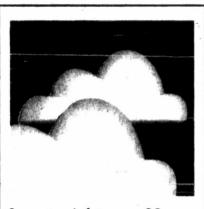


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Low tonight near 30. High tomorrow in mid 40s. See Page 2 for weather details.

**BORGER** — The Frank Phillips College music majors will star in the annual student recital at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the FPC Fine Arts Auditorium.

The recital is free, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

"The talent in the music department, is abundant and varied," said Dr. Judy E. Strecker, head of the program. "This will be a wonderful opportunity for the students to share their gifts with the area community.

Performing will be Starlet Bright, voice and piano; Veronica Adams, clarinet; Melissa Beekmann, voice; Jeremiah Adams, guitar; Carolyn Roberts, piano; Jessica Davis, voice; Kelly Hagler, saxophone; Ben Harris, piano and voice; and Janette Mayo, voice.

**BORGER** — The Multiple

# **City approves** catastrophic leave program

#### **By LAURA HALEY** Staff Writer

A city ordinance establishing a catastrophic leave bank for city employees was approved by commissioners in their regular meeting Tuesday night.

The catastrophic leave bank is a voluntary program that allows city employees suffering from long-term illnesses to receive paid vacation days, even after their personal vacation and sick days have been expended.

"The main thing about this is it's revenue neutral to the city and voluntary to the employee," said City Manager Bob Eskridge.

In order to qualify for the program, however, full-time regular city employees must donate one full day of vacation to the leave bank during the enrollment periods. The first enrollment period is scheduled for May 1-15 and the next will be held Nov. 1-15. Employees can only donate. vacation days that have already been earned, but the donations are not limited to just one day. For example, if an employee has three earned vacation days that he cannot take during the course of the year, he may donate all three days to the leave bank. Donations, however, cannot be returned if an employee decides he wants to use those days later in the year. Employees can request days

from the leave bank if they have been working with the city for a year and are a member of the. catastrophic leave bank. The requests must be submitted in writing with a doctor's statement to the chairperson of the catastrophic leave bank board.

Members of the board will consist of elected employees representing the administration, finance, community services, public works, police services and fire services departments. The city's personnel director will serve as an advisor to the board. Board members will serve stag-

gered three-year terms and will be responsible for determining which applications for catastrophic leave will be accepted and the amount of days. Their recommendation will be made to the city manager for final approval.

Other actions taken in the regular meeting include:

• A public hearing was held concerning the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program.

 An ordinance was approved to amend the 1996-97 city's operating budget.

• The consent agenda was approved, which included the

(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

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The Panhandle Chapter of the Texas Society of CPA, through the CPA's Helping Schools Committee, donated \$668.38 for the purchase of math supplies for the HOSTS program at Wilson Elementary School. Overlooking the delivered goods are Wanda Call, CPA; Teresa Dyson, HOSTS teacher; Lynda Dyer, HOSTS teacher; Nancy Northcutt and Ken Cargill, CPA.

## CPAs donate to HOSTS math program

but the students and teachers who participate in the (Helping HOSTS One Student To Succeed) program might have thought so, when a package of math helps was delivered to the classroom.

ed by the Panhandle Chapter have fun doing it."

It may not be Christmas, aids to benefit the HOSTS learning at the same time," program at Wilson Elementary School.

Wanda Call, a contributing CPA, said, "This is just our way of getting students involved in mathematics in such a way that they learn The math helps were fund- the necessities of math and

"These items are a tremen-

said HOSTS director Teresa Dyson.

The HOSTS program puts community members in touch with one student to help that student succeed in math. The adults spend 30 minutes a week helping students understand the basics

For more information on

of math

Sclerosis Society will be have ing its third annual Borger MS Walk on Saturday morn-

Late registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. at the Faith Covenant Church, 1501 S. Florida. Those attending the walk are asked to park in the Borger Middle School parking lot. Photographs also will be taken of teams participating in the walk.

Registration will continue at 9:40 a.m., with an aerobics warm-up conducted to help loosen up the walkers for the event.

The walk will start at 10 a.m.. The course will be marked with bright orange The Borger arrows. Emergency Operations Center will be on hand to block intersections for walkers' safety.

Rest areas and treats will be provided along the walk course, and hamburgers will be served at the completion of the walk.

**OUINTANA** (AP) — A nine-hour standoff on a Texas beach ended with officers using a flash-bang bomb to distract a suicidal teenager long enough to take him into custody.

Officers seized the boy from Kansas and freed a 13year-old runaway girl who was with him.

The standoff on an island facing the Gulf of Mexico ended late Tuesday. Officers grabbed the teen-ager, who was armed with a shotgun, without anyone being injured, Brazoria County officers said.

The teenagers were not immediately identified.

The boy held officers at bay on Bryan Beach from inside a stolen pickup truck for more than nine hours after he threatened to shoot himself.

#### Classified Sports . . . . . . . . . . .

minutes of the March 25 work session and meeting and a change to the minutes of the March 18 city commission meeting.

of the Texas Society of CPAs, which donated more than dous boon to our program. It \$680 for the purchase of cal-

gives the kids some new the HOSTS program, contact culators, games and teaching ways of exploring math and Teresa Dyson at 669-4976. Hung jury results in mistrial in sexual assault case

District Court Judge Lee Waters declared a mistrial Tuesday when a six-man, six- than three hours of further delibwoman jury failed to render a unanimous verdict in the sexual assault case against Clemente Valdez, 32.

The jury began deliberations just before 10 a.m. Tuesday and ended deliberations seven hours later. The jury returned to the court room twice to have the judge clarify questions regarding the testimony. Twice the jury returned to tell the judge they could not reach a decision.

#### The judge first sent the jury back to try again, and after more erations, the jury members returned with the same decision. The judge then declared a mistrial and released the jury.

According to Bob McPherson, who assisted District Attorney John Mann during the trial, Valdez will continue to be held in Gray County jail until he either makes bond (\$10,000), until he pleads out and accepts a judgment, or until a new trial is scheduled.

Suzanne Alexander, the former

Pampa social worker who testified at the trial and now lives in Lubbock, said regardless how long it takes she will be back to see justice served for these two women. Valdez was returned to Gray County on Feb. 8, 1996, from Denver, Colo., where he had signed extradition papers.

Valdez is charged with sexually assaulting his niece, identified only as Jo Doe, in April 1987. Taking the stand in his own

defense Monday afternoon, Valdez denied having sex with the girl.

two sons, working as a welder.

Valdez maintained that the idea of the sexual assault charges was planted in the mind of then 11-year-old Jo Doe.

Io Doe, however, now 21 years old, testified that she had intercourse with Valdez on April 1, 1987, in her bedroom at her grandfather's house. She said she did not want to have sex with him.

uncle, Humberto Valdez, also He said he now lives in forced her to have sex with him. to sexual assault in 1993.

Denver, Colo., with his wife and Her grandfather, Ramon Valdez, touched her but never had sex with her.

> Doe's original testimony stated that her grandfather, Ramon Valdez, and her two uncles, Humberto Valdez and Clemente Valdez, had sexually assaulted her while living in her grandparents' home.

Ramon Valdez was convicted of sexual assault in connection with the victim's sister, identi-Jo Doe said that her other fied only as Jane Doe, in 1995. Humberto Valdez pleaded guilty

# Air Force has no answers for missing bomb-laden jet

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PHOENIX (AP) – Capt. Craig Button took off in a \$9 million Air Force attack jet last week for a practice run. Within minutes, the plane and its arsenal of four

"Broken Arrow"?

"Anything you can think of has probably been looked at," said Staff Sgt. Rian Clawson at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson. "But the evidence so far doesn't indicate any of these wild hypotheses, like he was trying to steal it, or he went off to Telluride to go skiing.

The Air Force rebuffs the idea that Button purposely veered the plane off course. But officials acknowledged Tuesday that investigators are looking into Button's background.

"The investigation ... includes all aspects of the plane and pilot, anything to do with the situation," said Staff Sgt. Bret Zieman at Davis-Monthan.

People who live near the base consider anti-government or even cult activity possible.

"It sounds fishy," said Bob

Jones, a customer at Famous Sam's Restaurant and Bar. "He could be part of a militia, for all anyone knows."

Officials had theorized the pilot could have become incapacitated and may have put the single-seat plane on autopilot. But radar and witness accounts suggest the plane was being maneuvered and wasn't simply gliding. The mystery began last

Wednesday morning about 90 minutes after Button's plane took off in formation with two other A-10s bound for the Barry M. Goldwater bombing range in southwestern Arizona. The plane was carrying conventional, not nuclear, weapons.

One of the jets reported seeing Button's plane flying in the rear, but a minute later the lead pilot radioed Button and got no response. When the other pilots realized the plane was missing, they broke formation and began the search.

Initially, the search focused in Arizona, but it shifted to Colorado three days later after authorities checked radar records and witnesses there reported seeing a low-flying plane.

Pentagon officials were looking into the time Button spent at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, where he was a flight instructor until he arrived in Tucson in February to train on the A-10, an ungainly anti-tank

plane commonly known as the Warthog. CBS reported Monday that Button had asked that his training flights at Laughlin be routed through Colorado.

An Air Force official at the Pentagon, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Button had made many cross-country flying trips during his training, and they may have involved stops in Colorado. Button has a brother in Denver.

Button's relatives said they knew of nothing suspicious involving the 32-year-old Massapequa, N.Y., native.

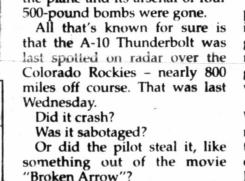
"He was A-OK, stable, didn't seem to be under any stress. But he was having to study hard," said the captain's father, Richard Button, who had trained pilots during World War II.

The elder Button said his son had a passion for flying and dreamed of living a life like the pilots in the movie "Top Gun."

"We're hoping he bailed out. There's no evidence that he bailed out, but there's no evidence that he didn't," he said.

The Air Force doubts Button bailed out; his ejection seat would have automatically sent out a homing beacon.

The jet itself didn't have its tracking device turned on because it was flying in formation, said Maj. Joe LaMarca, spokesman for Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Va., the headquarters for all combat bases.



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# **Daily Record**

### Services tomorrow

COATES, Lilian Violet - 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

EIŠENMAN, Nellie E. – 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Erick, Okla.

### Obituaries

#### **NELLIE E. EISENMAN**

ERICK, Okla. - Nellie E. Eisenman, 86, mother of a Shamrock, Texas, resident, died Monday, April 7, 1997, in Sayre, Okla. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church of Erick with the Rev. Jeff Avery officiating. Burial will be in Independence Cemetery at Near Carl under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Eisenman was born at Near Carl. She married David Jack Allen in 1926 at Sayre; he died in 1947. She later married Everett Eisenman in 1954 at Spearman; he died in March of this year. She had been an Amarillo resident from 1959-93 and had worked for AISD and Bank of the Southwest.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Nelda Joline, and by a stepson, David Eisenman. Survivors include a daughter, Dena Smith of Amarillo; three sons, Kenneth Allen of Perryton, Texas, Wayne Allen of Shamrock and Bob Allen of Vinson; a stepdaughter, Wanda Overton of Perryton; five stepsons, Bobby Eisenman and Tommy Eisenman, both of Perryton, LeRoy Eisenman of Roswell, N.M., and Jimmy Eisenman and Jessie Eisenman, both of Richmond Hill; 10 grandchildren; 17 greatgrandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

The body will be available for viewing today at the funeral home and from noon until service time Thursday at First Baptist Church in Erick.

**GEORGE EDWARD HENDRICK** 

FORT WORTH – George Edward Hendrick, 61, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, March 25, 1997. Memorial services were held Monday, March 31, 1997, in First Christian Church.

Mr. Hendrick was born at Shamrock and graduated from Shamrock High School in 1954. He was a disc jockey for KPDN radio station in Pampa and served as a police officer for the City of Pampa as well. He later moved to Fort Worth and retired as a welder for General Dynamics. He was a member of First Christian Church of Fort Worth, participating in choir and presenting many solos.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharon Prather of Groom; four sons, Chad Hendrick of Fort Worth and George W. Hendrick, Patrick Hendrick and Alexander Hendrick, all of Pampa; his mother, Floy Hendrick of Shamrock; stepchildren, Bill Barber of Fort Worth, Dianna McCoy of Groom, Steve Barber of College Station, Brenda Pelegrin of Oklahoma City, Okla., David Barber of Arlington and Lisa Jones of Kennedale; two brothers, Royce Hendrick of Lake Jackson and Gene Hendrick of Amarillo; and five grandchildren.

### Police report

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

**TUESDAY**, April 8

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Zimmers. Approximately \$150 damage was done to the rear window of a 1985 Dodge Diplomat.

Theft of a microwave, telephone and a color TV, total value of \$333, was reported in the 300 block of North Gray.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2000 block of North Christine. Approximately \$200 damage was done to the rear window of a 1989 Chevy 1500 pickup.

A hit and run was reported in the 1200 block of Coronado. Approximately \$300 damage was done to an electrical pole.

Theft of a modular jack, valued at \$1.99, was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. The suspect was arrested.

Theft of \$2 unleaded gas was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart.

Theft of a pack of generic cigarettes was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

### **Sheriff's Office**

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

**TUESDAY, April 8** Arrests

Tim Hembree, no age or address provided, was arrested on charges of violation of probation, driving while intoxicated - subsequent-offense. He remains in custody.

Matthew James Laughlin, 25, 733 N. Banks, was arrested on a charge of theft under \$50. He bonded out

Theresa Gordzelik, 37, 712 Francis, was arrested on charges of violation of probation, forgery She remains in custody.

### **Calendar of events**

#### **TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING**

Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler, is offering group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more-information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

#### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Narcotics Anonymous, a new non-profit group to aid people having problems with the use of narcotics, will have meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1121 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-6260 or 669-2665.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

The second grade Sunday School class of Central Baptist Church received a lesson in "good samaritanism" Tuesday during a trip to the Good Samaritan Christian Services Inc. house to drop off food collected in their food drive. Children were shown the facilities and were told about the people who are helped each month.

## City discusses changing tax collection entity

#### **By LAURA HALEY Staff Writer**

City commissioners discussed vided by the Gray County tax changing the entity that collects assessor/collector. A move such their taxes in the workshop session Tuesday afternoon.

Currently the city of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District and Lefors Independent School District use the Gray by the school districts, and County Appraisal District to col- Pampa Independent School such as the city of Lefors, Gray adopting the services provided County, the city of McLean and by the Gray County tax asses-District use the Gray County Tax trustees April 24 meeting. Assessor/Collector's Office.

school districts are also considering switching to the services proas this, said City Manager Bob Eskridge, could potentially save the city about \$10,000 in collection expenditures.

Savings would also be realized lect their taxes. Other entities, District is expected to consider McLean Independent School sor/collector at its board of

Despite the potential savings, In the interest of saving money Mayor Bob Neslage questioned the on collections and consolidating accuracy of the cost comparison the collection services in Gray between the Gray County Appraisal

National motorcycle trials set at Lake McClellan

area's Top of Texas Trials coming from Maine, New York, competition. Association and motorcycle asso- California, Oklahoma, New ciations from across the United Mexico and other states, includ- uled at 8:30 a.m. Saturday and States will be competing ing Texas, he said. Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13, at Lake McClellan in the 1997 and cameramen will also be on Top of Texas Trials Association site and will cover highlights of "Diamondback Nationals."

Members of the Panhandle Connecticut, and others will be tered bikers only in the TOTTA

The riders' meetings are sched-Sunday, and the timed trials start at

County, the city and the two District and the Gray County tax assessor/collector. The figures are based on the cost of the area the Gray County tax assessor/collector currently services, of which only a portion is inside city limits.

For a more accurate cost comparison, Neslage asked that only the properties within the city limits be used for comparing the cost between the appraisal district and the tax assessor of collecting those tax revenues.

Commissioner Jeff Andrews, Neslage and other city personnel are expected to meet later this month to discuss any further cost comparisons and/or savings to the city. The results of this meeting will most likely be discussed at the April 22 city commission workshop.

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### Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**TUESDAY, April 8** 

A 1993 Toyota Prism driven by Deepak Kamnani, 17, 2343 Chestnut, and a 1996 Honda Passport driven by Dianna Forbes Walls, 49, 1909 Dogwood, collided at the intersection of Christine and 18th Street. Deepak was cited for failure to yield right of way at stop sign.

### Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following call for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **TUESDAY**, April 8

9:44 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing center on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

## Freezing weather causes slick roads in area

Icy roads were being blamed ber of wrecks on area highways. dawn, law enforcement officers Amarillo because of accidents. were busy as motorists slid into **each** other and off the road.

Authorities said weather conditions apparently played a part in the death of one person near Spearman today. Department of Public Safety officers said they were still investigating the onevehicle accident this morning, but that it appeared the vehicle slid on an icy road north of Spearman on Farm-to-Market Road 3214.

Oklahoma authorities said a of 30 degrees. woman died Monday when a van slid in the snow in front of with a chance of showers and

the city by mid morning.

today for two deaths and a num- there were numerous wrecks low of 35. reported along Interstate 40 by and a freezing drizzle falling interstate highway was closed across the Texas Panhandle before - briefly around 8 a.m. today in

Both Hemphill County and degrees. Wheeler County officials reported slick conditions and freezing drizzle at 10 a.m. today.

Forecasters are calling for cloudy skies today over Pampa with more chances of snow and rain possible. A high of 44 degrees is expected with east winds blowing to 15 miles an hour.

It should be cloudy tonight with a chance of snow and a low

her vehicle near Boise City, Okla. thunderstorms and a high of 45 dawn today. Police said streets in Pampa degrees with northeast winds to appeared to be clear, however, 15 miles an hour. Thursday night today along a line from near and no wrecks were reported in should be cloudy with a low of Texarkana to near Waco to just 35. Friday, it will remain cool north of Del Rio.

Carson County deputies said with rain and a high of 55 and a

Variable cloudiness is forecast + With temperatures in the 20s mid-morning today. Part of the for Saturday with a high of 55 degrees and a low of 35. The weather should clear

Sunday with a high near 60

The overnight low in Pampa was 24 degrees. Canadian reported 26. Amarillo reported 28, and it was 27 in Dalhart. Tuesday's high in Pampa was 43, reached Tuesday morning before the cold front moved in and dropped temperatures into the upper 20s before noon.

Cold air settled in over the northern half of Texas in the wake of a strong late-season cold Thursday, it will remain cloudy front that had moved across most of the western half of the state by

The front was located early

### City seeking residents to serve on advisory boards

The city of Pampa is looking for anyone interested in serving in an advisory capacity to fill boards.

terms expire this month. This serve on the board. board is responsible for overseeing rulings on city matters, and members of this board aware of city functions and month. tesponsibilities.

rently has one opening.

The Electrical Board currently vacancies on the following has three openings. This board meets as needed and those serv-The Board of Adjustments ing on the board must have a has three members whose master electrician's license to

The M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium Advisory Board has two vacancies, and two board should be experienced and members' terms expire this on any of these boards should

The Parks and Recreation Jeffers at 669-5750.

The Cable Advisory Board cur- Advisory Board will have four terms expiring this month.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has one vacancy that needs to be filled.

The Plumbing and Mechanical Board meets as needed and has three expired terms. Members of the board must have a master plumber's license.

Anyone interested in serving contact City Secretary Phyllis According to Doug Youree, an

#### Weather focus LOCAL FORECAST

easterly winds 10-20 mph. and warmer with a chance of Thursday, mostly cloudy with showers or thunderstorms west chance for scattered light rain. and central. Mostly cloudy with High in mid 40s. Tuesday's high was 43; the overnight low was Highs 65 to 73. 24. Pampa received 0.02 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period and South Central: Tonight, ending at 6 a.m. today.

**RÉGIONAL FORECAST** 

Tonight, mostly cloudy with Lows in the 50s, except low 60s areas of fog. Chance for rain with south. Thursday, cloudy with a some becoming freezing rain. chance of showers or thunder-Lows from around 30 to around storms. Highs in upper 60s Hill 40. Thursday, mostly cloudy Country to 70s south central. with chance for showers. Highs Upper Coast: Tonight, mostly from mid 40s to near 60. South cloudy with patchy fog and a Plains: Tonight, cloudy with chance of rain or showers. Lows areas of fog and drizzle. A in upper 50s inland to mid 60s chance of rain, possibly a thun- coast. Thursday, cloudy with a rising from low 40s. Thursday, a storms. Highs near 70 to low 70s. storms. Mostly cloudy with a Plains: Tonight, cloudy with a 60s.

The ESPN-TV sports reporters

the two-day event, Youree said. There are 14 classes, from age officer of the local organization, 14-up, riding in the trials each competitors from all across the day, said Bill Stephens, local United States will be competing TOTTA member and one of the against each other. The champi- trials events coordinators. The onship contender is from lake is a closed course for regis-

highs from low 60s to near 70. North Texas - Tonight, mostly cloudy. A chance of showers and Tonight, continued cloudy thunderstorms, mainly west. with chance for rain, sleet or Lows 47 northeast to 58 south snow. Low near 30 with south- central. Thursday, cloudy, windy

a slight chance of showers east.

South Texas - Hill Country cloudy. A chance of rain or showers far west, occasional drizzle West Texas - Panhandle: with a slight chance of light rain.

9 a.m. promptly both days, he said. There is no admission charge for spectators; however, a recre-

ation park permit fee of \$3 per car is required on entering Lake McClellan's recreation area and campsite.

Rural/Metro will have emergency personnel on location for any emergency needs.

chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in mid and upper 60s. Thursday, cloudy and breezy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in mid 70s coast to low 80s Rio Grande plains.

#### **BORDER STATES**

New Mexico – Tonight, a chance of showers and evening thunderstorms north and east, snow level lowering to around 7500 feet northern mountains. Fair to partly cloudy southwest. Lows 20s to mid 30s mountains and north with mostly 40s south. Thursday, variable cloudiness north and east with a chance for showers and afternoon thunderstorms. Partly cloudy southwest. Highs in mid 40s and 50s mountains and north with 60s to mid 70s lower elevations of the south.

Oklahoma – Tonight, light rain likely. Temperatures steady or slowly rising into mid 40s and derstorm. Lows steady or slowly chance of showers or thunder- low 50s. Thursday, occasional rain, with a chance of thunderchance of showers and thunder-<sup>®</sup> Coastal Bend and Rio Grande storms. Highs in mid 50s to low

City briefs HAIR EXPRESSIONS - Free bottle of tanning lotion with 1 those without, the Pampa Noon Feed, 3-16 lb. bags \$10. Check

thing must go at the Coffee Cafe, 1997. Donations can be made as in the Pampa Mall. We are no late as Thursday, April 17th. longer serving sandwiches. Adv.

night at the Landmark. Come Heard & Jones, Simmons & check out the specials and the Simmons, Regional Eye Clinic DJ. Membership required. 618 W. Foster, 665-4404. Adv.

Borger - 274-2142 or 800-600-2670. Adv.

IN EFFORT to provide to month of tanning, now thru Lions Club is accepting the April 30th. 319 W. Foster, 669- donations of used eye glasses to be presented at their annual district convention on April 18,

There will be a box at the Health Fair in MK Brown on Saturday LADIES NIGHT! Thursday and there will also be boxes at

and Balfour Optical. Adv. 1991 17 1/2 ft. Larson All American boat and trailer. Inboard/out-board. Has ice box, stereo, life jackets and skis. Call 669-0409. \$7500. Adv.

**GREEN THUMB** Weed-Nour bargain of the month. Frank's True Value, 638 S. Cuyler. Adv.

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

**INCOME TAX** Preparation Wm. L. Arthur, 1103 E. Harvester, 669-3928. Adv.

FOR SALE Voit Treadmill (non-electric) 665-8187. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Wednesday 5-8 p.m. Fried chicken, meat loaf, spaghetti and meatballs, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

STAY AT home mom would like to keep infant and/or toddler. Call 669-3919 after 5 p.m. References. Adv.



7131. Adv. **CLOSING OUT** Sale. Every-

TAX SERVICE: Glenda Brownlee, 625 Whittenburg,



# Texas top recipient of funds from Democratic campaign committee

at its helm, the national campaign candidates funneled more campaign cash to Texas than any other state during the 1996 election ing. cycle.

The \$2.7 million pumped into Texas by the Democratic Campaign Congressional Committee dwarfs other states' allocations. California, which has the largest House delegation with 52 members, received \$1.1 million in DCCC funds — less than half the amount sent to Texas, which has 30 House seats.

amount of money went to Texas they've got a really good shot at races," said political analyst Stuart Rothenberg. "Yes, Texas time around." had a lot of good races. But there were lots of competitive races across the country."

A chunk of the \$2.7 million benefited local party operations in the Ed Harrison. Dallas-Fort Worth area – home to DCCC Chairman Martin Frost.

Some \$170,000 was conveyed Frost's high-dollar effort. "I feel by the DCCC to local parties, including the Tarrant County Democratic Party, which helped .set up phone banks, stuff envelopes and buy radio ads for Frost, Roll Call reported this week.

"The dollars that were spent in Texas, particularly in Frost's area, probably should have been spent in other parts of the country where there were razor-thin races," Rothenberg said.

DCCC Stephanie Cohen defended the committee ran through significommittee's focus on Texas, noting an unusual confluence of circumstances that made the state ripe territory for both parties. Among them:

races than any other state. Of Republicans didn't turn up anythe seven House seats vacat- one directly critical of the DCCC ed by Texas incumbents, six priorities.

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Texan were held by Democrats. -A redistricting order forced committee for House Democratic special elections in 13 Texas races, resulting in the need to educate voters about the unusual ballot-

-Neither the Clinton campaign nor Senate Democrats poured resources into Texas, leaving the DCCC the only national committee to make a play for the state

"There was so much to gain and so much to lose with those congressional seats," said Texas Democratic Party political director Michael Moore. "And because "Clearly a disproportionate of what the DCCC did, I think taking the Congress back next

Frost, who was a target of national GOP leaders, raised and spent \$1.9 million in his hardfought contest against Republican

Harrison decries the use of DCCC funds to supplement like it's a misuse of his office to go around the country raising money under the pretense that it's for other candidates," he said.

The DCCC under Frost's stewardship raised more money than ever before, taking in \$39 million. The Republicans raked in \$93 million.

"There is no question Frost was looking out for Texas more than anyplace else," said Charles Cook, publisher of the Cook spokeswoman Political Report. "But given that the cantly more money than they ever had before, I don't think you'll find a lot of his colleagues throwing rocks at him."

A spot check of some of the -Texas had more open-seat Democrats who lost narrowly to

### Oil producers, pols cautiously optimistic at annual meeting

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AUSTIN (AP) - The optimism of duction remains on the skids, a recently bustling oilpatch is although the 3.2 percent dip to 511

'Buried City' tour

Rolla Shaller, assistant archeologist and tour coordinator for the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, examines an artifact similar to those excavated at the "Buried City" near Perryton. The museum will sponsor a day-long bus trip to "The Buried City of the Texas Panhandle," located near Perryton on Saturday, April 19, in observation of Texas Archeology Awareness Month. The unique complex of sites reflects an occupation from approximately 1100 A.D. to 1450 A.D. and represents some of the oldest history ruins in the Texas Panhandle. Cost of the tour is \$45 and will include transportation, lunch and snacks. Panhandle-Plains Historical Society members will receive a \$5 discount. Reservations are required and will be accepted on

## Senate votes to expand education program, providing for up to 80 more charter schools

a first come, first serve basis. The reservation deadline is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16.

AUSTIN (AP) - An 18-year-old it does reflect widespread interest charter schools in the past. But he who dropped out of public school in the program. after having a baby became Texas' first graduate of an independent charter school six months ago, over who gets the charters under tion program began.

state senators on Tuesday voted to expand the charter program, which gives public funds to campuses that are independent of school districts, may be run by private entities and are free of many state regulations.

Under the bill by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, the total number of charter schools allowed in Texas would increase from 20 to

The move, made after applications for charter schools have Agency, came despite concerns from another lawmaker that expansion is occurring too fast.

said he is co-sponsoring Bivins' bill The State Board of Education because of the program's potential

would continue to have authority for at-risk students. soon after the experimental educa- his bill. The state has received cational measures for those chilmore than 280 requests for charter dren who have not been able to With such students in mind, applications, even though all 20 succeed with the current system," charters authorized already have Luna said. been granted.

"Clearly the jury is still out," Meleka Blacklock of Dallas, got her Bivins said. "What we're doing is high school diploma from the acknowledging there is enormous Dallas Can! Academy after workinterest in pursuing these schools." ing eight hours a day to finish the Bivins said he was particularly credit she needed, said TEA pleased that a large number of the spokeswoman Debbie Graves schools are organized to serve dis-Ratcliffe. advantaged students, "those students who have gotten the short schools authorized have opened stick in life and arrive at our public their doors, with about \$10 million schools hungry and not prepared expected to be spent on the schools. to learn."

"There are far too many of those Ratcliffe said. Of 2,495 students poured into the Texas Education children who are not making it in enrolled, about three of every four the system," Bivins said. "I think are minority and 72 percent would thing new."

out of the regular school program, Barrientos said he found it curishe said

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## Legislation would allow race to factor into college admissions

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas colleges and universities could once again consider race in admissions under a bill considered by a House committee.

The bill adopts language from a court decision in a case known as Hopwood, which resulted in Texas universities being prohibited from using race as a factor in admissions and financial aid policies.

The court's ruling said race could be considered as a factor in admissions only if lasting effects of past discrimination could be shown at a school.

(PPHM photo)

The measure, by Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, tracks that language and sets varying degrees for race to be considered.

The bill, which was left pending Tuesday night in the House Higher Education Committee, had received the endorsement of Attorney General Dan Morales.

Gisela Gonzales, a spokeswoman for Ms. Rangel, said she did not know when the measure would again be considered.

Morales' contested interpretation of the Hopwood ruling has prohibited Texas institutions of higher learning from using race as a factor in admissions and financial aid policies and has drawn fire from the U.S. Department of Education as being too restrictive.

"I think this bill meets the constitutional requirements laid out in the Hopwood ruling,' Morales said.

The bill was also praised by Al Kauffman; regional director of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund who has represented minority interests in lawsuits against the state.

"I think this bill sends the message that the Legislature is doing everything it can to maintain diversity," Kauffman said.

Ms. Rangel, chairwoman of the we owe it to those kids to try some- be considered at-risk of dropping Higher Education Committee, said her bill satisfies the concerns of Morales, the U.S. Department of Education and the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which handed down the Hopwood ruling. "We want to make sure that we are not being defiant with this bill," Ms. Rangel said. "We want to make sure we are going with the language of the court opinion in the legislation so that race is used as a factor, not a sole factor, but as a factor." Under the bill, the Legislature would have to find that there are lasting effects of past discrimination in the admission of minorities at Texas public colleges and universities. With that finding, schools "may" use race as one factor among many in the admission of ; a student, according to the bill.



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Commission's daylong conference Tuesday was rife with cautious optimism from a procession of lawmakers, association presidents and industry representatives at the annual event.

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"If this truly is a mini-boom, we don't think the industry is at risk of getting ourselves back into the situation we saw in the mid-1980s," said Pamela S. Price, vice president of Houston-based Vastar Resources Inc., referring to the bust.

Speaker after speaker offered glowing reports about the state of oil and gas in Texas and thanked the three-member commission for its deregulatory posture.

Since Sept. 1, new drilling permits are up 31 percent compared with tion, particularly on marginal the same period a year ago, and total drilling permits are up 23 percent.

However, overall Texas oil pro- it makes sense anymore."

tinged with lingering tears of million barrels in 1996 was better growing U.S. dependence on for- than the 5.6 percent decline in each eign crude and the continued of the prior two years. decline of Texan production, a

"While rig counts are up ... annual Texas production is still declining at an alarming rate," said Rex Railroad H. White Jr., president of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association. "Moreover, our industry is at risk, being hit with massive class-action suits alleging groundwater pollu-

tion, and a host of other causes." The presentations to the all-Republican commission contained continuing themes, including improved education of Texas schoolchildren about the oil industry, increased use of technology and tax relief.

Commissioner Barry Williamson said the severance tax rate on oil production revenues, which has stood at 4.6 percent since 1951, deserves reconsideration.

"It would be wise to at least look Some figures back them up. at the severance tax system to see if a change could encourage producwells," Williamson said. "Forty-six years is a long time to let a tax go without at least looking at whether

They've been in existence seven months. Can we take a seven- ous that "all of a sudden people are month experiment and say, 'It's concerned about disadvantaged now goes to the House for considwonderful,'?" asked Sen. Gonzalo students," noting that in other eration. Senate passage of the mea-Barrientos, D-Austin. "I think we areas, there have been moves sure comes as Bivins works on are proceeding too quickly."

Bivins said his measure isn't a grams. declaration that the existing Sen. Gregory Luna, D-San students from schools are successful. But he said Antonio, said he had opposed public schools.

against affirmative-action pro- another bill to allow private money

Sen. Gregory Luna, D-San students from low-performing

### Bills would speed up, streamline adoption process

would be streamlined under leg- current law. islation approved by the Texas Senate.

The bill approved Tuesday would allow children to become eligible for adoption more quickly if the state removed them from their parents because of abuse or street." neglect.

Judith Zaffirini, making it easier would "put children into loving adoption." to revoke the parental rights of homes more quickly." The bill fathers who don't claim their goes to the House. babies.

without a family," she said. gible legally for adoption. "They move from foster home to

Ms. Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said force said that in April 1996, the taken into state protective cusher concern is for the children, Texas Department of Protective tody because of parental abuse or particularly those who may and Regulatory Services - the neglect.

AUSTIN (AP) - Adoptions spend years in foster care under state's child protection agency reported that nearly 12,000 chil-"What's happening is that dren were in foster care. Of those, these children are growing up slightly fewer than 1,400 were eli-

"I think it's one of the best edu-

The first charter school alumna,

Seventeen of the 20 charter

this year in state funding, Mrs.

The charter school expansion bill

to be spent on private tuition for

Figures for the 1991-1995 fiscal foster home, and they age out years showed that adopted chil-(turn 18) and they're out on the dren had spent an average of 40.8 months in the system before Gov. George W. Bush, a adoptions were completed. A paternity registry also would Republican who has pushed for Those children averaged four be created under the bill by Sen. faster adoptions, said the bill temporary placements before

> Under Ms. Zaffirini's bill, a court generally would have one A study by a gubernatorial task year to act on the case of a child

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#### Let Peace Begin With Me

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### Opinion

# Greenspan hasn't done any harm ...

It would be nice - heck, it might be close to utopia - if all government officials preceded their oath of office by taking a variant of the medical Hippocratic preamble to "first, do no harm.

Within the confines of his role as head of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve, Chairman Alan Greenspan might qualify as an official who tries with some degree of conscientiousness to do as little harm as possible to the economy. The Fed's decision to raise the federal funds rate, charged on overnight loans between banks, a modest quarter-percent, from 5.25 percent to 5.5 percent, was foreshadowed by a series of public remarks by Greenspan that allowed financial markets to adjust in advance to the likelihood of slightly higher rates.

We won't know for months if this was an apt decision that fore-stalled another round of inflation in the United States. As many have noted, inflation has actually been lower in 1997 - 2.3 percent annualized in January and February - compared with 3.3 percent during 1996. But many economists claim to see inflationary pressure building and believe that a preemptive strike is just the right medicine.

If we're lucky, the rate hike will do no harm. And if we're luckier still, there won't be a variable, such as an oil-price shock, to trigger inflation independent of the Fed's actions.

These periodic moments of breathless anticipation about mysterious Fed decisions - for all the world like a prehistoric tribe waiting for a Shaman to commune with the spirits and return with a decision about where to hunt this summer - should raise questions about whether or not the United States needs a central bank.

One could argue the Fed hasn't brought price stability - the economic peaks and valleys have been more pronounced and more frequent since the Fed was formed in 1913 than in the 80 years or so prior. While some Fed chairman are less inept than others, all inevitably bring a singular, tunnel focus to a diverse and constantly changing economy.

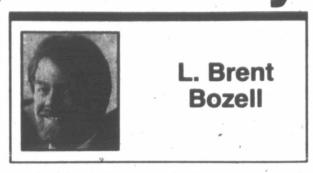
Greenspan seeks low inflation and price stability. His policies and other factors - seem to be successful, but perhaps at the price of settling for lower economic growth rate, in the two percent to 2.5% range, than it might otherwise be. An over-managed economy makes all Americans a little poorer than they might have been, every vision for the future slightly constrained, every innovation that much more difficult to bring to market.

Earlier this year in the National Journal, two Washington bureau chiefs called for a less narrow minded approach from the media to the subject of religion. Time's Dan Goodgame claimed, "I don't want someone who thinks going to church twice a week is aberrant behavior. While it may be in Cleveland Park or pick-your-own Washington sub-urb, it's not in the rest of the country." Doyle McManus of the Los Angeles Times said his main concern has been a "cultural gulf" between the public and "disproportionately liberal-Democratic-secular-humanist reporters." McManus felt that gulf left news organizations "out of touch" with "a whole sphere of American society.

Both these men run print media operations that have religion beaf reporters, and both can be satisfied that the print media generally do a commendable job covering religion. But where the TV networks are concerned, it's a wholly different story. No network employs a full-time religion reporter (ABC does use the very talented part-timer Peggy Wehmeyer); as such, they have no one monitoring the subject and are ignoring the vital role religion plays in the lives of most Americans.

In the last four years, the Media Research Center has conducted an annual survey of the quantity and quality of TV religion coverage. Year after year, the landscape remains tragically unchanged. The networks have failed to crack the one percent barrier of its total news content. The pattern of neglect in unchanging - religion is not worthy of network news

Once again, in 1996, the number of network news treatments of religion barely increased: 269 out of 18,000 evening stories (or 1.3%) and 258 of 26,000 morning stories (0.8%). There were only 19 magazine segments, and not a single Sunday morning news interview show did a segment on religion. If



you look at numbers for the last four years, it's truly depressing. From 1993 through 1996, the networks have aired an estimated 176,000 morning and evening segments. But only 1,785 of these were devoted to religion, about one percent. Why is this? We know that newsies don't hang

around churches unless there's a kidnapping, a fire or a suspected pro-lifer inside. But does that mean that there's nothing in the world of religion and theology that's worth covering? Look at some of the stories that received covering the print media last year, but went untouched by the networks:

- First awarded in 1972, the annual Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion is the world's largest monetary award, with the winner receiving \$1.2 million. Every year, reporters cover the less generous Nobel Prizes but ignore the Templeton Prize.

- Any scientific advance proving Darwinism gets automatic coverage. What if the opposite happened? In 1996, two academics challenged the orthodoxy of Darwinian theories of evolution in 1996. Lehigh University biology professor Michael Behe wrote the book Darwin's Black Box, which argues that the human body is a machine of "irreducible complexity" that would have had difficulty evolving into a cohesive whole. David Berlinski

wrote a cover story in the June Commentary that facts in favor of Darwinian theory "have been rather less forthcoming than evolutionary biologists might have hoped." Network coverage? Zero.

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- Have a secular group complain about human rights abuses and you can count on automatic coverage. But in 1996, in response to pressure (primari-ly from church leaders), the State Department appointed a panel of 20 religious figures and scholars to monitor religious liberty abroad. TV coverage? None

The networks missed the angle of military chaplains and their role in ministering to soldiers in trying times - whether it's serving in Bosnia or dealing with the military's social disputes. The networks also ignored controversy over a lawsuit opposing an Air Force ban on chaplains organizing a postcard campaign against partial-birth abortions.

At a press conference to release these findings, an NBC News producer asked a question that may illuminate the media mind-set. After mentioning that the largely faith-based movement behind crisis pregnancy centers saving babies from abortion is avoided by TV, he asked: "If you, I mean, if you get a pregnancy center or a point of view that is the religious point of view ... there's a question of God being there. But if it's Planned Parenthood, it sort of like fixes it in a secular area so people can make decisions about it. But if the pope makes a statement about it, that's sort of God's word coming to the people. Now, isn't that something of a problem when you attach religion to it (the abortion debate)?"

What a strange news formula: If it's secular, you can report it. But if it's religious it's radioactive, third-rail, controversial stuff. How sad. Especially when you consider that religion, according to national surveys, is quintessentially important to only 91 percent of the public.

### **Today in history**

#### **By The Associated Press**

Today is Wednesday, April 9, the 99th day of 1997. There are 266 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert É. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia. On this date:

In 1682, the French explorer Robert La Salle reached the Mississippi River. In 1833, the nation's first taxsupported public library was founded in Peterborough, N.H.

In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after she was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

In 1942, during World War II, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to

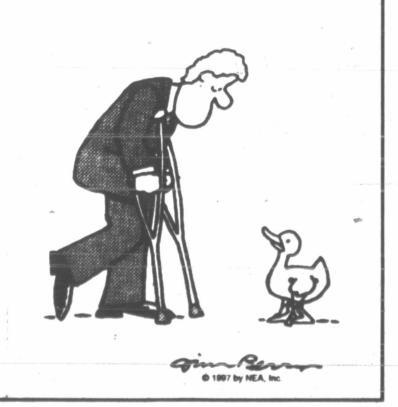


But, one point of view, you could make a case that the-Fed under Greenspan has done little harm.

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## Berry's World





# **Chemical weapons convention**

Just because the Cold War is over does not mean that the great divide in foreign policy thinking has vanished - the one between wishful thinkers and realists

Oh, that's not the way the wishful thinkers would put it. They'd say that they are the party against (pick one or more) 1. war, 2. nuclear holocaust and 3. chemical and biological weapons. The hopes of the wishful thinkers have a history of being codified in lovely sounding international treaties. The current incarnation is the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Chemical and biological weapons are horrifying and vile. But the question the United States Senate must ask as it considers whether to ratify the treaty is this: Will a piece of paper and one more United Nations bureaucracy really make the United States or the world any safer from the threat of these weapons?

The answer, regrettably, is no. The real world answer to fear is reason, not a feel good treaty that could make things worse. Reason told us that only deterrence, not treaties (and there were many), kept us safe from nuclear attack during the Cold War. Deterrence keeps us safe still, which is why we are not dismantling our nuclear arsenal.

Deterrence is the only answer to the chemical and biological threat, as well (along with any defensive technology we can devise, but that's part of deterrence.)

It was deterrence, not the 1925 Geneva Convention outlawing chemical weapons, that prevented Adolf Hitler from using poison gas in World War II. Remember the pictures of Londoners in the Underground during the early days of the war?



no, both sides were fully armed with poison and the defensive technologies of masks and uniforms. The treaty was ignored, but the balance of terror ruled.

How would we verify compliance with the CWC? Impossible. Chemical weapons are called the "poor country's nuclear weapons" because they are so cheap and easy to manufacture. The sarin gas that killed so many on the Toyko subway was made in a small room. Two of the worst chemical agents, phosgene and hydrogen cyanide – both of which were used to devastating effect in World War I - are not banned by the treaty. Why? Because they are simply too commonly used for commercial purposes.

And speaking of common use, the Clinton administration has already announced that its understanding of the treaty precludes the use of tear gas and other riot-control agents in wartime, and during search-and-rescue operations, and when combatants and noncombatants are intermingled.

Under the terms of the treaty, once a violation is spotted, the offending country is given five days notice to prepare for inspection by an international They were all equipped with gas masks. Treaty or team. Under a far more onerous regime than that,

imposed by the United Nations after the Gulf War, Iraq has continued its chemical weapons program.

While international inspections would do nothing to impede treaty violators, they would impose huge costs on lawful countries like ours. The Arms Control and Disarmament Agency estimates that 3,000 American companies, ranging from Pfizer to Quaker Oats, would have to file detailed reports with the Commerce Department about their activities. They would also be subject to warrantless searches by international teams that might contravene the U.S. Constitution and would certainly provide a golden opportunity for industrial espionage.

Further, under Article X, all signatories to the treaty are required to share chemical defensive technology and equipment to other signatories. We would then be obliged, at the risk of being seen as lawless, to provide Iran (which has already signed the treaty) with our defensive technology. In effect, we will be aiding Iran's chemical war fighting capability. This is not a speculative risk. Iran used chemical weapons as recently as the 1980s in its war with

Iraq. This is worse than naivete; this is dangerous. Some of the world's worst offenders in the chemical warfare business - Iraq, Libya, North Korea and Syria - will not even sign the treaty. Those who do will find their treasuries (it will cost U.S. taxpayers about \$66 million a year for the U.N. bureaucracy alone) and their companies raided. And they will find their security compromised by requirements to share vital technology.

Surely, if the history of the 20th century teaches anything, it is to expect evil and meet it with force not flimsy paper.

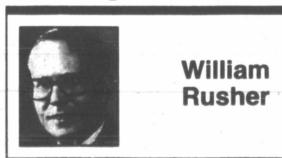
# Partial-birth loophole is a mile wide

The pressure for a law banning partial-birth abortions is building up again. The Republicans in both Houses of Congress are determined to pass such a bill, and President Clinton has let it be known that he will veto it again, as he has once done already, unless it is modified to provide that the procedure can be used when "the health of the mother" is at stake. At first glance that sounds reasonable, but it is actually designed to render the ban almost completely ineffective.

Partial-birth abortion, as everyone knows, is the grisly procedure whereby scissors are inserted in the neck of a fetus after is has been moved halfway down the birth canal, the brains are sucked out (causing the skull to collapse), and the lifeless corpse is then removed the rest of the way from the mother's body. The merit of the procedure, from the standpoint of the abortionist, is that, since the fetus is still partially inside the mother's body when the operation is performed, what would otherwise be a clear case of infanticide remains merely "an abortion," and hence legal.

Many people who ordinarily favor giving mothers the option of abortion draw the line at this particular procedure. But the "pro-choice" strategists fear that agreeing to outlaw it would be only the first step down a slippery slope to prohibiting abortion altogether, and they are fighting hard against a ban.

In vetoing the first such bill last year, Clinton



surrounded himself, for photo purposes, with an array of women whose lives had allegedly depended on the use of this procedure, and endeared himself to his ultrafeminist supporters by posing as the defender of America's women. le also argued that the procedure was "rare."

Since then, one of the principal lobbyists for partial-birth abortions has confessed that he "lied through his teeth" when he declared on national television that only a few hundred such cases occur each year. He now admits the number is more like 5,000, including many where there was no threat to the mother's life or health.

The bill's supporters agree that such an abortion ought to be allowed when the mother's life is at stake. But Clinton, as noted above, wants to go further: He insists he will veto it again unless it authorizes such an abortion when the mother's ly worthless.

doctor declares that it is necessary to her "health."

And that, of course, as Clinton well knows (and is counting on), is an exception you could drive a truck through. There will always be plenty of proabortion doctors ready to certify that, in their opinion, failure to perform a partial-birth abortion will endanger the mother's "health." But what aspect of her health, and how much? Must it threaten her well being gravely, or is it enough that it may lead to a mild depression or a temporary loss of weight?

It's the same old dodge that people who want to legalize marijuana used in California and Arizona last November to obtain passage of referendums authorizing the medical use of that drug. The user need only brandish a certificate from his or her "caregiver" asserting that marijuana is therapeutically necessary in this case, and the sale is legal under state law. There are doctors in California who are on everything but roller skates themselves, and who would consider it a privilege to prescribe pot for their patients

Opponents of partial-birth abortions have offered to compromise on a bill that would permit the procedure's use where the health of the mother would otherwise be seriously threatened. But that wouldn't give the medical co-conspirators enough wiggle-room. Like Clinton, they want an exception big enough to render the law essential-

Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious "Bataan Death March" which claimed nearly 10,000 lives.



# **Community Calendar**

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce recently had a computer crash and lost all the Community Calendar information through December 1997. If you had previously submitted an event listing, please contact the Chamber and provide the information so the calendar can be updated.

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Note: Civic clubs, organizations, church groups and others wanting their special meetings and activities listed on the community calendar should contact the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-3241, at least two weeks before the scheduled event.

#### April

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-0407 or 669-3988

VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of the Texas Panhandle Inc. has an office open in Pampa. For information as a volunteer, or if you have a child who would qualify for the program, call 665-1211.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.

MEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-75-0769811-0.

CELBRATION OF LIGHTS project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at 2125 N. Hobart. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER, 308 S. Cuyler, is offering group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131.

TOP O' TEXAS RODEO PAGEANT COMMITTEE is now accepting entries for Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo and Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Teen. For more information, contact Sonja Longo at 665-1413, Jamie Greene at 665-8850 or the rodeo office at 669-3241. HIDDEN HILLS LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION has its playdays every Monday with tee off at 6 p.m. Ladies of all ages and abilities are welcome. For more information, call Christine Babb at 665-7640.

12 - PAMPA RADIO OPERATED PLANE SOCIETY (PROPS) will hold a Big Bird Radio Control Airplane Fly In at 9 a.m. at the club field east of Pampa Country Club.

12 - LIVE YOUR LIFE WELL community health fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., sponsored by Columbia Medical Center and Hoechst Celanese. For booth rental information, contact Denise Story at 663-4839 or Terry Barnes at 669-0924.

12-13 - NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE TRIAL RUN. Runs will be held at Lake McClellan. For more information, contact Sid Mauldin, 665-8747.

13 - FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, 1700 Alcock, will be "singing" from 2-4 p.m., with the public invited. For more information, contact Mina Towery at 665-3361 or 665-8529.

14 - AMERICAN ASSOCIÁTION OF RETIRED PERSONS meeting at 1 p.m. at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Guest speaker will be Cinda Jennings, who will be discussing the Meredith House. Public is invited.

15 - CHAMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON in the M.K. Brown

# Jim Carrey flick, 'Liar, Liar,' wins for third week, grosses \$100 million at box office

#### **By LYNN ELBER AP Entertainment Writer**

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Liar Liar is making a habit of leading the weekend box office charts, beating The Saint and three other debuts to become the first new movie this year to break \$100 million.

The Jim Carrey comedy, about a too-smooth lawyer who is cursed to tell the truth, took in \$18.3 million and needed just three weeks to hit \$100.7 million, according to figures released Monday.

Star Wars, a 20-year-old space adventure, has grossed \$136.2 million in re-release, but Liar Liar is the first new film to top \$100 million.

Although The Saint drew mixed reviews, a heavy promotional campaign along with careful timing helped it to the No. 2 spot, an impressive \$16.3 million opening and a solid \$7,056 perscreen average.

The movie, starring Val Kilmer, was held from its original release date of March 14 to avoid direct battle with the Star Wars trilogy.

it into the top ten.

That Old Feeling, starring Bette Midler as a divorcee reunited ing-of-age tale set in the 1950s with her ex-husband at their starring Liv Tyler and Joaquin



an action film pairing Jean-Claude Van Damme and basket-Three other debut films made ball star Dennis Rodman, followed with \$5 million.

Inventing the Abbotts, a com-

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday \$2.3 million, 898 locations, through Sunday, followed by \$2,563 average, \$2.3 million, one studio, gross, number of theater week. locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks Miramax, \$2 million, 1,300 locain release, as compiled by tions, \$1,561 average, \$71.1 mil-Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and lion, 21 weeks. Entertainment Data Inc.:

average, \$100.7 million, three lion, two weeks. weeks.

million, 2,307 locations, \$7,056 age, \$5.5 million, two weeks. average, \$16.3 million, one week. 3. The Devil's Own, Sony, \$7 million, 2,504 locations, \$2,801 average, \$29.6 million, two weeks.

4. That Old Feeling, Universal, \$5.1 million, 1,575 locations, \$3,240 average, \$5.1 million, one week.

5. Double Team, Columbia, \$5 million, 2,203 locations, \$2,285 average, \$5 million, one week.

6. Selena, Warner Bros., \$3.5 average, \$27.7 million, three weeks. weeks.

million, 2,050 locations, \$1,559 average, \$40.6 million, six average, \$48 million, five weeks.

8. The Sixth Man, Disney, \$2.9 million, 1,231 locations, \$2,320 average, \$8.9 million, two weeks. average, \$30 million, 12 weeks. 9. Return of the Jedi, Fox, \$2.8 million, 1,349 locations, \$2,066 daughter's wedding, was fourth Phoenix, grossed \$2.3 million for average, \$39.7 million, four average, \$10.5 million, four weeks.

10. Inventing the Abbotts, Fox,

11. The English Patient,

12. Turbo: A Power Rangers 1. Liar Liar, Universal, \$18.3, Movie, Fox, \$1.6 million, 2,107 million, 2,878 locations, \$6,350 locations, \$774 average, \$6.2 mil-

13. BAPS, New Line, \$1.6 mil-2. The Saint, Paramount, \$16.3 lion, 1,204 locations, \$1,332 aver-

14. Sling Blade, Miramax, \$1.5 million, 905 locations, \$1,682 average, \$18.2 million, 19 weeks. 15. Jerry Maguire, Sony, \$1.2 million, 810 locations, \$1,536 average, \$147.3 million, 17 weeks.

16. Private Parts, Paramount, \$889,200, 1,216 locations, \$731 average, \$39.7 million, five weeks.

17. Dante's Peak, Universal, \$856,700, 816 locations, \$1,050 million, 1,583 locations, \$2,183 average, \$63.1 million, nine-

18. Donnie Brasco, Sony, 7. Jungle 2 Jungle, Disney, \$3.2 \$784,700, 775 locations, \$1,012 weeks.

19. Beverly Hills Ninja, Sony, \$701,800, 500 locations, \$1,404 20. love jones, New Line, \$665,100, 420 locations, \$1,584

# Amarillo Symphony to salute Liszt, Schubert in concert

AMARILLO – The Amarillo Symphony salutes two great covered and first performed in tary. composers in the Saturday, April this century in 1990 by the Amarillo Civic center at 8 p.m.

In the first half of the concert, Fialkowska," the orchestra will present two adding that she is well known to virtuoso showpieces by Franz Amarillo audiences because she play Franz Schubert's Symphony concertos with the orchestra a in C-Major, subtitled "The Great."

"Liszt was a Hungarian-born pianist and composer from the as one of the leading pianists of last century who originated the her generation, celebrated for her and early twenties. solo piano recital," James interpretations of the classical Setapen, music director and conductor of the Symphony, said. "Many critics consider Liszt the greatest pianist of all time as well as an important composer."

12, concert, scheduled for the Chicago Symphony and our will be devoted to Franz us had he lived a normal life guest soloist, pianist Janina Setapen said. Liszt, and in the second half will has played both Brahms plano and greatest symphony." few years ago.

Ms. Fialkowska has been hailed and romantic repertoire, he said. The Canadian-born pianist has appeared both with major U.S. symphony orchestras and European orchestras. She studied

"The Piano Concerto was re-dis- Canadian television documen-

Schubert's symphony. "We are marking the 200th tremendous power with an epic anniversary of Schubert's birth," Setapen said. "This was his last

Setapen explained pieces, many of them in his teens

"He died from typhoid fever at the age of 31, so we have no idea The second half of the concert what his genius might have given span," he said. "His music has quality."

The concert is being sponsored in memory of Mrs. Dolores, that Holcomb by James C. Holcomb Schubert, who is Austrian by and his family. Tickets are availbirth', wrote romantic master- able by calling the Amarillo Symphony office at (806) 376-8782.



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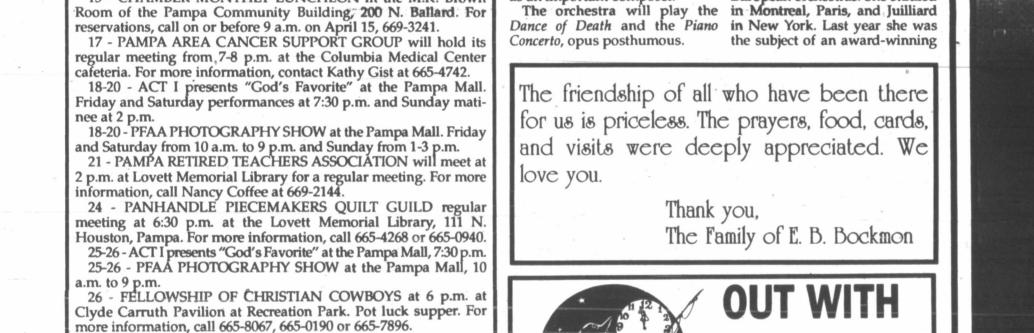
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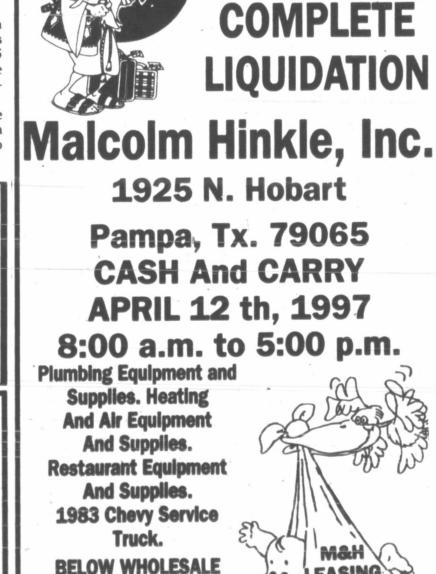
Nearly 21/2 hours passed before a detective arrived at JonBenet Ramsey found his daughter's Ramsey's house the day the 6year-old beauty queen was reported missing, a newspaper reported today.

Court documents obtained by the Rocky Mountain News say that Boulder Police Detective Linda Arndt reached the Ramsey

home at 8:10 a.m. on Dec. 26. JonBenet's mother, Patricia Ramsey, had called 911 at 5:52 a.m., reporting that she found a

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) - shortly after the call for help. The documents said John body in the basement about 1:05 p.m. - several hours after police conducted a search of the 15room house.

Police spokeswoman Leslie Aaholm would not comment on why no detectives were sent to the house earlier.



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# **Friend's Gift From The Heart Becomes Poet's Inspiration**

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column daily for many years and greatly enjoy your letters on random acts of kindness. Yesterday I read the letter about Darlene Godsey's husband, who came home a quadriplegic after an overdose of anesthesia during open-heart surgery, and how her friends rallied together to repair the things she had formerly relied on her husband to do.

It reminded me of something my quadriplegic friend Bernie did for me several years ago during a very lonely and difficult time in my life. I wrote occasional verse and had been sharing my poems with him over a bulletin board service via our personal computers. Through time we became good friends.

Unbeknown to me, he took the following verse of mine, had it printed in "Queen's English" and beautifully framed, and presented it to me as a gift, for no particular reason. That was a turning point in my life and inspired me to continue my writing and share it with others.

I have just recently completed my first poetry and verse manuscript and am hopeful it may be published someday. Bernie's gift. titled "Lessons You Learned," now has its own special place on my wall. and is a daily reminder of the "random acts of kindness" that inspired me originally to write it

I am sharing it with you in the hope that it will help people along life's journey either to recognize

# Horoscope



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For every tear you brush from a cheek, I promise you kindness will fol-

low. Wherever you walk, under rainbows or stars, Over daisies, or down lonely hollow

For every child you play with and talk to,

I grant you one heart full of laughter:

For every smile you place on a face.

I promise you peace ever after If you think "I" am giving you

priceless gifts, Look close at yourself and your deeds.

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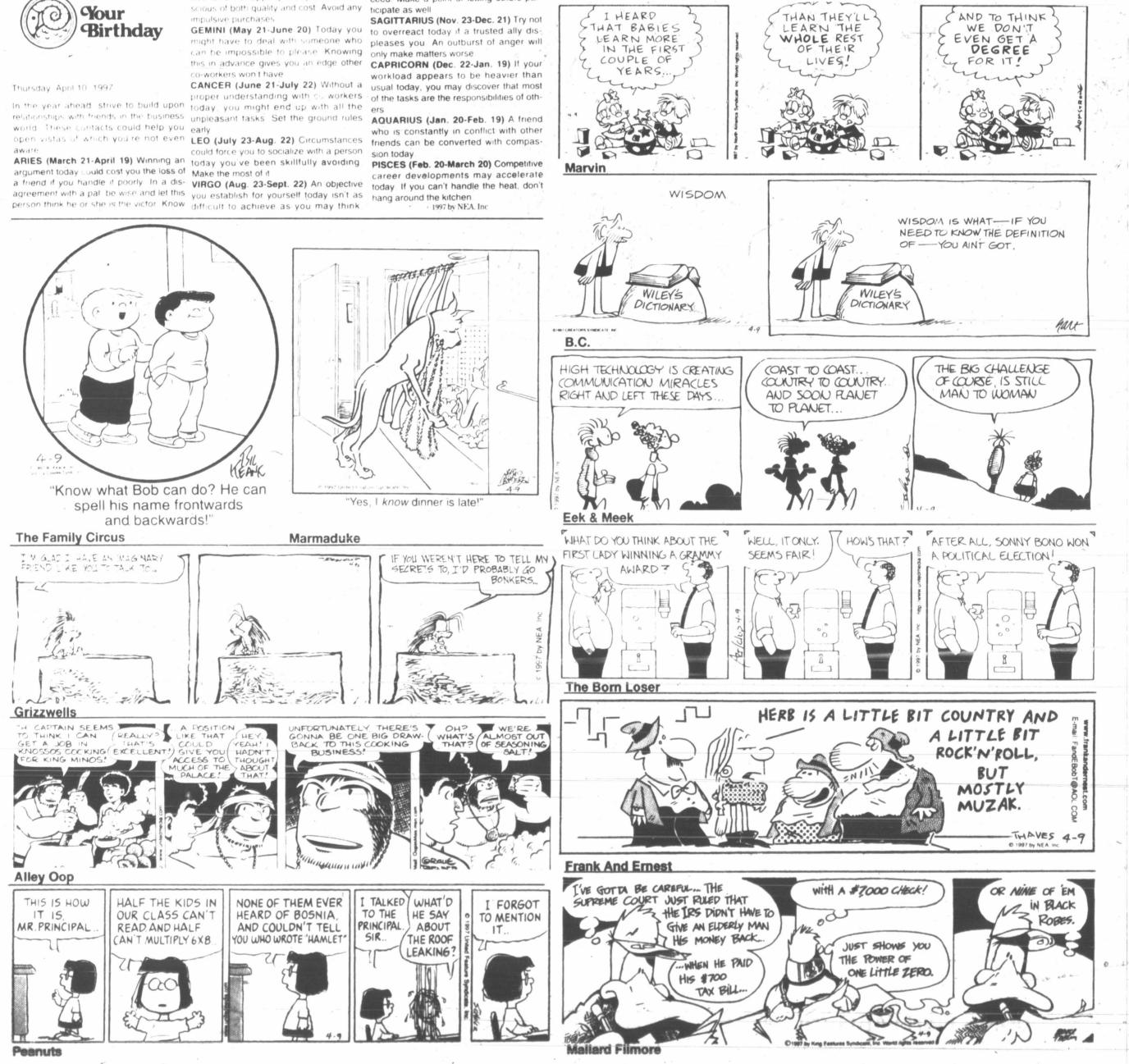
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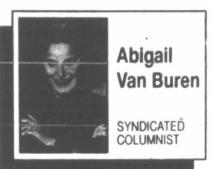
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their own gifts or help someone else along their way. If you print it, I thank you. If you cannot, I understand you cannot print every letter you receive. I will continue to faithfully read your column because you so often touch so many hearts, and have often touched mine

MARLENE GERBA. MILWAUKIE, ORE

DEAR MARLENE AND DEAR **READERS: Unfortunately, I am** unable to publish all of the letters or the lovely poems I receive. However, this one moved me so deeply that I am compelled to share it. Read on:

#### LESSONS YOU LEARNED by Marlene Gerba

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- love For every rainbow you find
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# **S**ports

# Notebook

#### BOWLING

AMARILLO — Warner-Horton of Pampa is the Division 1 leader after the first weekend of bowling at the Texas State Bowling Association Men's Tournament being held at Amarillo Bowl and Western Bowl.

Warner-Horton had a 3,148 team score.

In singles, Pampa bowler Russell Eakin is the Division 1 leader after the first weekend with a 751 series.

#### GOLF

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - In the mind of Tiger Woods, it makes perfect sense to believe a 21-year-old can actually win the Masters.

Sure, he's never broken par at Augusta National, playing six rounds over the past two years as the U.S. Amateur champion.

"Well, don't forget, I was an amateur," he said, supremely confident in his new status as a professional.

In the mind of Tiger Woods, it's hardly out of line for British bookmakers to establish him as one of the favorites this week, even at a course where most observers feel the balance between talent and experience leans heavily toward the latter."

"Is it realistic? I think so," Woods said Tuesday. "I don't know if anyone else does."

For Woods, winning is the only thing that matters each week, so it's quite natural that he expects to be wearing a green jacket Sanday. He's a pro now, not some schoolboy from Stanford.

"I didn't take finals last week. I didn't write papers," he said. "I was able to practice getting ready for a tournament like I normally do."

#### BASEBALL

### Norman is Masters' sentimental favorite Norman has chased Jack Nicklaus, fallen victim to a miracle chip and watched dominance turn into doom during one of the most unforgettable Sundays at Augusta

National. Now, he is in a new role — sentimental favorite.

That much was evident Tuesday during his first practice round for the Masters since he shot a 78 in the final round to go from a sixstroke lead to five strokes behind Nick Faldo.

" He practiced 10-foot putts to an ferent." imaginary hole on the left side of the second green as a three-deep applause as he walked off the green.

pionship.

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - Greg foursome approaching, forming a foot chip probably would have funnel for them to walk through - found the water on No. 11 if it had- task. first Steve Elkington, then Nick n't settled into the cup? Price and Jeff Maggert.

> again as Norman made his way ago when he pulled a sand wedge every word of encouragement.

> but an asset," Norman said of the torv. overwhelming support. "I've already felt it getting out of the car here. You get the support from the people coming here for the prac- closer to an inevitable collapse. tice round, but I think it'll be dif- And not even Faldo would mind

Who wanted Norman to make par on the 72nd hole in 1986, gallery watched his every move which would have forced a playoff and then offered respectful and could have denied Nicklaus luck to him," Faldo said. his sixth green jacket? What was so bad about Norman losing a year form after such devastation, Colin way stopped when they saw the favorite Larry Mize, whose 140- he can.'

Another bid for the Masters he And then the cheers started so dearly covets ended two years past the wall of fans, tipping his on No. 17 and took a bogey. No baseball cap and acknowledging one seemed to mind, since Ben Crenshaw was writing another "I think it's going to be nothing emotional chapter of Masters his-

> But hardly anyone could bear to watch the numbness in Norman's eyes as each swing brought him putting the green jacket around Norman's shoulders if he can't keep it to himself for another year. "If he's there and can do it, good

### **Co-Champs**

Norman thinks he is up to the

again, and I think I've got a very good chance to be in that position," he said. "I know I gave you a pretty good story. I hope to give you better stories from here on out."

It won't be easy. Faldo can reach into the memory bank and recall perhaps the greatest round of his life, from the 8-iron he hit to No. 12 to the 2-iron he struck perfectly to 63 at Augusta, to finish in the top the par-5 13th green, two shots that put enormous pressure on Norman.

"He did all the things you have to do to win a major championship," Norman said.

Faldo has spent time watching videotape of last year's final Asked if Norman could return to round, mainly to seek out the putting technique that served him Spectators crossing the third fair- later in a playoff to hometown Montgomerie said, "If anyone can, beautifully when it mattered the spectators at Augusta National most.

#### Norman, trying to flush out the memory of last year's final round, "I just want to be in that position believes he has found his resolve from a motivational speaker, Tony Robbins, with whom he spend much of the day on Monday.

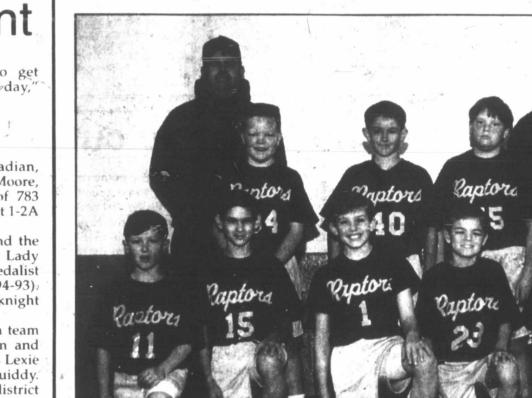
"What I got out of it was just reminding myself of who I am and how good I am," Norman said.

He was good enough to beat Faldo in the 1993 British Open. He has been good enough to shoot a three in 12 major championships; the only player to lose all four majors in a playoff.

But is he good enough to win the Masters?

"I'd love to have it," he said. "That's what my drive is. That's what my ambition is. That's what this guy wants to do."

And this time, thousands of want it for him.



"We're just hoping to get McCullough said.

CANADIAN - Canadian, paced by medalist Keri Moore, had a two-round total of 783 Monday to win the District 1-2A Girls Golf Tournament.

Moore, a sophomore and the youngest player on the Lady Wildcats' team, earned medalist honors "with a 187 (94-93) Spearman's Macy Shieldknight was second at 190.

Others on the Canadian team are seniors Kylene Mixon and Vanessa Baize and juniors Lexie Bowling and Brooke McQuiddy. Mixon shot 199 in the district round while Bowling had 201, Baize 204, and McQuiddy 206. Sunray shot 872 to place second while Canadian junior varsity was third (886) in district

Pampa golfers eye **District Tournament** 

PAMPA — The Pampa High in San Angelo. School boys and girls golf teams enter the fourth and final round another non-windy wday, of the District 1-4A Tournament Thursday at Comanche Trail in

Amarillo. Both teams, particularly the Lady Harvesters, are in excellent shape going into the final round. The Pampa girls with a huge 61-stroke lead have virtu-

ally clinched the district cham-Pampa is tied with Randall for second place in the boys division and could challenge

Borger for the district title with

a strong performance Thursday.

After playing in gusty winds

the first two rounds, the district

golfers enjoyed some semi-calm

weather during last weekend's

third round at Dumas. It

seemed to have helped the

Pampa boys team, which

jumped from fifth into the sec-

ond place deadlock.

coach Frank McCullough.

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** Texas Rangers outfielder Warren Newson has been placed on the 15-day disabled list with a strain in his left calf muscle.

The designation is retroactive to April 5, the team said Tuesday. Newson injured the leg during the Rangers' home opener April 1. In two games, Newson has one hit in three at bats.

To fill Newson's roster spot, the Rangers purchased the contract of infielder Dave Silvestri from AAA Oklahoma City.

The Rangers had acquired Silvestri, 29, on a waiver claim from Seattle on March 27. outright Assigned to Oklahoma City on April 3, he was 1-for-13 with one RBI in four games with the 89ers. He has a career major-league batting average of .215 in 168 games with the New York Yankees and Montreal Expos.

PAMPA — Rainfall and freezing temperatures forced the postponement of the Pampa-Caprock District 1-4A baseball game Monday. The game has been rescheduled for next Monday at 4:30 p.m. at Caprock.

The Harvesters are scheduled to host Borger at 4:30 m. Thursday at Harvester Field.

**CANYON** — West Texas A&M University, picked to finish last in the six-team Lone Star Conference baseball race, has made a small dent in proving the prognosticators incorrect through the first week of the league schedule.

The Buffs have received votes in the national poll three of the past four weeks, but have come up short for inclusion on the top 25 poll. The Buffs took the first three games of a four-game series with Texas A&M University-Kingsville on April 5-6 to improve to 24-11 overall and 3-1 in the LSC race. WT outscored the Javelinas, 46-29, for the weekend. "From the start, I said this is

not a last place team," said WT head coach Todd Howey. "This team will contend for the title against all odds. With only two scholarships, no really gives us much credit."

'It almost seems like the other play. teams play better in the wind

In other tournaments this than we do. There wasn't much spring, the Lady Wildcats won wind the first 14 holes (in the the Booker Invitational, placed third round of district). It second at Quanah and third at picked up the last four holes, Wellington. but it wasn't bad," said Pampa

Canadian competes in the Class 2A regionals next week-The top two district teams end at Abilene.

advance into the Class 4A Stratford won the District 1regional tournament April 21-22 2A Boys Tournament

(Sports Shots Photography)

The Raptors finished as co-champions in the Optimist boys 3rd and 4th grade basketball league this season with a 9-1 record. Team members are (front row, I-r) Jared Moler, Matthew Woodruff, Christopher Moody, Shane Goldsmith and Jessie Parsley," (middle row, I-r) Jake Craig, Clayton Hall and Chase McCarthy. Coaches are Larry Craig (left) and Robert Dixon.

# McGee, Blauser are unlikely hitting heroes

#### **By BEN WALKER AP Baseball Writer**

Willie McGee has won two batting titles, so getting hits has never been a problem.

But in 16 seasons in the majors, he had never won a game with a home run — until Tuesday night.

McGee connected for a pinchhit, solo homer with two outs in run the bottom of the ninth inning, and the St. Louis Cardinals ended the worst start in their 106-year history, beating the Montreal Expos 2-1.

McGee's home run, just the 74th of his career, gave St. Louis its first win of the season after six straight losses. It also put a perfect finish on

Central champions.

"That was more dramatic than 'The Natural,"' Cardinals manager at-bats. Tony La Russa said. "And that was a made-up movie. I don't know how he did it."

McGee, 38, was just as surprised as anyone in the crowd of 47,542 to see him win a game with a home

"That's the last thing on my mind," McGee said. "You dream of things like that, but I'm not that kind of a hitter."

been much of hitter at all in recent vears for Atlanta.

1995, went 4-for-4 Tuesday night dropped to 0-7 with a 5-3 loss to - giving him hits in eight straight Florida.

after a 4-2 win over Houston. a roll going the other way. "What can I say, I'm having fun Nothing's going right for us now." and enjoying the game. It's been a while.

two singles, making him 13-for-24 (.542) this season. The NL record for consecutive hits is 10, last done Jeff Blauser, meanwhile, hasn't by Bip Roberts, and the major league mark is 12.

the home opener for the NL batted .245 last year and .211 in start in their 122-year history. They with the bases loaded.

"If we panic in April, it's going "When you haven't been hitting to make for a long season," Cubs for two years, eight hits in a row center fielder Brian McRae said. "If feels like 80 in a row," Blauser said we keep working hard, we can get

In other NL games, New York Marlins 5, Cubs 3 beat Los Angeles 5-3, Pittsburgh Blauser had two doubles and stopped San Diego 2-0 and Philadelphia defeated San Francisco 2-1.

McGee, who batted .350 as a for the first time ever. pinch-hitter last year, homered off Ugueth Urbina (1-1). Urbina on a 29-degree day at Wrigley The Chicago Cubs, however, escaped a bases-loaded jam in the Field, outpitching Steve Trachsel But the Braves shortstop, who matched the mark for the worst eighth by striking out Gary Gaetti (0-2).

"I don't look at the stats much, but this afternoon I noticed McGee was 3-for-4 against him," Expos manager Felipe Alou said. "Now he's 4-for-5."

Mark Petkovsek (1-1) gave up two hits and struck out three in four scoreless innings.

Chicago matched the 0-7 start of the 1962 team, which also lost its first seven in a row. Florida moved to 6-1, going five games over .500

Al Leiter (2-0) lasted six innings

(Pampa News photo by Matt Hutchison)

Lucas Jaramillo (left) receives his all-district award from coach Warren Cottle during the recent Pampa High School boys soccer banquet.

# All-District soccer team announced by coaches

Harvesters have been named to Jeremy Silva, Julio Silva, Nick the All-District 5 Boys Soccer Smiles, Brian Sprinkle, Justin Team for 1997.

Pampa first-team picks included Lucas Jaramillo, Blane Warren and Kyle Weller. Northcutt and Randall Odom. Harvesters named to the sec- Cottle and Dean Birkes. ond team were Chris Welch and Managers are Valorie Johnson Justin Molitor.

The PHS boys team was honored during a banquet last week at Pamcel Hall. Senior awards, Harvester soccer awards and district awards were presented.

The 1997 seniors include Matt Brown, Justin Molitor, Blane Northcutt, Randal Odom, Fabian Silva, Jerad Epps, Mike Weatherly and Chris Welch. Team has also been announced Other team members include with two Pampa Joel Bolz, John Bolz, Aaron Harvesters, Michelle Guerra Cochran, Brad Gardner, Jeremy and Jessica Maddox, named to Goode, Jeremy Hall, Kevin the first team. Henderson, Adam Hillman, Lucas Jaramillo, Johnson, Albert Lopez, Kyle named to the second team.

PAMPA - Three Pampa McCullough, David Odom, Trollinger, Javier Valles, Cesar Valles, Jason Vance, Adam

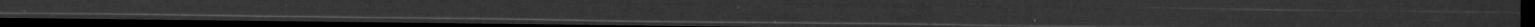
Pampa coaches are Warren and Shelly Hopson. Ball chasers are Jimmy and Johnny

Head coach Cottle expressed his appreciation to Jimmy and Jeanette Goode for helping with the soccer program's fund-raising project.

The All-District 5 Girls Soccer Lady

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27	TRANSACTIONS
1/2	BASEBALL
1/2	American League
38	DETROIT TIGERS-Signed 1B Bob Hamelin to a minor-
	league contract and assigned him to Toledo of the
	International League.
GB	SEATTLE MARINERS—Purchased the contract of RHP
_	Dennis Martinez. Designated RHP Salomon Torres for
1/2	assignment.
1/2	TEXAS RANGERS-Placed OF Warren Newson on the
1/2	15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 5. Purchased the
1/2	contract of INF Dave Silvestri from Oklahoma City of the
1/2	American Association.
1/2	National League
	CINCINNATI REDS—Acquired RHP Scott Klingenbeck
-	from the Minnesota Twins for future considerations and
	assigned him to Indianapolis of the American
8	Association.
15	HOUSTON ASTROS—Announced the resignation of
18	Steve Swisher, manager of New Orleans of the American
21	Association. Named Dave Engle interim manager of New
24	Orleans until Friday and Matt Galante manager of New
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	the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 5. Called up
	C Danny Sheafler from Louisville of the American
	Association.
	BASKETBALL
	National Basketball Association
	CHARLOTTE HORNETS-Activated F Anthony Mason
	from the injured list. Waived F Tom Chambers.
	DALLAS MAVERICKS—Activated G Erick Strickland
	from the injured list. Placed F Samaki Walker on the
	injured list.
	FOOTBALL
	National Football League
	DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed QB Jason Garrett to a
	three-year contract and DE Oluwasegun (Mike)
	Odumuyiwa.
	GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed general manager Ron
	Wolf to a three-year contract extension, through 2002.
	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS-Signed TE Paul Green to a

Boston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

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# Tyson fight postponed due to cut

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Evander fighters. Holyfield had to wait five years to beat Mike Tyson after their Frank Bruno was postponed first fight was postponed. So a nearly a decade ago, Tyson has 56-day delay didn't look so bad this time around.

from beating Mike Tyson again," Holyfield's attorney, Thomas, said. "He's just going to before suffering bruised ribs. have to do it a little later.

Tyson was forced to postpone his scheduled May 3 rematch Tyson around his left eye. He had with Holyfield on Tuesday after a it stitched up and stopped sparcut suffered last month on a head ring for two weeks, but reopened butt in sparring refused to heal.

Now, the two fighters are scheduled to meet June 28 at the Plastic MGM Grand Garden for the

Ever since his first fight with postponed a total of seven fights for various reasons. It marked the "It isn't going to deter him second time he had postponed a hadn't been preparing properly fight with Holyfield, who he was for the fight. Jim originally set to meet in 1991.

This time, it was a head butt in sparring March 17 that first cut best ever," he said. the cut last Wednesday in another sparring session.

surgeon Barry Markman used 10-12 stitches to WBA heavyweight title that sew it up again, but after the cut Tyson sustained in the fifth Holyfield won by stopping began bleeding again Monday, round of his Nov. 9 fight with the May 3 fight was in jeopardy. "It will set me back in a way as "What can I do? These things far as my mindset goes," Tyson happen," said Tyson, a mark said at a hastily called news con-sparring partner who originally ference Tuesday evening. "On caused the injury with a head Indeed they do in boxing, the other hand, it's a blessing in butt during a session in which although they seem to happen to disguise because it gives me time. Tyson was wearing protective Tyson more often than to other to clean up some other aspects in headgear.

nates.

my life that have been going on." Tyson declined to be specific, saying it was "nothing that needs to be aired in public at this time." He denied rumors circulating out of his training camp that he

"I don't know where you received that information from. I'm in great shape, perhaps the

"I'm prepared to fight at this moment," Tyson said, flanked by King, Markman and other members of his entourage. "I'm just following the instructions of the doctors.

It was not the same cut that Holyfield, although it was in the same area, Markman said.

#### **By CHRIS SHERIDAN AP Basketball Writer**

When it comes to showing playoff readiness, Phoenix, Houston and the Los Angeles Lakers are showing a whole lot York, more than New Washington and Portland.

one-year contract. HOCKEY

The Suns, Rockets and Lakers kept winning Tuesday night, while the Knicks, Bullets and Trail Blazers each had inexcusable losses.

Phoenix upped its winning streak to 10 games with a 115-107 victory over Minnesota, Houston won for the 10th time in 12 road games with a 127-117 victory what we've done at the end," over the Clippers and the Lakers said Jason Kidd, who made five got their seventh the win in eight games by beating Golden State 109-85 On the opposite end of the spectrum, New York was beaten by 20 at home as Cleveland won 93-73, the Bullets dropped a 100-94 decision at Toronto and Portland was flummoxed by the lowly Dallas Mavericks, 87-82. In other NBA games, Miami

Orlando beat Milwaukee 97-82, rebounds. San Antonio defeated Denver 96-90 and Sacramento topped

Rockets, Suns, Lakers keep winning

Vancouver 109-93. The Suns, who started 0-13, go into the record books as the team that made the postseason after digging itself out of the biggest

hole The 1967-68 Chicago Bulls and 1984-85 Cleveland Cavaliers were 0-9 and still qualified, while the 1976-1977 Bulls had a 13game losing streak during the season and also made it.

"I don't think anybody is going to remember the 13 games, but everybody is going to remember

Stephon Marbury scored 16 of

his 27 points in the first quarter for the Wolves, who needed one victory or a Sacramento loss to make the playoffs.

Rockets 127, Clippers 117

At Los Angeles, Charles Barkley had 35 points, eight rebounds and seven assists in his best outing since returning from a hip injury four games ago.

Six Rockets scored in double figures, including all five starters. Clyde Drexler and Mario Elie had 18 points each and Hakeem Olajuwon added 17 points.

Malik Sealy scored 26 points

Tyson in a shocking upset last November.

clearly visible on his left eye.

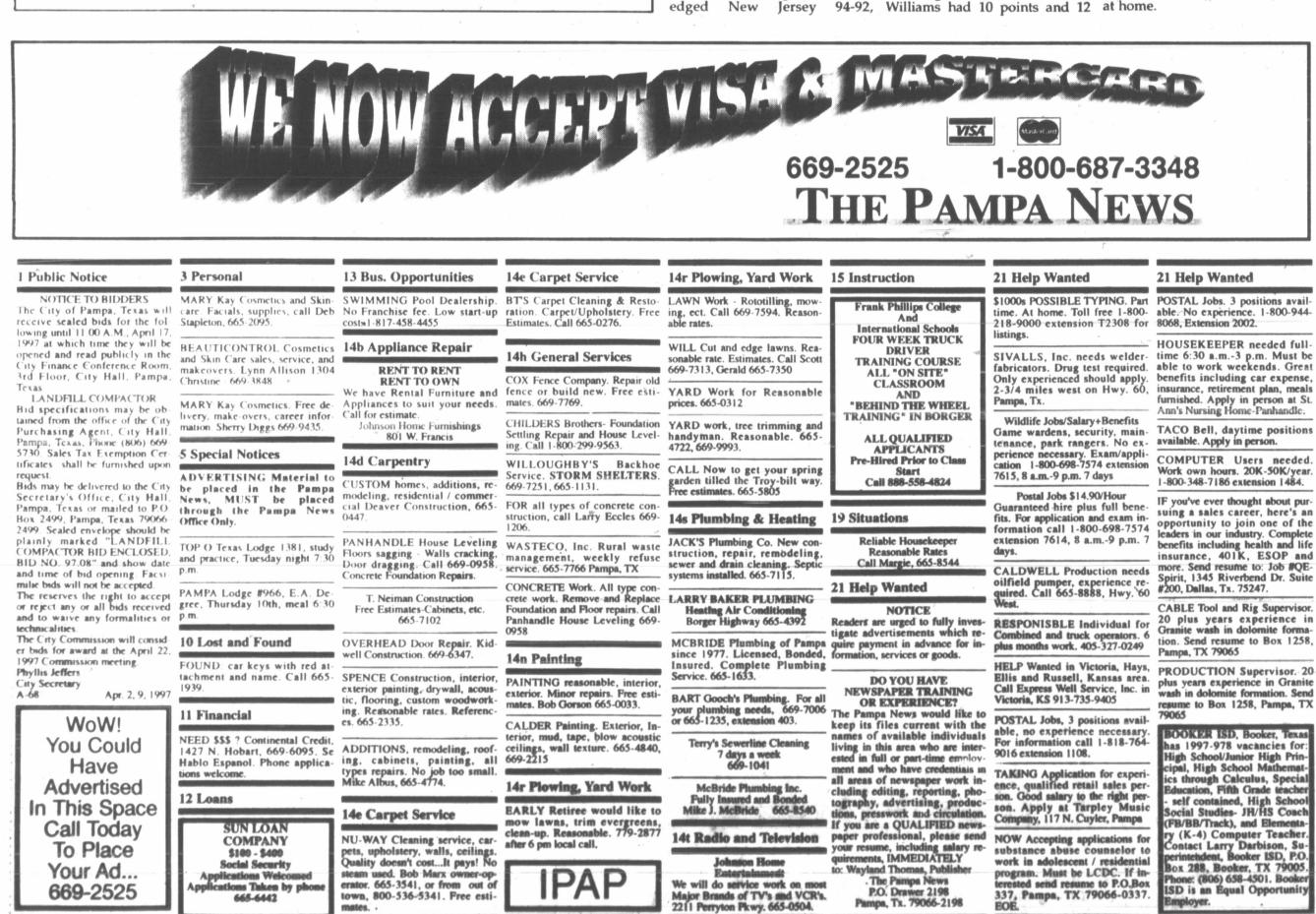
Tyson declined to name the

free throws in the last 40 seconds to preserve the 10th consecutive win. Phoenix also became the first team to have double-digit winning and losing streaks in the same season.

Kidd finished with 15 points, 10 rebounds and 13 assists, Kevin Johnson and Wesley Person scored 23 points apiece, Danny Manning scored 20 and Hot Rod

for the Clippers, who had their three-game winning streak snapped in their first home game in two weeks.

The Rockets lead the season series 2-1, with one game remaining in Houston on April 15. They wrapped up their five-game Western Conference road trip with a 4-1 record. They have six games remaining, including four at home.





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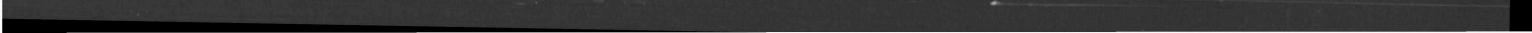
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## Getting started exercising

Taking up running, biking or any sport to improve your physical health sounds great, but it is not always easy to get started. How do you do it? How much should you?

First, get the right equipment. Proper equipment will make participation in your sport more enjoyable and help prevent injuries. Advice can be obtained from reputable salesmen or knowledgeable friends already in the sport.

It is often helpful to talk to your physician to get an exercise prescription. After listening to your heart and lungs and evaluating your physical Dr. Robert D. Julian condition, he can tell you where to start and how fast to progress.

You may start with jogging a half-mile, or just walking briskly. Exercising three to five times a week is enough to improve your fitness and health. It is wise to allow a day of rest for your body to repair and rebuild the muscle cells that have been exercised. After more strenuous exercise, a couple days of rest is important.

Once you establish a base to start at, you can normally increase the amount of training by about 10 percent per week. Increasing faster is apt to cause problems with tendonitis, stress fractures, or other "overuse" injuries.

The zeal of getting started and the desire to improve quickly can often have a negative effect; when a person develops an injury, it is discouraging and decreases the enjoyment of the sport. This causes many people to give up. Slow and steady improvement will make any sport more enjoyable.

The above information is endorsed by Dr. Robert D. Julian of the Family Medicine Center of Pampa.

# Deaf people can benefit from cochlear implants

from cochlear implants, a genetically or due to illness. device introduced a little more than a decade ago.

"Manufacturers continue to making speech clearer. improve upon their design," said Rose Chmiel, an audiolo- interference from static electricgist at Baylor College of ity. Medicine in Houston. "Newer speech processor has been children." developed and other innovations are planned that will must have profound or severemake cochlear implants even to-profound hearing loss which more user-friendly." sound "information" for adults benefit from hearing aids, no and children who have nerve medical problems that could deafness in both ears. Surviving cause complications, and desire nerve fibers in the inner ear or to be part of the hearing and cochlea are stimulated through speaking world versus relying use of a surgically implanted on sign language. receiver/stimulator which is connected to an external head- have profound hearing loss, litset that includes a microphone, the or no useful benefit from transmitter and speech proces- hearing aids, no medical probsor

HOUSTON – Today, more • Models for people who do than 15,000 deaf people benefit not have auditory nerves, either

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"Cochlear implants are wonimplants have more channels derfully successful," said than earlier single-electrode Chmiel. "And while not everymodels. As a result, speech one qualifies, the criteria for the understanding is much procedure includes a significant issue of the journal Pediatrics, Menstruation occurred at 12.16 ings also suggest that some girls characteristics." improved. Also, a smaller percentage of deaf adults and

# Medicare debates resurface in budget talks

#### **By ALICE ANN LOVE Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) - When Congress resumes budget talks this week, Republican adding fewer new benefits. That would lawmakers will float the idea of having a separate debate on Medicare. President Clinton will try to sink it.

Pay no attention, senior citizens' advocates say: It makes no difference whether the debate over Medicare happens as part of the bigger balanced-budget talks or outside of them.

"There is no compelling substantive difference. It's all politics," said Tricia Smith, a lobbyist for the American Association of Retired Persons

That's because any separate debate on the specifics of Medicare would come only after lawmakers reach agreement on how the program's costs fit into an overall balanced bud-

In his budget-balancing plan, Clinton has proposed Medicare savings mainly by paying hospitals and health plans that care for senior citizens about \$121 billion

savings about \$106 billion.

Republicans - although they haven't made a formal counteroffer - are talking about making close to the same cost cuts, but make their plan's real savings slightly higher about \$113 billion under one scenario described by Ari Fleischer, a GOP spokesman for the House Ways and Means Committee.

Either way – whether the Medicare debate takes place during behind-closed-doors budget talks or out on the House floor - lawmakdeepen unpopular cuts in Medicare or offer fewer new benefits.

may push for a separate debate so that the public doesn't link Medicare cuts with tax breaks proposed for families and businesses budget. by both parties this year.

"The underlying numbers are the same, but part of the gamble is the American public won't understand that," she said.

In 1996, Republicans were stung by accusaless. The president also would give tions they wanted to balance the budget on have to fix Medicare. This would allow our retirees new preventative care benefits the backs of the elderly and poor by cutting nation to debate Medicare on its own merits," worth about \$15 billion, making his real Medicare, welfare and other entitlements said Fleischer.

while granting big tax breaks to others.

This year, both parties want tax cuts but have indicated they are willing to wait enacting them until the public is presented a blueprint showing how the tax cuts would fit into a balanced budget.

White House Office of Management and Budget spokesman Lawrence Haas said the president is less flexible on Medicare, however, and wants to keep discussions about cutting that program clearly in the context of the need for a balanced budget.

"We don't support the idea of picking speers have just two unsavory choices left once cific pieces of the federal budget and setting the overall budget savings are set: either them aside for separate votes. It's best to consider it in its totality," Haas said.

Still, Republicans insist a high-profile Smith notes, however, that Republicans Medicare debate could be of value, since the senior citizens' health care program faces problems beyond its role in balancing the

> Benefits paid out by Medicare aren't covered by payroll taxes the program takes in, and as baby boomers reach retirement age, the situation will only get worse.

> "Even if the budget was balanced, we'd

# Study: U.S. girls reach puberty earlier than believed

girls reach puberty earlier than Academy of Pediatrics. commonly believed, with nearly half of black girls and 15 percent from the breakdown of chemicals tion for white girls has been of white ones beginning to devel- in products ranging from pestiop sexually by age 8, a study cides to plastic wrap. Real estroindicates.

ronmental estrogens, chemicals Giddens, an adjunct professor of that mimic the female hormone maternal and child health. estrogen, are bringing on puberty at an earlier age.

tion should begin sooner than it estrogen can affect sexual develoften does, researchers said.

"I don't think parents, teachers or society in general have been ages 3 through 12. They were really thinking of children that seen in 65 pediatric practices young - second- and third- around the country. About 1,600 graders - having to deal with of the girls, or 9.6 percent, were ally puberty," said the study's lead black. author, Marcia E. Herman-North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Environmental estrogens occur gen is used in some hair products, The study raises troubling including pomades primarily

She said research is needed to know whether real estrogen in It also suggests that sex educa- products and environmental Giddens said. opment.

The study involved 17,000 girls

girls had begun developing sexual development. The research is in the April breasts, pubic hair or both.

12.88 years in whites.

The average age of menstruaunchanged for 45 years, Herman-Giddens said.

For black girls, the average is about four months younger than on decades-old statistics from questions about whether envi- marketed to blacks, said Herman- it was 30 years ago, when poor England taken from a relatively nutrition and poverty, which can small number of white girls who delay puberty, afflicted more blacks, she said. "I think we may be seeing a catch-up," Herman-

> She acknowledged that her findings may have been skewed if a significant number of the girls were brought to their doctors because of concerns that they were developing too early sexu-

The study, and other research, At age 8, 48.3 percent of black suggest that blacks and whites may also vary by ... how old the Giddens of the University of girls and 14.7 percent of white have some inherent differences in mothers were or how old the

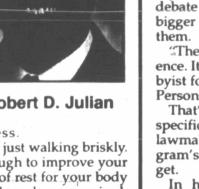
CHICAGO (AP) - American published by the American years in blacks on average and at who have been diagnosed with early puberty, and perhaps given drugs to delay it, may be developing normally.

She said medical textbooks typically suggest the age of sexual development is much later, based were mostly in foster care.

An expert not involved in the study called the work very important but said it will probably not change doctors' practices.

"We've always known that there was a range of development," said Dr. Marianne Felice, chief of adolescent medicine at the University of Maryland.

"It may vary by race, it may vary by nutritional status and it older sisters were when they hit Herman-Giddens said the find- the same landmarks in sexual



about the size of a cassette tape both the child and family, and and is worn on a belt or in a placement in an educational pocket.

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Children, ages 2 to 17, must lems that can cause complica-Today's speech processor is tions, high motivation from program that emphasizes the In the works are cochlear development of auditory skills

"There are about 200 cochlear aid, and implants that can be implant centers around the worn while undergoing mag- country," said Chmiel. "This Other planned improvements ing increasingly an option for more and more Americans."

# Elevated enzyme level spells out risks for angioplasty

CHICAGO (AP) - Angioplas- the rest, 253 had elevated crea- enzyme level, but it is reserved the Duke University Medical ty patients who develop an ele- tine kinase, 120 did not. vated level of a certain enzyme of a heart ailment as those with normal readings, a study found. heart ailment vs. 14 percent of the only.

The enzyme, creatine kinase, other group. is released when the heart muscle is damaged and shows up in balloon form of angioplasty, in the blood six to eight hours which a tiny balloon at the end of after an angioplasty, a proce- a catheter is threaded into a dure for opening clogged heart blood vessel and inflated. The arteries.

In an accompanying editorial, have no effect on the enzyme researchers said cardiologists level. should routinely test for the enzyme for 24 hours after per- Northwestern's Dr. Charles J. forming an angioplasty.

February Journal of the should follow up closely with the American Medical Asociation, patient, give frequent stress tests researchers looked at 2,812 and aggressively manage cholespatients at Northwestern terol levels. Memorial Hospital in Chicago who underwent an elective about 750,000 times a year in the angioplasty between 1984 and United States 1993. Most of the patients were then excluded because of vari- tered at the time of the angio-

During the succeeding 10

type of angioplasty appeared to

One of the researchers, Davidson, said that if someone's In the study, published in the enzyme levels are high, doctors

Angioplasties are performed

A new medication adminisous medical complications. Of plasty can hold down the

for obvious high-risk patients Center in Durham, N.C., said because of the cost. Also, the posare nearly twice as likely to die years, 23 percent of the patients sibility of a severe allergic reacwith elevated enzymes died of a tion limits its use to one time

Most of the patients had the Ohman and Barbara E. Tardiff of plasty.

that measuring enzyme levels should probably be mandatory for doctors, and some patients should be kept in the hospital a In an editorial, Drs. E. Magnus few extra days after an angio-

