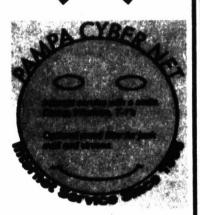
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## STATE

#### Bill would add \$15 fee to vehicle title transfers

AUSTIN (AP) - A state senator proposed a \$15 vehicle title transfer fee Tuesday for a program to help bring Texas into compliance with federal clean-air standards.

The proposal by Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, replaces a bill approved by the House last week that would levy a 3-cents a gallon tax on diesel fuel.

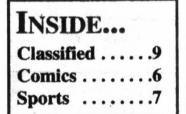
Harris' bill aims to generate money for a program called the Texas Emissions Reduction Program, which would target diesel emissions. Lawmakers are under pressure to fund it because it is needed for plans to help bring the Houston and Dallas regions into compliance with federal clean air laws.

#### DEATHS

Lillian Brunson, 92, former Pampan.

Doris M. Eckroat, 75, retired waitress.

Juanita McCarthy, 88, services pending.



#### **WEST TEXAS** LANDSCAPE

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daddy. "He said, 'Mr. Fulton, your

coach for the Frank Phillips

Association board of direc-

High winds coming in with the area's first spring storm front Tuesday lifted up.

Tuesday night, leaving behind uprooted trees miles per hour at the height of the storm, but

A tractor-trailer rig was overturned south of said, adding that winds today have remained at

from the storms that moved across the South adding that he expects the wind to lessen as the

and power lines and tearing the roofs from a suspects some winds were even stronger.

torms sweep area

a section of the Cottage Collection building on 23rd Street.

A line of storms packing strong winds and meteorologist.

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

swirling dust pushed through parts of Texas

There were no immediate reports of injuries

Plains and Texas Panhandle into areas of North

A deep surface low that revved up in

Colorado and moved to the northwest of the

few homes in Wellington.

STAFF WRITER

regional collegiate rodeo, she

"She's not on the rodeo

"She's dating a calf roper,"

The college team needed a

place for a rodeo, Neil said.

renting an arena - and losing

money on their rodeos.

father Neil Fulton.

Neil Fulton explained.

Mary Fulton said.

this," Neil said.

my Daddy."

Slaton and in El Paso.

Fulton asked what it would when the rodeo club there cost to use the Pampa rodeo

"They said, 'Not a thing," knew just who to turn to, her Neil said. "Bring it to

The rodeo board talked team, but she runs with them," with City Manager Mitch Grant, Mayor Lonny Robbins and Chamber of Commerce

"This is a win-win situation for the City of Pampa," Neil "Frank Phillips College said. "It's a winning situation does not have an arena to do for Borger and Frank Phillips College. It isn't costing them a The college rodeo team had penny to come over here and

They are expecting some 400 contestants from 15 col-"It was expensive," Neil leges for the Southwest

The schools include such rodeo powerhouses as At Schuyler's direction, Tarleton State University and Rodney Purswell, the rodeo Sul Ross University.

(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Texas Panhandle created the intense winds,

explained Darrell Sehorn, KGRO-KOMX

He measured the winds in Pampa at 52

"It's hit close to 50 this morning," Sehorn

"We're on the back side of the low," he said,

Pampa received an official .27-inch of rain,

(See STORMS, Page 3)

#### **PFC Heather Parry**

Branch of service: U.S. Marine Corps

Rank: Private First Class Job description: Military police Enlisted: Oct. 28, 2002 Stationed: Fort Leonardwood,

Parents: Walt and Barbara Parry

special U.S. troops.

"yellow" Wednesday for the ately known. first time since March 17, days

forces before the war began. Baghdad home of a microbiol- Baghdad, backed by about 40 U.S. troops and Iraqi civilians ogist nicknamed "Dr. Germ" Marines with machine guns, since Saddam Hussein's who ran Iraq's secret biologi- was carried out at the home of regime was toppled. cal laboratory. In the northern Rihab Taha, who was in city of Mosul, tensions were charge of a laboratory that of the U.S. Central Command, high after anti-American weaponized anthrax. Troops at a briefing Wednesday, said unrest in which, according to brought out boxes of docu- American troops were trying U.S. Central Command, seven ments and three men with their to secure a government build-

In Washington, the Bush Amer Mohammed Rashid, at them, hitting them with administration lowered the Iraq's former oil minister. Her

Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks

## **Heard: Crall** leaving town By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor everywhere we can." Crall Products, Inc., is leaving Pampa, Curtis Heard, pres- worked with us," said Heard.

ident and owner of the company, said today. He said he has offered to take all 28 employees to the yet-to-be-decided location.

The action is in response to Development Corporation handle the closing down of the decision Monday night to sell PEDC the company's past due notes.

Heard offered to settle his Pampa voters. notes with the PEDC by pay-

Land and building note is were appointed by the Pampa \$190,987.91 while the equip- City Council. ment note is \$48,050. Accrued interest on the land and build- headstrong to close out the ing note is more than \$3,000 and \$519 on the equipment work with us so we're going to note, and is several months pack up our equipment and behind on the payments.

that he is confident the compa- choice.' ny's sales will return, saying Pampa.

there are these types of highs and lows in this type of busi-

ness mostly due to the economy," he said. "We've cut

"The previous PEDC board "Sometimes we were just paying interest on the notes. They worked with us."

All members of the PEDC board prior to the dissolution election resigned, and five the Pampa Economic new ones were appointed to following November 2001 election of

Heard said he isn't pleased ing 25 percent of the balance. with the new board's handling Balance on Crall Products of the accounts since they

"The new board is going note," he said. "They won't inventory and leave Pampa. Heard said this morning. We're not going to have much

Heard said all employees of they have slowly been increas- the company will be offered ing in recent months. He said positions at the new location. he doesn't want to leave He said he will be taking on a partner, and moving to one of "However, this new PEDC three locations, saying the desboard doesn't understand that tination has not been finalized.

(See CRALL, Page 3)

# College Rodeo daughter said you know how to put on a rodeo," Neil said with a laugh.

30 to 40 miles per hour.

sun goes down this afternoon.

They met, then Neil talked

It all started when Schuyler Fulton told her friends, "Call to the Top O' Texas Rodeo Schuyler is a student at tors.

Frank Phillips College, and needed help hosting the facilities.

Pampa."

executive Clay Rice.

been going to Amarillo and put on a rodeo." Regional College Rodeo.

This year, they are in the

"This is new to me," Mary College team, called her said. "I was always a city

(See RODEO, Page 3)

# **U.S. forces raid home** of biological lab chief

## By DAVID CRARY

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Wednesday raided the people were killed by U.S. hands up.

national terror alert level to whereabouts weren't immedi-

The incident in Mosul, which occurred Tuesday, was The special force raid in one of the worst involving

ing when a crowd of towns-Taha is the wife of Gen. people began throwing rocks

(See IRAQ, Page 3)

FRANK PHILLIPS / WEST TEXAS A & M SOUTHWEST REGIONAL RODEO At The Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena. Performances At 7:00 PM Thursday, 7:00 PM Friday, 2:00 PM Saturday Adults \$5.00 Each - Children 12 And Under Free

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Mrs. Eckroat was born Feb. 3, 1928, in Elk City, Okla. She came to Pampa in 1958 from Clinton, Okla. She married Virgil Eckroat in May of 1960 in Pampa. He preceded her in death in 1997.

She worked as a waitress at the White Way Cafe and the Coronado Inn for many years, retiring in 1972.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and George Pappas of The Woodlands; a son and daughter-in-law, Don and Melanie Carter of Pampa; three sisters, Hazel McLaughlin of Weatherford, Okla., Uvon Todd of Memphis, Texas, and Evon Flippo of Pampa; two grandchil-



by her parents, Allen and Inez Beth Hall; a daughter, Judy Barnett; a granddaughter, Kellie Carter; and a brother, Allen Hall.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101; or Tralee Crisis Center, P.O. Box 2880, Pampa, TX 79066-2880.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

#### JUANITA McCARTHY

Juanita McCarthy, 88, of Pampa, died Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Tuesday, April 15, 2003, in Pampa. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

#### **LILLIAN BRUNSON** 1910-2003

TOPEKA, Kan. — Lillian Brunson, 92, died Saturday, April 12, 2003. Services were to be at 11 a.m., today at Lowell-Tims Funeral Home Chapel in Altus, Okla., with Bill Osborne officiating. Burial will be in Hess Cemetery in Oklahoma under the direction of Lowell-Tims Funeral Home of Altus.

Mrs. Brunson was born Dec. 18, 1910, at Tipton, Okla., to Theodore Hall Steen and Ella Black Steen. She grew up in the Hess area and graduated from Hess High School in 1928.

She married Cromer Brunson on Oct. 10,

1931; he died in 1985. The couple moved to Pampa in 1946 and to the Jackson County area in Oklahoma in 1978.

She was a member of Elm and Hudson Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Theodore and Ella Steen; two brothers, Herman Steen and Thurman "Rusty" Steen; and four sisters, Lizzie Risinger, Dorotha Lovett, Flora Long and Alice Kirby.

Survivors include a daughter, Glenda Quisenberry of Topeka; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

#### **SERVICES TOMORROW**

**ECKROAT,** Doris M. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

## ON RECORD

#### **POLICE**

following arrests and incidents. Monday, April 14

James Earl Camp, 61, 205 Tignor, was arrested on municipal warrants for open container and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Tuesday, April 15

Stanley Coleman, 64, 308 Anne, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, second offense and assault causing bodily injury upon a family member.

Jesus Rodriguez, 23, 417 Faulkner, was arrested on Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace warrants for burglary of a building and evading

Miguel Angel Nada, 17, 1153 Prairie Drive, was arrested on municipal warrants for running a stop sign, no valid drivers license and failure to appear. He was also arrested on capias profine warrants for driving with license suspend-

Pampa Police Department today reported the ed and no proof of financial responsibility. Jason Lee Bovee, 29, of Amarillo, was

> Palm pilot computer and 15 CDs were reported as stolen to the PPD. Estimated loss was \$1,000.

arrested on municipal warrant for theft under

A wallet/checkbook was turned into the PD as found property.

Theft of service was reported in the 1000 block of South Dwight. According to the police report, residents bypassed the water valve to obtain water, and the water meter received \$50 damage in the process.

An assault by threat was reported to the PD. Drug paraphernalia was reported found at Pampa High School.

A theft of a purse/wallet was reported to the PD. According to the report, it contained phone cards and shopping cards.

#### **FIRE**

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

Tuesday, April 15

10 a.m. - One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

10:07 a.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a report of a downed power line in the 1100 block of South Hobart.

4:07 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2100 block of Texas Highway 152 West.

#### SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department today reported the following arrests.

Tuesday, April 15

Rocky Dwayne Harris, 39, of Amarillo, was arrested on a grand jury indictment on bond surrender. Original charge was possession of a firearm.

#### **AMBULANCE**

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

Tuesday, April 15

8:07 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical

10:01 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville; one patient was transported to PRMC.

4:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 8200 block of Highway 152; one patient was transported to PRMC.

5:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Somerville; no patient was trans-5:22 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

1000 block of West Harvester; no patient was

7:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to United Medical Center in Lubbock.

## WEATHER FOCUS

#### **PAMPA**

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the mid 70s and northwest winds ly cloudy. Breezy. Chance of showers and thun-25 to 35 mph with gusts to 45 mph decreasing derstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. Chance of rain to 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Caution is 30 percent. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. advised on area lakes. Tonight should be partly Chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in cloudy with lows in the mid 40s and northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid

40s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Saturday, mostthe lower 40s. Chance of rain 30 percent. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 50s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Chance of rain 20 percent.

#### **STATEWIDE**

Rainfall dampened North Texas overnight, but the region escaped severe weather from a fast-moving storm sys-

Scattered showers and thunderstorms moved east across the region early Wednesday, producing little measurable precipitation.

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near 40 mph, turning to the west in western parts of North

Skies then began clearing

as humidities dropped. Early-morning temperatures ranged from 46 degrees

at Marfa to 65 at Dryden.

the south at 20 to 30 mph, region. Winds were west at 25

becoming westerly at 10 to 15

Skies were mostly cloudy

in the Panhandle and partly cloudy in the far western

Winds were mostly from in the northern half of the to 40 mph, with gusts to near

> Continued windy conditions were forecast in West Texas and the Panhandle, with wind advisories posted for the northern half of the state.

Daytime highs should be in the 60s and 80s with some 90s along the Big Bend.

Lows overnight were north to the 50s in the south.

mph in West Texas.

mountains and South Texas.

A strong upper level low moving across the Central Plains produced strong winds

Clear to partly cloudy conditions were expected through Thursday.

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#### CARSON CO. SHERIFF

Carson County Sheriff's office booked four persons into the county jail during the week of April 7-13. Currently, there are 12 persons incarcerated in this jail and an additional 20 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests made this week:

Michael Smith, 18, of Panhandle, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Marvin Prentice, 27, of Panhandle, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, penalty group one, less than one gram and evading arrest or detention with a vehi-

Martha Woods-Easter, 46, of Pampa, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first

Jamie Starks, 21, of Claude, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury.

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# Budget debate to be lengthy, heated

AUSTIN (AP) — A West Texas program created to aug- Conservation Board's brush ment the region's depleted eradication program was a water supply came under pilot created to help reduce attack Tuesday by urban law- water-hindering cedar and makers attempting to over- mesquite vegetation in the come a \$9.9 billion budget drought-ridden San Angelo

successive amendments that of capacity. would transfer some of the \$10 service programs to low- Campbell, R-San Angelo. income Texans.

The Soil and Water area. The rampantly growing As tense budget delibera- brush limits water reserves in tions moved into day two, the O.H. Ivie Reservoir, urban Democrats offered up already depleted to 36 percent

The reservoir is the primary million in state funds for the water source for San Angelo, brush control assistance pro- Midland, Odessa and soon gram to restore slashed social Abilene, said Rep. Scott

"We're drying up out

there," Campbell said. Campbell and

Republicans — the House majority - rejected the amendments that would use those funds for programs such as a frail and elderly community care program and increasing personal allowance payments for nursing home and hospice patients. "They thought it was an

easy target," Campbell said late Tuesday night, after it had become clear that the program and escaped harm. "The program is just misunderstood." The House moved swiftly

through a stack of amendments, staying in session through the wee hours for the second consecutive night. Education appropriations were first on the list to be tackled Wednesday morning.

Also Tuesday, Republican lawmakers rejected several attempts by a handful of Democrats to reduce funding to courthouse preservation in favor of restoring social services to low-income Texans.

In another vote, lawmakers rejected an attempt to pit funding for the arts against money to help disabled peo-

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## **STORMS**

Sehorn said.

Pampa firefighters were dispatched to a downed power line in the 1100 block of South Hobart Tuesday morning, about the time the front began to sweep through the area. Pampa police officials this morning said they received no reports related to the weather, but police department radio traffic later this morning indicated a traffic signal at the major intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart streets was hanging by a single screw and would need repair.

The roof of the Cottage Collection store on West 23rd Street sustained major damage as a result of the storm.

"Come see what the wind

brought in," said a woman identifying herself as "Helen" at Tip Top Used Cars, 848 W. Brown. Employees discovered two wild turkeys wandering in the alley behind the car lot when they came to work this morning, she said.

"We were watching (the storms), but the severe storms really didn't go over Pampa," said Ken Hall, City of Pampa director of emergency management. "We did have the EOC (Emergency **Operations** Center) open."

Hall said one cell went across the Alanreed and McLean area but didn't intensify until it hit Wheeler County causing some damage there.

Another strong storm cell crossed northwest of Pampa, he said. This cell reportedly pro-

duced winds in excess of 70 miles per hour in Amarillo. Panhandle authorities reported one of the law enforcement vehicles had a window blown

Wellington Collingsworth County, a sheriff's department spokesman said the high winds blew the roofs off three or four homes and a gas station.

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## CRALL

He said the locations under consideration are on the Gulf Coast, one within 100 miles and another within 300 miles.

"We would have liked to have stayed in Pampa," he said. "I've paid \$40,000 in interest."

Heard said the note originated in 1996 or 1997, and was for \$250,000.

His company builds vessels for oil field work, he said.

The PEDC's Monday night decision was made after lengthy discussion concerning Heard's response in a letter to the PEDC. His letter responded to a letter from the entity's attorney on March 19 regarding his past due note.

Working to clear the books on the dissolving taxing entity as mandated by Pampa voters, PEDC board extensively discussed their options as they weighed his proposal.

he has to pay the note, it "would be the straw that would break our back, putting 28 Pampa families out of a job."

Heard delivered the letter to Board Member Bill Allison about 4 p.m. Monday, an hour before the PEDC meeting.

The solution Heard offered to the PEDC was for him to either pay interest only on the note until the company cash flow returns, or for him to attempt to get private financing and dissolve the note.

In the letter Heard said: "Crall Products, Inc., has had a decrease in sales in the past three years from \$3.5 million to just over \$1 million. This business has to maintain a high cash flow at all times. That's just the nature of the

manufacturing business. "With the constant decrease in sales, our cash flow is at an all-time low. As I have been expecting, our sales are returning. In order to continue working with a low cash flow and still keep our skilled labor, we have had to cut in all other areas, until sales return, while paying out over six million dollars in payroll since the deal

"Also, something to keep in mind is that Crall has an interpercent interest money or for-

"I can offer a couple of options to try and resolve this situation. I can go and get private financing and dissolve the note from PEDC and release PEDC from insurance and tax Property burdens. \$48,565.21 and the equipment

interest only until our cash flow returns enough to resume full payments and then eventually catch up on back pay-

"If either one of these options interest you, let me know and we can work out details and go on record.

"I hope we can work though this, because this would be the straw that would break our back, putting 28 Pampa families out of a job."

Board Member Dalton Lewis said in the Monday night meeting he didn't think it would be in the interest of the PEDC or the citizens of Pampa to accept Heard's proposal.

Board member Allison said, "I cannot vote to put 28 people out of a job. We can't lose those jobs in Pampa."

He said in talking to Heard he has some uncollectable accounts which haven't been paid to him and that his cash flow has declined. "There's a

lot of extenuating circumstances," he said.

Allison also said that Heard is still in town and didn't leave town owing the PEDC over \$2 million dollars.

Board member Steve Phillips said, "This is not our fault, but we're going to lose one way or the other."

Phillips said that Heard has been visited five or six times by PEDC officials over the past two years trying to get the matter resolved.

"He made this deal," said Phillips. "We have got to try to recover as much as possible for the PEDC."

Board members unanimously voted Monday night to attempt to sell the notes to another financial institution or individual to get the account resolved, and to evaluate all proposals in 60 days. In the meantime, the board also said it wants Heard to be paying interest on the past due notes.

"Mary has, too," Neil said.

"This has been fun," she

We have been an outstanding

team together. I'm so proud of

Mary said.

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#### CONT. FROM PAGE IRAO

fists, spitting at them and setting cars afire. He said some of the Americans fired back after shots were fired at them and some members of the crowd began trying to climb over a wall into the government compound.

"Fire was, indeed, delivered from coalition forces. It was lethal fire, and some Iraqis were killed ... on the order of seven," Brooks said. "The attacking was occurring from two sides and there was clear observation of men with weapons involved in firing on the building."

Another shooting occurred in Mosul on Wednesday; hospital officials said three people were killed and 11 wounded. Some of those wounded accused American troops of firing at them from rooftops, but a Marine sergeant denied that and said Americans on one roof were only returning gunfire from another building.

The overall commander of the war, Gen. Tommy Franks visited Baghdad on Wednesday, his first trip to the capital since combat.

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Martin and Hext Rodeo

Collegiate Rodeo Finals next summer in Cody, Wyoming. Neil wants to have the con-

"We're wanting to follow up

He said the college rodeo is like putting another business in Pampa. City officials expect the three-day rodeo to bring in several hundred thousand dol-

almost all booked.

Neil and Mary, who run Bob Clements Cleaners, said they Pampa that wants to go to the don't expect to do a lot of dry cleaning business, but they do expect to benefit from the rodeo.

> into the community will eventually end up in the city's coffers and go to help maintain

"To me, this is a super deal,"

#### that way ever since day one. said. "And now I have a son on It's so great. It's like Pampa is the rodeo board. Her son, Tommy Parks, was pulling together, and we're headed in the right direction. I elected to the board last month. feel really feel this in my heart. "Now, I can retire," Neil We really pulling together." quipped. "Neil has worked at this," Mary just rolled her eyes.



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# RODEO

She said that while she has been to rodeos, it was only occasionally until she teamed up with Neil.

Mary is from Pampa. Neil is from Donley County.

"When I got old enough," Neil said, "I crawled out of Donley County and got here when I was about four."

Neil has been involved in the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association for more than three decades.

"I've been on the board of directors for over 30 years," But his association with the

Top O' Texas Rodeo

Association predates that. "I rode in the Kids Pony Show ever since I was seven or eight years old," Neil said. "Me and my brother rode and roped. We rode bulls and bare-

older." Mary said he got wiser, the older he got.

back horses when we got

"I rodeoed for about 20 years," he said. Since the mid-1970s he's

and Oklahoma.

judged a lot of rodeos in Texas

"That five dollar ticket will let you in all day," Neil said. "There are a lot of contestants that can't go during the perslack. You can go up to that gate and buy a five dollar ticket and it's good for all day long.

penny." rodeo can.

James Martin of Morse is providing the stock. Neil said he's drawing from four different rodeo strains.

It was about the first of February when Neil put his experience to work.

There will be performances at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and at 2 p.m. Saturday. Slack will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday and run until the evening performance. It will begin again at 9 a.m. Friday and run until the performance.

formance and have to go in the For five dollars you can go watch the slack, you can go home and eat supper and come back at seven o'clock, and it isn't going to cost you another

Neil said that the prices were set so that everybody in

"There's a man bringing

ple falling in and going to Company out of Canadian are work. They did. The Mayor, I providing some of the stock. can't say enough about him. He said, 'Whatever you need, "They're topping the bucking horses and bulls in the area Neil, let me know.' It's been and bringing them here," Neil The top 10 in each event go on to the conference finals to try for a shot at the National

ference finals here in Pampa

on this," Neil said. "This is our goal to do this every year.

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Part of the money it brings

Neil said that he's been roping calves out of New the city's services. involved in rodeos forever and Mexico," Neil said. "A guy out Mary has been involved since of Amarillo has some bulls and PET OF THE W **"Shelby"** This older female gray & white Persian is spayed & declawed. Shots are due. "Titan" This 2 year old female, black & white, long hair is spayed & declawed. Shots are due. Shelby & Titan grew up together and are indoor pets. They're loving and in need of a home. Please Have Your Pet Vaccinated... IT'S THE LAW! For information about these pets or any other contact the Animal Shelter at 669-5775 or come by their location at Hobart Street Park. NEW HOURS Monday-Friday 9-6, Office Open To The Public 5-6 p.m., Closed Weekends & Holidays

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# SARS mothers give birth to children with same symptoms

BY MIN LEE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HONG KONG (AP) — Three babies born to Hong Kong mothers with severe acute respiratory syndrome have difficulty breathing and look like they may have the illness although they initially tested negative, a pediatrician said Wednesday.

The babies were delivered prematurely by Caesarean section to avoid complications from medicines used to treat SARS and because the mothers were seriously ill, Dr. Hon Kam-lun told The Associated Press.

All three tested negative for the coronavirus that is believed to case SARS, but Hon said they "increasingly resemble" SARS cases. It is possible the premature births also made them susceptible to health problems, he said.

Two have a fever, which is common in SARS patients, said Hon, who teaches at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and has been monitoring the babies.

One of the mothers, a 34-year-old, was among nine people whose deaths were reported on Tuesday, Hong Kong's biggest one-day total

yet. The disease has sickened 1,232 people here completed a new gene map of the suspected and killed at least 56.

The other two mothers are still alive. Hon said he had no information on their conditions, but he said they were young.

All three mothers were taking the anti-viral drug ribavirin, Hon said, and doctors had been worried about side effects in pregnant women.

Hong Kong doctors have been treating many SARS patients with a combination of ribavirin and steroids. They say it has been effective in many cases.

But in a discouraging development, the acting chief executive of the Hospital Authority, Dr. Ko Wing-man, was quoted Wednesday as saying 10-20 percent of Hong Kong's SARS patients were not responding well to treatment. The report on RTHK radio did not specify which types of treatment he was talking about.

Hong Kong's health secretary, Dr. Yeoh Engkiong, had predicted previously that 95 percent of SARS victims — assuming they had no serious pre-existing health problems and got early treatment — would recover with help from ribavirin and steroids.

Meanwhile, Hong Kong researchers have

SARS virus and said Wednesday they know it came from animals — a finding they hope will eventually lead to a vaccine.

Officials have ordered quarantines of some people as Hong Kong fights back against SARS. A policeman enforcing the isolation of one hardhit apartment development was later diagnosed with the disease, a police spokeswoman said Wednesday.

The male officer had helped cordon off the Amoy Gardens complex, which had about 300 cases of SARS. However, he did not come into contact with any residents of the Block E building that eventually was evacuated, police spokeswoman Cynthia Au said.

Au said it was unclear how the officer was infected, and she did not know his condition.

Globally, SARS has infected more than 3,000 people. At least 154 have died.

A World Health Organization team in Beijing

visited military hospitals on Tuesday to check rumors of unreported cases, but released no

On Wednesday, team members said they would visit new parts of China amid reports of new cases in the northern regions of Shanxi and Ningxia. Most of China's 65 deaths and more than 1,400 cases of infection have been in Guangdong, a southern province.

The WHO said its research in China is the key to knowing how the disease will spread.

"For the present, everything hinges on what we find out in China, as far as our projections," Dr. David Heymann, WHO's executive director of communicable diseases, said at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

In South Korea, Foreign Minister Yoon Young-kwan skipped a Cabinet meeting after returning from a visit to China. An official said Yoon is healthy, but did not want to risk transmitting SARS to the President Roh Moo-hyun.

## Group debates human rights abuses in Cuba

U.N. human rights body debated a resolution censuring Cuba on Wednesday as the communist nation accused States of trying to undermine its stability.

The 53-nation Human Rights Commission postponed a vote on the resolution for one day following two hours of politically charged debate over Cuba's latest crackdown on dissidents.

the United States of trying to strong-arm poor nations into supporting the measure.

"The government of the United States is applying colossal pressures on the countries of Latin America, Africa and others from the Third World," said a govern-

GENEVA (AP) — The top television Tuesday night.

The commission regularly criticizes Cuba, but this year's proposal, put forward by Costa Rica, Peru and "vile lackeys" of the United Uruguay, had been weaker than previous versions, simply calling on Cuba to accept a visit by a U.N. human rights

However, on Wednesday Costa Rica proposed an amendment, saying it was responding to the conviction and sentencing of a large Cuba, meanwhile, accused number of political dissidents in Cuba in the past

> The amendment urged the government of Cuba to "release immediately all these

Cuba said the resolution was sponsored by the "vile lackeys of the Empire, in this case, by ment statement read on state the governments of Peru, actions."

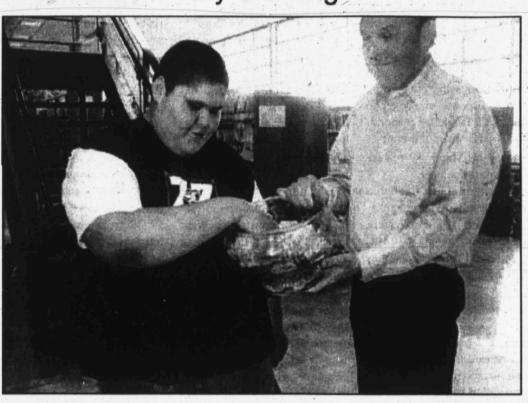
Uruguay and Costa Rica."

Governments and human rights groups around the world have condemned Cuba for jailing the dissidents. The crackdown was followed by the executions Friday of three men convicted of the April 2 hijacking of a ferry filled with passengers in a bid to get to the United States.

"Since this commission began, nearly 80 representatives have been arrested, convicted and sentenced to lengthy terms in summary, sham proceedings," U.S. Ambassador Kevin Moley said during Wednesday's. "While we were sitting here on Friday, Cuba tried and executed three hijackers."

"The totalitarian government of Cuba should be condemned by this body for its

## Friends of Library drawing



Ed Marshall, with Friends of the Library, holds the raffle bowl while Daimond Cordova draws the winning ticket belonging to Bryant Flowers. Flowers won a handsome quilt. The fund-raiser was held recently in conjunction with the local Friends of the Library Book Sale.



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# Gray County 4-Hers participate in District 1 contest

What do sunscreen, recordable CDs, insect repellent, DVD players, backpacks, cell phone plans and pickup trucks all have in common? Those are the products that 19 Gray County 4-Her's had to study along with 126 Panhandle youth as they prepared for the District 1 4-H Consumer Decision-Making Contest held recently in Amarillo.

his was Courtney Crawford's fifth year to participate in Consumer Decision-Making. Courtney said sunblock products were the easiest category to learn and DVD players were the most difficult.

Intermediate team members Jessica Baggerman, Ryan



(Community Camera photo by Emily Elliott) (Left-right) Amanda Lawrence and Hilary Zedlitz were named "High Score Individuals" at District 1 competition held recently in Amarillo.

Meagan Baggerman, Crawford and Amanda Lawrence captured first place gold medals in their division while the intermediate team of Garrett Couts, Gabriel Miller and Julie Schuneman received bronze medals for third place.

The senior team of Courtney Crawford, Drake Jackson and Ashlee Lucas won bronze medals, finishing third in their division.

In individual competition, Hilary Zedlitz was awarded a silver medal for Junior High Score Individual; Amanda Lawrence received a silver medal for Intermediate High Score Individual.

Other Gray Co. 4-Her's participating in the competition were Ty Baggerman, Meredith Couts, Rebecka Lawrence, Tyler O'Neal, Ty Youree and Chloe Zedlitz.

This was Courtney Crawford's fifth year to partic-

laking. Courtney said sun- said. block products were the easiplayers were the most diffi-

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ipate in Consumer Decision- sions as an adult," Courtney Baggerman. This is Lora'

"This project involves the est category to learn and DVD positive learning of skills that Co. students will use for the rest of their lives, no matter what "This project will help me their interests in life are," said

second year to coach the decision-making teams for Gray

For more information about this and other 4-H projects, contact the local Extension office at 669-8033.



(Community Camera photo by Emily Elliott)

A number of Gray County 4-Hers participated in District 1 4-H Consumer Decision-Making Contest recently in Amarillo. Above: Those attending included (back row, left-right) Drake Jackson, Courtney Crawford, Ashlee Lucas, Julie Schuneman, Meagan Crawford, Amanda Lawrence, Jessica Baggerman, Lora Baggerman; (middle row, 1-r) Chloe Zedlitz, Hilary Zedlitz, Rebecka Lawrence; (kneeling, 1-r) Ty Baggerman, Gabriel Miller, Tyler O'Neal and Ryan Baggerman. Not pictured: Garrett Couts, Meredith Couts and Ty Youree.

## Newly designed vehicles perform well in crash tests

WASHINGTON (AP) -Five newly designed cars and SUVs performed well in highspeed crash tests by the insurance industry, including a Cadillac sedan that was redesigned after it failed to win the highest rating.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which released the test results Wednesday, tested three SUVs and three luxury sedans by crashing each vehicle into a barrier at 40 miles per hour. The vehicles were angled so the driver's side got the brunt of the

designed for the 2003 model year much force, he said.

according to published reports.

received the highest rating. Those were the midsize Volvo XC90 SUV, the smaller Honda Element comment on Tuesday. and Mitsubishi Outlander SUVs and the Cadillac CTS and Infiniti Q45 cars.

The sixth vehicle tested — the 2002 Acura RL, which was designed several years ago received the second-highest rating "acceptable." Insurance Institute President Brian O'Neill said the front of the Acura collapsed too far into the vehicle, Five vehicles that were newly hit the side of the car with too Insurance Institute's chief operat-

Reports: Talks with North Korea set

A spokesman for Acura didn't respond to a message seeking

The Cadillac CTS also earned an "acceptable" rating in an earlier test, after the institute determined that the air bag deployed too late to offer the best head protection.

Cadillac changed the air bag crash sensors in models made after October 2002, and earned the highest rating when it was tested this second time.

A spokesman for Cadillac diddamaging the legs of the crash-test n't respond to a message seeking dummy. The dummy's head also comment. Adrian Lund, the ing officer, said it's uncommon to

test a vehicle twice because manufacturers don't always make design changes after getting test

O'Neill said automakers are clearly responding to crash-test results and building safer vehicles.

For example, the 1997 Infiniti Q45 got the third-highest rating, or "marginal," when it was tested several years ago. O'Neill said the air bag deployed too late and the legs of the crash-test dummy were

Those problems were solved in the 2003 Infiniti O45. O'Neill

said. Still, the Insurance Institute has suggested that some design changes are needed in SUVs and luxury cars.

For instance, the institute last month criticized the performance of the bumpers on the 2002 Acura RL and the 2003 Cadillac CTS, Mitsubishi Outlander, Volvo XC90 and Infiniti O45, saving they caused costly damage when they were hit at 5 miles per hour. Only the 2003 Honda Element received an "acceptable" rating in those bumper tests.

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ed and at what level," Powell said at a news conference. "The one thing that is absolutely clear, is that

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States,

North Korea and China will hold talks on North

Korea's nuclear program next week in Beijing,

Secretary of State Colin Powell stopped short

of announcing talks Tuesday, but said "a lot of

pieces have come together" in his quest for mul-

tilateral discussions on Pyongyang's nuclear

weapons program. He indicated he was pursuing

"I'm not prepared to announce anything

today with respect to meetings, attendance lev-

els, what is multilateral and how best to get start-

arrangements through diplomatic channels.

at whatever level it starts, and with whatever attendance, it has to ultimately encompass the views and thoughts of all the neighbors in the

North Korea has recently signaled willingness to accept the U.S. approach after months of insisting on one-on-one talks with Washington.

Powell said the quick U.S. military success in Iraq may have influenced North Korea's thinking on opening diplomatic discussions.

The New York Times first reported on next week's meeting. The Washington Post subsequently cited unidentified U.S. and Japanese officials as saying there would be a meeting next week in China and the Kyodo news agency said it will be held on Wednesday.

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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

# **Safe-Haven Laws Give Shelter To Babies Abandoned By Parents**

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to spread the word that the state of Illinois has a "safe haven" law. Instead of taking the drastic step of abandoning a newborn infant, parents need to know that there is an alternative. Babies within three days of birth can be taken to any staffed fire station or hospital You don't have to give your name - no police will be called. Your baby will get medical care and be placed for adoption. This "no questions asked" safe alternative is for parents who might otherwise panic and try to hide the birth by abandoning the infant.

If you or anyone you know needs more information, within Illinois call (800) 252-2873. The number is crave the spotlight. However, when it

papers nationwide, I called my huge audiences friend Bill Lockyer, attorney general for the state of Califor-nia, to ask how many other Class, but not in front of a crowd? SHY CLOWN IN CALIFORNIA states have similar laws. He informed me that 42 states have grace period varies in duration. (Some states demand the child the grace period.)

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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DEAR NO LAUGHING MAT-TER: It could be a nervous habit, or it could be his way of coping with stress. Bring it to his attention and see what he says. Also, as with any other kind of relationship, listen to your gut. If that little voice keeps whispering that there's something not kosher, find another boyfriend.

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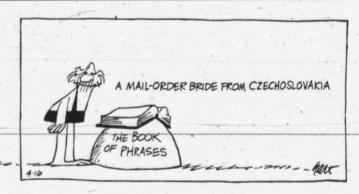


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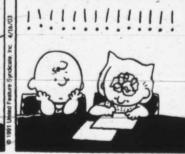




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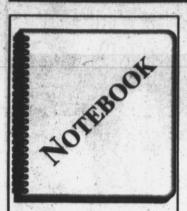
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# **SPORTS**



**FOOTBALL** 

MIAMI (AP) Linebacker Junior Seau joined the Miami Dolphins on Wednesday after passing a physical, completing a long-anticipated trade with the San Diego Chargers, a team source said.

Terms of the deal weren't immediately disclosed. The team scheduled a news conference for later Wednesday, the source said on condition of anonymity.

A 12-time Pro Bowl selection. Seau flew from California to Miami on Tuesday after agreeing to a restructuring of his contract, which runs through 2005.

#### HOCKEY

**EDMONTON**, Alberta (AP) — This time, quick third-period goals gave the Dallas Stars a boost.

Edmonton tied Dallas early in the third period Tuesday night, just as they did in the previous game, but the Stars answered with goals from Stu Barnes and Niko Kapanen for a 3-1 win.

The best-of-seven series will return to Dallas tied at two games apiece. Game 5 is Thursday.

Stars goalie Marty Turco got a familiar feeling when Shawn Horcoff tied the game 2:07 into the third peri-

"It wasn't so much deja vu," Turco said. "It was more like somewhere the hockey gods were giving me

Turco, getting his first taste of the Stanley Cup playoffs, had taken some criticism over a couple of soft goals in Games 1 and 3. But he was solid Tuesday, stopping 27 shots.

And he was happy there were no stinkers.

"You could always lose sleep over them, but we just don't have time," he said.

Unlike Sunday, when the Oilers had a three-goal outburst in the final period, Edmonton was unable to capitalize on the momentum swing.

# Lady Harvesters meet Caprock in showdown for second in district

Pampa takes on Caprock at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in a District 3-4A softball showdown. This will be the final game of the regular season.

Pampa (8-3) and Caprock (7-4) are playing for sole possession of second place after Caprock beat district-leading Dumas 14-11 Tuesday. Caprock can clinch second place with a win. A Caprock win would give both teams identical records, but the Lady Longhorns would hold Harvesters.

PAMPA — Playoff-bound the tiebreaker due to regularseason wins over the Lady Harvesters.

> Should the Harvesters lose, they would still have the third-place playoff spot nailed down.

Dusti Wilson will be pitching for Pampa. Sofia Fluentes is Caprock's probable pitcher.

Dumas has already clinched the district champi-

Fans are urged to come out and support the Lady

#### Game will be re-played Thursday

PAMPA — Bad weather forced the postponement of the Pampa-Palo Duro baseball game Tuesday in Amarillo.

Pampa was ahead 4-0 in the first inning when the game was called. The District 3-4A contest was re-scheduled for

The two teams will start over at 0-0 according to the

In Tuesday's first inning, Jed Martin, Ryan Zemanek, Shea Brown and Johnny Moore all had consecutive doubles for Pampa after the 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Palo first two batters were retired.

## Special Olympians compete in Borger Invitational Meet

STINNETT · -Saturday, April 12, there were 21 Special Olympic athletes Eric Knott and Aaron Hudson; ticipate in the Borger and Taylor Vandergriff; 3. Invitational Track Meet.

Results were as follows: **Running Events** 

50-meter dash: 1. Todd Carter; 1. Lisa Busby; 1. Amee

100-meter walk: 1. Amy Hammer; 2. Debbie Ellis; 2. Mark McMinn; 3. Linda Lou Pierce; 2. Janis Smith.

100-meter dash: 1. Randy Swires; 1.Hector Estrada; 2. Cody Dyer; 1. Eric Knott; 2. Shawn King; 1. Aaron Hudson; 2. Stevie Contrez.

200-meter dash: 1. Liberty Bloxom; 2. Johnny Gallagos. 400-meter dash: 2. Jennifer

800-meter dash: 1. Taylor Vandergriff; 2. Cody Bowers; 3. Josh Brown.

400-meter relay: 1. Hector Estrada, Randy Swires, Josh Brown, Liberty Bloxom and Cody Bowers; 2. Aaron Hudson, Taylor Vandergriff, Cody Dyer, Johnny Gallagos and Stevie Contrez.

**Field Events** 

Shot put: 1. Liberty Bloxom; 2. Randy Swires; 3. Mark McMinn.

Standing long jump: 1.Josh Brown; 2. Hector Estrada and Jennifer Roden.

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Softball throw (male): 1. who traveled to Stinnett to par- 2. Todd Carter, Stevie Contrez Cody Bowers, Cody Dyer and Shawn King.

> Softball throw (female): 1. Amy Hammer; 2. Amee Street and Janis Smith; 3. Lisa Busby and Linda Lou Pierce.

> Fans on hand to cheer the group were Shane and Shelly Dyer, Judy Haynes, Gloria Swires, Katie Shaw, Beverly Ray, Gary Carr, Donald Stuart and Dicky Don Hendricks.

> Also on Saturday, April 4, there were 13 athletes who traveled to Lubbock to participate in the Area 17 Spring Games on the Texas Tech campus. Many medals were brought home that day. Former track helpers Cortney Ritchie, Leslie Ward and Nick Dyer, now attending Texas Tech, came to help out and cheer the athletes on.

Special Olympians will be attending the Perryton Rotary Track Meet on Saturday, April 26; the Area 16 Spring Games at Boys Ranch on May 3 and the Summer State Games in San Marcos on May 21-25.

Coaches this year are Ace Acevedo, Robin Bell, Shannon Loter, Helen Robinson, David Swires and jump: Cindy Cooper.

Pampa tennis players dominated the District JV Tournament. JV

District champs are (front, I-r) Lacie Long (third place) and Lauren Denney (fourth place) (middle row, I-r) Second places: Mitchell Crow. Megan Clark, Lindzi Schiable and Sunil Kamnami; (back row, I-r) district champs: Steven Smith Nick Robbins, Erin Norris, Ashlee Lucus and Austin Morton. Not pictured is Billy Hightower.

# JV tourney was green & gold

green and gold finals at Thursday's Junior Varsity District Tennis Tournament. Pampa had both teams in three of the four finals, winning three of four district JV titles. Pampa took second in three of four events.

In boys singles, Pampa sophomore Austin Morton defeated sophomore teammate Mitchell Crow 2-6, 6-4.

match changed many times and in the end only a few coach Carolyn Quarles. " I in the finals.

AMARILLO - It was a loved the 'fight' I saw in both players."

In boys doubles, freshmen Nick Robbins and Steven Smith of Pampa defeated freshmen Sunil Kamnami and Billy Hightower in the finals 6-4, 6-3. Robbins-Smith defeated Davis-Hallmark of Dumas 6-3, 4-6, 6-0 in the semifinals. Kamnami-Hightower defeated Bain-Lechner of Dumas 6-3, 6-2 in the semifinals.

Erin Norris and freshman semifinals, Ashlee Lucus defeated fresh-

"Norris and Lucus have had a great spring and had success in many varsity tournaments earlier," coach Quarles said.

Norris-Lucus defeated Hornet-Kayla, Randall, 6-0, 6-1 in the semifinals. Clark-Schiable def. Hanes-Light of Randall 7-6, 6-4 in the semifinals.

girls singles. In Plainview's Suzanne Hoel def. Randall's Jennifer Wells "The momentum of the In girls doubles, junior 6-2, 6-0 in the finals. In the Pampa's Lacie Long 1-6, 6points separated these two men teammates Megan Clark 2, 6-2, and Wells def. guys," said Pampa head and Lindzi Schiable 6-2, 6-0 Pampa's Lauren Denny 6-4,

# Red-hot Giants defeat Astros

- The San Francisco Giants didn't need to be perfect to. extend their best start in 85 years - not while the Houston Astros were making enough mistakes for both teams.

Marquis Grissom doubled twice and scored two runs as the Giants got their 13th victory in 14 games, beating the Astros 8-4 Tuesday night.

Houston made four errors

The Astros couldn't navigate the famously unpredictable wind that followed the Giants from Candlestick Park to Pacific Bell Park three years ago, making San Francisco's sixth straight victory a whole lot more comfortable.

"It was a close game except for the errors," Grissom said. "The wind is the same as it's always been here. You've just got to learn it. Before I came and threw a wild pitch, leading over to the Giants in the off-

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) to six runs for San Francisco. season, I had to learn how to play here as a visitor. They're still learning."

> Orlando Merced and Billy Hunter both dropped fly balls in right field. Altogether, the Astros made four errors in a game for the first time since Sept. 19, 2000 — also in San Francisco.

"It was really tough tonight - but you've got to put the ball in play, too," San Francisco manager Felipe

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situations for granted. Your affectionate buster? nature allows you to make headway. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others clearly care a lot about you, but \*\*\* \* Your creativity helps take the upset. Clear the air in a most effective meet someone important this year, but are you might not really know where the LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

5-Dynamic; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

as well as an interpersonal relationship. In some ways, you might feel that today LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) is a repeat of yesterday. Tonight: Closeness works.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \* \* Let others play their cards, and you might be surprised. You don't need to let others know where you're coming from. A debate could be interesting but resolve nothing. Follow your instincts, especially with risks, finances and emotions. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* \* You might not be exactly associate or day-to-day friend. Take time http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. sure what works. A partner or associate to clear the air. Your gestures speak loudcould be unusually difficult as you seek er than words. Tonight: Please yourself. out viable options. Your vision of what SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April might be workable doesn't seem to coin- ★★"Slow down. If you can, take a day cide with anyone else's. Let bygones be just for yourself. The less triggered you Deal with others directly, refusing to take bygones. Tonight: How 'bout a stress- become by the day's events, the better off you will be. Listen to a child or loved one

they might have difficulty expressing heat off someone else. Express more of way. Tonight: Vanish if you can their feelings. Ask questions, keeping what you want. Let others hear your CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) where you're heading in mind. A boss options. Honestly come to grips with a \*\* You know what you want, but could be unusually touchy or difficult financial matter. Not everyone agrees convincing others of your "rightness" this year. Accept someone rather than try with your decisions. Forget getting a might be close to impossible. Let it be. to change him or her. If single, you will consensus. Tonight: Where your friends Follow through on what you know to be important, focusing on your bottom line.

Use a meeting as best you can to open up relationship is heading for a year or so. If \* Deal with fundamentals and you communication. Tonight: Where the attached, work on communicating better. cannot go wrong. Pressure builds around action is. Agree to disagree. Get together on a proj- a domestic matter. You might not be able AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18) ect this fall. SCORPIO understands your to complete a key project effectively, and \*\* Pressure builds. How you think wind up frustrated. Extremes hit on dif-you need to perform might be a lot different levels despite your attempts to ferent from a boss's desire. Ask ques-The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll normalize a personal matter. Tonight: A tions. Clarify. Don't gef upset at what 4-Positive; quiet night at home. you hear. A friend or loved one could

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) hurt your feelings. Recognize that he or \* \* Question as much as you need to, she might not mean to. Tonight: A must even at the risk of another's aggravation. show. \* \* Defer to others, especially as you You need to understand financial matters PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) might not be comfortable with what more clearly. Others might not agree. \*\* Understand your limits within your you're hearing. Think carefully about Discussions could be frustrating. Keep at immediate circle. Stay detached. Stay your choices surrounding a partnership, it, not closing any doors. Tonight: Ask open. You might be surprised by what you find out. Be very careful handling a

more questions \* \* You could keep tumbling into the you listen to your 'friends. Take your same problem, not getting the response time. Tonight: Stay away from someone you desire. Your frustration could come else's problem. out in the form of a tantrum, or you could try to figure out more of what you want. BORN TODAY

You choose. Tonight: Your treat. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\* \* The Moon in your sign empow- (1923), actress Olivia Hussey (1951) ers you, but you still have a difficult time getting through a problem. Your words

Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev (1894), newscaster Harry Reasoner

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# Canyon's Kalee Carey has Pampa connection

Canyon High School basketball star Kalee Carey is well-connected in Pampa.

The 6-foot-5 Carey — who helped lead Canyon to the Class 3A championship and the No. 1 ranking as the best high school girls' basketball team in the nation — is the granddaughter of Marvin and Beth Bowman of Pampa. The Bowmans are both retired PISD teachers and have worn out the highway in all directions to watch Kalee and the Lady Eagles.

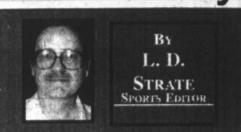
"We've put in a lot of miles the last three or four years following her," Mr. Bowman said. "We've traveled all over the country."

Kalee's dad, Darrell Carey, graduated from PHS in 1973 and played basketball under coach Robert McPherson. Her mother, Linda Bowman-Carey, graduated in 1978.

It's Pampa's hard luck that Darrell didn't return to his hometown to make his living as a lawyer. He has a private law practice in Canyon.

The Bowmans' travels may be just starting. "Kalee has two younger sisters coming along, so we may never get through," Mr. Bowman said.

Kalee's accomplishments are well-documented. She made just about every High School



All-America Team in existence and played in the McDonald's High School All-Star Game two months ago in Atlanta. She's got the Texas Girls' Coaches Association All-Star Game coming up May 2 in San Antonio.

Kalee has also won just about every individual honor there is. She was named the state tournament's most valuable player after a 32-point, 14-rebound game in the finals against Kountze. That performance also earned her USA Today's National Player of the Week,

Just last week, Carey and teammate Brooke Baughman were named to Parade's All-America

Kalee, who averaged 14 points and 10 rebounds a game as a senior, has signed with the University of Texas.

College and the pros have it. Will the high schools be next?

We're talking about the shot clock, which was used at the Golden Spread All-Star Basketball Games in Amarillo last week. A player was allowed 30 seconds to get a shot off.

"It'll be a few more years, but I think the shot clock will eventually make it to high school," said PHS boys' head coach Jerry Schaeffer said. "I don't know it I would like it that much. I like to slow it down sometimes."

Would a shot clock make high school baskeball more exciting? We don't know, but it might make it more confusing. The game seems to have enough up-tempo the way it is.

Would you like to see some good golf? The 2003 NCAA Division I Men's Championships are only 4 to 5 hours away in Stillwater, Okla., home of Oklahoma State University.

The tournament will be held at Karsten Creek Country Club May 25-26. A shuttle bus from the parking lot at Lake Carl Blackwell will be avail-

For ticket information, call 1-877-All--4 OSU or 405-744-5745.

The only problem with going to Oklahoma is that people don't want to go back where they came from. The state capitol building even has a dome on it now.



High School All-American Kalee Carey is the granddaughter of Marvin and Beth Bowman of Pampa.

# ankees are off to best start in franchise history

By MIKE FITZPATRICK AP Sports Writer

So much for all that spring training turmoil affecting the New York Yankees.

Mike Mussina gave up just three hits in eight sharp innings cated his shoulder on opening and Jorge Posada homered as day. New York beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-0 on Tuesday night for the best start in franchise histo-

Despite a litany of great players and championship teams, the Yankees had never opened the season 11-2.

With a crisp, efficient outing, Mussina gave most of the bullpen a rest after manager Joe Torre used five relievers in a 10-9 victory Monday night that latest stellar performance. took 4 hours, 8 minutes.

thing last night, too,". Torre said. "He understands what a for a team."

New York endured a chaotic training camp in Tampa, Fla.

David Wells was fined Oakland 3. \$100,000 for his autobiography media frenzy followed Japanese victory over Chicago.

National League

slugger Hideki Matsui all over Karsay got hurt.

Some thought all the distractions were bound to take a toll on the Yankees — even before star shortstop Derek Jeter dislo-

They look stronger than ever, and starting pitching is the rea-

The rotation is 9-0 with a 2.51 ERA — just the second time in team history the starters have won their first nine decisions, according to the Elias last night." Sports Bureau.

Mussina (3-0) delivered the

'I was probably in the best seat in the house watching from hit a two-run homer and "He had to sit through that center field," Bernie Williams said. "He was just dealing."

In other AL games, it was: well-pitched ballgame can do Boston 6, Tampa Bay 5; Cleveland 8, Baltimore 3;

and offered to quit the team. A Diaz during Kansas City's 8-5 league-leading seventh save.

the place, and key relievers two RBIs for the Yankees, who 4 lead. The benches emptied in Mariano Rivera and Steve sent Toronto to its sixth consec- the first inning when Royals utive loss.

> beat the Blue Jays for the sev- second time this season. No 2). Baltimore starter Omar Daal enth straight time since joining punches were thrown. the Yankees.

double plays in its second eighth inning ended, but he was shutout of the season, improving to 5-0 against Toronto this le Diaz, but security and play-

play baseball," Mussina said. "It was a fun game to watch and a fun game to play after the one the Royals in Chicago since Jarrod Washburn (1-2).

They also started 9-0 in five runs and 10 hits in 6 2-3 came out of the stands last broke out of a slump with his

Royals 8, White Sox 5

At Chicago, Mike Sweeney Brandon Berger added a two-Kansas City rallied to beat the collapse by their bullpen. White Sox.

Frank Thomas homered in to win it.

Williams had three hits and the eighth to give Chicago a 5starter Miguel Asencio hit Mussina struck out nine to Thomas with a pitch for the

New York also turned three who ran on the field just as the his next time up. not hurt. The man tried to tackers immediately came to his "That's a nice, clean way to aid. The fan was quickly taken

It was the first appearance by coach Tom Gamboa was pum-Roy Halladay (0-2) allowed meled by a father and son who September.

Red Sox 6, Devil Rays 5

At Boston, Shea Hillenbrand time. broke a ninth-inning tie with his fourth hit of the game, and run single in the ninth as the Red Sox withstood another

Boston took a 5-1 lead before Joe Randa also homered for Ramiro Mendoza gave it all Minnesota 6. Detroit 4; Texas the Royals, who scored four back in the eighth without retir-5. Anaheim 4; and Seattle 5, times in the ninth to run their ing a batter. But in the ninth, straight victory. record to 11-1 — their best start Boston loaded the bases with

**Indians 8, Orioles 3** 

At Cleveland, Matt Lawton hit a three-run homer to back Indians rookie Jason Davis (1-(0-2) was ejected for hitting Diaz was attacked by a fan Lawton in the back with a pitch

Rangers 5, Angels 4

At Arlington, Texas, Ryan Christenson had a two-run double hours after being called up from the minors, and Einar Diaz added a two-run single in a five-run fourth inning against

Twins 6, Tigers 4

At Minneapolis, Torii Hunter first homer of the season, leading the Twins past the Tigers (1-11) for the 12th straight

Minnesota has won four in a row following six consecutive losses.

Mariners 5, Athletics 3

At Seattle, John Olerud's goahead RBI double in the eighth gave the Mariners their fourth

Edgar Martinez was 3-for-4 A fan attacked umpire Laz ever. Mike MacDougal got his one out and Hillenbrand with two RBIs. After a 7-1 bounced a single up the middle start, the A's lost their sixth in a

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# Different Augusta, same Masters

## Weir, who was 100th in driving distance on PGA Tour, worked magic with his wedges.

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) -Hootie Johnson defended more than just the all-male membership at Augusta National.

The chairman sat in his second-floor office three days before the Masters, gazing through a rain-streaked window at droopy, gray clouds that would dump 4 inches of water on the course before the first shot was struck.

It was an ominous sign for anyone who couldn't hit the ball long and high.

With 305 yards added to the golf course over the last two years, it seemed as if only a dozen of the 90-plus players had a chance to win a green jacket. The list figured to become only shorter on a soggy

Based on what happened last year — Tiger Woods playing conservatively while everyone else self-destructed — the back nine at Augusta National suddenly became as exciting to watch as The Food Channel.

Did the new Augusta National wreck the old Masters?

Johnson asked an office assistant to bring him the driving statistics from last year's collection of contenders. Retief Goosen, the runner-up, was 105th in driving distance. Twotime Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal, who finished fourth, ranked 181st.

"I think we did the right thing," Johnson said.

Augusta National has always been a work in progress.

The Masters rarely changes. Anyone who thought the big hitters would prevail only had to glance at the top 12 positions on the leaderboard Sunday evening, starting at the top.

Mike Weir was 100th in driving distance on the PGA Tour last year, and no one will ever confuse him with an elite power player. He worked magic with his wedges, none bigger than his 92-yard shot into 5 feet for birdie on the 15th.

His putting was pure, a requirement at any major.

Only three other Masters champions — none since Doug Ford in 1957 — played the final round in regulation without a

"To go bogey-free at Augusta National on Sunday, I can't ask for anything more," Weir said. "Once it all soaks in, I'll realize how special it is."

Len Mattiace, who ranked 130th in driving distance, delivered the drama, no shot more memorable than his 4-wood from the 13th fairway that barely cleared Rae's Creek and gave him a 15-foot eagle putt.

"All week, I've been practicing the 4-wood off of a rightto-left lie, waiting to hit it," Mattiace said. "When I finally had it, I said, 'This is what I've been practicing all this time for.' And I executed it."

Just because his name is not Jack Nicklaus - or Tiger Woods - didn't make his back-nine charge any less bril-

Mattiace followed with a

birdie on No. 15 by going for the green in two, and a tee shot on the par-3 16th that caught the ridge and stopped 12 feet away for another birdie.

If not for a drive into the trees that led to bogey on the 18th, Mattiace would have shot 64 and tied Gary Player (1978) for the lowest final round by a Masters champion.

Keep scrolling.

Jim Furyk (173rd in driving distance) chipped in for eagle on No. 15 and finished fourth.

Jeff Maggert (150) was another stroke back. One can only imagine how different it might have been if his fairway bunker shot on No. 3 didn't bounced off the lip and hit him in the chest for a two-stroke penalty.

Scott Verplank (189) was 5 under par on the weekend. He missed only 10 fairways all week, tied for third in driving accuracy. Others who finished in the top 12 were Mark O'Meara (145), David Toms (114) and Olazabal (181).

Length isn't everything.

Phil Mickelson, Vijay Singh and Emie Els were the only power players among the top dozen, proving again that the Masters can be won with different styles.

Three-time champion Nick Faldo was a great thinker. O'Meara and Ben Crenshaw are great putters. Olazabal is a wizard with the short game. Palmer and Nicklaus won with power. Woods is all of the



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# Latest allegations target DNA, bullet analysis at FBI lab

WASHINGTON (AP) -Weeks after testifying at a court hearing in a Kentucky murder, FBI scientist Kathleen Lundy told her superiors a secret. She knowingly gave false testimony about her specialty of lead bullet analysis.

"I had to admit that it was worse than being evasive or not correcting the record. It was simply not telling the truth," Lundy wrote her superior in an e-mail likely to be used against her now that she has been charged by Kentucky authorities on a charge of misdemeanor false swearing.

Internal FBI documents obtained by The Associated Press show the FBI lab, which reformed itself after a mid-1990s scandal over bad science, is grappling with new problems that have opened its work on lead bullets and DNA analysis to challenges by defense lawyers.

In addition to Lundy's indict-

-A FBI lab technician has resigned while under investigation for alleged improper testing of more than 100 DNA samples, and the lab is now reviewing samples she placed into the FBI

national database of DNA evi-

-The Houston police crime lab has been banned from placing new samples into the FBI's DNA registry because of allegations of shoddy science in local

-One of the lab's retired metallurgists is challenging the bureau's science on bullet analysis, prompting the FBI to ask National Academy of Sciences to review its method-

FBI Lab Director Dwight Adams said detection of the problems illustrates that the reforms instituted in the mid-1990s are working.

"The difference is, these are being caught and dealt with swiftly. Our quality assurance program is in place to root out these problems, incompetence and inaccurate testimonies," Adams said in an interview. "These weren't fortuitous catches; they were on purpose."

Defense lawyers are already mounting challenges in highprofile cases handled by the two employees and are questioning the FBI's project to build a national DNA database that will help law enforcement identify suspects based on their genetic fingerprints.

"We all have assumed the scientists are telling the truth because they do it with authority and tests. And as a result FBI scientists have gotten away with voodoo science," said Lawrence Goldman, president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

The Justice Department's internal watchdog is investigating FBI lab technician Jacqueline Blake for allegedly failing to follow proper scientific procedure when analyzing DNA in at least 103 cases over the past few years, officials said.

The officials said they have found that the technician failed to compare the DNA evidence with control samples, a required step to ensure the accuracy of tests. Blake resigned from the FBI lab recently.

Blake's work has become an issue in a prominent case in New Jersey, where five police officers are challenging blood evidence she analyzed that was used to convict them of federal civil rights violations in the death of a prisoner.

In Blake's case, 29 DNA samples that she placed into the database were removed and are being reanalyzed. The review so far has not found any instances

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in which her DNA analysis was inaccurate, and those samples have now been re-entered, Adams said.

The FBI made widespread changes in the mid-1990s after its lab was rocked by a whistleblower's allegations and an investigation that found shoddy science by several lab examiners. AP reported last month that Justice officials have identified about 3,000 cases that might have been affected by those earlier problems and have let prosecutors decide whether to notify con-

victed defendants. The new problems surfaced in the last year.

Lundy, now on administrative leave, served as an expert

witness who used chemical comparisons to link lead bullets to suspects. She was indicted earlier this year on a charge of misdemeanor false swearing by Kentucky authorities after she acknowledged she false testimony in a 2002 pretrial hearing for a man accused of murdering a University of Kentucky football player.

Lundy informed her FBI superiors of the false testimony a couple of months after it occurred. By that time she had corrected her pretrial testimony at the trial and had been questioned about it by defense lawyers. Federal authorities decided not to prosecute her, but Kentucky prosecutors brought the misdemeanor charge.

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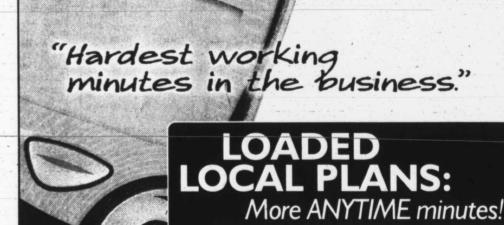
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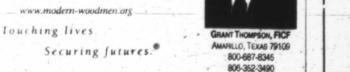
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