



Today's weather

Debate heats up on education bill AUSTIN (AP) — After ers resumed debate and public schools over the next the-board teacher pay raise was a political maneuver and

defeating a series of chal- approved a provision to limit two years. That amounts to in an amendment that lenges from Democrats and a school district superinten-Republicans, House leaders advanced toward their top goal of the highest paid teacher. legislative session — a

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dent's pay to four times the amount of the salary of the trict.

The entire bill, opposed House worked its way sweeping public education by every major education group in the state, would add On Wednesday, lawmak- about \$1.5 billion a year to makers approved an across-

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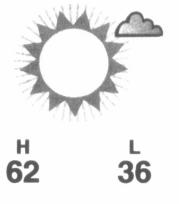
through more than 100 amendments to the bill, law-

an average of a 5 percent addressed one of the most heated criticisms of the legislation. Teachers would Late Tuesday, as the receive about \$3,000 more per year.

> The teacher pay raise was the legislation. added amid complaints from Democrats that the move

schools were not getting enough money to fund the raise. Critics say the new money in the bill would quickly be eaten up by inflation and other mandates in

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Odds & Ends

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The suspect was a little long in the face after being arrested, but is braying for an early release.

Police said Tuesday they detained the suspect, a donkey named Pacho. after a motorcycle crashed into it on a road in a northeastern city, with the motorcyclist suffering serious injuries.

"When there are road accidents and serious



Voters must register

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

April 7 is the last day to register to vote for persons who are not registered to vote and who wish to vote in the May 7 city and school board elections, according to Gaye Whitehead, county tax assessor-collector.

"If the voter has a blue (voter registration) card, then they do not need to come to the (registration) office. If the voter has moved, or lost the current voter certificate, they should come to the office," Whitehead said.

The voter registration

injuries, the vehicles involved are always impounded," said Diana Rojas, spokeswoman for the Arauca city police department. "We had to impound both the donkey and the motorcycle and put them at the disposal of investigators so they can decide what to do with them and whether to release them."

Pacho's owner, Nelson Gonzalez, said no one should pin the blame on the donkey for Sunday's crash.

"Neither the donkey nor I were responsible because I was in front and the motorcyclist saw me" before crashing, Gonzalez said.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) Barbara Lennen took her time being a multimil-

lionaire. The mother of four carried the winning ticket for a \$19.9 million Powerball jackpot in her wallet for two days after the drawing before checking the numbers.

Lennen, 28, bought the ticket at a convenience store near her Elwood home, but didn't look to see whether she had won until her father-in-law told her Monday night that the store had sold the jackpot winner for Saturday's drawing.

checked the **"I** Powerball numbers one at a time. I looked at it three times," she said Tuesday after claiming the jackpot. Lennen said after seeing that the numbers matched, she told her husband, "Don't get up. Our lives are changing. We just hit the Powerball." Lottery officials on Tuesday gave Lennen a \$663,000 check as the first payment on a 29-year annuity for the jackpot.

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Rub a dub, dub; one man in a tub

Jerry Lovato of Amarillo settles back for a smoke as he tries on a bathtub for size outside Jim's Tradin'

City OKs purchase of trash compactor

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

City Flea Market, 918 E. Frederic.

The City of Pampa is getting a new trash compactor, is selling a broom and is extending a 10-inch water line to Price Road.

The Pampa City Commission Tuesday afternoon authorized a new compactor for the city's landfill, although the price is more than had been budgeted for.

City Manager John Horst said with the rising price of steel, the prices of the commercial compactor and the purchase of a new scraper for the landfill has increased.

Horst estimates that it will now cost about a million dollars for both items.

The compactor was initially budgeted for \$800,000, but in the year since it has been budgeted, the price

now is estimated to be closer to \$860,000.

The good news, according to Richard Morris, Pampa's director of public works, is that the compactor should extend the life of Cell Three at the landfill by another year.

Both the compactor and the scraper are to be bought on a fiveyear lease-purchase plan, Horst said.

"We've needed it for a couple of years," Morris said of the compactor.

Horst said the scraper might cost less than initially budgeted. Morris told the commission that the city has spent the last couple of months getting prices on scrapers and negotiating trade-in values on the scraper that is to be replaced.

The commission designated an eight-foot pull broom, used to clean

Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Pampa City Commissioners Robert Dixon, left, and Ray Boring, center, visit with Pampa Code Enforcement Officer Danny Winbourne prior to Tuesday afternoon's city commission meetA R

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Troopers arrest four on illegal drug charges

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers arrested four persons yesterday after two separate traffic stops along Interstate 40 near Groom resulted in the seizure of cocaine and marijuana.

The first stop occurred at 10:45 a.m., five miles west of Groom in the eastbound lanes. Troopers stopped a 2005 Buick Lacrosse for an alleged traffic violation.

After a K-9 unit alerted on the vehicle, troopers discovered 61.5

pounds of marijuana in a duffel bag in the trunk of the Buick, according to a DPS news release.

The Buick's occupants, James Duane Jenkins and Jimmie Samuel Hatcher II, both 22, both of Flint, Mich., were arrested and booked into Carson County Jail in Panhandle.

The marijuana has an estimated value of \$36,241. The marijuana is believed to have originated in Phoenix, Ariz., and was headed for Detroit, Mich., according to the release.

The second traffic stop occurred at 5:15 p.m., when troopers stopped a 1999 Volkswagen Jetta for an alleged traffic violation two miles west of Groom in the eastbound lanes of I-40.

Troopers found a metal box welded to the rear bumper frame of the Jetta. The bumper was removed, and eight bundles were found inside the box. The bundles contained 6,000

grams of cocaine, worth an estimated \$300,000, according to the news release.

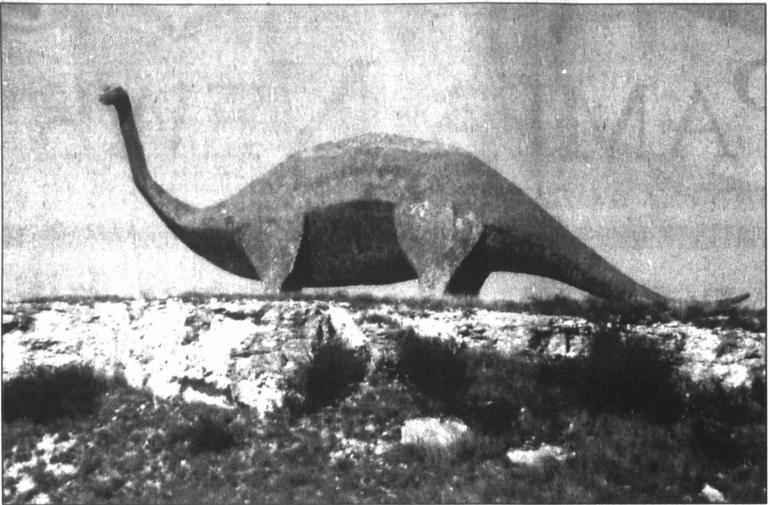
Eduardo Garcia, 24, and Jorge Castro, 30, both of Mexico, were both arrested in connection with the incident and booked into Carson County Jail.

Troopers believe the cocaine originated in Phoenix and was headed for Oklahoma City, Okla., according to the release.

office is in the tax assessorcollector's offices on the first floor of Gray County Courthouse, 205 North Russell. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Registered voters who do not have their voter registration cards may show their driver's license at the polling place in order to vote.

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

A large dinosaur statue seems to be sunbathing recently on a hilltop near U.S. Highway 83 south of Canadian.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. Wind chill values between 20 and 25 early. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 36. Wind chill values between 29 and 34. North northwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 66. Wind chill values between 27 and 32 early. Windy, with a north north- 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. west wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 32. Wind chill values between 22 and 27. North wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 68. North wind between 15 and

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 39. North northwest wind around 15 mph becoming southwest.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 77. West wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Congress

Park, Okla.

House budget limits Bush tax cuts, follows his spending plan

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Mountain Park United Methodist Church, Mountain

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans proposed \$2.57 trillion budget Wednesday that would cut a wide range of domestic programs while gradually reducing record federal deficits.

The spending plan would trim \$69 billion from benefit programs over the next five years. While decisions about which specific programs will be targeted will be made in separate bills later this year, the Republican-led House is expected to cull savings from Medicaid, student loans, farm programs, veterans and perhaps welfare and unemployment insurance.

By law, benefit

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'This budget chooses, as tough as it may be, to begin dealing with this problem now."

> — Jim Nussle **R-Iowa**

Domestic programs would be cut by 0.8 percent. Such programs range from national parks to food safety protection, but final decisions on exactly where the cuts will fall will be made in later bills.

Defense spending would grow by 4.8 percent while spending on domestic security programs would grow by 2.3 percent. Overall, spending on security and domestic programs that Congress must approve annually would grow by 2.1 percent to \$843 billion next year.

"This budget chooses, as tough as it may be, to begin dealing with this problem now," House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle, R-Iowa, said of the huge deficits. Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, top Democrat on he budget panel, said "the budget put forth by House



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Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrest.

Tuesday, March 8

Fifteen traffic stops were made. A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets. Warrant service was attempted at seven locations.

block of East Foster. It is unknown what items were taken, according to the report. Theft of services was reported in the

1100 block of Ripley. Found property was reported in the hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

2400 block of Comanche Trail. A set of keys was found.

Disorderly conduct/other was

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-**Tuesday, March 8**

12 noon - One unit and three fire-fighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Duncan and Harvester streets. Firefighters cleaned up a small spill from the collision. 7:32 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2200 block of Russell. Call was canceled on arrival.

Welfare checks were made in the 2100 block of Dogwood and the 2200 block of North Russell.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Montague and Frost streets, the 2300 block of Primrose Lane, the 300 block of North Banks, the 600 block of Jorden, and the intersection of 20th and Charles streets.

Two harassment reports were taken in the lobby of the police department.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 900 block of Scott.

One open door was checked.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville. Damage to a vehicle window and mirror was estimated at \$300.

An animal complaint call was received from Highway 60 East. Burglary was reported in the 500

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reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive, the 1100 block of South Sumner, and the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of South Wells. A bicycle valued at \$200 was taken.

Theft was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. A wallet and contents were taken, for an estimated loss of \$20.

Law enforcemen. assistance was rendered at the intersection of Browning and Harvester streets.

An assault call was received from the 600 block of East Browning.

A domestic disturbance call was received from the 400 block of Carr. A runaway was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Jana Elizabeth Turlington, 30, 1041 Prairie Drive, was arrested on two capias pro fines for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Tuesday, March 8**

7 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:08 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to Hobart and Randy Matson and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:32 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of Hobart. No transport.

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| While claiming progress on the deficit, it actually worsens |
| the problem," he said, by omitting future costs such as |
| Bush's plan to overhaul Social Security. |

The Senate Budget Committee was set to begin working later in the day on a similar package.

The House budget calls for \$106 billion in tax cuts over the next five years, about the same as President Bush proposed. Only \$45 billion of those cuts would be granted procedural advantages that would let them avoid Senate filibusters, procedural delays that could kill them.

While the details of tax cuts, too, will be decided in later bills, the budget leaves room for reductions that Bush proposed for capital gains and dividends taxes.

The GOP fiscal outline claims to leave a deficit next year of \$376 billion. Last year's shortfall was a record \$412 billion. The budget claims to reduce the deficit to \$203 billion by 2010.

The House budget also assumes that Congress will approve the \$81 billion that Bush requested for wars in Afghanistan and Iraq this year, plus another \$50 billion for 2006. The budget Bush presented lawmakers last month excluded any new war spending for next year.

Agency approves proposal to save endangered species

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Edwards Aquifer Authority has accepted a proposal to preserve the habitat of seven endangered and one threatened species after spending seven years and \$3 million drafting the plan.

The habitat conservation plan will now go to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It could take several more years to review the plan and work out the details, said Carrie Thompson, a biologist with the agency's Austin Ecological Services office.

The plan outlines steps the authority would take to try to preserve the species that live in the Edwards or its major spring openings at San Marcos and New Braunfels.

In exchange, the wildlife agency would issue a permit that would protect the authority and those who draw from the aquifer from criminal and civil penalties if their actions during severe drought or other circumstances beyond their control killed off some individual members of the species.

The plan was approved by a 10-4 vote despite pleas for a delay from people representing downstream interests and by the president of the San Antonio Water System, which funds about 70 percent of the authority's budget through pumping fees.

David Chardavoyne, president and chief executive of the water system, said his office hadn't had time to review the changes.

The Guadalupe Basin Coalition - a group of businesses, chambers of commerce and governments from communities along the Guadalupe and San Marcos rivers opposed the plan. They said pumping limits were left out and the reductions promised in drought don't assure spring flows.

If the wildlife service approves the plan "the future for Comal and San Marcos Springs, as well as the Guadalupe River, is bleak," said Todd Votteler, director of natural resources for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

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HOUSTON (AP) deaths of two infants who appeared to be the victims of shaken baby syndrome. An 8-month-old girl died Sunday, and a 5-month-old

boy died Tuesday. The 8-month-old baby's mother found her unresponsive in her bed when she returned from work on Sunday, Child Protective spokeswoman Estella Olguin said. The

baby's 23-year-old father had been watching her. Doctors found the baby had blunt force trauma to the head, bruising to her eyelid, bleeding in her brain and broken blood vessels in her eyes, Olguin said. All those symptoms are consistent with shaken baby syndrome. Shaken baby syndrome is

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the leading cause of death Police were investigating the for abused and neglected children in Texas, Olguin said. It happens when children are violently shaken by the arms, legs, chests or shoulders. Because infants' neck muscles are weak, such motions are especially harmful or even deadly.

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An autopsy was done on the 8-month-old girl, but the official cause of death had not yet been determined.

The 5-month-old boy's mother had left him with her 20-year-old boyfriend while she went to work on Sunday, Olguin said.

The man said the baby fell as he was giving him a bath, Olguin said. He said the baby initially appeared to be fine, but he later noticed mucus coming from his nose and mouth.

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Among other provisions some lawmakers wanted added was more money for mileage costs of busing students to school and increased funds to educate bilingual students and those at risk of dropping out.

In a rare loss for the Republican leadership, House members voted to strike a cap on the amount of property tax revenue that is taken from wealthy districts. like Highland Park, and redistributed to property poor districts. Without the cap, there would be no limit on the amount of money that wealthy districts are forced to share.

After several moments of visible arm-twisting on the House floor the provision,

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by maverick authored Republican Rep. Charlie Geren of Fort Worth, was reconsidered and defeated despite support from several

Republicans. Democrats, The share-the-wealth offered propaspect of the so-called Robin erty tax relief Hood system has been in the form of among the most contentious a issues facing lawmakers and homestead school officials. exemption

The plan would increase and an addifunds for bilingual students tional \$2 biland would introduce a lion teacher incentive program to schools. But it financially reward teachers was soundly based on student performrejected by the ance. Schools would get Republicanextra money to be used on controlled textbooks or technology to chamber. replace textbooks online.

The legislation also would reduce the state's dependence on local property taxes and redistributed money taken from property wealthy districts.

One of the first amend-

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ments to come up was a total rewrite of the main Republican-drawn legislation. The alternative plan, crafted by

> House members voted to strike a cap tripled on the amount of property tax revenue that is taken from wealthy for districts and redistributed to property poor districts.

Earlier Tuesday, Gov. Rick Perry cautioned that the legislation would not be the final law.

"When that bill gets to the conference committee, it's going to look substantially different," Perry said, sug-

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Some from urban areas said the change would take money away from schools in Increasing transportation their cities. funding was a

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"It seems to me we've been strangling somebody, and we're going to give that up and strangle somebody else," said Rep. Helen Giddings, D-DeSoto.

A separate \$10 billion tax bill designed to supply the money for a school property tax reduction is expected to reach the House later this

week. A tax-writing committee has added to the bill a 3 percent tax on snacks like soft drinks, doughnuts, chips and nuts.

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Revising the state's system for paying for public schools has been a top priority for many lawmakers this session. Lawmakers are under pressure after a judge last year ruled Texas' school finance system unconstitutional, calling the \$30 billion system "financially inefficient, inadequate and unsuitable.'

Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, who wrote much of the legislation that would restructure public education in Texas, said the judge's opinion is flawed and "very creative writing.'

The state appealed the ruling to the Texas Supreme Court, but a final decision is not expected until after the current legislative session.

money would come out of the department's budgeted salaries for open positions.

"It's less expensive than overtime," Pitner told the commission.

The old resolution allows up to 10 voluntary officers. The new rule would cut that number to five.

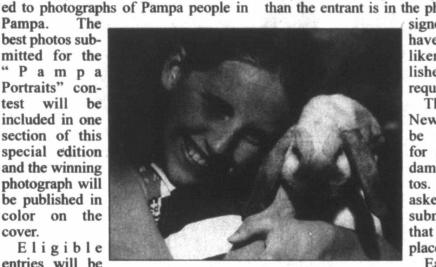
He said the department presently has one reserve officer and two people that have inquired about the program.

The commission also approved the sale of a vacant lot at 737 Roberta, which is delinquent in taxes, to Doug Brown of Borger for \$100.

Winbourne, Danny Pampa's code enforcement officer, said the lot would have to be mowed and cleaned up.

"It's my understanding," Winbourne said, "that a mobile home will be moved in there."

The next regular meeting the Pampa City of Commission is scheduled for March 22, in the commission chambers on the third floor of city hall.



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bill from those who represent

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Rep. Jim McReynolds, D-

city streets, as surplus and authorized its sale.

"The City of Lockney is interested in buying it," Kim Lincycomb with the city's public works department told the commission.

Pampa uses a self-propelled mechanical broom, she said.

"It's a lot more effective," Lincycomb said.

The commission also approved upgrading a water line from Lea Street to 23rd and Price Road from six inches to 10 inches.

Morris said that Cornerstone Church bought the property at 23rd and Price Road a couple of years ago and is planning to build a church at the corner.

Under the city's subdivision code, developers must pay for a six-inch water line and eight-inch sewage line, but Morris suggested increasing the size of the water to 10-inches for future Lonny Robbins said. The bid went to Hickerson Plumbing.

The commission also repealed one city ordinance and enacted another to adjust the city statutes concerning reserve and supplemental police officers.

Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner told the commissioners the change was simply a swapping of wording that would bring existing rules into line with state law and Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education guidelines.

Under the rule adopted by the city in 1998, the chief of police could essentially designate anyone a reserve police officer. That resolution was repealed.

The new resolution adopted by the commission during their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday afternoon would require that a supplemental police officer would have to be a commissioned peace officer and would have to go through the same hiring procedures and any

ing at home or celebrating special occasions. Photos of scenery or animals only will not be considered.

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development in that area.

While the church will be responsible for the initial cost of the line, the city will pay for the increase in size. That will cost an additional \$17,288.50.

"That's quite a bit of money for future development," Morris said, "but it's something we need to do."

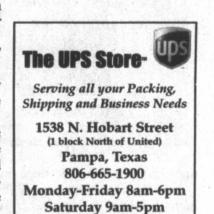
"I think it's wise for us to open up that area," Mayor

other police officer, although supplemental officer would normally be unpaid.

"It's a voluntary deal," Pitner said.

The new rule does allow for payment for part-time officers, however.

Pitner said that would be done in a case where the department is short handed and needs an officer at a specific time to fill in. The



'Jailbirds' raise \$25,000-plus for MDA

Some 57 people were "locked up" the Muscular Dystrophy in Association's jailhouse at Fenton Motors of Pampa as part of the association's annual lock-up fund-raising campaign.

In cash, checks and pledges, the jailbirds netted more than \$25,414,

said a press release from the associa- area fighting any one of 43 neurotion.

"The Lock-up hosted by Fenton Motors of Pampa," the press release said, "is one of the many events which raises funds for MDA. Money raised goes towards programs and services to the people served in this

muscular diseases that MDA covers. Clinic services, wheelchair purchase and repair, summer camp for the kids, and monthly support groups can continue because of the generosity of these jailbirds and their sponsors."

Look at them! You'd never know! Mom & Dad are the Big 6-0!!

Iraqi security forces find 41 corpses

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) officials said Iraqi Wednesday that 41 bodies have been found at two sites, and they believe some of the corpses are Iraqi soldiers kidnapped and killed by insurgents. At least 30 American contractors, meanwhile, were wounded by a suicide bombing near a hotel.

Interim Planning Minister Mahdi al-Hafidh escaped assassination after gunmen opened fire on his convoy in was killed and two others were wounded, police said.

A U.S. soldier was killed and another was injured Wednesday when a roadside bomb detonated as they were patrolling in the capital, the military said.

Authorities found 26 of the corpses late Tuesday in a field near Rumana, a village about 12 miles east of the western city of Qaim, near the Syrian border, police

Baghdad. One of his guards Capt. Muzahim al-Karbouli and other officials said. Each of the bodies had been riddled with bullets.

They were found wearing civilian clothes and one of the dead was a woman, al-Karbouli said.

South of Baghdad in Latifiya, Iraqi troops on Tuesday found 15 headless bodies in a building inside an abandoned former army base, Defense Ministry Capt. Sabah Yassin said.

Cable ONE adds Food Network to lineup

Cable ONE will launch the Minute Meals." unique lifestyle network, Food Network, starting this mets, everyone who enjoys month.

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be able to view popular pro- sure to entertain." grams such as "Emeril Food Network joins more systems serving 720, Live," "Iron Chef," and "30 than 54 channels of program-

"From beginners to gourinterest on Food Network," ted to exploring new, differ- said Terry Harris, general to improve your cooking skills, get great recipe ideas or just admire the world's best restaurants, Food Available on channel 37, Network's likeable hosts and Cable ONE customers will engaging programming are

ming in Cable ONE's Limited Package.

Cable ONE recently food will find something of announced that there will be no rate increases for its Cable TV services in 2005.

"We are pleased to be able to launch this highly requested channel and still maintain current price levels throughout the year," Harris said.

Cable ONE, the cable division of The Washington Post Company, operates 52 cable systems serving 720,000 sub-

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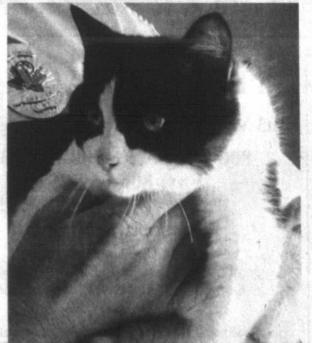
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Viewpoints

News more important than entertainment

months it has been for President Bush, huh? Last month he found out there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Next month, he will learn there is no Easter Bunny."

It is this joke by Jay Leno that opened my speech in the Impromptu speaking finals round of the Texas Forensic League State Tournament in El Paso last weekend. While the joke may seem downright harsh and frankly blunt, it served a direct purpose in my speech. My topic, assigned to me just 30 seconds before the speech

"What a hard couple of began was, "No news is good news." I used the joke, and many others just like it, to prove how negative news stories have stifled the creditability and respect of Martha Stewart, Michael Jackson and George W. Bush in the recent months. Through examing the voice of the late night television comedians, it was able to be proven that for these three, no news was good news; however, I also stated something I feel is very important at the end of my speech. Good news stories are out there; they just do not get as

much coverage as the stories

with negative associations do. The reason behind this is simple. What kind of funny jokes do good news stories make?

Whether we would like to admit it

or not, Ben America Briscoe a humor-News Intern driven society. Perhaps this can

is

be best proven by a fact I learned first hand at the state tournament. The easiest way to assure you advance to the next round of competition in

public speaking at the tournament was to add into your speech several jokes about Bush. As a matter of fact, speakers who lacked these jokes, seldom went on to

outrounds. It is clear that speech judges and Americans general in would rather be entertained than just learn-

ing the facts, both positive and negative. Without humor a story has no interest. One of the first rules that I learned as a feature writer was to evoke

emotions, especially humor. The reason that society focuses so much on the negative news stories is because the positive ones often are harder to evoke emotions with. Think about it for a moment. Which is easier to joke about, Bill Clinton cheating on his wife or Bill Clinton signing a bill to protect the environment?

It is because of this desire for entertainment that the negative news stories take precedence over the positive stories. That is why, the next time you gather around the water cooler to talk about the events of the day, I implore

you to repeat more than just the jokes you heard the night before. Because even though Condaleeza Rice saying, "We will not invade Iran; although, having said that all options are on the table," is funny, it is not the only angle to the story. Even though entertainment value is important, it should not be the single most important factor in deciding which news stories you choose to

read or hear. ***

Ben Briscoe is a senior at Pampa High School and a journalism intern at The News.

Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 9, the 68th day of 2005. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 9, 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan. On this date:

In 1661, Cardinal Jules Mazarin, the chief minister of France, died, leaving King Louis XIV in full control.

In 1796, the future emperor of France, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais. The couple divorced in 1809.

In 1860, the first Japanese ambassador to the United States, Niimi Buzennokami, and his staff arrived in San Francisco.

In 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads "Monitor" and "Virginia" (formerly "Merrimac") clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing more than a dozen people.

In 1933, Congress, called into special session by President Roosevelt, began its "100 days" of enacting New Deal legislation.

In 1954, CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critical-



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Conscience is the perfect interpreter of life."

> --- Karl Barth Swiss theologian

man of "The CBS Evening News."

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than 130 hostages. The siege ended two days later.

In 1981, Dan Rather made his debut as principal anchor-

Ten years ago: House Republicans unveiled their long-

promised tax cut for families, businesses and investors.

President Clinton sharply eased travel restrictions on Sinn

Fein leader Gerry Adams and invited him to the White

House for St. Patrick's Day. Los Angeles police detective

Mark Fuhrman took the stand at the O.J. Simpson murder

trial, denying ever meeting a woman who'd accused him of

campaign, conceding the Republican nomination to George

W. Bush. Bill Bradley ended his presidential bid, conceding

was sentenced to death in Virginia. Former United Nations

official Gerard Latortue was named Haiti's new prime min-

Singer-actress Keely Smith is 73. Singer Lloyd Price is 72.

Actress Joyce Van Patten is 71. Actor-comedian Marty

Ingels is 69. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 69.

Today's Birthdays: Author Mickey Spillane is 87.

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the Democratic nomination to Vice President Al Gore.

Five years ago: John McCain suspended his presidential

One year ago: Convicted sniper John Allen Muhammad

ly reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on an episode of "See It Now." In 1975, work began on the Alaskan oil pipeline. In 1977, about a dozen armed Hanafi Muslims invaded three buildings in Washington, D.C., killing one person and taking more



Hillary plans to use stereotype

As reliably as the calendar turns, Hillary's attention moves to foreign affairs in a bid to shore up her credentials for a presidential run. she Suddenly, is the Democratic shadow Secretary of State.

There she is, visiting Iraq and India, blasting Syria and calling for its withdrawal from Lebanon, and speaking out forcefully in support of the War on Terror. In India, she even said that outsourcing of American business and therefore U.S. jobs would continue into the future. And when the Israeli foreign minister came to the

United States, Hillary was his first stop - and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was second.

Hillary's outspokenon Dick internation-Morris al issues is more than Columnist just the rou-

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tine of a largely domestically-oriented senator preparing to run for preson overseas issues. It is the studied implementation of a playbook that dates back to

wrote it together. American attitudes toward

female candidates, my wife's and my polling found,

> sharply from how they evaluated blacks who ran for

comes to race, voters are either racist or not. If the forident, burnishing her resume mer, they will never back an African-American. If the latter, then race hardly matters.

But when a woman runs, the '90s - when she and I few Americans object vis-

passage, and more than 170

organizations, companies

and individuals have signed

on in support of them. Every

major news outlet in Texas

has weighed in on the need

for the Legislature to record

final votes, and the vast

majority

to

cerally to her candidacy. But most do stereotype her.

Interestingly, our polling which we conducted for Hillary in the early '90s showed that men and women, sexist or not, all had the same gender-based stereotypes. Women were perceived as better on issues involving children, education, integrity, health care and the environment; men were seen as better on defense, foreign policy, holding down taxes and cut-

So the Hillary playbook

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tended to differ

office. When it ting spending.

Both bills are worthy of David Swinford, Amarillo, deserves thanks for setting a hearing on the bills. There is local power on the committee, too, for Central Texans to contact. State Rep. Dan Gattis, R-Georgetown, holds a leadership position on State

Affairs. Legislators have tried in the past, and might try again, to dilute the power of the legislation by making it easier to call for a recorded vote. But that isn't the same as requiring a recorded vote on every item up for final passage, which the Legislature should do.

Texas needs to have a con-

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Bring state legislators' votes to light

Most Texans don't know how their legislators vote on bills, even bills that matter to them. What they might not know is that in too many cases they couldn't find out if they wanted to.

Texas is one of only 10 states that doesn't require a record vote of legislators to pass new laws or kill bills. About half the bills up for a vote in the last session were decided on an unrecorded voice vote. Legislators love the anonymity of voice votes because they can hide in the shadows and vote for or against an issue without anyone knowing what they really did.

It's time to end that undemocratic dodge and hold legislators accountable for their actions and hold them accountable to the voters who sent them to Austin. Today is an excellent opportunity to do just that.

Hearings on two bills requiring recorded votes are scheduled today in the House State

such a vote

in the House,

amendment

R-Dallas.

Affairs Committee. House Bill 54 mandates

and House Joint Resolution 13 calls for a constitutional requiring recorded votes before final passage. Both are sponsored by state Rep. Dan Branch,

Texas Thoughts support Branch's bills. Austin American-Statesman

Anyone able attend the hearing at 2 p.m. today in the

Capitol should lend their voice to the effort to push the Legislature to do the democratic, logical and right thing and pass these bills. Chairman Committee

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Pupils get an ethics lesson

CCS students compete at regionals

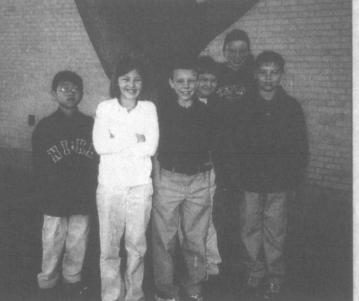
Community Christian School of Pampa, an Association of Christian Schools International member school, recently participated in an association competition for elementary students in the northwest region.

Academics

Students from Community Christian School have competed or will compete against students in other member schools in such categories as spelling bee, Speech Meet, Math Olympics and Science Fair.

CCS students, a press release from the school said, are required to participate at the local level in all events offered in individual grades in order to advance to regional competition.

Participating in the regional spelling bee were third grader and third-place gold medal winner Joseph Kim, fourth grader Kristen Ladd, fifth grader Ian Smith and sixth grader Jonathan Taylor.



Community Christian School students Joseph Kim, Cecily Pereira, Jacob Green, Cyler Clifton, Samantha Kelly and Scott Kelly will represent CCS at the Northwest Regional Math Olympics at Plainview Christian Academy in Plainview on Friday, March 11.

press release said, "each student competes against himself/herself. Each student earns a score based on the

"In other events," the number of points received in various categories on the score sheet. According to the number of points earned, a student may receive a rat-

of the laser and a Nobel

Prize-winner in physics, was

named Wednesday as the

recipient of a religion award

billed as the world's richest

the University of California,

Berkeley, won the Templeton

Prize for Progress Toward

Research or Discoveries

about Spiritual Realities. The

award is worth 795,000

British pounds — more than

Townes, 89, a professor at

annual prize.

ing of Superior, Excellent, Good or Honorable Mention. A student must score Superior or Excellent at the local level to advance to the regional meet."

Representing CCS in the regional Speech Meet at **Dalhart Christian Academy** recently were first graders, Jenna Leigh Bonner and Cherub Whittington; third graders Cyler Clifton, Thomas Haley and Kim; fourth grader Ladd; fifth grader Smith and sixth grader Samantha Kelly.

Kim earned a gold medal for the highest superior score in Bible Memory. Ladd received a bonze medal for third highest superior score in poetry.

Regional Math Olympics will be held at Plainview Christian Academy in Plainview Friday, March 11. Students from CCS entered in the competition include Kim, Cecily Pereira, Clifton, Jacob Green, Scott Kelly and Samantha Kelly.

decision came late at night, with his laptop propped in front of him in bed. Instructions on a Web site promised business school applicants like him an early online peek at whether they'd been accepted. Intrigued, he began typing.

A minute later he'd accessed the Harvard Business School's admission site, though all he saw was a blank page. That split-second decision cost the 28-year-old New Yorker a chance to attend the school this year.

And he wasn't the only doing what he did - using a method detailed in a BusinessWeek online forum to try to get an early glimpse at admissions decisions in top business schools.

In a blanket rejection issued Monday, Harvard dashed the hopes of 119 applicants. MIT followed suit Harvard didn't want him to Tuesday, rejecting 32 appli-

BOSTON (AP) - His cants. Carnegie Mellon was the first to act, delivering the bad news to its "hackers" applicants last week.

Some of the Harvard applicants took issue with the university Tuesday, saying the blanket rejection was an overreaction. They disputed that accessing a public Web page with their own identification numbers was either a "hack" or "unethical." as Harvard Business School Dean Kim Clark put it.

The New York applicant - who, like all applicants interviewed, asked that his name not be used — said he one to get turned down for spent months completing Harvard's rigorous application process.

"For all that to be trumped by a poor decision made in the middle of the night is incredibly unfair," he said.

Another admitted to being guilty of bad judgment for looking at something see.



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stitutional amendment mandating a recorded final vote. Anything less is not full democracy. Contact your representative and senator today to express your support for these bills. And attend the State Affairs hearing if you can. Texas deserves nothing less than full accountability

from its Legislature.

On the Web: Text and actions on HB 54 and HJR 13 can be found at www.capitol.state.tx.us. Contact House State Affairs Committee Chair David Swinford at 463-0470 and state Rep. Dan Gattis at 463-0309. The State Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. today in Capitol room E.2.010.

Hillary

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izations that give money to terror Iranian brand of theocracy and, possigroups to warn off potential innocent bly, as a useful counterweight to donors: Hillary objected that it Tehran's ayatollahs. smacked of the "Attorney General's List" of communist fronts published

emission of radiation).

religion.

But, in a broader sense, Hillary was wrong to attempt to influence the out-

became: Use the stereotype.

Sometimes, she tried to exploit the positive aspects of the stereotype - as when she focused first on health care and then on education and children's issues. Now she seeks to overcome the negative part of the stereotype - by posing as a hawk on foreign policy. But she clearly understands that a female candidate has to use the acceleration the stereotype provides on certain issues and overcome the negative forces that impede her on other aspects of it.

One problem is that Hillary is not likely sincere in her hawkish views.

Back in the early years of her husband's term, she was outspoken and aggressive in urging Bill to pull troops out of Somalia, calling the troop presence there, "Bush's parting gift to us." She was constantly warning against a heavy military involvement in Bosnia and was deeply concerned when it came time to send U.S. troops there as peacekeepers.

When I proposed that the attorney general issue a list of charitable organ-

Calendar items

 Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage" 2004-05 concert series includes the following programs: Rhythm in Shoes on Oct. 26; pianist Richard Glazier on March 19; and Southern Fried Jazz Band on April 7. Each concert will get under way at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Additional concerts, some with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie

Holmes, PCCA president, at 675-2631. · The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The TDH will charge money to help with

the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., March 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuvler, Pampa. For more information, call (806) 874-3211.

 The next Pampa Area Singles Dance with Mike Porter will be from at state certified schools in Gray.

and made notorious in the '50s. She backed an independent

Palestinian state while she was First Lady and only discovered an affinity for Israel when she

decided to run in the state with the largest Jewish population.

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The other problem is that Hillary really overcome the negadoesn't know much tive part of the about foreign policy, *stereotype – by* as witness her statement condemning Dr. posing as a hawk Ibrahim Jafari, the on foreign policy. likely new prime minister of Iraq, for his party's "connec-

"family and religious ties" to the terror-

The senator warned that these were

'grounds both for concern and for vig-

ilance." But, as Jafari pointedly noted,

Hillary "knows nothing about the Iraqi

situation." Jafari has been lauded in

these pages as an opponent of the

come of the Iraqi parliamentary process that must follow the nation's first free election. For a prominent American to try to determine who will be the prime minister, when we have

150,000 troops in the country, flies in the face of the spirit of the Bush Now she seeks to Second Inaugural in which he warned: "And when the soul of a nation finally speaks, the institutions that arise may reflect customs and traditions very different from our own." Hillary's statements are hardly in that spirit.

But the fact is that Hillary is running for president and must use her pul-

pit to solidify her international credits. And she must show us all that she's a hawk - because that's what woman candidates for president have to do. ***

Dick Morris is a political analyst and was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.





8-11 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at the Sportsmans Club on South Barnes. Admission will be \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. For more information, call 665-7059. Please bring snacks.

Chapter C.S. P.E.O. Sisterhood will present a book review with Carol Smith Headrick at 2 p.m. March 20 in M.K. Brown Auditorium's Heritage Room. The book under review will be "Anatomy of Me," an autobiography of bestselling author of the mid-20th Century Fanny Hurst. Tickets will be available at the door before the event or may be purchased in advance by calling 665-7064.

 The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: March 24, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, and March 29 and April 27, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa; and March 1, Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

· For senior students enrolled

Carson, Collingsworth, Hemphill, Hutchison, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties, scholarship opportunities are available through Top O' Texas CattleWomen. Applications will be made available through area counselors' offices. The deadline to return applications for judging is April 22. One \$500 scholarship and two \$250 scholarships will be awarded. These scholarship applications should be mailed to Glenda Adcock, 920 Turkey Track Rd., Miami, TX 79059. For more information, contact Adcock at (806) 868-6828.

 Circle in the Square Theatre School in New York, N.Y., will hold auditions for its professional actor training program May 7 in Dallas. The school is offering professional two-year workshops (acting and musical) and seven-week summer workshops (acting and musical). For more information, write to: Admissions, Circle in the Square Theatre School, 1633 Broadway, New York, NY 10019-6795, call (212) 307-0388 or e-mail circleinthesquare@att.net. Go to www.circlesquare.org for a downloadable application.

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Sports Day

Lady Harvesters trounce **Tascosa 10-1 on home turf**

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

provident provident to an and pro-

stayed home yesterday for only the second Clark helped herself out with a triple and time this season. The last time they were on three RBIs.

home soil, the girls were bounced by Canyon, 10-1. This time, the score was the same, however the mood was a little different as it was Pampa on the winning side of a 10-1 game against Tascosa.

"It was a good win at home and a good game to be heading into Friday's game against Borger," said Coach Bobbi Gill. "That is going to be a little tougher game, but I think the girls are prepared for it."

Clark Pitcher Nicole

improved her record to 6-4 with five strike- face the Lady Bulldogs. outs. Clark allowed just one hit and no

earned runs.

From the plate, Stephanie McVay swatted two hits and added a RBI. Teryn Garner, Pampa High School Lady Harvesters Cassy Tice and Callie Cobb each got a hit.

> That is going to be a little tougher game, but I think the girls are

prepared for it."

- Bobbi Gill PHS girls softball coach

Garner, Tice, Cobb, Brittany Adams, Whitney Roden and Ashley Parker all crossed the plate at least once in the game. Winkelman Logan

added a triple, two runs and two RBIs.

Said Gill, "Last night was an overall team win, all of the team made individual contributions."

Both the varsity and junior varsity teams will travel to Borger Friday to

Games will begin at 4 p.m.



Pampa's Clayton Hall #5 fights a Canyon Eagle player for the ball during Tuesday's game at the Harvester Soccer complex.

Mean Green wins four PJH basketball team now 6-0 after weekend

6-0 over the weekend, win- warmed up to a hot 62-48 ning four games in the win. Smith led Pampa in by Jeff Skinner, is compet- Clendening racked up 10

faced a scrappy Clippers Hayden Skinner 7, and team but managed to post a Trimble with 4. 74-57 win. Matt Smith led Alex Clendening had 10.

the next game of the day. neared the century mark. clock the whole second half. them go," Skinner said. Casey Trimble lead Pampa 11. Thomas Fraser and 100 points. Hayden Skinner had 9 Skinner scored 8.

In their first game, Pampa with 9, Heath Skinner 8, Amarillo League.

Pampa Mean Green won the Mean Green scoring its fourth game of the weekwith 25 points. Heath end by beating Dumas 97-Skinner scored 11 points and 34. Coach Skinner held the team back the second half as

The Mean Green won that "I think they would have points and Sieck had 10. game 63-18 as they ran the scored a 150 points if I'd let In the second game, the Dumas held the ball in a Gators emerging with a conin scoring with 14 points. stall the last two minutes of vincing 86-47 win. Pampa Smith scored 12 points, fol- the game, depriving Pampa had a balanced scoring lowed by Blake Sieck with players of a chance to score attack with Sieck leading the Smith again led Pampa in scored 17 points, Hayden points each and Heath scoring with 22 points. Skinner 11, Fraser 10, Hayden Skinner followed Trimble and Heath Skinner In the third game of the with 19 points and Heath with 9 each, John Luke weekend, played on Sunday Skinner scored 15. Sieck Covalt had 13 points, Clendening 5.

The Pampa Mean Green ice cold against Trinity Clendening had 12 and basketball team improved to Fellowship, but later Trimble and Fraser each scored 8 points.

Pampa Mean Green faces process. The team, coached scoring with 24 points. four more opponents in games this weekend, March ing in an Amarillo league. points followed by Sieck 11 and 12, to end the

Pampa Mean Green is playing in a Middle School Basketball League in Amarillo. The first weekend Pampa went 2-0. In the first game, Pampa beat the Warriors 65-34. Smith led Pampa faced Hereford in the Mean Green score Pampa in scoring with 24 points. Fraser scored 11

Mean Green played the

PHS faces Longhorns; playoff berth in balance

Pampa High School's varsity boys soccer Van Houten. team wrapped up their three-game home Canyon.

The Harvesters (7-12-2, 4-4-1), wearing early '90s, struck in the 20th minute when junior forward Chase Phillips intercepted a pass near the Canyon goal, and put his team up, the ones saying, 1-0.

Canyon used a fierce northern wind to take the 1-1 equalizing score in the 28th minute. The Eagles' (4-13-2, 0-7-2) defense drew back, and held the lead going into the half.

Phillips would finally add an insurance stretch in style on Tuesday at the Harvester goal-his sixth of district competition-Soccer Complex with a 3-1 victory over thanks to a Rusty Snider pass at the 73rd minute-mark.

Coach May commended the work of his lime-green throwback uniforms from the entire senior class, who were honored in the final home game of their careers.

> "These guys were the ones saying 'let's keep working' when we lost those heart-breakers to Randall and Caprock.' May said. "They deserve all the credit for

the position we're now

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The Pampa Middle School swimmers are, from left to right, Front row- Chance Almanza, Jeremy Zellefrow, Zackary Robles, Robert Saiz and Caleb West. Second row- Chris Hinkle, Ethan Addy, Colby Dennis, Dustin Neef, Susanne Kane and Cole Guyer. Third Row- Christina Hart, Hanna Lane, Brittney Poulin, Ana Saucedo, Jennifer Huffines, Tonya Kiper, Shawna Salazar, and Amber Bradford. Back row- Alison Bell, Abbie Hathcoat, Jennifer, Tyler O"Neal, Nicki Cole and Abby West.

PJH rules the pool

On Saturday March 8, the Junior High Pampa Swimming Team hosted the Amarillo Middle School swimming program in a meet.

Pampa dominated the meet, taking first place in every event except for the girls 50 yard Freestyle.

Said Coach Miller, "The Pampa middle school team is very strong." Adding, "These kids are the future of Pampa swimming and the future looks very bright."

Outstanding swimmers in the meet - each winning at least two events - were Nicki Cole (200 Free, 50 Breast),

Amber Bradford (50 Fly, 50 back), Dustin Neef (50 Free, 50 Breast) and Colby Dennis (100 Individual Medley, 100 Free).

Swimmers winning one event each were Tyler O'Neal (100 Free), Caleb West (50 Fly), Cole Guyer (100 Back) and Chance Almanza (1 Meter Diving).

Others showing marked improvement were Jeremy Zellefrow, Ana Salazar, Abby West and Shawna Saucedo.

"It's hard to believe how much these kids have improved this year," said Miller.

way with 19 points. Smith 6 and

Registration

Baseball/Softball 2005

for

heavy as 108 more players signed up

Optimist President Ronnie Haynes.

ball and softball players from 5:30 to

7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and

Thursday," Haynes said. "We will

then know how many teams we will

need in each league and how many

needs of the players on those teams.

The Pampa offense came out firing in the second half, when Steven Smith deposited an unassisted goal for the 2-1 score, giving the Harvesters the lead for good.

continues March 22, 23 and 24.

Tuesday for a total of 232 for the first ers sign up late who could not play

two days of registration, according to because all the teams in that league

We will continue to register base- Babe Ruth rules," Haynes continued.

week."

The Canyon Eagles would struggle just to third and final district 3-4A playoff spot. The past mid-field for the rest of the game, thanks Longhorns (7-7-3, 4-3-2) are coming off a 2to the stout defending of the Harvesters' 0 victory over Palo Duro at Dick Bivins Adam Brown, Mark Murray, and Andrew Stadium. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

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By The Associated Press

Randy Johnson's much-anticipated Yankees debut wasn't filled with awesome fastballs or knee-buckling sliders and no one seemed to mind.

After all, New York acquired him for October.

Mark Mulder's second outing for the St. Louis Cardinals was much more in line with what they expected from their new No. 1 starter.

Johnson worked two innings Tuesday in an 8-2 loss to the Atlanta Braves at Kissimmee, Fla. He threw 36 pitches, 22 for strikes, and gave up a two-run homer to old nemesis Chipper Jones in an uneven performance.

"It looked like his first spring outing," Jones said. "I don't think anybody in baseball expected him to come out blowing 97. A guy like Randy's got to get his feet under him, just like the rest of us. He'll be on his game come Oct. 1."

Johnson said he felt fine physically after being scratched from his first scheduled start last week because of a tight left calf.

After opening with a strikeout, Johnson allowed a single to Brian Jordan and fell behind 2-0 on Jones before the Braves' third baseman drove a 92-mph fastball over the leftfield fence.

The Yankees didn't start pursuing Johnson last summer just to add a few wins during the regular season. No, they pushed to finally complete a drawn-out trade with Arizona in January because they needed an ace in the postseason.

And that's exactly why nobody sounded worried about the 41-year-old Johnson losing his first outing of spring training.

The Harvesters, currently in 4th place, will

play 3rd place Caprock High on Friday with the winner securing the

In the 9-10 Cal Ripken League 27

boys have registered while 33 players

are on board in the 11-12 Cal Ripken

League. The Babe Ruth League has

ister in both the 7-9 and the 10-12 soft-

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Tuesday saw a dozen more girls reg-

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Information could have you moving quickly or changing plans. Fortunately, you have the ability to sift through problems quickly and come up with winning results. You sense a change in attitude as a result. Tonight: Finally -- a second wind. Use it well. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Just when you thought you were on cruise control, you hit a snag that involves a key associate or someone who has a great deal of impact on you. Remember what you ultimately want rather than get embroiled in a situation. Tonight: Take some personal time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Clear out as much of your ity take you in a new direction. If you responsibilities as possible. You will are single, you might meet someone want to focus on the more social side very important in the next few months. of life as early as tonight, though this If you are attached, your relationship

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escape. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Review decisions with an eye to creating a better relationship. The New Moon today encourages a new beginning. Why not use the planetary energy to straighten out a situation? This stellar happening might also signal the beginning of a new relationship. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Finish projects rather than begin new ones. You will want to clear the decks because of an increased social pace. Look at this as the last day of the workweek, as you won't be in the mood to concentrate at all. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Your creativity and ingenu-

ter. Tonight: Pretend it is Friday night SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Hunker down and achieve the results you want. You will discover soon enough that you won't want to be serious. Use the few precious hours well before you transform into a wild thing. Your weekend starts early Tonight: Play it like a Scorpio.

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sure you have the necessary funds before you launch into action. A friend might cost you more money than you'd anticipated. Regroup, smile and go on Flexibility counts. New financia beginnings are possible. Tonight: Nap and then out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Express yourself with care especially around a superior. You could be in trouble before you know i if you buck this person's authority. Good news heads in your direction Solidify an emotional bond with the New Moon in your sign. Tonight Head home early.

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Actor Chuck Norris (1940), actress Sharon Stone (1958), Prince Edward Earl of Wessex (1964) ***

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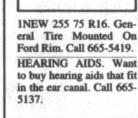
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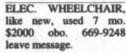
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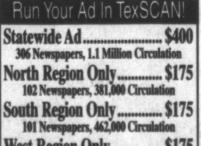
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DEAR ABBY: The recent news of a possible new strain of HIV that is drug-resistant to three of the four classes of anti-HIV drugs and may progress to AIDS in months rather than years, should provide a wake-up call to those who are not practicing safer sex and/or are still sharing needles and syringes.

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Time after time, I hear young people say they're not worried about being exposed to HIV/AIDS because, should they get infected, they can take the appropriate medicine and they'll be fine. Unfortunately, they could be dead wrong. If they become infected, the medicines they will have to take can cause serious side effects and must be taken for the rest of their lives. Also, not all people benefit from the medications, especially those who are unfortunate enough to be infected with a strain of virus that's already resistant to one or more classes of drugs.

Abby, people need to understand that HIV is not spread through the air, or from shaking hands or hugging someone who has the virus. If you have unprotected sex or share needles and syringes you could become infected. If you don't, you won't.

It's up to all of us to protect ourselves and our partners. --MERVYN R. SILVERMAN, M.D., FORMER PRESIDENT. AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR AIDS RESEARCH

DEAR DR. SILVERMAN: I agree that it's critically important for folks to protect themselves and their loved ones from sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). In order to do that, they must act responsibly. By that, I mean they must refrain from unprotected sex unless both parties have been screened for HIV and are negative, and, of course, remain strictly monogamous.

I am appalled that there has

what appears to be a new, more virulent strain of HIV that is drug-resistant. I hope the announcement will remind everyone about a subject that seems to have been forgotten in the last decade. For their own safety, sexually active people must keep their wits about them and always use condoms. And for those who say condoms aren't 100 percent effective, when properly used they are EXTREMELY effective in preventing STDs, especially HIV. Not using them is playing **Russian roulette.** *****

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16 and a sophomore in high school. I have been struggling with my weight for two years. I have tried Weight Watchers and other weight-loss programs, and I try not to eat between meals or consume a lot of junk food -- but I just can't stop.

My parents keep pressuring me to lose 40 pounds. Even my friends say I should lose weight. They say if I do, my crush would notice me more. Can you give me any tips for losing weight? --CHUBBY IN CLEVELAND

CHUBBY: DEAR Everything has a price. If you want to lose weight, the price vou'll have to pay is abstaining from high-carb, high-fat, empty-calorie food for a while. If you get hungry between meals, have something to eat, but make it fresh fruit or veggies and an ounce of low-fat protein.

Losing weight is like banking: If you eat more calories than you "spend," you'll have fat in your "savings account." If you spend more calories than you save, you'll gradually become lean and mean. So exercise every day, and go back to Weight Watchers. I have seen miracles occur on that actually been "debate" about program, and there is no reason why it can't work for you, too.

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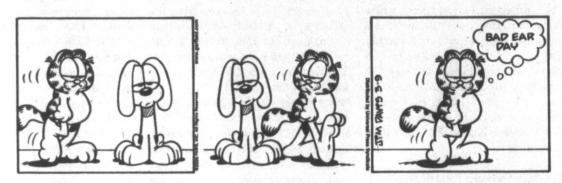


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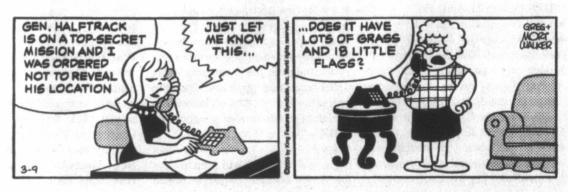




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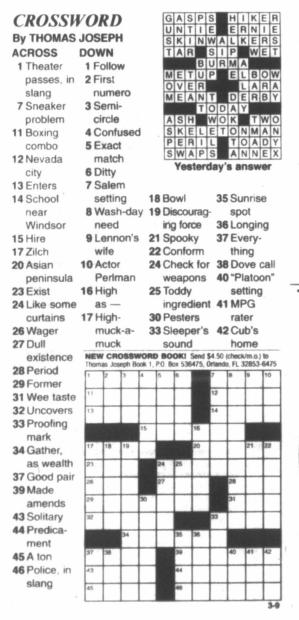




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