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LOCAL
DPS seizes \$220,000 in money laundering

Two Detroit, Mich., residents remained in Gray County Jail today on money laundering charges filed by the Texas Department of Public Safety Wednesday.

According to DPS reports, a trooper stopped a 1998 Lincoln Mark 8 for speeding on Interstate 40 at about 11:30 a.m., Wednesday. When the two occupants of the vehicle gave the officer conflicting stories, the vehicle was searched. Officers discovered \$220,000 concealed in an electronically-controlled false compartment, DPS officials said.

Brian Rowell Garrett, 35, and Kim Williams, no age available, were both arrested and charged with money laundering. The two remained in the county jail this morning awaiting a bond hearing.

LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-7-14-16-42-45

Estimated jackpot: \$9 million.

Number matching six of six: none.

Matching five of six: 48. Prize: \$2,245.

Matching four of six: 2,834. Prize: \$94.

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Budget cuts won't affect CCPC

By NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR

Pampa Center won't be affected by the cuts made at Clarendon College, said Clarendon College President Miles Shelton.

However, he said one vacant position at the Pampa Center campus won't be filled due to a college-wide hiring freeze. Three full-time positions and one part-time position have been eliminated at the Clarendon campus.

The area college is one of

many community colleges across the state which have had to make cuts in their budgets after Gov. Rick Perry directed all state agencies to slash their budgets because of a projected \$10 billion budget deficit in Texas.

Clarendon College was told to eliminate \$193,000 from their budget. After travel, equipment and hiring freezes were implemented, the college still had to find an additional \$77,000 to cut from their budget.

"We have eliminated a secretary, admissions coordinator and a counselor at the Clarendon Campus," he said, saying these were all full-time positions. "We also eliminated a part-time position in the library."

He said the college-wide hiring freeze did affect the Pampa Center campus. "We had a secretarial position which had been vacant several months. That position won't be filled."

Shelton said two additional positions were examined

for possible elimination — one at Pampa and one at Clarendon.

"Both the Clarendon College Center Foundation and the Pampa Center Foundation came through for us, though," he said. Shelton explained the two foundations are paying the salaries of the two positions until the end of the budget year.

No changes will be made in the summer schedule, he said. "Summer classes are a go," he said. "There will be no cutbacks or reductions in

operations hours."

Shelton emphasized that if additional cuts are required that any affect upon students will be the last ones felt.

"There will be other things to do before it impacts students," he said.

Over 200 students are enrolled in classes at Clarendon college's Pampa Center and approximately 100 Pampa High School students are taking dual-credit classes at CCPC. The college also conducts classes for inmates at the Jordan Unit.

Winter wonders



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

A frosty pinecone nestles in the icy branches of a pine tree behind the Hughes Building early today. Below-freezing temperatures and fog left a mantle of frost on everything outdoors, but so far none of the predicted snow has fallen.

Policy may change on indigent burials

By NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR

A new policy governing the indigents of Gray County will be considered when the Commissioners Court meets at 9 a.m., Friday, in the temporary county courtroom, 315 N. Ballard.

Judge Richard Peet told the commission at the Feb. 14 meeting that Gray County spent more than double the budgeted amount in 2002. He said that the county paid \$16,000 on indigent burials last year while only \$7,000 had been budgeted.

Peet said the counties are required by state law to pay for the burial of indigent local residents, and raised the possibility of cremation.

He said under the old law the county may cremate the bodies if the family does not object.

"That portion of the law has been deleted," he said.

He said that the county needs to develop a policy for cremation if that is going to be

the policy.

"We would tell individuals that the county is going to take care of it (pay for the burial), but it would be a cremation burial," said Peet. He said the total cost per burial usually costs the county about \$1,200.

He said the cemetery has not been charging the county for the vault. He said the opening, closing, grave plot and funeral are included in the costs.

"We also have a policy that we don't allow a grave stone to be put up until the county is reimbursed and we can help the next one," he said. "The family may have resources to bury their loved one, but we can't require the family to pay for it."

Peet said Potter County is only paying for the cremation of indigents, not burial. He said Potter County Judge Arthur Ware told him that Potter County's costs were cut in half when they implemented the cremation requirement.

He said Ware also told him (See BURIALS, Page 3)

Officials lower terror alert

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration on Thursday lowered the national terror alert from orange to yellow, suggesting the threat of an imminent terrorist attack on U.S. soil has eased somewhat.

The conclusion of the Muslim hajj holiday period played a role in the decision to lower the threat level from orange, the second-highest level on the five-part scale, Attorney General John Ashcroft and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said in a joint statement.

Counterterrorism officials had said a significant amount of intelligence pointed toward an attack during the early February holiday. Nevertheless, officials warned that al-Qaida still has the capability to strike in the United States. "The lowering of the threat level is not a signal to government, law enforcement or citizens that the danger of a terrorist attack is passed," Ashcroft and Ridge said. They said that lowering the alert status "is only an indication that some of the extra protective measures enacted by govern-

ment and the private sector may be reduced at this time."

Other, unspecified intelligence suggested that an attack was somewhat less imminent, officials said.

A yellow, elevated alert is the third-highest alert on a five-step scale. It means the intelligence suggests a significant risk of terrorist attacks. The orange alert is a step higher and means there's a high risk of an attack. The highest alert level is red.

The level was raised to orange on Feb. 7, prompting

(See ALERT, Page 3)

Teen's attorney appeals to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The attorney for the 17-year-old girl from Mexico who died after receiving a botched heart-lung transplant is appealing to Congress not to pass legislation that would cap damages in medical malpractice lawsuits.

"They want to limit pain-and-suffering damages and that really would not be a good thing for the public in general," attorney Kurt Dixon said Thursday in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "This case that I'm

dealing with now makes that clear."

Dixon arrived in Washington on Thursday as the House Energy and Commerce Committee began hearings on the legislation. In a letter to leading Republicans on the panel, he unsuccessfully appealed for an opportunity to testify before the committee.

Republicans have pushed the malpractice legislation, saying it is needed to stem the tide of doctors forced to quit their practices or relocate

because of rising insurance costs. Democrats have said the measure is a boon for insurers and is unfair to victims.

Dixon was to appear Thursday evening at a news conference with House Democrats.

"As you meet together this week to consider the issue of medical malpractice on the federal level, I urge you to save a seat for Jessica," Dixon wrote to the committee. "America deserves to understand how people like Jessica

(See APPEAL, Page 3)

Brrrrr ...



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Motorists navigated treacherous roads slickened by a thin layer of ice this morning, like these at the intersection of Francis and Somerville streets. Texas Department of Public Safety officers continued to investigate numerous accidents and roll-overs throughout the area, particularly on Interstate 40.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.
Wednesday, Feb. 26

A simple assault with no injuries was reported in the 2400 block of Charles.

Breaking and entering was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. Someone forced entry through the front door of a residence and took several swords and knives, a DVD player, Play Station 2 and two games, 24 CDs, a stereo, CD player, BB gun, an Electro Crow Stormball, ash tray, change and a jar of change. Total loss was estimated at \$1,830.

Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks, reported the theft of a 12-pack of beer valued at \$9.89.

A bicycle valued at \$150 was taken from a back yard in the 700 block of East Craven.

A runaway was reported in the 1000 block of South Reid.

An information report was taken in the 1300 block of Williston.

Forgery was reported at Wal-Mart, 2225 N. Hobart.

Someone took \$30.01 of gasoline without paying at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart.

Breaking and entering was reported to have occurred on Feb. 23 in the 200 block of South Tignor. Someone entered the back door of a residence and took a Civil War replica cap and ball .45 caliber pistol valued at \$100.

Dale Andrew Rummussin, 22, 1108 Garland, was arrested on a capias pro fine for a traffic violation.

Debra Cornett, 42, Amarillo, was arrested on a capias pro fine for assault by threat.

Noel Sieber, 27, no address listed, was arrested on a warrant for theft by check.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

3:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center; one patient was transported to a local nursing facility.

5:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Christy; one patient was transported to PRMC.

7:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, Feb. 26

2:34 p.m. - Three units and seven firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 1000 block of North Wells. Firefighters extinguished a small fire contained to the kitchen of the residence. No damage estimate was listed.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.27
Milo	3.78
Corn	4.32
Soybeans	4.99

The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	29.53	+0.34
Fidelity Magell	NA	
Puritan	NA	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

BP	38.34	-0.45
Celanese	19.92	+0.16
Cabot Corp.	21.96	-0.04
Cabot Oil Gas	24.61	+0.04
Coca Cola	40.06	+0.34
VLO	39.46	+0.11
Halliburton	20.23	-0.07
Triad Hospitals	26.26	+0.35
NOI	23.07	-0.37
KMI	46.32	+0.26
XCEL	10.95	+0.13
Kerr McGee	41.25	+0.06
Limited	11.08	-0.04
Williams	3.85	+0.13
McDonalds	12.94	+0.13
Exxon Mobil	34.10	+0.26
Atmos	21.79	+0.12
Pioneer Nat	26.68	+0.05
Penney's	19.72	-0.43
COP	50.80	+0.53
Schlumberger	41.05	-0.50
Tenneco	2.25	+0.01
CVX	64.54	+0.46
Wal-Mart	48.08	+0.25
OKE	17.00	-0.31
NS Group	8.37	-0.07
New York Gold	354.05	
Silver	4.66	
West Texas Crude	37.70	

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests and incidents.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Heather N. Anee, 18, 615 E. Albert, was arrested for terrorist threats. She was released on bond.

Thomas Timothy Dahn, 41, Brookfield, Ill., was arrested for theft under \$50.

Kim B. Williams, no age or address listed, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for money laundering.

Brian Russell Garrett, 35, Detroit, Mich., was arrested by the DPS for money laundering.

Kenneth Ray Reed, 20, 409 N. Somerville, was arrested for the Pampa Police Department, on capias pro fines and municipal warrants for failure to appear, criminal mischief, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and violation of driver's license restriction.

Lawmaker-soldiers face choosing between duties

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—The 78th Texas Legislature is just nearing the halfway point, but some of its members may soon have choose between their legislative and their military duties as the United States nears the brink of war with Iraq.

Rep. Frank Corte is a Republican who represents San Antonio in the Texas House. He chairs the House Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations Committee. He's also a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve.

"I'd hate to have a situation where I'd have to pick between the two," Corte told the San Antonio Express-News for a story in Thursday's editions. "I'll have to cross that bridge when I get there."

Corte is one of three state House members identified as subject to active duty. The others are Reps. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve, and Rick Noriega, D-Houston, a major in

the Texas Army National Guard. State law doesn't require resignation if the lawmaker is called to active military duty, according to legislative researchers.

No senators are subject to military recall, according to the secretary of the Senate. At least one appointed state official is, however — Public Utility Commission Chairwoman Rebecca Klein, a San Antonio native and a major in the Air Force Reserve.

All are aware they might be called away from their state duties, although that likelihood varies based on their military assignments.

Klein says her chances of being called up at "50-50." She said she does not expect to resign if activated, although her military assignment would then become her full-time job. Nevertheless, if recalled, she said she plans to consult with Gov. Rick Perry, who appointed her to the three-member PUC.

One factor would be how

Report says suspect in slaying of six Valley men ignored probation terms

EDINBURG (AP) — A suspect in the slayings of six Rio Grande Valley men reportedly had ignored for five years probation terms from a prior aggravated assault case.

The Monitor of McAllen reported in Thursday's editions that records showed Juan Arthur Cordova was given deferred adjudication in April 1997 after he pleaded guilty to aggravated assault.

The newspaper reported that probation officers and the Hidalgo County district attorney's office didn't ask a judge to revoke the 33-year-old 'Alamo man's probation until earlier this month, listing as the first violation the six capital murder charges against him.

A judge issued an arrest warrant Tuesday for Cordova, who was already in the Hidalgo County Jail and has been since his arrest on the six capital murder charges. His

bonds total \$30 million. Joe Lopez, director of the adult probation office, said he could not comment specifically on Cordova's compliance because he was not familiar with the case. He told The Monitor that sometimes adults on probation are difficult to locate.

Cordova pleaded guilty to aggravated assault in April 1997. He was given deferred adjudication, meaning the conviction would be erased from his record if he complied with the probation conditions.

Under a deal with prosecutors, the conviction would be erased from Cordova's criminal record if he served 240 hours of community service, had monthly meetings with a community supervision officer and paid a \$25 fee for each meeting and a \$750 fine.

However, the petition to revoke his deferred adjudication said Cordova has not worked a single community service hour, owes \$689.50 of the fine and has not paid his community supervision fee in about five years and two months.

Edinburg police have said several men burst into two neighboring houses on Jan. 5 but did not find the large quantities of narcotics they were looking for, so six men inside the houses were gunned down.

Killed were brothers Jerry Eugene Hidalgo, 24, and Ray Hidalgo, 30; Jimmy Edward Almandariz, 22; brothers Juan Delgado Jr., 32, and Juan Delgado III, 20; and Ruben Rolando Castillo, 32.

Edinburg police said their investigation revealed that the gunmen were members of a local gang, the Tri City Bombers. Police have arrested 10 men, each charged with six counts of capital murder, and they still are looking for two others.

WEATHER FOCUS

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Tonight, mostly cloudy. Chance of snow. Lows in the mid 20s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of snow 30 percent. Friday, cloudy. Chance of rain and snow. Highs in the lower 40s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain and snow 30 percent. Friday night, cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Light winds. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

STATEWIDE

The state continues a warmup today, particularly in South Texas and southern West Texas. But winter weather is possible tonight in the Panhandle and South Plains, and the northern Panhandle may see accumulations of snow through Friday.

South Texas and southern West Texas should top 60 degrees today in most areas, while high temperatures in North Texas and the Panhandle will be mostly in the 40s.

Temperature extremes Wednesday ranged from 67 degrees at Fort Stockton to 20 degrees overnight at Amarillo.

West Texas today will be cloudy with morning fog in the north. Highs will range from the upper 30s to upper 40s in the Panhandle, the 40s to 60s in

the South Plains, and mostly in the 60s elsewhere. Tonight, snow is possible beginning around midnight in the western Panhandle, spreading to the rest of the Panhandle overnight, with isolated areas of heavy fog. Accumulations of snow are possible tonight and Friday mainly in the northern Panhandle. Freezing rain is possible tonight in the extreme southern Panhandle.

Elsewhere Friday it will be sunny to partly cloudy with highs in the 60s. Saturday and Sunday should be free of precipitation over West Texas, with partly cloudy skies, and highs in the 40s and 50s in the Panhandle and South Plains, and warmer south.

South Texas should be warmer today and free of rain, with cloudy skies in Southeast Texas and the deep south, partly cloudy elsewhere. Highs will be in the mid 50s southeast, around 60 in the Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains, and 60s elsewhere. In the Coastal Bend through Saturday, areas of isolated dense fog in the mornings are predicted.

City Briefs

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Van wreck leaves two dead, 13 injured

BOWIE (AP) — Two people were killed and 13 were injured Thursday morning in a van wreck just outside of this North Texas town, authorities said.

Fifteen people were in the van when it apparently lost control and swerved off the road at 5:45 a.m. Thursday, a spokeswoman at the Bowie Police Department told the Wichita Falls Times Record News.

Two people were pronounced dead at the scene, Bowie Memorial Hospital spokeswoman Joyce Crumpler said. The others were taken to the hospital.

Four critically injured passengers were

transferred to United Regional 11th Street Campus in Wichita Falls, Crumpler said, with two more expected to follow later in the day. The others have been released, she said.

The wreck occurred near the intersection of State Highway 240 and U.S. 287 just outside of Bowie, about 60 miles northwest of Fort Worth. The cause of the accident is still being investigated, authorities said, though roads were in that area are still icy.

Crumpler said most of the victims were young adults.

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Divided Security Council begins first round of negotiations

By DAFNA LINZER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council began a first round of consultations Thursday on a new U.S.-backed resolution for war with Iraq as Washington's quest for support appeared to be picking up steam with several undecided council members.

As discussions were getting under way, Secretary-General Kofi Annan's office was reviewing a 17-page report from chief U.N. weapons

inspector Hans Blix detailing the work of his staff in Iraq over the past three months.

Blix said Wednesday that Iraq still hasn't committed to disarming but he appeared to push for continued weapons inspections as a peaceful way to disarm Saddam Hussein.

The council on Thursday will also discuss a French-Russian-German paper aiming to stave off war and prolong inspections at least until July 1.

Russia has been pushing for a diplomatic solution to the

crisis but in a telephone call Thursday, Russian President Vladimir Putin and President Bush pledged to continue consultations on Iraq, the Kremlin said.

"Both sides expressed the intention to increase work in the U.N. Security Council with the purpose of developing a plan of action that would guarantee the interests of the entire world community," the Kremlin press service said in a statement.

Bush said Wednesday that while the Iraqi regime still has

time to avoid war, U.S. troops are ready for battle. He called on allies for their support.

"The danger posed by Saddam Hussein and his weapons cannot be ignored or wished away," Bush said in Washington.

The U.S. draft resolution authorizing war was presented earlier this week by the United States, Britain and Spain.

There was some evidence that Bush was gaining ground for military action, including signals that Mexico had changed its strong anti-war

stance and was now preparing to back the U.S.-driven resolution.

And Assistant Secretary of State Christina Rocca was in Pakistan Thursday to lobby for their vote.

Islamabad has not revealed whether it would support the U.S. resolution, although Pakistani diplomats had said privately they would likely abstain in any vote. There's almost no possibility that Pakistan would vote against the United States and some

within President Pervez Musharaff's administration who say Islamabad is considered voting with Washington.

But there were also signs that some undecided council countries, such as Chile, were pushing for a Canadian plan aimed at reconciling bitter differences between the U.S. plan and the French-led proposal.

Washington on Wednesday rejected the Canadian ideas, which were aimed at giving Iraq until the end of March to complete a list of disarmament tasks that inspectors are compiling.

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BURIALS

that following the change many times the families would go together and pool their resources to bury their loved ones.

"It's difficult," he said. Precinct Three County Commissioner Gerald Wright expressed reservations about the county enacting a policy requiring that indigents to be cremated. He cited personal and religious beliefs.

Peet asked Hutchinson County Judge Jack Worsham, who was at the meeting to discuss the delinquent fee consortium, about that county's

indigent burial policy. He said the costs in that county was similar to Gray County.

"It's probably what you spent last year or more," said Worsham. "We bury about 20 a year."

Worsham said Hutchinson County hasn't offered cremation as an only option yet. "But we're leaning that way," he said.

In other business, the commission will consider District Attorney Rick Roach's request for additional space in the courthouse as well as the request of Judge Phil Vanderpool. Roach appeared before commissioners at the

Feb. 14 meeting and Vanderpool sent a letter requesting more space.

Additional items to be considered Friday include creating petty cash fund of \$750 through sheriff's office for Narcotic Task Force agent, the racial profile report of Constables James Lewis and Frank Sparling, a policy on accrued vacation and sick leave regarding family medical leave, a bid on tax property located at 932 E. Denver, precipitation enhancement resolution, extension of contract with Phoenix I, and seeking bids for moving back into the courthouse.

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ALERT

the government and businesses to impose extra security measures at buildings, utilities and other key infrastructure sites.

But no attack occurred, and it is possible the intelligence was incorrect or misinterpreted.

It is also possible that enhanced security measures or other factors caused the terrorists to change their plans.

Law enforcement, intelligence and homeland security officials debated for days about the proper time to lower the alert status as chatter among suspected terrorist waned and some leads on possible threats were discredited.

The discussions were held in the shadow of a potential war with Iraq, which is

expected to increase the risk of terror attacks against Americans.

As recently as Monday, Attorney General John Ashcroft said there were no plans to lower the national alert level.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge has said that any decision to lower the alert level would be based on an evaluation of intelligence over several days.

Nearly three weeks of orange alert rattled a nation that has been subject to repeated, dire warnings of imminent al-Qaida terrorism since the Sept. 11 attacks. While al-Qaida has since orchestrated some successful attacks overseas, the group has not struck inside the United States.

In some cities, anxious Americans stocked up on

water, food and other materials, as recommended by the Department of Homeland Security.

The move marks the second time the nation has gone from yellow to orange and back since the color-coded terror alert system was instituted last year. The alert level has never been below yellow since the warnings were first issued.

The previous change in status came in September, when a high-level al-Qaida prisoner suggested attacks were imminent on U.S. embassies in southeast Asia. The alert went to orange and several embassies were temporarily closed. No attack took place, and the alert status returned to yellow later in the month.

The lowest level is green, followed by blue, yellow, orange and red.

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APPEAL

and her family would be affected by the legislation your committee is considering and what is being done to ensure no other family in the future has to suffer as the Santillans have."

Jessica Santillan's family paid smugglers to bring them to the United States four years ago in search of better medical care for the young girl, who had a deformed heart and weak lungs. She received a heart-lung transplant Feb. 7 at Duke University Medical Center but doctors gave her organs with the wrong blood type. A second transplant was performed two weeks later, but the teen died last week.

Dixon said the family has not yet decided whether to pursue legal action.

"We will investigate this fully before we decide anything," Dixon said. "They are in the throes of grief right now. I went to the funeral last night. It's a mother who lost a 17-year-old girl she loves dearly."

The legislation being considered in the House of Representatives would limit damages from pain and suffering to \$250,000. Punitive damages would be limited to twice the amount of economic damages awarded or \$250,000, whichever is greater.

Patients' ability to file lawsuits over old cases would also be limited under the legislation, which is sponsored by Rep. James Greenwood, R-Pa.

The measure passed the House last year in a 217-203

vote, but it stalled in the Senate.

"Excessive litigation is driving up health care costs, forcing doctors to leave their practices, causing hospitals to shut down and leaving America's patients in a state of 'code red,'" said Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee. "Without medical liability reform, insurance rates will continue to force doctors out of practice."

In recent months, scores of

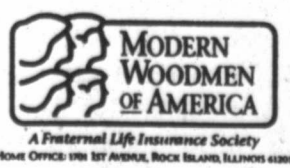
doctors across the country have participated in rallies and protests about rising insurance rates. Just this month, New Jersey physicians took part in a work slowdown withholding routine treatments in protest.

"An unrestrained medical liability system is driving our health care system into crisis," Dr. Donald Palmisano, president of the American Medical Association — which represents physicians — told the committee. "We must act now."

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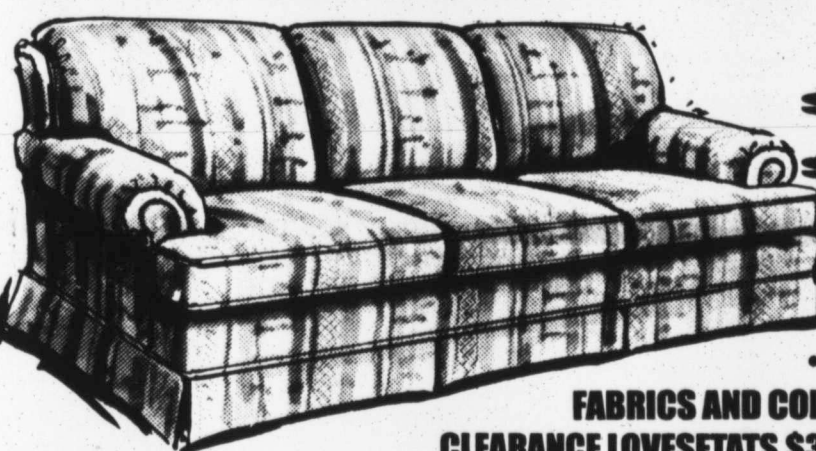
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For weeks I've been waiting for "the call" when my son Dave would tell me that he was going to war. I thought I would be ready for it when it came. I wasn't. Nothing can prepare a mother to hear those words, "Get ready, Mom."



DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

I tried not to cry. I know you're supposed to be brave and strong, so they can be brave and strong. But I did cry a little. "This is what I signed up to do," he said. "I'm going to do it."

Fortunately, Dave called me about three days before the news that the 101st Airborne would be deployed to Iraq hit CNN, the major networks and wire services.

In the midst of this, I'm acutely aware that I'm only one person among the hundreds of thousands of families affected by what is happening in this insane world.

So many have been, and are being, affected right here in Pampa. So many, in fact, that I feel guilty for saying anything about it at all.

My models for this new role come from the wives and mothers who watched their loved ones go to World War II, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf. Two of them work here at the newspaper. They help me know that the emotional roller coaster I'm experiencing doesn't mean I'm going crazy. Each time I nearly lose it, they kindly, firmly, help me get

back on track.

When I expressed my concern in an earlier column, my cousin-in-law Karan Cross reminded me that persons of faith do not live in fear. She's right. Sandy Carr sent me two prayers that I have turned to many times. In fact, the first thing I did on New Year's Day was sit down with those prayers, knowing they would be especially important this year.

When I was 12 years old, my family moved to Minden, La. A lady who worked with my dad introduced me to her niece, Cindy, who was my age.

Thirty-five years later, Cindy and I have traversed adolescence and adulthood - marriages, children, divorces, deaths, tragedies, happiness and heartache. We never dreamed that we'd share the experience of having sons in the military. But here we are. Dave's in the Army. Cindy's son Heath is in the Air Force Reserve.

We supported each other while Dave served as a peacekeeper in Macedonia and when Heath had to leave college to

serve in Turkey and Afghanistan after the Sept. 11th attacks.

In the dark days that followed "the call," Cindy has often been my light. But nothing helped me more than this beautiful e-mail that I'm compelled to share with others who stand where we stand.

"I woke this morning to the news on TV of 'wars and rumors of war,' Cindy wrote. "There were frightening stories of terrorist attacks, 'dirty bombs' and countries filled with hate for us. There was even a Home Depot demonstration on how to make your own 'safe room' with plastic and duct tape in the event of an attack. The most crushing blow to me was seeing the young faces of the m.n and women who are prepared to defend us ... faces that looked a lot like Dave and Heath. I muted the TV when the news got to be more than I could handle.

"The silence that followed was broken only by the singing of a tiny bird outside my window. It seems that his beautiful song had been overwhelmed by the chants of war. I took his song as a reminder from God that everything will be okay and that in the midst of turmoil and unrest we can find peace and strength in the love of a Father who sends us hope through the songs of a tiny bird.

"Dee Dee, keep listening for that tiny bird's song."

I'm listening, Cindy. I'm listening.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Willoughby kept his word

Dear Editor,

If you have been out in Kentucky Acres after a rain, you have seen a lake in my yard. The water would run over the road just before it ran under my trailer. I have tried to get something done to the road since 1982.

Gary Willoughby told us that he would fix our road if he was elected county commissioner. He has kept his word. Our road has been fixed so that the water will run off. Great job. Thanks.

Dale Dyson
Pampa

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2003. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 27, 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, caught fire. The Nazis, blaming the Communists, used the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties.

On this date:

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

In 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine.

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

In 1922, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1939, the Supreme Court outlawed sit-down strikes.

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

In 1972, President Nixon and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai issued the Shanghai Communiqué at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. (The occupation lasted until May.)

In 1982, Wayne B. Williams was found guilty of murdering two of the 28 young blacks whose bodies were found in the Atlanta area over a 22-month period.

In 1997, divorce became legal in Ireland.

Ten years ago: President Clinton, in his weekly radio address, promised to find out who was behind the huge explosion at New York's World Trade Center, a bombing later blamed on Islamic militants. Actress Lillian Gish died in New York at age 99.

Five years ago: With the approval of Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's House of Lords agreed to end 1,000 years of male preference by giving a monarch's first-born daughter the same claim to the throne as any first-born son.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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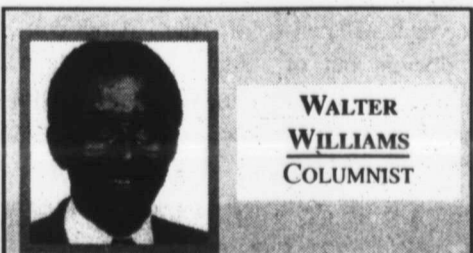
Affirmative action bake sale

Not all college students support racial preferences, and some UCLA students made their feelings known in a highly innovative way.

In early February, Bruin Republicans organized a campus cookie sale - but not your ordinary cookie sale. They offered cookies at different prices depending on the customer's race and sex. Black, Latino and American Indian females were charged 25 cents for a cookie, while their male counterparts were charged 50 cents. White females were charged a dollar. White males were charged two dollars. Asian males and females also were charged two dollars a cookie.

Students selling the cookies assigned themselves nametags. Some of the name tags read "Uncle Tom," "The White Oppressor" and "Self-Hating Hispanic Race Traitor." Chris Riha, third-year business economics student participating in the Affirmative Action Bake Sale, said that the students decided to one-up their detractors by assigning the names themselves. That's what minorities who disagree with racial preferences are either called, or thought to be: an "Uncle Tom" or self-hating black or Hispanic.

Chairman of the California Democratic Party Art Torres voiced his disapproval, saying, "I am deeply saddened and disheartened at the activities of the Bruin Republicans." He accused them of having been emboldened by Sen. Trent Lott's remarks that led to his ouster as the Senate majority leader. Torres'



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

condemnation was joined by many of UCLA's racial preferences supporters.

Here's my question for those who condemned the event. Why be offended by a money version of racial preferences? After all, it's identical in principle to admission practices sanctioned by university communities across America. In fact, that's what the University of Michigan case before the U.S. Supreme Court is all about - treating people differently by race.

Some might ask: "Why are Asians charged two dollars? They're a minority." You'd be right. According to the 2000 Census, residents who reported as Asian, or in combination with one or more other races, totaled 11.9 million - or 4 percent of our population. In my book that makes Asians a minority and eligible for the cookie affirmative action discount. Instead of being charged two dollars for a cookie, Asian females and Asian males are rightful claimants to the racially discounted price of 25 cents and 50 cents, respectively.

If you see things that way, and think Asian-Americans are eligible for preferential treatment, it simply means that you

haven't kept abreast with modern racial enlightenment. A minority group is not a minority if, as a group, it is successful. Asian median family is \$55,525, the highest of any other racial group in America. More than 44 percent of Asians age 25 and over have bachelor degrees; the rate for all other Americans was 26 percent. Other indicators of group success would include low crime rate and high family stability. Case closed - Asians are not a minority.

Being a UCLA alumnus (doctorate 1972), I can sympathize with critics of the Affirmative Action Bake Sale. Were I still a student, I'd walk up to these people and tell them that selling cookies on campus is OK, but it's a despicable, mean practice to treat people differently just because they're members of one race or sex or another.

I'd take a principled stand - that's where I differ from other critics of the Affirmative Action Bake Sale. They take a situational stand on racial preferences. For them, whether racial preferences are wrong or right depends upon whom it's practiced against.

I'd like to ask my fellow critics just one question: If racial preferences, highlighted by the cookie, are wrong and offensive, why wouldn't it also be wrong and offensive in the university's admissions practices?

After all, the Affirmative Action Bake Sale was promoting diversity in cookie ownership.

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Fidel struck by Chinese capitalistic economy

BEIJING (AP) — Visiting a China transformed by capitalist-style economic development, Cuban leader Fidel Castro said Thursday he hardly recognized the country that is one of his ailing nation's few remaining communist allies.

Castro, the world's longest-serving communist leader, said China's changes left him bewildered.

"I can't really be sure just now what kind of China I am visiting, because the first time I visited, your country appeared one way and appears another way," Castro said in a meeting with the head of China's legislature, Li Peng.

"You can say that every so often your country undergoes great changes," Castro said.

Castro met Li took in the Great Hall of the People, the hulking seat of China's legislature on the edge of Tiananmen Square — one of the few parts of Beijing to remain unchanged in two decades of economic reform and urban renewal.

Reforms in China have brought in foreign investment totaling hundreds of billions of dollars and produced a dynamic private sector — concepts still largely unknown in Castro's Cuba. While Castro has adhered closely to Marxist economics since seizing power in the 1959 revolution, China has produced ever more market-oriented leaders focused on economic growth.

China has provided hundreds of millions of dollars in economic credits to Cuba, as well as some direct aid. Castro's talks with Chinese President Jiang Zemin on Wednesday focused on economic ties and concluded with the signing of an economic cooperation agreement and Chinese aid package for Cuba.

Castro, 76, was to meet Thursday with Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji, Vice President Hu Jintao and Vice Premier Wen Jiabao. Hu and Wen are expected to take over as China's president and premier, respectively, at the annual legislative session beginning next week.

Castro will visit Japan this weekend for the first time in more than seven years, the Japan's Foreign Ministry said Thursday. He will have dinner with business leaders Saturday before meeting former Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto on Sunday. He is due to tour Hiroshima on Monday.

Organic food measure could weaken program, Veneman says

By EMILY GERSEMA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman says organic food standards could be undermined by a measure passed in Congress that allows farmers who feed animals conventional meal to label the meat organic if reasonably priced organic grain isn't available.

The measure "could weaken the national organic program," Veneman said Wednesday, defending the department's organic labeling standards while siding with food companies, farmers and environmental groups.

To use the new organic labels, food must be grown by a certified farmer who does not use conventional pesticides and fertilizers, biotechnology, antibiotics or growth hormones. The standards were adopted last year after a dozen years of discussions between department officials and the organic foods industry.

"It is important to maintain a strong organic program that ensures the integrity of the organic label placed on consumer products," Veneman said in a statement. "The best way to do that is by maintaining the organic standards as we implemented them in October 2002."

She stopped short of endorsing an effort led by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., to repeal the language wrapped by Rep. Nathan Deal, R-Ga., into the \$397 billion government-wide spending bill. Still, organic food supporters welcomed her statement.

"I think that USDA's statement provides the perfect justification for quietly saying: Let's repeal this," said Bob Scowcroft, head of the Organic

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Scowcroft and others have been anything but quiet over Deal's measure. The outcry against it has made for unusual alliances as groups ranging from chicken giant Tyson Foods Inc. to the Environmental Working Group push for a repeal.

Deal sought the measure on behalf of Fieldale Farms Corp. in Baldwin, Ga., after it complained it couldn't find enough organic grain for producing organic chickens.

"You would want to know what is the supply," Deal said. "No study was done, not even by the USDA. We asked them to do it in advance of the new standards."

Alisa Harrison, a department spokeswoman, said that a study is being done now but she didn't know when it would be completed.

Tomas Hensley, vice president of Fieldale Farms, said his company will lobby against Leahy's bill and tried to downplay the backlash.

Cash prizes up for grabs at Student Research Conference at WTA&M

CANYON — Conscientious students generally are rewarded for efficient scholarly research with good grades and enhanced insight, however rare cash prizes are up for grabs at West Texas A&M University's ninth annual Student Research Conference.

The conference is scheduled for March 7, beginning with student check-in at 8 a.m. at the Jack B. Kelley (JBK) Student Center Commons. Research presentations are scheduled to commence at 9 a.m. in JBK, Rooms 11, 12, 13 and 14, and in the Hastings Electronic Learning Center on campus.

Participants from any college or university are welcome to enter research projects in any of 10 categories. The registration fee, which includes an awards banquet, is \$20. The top presentation in each category will receive \$200, according to Dr. Bonnie Pendleton, assistant professor of agriculture and conference chairperson.

"This conference is open to undergraduate as well as graduate students and is modeled

loosely on professional conferences," Pendleton said. "It provides students with an advanced taste of professional life and an environment where learning is prized and knowledge is taken seriously. Even better, the winners in all 10 categories get \$200, and second- and third-place winners also will receive cash prizes that will depend upon the number of participants entered at the conference."

Each student will make a presentation of 15-20 minutes before a panel of judges and colleagues.

Students may submit abstracts in the following categories: agriculture; business management and information systems; communications; education; fine arts, literature and languages; health sciences; humanities; natural sciences; physical sciences; and social and behavioral sciences.

Deadline for submission of abstracts of no more than 500 words is March 1. Abstracts should be submitted online at

<http://wtcis.wtamu.edu/~sturresco/src2003.html>.

Winners will be announced at the Student Research Conference Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. in the Alumni Banquet Facility.

For more information, contact Dr. Bonnie Pendleton at 806-651-2505 or bpndleton@mail.wtamu.edu.

Strikers in Guatemala seize oil pumping station

By SERGIO DE LEON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Striking teachers have seized a pumping station on Guatemala's only oil pipeline to press their demands for a hefty wage increase and better schools.

The striking teachers, in the 39th day of a strike, shrugged aside government warnings on Wednesday that it would no longer tolerate protests that have blocked highways and airports and shut down government buildings.

The U.S. State Department warned American travelers to exercise caution as the protests continued.

"As large demonstrations may continue throughout the country, American citizens visiting or residing in Guatemala are advised that it may be more difficult to move about freely and safely State Department warning said.

Some 2,000 teachers seized a pumping station on the French-owned oil pipeline that carries all of Guatemala's oil production from wells in the north to Atlantic ports.

Antonio Minondo, a spokesman for oil company Perenco, said the line carries some 25,000 barrels of crude oil a day.

Teachers also protested for a second day around La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City and at Atlantic and Pacific ports.

American Airlines suspended at least three flights on Wednesday. Delta and Continental canceled one flight each the day before, according to airport manager Fredy Kopp.

Other airlines appeared to be operating normally, though passengers had to use emergency exits and circuitous routes to bypass protesters.

Prosecutor Carlos de Leon told a news conference that the government would seek permission to immediately remove the demonstrators.

The presidency issued a statement accusing teachers of taking advantage of the government's patience and warning it "will not permit that the law be violated and injured."

About 60,000 of the country's 80,000 teachers are striking to demand a near-doubling of salaries that now range from about \$190 to \$390 per month. They also seek improved school buildings, more books and better school lunches.

Federal negotiators have offered a monthly bonus of \$12 to supplement educators' incomes.

Gas main blast sparks fire, evacuations

PERTH AMBOY, N.J. (AP) — An out-of-control car crashed into a gas main early Thursday, sparking a fire that destroyed a four-story building. Five people were slightly injured and nearly 60 were left homeless.

Perth Amboy police confirmed the explosion and the injuries but gave no further details. Fire officials at the scene

said witnesses told them the explosion happened shortly after the car struck the main around 4 a.m.

The fire was brought under control within the hour, but the blast blew out windows and sent debris flying. The car's driver had not been identified and the cause of the crash remained under investigation.

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Kansas all alone atop Big 12 Conference

By The Associated Press

Kansas is alone atop the Big 12 Conference, thanks to surprising Missouri's upset of Oklahoma Wednesday night.

The Sooners, ranked No. 3 in the nation, shared the lead with Kansas after beating the Jayhawks 77-70 last weekend. But playing on the road against a Missouri team that went 7-6 over its last 13 games, Oklahoma lost 67-52, falling to the Tigers for the first time since the 1997 Big 12 tournament.

Missouri's Ricky Paulding helped avoid a second-half letdown by getting eight of his 14 points in a 2-18 span as the Tigers stayed perfect on their home court.

"I think the games we've lost have helped us improve," Missouri coach Quin Snyder said. "You hope this experience can have the same effect. You find another level of play, you like it, you want to do it again."

Ricky Clemons, playing with a broken left hand, had 13 points and three assists for Missouri (17-7, 8-5 Big 12). The Tigers, who dropped out of the Top 25 last week, are 14-0 at the Heames Center and pulled away late to end a nine-game losing streak against the Sooners, who shot a season-low 27.3 percent.

Oklahoma (19-5, 10-3) fell to a

second place tie with No. 5 Texas, which beat Baylor 82-64 Wednesday night. With three games to play, Oklahoma and Texas are one game back of No. 7 Kansas (21-6, 11-2), which breezed to an 85-45 victory over Texas A&M in Wednesday's other game.

Against Kansas on Sunday, the Sooners had built a 32-point lead, then hung on to hold off a furious Jayhawks' rally. But Wednesday, after mounting a 13-0 second-half run to take a 37-36 lead with 10:40 to go, the Sooners fell apart, losing for only the second time in their last 11 games.

"I don't have any explanation," said coach Kelvin Sampson. "We just didn't play very well."

"What's disappointing to me is that Missouri played like this game was more important to them than it was to us," Sampson said. "That was very obvious to me. We have to find a way to put this behind us."

Arthur Johnson added 20 points and 11 rebounds and Travon Bryant had 14 points for Missouri.

Fans stormed the court after the buzzer to celebrate the victory.

"It's a great feeling," Paulding said. "This game just shows us that we're a good team. It was up to us to really do it."

The Sooners were frustrated by a

zone early against Missouri and had a scoring drought of more than eight minutes in the first half, falling behind 30-22.

The 13-0 second-half run that featured six free throws and was capped by a 3-pointer by Hollis

Price was the lone shining sequence for the Sooners. But then Paulding responded with two free throws and two 3-pointers for a 46-39 lead with 7:57 left.

Clemons broke his non-shooting hand in a 21-point loss at Colorado

on Saturday and on Monday the school said he would be sidelined indefinitely. But after testing the hand with 200 shots after the mid-afternoon walkthrough he played with the hand wrapped to the wrist.

MAYO is hosting benefit tourney

MIAMI — The Miami Area Youth Organization will host its fourth annual benefit basketball tournament Feb. 27-28, and March 1 at the Miami School.

This year's tournament will be a benefit for Ty and Nancy Greenhouse. Ninety percent of the funds raised will go to the Greenhouse Family to off-set expenses associated with their motorcycle accident on Jan. 19. Nancy Greenhouse is still hospitalized in Amarillo from that accident. The other 10 percent of the funds raised will be held in MAYO's general fund partly to be used for a 2003 MISD scholarship recipient.

The tournament's top awards will be the Bill Seuchs Memorial Sportsmanship awards. These awards will be given to the teams whose players, coaches and fans exhibit the best sportsmanship qualities throughout the tourna-

ment. MAYO spokesperson Sandy Carr said Seuchs always set a good example for support and sportsmanship. MAYO wanted to honor his memory with these awards. He will be deeply missed at this year's tournament.

There are 34 teams which have signed up so far with six teams on a cancellation list. Teams will be coming from Miami, McLean, Booker, Cheyenne, Pampa, Borger, Follett, Cornerstone, Valley, Pringle Morse, Wheeler and Lefors. The age groups will be K-2, 3rd-4th, 5th-6th with both boys and girls divisions. The First State Bank of Miami is sponsoring the trophies and ribbons which will be awarded to the winners in each bracket.

The Silent Auction is also one of the biggest fundraisers of the event. Over 75 donors from

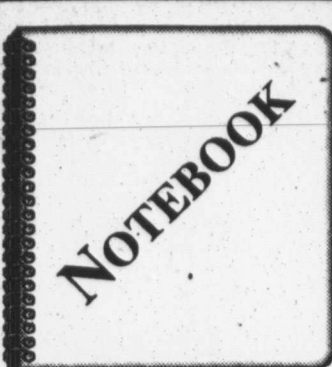
Pampa, Miami, Canadian and the surrounding area have donated goods for the event. Friday night there will be a brisket dinner with all of the trimmings. Saturday at noon will be the annual free throw shooting contest for cash and prizes.

Ty Greenhouse has coached football and baseball at the Pampa Optimist Youth Club. His son, Colby, 12, has played in the program for several years. Kaylee, 14, took dance in Pampa for many years.

Nancy, a Pampa native, has helped with countless fundraisers over the years.

Area residents are urged to come and help support this family today through Saturday.

All events will be held at the Miami school. Games will begin at 4 p.m. today and Friday, and 8 a.m. Saturday.



SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department is offering the following leagues for spring softball: Men's Open, Men's Church, Women's Open, Mixed Open, Men's Church and Mixed Church.

Entry fee or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team. The player's fee is \$15 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open, Men's Church and 12 persons for Mixed Open and Mixed Church.

Entry deadline is March 19 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on March 26 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin the week of March 31.

Roster forms, fact sheets, and by-laws are available at the Recreation office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Spring Softball League, please contact the Recreation Office at 669-5770 during business hours.

FOOTBALL

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers cut Kordell Stewart, allowing the quarterback to become an unrestricted free agent and getting the Steelers under the 2003 salary cap, which kicks in this weekend.

Stewart had an up-and-down career in Pittsburgh after becoming its starter in 1997. After leading the Steelers to the AFC title game in 2001, he lost his job to Tommy Maddox early last season.

GENERAL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fearing setbacks for women's sports, at least two Title IX commission members plan to protest the group's work by giving a minority report to Education Secretary Rod Paige.

Title IX, the anti-discrimination law credited with opening sports to millions of girls and women, is under fire from those who say its enforcement has led to cuts in men's sports. Paige set up a commission to suggest how to clarify and strengthen the law, but the group's report is slanted and incomplete, said U.S. women's soccer team captain Julie Foudy, a commission member.

"A lot of the recommendations, we don't even know what the impact would be," Foudy said. "To recommend things to the secretary that could impact millions of young girls is just something I can't do."

Critics of the Title IX review call it rushed and flawed. They object to the final report's tone and to some of its recommended changes about how schools could comply with the law.

The commission's co-chairman, Stanford athletic director Ted Leland, tried to negotiate a compromise last week with Foudy and Donna de Varona, the other commission member protesting the report.

Frenship defeats Pampa

CANYON - Ninth-ranked Frenship ended Pampa's playoff run Tuesday night, defeating the Harvesters 49-40 in a regional quarterfinal game at the WT A&M Event Center.

The Harvesters had problems dealing with Frenship's 6-foot-7 Crow twins, Harold and Darold. Crow finished with 21 points and Darold added 12.

Frenship never trailed and led by 17 points after three quarters, but the Harvesters closed the gap considerably in the final minutes. Frenship was ahead by 14 when Pampa reeled off eight straight points. Max Simon scored a bucket while Jed Martin and Ryan Zemanek both added 3-pointers to trim Frenship's lead to eight.

However, with only 44 seconds left, time simply ran out on the Harvesters.

James Silva led the Harvesters in scoring with 11 points and also pulled down six rebounds.

Frenship 12 24 38 49
Pampa 8 12 21 38
Frenship - Darold Crow 21, Harold Crow 12, Matt Stroud 6, Blake Sutton 5, Tyler Page 5.
Pampa - James Silva 11, Chance Bowers 8, Max Simon 8, Ryan Zemanek 5, Jed Martin 5, Collin Bowers 3.

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvester tennis team won its third consecutive tournament of the spring season against a strong field in the Pampa Quad Saturday at the PHS courts.

Pampa netters swept the boys events by claiming first and second place in both singles and doubles.

Britton White defeated Kevin Turner 6-3, 6-3 and the duo of Jay Gerber and David Thacker defeated Tyler Howard and Zach Hucks 6-4, 7-5. This is the second week in a row that the two Pampa doubles teams have met in the finals.

In the girls' division, Helen Orr and teammate Myca Vinson battled each other for third place with Orr winning 6-4, 7-6. Vanessa Orr and Taara Jordan also

Spring soccer signup



(Rice's Photography)

Registration for the 2003 spring season in the Pampa Soccer Association will be held this Saturday. The registration is only for players who did not sign up last August for the fall season. New players may sign up at T-Shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. For additional information, call 806-665-3036. One of the teams entered in the Pampa Soccer Association last year was the NBC team in the Under 6 Boys' Division. Team members were (front row, l-r) Caden Engle and Carter Estes; (back row, l-r) Braden Clay, Coleton Ingram, Riley Roden and Robert Chancellor. Also pictured is coach Chris Engle.

Harvesters win third consecutive tournament

captured third place for the second week in a row.

Canyon's Kylee Wartes and Mandi Collier finished first and second, respectively, in girls' singles and Frisco's girls' doubles team (Caras and Rosinski) claimed the girls' doubles title.

"We had some great performances today, especially on the boys' side and we also saw some things that we need to work on. Kevin Turner is having a great spring and I was really glad to see him make it to the finals. I am proud of her team effort and the fact that we won the team trophy. Frisco was a district champion in the fall team tennis season and a regional semifinalist," said Pampa head coach Carolyn Quarles. "Canyon

has a good shot at winning the 3A state championship, which is in the next couple of weeks for 3A schools. We had some quality matches and it will help us as we prepare for district. It was also great to have a team from the Dallas area come to the Panhandle and play in our tournament."

Team totals: 1. Pampa 74; 2. Canyon 68; 3. Frisco 32; 4. Altus, Okla. 18.

Pampa Individual Results

Boys Doubles
Jay Gerber-David Thacker (first place): def. Hawkins-Pakleuayan, Altus, 6-0, 6-0; def. Lee-Chase, Canyon, 6-0, 6-2; def. Hucks-Howard, Pampa, 6-4, 7-5.

Zack Hucks-Tyler Howard (second place): def.

Crow-Kamani, Pampa, 6-0, 6-1; def. Farley-Roberts, Canyon, 6-1, 6-4; lost to Gerber-Thacker, Pampa, 6-4, 7-5.

Mitchell Crow-Sunil Kamnai def. Wier-Schultz, Frisco, 6-2, 6-2; lost to

Hucks-Howard, Pampa, 6-0, 6-1; lost to Cumby-Rose, Altus, 6-1, 6-2; def. Wier-Schultz, Frisco.

— More results will be published in Friday's edition of The Pampa News.



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Yankees' Wells says he had hangover for perfect game

NEW YORK (AP) — David Wells was "half-drunk" when he pitched a perfect game for the New York Yankees in 1998.

In an upcoming autobiography, the New York Yankees pitcher recounts getting drunk at a "Saturday Night Live" cast party that ended in the early hours of the day he pitched against Minnesota.

"As of this writing, 15 men in the history of organized baseball have ever thrown a perfect game," he writes in galleys of the book. "Only one of those men did it half-drunk, with bloodshot eyes, monster breath and a raging, skull-rattling hangover. That would be me."

The book, "Perfect I'm Not! Boomer on Beer, Brawls, Backaches and Baseball," will be published April 1 by William Morrow, a subsidiary of News Corp.

Wells told the New York Post, another News Corp. company, that he had three hours of sleep that morning.

but in the book he writes about his son waking him at 6 a.m., an hour after he went to bed drunk.

The book comes at a time when Yankees owner George Steinbrenner has criticized Derek Jeter, contending the star shortstop's nightlife habits and "other activities" have detracted from his play.

The disclosure by Wells recalls the no-hitter thrown by Pittsburgh's Dock Ellis against San Diego in 1970. Ellis said he was on LSD that day. Ellis later entered drug rehab and became a counselor for recovering addicts.

Wells said that before he took the mound against the Twins, he fortified himself with caffeine and aspirin. He said he struggled through a bullpen session and was so disgusted he heaved a ball into the bleachers.

Pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre told the Post he had no idea of Wells' condition.

The revelation about the perfect game comes after a

season in which Wells was involved in a fight in a New York diner. The man who punched the pitcher and knocked out two of his teeth was sentenced to 45 days in jail.

More recently, Wells said he occasionally used an over-the-counter supplement containing ephedra, the substance that a medical examiner linked to the heatstroke death of Baltimore Orioles prospect Steve Bechler.

Wells was using a product with ephedra while with the Orioles in 1996. He was hospitalized for an irregular heartbeat during spring training that year.

Wells was not the first Yankees star to have a memorable game with a hangover. In 1963, when Mickey Mantle returned to the lineup after weeks off because of a broken foot, he was called to pinch hit after a night of partying. Mantle said he saw three balls coming at him, swung at the middle one and hit a home run.

All eyes on Matsui for spring debut

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Hideki Matsui might be the only person who's not ready for his spring training debut.

"For me personally, I'd like a little bit more time to prepare," he said Wednesday through an interpreter. "I'm not mentally ready yet, but I'm doing my best right now."

It seems the rest of the baseball world couldn't see how the Japanese star fares in his first game with the New York Yankees.

Thursday's game against the Cincinnati Reds is a sell-out and Matsui's performance will be watched by Yankees fans back home in New York and many other people around baseball.

Fans in Tokyo will be watching Matsui live on high-definition television at 3:15 a.m. Friday local time — except his family.

"They'll probably be sleeping," he said.

There will be 11 other games across Florida and Arizona on Thursday, highlighted by new Chicago Cubs manager Dusty Baker taking on his former team, the San Francisco Giants, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"It is spring training. I've got a lot of guys over there I care about," Baker said. "I know half of the staff. It'll be a little different for me to come out of the other clubhouse."

In other games in Arizona on Thursday, Surprise Stadium hosts its first

matchup, a charity game between Texas and Kansas City; Seattle and San Diego play a charity game; Arizona faces Colorado and Oakland plays Milwaukee.

The other Florida games are Detroit vs. Los Angeles, Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh, Baltimore vs. Florida, Atlanta vs. Georgia Tech, the Mets vs. St. Louis, and Minnesota vs. Boston.

But the biggest focus will be on Matsui, who signed a \$21 million, three-year contract this offseason to play with the Yankees.

"I'm more excited to watch him in games now," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "I feel a little bit better about his early results. I still stress patience. It's tough to get used to a new crop of pitchers."

Even Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, who has been known to lose his temper in spring training, is preaching patience for his new star.

But Matsui knows he'll have to produce soon, and that all those homers he hit in Japan don't mean anything. "I'm not going to look into the results too seriously for the first few games," he said. "But obviously, I haven't earned the starting roster yet. For my teammates and coaches, I want to make sure I do my best out there."

Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson, who knows what it's like to be in the spotlight, gave Matsui some advice before his first game.

"Basically, I said, not to

worry," Jackson said. "Worry if you don't have the talent, but he has the talent."

Matsui is a celebrity back home and is followed by a horde of Japanese journalists in Florida.

He was a three-time MVP in the Central League, playing for the Tokyo Yomiuri Giants, Japan's most renowned team. Matsui hit 332 homers in 10 seasons with the Giants, including 50 last year.

While his prodigious power earned him the nickname Godzilla, Matsui has impressed the Yankees with his disciplined approach at the plate.

Matsui is the first power hitter to come over from Japan and some scouts questioned whether he'd be able to adjust as easily as slap-hitting Ichiro Suzuki did with Seattle, when he won the AL MVP award as a rookie two years ago.

The Yankees are confident Matsui will be a success.

"He's got a very manageable swing against pretty much anybody," Torre said. "When I think of left-handed hitters, I'm thinking more uppercut type swings. He's more of a line-drive type level swing than most of your left-handers."

The Yankees also will show off their other big international acquisition. Cuban pitcher Jose Contreras will follow starter Sterling Hitchcock in Torre's Game 1 pitching lineup. Jeff Weaver also is expected to pitch.

Baker missed a Feb. 5 game against Seattle after complaining of lightheadedness, in addition to reporting heart palpitations following a Jan. 18 game in Milwaukee.

This season, Baker is averaging 5.2 points, 3.8 rebounds and 18.1 minutes. Before Wednesday's game, Baker described his season as "somewhat of a nightmare." But

Hedley girls fall in 1A finals

AUSTIN (AP) — Alesha Stegemoller scored 25 points and made the key defensive play in the final seconds Thursday to send Priddy to a 57-54 victory over Hedley to win the Class 1A Division II state championship.

Priddy led 55-54 with 10 seconds to play when Hedley's Lauren Hill drove down the left

side of the lane for the winning shot.

Stegemoller, who stands 6-foot-1, stuck up her right hand and got just enough of the ball to divert the shot.

Hedley committed a foul going after the loose ball and Priddy's Hailey Hohertz hit two free throws with 2.5 seconds left for the final margin.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is a list of girls state high school basketball champions in Texas since 1951:

- 1951: Class 3A: Comanche 50, McLean 49; Class B: Claude 42, Clyde Denton Valley 40
- 1952: Class 3A: Hamilton 27, Morton 19; Class B: Claude 47, Duncanville 42
- 1953: Class 3A: New Deal 58, Whitesboro 44; Class B: Claude 40, Bryson 30
- 1954: Class 3A: Dimmitt 66, Granbury 60; Class B: Winnie East Chambers 46, Claude 45
- 1955: Class 2A: Bowie 54, Angleton 52; Class A: Dimmitt 62, Granbury 44; Class B: Waco Midway 58, Cotton Center 50
- 1956: Class 2A: Angleton 51, Seagoville 48; Class A: Buna 54, New Deal 44; Class B: Collinsville 83, Sulphur Springs North Hopkins 75
- 1957: Class 2A: Buna 69, Seagoville 31; Class A: Ropesville 64, Cooper 51; Class B: Lubbock Roosevelt 56, Hawley 40
- 1958: Class 2A: Abernathy 64, Fort Worth Brewer 53; Class A: Cooper 59, Moulton 53; Class B: Sulphur Springs North Hopkins 86, Collinsville 28
- 1959: Class 2A: Abernathy 59, Buna 57; Class A: Pollock Central 58, Sudan 57; Class B: Sulphur Springs North Hopkins 64, Bovina 47
- 1960: Class 2A: Buna 66, Friona 63; Class A: Cooper 60, Moulton 51; Class B: Sulphur Springs North Hopkins 42, Claude 38
- 1961: Class 2A: Buna 66, Spearman 47; Class A: Sundown 50, Moulton 46; Class B: Henrietta Midway 54, Claude 48
- 1962: Class 2A: Devine 38, Tulia 37; Class A: Sundown 51, Ladonia Fannindel 46; Class B: Claude 55, Wells 41
- 1963: Class 2A: West 49, Orange Little Cypress 42; Class A: Sundown 51, Moulton 48; Class B: Slidell 71, Wells 65
- 1964: Class 2A: Friona 50, League City Clear Creek 45; Class A: Baird 85, Jourdanton 68; Class B: Trent 76, Burkeville 27
- 1965: Class 3A: Victoria 63, Weslaco 46; Class A: Lubbock Roosevelt 77, Jourdanton 71; Class B: Trent 69, Round Top-Carmine 65
- 1966: Class 3A: Tulia 76, Victoria 75; Class 2A: Spearman 50, Orange Little Cypress 46; Class A: Jourdanton 79, Springlake-Earth 74; Class B: Round Top-Carmine 57, Deport 32
- 1967: Class 3A: Tulia 70, Victoria 57; Class 2A: Orange Little Cypress 52, Spearman 43; Class A: Springlake-Earth 105, Cross Plains 52; Class B: High Island 48, Quitaque 39
- 1968: Class 3A: Stephenville 39, West Orange 27; Class 2A: Bogata Rivercrest 56, Gregory-Portland 54; Class A: Springlake-Earth 75, George West 65; Class B: High Island 53, Lamesa Klondike 40
- 1969: Class 3A: Canyon 59, Angleton 42; Class 2A: Waco Midway 56, Spearman 55; Class A: Stratford 42, Deweyville 37; Class B: Lamesa Klondike 62, High Island 48
- 1970: Class 3A: Corpus Christi Tuloso Midway 66, Canyon 54; Class 2A: Waco Robinson 57, Spearman, 49; Class A: Abilene Wylie 80, Grandview 57; Class B: Follet 59, Trent 50
- 1971: Class 3A: Victoria 55, Canyon 51; Class 2A: Spearman 52, Buna 47; Class A: Claude 46, Glen Rose 33; Class B: Round Top-Carmine 48, Grandview 33
- 1972: Class 3A: Canyon 59, Rockdale 36; Class 2A: Spearman 50, Waco Robinson 49; Class A: Claude 57, Southlake Carroll 55; Class B: Round Top-Carmine 54, Stephenville Huckabay 48
- 1973: Class 3A: Angleton 57, Canyon 55; Class 2A: Waco Midway 65, Comanche 46; Class A: Grandview 39, Turkey Valley 37; Class B: Neches 49, Poolville 45
- 1974: Class 3A: Canyon 65, Conroe 41; Class 2A: Slaton 51, Comanche 45; Class A: Grandview 52, Shiner 36; Class B: Poolville 60, Lamesa Klondike 54
- 1975: Class 3A: Waco Midway 60, Canyon 52; Class 2A: George West 52, Bellville 51; Class A: Southlake Carroll 50, Vega 48; Class B: Crawford 45, Neches 44
- 1976: Class 4A: Duncanville 70, Victoria 69; Class 3A: Waco Midway 64, Canyon 59; Class 2A: Phillips 83, Bellville 69; Class A: Stratford 60, Archer City 57; Class B: Neches 53, Crawford 49
- 1977: Class 4A: Dallas South Oak Cliff 79, Schertz Clemens 65; Class 3A: Canyon 58, Waco Midway 54; Class 2A: Spearman 61, Waco Robinson 58; Class A: Cooper 85, Deweyville 69; Class B: Nazareth 73, May 54
- 1978: Class 4A: Dallas South Oak Cliff 70, Victoria 62; Class 3A: Canyon 59, Corpus Christi Tuloso-Midway 37; Class 2A: Slaton 55, Granbury 45; Class A: Robert Lee 44, Cushing 41; Class B: Nazareth 47, Graford 39
- 1979: Class 4A: Victoria 43, Dallas South Oak Cliff 41; Class 3A: Georgetown 51, Sweeny 49; Class 2A: Slaton 68, Pflugerville 54; Class A: Hale Center 46, Bogata Rivercrest 29; Class B: Nazareth 46, Weatherford Brock 43
- 1980: Class 4A: Dallas South Oak Cliff 74, Lubbock Monterey 69

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Class 3A: Dumas 53, Corpus Christi Flour Bluff 43				
Class 2A: Slaton 75, Kyle Hays 44				
Class A: Bogata Rivercrest 68, Panhandle 41				
Class B: Nazareth 56, Weatherford Brock 50				
1981:				
Class 5A: Lubbock Monterey 71, Duncanville 70				
Class 4A: Canyon 64, Bay City 53				
Class 3A: Abernathy 61, Sweeny 59				
Class 2A: Hardin 61, New Deal 46				
Class A: Nazareth 84, Colmesneil 39				
1982:				
Class 5A: Victoria 46, Dallas South Oak Cliff 45				
Class 4A: Del Valle (Austin) 76, Carthage 64				
Class 3A: Barbers Hill (Mont Belvieu) 68, Sweeny 53				
Class 2A: Hardin 69, Phillips 67				
Class A: Nazareth 64, Dime Box 37				
1983:				
Class 5A: Houston Yates 58, Victoria 56				
Class 4A: Levelland 41, Corpus Christi Calallen 28				
Class 3A: Barbers Hill (Mont Belvieu) 86, Sweeny 81				
Class 2A: Hardin 41, Hale Center 39				
Class A: Sudan 46, La Rue La Poyner 34				
1984:				
Class 5A: Longview 72, Houston Yates 52				
Class 4A: Waco Richfield 56, Levelland 43				
Class 3A: Abernathy 67, Groesbeck 57				
Class 2A: Pollock Central 37, Hale Center 36				
Class A: Nazareth 64, Petty West Lamar 32				
1985:				
Class 5A: Dallas South Oak Cliff 60, Victoria 46				
Class 4A: Waco Richfield 44, Sweetwater 35				
Class 3A: Vernon 52, Sweeny 51				
Class 2A: Troy 80, Abernathy 72				
Class A: Nazareth 56, Priddy 48				
1986:				
Class 5A: Victoria 57, Tyler Lee 44				
Class 4A: Levelland 44, A&M Consolidated 43				
Class 3A: Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson 72, Ingleside 53				
Class 2A: Abernathy 51, Rogers 42				
Class A: Snook 36, Nazareth 33				
1987:				
Class 5A: Plainview 59, Austin Lanier 47				
Class 4A: Levelland 41, Corpus Christi Calallen 30				
Class 3A: Slaton 43, Sweeny 40				
Class 2A: Morton 68, Paris Chisum 53				
Class A: Sudan 55, Moulton 26				
1988:				
Class 5A: Duncanville 68, North Mesquite 46				
Class 4A: Levelland 38, Corpus Christi Calallen 35				
Class 3A: Brownfield 49, Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson 40				
Class 2A: Godley 60, Grapeland 58				
Class A: Nazareth 64, La Rue La Poyner 28				
1989:				
Class 5A: Duncanville 42, Victoria 38				
Class 4A: Levelland 45, West Orange-Stark 24				
Class 3A: Hardin-Jefferson 46, Canyon 44				
Class 2A: Grapeland 54, Abernathy 47				
Class A: Nazareth 57, La Rue La Poyner 33				
1990:				
Class 5A: Duncanville 74, Houston Yates 51				
Class 4A: Corpus Christi Calallen 46, Waco Midway 39				
Class 3A: Abilene Wylie 51, Edna 37				
Class 2A: Tatum 61, Marion 50				
Class A: Nazareth 53, Moulton 34				
1991:				
Class 5A: Amarillo Tascosa 54, Victoria 41				
Class 4A: Levelland 51, Dallas Lincoln 30				
Class 3A: Tulia 58, Wigginsboro 39				
Class 2A: Abernathy 37, Honey Grove 32				
Class A: Nazareth 50, Moulton 30				
1992:				
Class 5A: San Marcos 45, Duncanville 43				
Class 4A: Canyon Randall 43, Georgetown 42				
Class 3A: Canyon 49, Wigginsboro 29				
Class 2A: Panhandle 52, Marion 49				
Class A: Celeste 70, Weatherford Brock 57				
1993:				
Class 5A: Amarillo 68, Corpus Christi King 65				
Class 4A: Austin Westlake 48, Levelland 40				
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Class 2A: Marion 69, Hamilton 63				
Class A: Celeste 63, Muenster 38				
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Class 5A: Amarillo 62, Conroe 46				
Class 4A: Waco Midway 52, Dallas Lincoln 40				
Class 3A: Dripping Springs 64, Waco La Vega 56				
Class 2A: Tascosa Jim Ned 31, Hemphill 29				
Class A: Sudan 40, Jayton 36				
1995:				
Class 5A: Austin Westlake 59, Duncanville 56 (OT)				
Class 4A: Cleburne 55, Silsbee 50				
Class 3A: Bowie 65, Dripping Springs 50				
Class 2A: Ozona 61, Cooper 47				
Class A: Sudan 66, Alvord 42				
1996:				
Class 5A: Austin Westlake 64, Alief Elsie 60 (2OT)				
Class 4A: Canyon 60, Cedar Hill 34				
Class 3A: Groesbeck 63, Slaton 61				
Class 2A: Ozona 45, Gunter 39				
Class A: Nazareth 43, Celeste 30				
1997:				
Class 5A: Duncanville 44, Alief Elsie 33				
Class 4A: Levelland 36, Cedar Hill 33				
Class 3A: Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill 66, Dripping Springs 45				
Class 2A: Poth 54, Shallowater 50				
Class A: Whiteface 59, Celeste 39				
1998:				
Class 5A: Alief Elsie 58, Amarillo Palo Duro 38				
Class 4A: Canyon Randall 52, Bay City 23				
Class 3A: Comanche 65, Wigginsboro 56				
Class 2A: Hamilton 54, Ozona 45				
Class A: Karnack 69, Nazareth 45				
1999:				
Class 5A: Mansfield 65, Corpus Christi Carroll 46				
Class 4A: Dallas Lincoln 52, Canyon 49				
Class 3A: Wigginsboro 56, Lufkin Hudson 48				
Class 2A: Hughes Springs 61, Salado 33				
Class A: Vega 70, Valley View 64				
2000:				
Class 5A: Mansfield 69, Plano 43				
Class 4A: Canyon 74, Waxahachie 54				
Class 3A: Wigginsboro 54, Smithville 51				
Class 2A: Farwell 47, Brock 35				
Class A: Nazareth 72, Valley View 56				
2001:				
Class 5A: Mansfield 62, Spring Westfield 49				
Class 4A: Plainview 51, Dallas Lincoln 40				
Class 3A: Wigginsboro 51, Abilene Wylie 48				
Class 2A: Nacogdoches Central Heights 57, Boyd 56				
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Class A Division I: Kennard 61				

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2002:				
Class 5A: Mansfield 47, San Antonio Taft 42				
Class 4A: Plainview 68, Dallas Lincoln 40				



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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 28, 2003:
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ***** Listen to the many options that open up to you. You experience a plethora of possibilities, at least in your mind. Just consider your options carefully. A meeting could develop into a lot more. Understand what you ultimately desire. Tonight: Where the gang is.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 *** An associate might say that something is a certain way, but you don't know the complete story. Defer to someone else, even if you consider this person a bit off. You cannot go wrong by letting someone else play out his or her ideas. Tonight: A must show.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Evaluate what is going on behind the scenes. Think carefully about what is best professionally, even if your mind is already on the weekend. At home.

Understand others and their ways. You will be able to move past issues more effectively. Tonight: Take off ASAP.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Defer to someone else. Be direct in how you handle a loved one or partner. Recognize that he or she still might not get the message. Know that you have done your very best to make your point, though you could have to repeat this conversation again. Tonight: Togetherness works.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Others defer more easily than you anticipated. What you think might be a big deal actually isn't. Partners and associates run with the ball nevertheless. You might want to answer someone's challenges immediately - don't. Simply go with the flow. Others find you interesting. Tonight: Just don't be alone.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 *** Studies demonstrate how important your mental health is to your well-being. You could easily allow that side of yourself to slip as you get so wrapped up in your work. Knowing when to stop could be instrumental to your success. Do something good or healing. Tonight: You first.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** You might be replaying a situation over and over. Your fantasies dominate, unfortunately not allowing you to view a relationship clearly. Understand your role in recent events. You might need to take off your rose-colored glasses. Tonight: Let out the love in you.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 *** Recognize what might be going on with a family member. What you can be sure of is that you don't have all the facts just yet. The other person also might have difficulty seeing the whole situation. Know that you're both walking in the dark! Respect each other. Tonight: At home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** You might want to think through a decision carefully, especially if you have a sense that you're not getting all the facts. Keep asking questions. Meanwhile, follow your sixth sense, as you might be more tuned-in than you realize. Tonight: At a favorite spot.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 *** Follow through on what needs to happen in order to have a successful outcome. Your financial skills come out in your dealings with those around you. Your sixth sense emerges when dealing with funds, though you might not want to share your thoughts just yet. Tonight: Treat yourself well.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Follow your sixth sense, and you know you will be on target. Right now, follow-through counts in your dealings. If you can prevent being wifty, do so. Your mind wanders so many places at once that sometimes others have a hard time following you. Tonight: Go out there and live it up.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 *** Take your time with a decision that could impact many. You might be uncomfortable with news and want to head in a different direction. Take your time, but don't delude yourself. Realize that you need and must get to the bottom of an issue. Tonight: Go off and do your thing.

BORN TODAY
 Musician John Fahey (1939), author Alice May Brock (1941), performer Bernadette Peters (1948)

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Senators still bickering over judicial nominees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two of President Bush's other judicial nominees may hit a roadblock in the Senate even as senators continued their third week of debate over the nomination of Miguel Estrada to the federal appellate bench.

A vote on U.S. Appeals Court nominees Deborah Cook and John Roberts was scheduled for the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday, but Senate Democrats have asked the White House and the GOP for additional time to question the two candidates.

"Some of us believe the January 29, 2003, committee hearing did not provide an adequate opportunity to ask the questions necessary for senators to effectively carry out their constitutional duty," Democrats senators wrote to the White House on Monday.

Democrats blocked a committee vote on Roberts and Cook last week in hopes of getting additional questions, but White House counsel Alberto Gonzales said Wednesday the White House would resist additional hearings on Cook, an Ohio Supreme Court justice and Roberts, a Maryland lawyer. Both nominated in May 2001.

Each nominee answered many questions in previous hearings, Gonzales said. "There is no legitimate justification for

the extraordinary delays that already have occurred with respect to these two nominees," he wrote. "And there is no justification for further delay."

Democrats say they didn't have enough time to question Cook and Roberts during their original confirmation hearing because Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, had three federal appellate candidates at the same hearing, instead of doing them one at a time.

This came as President Bush called it a "travesty" that Democratic senators refuse to allow a full Senate vote on Estrada's nomination.

Bush summoned top Hispanic officials from throughout his administration and recruited dozens of Hispanic political backers to press Estrada's case as he angrily demanded confirmation.

"They're blocking the vote on this good man for purely political reasons," Bush told the Hispanic supporters. "The senators are applying a double standard to Miguel Estrada by requiring him to answer questions that other judicial nominees, over time, have not been forced to answer."

Democrats have refused to let Estrada's nomination for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia come up for a final Senate vote for three weeks because they say the Washington lawyer was not forthcoming about his legal opinions during his confirmation hearing last year.

They also say Estrada lacks the judicial experience to serve on that court. Republicans have accused Democrats of treating Estrada unfairly because he is a conservative Hispanic.

Baby's Coming Shop fund-raiser nets \$200

The Baby's Coming Shop in Pampa recently received a check in the amount of \$200 from its "Southern Living at Home" fund-raiser, sponsored by Gray County Area Partnership for Moms and Babies.

The Baby's Coming Shop kiosk is located in Pampa Regional Medical Center and serves women enrolled in two health care incentive programs administered in the Texas Panhandle — 2CARE for MOMS and 2CARE for Babies.

The first program, 2CARE for MOMS, is open to expectant mothers who are 12 weeks pregnant or less and is currently available in Pampa through the Women's Health Clinic.

2CARE for Babies is administered by Dr. Nguyen, Dr. Soriano, the Family Medicine Center and Planned Parenthood of Pampa. The newest provider is the Women's Health Clinic located in South Medical Office Building of Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC). For an



(Courtesy photo)

Karen Keith, Southern Living at Home consultant, presents Joan Gray, County Extension agent and president of Gray County Area Partnership, with a fund-raising check in the amount of \$200.

appointment, call 665-0746. The permanent display kiosk displays a variety of

gifts that can be obtained through the programs. To learn more about 2CARE

for Moms and Babies, contact Judith Loyd at 664-2459.

Lab officials obstructed probe, investigators say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials at the university that runs Los Alamos National Laboratory were blindsided by reports of theft and corruption at the lab, but changing management at the lab could undermine its national security mission, says a University of California official.

The most experienced nuclear weapons scientists at Los Alamos are nearing retirement and could leave the lab if management changes, Bruce Darling, senior vice president at the university, told members of the House

Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Wednesday.

"Turning over the contract on a regular basis creates a real threat of disruption to our nation's security," Darling said.

The New Mexico lab maintains and develops the nation's nuclear weapons. It has also been the training ground for many of the nuclear weapons inspectors working in Iraq and developed systems to detect chemical and biological weapons.

But reports of widespread abuse of lab charge cards, missing computers and improper purchases have the Energy Department considering whether other universities and companies should be allowed to compete for the contract to run the lab, which the University of California has held without competition for 60 years.

House subcommittee chairman Rep. James Greenwood, R-Pa., questioned the wisdom of awarding a \$1.7 billion contract without competition and not having methods to hold the contractor accountable.

A trio of Los Alamos inves-

tigators testified Wednesday that lab managers looked the other way for years while corruption took hold, and then obstructed investigations into the misuse of funds.

Jaret McDonald, a lab facilities manager, went to the FBI after lab managers ignored his concerns of dozens of inappropriate purchases by lab employees. He showed the subcommittee photos he had taken of television sets, sleeping bags, fishing equipment, lawnmowers and other items purchased with lab funds.

Other items suspected to have been purchased with lab money were found in the homes of Scott Alexander and Peter Bussolini when the FBI searched them in October. They have not been criminally charged.

Investigators Steven Doran and Glenn Walp said management also obstructed their investigations. They were fired after they reported \$2.7 million in missing computers and property, and the misuse of lab-issued charge cards — including one employee who tried to purchase a customized sports car worth \$30,000 with a lab charge card.

Walp and Doran have since

been hired by the university as consultants on the school's investigation of the lab. Doran was hired permanently Tuesday as head of security and investigations for the university.

Despite the lack of financial controls, the Energy Department's inspector general, Gregory H. Friedman, said there are no indications that nuclear weapons secrets or national security were compromised. However, with 400 computers stolen over three years, there can be no guarantees, he said.

Darling said 15 senior Los Alamos managers have been fired or removed from management positions, including former lab director John Browne.

Walp said more is needed. "My personal opinion is it's time to gut the place. I think it's so infected, it's a culture that has been ingrained in that place for decades," he said.

On the Net:

Los Alamos National Laboratory: <http://www.lanl.gov>
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Report: UT program supervisor made money from sale of fingernails, toenails from cadavers

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who supervised the donated-body program at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston allegedly pocketed more than \$18,000 from selling nails from the fingers and toes of cadavers, a newspaper said.

Allen Tyler Jr. supervised the school's Willed Body Program for 36 years until he was fired May 9.

The Houston Chronicle reported Thursday that newly released records showed Tyler

received at least \$18,210 from Watson Laboratories Inc. of Salt Lake City for the sale of hundreds of human fingernails and toenails between November 1999 and August 2001. The nails were used to test experimental medicines.

Officials have closed the Willed Body Program indefinitely.

Federal law prohibits profiting from the sale of human bodies and the FBI is investigating, said agency spokesman Bob Doguim. No one has been charged.

Tyler declined to comment on the report when The Associated Press contacted him Thursday at his Galveston home. He has so far refused to talk to investigators, the Chronicle reported.

A purchasing agent at the laboratory, Shirley Krouse, confirmed that the company issued checks directly to Tyler for shipments of toenails and fingernails the company used in research, the newspaper reported. Krouse said officials at the lab believed Tyler turned the money over to the school.

In one transaction, Tyler received \$4,005 for 232 fingernails at \$15 each and 35 toenails at \$15 each, according to Tyler's records.

The newspaper said Tyler also received at least \$56,000 in direct payments from a New Jersey company.

Officials said they also learned that Tyler had allowed the ashes of dozens of cremated donated bodies to be mixed, making it impossible to return ashes to donors' families. After the medical center informed the families involved, relatives of several body donors sued Tyler and the school. Those lawsuits are pending.

The university had refused last year to grant the Chronicle access to thousands of documents associated with the Willed Body Program, the newspaper said. The Texas attorney general's office issued an opinion saying the school should turn over the records. The school appealed to a state district court but dropped the appeal last week.

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