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Bizarre accident injures trooper

A Texas Department of Public Safety trooper stationed in Groom was injured Saturday afternoon after his patrol vehicle was struck by a semitrailer on Interstate 40 near Groom. Strong winds were a factor in the incident.

According to a DPS report, Trooper Antonio Rocha, 39, was sitting inside his patrol vehicle in the center median of I-40 one mile west of Groom. He had been providing traffic control for an existing crash.

A Carson County deputy, who was also assisting with

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Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Lanell Riggs stands by the huge mound of tumbleweeds that blew over the fence Saturday and landed in her backyard in the 2100 block of Lea Street. Luckily, some people from the church that Riggs attends are renting a trailer and coming by to clean up her property.

Tumbleweeds cause headache for some

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

The strong winds on Saturday piled up tumbleweeds around houses all over the city.

Unfortunately, city does not have the manpower available currently to many. help residents with the cleanup.

"I sympathize with those people needing help with clearing the tumbleweeds from their properties," Horst said. "At the present time, we do not have the manpower necessary to go around town and help with that effort. We are still picking up tree limbs from the ice storms and do not expect to be finished in Ward 4 until the end of March with that project.'

Horst said they also have a shortage of personnel at the

Eighteen students par-

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word "toucan."

landfill. Street repairs and dealing with the many water main breaks has kept the city workers busy lately.

One option is to call a lawn company to come pick up the tumbleweeds, but Manager John Horst said the Horst said he knows that may not be affordable to

"We do have a free alternative for residents," Horst said. "They can call the landfill and ask for the loan a truck. One of the city workers will bring out a dump truck after 4 p.m. and leave it in front of your house until early the next morning. This is free of charge and can be used by anyone to clean out their garage or tumbleweeds in this case."

Those interested in the loan a truck program can call the landfill between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at

City to discuss

entrances

Top spellers at bee



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

on highways ticipated in the Gray **County Spelling Bee** this morning at Pampa By KERRI SMITH Junior High School. All Staff Writer four of the public ele-Pampa mentary schools were Commission will hold a sperepresented and stucial meeting at noon Wednesday in City Hall to dents from St. Vincent discuss improvements to Catholic School and highway entries into the **Community Christian** city. School participated as Commissioners will also well. Junior Champion order an election to be held and Gray County May 12 for the purpose of **Champion was Austin** electing a mayor and city fourth-grader Jenna commissioners for Wards 1 Gee, left, who will go on and 3, award a bid for delin-

> A report from Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner on

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Bikers unite to provide support for child victims

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Don't be fooled by the tough-looking black leather, studs, chains, do-rags, tat-

toos and motorcycles. Whenever you see a member of BACA, you're looking at a person with a big soft spot for children.

A chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse was started in Pampa last May and has grown to 25 members. The members stand ready to provide moral and emotional support to victims

of child abuse and neglect. "We're here to give kids support," said Randy "Crazy Eagle" Estep, president of the Pampa chapter. "We're just here to try to make it

better for them."

BACA is a national organization that was started in 1995 in Utah by a licensed child therapist who saw a need for such a group to help child abuse and neglect victims overcome the trauma of their experiences and be able to face their abuser in court, according to a flyer provided by the organization.

"You want them to know that there's somebody they can lean on," said J-Dawg. Most of the BACA members are known only by their road names, with the exception of the top officers of the chap-

The relative anonymity of

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Members of the Pampa chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse include, from left, Crazy Eagle, Ladybug, Bunny, Pretty Boy Floyd and Bullet.

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Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Windy, with a southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Wind chill values between 25 and 30. Windy, with a southwest wind 15 to 25 mph becoming northwest. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 51. Northwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. West-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 45. Northnorthwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Hail damages space shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Hail from a passing thunderstorm dinged a section of space shuttle Atlantis' external fuel tank, and NASA managers weren't sure Tuesday morning if the damage was severe enough to postpone next month's launch.

The storm Monday evening passed over the launch pad where Atlantis was being prepared for a March 15 launch, NASA spokesman Johnson said.

"Right now, the big deal is how many divots? How deep are they? Can they be repaired at the pad? Can they not be repaired at the pad?" Johnson

repairs to the external tank on as planned.

the launch pad using an enormous crane, or they can move the space shuttle back into its Vehicle Assembly Building to fix the divots.

The damage is concentrated in the upper third of the enormous external tank, a section which holds liquid oxygen propellant.

The shuttle's launch window extends into late March. Russia plans to launch a Soyuz vehicle to the international space station in early April.

Coincidentally, NASA managers on Tuesday began a two-day meeting at the Kennedy Space Center to determine whether there were NASA technicians have any problems that would pretwo options: They can make vent Atlantis from launching



Obituaries

Services tomorrow.

CUNNINGHAM, Mildred Pauline Walker — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Miami. DALLAS, Mary Jane Adams — 10:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

Mildred Pauline Walker Cunningham, 96

Walker Pauline Cunningham, 96, of Miami, Texas, died Feb. 25, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at the First United Methodist Church in Miami with Dr. Lewis Holland, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Plainview, officiating.

Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Cunningham was born Sept. 5, 1910, in Clay County, Texas. She moved to Miami in 1925 with her parents, W.B. and Mary Hannah Walker. She graduated from Miami High School.

MIAMI, Texas - Mildred Cunningham on June 29, 1931, in Cheyenne, Okla. He that she was a three-time preceded her in

> death on Feb. 28, 1980. She was an active member of

the First United Methodist Church, serving as treasurer and organist, and was a life member of the Wesleyan Service Cunningham Guild.

She was a member and past matron of the Miami Chapter #98 Order of the Eastern Star. She served as vice president and treasurer of the Order of the Eastern Star Gavel Club in Pampa, and held a dual membership in the New Mexico Bethel She married Joe J. Chapter #15 of Tucumcari.

Mildred was most proud

winner of the Cow National Calling Contest in the Grandmother Division. In 1957, she was appointed Justice of the Peace of Precinct Roberts 1 of County. She served for 29 years, retiring in 1986.

Survivors include one son, Toby Cunningham and wife Jeannie of Panhandle; one Ruth Ann daughter, Litchfield of Tucumcari, N.M.; four grandchildren, Donny Cunningham of Sam League City, Cunningham of Amarillo, Nikki Smith of Lockney and

Leslie Brusa of Las Vegas, Nev.; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and one sister, Helen Philpott and husband Kint of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Joe Litchfield; a son-in-law, Calvin Litchfield; three sisters, May Cunningham, Airhart Dortha Catherine Fazzi; and two brothers, Frank Walker and Ernest Walker.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 201 S. Main, Miami, TX 79059.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

Thirteen traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 400 block of North Ballard and an unreported location.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2800 block of Charles, the 1800 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Neel and

McCullough streets. Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1500 block of North Hobart, the 1900 block of North Nelson, an unreported location, the 400 block of North Roberta, the intersection of Foster and Ward streets, the 700 block of Roberta, the intersection of Wilks and Nelson streets, the 1100 block of Sandlewood, the 1500 block of East Frederic, the 1300 block of Coffee, the 300 block of East Brown and the 600 block of North Zimmers.

Found property was reported in the 600 block of North Faulkner. A compact disc player was found.

Lost property was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic. A purse and contents, including cash, were lost. Estimated value of loss is \$180.

300 block of Tignor and the 1800 block of North Nelson. A civil matter was reported in the

Welfare checks were made in the

1000 block of East Gordon. Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one arrest.

Agency assistance was rendered on Highway 60 East.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 900 block of Denver.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the police department lobby and the 1300 block of East Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1700 block of Duncan. Ice cream was thrown on a vehicle.

Estimated cost of cleanup is \$20.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1700 block of Christine. Cake batter was thrown on a vehicle and house. Estimated cost of cleanup is \$15.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of North Starkweather. A window was broken out of a house with a pellet gun. Estimated cost of damage is

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of South Finley and the 1100 block of South Nelson. Telephone harassment was

reported in the 1000 block of East Gordon. A narcotics violation was report-

ed in the 1400 block of South

Evading arrest and detention and warrant service were reported in the 700 block of North Gray. An arrest was made in connection with

A drug pipe was found during a follow-up investigation in the 500 block of West Brown.

Sex offender registration was reported in the police department

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of North

Assault was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic. No injuries were reported in connection with

the incident. One burglar alarm was reported. Identity theft was reported in the

police department lobby. Fraud was reported in the 500

block of Lowry. Theft was reported in the 1100 block of Darby and on two occa-

sions in the police department

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, Feb. 26

3:02 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to the 1000 block of North Dwight on a structure fire, which turned out to be rags on fire in the kitchen that were out upon arrival.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Feb. 26

9:56 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of North Nelson and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:27 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Frederic and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

1:21 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Coffee. No transport.

3:24 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to NWTH.

10:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Huff and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

3:21 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1000 block of

Correction

An error was printed in an article published in the Sunday, Feb. 28 issue of The Pampa News titled "Museum Mementos: The story of Henry and Jenny Ledrick." The correction is as follows: The railroad station that received its third name as Pampa in 1892 was at first known mainly as a shipping point for cattle.

Florida appeals court to consider custody of Smith's body WEST PALM BEACH, Howard K. Stern, have until

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Fla. (AP) — The fate of Anna Nicole Smith's body was in the hands of three judges appeals court Tuesday who will decide whether to overturn a trial court ruling that meant the Playboy model would be

buried in the Bahamas. The Florida 4th District Court of Appeal is considering a petition filed Monday centerfold's estranged mother, Virgie Arthur, who challenged the trial court's decision last week that gave control of Smith's body to a courtappointed advocate for her infant daughter,

Dannielynn. The advocate, Richard Milstein, and the attorney Smith's boyfriend, 2 p.m. Tuesday to respond. Milstein had said he

would bury Smith in the Bahamas beside her 20year-old son, who died last year. Arthur wants Smith

buried in her native Texas. She claimed in the petition that Circuit Judge Larry Seidlin had no authority under Florida law to grant custody to the advocate, and that the mother is the "legally recognized person" to take Smith's remains.

In an earlier filing, Milstein said that "every witness including Arthur testified that Anna Nicole Smith expressed an interest in being buried in either California or the Bahamas" and as "a matter of undisputable law, Dannielynn is her mother's 'next of kin'; Arthur is not."

Arthur's lawyer, Roberta G. Mandel, said her client was willing to take the fight to the state Supreme Court. This mother is a mother

who deserves the right to bury her child," Mandel said.

Telephone messages left for Mandel and Milstein were not returned after the appeals court decision. Seidlin declined to com-

Stern attorney Ron Rale said his client was continuing the fight.

"We've obviously been preparing just in case," Rale said. "But this is just sad that Virgie is pursuing her

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Student standoff Swinging time. shuts down campus

ROLLA, Mo. (AP) — Nearly two dozen people were being decontaminated today after a white, powdery substance was found on a student who claimed to have a bomb and threatened "terrorist-type" actions at the University of Missouri-Rolla, officials said.

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The man, described as a graduate student depressed about his grades, also claimed to have anthrax, according to police. School officials said "possible bomb materials" were found when he was taken into custody.

Twenty-three people were sent through a decontamination process this morning outside the university's civil engineering building, where a police standoff with the student had started around

Acting Police Chief Mark Kearse said that when police arrived the student was holding a knife and that he held up a bag and said: "This is a bomb." He also claimed to have anthrax.

Police used a stun gun to subdue him and found a note in which the student threat-

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Panhandle Days in

The commissioners will

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Park, \$5,000 from excess

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Highways 70 and 152.

Austin will also be present-

ened to destroy the building, Kearse said.

The man's identity and nationality were not released, though school spokesman Lance Feyh said he was an international stu-

Mayor William Jenks and Kearse said the student had been distraught over his grades, which may have led to the incident. Jenks said the student "had problems and was depressed."

The 5,850-student technological research and engineering campus in southcentral Missouri was shut down during the incident and classes were canceled for the day while officers investigated. The Fort Leonard Wood Explosive Operations Division was investigating the possibility that a bomb may be in the building.

"We have no hard evidence that there's anything wrong in the building but we simply can't take a chance," Jenks said.

"We're taking a very cautious approach."

A nearby Catholic school also canceled classes.

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If approved, early voting

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS C.J. Soliz gets a push from Harley Ellwanger on the swing set during a warm afternoon at Recreation Park recently.

Crash

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the crash, noticed a semitrailer that was approaching with the trailer starting to tip because of the high winds. The deputy yelled to Rocha, but there was no time for Rocha to take any kind of evasive action.

The trailer tipped over and struck the right top of Rocha's vehicle causing his vehicle to strike the front end of a Groom ambulance, which was also at the scene. Rocha's vehicle then rolled sideways and landed on the driver's side. Rocha was trapped inside for a short

Rocha was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo were he was treated and later released. There were no other injuries reported.

Rocha's vehicle, a 2005 Chevy Tahoe, was totaled. The trailer involved was being pulled by a 2007 Volvo truck driven by Kent Gerald of El Paso. Gerald's trailer sustained an estimated \$20,000 in damages. The Groom ambulance sustained an estimated \$1,000 in dam-

Managers plead guilty to employing illegals

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) a pallet maker that employed illegal immigrants pleaded guilty today in federal court, 10 months after sweeping raids in 26 states signaled a federal crackdown on employers that break the law to get cheap labor.

Two others were scheduled to plead guilty later today. James Rice, 37, of Houston, a top executive of IFCO Systems, pleaded guilty to conspiring to employ illegal workers. Dario Salvano, 37, of Amsterdam, N.Y., and Scott Dodge, 44, of Albany, N.Y., each pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor. Dodge was foreman at an IFCO plant in suburban Albany where Salvano was assistant general manager.

In April, more than 1,100 people were arrested on of the raids.

administrative immigration Three former managers from charges at more than 40 IFCO sites in the U.S.

At the time, U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials said the raids were part of a steppedup effort to cut down on illegal immigration by targeting employers. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff pledged to "come down as hard as possible" on violators.

The Netherlands-based IFCO describes itself as the leading pallet services company in America. It reported \$108 million in profits in 2006 on revenues of \$647 million.

More than half of the company's roughly 5,800 employees during 2005 had invalid or mismatched Social Security numbers, the government said at the time

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Home sales up, but prices keep falling

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -Sales of existing homes rose in January by the largest amount in two years, raising hopes that the worst of the severe slump in housing may be coming to an end. Median home prices, however, fell for a sixth straight month.

The National Association of Realtors reported today that sales of previously owned homes rose by 3 percent last month, the biggest one-month increase since a 3.3 percent increase in January 2005, a time when housing was roaring toward the peak of its five-year boom.

The median price of an

January dropped to \$210,600, a decline of 3.1 percent from a year ago. It marked the sixth straight month that the median price has been down compared with a year ago. The January decline was the third-biggest drop in history.

In other encouraging news, the Conference Board, a private research group, said that consumer confidence rose in February to its highest level in more than five years.

The New York-based group said that its confidence index increased to 112.5 this month, a bigger than expected rise from a February reading of 110.2. The gain reflected increased

existing home sold in optimism about jobs and business prospects.

> Analysts said that the decline in home prices was actually an encouraging sign that home sellers are starting to adjust their asking-price down and this should help speed the correction in hous-

"For the last several months I have been hemming and hawing on whether we have reached bottom," said David Lereah, chief economist for the Realtors. He said that the January report was an encouraging sign that the bottom for sales activity was reached last September with sales expect-

ed to stabilize this year. But he cautioned that the warm weather in December

boosted home closing in January, the activity that is tracked in the Realtors report. He said there could be a bit of a payback in coming months.

By region of the country, sales rose the most in the West, up 5.6 percent, followed by gains of 4.8 percent in the Midwest and 2 percent in the South. Sales in the Northeast unchanged in January com-

pared to December. In other economic news, the Commerce Department reported that orders to factories for big-ticket manufactured goods plunged 7.8 percent in January, the largest decline since October and more than double what analysts had been expecting.



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using a road name comes only after a prospective member is thoroughly checked out. Persons wishing to join a chapter must fill out an application, pass an extensive background check, serve as a supporter for a year, own or have regular access to a motorcycle, and be approved as a member by a unanimous vote of the chapter's exec-

"Everyone must go through a background check," Crazy Eagle said. "You can't have abuse on your record any-

Once a biker becomes a BACA member, they may find themselves attending classes concerning child abuse and neglect. Pampa BACA members plan to attend an upcoming class on the subject which is being offered by Tralee Crisis Center.

Getting the word out about the purpose of BACA is also part of the work

done by members. Pampa members will be at Wal-Mart Supercenter March 24 and Hastings Books, Music and Video on March 31 to hand out flyers about BACA and talk to visitors. Hours at both events will be from noon to 3 p.m. They also plan to go to the St. Patrick's Day festivities in Shamrock to let others know of the local chapter. BACA works with child abuse and

neglect victims for whom an investigation has already been started by law enforcement and child protective services. The Pampa chapter is still waiting for its first referral.

"We're just trying to get the word out right now," said J-Dawg. "We're working to get everyone's trust and let the community know we're here, and that we're here to help kids."

"All they have to do is call us," Crazy Eagle said of law enforcement and child protective services, to whom Pampa chapter members have talked to let them know of the local BACA

BACA is not a vigilante group, according to the organization's flyer. The only referrals the group accepts are those from investigating agencies, and the group acts only within the parameters of the law.

Members may visit the abuse and neglect victims at their homes and attend court while the victims testify. Two members with whom the child builds a rapport are usually assigned to each child.

Both men and women are members of the Pampa BACA chapter. Some speak Spanish.

Anyone wishing to support BACA but not join the organization may volunteer to help with some activities and donate funds to the group. BACA is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All members are volunteers, so 100 percent of funds raised go toward helping abused and neglected children, according to the BACA flyer.

Chapter meetings are held at 3 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month at 12055 E. Frederic. The meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call Estep at (806) 440-2104, or Jerry "Pretty Boy Floyd" Morphis, vice president, at (806) 676-6323.



Viewpoints

Enjoying my backyard habitat

One day a couple of weeks two sides of the concrete slab to protect my head. ago, I decided I was tired of looking at an empty back yard.

It had only been a few weeks since our 15-year-old dachshund had succumbed to illness, and I knew it would be a long time before I would be ready to have another dog.

But surely there was some type of critter I could take care of and get some enjoyment out of while still grieving over Foojus.

I decided to get out a brand-new bird feeder I had bought years before but never used. I got a bag of wild bird seed, the feeder, outside our back door.

These bushes are a favorite hangout of birds, for some reason. The bushes are not evergreens; they lose their leaves in the fall and have bare branches all winter. But the birds love them.

My choice of location for the feeder must have been right on target. No sooner had I hung the feeder and filled it with seed than I was mobbed by sparrows and other feathered friends.

For a moment, I felt as though I were in the Alfred Hitchcock horror movie, "The Birds," as I hurriedly and some wire, and hung the took the two steps from the feeder at the end of a row of feeder to the back door with bushes which extend around an arm flung up reflexively

I clawed my way inside, hastily shutting the door after me lest any birds decided to

follow their new source of nourishment.

I added Staff Writer fresh water

Marilyn

Powers

later on that day, after the initial excitement had

itation. Every day since then, I have enjoyed watching several varieties of birds visiting the feeder and getting a drink from the water bowl outside my back door. I have identi-

fied finches, sparrows, cardi-

nals and bluejays, including

calmed down to a steady vis-

some of the sounds each makes.

My little visitors eat an average of one feeder full of

food per day. They also seem to appreciate the water bowl, which doubles as a drinking

basin and bathtub.

I think one thing that helped put the idea of a bird feeder into my head was the day during a bout of cold, snowy, icy weather when I went outside to bring in some firewood and found a sparrow dead in the back yard.

I stopped and looked at the poor little thing without picking it up. I couldn't tell what had caused its death, because it didn't have any obvious wounds, but I could easily see how beautiful it was, even though sparrows aren't generally known for their

plumage. I wasn't able to help that sparrow, but I must have started thinking even then about what I could do to help other birds get through the

Another thing I remembered was the fact that when Foojus was alive, he showed a keen interest in the birds that would perch in those bushes outside the back door. The birds seemed to know just how high they had to be in the branches to keep out of

Foojus' reach.

He would watch the birds with head cocked and an alert stance, and as they chirped and moved from branch to branch, he would worm his way to the base of a bush and then do his best to climb the branches toward the birds, punctuating his efforts with a special bark that sounded like he was saying "Birds!"

I decided that if birds were that entertaining, I may as well enjoy them, too.

I have always been an animal lover, and I'm sure someday I'll have another dog. But until then, I can enjoy the aviary right outside my back door.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2007. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Two hundred years ago, on Feb. 27, 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine. On this date:

In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1902, American author John Steinbeck was born in Salinas, Calif.

In 1922, the Supreme Court, in Leser v. Garnett, unani-

mously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote.

He that respects himself is safe from others. He wears a

Longfellow

none can pierce." — Henry Wadsworth

Author (1807-1882)

coat of mail that

In 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, was gutted by fire. The Nazis, blaming the Communists, used the fire as justification for suspending civil liberties.

In 1939, the Supreme Court outlawed sit-down

1951, the 22nd In Amendment to Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets 3-2 at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement

occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. (The occupation lasted until May.) In 1979. Jane M. Byrne confounded Chicago's

Democratic political machine as she upset Mayor Michael A. Bilandic to win their party's mayoral primary. (Byrne went on to win the election.) In 1991, President George H.W. Bush declared that

"Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," and

announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight. Ten years ago: A jury in Fayetteville, N.C., convicted former Army paratrooper James N. Burmeister of murdering a black couple so he could get a skinhead tattoo. (He was later sentenced to life in prison.) Divorce became legal in Ireland.

Five years ago: U.S. officials announced a \$5 million reward for information in the kidnap-murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl.

Legislation banning most handguns in Britain went into



Think before you buy into sheer lunacy

feelings that sound plausible but given just a wee bit of thought can be shown to border on lunacy. Let's examine

Some U.S. companies have been accused of exploiting Third World workers with poor working conditions and low wages. Say that a U.S. company pays a Cambodian factory worker \$3 a day. Do you George think that worker had a higher-paying alternative but stupidly chose a lower-paying job instead? I'm betting the \$3-a-day job was superior to his next best alternative.

Does offering a worker a wage higher than what he could earn elsewhere make him worse off or better off? If you answered better off, is the term exploitation an

There are some ideas and home forces a U.S. company to cease its Cambodian operations, would that worker be worse off or better off?

It might be a convenient expression to say that the U.S. trades with Japan, but is it literally

true? Is it U.S. the Walter Congress Williams President Columnist Bush who

trade with the National Diet of Japan, the Japanese legislature and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe? Or, is it U.S. and Japanese private parties, as individuals and corporations, who trade with one another?

Let's break it down further. Which comes closer to the truth: When I purchased appropriate characterization my Lexus, did I deal with the for an act that makes another U.S. Congress, the Japanese better off? If pressure at Diet, George Bush and

Shinzo Abe, or did I deal with Toyota and its intermediaries? If we erroneously think of international trade as occurring between the U.S. and Japanese governments, then all Americans,

> as voters, have a say-But what is the basis of anyone having a say-so when one American

engages in peaceable, voluntary exchange with another person, be they Japanese, Korean, British, Chinese or another American?

How many times have we heard: If it will save just one life, it's worth it? The "it" could be bike helmet laws, childproof medicine bottles, formaldehyde asbestos safety regulations. A good economist cringes hearing such statements because they only consider the benefits of an action while ignoring the cost. Looking at benefits only, just about anything is worth doing because there's usually a benefit. Let's look at it.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 43,443 people were killed on the nation's highways in 2005. If Congress were to enact a 10 miles per hour national speed limit, we'd save thousands of lives each year. You say, "Williams, that would be stupid and impractical!"

My response to you is: But look at all the lives that would be saved. What you really mean by stupid and impractical is that preventing thousands of highway fatalities is not worth the

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Feb. 18

Houston Chronicle on underreported male rapes:

Earlier this month, a 19-year-old Baytown man, Keith Chester Hill, was arrested after a 10-month search for a serial robber-rapist targeting young males in the Baytown area. Before the arrest, FBI specialists came from Virginia to examine detailed reports of the investigation and develop a psychological profile of the attacker. The case gained national attention when it was discovered that it had set a precedent: In all its 99-year history and voluminous records, the FBI had no other seri-

al male-on-male rapist profile with which to compare this case.

Hill, if found guilty, may indeed be a rarity as a serial rapist of males. (His DNA, voluntarily submitted, matched DNA that came from one of the attacks.) But it would be unrealistic to surmise that because this particular case captured the headlines, the rape of men is also unusual. This is not the case. Such persistent misconceptions make it even more difficult for victims to come forward and for society to address the problem.

The full extent of the problem is difficult to quantify: U.S. Department of Justice statistics show that one in 33 men are victims of sexual assault, reporting 15,334 male victims in 2005, or less than 10 percent of the total.

Other sources, such as the National Violence Against Women Survey, put the percentage of total rapes at above 20. Estimates of the percentages of rapes going unreported range from one in two to one in five for women, with surveys showing that the crime is even less likely to be reported by men.

Until the 1980s, rape was commonly seen as happening only to women, reinforcing the gender stereotype that men are the perpetrators, not victims, and making it difficult to track and research sexual crimes against men. What research does exist, as noted by the National Center for Victims of Crime, suggests that males commonly experience many of the same reactions as

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Frustrated in Philly" (Jan. 14) wrote that he is burnt out from working two jobs because his wife, "Darla," is preoccupied with material things and "likes to keep up with the Joneses." He said they've been married 10 years and have three kids, help with the bills, it never happens. Your advice to "Frustrated" should have included, "Sell some of your toys, quit one of your jobs, and spend more time at home with the family before you have a heart attack! Do not kill yourself to please a taker." - JOHN C., SAGINAW, MICH.

DEAR JOHN C.: I told "Frustrated in Philly" that in his wife's view, his role is to support her in the manner to which she aspires, regardless of its effect on him -and that he should offer her the option of marriage counseling or consult a lawyer. However, not all of my readers viewed the situation in the same light that you and I did. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm sad that you thought the wife who kept developing "mysterious illnesses" and failing to find a job was totally selfish and perceived her husband's role as "to support her in the manner to which she aspires" while her own role was simply "to enjoy it." Speaking from experience, I eight-year career, I was a stay-at-home mom for nine years. By the time I thought about going back to the work force, my confidence had been nearly destroyed (because my husband was so controlling and hypercritical), and it made me afraid to try. In spite of my husband's disapproval, I joined a direct sales company and struggled to succeed. Because of my low selfesteem, it was like trying to climb a mountain with a boulder on my shoulder. I am

still with that company, but no longer with my (ex) husband, and I am finally very happy. I'm afraid your answer to the husband will make him continue to be angry and confrontational. If only he'd stop trying and although she promises to get a job and, to force her to get a job and talk to her about what's best for the whole family's future, there might be some hope. He could say: "Honey, we're on the same team. I'm afraid that working two jobs is ruining my health. If there's a reason why going back into the work force scares you, let's talk about it." -- JERSEY GIRL

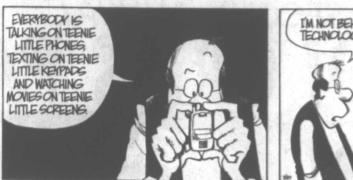
> DEAR ABBY: "Frustrated" should not have to work two jobs just to keep up with his wife's spending. Marriage counseling is a good start, but there may be something more serious going on. It seems to me like his wife's behavior could be a sign of severe depression or bipolar disorder. It's worth checking out. - HOLLY IN COL-**ORADO**

DEAR ABBY: I would remind "Frustrated" that raising three children under the age of 10 is a full-time job, even if it doesn't pay financially. Also, would a woman who has not worked outside the home in at least 10 years be able to get a job that pays enough to offset the cost of think her problem may be fear. After an child care now that Mom's not home? "Frustrated" needs to sit down with his wife, decide on mutual financial goals, and develop a budget. If sticking to a budget is impossible for her, then maybe he needs to take control of the finances, cut up the credit cards, and put his wife on an allowance to cover household expenses. Finances are one of the most common reasons for marital strife. I hope that couple can reach a compromise. - JENNIFER IN FLORIDA

For Better Or For Worse



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Marvin







Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD By THOMAS JOSEPH

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'Mr. Gordon is called Mayor because

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By Bil Keane

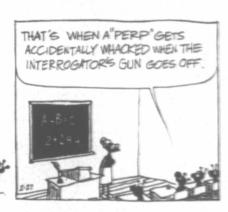
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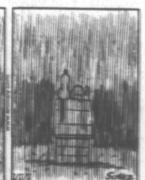




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Blondie





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cost and inconvenience that would result from having to poke along at 10 miles per hour. Of course, calling a 10 miles per hour law stupid and impractical is a more socially acceptable way of saying those saved lives aren't worth it.

How about academics and researchers seeing grinding Third World poverty and chalking it up to a "vicious cycle of poverty"? This vision of poverty sees people as too poor to save. That means they can't create investment cap-

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females, including depression, anger,

guilt, self-blame, sexual dysfunctions,

flashbacks and suicidal feelings. Males

also worry that they will be seen as

weak, less than a man, and so face such

problems as damaged self-image, emo-

tional distancing and fears of homopho-

bic reactions, whether or not they hap-

ital. Because they can't invest, they can't develop, and that keeps them poor. In other words, people are poor because they're poor.

According to the "vicious cycle of poverty" vision, the only escape is foreign aid. The only way this theory of Third World poverty would have any credibility is if every country were poor. There's no country that wasn't at some time poor, including our own. If poverty is so vicious, how did today's rich countries escape it?

-Dr. Williams serves on the faculty of George Mason University as John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of

pen to be gay.

underreported crime.

of any human being, female or male. It is understandable that many victims are reluctant to report it. But the more often victims step forward, and are supported by society in doing so, the more likely it becomes that rapists can be brought to justice. The young men who are coming forward in the Baytown case are to be commended for taking this difficult step. Their actions might empower other men to shed light on this drastically

The crime of rape is a brutal violation

Events calendar

 The Texas Teacher of the Year nomination deadline is Thursday. Nomination forms are available online at www.teachers.com/toty. The award will include a prize of \$1,000 and a \$500 grant to the teacher's school. The contest is sponsored by Teachers' Insurance Plan.

 The Texas Armed Guard Association will hold its next reunion Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Fredericksburg, Texas. All World War II Merchant Marines are invited to attend. The association has no dues and is trying to reach all guardsmen who do not know about the organization. Time is running out for all World War II veterans. To find out more, call (325) 942-6756, (512) 671-3464, (210) 681-2120 or e-mail mocksatx@sbcglobal.net. For reservations, call 1-800-274-3762.

· CASA of the High Plains will hold an information meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Brown Alliance for Children, 315 N. Ballard, in Pampa. CASA, a non-profit organization, stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA trains and supports volunteers to work with children caught in the court system through abuse or neglect. CASA speaks for the children and their best

• The Comprehensive Breast Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: March 6 and 27, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest;

and March 12, Lefors Civic Center in Lefors. Participants will receive a lowcost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information,

call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. 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 clinic(s) will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m./1-3 p.m., March 6, Canadian High School, Canadian; and 9:30-11:45 a.m./1-3:30 p.m., March 7 and 21, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

 The deadline to enter New Jersey Rainbow Poets religious poetry contest is March 10. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., #70, Linden, NJ 07036 or enter online at www.rainbowpoets.com.

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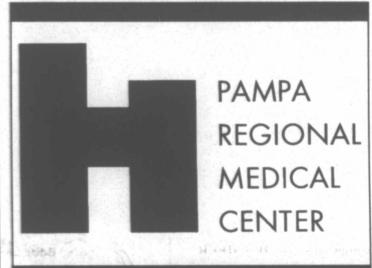
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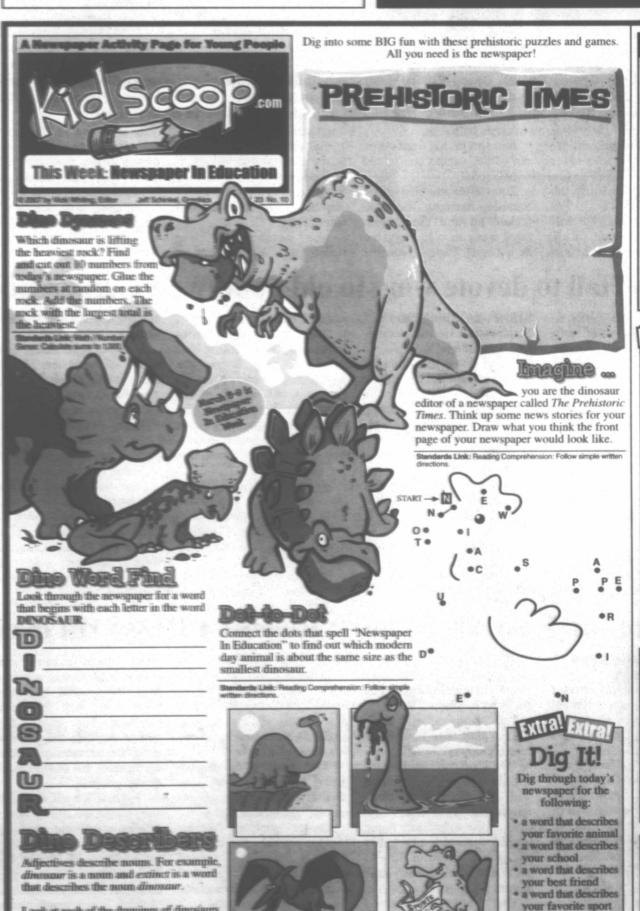
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Try to use the word adjective

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Sports Day

Lady Harvesters place 2nd in Midland tourney

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters softball team traveled to compete in a tournament this weekend in Midland.

In the first game, Pampa defeated Frenship 2-1, and Cassy Tice pitched well with five strikeouts, no walks, and only gave up three hits.

Nicole Clark and Kelby Doughty ran in the two points for the Lady Harvesters, both batted in by Callie Preston, and Kenzi Nickell had one hit.

Next, the Lady Harvesters took on Odessa Permian, and

Stephanie McVay had

three runs, Logan Winkelman and Tice each had two runs, and Preston and Nickell each had one run to help Pampa take the win.

Tice hit two home runs, batted in five runs, and also pitched the game with four strikeouts.

The Lady Harvesters then took on Clyde, winning 6-5 with Tice pitching four strikeouts and four hits.

Winkelman had a triple and two runs, and Tice, Clark, Doughty, and Preston each had one run.

Shelbie Watson batted in two runs, and McVay, Tice, Preston and Doughty each had one run batted in.

streak, Pampa defeated Plainview next, 15-0, with Clark on the mound, giving up only one hit and throwing three strikeouts.

Winkelman brought in three runs, Nickell, Clark, Doughty, Kambra Jimenez and Libby Dyson each had two runs, and Watson and McVay each had one.

Clark also batted in four runs, and Doughty, Jimenez and Watson each had two runs batted in.

The Lady Harvesters were brought to a stop with n 8-0 loss to Midland Lee.

Tice, Clark and Jimenez each had one hit on the Lady

To continue their winning Rebels, but came up short on runs.

Tice pitched the game, throwing four strikeouts and giving up seven hits.

The Lady Harvesters finished this weekend to improve to a 10-3 overall record, and placed second in Division 1.

"I am very proud of these girls," coach Bobbi Gill said, "They responded to a very good level of competition with great enthusiasm."

Today at 3:30 the Lady Harvesters will take on Amarillo High, followed by

Cotton Bowl board votes to move game to new Cowboys stadium

DALLAS (AP) — Hoping to get the Cotton Bowl back on college football's national stage, the board that oversees the game voted today to move it to the new Dallas Cowboys stadium starting in 2010.

"This is one of the most important decisions in the 71-year history of the AT&T Cotton Bowl," Cotton Bowl Athletic Association Chairman Bruce Gadd said in a statement. "Moving the Classic preserves the Classic's legacy and, at the same time, secures its future as one of college football's postseason

games."

The move was approved by voice vote during a regular meeting of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association board of directors. The first game at the new venue in Arlington, between Dallas and Fort Worth, will be on New Year's Day, 2010.

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Plans for the \$1 billion stadium, scheduled to open in 2009, include a retractable roof that would cover a hole similar to the one at Texas Stadium in Irving.

A domed stadium is important to bowl game officials because of Dallas' sometimes cold weather.

Windy weather puts a damper on Harvester sports over the weekend

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

This weekend, Harvester sports were in full swing, baseball and soccer playing in Pampa to the tennis team playing in Canyon.

However, some unusual weather put a stop to most sporting events this weekend throughout the Panhandle.

With winds as high as 65 mph, most Harvesters found themselves having to fight the opposing team.

The tennis team began a tournament in Canyon on Friday in windy, yet suitable weather, playing singles the first day, and planning on playing doubles the next.

Girls No. 1 singles player Haley Acker placed second on Friday, defeating Kelsi Howlette of Canyon 6-2, 6-2 and Emily Cunningham of Plainview 6-7(5-7), 6-4, 7-6(7-5), and finishing with a 2-6, 2-6 loss to Schuele Batenhorst of Canyon.

Jack Ware, No. 3 singles player also placed second after defeating Trever Geppi of Borger 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 and C. Newton of Hereford 7-5, 3-6, 6-3, and losing to Creighton Baird of Amarillo High 2-6, 3-6.

The following morning, players started their doubles matches, but were unable to complete them due to the weather.

since most of them enjoy with two runs batted in.

doubles more than singles," coach Emily Laurence said.

Pampa will compete in the All Predators Tournament this weekend in Mansfield weather permitting, of course.

Another tournament that was brought to an early end this weekend was the Cavalier Classic here in Pampa.

The boys started playing Thursday with a 17-0 victory the tumble-weeds more than over Dalhart an a 8-0 victory over Borger.

> On Friday, the Harvesters first defeated Palo Duro 12-2, with Brett Powell pitching his first career varsity win in three innings, throwing one strikeout and giving up no

Bradley Johnson was 4-4 with two doubles and two runs batted in, and Blake Sieck was 3-4 with three runs batted in and his first varsity career home run.

In their second game, Pampa defeated River Road 15-0 with one field error to River Road's three.

Shavious Kelly took the mound for a complete game shutout with nine strikeouts.

Johnson was 2-3 with four runs batted in, his second home run of the year and a grand slam in the first inning.

Kelly was also 2-3 with two runs batted in and his first home run of the year, "They were disappointed and Brett Ferrell was 3-3



Despite the tournament being called off because of the weather, the Harvesters were still recognized as the clear winner of the Cavalier Classic. Pictured here is the varsity team with their plaque for first place. (Back row, L-R): James Coffee, Brady Eakin, Brett Ferrell, Bradley Johnson, Jarron Clark, Blake Sieck. (Front Row, L-R): Coach Wilson, Robbie Dixon, Shane Davis, Colden Fortenberry, Ryan Funderburg, Alex Torres, Shavious Kelley, and Coach Allen. Not pictured: Dakota Gowin and Brett Powell.

On Saturday morning, two runs batted in. Dakota Gowin pitched his first varsity win with seven strikeouts in Pampa's second victory over River Road, this time, 17-2.

Brady Eakin was 2-3 with

Johnson hit his third home

run of the season and batted in two runs.

Soon after the first game Saturday morning, the wind picked up and the tournathree runs, and Ryan ment was canceled early, but Funderburg was 2-2 with as a result, Pampa won the

tournament.

The Harvesters will play again today at 4 in Borger. Also scheduled to play on

Saturday was the varsity soccer boys and girls against Caprock.

The weather got bad

chance to try to play in it, and the games were postponed rather than canceled, and will be made up Wednesday.

Tonight, both teams will travel to Borger, the girls will play at 5, and the boys before the teams got a will follow at 7.

Letter to the Sports Editor

how proud I am to have ASAP so that we can had the opportunity to let people across our country and even the world know how special of a place I believe Pampa is. I have had contacts from all how wonderful the Dateline program was.

The process of getting our copies has been much more difficult than I expected. What I or Matt Fields, the producer, did not realize was that the songs the band played, chants our cheerleaders cheered, and even the song Happy Birthday, which we sang to Trent, are copy written. Matt has worked very hard at contacting the appropriate people to get permission to use the material, and as of our conversation on Feb. 12, he thinks they have everything taken care of and we can go ahead and make our order. Here is our plan:

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Again, anyone wanting to get in on the bulk order and pick up their DVD in the Athletic Office needs Office at Pampa High to pay \$15 per DVD to Sandy Clark by Friday, March 2.

On Monday, March 4, we will place the order. Thank you.

Andy Cavalier

Sports Hall to devote wing to old Southwest Conference

WACO, Texas (AP) — Eighty years' worth of history and memorabilia from the old Southwest Conference is sitting in a closet at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame. But maybe not for long.

Tom Stanton, former Baylor athletic director and president and CEO of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame Foundation, says the board has approved \$4 million toward an 18,000-square foot wing devoted to the conference.

"The Texas Sports Hall of

before in this country," Stanton told Houston television station KRIV.

"And that is to memorialize an intercollegiate athletic conference. In 1996, the Southwest Conference gifted all of its intellectual property rights to the Texas Sports Hall of Fame."

Stanton suggested the project when he found out the hall had the material and the rights to use it.

"I went to the Texas Sports Hall of Fame board and said you are sitting on Fame is attempting to do something of major historiwhat has never been done cal sports perspective for the

state of Texas," he said.

"The 18,000-square foot wing at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame will honor the Southwest Conference, the Cotton Bowl and all of the great institutions which comprised the league as well as an education, health education and literacy (program) for youth."

He said Texas, TCU, Rice, Baylor, Texas Tech and SMU have promised help.

He said he hopes Houston, Texas A&M and Arkansas join in.

Stanton has raised all but \$1 million of the amount

needed and efforts are under way to raise the rest. Stanton told KRIV that

much of what the Hall of Fame hopes to get is still at the schools or in the hands of their former athletes.

Rice athletic director Chris Del Conte says supporting the Texas Sports Hall of Fame was an easy choice.

"We wanted to make sure our history was preserved," Del Conte said. "And that facility being built in Waco was a way to make sure that Rice athletics in the Southwest Conference is not forgotten."

Ramirez arrives; Abreu hurt; Rolen-La Russa rift over

By the Associated **Press**

Manny Ramirez reported to spring training Monday, four days late or three days early — depending on who's

keeping track. Either way, the Boston Red Sox finally have him in camp. The New York Yankees, meanwhile, will be without Bobby Abreu for at least two weeks because of a

strained muscle on his right

side. The right fielder got injured during batting practice Monday in Tampa, Fla., but New York manager Joe Torre and GM Brian Cashman said that won't prompt the team to make a new push for Bernie Williams to come to camp.

"It's not an option we're looking at," Cashman said. "Bobby is coming back. The question is when.

The Yankees still hope Abreu will be ready for opening day on April 2.

"He had a significant oblique strain," Cashman said. "I'll probably say three weeks, but we'll see. Worst case, it's one of those lengthy ones that gives him too short a period of time to get ready. But it's really premature to be guessing.

The Yankees received encouraging news on pitcher Carl Pavano's left foot. An MRI exam and X-rays taken Sunday showed a bone bruise. Pavano was hit on the instep by a liner during bat-

ting practice Saturday. "I wasn't too concerned,

with the progress I've made," Pavano said. "I was able to do all my activity today in the weight room. It's better every day."

"Obviously, if he doesn't throw enough to work into that day, we'll make adjustments," Torre said.

Center fielder Johnny Damon rejoined the Yankees after a two-day excused absence to tend to a personal matter at home with his family in the Orlando area.

"Everything is great," Damon said. "I feel a lot better today than a couple days ago. Something was worrying me and I took care of it." The unpredictable slugger

drove up in a large, gray sedan with tinted windows four days after the team staged its first full-squad workout but three days before the date the Red Sox gave him permission to show up because his mother had a health problem.

"I think we all would be very naive to think that if Manny wasn't the extraordinary hitter he was, that he'd get a little more leeway than the next guy," Boston third baseman Mike Lowell said. "I think if you reach a point that you cross a line of integrity with your teammates, it will be felt. Four days into spring training, I don't really see it as that big

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Your verbal tendencies get you into hot water, like it or not. It would be a smooth move to prevent this issue from becoming anything more than it already friends

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** If you had it your way, your expenses might be under control. The bad news is that you don't. Someone you need to answer to puts a lot of pressure on you. Be realistic. What is the right action here? Then do it, Tonight: Gather your bills.

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maybe go to the movies! Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Decide to not get involved in another's issues or resistance. You don't need to wage war. Adjust plans to do something you have really wanted to do for a long time. Take off or try something

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ** Work with one person at a time. You could be getting down to some basic issues that need thought as well as managing. No one says you need answers today. In fact, you might want to mull

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