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ARNOLD, Md. (AP) —

Today's weather



Deaths

Wanda Bayless, 79, seamstress, quilter. Anja Oleta Ruff, 85, services pending.

Mary Lee Smith, 84, former Pampa resident.

Local Briefs

Worth the Wait to present talk show host Michael Medved

Officials at Worth the Wait, a local and area teen abstinence program, will host a fund-raiser with popular radio talk show host Michael Medved March 8. Medved will appear at 7 p.m. at Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza in Amarillo.

Kenja Purkey, program director for Worth the Wait, said of Medved, "Of course, he's a well known talk radio show host heard in this area, so we knew he would have wide appeal anyway, but, more importantly, he touches on issues that impact what we do like educating parents on the cultural issues teens are facing today."

At a cost of \$25 apiece, tickets are now available Panhandle through Tickets. Panhandle Tickets can be reached at (806) 378-3096.

Pampa Book Club to review 'Founding Mothers' on March 9

Pampa Book Club meets at 10 a.m., the second Wednesday of the month at the Lovett Library Conference Room. The March 9th meeting will feature "Founding Mothers" by Cokie Roberts. On April 13th the members will discuss any book by Pearl S. Buck and/or a favorite poem. May 11 the book will be "Harriet Jacob" by Jean Fagan Yellin. The book club is open to the public.

Lifeguard training set

Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is offering lifeguard training 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., March 21-24 and March 28-31 at the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell.

Cost is \$85 includes a book and CPR mask. Participants who complete the course will be CPR and Lifeguard

For more information, all 669-7121.

Bush orders Syria out of Lebanon

President applauds message sent by Secretary of State, French foreign minister

President Bush on Wednesday demanded in blunt terms that Syria get out of Lebanon, saying the free world is in agreement that Damascus' authority over the political affairs of its neighbor must end now.

He applauded the strong message sent to Syria when of State

Condoleezza Rice and French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier held a joint news conference on London on Tuesday.

"Both of them stood up and said loud and clear to Syria, You get your troops and your secret services out of Lebanon so that good democracy has a chance to flourish," Bush said

community college in Maryland to tout his job training programs.

The world, Bush said, "is speaking with one voice when it comes to making sure that democracy has a chance to flourish in Lebanon."

The president's words, taken with those from Rice region and the international

during an appearance at a and others in the Bush administration this week, amount to the strongest pressure to date on Syria from Washington.

> "Syria knows the concerns of the international community, and they know what they need to do to change their behavior and become a constructive member of the

community," White House press secretary McClellan said earlier Wednesday.

Turkish ambassador Osman Faruk Logoglu urged the administration to offer trade and other economic and diplomatic incentives to Syria.

See SYRIA, Page 3



By MARILYN POWERS

Kenneth Cargill has filed for the Place 3 position on Pampa Independent School District's **Board** Education.

Cargill filed for the position, currently held by Jay Johnson, on Feb. 24. Johnson has not filed for reelection.

School board positions up for election this year, in addition to Place 3, are Place 2 and Place 1.

John Curry filed for reelection as Place 1 trustee on Feb. 17. Lance DeFever, Place 2 trustee, has also filed for re-election. Both are unopposed as of today.

Three positions on the Pampa City Commission are also up for election this year. Mayor Lonny Robbins is

currently unopposed in his See **ELECTION**, Page 3



Trying for trout

Victoria Saiz. 10. and Robert Saiz. 13, foreground, and Eric Apodaca, 11, use corn and biscuit dough Friday afternoon to tempt trout at Recreation Park lake. The trio was hoping to catch some of the 1.000 rainbow trout that were released into the lake last week.

Robbins

Telling Austin 'what we think'

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Tuesday's Panhandle Day in the State Capitol in Austin provided Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins and Clay Rice, executive director of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, with a chance to

tell legislators of issues important to the local area as well as to meet leaders of other Panhandle communities, Robbins said today.

"It's something done two (Representatives of) the top 26 Panhandle counties go to Austin to let people know that we are very interested in what's going on in Austin," Robbins said. "We go down and make them aware of issues of interest to our particular area."

A group of more than 100 from the Panhandle attended Panhandle Day this year, Robbins said. They met

informally Monday evening with each other and state representatives and senators elected from this area.

Tuesday was devoted to meeting with targeted representatives and senators to discuss issues.

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City-wide garage sale to raise funds for family's search

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A city-wide garage sale is scheduled for March 19-20 at the Moose Lodge of Pampa, 401 E. Brown.

The garage sale is being planned by the family of missing Pampa woman Monica Appleton and the FindMonica Foundation.

"All funds raised from this will go towards the reward fund," said Donny Brown, brother of the missing woman.

Anyone wishing to donate an item or items to

the sale may call 669-2349 to schedule pickup of the

The garage sale will open at 8 a.m. each day.

Appleton has been missing since October 1999. She was last seen by family members on Oct. 13 in Northwest Amarillo, and seemed to be fearful at the time, Brown said.

At the time of her disappearance, Appleton was 5'5" tall, weighed about 120 pounds, and had blonde hair and hazel eyes. She was born May 21, 1970 and would be 34 at this time.

U.S. Supreme Court

Justices begin arguments on Ten Commandments

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia on Wednesday challenged people seeking to ban displays of the Ten Commandments on government property, noting legislative proclamations invoking God's name are

"I don't see why the one is good and the other is bad," Scalia said from the bench as the high court waded through oral arguments embracing the legal thicket of church-vs.-state issues.

In a case surrounding a Ten Commandments monument outside the Texas capitol, the critical question for the justices was whether the structure amounts to an unconstitutional government endorsement of religion.

Erwin Chemerinsky, a lawyer represent-

ing a man who seeks its removal, told the justices the display is a "religious symbol." The prominence of the display on the capitol grounds and the fact that so many of the commandments deal with God "does promote religion," he maintained.

In the high court's first confrontation with the Ten Commandments issue in a quarter-century, a case from Kentucky also was being argued. Lawyerly invocations of legal theories were heard in an ornate courtroom that, among other things, in sight of a wall carving of Moses holding the tablets bearing the commandments.

Monuments carrying the Ten Commandments are common in town squares, courthouses and other govern-

See COURT, Page 3

Services tomorrow

BAYLESS, Wanda Laverne Covington — 4 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa. **SMITH,** Mary Lee — 2 p.m., N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors Pioneer Chapel,

Wanda LaVerne Covington Bayless, 79

PAMPA, Texas — Wanda LaVerne H.C. Covington, Norman Covington, Glen Covington Bayless, 79, died Monday, Feb. Covington; and one sister, Kathryn. 28, 2005, at Pampa.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2005, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Bayless was born July 15, 1925, in Roxton, Texas. She attended Pampa Schools, graduating from Pampa High School in 1943. She married Gordon Bayless on Oct. 31, 1943, and he pre- Bayless ceded her in death in 1998.

keeper for Pampa Hardware and Texas Furniture, and was a clerk for the Gray County District Clerk's office.

She was a beloved Nana for Emily Nicklas and Taylor Ann Smith.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church where she sang in the choir. In earlier years, she was the YWMU director and taught Sunday Schools.

She was a member of the B&PW Club and the B&PW Sunday School Class and the Sonshiner's Club.

She moved to California five years ago to be near her family and was planning on moving back to Pampa this summer.

She was a loving mother, grandmother and a gifted quilter and seamstress. She will be truly missed by all, as she had an extraordinary gift of caring for everyone she loved and knew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Kittie and Goldie Covington; three brothers, www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Survivors include one son, **Bayless** Gordon Copenhagen, Denmark; one daughter, Wanetta Hill and husband Richard of Pampa; three sisters, Virginia Hall of Long Beach, Calif., Margaret Maguire of Hampton, Va., and Claudine Ware and husband Ed of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; her twin brother, Claude Covington and wife Joyce of Lake Elsinore,

She worked at Wilson Drug, was a book- Calif.; sister-in-law, Betty Covington of Laughlin, Nev.; two grandsons, Richard Damian Hill of Phoenix, Ariz., and Nathanael David Hill, a student at Texas A&M University in College Station; one granddaughter, Megan Beth Hill, a chiropractic student at the University of Bridgeport at Bridgeport, Conn.; two stepgranddaughters, Kim Hoover and daughters Stephanie and Lauren of Washington, D.C., and Kate Juengerman and husband Jim and children Leda, Grace and Quintin of Arlington; numerous nieces and nephews and extended family, Jeff, Connie and Emily Nicklas, and Stuart, Kristi and Taylor Ann Smith, all of Pampa, and David, Julie and Hannah Liedahl of Lakewood, Calif.

> The family suggests memorials be to First Baptist Church Music Ministry, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

The family will be at 1936 Lea. -Sign the on-line register book at

Anja Oleta Ruff, 85

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derstorms. Mostly cloudy,

with a high near 56. North

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Friday Night: Partly

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36. North northwest wind

with a high around 61. North

northeast wind between 10

Saturday: Partly cloudy,

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Anja Oleta Ruff, 85, of Pampa, died Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at Pampa.

Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mrs. Ruff was born June 18, 1919, at Sulfur Bluff. She married Charlie Ruff on Dec. 23, 1935, at Mobeetie, and came to Pampa in 1946.

She was a member of Priest Park Church of God.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with thunderstorms.

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and 15 mph.

around 10 mph.

and 15 mph.

a high around 58. Wind chill

values between 23 and 31.

North northwest wind

Tonight: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 34. North

northeast wind between 5

clouds, with a high around

32 and 37. North northwest

wind 5 to 15 mph becoming

cent chance of showers and

Wind chill values between

Thursday Night: A 30 per-

between 10 and 15 mph.

and 10 mph.

south.

Thursday:

Mr. Ruff preceded her in death Dec. 27, 1998. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Lindell Merrell; and a sister, Vivian Ruff.

Survivors include a daughter, Charlene Boissenet of Skellytown; a son, Robert Ruff of Springfield, Mo.; a sister, Ruby Terry of Pampa; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

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

Saturday Night: Partly

cloudy, with a low around

35. East northeast wind 10 to

Sunday: Partly cloudy,

with a high around 60.

Southwest wind 10 to 15

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Monday Night: Partly

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with a high near 60.

with a high near 60.

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Mary Lee Smith, 84

HARTLEY - Mary Lee Smith, 84, died Feb. 26, 2005.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Thursday in N.S. Griggs & Sons Pioneer Chapel Amarillo.

Interment will be in Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith was born Dec. 6, 1920, in Carson County and grew up in Stinnett. She married

Alvis Smith on Sept. 4, 1937; he died June

Smith



The couple lived in Pampa for many years, moving to Valle de Oro in 1974. Mrs. Smith worked in the clinic at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch until her retirement in 1982 when she moved to Stinnett. In 1988, she relocated to Hartley.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by a son, Raymond F. Smith in 2000; and a sister, Francis Smith.

Survivors include two daughters, Gail Smith of Hartley and Donna Smith Boyter of Dallas; five grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 SW 11th, Amarillo, TX 79101.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest today. Monday, Feb. 28

Mary Daniels, 33, 509 Cuyler, was arrested for public intoxication. Tuesday, March 1

Seven traffic stops were made. Law enforcement assistance was ren-

dered at the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan streets, the intersection of Crawford and Neal streets, and the 1300 block of Hamilton.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of South Naida and the 1200 block of North Russell.

Found property was reported in the 2200 block of Lynn.

Warrant service was attempted at one

Burglary was reported from the 900 block of Cinderella and the 1600 block of

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1500 block of North

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Carr.

Two reports of theft were received in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Warren.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 300 block of Davis.

Fire department assistance was rendered in the 1700 block of North Hobart. Disorderly conduct/noise was reported

in the 1300 block of Mary Ellen. Two business alarms were reported.

Accidents

following accident today.

Monday, Feb. 28

7:30 a.m. - A 2000 Toyota Tundra, driven by Chris Lee Davis, 41, 2909 Rosewood, and a 2000 Toyota Camry, driven by Dixie Dawn Yearicks, 27, 1132 Willow, collided in the 2900 block of Rosewood. No injuries were reported. Davis was cited for unsafe backing.

Sheriff

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

Sunday, Feb. 27

Maria Rodriguez, 50, McAllen, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance over 400 grams. She was released to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency in Amarillo.

Tuesday, March 1

Michelle Roberts, 35, homeless, was arrested by DPS for possession of a controlled substance.

Wednesday, March 2

Larry Dean Fernandez, 28, 718 Dean, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for resisting arrest.

Fire

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

Tuesday, March 1

12:45 p.m. – Two units and six firefighters responded to a report of smoke in the 1400 block of Alcock. The smoke apparently had drifted into town from a controlled burn in Donley County.

5:33 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a hazardous material spill in the 1600 block of North Hobart. A 5-gallon bucket of lacquer had fell from a vehicle and spilled on the roadway.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, March 1

12:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit Pampa Police Department reported the responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:08 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of Warren. No trans-

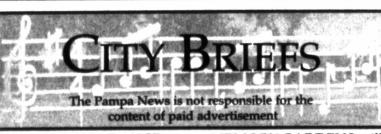
5:24 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:50 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Russell and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. Wednesday, March 2

4:30 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of Sumner. No trans-

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BI-ANNUAL DANCE, at Grandview-Hopkins ISD, Sat. begin removing Christmas Mar. 4th, Silent Auction 6:30- decorations on Mar. 1st. If 10 p.m. and Dance to Live you wish to save your deco-Music from 7-10 p.m.

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TIMELESS CREATIONS Take-outs and bulk sales 1619 N. Hobart, renting booth space, 898-0503.

Federal Reserve

Greenspan recommending quick action on Social Security, Medicare

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan urged Congress Wednesday to move quickly to fix the financing problems in Social Security and Medicare, arguing that delay will only make the country's budgetary problems more severe. Greenspan

endorsed the key part of President Bush's Social Security overhaul to set up private accounts, but he stressed that much more needed to be done to put the giant retirement program and Medicare, which he said faced even more severe financial strains, on a more sound footing.

While that saying Congress should move quickly to consider possible benefit cuts for Social Security and Medicare before the baby boomers begin retiring, Greenspan, as he did a month ago, urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — a go-slow approach to setting up Bush's proposed private accounts.

He said it is entirely possible that the impact on interest rates will be "zero,"

'I think it is very important that you move gradually and see what the response is.

> — Alan Greenspan Federal Reserve Chairman

The administration estimates those accounts will require about \$745 billion in new borrowing over the next decade. Greenspan said it is difficult to judge what impact that increased borrowing will have on financial markets and for that reason, the government should move cautiously to keep from triggering higher interest rates.

"I think it is very important that you move gradually and see what the response is," Greenspan said.

but he said since that can't be forecast with total confidence "cautious and gradual" was the best approach.

Bolstering the administration's drive to get a Social Security reform bill enacted this year, Greenspan warned that every year of delay would make fixing the problem harder, especially after the baby boomers begin retir-

Bush's proposal for private accounts has proved to be a hard sell.

"This is the mother of all issues," House Majority Leader Tom DeLay said Tuesday, as Republican congressional leaders conceded that they may not be able to win congressional approval of it this year.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said Bush will have to take a lead in building support for private accounts, especially "when a lot of political figures want to run and hide and when you have a lot of people who say there's no problem."

In his testimony Wednesday, Greenspan repeated a warning he first made a year ago, saying he believed the government had promised more than it could deliver to the 78 million baby boomers now approaching retirement and saying that cuts in benefits would have to be consid-

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Because they care

Terry Lester and Lynn Lundberg, personal service assistants, were honored at a luncheon on Monday, Feb. 28, at the Meredith House Assisted Living Center. Both women have provided outstanding care and service to the residents of Meredith House since February 1997, according to a Meredith House press release.

Election

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bid for re-election. Ward 1 Commissioner Jeff McCormick has filed for re-election and is being challenged by Brad Pingle.

Ward 3 Commissioner Robert Dixon has filed as incumbent candidate for his

Robbins

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"We had teams we were

put on, to go to different

assigned representatives or

senators and visit with their

office regarding the packet

of issues we were assigned

Robbins said.

present to them,"

The issues the Panhandle

post, and is currently unopposed.

Early voting by personal appearance for each election will be April 20 through May 3.

Early voting in the city election will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays in Room 205 of Pampa City Hall.

Early voters in the school board election may cast ballots at Carver Center, 321

Tuesday included ground

water, agriculture, the beef

industry, West Texas A&M

University, community col-

leges, school finance, and

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representatives and sena-

tors," Robbins said. "There

are so many issues before

our representatives and

senators, one might not be

"It's a really good time

sporting events.

Applications for mail-in ballots for the city election may be sent to Phyllis Jeffers at P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, TX 79065.

Applications for mail-in ballots must be received by 5 p.m. April 29.

Election Day for both elections will be Saturday, May 7 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

in the Panhandle.

"I think it's an excellent way of just making our known at the issues Capitol," he said.

Networking with other Panhandle leaders is an added bonus, Robbins said.

"I enjoyed interacting with the community leaders from other areas," he

Rice was in a meeting and unavailable for comdelegation chose to discuss aware of what's happening ment at press time today.

Syria

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"The chances of Syria withdrawing are greater than ever before," Logoglu told reporters. "But it is obviously going to take a long time."

Rice, in London to attend an international conference on Palestinian security and government reform, had said Tuesday that Syria is "out of step" with a growing desire for democracy in the Middle East.

The Bush administration also on Tuesday blamed terrorists based in Syria for last week's deadly suicide attack in Israel.

McClellan said the White House has "firm evidence" that Syria was home base for the terrorist attack in Israel that rocked the latest efforts for peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Bush made a similar point during a White House meeting with congressional leaders, participants said, and so did Rice while in London.

All key Lebanese political decisions are assumed to have a stamp of approval from the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Huge street demonstrations and Monday's resignation of the pro-Syrian government Lebanese marked the most serious challenge to Syrian authority in Lebanon since the end of

the civil war that killed 150,000 and crushed the Lebanese economy in the 1970s and 1980s.

The events also were an opening for the Bush administration to press its wider goal of democracy across the Middle East and to throw a spotlight on what the United States contends is long-standing Syrian support for terrorists who are trying to undermine progress toward Israeli-Palestinian

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At the news con-'We are ference designing, I think, with Barnier, an important Rice said common strategy their two countries with Europe so that would sup-Iran knows there is port no other way. scheduled election this spring in Lebanon,

— Condoleezza Rice Secretary of State

She also suggested international peacekeepers might be needed eventually and could help secure democracy for the Lebanese if Syria were to withdraw.

Assad indicated in an interview with Time magazine that he would withdraw Syria's 15,000 troops from Lebanon "maybe in the next few months." Later, a Syrian official speaking on condition of anonymity

questioned Damascus whether it could occur within months.

U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State David Satterfield, on Capitol Hill after a trip to Lebanon, was dismissive of what he called the "rhetoric" out of Damascus.

"Neither this government nor the people of Lebanon will believe anything other than what we see with our eyes," Satterfield told the

> Senate Foregin Relations Committee.

On the issue of Iran's nuclear program, Rice indicated that the administration was workwith ing European leaders on a plan to offer Iran economic incentives exchange for abandoning its nuclear ambi-

tions. The United States has accused Iran of developing nuclear weapons, a charge Tehran denies.

"We are designing, I think, an important common strategy with Europe so that Iran knows there is no other way," Rice said in a brief interview aired Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show.

Until recently, the administration had opposed any rewards for Tehran's cooperation.

Court

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ment-owned land around the country. Lawyers challenging these displays argue that they violate the First Amendment ban on any law "respecting an establishment of religion," or simply represent a secular tribute to America's legal heritage.

The question has sparked dozens of heated legal batincluding one

Alabama by Roy Moore. He lost his job as chief justice a year ago after defying a federal order to remove a 5,300-pound Commandments monument he had installed in the state

More than 50 groups have filed "friend-of-the-court" briefs weighing in on the

courthouse.

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Top 12 tax scams

IRS announces 2005 Dirty Dozen

WASHINGTON - The Internal true, it probably is. No matter who Revenue Service today unveiled its annual listing of notorious tax scams, the "Dirty Dozen," reminding taxpayers to be wary of schemes that promise to eliminate taxes or otherwise sound too good to be true.

"The Dirty Dozen is a reminder that tax scams can take many forms," IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson said. "Don't be fooled by false promises peddled by scam artists. They'll take your money and leave you with a hefty tax bill."

Persons who suspect tax fraud can call the IRS at 1-800-829-0433.

The IRS urges people to avoid these common schemes:

1. Trust Misuse. Unscrupulous promoters for years have urged taxpayers to transfer assets into trusts. They promise reduction of income subject to tax, deductions for personal expenses and reduced estate or gift taxes. However, some trusts do not deliver the promised tax benefits, and the IRS is actively examining these arrangements.

Frivolous Arguments. Promoters have been known to make the following outlandish claims: that the Sixteenth Amendment concerning congressional power to lay and collect income taxes was never ratified; that wages are not income; that filing a return and paying taxes are merely voluntary; and that being required to file Form 1040 violates the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination or the Fourth Amendment right to privacy. Don't believe these or other similar claims. Such arguments are false and have been thrown out of

court. 3. Return Preparer Fraud. Dishonest return preparers can cause many headaches for taxpayers who fall victim to their ploys. Such preparers derive financial gain by skimming a portion of their clients' refunds and charging inflated fees for return preparation services. They attract new clients by promising large refunds. Taxpayers should choose carefully when hiring a tax preparer. As the saying goes, if it sounds too good to be prepares the return, the taxpayer is ultimately responsible for its accuracy.

4. Credit Counseling Agencies. Taxpayers should be careful with credit counseling organizations that claim they can fix credit ratings, push debt payment agreements or charge high fees, monthly service charges or mandatory "contributions" that may add to debt. The IRS Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division has made auditing credit counseling organizations a priority because some of these tax-exempt organizations are charging debtors large fees, while providing little or no counseling.

5. "Claim of Right" Doctrine. In this scheme, a taxpayer files a return and attempts to take a deduction equal to the entire amount of his or her wages. The promoter advises the taxpayer to label the deduction as "a necessary expense for the production of income" or "compensation for personal services actually rendered." This socalled deduction is based on a misinterpretation of the Internal Revenue Code and has no basis in law.

6. "No Gain" Deduction. Similar to "Claim of Right," filers attempt to eliminate their entire adjusted gross income (AGI) by deducting it on Schedule A. The filer lists his or her AGI under the Schedule A section labeled "Other Miscellaneous Deductions" and attaches a statement to the return, referring to court documents and including the words "No Gain Realized."

7. Corporation Sole. Since September 2004, the Department of Justice has obtained six injunctions against promoters of this scheme and filed complaints against 11 others. Participants apply for incorporation under the pretext of being a "bishop" or "overseer" of a one-person, phony religious organization or society with the idea that this entitles the individual to exemption from federal income taxes as a nonprofit, religious organization. When used as intended, Corporation Sole statutes enable religious leaders to separate themselves legally from the control and ownership of church assets. But the rules have been twisted at seminars where taxpayers are charged fees of \$1,000 or more and incorrectly told that Corporation Sole laws provide a "legal" way to escape paying federal income taxes, child support and other personal debts.

8. Identity Theft. Identity thieves have used stolen personal data to access financial accounts, run up charges on credit cards and apply for new loans. Taxpayers should note the IRS does not use e-mail to contact them about issues related to their accounts. If taxpayers have any doubt whether a contact from the IRS is authentic, they can call 1-800-829-1040 to confirm it.

of Charitable 9. Abuse Organizations and Deductions. The IRS has observed an increase in the use of tax-exempt organizations to improperly shield income or assets from taxation.

Transactions. Offshore Despite a crackdown on the practice by the IRS and state tax agencies, individuals continue to try to avoid U.S. taxes by illegally hiding income in offshore bank and brokerage accounts or using offshore credit cards, wire transfers, foreign trusts, employee leasing schemes, private annuities or life insurance to do so. The IRS, along with the tax agencies of U.S. states and possessions, continues to aggressively pursue taxpayers and promoters involved in such abusive transactions.

11. Zero Return. Promoters instruct taxpayers to enter all zeros on their federal income tax filings. In a twist on this scheme, filers enter zero income, report their withholding and then write "nunc pro tunc"- Latin for "now for then"- on the return.

12. Employment Tax Evasion. The IRS has seen a number of illegal schemes that instruct employers not to withhold federal income tax or other employment taxes from wages paid to their employees. Such advice is based on an incorrect interpretation of Section 861 and other parts of the tax law and has been refuted in court.



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Viewpoints

Propaganda does not lead to public's trust

Defense recently has sponsored and published Internet websites with the intent of informing a world-wide readership about U.S. news, politics, sports and entertainment; however, it is clear upon further examination that these websites are nothing more than the common admission of propaganda. propaganda seen from governmental agencies throughout history.

Although, President Bush has made the statement that his administration, "will not be paying commentators to advance our agenda," it is clear that these websites may violate the true objectivity required by the journalism profession.

The U.S. Department of that appeared on CNN.com are nothing more than propaon Feb. 4, 2005 regarding this issue, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz has been quoted as having said that the website should hire journalists who "will not reflect discredit on the U.S. government."

> This quotation is a public By saying that the Pentagonran news outlet will only tell positive stories about the United States, Wolfowitz essentially states that the whole truth will not be present on the website. He essentially states that the news service's journalists will lack objectivity.

It is not Wolfowitz's quotation alone that leads to the According to an article conclusion that the websites

ganda. For this decision, the material on the site itself must be examined.

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Ben

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News Intern

from compared to a nongovernment sponsored news organiza-

To quickly observe this, take a look at the difference in the front page banner story's headlines. On the LA Time's website, the top story's headline read, "U.S. Troop Death Toll Tops 1,500."

Conversely,

Pentagon's site top story's headline read, "U.S. Troops Build Hospital, Restore Power to Village Hurt by While surfing the site, a Saddam." Clearly, a spin is major difference can be present on the pentagon's news out-

> The final proof that the D.O.D.'s websites are propaganda must taken from

historical context. Any time the government is in charge of a news organization, propaganda, whether intentional or not, will exist. The intentional can be seen in history's greatest example of propaganda, the Russian newspaper, The Pravda. The

government-run newspaper had a long track record of deception because of its refusal to tell both sides of the story. For the unintentional, common sense must be examined.

If the Pentagon only hires journalists who "will not reflect discredit on the U.S. government," than those freelancers hired will not tell news denouncing American practices for fear of being terminated. The old rule holds true in any career, never publicly badmouth the one who signs the paychecks.

Because of the D.O.D.'s own admission, the website's slanted content and historical knowledge, it is clear that the Pentagon sites are propaganda; however, this propaganda might be working adversely against the government.

The U.S. will never be able to build a positive rapport with global citizens if she only presents the good side of herself. Unless the U.S. shows both of her personalities, the positive and the negative, she will always be looked upon with distrust.

The Department of Defense, and America's citizens, must learn that the only way to gain a world-wide friendship is through the truth, not through information warfare.

Ben Briscoe is a senior at Pampa High School serving as a journalism intern.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 2, the 61st day of 2005. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Forty years ago, on March 2, 1965, the movie version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "The Sound of Music," starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer, had its world premiere at New York's Rivoli Theater.

On this date:

In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam

Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico. In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular

In 1899, Mount Rainier National Park in Washington state was established.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship.

In 1923, Time magazine made its debut.

Our readers write

Pampa offers much to Bell

Defense contracts for Bell Helicopter's Amarillo facility will generate off-site employment for parts and/or sub-assemblies by sub-contractors. Why not in our community?

These companies will not employ as many workers as Amarillo, but the work will last as long as Amarillo is active. With suitable renovation, there are buildings downtown, (on) Price Road and the Borger Highway to accommodate this type of work. Should renovation of these buildings prove costprohibitive, we have an industrial park east of town suitable for new construc-

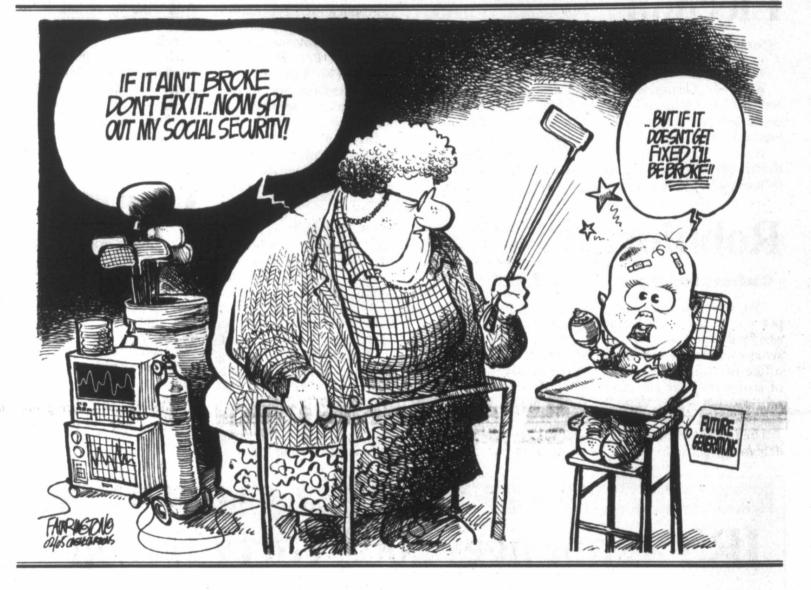
This will require contacting Bell Helicopter for names of sub-contractors involved in the work at

Amarillo and soliciting the assistance of our U.S. Senators and Thornberry, who is a member of the Armed Services Committee.

We have a community to be proud of and can offer a new company excellent schools, excellent medical facilities, a good work ethic, easy access to Bell's plant in Amarillo, major transportation offering access to an international airport capable of accommodating the largest passenger or cargo aircraft, a local airport that will accommodate most corporate aircraft, BNSF railroad, an interstate highway (I-40) with U.S. Hwy. 287 providing a modern fourlane highway to Dallas-Ft. Worth, all in close proximi-

We also have above-average nice weather with "elbow room" to enjoy it.

James R. Braxton **Pampa**



'Real' Lincoln more interesting

I can remember when Congress took the disgraceful step of lumping the birthdays of our Founding Fathers into a generic threeday weekend. Pressure to do so came from federalemployee unions, the travel industry and, of course, Congress itself. Nobody loves a three-day weekend more than Congress.

The point of the original holidays was to honor the men on their birthdays. Certainly today's Americans need to know more about presidents like George Washington and Thomas Jefferson and their thoughts

on public-policy matters. of deification that were cre- anti-Christian, though once They are lost completely, however, when it is all turned into an excuse for a minivaca-

Abraham Charley Lincoln's Reese birthday was also Columnist merged into this generic

holiday, and his life, too, is important for Americans to study. Washington and Jefferson created the republic; Lincoln destroyed it. Scholars are at last beginning to dig out the real Lincoln from the layers

ated by cynical men who, while he lived, had habitually referred to him as a

"baboon" or an "idiot."

The real Lincoln is a much more interesting man than the saintly figure creat-

ed for partisan purposes. He had his flaws as well as his virtues. He was a racist. He was an intensely ambitious man who would say and do anything to win public office. He was belligerently

elected he hid his true beliefs from the public. He freed no slaves. And there is some evidence, though circumstantial, that he was homosexual. He was also an inveterate vulgarian. Right after delivering the magnificent Gettysburg Address, he ordered the band to play bawdyhouse songs. Nor, according to his contemporaries, was he tenderhearted. He is described as indifferent to the enormous suffering his war was causing.

All of these facts were

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People's right to know matters most

Why do you read the newspaper?

Beyond the ads and advice columns, comics and cooking tips, we believe it's because you want to understand how the world and your town work. Our goal is that you will find in your front yard each morning important information that

some people would rather

you not know.

And sometimes that means quoting "sources close to the investigation," "a senior administration official" or even "a family friend who asked not to be identified."

An anonymous source is never a newspaper's first

choice and always faces in between that hinge on a higher internal and external scrutiny. But if not for the protection of anonymity, you might remember Richard Nixon for his trip to China, instead of Watergate.

Or, closer to home, you would not know about steroid use among athat Texas Thoughts and Rep. letes Colleyville

Heritage High School if not for one brave mother who condition that we not publish

If you value those stories and the thousands of others

journalist's promise to protect a source's identity join us in encouraging our Legislature and Congress to pass legislation to provide state and federal "shield laws."

In Austin, Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston,

Aaron Pena, D-**Dallas Morning-News** Edinburg, have filed

bills that initially spoke to us on the would give journalists qualified privilege to not reveal confidential information, including the name of an anonymous source. Texas

would join the more than 30 states that already offer similar protection.

In Washington, Reps. Mike Pence, R-Ind.; Rick Boucher, D-Va.; and Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., have introduced the "Free Flow of Information Act," which protects reporters from being forced to testify in federal criminal or civil cases, without meeting strict criteria.

This newspaper and other responsible news organizations do not promise confidentiality without serious consideration. Before we publish or broadcast that information, one argument will trump all:

You have a right to know.

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Texas man who to ties he was headed try to collect a 5 bounty on Osama has been indicted of attempting to more than \$13,00 stun device, amm radiation detectors The indictme

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Texan charged in Detroit with smuggling money to Syria

Texas man who told authorities he was headed to Syria to try to collect a \$25 million office in Detroit said. bounty on Osama bin Laden of attempting to smuggle more than \$13,000, a Taser stun device, ammunition and radiation detectors.

Matt Mihsen, 47, was handed

DETROIT (AP) — A down Tuesday, and he is scheduled to be arraigned March 8, the U.S. attorney's

At the time of his arrest, has been indicted on charges Mihsen told agents he was going to Syria in hopes of claiming the reward offered by the U.S. government — for information lead-The indictment against ing to bin Laden's arrest and conviction, according to a

federal criminal complaint.

Mihsen, of suburban Fort Worth, said he was a registered private investigator and wanted to conduct an independent probe into the illegal sale of uranium by extremists, authorities said.

According to the indictment, Mihsen, a naturalized U.S. citizen who was born in Syria, left Dallas on Feb. 15

for Damascus.

Mihsen changed planes at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, but a search of his checked luggage revealed that he was attempting to take a number of items with him to Syria including a Taser, ammunition, pepper spray, a bulletproof vest and three Geiger counters.

Mihsen told federal agents

he planned to use the items as bait to lure possible uranium smugglers, authorities said.

He also denied carrying a large amount of cash before agents found he had \$13,256 on him and in his luggage, the indictment says.

A message was left Wednesday for Mihsen's lawyer in the federal public defender's office.

Mihsen was indicted on charges of making false statements to federal investigators, trying to smuggle bulk cash out of the United States and attempting to export money and goods to Syria without a permit or authorization. The third charge, the most serious, carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

State's lawmakers wrestling with privatizing CPS services

AUSTIN (AP) - As lawmakers work to overhaul the state's Child Protective Services agency, one of the sticking points that has emerged is whether to have private entities handle some aspects of the foster care pro-

That issue is expected to be the focal point of the debate as a CPS and Adult Protective Services reform bill heads to the Senate floor as early as Wednesday.

"There are still very strong feelings on both sides," said Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, who is sponsoring the bill.

Improving Child Protective Services is a top priority for legislators this session following a number of high-pro-

file child abuse deaths.

Much of the blame has been placed on the high number of cases that CPS workers

A typical CPS investigator is responsible for an average of 74 cases, or families, per month, while the Child Welfare League of America recommends CPS investigators generally be assigned 12 to 15 cases.

Lawmakers also are moving to make changes to APS after an El Paso judge sent Gov. Rick Perry details on cases of elderly El Pasoans living in homes without water, electricity and gas, and littered with garbage and human waste.

Nelson's bill calls for hiring additional CPS caseworkers and support staff and implementing new technology to reduce their workload. It also calls for more APS caseworkers with improved training and stronger independence and guardianship functions for courts. Under a guardianship, another person is given legal authority to make financial and other decisions for an elderly client.

Her bill has an estimated price tag of \$119 million, but that does not include hiring more caseworkers. That will be worked out as lawmakers put together the next two-year budget.

"This bill is a systematic change of the way we do business in both adult and child protective services," Nelson said.



Flag ceremony dignitaries

Attending Wilson Elementary School's flag raising Monday morning to mark the start of Texas Public Schools Week were, from left, Steve Smith and Allen King, both of Pampa Regional Medical Center; Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner; Lance DeFever, Pampa Independent School District school board, Joseph Johnson, Pampa High School freshman; Harold Price, businessman; Kevin Schepp, Pampa High School sophomore; Tom Lindsey, school principal; Lee Porter, school board; and Barry Haenisch, PISD superintendent.

Lincoln

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widely known during his lifetime, and most were included in the original memoir by his longtime law partner. Unfortunately, each subsequent edition was sanitized, so that today most Americans know nothing of the real man who was far more complex than his accepted image. He was not an intellectual, though one of his cabinet officers said he was "cunning to the point of genius."

As for the Gettysburg Address, H.L. Mencken put it quite truly when he said it was one of the most beautiful prose poems in the English language, but added that the trouble was it was the South, not the North, that was fighting for a government of the people, by the people and for the people. Lincoln practically imposed a dictatorship on the Northern states, closed down nearly 300 newspapers and had thousands of of his administration or the war was dubbed a traitor. Virtually everything he did was unconstitutional. And his administration was cor- Washington really

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about Lincoln by reading two books with warned against, they have the same title - "The Real embraced; everything he Lincoln." The modern book urged us to do, they have is by Thomas DiLorenzo, a neglected to do. And the fine scholar; and the older mess we are in today only book, a reprint, is by Charles L.C. Minor. It is published by Sprinkle Publications, Box 1094, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

In contrast with Lincoln, the more you learn about journalist and syndicated Washington, the more you columnist.

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indispensable. Without him we might well not have succeeded against the British and almost certainly would not have had the republic he and his contemporaries created.

It's no wonder modern politicians don't talk about him. Everything he

proves how Washington was and how wrong today's politicians

Charley Reese is a retired

Parks board honorees

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Kenneth Strickland (left) and Rusty Neef display the Certificates of Appreciation given to them by the City of Pampa at last weeks Parks, Recreation and Auditorium Advisory Board meeting. Both men have served six consecutive years on the board. Strickland has served as the board's chairman for the past five years and Neef served as the secretary for the past six years. The City of Pampa appreciates their service as well as all those who volunteer their time and efforts to serve on the Advisory Boards and Commissions, said Shane Stokes, Parks & Recreation department head.

Community Happenings

Area Literacy Council. Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill, stated meeting is the third Thursday of each month at the same time.

Pampa Ministerial Alliance. Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes month-

Pampa Prison Ministry. The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call or J.B Walker at 669-2266.

RCIA. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church hosts Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) beginning at 7:15 p.m., Wednesdays at 2004 Williston. For more information, call Aloise Martin at 883-4901 or Peggy Rodriguez at 669-2683.

Red Cross. Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers from the community to respond during times of crisis in Pampa and other parts of the county. As well as personal satisfaction, volunteers learn how to protect themselves and cope with disaster by planning ahead, particularly essential during tornado

In addition, ARC is willing to deliver informational discussions on disaster preparedness to area church or community organizations. For more information, call (806) 669-7121.

The Red Hat Dollies. The Red Hat Dollies (Red Hat Society) meets at 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information or to find out the meeting place, call 665-9297.

St. Mark CME Church. St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

Story Hour. Lovett Memorial Library will offer a story hour at 10 a.m., every Tuesday. The free program is open to children 18 months to 6 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information,

call the library at 669-5780. **Texas Department of Human** Services. Texas Department of Human Services is seeking volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest, capability and availability of openings. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863.

VFW & Ladies Auxiliary. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1567 meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the VFW Hall, 105 S. Cuyler. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall.

VFW Bingo. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Danny Martin, (806) 835-2906.

WDLM Advisory Board. White Deer Land Museum

Advisory Board meets at 4:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the museum, 116 S. Cuyler St., Pampa.

Downtown **Business** Association. Pampa Downtown Business Association meets at 8:30 a.m., the first Thursday of the month at The Coffee Shop on Cuyler. All members are urged to attend.

Gray Co. Ass'n for Retarded Gray County Citizens. Association for Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

Gray Co. Extension Gray Education. County Extension Education meets at 1:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Gray County Courthouse Annex.

Co. Genealogical Gray Society. Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

Las Pampas Water Garden

and Koi Society. Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Saturday of each month. Anyone interested in the hobby of water gardening and fish keeping is welcome. For more information, contact Gary Stevens at 669-7956, Jack Chisum at 665-2878 or Debbie Davis at 665-0123.

Magic Plains ABWA. Magic Plains Chapter of the American **Business Women's Association** will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Clint and Sons Smokehouse, 1421 N. Hobart. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

Pampa Citizens on Patrol Ass'n. Pampa Citizens on Patrol Association meets at 8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at 824 S. Cuyler.

Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club. The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays at 1 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Carol Carpenter at 669-7940.

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a nursing supervisor in a large hospital. There is a policy in hospitals that the public does not understand, and it has caused more than a few problems.

Because of privacy laws, all patients admitted to the hospital must be asked if they want to be a "privacy patient" or a "no publicity patient." If they answer yes to that question, it means that if anyone calls, or comes to the hospital, we cannot even acknowledge that the patient is here. We must say, "I don't have a patient listed by that name."

Not surprisingly, this often upsets friends and family members. So please, Abby, remind your readers about the privacy laws. We are not purposely lying to anyone; we are just following the patient's instructions and obeying the rules. Thank you. -- FRUSTRATED NURSE IN IRONTON, OHIO

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Thank YOU for injecting an important dose of reality. While some patients may welcome visitors, many more do not. One solution is to assign a particular relative or friend to be the "minister of information." That way, there is less emotional wear and tear on all concerned.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancee has requested that I stop opening doors for her after I asked her to acknowledge my courtesy with a "thank you." This simple (in my opinion) request turned into a huge argument after she told me I TEXAS should not open doors for her anymore.

gentleman and to treat women like the dish without asking or letting ladies. Am I wrong for wanting to be appreciated for doing this, or the item has some sentimental should I stop being so darn sensi- meaning to her. Bearing that in tive and forget about opening mind, and in the interest of family doors for her, which goes against harmony, I'd have written Shirley a who I am? -- CLOSING THIS DOOR IN HONOLULU

not "wrong" to want your cour-

tesy to be acknowledged. That is the way you were raised. However, you have proposed to someone whose background is not as refined as yours. Before you tie the knot, please consider carefully that this woman will be raising your children. Is someone with her attitude the kind of person with whom you want to spend the rest of your life?

DEAR ABBY: When my husband's grandmother died two years ago, my mother-in-law, "Shirley," told us we could go through the items left in her mother's house, take what we wanted, and then discard the rest. I took mostly kitchen stuff -- mainly pots and pans.

My birthday was last week and I had to work late, so Shirley came over and cooked dinner for me. A couple of days later, I was going to cook some lasagna and take it to her home, but after searching high and low, I was unable to locate a particular dish I used. Finally, after going through every cupboard, I called Shirley to ask where she had put it. She then informed me that since it was her mother's dish, she had taken it.

I was upset and told her I wanted it back. Shirley told me no and hung up on me! My mother-in-law has not spoken to me since, and now she's fighting with my husband because he stood up to defend me.

I don't want a lasagna dish to divide my family, but I refuse to be treated this way. How would you have handled this situation? --OFFENDED IN ODESSA.

DEAR OFFENDED: Your Abby, I was brought up to be a mother-in-law was wrong to take you know. However, it's possible note telling her that she's welcome to it -- and then I'd have gone out DEAR CLOSING: You are and bought myself another lasagna

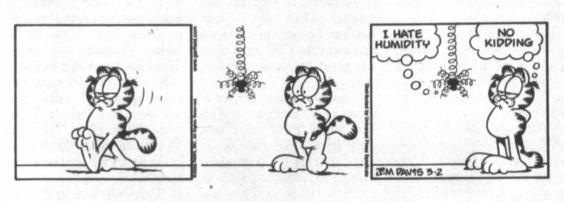
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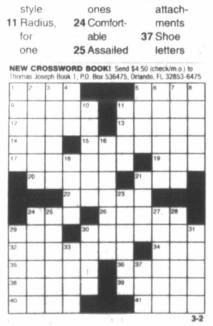
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Pampa's Seth Foster dives into third base en route to a triple during yesterday's 12-3 win over the River Road Wildcats.

Kelly gets first varsity hit; Pampa pounds Wildcats

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS **Sports Editor**

Pampa 12, River Road 3

It was a chilly, breezy afternoon at

Wildcat Field Tuesday. The sun managed to peek through the clouds now and then, but the heat was provided by the Pampa Harvesters.

Pampa entered yesterday's game with a record of 3-1, and filled with confidence as they took the field against a 3-0 Wildcat squad.

Pampa's Dusty Lenderman took the mound for the Harvesters and seemed to struggle early, giving up a couple of quick Wildcat scores. But he Pampa's would quickly find his groove Craig takes a cut game. Said Coach Doughty of yesterday's his pitcher, "Dusty did a great job after the first inning. He adjusted to the umpire's strike

zone which is something a seasoned pitcher does." With the win, Lenderman moves to 2-0

giving up three hits. The Harvesters posted 19 hits for the

on the season, striking out nine while only

afternoon, including a triple by Seth Foster that many thought was a home run. "You gotta be kidding," said Foster as he stood on the third base bag. Doughty took a few moments to question the call with the home plate umpire before play resumed and the

Harvester hits started coming from that point on. In fact, every one who started for the Harvesters had at least one hit.

Among them, a single from Shavious Kelly. It was Kelly's first hit in his first varsity at bat for Pampa. He would finish the afternoon going 2-3 with two stolen bases and two RBIs.

Other solid performances included Shea Brown going 3-4, Jake scoring three runs with two stolen bases. Tyson Hickman had and settled in to pitch a solid at the plate during a 2-3 afternoon. Foster finished 3-4 with the triple and two RBIs. Brett Ferrell posted a 2-3 afternoon. And Tyler Doughty went 3-5 with a double and three

> RBIs, including a home run. Pampa is on the road Saturday when they

travel to Woodward, Okla.

The junior varsity team will compete in the Hereford Tournament which gets under way tomorrow.



The Pampa boys varsity soccer team took a 2-1 lead into the half in yesterday's home meeting with Borger, and held on for their second straight 3-4A victory.

The Harvesters (6-12-1, 3-4) struck first in the stiff southern winds off an Andrew Fraser pass to junior forward Chase Phillips in the 13th minute.

Phillips caught up to the vertical pass, headed it into space past two Borger defenders, and scored his third goal in district competition.

would not let the score stand for long, however, as forward Sammy Pina took the ball wide and sent a blistering shot into the Harvesters' net at the 18minute mark.

Pampa kept fighting away against their historic rivals, and freshman midfielder Rusty Snider eventually assisted senior Clayton Hall for the goahead goal.

only manage four shots on the up being the difference mand of

The first-place Bulldogs (7-7, 5-2) Harvester defense, and junior goalkeeper Brody Smith would only count two saves in the 2-1 victory.

Coach May praised the effort of outside midfielders Austin Morgan, Joseph Leal, Snider and Hall for corralling their Borger counterparts. "That's their strong suit," said May. "They're in first place because they have big, physical kids on the outside who can take huge shots. Our guys In the second half, Borger would rose to the challenge, and that ended

PAMPA FALLS TO 7-4

Lady Harvesters fall to Canyon

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS **Sports Editor**

A tough afternoon for the Lady Harvester varsity softball team Tuesday. Pampa fell to the Lady Eagles of Canyon at home, 11-1 in five innings.

The loss drops the Lady Harvester's record to 7-4 as they prepare to travel to Burkburnett tomorrow.

No loss is ever easy to take, but yesterday's no doubt stung a bit. But Coach Bobbi Gill and her squad have no time to mourn. They will be leaving tomorrow for the Burkburnett Tournament which will run through Saturday And nothing heals the wound of a loss better than a quick

"I am looking forward to improving on last night's game," said Coach Gill. "We have a lot of work to do but luckily it is early in the season and we have a plenty of

time to get ready for district." The Lady Harvesters will be competing in the Burkburnett Tournament for only the second time. It's the type of tournament Coach Gill likes. "I am excited about traveling down there and competing against new teams that we would not have the opportunity of playing otherwise." She added, "It's always a good challenge to play

teams from different areas." Among the teams competing are Burkburnett, Holliday, Windthorst, Abilene Wylie, Vernon, Iowa Park, Castleberry, Abilene Cooper, Randall, Petrolia, Kennedale, Bridgeport and Palo Duro.



Lady Harvester Jeneé Norris #14 works the ball around a Lady Bulldog during yesterday's game. Norris recorded Pampa's only goal with an assist from Emalie Luna.

Pampa loses 3-1 to Borger

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Lady Bulldogs of Borger took advantage of the stiff panhandle breeze in the first half of yesterday's meeting with Pampa.

Borger would net the first goal of the game at the 20-minute mark. The second score followed a short time later by way of a penalty kick. Borger would score one more time before the break to lead the game, 3-0.

The second half would see Pampa play with a new found sense of urgency and determination. The Lady Harvesters kept the ball on the Borger side of the field much of the second half, while holding the Lady Bulldogs score-

Jeneé Norris scored the lone goal for Pampa by way of a pass from Emalie Luna with seven minutes left in the game.

Vanessa Resendiz, Adeena Dallas and Jordan Albracht all stepped up their play yes-

Pampa hosts Palo Duro this Saturday.

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Pampa JV team drops Canyon in two innings

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Lady Harvester junior varsity softball team needed just two innings to take care of Canyon yesterday, 6-1.

> For our first game we did a good job.

> > — Troy Owens Coach, PHS Lady Harvester JV

The win give Pampa an early 1-0 start. Among yesterday top hitters were: -Angela Mechelay, 2-2; 2 RBIs -Yesenia Flores, 1-1

-Kenzi Nickell, 1-2

-Tamara Trevathan, 1-2 Trevathan scored in the first inning on a hit by Mechelay.

Moore scored on a throwing error by the Lady Eagle shortstop.

Flores would also cross the plate courtesy of a Pampa hit. Canyon scored in the second when Sam

Wallace crossed the dish on a bases loaded Said Coach Troy Owens, "For our 1st game we did a good job,"

He added, "We had some good hits. Tamara Trevathan and Kambra Jimenez made some good plays on defense." Jasmine Moore got the win for Pampa

with Taylor Meyer taking the loss for

The Lady Harvesters play again Friday and Saturday when they travel to the **Dumas Tournament.**

Texas Department of Transportation will host an Informational Meeting on March 31, 2005 concerning the planning of future projects.

This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plans for the district.

The meeting will be Thursday, March 31, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. It will be located at the Perryton Chamber of Commerce, 200 S Main (US 83), Perryton, Texas.

The meeting will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as the criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently planned or any additional projects that might be proposed. Speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (PO Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114 - 7368. Comments must be received no later than April 10, 2005.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

MAYO Basketball Benefit opens with 400 competitors

Here are the results from yesterday's opening round of the sixth annual MAYO Benefit Basketball Tournament in Miami:

Girls K-2 Miami 13, Shamrock 10 3rd/4th Grade Miami 19, Kelton 0 Follett 18, Hedley 5 5th/6th Grade Valley 26, Cornerstone 17 **Boys** K-2

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Valley 21, Ft. Elliott 6 3rd/4th Grade Miami 28, Ft. Elliott 18 Valley 20, Lefors 4 5th/6th Grade Valley 31, Wheeler 17 Pringle Morse 59, Cornerstone 4

The games resume Thursday and continue through Saturday.

The tournament is a benefit for Andy Hogg and Tim Parsley.

Over 400 kids are playing in this years' tournament.

PHS tennis team gets early season tournament experience at Canyon

The Harvester Tennis Team traveled to Canyon last Friday and Saturday to compete in the Eagle-Raider Tennis Invitational.

> 'We had two great days of tennis. Our players gained a lot of valuable experience during the two day tournament.'

- Josh Freeman Head Coach, PHS Tennis

"We had two great days of tennis. Our players gained a lot of valuable experience during the two day tournament," said head coach Josh Freeman.

Singles were played on Friday, while Doubles were played on Saturday.

The tournament was made up of teams from Pampa, Dumas, Palo Duro, Amarillo High, Canyon, Randall, Borger and Hereford.

Individual results as follows:

Girls Singles

Lacie Long(6th Place) lost to Lao(PD) 6-1,6-0; def. Woodrum(D) 8-6; lost to Pierce

Ashlee Lucus: (6th Place) lost to Frye(Can) 4-6,6-4,6-2; def. Artho(H) 8-0; lost to Moore(D) 8-6

Meagan Clark (5th Place) lost to Sihaphon(PD) 6-1,6-0; def. Blakely(B) 8-0; def. Hughes(A) 8-3

Tanna Stowerx: (5th Place)lost to Pham(PD) 6-4,6-3; def. Payne(H) 8-4; def.

Allison (A) 8-0 Haley Acker: (3rd Place) def. Popova(A) 6-2,6-3; lost to Wright(Can) 6-2,6-1; def.

Rogers(H) 6-2,6-2 Maegan Patterson: (6th Place) lost

toStuart(Can) 9-8; def. Coon(D) 8-1; lost to Belveal(B) 8-5 Natalie Knowles: (6th Place) lost to

Holloway(Can) 6-2,6-2;def. Paulsell(B) 6-

Boys Singles:

Nick Robbins(5th Place) lost to Oktem(H) 6-2,6-0; def. Keffer(R) 8-6; def. Stone(Can)8-4

Michael Foreman: (1st Place) def. Sandlin(A) 6-4,6-4; def. McKenzie(R) 6-3,6-3; def. Mingboupha(PD) 6-4,6-3

Adam Gonzales: (3rd Place) def. Bain (D) 6-4,6-4; lost to Perez (PD) 6-0,6-0; def. Brown(H) 7-5,7-5

Jareth Fortenberry: (7th Place) lost to Hodge (Can) 6-2,6-3; lost to Bullard (H) 8-4; def. Findley (A) 8-3

Landon McNeely: (4th Place) def. Griffin(H) 6-4,6-3; lost to Davis (D) 6-1,6-4; lost to Almond(Can) 6-2,6-1

Kevin Frels: (8th Place) lost to Wilhelm(D) 6-0,6-3; toSouvannasacd(PD) 8-5; lost to Murley

Tyler Morris: (8th Place) lost to Perales(C) 6-0,6-2; lost to Haggard(B) 8-3; lost to Olive (R)

Girls Doubles:

Lucus/Stowers: (5th Place) lost to Loa/Rogel(PD) 6-2,6-1; def. Frye/Anthony (Can) 8-6; def. Woodrum/Lucero(D) 8-5

Long/Clark: (2nd Place) def. Payne/Evenson(H); def. Moore/Bernal(D) 6-2,6-0; lost to Batenhorst/McAfee(Can) 4-

Patterson/Knowles: (6th Place) lost to Pace/Siebert(R) Rogers/DelaCruz(H) 8-2; lost to Belville/Blakely(B) 8-3

Boys Doubles:

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project or personal matter. You might

need to prioritize, knowing that you

** You might be in the process of

completing a project, only to get infor-

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into question. Don't react; be responsi-

ble and check it out. How you handle

this situation could make a big differ-

★★★★ Keep reaching out for new

information. When people decide to

reveal information, you might find their

idea. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

ence. Tonight: Out late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Hernandez/Mardell(H) 8-6

Foreman/Frels: (5th Place) lost to Mingboupha/Perez(PD) 6-2,6-1; Mastick/Warren(R) 9-7; lost Cochran/Bain(D) 8-3

Gonzales/Fortenberry: (4th Place) def. Jaffar/Findley(A) 7-5,6-1; lost Green/Hallmark(D) 6-2,6-2; lost Allen/Washer(B) 6-3,6-1

McNeely/Morris: (8th Place) lost to Moreland/Atkinson(A) 6-3,6-1;lost to 8-5; Ybarra/Murley(R) lost

Upton/Olive(R) 8-6 **Mixed Doubles:** Acker/Farmer: (7th Place) lost to 6-1.6-3: Keffer/Pierce(R) lost to

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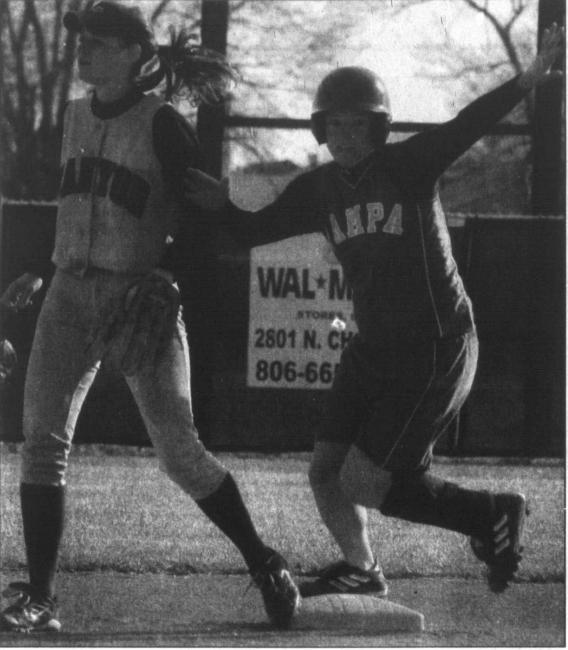
who greeted him by his last name.

The coach dropped his lawsuit against the university last year after a judge ruled

The depositions are part of a nearly 4year-old suit that contends trustees improperly discussed and voted on adopting the zero-tolerance policy for Knight's behavior during the May executive session.

Indiana spokesman Larry MacIntyre said the school believes the trustee sessions did not violate the law because four members — less than a majority — met at a time and trustees exchanged information but did not

Roy Graham, a lawyer representing the fans, said the trustees "tried to avoid the



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Turn signal

Britney Adams keeps her eyes on the ball as she rounds the base during yesterday's game against Canyon. Pampa dropped its home opener to the Lady Eagles, 10-1.

Documents say Brand won firing reprieve for Knight

Indiana president Myles Brand persuaded access to their report. the school's trustees against firing Bob Knight, now the Texas Tech coach, was Knight in May 2000, four months before fired after he grabbed the arm of a student Brand did so, court documents said. The deposition of Brand was filed

Tuesday with the court handling a lawsuit filed by a group of IU fans who contend the trustees violated the state's open meetings law in dismissing the basketball coach. Brand, now the NCAA president, said in

the deposition no vote was taken at the May meeting. But in court documents the plaintiffs say trustees voted 5-4 to fire Knight.

Brand testified that most trustees wanted to fire Knight. At the time, Brand told reporters he was convinced Knight could control his sometimes violent temper.

Brand fired Knight for violating a zerotolerance behavior policy he imposed after former player Neil Reed accused Knight of choking him at a practice.

Brand asked two university trustees to

Open Door Law by putting people in two different rooms."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 3, 2005:

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You will maintain a strong public presence this year. Others look to you for guidance. Be more aware of what you say and do, as the repercussions could be greater than in the past. Responsibilities demand a lot of attention. A pay raise or promotion becomes a strong possibility, though you might need to brush up on or specialize in a related field. Don't resist what is happening. You have an unusual sixth sense concerning money. Only take risks that you can afford. If you are single, a partner could make all the difference in how you feel. You will love the romance and closeness. If you are attached, your sweetie chips in as much as he or she can. Acknowledge his or her efforts. SAGITTARIUS can chal-

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might feel uncomfortable with a call, news or gossip. Choose to check out the facts. Use a late lunch or late afternoon tea to visit with a friend. Good news and camaraderie will naturally result. Tonight: Conjure up fun plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** A friendship could cause you a problem with an associate or close tie. Juggling the different interests here could take a lot out of you. Focus on your responsibilities first. You will have plenty of time to let go and relax. Tonight: Consider doing your taxes

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Others seek you out, which

statements contradictory. Others add a touch of imagination and excitement. Start keeping track of new jokes. Tonight: Ever playful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ** Pressure builds with those you deal with on a regular basis. You might feel that you need to make a choice. Try juggling or being more open about the pressure you are under. Others pitch in

your house in order. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Pressure from your daily routine could disrupt plans or communication if you allow yourself to be buffeted like a sailboat in the wind. Take charge and prioritize, and you'll gain. Visit and socialize with a child or loved one. Tonight: Socialize to your heart's

to make your life easier. Tonight: Put

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

** Your expenses could escalate if you take a risk or give in to a child's or loved one's requests. Learn to establish boundaries. You need to make yourself No. 1, because others will not. Understand that this attitude doesn't

mean you're being selfish. Tonight: Buy a favorite treat on the way home. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Don't let a family member or

cannot fit everything and everyone in. Listen to what appears to be a very fun domestic situation trip you up. Problems can become solutions if you decide so. Let your sixth sense go to work. Take a walk by a creek, lake or beach and tap into your ingenuity. Tonight: Your job is to have a good

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*★★ Listen to your instincts. Don't show your cards just yet. More information will come your way that could easily color a decision or action. Play it low-key, and you will be much happier. Buy a lottery ticket if you feel lucky. Tonight: Get as much rest as you can before the weekend

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Listen to friends, as they really do care about you. Just don't take anyone's advice about money today. Research, find experts or plan a trip if you would like. Add more intellectual adventure into your life. Tonight: How about a game of racquetball, Scrabble or chess?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

** You could feel stressed by work or other responsibilities. Still, make an extra effort to please others. Your instincts guide you with those who are in charge. A loved one or associate pitches in. You'll at least get mental support. Tonight: A must appearance.

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Rockets 119, Bulls 89

McGrady and the Rockets put their mini-slump to an emphatic end.

McGrady scored 32 points with seven assists in three quarters and Mike James added 26 points on 11of-15 shooting to lead Houston to a 119-89 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night.

Houston won for the first time since the All-Star break, snapping a three-game losing streak. Prior to the All-Star break, they won eight straight.

"This is pretty crucial for us. Coming off a three-game skid, we definitely wanted to come in here and start this road trip off right," McGrady said. "I think guys realize we have a crucial schedule ahead of us."

The resurgent Bulls, in playoff contention for the first time since 1998, suffered their worst loss of the season.

"I've been saying we've had a good amount of slippage defensively, as evidenced by the number of teams that have gone over 100 on us. Hopefully our guys will pay a little more attention to detail after this," Bulls head coach Scott Skiles said.

Eddy Curry scored 17 points for Chicago and Ben Gordon added 15.

Bulls rookie forward Luol Deng sprained his right ankle in the opening minutes after being fouled by McGrady. Deng is day-to-day and most likely will get an MRI on Wednesday.

Leading 29-22 late in the first quarter, Houston increased their lead

CHICAGO (AP) — Tracy with a 23-6 run in the first half. James, recently acquired in a trade from the Milwaukee Bucks, scored nine points in the span.

> He hit a 3 with 3.4 seconds left in the first quarter and then had a steal and a lay-up to start the second quar-

> Jon Barry hit a 3 for Houston to make it 46-28 and Juwan Howard capped it off with a jumper, giving Houston a 52-28 lead with 5:12 in the second quarter. McGrady scored 19 points in the

> half for Houston and James added 16 with Yao Ming on the bench. Yao picked up two early fouls and

> only played six minutes in the first half.

"We shot the ball good tonight as a team. We kept them to one shot, one shot and they were done instead normally they get the offensive rebound," James said.

Barry finished the game with 13 points for Houston. He was 3-for-4 from 3-point range. James was 4for-5 from 3-point range.

"Obviously we didn't have enough energy on defense, plus they were shooting lights out.

They compounded it and made it worst," Gordon said: "Sometimes when we did try to play good defense they were knocking down tough shots."

Houston opened the second half by outscoring Chicago 9-1.

After back-to-back baskets by McGrady made it 75-40, Skiles subbed in five new players, drawing an ovation from the sold out crowd.

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Applications may be returned to Lefors City Hall or mailed to P.O. Box 383, Lefors, Tx. 79054. All applications must be received o later than 4 p.m. or Mar. 14th. For more info. contac Judy Williams, City

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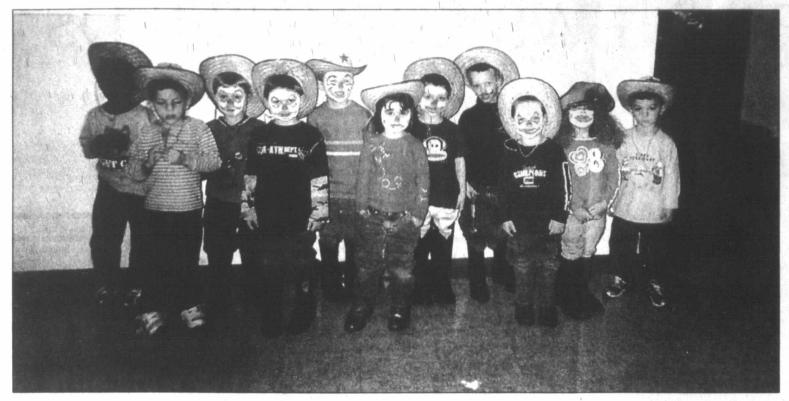
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Linda Bodie's Mother's Day Out class at First Christian Church recently "clowned around Western style" by dressing up as rodeo clowns. Above: (left-right) Burkely, Alex, Kade, Caleb, Reece, Shaylei, Alexander, Phillip, Brennen, Brittney and Dylan.

Russian oil fight

Rosneft-Gazprom merger terms okayed

MOSCOW (AP) — The head of Russia's natural gas company Gazprom announced Wednesday final terms of a merger that would forge a state-owned energy champion and give foreigners long awaited access to its shares — though a former subsidiary of the crippled Yukos oil empire will not be part of the deal.

Under the terms of the merger, which was approved in September by Russia's President Vladimir Putin, the state will boost its 39 percent share of Gazprom to a controlling 51 percent stake by folding state-owned oil company Rosneft into the gas monopoly.

"The integration of the assets of Gazprom and Rosneft ... will allow the company to become one of the biggest gas, oil and energy companies in the world," Gazprom CEO Alexei Miller said Wednesday in a statement broadcast by NTV television.

With 16.3 trillion cubic meters of proved gas reserves, Gazprom controls some 10 percent of the world's total, supplying a quarter of the natural gas that Europe imports. The merger with Rosneft will see its crude oil

output jump by about 10 million tons. State control is a key requirement for the lifting of a ban on foreigners owning shares in the gas monopoly and the news is expected to calm investors who lost millions in the politically charged clampdown on the Yukos oil giant and its jailed chief

Mikhail Khodorkovsky.

Gazprom shares were up 1.2 percent Wednesday on Russia's benchmark RTS index.

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> — Alexei Miller Gazprom CEO

The fate of the merger was closely intertwined with Yukos' woes.

In what observers said was the culmination of a Kremlin-driven campaign to neutralize Khodorkovsky's political ambitions, Yukos core unit Yuganskneftegaz was auctioned off in December against its parent company's claimed back taxes of some \$28

However, Gazprom was unable to buy the unit outright as expected after Yukos filed for bankruptcy in Houston, winning an emergency injunction that banned the sale; an 11th hour move that spooked a consor-

tium of Western banks ready to back the gas company's bid.

The sale was ultimately won by a shady shell company that registered after the Houston court's decision. After buying Yuganskneftegaz for \$9.3 billion, that company was itself bought a few days later by Rosneft.

Wary of merging Russia's most important company with an oil company that had acquired an asset at a disputed auction, Gazprom's plans were put on hold. As well as Rosneft being the holder of a litigious asset, the valuations for the merger were now out of kilter - Rosneft's oil capacity soared with the acquisition of the 1 million barrels per day Yuganskneftegaz facility.

But the specter of long and costly foreign litigation was dispersed last week when the Houston court threw out Yukos' bankruptcy filing for lack of jurisdiction.

Nonetheless. Miller Wednesday that Yuganskneftegaz would be spun off as a separate state controlled company to be headed by Rosneft's current chief Sergei Bogdanchikov.

"We feel our responsibilities before our partners," Bogdanchikov said. "Today and in the future, all our obligations before our partners will be carried out, including under intergovernmental agreements in which Rosneft participates."

Gates 'delighted' at being knighted

of the world's richest men Wednesday: an honorary knighthood.

Proclaiming himself "humbled and delighted," Microsoft founder Bill Gates received the accolade from Queen Elizabeth II in a private ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

As an American, Gates is not entitled to use "Sir" before his name, but he can put the initials "K.B.E." — Knight Commander of the British Empire after it.

The 49-year-old billionaire was honored for his charitable activities around the world and his contribution to hightech enterprise in Britain.

Past recipients of the honorary knighthood range from Irish singer Bob Geldof to former President Ronald Reagan.

"This honor is particularly poignant given the deep connections Microsoft enjoys with the United Kingdom," said Gates, whose company employs about 2,000 people in Britain. Gates has an estimated wealth of \$48 billion.

Gates' honor was announced in January 2004, but a "mutually convenient" date to receive it had not been available until

British recipients of knighthoods are entitled to

LONDON (AP) — One be addressed with a "Sir" before their names. The got a new acquisition honor was long the preserve of senior soldiers, judges and other servants of the state, but recent years have seen the creation of Sir Paul McCartney, Sir Mick Jagger and Sir Elton John.

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> > -Bill Gates Microsoft founder

"It's a great honor to have the association with this country and receive an award like this," Gates said as he and his wife, Melinda, stood under black umbrellas outside the palace, holding his silver medallion in a small black box with velvet lining.

His wife described the queen as "engaging" company and said they had found plenty to talk about on issues such as health problems in the developing world, the avian flu and their shared interest in travel.

On the subject of computers, it seems the monarch does not enjoy the same passion for technology as Gates.

Millionaire pilot soars eastward over Asia

SALINA, Kan. (AP) — Flying east over Asia, millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett was more than halfway toward his goal early Wednesday of becoming the first person to fly a plane around the globe solo, nonstop and without refuel-

Reaching speeds of nearly 400 mph, his experimental

single-engine GlobalFlyer took him over Libya, Egypt and the Red Sea on Tuesday before racing into Pakistani air space and continuing east.

By late Tuesday, the aircraft had consumed 25 percent of its 18,000 pounds of fuel, and Fossett had downed at least three diet chocolate milkshakes. The jet took off after sunset Monday from

Fossett was in "remarkably good spirits for someone who's been awake now for, pretty continuously, over 24 hours," project manager Paul Moore said in an update

posted on Fossett's Web site. Fossett can use autopilot when he needs rest. His mission control in Salina constantly monitors his altitude

and course positioning and can call him by phone if something goes wrong.

Fossett estimated he will complete the 23,000-mile

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Authorities still seeking answers, clues in slayings connected to Chicago judge

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CHICAGO (AP) — It was a plot line to draw any definitive links.' straight out of a crime novel: A self-pronounced white supremacist unhappy with a on condition of anonymity said physical evicourt ruling hatches a scheme to kill the dence found at the house where the murders judge who handed it down.

Only this wasn't fiction for Joan Humphrey Lefkow.

Federal authorities took Matt Hale seriously enough that they provided the federal judge protection for at least a few weeks last year and Chicago police stepped up patrolling her neighborhood.

Then on Monday, a month before Hale was scheduled to be sentenced for his plot, Lefkow went home to discover the bodies of her husband and 89-year-old mother

in the basement. Both had been shot multiple times, according to the Cook County Medical Examiner's office.

Local officials investigating the shooting deaths of Michael Lefkow, 64, and Donna Humphrey were careful Tuesday to say that they haven't ruled out anything, from revenge to burglary.

Chicago's chief of detectives, James Molloy, said, "We are looking in many, many directions, but it would be far too early

Late Tuesday, a federal source speaking

occurred includes a broken window that authorities hoped would produce finger-

Investigators also were looking into the source of several of phone calls the judge and her family received Sunday night that may have come from a correctional facility and a mysterious car parked near the home Monday morning, the Chicago Sun-Times reported Wednesday, citing a police report.

But from the federal courthouse to the Lefkows' North Side neighborhood, speculation was about a hate group out for revenge.

"After everybody expresses how terrible they feel, that's the next topic of conversation," said Thomas Breen, a Chicago attorney who has argued cases before Lefkow, a district judge. "Everybody is talking about white supremacist groups and how efficient they may be at what they do."

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