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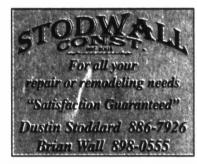
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Nader run creating division BY SAM HANANEL Republicans of being dominated eral Vermont Rep. Bernie

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — For months, Democrats, longtime friends and former supporters of Ralph Nader have urged him not to make another run for president.

Now that the consumer advocate has formally declared his candidacy as an independent, many Democrats fear a repeat of the 2000 race, when Nader was blamed by some for taking just enough votes away from Al Gore to secure a razor-thin victory for George W. Bush.

Nader rejects the spoiler label as a "contemptuous" term used by those who want to deny voters a choice. Declaring Washington a "corporate-occupied territory," he has accused **Democrats**

by corporate lobbyists who care little about the needs of ordinary

Nader, who turns 70 this week, was to lay out his campaign themes — including universal health care, campaign finance reform, fighting poverty and addressing environmental concerns — at a press conference Monday in Washington before campaigning in Texas later this week.

"It's a question between both parties flunking. One with a D-, the Republicans, one with a D+, the Democrats, and it's time to change the equation and bring millions of American people into the political arena," Nader said on NBC's "Meet the Press," where he made his announcement Sunday.

Sanders, the only independent in the House, called Nader's decision "counterproductive," predicting "virtually the entire progressive movement is not going to be supportive of Nader.'

Democratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe, who personally urged Nader not to run, called the decision "unfortunate."

"You know, he's had a whole distinguished career, fighting for working families, and I would hate to see part of his legacy being that he got us eight years of George Bush," McAuliffe said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Sanders and others also suggest that Nader will not pull close to the 2.7 percent of the vote he won in 2000 — when he But even old friends like lib- ran on the Green Party ticket —

time getting on many state ballots without the backing of an established party or major financial resources.

Ballot access experts say an independent needs a total of about 700,000 signatures to get on the ballot in all 50 states, a prospect Nader likened to "climbing a cliff with a slippery rope.

But he is undaunted, saying he is confident he can collect more than the \$8 million he raised in 2000 using the same Internet fund-raising strategies that former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean employed before dropping out of the race. As always, he will rely on small contributions and refuse money from corporations and political action com-

Packer's lawyers may file motion

By David Bowser STAFF WRITER

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Attorneys for IBP, the world's largest beef packer, are expected to file a motion this week asking a federal judge to set aside a jury verdict that gives \$1.28 billion to cattlemen who sold cattle to the packer during an almost nine year period.

A jury in federal court here last week recommended that IBP, now Tyson Fresh Meats, pay \$1,281,690,000 to cattlemen who sold livestock to the packer in the cash market between Feb. 1, 1994, and Oct. 31, 2002.

IBP's lawyers claim that as a matter of law the cattlemen, the plaintiffs in the case, did not prove their accusations that the packer used captive supplies, cattle committed to IBP more than seven days prior to slaughter and without a negotiated price, to manipulate cattle prices in violation of federal law.

After IBP files its motion to set aside the jury's verdict, the cattlemen's attorneys have 10 days to reply. Then it's up to the judge to enter a judg-

David Domina, one of the cattlemen's lawyers, however, is already planning on the injunctive phase of the case.

In addition to monetary damages (the cattlemen were seeking \$2 billion in the class-action lawsuit), the plaintiffs are asking the court to ban marketing agreements with feedyards that would give the packer their captive supplies of cattle.

(See IBP, Page 2)

Building topic of upcoming city meeting

The U.S. Bus building will be discussed by the Pampa City Commission at its regu-

lar meeting Tuesday. A pit in the building needs to be covered or filled at an estimated cost of \$5,000. City Manager Mitch Grant said the city is repairing the roof at a cost of \$3,500.

The city leased the building to McCarty-Hull for warehouse space, but will take back about 7,000 square feet of the building for a business incubator project being established in Pampa by West Texas A&M University.

The Pampa City Commission will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday on the second floor of City Hall.

Pruning trees



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

D.E. Ward gets a bird's-eye view as he trims high branches on a tree in the back yard of a house in the 2300 block of Mary Ellen. Jeremy Mercer keeps his feet on the ground while using a long-handled tool to reach lower branches on the tree. Both men are employed by Asplundh.

Former Gray County sheriff vying in constable's race

By MARILYN POWERS STAFF WRITER

Former Gray County Sheriff Randy Stubblefield is one of five candidates on the ballot for Precinct 4 constable in the March 9 primary elections.

"I want to serve the citizens of Gray County again. I have experience and training to offer," Stubblefield said.

He has 16 years of law enforcement experience and over 1,100 hours of continuing education training for peace officers. He has accumulated 51 college hours in criminal justice at West Texas A&M University, Frank Phillips College and Amarillo College.

Stubblefield served as Gray County sheriff for four years. He was a peace officer at Roberts County Sheriff's Department for two years, and at Pampa Police Department for three and onehalf years. He was a commissioned criminal investigator for the 31st/223rd district attorney's office for four years.

courtroom security for John Mann in an unpaid position," Stubblefield said of his work as criminal investigator for the former district attorney.

He is currently commissioned as a deputy sheriff for Donley County, where he has served for the past two and one-

Stubblefield and his wife Donna, who is employed by National Oilwell of Pampa, have three children and two grandchildren. They live in Pampa. where Stubblefield grew up. He is a 1970 graduate of Pampa High School.

"I have experience with working within a budget and running an office by myself, which is what this office would entail," he said of the constable's office. Stubblefield's goal if elected is to provide professional service to the citi-

zens of Precinct 4. "This, being a one-person office, is not a place to send someone with no job training or experience, to get on-the-job

"I reviewed cases and provided extra training or learn as you go. There's too much liability that can fall back on the county due to improper procedure in civil process," he said.

One of Stubblefield's opponents in the election plans to resign immediately if elected, in order to begin the process of eliminating the office of Precinct 4

This is a state constitution office, and to get it dropped, every voter in the state would have to vote on it.

"Constable duties include serving all civil papers from justice of the peace court. serving warrants, acting as bailiff in court, and criminal investigations. If the sheriff's department has to do this work, where's the savings if you have to add a deputy to do the constable's work?" Stubblefield said.

If constables serve civil papers, the fees are deposited in the county funds. If private individuals serve civil papers. which is legal, Stubblefield said, the county does not get those fees.



Randy P. Stubblefield

Also on the March 9 primary ballot for Precinct 4 constable are incumbent Frank W. Sparling Sr., Johnnie Max Carpenter, Marvin D. "M.D." Fletcher and Michael L. "Mike" Nicholson.

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Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Davis was born on Nov. 17, 1917, at Arden, Mo., to Austin and Maude Davis. He was reared in Durham, Okla., and spent most of his life in California. He was a self-employed heavy equipment operator.

In June of 1979, he moved to Pampa and worked for B&B Solvent for six years.

He married Joyce Robinson on Dec. 2, 1973, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Ray loved spending time on his farm in Oklahoma. He was an avid rodeo fan and loved animals, especially horses.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in the Philippines. "He was a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin, but his passing should remind us we might need his likes again."

JESSE E. WRIGHT

Jesse E. Wright, 85, of Pampa, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2004. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Claude Cone, executive director of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Wright was born Oct. 4, 1918, in Greer County, Okla. He married Joyce Turlington on Jan. 13, 1968, at Pampa. He worked in the oilfield most of his life, working as lead driver for Permian Oil Corporation in 1958 and retiring Jan. 1, 1986, after 28 years of service.

Mr. Wright was a Baptist and a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by two sons, James Carroll Wright and Willie Earl Wright; a daughter, Elizabeth Kay Wright; and a great-

rain showers with highs in the lower 50s and

30s and northeast winds 15 to 25 mph.

Tuesday should see rain and snow then occa-

sional rain and snow in the afternoon. Breezy,

cooler. Snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches.

Total snow accumulation 3 inches. Highs in the

mid 30s. Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph.

Tuesday night, mostly cloudy. A 40 percent

He was preceded in death by his mother, Maude Davis, in 1968; and his father, Austin Davis, in 1993.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Davis, of the

home; a sister, Norma Gene Selby and husband, Nelson, of Clinton, Okla.; two nephews, Jackie Selby and wife, Carolyn, of Pampa and Roy Selby and wife, Bonnie, of Borger; two nieces, Reta Hall and husband, Eugene, of Clinton, Okla., and Reba Kay Helms and husband, Steve, of North Carolina; numerous great-nephews and nieces, great-great-nephews and nieces, and many wonderful friends.

The family wished to thank all of the staff at Pampa Nursing Center for their excellent care and compassion.

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granddaughter, Leah Elizabeth Sanders. Survivors include his wife, Joyce, of the home; a son, Richard Wright of Albuquerque, N.M.; two daughters, Jana Sanders of Booker and Debbie Kraaier of Campo, Colo.; a brother, Jack Wright of Aztec, N.M.; five sisters, Katherine Bybee and Lorene Cook, both of Farmington, N.M., Pearl Sisson and Florene Ensor, both of Aztec, and Lula Gates of Fontana, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 W. 11th, Amarillo, TX 79101; Pampa VFW Post 1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065; or Leah's Baskets in care of First Baptist Church, 400 S. Main, Booker, TX 79005.

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Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower

lower 60s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows

in the mid 30s. Friday, partly cloudy. Breezy.

Highs in the upper 60s. Friday night, mostly

cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Saturday, mostly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the

mid to upper 50s. Saturday night, partly cloudy.

Breezy. Lows in the lower 30s. Sunday, partly



MIAMI — Dixie Hines Smith, 63, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2004, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. -Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

VERA MARIE GONZALEZ

LEFORS — Vera Marie Gonzalez, 64, died Funeral Directors of Pampa. Monday, Feb. 23, 2004. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

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

SERVICES TOMORROW

DAVIS, Ray L. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. Graveside services, 1 p.m., Silent Home Cemetery, Durham,

WRIGHT, Jesse E. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Saturday, Feb. 14

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of West Randy Matson. A car window was broken. A juvenile suspect was identified in connection with the incident. Estimated loss was \$600.

Friday, Feb. 20

An agency assist was reported in the 200 block of North Russell. Police officers assisted Gray County Sheriff's Department.

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. A pair of sunglasses, valued at \$13, was taken.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 600 block of North Wells. Entry was made through a bathroom window. Items taken were a stereo, two pairs of leather boots, a wedding ring set and three other rings. Estimated loss was \$1,740.

Domestic violence was reported in the 400 block of Red Deer. No injuries were

Roger Juan Pineda, 22, 404 Hill, was arrested in the 300 block of Foster for theft over \$50 and under \$500, evading arrest, capias pro fines for disorderly conduct/fighting and theft under \$50, and warrants for three charges of failure to appear and three charges of no driver's license.

Sunday, Feb. 22

An accident report was made from Pampa Regional Medical Center. Charges are pending, but have not been filed, and may include driving while intoxicated.

Gary Dale Anderson, 35, 1120 S. Wells, was arrested at One Medical Plaza for failure to identify, false report to police, no valid driver's license, no insurance and improper passing on the right.

A report concerning a false report was made in the 100 block of South Cuyler.

SHERIFF

ed the following arrests.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Michael Dale Prouse, 30, 1008 Crane Road, was arrested for failure to appear on a charge of

Gray County Sheriff's Office today report- domestic assault out of McIntosh County, Okla. Sunday, Feb. 22

Colby Jon-Michael Porter, 24, 1408 1/2 S. Barnes (rear), was arrested for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

ACCIDENTS

Sunday, Feb. 22

Trisha Lynn Anderson, 36, 1120 S. Wells,

collided with a building in the 700 block of

West Brown. Anderson was cited for no

proof of financial responsibility. She reported

possible injury and was transported to Pampa

Regional Medical Center by private vehicle.

AMBULANCE

7:15 a.m. - A 1999 Ford Taurus driven by

the following motor vehicle accidents.

Pampa Police Department today reported

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Feb. 21

1:42 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire at Kentucky

and Hazel. 3:59 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire in the 900

block of East Frederic. Sunday, Feb. 22

2:30 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1100 block of East Harvester.

12:04 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center on a standby for LifeStar helicopter.

CORRECTION

on page 1 on Friday, Feb. 20 and Sunday,

Feb. 23, were incorrect. A child involved in a

The Pampa ISD menu was mistakenly left

out of the Sunday, Feb. 23, edition of The

News. The menu was provided to the paper.

Pampa Schools

MONDAY

Lunch: Fish strips or steak fingers,

potato rounds, blackeyed peas, pears.

TUESDAY

Lunch: Enchiladas or chicken nuggets.

WEDNESDAY

Lunch: Stew/toasted cheese sandwiches

or pizza, English peas, salad, applesauce.

THURSDAY

Lunch: Chef salad or beef/cheese nachos,

corn, carrot sticks, peaches, bread sticks, rolls.

pinto beans, Spanish rice, spiced apples.

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.

Breakfast: Cheese omelet.

Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy.

ODESSA (AP) — The

fight to keep a Big Spring vet-

erans' hospital open depends

on West Texas residents,

according to a member of the

commission established to

Breakfast: Kolache

dog attack was mauled by five Rottweilers.

The headlines on stories that was printed

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Feb. 21

8:42 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

1:57 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

Sunday, Feb. 22

2:27 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 1100 block of East Harvester. No patient.

1:51 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of East Francis and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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Bird flu found in Gonzales County

chance of snow in the evening. Lows in the cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 50s.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should 40s. North winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday

see rainfall - changing to snow late with an night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

accumulation of up to 1 inch – lows in the mid Thursday, partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the

Today's forecast is calling for occasional mid 20s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A on a Texas chicken farm is far ation, we have to keep an open more dangerous to poultry than mind," Cox said. originally thought and has Houston, federal officials said

same strain that has killed at chickens. least 22 people in Asia, said Dr. Ron DeHaven of the U.S. fied as high-pathogenic after Department of Agriculture.

strain, found in Gonzales County in South Texas, poses little threat to people, said Dr. Nancy Cox of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

City Briefs

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strain of avian influenza found forward in this particular situ-On Friday, state officials

spread to live bird markets in said the outbreak was a lowpathogenic version of bird flu, meaning it posed little risk to However, the flu is not the humans and only low risk to

However, it was reclassigenetic testing during the The highly contagious weekend, DeHaven said.

It is the first time since 1983-84 that high-pathogenic avian flu has been found in the United States, DeHaven said.

The name and location of the chicken farm wasn't revealed.

The farm's flock was destroyed during the weekend but birds from that flock already had been sent to two

"Nonetheless, as we move live bird markets in Houston, DeHaven said.

> Preliminary testing showed that the disease was found in live-bird markets. DeHaven said. Chickens at one of those markets also were destroyed, and the same process had been started at the other market, he said.

Two other strains of bird flu have turned up in recent weeks in the East. One was detected at a farm in central Pennsylvania, and the other was found at two farms in Delaware and at live bird markets in New Jersey. None of those strains resembles the H5N1 virus that has jumped to humans in Asia.

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"The verdict has been filed," Domina said, "and judgment will be entered, not immediately, but soon. Then we'll start with the usual round post-trial motions and importantly will go to work on the question of what the injunction should look like."

A court date hasn't been set CALL BELLMART for for the trial concerning the injunction, but it is expected to be several months away.

'We'll have to make a decision about whether to ask for a temporary injunction that involves all of the packers," Domina said. "That decision is not yet made.'

Domina also has similar lawsuits pending against two other packers, Swift and Excel, both of which have plants in the Texas Panhandle.

The packers, Domina said, are on notice that if they continue to use contract cattle, that they're doing it at their peril. "The injunction proceeding

will be a separate major trial event," Domina said. "The evidence will be different there because the focus will not be on liability, did they violate the law, but the focus will be on how should the market be changed."

FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage. Lunch: Pizza or hamburger, French fries, green beans, pineapple.

Commissioner: Hospital fight up to West Texas vets

and other changes. Chad Colley, a member of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services panel,

said Big Spring needs to show where the hospital use projections are wrong and how their data is better than the information used by CARES.

"Anything they say they review the proposed closure ought to be able to justify clearly; this is a tremendous opportunity for them," said Colley, who lives in New Smyrna Beach, Fla

The CARES report was released Feb. 13 Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi has 30 days to accept or reject it.

"This facility is absolutely defensible," Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen told the Odessa American in Monday's editions

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Pols debating San Francisco's same-sex unions

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By KIM CURTIS ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The same-sex marriages that have drawn nationwide attention are sparking fresh rhetorical battles among California politicians and enthusiastic celebrations among the newlyweds.

On Sunday, key elected officials used some of their strongest language yet to discuss whether newly elected San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom overstepped his authority by allowing the gay and lesbian unions, which critics say are against state law.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who wants the state to some wished-for change in policy." step in and stop the marriages, said in an interview on NBC on Sunday that Newsom's action could cause other local officials to flout the law.

"In San Francisco, it is license for marriage of same mass reception party. sex. Maybe the next thing is another city that hands out licenses for assault weapons and someone else hands out licenses for selling drugs, I mean you can't do that," Schwarzenegger said.

"We have to stay within the law," he said. "There's a state law that says specific things, and if you want to challenge those laws then you can go to the court."

Newsom, who appeared on CNN's "Late Edition," says the city is mounting precisely that kind of legal us and energized us."

challenge. San Francisco has sued the state, saying the gay marriage ban violates the equal protection clause of the California Constitution.

Attorney General Bill Lockyer, a Democrat who may run against Schwarzenegger in 2006, said he's prepared to defend the state against San Francisco's

"What the mayor and others are hoping is that courts will change the policy," he said. "I don't think it's going to happen. I wouldn't expect that result, but I have a healthy regard for their theories even though it is not the law. We are obligated to defend the law, not

At the same time, an estimated 2,000 people, many of them newly married couples, gathered at a downtown hotel Sunday to celebrate the weddings with a

The guests of honor at the event were Del Martin, 83, and Phyllis Lyon, 79, who have been together 51 years and are longtime leaders in the city's lesbian community. Martin and Lyon married on Feb. 12 in the first ceremony after Newsom's decision."

"We're going to be out there as a movement and as a vast, large, noisy movement," Lyon said at Sunday's celebration. "This issue has mobilized us, magnetized

WASHINGTON (AP) — Schwarzenegger, making his Sunday talk show debut as governor, said that he and other foreign-born citifor the White House and that President Bush can carry California in November if he does more to help the state.

The Austrian-born former bodybuilder, in the capital for his first meeting with fellow governors, said he has not thought about running for bution that people like Henry president in the future. The Constitution says only natural-born citizens of the United States are eligible for the taries of state who were born country's highest office.

The Republican governor said anyone who has been a U.S. citizen for at least 20 years — as he has — should "absolutely" be able to seek

the presidency. A constitutional amendment proposed by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, all," he said. would make that possible.

Schwarzenegger: Foreign-born citizens should be able to run for president

zens should be eligible to run in this country that are now from overseas, that are immigrants, that are doing such a terrific job with their work, bringing businesses here, that there's no reason why not," said Schwarzenegger, who became a U.S. citizen in 1983.

"Look at the kind of contri-Kissinger have made, Madeleine Albright," he said, referring to two former secrein Europe.

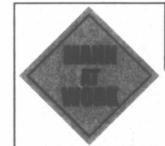
Schwarzenegger said on NBC's "Meet the Press' that he has been too busy with California's problems to contemplate a future run for the White House. "I have no idea, I haven't thought about that at

Schwarzenegger "There are so many people firmed his opposition to the gay marriages that are taking place in San Francisco. He said Mayor Gavin Newsom's refusal to obey the state's law against same-sex marriages could set a bad precedent.

On Friday, the governor he had directed California's attorney general to take action to stop the marriages.

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John Mann Lawyer

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Essays now being added to college entrance exams

By STEVE GIEGERICH AP EDUCATION WRITER

Just a high school sophomore, Claudette Rogers is already anxious about a test that's more than a year away - the college entrance exam that will help determine her academic future.

She and her classmates have an extra reason to be. Rogers' class of 2006 will be the first to write a timed essay as part of the SAT, in addition to taking the traditional verbal and math sections.

The SAT's chief rival, the ACT, is making an essay an optional part of its exam, with both test-makers adding the writing section to tests taken in the spring of 2005.

"It's a bit nerve-racking because so much depends on it," said 16-year-old Rogers, who attends Hoover High School in Glendale, Calif. "And the fact they are changing it just increases the pressure."

To prepare for the "new" SAT, teachers, students and parents have been scrambling to sharpen writing skills, while college counselors are starting to hear from nervous parents - including Rogers' mother.

"It's much tougher for them than when I was in school," said Arlette Rogers, part of the high school class of 1974. More than two years before her daughter goes off to college, Rogers contacted a private counselor to discuss how her daughter needs to prepare for the "new" SAT.

Harriet Broder, an indecounselor pendent Maryland, said the anxiety season is just beginning. "You think parents are complaining now about the unfairness of the test?" she said. "When these kids have to write an essay — give me a break."

Usually, it's 11th graders who sign up with college preparatory services, because they generally take the SAT or ACT in the spring of junior year, prior to submitting college applications the following autumn. But that's chang-

"I'm getting a lot more panicked calls from 10th graders," Broder said.

Sophomores and juniors at Wells High School in Wells, Maine, are among those prepping by taking two preliminary entrance exams, the PSAT and SAT II subject test.

Wells guidance counselor Stephen Newton thinks the writing exercises on mandatory state exams will also help prepare students for the college tests.



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written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Teen's Feelings of Depression May be Legacy From Mother

DEAR ABBY: My mother died when I was 7. I'm 13 now, and my father just told me Mom suffered from bad depression toward the end of her life. He also said that it would worry him a great deal if I had depression, too.

I'm afraid I do. I get sad easily and I have thought about suicide, but I don't know why. It could be the stress of my family life, but it can't still be about my mother's passing, can it? That was six years ago.

I actually scare myself sometimes, but I don't think my depression is bad enough to see someone about

What do you think? -- SCARED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR SCARED: It's time to talk to your father. Depression can run in families. You also need to tell a professional exactly what you have told me. Please don't put it off. The sooner you get professional help, the sooner you will feel better.

DEAR ABBY: I am unemployed right now. I become extremely nervous when I fill out a job application because I have a bankruptcy on my record. Several potential employers have indicated they will check my credit rating as part of their standard background search. I was having terrible money problems when I filed bankruptcy a little over a year ago. But since then I have joined a 12-step group called Debtors Anonymous, and it is helping me a great deal. If I didn't have this bankruptcy on my credit report, I don't think I'd have any trouble at all getting a job.

How should I handle this at a job RECOVERING interview? **DEBTOR**

DEAR RECOVERING: Tell the truth. The way the economy has been, you won't be the only one with a bankruptcy showing up on your credit report. To admit that you had a problem and are doing ashamed of.

DEAR ABBY: I was in the parking lot of a shopping center when I noticed an older woman two cars away yelling and hitting a little girl. The girl looked about 6 or 7.

I got into my car, pulled up next to them and called out, "Are you OK?" The little girl was crying and trying to straighten her scarf; the woman snapped back, "Yes, she's OK!"

This kind of behavior really bothers me. I frequently see adults slap, hit, pinch and berate their children -even babies in strollers. These adults seem to be out of control, and everybody ignores them or looks away.

Sometimes I stare at the parent or walk slowly by to let them know that I know what they're doing. One time, I reported a mother who kept slapping and scolding her Down syndrome daughter. The girl was doing nothing wrong and kept repeating, "I'm your FRIEND." It turns out slapping is legal in Virginia where I live. And by the way, I live in one of the wealthiest counties in the nation.

What can I do to help some of these kids? Any suggestions would be appreciated. -- SAD AND DISGUST-**ED IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR SAD AND DISGUST-ED: I checked with several state agencies and found out that although slapping may be legal in Virginia, the state policy is "open to interpretation." The Virginia Department of Social Services operates a 24-hour statewide, childabuse-reporting hot line. If a report is deemed valid, a local agency will conduct an investigation. The instate number is (800) 552-7096; from out of state, the number is (804) 786-8536.

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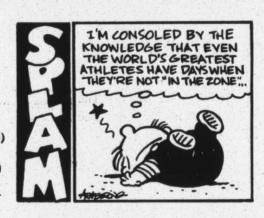
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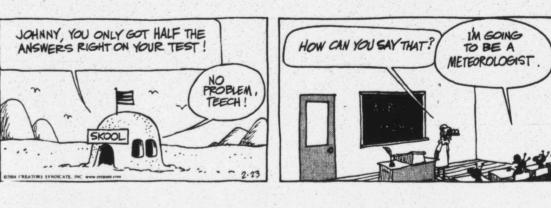
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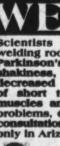
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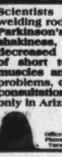
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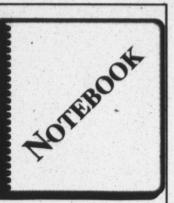


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SPORTS



BASKETBALL

AMARILLO - Fort Elliott upset top-ranked Hedley 64-48 in a Class 1A area girls matchup last weekend at Tascosa Activities Center.

Katie Donaldson led the Lady Cougars in scoring with 14 points.

Andrea Hathaway and Sarah Zybach followed with 11 points each.

Rebekah Howard had 24 points for Hedley. Alicia Reis added 10 points for Fort Elliott.

FOOTBALL

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Buffalo wants to develop a young quarterback behind Drew Bledsoe and general manager Tom Donahoe thinks Drew Henson could be the right one.

But he still isn't sure. Neither is anyone else.

"He had a good workout, but you're trying to guess at football ability," Donahoe said. "He hasn't played for three years. He looks like he can do it, but it's hard to get better playing football when you're playing baseball."

HOCKEY

that their fans are a major reason for the team's surge at home — and in the Western Conference stand-

"The atmosphere here has been good," left wing Brenden Morrow said. "Our confidence level is high at home. When we're winning, it's easy to cheer."

Jere Lehtinen and Pierre Turgeon scored power-play goals, and Marty Turco stopped 14 shots for his 18th career shutout as the Stars extended their home unbeaten streak to eight games with a 4-0 victory over the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

Morrow and Modano added goals for the Stars, 11-3-2 overall in their last 16 games overall to move four points behind first-place San Jose in the Pacific Division.

"Points are very valuable right now," Modano said. "We're getting contributions from all four lines. Early in the season, it was only a few guys. We're riding our depth. "

PAMPA - Pampa meets Andrews at 7 tonight at Hutcherson Center in Plainview in a Class 4A boys bi-district matchup.

"Andrews has an offense that revolves around their three guards.," said Pampa head coach Jeff Reed. They've got 6-6 and 6-3 kids inside, and they mostly set screens for the guards."

Andrews has a 23-5 record and beat Frenship twice and lost to Lubbock Estacado once in the District 4-3A race.

"We've watched Andrews on film and I feel we have a good chance of beating them. You can't always tell from watching a film, but I feel like we're better athletes. If we play like we did against Plainview we can win the game," coach Reed said. "If we play like we did against Caprock, the outcome might not be too good."

Kelvin Roberts (6-1 guard) is averaging around 20 points per game and point guard Tyler Haygood (5-7 senior) set a school record of 45 points when Andrews beat Kermit 70-64 last month.

"They have pretty much of a run and gun offense, but they're not quite as fast as Palo Duro. They have a lot of quickness on the perimeter,"

The Harvesters had a good workout Saturday and are ready to go, he said.

"I look for our seniors (Chance Bowers, Collin Bowers, Jed Martin Andy Rodgers) to step up like they have before," Reed said.

Harvesters meet State meet getting closer Andrews tonight for Pampa High's Parks

PAMPA — It's been a dozen the 125-pound finals in Dallas. years since Pampa won a state championship in wrestling.

Pam pa junior Chad Chairez in 1992 defeated Anthony Mendez of El Paso Del Valle in



Pampa heavyweight Kevin Parks has been a team leader.

This year, Pampa senior

Kevin Parks will try and follow Chairez' path to the championship finals after taking fourth at the regional tournament in Amarillo.

"There's no easy matches at state. It's the 16 best guys in each weight class," said Pampa coach Josh Cadenhead. "Kevin's just going to wrestle them one at a time."

Parks, a heavyweight, goes to Austin for the state tournament Feb. 27-28. He takes an impressive 20-7 record into the

The 285-pound Parks made an amazing comeback to advance past regionals.

After falling to Jose Cereceras of El Paso Fabens in the tournament opener, Parks rallied to win four consecutive matches to meet Cerenes once again in a wrestle-back. Parks won by a pin in the first peri-

The top four in each weight class advance to state.

"Kevin's strength is his quickness. He moves real good for a heavy guy. A lot of big guys just go out there and do

belly flops on their opponent, but Kevin uses his quickness and strength."

Coach Cadenhead said. "He knows his way around the mat and being involved with both football and wrestling has helped in that area."

Parks was a two-way lineman for the Harvesters this past football season.

Parks isn't selfish about sharing his experience with his teammates.

"Kevin has been a leader on the team. He was always helping out the younger wrestlers," added Cadenhead.

John Burns (140-pound class) and Joel Palmateer (175-pound class) also represented Pampa at regionals. They failed to place, but each came away with a victory. Burns, a freshman, closed the season with a 21-16 record. Palmateer, a senior, was 13-

"I'm proud of all our guys. They had a good year," said Josh Cadenhead.

Pampa's three regional wrestlers collected enough points to place the Harvesters 28th in the 38-team field.

Lady Harvesters win Silver Division at Borger

BORGER — The 2004 Pampa Lady and outlasted Caprock 8-5, and defeatin the sixth annual Borger Lady

at Agnes Howe Park in Borger.

Hosted by the Borger Lady Bulldog softball booster club, teams were DALLAS (AP) — The placed into two brackets after games Dallas Stars acknowledge Friday determined the bracket pairings

> coach Bobbi Gill and assistant Josh Blackmon also in his second season opened with losses to Canyon 8-1, and Vernon 1-0, as the Lady Harvesters couldn't get their bats going. In the Friday afternoon games Pampa was able to get some offensive production

Harvester softball team were among ed River Road handily 18-3 in the sixteen area high schools participating nightcap. Freshman Cassy Tice and Freshman Stephanie McVay each recorded wins on Friday. Junior Teryn Winter Classic held this past weekend Garner had an inside park homer in Pampa's win over River Road.

With Pampa playing in the Silver Bracket on Saturday went against the Perryton Rangerettes, the Lady Harvesters scored six times in the second inning and coasted to a 9-1 victory The Pampa girls led by 2nd year head to place the team in to the finals of the silver bracket. Tice picked up her second win for the tournament in the contest plus her inside the park homerun added 3 runs batted in.

Once again the Lady Harvesters would meet the Caprock girls for the second time in as many days.

Freshman pitcher Nicole Clark's hand 3 rbi. for the biggest game in the young pitchers varsity career.

Clark responded with a complete game against a good hitting Lady Longhorns team. The Lady Harvester batters with 18 hits and a rally killing defense proved to much as the team came away with a 13-8 championship victory and the first place trophy.

Clark nicked up her first win of the year and also racked up a triple and a

Sophmore rightfielder Callie Cobb led all hitters going 4 of 4 and 2 rbi, which included an inside park homerun and a bunt single.

Senior shortstop Stacey Johnson had a double, two singles driving in 3 runs,

Coach Gill of Pampa put the ball in Tice playing at catcher, went 3 of 4 and

Senior centerfielder Abbi Covalt contributed 2 hits and a rbi, Junior 1st baseman Whitney Roden punched out 2 hits, Leftfielder Teryn Garner along with Sophmore second base Amy Youree each added singles to the total

The Lady Harvesters are now 4 - 3 for the season and are scheduled to open at home Tuesday against the 5A Amarillo High School's Lady Sandies.

Amarillo was also entered at Borger and defeated Randall High School 4-1 to win the Gold bracket consolation. Game time is set for a 4:30 opening pitch at the new Pampa Lady Harvester softball facility located on campus at the corner of Russell and Worrell.

PHS boys in command in soccer district

BORGER — Pampa continued to be in command in the District 3-4A boys' soccer race after a 4-1 Saturday over

The Harvesters are perfect in district with a 3-0 record. For the season, they improved to 5-9-0.

Four players scored Pampa goals, starting with a shot by Nick Robbins five minutes into the match. Jason Brown, Sammy Silva and Justin Jouett followed with goals. Silva's goal came on a penalty kick.

Three of the Pampa goals came in the first half.

In other district matches last weekend Caprock edged Randall 2-1 and Palo Duro in district and 2-8-1 for the defeated Canyon 3-1.

Pampa dropped a 4-3 squeaker to Borger in the girls'

The Lady Harvesters are 0-3 other district games.

season. Borger is 1-2 in dis-

Randall shut out Caprock 6-

0 and Canyon edged Palo in

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP - It was an odd night for Andre Emmett to set the Big 12 scoring

For one thing, Saturday's game was the first time in his senior season the he did not start for Texas Tech. For another, the accomplishment was not even announced to the home crowd when it happened.

And for yet another, Emmett was not made available to the media after he led the No. 21. Red Raiders past Texas A&M

Tech's Emmett sets Big 12 record 76-60 while making history.

Unhappy with how his star senior had played in a loss to Colorado, Texas Tech coach Bob Knight kept him on the bench the first eight minutes. Needing just four points to surpass the record of 2,097 by former Kansas All-American Nick Collison, Emmett got the mark with a forceful dunk and finished with 18 points.

But even his teammates were surprised the crowd was not told of the record.



Jason Brown scored a goal in the win against Borger.



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LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Texas coach Jody Conradt left Lubbock with a lot of questions about the remainder of her team's season.

No. 9 Texas Tech beat the top-ranked Longhorns 62-49 on Sunday. With three games left in Big 12 play — all against opponents ranked in the Top 25 — and the conference and NCAA tournaments ahead, Conradt wondered how her team would respond.

"We may be so exhausted and beat up that we can't make a run," she said. "All those questions have answers, but they don't have answers now. We see those answers as we move down the line."

One answer she's presumed is that the team's No. 1 ranking — its first since 1987 - will drop when the new Associated Press poll comes out Monday.

"It's one game. We're not going to talk about it and belabor it in negative ways," Conradt said. "We're going to move on and hopefully make our mark at the end of the season."

The Longhorns (23-3, 11-2), who took over the top spot in the rankings Feb. 9, are sure to drop. They also host No. 19 Baylor on Wednesday and face No. 8 Kansas State and No. 24 Oklahoma in the next nine days.

Tech, which lost 82-73 to Texas on Feb. 1, shot 41 percent from the field in the win. In the earlier matchup, the Lady Raiders shot 43 percent, but Texas shot 55 percent. This time, the Longhorns hit just 31 percent.

LaToya Davis matched her career high with 15 points and Jolee Ayers-Curry added a season-high 14 for Texas Tech (23-4, 9-4 Big 12).

Heather Schreiber and Nina Norman each scored 14 points for Texas, which had its nine-game winning streak snapped and was held to its lowest point total of the sea-

Texas had a week off between its 51-45 win at Colorado on Feb. 14 and Sunday's loss.

Conradt debated how much the break affected her

"Does it help to have days off? Does it help you to have open days? Do I know? No, I don't," she said. "Do I know how we'll bounce back? No, not really — until I see for myself what we do."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb.

You might be unpredictable to many; sometimes you hurt others in a way you might not realize. Someone often loses his or her temper with you, hurting your feelings. Learn to realize the dynamics of what is happening. Open up discussions. You gain because of a willingness to find answers. Others will respect those qualities. You also will gain financially late fall, receiving a pay raise or promotion. If you are single, your dance card will be full. How deep of a relationship you want will be your call. If you are attached, your sweetie is more than happy to work through problems. Your bonding becomes intense from the fall on. TAU-RUS brings out the true you, as you feel

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TRANSACTIONS **Weekend Sports Transactions** By The Associated Press BASEBALL

Detroit at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

American League KANSAS CITY ROYALS-Agreed to terms with LHP Greg Swindell on a minor league contract.

TEXAS RANGERS-Agreed to terms with 3B Hank Blalock on a five-year contract, and OF Kevin Mench, RHP Mickey Callaway, RHP Juan Dominguez, RHP Rosman Garcia, RHP Chris Mabeus, RHP Edwin Moreno, LHP Erasmo Ramirez, RHP Nick Regilio, LHP Brian Shouse, LHP Ryan Snare, OF Ramon Nivar and 1B Adrian Gonzalez on one-year contracts.

National League FLORIDA MARLINS-Agreed to terms with RHP Ronald Belisario, RHP Kevin Cave, RHP Mike Flannery, RHP Lincoln Holdzkom, RHP Blaine Neal, RHP Justin Wayne, LHP Franklyn Gracesqui, LHP Tommy Phelps, INF Kevin Hooper, INF Josh Wilson, OF Chris Aguila, OF Chip Ambres, OF Abraham Nunez.

and C Josh Willingham on one-year contracts.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS-Signed RHP Dan Reichert to a MONTREAL EXPOS-Agreed to terms with RHP Shawn Hill,

RHP Chad Cordero, LHP Chad Bentz, INF Jamey Carroll, INF Josh Labandeira, OF Ryan Church and OF Terrmel Sledge on one-year contracts.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association NBA-Fined Orlando Magic G Tracy McGrady \$10,000 for kicking the basketball into the stands twice at the end of the first half of a Feb. 20 game against Denver, and Washington Wizards coach Eddie Jordan \$7,500 for failing to leave the court in a timely manner at the end of a Feb. 20 game against Indiana.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS-Placed G Doug Overton on the injured list. Activated G-F Bobby Simmons from the injured list. MIAMI HEAT-Placed G Bimbo Coles on the injured list. Activated F Samaki Walker from the injured list. SACRAMENTO KINGS-Signed G-F Rodney Buford to a 10-day

TORONTO RAPTORS—Suspended F Lamond Murray one game

for conduct detrimental to the team HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL-Suspended Vancouver F Matt Cooke two games without pay for a spearing incident in a Feb. 19 game CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS-Recalled LW Shawn Thornton

from Norfolk of the AHL COLORADO AVALANCHE-Traded D Martin Skoula to Anaheim for D Kurt Sauer and a 2005 fourth-round draft choice. COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS-Recalled RW Kent McDonell

from Syracuse of the AHL NEW JERSEY DEVILS-Assigned F Brett Clouthier to Cincinnati of the ECHL

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Recalled D Les Borsheim from Philadelphia of the AHL

PHOENIX COYOTES-Recalled C Krystofer Kolanos from Springfield of the AHL

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled LW Matt Murley from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton of the AHL. Assigned RW Eric Meloche to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. Acquired RW Landon Wilson from the Phoenix Coyotes for future considerations.

COLLEGE ONEONTA-Announced the resignation of Paul Clune, men's basketball coach.

BASKETBALL No. 9 TEXAS TECH 62, No. 1 TEXAS 49 **TEXAS (23-3)**

Schreiber 5-11 2-2 14, Jackson 2-8 3-4 7, Stephens 2-8 3-5 7, Bowers 2-7 0-0 4, Norman 6-13 2-3 14, Carey 1-9 0-0 3, Reed 0-2 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-58 10-14 49. TEXAS TECH (23-4)

Davis 6-10 3-3 15, Ayers-Curry 7-16 0-0 14, Dabbs 3-9 3-4 9, Grant 4-10 2-2 11, Robertson 4-9 0-0 9, Ritchie 0-5 0-0 0, Jackson 2-3 0-0 4, Clark 0-1 0-0 0, Baughman 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-64 8-9

Halftime—Texas 31, Texas Tech 26, 3-Point goals—Texas 3-8 (Schreiber 2-3, Carey 1-3, Norman 0-2), Texas Tech 2-5 (Grant 1-1, Robertson 1-3, Ritchie 0-1). Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Texas 38 (Jackson 9), Texas Tech 43 (Jackson 9). Assists—Texas 8 (Norman 4), Texas Tech 14 (Grant 9). Total fouls—Texas 11, Texas Tech 13. A-15,050.

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Saturday's Games

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Tuesday's Games Portland at Orlando, 7 p.m. Golden State at Indiana, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Toronto at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Seattle at Utah, 9 p.m. New York at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

The future of the NFL arrives overweight and unprepared

By JIM LITKE **AP Sports Columnist**

The future of the NFL arrived overweight and unprepared.

So there's that to look forward to.

"I lead by example," Maurice Clarett said, "work hard day in and day out and go 200 percent every practice."

OK, maybe he didn't mean every day and every practice, since Clarett arrived at the league's scouting combine in Indianapolis last week carrying a few extra pounds and, despite a few months off, let it be known he wasn't ready to

work out for the talent evaluators gathered

Instead, he invited them to drop by his personal workout in Columbus, Ohio, the first week of April, by which time Clarett absolutely, positively, cross-his-heart-andhope-to-die, promises to be ready.

"I'm going to take these next four up a notch," he said.

weeks and get back to eating right and training right and try to take my training

Clarett played his last football game for Ohio State some 13 months ago and was pointed toward the NFL as early as last September, once it became increasingly clear his chances of playing a second season for Ohio State were slim and none. Instead of putting to rest any questions about his attitude since a scrape with the law forced him to the sidelines, Clarett has inherited a whole other set of them.

It might not seem fair to saddle a 20year-old with the kind of burdens already weighing down Clarett, because he's hardly the first underclassman seeking a spot in the league and plenty of the seniors taken in previous drafts have made immaturity the hallmark of their careers. Then again, barring a successful appeal by the NFL, Clarett's victory in court guarantees that more and more kids in similar situations will be trying to follow him through the suddenly wide-open door.

In the last decade, an average of 33 underclassmen were eligible for the draft each year. In the last two years, even with league rules still in place requiring players to be out of high school for three years to be eligible, the number has climbed into the 40s.

Now, with Clarett's lawsuit effectively striking down any minimum-age requirement, another dozen or so newly qualified players could enter the draft by the March 1 deadline

In that sense, Clarett can't avoid being viewed as a sign of things to come, and already a few league veterans don't like what they see.

"I think what you're going to see is a number of guys who either don't like school, don't feel that good about school, get into tough situations at school, those are going to be the guys that come out early," Colts coach Tony Dungy said.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Carefully listen to what others say. A misunderstanding could happen when you least expect it. Evaluate what is going on, especially if you hear strange news this afternoon. A meeting proves to be instrumental. Tonight: Do only what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

How you see someone could change in the next few weeks. Listen to a child or loved one at a distance. He or she has much to share. You'll gain through this conversation and get valuable information. Take charge at work in the afternoon. Tonight: Get as much

done as possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What you say makes a difference, and those around you hear it loud and clear. Carefully think about a longterm investment, especially if it involves someone who might be acting a little strange right now. Tonight: Play

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Others play the lead role, and you might want to sit back and observe. You see someone you thought you knew display a high level of anger. You also see a risk as being close to impossible. Use your creativity at work or in your daily life. Tonight: Choose a physical activity to help reduce stress. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Push as hard as you can to clear up a problem with a partner or a domestic issue. Investments in real estate should be postponed at best. You will learn more soon enough. Save the late

afternoon to network or socialize. Tonight: Put on the charm. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You might be playful and full of chitchat, but someone else, especially at work, could be on the warpath. No matter what you say, it will be wrong. Loosen up with a loved one; share more of what is happening. Tonight: Relax

your frayed nerves. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Basics count, and you follow through on what needs to happen. You need to explore and gather more information about financial matters. You discover that exploring and research are most effective. A creative approach gets sound results. Tonight: Play away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) What you say could make a difference to a relative or someone you hang with, but a roommate or close loved one could be on the warpath. You see that this person might be trying to give you a hard dose of reality. Tonight: Do something special for this difficult

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Handle a money matter instinctively, though you could feel deceived by someone close. You could be hardpressed not to lose your temper. You see others in a new light because of what happens. Schedule talks for late in the afternoon. Tonight: Be sponta-

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Chief U.N. nukes inspector seeks clues into black market

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — The chief United Nations nuclear inspector took his search for the key players in the atomic black market to Libya on Monday, where he is seeking to determine who supplied Moammar Gadhafi's government with technology to develop weapons of mass destruction.

Mohamed ElBaradei began a two-day visit officially focused on monitoring the progress of dismantling Libya's illicit

nuclear program — a process provide technology and equip- Abdul Qadeer Khan, the father that began in December when Gadhafi's government agreed to scrap its weapons effort.

"He's going to take stock of what's happening and review the next steps," said Melissa Fleming, a spokeswoman for the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency.

But diplomats said ElBaradei would also be looking for new clues about the clandestine nuclear network that for decades ment to Libya, North Korea and

There was no official IAEA comment. But Fleming said information provided by Libya was crucial to identifying the network, its key players and their roles in getting equipment and expertise to nations willing to pay for the means to acquire nuclear arms.

Since Libya revealed the extent of its efforts in December, of Pakistan's nuclear weapons program, has acknowledged heading the network described by ElBaradei as a "nuclear supermarket" with middlemen extending to five continents.

Libya's openness on the illicit trade network helped the IAEA "understand the most serious case of proliferation in recent time," said Fleming.

Khan and dozens of associates circumvented national

export controls in Europe, Asia and elsewhere to ship nuclear technology to Libya, which managed to hide experiments geared toward making weapons for nearly two decades.

Among the most startling discoveries were engineers' drawings of a 1960s warhead of Chinese design apparently provided by those linked to Khan, who originally turned to China to develop Pakistan's country's nuclear weapons.

While far from building such arms, Libya managed to process minute quantities of plutonium, used in the core of nuclear warheads, says a report by ElBaradei written for an IAEA board of governors meeting next month

Centrifuge designs and other technology originating from Pakistan and found in Libya also were apparently sold to Iran, which has acknowledged hiding nearly two decades of nuclear activity but insists its programs are meant to produce power not weapons.

North Korea denies any link to Khan, but U.S. intelligence and the Pakistani scientist's associates have said that it also received help in its nuclear weapons program from his network.

A diplomat said the Libya revelations helped the agency link Iran's illicit program to the Khan operation.

"Things that the IAEA was learning from Iran strongly implicated Pakistan but finding another country ordering from the same network exposed the whole workings and international connections of that network," including ties to Iran, said the diplomat, asking for anonymity.

Mid-East conflict to preoccupy world court

By JOSEF FEDERMAN ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The world court opened a hearing into the legality of Israel's West Bank separation barrier on Monday, a case that brings Israeli policies for the first time before an international tribunal.

The 15 judges in black robes filed into the court to begin the three days of hearings. But much of the action will be outside the historic Peace Palace, where thousands of pro-Israel and pro-Palestinian activists planned to demonstrate.

Raising tensions ahead of the hearing, a Palestinian suicide bomber killed eight passengers on a crowded Jerusalem bus on Sunday. Israeli officials said it was proof of why the fence is needed.

The Palestinians were scheduled to open the case Monday, arguing against the barrier and in favor of the court's authority to render an opinion on its legality. Israel is challenging the court's jurisdiction and not participating in the hearings.

The Palestinians have set high expectations for the case. They hope a ruling against Israel will lead to the removal of

The court, the United Nations' highest judicial body, was

asked by the General Assembly to issue an advisory opinion on the barrier. Although the court's decision is nonbinding, its rulings are influential.

Israel has submitted written arguments claiming the court has no authority over the matter. It says the dispute should be resolved through negotiations, and that taking the matter to court will undermine the internationally backed "road map" peace plan. Israel also says the barrier is a response to Palestinian violence, pointing to Sunday's suicide bombing in Jerusalem as proof of the need for the structure.

The Palestinians oppose the route of the barrier, which dips deep into the West Bank at points. They say that when completed, the barrier will make it impossible for the Palestinians to establish an independent state.

In an interview on the eve of the hearing, Palestinian U.N. representative Nasser Al-Kidwa, chief of the Palestinian delegation to the court, recognized Israel's right to defend itself, but said the current route of the barrier goes far beyond selfdefense.

"It is a legitimate argument for any state to argue that they have to take certain measures to protect its citizens," Al-Kidwa said. "This is not the case with regard to the wall. If it was, Israel could have built this wall on its own territory."

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Playa lakes subject for award-winning touring exhibit

exhibit which illustrates the importance of playa lakes in Feb. 29 at Armstrong County Museum in Claude. The exhibit can be viewed through April 28 at the museum. An opening reception will be held from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 29.

A traveling exhibit, "Playas ... Gems of the Plains" is a project of Northwest Texas Museum Association. Major funding has been provided by Amarillo Area Foundation, Don and Sybil Harrington

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It opened earlier this year the High Plains region opens at the botanical gardens in Amarillo and will visit a total of 18 museums in five states during its three-year tour.

The exhibit consists of 20 separate panels representing information on the function of playa lakes along with their history, geology, biology and ecology. Display boxes attached to the panels include games, models, artifacts and maps. As they walk through the exhibit, visitors will hear sounds unique to the playas.

Playa lakes are depressions

in the landscape that are generally round and usually less than 30 acres with claylined basins that fill with water.

The lakes are formed through a combination of natural processes, mostly involving wind and water. The region's climate and geology encourages formation of the lakes which help keep the Ogallala Aquifer the major source of groundwater in the area and the largest groundwater system in North America - recharged.

About 96 percent of the world's playas are found on the High Plains with more than 20,000 in northwestern Texas alone. Playas can also be found in eastern New southeastern Mexico, Colorado, western Nebraska, southwestern Kansas and western Oklahoma.

The exhibit has received awards from the Texas Association of Museums and the American Association for State and Local History.

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Canyon museum to pay tribute to 'little black dress'

CANYON — Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will open a new costume exhibit on Saturday, Feb. 28. The exhibit, entitled "Always in Style: The Essential Little Black Dress," will run through December and will include about 20 dresses along with related accessories taken from the museum's Clothing & Textile collection.

Articles in the exhibit will range from elegant pieces designed by Traina-Norell, Patullo-Jo Copeland, Norman Norell and Geoffrey Beene to more affordable "off-the-rack" dresses.

According to information provided by the museum, fashion designer Gabriella "Coco" Chanel is credited with introducing the little black dress in 1926, although a basic black dress was common even earlier. To simplicity.

Panhandle-Plains or women cial and wonderful."

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