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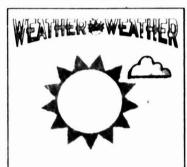
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'Exhortation' Southwestern Assemblies of University Waxahachie are to appear at First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler, on Sunday, April

"Exhortation" is a music and drama ensemble of university students from unique piritual, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. Representing Southwestern Assemblies of God University, the group travels and performs throughout the southwest on weekends and in two extended tours each year.

Pastor Leland Lewis of the First Assembly of God invites the public to attend the free presentation.

Lefors ministry offers free clothes

LEFORS - "The House of Lefors," an intra-denominational outreach ministry, is offering free clothing for the entire family, beginning at 10 a.m., Thursday and Friday, April 4 and 5, in the building across from the Taylor Mart. For more information, call 835-2454.

OTTERY

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

Winning numbers drawn: 4-5-17-35-46-50.

Estimated jackpot: \$26 million

Number matching six of six: 0.

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

Estimated jackpot: \$34

DEATHS

Frances G. Atwater, 79 mother of Pampan.

Glynda Martin; 59, former bank employee.

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Opportunity awaits

Energy official outlines Texas, Mexico business options

By KATE B. DICKSON ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

With privately owned energy sector Economic Texas of the pie.

Julio Bastarrachea, director of the Mexico City, said private energy sector history of state run monopolies

Chamber of Commerce and its executive director Clay Rice.

Petroleos Mexicanos or REMEX. business opportunities opening up in the state oil and gas monopoly han dling exploration, refining and distrib Development officials are working to ution, and Federal Electricity help state based companies get a piece. Commission of CFE, the state monop oly in charge of generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, are State of Texas' Mexico office in Mexico's two main players, he said.

The Mexican government is operations in Mexico are, however, dependent on taxes from their revstill a "touchy issue" due to the long enue," he said "In 2000, PEMEX taxes accounted for close to 38 percent Bastarrachea spoke to the Pampa of the Mexican government's total tax Rotary Club Wednesday as the invited - revenue," he said. "That's why when

guest of the Greater Pampa Area, the price of oil goes down, the Mexican government gets squeezed."

> But with problems such as the need for more natural gas transmission and distribution facilities and power generation. Mexico is opening those sectors to private investment.

That has Bastarrachea's office working to bring Texas companies intothe Mexico market where European companies are now leading the pack. The office provides help to companies that want to get into the energy business or other Mexican endeavors.

To that end, a seminar and match making session - "Invest in Texas" (See MEXICO, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo) Julio Bastarrachea discusses Mexico's energy sector at a Pampa Rotary Club meeting.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser) Gray County Commissioner Jim Greene reads a proposed letter to U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry as Commissioner Joe Wheeley looks on.

County asks that federal \$'s go to environment research

By NANCY YOUNG MANAGING EDITOR

Gray County Commissioners are requesting tax dollars be allocated from the federal government for research into the effects of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) on the environment.

County Commissioner Jim Greene told the commission he has learned President Bush has set aside financial resources to determine if the CAFOs have any detrimental effect upon the environment.

Greene said that some of this money could be allocated to an already-established research." facility at Bushland. He said he learned of this project when he attended a meeting last week of area county commissioners and judges

Commissioners approved sending a letter to

funds be made available for the project. Dr. John Sweeten, WTAMU professor and

U.S. Rep. Mac Thomberry to urge that federal

Resident Director Agricultural Engineering Waste Management, told The Pampa News Wednesday that studies are ongoing under the direction of Texas A&M at Amarillo, Bushland and Fitter.

The Cooperative Research, Education and Extension Triangle (CREFT), West Texas A&M Agriculture Division and the USDA Ag Research Center are all involved in research at the facilities.

He said two feedlots are involved in the studies which include beet cattle nutrition, feedlot health, waste water, odor and dust emissions, run off and groundwater as well as environmental nutrition.

(See STUDY, Page 3)

Gray County to manage forfeiture account

By NANCY YOUNG MANAGING EDHOR

Gray County was designated Wednesday as the county within the 31st Judicial District to be responsible for managing the forfeiture funds of the District Attorney's Office.

In a 15-minute meeting of District Judges Lee Waters and Steven Emmert, the amicable decision to have Gray County to manage money and the proceeds of property forfeited as

lishing a depository for such money ed. and proceeds was made

District Attorney Rick Roach said the forfeiture funds were kept in the Wheeler County's county depository during the previous District Attorney's term of office. Former DA John Mann is a resident of Wheeler County.

Roach had been depositing them in the First State of Miami in Pampa since taking office in January 2001. Roach, who is a resident of Miami in contraband under Chapter 59 of the Roberts County, maintains his office in

code of Criminal Procedure and estab- the same building as the bank is locat-

Roach said there was not an official designation during Mann's term or on. prior DA's

He told the district judges that. according to the statutes he has read and the Attorney General's opinions on the matter, he understands that an audit must be completed by the county auditor of the county designated as manager of the funds.

"Gray and Wheeler counties are the only ones in our five-county, multidistrict who have auditors," he said. "Gray County's auditor has indicated a willingness to take this responsibility

County Judge Richard Peet told the district judges that it was the desire of the Gray County Commission to have the funds wherever it is convenient for DA Roach.

"In anticipation of your decision to designate Gray County, the commission gave approval for County Treasurer Scott Hahn to establish an (See MONEY, Page 3)

Local interest appears low in early voting for run-offs

ELECTION

By NANCY YOUNG

Managing Editor

Local voters are not showing much interest in the run-off election for either the Republican or Democratic

the early voting for

the primary election now under way in the Gray County Clerk's Office, 315 N. Ballard, said

Virginia Greer, who is conducting the early voting. No local elections are on either ballot, she said.

Two senatorial candidates are competing for the nomination in the Democratic U.S. Senate race primary. Victor Morales, a Mesquite school teacher, and Ron Kirk, former Dallas

Winner of the April 9 Democratic Cornyn in the November general election.

mayor, are both seeking the nomina-

In the Republican primary, four judicial positions will be decided.

Dale Wainwright and Elizabeth Ray are seeking the Justice, Supreme

Court, Place 2 position.

In the Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1 race, Tom Price and Tim Taft are vying for the judicial position.

Run-off candidates in the Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 Only 10 voters have cast ballots in are Paul Womack and David Richards.

u Williams and Cathy Cochran are both seeking to be Judge on the Court of Criminal

Appeals, Place 3. Early voting in the elections continues through Friday, April 5. Early voters may cast ballots in the election between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., today and Friday at the County Clerk's tem-

porary office, 315 N. Ballard. Polling places in the Democrat primary on Tuesday will be Precincts 4 and 5, McLean Library; Precincts 2, 7, 9, 10, 12 &13, Pampa Library; run-off will face Republican John 'Precincts 8, 11, 14, 15, First Christian Church; and Precinct 1 and 3. Lefors

> Republican polling places on Tuesday will be Precinct 1. Lefors Fire Station; Precincts 2, 10, and 13, (See VOTING, Page 3)

Community Center.

TCFA has no beef with McDonald's

By KATE B. DICKSON --ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

While expressing disappointment that fast-food giant McDonald's is testing beef buying from overseas, a spokesman for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) in Amarillo said the regional and national organization plans to work with the company to keep the market here.

"McDonald's has historically bought all of their product domestically," said the TCFA's Burt Rutherford, who acknowledged there is a shortage of the U.S. meat that's lean enough to make burgers for the quick service industry. "And clearly, when you are in business there is always the incentive to find the least expensive product."

Hamburger chains make patties by mixing lean beef containing no more than 10 percent fat with lowcost fat trimmings that are a byproduct of packing plant, Rutherford said. It's pretty much the same mix as hamburger bought in supermarkets. Much of the meat comes from "cull cows and bulls," of which there are fewer in the U.S. market now. The cattle head count is down 2.2



(Pampa News file photo)

Cowboys round up a herd of beef cattle on the Darsey Ranch, south of Pampa.

million from its 1996 peak.

Rutherford hopes the Beef Checkoff program, which has a big push on now to develop more, uses for underutilized cuts like chuck and round, will allow the industry to add value and boost the quick service mar-

According to the Associated Press, McDonald's is the biggest single buyer of both U.S. and Australian beef, which the chain uses extensively out-(See **BEEF**, Page 3)

OBITUARIES

Services Tomorrow

BELT, Catherine — 2 p.m., Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home, Denton.

GLYNDA MARTIN

1942-2002

MIAMI — Glynda Martin, 59, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at Amarillo, Texas. The body was cremated. Memorial services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Martin, a lifelong Miami resident, was born Dec. 9, 1942, at Pampa. She married Cecil Martin on July 9, 1961, at Miami. She worked at Citizen's Bank and Trust in Pampa for 16 years.

She held membership in First Christian Church of Miami, Meet Your Neighbors Club, Christian

Women's Fellowship and Multiple Sclerosis

Survivors include her husband, Cecil Martin, of the home; a daughter, Vicki Ray of Mobeetie; a son, Stephen Martin of Miami; her mother, Florence Dodson of McLean; a sister, Connie Holland of Pampa; a brother, Dr. Jerry Dodson of San Angelo;

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Panhandle

FRANCES GUFFREY ATWATER

1923-2002 MIDLAND - Frances Guffrey Atwater helped organize memorabilia for the passed away Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at a

Midland care facility. Frances was born in Midian, Kan., on Feb. 25, 1923. Her parents are the late Emmett and Loleta Guffrey. She lived in Kansas, Bartlesville, Okla., and Wink, Texas, before moving to Midland, Texas, in 1934.

She is a 1940 graduate of Midland High School. While attending MHS, she was active with the Band and Student Council. She attended Draughn's Business College and McMurry College until the outbreak of World

During World War II, Frances worked as a secretary at the MAAF Station Hospital at the Bombardier School where she met her husband, Howard Atwater. They were married 51 years before his death in 1998. Frances worked for American Trading Oil Company and West Texas Abstract Company. She then established and published "The Bulletin Board" in 1960 until her retirement in 1993.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, the Homer Fort Fellowship Sunday School Class and was the Historian of FUMC. A member of Beta Sigma Phi, Frances was a Lifetime Member of the Lee High School PTA where she served as President. She helped organize the Ex-Student's Association of Midland High School in 1985. She also served on the Homecoming Parade Committee, Hall of Honor Committee, Reunion 2000 and was responsible for the memorabilia case at MHS. Frances also

and two grandchildren.

Chapter, 6222 Canyon Dr., Amarillo, TX 79109.

Bombardier School displayed at Midland

Frances is survived by her children, Connie Atwater Foote and her husband Jerry of Pampa, Tex.; Jim Atwater and his wife Mary of Midland, Tex.; Bonnie Atwater of Midland, Tex.; grandsons, Lee Atwater of Midland, Tex., Chad Atwater of Midland, Tex., Lt. Michael Foote and his wife Danielle of Fort Bragg, N.C., Brian Foote of Amarillo, Tex.; SPC, Trey Atwater, U.S. Army Rangers, of Fort Bragg, N.C.; great-granddaughter, Candice Atwater of Midland, Tex.; and greatgrandson, Micah Atwater of Midland, Tex.

A visitation will be held Friday, April 5, 2002, at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland between the hours of 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 3 p.m., Saturday, April 6, 2002, at First United Methodist Church, Main and Ohio Streets, Midland, Texas, with the Rev. Lane Boyd officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy., Midland, Texas.

Pallbearers will be Lee Atwater, Chad Atwater, Michael Foote, Brian Foote, Trey Atwater and Jeremy Anderson. Honorary pallbearers will be Marian Reeder, Fay Smith, Lou Bliss, Joyce Elder and Ted Johnson.

Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church, 305 N. Baird St., TX 79701; or Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.

Tony Blair may use Texas visit to sway Bush against Iraq attack

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Tony Blair is likely to tell President Bush at their weekend summit that he agrees Iraq poses a serious threat to the West, but now is not the time to launch an offensive against that coun-

In fact, given Britain and Europe's widespread concern over the escalating violence in the West Bank, Blair may recommend that the Bush administration make that crisis, and the final phases of the war in Afghanistan, the top priorities of U.S. foreign policy for now.

"I think Prime Minister Blair is going to say, 'Let's weigh anchor for a moment on Iraq while we see what we can do about the Israeli-Palestinian crisis," said Steven Simon, assistant

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director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London.

Blair travels to Bush's home in Crawford, Texas, on Friday, for a summit on a wide range of topics, including Iraq and Afghanistan, where British. forces have played a major role in the U.S.-led alliance.

On Thursday, Blair's spokesman said the violence in the Middle East will top the agenda in Crawford. Blair is appalled by the

"most explosive" situation in Israel in years and believes the main challenge is to break the cycle of violence, the spokesman said on condition of anonymity. Therefore, Bush and Blair will try to implement a cease-fire leading to talks aimed at ending the crisis, the spokesman said.

There is no doubt that Britain remains America's closest ally in the war against terrorism, and that Blair will continue his long-standing

support for U.S. policy. But growing skepticism about U.S. foreign policy in Britain and other European

countries such as France and

Russia recently prompted Blair to tone down calls for Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to be toppled.

The most striking example of that hesitation involved Blair's decision to scrap his government's plans this week to publish an intelligence dossier on Iraq's secret arms program aimed at disclosing efforts by Saddam to develop biological, chemical and nuclear weapons of mass destruction.

Europe's concerns about the Middle East, and Washington's failure to negotiate a cease-fire in Israel, were evident Thursday, when the European Union sent a highlevel mission there, despite Israel's refusal to let it meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Blair also faces growing unease at home and within his Labor Party. More than 120 members of Parliament have signed a motion opposing suggestions by Blair and Bush that Saddam must be removed from power, either in a military attack or support for an inside insurrection.

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> A government analyst said that a portion of the big rise in claims resulted from a federal provision requiring workers whose benefits had run out to file a new claim in order to become eligible for an exten-

Because of this requirement,

ON RECORD

The Pampa Police Department filed the following accident reports.

ACCIDENTS

Monday, April 1

A 1999 Ford Crown Victoria city police unit driven in the 600 block of East Frederic by officer Alvin D. Johnson, 54, collided with a 1986 Ford pickup driven by Clarence Nichols, 66, 535 Sloan. No injuries were reported.

Tuesday, April 2

A 1996 Ford Mustang owned by Chris Brawley, 926 Cinderella, and parked in the Wal-Mart parking lot was struck by an unknown vehicle.

Thursday, April 4

A 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven in the 500 block of North Hobart by Robbie Wayne Broggle, 82, Paris, Texas, veered left across traffic lanes and hit the curb, struck a wooden post, hit a fire hydrant and a pole. The driver fell asleep at the wheel, the report said. The driver refused medical treatment.

SHERIFF

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

Tuesday, April 2

Lindsey Michelle Terrell, 17, 1117 Crane Road, bond surrender/forgery of a financial instrument

Wednesday, April 3

Gary Don Foster Wheat, 34, 532 N. Powell, violation of probation and theft by appropriation. Picked up for Robertson County.

Julie Ann Phillips, 29, Borger, violation of

Eric Herrera, 25, Las Vegas, burglary of a habitation.

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AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro made the following runs durng the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

Wednesday, April 3

7:53 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Williston and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

3:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to a local resi-

5:56 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Jupiter and transported one to

8:44 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Barnard and transported one to PRMC.

Thursday, April 4

4:51 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Montague and Hobart; no transport.

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrest and incidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, March 23

A wedding ring set and necklace valued at \$800 was reported stolen in the 900 block of North Gray.

Monday, April 1

Making alcohol available to a minor in the 000 block of Mary Ellen was reported.

Tuesday, April 2

Shonda Darrs, 31, 524 Lefors, no rabies vaccination, public intoxication, dog at large, failure to appear, failure to control speed.

A set of keys with a remote was reported stolen in the 2400 block of North Charles. The loss is valued at \$100.

A domestic disturbance involving threats, a proken window and broken telephone was reported in the 400 block of Hill.

Wednesday, April 3

A bottle of cologne was taken at Dunlaps. 229 N. Hobart, and later was retrieved.

A stolen street sign was recovered in the 400 block of Pitts.

Harassment/foul language was reported in the 800 block of West Foster.

A runaway was reported from Genesis House, 615 W. Buckler.

FIRE

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

Thursday, April 4

4:59 a.m. - One unit and four firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Montague and Hobart streets. Firefighters cleaned up a small antifreeze spill at the

WEATHER FOCUS

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Today's forecast is mostly sunny with highs in the mid-60s and southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, increasing clouds. Lows 40 to 45. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Friday night, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows 45 to 50. Saturday, partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs around 70. Saturday evening. mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Sunday and Monday, partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the mid to upper 40s. Highs 70 to 75. Tuesday and Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows 45 to 50. Highs in the middle 70s.

STATEWIDE

Cloudy skies were expected across much of

Texas on Thursday.

should be mostly cloudy with highs in the lower 60s. Thursday night lows were expected in the upper 40s. In the panhandle, skies Thursday were

In the Dallas area, Thursday afternoon

expected to be mostly sunny with highs in the lower to mid-60s. Thursday night lows were expected from 35 to 45. In the Guadalupe Mountains and Big Bend

area, mostly cloudy skies were expected with highs from the upper 60s in the mountains to near 80 along the Rio Grande. Partly cloudy skies were expected at night with lows from

In Hill Country and South Central Texas, cloudy skies with a slight chance of light rain or drizzle were expected with highs in the 60s. Cloudy skies were expected at night with a slight chance of light rain or drizzle and lows in the 50s.

In deep South Texas, cloudy skies with a chance of showers or thunderstorms were expected with highs from 68 near the coast to 75 inland. Cloudy skies were expected at night with a chance of showers or thunderstorms and lows from 60 to 65.

Economy: Jobless benefits technical fluke

WASHINGTON (AP) — New claims for unemployment insurance shot up last week, but the layoffs picture was distorted by federal requirements related to how laid-off workers who exhausted their benefits may seek to get them extended.

For the work week ending March 30, new claims for jobless benefits jumped by a seasonally adjusted 64,000 to 460,000, the highest level since the beginning of December, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

Many analysts had expected new claims to fall.

sion of federal jobless benefits.

the weekly claims figures could

be volatile in the next few weeks. Congress recently passed legislation signed into law by

President Bush that provided a

13-week extension of jobless benefits. On Wall Street, investors shrugged off the report. The Dow Jones industrial average

Nasdaq index gained 9 points in morning trading. The more stable four-week moving average of new claims, which smoothes out week-toweek fluctuations, also rose last week to 403,750, the highest level since the middle of

Thursday's report, economists said, doesn't change what they believe to be improving labor market conditions.

January.

The jobless claims increases "are technical and do not reflect underlying economic fundamentals," said Merrill Lynch economist Gerald

Many economists are predicting companies added jobs to their payrolls in March.

The nation's unemployment rate dipped to 5.5 percent in February. But many economists believe the rate will rise to 5.6 percent when the government releases the employment was up 32 points and the report for March on Friday. "That's likely to happen because job growth won't be strong enough to take care of a large wave of people expected to have entered the labor force that month.

Businesses had slashed thousands of jobs to cope with a recession that began in March 2001. Companies' profits took a real hit during the slump, as did capital investments.

Economists project companies will be reluctant to quickly hire back laid-off workers until profits recover and business executives are convinced that the economic recovery is here

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MEXICO

for Mexican companies seeking to expand operations in Texas and for Texas companies seeking a Mexican market is planned for May 15-17 in Mexico City, Bastarrachea told Rotarians.

Bastarrachea believes European companies gained the foothold they have through Mexico's history of political corruption coupled with the fact many European companies are financially backed by their countries and have lower financing costs than U.S.

Europeans also have "been more aggressive" than Texas and other U.S. firms in "setting up shop there," he said.

"If the European companies can offer a (financial) break," the Mexicans will take it," Bastarrachea said noting a lower cost of doing business with those companies. "American laws are more restrictive on companies that deal with foreign countries."

Bastarrachea believes the corruption issue is much less of a factor now under the new administration of President Vicente Fox.

Many of the officials at PEMEX and CFE from the University of Yucatan.

have changed since Fox took office and companies that encounter any corruption are encouraged to "go to the newspapers," he said, adding, "Corruption has not disappeared but it is more at the lower levels."

Bastarrachea has been director of the state's Mexico office since October 1999.

As such, he's implemented specialized searches for Texas companies exploring the Mexico market and the promotion of investment opportunities in Texas. He organized the Texas Trade missions to Mexico in 2000 and 2001.

He is a former Mexico career diplomat in San Antonio where he was the press and public affairs attache' of the Consulate General of Mexico, promoting trade and education exchanges between South Texas and Mexico.

Bastarrachea has also worked as an architect and urban planner in Mexico City, London and Frankfurt.

He has an advanced degree in Development Economics from the University of London, and a degree in International Affairs from the Institute Romero of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico. His first degree is in architecture

PHS One-Act Play goes to area UIL competition

Act Play will participate in area UIL competition at Snyder Friday.

'The Shadow Box," directed by Dean Birkes, PHS theatre arts teacher, and Heather Fuentes, Pampa Middle School theatre arts teacher, was one of two plays to advance to area from the district contest March 28 at Amarillo College.

"The Shadow Box" is the story of three terminally-ill patients and their relationships with their families at the end of their illnesses, according to Birkes.

"This play really deals with the aspect of death and how we handle it," he said. "It is a very difficult play to do, and the critique judge at district told us that he was glad we tackled such a hard play."

Written by Michael Cristofer and published by Samuel French Inc., the play was cut from the original three acts to one 40-minute act to fit UIL requirements. Students have seven minutes to set the stage before the performance and

Cast and crew of Pampa High School's One seven minutes to strike the stage afterwards. Directors are not allowed backstage or in the lighting booth during the performance.

At the district meet, several PHS students received individual awards. Seniors Richard Conner and A.J. Swope received All-Star Cast awards. Senior Vanessa Orr and freshman Ben Briscoe received Honorable Mention All Star Cast honors.

At zone competiton at Boys Ranch on March 20, cast members received numerous awards including Best Actor, Richard Conner; Best Actress, Vanessa Orr; All-Star Cast, A.J. Swope, and Honorable Mention All-Star Cast, Amber Bowers and Sammie Parsley.

Other members of the cast and crew include Chris Johnson, Brianne Hopkins, Chelsea Dyer, Ashley Freeman, Kelly Tripplehorn, Price Hall and Luke Dyer.

Canyon High School students are presenting the other play advancing to area from this district. They will be performing "Our Country's

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STUDY

Sweeten said studies are currently under way on reducing the nitrogen and phosphorous in the animals' diets to determine the effects.

"Swine studies are getting started," he said. He said the local area is cooperating with five other states and universities in those states in these studies. Universities in Iowa, North Carolina, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota are also involved.

Emission studies of the effects of swine confinement in buildings is one of the areas being studied.

Sweeten said long-term data should produce information regarding the design and planning for the swine facilities.

Air quality of CAFOs are also being studied, said Sweeten. He said they have not studied the effects of swine lagoons as yet, but will when the current studies are completed.

Sweeten emphasized the cooperation between many universities in the area in addition to West Texas A&M. Texas Tech University, Kansas State University, Texas A&M, and New Mexico State University along with the USDA are all involved in the various studies of the confined animal feeding operations, he said.

Top O' Texas Rodeo seeks concession bids

Top O' Texas Rodeo or any individual are eligible concessionaires will be Association is making changes-for the new millenni-

The association is currently accepting bids for all concession of the Top O' Texas Rodeo and Kid Pony Show to be held nightly July 7-13.

There will be no performance on Wednesday, July 10, unless one of the Kid Pony Show performances is rained out.

All organizations, clubs,

to bid on any of the conces-

Available for bid are five a side of the arena and four stands on the east side. Various items to be sold include hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, candy, snow cones, ice cream, nachos, iced tea and cold drinks.

Concessionaires will furnish all of their own equipment and utensils. Selected

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allowed to sell their products in the seating areas.

All bids must be submitted concession stands on the west to the rodeo office by 5 p.m., June 3, with the bid opening scheduled for 7:30 p.m., June 3, in the Pampa Community Building.

For a complete diagram of the booths, a copy of the bid contract or more information, please contact the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-0434.

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BEEF

side of the United States. Lean beef from Australia and New Zealand sells for 5 cents to 20 cents per pound cheaper than U.S. product.

For now, McDonald's is testing the imported beef in about 400 of its 13,000 U.S. restaurants, all in the Southeast. The company joins Burger King, Wendy's and other fast-food chains in buying beef from over-

Regarding reduced U.S. herd sizes, signals" are there for increased production.

But economics isn't the only factor involved in production cycles, he said, noting that weather is another. And it is weather conditions, that include droughts in several parts of the country, that are helping to create a slowdown of herd buildups.

The TCFA represents cattle feeders in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, Rutherford said. It is a region that supplies about seven million fed beef, or 30 percent of the U.S. supply, annually. A portion of that area, the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles and Eastern New Mexico account for more Rutherford said cattle supplies generally run than 90 percent of that number and the Texas on a 10-year cycle and said the "economic Panhandle alone accounts for 25 percent of TCFA-region's fed beef.

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judges that the account would be a Gray County account with the county tax ID for collateralization of the funds in the account. Gray County's designated depository is Bank

of America.

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TEXAS EDITORIALS

Women should be pushing insurance industry reforms

From the Dallas Morning News:

With this being National Women's History Month, it's right that women should carry on the work of previous generations in pressing for improvements that benefit society. Just as women were in the forefront of the abolition move-. ment and led campaigns for temperance, suffrage, libraries, homeless shelters and changes in drunken driving laws, women can make a difference in the health insurance issue.

An opportunity is at hand. Rep. Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth, wants to end tax discrimination against people who do not get their insurance from an employer. Her forthcoming bill would make prepayable, refundable tax credits available to all Americans, regardless of their employer or employment status, for the purchase of health insurance. She suggests a tax credit cap of \$1,000 per individual up to \$3,000 per family, plus 50 percent of any premiums paid above these amounts.

Now, people who get health insurance through employer can pay their portion of the cost with before-tax dollars. Those tax benefits are not available to those who have to buy health insurance on their own. Is it any wonder that about 40 million Americans are uninsured? During 2001, an estimated 2 million Americans lost their health insurance, the largest one-year increase in the number of uninsured in nearly a decade, according to the group Covering the Uninsured. And, the organization points out, most people who are uninsured live in working families.

Celeste Colgan with the National Center for Policy Analysis supports Rep. Granger's plan, saying, "Women more than men feel the effects of our health care system."

Women are less likely to be offered employer insurance. They tend to be part-time and minimum-wage workers with small employers. Even when employers offer insurance plans, many families find them too expensive. And families where women are single heads of household tend to be poor-

Health care is the most basic part of our national security. Rep. Granger's proposal, which will no doubt be costly, resurrects and expands the president's effort on health tax credits. And women in Congress who understand their legacy should rally for the improved access to health care coverage her idea represents.

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Care to join me in a smile?

Earlier in the week I read a story on the wire service that said people feel Americans are much more rude than they used to be.

When I read this story, I must confess that I agreed. It seems as though consideration for others' feelings and beliefs is not nearly as much a priority with people as their own wants.

Driving behavior by motorists, according to the study, have shown significant signs of increasing anger and rage.

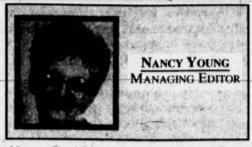
As I travel 100 miles a day on the highways of the Texas Panhandle, I can believe it. The shooting-in and shootingout of traffic at high rates of speed is commonplace. EVERYONE is in a hurry. Why they are traveling so fast escapes

Traveling home vesterday, I noticed everyone was passing me. I checked the speedometer and I was going 67. They weren't. And this is frequent.

It seems as though people have very little patience in today's world. Tolerance appears to be at an all-time low, and acceptance of people appears to be at the bottom of the barrel.

It seems to be a ME, ME, ME Worldnot just a ME Generation.

According to figures released by several polling groups, church attendance has also declined. I wonder if there is a correlation there? You know - Golden Rule, Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, Psalms, prayer and spiritual music - those type



things. Could be the loss of those effects on recent generations has made its mark.

Now an aunt of mine reminded me recently that older people can be fairly rude because some, not all, are quite miserable. I stopped to think about that, and I believe she is right.

What can be done to stop this rudeness and abruptness in our society? My first thought is to teach children to be nice to each other - to have tolerance, respect and acceptance. But who is going to be the teacher of these qualities if the parents don't possess them?

So much is expected of-schools, and the children should have these qualities before they arrive in school. Children do learn what they live. As we look in the mirror, they are our reflections.

Who will it be to teach them? Are we going to wait for Jack to do it? Or are we going to wait for Jane? John? Jim? The change has to come from each and every-

As I was thinking of the contentious situations I have dealt with the past days, weeks and months, I realized how I had

allowed some of these people and situations control me and my behavior. I, too, have been rude. It is so contagious! Some of my co-workers have cut a wide swath around me lately.

I remember a saying my mother had. She had many - wear clean underwear in case you're in an accident, always be a lady, like everyone and they will like you, new friends are great but old friends are wonderful, and on and on and on.

Mothers seem to have a saying for everything.

The one that comes to mind today is: "A smile is worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a cent." She's been gone seven years, and I can still hear her saying it. When I do, I smile.

I think that today I will be consciously aware of what I can do to stomp out rudeness and work on my contentious, behav-

Maybe if I stop worrying about everyone else's, mine will improve, and perhaps someone else's will, also. Example is the best teacher.

Anybody want to join me?

My thought for today is: The biggest difficulty with mankind today is that our knowledge has increased so much faster than our wisdom.

Believe it's time for a Grandchild Fix for me. And lots of prayers for contentious people, myself included.

(Nancy Young can be reached by email at nanceyyoung@hotmail.com)



Jive-talking about airport security

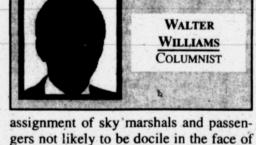
Let's think about airport security.

It seems as though the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) and Department of Transportation's (DOT) operative assumption is that there's an equal chance that any person, including pilots and crew members, who boards a plane is a potential hijacker. That's why FAA and DOT security regulations require that everyone, including pilots and crew, be searched and "hijacking weapons" - like fingernail files, wine cork screws and knitting needles - be confiscated.

You say: "That's stupid, Williams. They can't think that my 88-year-old grandmother, carrying her knitting needles, would hijack a plane!" While that might be true, we can't put anything past Washington's bureaucrats. They might think that a hijacker with no hijacking tools might search the plane, find granny's knitting needles and stab his way through the steel reinforced cockpit

It's both stupid and costly for the FAA and DOT to treat each person who boards a plane as a potential hijacker. Suppose Air Force One was in the shop for a tune up and George Bush had to fly with us plebeians. Should he be subject to the same treatment? You say, "C'mon, Williams, that's the president."

OK, what about Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Sen. Ted Kennedy or Walter Williams? In each of these cases, there is a zero chance that the person would hijack a plane. Since cockpit doors have been reinforced, and with random



hijacking, we could return to the passenger screening methods in place on 9-11, with added measures to detect firearms and explosives on persons and their bag-Americans have been bamboozled into believing that with federalization of air-

port security we'd be safer. After all, according to media reports, Europeans who have a much longer history of dealing with terrorists have government-controlled airport security. Nothing can be further from the truth.

According to Robert Poole, a Reason Foundation air transportation expert (reason.org), 33 out of 35 European airports use private companies for passenger and baggage screening, and that includes high-risk airports such as: Amsterdam, Belfast, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Paris and even Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. At these European and Israel airports, the government sets security standards. A private for-profit contractor performs the security screening.

There's strong oversight and penalties exacted for not meeting the standards. So what has the new Transportation

Security Act (TSA) mandated, and even if the mandates made complete sense, will they be achieved? TSA mandated 100 percent baggage screening by Jan. 18, 2002. That was not achieved. TSA mandated federal takeover of existing security contracts by Feb. 17, 2002. Again failure. TSA mandates that 30,000plus passenger and baggage screeners be federalized and trained by Nov. 19, 2002. There's no chance that goal will be achieved. TSA mandates that all baggage be screened by Explosive Detection System machines (EDS) by Dec. 31, 2002. EDS machines are computerized tomography (3-D) X-ray machines. They cost about \$1 million a piece to produce, and about that much again to install. They're about the size of a minivan, weigh 4 tons and require airport terminal reconfiguration to handle them. That target won't be achieved, either.

There's a far more intelligent way to produce air security. Poole recommends sorting passengers and their baggage into three classes: pre-screened "trusted travelers," who'd face pre-9-11 type screening; "innocuous travelers," who'd receive enhanced screening; and "suspicious travelers," who'd receive rigorous screening. That would improve air safety, and reduce its costs and inconvenience, but it might smack of profiling and fail the "political correctness" test.

There's hope for change because nobody's happy with the present bungling system - and that includes passengers, airport directors, pilots and crew, and airline companies.

ODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, April 4, the 94th day of 2002. There are 271 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in

History: On April 4, 1968, civil

rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was shot to death in Memphis, Tenn.

On this date: In 1818, Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red andwhite stripes and 20 stars,

with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.

In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after. his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to

die in office.

In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated. In 1887, Susanna Medora Salter became the first woman elected mayor of an American community Argonia, Kan.

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South Korea: Inter-Korean peace talks not going well

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Despite a North Korea overture for dialogue with the United States, inter-Korean peace talks ran into difficulty after the North vehemently accused Seoul and Washington of plotting to invade it, South Korean officials said Thursday.

The first day of talks in the North: Korean capital, Pyongyang, ended without progress Wednesday, South Korea's Unification Ministry said. Officials from the two sides met again on Thursday to try to bridge differences.

"Both sides put out all of their views freely but differences continue to remain," ministry spokesman Kim Hong-je said. "North Korea again held South Korea and the United States responsible for tension on the peninsula."

South Korean presidential envoy Lim Dong-won is in Pyongyang for three days of talks to encourage the North to restart a stalled dialogue with Seoul and its main ally, Washington.

U.S.-North Korea relations

Protesters target Jewish buildings

MONTPELLIER, France (AP) — Assailants threw a barrage of Molotov cocktails Thursday into a building they mistook for a Jewish synagogue located next door, the region's top official said.

Three youths picked up some 200 yards from the site were detained for questioning, police said, without providing more details.

The fire-bombing followed a string of attacks on Jewish targets in recent days that has coincided with heightened tensions in the Middle East. Two synagogues in Marseille, on the Mediterranean coast like Montpellier, were among the

In the Thursday attack, two offices of the building that houses the Herault region's environmental offices were badly burned, police said. There were no injuries since the assault took place in the early morning when the build-

ing was empty. Jewish leaders joined Prefect Daniel Constantin and Montpellier Mayor Georges Freche at the site.

"It's probably an act by delinquents,' Constantin said. "Visibly, there was no preparation ... since they mistook the building.'

Late Wednesday, a bus belonging to a Jewish school in the Paris suburb of Aubervilliers was set afire in an attack that also damaged two cars, local officials said.

deteriorated after President Bush in January branded North Korea along with Iran and Iraq part of "an axis of evil" nations with ambitions to develop weapons of mass destruction.

In a broadcast monitored in Seoul, North Korea's Central Radio quoted the North's delegate on Thursday as denouncing what he called "belligerent forces" in South Korea and the United States for creating tension on the Korean peninsula.

The North's delegation demanded that South Korea scrap its policy of regarding the 1950-53 Korean War. The communist country argues that such designation goes against the spirit of conciliation the two countries have been pursuing

Pyongyang as its "main

enemy" and stop a northward

"war drive" being waged with

North Korea has been South

Korea's "main enemy" since

the United States, it said.

About 37,000 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea as a

since a historic summit of their

leaders in 2000

deterrent against the North.

was seen as an overture toward Washington, North Korea said it would resume dialogue with a U.S.-led international consortium building two nuclear reac-

the prospect of dialogue with Washington. But U.S. officials welcomed the North's decision to reopen talks with the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization.

'Our position has always been and will continue to be that we welcome dialogue with North Korea anytime any-

tors in the isolated country. The decision did not mention

The two nuclear reactors being built in the North are part of a 1994 deal under which North Korea has frozen its sus-

where," said White House

spokesman Ari Fleischer.

pected nuclear weapons program. The CIA suspects that North Korea may have extracted enough plutonium to make one or two atomic bombs before the 1994 freeze.

The \$4.6 billion reactor project is several years behind schedule. Citing the delay, North Korea has refused U.N. inspections of its nuclear program.

Washington fears that the North is developing missiles and weapons of mass destruction. The North is known to have 5,000 tons of chemical weapons and missiles capable of reaching Hawaii, Alaska and part of the western U.S. conti-

nent During Wednesday's talks, the South Korean envoy urged North Korea to address such U.S. concerns through dialogue, Seoul officials said. They did not say how North Korean officials responded.

In the final months of President Clinton's administration, U.S.-North Korea relations warmed. Then-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright visited Pyongvang in October 2000 and held talks with the North Korean leader.

British troops ready for funeral procession

On Wednesday night, in what

(AP) -LONDON Leading a horse drawn gun carriage draped in the British flag and topped with a mock crown, more than 1,600 soldiers marched through central London Thursday, preparing for the Queen Mother's funer-

Troops gathered at St. James's Palace before dawn to prepare for Friday's official procession, which will take the royal matriarch's coffin to Parliament's Westminster Hall. It will lie there in state for the public to pay their respects until the funeral at Westminster Abbey on April

The Queen Mother died Saturday at age 101.

As the sun rose Thursday, four black horses drew the carriage from the palace, where the Queen Mother's coffin lies in the private

chapel, along The Mall and past Whitehall to Parliament. Many of the capital's streets were sealed off to traffic for the rehearsal.

"It went very well considering it's the first time the parade has been put together," said Royal Air Force Squadron Leader Ian Smith who took part in the proces-

"The contingency plan has been in place for some years but because of sensitivity we don't go out and practice it,"

The gun carriage that will carry the coffin, the same used for her husband King George VI's funeral in 1952, will be drawn by the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery and escorted by troops from Britain and

Commonwealth. As the procession leaves for Westminster Hall, a 28gun royal salute will be fired from nearby Green Park one salvo every minute of the

Along the route, military detachments, including cavalrymen from the Queen's Life Guards, will give royal salutes and there will be a guard of honor in Parliament Square.

The principal male members of the royal family will walk behind the coffin, while Queen Elizabeth II and other family members await the arrival of the procession inside the Palace of Westminster.

Draped in the Queen Mother's personal standard and adorned by a wreath from the Queen, the coffin will lie in state in Westminster Hall until Tuesday.

On Monday afternoon, the Queen Mother's four grandsons - Charles, Andrew, Edward and the late Princess Margaret's son Viscount Linley - are expected to hold a 15-minute vigil.

Thousands of people have signed books of condolence across the country, and hundreds of cards and bouquets have been left outside the Queen Mother's homes in England and Scotland.

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This year's cle is more. necessary than ever, since last year's event was canceled due to a deadly Bubonic Plagueinfected prairie dog colony at Sanford-Yake campground.

Pre-registrations are currently pouring into park headquarters; however, it's still not too late to sign-up a crew for the annual clean-up at the panhandle's largest water recre-

A long list of participants come from as far away as Guymon, Okla., Booker, Stratford and Wellington. Volunteers come from Girl Scout troops, 4-H organizations, Boy Scout troops, church groups and more. They join participants from Fritch, Borger, Pampa and Amarillo 3151.

FRITCH - Preparations in a day dedicated to beautifying Lake Meredith and making it a better place to visit.

> Lake Meredith NRA Superintendent Karren Brown said, "I am looking forward to helping with my first Lakeshore Cleanup. With the lake level so low, there's even more shoreline in need of cleaning. We are hoping for beautiful weather, lots of volunteers, and a trash-free park by the end of the day."

On-site registration and organization for the cleanup will kick-off at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. A Trash bash — a hot dog lunch with ice cream and soft drinks - will be served to all volunteers at 12 noon at the Fritch Fortress Amphitheater. Registered volunteers will be eligible for door prizes courtesy of business throughout the panhan-

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Sunday, April 7 - 7:00 p.m. Evening worship in Church Sanctuary

Monday, April 8 - 7:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast in Lively Hall with Dr. Jackson leading a Bible study on the gospel of Mark. (Bibles will be provided) 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Dr. Jackson in Church Chapel. (Bibles will be provided)

2:00 p.m. Bible study with Dr. Jackson in Church Chapel. (Bibles will be provided)

7:00 p.m. Evening Worship with "Sons of Light Quartet" and Dr. Jackson preaching. (Church Sanctuary)

Tuesday, April 9 -7:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast in Lively Hall with Dr. Jackson continuing the Bible Study on Mark

10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Dr. Jackson in Church Chapel. (Bibles will be provided) 2:00 p.m. Bible Study with Dr. Jackson in Church Chapel.

(Bibles will be provided) 7:00 p.m. Evening worship with "Sons of Light Quartet" and Dr. Jackson Preaching. (Church Sanctuary). Following this service there will be a reception in Lively Hall sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

A nursery will be provided for the evening services. A love offering will be taken for the "Sons of Light Quartet" and Dr. Jackson. This will be a great time of renewal and spiritual growth. Please mark your calendars now to attend. All are invited to attend these special services at the First United Methodist Church.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 4

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Mom Who Flew Off Handle **Deserved Plane Ticket Home**

DEAR ABBY: I can't agree with your advice to "Poor Little Butterfly in Oklahoma," whose mother went on an eight-hour harangue after finding out her married daughter got a tattoo when she was 20.

I think the couple did the right thing to put Mom on a plane home. I do not agree with your advice to "mend fences" and take the "high road." This is 2002 - not 1940. Tell the mother to get over it. There is nothing she can do about it now. TATTOOED MOM

IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR TATTOOED MOM: That's true. I may have been smoking the peace pipe for too long. Many readers agreed with you. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I feel strongly that Mom should apologize for making all of the fuss. An eight-hour attack from one's mother cannot be - and should not be - borne by an adult. Mom was out of line. "Poor" has a right to her life and beliefs. If her tattoo pleases her and her husband, that's in the face of adversity. That margood enough!

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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IN KINGMAN, ARIZ.

"Poor Little Butterfly" was wrong, wrong, wrong. This is an issue of the daughter preserving her self-esteem, not an argument over a tattoo. This butterfly had every right to ask her mother to take off!

YOUNG MOM IN WASHINGTON DEAR YOUNG MOM: I suspect you're right that the mother was reacting to more than the tattoo.

DEAR ABBY: That couple did the right thing sending her mother home. They stuck up for each other riage is going to endure.

Unfortunately, mine will not.

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The Family Circus

Abby, I sent her packing the next got my tattoo at the ripe old age of 69 day. My mother-in-law proceeded to HAPPY WITH ROSES bad-mouth me to the rest of the family, trying her best to turn them against me. My wife never once took a stand against her mother. DEAR HAPPY: Thanks for the She let her mom criticize me to

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record straight.

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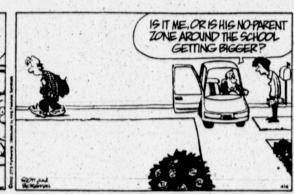


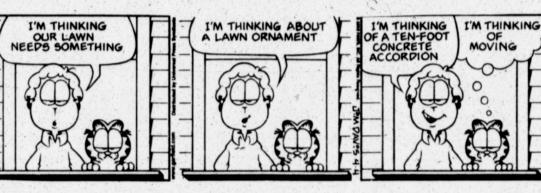
















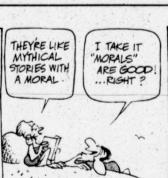






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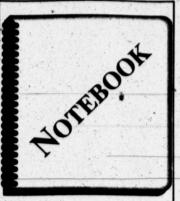
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SPORTS



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DUMAS — Pampa placed sixth with 47 points at last week's Demonette Relays. **Demonette Relays**

at Dumas

Team totals: 1. Canyon 116; 2. Dumas 102; 3. Borger 92; 4. Randall 75; 5. Plainview 61; Pampa 47; 7. Panhandle 40; 8. Sanford-Fritch 26; 9. Dalhart 22; 10. River Road 14; 11. Tulia 11; 12. Caprock

Pampa results Long jump: 5. Abby Cavalier, 16-4 1/2; 6. Teryn Stowers, 16-3 1/2.

Triple jump: 3. Teryn Stowers, 36-8; 4. Abby Cavalier, 33-11. Discus: 3. Angela Phillips, 112-11.

Shot put: 2. Angela Phillips; 4. Skye Niccum, 37-0; 6. Angie Cornish, 35-8.

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Stokes, 5. Anna Johnson, 100: 5. Teryn Stowers, 13.23. 300 hurdles: 6. Shelly Sims,

53.09. PERRYTON - Pampa's Ryan Nash won both the triple jump and long jump at the Ranger Relays.

Other Pampa winners were Greg Wiley (110 hurdles) and Matt Crow (400).

The Harvesters compete this weekend in the North Plains Relays in Dumas.

Ranger Relays at Perryton Pampa results

Team totals: 1. Perryton 134; 2. West Texas High 133; 3. Canadian 111; 4. Pampa 97; 5. Booker 38. Pampa results

Long jump: 1. Ryan Nash, 20-0.

Triple jump: 1. Ryan Nash, 40-10.

400 relay: 3. Pampa 45.18. 110 hurdles: 1. Greg Wiley, 15.42; 2. Tanner Dyer, 15.46. 400: 1. Matt Crow, Pampa, 52.06.

200: 2. Matt Crow, 22.93.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Kids & Youth Club baseball signups will continue today through Friday 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 chil-

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-

Players will be placed on team by age through a blind draft. All games will be played at Hobart Street Park.

PAMPA — Optimist tryouts in the baseball and softball leagues are scheduled tonight from 5:30 to 7 at Optimist Park.

Tryouts will be held in the 9-10 league, Cal Ripken 11-12 league, 13-15 Babe. Ruth League in baseball and girls softball for 11-12 and 13-15 leagues.

Registration in both baseball and softball will continue during the tryouts.

Players who will be on the same Optimist team from last year won't have to try out. Players in other leagues will be assigned to

a team using a blind draft. Players should bring tennis shoes, a glove and a light jacket to the tryouts.

Pampa gymnasts have solid performances at Dream Catcher Classic

OKLAHOMA CITY -Gymnastics of Pampa team members were entered in the Dream Catcher Classic in Oklahoma City, and competed against teams from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and Arkansas.

Level 7 gymnasts competing were Kelby Doughty, Lacie Thompson and Lacie Long.

Ten-year-old Kelby Doughty had solid performances to place third on vault (9.2), ninth on floor exercises (8.5), 11th on bars (8.4), and 11th on balance beam (8.25). Her 34.35 in the 8-10 year-old All-Around was good for ninth place.

Lacie Thompson competed in the 11-12 year-old age group where she earned a 33.0 in the All-Around for 15th place. She was 11th on vault (9.1), 12th on bars (8.65), and 18th on floor

In the 13 and older division, Lacie Long finished sixth place on floor exercise (8.75), seventh on bars (8.5), and 10th on vault (8.7). Her 32.2 in the All-Around

was good for 10th place.

Leading the Level 5 team was 7-year-old Madison Fatheree. Madison's 33.75 in the All-Around was good for ninth place. She tied for third place on floor exercise (8.6), was seventh on vault (8.15), eighth on bars (8.7) and 14th place on beam (8.3).

Rebecca Taylor competed in the 10-year-old Level 5's. She had solid performances to finish fourth on floor exercise (8.45), seventh on bars (8.7), 11th on vault (8.1), and 11th on beam (7.7). She was seventh in the All-Around with a 32.95.

MaKayla Hampton finished 19th placed i n the 7-9 year-old All-Around with a 29.1 score. She earned 16th place on vault (7.45), 17th on bars (7.9), 17th on floor (6.7) and 19th on beam (7.05).

Competing in the 11-year-old division, Jordan Dodge finished 17th place in All-Around. She earned 13th place on balance beam (8.05), 17th on floor (6.65), 17th on bars (6.0), and 18th on vault (7.15).



Level 5 gymnasts (l-r) Madison Fatheree, MaKayla Hampton, Rebecca Taylor and Jordan Dodge share a happy moment at the Dream Catcher Classic.

All-Star player



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa senior Lindsey Narron will be playing in the Golden Spread All-Star games this week in Amarillo. Narron is on the East girls team, which plays the South team at 6 tonight at the Amarillo Civic Center.

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The Green Team



The Green Team participated in the Optimist Volleyball League this season. Team members are (front row, from left) Eden Green, Kenzie Allen, Kamie Doughty, Lauren Smith, Chandler Talley, Brandy Parks and Elizabeth DeLong; (back row, from left) assistant coach Donna Smith, Krystal Voyles, Texi Schaeffer, Haili Kotara, Kathryn Cree-Stevens and coach Laura Green. The league was for fifth and sixth grade girls.

Carr will be Texans' No. 1 pick

HOUSTON (AP) - More than two weeks before the NFL draft, the Houston Texans have already decided they'll take Fresno State quarterback David Carr with the No. 1 pick.

announcement Wednesday was made by owner Bob McNair, although the decision was made by general manager Charley Casserly and coach Dom Capers.

"To win, you have to have a good quarterback. Charley and his people have looked at this long and hard," McNair said. "We know enough about Carr

that we feel like we know who he back in NCAA history to throw

The Texans had been expected to go for Carr all along, although Oregon's Joey Harrington is regarded as good a quarterback prospect by some NFL teams.

In 37 games at Fresno State, Carr completed 62.8 percent of his passes for 7,849 yards, 70 touchdowns and 23 interceptions. As a starter, he had an 18-8 record.

As a senior, Carr led the nation with 4,308 yards passing and 42 touchdown passes, becoming only the sixth quarter-

for more than 4,000 yards and more than 40 touchdown passes in the same season. He led the Bulldogs to an 11-2 record last

Carr finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting and won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award as the nation's top senior quarterback.

Casserly had previously acknowledged that Carr was likely to be his choice over Harrington and others, like North Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers.



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Tryouts, signups continue today for Pampa Optimist League baseball, softball programs

PAMPA — Registration for 7-9 Pitching Machine League," Optimist Baseball-Softball 2002 exploded past the 600 mark as the second day of trywere completed. "Officially, we have 601," said Kevin Davis, the Optimist Baseball-Softball Coordinator.

Tryouts and registration continue today from 5:50 to 7 at Optimist Park.

Still to be counted are teams from Lefors and Miami.

"We are bringing five teams consisting of at least 60 kids," said Roy Lott, who is coordinating registration in Lefors. "Miami will have 12 children on a T-ball team," said Sandy Carr of the Miami Area Youth Organization. "Our other players will register and play on Pampa teams."

Little League Girls Softball has had a record number of signups, according to Softball Commissioner Sheri Tice. "We have 60 girls registered in our League signups are at 70.

Tice said. "89 in the 10-12 Little League and 11 in the 13-15 Senior Girls League.:

Lefors will add 13 girls in the 10-12 Little League and 11 in the 13-15 senior League for a total of 220 in the softball program.

'We have already added one team in the 10-12 Little League Softball and really need to add another, but we need additional coaches," Tice said. "We would like to have 12 or 13 players on a team so the kids will get more playing time, but Little League permits us to have as many as 15 on a team if necessary.'

Counting Lefors and Miami, the 5-6 T-Ball League has 99 players, the 7-8 Pitching Machine League will field 107 players, the 9-10 Cal Ripken League totals 98, the 11-12 Cal Ripken League has reached 79 and the Babe Ruth 13-15

"We will have six teams in the Babe Ruth League this year," said Larry Craig, who serves on the Baseball Committee overseeing all baseball activities. "Last year we had five."

Work is continuing on a new T-Ball Baseball Park, Davis said. He expects the new park to be ready for play by the end of the month.

'We need a few more sponsors for our new teams," said John W. Warner, who is in charge of sponsors. "He can be reached at 669-3397 or 669-

"We have room for a few more fence signs,: said Danny McGuire, who is coordinating fence signs.

He can be contacted at 669-7139 Players will be assigned to

team this weekend and practice starts Monday. Games in most leagues will begin the week of

Bucks claim Irish Relays title

Deer finished with 95 points, Discus: 1. Salas, Wheeler, edging Claude for the Irish Relays title last weekend at Shamrock.

Irish Relays At Shamrock **Boys Division**

White Deer, 18-6 1/2; 2. Harper, White Deer, 18-4 1/4; 3. Ingram, Memphis, 18-4

Triple jump: 1. Harper, White Deer, 41-0; 2. Ingram, Memphis, 40-7; 3. Thomas, Wellington, 40-5 1/2.

Williams, 145-2; Clarendon, 143-3; Thompson, Clarendon, 125-0. 3200: 1. Emilliano, Wheeler, 11:12.21; 2. Jewel, Wheeler, 11:24.29; Shamrock, 12:00.97.

46.43; 2. Wellington 46.44. 800: 1. Patel, Shamrock, 2:14.14, 2. Hefley, Wheeler, Long jump: 1. McKean, 2:19.12; 3. Adams, Claude, 2:21.71,

400: 1. Thomas, Wellington, 55.32; 2. Masters, Wheeler, 56.42.

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Team totals: 1. Childress

128; 2. Wellington 97; 3. Shamrock 93; 4. Claude 77; 5. Clarendon 75; 6. White Deer Benton, 57; 7. Wheeler 44; 8. Memphis 12.

> Shamrock, 35-8 3/4; 2. Gamblin, White Deer, 33-3 1/4; 3. Bond, Wheeler, 31-4. 3200: 1. Roberts, Claude, 13:50.82; 2. Lewis, Wheeler, 14:07.98; 3. Tackett, White Deer, 14:56.97.

> 800: 1. Brown, Wheeler, 2:38.21.

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Season ends for Jordan

WASHINGTON (AP) — It just didn't seem right to see Michael Jordan limping

through games as a backup. It's also jarring to realize that, after 13 years in which his last game was always a playoff game, Jordan ended this season scoring just two points against his former coach, Phil Jackson.

'He was a shadow of himself," said Jackson, now the Los Angeles Lakers coach.

After that career-low performance Tuesday against the Lakers, Jordan awoke Wednesday morning with a swollen right knee and decided enough was enough. He was placed on the injured list by the Washington Wizards, and he announced he was done for the season.

"I think it is best at this point to rest the knee and let it heal properly," Jordan said in a statement. "I tried to get back and play as soon as possible and, early on, the knee responded well. But after the swelling this morning, I think it's best to give it

with a 22.9-point scoring average, the second-lowest

of his career. He averaged 22.7 in his second season with the Chicago Bulls in 1985-86, when he played just 18 games because of a broken foot.

But 'his legacy remains

"With all the expectations everyone had and the expectations he put on himself, to be able to turn that team around — they have competitive games night in and night out — and him playing as well as he has, I think it's unbelievable," Lakers guard Kobe Bryant said.

The Wizards (34-41) have a chance to win twice as many games as the 19 they won last season. But unless they rally to overtake Indiana for the last Eastern Conference berth, Jordan will have played for a nonplayoff team for the first

"He's a great competitor, and he demonstrated that he can come back and be a top-10 player," NBA commissioner David Stern said. "I hope he's better for next vear."

plan to return.

tract to play," Jordan said. "Obviously, my health will always determine my playing status. But at this time, my plan is to play next sea-

Jordan played a careerlow 12 minutes and scored a career-low two points — all in the first half - in Tuesday night's 113-93 loss to the Lakers. For the first time in his career, he was a marginal, no-factor player off the bench.

Coach Doug Collins said he didn't play Jordan in the second half because the was one-sided. game Afterward, Jordan said his knee felt fine, but Jackson, Jordan's former coach with the Bulls, knew better.

"You could see it coming by the way he played that it was a struggle," Jackson said Wednesday night.

"At this point it's trying to beat a dead horse, the situation of trying to get into the playoffs takes the best effort Michael can give at this time, and it doesn't look like he's got that.'

Jordan rushed his rehabilsurgery Feb. 27 that repaired "I signed a two-year contorn cartilage in the knee. He

SHAMROCK — White White Deer 5-2.

Team totals: 1. White Deer 95; 2. Claude 88; 3. Wheeler 85; 4. Wellington 80; 5. Memphis 57; 6. Shamrock 42; Clarendon 28.

High jump: 1. Hudson, Wheeler, 5:21.25.

400 relay: 1. White Deer,

55.87; 3. Gallagher, Wheeler, 1600: 1. Patel, Shamrock, 5:11.16; 2. Jewell, Wheeler,

Wellington, 5-4; Melton, 3:48.42; 2. White Deer, 4:47.37.

Girls Division

Shot put: 1. Wright,

2:34.86; 2. Soto, Wellington, 2:35.34; 3. Jones, Memphis,

4:28.67; 2. White Deer, Claude, 5-6; 2. Thomas, 1600 relay: 1. Claude, 4:31.41; 3. Wellington,

Indians 6, Angels 5

ANAHEIM; Calif. (AP) -Rookie Ryan Drese, a late replacement for Cleveland starter Chuck Finley, earned his second major league victory as the Indians held off the Anaheim Angels Wednesday night.

Finley opted out of his scheduled start after his wife actress Tawny Kitaen - was charged earlier in the day with spousal abuse and battery for allegedly attacking him on Monday.

Drese, making his fifth career start, gave up three runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Bonds out to break his own record

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

Barry Bonds seems destined to destroy his home run record — by the All-Star break.

Looking unstoppable, Bonds hit two more long homers at Dodger Stadium, leading the San Francisco Giants over Los Angeles 12-0 on Wednesday night.

The man who made 73 a magic number last year joined Hall of Famer Eddie Mathews as the only players in history to open a season with a pair of two-homer games.

Mathews did it for the Milwaukee Braves in 1958.

'I just try to see it and hit it," Bonds said. "I'm strong enough to hit it out of the ballpark. I'm just trying to stay consistent and hit it.'

In other NL games, San Diego held off Arizona 8-7, Chicago beat Cincinnati 10-3, Florida edged Montreal 6-5. Houston routed Milwaukee 15-2, Philadelphia downed Atlanta 3-1, Colorado beat St. Louis 6-3 and Pittsburgh defeated New York 5-3.

Bonds' stats after two games: 5-for-6, four homers, five runs scored and nine RBIs.

"I think it's natural to be awe-struck a little bit," said winning pitcher Russ Ortiz, who also homered. "We're fans of the game, too. You just feel privileged to play with someone like that. He's spoiling us right now, it's definitely fun to watch."

Bonds2 two homers both over 440 feet - gave him 571 overall, two behind Harmon Killebrew for sixth

place on the career list. The four-time MVP put the Giants ahead for good in the first inning with a threerun homer off Hideo Nomo that sailed an estimated 443

In the fourth, Bonds went even deeper, launching a 459foot drive.

"You just accept it, you know what I mean?" Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "You accept it and be thankful for it."

Padres 8, Diamondbacks 7

San Diego stopped its shutout streak at Arizona, then won when Trevor Hoffman retired Steve Finley with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth.

The World Series champion Diamondbacks, behind Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling, blanked the Padres in the first two games of the

D'Angelo Jimenez led off the game with a double and scored on Ron Gant's sacrifice fly. Jimenez hit a goahead single as San Diego scored three times in the ninth for an 8-5 lead.

Arizona scored twice in the bottom half and loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth, but Finley hit a foul pop on a 3-1 pitch. Cubs 10, Reds 3

Sammy Sosa hit his first home run of the season and Kerry Wood struck out 10 in just five innings as Chicago won at Cincinnati.

The game was out of hand in the ninth when Reds reliever Luis Pineda hit two batters and was ejected by plate umpire Mike Everitt. The benches and bullpens emptied, though no punches were thrown.

Marlins 6, Expos 5

Before a crowd of only 4,779 at Olympic Stadium, Montreal was not able to pull off another late rally against Florida.

slam and A.J. Burnett pitched shutout ball into the eighth for the Marlins. Trailing 6-1 in the ninth,

the Expos made it close when

Derrek Lee hit a grand

Michael Barrett hit a solo home run and Vladimir Guerrero hit a three-run shot. With a runner on first, Lee Stevens made the final out. On Tuesday night, the

Expos opened by rallying from a 6-1 deficit before a crowd of 34,351.

Phillies 3, Braves 1

Vicente Padilla went six innings to win in his first major league start and Pat Burrell homered

Philadelphia at Turner Field. Padilla earned a spot in the rotation after posting a 2.77 ERA in spring training. He had made 83 relief appear-

ances in the majors. Astros 15, Brewers 2

Daryle Ward did a nice imitation of Moises Alou, hitting a three-run homer and an

RBI double at Astros Field. Ward, whose home run highlighted an eight-run fourth inning, tied a career high with three hits. Houston is hoping he can be the fulltime replacement for Alou, who signed with the Cubs.

Brad Ausmus also homered and drove in four runs before a crowd of 23,381, the smallest in the three-season history of the ballpark that used to be called Enron Field. Rockies 6, Cardinals 3

Larry Walker hit a threerun homer and Colorado picked on Garrett Stephenson at Busch Stadium.

Stephenson, returning from reconstructive elbow surgery, gave up six runs and six hits in four innings.

Pirates 5, Mets 3

Pokey Reese hit a goahead, two-run single in the sixth inning after an error by Gold Glove second baseman Roberto Alomar, giving Pittsburgh its first win of the

Mo Vaughn hit his 300th career home run — his first in the NL - and came out of the dugout to acknowledge the cheers at Shea Stadium.

Horoscope MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2002 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

* * Make it OK to start the week at a sonal matters demand greater attention and feedback. Check out investments. If your taxes aren't complete, now is the time to tackle them! Tonight: Close your door and clear out bills, taxes and mail. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

* * * Reach out for others and speak clearly to them. You have an important message. Treat your missive as such, and it will be received as you would like it to be. Meetings prove to be provocative LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) but, on some level, entertaining. Network more. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Consider the ramifications of another's folly and choose not to partici- concentration into each project, one at a PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) pate. Take your time with a boss who has time. Tonight: Tame a tendency to be a *** Others look to you for decimany good ideas. You will find success whirlwind working within the system rather than SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) out of it. Think of different approaches. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ** * * Remain positive in the presence of new information, experts' sug- rect one. Start thinking in terms of a BORN TODAY: gestions and your own ingenuity. What vacation or getaway. Seek out informa- Musician Julian Lennon (1963); former you can be sure of is that there is an tion. Tonight: Ask a loved one for his or Patricia Arquette (1968)

answer that might be eluding you right her vacation ideas now, but not for long. Brainstorm away. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Solutions will appear. Tonight: Make *** An opportunity to enhance your

sure to videotape a favorite show. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** * Work with someone, using growth. Not everything is as plain as you his or her resilience and ideas. You know would like it to be. Someone might have how to bring out the best in others; jump a convoluted way of presenting financial at the opportunity and do just that. You matters. Tonight: Order in. Work easy. slower-than-normal pace. Perhaps per- realize that there are many avenues to CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19) create a better partnership and financial *** Express yourself as concisely

> VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) preferences. Getting feedback could be work. Catch up on the weekend news. helpful designing the best course of AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) action. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

energy in many different directions. Your past work. Tonight: Play away. knee-jerk reaction proves to be the cor-

financial well-being might be too good to say "no" to. Think in terms of gain and

relationship. Tonight: Talk over dinner. as possible. Others listen and might be disposed to following your ideas * * Dig into your imagination for Though you might not be totally aware answers, especially if the questions of it, right now you're in a leadership involve a loved one or friend. Work for position. Make what you want a reality. the common good, listening to others' Tonight: Join a friend for munchies after

* * Review paperwork, especially as a mistake could be costly. Carefully think * Much drops on you out of the through a decision that involves work subtly. A friendship could develop into blue, though if you step back, you'll see and business. You might not be as clear it is for the best. Unless you focus, your about a project as you would like to be dynamic energy could easily diffuse in Keep asking and answering questions. several different directions. Funnel your Dialogue away. Tonight: Treat someone.

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Responding to a proposal from the president of the European Commission for an international conference to mediate a ceasefire and peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians, Powell said: "The immediate problem is to get control over the terrorism and the violence in the region. I am not in a position to call for a conference, unless we know what purpose that conference would serve."

Until violence is stopped, Powell said, 'conferences that lay out different kinds of political goals or new political initiatives just take us off the main point."

Powell's predecessor, Madeleine Albright, said Thursday that the Bush administration is not using its influence in the Middle East. "I do think Secretary Powell needs to go to the region," she said on NBC's "Today." "The bottom line is that the United States is the only power that will be listened to by both

Albright said both Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat are making mistakes.

"I really do think we are watching two old, stubborn men who have had a lifetime hatred of each other being played out on a scene where hundreds of people are endangered and

WASHINGTON (AP) - Secretary of people are dying," she said. "They need to forget their personal animosity and think about the national interests of their people."

Powell said, in response to intense pressure for a higher-profile Bush administration role in settling the conflict, "I would not rule out meeting with anybody where it would serve a useful purpose.

"My mind is open," Powell said. "We are examining all possibilities."

In a Wednesday interview with CBS' "60 Minutes II," Powell said he was reviewing what he should do. "It's not out of the question that I might go to the region," he said. "It depends. ... I have to go to the region if I have a purpose that I can serve, and there is something concrete to be done."

Also, Powell said, he intends to step up his efforts to have a Palestinian state emerge quickly, once negotiations are resumed.

"The Palestinian people have to see that there is a political process, and not just a cease-fire and security process, ... which will lead quickly to a Palestinian state," he said.

Declaring American mediation so far a failure, the European Union called for a broad alliance of nations, including the United States, to take over peacemaking.

European Commission President Romano Prodi, in Luxembourg for a meeting of EU foreign ministers, said, "It is clear that (American) mediation efforts have failed and we need new mediation."

Powell is due to meet with his European counterparts in Madrid, Spain, next week.

Puppy Protection Act causing uproar

WASHINGTON (AP) -Dog breeders and animal welfare groups are scrapping over had human contact are easier to a bill passed by the Senate that would require puppies to have plenty of human contact before they are put up for sale.

The Puppy Protection Act, part of a Senate-approved overhaul of farm programs, also would specify how often dogs could be bred.

The American Kennel Club says the rules could unleash federal inspectors to poke around private homes all over the country.

"If the people who are currently closest to dogs - breeders, veterinarians and animal behaviorists — don't have a consensus as to how is the best way to raise a dog, then how can the federal government have a way?" asked AKC spokeswoman Stephanie Robinson.

Backers of the bill, led by United States and the American Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, say puppies that have manage and less likely to be abandoned by their new own-

"It's real important that animals be properly socialized and be able to fit within the family setting and the community," said the ASPCA's Lisa Weisberg.

The act, which the Senate passed on a voice vote, is one of several animal welfare provisions that were added to either the Senate or House versions of the farm bill.

They all are in trouble as negotiators write the final legislation.

One measure would ban trafficking in bear parts. Others would forbid the interstate shipment of fighting birds and stop the marketing of sick and injured livestock.

The Agriculture Department the Humane Society of the regulates 3,400 breeders of dogs and other animals and inspects them about once a

year to ensure they meet sanitary standards and other requirements.

The act includes a threestrikes-you're-out provision that would revoke a breeder's license after a third violation.

"We're talking about establishing a safety net to protect dogs, puppies, and the consumers who care about them against the poor treatment practices of the really bad dealers," said Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.

The department now regulates only breeders whose puppies are sold through pet stores. But the rules potentially could be imposed on many more breeders if animal welfare groups are successful in winning a lawsuit.

A federal judge ruled last year that the department should regulate breeders who sell directly to the public as well as to stores. The case is now on appeal. There would be an exemption for people who keep fewer than four female

ORCA to stage annual rural health summit

AUSTIN — The Office of communities. Rural Community Affairs, federally recognized as the State Office of Rural Health, has announced it will host the Fourth Annual Rural Health Summit May 22 at Temple, Texas.

The free annual one-day event is being staged to encourage the development of networks, partnerships and collaborative efforts designed to reinforce and support the healthcare infrastructure in rural Texas.

The 2002 Summit will influence and responsibilities

The event will include specific forums for the discussion of the interdependent role healthcare plays in community development. To ensure that all perspectives are represented, ORCA has extended an open invitation to rural healthcare representatives, stakeholders, policy makers, community leaders, economic development professionals, partners, and citizens to attend and participate in the day's discussions and activities.

Topics slated for discussion address the broad scope of at the Summit include "Access to Services," "Workforce healthcare has in rural Texas Issues," "Access to Funding"

"Healthcare

Community Involvement." "We are looking forward to gaining a better understanding of the vital role healthcare plays in the development of our rural communities through these discussions," said Robt. J. "Sam" Tessen, MS, ORCA executive director. "To have healthy, productive healthcare we need healthy, productive communities. This Summit will help all of us learn how to better focus our rural healthcare and other important resources toward supporting the development of rural communities."

The first Rural Health Summit, held in 1999, initiated a dialog between a broad spectrum of rural health players, including key state leaders, state health regulators, policy experts and rural health professionals.

The second Summit focused on setting a rural health agenda for health care advocacy in Texas. The following year, the Summit provided a forum for all those interested in rural healthcare to determine top rural healthcare issues and concerns, and discuss actions needed to address those concerns.

Interested Texans are encouraged to contact ORCA to register to attend the Summit. ORCA will accept registrations until May 8, 2002. For more information, contact ORCA: P.O. Box 12877, Austin, TX 78711; 936-6701; www.orca.state.tx.us.

