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'Trash-off'

volunteers

organizing

Volunteers from the Hoover Fire Department, the McLean Masonic Lodge #889 and Gray County Juvenile Probation are pick-

They will join more than 180,000 volunteers across the state,

according to the Texas Department of Transportation, who will pick

up an estimated 2 million pounds of litter from Texas roadsides and

city parks during the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off on Saturday,

Organized by the Texas Department of Transportation and Keep

"We're thrilled there are almost twice as many volunteers com-

Texas Beautiful, the "Trash-off" is the 14th annual statewide cleanup.

mitted to help this year compared to last year," said Doris

Howdeshell, the transportation department's travel division direc-

tor. "This means our beautiful Texas roadways will be cleaner and

Organizers report that these programs have reversed a trend in the

The "Trash-off" is also part of Keep America Beautiful's new

national "Great American Cleanup" event, which runs March

through May in 12 states, and will be America's largest litter

increase of litter on Texas highways, resulting in a 72 percent reduc-

fion in litter, saving taxpayers between \$2 and \$4 million a year.

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY

ing up trash on their off hours this weekend.

greener this springtime for everyone to enjoy.'

cleanup, recycling and beautification program.

Three Pampa men and one

Pampa woman had their proba-

tion revoked today in unrelated

Marvin Rance Fugate, 47, was

sentenced today to two years in

the Texas Department of

Criminal Justice institutional

division with credit for 212 days

Fugate was sentenced follow-

ing a probation revocation hear-

ing today in 223rd District

Court. He had been convicted

Feb. 10, 1995, of driving while

intoxicated and put on five years

Judge Lee Waters sentenced

Fugate after the Pampa man

answered true to allegations that

he was discharged from an alco-

hol and chemical abuse treat-

ment center following unsuc-

Rhonda Reiser, 30, appeared

before 223rd District Judge Lee

Waters today in connection with

allegations that she violated her

probation by failing to report to

her probation officer and failing

probation.

cessful treatment.

served in Gray County jail.

Four get time

when probation

revoked by judge

to keep her payments to the pro-

forgery in November, 1995.

Reiser was convicted of

Judge Waters sentenced her to

Malone,

10 months in the Gray County

jail. She paid \$2,300 today in

appeared before Judge Waters

today on a motion to revoke his

probation in connection with

new allegations that includes

Malone was convicted of pos-

session of a controlled substance

with intent to deliver on June 5,

1997. He was sentenced to seven

vears in prison at that time and

In a plea bargain, Malone will

be sent to the Texas Department

of Criminal Justice's boot camp

program. Another hearing will

be set for Malone in 75 to 90

days after he has served in the

boot camp program to deter-

mine his eligibility for probation

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bation office current.

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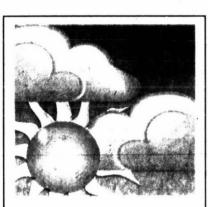
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High today 77 Low tonight upper 40s For weather details see Page 2

**PAMPA** — The hours of operation of the Pampa Recycling Center have changed. The new hours are noon to 6 p.m. on Thursdays and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information call

PAMPA — A Pampa man back in Gray County jail today after pleading guilty to charges of forgery.

Curtis Lee, 41, was charged with forgery by passing in connection with a check for \$50 he reportedly wrote at Frank's Supermarket on Feb. 28, 1998.

Lee plead guilty to the charge in Judge Steven R. Emmert's 31st District Court today. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for the 171 days he has already served. He was also ordered to pay a \$75 forgery fee and \$50 restitution.

**AUSTIN** (AP) — Trying to recover from bad publicity and the loss of millions of dollars after hundreds of people got sick from eating raw oysters last year, shellfish harvesters say they want more influence over decisions to open or close

Galveston Bay. Bills pending in the Legislature would create an industry-led council to make recommendations to the Texas Department of Health on when to reopen the bay after it has been closed because of an outbreak of food-borne illness.

The council's recommendations would not be binding but could be reviewed later by the Legislature.

- · L.C. Bigham, 76, house
- · Verda Louise Burnett, 78, park operator.
- · Odessa Futch Harbison, 77, homemaker.
- · Helen H. Henry, 85, retired employee Cabot Corporation.
- · Robert Eugene Imel, 68, retired banker.
- · Joel Weldon McCandless, 66, self-employed carpenter, builder.
- · Colleen Mitchell, home-

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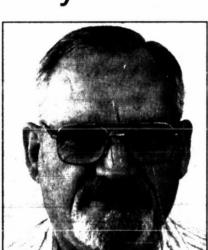
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-- James Kirkwood



Dressed as story book character Mother Goose, Cay Warner, new principal of Lamar Elementary, reads to 4-year-old students during "Drop Everything and Read Day."

## Returning to her roots for elementary principal

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY Managing Editor

fairy tales to a class full of 4 year olds for Lamar Elementary's "Drop Everything and

As the new principal of Lamar, this is part of the job. — a job for which Cay Warner is more than qualified. ~

Having transferred last month as an assistant principal at the high school to fill the elementary school's principal position left vacant by the retiring Pat Farmer, Warner said she was a little uneasy at first about coming into the school at the end of the year.

But making the situation "into a positive," Warner said she has decided to use this time as

Cathryne "Cay" Warner moved to Pampa in 1980 after marrying Pampa native, Mark T. This particular morning Cay Warner is Warner Together, they have two daughters dressed up as Mother Goose and is reading Rebekah, a junior at PHS and Mary Alice, an eighth grader at the middle school.

A native of Odessa, Warner said the pretend games of her youth gave her the idea of going into education.

"When I was a little bitty girl I'd play school," she said.

The transition from high school assistant administrator to elementary principal isn't a big jump for Warner since she began her career in education years ago as a first grade teacher.

After working at the elementary level for a few years, she proceeded to obtain her Masters (See PRINCIPAL, Page 2)

## Commission backs state-funded pay increase for county attorney

port for a state-funded pay increase for the county attorney by passing a resolution to that effect.

The commissioners agreed last week with County Attorney Todd Alvey that the duties of the office have increased.

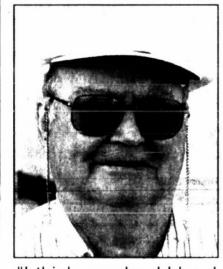
Alvey came to the meeting where he asked for support of a resolution, to go to the Texas

Gray County commissioners showed their sup- Legislature, asking for a state supplement for many of the county attorneys.

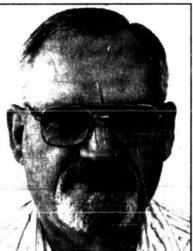
> Alvey said county attorneys are handling more and more work, much of it due to state regulations. "Counties usually provide an income for county attorneys based on a part-time job schedule, and in

order to for us to continue doing our duties it's (See COMMISSION, Page 2)

## Quite frankly... Should the United States be involved in Kosovo?

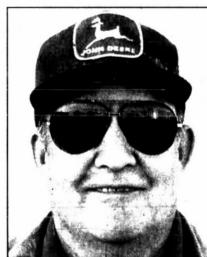


-- Bob McPherson





-- William Griffin



"We ought to be doing "We need to be helping more than what we're the refugees." doing. We need to send troops to strengthen our forces now that we're committed."

-- Chris Woodrome



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## Daily Record

### Services tomorrow

BIGHAM, L.C. — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Abernathy.

**BURNETT**, Verda Louise — 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Miami.

CHASE, Susie Marie — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

**HARBISON**, Odessa Futch — 10 a.m., Trinity Church Chapel, Lubbock. Graveside services, 4 p.m., Mobeetie Cemetery, Mobeetie.

'McCANDLESS, Joel Weldon — 10 a.m., Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel,

### **Obituaries**

#### L.C. BIGHAM

LUBBOCK – L.C. Bigham, 76, a former Lefors resident, died Sunday, April 4, 1999, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church at Abernathy with the Rev. Tom Reynolds officiating assisted by the Rev. Mike Wilcox. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Grove Hill Cemetery at Dallas. Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Bigham was born Nov. 30, 1922, at Hastings, Okla., and grew up at Lefors. He married Violet "Pat" Lambert on Dec. 24, 1946, at Garland. He lived in Dallas for nine years prior to moving t& Lubbock in 1956 to work in the family house moving business, W.K. Bigham & Sons. He was a Shriner and a Mason and had been a member of James Ladd Burgess Lodge in Dallas and Scottish Rite Lodge.

He was a deacon at Flint Avenue Baptist Church for many years. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, serving during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Pat, of Lubbock; two daughters, Mary Rampley of Wills Point and Caryl Bigham of Austin; a son, Larry Bigham of Abernathy; five sisters, Willie Mae McElroy, Wonnie Smith and Peggy Winegeart, all of Pampa, Fay Wilson of Grove, Okla., and Melba Holland of Conroe; two brothers, Gerrell Bigham of Snyder and Burly Bigham of Lubbock; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at Grove Hill Funeral Home in Dallas and requests memorials be to American Cancer Society or Scottish Rite Childrens Home.

#### "VERDA LOUISE BURNETT

MIAMI - Verda Louise Burnett, 78, died Sunday, April 4, 1999, at Pampa. Servicès will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church in Miami with the Rev. Kevin Hollowell, pastor of Central Christian Church of Winnsboro, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Burnett was born April 15, 1920, at St. Mrs. Mitchell was born at Braggs, Okla. She Francis, Kan. She moved to Pampa in 1926, was a homemaker and had been a Borger resiattending Pampa schools and graduating from Pampa High School in 1937. She married Clarence Victor "Vic" Burnett on June 17, 1937, at Pampa; he died in 1979. She had been a Miami resident since 1949 where her husband was a building contractor. The couple opened Red Deer Park in 1970 and she had operated the park for the past 29 years.

She attended First Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Bretthauer, in 1952; her mother, Eva Alice Andrews Bretthauer, in 1995; a son, Clarence Victor "Pepper" Burnett, in 1962; and two sisters, Eileen Burnett and Lola Cooper.

Survivors include three daughters and two sons-in-law, Penny Guerrero of Miami, Bette and Don Stobaugh of Jennings, Okla., and Deneice and Larry Gerald of Buna; a son and daughterin-law, Dennis "Rick" and Ann Burnett of Williston, N.D.; two brothers, Charles Bretthauer of Amarillo and James Bretthauer of Saugus, Calif.; an aunt, Velma Andrews of Nampa, Idaho; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Miami Volunteer EMS, P.O. Box 7, Miami, TX 79059.

The body will lie in state until 11 a.m. at the funeral home Wednesday and from 12 noon until service time at the church.

### **ODESSA FUTCH HARBISON**

LUBBOCK – Odessa Futch Harbison, 77, sister of a Pampa resident, died Sunday, April 4, 1999, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Trinity Church Chapel with the Rev. Paul Jantzen and the Rev. George Jackson officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. in Mobeetie Cemetery at Mobeetie with the Rev. Wynes Manney officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Harbison was born at Ravie, Okla. She had been a Lubbock resident since 1988, moving

She was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Burress, in 1971

Survivors include a daughter, Becky Burress Urton of Lubbock; three sisters, Lois Spurrier of Norwood, Mo., Virginia Gooch of Pampa and Marene Bennett of Lindale; eight grandchildren;

#### and 14 great-grandchildren. HELEN H. HENRY

Helen H. Henry, 85, of Pampa, died Monday, April 5, 1999, at Lubbock. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mrs. Henry was born May 29, 1913, at Fayetteville, Ark. She married Arnett Odell Henry on Oct. 22, 1944, at Pampa; he died July 11, 1996. She had been a Pampa resident since 1939. She was an executive secretary for Cabot Corporation, retiring after 38 years of service.

She belonged to First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women.

Survivors include two nieces, Linda Davis Hodge of Orange, Calif., and Mary Kay Stelter of

Lubbock, and a nephew, Bob Henry Pearce of

The family will receive visitors from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981, or to a favorite charity.

#### ROBERT EUGENE IMEL

GENTRY, Ark. - Robert Eugene Imel, 68, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, April 4, 1999 Graveside services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Gentry Cemetery with the Rev. Bill Melton officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wasson Funeral Home of Siloam Springs, Ark.

Mr. Imel was born June 20, 1930, at Liberal, Kan., to F.E. Imel and Laura Barnes Imel. He was a retired banker and had been a Gentry area resident for the past 10 years, moving from Pampa. He belonged to First Christian Church of Pampa and Pampa Texas Masonic Lodge.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Kathryn Gushing of Fort Smith, Ark.; a son, Courtland Imel of Houston; a brother, Jack Imel of Pampa; and two grandchildren.

#### **JOEL WELDON McCANDLESS**

AMARILLO - Joel Weldon McCandless, 66, father of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, April 3, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel with Dr. G.A. Roach, director of pastoral care at Northwest Texas Healthcare System, and the Rev. Jerry Davey, pastor of Pleasant Valley Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Llano East Cemetery.

Mr. McCandless was corn at Ralls. He had spent most of his life in Amarillo. He married Émma Wright in 1955 at Lockney. He worked for Santa Fe Railroad and later was self-employed as a carpenter and builder.

He was a deacon at Sunrise Baptist Church and Highland Baptist Church. In addition, he helped with Southern Baptist Church Royal Ambassadors and served as Sunday school superintendent and led men's fellowships.

Survivors include his wife, Emma; four daughters, Crystal Qualls of Pampa and Sharilyn Lermon, Kathy Long and Sarah McCandless, all of Amarillo; a son, John McCandless of Amarillo; a sister, Evelyn Novak of Amarillo; a brother, Virgil McCandless of Denton; and 14 grandchil-

The family will receive visitors from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home and will be at 2718 Wichita following the service.

### COLLEEN MITCHELL

BORGER - Colleen Mitchell, sister of a Pampa resident, died Sunday, April 4, 1999. Graveside services were to be at 2:30 p.m. today in Westlawn Memorial Park with the Rev. Leonard Forsythe, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Garden of Devotion under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

dent for the past four years. She was a Baptist

Survivors include two sisters, Madge Kossey of Borger and Danita Clark of Pampa; and two brothers, Jerry Collins of Borger and Charles Collins of Council Hills, Okla.

### Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Monday, April 5

Joseph Walter Barton, 58, 759 Sumner, was arrested on charges of no drivers license, no insurance, no inspection sticker, failure to appear, defective tail light and resisting arrest.

Edward Earl Holt, 46, 613 Plains, was arrested on charges of theft.

Brenda Martinez, 17, 412 Crest, was arrested on charges of no Texas drivers license, expired inspection sticker and warrants.

Wayneta Lynne Britton (aka Allen), 40, 2600 Hobart E8, was arrested on charges of bond sur-

Forgery was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

### **Ambulance**

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, April 5

7:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Ballard and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to a local nursing facility. 8:13 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Christy for lifting assistance.

10:24 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Foster and transported one to

#### Tuesday, April 6 5.15 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC

and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony

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PHS Junior Christi Lee is scheduled to speak at 7 tonight in the high school auditorium to the board about a petition she has passed around school for students to sign in favor of keeping the block schedule at PHS. The Board is holding a special meeting to discuss the block schedule system at the school.



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### COMMISSION

going to take more time and counties can't afford that, so we're asking the state to do that," Alvey

He said this is the third time the matter has come up before the state legislature. The last time it was scheduled to be passed but was one of a 54 bills killed because of a procedural error in 1997.

Alvey said the formula for deciding the amount of the raise is still being debated but currently was 80 percent of a district judge's salary divided among the county attorneys in the district attornev's district.

Since there are five counties in District Attorney John Mann's area, \$80,000 would be divided giving each county attorney an additional \$16,000. Alvey said he currently makes approximately \$36,000 from the county.

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### **PRINCIPAL**

of Education Administration and Supervision degree at the University of Texas.

Warner has since then held a variety of positions in the education field.

From working as the director of a pilot program for handicapped infants and families to teaching gifted and talented eighth graders, Warner has seen many different aspects of the educational process.

When asked about her most recent career transition as high school principal one day to elementary principal the next, Warner again saw the positive of

"I have the whole picture — I know what I want

a high school graduate to look like."

In addition to dealing with the demands of a new job, Warner said she is busy meeting with Lamar teachers and staff members on an individual basis to better understand the needs of the school before turning in next year's campus plan to school district officials.

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Warner has been involved in the community as a member of the Pampa Fine Arts and Lovett Library Foundation organizations.

A member of First United Methodist Church, her hobbies and interests include playing piano and singing in the choir, reading, participating in music and athletic activities, and "following my daugh-

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### **PROBATION**

Johnny M. Martinez, 28, was sentenced today to 100 days in Gray County jail with credit for 42 days served. His probation was extended one year and he is to reimburse the county for the cost of today's

Martinez was convicted of aggravated assault in 1990 and sentenced at that time to eight years in

The motion to revoke his probation alleged that he failed to report to his probation officer, he moved without notifying authorities and he was delinquent in fine and fee payments.

## One third off force due to drug testing

REYNOSA, Mexico (AP) — More than 100 police officers, tive. Police Commander Ramiro have either quit after refusing to take a drug test or were suspended after testing positive for

Reynosa Mayor Luis Gerardo Higareda and Tamaulipas State Attorney General Max Castillo. Last Wednesday, all 400 officers were called to department headquarters and asked to take the surprise drug test, The (McAllen) Monitor reported Tuesday.

Officials said 87 officers refused to take the drug test and

**Sheriff's Office** 

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Monday, April 5

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Janice Henderson, 34, 901

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of forgery.

uit, while 57 others tested **5081**refused and quit, officials said.

The tests were ordered by given to Reynosa officials last secure Reynosa."

weekena.

"We cannot have personnel including the police commander, Arce was among those who that are using drugs, and our department should be free of The urine samples were ana- any drug use," Higareda said. lyzed in Ciudad Victoria, the "For many reasons, a better state capital, and results were police force makes for a more

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### Weather focus. LOCAL FORECAST

Partly sunny today with a high of 77 and south winds at 15-20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the upper 40s. Tomorrow, partly sunny with a

was 62; the overnight low 44.

**REGIONAL FORECAST** 

**WEST TEXAS** — Panhandle

mid 40s northwest to mid 50s Highs 79 to 84. southeast. Wednesday, partly 80s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans cloudy. High 80-85. Concho Lows in the 50s Hill Country to east.

and mild. Lows in the upper 40s clouds late. Lows from the lower Guadalupe showers and the high will be in Lows near 40 to lower 50s. the low 80s. Yesterday's high 90s along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, - Tonight, partly cloudy with a increasing cloudiness with low in the mid 40s. South to patchy fog southern half late, Southern east. Windy western two thirds.

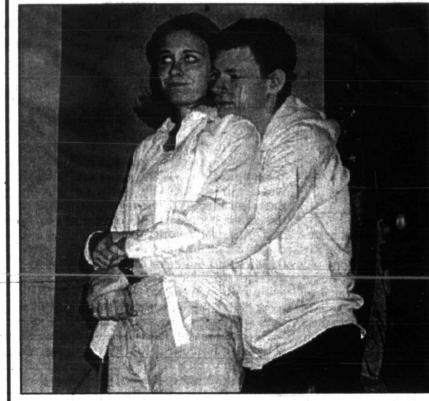
SOUTH TEXAS — Hill cloudy. Highs upper 70s to lower Country and South Central Valley/Edwards Plateau — the 60s south central. Tonight, fair skies. Increasing upper 70s to lower 80s.

to near 50. Wednesday, mostly 60s inland to the upper 60s at the sunny morning, becoming very coast. Wednesday, mostly windy in the afternoon with cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s areas of blowing dust. High inland, upper 70s at the coast wind watch Wednesday after- Coastal Bend and the Rio noon. Highs in the mid 80s. Grande Plains — Tonight, most-Mountains/Big ly clear early, then mostly less than 20 percent chance of Bend Area - Tonight, clear. cloudy with fog developing late. Lows in the upper 60s to near 70 Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs Wednesday, early morning low 70s northern mountains to mid clouds and fog, becoming partly sunny, warm and breezy during the afternoon. Highs in the 80s. **BORDER STATES** 

NEW MEXICO - Tonight, southeast wind 10-20 mph. otherwise partly cloudy west, increasing cloudiness north-Wednesday, partly sunny with a clear central and east. Lows 54 to west, fair to partly cloudy east high 75 to 80. South to southeast 60. Wednesday, mostly cloudy, and south. Lows 20s and 30s wind 20-30 mph and gusty. west and central. Partly cloudy mountains and northwest Upper 30s to mid 40s east and Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains A slight chance of afternoon south. Wednesday, mostly - Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows showers or thunderstorms. cloudy northwest with widely scattered rain or mountain snow showers. Partly cloudy south east. Windy by afternoon. A lit-Texas — Tonight, becoming the cooler west. Highs ranging Pecos - Tonight, fair. Low mostly cloudy with areas of from near 50 to near 70 north around 50. Wednesday, partly drizzle and fog developing. and west to around 80 far south-

OKLAHOMA - Tonight, Tonight, becoming mostly Wednesday, mostly cloudy and mostly clear. Low in the middle cloudy after midnight. Low in breezy with some patchy morn- 40s to lower 50s. Wednesday, the upper 50s. Wednesday, most- ing drizzle. Highs near 80 east to partly cloudy with a slight ly cloudy. High in the mid 80s. near 90 west. Southeast Texas chance of showers and thunder-Far West Texas - Tonight, fair and Upper Texas Coast - storms in the afternoon. High

## PHS production heads for area competition



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Balley) Rebecca Nolte and Boyd Yates are two of the districtwinning PHS performers in the play "To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday." Directed by first year high school drama teacher Dean Birkes, the play won at the district level for the first time in several years and is going on to Snyder for the area competition.

one-act competition held cal award for sound. recently at Amarillo College.

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Pampa High School one-act competition, and senior play, "To Gillian on her 37th Vanessa Fisher received an All-Birthday," was awarded a first- Star Cast award. Freshman points during the play." place plaque at the UIL district Dirk Archer received a techni- The play, written by M

The play was one of two was the best level of concentra- his wife's untimely death. The strong play," Birkes said. advancing plays that will trav- tion the kids have had for a drama also revolves around Cast members of the play el to area competition April 9 public performance of this David's relationship with his include Yates as David, at Snyder High School in play," Dean Birkes, director, teenage daughter. The play Rebecca Nolte as Gillian, area competition, it will be Senior Boyd Yates received our job because the judge was performed at the district com- as Cindy, Marsha Bailey as tition April 23 at Angelo State the Best Actor award at district crying at several different petition.



Steve West and Jennifer Bliss are two of the district-winning PHS performers in the play "To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday." Directed by first year high school drama teacher Dean Birkes, the play won at the district level for the first time in several years and is going on to Snyder next weekend for the area competition.

The play, written by Michael play, and the judge told us that members include Archer,

Cast members of the play Brackey. Kevin, Steve West as Paul and University in San Angelo.

"This is a very emotional Lacy Plunk as Esther. Crew Brady, is the story of David, a she was happy to have the Ricky Conner, Jeff Holman and "The district performance man struggling to overcome competition end with such a Breland Scott. Understudies are CJ Frazier and Susan

If the play advances past said. "We knew we had done was the last of six plays to be Fisher as Rachel, Jennifer Bliss performed in regional compe-

## FPC Lyceum to present one-man show

BORGER — Frank Phillips Lyceum will present Welsh actor Mansel David in "A House of Leaves," a one-man show based on Dafydd ap Gwilym, at 7 p.m. Monday, April 12, in FPC Fine Arts Building Auditorium. The event is free and open to the pub-

"A House of Leaves" was first performed in 1995 as part of the "Wales in the World Festival" organized by the U.K. Year of Literature and Writing and has toured Wales, Ireland, Scotland and California.

David Rowe, author of the show, is from Llanelli, South Wales. He has lectured at universities in Canada, France, Switzerland and has won prizes for short stories and plays. He has been named The Sunday Times humorous writer of the Year.

Mansel David is from Carmarthen, Wales. He studied at Bristol University and at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. He has many years of experience in radio, television and theatre.

The show is a theatrical performance recreating in a modern style what might have been one of Dafydd's performances and aims to recapture the vigor and the vitality of Dafydd's world. The show is presented in two 40minute parts introducing one of the great figures of medieval culture in a lively, humorous, entertaining, moving and challenging

Dafydd ap Gwilym was a Wales' poet. He is a shadowy figure from the past. Various poems offer tantalizing glimpses of his life but almost nothing is know for certain. He was born in the early part of the 14th century and probably spent most of his life in West Wales. Dafydd wrote funny, bawdy tales of amorous adventures, original nature poetry, formal elegies and eulogies, love poetry, and religious and metaphysical poems.

For more information, call Lyceum Chair at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 731.

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## reunion slated

CLARENDON — Clarendon College Ex-Students Association will host the 61st Annual Alumni Reunion April 10-11 in Clarendon.

The 50th, 25th and 10th anniversary honor classes will be recognized throughout the event. All members of the Class of 1949, 1974. and 1989 are encouraged to attend.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 10 in Bairfield Activity Center followed by the annual Spring Intramural and Alumni Rodeo scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. at Clarendon Community Arena.

The Alumni Honor Banquet will begin at 6 p.m. in BAC. Outstanding CC students will be recognized during the banquet. Tickets for the banquet are \$8.50 per

Following the banquet the CC Fine Arts Department will present a Fine Arts Showcase beginning at 8

p.m. in Harned Sisters Auditorium. The Ex-Students Association will meet April 11 in the College Cafeteria for a luncheon and a business meeting. During the meeting, the association will be electing officers and will be discussing CC goals and the search for the new college president.

For more information about Ex-Students Alumni Reunion, call CC at (806) 874-3571.

### Swinging



Chris Thomason and his 3-year-old daughter Riea enjoy some mutual swinging at the Super Playground.

### Texas Department of Health to offer vaccination clinics

immunization clinics to protect ability to pay. against the following childhood diseases: polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough, measles, rubella, mumps, HIB 7, Columbia Family Health June 15, Rural Health Clinic. (haemophilus influenzae type B) and Hepatitis B. Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines also be given. Pneumococcal vaccines will also be available.

TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of

The Out Of Towners (PG-13) Frl. & Sat 7:15 & 9:10 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:15 Sat. & Sun. Matinees 2:00 Matrix With Keanu Reeves (R) Frl. & Sat. 7:00 & 9:30 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:00

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CANYON — The Texas money charged will be based on and 1-4 p.m., April 26, City Hall, Department of Health will offer family income and size, and the 6 Main Street

Immunization clinics sched- 1-3 p.m., April 14, Rural Health uled in the area are:

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• Canadian - 11 a.m.-12 p.m. p.m., April 23, Shamrock School.

 Groom – 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and Clinic

• Pampa – 9 a.m.-5 p.m., April • Miami – 9:30-11:30 a.m., •Shamrock - 9:30 a.m.-12:30

ATTENTION BASEBALL & SOFTBALL PLAYERS The dream starts at the Optimist Club with sign-ups and tryouts for baseball and softball on April 6, 7 and 8. All players will need to sign up to play. Players moving to a new league and players who did not play last year will need to try out in most leagues. Please bring your glove, a cap and a light jacket if you are trying out. The tryouts will begin at 5:30 p.m. PART OF AMERICA'S and end at 7 p.m. each day. FAVORITE PAST TIME! A playing donation of \$35.00 will be requested. Scholarships are available.

### Cancer center passes review AMARILLO - The Don and equipment and mammogra-Sybil Harrington Cancer phy medical outcomes audit),

Center recently announced mammographic procedures Healthcare System Outreach with breast implants, con-Mammography Vans and In-sumer complaint mechanism, Department of Health and additional mammography Human Services Mammogram review and patient notifica-Quality Standards Act Facility tion. Inspection in full compliance for the third year.

quality assurance (general, patient.

the Cancer Center/BSA and techniques for patients House Units passed the clinical image quality and

In addition to meeting these criteria, the mammography .The Food and Drug units are already in compli-Administration, which con- ance with additional requireducts the inspection, reported ments for facilities which a flawless review. Criteria for must be in place effective the review include the follow- April 28. These additional criing: Personnel, equipment, teria include direct communireporting and record keeping, cation of results to the



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## like Daylight Savings Time

The clocks have all been sprung forward one hour (well, except for the microwave and the watch in the drawer that you hardly ever wear, the one that you'll grab one day because it looks "dressy" but will have the wrong time so you'll be late and...hold it, I'm babbling again.) So, now we all have an extra hour of sunlight every day. Yes, I know we don't actually have an extra hour but like most people anything that happens before 10 a.m. doesn't count. The question is what are we going to do with it?

I like Daylight Savings Time. I wish it would never change back. I don't want more sunlight at 7 a.m. even in the dead of winter but I'm not sure that I actually do anything extra with the

A lot of people use it for gardening, digging in the dirt, I've never really understood that. Farmers digging in the dirt I understand. That's their job. They create something that will make them money and help keep me fed unless they

Jeff West

Pampa News staff

for me then maybe... No, sorry, can't make that leap. But I can understand digging in the dirt and growing stuff people can eat after they pay you money. But I can't understand it at home, for free, growing grass or flowers that you don't even feed to cows or sheep or chickens or the cat or anything. The flowers die right where they grew and the grass is so annoying it has to be cut, which is another thing that can be done later now. I know some people grow vegetables are growing broccoli or spinach. Those don't they can eat. I've heard the claim that this tomahelp keep me fed. Unless you consider that the to or that squash or the kumquat tastes better I need more of that uh, stuff, that parents force down out of your own garden than the kind you buy their kids' throats leaves more of the good stuff in the store. I don't think so. It's just that you're selves.

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so tired and hungry from the extra work that anything tastes better.

Other people like to get involved in some sport, usually baseball. You would think golf would increase in popularity but I've noticed golfers will go out when there is two feet of snow and hunt for the white balls in the woods. So, it's mostly baseball and softball. Actually, when you get hit with the ball a lot none of them feel very soft. I've never quite understood this either. People will get out for several hours and purposely work up a sweat that would choke a buzzard and then complain because the air conditioner in the house is set to 74. I once set out to be a bench warmer on a softball team but then found out the bench didn't recline and the only thing on the TV in right field was sports scores so I quit.

The main reason I like Daylight Savings Time is because because if the TV networks time it right, really pretty sunsets happen about the time you can notice them. That's all the excuse

Be good to one another and be good to your-

### **Today in history**

By The Associated Press

On this date:

Today is Tuesday, April 6, the 96th day of 1999. There are 269 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 6, 1909, explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson became the first men to reach the North Pole. The claim, disputed by skeptics, was upheld in 1989 by the Navigation Foundation.

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In 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was organized by Joseph Smith in

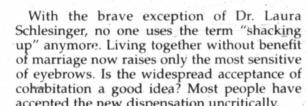
Fayette, N.Y. In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Shiloh began in Tennessee.

In 1896, the first modern Olympic

games formally opened in Athens, In 1917, Congress approved a

declaration of war against In 1945, during World War II, the

## Before you start 'shacking up'



accepted the new dispensation uncritically. But the National Marriage Project, a privately funded research program affiliated with

University (www.smartmarriages.com/cohabit.html), wants you to know that the track record of engagement period or just prior to the wed-'living together" is not so great — particularly ding.) if the goal is a long and happy marriage.

ticularly the young, as a sort of test drive for marriage. Let's move in together, they reason, and find out if we're compatible. Sixty percent of high school seniors in a recent survey dynamic. It may resemble a marriage, but both available data, living together before marriage than the lack of a "piece of paper" that sepanot only does not contribute to marital happiness, it may actually increase the likelihood of eventual divorce.

A 1992 study concluded that "prior cohabitors" had a 46 percent greater hazard of divorce than non-cohabitors.

That's easy to explain, some have said, it's are less conventional, less religious and accordingly more likely than other kinds of through the dissolution of one or many relapeople to get divorced. That's logical enough. the free-spirit factor, a statistically significant gap still remained between those who had hadn't. (These data do not apply to those couliness. ples who move in together during their



Mona Charen

Syndicated columnist

It is difficult to pin down exactly how cohab-Living together is seen by many people, par- itation contributes to later marital instability. The researchers affiliated with the National Marriage Project speculate that the non-marital living arrangement tends to generate its own rates them from married couples. Each member of the pair places greater value on his own couples will endure a divorce.) autonomy than on the durability of the rela-

self-selection. People who choose to cohabit much higher divorce rates than those who But even when the researchers controlled for break and instability, and perhaps hardens ical parents. people in their idiosyncrasies. Rather than

My own guess is that cohabitation leeches a and terrible for children.

good deal of the romance out of marriage. The breathless excitement a young married couple feels about setting up house together and sleeping in the same bed is one of the great joys of life. Looking back on it later cements the sense that marriage is something sacred and precious. But if the male/female living arrangement becomes a matter of convenience rather than commitment, if crossing a threshold is not accompanied by thrown rice and silver gift packages, it does become more hollow and more brittle.

Unsurprisingly, the National Marriage Project data show that cohabitation is most harmful for children. In 1997, 36 percent of these households included children, up from only 21 percent 10 years before. There are estimates that half of America's children will spend some time in a cohabiting household endorsed the practice. But according to the partners are highly aware that it is far more before the age of 16, and three-quarters of these children will see their parents split up. (Only one-third of children born to married

The high split rate among cohabitors means that the children are nearly certain to live with Such habits of mind appear to become a non-biological parent (mom's boyfriend) for ingrained over time. People who experience some time. The rates of child abuse in such setserial cohabitations before marriage have tings are far higher than in married-couple families. A British study found that children lived with only one person. Having lived living with mom and her boyfriend were 33 times more likely to be abused physically and tionships increases one's tolerance for heart- sexually than children living with both biolog-

As with so many of the cultural changes of proving a test run for marriage, living together the past three decades, the trend toward lived together before marriage and those who instead can prove a test run for eventual lone-cohabitation — even leaving morality to one side — turns out to be unsatisfying for adults

### Getting Medicare off life support are "necessary or appropriate" regardless of

Say you're in a boat that's sinking because of a hole in the hull. What's your wisest course of action: Bailing out the water as quickly as possible, or fixing the hole?

Lawmakers trying to reform Medicare before it starts going broke in 2008 now face the same type of decision. They can take the route President Clinton recommends: Delay Medicare's insolvency for a few years by using part of the budget surplus to temporarily bail out the program. Or they can actually fix Medicare.

How to do this? By letting senior citizens buy coverage directly from health plans that compete for their business, just as members of Congress, the White House staff, and other government employees and their dependents under the Federal Employee Health Benefits

Indeed, Sen. John Breaux, D-La., chairman of the recently disbanded congressional Medicare commission, proposed an overhaul of Medicare that mirrors FEHBP in many respects. But without any support from the White House, the Breaux plan failed to garner the votes necessary to forward a recommendation to Congress. Despite political posturing to the contrary, President Clinton has shown voters he isn't serious about Medicare



Edwin Feulner

(Feulner is president of he Heritage Foundation.)

izens and especially the next generation of retirees, because the same type of system that serves Congress and the White House offers some of FEHBP's more attractive features such as a wider menu of benefits would help around this politically charged issue.

That's because FEHBP gives participants a dozens of competing health plans. The benefits are flexible, reflecting market cost and consumer demand. The result? A popular health program that is also financially sound. Medicare, by contrast, offers an obsolete afloat for a while, but what then?

package of benefits that is frequently held hostage to politics. Any changes to the list of Lawmakers That's unfortunate for America's senior cit- 'are available to you, defining whether they deserve a program like it.

the best professional judgment of your doctor. FEHBP is what Medicare would look like had it been designed correctly in the first place. Insurers aren't forced to provide good benefits at a reasonable cost - they do it because they hope to be selected by as many FEHBP enrollees as possible.

Both the General Accounting Office and Congressional Budget Office — the government's own fiscal watchdog agencies - havelabeled the White House proposal irresponsible. As the head of the GAO warned the Senate committee responsible for Medicare, the best model for Medicare reform. In fact, the administration's plan "could induce a false sense of complacency.

By postponing the day of reckoning, the nearly 10 million enrollees in all - do lawmakers negotiate their way more safely president's proposal will make the necessary reforms that much harder to enact. The battle isn't over yet — Sen. Breaux has vowed to broad range of choices, usually involving keep working for "true, serious reform." But the White House plan may prove attractive to lawmakers seeking an easy solution. Pouring part of the budget surplus into Medicare gives the appearance of keeping the program

There's no reason to wait and find out. know Medicare benefits literally require an act of Competition motivates these plans to provide Congress. And the bureaucracy determines the best service for the best price. That's why the conditions under which medical services Congress has it — and why senior citizens

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## Drug war pretense continues as usual

■ A lot of people involved in the battle against narcotics are looking the other way while the posturing takes center

President Clinton recently announced that he will participate in the annual game of "Let's Pretend."

The president will pretend that Mexico is a full and cooperating partner in the war on drugs, the United States will continue to send Mexico aid that it and the Mexican government will pretend will help to win the war, and citizens will pretend that it all is helping a greater cause.

In 1986, Congress passed a law requiring the U.S. government to certify each year that drug-producing and drug-trafficking countries are cooperating in the war. But in reality, in Mexico, especially since the passage of NAFTA, the economic and diplomatic stakes are too high for decertification, which

could carry trade penalties This annual ritual is a nothing short of an empty exercise in denial of plain facts known to all concerned, but it's made nec-

essary by the ridiculousness of the drug war. By most measures, the year has been a lackluster one for Mexican drug warriors — despite a reported expenditure of \$770 million on the drug war by the Mexican government.

Drug Enforcement Administrator Thomas Constantine say Mexico is losing the drug war and claims Mexican drug traffickers have increased their penetration into the U.S. U.S. agents on the ground say Mexico has done little or nothing to combat corruption, even among elite units trained by U.S. drug agents and the CIA. Charges against a couple of alleged methamphetamine kingpins were dismissed and the Mexican government refused to extradite suspects fingered by a U.S. Customs operation. Seizures and arrests were down; no kingpins were arrested.

But the annual pretense of certification is only a small part of a larger continuing game of pretense and denial. The government pretends that the drug war is a good idea. It pretends that dealing with drug use as a law-enforcement problem rather than a personal or medical problem doesn't make every aspect of drug use worse rather than better. It pretends that the end result of the war is something other than the enrichment of brutal traffickers, the expansion of corruption, the diversion of law enforcement resources from real crime, the creation of crime that wouldn't have occurred otherwise, the death of innocents and the imprisonment of people who should be in some kind of treatment for an addiction instead.

Until citizens are ready to deal with this larger game of "Let's Pretend," the annual pretense will continue.

-Odessa American

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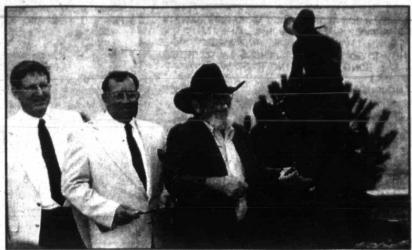
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Gold Coaters Richard Morris and Pat Montoya, above photo, with sculptor Gerald Sanders during the dedication ceremony at Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park recently. Eloise Lane with Gold Coaters Richard Morris and Pat Montova, right, watch on as sculptor Gerald Sanders cuts a ribbon during the dedication ceremony at Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park.



## DPS License, Weight building opens

SHAMROCK — The new Department of Public Safety License and Weight Building here was to be filled with troopers yesterday as it opened for business.

"I have a bunch of troopers coming in about 1:30 p.m.," said Trooper Kevin King today.

Dedication ceremonies for the new building, located a mile east of Shamrock on Interstate 40, were at 6 last night. A barbecue banquet followed at the Irish Inn.

The building was built by Wheeler County, according to Wheeler County Precinct 4 Commissioner Boyd Hiltbruner, to house the DPS License and Weight contingent in Shamrock.

Right now, King said, he is the only License and Weight trooper stationed in this eastern Texas Panhandle town, but there are plans for as many as six more troopers, depending upon what the state legislature decides to fund this session.

King said Shamrock's location near where Interstate 40 crosses the Texas-Oklahoma line makes it a strategic point.

"With the number of trucks on I-40 that pass through here," he said, been involved in stopping drug runners. we could use some help."

Depending upon what the state and federal governments decide to do to lighten traffic on Interstates 35 and 25 because of increased trade with Mexico and Canada, U.S. 83 that runs north and south through Wheeler County could also affect the number of troopers stationed in

"With NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), it ought to pick up here," King said.

The License and Weight Division of the DPS inspects commercial vehicles, King said, and enforces federal Department of Transportation regulations and state weight rules.

"We check primarily the big trucks," King said, "to make sure they're safe.

The weight regulations are important, he said, because overweight trucks can cause excessive wear to the state highway system resulting in chuck holes that can damage cars and lead to accidents.

King said the License and Weight troopers are troopers like any other in the DPS. They can still write tickets for speeding and have



Prospector paydirt analyzed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nice rock, mate! A 56-pound chunk of metal belonging to an Australian prospector is 80 percent to 90 percent high-purity gold, University of Southern

California scientists said Monday. "Usually, the only place you can see a piece of gold like this is in a display case behind thick glass," said Jean Morrison, an associate professor of earth sciences at USC.

The nugget was found in western Australia by a man who wants ed.

to remain anonymous, USC said in a statement Monday. "This is what every prospector dreams about. Every man and dog jumps up and down over something like this," the prospector said

The nugget is worth between \$250,000 to \$300,000 if melted down, said Joel Forman, an appraiser representing the prospector.

A tiny flake removed from its surface was between 92.3 percent to 93 percent gold, with the remainder consisting of silver, USC said. It's so bright that you think it can't be real, but then, 56 pounds of real gold looks fake," Morrison said.

The nugget is scheduled to be auctioned at Sotheby's in June.

Blowup doll heist blows up

MARTINSBURG, W.Va. (AP) — A plan to nab blowup dolls has blown up in the face of a man accused of robbery.

John Capriotti, 22, was charged with stealing several blowup dolls and other sexual devices from Big Al's Movie Outlet and then leading police on a short chase early Saturday.

A State Police trooper watched Capriotti's car spin out of the Route 11 plaza where the video store is located and followed his car. Police said he started tossing the dolls out his window.

Capriotti was charged with breaking and entering, speeding, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, driving with a suspended license and not wearing a seat belt.

He was being held in the Eastern Regional Jail on Monday on a \$11,000 bond, said Trooper Eric Burnett. The dolls were recovered and a Big Al's employee identified them as property of the store.

Rice, beans, dry ice prove explosive mixture

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Rice and beans can be an explosive mixture in their own right. Adding dry ice doesn't exactly help.

Steve Tate's roof is proof. Tate's garage was damaged and a hole blown through his roof after a mixture of beans and rice he packaged with dry ice explod-

ATTENTION BASEBALL & SOFTBALL PLAYERS The dream starts at the Optimist Club with sign-ups and tryouts for baseball and softball on April 6, 7 and 8. All players will need to sign up to play. Players moving to a new league and players who did not play last year will need to try out in most leagues. Please bring your glove, a cap and a light jacket if you are trying out. COME AND BE A The tryouts will begin at 5:30 p.m. PART OF AMERICA'S and end at 7 p.m. each day. FAVORITE PAST TIME! A playing donation of \$35.00 will be requested. Scholarships are available.

He had intended to bury the food near his cabin, Fire Chief Mickey Jackson said. "We strongly recommend to the public they not try things like that," Jackson said.

Officials wouldn't say why Tate wanted to store the food in a group of 6-foot-long pipes near his home in Berryville, 140 miles northwest of Little Rock. Tate refused comment.

Tate called 911 Saturday afternoon after one of the pipes explod-

Because of the potential danger caused by the dry ice, the Fayetteville Fire Department called in the Springdale Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit.

The house was evacuated and the neighborhood partially cleared.

'Dry ice is just frozen CO2 (carbon dioxide)," Jackson said, "so when you confine it, it has no place to go. The gas pressure just built up and it exploded, blowing a hole in the roof.



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DEAR ABBY: My mother passed away four weeks ago. Last night, I sat my three children down and read them my mother's life story from birth through 12th grade. As a graduation requirement for Ironton High School in Ironton, Ohio, in

1940, she had to write her life story. She wrote about kindergarten, her best friends, neighbors, favorite games she played as a child, her religious testimony, her first crush, first time wearing makeup, first date, prom, and best Thanksgiving in a horse-and-buggy carriage going to my great-grandmother's farm in Kentucky. The vivid descriptions she wrote of herself as a young girl are so rich and beautifully clear in our minds today. What a gift this has been to me, my brothers and sisters and our children. Of all the possessions she left, her story is our most meaningful and precious treasure.

Abby, I'm writing this letter to suggest that high school English teachers today consider such an assignment.

CAROL JEAN CLICK HARDISON'S DAUGHTER "SUE" IN GEORGIA

DEAR SUE: Your dear mother's writing project is a priceless memento, and the idea is certainly worth mentioning. The senior year of high school is a logical time to pause and take stock before beginning the great leap forward to adult-hood. Not only would the sub-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

ject be something with which the writer is intensely familiar it would offer many opportunities for creativity.

DEAR ABBY: You recently ran a letter about the importance of having identification. May I add a personal experience?

I had what I thought was a heart

attack. I got myself to the hospital and was rushed into the emergency room. I was put on oxygen and hooked up to machines and monitored. The nurse even gave me a nitro pill. Then she asked me a question: "Is there anyone we can call for you?"

I was floored at the idea. I had ID with me; I'm never without it. But it was not current. My wife had a job that had her driving from store to store and couldn't be reached. My daughter slept days and I didn't have her telephone number. My eldest son had just moved and I didn't have his new number, either. I couldn't remember where my youngest son worked.

None of my family could be reached. At the time I was employed as a supervisor at the post office, and part of my job was to give a safety talk once a week. I used the above experience in my talk on the last day I worked. All the employees assured me that their IDs were upto-date, but I insisted they check to make sure. I saw pencils whipped out to hurriedly erase outdated information, and one carrier piped up, "My God, I haven't been married to that witch for three years!" I know firsthand that current ID is very important.

DEX PACKARD, AURORA, ORE.

DEAR DEX: I think you've made your point. Not only is it important to carry identification everywhere, it's equally important that the information be up-to-date. It doesn't have to be fancy - a 3-by-5 index card tucked in a purse, a wallet or a pocket will do. And for joggers and athletes who don't want to "carry" anything, marking the information in indelible ink on the tongue of an athletic shoe will accomplish the same thing.

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Horoscope Tonight: Where the crowds are. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR 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)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1999

\*\*\* Listen to the murmurs at work. View a business proposition with utmost seriousness. Check out new ways to increase your efficiency as well as your financial well-being. A parent or older relative is full of wise words. Tonight: Beam in

what you want. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* Your naturally earthy ways draw compliments. Taking an overview helps you make sound judgments. Avoid 'split decisions; be methodical and do your homework. You are able to digest information that others can't. Take responsibility. Tonight: Do research on the Internet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ One-to-one relating elicits positive feedback. You might not be able to visualize the whole story. Follow through on what is important to you. Discussions bring out details you could have missed

otherwise. Take time to think. Tonight: Talk with your partner. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You know what you want. Others respond to your sense of direction and to your needs. Make time to socialize, not only at work but also with friends. You within your professional structure. It isn't friend could be unusually heavy and strong-work.

minded. It's okay to have different ideas.

★★★★ Take the lead in a key work situation. You are able to convince those you work with that you can lead them in the direction they want to go. Build on existing ground. Don't negate others' efforts. Teamwork is critical. Tonight: With the gang. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ News from a distance leaves you in a dubious situation. However, if you tap into your creativity, you'll come out way ahead. Brainstorming proves most fruitful. A flirtation builds; make a decision about how far you want this to go. Tonight: Let your imagination lead! LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Listen to a partner about a domestic matter. Though you might feel this is ultimately your choice, you need feedback Trying to persuade another could be challenging, at best. However comfortable you feel, don't think you can avoid a decision. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Communication could be heavy,

and sometimes difficult, with a partner. Have a needed conversation. You can make a difference if you take it slowly and easily. Be direct with others while giving them space. As you know, it is hard to give up your position. Tonight: Talking up a storm SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\* Be more aware of what you offer. Don't minimize your talents and assets Work is demanding and might drag you out. Pace yourself. Deal with finances and be willing to limit risk, at least for now. Stay need that infusion of energy. An older time for changes. Tonight: Stay on top of

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Allow a child to express himself; he might feel that you limit him way too much. Your personality helps others understand your limits; sometimes they find you unusually sober. Allow your creativity to flourish right now. Tonight: Pencil in some fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\* \* You are anchored and are evaluating a problem from more solid foundations Your perspective changes considerably because of information shared. You might be making very strong judgments. Pull back and think about what you are really saying here Tonight: Pushing hard!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Conversations need to be directed. What happens is important to your well-being. Network and share ideas. You don't always have to agree with others. Listen carefully to what isn't said. Read between the lines. Your impressions prove enlightening. Tonight: Where, your friends

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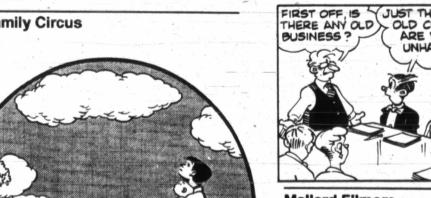


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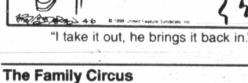
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## SPORTS

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PAMPA - Hidden Hills held a four-man seniors scramble last week.

Results are as follows: First place: Howard Musgrave, Jerry South, John Haynes and Chuck Martinez,

Second place: John Darby, Bob Lyle, Bill Abernathy and Marvin Allison, 63.

Third place: Travis Taylor, Buddy Epperson, Preston Cox and Bill Stephens, 63.

Fourth place: Bob Young, I.B. Holt, Harold Comer and Joe Wheeley, 63.

Closest to the hole: Bob Lyle, No. 15.

#### BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The unbeaten **Jazz downed the Magic 78-73** in a close contest in a Kids-Youth Club basketball game last weekend.

Leo Ramirez was the Jazz' top scorer with 32 points. Rene Granillo led the Magic with 43 points.

The Jazz trailed at halftime 42-40, but took a 60-56 lead going into the fourth quarter. The Jazz improved their

record to 8-0. Jazz 78, Magic 73 J - Leo Ramirez 32, Trevor

Muniz 23, Matt Cook 11, Nefi Mezi 8, Stephanie Gattis 2, Shawn Stone 2; Stephanie Gattis 2, Shawn Stone; Threepoint goals: Trevor Muniz 2, Leo Ramirez 1, Matt Cook 1.

M - Rene Granillo 43, James Silva 13, Bryce Taylor 9, Johnny Salazar 4, Danny Bedolla 4; Three-point goals: Rene Granillo 6, James Silva

### BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) Sammy Sosa started slow but finished fast hitting home runs last season.

The Chicago Cubs star hit his final 1998 home run against the Houston Astros' Jose Lima in the Astrodome last Sept. 25, giving him a brief 66-65 lead over Mark McGwire in the race for the home record. McGwire then hit five in his final three games.

"About last year, you have to understand it's not how you start but how you finish," Sosa said Monday as the Cubs and Astros prepared for Tuesday night's game, the final season opener in the Astrodome.

"No matter how I start this year, I'll just wait until September and October. That's when it counts."

Sosa and McGwire took baseball on a wild and exciting ride in pursuit of Roger Maris' major league-record 61 home runs in a season.

Sosa made the race interesting but he was late getting started. He trailed McGwire 24-9 on May 25. He then outhomered McGwire 57-46 the rest of the season but McGwire won the title 70-66.

Now it's time to start up again and Sosa already is one homer behind Big Mac.

"It's going to be different for me," Sosa said. "I'm more comfortable and I know what's going on at the plate. I'm a much better hitter and I know what to do. I am more patient, going deeper in the

Sosa hit 12 home runs in spring training and also added weight (about 10 pounds) to help sustain him through the season.

"It think it was by design," manager Riggleman said. "He maintained his strength last year. He felt in previous years he lost weight during the season. Last year he maintained it and felt that was the formula for success.'

Sosa will face Astros ace Shane Reynolds (19-8, 3.51 ERA last season). Steve Trachsel (15-8, 4.46) will start for the Cubs.

"My last home run was here last year and tomorrow (Tuesday) we start again but last year is over and I want to start again and have a great year," Sosa said.

## Rangers stumble in opener

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) -Don't expect the Detroit Tigers to do too much celebrating after their lopsided 11-5 victory over Texas on opening day. After all, they still vividly remember what happened last year.

The Tigers opened 1998 with an 11-6 victory over Tampa Bay, then waited a week for their second win. Their fourth win took two more weeks and by April 29 they were 5-18, eight games out of the division lead.

So as excited as everyone was about Monday's victory, everyone in the Detroit locker room knew not to get carried away.

That's a shame, too, because there sure was a lot to be savored - from Brian Moehler's near nohitter to Juan Encarnacion's homer on the game's first pitch to the fact every starter had scored a run or driven one in by the sixth inning.

"We won big in the opener last year and we all know what happened from then on," said Damion Easley, whose three-run homer capped a seven-run third inning. "We've got to take each game for what it's worth."

This one was worth a lot because of the way it was earned.

Moehler (1-0) overcame a pregame case of the jitters to hold Texas, the AL's top-hitting team last year, without a hit until one out into the seventh inning.

The thought of making his first opening day start got to Moehler. Although he got 10 hours sleep, he cut his warmup short because he didn't feel comfortable on the bullpen mound. He also had a queasy stomach.

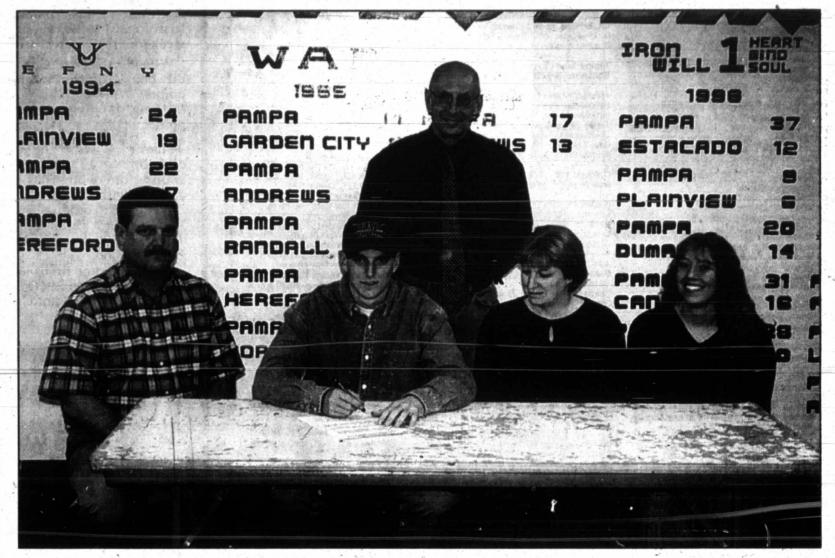
"For the first time in my career, I felt like I was going to throw up," Moehler said.

But the right-hander settled side in order in five of the first six innings. His only jam was the second when he walked Juan Gonzalez and Rafael Palmeiro, but got out of it with a double-play grounder and a pop

Gonzalez's single in the seventh ended Moehler's bid to join Bob Feller as the only pitchers to throw no-hitters on opening day. Palmeiro followed with an RBI double that got the Rangers

Detroit jumped all over Texas starter Rick Helling (0-1), although he did much of the damage to himself.

### Roark signs



Pampa senior Justin Roark signs a letter of intent to attend Ottawa University in Kansas on a football scholarship. Also pictured are Justin's parents, Dennis and Donna Roark; family friend Summer Morris (far right) and Dennis Cavalier (standing), PHS football coach-athletic director. Roark quarterbacked the Harvesters to a 10-3 record and the regional semifinals this season.

## 8th grade boys take 2nd at Pampa meet

PAMPA — Pampa 8th graders scored 141 points to take second in the Pampa Brown, Tyson Moree and Middle School Boys' Track Curtis Pritchett). Meet last weekend.

Pampa results are as fol-

### 8th Grade Division

down quickly and retired the Shot put: Clint Brown, second

Long jump: Hayden Wade, place; Curtis Pritchett, fourth third place; Joel Shelton, fifth place; Justin Haddock, sixth

fifth place; Josh Miller, sixth

High jump: James Gaddis, third place. fourth place.

Triple jump: James Gaddis, place. third place.

Discus: Ryan Zemanek, Hayden Wade and Tim place. fourth place; Clint Brown, Kettening).

first place, 45.27; Trey Curtis,

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first place, 17.08.

2400: Jay Gerber, fourth place.

400 relay: Pampa, third place(Hayden Wade, Tim (Mac Smith, Johnny Story, place (Justin Haddock, Tristen Kettenring, Curtis Pritchett Derek Lewis and and James Gaddis).

place, Tim Kettenring, fifth take third in the 7th grade division.

Pampa results are as fol-

### 7th Grade Division

Shot put: Aaron Simon, sixth 400: James Gaddis, first place, 56.36; Joel Botello, third place.

Long jump: Jesse Tarango, second place.

800 relay: Pampa third place Discus: Aaron Simon, third (Tyson Moree, Tristen Brown, place; Jerrod Carruth, fourth

High 300 hurdles: James Gaddis, Locknane, sixth place.

Triple jump: Mac Smith, first 32-11; Andrew place, 200: Tristen Brown, fifth Ammons, fourth place.

2400: Cody Locknane, secplace.

1600 relay: Pampa, second 400 relay: Pampa, first place Brandon Boyd).

Tarango), 50.21. 800: Andrew Ammons, fifth

800: Louis Campos, sixth Pampa scored 145 points to place. 110 hurdles: Chance Bowers,

fifth place. 100: Andrew Curtis, second place; Mac Smith, third place; Jesse Tarango, fourth place;

Danny Meza, sixth place. 400: Britton White, fifth

800 relay: Pampa, second place (Max Vinson, Johnny Story, Derek Lewis and Andrew Curtis).

300 hurdles: Collin Bowers, sixth place.

200: Andrew Curtis, first place, 26.65; Mac Smith, second place.

1600: Cody Locknane, first place, 5:42.84.

1600 relay: Pampa, third 1600: Jay Gerber, second ond place; Jacob West, sixth place (Nick Story, Danny Meza, Chance Bowers and

## Signups, tryouts begin today for Optimist leagues

110 hurdles: Trey Curtis,

100: Jake Mullanex, fifth

place; Tyson Moree, sixth

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is "banking" on help with its baseball and softball leagues this year as signups and tryouts begin today. Pampa's five banks have each loaned the Club an executive to assist this year.

"We are delighted to have the banks show such support for our program for young people," said James Davis, Optimist President. "We are reaching out to the community more than ever this year and feel that the loaned executives can provide us with sound leadership."

Sign-ups for all leagues will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday of this week at Optimist Park. Players attending tryouts should come dressed in long sleeved shirts, light jackets and tennis shoes. The players should also bring their ball gloves. Boys nine and older and girls seven and older will have an opportunity to tryout. Everyone will be placed on a team. Everyone will get to play.

Minor9-10 Baseball League.

Pampa a little over a year, he is sides. I think it is a good pro- the Player Agent. involved in Knights of Kiwanis Club. He and his wife, Tina, are members of St. Vincent or losing. DePaul Catholic Church. They have four children.



Jimmie Clark

"I think it is important to teach whether they win or lose."

gram for the kids. Kids need the

its Pampa branch last year. He program and two grandchilhas been married for 20 years. dren. He and his wife, Debbie, have Ken Rheams, the Secretary of two children and two grandchil- the Beginner and Rookie

Although he has only been in He got to see things from both softball program. She will be Andrea Baker, as

Columbus, the Board of opportunity of learning that and the Rookie League (pitching duties

Bambino 9-10 League again. I- Commissioner, coached and Baptist Church. lis wife, Judy, is the Head umpired in Optimist baseball and softball leagues for seven Jimmy Stone will assist the years. He has been employed by Girls Softball League as the Pampa News since 1960. He Secretary. He has over 20 years and his wife, Elizabeth, will celof experience in the banking ebrate their 35th wedding business and has been the anniversary this year. They Branch Manager of First State have two boys who went Bank of Miami since it opened through the Optimist baseball

dren. Deeply committed to leagues, has owned and operatyouth, Stone has been on the ed Rheams Diamond Shop in Board of Directors for the Pampa for 23 years. He coached rounds out the league's board of Pampa Youth and Community Optimist baseball for six years. "I took my son through the pro-Sheri Tice is the Commissioner gram, and now I'm taking my of the League. Jimmie Clark, a grandson through the program," long time softball coach and the Rheams said. "The Optimist our youth the value of team Commissioner for the League Club has a great program. They work," Holt said. "It is also for the past three years, is the not only teach the fundamentals important for them to have fun, Assistant Commissioner. Benny of baseball but also how to get Horton, who coached in the along with other kids and good Kim Holden, a Lobby Teller Optimist softball program for sportsmanship." Jane Skinner, for FirstBank Southwest, will be six years and who originated the whose three sons played the Secretary of the Minor Lady Harvester softball pro- Optimist baseball and and who Battalion of the 142'd Mech. Bambino 9-10 League. She has gram at Pampa High School, is now has two sons coaching in Infantry of the Texas Army Winston Holt is an Assistant been employed by the bank for an Adviser. His 1992 Lady the Optimist program, will be National Guard. Martinez is Vice-President and the Banking five years. She is a member of Harvesters won the United Girls the Head Scorekeeper. She has active in the United Way, the Center Manager of Nation's the Eastern Star. "My son Softball Association State four grandchildren playing Pampa Rotary Club and serves Bank, which will become Bank played Optimist baseball for Championship. He has owned baseball and softball. Her hus- on the School Board for of America this week. He will four years," Holden said. "He and operated Warner-Horton band, Joe Don, has coached St. Vincent DePaul Catholic serve as Assistant learned teamwork and sports- Supply for 27 years. Melissa Optimist baseball for about 15 Church. Commissioner of the Bambino manship. He had two winning Garner and husband, Terry, are years and is now helping coach

> Branch Manager for First Secretary The Beginner League (T-ball) American Bank, will take on Scorekeeper. Assistant of Commissioner of the Minor Chico Ramirez, Assistant husband, Benny, attend Central May 15.

The Major Bambino 11-12 League Commissioner will be David Hutto. Melvin Wills, a Groom farmer and an Optimist umpire for more than 10 years, is the league's Head Umpire. Judy Warner, who was the outstanding local president in the state with the Pampa Jaycee-Ettes and who has served as President of Altrusa of Pampa, will be Secretary. Cel Henley, whose sons are playing in the baseball program and whose husband, Dick, is a coach, directors as the Head Scorekeeper.

Joe Martinez, Assistant Vice-President of National Bank of Commerce, will take the reins as Assistant Commissioner for the Babe Ruth Baseball League, which is for players 13 to 15 years old. Martinez is the First Sergeant of Headquarters Company of the Second

David Smith, Lois Strate and Bob Dixon will serve the Babe Andrea Baker, an Assistant Ruth League as Commissioner,

Practice will begin April 12. Directors for CASA and the being out with their teammates machine) for boys and girls 5 to Commissioner for the Major The first games will be played is more important than winning 8 years old will not have a draft Bambino 11-12 Baseball League. the week of April 26. The offiof players. Richard W. Stowers, She has been employed by the cial "Opening Day" ceremonies Mando Ramirez is the Jr. will serve as Commissioner. bank for 12 years. She and her and barbeque will take place on GB.

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San Diego Sunday's Game Colorado 8, San Diego 2 Monday's Games San Francisco 11, Cincinnati 8 Florida 6. New York 2 Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 4 Los Angeles 8, Arizona 6, 11 innings Milwaukee 10. St. Louis 8 Only games scheduled Tuesday's Games

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Colorado (Astacio 13-14) at San Diego (Hitchcock 9-7), 10:05 p.m. Arizona (Stottlemyre 14-13) at Los Angeles (Park 15-9), 10:10 p.m. Wednesday's Games San Francisco (Ortiz 4-4) at Cincinnati

(Avery 10-7), 12:35 p.m. Montreal (Vazquez 5-15) at Pittsburgh (Schourek 7-6), 1:35 p.m. Colorado (Wright 9-14) at San Diego (Hitchcock 9-7); 5:05 p.m. New York (Jones 9-9) at Florida (Sanchez 7-Philadelphia (Loewer 7-8) at Atlanta (Smoltz

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American League At A Glance By The Associated Press All Times EDT

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Wednesday's Games New York (Mendoza 10-2) at Oakland (Haynes 11-9), 4:05 p.m Tampa Bay (Saunders 6-15) at Baltimore (Guzman 10-16), 7:05 p.m. Boston (Saberhagen 15-8) at Kansas City (Rosado 8-11), 8:05 p.m.

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and Austmus; Helling, Loaiza (4), Morgan (6), Munoz (9) and Rodriguez. W—Moehler 1-0. L—Helling 0-1. HRs—Detroit, Encarnacion (1), Easley (1), Higginson (1). Texas,

Boston 002 002 001 — 5 13 Kansas City200000100 — 3 6 Martinez, Lowe (7), Gordon (9) and Hatteberg; Appier, Wengert (6), Whisenant (8), Service (8) and Kreuter. W—Martinez 1-0. L—Appier 0-1. Sv—Gordon (1). HRs—Boston, Valentin (1). Kansas City, Randa (1).

Tampa Bay101111 002 — 7 12 Baltimore 004 200 04x — 10 13 Alvarez, White (4), Duvall (6), Yan (7),

Hernandez (8) and Flaherty; Mussina, Bones (6), Fetters (6), Rhodes (7), Slocumb (9), Timlin (9) and Johnson. W—Mussina 1-0. L—Alvarez 0-1. Sv—Timlin (1). HRs—Tampa Bay, Canseco (1), Flaherty (1). Baltimore, Anderson (1), Belle (1).

Baldwin, Foulke (7), Simas (9) and Fordyce; Fassero, Hinchliffe (7) and Wilson. W— Baldwin 1-0. L—Fassero 0-1. HRs— Chicago, Konerko (1), Jackson (1). Seattle, Guillen (1), Griffey Jr (1).

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Gardner, Tavarez (6), Embree (7), Johnstone (8), Nen (9) and Mayne; Tomko, Reyes (4), Hudek (7), White (8), Williamson (9) and Taubensee. W—Embree 1-0. L—Hudek 0-1. Sv-Nen (1). HRs-San Francisco, Hayes (1), Burks (1). Cincinnati, Cameron (1),

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Schilling, Perez (7), Gomes (8), Brantley (9) and Lieberthal; Glavine, Mcglinchy Cather (8), Wohlers (9), Rocker (9) and Lopez. W—Schilling 1-0. L—Glavine 0-1. Sv—Brantley (1). HRs—Philadelphia, Rolen

Arizona 000 105 000 00 —6 12 1 Los Angeles 100100013 02 —8 13 0 (11 innings) Johnson, Holmes (8), Swindell (8), Reynoso (8), Olson (9), Frascatore (10), and Stinnett; Brown, Borbon (6), Rojas (7), Masaoka (8), Mills (9), Shaw (10) and Hundley. W—Shaw 1-0. L—Frascatore 0-1. HRs—Arizona, Bell (1), Gilkey 2 (2). Los Angeles, Mondesi 2 (2),

New York001 000 001 — 2 9 Florida 300 020 01x — 6 12 Piazza; Fernandez, Edmondson (6) Darensbourg (8), Alfonseca (8), Mantei (9) and Redmond. W—Fernandez 1-0. L—Leiter

Montreal 302 004 000 — 9 17 2 Pittsburgh 000010 001 — 2 7 2 Hermanson, Telford (8) and Widger;

Cordova, Phillips (6), Sauerbeck (6), J.Wallace (9) and Kendall. W—Hermanson L-Cordova 0-1. HRs-Montreal, Guerrero (1), Widger (1). Milwaukee 010420 003 — 10 11 0 St. Louis010 010 033 — 8 11 0

Roque, Weathers (3), Plunk (6), Fox (8) Myers (8), Wickman (9) and Nilsson; Osborne, Busby (3), Avbar (5), Painter (6) Radinsky (7), Bottalico (8), Acevedo (9) and Marrero. W---Weathers 1-0. L---Busby 0-1. Nilsson (1). St. Louis, McGwire (1), Tatis (1)

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**TRANSACTIONS Monday's Sports Transactions** By The Associated Press

L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

BASEBALL American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed RHP Rich DeLucia to a monor-league contract.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Designated LHP
Ron Mahay for assignment. Purchased the
contract of 1B John Jaha from Vancouver of the Pacific Coast League.

National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Signed LHP Ron.

Villone to a minor-league contract.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Optioned RHP
Shayne Bennet to Ottawa of the International League. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Placed OF Ray

Lankford and INF David Howard on the 15-day disabled list. Called up INF Placido Polanco and INF Luis Ordaz from Memphis SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS-Placed 3B Bill Mueller on the 15-day disabled list. Called up INF Edwards Guzman.

National Basketball Association ATLANTA HAWKS-Named Jim Washington director of community affairs. LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Placed F Travis Knight on the injured list. Activated G Tyronn NEW JERSEY NETS-Signed F Mark

Hendrickson to a second 10-day contract. PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Signed G Doug Overton to a second 10-day contract.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Fired Bernie FOOTBALL National Football League
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Agreed to terms

with QB Jeff George.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Waived S Bo Orlando. Traded WR Jahine Arnold to Green Bay for past considerations.

National Hockey League FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled F Marcus Haven of the AHL PITTSBURGH PENGUINS-Recalled G Craig Hillier from Syracuse of the AHL.

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Texas at Houston, 7 p.m. Sam Houston State at Texas A&M, 7 p.m. Wed Apr 7 Mankato State at Iowa State, 3 p.m.

Rice at Baylor, 3 p.m.
Oklahoma State at Oral Roberts (Drillers Stadium, Tulsa), 6:35 p.m. Southwest Missouri at Kansas (2), 2 & 7 p.m. Creighton at Nebraska, 7 p.m.

## Duval is heavy Masters favorite

Duval didn't even bring his golf the last two years. clubs to Augusta National and he still managed to dominate the Fred Couples said. "But he's won first day of practice for the Masters.

While Duval did nothing but don't know of anyone else who's have a little lunch in the clubhouse and formally register for the first major of the season, player after player walked off the 18th green Monday with the hottest player in the game on their minds.

Even the changes made to toughen up the golf course came in second to talk about the streak Duval finds himself on.

"I wish he would play a little less, so maybe I might win one,' Justin Leonard said. "What he's done is incredible. If there was somebody whose respect he didn't have before this year, I think he's gained it."

The winner of his last two tournot only in the Las Vegas sports peers to do what he agrees is nec- a row." essary to validate his career -

win his first major. Not since Tom Watson in 1980 and Johnny Miller six years prior week before you go somewhere," to that has a golfer dominated on Duval said. "It makes you realize

"He hasn't won a major yet," 11 of the last 34 times he's played.

That's borderline ridiculous. I done that."

Duval, who never plays on the Monday of a tournament, arrived with little fanfare on the back of a golf cart to take in the scene and have a bite to eat before getting down to business Tuesday with his tournament preparation.

He enters the week fresh off The Players Championship and the BellSouth Classic, just two hours down the road in Atlanta. He also enters with the added confidence of having played well enough last year to miss a playoff only when Mark O'Meara knocked in a 20footer for birdie on the last hole to win his first major.

"I can't imagine he's going to naments and four already in the 'suffer any kind of letdown," said young year, Duval is a favorite Mark Calcavecchia. "It's got to be a pretty good way to come into books (5-1), but also among his this tournament, winning two in

Not surprisingly,

"I think it's helpful to win the

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - David the PGA Tour like Duval has in that what you're doing, you're doing right. And I know I can do

Duval's streak not only shoved Tiger Woods out of the favorite's role, it also overshadowed the changes made to the golf course inspired by the runaway win by Woods two years ago.

Two new tee boxes have lengthened the course and a heftier cut of rough might make it more difficult to stop the ball on Augusta's slick greens if players miss the generally forgiving fairways.

The changes will be most evident on the par-5 15th, where fairway mounds that many times funneled balls further down the fairway have virtually been eliminated and 20 mature pine trees planted in their place. Six more pine trees frame the green, replacing a mound to the right of

On 17, the tee was moved back 25 yards, bringing back into play the pine tree that President Eisenhower wanted to have cut down after it caught one too many of his drives.

"The more the length, the more of an advantage to the long hitters," Steve Stricker said. "No. 17 is a perfect example."

## Mustangs take second at Irish Relays in Shamrock

Irish Relays in Shamrock last weekend.

Wheeler placed second in the boys' division with 125 points. Wheeler placed sixth in the girls' division with 66 points.

Shamrock won the boys' division with 127 points. Wellington won the girls' division with 111 points. Wheeler junior Brooke

Verden won both the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles in the girls' division.

Bringing home first-place in the boys' division for the Mustangs were Ivan Guerra

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Discus: Bradstreet, third place, 84-11. 800: Marion, third place, 11:46.11.

2:35.58. 100 hurdles: Verden, first Wheeler, 2:06.77. place, 16.33.

1:06.51. 300 hurdles: Verden, first place, 42.17.

place, 49.70. 1600 relay: Wheeler, third place, 4:28.65.

Boys

High jump: Masters, second place, 3:37.57.

place, 41-8 1/4. Discus: Dunnam, second

place, 10-6.

800: Jones, second place,

400: Marion, second place, 52.73; Jones, third place, 53.96. 300 hurdles: Dunnam, first

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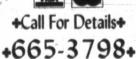


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## Border-crossers, armed rancher viewed as potential for trouble

DOUGLAS, Ariz. (AP) — The three men hold- the rest gave themselves up, he said. ing a group of illegal immigrants wore holstered guns, One carried binoculars. Two wore camouflage outfits.

None of the 27 people turned over to Border Patrol agents complained of mistreatment, but the situation illustrates ranchers' increasing concern about the illegal aliens who cross their land — and an increasing potential for trouble, agency spokesman Rob Daniels said Monday.

The Border Patrol's Tucson sector, which covers all the Arizona-Mexico border except near Yuma, leads the nation in border-crossing arrests, and Douglas - across from Agua Prieta, Mexico -

was the No. 1 site last month with arrest of 27,225. For the first time, arrests at tiny Naco about 25 miles west of Douglas surpassed those at Nogales, historically the sector's leading site.

Board of Supervisors, said illegal entrants are crossing the border in such large numbers that it frightens people.

We're starting to see people who are hungry, and their families are hungry. Unfortunately, a hungry man is capable of doing just about anything," Thompson said.

Rancher Roger Barnett led the trio who held 27 illegal entrants for Border Patrol agents on Sunday. Barnett said he and his brothers had been sur-

'Cruising to Coffins' underway

SAN ANTONIO - The Texas Highway Patrol Museum in down-

town San Antonio will present "Cruising to Coffins," a drunk dri-

ving awareness program in observation of Alcohol Awareness

The event, open to all high schools, junior high schools and

Guest speakers will include Ella Carrasco, second vice president

of MADD San Antonio Chapter. A DPS Safety Education trooper

will facilitate the program involving videos, victim accounts, mock

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Director Todd Reavis at The Texas Highway Patrol Museum, (210)

social/community groups, educates and shocks teens into realiz-

ing the dangers associated with drinking and driving.

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Earlier this month, he was among more than 20 southeastern Arizona ranchers who signed a statement warning that unless the federal government takes steps to control the human flood, "friction between invader and property owners in this area may increase to the point of blood being shed."

The statement was presented to the Cochise County Board of Supervisors and to state legislators and members of Arizona's congressional delegation.

Ranchers and other area residents expressed similar concerns directly to Border Patrol and Cochise County Sheriff's Department officials at community meetings.

Barnett estimated that hundreds of illegal entrants have been apprehended in the last year or so as a result of his calls to the Border Patrol.

He said many more make it across his land, Les Thompson, chairman of the Cochise County often damaging fences, water tanks and other

As for the guns, he said, "out here, except for the Border Patrol, law enforcement is nonexistent.

I'm armed all the time when I'm on the ranch. We've got predators, mountain lions, coyotes - you never know what you'll need to do on a

ranch," he added. Susan Krentz said her family's ranch east of Douglas also has sustained damage and that an illegal entrant recently stole a truck.

of a large group headed north toward Arizona 80.
He said they found the group hiding in the brush not far from the road. Some of them ran, but When you see 30 and 40 people coming at you

### Suit over slain Tejano star's bus continues

Two investors finally have and Armando Cardenas Jr., said Selena's tour bus, but will contin- Monday. ue to pursue a lawsuit filed Cardenas and Giraldo seek against the slain Tejano star's unspecified damages from father and his entertainment Abraham Quintanilla Jr. for the company for keeping the bus money they lost while the bus from them for two years.

resolved," Jerry J. Trevino, attor- Thursday, fulfilling a court-

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HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — ney for plaintiffs Julio Giraldo approved agreement.

was withheld. Quintanilla hand-"The lawsuit has not been ed the bus over to Cardenas last

My client has been trying to get his bus back for almost two and a half years so we consider an accomplishment," Trevino said of Cardenas, who wanted to use the bus for promotions. "He has always considered it rightfully his."

Trevino didn't rule out the possibility of ultimately losing the 1964 Silver Eagle bus nicknamed "Bertha," but said it was unlike-

"I guess it's possible, but they've come out saying publicly . that it's not worth fighting over and it's taking up space on their property," he said.

The tangled tour bus tale began in April 1995, weeks after Selena Quintanilla-Perez was when Cardenas, owner of Latino ucts. Sound Network, and Giraldo bought the bus from Quintanilla the Fort Worth-based association, Hosford said. for \$12,500.

**Meredith House** 



Happy Easter! The residents of the Meredith House had children from Pampa Community Day Care Center hunt Easter Eggs recently. Pictured are (from left) Cletus Butcher, Weston Dawkins, grandson of Jana Gregory who is an employee, Wesley Bruce, and Edith Huseby.

### Cattle raisers setup hotline, task force to educate consumers about beef

DALLAS (AP) — Got a beef force will focus mostly on the want to keep it to yourself unless comments from beef critics. you want a visit from a new Texas beef task force.

Cattle Raisers Association is set-

said the hotline and a related task

with the beef industry? You might news media that air or print such

"If we hear XYZ radio station carrying something about the beef The Texas and Southwestern industry, procedures and products that is derogatory, unfoundting up a hotline for people in the ed and untrue, with this task force shot and killed by the former beef industry to call if they hear we will send someone over there president of her fan club. That's anyone disparaging their prod- to reeducate, so the next time they talk they'll be talking from the Rob Hosford, spokesman for right side of the ballpark,

The association's past presi-

dent, Frates Seeligson, announced plans for the phone line at the group's 122nd annual convention last week in Fort Worth.

"From now on, as far as Texas and Oklahoma are concerned, no criticism is going to go unanswered," Seeligson said. The hotline was inspired by a

billboard posted briefly in Amarillo last month that stated "Jesus was a vegetarian." The animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals had planned to run the sign for 30 days, but the billboard company took it down after four days

because the message sparked so much controversy in the heart of beef country. Bruce Friedrich, PETA's vegetarian campaign coordinator, said he's not surprised Texas beef lead-

ers have taken this tactic. "Clearly, they are running scared," Friedrich said. "All the propaganda in the world can't sanitize their product. Eating animals is catastrophic for the environment. We all know that."

Hosford said cattle raisers have no intention of infringing on anyone's right to free speech, and he knows some critics might continue to slam the beef industry even after a visit from the task force. He said the task force will use scientific data from university studies to make its point.

### Special needs program in offing

AMARILLO - "Get Ready, Get Set, Go! - My Kid's Growing Up!" will help parents of children with special needs to understand arrangements and decisions that need to be made before their child reaches 18, such as SSI and PASS, transition planning and guardianship. The program will be on Thursday, April 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Red River Room of Region XVI Education Service Center, 1601 South Cleveland in Amarillo.

There will be no charge. Respite stipends will be available for parents of children with disabilities. The meeting is co-sponsored by Uniting Parents of Amarillo and PATH Project. For information call Uniting Parents (806) 354-4573.

### CC to offer beginner computer course

CLARENDON — Clarendon College will offer an absolute beginners computer course to teach basic computer skills.

The course will be offered from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 6, 9 and 13 at CC Pampa Center and from 6-9 p.m. April 22 and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 24 at CC Clarendon campus.

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