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# **Emmert names special prosecutor**

Perryton attorney to investigate possible state charges against former DA

### **By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer**

Attorney David Scott of Perryton has been named special prosecutor by 31st District Judge Steven Emmert to investigate possible state criminal charges against former District Attorney Rick Roach.

"We will gather the evidence and present it to the grand jury. Upon the

we will proceed to a jury trial before 12 citizens of the 31st District," Scott said in a prepared statement after his appointment.

"In keeping with my promises to the people of the 31st District, I have asked the judge to appoint, and he has appointed, a special prosecutor to investigate possible criminal charges against Rick Roach. This

indictment of Richard James Roach, investigation will also include an audit of the financial records of Mr. Roach," said 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer.

The financial records to be audited are those of the district attorney's office during Roach's tenure as district attorney, she said.

Roach is currently awaiting sentencing on a federal charge of addict or unlawful user in possession of firearms. The charge is one of four listed in an indictment against Roach which was filed Jan. 12 in U.S. District Court in Amarillo.

"It looks like it may be May 5 or later" before Roach's sentencing hearing is held, Switzer said this morning. Assistant U.S. Attorney Christy L. Drake of Amarillo had

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(AP) — Extra police blocked the road in front of the hospice where the severely brain-damaged Terri Schiavo lay dying



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their daughter's fate. At least a dozen officers were assigned to the site a day after five supporters of her parents were arrested as protesters heckled police and boisterously chanted "Give Terri water." A next-

door elementary school was closed for the week so students could avoid the throng.

On Schiavo's 10th day without food or water, supporters of her parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, continued to plead for President Bush and his brother, Gov. Jeb Bush, to intervene to have her feeding tube reinserted.

"Everyone is willing to write this woman's obituary **Quality Quick Lube** except one person. And that's Terri Schiavo herself," 1807 Alcock • 688-0042 said Paul O'Donnell, a Transmission Service Roman Catholic Franciscan Free Pickup & Delivery **Oil Change** 

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### Pampa News photo by SEAN SMITH

They're off!

Hundreds of kids scramble to find thousands of eggs at the 38th annual KGRO Radio Easter Egg Hunt in Central Park Sunday. Mike Ehrle of KGRO-KOMX radio said an estimated 1,100 people attended this year's event. Approximately 10,000 candy, chocolate and prize-filled plastic eggs were hidden around the park for the children to hunt. Ehrle said that the Easter Egg Hunt was started in 1967 by KGRO owners Jim and Mary Hughes. The first hunt took place in Aspen Park but because of the turn-out, the eggs were hidden in Central Park, he said, where the hunt has been ever since.



**PHS Senior parents** plan prom meeting

All Pampa High School Senior 2005 parents are asked to attend a Prom Planning Meeting on Monday, March 28, at 6 p.m. in the PHS Library. Lefors ISD board sets special meeting

LEFORS - An executive session to discuss personnel matters will be included in a special meet-ing of Lefors Independent ool District's school board, at 6:30 p.m. March 29 in the high school ibrary, 209 E. 5th. Board members will so consider the district's cial options and diss the school's financia us with a repre entative n Region 16 Education

vice District.



Floyd and Imogene McMinn of Pampa, left, recall memories of the 1975 tornado with Johnny Woodard of Lefors during the Lefors Post Office open house Friday. The McMinn's home was totally destroyed in the 1975 Lefors tornado.

# **Lefors Post Office** launches historical cancellation stamp

LEFORS - Friday was a busy day in the Lefors Post Office. The Post Office hosted an open house to introduce the special 30th anniversary cancellation tornado stamp which will be available through April 24.

Cookies, tornado snacks, coffee and punch

were served. It was like a family reunion as tornado survivors gathered to tell their tales of the 1975 midnight tornado that destroyed more than 150 homes in Lefors.

Also on display were tornado posters, made by the kindergarten through 3rd grade students of Lefors Elementary and a slide presentation showing the aftermath of the tornado. The "Lefors Tornado" book, researched and edited by Ray Carter and Susan Oldham was also available.



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### **Emergency** Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Saturday, March 26

Officers conducted seven traffic stops; served, or attempted to serve, one warrant; provided motorist assistance at Maple and Barrett streets; made a business check in the 300 block of South Starkweather Street; checked an open door in the 500 block of North Starkweather St.; and responded to one vehicle accident at Louisiana and Duncan streets.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1000 block of East Francis Avenue and in the 500 block of Montagu Ave.

Suspicious person complaints were taken in the 2200 block of North Sumner St., and in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Shoplifting was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. Meat and consumable goods valued at \$41 were taken.

A gas drive-off was reported at Taylor Mart, 1340 N. Hobart. Value of fuel taken is \$42.69.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received in the 2300 block of Dogwood Lane.

Sexual assault was reported at One Medical Plaza. The incident occurred in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Chafen Wayne Wilson, 18, 2106 Williston, was arrested at the intersection of Harvester and Christine streets for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Lauren Holtman, 25, 937 S. Faulkner, was arrested in the 200 block of North Faulkner for no insurance and no driver's license.

Floyd Dale Bright, 40, 1200 N. Wells, was arrested in the 1200 block of North Wells for aggravated sexual assault.

Anthony Williams, 28, 1000 Charles, was arrested in the 2200 block of North Hobart for no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and expired motor vehicle inspection sticker.

### Sunday, March 27

Officers conducted eight traffic stops; checked three business alarms - in the 1600 block of North Hobart St., in the 900 block of North Hobart St., and on Highway 70 north; rendered law enforcement assistance in the 800 block of South Hobart St., at Texas and Gray streets, and on Highway

152; made a welfare check in the 300 block of East Browning Ave.; and provided motorist assistance at Price and Highway 152

Prowler complaints were taken in the 1700 block of North Russell St., and in the 200 block of Tignor St.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of North Wells St., and the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave. One assault occurred in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive and involved minor injuries.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 500 block of North Lefors St.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 700 block of Davis St.

A narcotic drug law violation was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Dr.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 800 block of Beryl St. The front door was damaged, and a cell phone and keys were taken. Estimated value of damage and loss is \$106.

A suspicious person was reported at Montagu and Somerville streets.

A hit and run accident was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner St.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of South Dwight. A window was broken on a storage building, for estimated damage of \$50. Criminal mischief was also reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received in the 800 block of North Gray St.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 1300 block of East Browning Ave.

Found property was reported in the 400 block of East Browning Ave. A bicycle was found.

An animal complaint was taken in the 1600 block of North Hobart St.

### Accidents

### Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accidents.

Sunday, March 20 1:52 p.m. - A 2002 Ford Mustang, driven by a 12-year-old driver, collided with a legally parked 1988 Chrysler New Yorker, owned by Cheryl Walter, 2228 N. Sumner St., in the 2200 block of North Sumner. The 12-year-old was cited for unauthorized use

of a motor vehicle.

### Thursday, March 24 A 2003 Toyota SUV, driven by Stacey

Anet Phillips, 42, Amarillo, and a 1986 Ford Tempo, driven by Kathy Joann Cole, 42, 405 S. Houston, collided in the 300 block of North Ballard. No injuries were reported and no citations issued.

### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests. Friday, March 25

Christopher Lane Collier, 39, Custer City, Okla., was arrested by Department of Public

Safety for possession of drug paraphernalia. Bradley Dean Glasscock, 37, Taloga, Okla., was arrested by the DPS for possession of a controlled substance over 1 gram and under 4 grams.

### Saturday, March 26

Tawnie Nicole Crain, 23, 316 Anne, was arrested on a warrant for violation of probation/theft.

Dannie Ray Boyd, 57, 320 Anne, was arrested for no valid driver's license.

Sunday, March 27

Gregory Edman Hardin, 37, 1700 Duncan, was arrested on a warrant for violation of a protective order.

Brian Keith Lee, 33, Houston, was arrested on a probation violation out of Harris County.

### Fire

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

### Saturday, March 26

12:38 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident at Duncan and Louisiana streets.

9:03 p.m. – Two units and six firefighters responded to the 1900 block of Carter on a possible fire. A fire alarm was malfunctioning. No fire was found.

### Sunday, March 27

12:18 a.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to the 1200 block of East Francis. Smoke, which turned out to be chimney smoke, was reported in the area.

12:34 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to 15th and Dogwood streets

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Mrs. Cole was born Jan. 18, 1906, at

She was a former long-time member of

First Assembly of God Church and attended

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Acme, Texas. She moved to Pampa in 1930

and worked the window at the U.S. Post

### on a hazardous material spill.

1:15 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 100 block of North Faulkner on a call for lifting assistance.

1:29 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to Central Park on a public service call. The firefighters brought Sparky the Fire Dog to the park during the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

4:39 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1800 block of Evergreen on a call for medical assistance.

11:42 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 2300 block of Dogwood on a medical call.

### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance today reported the following calls.

### Thursday, March 24

6:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

### Friday, March 25

5:59 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

### Saturday, March 26

10:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's.

12:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Duncan and Louisiana streets and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:20 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to a hospital in Lubbock.

5:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSAW.

10:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of Sumner. No transport. Sunday, March 27

10:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of North Faulkner and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of Evergreen and transported a patient to PRMC.

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### **Obituaries**

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**Lefors Volunt** 

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said in a previous interview that April 4 was the earliest possible date for the hearing. Drake was in court as of press time today

and unavailable for an interview.

Roach was arrested by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Amarillo office on Jan. 11 in the 223rd District courtroom at Gray County Courthouse. He was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, and the indictment specified that he possessed methamphetamine.

Three more counts were added to the indictment. They were possession with intent to distribute or dispense cocaine, pos-

along with 35 firearms, were reportedly found amid Roach's possessions during execution of a search warrant of his office, an apartment, and his home, according to unsealed search warrant inventories.

An original petition for removal was filed Jan. 12 in Gray County Courthouse, seeking Roach's removal from the office of district attorney

Roach resigned as district attorney on Feb. 8 and that same day entered a plea of guilty to the firearms charge in federal court in Amarillo.

The remaining charges against Roach will likely be dropped at his sentencing, Drake said in a previous interview.

### Migrant adviser, Fidelina Cuevas' trial set to get under way

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DALLAS (AP) — The viding immigration advice in targets immigrants, scamming them out of millions of General Greg Abbott said. "There seems to be a "It is a serious problem and a growing problem."

PAMPA — Minnie Cole, 99, died daughter, Mary Dewey on Nov. 2, 2003; and Saturday, March 26, 2005, at McLean. by a grandson, Loren Dewey in 1994. Services are pending with Carmichael-

Survivors include three granddaughters, Arlene Bratlien of College Station, Joy Contreras of Clark, N.J., and Melody Clairmont of Cannon Beach, Ore.; and nine great-grandchildren, Marcus Bratlien, Nathan Clairmont, Christopher Bratlien, Joshua Dewey, Angela Contreras-Walker, Natasha Dewey, Nicole Clairmont, Tyler Dewey and Gabriel Clairmont.

-Sign the on-line register book at Mrs. Cole was preceded in death by a www.carmichael-whatley.com.

### Forrest C. 'Frosty' Horner, 88

SKELLYTOWN, Texas -

Office until retiring in 1960.

years.

Forrest C. "Frosty" Horner, 88, of Skellytown, died Sunday, March 27, 2005, at Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Horner was born May 24, 1916, in Crescent, Okla. He had been a resident of Skellytown since 1946. He Horner married Dorothy Evans on Oct. 15, 1942, in Claremore, Okla. She pre-

ceded him in death in 2000. He and his brother, Clyde Horner, were

co-owners and operators of Horner Brothers www.carmichael-whatley.com.

## Schiavo

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monk and a spokesman for her parents.

Some of the protestors, led by family spokesmen Patrick Mahoney, flew to Washington Monday to confront lawmakers and demonstrate in front of the White House gates, imploring leaders to step in and order Schiavo's feeding tube reconnected.

President Bush's aides have said they ran out of legal options to help the woman. Gov. Bush said Monday that while it "made sense" to have federal courts review the case, he had to respect their decisions last week not to order the tube reinserted.

"I have not seen any means by which the execucan tive branch get involved. My legal counsel has talked to the Schindler family and their lawyer over the weekend," Bush said. "My heart is broken about this."

Neither Schiavo's parents nor her husband offered new, specific details on her condition, but one of the two priests who visited her hospital room Easter Sunday said the brain-damaged woman's "death is imminent."

O'Donnell said Schiavo smiled, raised her hands and made guttural sounds late Sunday while being visited by her father and a friend, who was talking about how she liked to go out dancing.

"They are dealing with reality," O'Donnell said of the Schindlers in an interview on NBC's "Today." "They know their daughter is dying. They know what is about to happen."

Grocery in Skellytown for 40 years, retiring in 1986.

He was a member of the Skellytown Church of Christ and was a charter member of the Skellytown Lions Club since 1952.

Survivors include one daughter, Peggy Ross and husband Larry of Spring; one son, Tommy Horner of Mineral Wells; one grandson, Larry Ross II and wife Jo Anna of Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, TX 79065.

-Sign the on-line register book at

Schiavo's parents dispute that their daughter is in a persistent vegetative state as court-ordered doctors have determined. Michael Schiavo contends his wife told him she would not want to be kept alive artificially.

neys did not return calls seeking comment Monday.

Fewer than 10 protesters stayed overnight in rain and wind. One man was arrested before dawn trying to take a jug of water to Schiavo. More than 30 protestors were outside the hospice later Monday, most about quietly.

Schiavo's mother did not visit her daughter on Easter, emotions keeping her from the hospice for the first time since Terri's feeding tube was removed 10 days ago, O'Donnell said.

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Gray County Weather

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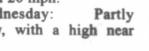
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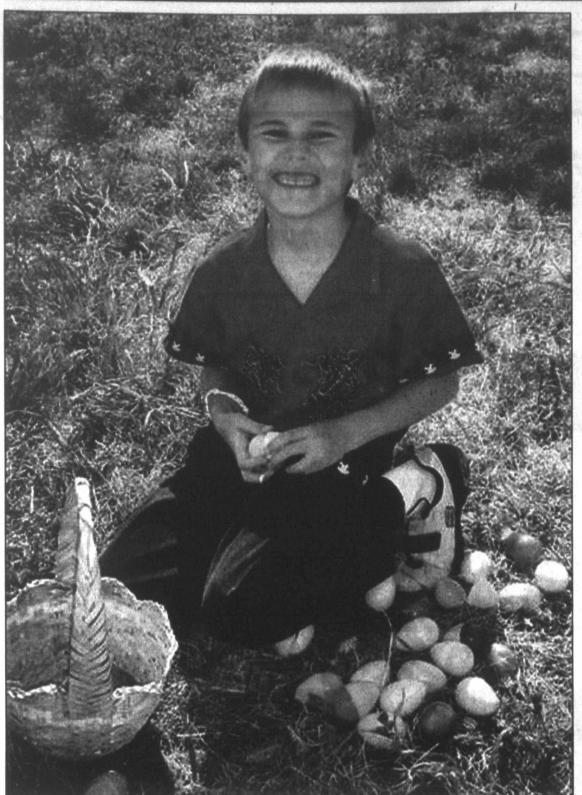
cloudy, with a low near 41.

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Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low





## Egg cache

Eddie Boaz enjoyed the nice weather at the Lefors Easter Egg Hunt that was held in the Lefors baseball park. The Easter Egg Hunt was sponsored by the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department.

### **UTEP** graduation rates under scrutiny

EL PASO (AP) — Dismal according to the Texas graduation rates at the University of Texas at El Paso are prompting state leaders to recommend that University of Texas System Florence Shapiro, R-Plano,

Education Higher Coordinating Board.

State Senate Education Committee chairwoman

said. "We are awarding more degrees, and those numbers will continue to grow. We are going to see students complete their degrees more efficiently. I am confident of

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TOKYO (AP) — Japan's all imported beef come from animals tested for mad cow disease, also called bovine encephalopathy.

> Japan has tested all cattle cow on Sunday.

cord between the two major trading partners, with some U.S. lawmakers threatening possible sanctions against

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hawking baby it clear that all income - a category that and children's clothes, along with some includes bribes, gambling winnings, kick-

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backs and money made in illegal activities - can be taxed.

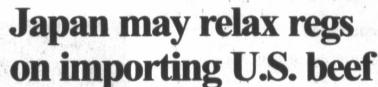
"When you're working on the Internet, it's kind of a gray issue," said Bart Fooden, a certified public accountant in Woodbury, N.Y., who advises small businesses and individuals. "The big issue is whether you're doing it as a business or not."

The IRS can apply a list of nine indicators that might prove whether someone's online auctions amount to a business. These indicators include evidence that the taxpayer depends on the income, acts in a businesslike manner, or puts enough time and effort into the activity to suggest a profit motive.

Fooden said the difference between a hobby and a business can often be the seller's intent.

If someone is selling the junk that is collecting dust in a garage or basement, then that person probably is getting less than he paid for it. No profit here.

If someone is buying goods in bulk from a wholesaler and hoping to make a couple extra bucks reselling each one, then that person could have just started a profitable business, Fooden said.



food safety panel on Monday ruled that relaxing domestic cattle testing standards for mad cow disease won't put consumers at risk, raising the possibility that Tokyo will reopen its lucrative market to U.S. beef imports.

garage sale and thrift store

bargains, on eBay helps Sunni Wojnarowsky bring

in some extra money so she

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online auction site's discussion board for

sellers, generated much advice — and more

"You can't get an answer from anybody,'

Wojnarowsky said in an interview from her home in Brunswick, Ohio. "It would be

nice to have a straightforward answer of

More than 135 million people have regis-

tered to use the auction site that calls itself

"the world's online marketplace." Buyers

bought more than \$34 billion worth of mer-

Some people make money by cleaning

In tax law, there is no clear, bright line

that separates fun from profit, or a hobby from a business. But IRS instructions make

out items from their closets; others use the

yes, you file taxes, or no, you don't."

with her two young boys. The additional dollars are

Food Safety Commission found that tests for the fatal bovine illness on cattle aged 20 months or vounger were unable to detect the proteins linked to the fatal bovine illness. Scientists believe the pro-manage forther ban on beer teins associated with mad trade isn't lifted soon.

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for mad cow disease since discovering its first case in 2001. Japan has found 16 animals with the disease, most recently a Holstein The issue has caused dis-

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- Bart Fooden Accountant

**IRS eyeing eBay auctions** 

officials to appoint a team to fix the problem.

But UT System **Chancellor Mark Yudof said** he didn't think a special team was needed.

"We are going to review all the options," he said. "This is not unique to UTEP. It may be that the absolute numbers are lower, but we this problem have (statewide)."

Less than 5 percent of University of Texas at El Paso students graduate in four years, and only 26 percent have obtained a degree after six years.

In 2004, about 23 percent of Texas public university graduates completed their degrees in four years or less. About 53 percent completed degrees within six years,

# World Thinking Day

and Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, say UTEP leaders must make a concerted effort to improve graduation rates.

"We need the system to intervene and to meet the challenge. We need a UTEP that graduates 50 percent of its kids in four years," said Shapleigh, who wants UTEP to reach that goal by 2015.

He wrote a letter this month to UT Regents Chairman James Huffines asking for the appointment of a special team to address UTEP's graduation rates.

UT System and UTEP officials acknowledged the problem, but they said they are already trying to fix it.

"I would tell (Shapleigh) that we don't need SWAT teams or champions," UTEP President Diana Natalicio

that. "We know what we're doing, and I can assure Senator Shapleigh and anyone else who's interested that we share the goal of improving the graduation rates because we think it's important to El Paso," she

said. Students who linger in and out of school for years before graduating put an economic burden on taxpayers and shave years of productive life from their own work careers, Shapleigh said.

Top UT System officials cautioned that improving graduation rates will take time and a cultural shift. Many UTEP students have part-time jobs that impede quicker graduations.

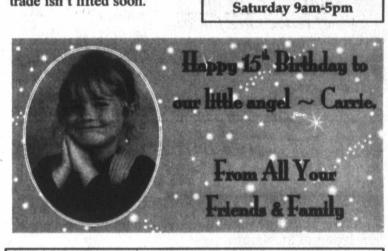
cow disease do not accumulate in cows that young.

"We have concluded that the risk of excluding cows younger than 21 months old from inspections is negligible or extremely small," Yasuhiro Yoshikawa, chairman of the panel's scientific experts, told reporters.

Scientists don't know enough about the disease to rule out risk completely, the panel said in a statement, which urged Tokyo to improve testing methods.

Japan banned U.S. beef imports in December 2003 after the discovery of the United States' first case of mad cow disease.

Washington has been steadily pushing Tokyo to drop the ban, but Japanese officials have insisted that





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Local Girl Scouts recently celebrated World Thinking Day. "Thinking Day was first created in 1926," a press release from the Girl Scouts said. "This special celebration is a time to step back and reflect on all the girls and women around the globe and give thanks and appreciation to their 'sisters,' who share the values and the ideals of Girl Scouts." Above: A candle ceremony with (left-right) Tammy DuBose, Lauren McCullom, Lacey Dodson, MacKenzie Parks, Susie Joiner and Zoe Yearicks.

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# Viewpoints

# There comes a time when we have to let go

My mother's last words to me were, "You need a haircut."

After that she slipped into a coma and died a week later.

Mother had to make a difficult choice more than 20 years before her death. My father lay in a coma in hospital. He had had health problems, and he had told my mother that he didn't want to be kept alive on machines. My mother, however, was the one that had to make the decision and tell the doctors.

We talked about it before she did, my sister, my mother and me. We all concurred that he had suffered enough. After watching our father slip away, my sister and I both asked the other to make sure we weren't kept alive on machines. We have each put that in paper and left it with our kids.

My mother had a series of strokes and suffered other medical problems the last few years of her life. She was well into her 80s when we had to put her in a nursing home. She objected. My stepfather objected. Neither my sister nor I wanted to take such an action, but my stepfather was in no shape to take care of her. He had medical problems of his own.

About six months before my mother died, we moved her to a hospice. She could no longer eat. There was a

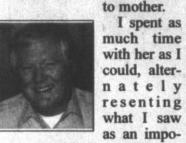
feeding tube to her stomach. She was small and frail. She suffered from high blood pressure, diabetes and host of other maladies that taken together posed an ominous threat.

I commuted to David Lubbock a Bowser couple times a **Staff Writer** week to check on her. My

son, who had started school at Texas Tech, looked in on her regularly. My sister came down from Kansas when she could. My stepfather spent most of his time with her in the hospice until he went home one night, kicked back

in his recliner to watch the news and never woke up.

Being the nearest child, I was the one that had to break the news to my sister, my stepsisters and, worst of all,



sition and feeling guilty that I couldn't do more for her.

I would sit in the darkened room, and we would talk about times long past. Sometimes we'd laugh. Sometimes we'd cry. There were times when she didn't

know that I was there. There were times when she would simply sleep. There were times we would gossip about old neighbors'. There were times when she would tell stories about her childhood in Michigan. Increasingly, she became confused.

A series of infections plagued her. Medications no longer helped. She was unconscious most of the time. The doctor gave my sister and me several options, none of which were good.

My sister and I agreed not to have her hooked up to machines to keep her alive. That had been her wish after my father died.

She was no longer the

woman who had helped me with my homework, read to me when I was little, got up at night to reassure me that there were no monsters under my bed or stayed up late to fix me something to eat when I came home from college on break.

I had driven down Sunday morning to check on her, not knowing if she would be asleep or awake, if she would be responsive or simply staring into space. When I arrived, her bed was raised slightly and she smiled. It was difficult for her to talk. In almost a whisper she told me I needed a haircut. We sat there for a while, holding

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# Today in History

### By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 28, the 87th day of 2005. There are 278 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On March 28, 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit Two reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa.

On this date:

In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.

In 1854, during the Crimean War, Britain and France declared war on Russia.

'Humanitarianism needs no apology... Unless we ... feel it toward all men without exception, we

In 1898, the Supreme Court ruled that a child born in the United States to Chinese immigrants was a U.S. citizen.

In 1930, the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara. In 1939, the





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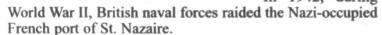
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 Ralph Barton Perry American author and educator (1876-1957)

Spanish Civil War ended as Madrid fell to the forces of Francisco Franco.

In 1941, novelist and critic Virginia Woolf died in Lewes, England. In 1942, during



In 1953, athlete Jim Thorpe died in Lomita, Calif.

In 1969, the 34th president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, died in Washington at age 78.

In 1994, playwright Eugene Ionesco died in Paris at age 81.

Ten years ago: In Japan, Mitsubishi Bank and the Bank of Tokyo agreed to a merger to create what was then the world's largest bank.

Five years ago: In a unanimous ruling, the Supreme Court sharply curtailed police power in relying on anonymous tips to stop and search people.

One year ago: French President Jacques Chirac's government suffered stinging defeats in regional elections seen as a vote of censure against painful economic reforms. Sir Peter Ustinov, the actor whose 60-year career included Oscar-winning roles in "Spartacus" and "Topkapi," died in Genolier, Switzerland, at age 82. Game show host Art James died in Palm Springs, Calif., at age 74.



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# What constitutes judicial murder?

Democratic national industry's chairman Howard Dean is on the stump trying to convince red state voters that his party has values. This leads me to ask if one of those values the Democrats supposedly champion is the death by starvation of Terri Schiavo. Is this the way they seek to prove they are the party that cares about people?

Dean has got to be kidding, presiding as he is over any efforts to save Terri, a party that thrives on the alive and breathing on her help and financial resources own, from an atrocious of the abortion industry, peddling their wares and filling the party's coffers with the

financial contributions. Isn't it strange that a party

- many of whose top members weep copious tears over Michael the death Reagan

penalty being Columnist applied to brutal murderers – can

find themselves opposing death by starvation and dehydration?

blood-soaked be seen as compassionate should they not look at the facts in this case - facts that prove that a massive injustice is being

> innocent human being? How can even use the word com-

when hardly any of their members have been willing to so much as lift a finger to save her?

A fact that bears strong scrutiny is the behavior of If the Democrats want to the lead judge in Florida,

George Greer - behavior that should at least cause raised eyebrows even among pro-death Democrats. Look at it this way - if

you are going to be the done to an judge, and at the same time act as the jury deciding if a person lives or dies, should they you not at least go visit the person to determine for yourself her true condition? passion Over the seven years that Greer has been active in the Schiavo case he has never even once bothered to see the woman over whom he has the power of life and

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Schiavo's fate not a political matter

Terri Schiavo, the braindamaged Florida woman so long in the news, has always evoked the sympathy of a caring nation, but never more so than today.

Her persistent vegetative state is no longer just an agonizing dilemma for her feuding husband and parents, but a political event that has led Congress into dangerous territory.

Republican leaders in the U.S. House and Senate returned to Washington on March 20 for an extraordinary session, attempting to block a Florida judge's decision to remove the feeding tube that has kept Schiavo technically alive for 15 years.

The Senate on March 20 and the House early March 21 approved a bill that would the have

feeding tube reinserted. President Bush then signed the bill into law.

Schiavo's

plight would be wrenching enough if it were a private matter between the husband and parents. It became a national issue when the family could not agree on whether she should be kept alive artificially, and the question went to the courts. Florida courts have been

wrestling with Schiavo's situation for several years.

A state appeals court judge give Schiavo's parents the presiding over the case right to sue in federal court to ordered the feeding tube removed

> Friday, bas-**Texas Thoughts** his ing decision largely on

> > b У Schiavo's husband that she would never have chosen to live in

> > her current condition. But rather than let the courts, which have studied this case closely, decide Schiavo's fate, congressional Republicans saw a chance to score political points by intervening and making the

case a cause célèbre.

Schiavo's sad condition has been horrible for her family, and there is no simple solution. The parents' love for their daughter is obviously immense, and their pleas go straight to the heart. But Schiavo's husband has to live with a terrible reality, too his belief that Schiavo would rather die than live in her current state.

For members of Congress to interfere now is unreasonable. For them to do so for political gain, to write a bill for one person, is uncon-scionable. Whether you agree with the parents or the husband, Schiavo's fate should not be a matter for politicians to decide.

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Austin American-Statesman testimony

# **United Supermarkets** to change gasolines

Barring weather delays, fuel shoppers in Pampa will soon notice a new look at the United Markets fuel station.

The store location at 1420 N. Hobart will soon begin marketing ConocoPhillips Company gasoline to provide branded, higher-quality gasoline for its customers. Work on the fuel station

canopy is scheduled to begin

'As a company, we're committed to providing our customers the best products and services we can provide.

> - Dan Sanders Company official

today as part of a companywide conversion to branded fuel. Conversion to the Conoco brand is taking place at all 19 company fuel stations during March, a news release from United Supermarkets said.

"As a company, we're committed to providing our customers the best products and services we can provide," said Dan Sanders, CEO of United Supermarkets, Ltd. "We have found the new Quality PROClean<sup>™</sup> Gasolines sold by ConocoPhillips Company to be superior to anything we've sold in the past. In fact, PROClean fuel has a detergent concentration far greater than our former unbranded fuel, and has been recognized by four of leading world's the automakers as meeting their 'top tier' standards. We believe customers will notice an improvement in their vehicles' performance.

factors such as war or natural disaster can influence the supply of fuel. Rarely does this affect global companies **Conoco-Phillips** like Company," he explained. "Typically, those who suffer most during these periods of fluctuation are retailers of unbranded fuel. Scarcity can drive up the cost, but that will no longer be the case at United."

United customers also will now be able to benefit from promotional activities of a global company. For example, the popular ConocoPhillips MasterCard offers consumers a 3 percent monthly rebate on all qualifying purchases made at ConocoPhillips branded fuel stations (plus a 1 percent rebate on all other qualifying purchases.)

"In effect, with prices at their current levels, our customers will receive an additional discount of more than a nickel a gallon," Sanders said.

Applications for the card will be available at the fuel kiosks and inside the store.

Conoco also offers a fleet card program, which will allow United to market its stations to larger businesses with substantial fuel needs. United first began offer-

ing fuel in May 1997.

"Many of our stations have been in operation for almost eight years, so the signage is beginning to reflect that age," Sanders said.

All 19 United fuel stations are being converted to the newly launched Conoco Oasis Image. That means a fresh face on the canopy and pumps, as well as new monument signage.

"It will brighten up the

Once all the fuel stations

stations and give them a

brand-new appearance," he

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### death.

Where have the Democrats been on this matter?

It should have been obvious even to Judge Greer that Terri's husband Michael Schiavo has an agenda that bears looking at. Shouldn't Greer have taken the time to go see the woman who has become his victim? A woman her only representative before the court in all these years has been her legal guardian -Michael - who wants her killed, presumably so he can go on with his life with his girlfriend and the two kids she has given him.

A visit to Terri could have shown the judge whether or not Terri really is in a persistent vegetative state, as Michael Schiavo and his lawyer and their experts claim, yet Judge Greer has failed to make that judgment on his own as a visit to Terri would have allowed him to do.

Polls, some of them deliberately rigged to prove the American people side with Michael Schiavo, show the nation sharply divided over the question of Terri's right to life. This is a direct result of the elite pro-Democrat mainstream media's deliberate distortion of the facts.

What facts? Terri is alive, breathing on her own, shows clear signs of recognition of her parents when they visit, smiling, sometimes laughing, exhibiting signs of discomfort and pain - things no vegetable can do. Killing her is nothing less than judicial murder.

Based on what the pro-death contingent is saying about Terri, that because she doesn't have any real quality of life, because she can't

feed herself or can't take care of herself or speak coherently, that she should be put to death in a cruel and inhuman manner.

In his final days, my dad Ronald Reagan, had no quality of life, could not feed himself or take care of himself, communicate in even the most rudimentary way, and lay bedridden and mute, a terrible burden on Nancy. Should I have told Nancy to stop feeding my dad so he could die and she could go on with her life?

And if I had, would not the nation have risen up in justifiable outrage and demanded that his life be preserved until God called him home?

Doesn't Terri Schiavo deserve the same concern, Dr. Dean?

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally.

### AgriNews

# New clover could spell good luck for livestock growers

**By ROBERT BURNS** 

Texas A&M News/Public Affairs

OVERTON - It's common knowledge that the high price of crude oil has driven up fertilizer prices. But studies here have shown cattle can gain 3 pounds per day grazing spring pastures of a new disease-tolerant

clover.

yields are reduced by as much as 50 percent. But worse, the productive lifespan of the survivors is shortened and that leaves months

daily gains ranged from 1.7 to 3.5 pounds, depending upon the stocking rate.

For consistency between studies, forage scientists typically use poundage to during the define stocking rates instead spring of head counts. In the study, without one animal unit was defined forage proas 1,000 pounds of animal duction. Smith said. Ryegrass

per acre. Low-, mediumand high-stocking rates were defined as 1.2, 2.0 and is one way to fill the 2.8 animal units, respectiveproduction ly. but

As might be expected, the unlike low stocking rates showed clovers, it the highest rate of daily needs sup- gain, 3.5 pounds per day. And the highest stocking rate of 2,800 pounds of animal per acre showed the lowest daily gain. But the medium stocking rate of 2,000 pounds of animal per acre resulted in nearly 3 work on pounds gain per acre per day.

300 pounds and young stocker animal 600.

As early as the 1960s, common practice was to mix arrowleaf seed with crimson clover seed and grow it throughout many southern states, from East Texas to Georgia. By mixing the early-maturing crimson clover and late-maturing arrowleaf, ranchers and farmers could have forage from February through early June.

Multiple disease problems, including plant viruses and fungal disease, effectively put a stop to this practice more than a decade ago. Of the diseases, bean yellow mosaic virus was the most

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"It is important for our customers to know that we have not sold our fueling facilities to Conoco – we are simply selling Conocobranded fuel," Sanders said.

Sanders said there are a number of other reasons why the company is converting to Conoco.

"First of all, our fuel supply will be more reliable.

have been converted, United will begin rolling out a number of Conoco-brand promotional efforts already being "Full-Service planned. Tuesdays," where additional personnel are on duty to fill gasoline tanks and clean

said.

windshields, also continues Occasionally, international at the Pampa store. **Inmate swallows handcuff key** 

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. in Juarez's midsection, so he (AP) — A jail inmate swallowed what could have been his key to freedom.

During a sweep of the high-security wing of County Jail, deputies discovered that inmate Jose Angel Juarez had swallowed a handcuff key. Lt. Craig Wilson said Juarez set off the metal detector during a walkthrough screening.

At first, deputies weren't sure what set off the metal detector, but they knew it was

was taken for an X-ray. A 1 1/2-inch handcuff key could be seen in Juarez's belly.

"It's our belief that the inmate would be using this to escape from custody," Wilson said.

Juarez, 29, is awaiting trial on felony charges of conspiracy, assault with a deadly weapon, kidnapping, robbery and carjacking, stemming from a Dec. 18, 2003, robbery of Farm Fresh Produce.

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hands.

When she drifted off to sleep, I went to have lunch with my son.

She was still asleep when we returned. The nurse said later that she had awakened briefly that evening after I returned home but then slipped off in a coma.

The next Sunday morning as I prepared to drive to Lubbock, the nurse called to tell me she was not doing well. Please hurry.

Mother died about 15 minutes before I got there. It's difficult to let go of someone you love.

It was difficult as I stood there, holding my mother

and watching my father slip away. It was difficult as I sat with my mother

Terri Shiavo family. I understand her parents' position. I can think of nothing worse than losing a child.

I realize that there is a difference between removing machines that breath and maintain bodily functions and removing a feeding tube, but there comes a time when you have to let go. I wish it were easy. It never is.

I worried about how my son would take his grandmother's death. No one close to him had ever died before, but perhaps he had a better perspective than I did.

"It wasn't Grammy anymore," he said.

(Texas Cooperative Extension Photo by **ROBERT BURNS**)

This clover leaflet has been abraded in order to infect it with bean vellow mosaic virus. Infected, susceptible plants usually begin showing symptoms in 10 to 14 days.

"That's with no added nitrogen, as you'd have to do with ryegrass pastures," said Dr. Ray Smith, legume breeder with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Commercial nitrogen fertilizer costs have increased to 40 cents per pound from about 35 cents a pound last vear. Natural gas is used in nitrogen fertilizer production, and natural gas price is linked to other fuel costs, including crude oil, Smith said.

Luckily for farmers and ranchers, Smith has developed Apache, an arrowleaf clover that is tolerant to bean yellow mosaic virus, has great seedling vigor, gives early forage production, a long grazing season, and offers high nutritive value, he said.

"This new clover is tolerant to the bean yellow mosaic virus that has plagued arrowleaf for the last 20 years," said Smith, who is based at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Overton.

Smith would say that science had more to do with the development of the clover than luck, however. Older arrowleaf clovers varieties such as Yuchi, Meeche and Amclo, are affected by bean yellow mosaic virus in several ways. Some plants are killed outright by lethal wilt. Others go on to survive but suffer a variety of symptoms, including misshapen leaves, yellowed leaves or leaves spotted in a yellow mosaic pattern. Of the surviving plants,

plemental nitrogen to be highly productive. Smith began

gap,

arrowleaf clover disease resistance in the late 1980s. He started with the conventional method of growing arrowleaf cultivars in the field and selecting those plants that appeared healthy while rejecting those that were prone to disease infection.

"This conventional breeding method just wasn't working," Smith said.

Why? Because, he said, the bean yellow mosaic is spread by aphids, and the insect's haphazard habits meant that some plants would become infected while those nearby might not.

"So we were selecting those plants that both had tolerance to bean yellow mosaic virus and those which just happened to dodge the bullet, so to speak," Smith said.

With this realization, Smith moved to greenhouse trials where he could control the spread of virus. He inoculated plants by hand with a slurry of tissue from infected plants. At the same time, he continued field trials, but mechanically inoculated those plants with the virus as well.

After years of crossing plants from both the greenhouse and field selections, Smith released the result, Apache clover, in 2001. Seed production made the new clover available to farmers in 2002.

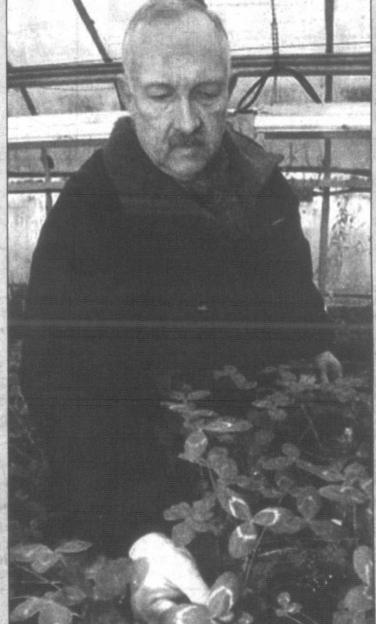
Dr. Monte Rouquette, another forage scientist also based at the Overton center, did a grazing study with Apache that lasted from early March 2003 to the first of June 2003. The test showed calves' average

To put stocking rate in perspective, figure the average beef cow will weigh in about 1,200 pounds, her calf

prevalent and damaging.

Bean yellow mosaic virus didn't affect crimson clover, but it killed arrowleaf clover, stunted it, or caused it to mature early.

"It left a production gap from when the crimson matured to when warm season grasses came on in June that was not filled until the release of Apache," Smith said.



(Texas Cooperative Extension Photo by ROBERT BURNS) Ray Smith, forage researcher with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station developed Apache arrowleaf clover for improved tolerance to bean yellow mosaic virus. All arrowleaf clovers take their name from the arrowhead-shaped chevrons on their leaflets.

after she died. My heart goes out to the



DEAR ABBY: I recently graduated with a master's degree in counseling psychology. I have worked in the mental health field since I was 22. I am now 28. I have always somewhat enjoyed my work and was sure that once I furthered my education, the jobs would become more challenging and enjoyable. However, while doing my internship for this degree, I began to realize I don't truly enjoy working with people.

I have sought therapy for the past two years, but never seem to be able to figure out what I really want to do with my life. I'm scared that I lack the compassion to be a therapist, but the guilt that goes along with accepting this notion is enormous -- especially since my husband and I moved to a new city just for me to get my degree.

I am working as a therapist and am very unhappy in my job. I would even go so far as to say that I dislike the clients with whom I am working. Part of me feels it is my ethical obligation to leave this job before I inadvertently hurt someone, but another part of me is scared to try something new because I have school loans and other living expenses to pay. Any advice you can offer would be greatly appreciated. --UNHAPPY THERAPIST IN **COLORADO** 

**DEAR UNHAPPY: You** have written a very frank letter. It is time to stop beating yourself up and to consider what your other options are. Your resentment of your patients could be early career burnout, or have more to do with your frustration about yourself than anything to do with them. Whatever is at the root of it, you'll be doing them -- and yourself -- a favor if you for a while.

Alternatively, go to the public library to research trade publications and newspapers, and discover how you can apply the skills you have learned to fields other than counseling. Don't be afraid to think outside the box. Whether the change is temporary or permanent, it'll help you to center yourself again regarding how you should contribute to society.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a new friend I'll call April. We have a lot in common and have been spending more and more time together. However, every once in a while she'll insult me. It's usually an offhand comment, and fairly out of context. For example, the other night we were talking about our old teenage boyfriends, agreeing about how silly we were -- and she said, "You're pathetic."

I never get to address these insults because she quickly changes the subject and acts very casual about it. I have tried bringing the subject back up, but she sort of zones out, and changes the subject again.

I have some wonderful, longterm friends, and it has been a long time since I have tried to make new ones. Am I overreacting? I'm tempted to just walk away, but I don't want to be too picky and not give someone a chance. -- OUT OF PRACTICE IN COLORADO

**DEAR OUT OF PRAC-**TICE: It isn't being too picky to tell this new "friend" that when she calls you pathetic, she's hurting your feelings. It's the truth. I don't know if April is new to Colorado, but this might be a slang expression take a break from counseling from where she comes from, like "Shut UP!" If it's not the Many universities offer case, I recommend that you career counseling and aptitude chose a more supportive friend



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# Sports Day

WHEN CARING CROSSES THE LINE

# The Hippocratic Oath: A doctor's pledge, not a young thespian's acting agreement

There has been plenty of debate over the rights and wrongs regarding the Terri Schiavo case. I do not care which side of the debate you are on. I do not care how you feel or what you think about the plight of this woman that has seemingly galvanized our country.

It is, however, important that you do think. That you do feel. That you talk about it, sharing opinion while listening to others.

For me, the Terri Schiavo case brings to light at least two things that have bothered me for years.

The first is the progress of medicine and the ability doctors have to prolong life where, perhaps, there should not be life at all. When I see, hear, read or otherwise learn about cases' such as this, I cannot help but wonder, "What if God it trying to call this person home?"

Even the atheist and/or agnostic must ask, "What if the body is simply shutting down?" After all, biologically, we are born to die.

Our system knows when the end is near, and begins to function in such a manner that allows the end to come, more often than not, as painlessly as possible.

Still, "What if" is an easy question to ask yourself when the subject matter has no impact or variance on you. That is to say, I am not sure I could ask the same question if the subject matter were a family member.

It is simply one of those life experiences we don't want to think about, but should.

No matter what caused Terri Schiavo to be in the condition she is in, that care has been - and as of the writing of this column - continues to be provided by hospice personnel in Florida. 'Hospice' and 'recovery' are not words you will often, if ever, find used in the same sentence. Hospice is essentially end-of-life care.

Nonetheless, we are now

hearing reports that one Michael J. side is suggesting they Stevens believe Terri somehow let them know she wants to Sports live. Therefore, to let her Editor die would be murder, paving the way for future legal actions.

The other side says they have never seen her look more radiant or peaceful. This then would allow her death to be seen as merciful. Legal actions will still follow, but may be harder to justify.

In recent days, there have been many, Terri's immediate family included, that have issued demands to President Bush and his brother, Governor Jeb Bush of Florida, to intervene and save Terri's life. "Use your executive powers," they pleaded.

The problem is, these men really do not possess such powers. Governor Bush took a bold step in seeking to have Terri deemed a ward of the state based upon allegations of abuse. The request was denied.

Frankly, both have done all they can.

The greater problem I have is with those idiots that take advantage of situations like this to cash in on their 15-minutes of fame. Especially those who send their little kids in to get arrested.

Look, this is not the time to be auditioning your child for Home Alone XII.

Some caring parents thought it would be

get frisked, cuffed and hauled away by a

For some, this is a life experience we try

Sure, it was all ceremony, which makes it

Honestly, if I were one of the cops, I

would have let those kids pass. I would love

to see them turn around looking for mommy

and daddy with that, 'uh-oh, now what do

Those kids should not be arrested,

mommy and daddy should. They should be

booked and tossed in the pokey for being

worse. Those police officers have better

things to do than assist those parents in pro-

moting their child's acting careers.

cool to send their youngsters toting plastic cups filled with water to try to make it beyond the police barricade, knowing all that was going to happen is that the kids would get arrested.

Florida is very pro-child and has little to no tolerance when it comes to parents doing dumb things. In many cases, the children are taken away and placed in foster care until mom and/or dad can prove they are fit to care for them.

Medical technology today is amazing. What doctors and health care professionals are able to do now is beyond what most could have dreamed not long ago.

It is necessary to remember, despite these advances, all doctors are bound by Hippocratic Oath, the modern version of which contains the line, "I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as sci-Nothing says 'I love ence, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug."

The original, as drawn-up by Hippocrates, the father of medicine, contains the following statement, "I will apply dietetic measures for the benefit of the sick according to my ability and judgment; I will keep them from harm and injustice."

As the Terri Schiavo case continues to unfold, it may be important to remember, some will speak based on emotion, while others will speak based on what they believe to be medical fact. In such cases, there is rarely, if ever, a winner.

It is times such as this, I wish we had the ability to see into one's mind, such as Terri Schiavo's, and know for sure, what, if anything, they were thinking.

# Pampa goes 2-1 in Amarillo; at Borger for double-header

**By MICHAEL J. STEVENS** Sports Editor

"The Pampa High School" the most part. "He did a junior varsity baseball team great job," said Allen. will travel to Borger today Jarron Clark was stout at for an afternoon doublethe plate, bagging a single header with the Bulldogs. and a double in the loss. Davis, along with Robbie First pitch is scheduled for 5 p.m. Dixon, Shane Davis and Colden Fortenberry each Coach Allen and his charges are coming off a got singles.

fine performance at the Amarillo JV Tournament

that began last Thursday

Pampa won the Thursday

The following morning,

the Harvesters returned to

Amarillo to take on Amarillo High at the

Sandie's home field. Pampa

fell the Golden Sandstorm,

Davis on the hill. And

against Amarillo High for

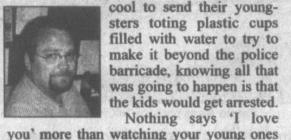
Allen started Keenan

opener against Palo Duro.

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In the second game, Pampa took on the Longhorns of Caprock, winning that game 9-7.

Dakota Gowin took the win for the Harvesters, pitching 6 complete innings, serving up three walks and three strikeouts.

Alex Torres came to life on offense, going 3-3. Brady Eakin, Robbie Dixon, Jarron Clark and Gowin all had two hits in the game.

Brad Johnson and despite a rough start, Davis Colden Fortenberry both was able to hold his own had a hit each. Pampa, is now 6-6.

I Pampa JV coach Clint Allen spends a few moments with his team prior to Thursday's game.

# Smitka, Curtis leap to first place at Borger track meet

Here are the results of the Pampa Junior HIgh School girls track meet at Borger, held March 24.

8th grade 1st: Plainview, 119 2nd: Canyon, 115 3rd: Borger, 112 4th: Westover, 101 1/2 5th: Hereford, 83 6th: Pampa, 46 7th: Dumas, 41 1/2

**Pampa Individual/Relay Results** Triple Jump: 5th, Kelby Doughty Long Jump: 2nd, Kelby Doughty

400 M Relay: 6th, Kelby Doughty, Teysha Parker, Kamie Doughty, Kylee Wariner

100 M Hurdles: 6th, Diana Mechelay 100 M Dash: 3rd, Kelby Doughty

Pole Vault: 1st, tie-Kristin Smitka (6'6") 800 M Relay: 5th, Keisha Crowell, Kamie Doughty, Kylee Wariner, Kelby Doughty

300 M Hurdles: 3rd, Diana Mechelay

1600 M Relay: 4th, Kamie Doughty, Diana Mechelay, Destiny Fitzer, Kylee Wariner

7th grade 1st: Westover, 160 2nd: Dumas, 135 3rd: Canyon, 87

4th: Plainview, 83 5th: Pampa, 75 6th: Hereford, 47 7th: Borger, 30

### Pampa Individual/Relay Results 100 M Hurdles: 6th, Emilie Troxell

Shot Put: 3rd, Sammie Pearson; 5th, **Delissa Salazar** 

400 M Relay: 6th, Keonti Nickelberry, Emilie Troxell, Whitney Wade, Kara Stephens

2400 M Run: 1st, Faby Soria (9:01.02) Discus: 1st, Matricia Davis (69'1/2") 300 M Hurdles: 2nd, Kara Stephens 200 M Dash: 2nd, Gabby Savoir 100 M Dash: 4th, Gabby Savoir High Jump: 1st, Kimberly Curtis (4'4") 1600 M Run: 1st, Faby Soria (5:51.81) 1600 M Relay: 5th, Cheyanne Collins, Whitney Wade, Kayla Ware, Faby Soria

# **Harvester hurler Hopkins** will try to curb free passes when Pampa hosts PD

### **By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor**

The Lady Harvester junior varsity team will be home this afternoon to host Palo Duro. That game will get under way at 4:30 this afternoon at Lady Harvester Field.

Pampa's history against PD, and the fact the Don's program is struggling thus far, paints the picture of a Pampa win. Still, as any coach will tell you, the game must be played. And anything can, and often will, happen. "We gotta show up," said Harvester coach Troy Owens.

"Our pitching must get better," said Owens. His team (8-1-1, 2-0) has given up 25 walks in it's first two district games of the season.

Maggie Hopkins will start the game in the pitcher's circle for the Lady Harvesters. The varsity girls will host the Lady Dons

tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

# **Rookie Reed Sorenson wins** first NASCAR Busch race

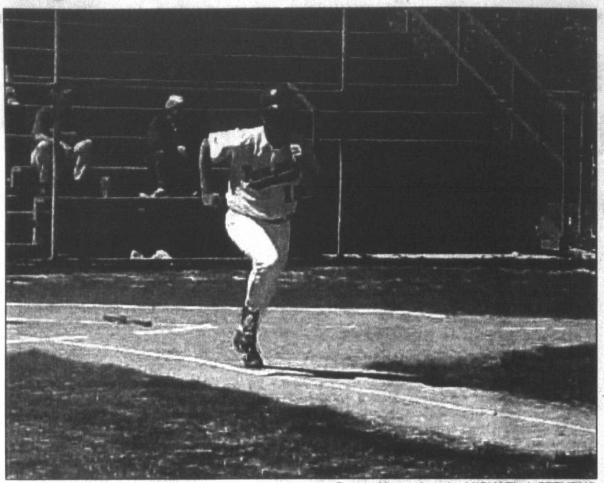
GLADEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Rookie Nashville Superspeedway. Reed Sorenson raced to his first NASCAR onds in the Pepsi 300 event at nearby for the first time.

The 19-year-old Georgia driver, making Busch Series victory Saturday, beating only the 11th start of his Busch career, start-Kenny Wallace by a whopping 14.417 sec- ed from the pole after topping qualifying

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# Hit parade



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

A Robbie Dixon takes off for first base en route to a single in Pampa's meeting with Palo Duro last Thursday. The JV Harvesters are in Borger for a double-header this afternoon.

### **TPC: Good weather, close competition**

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) ---At last, there was some good news for The Players Championship: a compelling battle for the title and a dry forecast.

"We haven't had that all week," said Mark Russell, the PGA Tour's tournament director who's seen more radar weather reports this week than any TV weatherman.

Storms have drenched the tour's unofficial fifth major, soaking fairways and stopping play five times since Friday. The last one came three hours into Sunday's third round. It forced players back for a 7:15 a.m. resumption with the hope of finishing things by Monday night.

"I think we need to play all the golf we possibly can," Russell said. "And if that means finishing (Monday), that would be great."

And so could the competition for the top. Joe Durant and Luke Donald stood at 11under, a shot ahead of Tim Herron, Zach Johnson, Lee Westwood and defending Players champion Adam Scott.

Herron, who tied the tournament record earlier Sunday with six straight birdies, said the frustration with the weather delays is growing in the players' locker room. At almost any other tournament, considerations would be made to end things earlier as officials did last month when Adam Scott won the Nissan Open after 36 holes and a one-hole playoff.

Herron thinks The Players Championship should end Monday, one way or another.

"I mean, I don't think it should go until Tuesday," Herron said. "That's my opinion, basically. But if we can get in 72 by tomorrow, then fair game." Scott was strongly in favor of going the

full distance. His Nissan title won't be counted as an official win - and he understands completely.

"I never played under any pressure" at the Riviera Country Club, Scott said. "I didn't come down the stretch having a chance to win. I didn't play the back nine on Sunday under that pressure where you've got to pull off shots and you've got to suck it up and play good golf." He's not belittling the Nissan Open, but the week at TPC Sawgrass is something special.

# Davis names teams; 670 sign-ups assure competitive season

Bank of America, Cree Oil Co., Lions Club and Holmes Sports Center are the four Pampa teams which will compete in the Pampa Optimist Babe Ruth League this season, according to Optimist **Baseball Commissioner Kevin Davis.** 

"Clarendon is bringing a Babe Ruth team for the third year," Davis said. "Claude will participate for the second year. Panhandle had a Babe Ruth team last year. We are hoping that they will be able to make a team and participate again this season."

"Drafts were held Wednesday in the 9-10 Cal Ripken League and Friday in the T-Ball League," Optimist President Ronnie N. Haynes said. "Drafts should be complete for all leagues within a few days."

At the close of tryouts Thursday, 670 players had registered for Optimist Baseball/Softball 2005, including 603 from Pampa, Davis reported. "We are taking additional sign-ups until teams fill

up with a maximum of 15 players per team. For example, we can only register eight more Babe Ruth players on Pampa teams because we now have 13 on each team. After that players will be placed on a waiting list. Parents of boys or girls from five to 15 wishing to register for any of our leagues should call me at 665-7843 or Ronnie Haynes at 665-6859."

"We are overwhelmed with the response to our program this year," Havnes said. "We are adding six Pampa teams in three different leagues. We welcome McLean to our Senior Girls' Softball League for the first time. We are glad to have players from Wheeler, Claude, Skellytown, Miami, Groom and Lefors play with us. With the additional players brings the need for a half dozen more coaches."

Practice will begin this week for most leagues with games starting the week of April 11 for some leagues for the Pampa United Way agency.

# The drawbacks of being a gypsy coach

### **By JIM LITKE Associated Press**

Most of the stories about Rick Pitino in the coming week will point out that he is the first coach to take three men's programs to the Final Four.

To which the casual fan will remark: "Only three?"

Well, yes.

It only seems as if Pitino has had as many head coaching jobs as Larry Brown. The Louisville team Pitino brings to St. Louis to face Illinois is his sixth overall, his fourth from the college ranks. Brown, taking a break from the Pistons bench while recuperating from hip surgery, is drawing his latest paycheck from a 10th employer, all but two of them pro teams.

And so while the comparison might be flattering in terms of success, it's done Pitino's image more harm than good. Because the players already turn over every few years, college basketball fans don't take to carpetbagging coaches quite as kindly. And they like the ambitious ones least of all. For the longest time, Pitino did nothing to discourage the perception that he was always available to the highest bidder. He took Providence to the Final Four, but walked out on the Friars after just two seasons when the NBA's New York Knicks, his hometown team, came calling. He went back to college and won a national championship at Kentucky in 1996, seven years after a scandal rocked the program, then almost won another in 1997, losing the national title game to Arizona in overtime. But the year after, Pitino was on the move again, lured from Kentucky by the NBA's Boston Celtics with the promise of control

over operations there.

And as the late Jim Valvano, another New Yorker who headed south to make his mark, used to say, "Perception beats reality by a mile, every time." Even if the perception no longer fits the reality.

Pitino, now 52, is a changed man, and a changed coach on top of that, and if his words aren't convincing enough, there are his deeds. Playing West Virginia on Saturday for a shot at the Final Four, Pitino did something he'd never done in 18 previous seasons as a college coach.

"I've never abandoned a whole scouting report at halftime," he recalled afterward. "But it had to be abandoned."

Pitino made his reputation as a turnaround specialist, both in college and the pros, by featuring a length-of-the-floor pressing defense and a frenetic offense built around the 3-point shot. Increasingly, though, since arriving at Louisville at 2001, he's employed a zone defense to cover up for the lack of depth caused by injuries and even more, by the defection of so many talented youngsters to the pros. And after watching West Virginia shred that zone while building a 20-point lead in the first half — the Mountaineers shot a blistering .650 from the field, .714 from the beyond the 3-point arc, making 10-of-14 3s Pitino did a 180 of his own. He told the Cardinals in the locker room at halftime to start trapping and pressing all over the court, taking the risk that even in the altitude of Albuquerque, N.M., 5,300 feet above sea level, his players would have enough left to attack the basket on the other end down the stretch. "I didn't really think we had it in us," Pitino said. "But it was the only way we could do it."

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"I was possibly expecting to hand over the trophy today," Scott said. "But I've put myself into position where maybe I can hang onto it a little longer."

There are several who wouldn't mind taking it from him.

Stewart Cink was two strokes behind at 9-under par. Steve Elkington, who owns a pair of Players trophies, was at 8-under. Phil Mickelson and Retief Goosen were at 7-under, while Davis Love III was at 6under. Even Ernie Els, at 4-under par, wasn't too far back to make a run.

"At this point, everybody is just like, 'Lets go,"' Durant said. "We want to get this thing done."

"We want to find the Players champion for the year, and you do that best by playing 72 holes," Scott said.

Forgotten in the muck and the sound of that awful horn stopping play, were some compelling moments of golf:

Steve Jones, the first-round leader, couldn't sustain his stellar play.

 Tiger Woods recovered from a double bogey on his first hole Sunday morning to extend his record cut streak to 140.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 29, 2005:

You have a way of stating your feelings and opinions that makes waves. Your smile carries your message. You hit the bull's-eye. Others make an impression on you, but you also make an impression on them. Use your intellectual abilities to home in on what you want. You have a gentle way of expressing yourself that draws many. One-on-one relating energizes success and closeness. You deal with others well. Creativity punctuates your relationships. If you are single, you have a way of drawing in others. Verbalize your feelings. Be sure of yourself when making a commitment. If you are attached, your relationship develops because you are more willing to share your perspective and feelings. SCOR-PIO tells it like it is.

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)

 $\star \star \star \star$  Be willing to bottom out and look at a primary issue. How you see a situation could change with a conversation. You are unusually verbal and direct. Count on your ability to maintain a viable discussion. Tonight: Take the high road.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* Others delight in having a discussion as long as you are honest and express what is going on. Your ability to discuss pertinent information helps another reveal his or her feelings. You don't need to agree. You simply need to listen. Tonight: Time for a quiet chat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* Your work demands a lot of attention. You have the wherewithal to clear out everything you need to. If retired, you still have quite a few projects on the horizon. Handle them. Express your feelings in a way that others can hear and respond to. Tonight: Hook up with a pal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$  Your ability to use situations creatively separates you from many. Brainstorm. An innate flirtatiousness comes out whether you want it to or not. Try to use it where it counts. A discussion about feelings is way overdue. Start up talks. Tonight: Relax. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star \star \star$  Deal with basics. Don't hesitate to express your thoughts. You might be a little taken aback by a close loved one, but it is better to clear the air. Your genuineness comes through. Anything is resolvable, as you will discover. Tonight: Let the romantic Lion out. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Your inquiries bring about a very forthright discussion in which you can deal with the feelings of both of you. What might not have been a problem could develop into one. Loosen up and work with facts -- you'll gain. Tonight: At home

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

 $\star$ gain, you have the ability to move past that realm. A relationship opens up because of a talk and an open exchange. You can count on a partner to tell it like it is. Make room for more intimacy. Tonight: Chat over dinner. Be vourself. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* You're in a position to clear up problems and handle them in different ways. A conversation will open a

door if you allow it to. Good relationships with the people you deal with on

a daily basis might be as important as the one with your sweetie. Tonight: Pay bills.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Take your time right now responding to someone's very caring gesture. He or she is sincere, but you need to know your feelings. A discussion warms the atmosphere when you are ready to share. Tonight: Just be vourself

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  $\star \star \star$  Zero in on what you want. Sometimes you might feel that others demand way too much. Considering what is happening, be willing to take a leap of faith. You're coming from a grounded space. You can deal with the unexpected. Tonight: Retreat and take some personal time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* Many dump responsibilities on you, but you accept what is happening pleasantly. You want to understand what makes a key person in your life tick. Start conversations and ask questions. You have a way with others. Tonight: Find your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Financial matters take a different slant when you do some research. Still, you might not want to sign an agreement today. Take your time and don't allow someone to push you. You have excellent questions. Tonight: Check in with a parent or older friend.

**BORN TODAY** Singer Pearl Bailey (1918), actor Christopher Lawford (1955), composer Vangelis (1943)

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# **NFL** Network takes control of local team regional networks

ers have voted to disband regional networks run by the Dallas Cowboys and Atlanta Falcons.

In return, the teams will get items for local use from the netinclude all 32 coaches.

The decision was made at last week's meetings in Maui, Sports Business Journal reported Monday. It was approved by a vote of 30-1 with one abstention.

The NFL Network began broadcasting in late 2003 and has had

NEW YORK (AP) - NFL own- increasing control in recent months in broadcasting league events, ranging from announcements of the Hall of Fame vote to live news conferences from league meetings.

**Commissioner Paul Tagliabue** work, which conducts shows that had previously placed a moratorium on adding regional networks, although the Cowboys were allowed to keep running theirs because it had already started. The new league move does not "grandfather" in networks only in existence.

# **Fortson suspended** for refusing to play

SEATTLE (AP) - The Seattle Antonio next week because he's SuperSonics suspended Danny recovering from a sprained left Fortson for their game against Washington on Sunday night, two days after he refused to enter a game against New York.

one game, Fortson will not accompany the Sonics on their two-game road trip to Memphis and San

ankle.

General manager Rick Sund said Fortson told coach Nate McMillan he couldn't play in the second half Although the suspension was for of the Knicks' game, which the Sonics won in overtime, because he wasn't ready.

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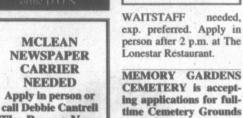
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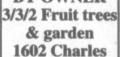
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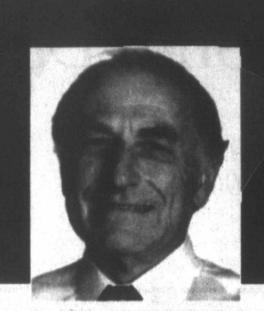
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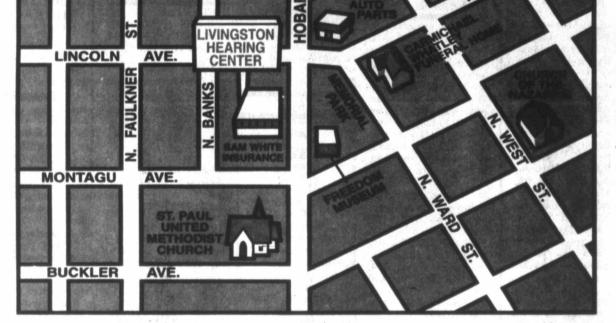






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