

ON RECORD

FIRE

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

Wednesday, March 27

7:41 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1100 block of Sirroco.

10:10 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a diesel spill at Signa Fuels, Texas Highway 60 West at Alcock. The spill, which apparently occurred the night before,

was contained until Texas Department of Transportation workers brought sand to cover it.

7:36 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to an oil spill in the roadway of the 2200 block of Alcock. Firefighters cleaned up the spill.

Thursday, March 28

5:13 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1400 block of North Somerville.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, March 27

7:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Sirroco and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

9:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of West Kingsmill.

Thursday, March 28

5:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville; no transport.

OBITUARIES

BETTY ROGERS

1924-2002

Betty Rogers, 77, of Pampa, died Thursday, March 28, 2002. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Arrington, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Rogers was born Oct. 1, 1924, at Burk Burnett. She graduated from Pampa High School. She had been a resident of Pampa for over 50 years before moving to Lake Kiowa to be near her family. She married T.J. Rogers on June 15, 1946, in Pampa.

She attended the First Baptist Church while in Pampa.

She worked in retail sales and had worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone. She loved to bowl and was a good mother and friend to her family.

Survivors include her husband, T.J. Rogers, of the home; two daughters, Cathy Tidwell of Gainesville and Debby Rogers Day of Mesquite; and three grandchildren, Lindsay Jo Tidwell of Norman, Okla., Sarah Jo Day and Jolie Day, both of Mesquite.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5-7 p.m. on Friday.

DON HADDOCK

1929-2002

Don Haddock, 73, of Pampa, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

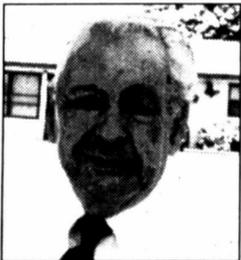
Mr. Haddock was born Jan. 6, 1929, at Carnegie, Okla. He married Georgia "Jo" Mills on July 31, 1949, at El Reno, Okla. He came to Pampa in 1973, moving from Borger where he had lived from 10 years, and was a longtime mechanic with Ford Motor Company until 1977.

He then owned-operated H&M Automotive Service until 1995 and was currently employed with Larry Beck Electric.

A retired Pentecostal Holiness minister, he recently celebrated 50 years of salvation, and was attending First Assembly of God Church in Pampa at the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia "Jo," of the home; three sons, Kenneth Haddock of Oklahoma City, Okla., Michael Phillip Haddock of El Reno, Okla., and Greg Haddock of Pampa; two daughters, Patti Greathouse of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., and Angela Darling of Fort Smith, Ark.; a brother, Raymond Earl Haddock of Saudi Arabia; a sister, Mildred Louise Blake of Canyon; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Rhema Bible College in Broken Arrow, Okla.



SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, March 27

Larry Dale Terry, 33, 1028 Charles, arrested by the DPS on Gray and Carson County warrants for speeding, failure to appear, resisting arrest, speeding, speeding and failure to appear.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Anebury Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	NA	NOI	25.03	+0.63
Milo	NA	KMI	48.27	+0.02
Corn	NA	XCEL	25.48	NC
Soybeans	NA	Kerr McGee	62.90	+0.18
		Limited	17.83	+0.08
		Williams	23.80	+0.32

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

Occidental	29.15	+0.29
Fidelity Magell	102.48	+0.58
Puritan	17.95	+0.08

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

HP	53.39	+0.50
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Cabot Corp	36.90	-0.14
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VLO	49.20	-0.22
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Trad Hospitals	34.46	+0.03
NOI	25.03	+0.63
KMI	48.27	+0.02
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Kerr McGee	62.90	+0.18
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POLICE

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

Sunday, March 10

A red tool box and tools, valued at \$85, was reported stolen from a vehicle. It isn't known where the theft occurred.

Monday, March 11

Offense against family/child in the 800 block of North West where there was e-mail contact with a juvenile after being told not to have any contact.

Tuesday, March 19

Burglary of a habitation where a back door was forced open in the 900 block of Campbell. It is unknown if anything was taken.

Tuesday, March 26

E-mail harassment in the 800 block of North West.

Wednesday, March 27

Disorderly conduct in the 1100 block of South Christy.

Domestic assault with no injuries was reported in the 2500 block of North Charles.

Marisa Ramirez, 22, 405 N. Faulkner, arrested on three counts of issuance of a bad check.

James Middleton, 26, 738 S. Banks, deadly conduct.

William James Shipp, 23, 1138 Wilcox, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Thursday, March 28

A television valued at \$600 was taken from a residence in the 400 block of North Powell. Entry was unforced.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph, becoming southwest. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows around 50. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph, becoming northwest. Friday, partly sunny. A 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph, becoming northeast. Friday night, cloudy with a 60 percent chance of showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Lows in the mid-40s. Saturday, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs 60 to 65. Saturday evening, cloudy. Sunday, becoming mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s and highs in the lower 70s. Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 40s and highs in the upper 70s to around 80. Tuesday and Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s and highs in the mid to upper 60s.

STATEWIDE

Some clouds began moving into Texas from the north and west early Thursday in advance of a new cold front.

Scattered high clouds covered the western

two-thirds of Texas, with low cloudiness reported in south central and eastern parts of the state.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 50s to 60s.

Extremes were 48 degrees at Gainesville and Paris and 57 at Fort Worth.

Winds were mostly southerly at 5 to 15 mph across the region. Easterly winds were reported along the upper Texas coast, with northerly breezes in the panhandle. Speeds were 5 to 10 mph.

Mild conditions through Thursday night will change on Friday with the cold front's passage. It will bring a chance of heavy rainfall, especially over northern portions of the state, on Friday night and Saturday. Cooler temperatures will move in behind the front.

The National Weather Service forecast a chance for showers and thunderstorms Friday in West Texas.

Lows overnight should range from the 40s in the north and west to the 50s elsewhere.

Highs Thursday were expected in the 70s and 80s, with lower 90s along the Big Bend. On Friday, highs will be reduced from the 60s to 80s, with 70s in the far west.

Low-key American diplomat draws fire from British media

LONDON (AP) — Like President Bush — a laid-back Texan who raised eyebrows in the world of international diplomacy — U.S. Ambassador William Farish is facing accusations that he is too rich, too relaxed and too low-key for his high-profile job.

"America's invisible envoy" is how London's Evening Standard newspaper described Farish this week. The paper cited unnamed "experts" as expressing concern about the multimillionaire horse-breeder's lack of visibility.

The U.S. Embassy says the allegations are nonsense.

The newspaper said Farish "has adopted a low-key, almost anonymous profile" since taking up his post in July.

"More likely to be seen at a racecourse ... than in a TV studio or on a speaker's podium, Farish has turned the public face of the representative of the most powerful country on Earth into a shadow of its former self," the paper said.

Farish, a Houston native and president of the Houston-based W.S. Farish & Co.,

attended memorials and made television appearances after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, but has had fewer public engagements in the last several months. The U.S. Embassy's Web site lists 10 speeches or statements by the ambassador since Sept. 11, with a four-month gap between Nov. 9 and March 21.

In contrast, Farish's predecessor Philip Lader made more regular appearances in the British media.

Acquaintances say Farish is a quiet man who wants to keep his personal life private and prefers to work — effectively — behind the scenes.

"Some ambassadors see their role as standing in front of television cameras and giving media interviews left and right," said U.S. Embassy spokesman Lee McClenny. "Others believe it is better to work behind the scenes on the nuts and bolts of diplomacy."

The ambassador's main asset is high-level political connections in Britain and the United States. Houston-born Farish is a lifelong friend of the Bush family and donated more than \$100,000 to the last presidential campaign.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II has four times visited Farish's Kentucky stud farm, Lane's End, matching her mares with Farish's stallions.

"He's a friend of the president and on first-name terms with the queen. I don't think you can get much better qualifications than that to be ambassador to the court of St. James's," said Gary McDowell, director of the Institute of United States Studies at the University of London.

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Economy began recovery at year's end, analysts say

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy, which fell into recession in early 2001, was already bouncing back in the final three months of the year, growing at an annual rate of 1.7 percent.

The latest reading on the gross domestic product, the broadest measure of the economy's health, shows the expansion was at a faster pace than the government previously estimated, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

The government initially estimated that the economy grew at tiny 0.2 percent rate in the fourth quarter, and a month ago that was revised to a 1.4 percent rate.

Thursday's upward revision to the GDP largely reflected an improved trade picture, which was less of a drag on growth in the fourth quarter.

While the 1.7 percent growth rate is still considered below par, it nonetheless marks a remarkable turnaround for the economy, which shrank at a 1.3 percent rate in the third quarter, following the jolt of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

On Wall Street, stocks moved higher. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 51 points and the Nasdaq index was 21 points in the first hour of trading.

Many economists estimate the GDP, which measures the total output of goods and services produced within the United States, continues to improve in the current quarter.

Merrill Lynch predicts economic growth in the January-March quarter could be at a sizzling rate of 5 percent to 6 percent. Others

forecast a rate in the 4 percent range; some expect 3 percent. Growth should be helped along as the Federal Reserve's 11 interest rate cuts last year make their way through the economy.

Earlier this month, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan offered his most optimistic assessment of the U.S. economy in more than a year, telling Congress recovery from the recession that began last March was under way.

Manufacturers, which had throttled back production during the slump and laid off hundreds of thousands of workers, worked off big stocks of unsold goods and were beginning to add to production.

Against that backdrop, inventory reduction was a little less of a drag on the GDP than previously thought. Inventory liquidation reduced the GDP by 2.16 percentage points in the fourth quarter, compared with a 2.19 percentage points subtraction estimated a month ago.

The trade deficit, meanwhile, shaved off 0.14 percentage point from fourth-quarter GDP, compared with the 0.35 percentage point reduction previously estimated. That was the biggest factor in the GDP upward revision.

Consumer spending grew at a 6.1 percent rate, slightly better than the 6 percent rate previously thought and a big pickup from the weak 1 percent rate in the third quarter.

Business continued to cut investment in new plants and equipment, a key source of the overall economy's weakness.

Judge orders election materials held after tampering accusation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A judge has impounded ballots and other election materials after accusations of ballot tampering from a candidate for Frio County clerk.

Angie Rodriguez Tullis, a deputy clerk in the county tax office at Pearsall, contended that ballots were missing or mishandled during the March 12 primary election.

Tullis faces incumbent

County Clerk Gloria Cubriel in the April 9 runoff. Cubriel, as county clerk, administers elections through her office.

State District Judge Olin Strauss on Monday impounded the voting materials from the primary and the runoff election. The move followed District Attorney Lynn Ellison's motion seeking to impound the materials, including ballots and ballot applications.

"Now we'll have a fair election," Tullis told the San Antonio Express-News in Thursday's editions.

Seeking her third term, Cubriel said she considers the impoundment an effort by her political rivals to hurt her re-election bid.

"I have nothing to hide," said Cubriel. "To me, it's just dirty politics, small-town politics to discredit me."

Prosecutors seek death penalty for only one arrested in attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department told a court Thursday it will seek the death penalty against Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person charged in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against New York and Washington.

Moussaoui deserves to die because he helped plot "the largest loss of life resulting from a criminal act in the history of the United States," prosecutors said in a filing with the trial judge in suburban Alexandria, Va.

Moussaoui, 33, a French citizen of Moroccan descent, is charged with conspiring with Osama bin Laden, the hijackers and others to commit the Sept. 11 attacks that killed more than 3,000 people. He is scheduled for trial this fall.

Four of the six counts brought against Moussaoui carry a maximum sentence of death.

The decision came after weeks of deliberations inside the Justice Department and carries international implications, especially in Europe, where the terrorism investigation continues in several countries that oppose capital punishment.

Moussaoui's home country, France, asked Ashcroft not to seek the death penalty and noted the French would not have to cooperate with U.S.

authorities on the investigation if the death penalty was invoked.

Attorney General John Ashcroft, visiting in Miami when the court was notified, asked American allies to continue their cooperation despite their misgivings.

"We ask our counterparts in the international community to respect our sovereignty, and we respect theirs," Ashcroft said. "To the extent that they can cooperate and help us, we welcome that cooperation."

The decision didn't surprise Moussaoui's mother, who accused U.S. officials of "looking for someone's head" in the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I was sure," Aicha Moussaoui said in France, referring to the expectation her son would face capital punishment. "My son is a scapegoat. They can't find the people who are truly responsible for this crime."

Moussaoui's lead attorney, Frank Dunham Jr., told reporters that Ashcroft's announcing the death penalty filing at a news conference was "disgraceful conduct" that could prevent selection of an impartial jury.

"We're trying to do this (select a jury) in the shadow of the Pentagon," said Dunham, federal public defender for eastern Virginia. "I am mysti-

fied as to why he feels he has to hold a televised press conference other than to influence the jury pool."

Ashcroft, a longtime death penalty advocate, said the government identified several "aggravating factors" that warrant the death penalty. "Among these reasons is the impact of the crime on thousands of victims," the attorney general said.

"We remain committed not only to carrying out justice but also to ensuring that the rights of the victims are fully protected," he added.

The government said in its court filing that it would seek to prove that Moussaoui committed the offenses "in an especially heinous, cruel and depraved manner in that they involved torture and serious physical abuse to the victims."

The offenses were committed "after substantial planning and premeditation to cause the death of a person and to commit an act of terrorism," U.S. Attorney Paul J. McNulty argued in the court filing with U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema.

Moussaoui participated in the planning "knowing that the act created a grave risk of death to a person" and that "the crime constituted a reckless disregard for human life," McNulty alleged.

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FINANCE

school's fund balance for operational expenses for the upcoming school year.

Sen. Bivins told *The Pampa News* on Tuesday the school funding issue is "one of the toughest issues we face every session."

"In the 1980s, the people voted statewide to repeal the ability of the legislature to levy additional taxation," he said. "We would need a constitutional amendment to authorize the levy of additional taxes."

Bivins said Lt. Gov. Ratliff of Mount Pleasant will appear before the April 3 meeting of the joint House-Senate select committee on school finance.

Ratliff helped write the current formula known as the Robin Hood system, which sends more money from property-rich school district to poorer districts.

"Hopefully the legislature can take out the

punitive aspects of the Robin Hood legislation," said Bivins.

Several schools in the area, considered as property wealthy, also known as Chapter 41 schools, are required to send tax dollars to fund poorer school districts.

Miami ISD, White Deer ISD, Canadian ISD, Follett ISD, Darrrouzett ISD, Allison ISD, Kelton ISD and Fort Elliott Consolidated ISD are among the 11 Chapter 41 schools in the Texas Panhandle.

Also having to send their tax dollars to fund poorer tax districts are Pringle-Morse CISD, Plemons-Stinnett-Phillips CISD, and Bushland ISD.

Bivins said he will not prejudice any suggestions on Texas school finance. Lawmakers are expected to consider during the 2003 legislature whether to overhaul the entire system.

Several public hearings to take input from residents have been held around the state in recent months.

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E-MAILS

place by July 1, the start of the new contract year.

According to the proposed policy, time spent on personal e-mails could be limited to the equivalent of a coffee break. Any objectionable material — racist, sexist, threatening, language — is prohibited.

Employees cannot subscribe to mailing lists or mail services for personal use and personal

e-mail cannot cost the school district in any way, according to the policy.

The draft policy defines all e-mail sent or received by the school district as a school district record and must be retained or disposed of according to the district's retention requirements.

It states that e-mails usually fall into two common record categories — administrative and routine. The policy also outlines the user's responsibilities for handling school district e-

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RETIREMENT

the current city contributions aren't being saved for the future but are going to pay those who have retired. She acknowledged it will take more money in years hence than it takes now to cover retirement payouts.

With regard to turnover among city workers, City Manager Bob Eskridge said those occur "in the same entry level positions over and over" rather than in the higher positions.

Another factor that increases the payouts, Jeffers said, is that the number of years required to be vested in the program has dropped from 10 to five years.

In a telephone interview today, Jeffers said if she's heard "one thing" employees

say about delaying retirement "it is because of health insurance costs."

She said employees who are under 65 and are eligible to retire now face health insurance payments through the city of "nearly \$700 a month" for the employee and spouse also under age 65.

"It's a big factor," she said of health insurance costs with regard to retirement. "... And we're talking about people who are at an age where they also can't buy affordable insurance elsewhere."

With more workers staying longer and eligible to draw full benefits, it means there are fewer workers leaving the job who withdraw their paid-in portion but leave the city's

contribution behind. Eskridge said the ratio of city contribution to employee contribution is two (city) to one (employee).

"Historically people left and took out their assets," Eskridge said. "If people take theirs out, that frees up the city dollars for others."

The city manager explained that the retirement plan, through the Texas Municipal Retirement System, is not a defined benefit plan. He said the payments are based upon how much both the worker and the city have put into the pot.

Pampa's unfunded liability isn't unique, Eskridge said. "Everybody in TMRS has unfunded liability."



REGIONAL EYE CENTER

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Dr. George R. Walters
and
Dr. Thomas L. Baker

will be closing as of March 29, 2002. Patient records will be available thru April 30, 2002 at 107 W. 30th, Pampa, Tx. 79065.

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AUDIT

Mayor Lonny Robbins said the finance department is to be commended for its job performance and he pointed to the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award the city won from the U.S. and Canada Government Finance Officers Association.

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You can learn a lot from a bunny

Stopping by to see my grandchildren Wednesday afternoon, I was barraged by all four talking at the same time and telling me what was going on in their lives.

Peyton, 7, and Christian, 5, were lifting a large container in the front yard and searching it. Zac, 13, was standing — on his crutches — as the younger ones appeared to be searching the canister for something.

They were animatedly telling me they had captured a snake, but now it was gone. Immediately, I looked around to see if this reptile might be lurking nearby.

Not seeing him (or her), I gave one of my grandmother-talks about the possibility of it being a rattlesnake and to be extremely careful. They nodded and kept on searching for it, and I quickly went into the house.

Paige, 3, was talking 90-miles-a-minute throughout the entire exchange, but I couldn't understand a word she was saying. As we went into the house, she very plainly said, "The Easter Bunny is coming to see me."

I exclaimed how wonderful that was going to be and began telling her he would be leaving eggs and surprises for her. As she told me what she wanted him to leave her, my daughter made eye contact with me and I quickly got the message what to build her hopes about and what not to encourage her on.

Abruptly, Paige changed the subject. She was making roaring sounds as her



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MANAGING EDITOR

body language indicated she was driving an imaginary car. Then, suddenly, I heard her words: "I'm going to drive my 4-wheeler," she said very plainly.

Peyton had come inside by that time and said they were getting together with their cousins Friday for a birthday party. How excited they are!

I learned their grandmother is arriving from Dallas and there will be a family gathering. When they have these gatherings there are countless children of varying ages — from Paige's age on up. There's always lots of activity, laughter and mounds of food. It's no wonder they are so excited.

So many families across the area will be gathering on this holiday weekend.

Back to Paige and her driving. She loves to get on 'her' 4-wheeler at these gatherings and zoom off. From the way she loves to go as she feels the wind hitting her face, she will probably be another Jeff Gordon.

With the weather warming we're going to be seeing many outdoor activities over the week-end as families and friends gather. While my Easter activities

will be more sedentary, I hope everyone enjoys their weekend with a safe and happy Easter. Be careful and take precautions.

I have really found an e-mail amusing that a friend of mine sent me, and it applies to the upcoming holiday. Hope you like it.

It is "All I needed to learn about life I learned from the Easter Bunny."

"Don't put all your eggs in one basket. Everyone needs a friend who is all ears."

"There's no such thing as too much candy."

"All work and no play can make you a basket case."

"A cute tail attracts a lot of attention. Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day."

"Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits."

"Some body parts should be floppy."

"Keep your paws off of other people's jelly beans."

"Good things come in small sugar coated packages."

"The grass is always greener in someone else's basket."

"To show your true colors, you have to come out of the shell."

"The best things in life are still sweet and gooey."

HAPPY EASTER!

(Nancy Young may be reached by e-mail at nanceyoung@hotmail.com)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How much does it not pay?

I received this as an e-mail and it looks like the PEDC missed the boat entirely.

"Dear Secretary of Agriculture,

"My friends, Darryl and Janice, over at Jonestown, Oklahoma, received a check the other day for \$1,000 from the government for not raising hogs. So, I want to go into the "not raising hogs" business myself next year.

"What I want to know is, in your opinion, what is the best type of farm not to raise hogs on, and what is the best breed of hogs not to raise? I want to be sure that I approach this endeavor in keeping with all government policies. I would prefer not to raise Razor hogs, but if that is not a good breed not to raise, then I can just as easily not raise Yorkshires or Durocs.

"As I see it, the hardest part of this program will be keeping an accurate inventory of how many hogs I haven't raised. If I can get \$1,000 for not raising 50 hogs, will I get \$2,000 for not raising 100 hogs? I plan to operate on a small scale at first, holding myself down to about 4,000 "not raised" hogs, which will give me \$80,000 income the first year. Then I can buy an airplane.

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"Will I qualify for payments for not raising wheat and corn not to feed the 4,000 hogs I am not going to raise? I want to get started not feeding as soon as possible, as this seems to be a good time of the year to not raise hogs and grain.

"I am also considering the "not milking cows" business, so please send me any information on that also. In view of these circumstances, I understand that the government will consider me totally unemployed, so I plan to file for unemployment and food stamps as well.

"Be assured that you will have my vote in the coming elections. Patriotically yours, Ima Freeloader

PS: Would you please notify me when you plan to distribute more free cheese?"

I sign my real name...

Gynelle King
Pampa

IRS recommends e-filing

This is the time of year when North Texas residents area begin to think about their taxes. At the Internal Revenue Service, we will do everything possible to make this tax season as easy as possible.

To that end, we urge taxpayers to consider using IRS e-file. It's fast, accurate and dependable. Even better, taxpayers can get their refunds direct deposited to their checking accounts in as little as 10 days. That's less than half the time a refund takes for a paper return.

The e-file program is easy. Taxpayers can file a completely paperless return using readily available tax preparation software or through a tax professional. There's nothing to mail to the IRS — not even a W-2. If taxpayers owe money, they can schedule an electronic funds withdrawal from their bank account or pay with a credit card.

IRS e-file also greatly reduces errors, less than 1 percent compared to almost 20 percent for paper returns. Fewer errors mean fewer delays in refunds and fewer notices from the IRS. E-file saves time and headaches for everyone. Check out the IRS Web site, www.irs.gov, for more information.

A recent government wide survey of customer satisfaction showed the IRS posting the biggest gains of any agency, thanks to the high satisfaction rate with IRS e-file. Last year, more than 40 million taxpayers filed electronically. Another 40 million taxpayers used their computers but then printed out returns and mailed them. If you haven't tried e-file, this is the year. Delete the paper work; hit send.

Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service

LETTER TO EDITOR POLICY

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Will the real Mr. Lincoln stand up?

Do states have a right of secession? That question was settled through the costly War of 1861. In his recently published book, "The Real Lincoln," Thomas DiLorenzo marshals abundant unambiguous evidence that virtually every political leader of the time and earlier believed that states had a right of secession.

Let's look at a few quotations. Thomas Jefferson in his First Inaugural Address said, "If there be any among us who would wish to dissolve this Union, or to change its republican form, let them stand undisturbed as monuments of the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left to combat it."

Fifteen years later, after the New England Federalists attempted to secede, Jefferson said, "If any state in the Union will declare that it prefers separation ... to a continuance in the union ... I have no hesitation in saying, 'Let us separate.'"

At Virginia's ratification convention, the delegates said, "The powers granted under the Constitution being derived from the People of the United States may be resumed by them whenever the same shall be perverted to their injury or oppression."

In Federalist Paper 39, James Madison, the father of the Constitution, cleared up what "the people" meant, saying the proposed Constitution would be subject to ratification by the people, "not as individuals composing one entire nation, but as composing the distinct and independent States to which they respectively belong."

In a word, states were sovereign; the federal government was a creation, an agent, a servant of the states.

On the eve of the War of 1861, even unionist politicians saw secession as a right of states. Maryland Rep. Jacob M. Kunkel said, "Any attempt to preserve



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

the Union between the States of this Confederacy by force would be impractical, and destructive of republican liberty." The northern Democratic and Republican parties favored allowing the South to secede in peace.

Just about every major Northern newspaper editorialized in favor of the South's right to secede. New York Tribune (Feb. 5, 1860): "If tyranny and despotism justified the Revolution of 1776, then we do not see why it would not justify the secession of Five Millions of Southrons from the Federal Union in 1861."

Detroit Free Press (Feb. 19, 1861): "An attempt to subjugate the seceded States, even if successful could produce nothing but evil — evil unmitigated in character and appalling in content." The New York Times (March 21, 1861): "There is growing sentiment throughout the North in favor of letting the Gulf States go."

DiLorenzo cites other editorials expressing identical sentiments. Americans celebrate Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, but H.L. Mencken correctly evaluated the speech, "It is poetry not logic; beauty, not sense."

Lincoln said that the soldiers sacrificed their lives "to the cause of self-determination — government of the people, by the people, for the people — should not perish from the earth." Mencken says: "It is difficult to imagine anything more untrue. The Union soldiers in the battle actually

fought against self-determination; it was the Confederates who fought for the right of people to govern themselves."

In Federalist Paper 45, Madison guaranteed: "The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite." The South seceded because of Washington's encroachment on that vision. Today, it's worse. Turn Madison's vision on its head, and you have today's America.

DiLorenzo does a yeoman's job in documenting Lincoln's ruthlessness and hypocrisy, and how historians have covered it up. The Framers had a deathly fear of federal government abuse. They saw state sovereignty as a protection. That's why they gave us the Ninth and 10th Amendments. They saw secession as the ultimate protection against Washington tyranny.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, March 28, the 87th day of 2002. There are 278 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 28, 1969, the 34th president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, died in Washington at age 78.

On this date:

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

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

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

Study: Teens who watch a lot of TV more prone to violence

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Teen-agers who watch more than an hour of television a day during early adolescence are more likely to be violent in later years, researchers say.

The rate of violence, including assaults, fights and robberies, increases dramatically if daily TV time exceeds three hours, according to researchers who studied more than 700 people for 17 years.

"Our findings suggest that, at least during early adolescence, responsible parents should avoid permitting their children to watch more than one hour of television a day," said Jeffrey G. Johnson of Columbia University and the New York State Psychiatric Institute.

"The evidence has gotten to the point where it's overwhelming," said Johnson, who led the team of researchers studying families in two upstate New York counties.

The work is the latest to associate aggression with television viewing. But while other studies have linked watching violent television to later aggressive behavior, Johnson said this is the first to investigate the total amount of time individuals spent watching and to follow those people over many years.

"I was surprised to see a fivefold increase in aggressive behavior from less than one hour to three or more hours," Johnson said in a telephone interview.

The study is appearing in Friday's issue of the journal *Science*.

Among youths who watched less than an hour of television daily at age 14, just 5.7 percent were involved in aggressive acts by the ages of 16 to 22, the study found.

For those who watched between one and three hours, the aggression rate jumped to 22.5 percent, and the rate was 28.8 percent for those who watched more than three hours, the study found.

The effect was most pronounced for boys with rates of 8.9 percent committing aggressive acts for those who watched less than an hour of TV at age 14, 32.5 percent for one to three hours and 45.2 percent for those watching more than three hours of television. For girls the rates were 2.3 percent, 11.8 percent and 12.7 percent, respectively.

A researcher whose 1998 analysis found increased violent behavior in youths who watched more than six hours of television daily welcomed the report.

Mark I. Singer of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, who was not connected to the new research, said it was "an important study" that covered a significant period of time and took into account potential outside influences.

He said part of the importance of the new report is the indication that there is a relationship in both sexes between television viewing and aggressive behavior.

Dennis Wharton, a spokesman for the National Association of Broadcasters, said Wednesday he has not seen the study but found the results surprising.

"Anyone who watches much television knows that broadcast television is far more tame in program content than that found on cable and satellite," he said. He cited recent research that suggests violence on TV has fallen over the past two years.

In a commentary accompanying the report, Craig A. Anderson and Brad J. Bushman of Iowa State University said the findings were "important evidence showing that extensive TV viewing among adolescents and young adults is associated with subsequent aggressive acts."

The effects are "not trivial" and suggest it may be worthwhile to restrict the viewing time of adolescents, they wrote.

The American Psychological Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, American Medical Association, American Academy of Family Physicians and American Psychiatric Association also have reported connections between viewing violent television and aggressive behavior.

Johnson said the increase in aggressive behavior associated with higher television viewing held true both for people who had previous violent incidents and for those who had not had shown earlier aggression. That means the findings are not merely the result of people already prone to violence being more avid viewers.

The study also looked at young adults, measuring television time at age 22 and the odds of a violent or aggressive acts by 30.

Overall, just 7.2 percent of 22-year-olds who watched less than an hour of television daily were later involved in aggressive acts. For those watching one to three hours the rate rises to 9 percent and at more than three hours it is 17.8 percent.

The rates for males were 14.6 percent, 14 percent, and 18.8 percent. For women the rates were 0 percent, 3.9 percent and 16.8 percent.

More than 1,000 families started the study, ending with reports on 707 after people moved or dropped out for some other reason. The subjects were in Albany and Saratoga counties, both urban and rural areas. They were 91 percent white and 51 percent male.

Television viewing was studied through interviews in 1975, 1983, 1985-86 and 1991-93. The later aggressive acts were determined both through interviews and from local, state and federal police reports with a last check in 2000.

Biotech crops gaining popularity among America's ag producers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government predicts farmers will sharply boost their plantings of genetically engineered crops this year, despite lingering international resistance to biotech food.

Farmers are expected to grow more than 79 million acres of genetically engineered corn and soybeans this year, a 13 percent increase from last year, according to the Agriculture Department's annual spring survey of farmers' planting intentions. The crops are engineered to produce their own pesticide or to make them resistant to a weedkiller.

About 74 percent of the soybean crop, or 54 million acres, will be genetically engineered, up from 68 percent last year and 54 percent in 2000, the department said Thursday.

Some 32 percent of the corn crop, or 25.3 million acres, will be of biotech varieties, up from 26 percent in 2001 and 25 percent the year before.

The gene-altered crops require fewer chemicals, making them easier and cheaper to

grow. There has been strong consumer resistance to agricultural biotechnology in Europe and Japan, but most U.S.-grown corn and soy is used domestically.

"The farmer looks at it strictly from profitability," said commodities analyst Don Roose. "They're not shying away from it."

Another 10.5 million acres of cotton, or about 71 percent of this year's cotton crop, will be bioengineered. Last year, 69 percent of the cotton was genetically altered.

The biotech soybeans contain a bacterium gene that makes them immune to a powerful weedkiller, known by the trade name Roundup. In some cases, farmers can get by with treating their fields just once a year to keep away yield-robbing weeds. Fields seeded with conventionally bred varieties can require many sprayings with different types of chemicals.

In Nebraska, South Dakota, Kansas and Indiana, at least 80 percent of the soybean crop is expected to be biotech.

The popular varieties of biotech cotton are either Roundup-immune or else produce their own pesticide. Most of the biotech corn that farmers plant makes its own pesticide.

The crops were first commercialized in the mid- to late 1990s, and USDA has been surveying their use nationally since 2000.

The latest report "shows the continued high confidence that U.S. farmers have placed in seeds improved through biotechnology," said Michael Phillips of the Biotechnology Industry Organization.

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Lyle Lovett trampled, hospitalized

HOUSTON (AP) — Country singer Lyle Lovett faces months of rehabilitation following surgery to repair his right leg, broken when he was trampled by a bull while trying to help an uncle who had just been flipped by the animal.

Lovett, 44, was injured on his uncle's farm in suburban Houston on Wednesday, the Tomball Regional Hospital said in a release. A bull flipped Lovett's uncle, Calvin Klein, 67, and Lovett was trampled while going to Klein's rescue.

Lovett underwent surgery on his lower right leg to reconstruct the bone, which was broken in several places, said Memorial Hermann Hospital spokeswoman Beth Sartori. She said Lovett was in good condition.

Dr. Kevin Coupe, who per-

formed the surgery, said Lovett may remain in the hospital for three days and a full recovery may take at least six months.

Coupe told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions that 20 pieces of bone were broken in Lovett's leg, including nine major bone fragments that had to be put back together.

Klein was taken to Tomball Regional and later released.

Lovett's spokesman, Vance Knowles of InKlein Productions, didn't immediately return a call for comment.

Lovett's hits include "If I Were The Man You Wanted" and "San Antonio Girl." He won his first Grammy in 1989 for his album, "Lyle Lovett and his Large Band." Three more Grammy wins followed.

Madeline Graves students compete in 'Encore' contest

Students from Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center in Pamper recently participated in an "Encore" competition at Rose State College in Oklahoma City.

The students were judged by dance professionals from throughout the US.

Bringing home the gold in the duet division were

Danielle Zuni and Jenny Mussel, performing to "Conga," and Allison Cooper and Abbey Rios, dancing to "Make 'Em Laugh."

Mussel also won a gold medal for her solo performance, dancing to the tune of "A Whole New World," and Zuniga a high gold award for her performance to "Bailamos."

In the solo division, Heather Wiley earned a silver medal as did Laura Pulse and Allison Cooper while Caylee Steward received a high silver award.

The dance students will be competing in several more contests through the spring and summer and may qualify for national competition.

Jury returns guilty verdict in sniper-style slaying case

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A jury convicted a man of murder in the 1994 sniper-style slaying of a University of Kentucky football player who was gunned down while celebrating his 21st birthday with friends on his front porch.

The jury recommended a sentence of 30 years for Shane Ragland, who would be eligible for parole after serving 12 years. Sentencing is scheduled for April 26.

Ragland, 28, of Frankfort, was convicted of gunning down Trent DiGiuro, a walk-on offensive lineman and honor student, with a single bullet to the head on July 17, 1994. Prosecutors said Ragland held a grudge against DiGiuro after being expelled from a fraternity.

The crime went without an arrest until Ragland's former girlfriend, Aimee Lloyd, came forward in January 2000 and told police he admitted to her in 1995 that he had killed DiGiuro.

Ragland showed no emotion when the verdict and sentencing recommendation were read. The jury deliberated about 5 1/2 hours before returning the verdict.

Defense lawyer William Johnson said he planned to appeal, possibly on the grounds that the trial should

have been moved because of pretrial publicity.

Earlier Wednesday, the jury heard closing arguments in which prosecutors portrayed Ragland as a heartless liar with a history of solving his problems with violence.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Mike Malone detailed several lies Ragland told investigators during the

initial interrogation after his arrest.

Ragland lived several doors down from DiGiuro at the time of the shooting but told detectives he didn't know DiGiuro, that he didn't remember where he lived at the time of the murder and that he didn't know about the murder until several days later.



Rusty Tapp, Janetta Frazier, Richard Morton, Gregor Reeves, Brad Pingel, Manny Holden, Stan Stabel, Jerry Smith, Doug Carmichael

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TDH gives Shepard's Crook thumbs up

Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc., a home health provider, was recently surveyed by the Texas Department of Health (TDH) and received an "excellent" rating.

According to the TDH, Shepard's is also well in compliance with all applicable Home and Community Service Agencies Regulations.

Shepard's Crook, established in 1988, is the oldest home health agency in the Texas Panhandle and is celebrating its 14th year of providing quality home health care services.

Owners Ernie and Suzie Wilkinson have worked in the health care field since 1974.

Shepard's Crook has offices in Amarillo, Borger, Pampa and Wheeler. The Pampa office is located at 916 N. Crest Road and provides services from Registered Nurses, Licensed Vocational Nurses, Certified Home Health Aides, Physical Therapy and Physical Therapy Assistants.



(Right) Shepard's Crook Nurse Jerree Woods, LVN, and Nursing Supervisor James Miller, RN, reviewing patient charts.

High Plains Public Radio awards construction contract

High Plains Public Radio has awarded a contract for \$539,891 to the Broadcast Systems Division of Harris Corp. for the construction of KTOT-FM, a new radio station that will provide public radio service to a nine-county area in the northeast Texas Panhandle.

The contract covers construction of a 1,000-foot tower as well as the transmitter, antenna, transmission line, satellite downlink, equipment shelter and other major equipment items.

Harris Corp. is located in Quincy, Ill., and was selected in a competitive bidding process in which 65 firms were asked for proposals. The company is a leading manufacturer of broadcast equipment and has 45 years experience in providing

broadcast systems. Funds for the contract were raised last fall in an area-wide capital campaign and through a grant from the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program.

High Plains Public Radio is currently waiting for approval from the FCC for a minor modification of the existing construction permit for KTOT-FM and for the FAA to complete its aeronautical study of the tower. Filings for the permit modification and aeronautical clearance were made in early January in order to move the tower site a few miles west and increase the tower height from 800- to 1,000-feet.

The change was made to improve and increase signal coverage and to take advantage of an offer of a rent-free

tower site by the Courson Family Land Partnership of Peirytton. The site is ideally suited for locating the tower and the donation of the land rent will help reduce the annual operating costs for KTOT-FM. It is located in the far southwest corner of Ochiltree County.

The public comment period on the FAA's aeronautical study runs through April 3, 2002.

By mid-April approvals from both the FAA and FCC are anticipated. Once received, construction can commence. When completed, KTOT-FM will provide in-depth international, national and regional news, classical, jazz and folk music, and coverage of regional events and issues 24 hours a day as part of High Plains Public Radio's

regional public radio service.

HPPR is a full member of National Public Radio and currently serves Western Kansas, portions of Southeastern Colorado and the Oklahoma Panhandle, and Amarillo. KTOT-FM's frequency has been authorized at 89.5 FM.

More information about High Plains Public Radio, its program schedule, and the KTOT-FM project is available at HPPR's web site, hppr.org.

Knife-wielding patient escapes from hospital

SELLERSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — A hospital patient escaped from a psychiatric ward, stole an ambulance and led police on a chase before he was tackled by officers in a church in full view of mourners attending a viewing, authorities said.

Joshua David Herder, 19, first visited St. Isidore's Church on Tuesday asking to speak to "the cardinal" while brandishing an 18-inch knife, Quakertown Police Chief Jim McFadden said. Police arrested Herder inside the church that day and took him to Grand View Hospital's psychiatric ward for evaluation.

On Wednesday, Herder escaped from the hospital, breaking the lock on the psychiatric ward doors and punching two hospital employees, according to an arrest affidavit.

He then allegedly stole a running ambulance and led seven police cars on a 10-minute chase through Bucks County that ended at the church in Quakertown.

Five police officers tackled Herder near the altar in St. Isidore's, the Rev. John Wackerman said. Herder allegedly punched the police chief during the scuffle.

"These poor folks," said the Rev. Fred Riegler, standing near several cars bearing red "funeral" stickers minutes after the incident.

Riegler said Herder was a former St. Isidore's parishioner.

Milton Berle dies of colon cancer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was 1948 when a nearly middle-aged funnyman who had grown up in vaudeville decided to take a chance on a new entertainment medium. Neither television nor Milton Berle would ever be the same.

The acerbic, cigar-smoking comedian whose pioneering comedy-variety show changed the face of television, died Wednesday at home, surrounded by his wife and family. Berle, who was 93, had been diagnosed with colon cancer last year and had recently been under hospice care.

Until a stroke forced his retirement about two years ago, "Mr. Television" had been a performance dynamo, starring in films, night clubs, on radio, the Broadway stage and in vaudeville during a career that began at age 5.

"What a remarkable man, what a remarkable career," Bob Hope and his wife, Dolores, said in a statement. "Eighty-eight years in show business, a brilliant comedian, an accomplished actor, a life-long friend."

Although Berle was nearly 40 when the groundbreaking "Texaco Star Theater" debuted on June 8, 1948, it had never been his nature to resist trying something new.

"Too many people simply give up too easily," he once said. "You have to keep the desire to forge ahead, and you have to be able to take the bruises of unsuccess. Success is just one long street fight."

In his debut season, Berle's show was watched on four out of every five

television sets in the nation, and "Uncle Miltie" quickly became the new medium's highest-paid funnyman.

Every Tuesday night, when the show would air, movie theaters across the nation would go dark and store owners would put up signs announcing: "Closed tonight to watch Milton Berle."

The program's popularity spurred sales of television sets and helped make the new technology a medium for the masses.

At 8 p.m., four Texaco service attendants would sing the "Texaco Star Theater" theme and then came Berle, dressed for laughs: a caveman introduced as "the man with jokes from the Stone Age" or a man in a barrel "who had just paid his taxes."

Berle was called the "Thief of Bad Gags" and he readily admitted to stealing quips from others. "I laughed so hard I nearly dropped my pencil," he once said of a rival comedian.

He stopped at nothing for a laugh, donning a dress for a song-and-dance routine, getting hit in the face repeatedly with a giant powder puff wielded by a makeup man.

"Milton Berle had a great influence on most of the comedians today, including me," said former "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson. "He was a true original."

"Good evening, ladies and gents," Berle would say to his audience. "I mean ladies and gentlemen. I call you ladies and gentlemen, but you know what you really are."

St. Louis Catholic Archdiocese sees priest resign amid scandal

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest in Missouri who had been accused of sexual molestation two decades ago has resigned following new allegations of sex abuse, the latest of several accusations to roil the church.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis said Wednesday that the Rev. Leroy A. Valentine will resign from his post at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Florissant following the archdiocese's receipt of "a new charge of sexual abuse of a minor from many years ago."

Valentine had been accused of sexually molesting three brothers 20 years ago at a different parish. The brothers said the archdiocese, in a private settlement, promised Valentine would not be placed in a ministry with access to children. They went public earlier this month after learning Valentine was at St. Thomas.

Valentine, in a letter to parishioners, maintained his innocence.

"But at this time I have come

to the decision that it is in the best interest of our parish family, of the Archdiocese, and for my own personal well-being that I end my service at St. Thomas," Valentine wrote.

The archdiocese also placed the Rev. Gary P. Wolken on leave after receiving an allegation he had "inappropriate contact with a minor." The allegation is not related to any work at his current parish, Our Lady of the Sorrows in St. Louis, the church said.

"I respect the policy of the archdiocese, and thus must leave the parish while the charge is reviewed," Wolken wrote in a letter to parishioners.

The archdiocese announced both actions Wednesday along with a letter from Archbishop Justin Rigali, who said the church remains committed "to uphold strict and up-to-date standards to protect children and young people."

Since the archdiocese instituted a new policy regarding sexual abuse in the wake of the scandal that began in Boston, it has removed three priests from their parishes this month.

This week, St. Louis Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce said more than 30 people have responded to her public appeal for information about possible cases of sexual abuse by current or former Catholic priests.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis serves about 555,000 Catholics and is the nation's third-oldest and one of the largest.

The scandal now engulfing the American church emerged in Boston in January with the revelation that a former priest had been moved from parish to parish following accusations of sexual abuse. Since then, the Boston Archdiocese has provided prosecutors with the names of about 80 priests accused of sexually abusing children over the past 40 years.

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Suspect accused of killing city council officials, kills self

PARIS (AP) — The suspect in a shooting rampage that left eight officials dead at a city council meeting killed himself Thursday by jumping out a window at police headquarters, another shock to a country already reeling from the carnage a day earlier.

Richard Durn, 33, bounded suddenly toward a fifth-floor window at the Paris headquarters while he was being questioned and struggled out of the grasp of two officers who tried to pull him back inside, police said.

"The two officers tried to hold him by his legs, but the determination of the crazed gunman, most of whose body was already hanging outside, made their attempt fruitless," a police statement said.

Prosecutors opened an immediate inquiry into Durn's death, as did the Justice and Interior ministries. Interior Minister Daniel Vaillant said the suspect's death seemed to him "a case of serious malfunctioning" on the part of the police.

"I can tell you that if there was proven malfunctioning, sanctions will be taken," he told France-2 television.

One survivor of the massacre expressed disappointment that Durn would never stand trial.

"I would have liked to know the truth about his past ... to know where the fault lines were," said Samuel Rijik, a municipal official who hid under a table to save himself during the massacre at city hall in suburban Nanterre, near Paris.

After Durn's death leap Thursday, his uncovered body remained sprawled on the ground in the courtyard of the police building as officials photographed the scene. He was lying on his back, his face bloodied, and he was wearing only one shoe, possibly as a result of the struggle.

The suspect's apparent suicide brought further shock to a country already stunned by Wednesday's rampage.

Durn, who was unemployed but volunteered at a human rights organization and had a master's degree in political science, had been in police custody since killing eight officials at the Nanterre city council meeting at about 1:15 a.m. Wednesday. Another 19 people were wounded.

The massacre prompted questions over a how a man with a troubled past was licensed to carry handguns, despite strict French gun-control laws. Durn belonged to a recreational shooting club, and had come to city hall armed with two Glock semiautomatics and a .357 Magnum.

Now, the question gripping the country is how Durn was able to kill himself while in police custody.

"How can you kill yourself at police headquarters?" asked Lucien Batard, Nanterre's deputy mayor, shortly after Durn's death.

"I didn't think someone at criminal police headquarters would have so much liberty of

movement that he could jump out a window," Batard said on French radio, adding that he felt sickened that Durn was able to carry his plan through to the end: "He killed the largest possible number of elected officials and he killed himself afterward."

After Wednesday's shooting, police found a 13-page letter at Durn's home, recounting a failed life and saying he was disgusted with himself and Nanterre and wanted police to kill him.

Nanterre Mayor Jacqueline Fraysse said the attacker yelled out, "Kill me, kill me" as he was brought under control in the council chamber in the Paris suburb. And during a day of interrogation, Durn told police he often "thought about killing someone and killing himself afterward."

Durn's 65-year-old mother, Stephanie, said her son began psychotherapy in 1990, asking the therapist to "Help me to die."

Durn had no criminal record. His mother

Israeli top officials meet amid calls for retaliation after suicide attack

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's defense minister met with army commanders Thursday amid growing calls for massive retaliation for a Palestinian suicide bombing in a hotel banquet hall that killed 20 diners, many elderly, and wounded 130 at the start of the Jewish Passover holiday.

In response to one of the deadliest attacks in the current round of fighting, Israel said it would exercise its right to self defense, but stopped short of formally abandoning U.S.-backed truce efforts.

In anticipation of a possible Israeli strike, Palestinian government offices were evacuated in the West Bank. In the town of Ramallah, Yasser Arafat's West Bank headquarters, worried parents took their children home early from school and residents stocked up on food in expectation of a long Israeli blockade.

Despite the new bloodshed, U.S. truce envoy Anthony Zinni pressed on with his mission to seek a truce. On Thursday, U.S. officials said the envoy was awaiting a speedy Palestinian response to a revised proposal he had presented a day earlier, before the bomb attack. Israel has already accepted Zinni's proposal for a truce timetable, with some reservations. Zinni aborted two previous visits because of spiraling violence.

The Palestinian Authority said it "strongly condemned" Wednesday night's bombing at the hotel in the Mediterranean resort of Netanya, carried out by a member of the Islamic militant Hamas group. Arafat met with his security chiefs and ordered the

arrests of key militants from Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Al Qaeda Martyrs' Brigade, a militia linked to his Fatah movement.

In Wednesday's attack, 25-year-old Abdel Baset Odeh, a Hamas member, walked into the Park Hotel in Netanya at about 7:15 p.m., just as about 250 guests dressed in their holiday best were sitting down in the banquet hall for the Passover Seder.

Odeh knew the area well; before he became wanted by Israel, he had worked in several Netanya hotels, Palestinian security officials said. The attacker got past an armed security guard posted in the lobby, walked into the banquet hall and detonated explosives strapped packed with nails and ball bearings for greater deadliness.

The blast blew out windows and walls, overturned tables and cut electricity, plunging the hotel into eerie darkness. One elderly witness, who gave only his last name, Breyer, said he was speaking to a guest next to him at the time. "We talked. We heard the boom," Breyer told Israel Radio. "He (the other guest) and his wife and two children flew in the air, with the wall."

Another guest, 70-year-old Yitzhak, said that as he and his wife fled the inferno in the darkness, he called out to a wounded woman. Yitzhak, who did not give a last name, said he offered to help the woman get up. "How can you help me?" he recalled her saying. "I don't have any legs."

Hotel employees said many of the guests were elderly. In all, 20 guests and the bomber were killed. Police said a Swedish woman

and several other European tourists were among the dead. By Thursday, five bodies remained unclaimed, and three victims were so badly disfigured that pathologists asked relatives for DNA samples. Eighty-one people remained hospitalized, including 23 who were in serious condition.

In the deadliest Palestinian attack during the current conflict, 22 young Israelis were killed when a Hamas suicide bomber blew himself up at the entrance to a Tel Aviv disco last June.

As Israel mullied its response to the bombing, Arab leaders gathered at a summit in Beirut agreed on a new, unified stand toward Israel, offering "normal relations" in exchange for a return of the territories Israel occupied in the 1967 Mideast war, the establishment of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital and a fair solution for Palestinian refugees.

Facing accusations of sexual harassment, Polish archbishop resigns

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — An archbishop in Pope John Paul II's homeland announced his resignation Thursday following a Vatican probe and newspaper allegations that he made homosexual advances on young clerics.

Juliusz Paetz, the Archbishop of Poznan, has dismissed the accusations in the biggest scandal to shake the church in this predominantly Roman Catholic nation. On Thursday, he again said he was innocent but was stepping down for the "good of the church" in the western Polish city.

"The Poznan church needs unity and peace," Paetz, 67, said at the end of a Mass in which priests renew their vows. "Bearing in mind the good of the beloved Poznan church, I submitted a request to the Holy father to relieve me of my duties and the Holy Father accepted my request."

Paetz said he had fallen

victim to misinterpretation of his "kindness and spontaneity."

Shortly after his announcement in Poznan Cathedral, the Vatican confirmed without further comment that the pope accepted the resignation. It named as his successor Monsignor Stanislaw Gadecki, 52, an auxiliary bishop in the nearby town of Gniezno.

Poland's Roman Catholic Church said in late February that the Vatican was looking into the allegations in Poland's Rzeczpospolita newspaper, which cited unidentified priests as saying that the archbishop had been accused by numerous priests and clerics of sexual harassment.

Paetz is the highest-ranking prelate to be brought down in a spate of resignations connected to sexual misconduct, and the highest since Austrian Cardinal Hans

Hermann Groer was forced to give up all his duties in 1998 following allegations he molested young boys.

The resignation comes a week after John Paul broke his silence on sex abuse cases rocking the Roman Catholic Church, including in the United States. He said the "grave scandal" was casting a "dark shadow of suspicion" over all priests.

John Paul spoke on it again in his homily Thursday, inviting prayers for "our brothers who didn't meet their commitments that came with priestly ordination or who are going through a period of difficulty and crisis."

While thanking God for the gift of the priesthood, John Paul said, "we cannot help but confess our infidelities."

Paetz has said the allegations are part of a campaign to defame him.

"I deny all the information

published by the media and I assure you that it is a misinterpretation of my words and behavior," Paetz said in a March 17 letter read in Poznan churches.

Okinawa court finds U.S. airman guilty of raping woman

NAHA, Japan (AP) — A U.S. airman was sentenced to nearly three years in a Japanese prison Thursday for raping a woman on the southern island of Okinawa, an area simmering with tension over the thousands of U.S. troops based there.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Timothy Woodland went on trial last September after being charged with raping a 20-year-old Japanese woman in a parking lot outside a popular Okinawa nightclub on June 29.

The incident attracted intense media coverage in Japan, where a series of military-related crimes over the years on Okinawa has heightened tensions with residents.

It also raised pressure on the Japanese government to revise an agreement with Washington that lets U.S. authorities hold military personnel suspected of crimes until formally charged by prosecutors.

U.S. officials refused to hand Woodland over to police for four days after a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Prosecutors had demanded a three-year prison sentence for Woodland, who was tried at the District Court in Naha, Okinawa's

capital city. But Woodland was sentenced Thursday to two years and eight months in a prison near Tokyo.

Court official Takashi Hamada said a sentence lighter than that sought by prosecutors is not unusual in Japan for a case involving a

first offender.

The airman pleaded innocent to the charge, which normally carries a prison sentence of two to 15 years, saying that he had consensual sex with the woman. His home town and the name of the woman have not been released.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Diseases Spread By Sex Often Hide Undiscovered

DEAR ABBY: I want to respond to "Hurt and Mad in Okemos, Mich.," who wants to sue her boyfriend, "Mack," for giving her a sexually transmitted disease (STD).

It sounds like she may have HPV (human papilloma virus), responsible for most abnormal Pap smears. The HPV is often microscopic on the cervix and the penis. With good gynecologic treatment and follow-up, "Hurt and Mad" could expect a favorable long-term response.

Mack may well be truthful when he says that he did not know he had an STD. I tell my patients that until they are willing to wear a wedding ring, they should use a condom. This includes women who are on birth control pills.

Thanks for allowing me to help, Abby.

FRANK E. OLIVER, M.D., DALLAS

DEAR DR. OLIVER: Thank you for volunteering. Although condoms do not provide 100 percent protection against sexually transmitted diseases, they are far better than nothing at all.

DEAR ABBY: As an OB/GYN advice nurse, I address many concerns about STDs. It is estimated that more than one in 10 adults have the HPV virus. Once this virus is contracted, it never goes away.

The warts that the HPV causes

may come and go. It is difficult to determine who transmitted the virus because the incubation period may be more than a year. Also, the first outbreak may be mild and go unnoticed. Often a male gets the warts behind his scrotum where they can go undetected for a long period of time. Thus, this virus may be spread innocently.

The most worrisome fact about HPV is that it is spread by skin-to-skin contact. This means a condom will not necessarily protect one from this sexually transmitted disease. There is no cure, but the warts may be removed when outbreaks occur.

Genital herpes is another virus that is spread by skin-to-skin contact. No condom will help if the lesions are not covered completely by the condom. It is important to know that a cold sore on the mouth is also the herpes virus. During oral sex this virus can spread to the genitals and vice versa.

In the heat of the moment, all rational thought tends to go out the window. Not only teen-agers, but adults as well should be aware of what the consequences may be.

Insisting on a complete physical exam for a new partner before beginning a sexual relationship — and getting the result in writing — is really the only safe sex.

MYRENE GROSCOST-RANTA, R.N., WESTLAKE, OHIO

DEAR MYRENE: That's true. And individuals who are not assertive enough to insist on it

should abstain from having sex. To do otherwise is to play "STD roulette."

DEAR ABBY: I have a warning. Digital microwave ovens are dangerous for memory-impaired people.

My elderly mother punched in what she thought was 8 minutes. She actually hit the 8 twice — 88 minutes, and then dozed off.

The microwave was seared and the food turned to dust. It could have caused a terrible tragedy.

I immediately removed the microwave and bought one with a 30-minute dial timer. They are less expensive and much safer. Digital timers can be confusing. Elderly people are more familiar with dials. Thanks for letting me tell my story.

ANDREA GOWEN, SEAL BEACH, CALIF.

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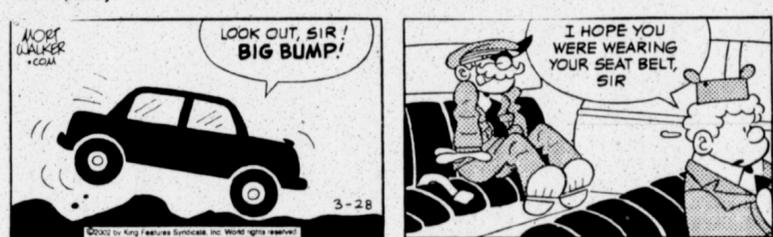
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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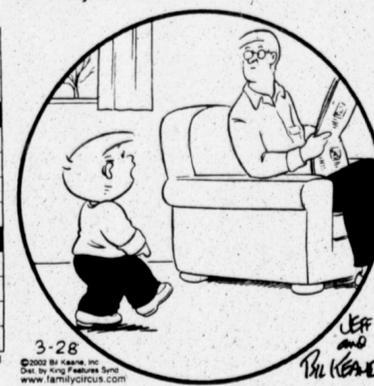
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BASEBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Kids & Youth Club baseball signups will be held April 2 through April 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Baker School.

The baseball leagues are for boys and girls from kindergarten through the 12th grade. Signup fees are \$20 for one child, \$35 for two children, and \$45 for three children.

If more information is needed, call Pampa Communications at 669-8236 or baseball commissioner Rick Nelson at 665-6190 after 5 p.m. Other contact persons are Danny Martin (835-2906), Dean Crockett (665-3927), Robert Cottrell (665-0335) or Steve Stillwagon (669-0535). Players will be placed on a team by age through a blind draft. All games will be played at Hobart Street Park.

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Dumas 12-6 in junior varsity baseball action Tuesday afternoon.

Jed Martin, Matt Robben, Chance Henley and Derick Lewis had two hits apiece to lead Pampa at the plate. Seth Foster and Ryan Barnes had one hit apiece.

"We had several chances to score more runs, but we just couldn't get it done. On defense we had only two errors. We are playing good baseball right now," said Pampa coach Troy Owens.

Pampa Junior Varsity had their big inning in the second when 11 runs crossed the plate on six hits. Dumas was charged with five errors.

Dumas had four runs in the first inning.

Pampa had 10 hits compared to 11 for Dumas.

BASKETBALL

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas' search for a new basketball coach is over.

The university scheduled a news conference Thursday to announce its choice to succeed Nolan Richardson, with Stan Heath of Kent State a leading candidate.

Kent State also scheduled a news conference for earlier in the afternoon although the subject was not disclosed.

Heath was in Fayetteville on Tuesday and was the only candidate given a personal tour of Walton Arena by Arkansas athletic director Frank Broyles. In addition, university officials held a reception for Heath and his wife.

Heath, whose Golden Flashes reached the final eight of the NCAA tournament, also visited West Virginia on Wednesday to talk about the Mountaineers' vacancy.

Arkansas fired Richardson on March 1, four days after he said for a second time he wanted to be bought out, criticized fans and reporters and said he was treated differently because he is black.

A half-dozen coaches were interviewed by Arkansas through Wednesday. Tommy Boyer, chairman of the 14-member committee assembled to help pick a new coach, said Wednesday night that as many as a half-dozen more could be interviewed when committee members travel to Atlanta for the Final Four.

Illinois coach Bill Self, once considered a strong candidate, is now out of the running.

"He is not a candidate," Boyer said. "He has never been offered the job."

Self said Wednesday he is concentrating on his job at Illinois and "any reports connecting me to the Arkansas job are not accurate."

Pampa girls blank Herd

PAMPA — Stephanie Clark and Chelsey Davis combined for a one-hitter as Pampa shut out Hereford 8-0 Wednesday in a District 3-4A softball game at Optimist Park.

Clark no-hit Hereford for six innings. She struck out eight and didn't walk a batter. Davis pitched the final inning and allowed one hit.

With extra-base hits for the Lady Harvesters were Cali Covalt, Abbi Covalt and Ashley Derington. Pampa collected eight hits on the day.

Pampa's defense, led by Davis, Clark and April Amador, committed only two errors.

Amador ended the game with a diving catch.

The Lady Harvesters are now 2-3 in district and 7-10 for the season.

Both varsity and junior varsity teams play today at Randall.

Borger currently leads the district race with a 4-0 record. Canyon has a 3-1 district record, a half a game behind Dumas for second place, and is 15-3 overall.

Top hitter



Pampa News photo

Through 17 games this season, senior shortstop Evan Miller is the leading hitter for the Pampa Harvesters with a .519 batting average. The Harvesters, unbeaten in District 3-4A with a 3-0 record, meet Caprock at 1 p.m. Saturday in Amarillo.

A basketball weekend in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Sports fans call the NCAA men's basketball tournament March Madness. Las Vegas casinos just call it profitable.

Sports books are in the middle of what's arguably their biggest betting season as the single-elimination tournament prepares for this weekend's Final Four.

Fans make their way to Las Vegas throughout March, crowding sports books and hotel rooms and filling trash cans with losing betting slips.

Chris Johnson of Lincoln City, Ore., said he and his college buddies make meeting on the Strip for the NCAA tournament an annual event.

Gripping betting slips in one hand and a complimentary beer in the other, the 28-year-old insurance salesman and Duke University fan watched Indiana beat his Blue Devils on the bank of big screens overhead as he lounged in the Stardust hotel-casino's sports book.

He lost his \$20 parlay bet on Duke when the Hoosiers upset the favorite 74-73, but Johnson didn't care.

"I've got action all weekend," he said. "That's why I like to come here to watch the games. Even if you don't care about the teams that are playing, having a bet on them makes it interesting. You can't do this anywhere else."

Unlike the biggest sports betting event of the year — the Super Bowl — the NCAA tournament is spread over three weekends, meaning more hotel rooms, meals and drinks, oddsmakers

and hotel-casino operators said.

"Overall, it's not bigger as far as the handle as the Super Bowl, but it's bigger as far as the volume of people and days and excitement," said John Avello, race and sports book director for Bally's and Paris Las Vegas hotel-casinos. Handle is the total amount bet.

Avello said that betting interest seems to grow every year.

"We probably had the biggest crowd I've ever seen for those four days," he said, referring to the tournament's first weekend. "From Thursday morning to Sunday until about 4 p.m., it was just mayhem."

Neither state gambling regulators nor Las Vegas tourism officials calculate how much is bet on the games or the tournament's nongambling economic benefit for the city. By comparison, Nevada sports books saw more than \$71 million in betting action on the Super Bowl.

"March is certainly one of the city's strongest months for a combination of reasons," said Kevin Bagger, a senior researcher for the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. "The weather is outstanding, there's the Winston Cup NASCAR event and March Madness."

Casino sports books use beer specials and a variety of proposition bets as well as special parties to lure bettors. Avello said collegiate basketball fans filled the 1,100-seat Paris showroom to catch the 65-team tournament opener. "It was just spectacular," he said.

Lady Harvesters cling to second-place spot in district golf standings

AMARILLO — The Pampa High girls' golf team continues to hold down second place after three rounds into the District 3-4A Golf Tournament. The third round was played at Comanche Trail.

Krissy Holman and Michelle Haley each shot 90 to lead the Lady Harvesters in Tuesday's third round. Megan Shannon followed with a 92 and Cortney Locknane had 95.

The Lady Harvesters' 367 was their best round so far this season. Hereford has a

25-stroke lead on Pampa.

The fourth round will be played April 4 at Hereford. **District 3-4A Tournament (Third Round)**

Team standings: 1. Hereford 337—1,043; 2. Pampa 367—1,118; 3. Canyon 395—1,165; 4. Borger 392—1,200; 5. Palo Duro 428—1,301; 6. Caprock 435—1,303.

Medalist standings: 1. Heather Stokes, Hereford, 78—240; 2. Jessica Weishaar, Hereford, 84—262; 3. Abby Horrell, Hereford, 86—266.

Trail Blazers snap Spurs' 13-game winning streak

By The Associated Press

The Portland Trail Blazers learned something from an embarrassing loss and taught the San Antonio Spurs a lesson in defense.

Two days after squandering a 25-point lead in the fourth quarter and losing to Memphis, the Trail Blazers limited Tim Duncan to 10 second-half points and beat San Antonio 98-93 Wednesday night, ending the Spurs' 13-game winning streak.

"It was really just a reality check for us, to let us know we're not invincible," Bonzi Wells said of the loss to the Grizzlies.

The Spurs, who had the longest winning streak in the NBA this season, learned the same lesson.

Wells scored 24 points, and Blazers Shawn Kemp, Ruben Patterson and Dale Davis teamed in the second half to limit Duncan, who scored 24 points in the first two quarters, including 17 in the first period.

"Tim Duncan started out on fire. Seemed like we had no answer for him, but in the second half Shawn and Dale really took it personal and really made him work for everything," Wells said.

Duncan had 34 points and 11 rebounds for his 57th double-double of the season, and David Robinson added 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Portland's defense limited San Antonio to just 38 percent shooting in the fourth quarter. The Spurs committed nine turnovers and were outscored 25-6 in second-chance points.

"They were all over the glass, and they killed us with

offensive rebounds," Duncan said. "That's why we lost the game."

Davis added 19 points for the Blazers, who were without leading scorer Rasheed Wallace, who left in the first quarter with a sore lower back.

San Antonio slipped to fourth in the Western Conference playoff race, a half-game behind Dallas and two games behind West-leading Sacramento.

"We gave up more than 20 second-chance points and 23 points off turnovers," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "It's a miracle that we were even in the game."

In other NBA games, it was Charlotte 111, Orlando 104; Boston 102, Golden State 99; New York 89, Detroit 82; Toronto 81, Miami 80; New Jersey 88, Philadelphia 80; Phoenix 118, Los Angeles Lakers 106; and Seattle 96, Memphis 82.

SuperSonics 96, Grizzlies 82

Gary Payton overcame a severe back strain to score 32 points, leading host Seattle past Memphis.

Rashard Lewis, who left the game in the third quarter with a sprained ankle, added 12 points and eight rebounds. Brent Barry added 17 points and nine assists, and Desmond Mason had 14 points.

Jason Williams led Memphis with 26 points, but scored just two points in the second half. Lorenzen Wright had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Suns 118, Lakers 106

Shawn Marion scored 32 points and matched his season high with 18 rebounds as Phoenix used its biggest scoring game of the season to beat the visiting Lakers.

Numbers look unreal for Connecticut women

By **CHUCK SCHOFFNER**
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Connecticut's numbers on its way to the women's Final Four are so staggering, you would think somebody made them up.

A 37-0 record. An average victory margin of 36 points. A lineup that includes a first-team All-American, two second-teamers and a third-teamer. Starting a regional final by making 13 straight shots and 19 of the first 21. Only one game closer than 14 points.

This is what Tennessee gets for all the work it put in to reach the Final Four. This is what Oklahoma or Duke might have to face in the championship game.

Connecticut looms so large over this event that even Tennessee coach Pat Summitt, who has won six national titles and is making her 13th Final Four appearance, says the Huskies are without question the nation's dominant team.

They have the best backcourt in Sue Bird and Diana

Taurasi and inside strength with Swin Cash, Ashja Jones and Tamika Williams, relentless rebounders who also can score and defend. They pass the ball with precision. Their offensive execution is flawless.

And Tennessee can't wait to play them. They'll meet in the second semifinal game Friday night, with Duke playing Oklahoma in the opener.

"I love this challenge," Tennessee's Ashley Robinson said. "Who else would you want to play in the Final Four?"

It's not as if Tennessee and Connecticut haven't been in this situation before. Theirs has become the hottest rivalry in women's basketball since that January day in 1995 when Connecticut beat then-No. 1 Tennessee and took over the top spot in the next poll.

UConn leads the series 8-6, and this will be their fourth meeting in the Final Four. When they played in the regular season on Jan. 5, Connecticut won 86-72.

"Sometimes it gets too familiar," Connecticut coach

Geno Auriemma said. "There becomes more hype than attention to the game itself."

"But if we don't beat a really, really good team, I don't think we deserve to be the national champion. And they are a very, very good team."

Summitt has a deep bench and uses it, often rotating 10 or 11 players — and that's just in the first half. She said her team is much better than it was in January, especially the younger players such as sophomores Robinson and Courtney McDaniel and freshmen Shyra Ely, Brittany Jackson and Michelle Munoz.

Of course, Connecticut is better, too, Summitt noted.

"They're playing super," she said. "I turned on the Old Dominion game last night and thought, 'Oh, I don't need to watch this and try to sleep.'"

Old Dominion was the victim of Connecticut's incredible start in the Mideast Regional final, a game the Huskies won 85-64. Auriemma said he didn't know how his team could

play much better. His seniors — Bird, Cash, Jones and Williams — are determined to try.

"This is it for us," Bird said. "No Big Easts this, no more regular-season games that. It pretty much ends here, whatever we make of it in the next two games."

Duke (31-3), making its second Final Four trip, brings the slimmest roster.

The Blue Devils were left with only eight players when sophomores Rometra Craig and Crystal White left in early December. All Duke has done since then is win 26 of 27 games, including the last 22.

Through it all, coach Gail Goetsenkos has tried to keep the team loose.

"We laugh all the time and that is a great cure for pressure," senior Krista Gingrich said. "Even though we're going to try as much as we can to make it any other game, we realize it is not."

Oklahoma (31-3) has come farther than the others to get here.

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Harvesters have success in Lubbock Tennis Invitational



Pampa's top finishers at the Lubbock Invitational were (front row, from left) Ashlei Jordan-Tara Jordan, 6th, varsity girls' doubles; (back row, from left) Jay Gerber-David Thacker, 6th, varsity boys' doubles; Kevin Turner-Britton White (not pictured), 1st, junior varsity boys' doubles; Adam Etchison, 1st, junior varsity boys' singles.

LUBBOCK — The Pampa Harvester tennis team competed in the Lubbock Invitational Tournament composed of six 5A schools and nine 4A schools. One 3A school entered was Vernon, which is ranked third in the state.

Pampa finished fifth as a team with 169 points. First place went to Coronado (237 points), second to Hobbs (184), third, Tascosa (190), fourth, Monterey (177), fifth, Pampa (169), sixth, Altus (154) and seventh, Amarillo High (145).

"I am very pleased we defeated the other 4A teams and Vernon, who third in the state in 3A, but we're never satisfied with anything but first," said coach Carolyn Quarles. "We won a lot of matches this weekend against some tough opponents. We lost four 3-set matches that should have gone our way in boys and girls doubles. If you win one out of two sets, you should take the third."

PAMPA VARSITY RESULTS

Girls Singles
Payton Baird, freshman: def. Alanna Dixon, Plainview, 6-4, 6-4; lost to Brittany Newsom, Lubbock High, 6-4, 6-1; lost to Kathleen Touisthinhouxay, Palo Duro, 6-2, 6-3; lost to Lea Crosnoe, Altus, 6-3, 6-3.
Erin Norris, sophomore: lost to Rachael Andrew, Amarillo High, 7-5, 6-3; def. Jessica Rodriguez, Big Spring, 6-3, 4-

6-4; lost to Katie Kuesser, Coronado, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; lost to Amber Byers, Altus, 7-5, 6-4; lost to Ashley Sheppard, Canyon, 6-4, 6-4.

Boys Singles

A.J. Smith, senior: def. Remy Matler, Canyon, 6-3, 6-4; lost to Johnny Moss, Tascosa, 6-1, 6-1; def. Justin Bonner, Dumas, 6-2, 6-2; def. John Quintela, Hobbs, 6-3, 6-1; lost to Jay Shoff, Big Spring.

Jared Spearman, senior: lost to Jordan Poff, Monterey, 0-6, 6-1, 6-3; def. Noel Morin, Levelland, 6-3, 6-4; def. Jake Smokey, Big Spring, 6-2, 6-1; def. Carolo Payuyo, Frenship, 6-4, 6-4; def. Rickey Cruzalez, Palo Duro, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

Boys Doubles

Jay Gerber-David Thacker, juniors: def. Paron—McBride, Hobbs, 6-3, 6-1; def. Roffers-Winegart, Big Spring, 6-4, 6-4; lost to Cooper-Wofford, Coronado, 7-6, 0-6, 6-4; def. Reid-Adkins, Canyon, 6-2, 6-4; lost to Deltouas-Edgemann, Big Spring, 6-4, 7-5.

Tyler Howard, junior-Zach Hucks, sophomore: def. Williams-Williams, Levelland, 6-4, 6-3; lost to Carmichael-Spearman, Coronado, 6-4, 6-1; lost to Morgan-Smalard, Altus, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6; def. Stout-McDaniel, Hobbs, 6-4, 7-5; lost to LaFont-Fagen, Plainview, 6-1, 0-6, 6-2.

Girls Doubles

Ashlei Jordan, senior-Tara Jordan, sophomore: def. Quintero-Jones, Vernon, 6-2, 6-2; def. Chesworth-Parney, Big Spring, 6-4, 6-3; lost to Coanaugh-Jones, Monterey, 6-4, 6-1; def. Clark-Loving, Hobbs, 6-3, 7-6; lost to Hicks-Baird, Amarillo High, 7-6, 6-4.
Brittany Kinde, senior-Helen Brooks, junior: lost to Blacketer-Peso, Coronado, 6-3, 6-1; def. Partee-Roffers, Big Spring, 6-2, 6-1; def. Balch-Hunter, Lubbock High, 6-1, 7-6; def. Lao-Lao, Palo Duro, 6-2, 6-1; lost to Robinson-Petros, Vernon, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.

PAMPA JUNIOR VARSITY RESULTS

Kevin Turner, junior-Britton White, sophomore: def. Schmidt-Goolsby, Lubbock, 6-0, 6-0; def. Balch-Castra, Lubbock, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; def. Hammock-Tecters, Coronado, 6-0, 6-1; def. Hillard-Austin, Lubbock, 6-1, 6-1.

Adam Etchison, sophomore: def. John Stewart, Tascosa, 6-1, 6-1; def. Kyle Glasscock, Monterey, 6-2, 6-0; def. Brent Garza, Coronado, 6-4, 6-1; def. Issac Martinez, Hobbs, 6-2, 6-2; lost to Cason-Cousatte, Coronado, 6-1, 6-4.

Brianna Bailey, sophomore-Erin Winegart, freshman: def. Hays-Claridge, Coronado, 7-6, 0-6, 7-6; lost to Williams-Johnson, Lubbock High, 7-6, 6-1.

Attention all kids: Grab your fishing poles for the Lake Meredith Small Fry Tournament

FRITCH — Win Bishop, president of the Lake Meredith Small Fry Tournament Association, and Jonathan Douglas, vice-president, remind area kids and parents that the 2002 Small Fry Fishing Tournament will be held April 13.

"We encourage all area children 6-14 years of age to participate in this year's fishing tournament to be held at the Stilling Basin, Spring Canyon, at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area," Bishop said.

An adult must accompany all participants and no fees will be charged for participating in the event. Registration for the tournament will begin at 8 a.m. Prior to that

time the Stilling Basin will be closed.

Only tournament participants and their guardian will be allowed in the Stilling Basin between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The tournament will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded to participants at 12:30 p.m.

"We have changed the starting time of the tournament to begin much earlier in the day. We hope this will increase the chances of the children catching fish and encourage more participation by area residents," Bishop said.

The general public may use the Stilling Basin between 1 p.m. and

sundown on April 13.

After that time, the area will be closed again in compliance of Bureau of Reclamation directives for homeland security.

The Stilling Basin will be stocked with trout purchased by Country Chevrolet and the National Park Service. Individuals and businesses from Fritch, Sanford, Borger, Dumas, Amarillo and several other cities have donated prizes. Each child will be given a prize bag upon registration for the tournament.

For the second year in a row, Pokey the Crown will be entertaining during the event.

For more information about this event, please contact Bishop at 857-2541.

Perks treasures crowning moment going into Houston Golf Open

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) — No one could better explain the look on Craig Perks' face the moment after his incredible Players Championship victory than Perks himself.

In a dramatic finish, Perks chipped in his final shot of an emotion-wrenched tournament at Ponte Vedra, Fla., on Sunday for a three-shot victory that made all the frustrations of the struggling golfer from New Zealand melt away.

"I had a little moment there to reflect and I thought about the long road that had come to that point, all the sacrifices, knowing other people that didn't believe in me but I always believed in myself," Perks said.

"It's a moment I'll always remember."

On Wednesday, Perks arrived at The Woodlands Tournament Players Course rested after a few days off to begin play Thursday in the \$4 million Houston Open.

"I've always prided myself on hanging in there and never giving up," Perks said. "This time, something good finally came of it."

Before last week, he was the No. 203 player in the world. Now he's on the brink of celebrity status — sort of.

"I was working out at the gym and these two guys next to me were talking about the tournament and one said, 'I watched

that Craig Perks all day,'" said Perks, chuckling. "They didn't recognize me and I walked away before they did. I didn't know what they'd say."

Perks was criticized for using his driver on the final hole, sending it into the trees prior to his big chip shot.

"I'm just very aggressive off the tee," Perks said. "I hit a driver on the first three days and in three practice rounds and I'd have felt uncomfortable hitting a 2-iron. I'm not recklessly aggressive."

"I'll be aggressive off the tee and then go from there. What can you say? It worked out."

Perks returned home to Lafayette, La., to relax, then drove to The Woodlands feeling refreshed. He was praised lavishly by defending champion Tiger Woods, who presented Perks with his trophy on Sunday.

Perks was still hearing praise on Wednesday.

Greg Norman, who didn't make the cut at the Players Championship, watched the final round on television.

"It was good to watch," Norman said. "Players made their challenge and then fell back. He can say, 'I beat the best field and I didn't play my best.' That's going to give him confidence."

"What he does now is not rest on his laurels but build on it."

Before last weekend, Perks' best finish in nine pro seasons was a tie for second at last year's Honda Classic.

Perks earned \$1.08 million, the biggest first prize on tour. He's exempt on the PGA Tour for five years and will start reaping the benefits in two weeks at the Masters.

Perks is the seventh first-time winner on tour this year and he's the first player since Hal Sutton in 1983 to win The Players Championship in his first try.

Sutton is the defending champion of the Houston Open, which will be played for the final time at The Woodlands TPC course before moving to newly built Redstone Golf Club in 2003.

The rewards for Perks have been greater than money.

"I always felt that I belonged," he said. "Now it's established in people's minds. The money is great. But the five years that I have exempt on tour, that's the thing."

Perks can still eat out without being interrupted by autograph seekers. And, his children haven't quite got the idea that their dad is a celebrity.

"Kids have a way of slapping you back to reality," Perks said. "They came running in and didn't congratulate me. They said, 'Hey, where's that trophy that Tiger Woods gave you?'"

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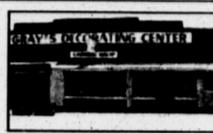
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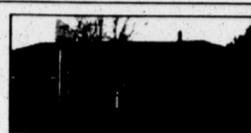
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**FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2002
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** You suddenly have an opinion on everything and everyone. Unexpected information comes from a pal, and it could be delightful. Extremes punctuate your behavior as well as others'. Why not? It's Friday. Kick up your heels. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Pace yourself, as you have a lot of ground to cover. You might be overthinking or worrying way too much. A boss exhibits more spontaneity than you. Follow this person's lead. Extremes punctuate your day. Go with the flow. Tonight: Easy does it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You might not be sure as to which way to go with a loved one or friend. Carefully review a matter that involves a child. Spontaneity comes with the territory. Just don't do anything you might regret at a later point. Keep smiling. Tonight: Fly out of the office.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Dig into basics. Don't allow another to distract you. Though you might feel that an associate babbles financial gibberish, listen carefully anyway. You could make a mistake out of

the blue. News from a distance could be important. Tonight: Hang in there.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You might get too much information for your own taste. Slow down some and consider alternatives that surround you. Unexpected news heads your way through that still-unpredictable person. Smile with the jolts. Tonight: Speak your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Use care with your finances, even if you feel like you have nothing to worry about. You could be having an attack of spring fever. Someone moves with your mood. Just be careful about what you say "yes" to. You could exaggerate a situation. Tonight: Count your change carefully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Your personality glows and radiates. Touch base with a loved one who means a lot to you. Another might have an awful lot to say. Carefully consider options that surround the unexpected. Feelings could be extremely intense. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Step back and think through what another is doing. You work well with another. Ask yourself, "Is there more to this relationship than meets the eye?" If you need to step away from an immediate situation, do so. You'll discover a lot more. Tonight: Play away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Identify what might be going on with you and someone else.

Somehow, you might not understand where another's heart is. Consequently, the road could be paved with hurt. Tread carefully. Look at the big picture.

TONIGHT: Let your friends lead you out the door.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Use caution with those in charge. Though you think you know what is going on, you could have a jolt or two on the way. Be careful with matters involving funds. You don't want to make any mistakes here. Listen to a boss carefully.

TONIGHT: Be OK with working late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Justifying what you want to do might be a lot easier than you anticipate. Spread your wings and do the unexpected. Schedule an early day off, if possible, extending your weekend. You'll enjoy the change of pace. Go in a new direction. Tonight: Opt for the very exotic.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Jump to another's ideas. Discussions could touch you on many levels. Reveal more of what is going on with yourself to a trusted associate or partner. Together you make a great team. Think in terms of gain and change. Indulge another. Tonight: There are many ways to say "thank you."

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