9.

800: 1. Brandon, Hedley, 2:20.12; 2. Miller, Miami, 2:20.15; 3. Price, Adrian, 2:29.44.

110 hurdles: 1. Stamper, Lefors, 15.85; 2. Roberson, Lefors, 17.13; 3. Dennis, McLean, 17.16. 100: 1. Hillard, Adrian, 11.56; 2. Ramos, Holy Cross,

11.77; 3. Mansfield, Groom, 11.92.

800 relay: 1. McLean, 1:43.48; 2. Groom, 1:46.47; 3. Samnorwood, 1:47.50. 400: 1. Miller, Miami, 58.57; 2. Schaffer, Groom, 60.44; 3. Ratterree, Groom,

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3. Holy Cross, 4:17.24. Girls

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Lady Gophers reach Women's Final 4

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) -Minnesota's game plan was no surprise in its Mideast Regional final against Duke. A full-throttle attack has been the Golden Gophers' strategy all season, and it has obviously worked.

The surprise was the Gophers' refusal to flinch in the face of adversity.

Whalen, Janel Lindsay McCarville and Minnesota answered every Duke challenge Tuesday night, and their gutsy 82-75 victory has the Gophers headed to the Final Four for the first time in school history.

"Coach (Pam) Borton said the most aggressive team was going to win, and that's the way

we've played all year," Whalen said. "Tonight we just got a few things to go for us and we just played loose and played together.'

The Gophers got 27 points from Whalen, and 20 points and 18 rebounds from McCarville to complete an improbable run that has also featured wins against second-seeded Kansas State and third-seeded Boston College.

Next up for Minnesota (25-8) is two-time defending champ Connecticut.

Gaining confidence with every victory, the seventh-seeded Gophers went right at the Blue Devils from the start, knocking the tentative favorites back on their heels. Duke missed 12 consecutive shots early, trailed by as many as 10 after halftime and never led in the final 36 minutes.

Minnesota is the third-lowest seed to reach the Final Four. Only Arkansas, a No. 9 seed in 1998, and Southwest Missouri State, a No. 8 seed in 1992, have played in Final Fours as lower seeds

Whalen was a big reason, whether she was driving to the basket, finding an open teammate for an easy score or exhorting them to believe - all the while taking the fast pace right at the Blue Devils.

Discus: 1. Schaffer, Groom, 38-2 1/2; 2. Moody, McLean, 112-5 1/2; 3. Leven, Groom, 105-7 1/2.

Shot put: 1. Schaffer, Groom, 38-2 1/2; 2. Leven, Groom, 38-0; 3. Moody, McLean, 37-4 1/2.

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Triple jump: 1. Davenport, Miami, 32-5; 2. Stubbs, Lefors, 31-11; 3. Smith, Lefors, 29-2 1/2. High jump: 1. Reis, Fort Elliott, 4-7; 2. Wood, Holy Cross, 4-6; 3. Hutchinson, Miami, 4-5.

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OSU focusing on starting faster

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) - Oklahoma State wants to avoid another first-half lapse in the Final Four.

The Cowboys' practices since they won the East Rutherford Regional haven't included preparation for Saturday's opponent, Georgia Tech. Instead, coach Eddie Sutton is trying to get his team to play more like the one that took leads in every big game before the NCAA tournament, one against Kansas and three against Texas.

"I just felt our guys got out of sync and did some things in the

Saint Joseph's game that were not typical of us," assistant coach Sean Sutton, Eddie's son, said Tuesday. "We took bad shots. We turned the ball over, and we didn't play good defense."

Oklahoma State (31-3) fell behind top-seeded Saint Joseph's 26-17 in the first half Saturday before John Lucas' 3-pointer with 6 seconds left gave the Cowboys a 64-62 victory and a Final Four berth.

In Thursday's regional semifinal, the Cowboys trailed Pittsburgh 28-26 at halftime after shooting just 30 percent. But

they made 16 of 25 shots in the final 20 minutes against the Panthers' tough man-to-man and used a late 17-5 rally to advance 63-51.

Oklahoma State's first-round game against 15th-seeded Eastern Washington was tied 36all until Eddie Sutton chewed the Cowboys out during the extralong halftime in tournament games.

"They give you 20 minutes in the NCAA tournament," Sean Sutton said. "That's a long time. You can get a lot of things accomplished."

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Cubs' Prior probably out until May; Red Sox' Pedro roughed up

By The Associated Press

Mark Prior's return was pushed back again. The next time Pedro Martinez steps on the mound, it will count.

Prior probably won't pitch for the Chicago Cubs until May because of inflammation in his right Achilles' tendon and a stiff elbow.

' "I'd say May 1 or the first week of May is optimistic," general manager Jim Hendry said Tuesday in Mesa, Ariz. "He's a guy that I don't think needs more than three or four weeks to get ready."

Prior returned to spring training after spending Monday in Chicago, where he

had an MRI and bone scan on his Achilles' tendon and right arm

The 23-year-old right-hander hasn't pitched in a spring training game because of the Achilles' injury and was already expected to begin the season on the disabled list.

He had been throwing off a mound this spring, but he's also felt "stiffness" in his pitching elbow.

Both the Cubs and Prior said the MRI and bone scan showed nothing but inflammation in the heel and elbow.

"It was completely away from the ligament and was more down on the bone," Prior said, referring to the

Spring Training

elbow stiffness.

Prior was 18-6 with a 2.43 ERA and 245 strikeouts in his first full big league season last year, finishing third in voting for the NL Cy Young Award. His absence is a big loss

for a stellar staff that includes Wood and Greg Kerry Maddux. Dunedin. In Fla.,

Martinez's final outing of the spring didn't last long.

The Boston Red Sox ace was tagged for two homers and six runs before getting an out in a 13-8 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays.

slam and Eric Hinske also connected in the first against Martinez, who pitched only three innings. Slated to start season the opener at Baltimore on Sunday night, the right-hander threw 53 of his 84 pitches for strikes. "I'm fine, the best I have

felt all spring," Martinez said in a statement released by the team. "I got my pitches in, spring training results don't matter. I wanted to do 10 more pitches, but the argument between innings took too long."

All six runs allowed by Martinez came in the first inning. He gave up eight hits, Josh Phelps hit a grand struck out five and hit Vernon

Wells with a pitch.

"I think he is smart enough to know it's Tuesday in Dunedin not Sunday in Baltimore," Boston manager Terry Francona said.

Texas outfielder Brian Jordan might start the season on the disabled list because of a sore left knee.

"There's a possibility for Monday, but it doesn't look good right now," manager Buck Showalter said in Surprise, Ariz.

In Tokyo, the Yankees and Devil Rays prepared for the second game of their seasonopening series. Tampa Bay roughed up Mike Mussina in an 8-3 victory Tuesday.

Elsewhere, San Francisco acquired left-hander Wayne Franklin and righty reliever Leo Estrella from Milwaukee for two minor league pitchers. Toronto traded outfielder Jayson Werth to Los Angeles for reliever Jason Frasor.

In other spring training games: Expos 3, Marlins 3, 10

innings

At Jupiter, Fla., All-Star third baseman Mike Lowell was hit by a pitch twice. The benches cleared and Florida manager Jack McKeon was ejected. But Lowell, who missed four weeks with a broken hand last year, wasn't injured.

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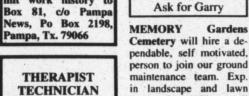
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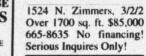
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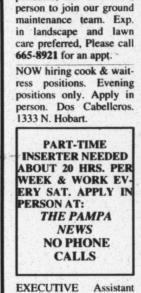
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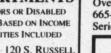
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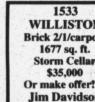
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Whether it is the approaching weekend or just your mood, you are ready for some overindulgence -- maybe a lengthy lunch or buying yourself a new outfit. Use the daylight hours well, because responsibilities hit tonight. Tonight: Clear off your desk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** You want to and will indulge a roommate or family member. You also could easily go to excess in your present mood. If you hold off for 24 hours, you might find a saner and more creative approach to get where you want to go. Tonight: Have some fun.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Once again, you might lose your grasp on a money matter. Extremes hit, and you seem to spend rather than feel your feelings or release nervous energy. Friends and/or a meeting prove to be instrumental. Tonight: Visit with a favorite pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Use the daylight hours to your advantage. Much goes on that takes you in a new direction if you flow with the moment. Your charisma kicks in, and others respond. Keep your eye on the big picture. Talk to a higher-up. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Evaluate what is going on without letting others know what you are thinking: You might have some inordinately wild thoughts. Seek out an expert or two before making that decision. In the late afternoon, you get an energy surge. Tonight: Whatever you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Smile away. You simply feel good, especially when among your friends and one special person in your life. A money matter falls into place, as long as you cut the extravagance. Settle in and do some hard thinking before leaping into action. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You have assumed your responsibilities well, though others are most distracting at the moment. You might want to close your door, especially if you need to concentrate. Clear out as much work as possible. A special associate has a lot to share. Tonight:

Ease up and enjoy a pal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Think, but detach. You have certain ironclad black-and-white beliefs. Try to jump out of your mental restrictions and open up to different ideas and new premises. You could be surprised by how easy life can be. Tonight: Dinner out.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Others present many facts and ideas. Your job right now could be sorting them out. Don't feel like you have to rush, especially if you are unsure. Be careful, as your finances could be involved. Find experts and diverse points of view. Tonight: Hop on the computer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** You might be vague to some but inspirational to others. Consider what your objectives are. You might want to indulge a loved one or family member. Think of what he or she would like rather than choosing something

you love. Tonight: Go along with another's suggestions. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Charge into work with the idea of clearing out as much work as possible, and quickly at that. If you are a homebody, pull the pad together, too. Before you know it, others are seeking you out, and you want to socialize. Tonight: Live it up.

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