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Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 87. Windy, with a southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to betwee Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph , with gusts as high as 35 mph .
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77 . Windy, with a west-southwest wind
with gusts as high as 30 mph
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43 North-northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph , with gusts as high as 25 mph .
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 70 . Northwest wind Frween 10 and 15 mph
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## Obituaries

## Leona Esther Schwope Kivlehen, 88

CONROE, Texas - Leona
Esther Schwope Kivlehen,
88, died April 26, 2008, at
Conroe. Services will be at 10
a.m. Thursday, May 1, 2008,
at the First United Methodist
Church in Pampa with the
Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor, offi-
ciating.
Burial will be in Memory
Gardens Cemetery in Pampa,
under the direction of
Carmichael-Whatley Funeral
Directors of Pampa.
Mrs. Kivlehen was born
March 29, 1920, in Follett to
Raymond Herbert and Amelia
Caroline
Scerbaugh
Schwope. She spent several
years of her childhood in
Follett before moving to
Shattuck Okla
 Academy. amily, frequently showering them
with cakes, brownies and cookies, and numerous afghans, hand-knit-
ted with ted with love. She
loved camping with her friends
and family, and and family, and Amarillo. He pre-

Kivlehen playing a good
Wa-Hoo. She was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church and the Crusaders Sunday School class. One of her happiest
memories was attending her 's United States Naval Shildren, Meliaso grand-

Alta Putman, 100
AMARILLO - Alta
Putman, 100, of Amarillo,
formerly of Perryton, died
on April 27, 2008.
Graveside services will be
at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May,
1, 2008, at Ochiltree
Cemetery in Perryton, Texas.
Memorial services will be
at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May
1, 2008, at the Boxwell
Brothers Ivy Chapel, 2800
Paramount Blvd., with the
Rev. Marvin Knox officiat-
ing.
Arrangements are by
Boxwell Brothers Funeral
Directors.
Mrs. Putman was born
Nov. 21, 1907, in Gladys,
La., to Clarence Collins and
Francis Koonce Collins. She
moved to the Spearman area
in 1953.

opened to tourism. She made many
trips to Russia and trips to Russia and
to the Holy Land. She loved her travels. ber of First Baptist Church.
She was precedhusband, Austin Putman in 1968; Army, Welfare
Office in Perryton, and was a two brothers; a sister; and a Office in Perryton, and was a two brothers; a sister; and a
hostess for the churches in
grandson, Jeff Lackey in hostess for the churches in she was honored with Volunteer of the Day for her Volunteer of the Day for her daughter, Joyce and husband volunteer work at Ware Joel Lackey of Gruver; two Memorial Center. Sons, Lloyd and wife Jean $\begin{aligned} \begin{aligned} \text { She became a world trav- } \\ \text { eler, visiting every continent }\end{aligned} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Putman of Casper, Wyo., } \\ \text { Bill and wife Velma Putman }\end{array}\end{aligned}$ and was in the first group of of Denver, Colo. a brother 15 to visit when China was Clarence Collins, Jr. of

Virgil Wade Wallin, Jr., 55
Virgil Wade Wallin, Jr., 55,
$\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { of Pampa, Texas, died April } \\ 27,2008 \text {, at Amarillo, Texas. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Richard Bartel, pastor of } \\ \text { Calvary Baptist Church, offi- }\end{array}\end{array}$ Graveside services will be ciating.
at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April Arrangements are under 30, 2008, at Memory Gardens the direction of Carmichael

## City Briefs <br> 位

basic lawn Care. Call FIESTA FUNDRAISER for 665-0310 leave message. Sherry Bolch Medical Fund, BENEFIT EVENT, Sat. Star, $7 \mathrm{pm}-12 \mathrm{pm}$. , incl. meal May 3rd for Martha Steele, by El Mejaor Cafe. Drinks. Sherry Walker Families to Live \& Silent Auction Men." help with medical expenses. Raffle. $\$ 50$ per couple ad M.K. Brown, $9-3 \mathrm{pm}$. Garage vance purchase. $\$ 60$ at door Sale \& Silent Auction 9- 21 yrs. \& over. For tickets call pm., Hamburger Cookout Junia, 662-5757. $1-2 \mathrm{pm}$. $\$ 5$. Sponsored by amily \& friends.

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nent is this Thurs. at 6:00
pm. To sign up call Greg REVIVAL TWO mor
Pampa Center - Clarendon
College Election

WHAT IS THIS ELECTION ABOUT?

Hagan and husband John Louis Hagan of Houston, and Christopher Reid Romine and wife Cindi LaLuzerne
Romine of Kemah; and two great-grandchildren, Brooke Lauren Romine and Maren Kate Romine, both of Kemah. Leona was preceded in death by her parents; a broth nd a granddaughter, Laura Catherine Romine.
The family will receive friends at CarmichaelWhatley Funeral Home in Pampa from 5-7 p.m. on
Wednesday, April $30,2008$. - Sign the on-line regis ter book www.carmichael whatley.com.

Scottsdale, Ariz.; six grand children, Virginia and hus Wyo., Jerry Putman and wife Gay of Odessa, Charlie Putman and wife Dianne Denver, Colo., Ed Putman and wife Charla of Casper Wyo., De'Aunn Putman of Bowers and husband Charles of Pampa; eight great-grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Amarillo, TX 79101 or your favorite charity.
A visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on
Wednesday, April 30,2008 at the funeral home.

Mr. Wallin was born Jan. 2 1953, in Chicago, III. He wa


Sharla
Wade on Nov. 27, 1992, in Virgil was the owner and operator of Cherokee Electric cian. He was a member of the Gold Prospectors Association.
Survivors include his wife Sharla Wallin, of the home three daughters, Melani Moon and husband Kevin of partner Julie Kinnaman of Pampa, and Desirai Dresselhaus and husband David of Yokohama, Japan; two brothers, Steven Walli and wife Melissa of Pampa Eunice of Elk City, Okla.; on Eunice of Coralee Unruh an husband Jim of Pampa; four grandchildren, Andrew Moon and Matthew Moon, both of Amarillo, Malach Dran, and Denim Kinama of Pampa; three nieces, Holl Dunnsworth of Lawton Okla., and Veronica Villarreal and Chelsea Wallin, both of Pampa.
Virgil
death by was preceded in death by his mother, Alice Wiril W 1990; his father, Virgil Wade Wallin, Sr., i 2000 ; and his brothe Kenneth Wallin in 1990 .
charity. book at www.carmichael whattey.com.

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Hian Wong is from Furhou, China. He came to the Unhtod states in 2003 where
 Wony are the primary cooks at Buffet Chy. Sherry Uut is from Man lime. China. She caime to the Ulitted States in 2002 wifere she yratuated from Southeast Oitahoma State University with a Bacholor's Deyree in Eloctrical Enylneering. She met her future hishand, Hian Weny whille sho was attenatliny colloge and they were married in New York ctiy in 2005. They have one dausiter, IVivan. whe is 2 and a hally years olld.

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## Viewpoints

## Wild Kingdom has come to my backyard

living where I do is that I living where I do is that
have the services provided have the services provided
by municipalities which by municipalities which
make life simpler, cleaner and safer, while at the same tirne enjoying some of the advantages of rural living. It is not uncommon to se
wildlife on our street. Fo wildife on our street. Fo
some years, a roadrunne some years, a roadrunner
would cruise the block, delighting me with his distinctive appearance Occasionally, a possum or fox will come by for a visit.
Several years ago, when we had our two dachshunds they were barking up a storm one summer evening. It was after dark, so it was not eas to determine the cause of the I got a flashlight and wen out to the back yard. Both
east corner of the hous I shone my flashlight up eyere, and two red glowing
eyed back at me. After I got over my initial instant of terror, I could see that a possum was perched on the shingles, probably wondering what to do next interfering with its nocturnal rambles.
I brought the pooches inside so the possum would have a chance to go on its
way. It must have decided to give our yard a wide berth give our yard a wide berth
from then on, because the dogs never detected its presence again.
More re
More recently, a very young possum visited our
back yard. This little fellow was the most attractive pos-

Today in History
By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, April 29, the 120th day of 2008. There Today's Highlight in History
On April 29, 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp; the same day, Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun and designated Adm. Karl Doenitz president.
On this date:
In 1429, Joan of Arc entered the besieged city of Orleans to lead a French victory over the English.
In 1798, Joseph Haydn's oratorio "The Creation" w
rehearsed in Vienna, Austria, before an invited audience.
$\longrightarrow \quad$ In 1861, Maryland's
$\begin{array}{cc}\text { 'News is history } & \begin{array}{l}\text { House of Delegates voted } \\ \text { against seceding from the } \\ \text { Union. }\end{array} \\ \text { shot on the }\end{array}$
shot on the wing. $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { In 1901, } \\ \text { Emperor Hirohito was born }\end{gathered}$

- Gene Fowler
times, aduit possums look
like they are afflicted with mange, even though they are not. Their sparse gray fur
and pink skin knocks them out of the running for most attractive wildlife. But this possum had a full
coat of $\underset{\text { gray fur Its }}{\text { medilyn }}$ gray fur. Its
feet and tail Powers were more Staff Writer of a dark
gray color,
rather than
rather than
the pink I usually see. Thè insides of its ears were black We live close to the edge of town. One street separates us from open fields in one
direction, and another field direction, and another field
takes up where our street takes up where our stree
leaves off. Many times, leaves off. Many times, I
hearing coyotes yipping and
howling in the night, causing the neighborhood hounds to respond as best they can.
Livestock are often kept in Livestock are often kept in
the field at the end of the street. I periodically get to see cows, sometimes with
 Wild Kingdom. Just call me
Marlin instead of Marilyn. Our bird feeder must be on the top of the visiting list for dozens of birds. In addition to three or so varieties of
sparrows, we have blue jays, parrows, we have blue jays,
cardinals, mourning doves, robins and finches who eat a

As I mentioned in a previ- one of our wood racks. He ous column, a family a previ- appears in the early evening mice has taken up residence $\quad$ to graze from a shallow dish mice has taken up residence water from a shallow dish
under our chimney. I have placed in the yard and keep
not yet had the heart to elim- filled. not yet had the heart to eliminate them, so in the early evenings, I get to see the tiny things scoot out from under the chimney, scouit for a bite
or two, then zoom back to or two, then zoom back to
their home base. I have even seen a mouse climb the branches of a bush in order to reach a suet feeder I have hanging there for the birds. The mouse balanced on its hind feet, held
onto the suet feeder with its front feet and nibbled at the front fee
suet.
The 1
menager The latest addition to the
menagerie is a young rabbit menagerie is a young rabbit, obviously not fully grown.
This little cottontail is eviThis little cottontail is evi-

What makes all this sô entertaining for me is that the bird feeders are about two strides from the back
door. I can see all this door. I can see all this
wildlife up close and personl, without trying to sneak-up on them to get a close look. I have been able to see the exact patterns on the birds' plumage, the truly tiny size
of the mice and the fuzziness of the mice and the fuzziness
of the little rabbit, all from the comfort of my own living room.
It may $n$
It may not be an awardwinning performance each day, but it sure beats most of
what is on television these days.


Republicans not taking right approach
Dr. Thomas Sowell's recent column, "Republicans and Blacks," (April 10,
2008) pointed out the foolhardiness of Republican strategy to secure more black votes. He pointed out
that it is a losing strategy to that it is a losing strategy to reach blacks through the civil rights organizations and
black politicians. It's like a quarterback trying to throw a pass to a receiver surrounded by a bunch of defenders. The second losing strategy is to appeal to blacks by offering the same kinds of things that Democrats offer - token
honors, politically correct rhetoric and welfare state handouts. Sowell suggests that
Republican Republican strategy should
be to highlight the liberal Democratic agenda that has done great harm to the poorest of the black community. Among those he mentions is
the environmental agenda
 mentalists' severe restrictions on the
building of homes or apartments.". Since 1970, San rancisco's black pop
has been cut in half. Then there are the liberal judges and parole boards who have turned criminals loose to prey on black com-
munities. According munities. According to
Bureau of Justice statistics, Bureau of Justice statistics, between 1976 and 2005,
while 13 percent of the popwhation, blacks committed over 52 , percent of the
nation's homicides and were
 near criminally fraudulent education. Professors Abigail and Stephen
Thernstrom's book, "No Excuses: Closing the Racial Gap in Learning," reports that the average black high school graduate performs a
little worse than white little worse than white
eighth-graders in both read-eighth-graders in both read-
ing and U.S. history, and a ing and U.S. history, and a lot worse in math and geog-
raphy. Black education is the worst in cities where
Democrats, both black and
white, have held the reigns
of political powet for of political powet for
decades and in cities spenddecades and in cities spend-
ing the largest amount of money on education. Washington, D.C., rank-
ing third in the nation ing third in the nation in terms of per-pupil expendi-
tures, is a classic example At 12 of its 19 high schools, more than 50 percent of the
students test below basic in reading, and at some of those schools the percentage approaches 80 percent. At 15
of these schools, over 50 percent test below basic in math, and in 12 of them 70 to 99 percent do so. The Educational Assessment (NAEP), which Progress periodic testing conducts "below basic" as not having any of the knowledge and kills to master a subjec
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## Texas Thoughts

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#### Abstract

porter, quoted a 1972 Supreme Court opinion that called the ultimate punishment a "pointless and needless extinction of life with only marginal contributions to any discernible social or public purposes Our opposition to the death penalty is long-standing, but until the Texas Legislature abolishes it - which isn't likely in the foreseeable future - we urge that it be imposed fairly and as honor to be found in turning the state into the same ruthless killer it says it is executing every time a condemned inmate is strapped to a gurney.

We have noted in the past that Texas' lethal injection cocktail is not scientifidose that does not take into account an


inmate's size or physical condition. We have also noted that state law prohibits veterinarians from using pancuronium bromide - one of the drugs that makes up the execution cocktail - to euthanize
animals because of its potential to animals because of its potential
cause unnecessary pain and suffering. Chief Justice John Roberts dismissed the appellant's complaints that the Kentucky procedure - essentially the same as the one used in Texas - may be painul. method may result in an execution method may result in pain, either by
accident or as an inescapable consequence of death, does not establish the sort of objectively intolerable risk of harm that qualifies as cruel and unusuSee EXECUTIONS, Page 8

## Gray County awarded Federal funds for emergency food and shelter programs <br> Gray County has been chosen to receive $\$ 7,500$ to supple ment emergency food and shelter programs in the county <br> e fund

 ment emergency food and shelter programs in the county.The selection was made by a national Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Salvation Army; and United Way of America.
and distributed will determine how the funds are awarded service agencies in the area. The board is made up of Pampa United Way, Gray County Judge, Ministerial Associations, City of Pampa representative, The Salvation Army, Pampa Meals on Wheels, Good Samaritan Christian Services, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Tralee Crisis Cen
Samaritan Christian Services and Harvest House.
Samaritan Christian Services and Harvest House.
The local board is responsible for recommending agencie o receive the funds and any additional monies available under this phase of the program.
Under the terms of the grant, local agencies selected to

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must be private, voluntary nonprofit organizations or its of government;

- must have an acc
must practice nondiscrimination
must demonstrate the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and
-must have a voluntary board if a private voluntary organization. Gray County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter
funds previously with The Salvation Army, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Good Samaritan Christian Services, Harvest House, Tralee Crisis Center and Pampa Meals on Wheels participating. These agencies are responsible for providing
3,457 meals, 230 nights lodging, 18 paid utilities and two rent payments. 230 nights lodging, 18 paid utilities and two ent payments.
Public or priv
Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying
for the funds must contact Katrina Bigham at the Pampa United Way office, 200 N . Ballard, Suite 105 , or call 669 -
Under the terms of the grant, local agencies selected to 1001 for an application. The deadline to apply is April 30 .

Continued from Front Page
when the annual water by members. We've had when the annual water gar- meetings on things like conden tour is being planned.
The dainer gardening, It's not
the tour has
solely pond-oriented." been moved up in order to The December meeting allow gardeners to show traditionally is a Christmas their gardens when they are party at which members still at their best. "It is not mandatory to said. Other meetings have host'a meeting or give a pro-
gram," Davis said. "It's all
houses and koi fish farms.

## New phone system on board agenda

A phone and intercom system for Pampa High School is among the items to
meeting uis week. District will meet Trustees of Pampa Independent School District will meet at 5 p.m. on Thursday in the Carver Center Administration Office located at 321 West Albert
Street. Other subjects to be discussed include roofing and HVAC replacement for Travis Elementary, roofing at projects.


WHAT EFFECT WILL THE MAINTENANCE TAX HAVE ON WHAT A GRAY COUNTY
RESIDENT PAYS FOR TUITION? Currently, a Gray County student pays an "out-of-district" tuition which is higher than what a student who resides in Donley County pays. The Maintenance fund will help to reduce what a Gray County residents student pays.
EDUCATION IS A MUST FOR OUR FUTURE,


## Dear Abby...

## By Pauline \& Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I live in a medium-sized DEAR ABBY: I am a high school senior, community where a lot of people know one currently going through the process of another. I often hear them discuss such pri- applying to colleges. As I've visited various vate matters as the state of someone's mar- schools, I have realized that college isn't riage, their finances, etc. Even if they don't cheap. Many of them cost more than know if what they're saying is true, they $\$ 45,000$ a year. My question is, how do I still repeat it. Whenever someone starts go about paying back my parents for coltalking to me about a person who isn't lege? They can afford to pay for my educathere, I remind her that she wouldn't appre- tion and still be financially solid, yet I ciate having her business discussed behind know I will have to repay them. How long her back. One neighbor even asked me after I graduate should it be before I begin? about my own marriage in front of a group -- MATTHEW IN BURR RIDGE, ILL. of people. When I politely asked why she would ask about such an intimate matter, DEAR MATTHEW: Discuss this with she became angry and told me I was being your parents. The answer may depend on rude to her. I may have embarrassed her, how quickly they will need the money, and but not as much as she did me. I think gos- what kind of payment schedule you can siping is a low form of entertainment at comfortably handle once you have gradusomeone else's expense. What do you ated and become self-supporting. Please think? -- MINDING MY OWN BUSI- consider that you may be eligible for scholNESS IN NEVADA als has information regarding schola morning most of us have indulged in at one time or another. Everybody wants to know other people's business. One need DEAR ABBY: An elderly relative, whom I only look at readers with their noses buried love dearly, is dying. She has always been in the scandal rags at the supermarket demure and ladylike, and I am concerned checkout counter for verification. Why we that when the time comes for the embalmhave this compulsion is anybody's guess. ing and viewing, the deceased is never Perhaps it's because gossip requires little buried in underwear or shoes. Is this true? intellectual effort, distracts us from con- -- DONNA IN ENID, OKLA.
centrating on important tasks in our lives that might be painful or difficult to con- DEAR DONNA: Put your fears to rest. A front, or makes us feel superior. P.S. You person has the right to "dictate" what she did not embarrass your neighbor by rebuff- (or he) wants to be buried in. If the ing her inappropriate question. She embar- deceased has left no instruction, the funerrassed herself by asking.

## For Better Or Worse



Garfield


Beetle Bailey


Marvin

B.C.


## Haggar The Horrible



Blondie


## Sports

## Hidden Hills results Obama shoots hoops with Tar Heels

Pampa Center - Clarendon College Election pitch and
Sampson allowed five runs and seven hits over 41 innings with two walks and hit batter.
The Astros chased Haren wo-out doubles by and Tejada that cut Arizona's ead to 5-3, setting the stage QTualls.
"The flu's been going
around the whole team and I around the whole team and I, had it eariy in the year,"
Haren said. "It was really ad. I lost weight and everyack, but I'm finally getting ine." my normal ro Reds 4, Cardinals 3 pair of RBI doubles and made a standout play at third base in the seventh inning to preserve a one-run lead in Cincinnati's victory at $\$ \mathrm{St}$. Louis.

## Clemens had relationship with Mindy McCready

NEW YORK (AP) - tionship with her. It is unforRoger Clemens had a tunate that the Daily News recationship has chosen to report anony-
with coungry star Mindy mous allegations that McCready that began when completely unfounded, have she was a 15 -year-old aspir- no basis in fact, and have ing singer and the pitcher was a Boston Red Sox ace,
the Daily News reported. "I cannot refute anything in the story," McCready told the newspaper in a story posted on its Monday night.
"I have known Monday, quoted several peoClemens for a long time," ple who asked not to be idenshe said, without detailing the nature of their relation
shin. Clemens' lawyer, Rusty Hardin, confirmed the pitch er and singer had known
each other for a long time but each other for a long time but no sex.
Mindy McCready is a Fort Myers, Fla, atter their longtime family friend of first meeting but that they
Roger Clemens and the did not have sex. The relaRoger Clemens and the did not have sex. The rela-
Clemens family," Hardin tionship turned intimate after said in a statement Mondiy. she later moved to Neshvilte At no time did Roger propriate or improper rela
gnized what had happened. NCAA tournament picks, "Hansbrough went easy on Obama selected North me," Obama said. "I thought Carolina, but the Tar Heels had it. Obama to eventual champion Obama often plays pickup
Kasketball games with local in the semifinals.
Though the players, who backers. He toured the Tar were relishing banging on Heel sports complex with each other, gave Obama his Coach Roy Williams, and shots, he was unable to score. conceded he had moved up a At one point he dished off a "Let me tell you, these nifty, behind the back pass guys are big and fast," said that nearly set up an assist. Obama, catching his breath Neither side kept score. on the sidelines. In his March

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## Williams <br> Cont. from Page 4

Republican leaders give upport to economic black people. A particularly egregious example is New York City's taxicab licensing law that requires that a person, as
of May $2007, \quad$ pay of May 2007 , pay
$\$ 600,000$ for a license to own and operate one taxi-
cab. Then there's the Davis-Bacon Act that mandates "prevailing ages" be paid on all
elederally financed or assisted construction grsisted
The Davis-Bacon Act s a pro-union law that ¢iscriminates against Hon-unionized black consplack workers. In fact, hat was the original 3ntent of the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931. During its 9931 legislative debate, quite a few congressmen oxpressens, such as Rep. Clayton Allgood, D-Ala., Who said, "Reference has Beeri made to' a contractor from Alabama who went New York with bootleg Contractor has cheap colored labor that he transports, and he puts them in icabins, and it is labor of that sort that is in compe-
tition with white labor throughout the country." While today's supporters of the Davis-Bacon Act talk differently, its discriminatory effects are the same.
If a politician had the guts to take on these
issues, it's stupid to a address them through the black civil rights or education establishment, or the black political structure. The reason is that
tblacks who are members of, or are served by, these establishments have an interest in the status quo. - Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics
at George Mason University.

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 in passes constitutional muster method of execution passes constitutional muster. We now have an
answer to that, but Stevens raises questions that should be considered in the future about just what society accomplishes when it kills.
It was neither a clean nor a satisfactory ruling, but it should be enough balm on the consciences of death penalty proponents who are claiming a significant vic-
tory. It is, but one haunted by Stevens' questions and others associated with the death penalty.
The death penalty is not applied evenly. Texas crim-
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death penalty in Harris County than in Travis County for the same offense. And, certainly, defendants in rexas have a higher chance or facing execution than Those issues, obviously, will have another day. They should be. URL: http://www.states-



Kevin Cree president of Courtesy Photo Kevin Cree, president of Lovett Memorial Library Board of Directors, recently presented Dr. R.M. Hampton with a proclamation from the City of Pampa in appreciation for his many years of service on the library board. The local 669-5780. 669-5780


Alvin King, right, and Mary Helbert were recently elected staff, residents and others as "prom king and queen" during a "Senior Prom" at Coronado Healthcare Center in Pampa. Participants dressed up in all their finest clothes and enjoyed music, punch, party mints, cashews and cook ies made by the food production class at Pampa High School.

Courtesy Photos LEFT: T.V. Cuellar, RN, and Rosa Estrada, CNA, from Accolade Home Health Services participated in a career clinic recently at Pampa Learning Center.

RIGHT: Sara Silva and Angie O'Dell from Tangles Hair Studio recently delivered a presentation at Pampa Learning Center during the recent career clinic.


Pampa Junior High

LEFT: Student Reid Miller, of Pampa Junior High School, demonstrated at a recent "Academic Pep-rally" how to get ready for the TAKS test with some assistance from the hands of Nakayla Hardeman.

RIGHT: Students in the pre-ap math class at Pampa Junior High recently made mock-ups of their bedrooms. Above, from left: Luis Servin, Katrina Casey, Jocelyn Brady and Nick Nelson. man.com
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## Club news ...

 April 7 at the home of hostess
Irvine Riphahn with Gerry Caylor aissisting.
with Gerry The following business was
conducted and announcements conducted and announcements
made: Plans for Founder's. Day
celebration April 30 at Pampa celebration April 30 at Pampa
Country Club were discussed Country Club were discussed.

- Officers for 2009 were elected. Norine Greer is the new president and Sue Garner is vice president. presented the program on scholarships.
The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. April 21 at Greer's resi-
dence.

Red Hat Society The Red Hat Society of
Pampa met April 17 at Pamp Pampa met April 1 at Pampa
Senior Citizens Center. The following business was
conducted and conducted and announcements
made: -Thula McCarrell was recognized for celebrating a birthday this month. door prize.
Rita
Geiger presented a - A craft demonstratio -A craft
was presented. Plans for u
igs were discussed. The next meeting will be scheduled in May. Emilie chneider
Baumgardner will
Helene
provide party favors for the May meet-
ing. ing.

## 20th Century Club

 Twentieth Century Club of Pampa met April 22 at the Dot Stowers presiding. The following business was conducted and announcements made:-Stowers led the club collect. Secretary Myma Orr took
roll and read minutes from the previous meeting which were approved as read. -Members heard from reasurer Fay Harvey.
-Ruth Riehart distributed get-well card for JJula
awkins for members to sign. Dawkins for members to sign.
-Cleo Worley presented the program. An end of year salad lunch-
on is scheduled at 12 pm


Altrusa
Pampa met April 22 at Pampa Country Club with President Terri Williams presiding. Jody
Clendennen and Kristi Smith served as greeters.
The following b conducted and announcements made: ed by Karen Bridges presentAltrusa districting structure Altrusa districting structure The Pampa Altusa Club is in
District Nine which covers the
entire state of Texas. Brenda entire state of Texas. Brenda
Tucker is currently serving as
District Nin District Nine governor. Smith pacy Ladd and April
on ""Worth thed the program on "Worth the Wait." Wrogrth the Wait is an educational
organization formed to address organization formed to address
teen sexual activity.
-Beth Miller - Beth Miller conducted
new member initiation for new member initiation for
Roxanne Funderburk and Roxanne Funderburk and
Sherese Oles. -Williams reported on
awards received at Distrie awards received at District Conference held recently in
Richardson. The club earned a

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APRIL 27TH - APRIL 30TH


Sunday speaker • Dr. Emir Caner (former Muslim) 10:45 am and 6:00pm

Monday speaker • James Greer • 6:30pm
Tuesday speaker • Bruce Edwards • 6:30pm
Wednesday speaker • Moses Caesar - 6:30pm (Youth meeting at M.K. Brown) Shelby Deatherage - 6:30pm (Children's meeting at the church)

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    A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:
    $\quad$ April
    Austin American-Statesman on executions:
    Virginia's governor wasted no time in restarting his state's execution machine once the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that injecting inmates with a
    three-drug lethal cocktail does not vio-three-drug lethal cocktail does not vio-
    late the constitutional prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment. Texas will soon follow suit.
    The ruling was a disappointment but not a surprise, given the court's philosophical makeup. Paul Stevens, long a death penalty sup-

