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PAMPA — The April 24 Parks and Advisory Board meeting has been rescheduled for May 1 at 6 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

The previous meeting was canceled due to a lack of enough members to present a quorum.

The agenda items for the May 1 meeting include election of officers; the Hike-n-Bike Trail concrete overlay; park development; a super playground; a volunteer garden; development of a wildscape area; naming of a park; and trees for the M.K. Brown Swimming Pool.

Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting.

**PAMPA** — The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be sponsoring a Water Safety Instructor course on May 20 at 7 p.m. at the Red Cross office. Participants must be at least 17 and will need to pass

a swimming test. For more information, contact Julie Long at 665-7474.

OAK HILL, Kan. (AP) — Mark Virden came of age just

His 18th birthday on Jan. 20 allowed him to become a City Council member in this north-central Kansas town. And a good thing, because the town might have had difficulty filling the fifth seat during its election this month.

The town has a population of about 35 - eight or nine of those are registered voters. So finding five City Council members, a mayor and a city clerk is not easy.

Most of the City Council members are at least twice Virden's age.

"It doesn't really bother me," Virden said. "I'm pretty well-liked, and I don't have any trouble getting along with anybody."

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) -A recommendation to expel a woman from West Point who was accused of twice bringing unfounded rape charges will "have a chilling effect on any female cadet at the academy, her lawyer said.

An Army investigator recommended Tuesday that Su Jin Collier, 19, be expelled from the military academy for lying and having consensual sex with a cadet while on campus, both violations of school regulations.

The recommendation came after the investigator found Collier guilty of charges at an administrative hearing. He also recommended suspension for the male cadet, who was found guilty of having consensual sex while on campus. The length of the suspension was not specified.

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# Legal issue delays county tax proposal

**By LAURA HALEY** Staff Writer

A difference in the legal interpretation of a section of the property tax code is the reason the Pampa Independent School District has delayed changing its tax collection services over to the

Although the proposal submitted in March by the county would save the school district approximately \$29,000, members of the school district legal team are reluctant to approve the proposal until cost issues between the school and the county can be hashed out, said PISD Business Manager Mark McVay.

The legal difference concerns an aspect of the property tax code dealing with intergovernmental contracts. The proposal submitted by the county is based on the premise that an intergovernmental contract would be required, allowing the county to charge a "reasonable fee" for ser-

This reasonable fee, as submitted in the proposal, is about \$20,000 a year, based on a charge of \$1.04 per parcel for collection services. The county would be responsible for collecting an additional \$14 million each year if a proposal is agreed upon.

County Attorney Todd Alvey said the proposal, if adopted, would be viewed as an intergovernmental contract because the board, along with the city of Pampa and Lefors Independent School District, solicited proposals for new tax collection ser-

However, the school district contends that even though passing the resolution would result in an intergovernmental contract, it is not a required intergovernmental contract as stated under Sec. 6.23 subsection 4 of the Property Tax

As proof, the school district cites Sec. 6.23 subsection 2 of the Property Tax Code, which would also allow the school dis-

trict to name the county as their tax collector without an intergovernmental contract. Therefore, the school district contends because the contract is not required, then the county may only charge actual costs plus incremental costs for collection services rather than a reasonable

As an example, school board members were presented with a comparison with the Amarillo Independent School District at their regular meeting last week. As with PISD, the Amarillo school district also solicited proposals last year from Potter and Randall counties to change its collection services.

However, both Potter and Randall counties only charged Amarillo school district the actual plus incremental costs, about \$12,000, for the additional collection of approximately \$97 million per year. This averages to 16 cents a parcel.

Despite the difference of opinion concerning whether an intergovernmental contract would be required, both the county and the school district are hoping to resolve the situation.

"We feel confident we can get it resolved," said McVay, speaking on behalf of the school district.

In the meantime, the city of Pampa has also been watching the situation and hoping the two can get the difference resolved. At the last meeting, city commissioners voted to delay on adopting the county's tax collection proposal for two weeks.

"They (the school district) have some price issues that are open and on the floor," said Commissioner Jeff Andrews at the April 22 meeting. "And, until they're resolved, then it is in our best interest to wait."

Although County Judge Richard Peet and County Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris objected to the city's decision to wait, they were assured that commissioners would consider the county's proposal even if it was not adopted by the school district.

#### **Day Care Center shelter**

nado hit Priest Park, directly across from the center.



Herb Hoskins, of The Storm Shelter People, and Pat Bagley, president of the board of directors for Community Day Care, shake hands as Roger Crusher, with Carter Sand and Gravel, breaks ground Tuesday to make way for a 14 by 20 foot storm shelter just outside the day care. Crusher donated his time to make room for the storm shelter. The storm sheltter was purchased for the day care through community donations after the June 1995 tor-

### Authorities detain seven men trying to join Republic of Texas

believed to have been trying to join 13 secessionists holed up in a remote mountain area.

The men, stopped at a truck stop near Pecos, 70 miles from Fort Davis, also were carrying helmets, a hatchet and military rations, the Pecos Enterprise reported.

Sources said the men were believed to want to join the Republic of Texas, the newspaper said.

DPS spokeswoman Sherri Deatherage Green said a group of Texas Rangers en route to Fort Davis from Lubbock were notified by the Pecos Police Department about a suspicious vehicle at a truck stop. The Rangers stopped and made the arrests, she said.

"There were seven of them. At least one of them was wanted on other criminal charges," Ms.

Green said.

FORT DAVIS (AP) - The Texas James Leslie Williamson Jr., of Texas members warned police Rangers today arrested seven men whose age and hometown were to back away from their trailer in armed with automatic weapons unknown, the Pecos Enterprise an unincorporated community said. Names of the others were unavailable, it said.

Deputy Hilda Woods of the Reeves County Sheriff's Department in Pecos said she could not release any information other than to confirm that Texas Rangers were interviewing the men.

Members of the Republic of Texas, which claims that Texas was illegally annexed by the United States and wants a referendum on independence, have been in a standoff with police since Sunday and issued a call for sympathizers to join them.

Their leader, Richard McLaren, said the group wants a cease-fire brokered by an international

'We are under self-governance," he told WFAA-TV of Dallas-Fort Worth in a telephone interview late Tuesday. "We are in a state of war."

On Tuesday, defiant Republic Said Ministries in Nacogdoches.

in the Davis Mountains, saying they would not be taken by force. Thirteen people are believed holed up in the trailer.

"All they have to do is withdraw," one member, Robert Otto, said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

"If they withdraw, the defense force of the Republic ... will stand down," he said. "It's very simple. And then there will not be any bloodshed. Surrender is not an option."

Nearly 100 state and federal officers had moved to within two miles of the group's trailer. They were reinforced by two armored personnel carriers Tuesday.

Meanwhile, a small group of supporters has set up its own trailer along a highway less than a mile from a police checkpoint. They are led by W.N. Otwell, who calls himself a pastor with God

#### Officers had a warrant for Home schooler Brooks Ferguson to graduate

Home schooler Brooks Ferguson will graduate May 3 from the Christian Liberty Academy Satellite School. He is the son of Terry and Melody Ferguson and the brother of Summer Ferguson of Pampa.

He attended kindergarten and first grade at Winters Elementary School in Winters, Texas, and has been home schooled since the second grade. In years past he participated in all Pampa home school field trips and the yearly home school track meets. He has also been tutored privately in music, art and Saxon Advanced Mathematics.

Since the 8th grade, Ferguson has scored the highest percentage rate possible in all math portions of the California Achievement Test, and since the 9th grade has scored the highest percentage rate possible in the language mechanics section also.

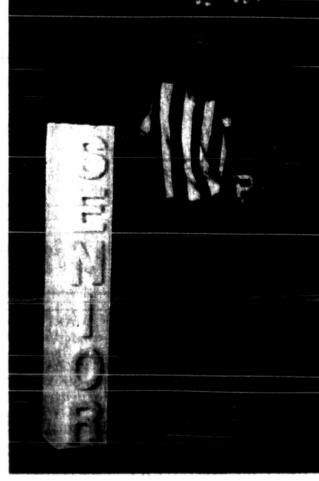
Last year as an 11th grader, without any specific preparation, he scored 21 on the ACT and 1060 on the SAT tests. He has maintained a 3.8 GPA throughout high school.

He has participated in the basketball, volleyball and softball programs at Pampa Academy of Christian Education since his freshman year.

He was the leading scorer his freshman, junior and senior year and received the highest basketbal honor, the Fighting Heart Award, his sophomore and junior years. Awards for this year will not be announced until the Athletic Banquet on May 19.

Ferguson was named to the Allison All-Tournament team his junior and senior years and to the Fort Elliot All Tournament team his senior year. He served as co-captain of the basketball team all four years and scored 1579 points in his high school basketball career, with an average of 26 points per game the last season. The Pacers had a 21-5 season this year.

Ferguson has been awarded the Best Christian Character Award in volleyball and participated in the Pampa Optimist Baseball program from age 12-15. Ferguson has worked in the family's lawn



#### **Brooks Ferguson**

business since he was 10 years old and is currently employed part-time at Watson's Feed and Garden.

He plans to attend college in the fall and major in finance/accounting and economics. He is currently in contact with a junior college hoping to play college basketball.

### McVeigh attorney tries to portray witness as liar

DENVER (AP) - Timothy McVeigh's attorney tried to portray a key witness as a liar today, suggesting she was intimidated by the government into changing her story to implicate McVeigh in the Oklahoma City bombing.

Lori Fortier, the wife of one of McVeigh's Army buddies, initially told the FBI she knew nothing about the bombing. But she later began cooperating with prosecutors and testified under immunity Tuesday how McVeigh revealed detailed plans to bomb the Oklahoma City federal build-

"Mrs. Fortier, would you agree with me that you either made false statements to the Federal Bureau Investigation ... or you're making false statements to this jury of strangers?" McVeigh attorney Stephen Jones asked. The question was quickly disallowed.

Through his questions, Jones suggested that Mrs. Fortier and her husband, Michael Fortier, only changed their stories after they learned codefendant Terry Nichols was arrested and they feared they could be next.

"Within a few days after Mr. Nichols was charged, your husband contacted the FBI and said the two of you wished to change your statements?" Jones asked. Mrs. said that was

Michael Fortier has pleaded guilty to lesser charges in exchange for his testimony and could face up to 23 years in prison. Mrs. Fortier is testifying under immunity from prosecution.

Jones read aloud the Fortier's initial press release proclaiming McVeigh's inno-

"Timothy McVeigh is a close friend of my family and mine. From knowing him I believe in no way that he was responsible for this crime. Timothy McVeigh has already been crucified by all the lies put forth in the media," the statement said.

"You were not distancing yourself from Mr. McVeigh, were you?," Jones asked.

"No," Mrs. Fortier said. In her testimony Tuesday, Mrs. Fortier was asked why she lied at first to the FBI. "I didn't want (authorities) to implicate us. I was scared for my family," she said.

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#### Services tomorrow

ADKINS, Thurman W. — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Shamrock.

**BLAIR**, Ellen Sue — Memorial services, 10 a.m., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church,

**FIÉLDS**, Avis — 2 p.m., Huff Funeral Home Chapel, Whitesboro.

#### **Obituaries**

#### THURMAN W. ADKINS

SHAMROCK - Thurman W. Adkins, 92, died Tuesday, April 29, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Cole, pastor, and the Rev. Julie Adkins, of Austin, officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock

Mr. Adkins was born at Lafayette in Upshur County, Texas. He attended North Texas Teacher's College at age 16 and received a bachelor of science degree from North Texas State University at Denton. He taught school prior to pursuing a law degree from the University of Texas. During his first year in law school, he ran for state legislature at age 23 and became the youngest member to hold office, serving two terms. He served on the Texas Law Review while still in law school and was a member of the Tejas Club, an honorary law fraternity. He completed law school in 1930 and moved to Wheeler County in 1932, forming a partnership with R.H. Forrester. He was Wheeler county attorney for

On May 6, 1933, he married Jerome S. Stanley in Sayre, Okla.; she died in 1988. He moved to McLean in 1935 and to Shamrock in 1938, where he formed a partnership with H.B. Hill. He was Shamrock city attorney for about 10 years. He relocated his family to a cattle ranch in South Dakota for a short time before returning to Texas and another cattle ranch. He settled in Shamrock in 1952 and reformed his partnership with Hill, continuing the practice following Hill's death until forging another partnership with Jim Fling. He retired in 1985, after 35 years of practice in Shamrock and 65 years altogether.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Shamrock, Shamrock Booster's Club, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Rotary International, which bestowed upon him the Paul Harris Fellow Award. He was also a volunteer for the American Red Cross.

Survivors include two daughters, Noel Boyd of Shamrock and Lynda Stephenson of Edmond, Okla.; a son, Thurman J. Adkins of San Antonio; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

#### ANN NORTHCOTT TYLER

Northcott Tyler, 85, of Pampa, died Tuesday, April 29, 1997. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. M.B. Smith, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Ms. Tyler was born Feb. 25, 1912, at Pampa and was raised here. She was a Baptist and a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include a brother, W.I. Brown Ir. of Odessa; three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Park Brown, Mrs. Joe Brown and Mrs. R.C. Brown, all of Pampa; and numerous nieces and nephews. The family requests memorials be to First

Baptist Church building fund. **MARY FRANCES WILEY** 

#### BRIGHTON, Colo - Mary Frances Wiley, 39, a former Miami, Texas, resident, died Tuesday, April 29, 1997. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in Wheeler Cemetery at Wheeler, Texas, with the Rev. Billy Wilson, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Wheeler, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs Wiley was born Nov. 27, 1957, at Fort Worth. She was raised in Miami and attended high school at Keensburg, Colo., for two years before returning to Miami and graduating from Miami High School in 1976. She was a member of Miami United Methodist Church. She had been a Brighton resident most of her life

Survivors include her parents, Bill and Barbara Wiley of Miami; a brother, Rick Wiley of Amarillo, Texas; and a nephew, James Wiley of

The family requests memorials be to United Methodist Church of Miami or to a favorite char-

#### **Fires**

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

TUESDAY, April 29

5:02 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to Nelson Street on a motor vehicle

#### **Emergency numbers**

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The seminar is made possible by volunteers of the American Cancer Society and by support of the

#### Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls for the 48-hour period ending 7 a.m.

TUESDAY, April 29

An assault was reported in the 500 block of Hughes with minor injuries. No suspects were

A theft of service was reported at the Coronado Inn. No suspects were arrested. A theft of a 55-gallon drum of copper wiring

valued at \$600 was reported in the 1100 block of East Browning. No suspects were arrested. Two juveniles were taken into custody after a

disorderly conduct by fighting was reported at Pampa Middle School. No injuries were reported. Arrests

MONDAY, April 28 Tyrone Dewayne Satchell, 22, of Shamrock was arrested on four traffic and two failure to appear

warrants. He was released after payment arrangements were made. **TUESDAY, April 29** Dusty Lewis Romines, 17, 1600 N. Hamilton,

was arrested on charges of assault with bodily

#### **Ambulance**

injury. He remains in custody.

Rural/Metro reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **TUESDAY, April 29** 

12:28 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport a patient to Baptist St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.

4:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home on a trauma. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center. 5:01p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to

Highway 60 and Sumner on a motor vehicle accident. No injury was reported. 5:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to

Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient to a local nursing home. 6:29 p.m. - A mobile IČU unit responded to the 2200 block of Williston on an injury. One patient

was transported to Columbia Medical Center. 7:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport a patient to a local nursing center.

10:05 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of Miami on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical

#### **Accidents**

The following accidents were reported to the Pampa Police Dept. for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, April 29

A 1994 white Mitsubishi cargo truck driven by Robert Darrell Hutchinson, 23, of McLean, collided with an SPS electricity pole and a tree at the intersection of 1200 W. Wilkes and 900 S. Nelson after a blowout of the right front tire caused Hutchinson to lose control of the vehicle. No injuries were reported but over \$500 worth of damages was reported to the vehicle and to repair the electricity pole.

#### **Sheriff's Office**

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

TUESDAY, April 29

Ronnie Blair Campbell, 51, 433 Hughes, was arrested on charges of probation violation for allegedly assaulting a peace officer. He remains

#### 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 lim-

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.

#### **Stocks**

The following grain quotations are	Chevron	dn 3/8
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.	Coca-Cola62 1/2	dn 1/8
	Columbia/HCA34 3/8	NO
Wheat 4.13	Enron37 1/8	up 1/8
Milo 4.31	Halliburton70 7/8	up 1 1/4
Corn 4.99	Ingersoll Rand48 3/4	NC
(17)	KNE37 1/4	up 1/8
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Puritan 17.96	Tenneco39 1/2	up 1/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock		up 1/2
Market quotations are furnished by		dn 1/2
Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.	Wal-Mart 27 7/8	up 1/8
Amoco	New York Gold	340.10
Arco 136 1/4 up 1 1/4	Silver	4.66
Cabot 21 7/8 NC	West Texas Crude	19.93
Cabot O&G16 5/8 NC	TOTAL CIONE	19.92

#### 'Life After Loss' seminar series scheduled in Amarillo

AMARILLO - A free four-week "Life After Loss" seminar will be conducted from 5:30-6:30 p.m. May 6, 13, 20 and 27 in the Crown of Hospice building at 1000 S. Jefferson in Amarillo with Ellen Lawrence, MA, LSW, CGC, serving as facilitator.

The seminar will deal with the following topics: What to Expect; the Process of Grief; Living with Memories; Needs When You are Grieving; and What Now.

Participants are urged to attend all four sessions to receive the full benefit of the seminar.

Children under 16 will not be admitted.

Crown of Texas Hospice.

Those wating more information about the seminar can call the American Cancer Society at (806) **VFW Loyalty Day** 



Mayor Robert Neslage offically declared May 1 as Loyalty Day in Pampa when he signed the proclamation presented by Dean Carson, VFW quartermaster; John Tripplehorn, adjutant chief; and John Chaney, incoming VFW commander.

### PEDC reviews new marketing strategies

discussion at two presentations tations. to be given next month by members of the Pampa Economic to educate residents on the past, of Directors.

Kiwanis Club and the Pampa gram. Chamber of Commerce. In addi-

Pampa area will be the subject of the industrial park at the presen-

New marketing strategies for also suggested the board mem- bimonthly press releases to The recruiting businesses to the bers discuss the development of Pampa News and using 60 second public service announcements on KGRO/KOMX to update citizens The presentations are an effort on events and projects of the PEDC.

Other items discussed at Development Corporation Board current and future efforts made Tuesday's meeting included a, by the economic development management agreement for prop-Members of the board will be corporation and promote com- erty being used by U.S. Bus and making presentations to the munity awareness of the pro- the executive director's report.

Items approved by the board In addition to making public pre-members included the treasurer's tion to the new marketing strate-gies, publicist April Johansson discussed the possibility of 20, April 1 and April 8 meetings.

### Carson approves early tax payment discounts

made by Tax Collector Roslyn County Road O in Precinct 2. Watson concerning discounts for Commissioners early tax collections.

ages were approved by the court: in April. count is 20 percent.

The court approved an amend-

ond floor courtroom. Further dis- meeting he attended in Austin. cussion and decisions as to what

PANHANDLE - Carson ment to a request made by G.T.E. action will be taken are pending. County commissioners Monday on April 14 for construction of an Carson County Judge Jay approved early payment of coun- underground communications Roselius discussed with the court ty taxes based on a proposal cable to be installed along information concerning the Internal Revenue Service, Section discussed 125 benefits plan, which allows damages to county roads due to employees to pay for health The following discount percent- recent rains and freezing weather insurance, dental insurance and other insurance costs with pre-October, 3 percent; November, 2 Also, commissioners discussed taxed dollars. Information conpercent and December, 1 percent. repairs that will be required due to cerning this program was The homestead exemption dis-damages to the ceiling in the sec-obtained by Roselius at a recent

The next session is May 12.

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### McVeigh

On Tuesday, Mrs. Fortier testified that McVeigh outlined his plans to bomb the Oklahoma City federal building in retaliation for the government's 1993 siege at the Branch Davidian ing, killing 168 and wounding compound near Waco, Texas. She said McVeigh even placed a arrange the barrels in the truck

for maximum destruction.

Six months after that meeting in the living room of her Arizona mobile home, on April 19, 1995, a two tons of fuel and ammonium the Oklahoma City federal buildmore than 500.

dozen soup cans on the floor to did nothing to stop the bombing, target and that it was a building demonstrate how he would Mrs. Fortier replied: "I don't that housed some of the people know. I wish I could have that were in the Waco raid."

stopped it now. If I could do it all over again, I would have." McVeigh, a 29-year-old Gulf

War veteran, faces the death Ryder truck packed with nearly penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy in the worst act of nitrate fertilizer exploded outside terrorism on U.S. soil. Nichols is to be tried later on the same charges.

Mrs. Fortier said McVeigh targeted the Oklahoma City federal Asked by prosecutors why she building because it was "an easy

#### Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

with a low in the mid 40s. west. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance for thunderstorms and a high in the low 70s. Tuesday's high was 84; the overnight low **REGIONAL FORECAST** 

mostly cloudy and windy with highs in the mid 70s. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows mid to around 80.

increasing cloudiness and windy west and central. Partly cloudy Tonight, increasing cloudiness east. Highs 78 northeast to 88 South Texas - Hill Country

ly cloudy. Lows near 60, mid 50s Hill Country. Thursday, brief morning cloudiness, otherwise partly cloudy by afternoon. West Texas - Panhandle: Highs in upper 80s. Upper Tonight, partly cloudy with lows Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy. around 40. Thursday, becoming Lows in low 60s inland to upper 60s coast. Thursday, brief morning cloudiness, otherwise partly cloudy. Highs in low 80s inland 40s to near 50. Thursday, partly to upper 70s coast. Coastal Bend cloudy and breezy. Highs mid 70s and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy by midpartly cloudy. A slight chance of 60s inland. Thursday, partly hunderstorms extreme south- cloudy. Highs in low 80s coast to Highs in mid 70s to low 80s

east. Lows 50 to 55. Thursday, mid 80s inland, low 90s Rio Grande plains.

**BORDER STATES** New Mexico - Tonight, increasing cloudiness northwest and partly cloudy east and and South Central: Tonight, partsouth. Lows upper 20s to low 40s mountains and north with 40s to mid 50s elsewhere. Thursday mostly cloudy north with widely scattered showers or a few thunderstorms and partly cloudy south. Breezy on Thursday with highs 50s to around 70 mountains and northwest 70s and 80s

east and south. Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly clear. Lows mainly in the 40s. Thursday, increasing cloudiness and becoming windy. A slight North Texas - Tonight, clear to night. Lows near 70 coast to mid chance of late afternoon thunderstorms western regions.

## City briefs

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MARTIAL ARTS adult classes starting May 5th, Mondays and Thursdays. 665-8554. Adv. PIZZA HÚT Delivery open for breakfast 7-11 a.m. Carry out or delivery. 665-0887. Adv.

FLOWER SALE at All Its Charm, 109 W. Francis. Adv. JOHN THOMAS Sampson Jr.

and Rebecca Sampson are proud to announce the birth of their son Joshua Ty, born March 28, 1997 in Pampa. Weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and 20 in. long. He was welcomed by 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. W.O. Swearingen of College Station and Wanda Sue Dickson of Buckley, Washington.

DALE'S CAR Wash now doing paintless dent repair, hail damage, door dings. No painting. 665-3341. Adv.

**HEALTH INSURANCE** for the Self-Employed at affordable group rates! Call Rick Massick, 665-6828. Adv. LADIES NIGHT! Thursday Adv.

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DON'T FORGET Mother's Day is May 11th and Graduation is coming soon. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, Downtown. 669-1091.

RABIES DRIVE - Dogs May 2nd, 3rd. Cats May 5th. Rabies and other vaccinations given at reduced prices, at all 3 Pampa Veterinary offices. It's the law.

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

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#### Verdict in Army sex scandal sends 'no tolerance' signal

landmark verdict against a for- lings will be punished. mer Army drill sergeant charged "People who wear our nation's with raping his trainees, uniform have a responsibility to women's advocates called for a abide by the highest personal review of how the military standard of conduct," said Rep. responds to sexual harassment Robert Ehrlich, R-Md. "That claims.

Staff Sgt. Delmar Simpson, 32, was convicted Tuesday of raping six female trainees a total of 18 times in the most serious case yet to come out of the sex scandal that has shaken the Army and prompted investigations at installations worldwide. He on Monday.

Simpson, a father of two, stood impassively as the verdict was read. His wife, who is stationed at an Army post in Virginia, held his hand as they left the courtroom. The verdict will be reviewed by Army judges and could be appealed

Despite testimony from some trainees that the women accusing Simpson were liars and willing participants in consensual sex, military jurors sent a strong sig-

PROVING rial that sexual relations between GROUND, Md. (AP) - After a Army superiors and their under-

> responsibility begins with their subordinates. Violating this trust is an affront to everyone who wears the uniform."

The case drew attention to a drill sergeant's near-absolute power over fearful, young trainees and the potential for sexual abuse in coed training, which could be sentenced to life in exists in all branches of the prison after a sentencing hearing armed services except the Marines.

Critics say the Aberdeen Training Ground case is a brutal, frightening example of why things may need to change.

"Sexual misconduct and harassment is widespread and I don't see a lot of activity to see that women who join are protected from that kind of abuse of power," said Karen Johnson, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and vice president of the National Organization for

### Amarillo nutritionist schedules lecture, book signing in Pampa

Roby Mitchell, M.D., of Amarillo \lar pharmacology at Tech. Along will be in Pampa Saturday for a the way, he completed a research lecture and for a book signing at fellowship underwritten by the

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Focusing on the prevention of disease and the treatment of health challenges with nutrition, intensive care medicine at the lifestyle counseling and nutri- University of Alberta in tional supplements, Dr. Mitchell Edmonton, Canada, and studied and his wife Annette Anderson Chinese traditional medicine at operate the Dr. and Ms. Fitt clinic Junan University in Canton, at the M.D. Physicians Building

Dr. Mitchell will present a free public lecture on "Natural Cures for Common Diseases" from 1-2 his own practice - Therapy and p.m. Saturday at the Nona Payne Rehab Services - in Amarillo, Conference Room at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N.

After the lecture, he will be at optimal health care. Hastings Books Music and Video Healthier Life., where he will remain until around 4 p.m.

Dr. Mitchell, who graduated relaxation courses. from the Texas Tech University School of Medicine in 1987, is a tion, as well as participation in physician, researcher, triathlete and author of the monthly newsletter News for Your Health. As a certified sports nutritionist and fitness specialist, his special interest is disease prevention based on proper diet and exer- cardiac life support, certified

Corps, Mitchell graduated with Center for Aerobics research.

Health nutrition specialist research honors in cardiovascu-American Heart Association, according to a press release.

He studied emergency and China, prior to being named chief resident of family practice at Texas Tech.

In November 1995 he opened devoted to prevention of disease and treatment of health ailments through better nutrition and

Mitchell and his wife offer for signings of his cassette book, wellness seminars, therapeutic Breaking the Barriers to a Longer, cooking classes for specific health challenges, stretching for health classes, adult exercise classes and

Dr. Mitchell's interest in nutritriathlons and other adventures, has led him to obtain such certifications as race medical director for the U.S. Medical Triathon Association. acupuncture. wilderness medicine, advanced sports nutritionist, certified fit-After completing officer candiness specialist and lifestyle coundate school with the U.S. Marine selor from the Kenneth Cooper

#### Former Houston mayor subpoenaed

Edwards.

after FBI agents raided searching Hofheinz's Houston Hofheinz's office on Monday office, other agents were searchand seized business and ing Edwards' home and office at financial records during a 12- Baton Rouge.

HOUSTON (AP) - Former hour search of the premises. Houston mayor Fred Hofheinz Hofheinz was ordered to has been ordered to appear appear in New Orleans on May before a federal grand jury inves- 6 with documents pertaining to tigating government contracts two Louisiana business deals awarded during the tenure of for- with which he was involved, mer Louisiana Gov. Edwin one during 1992 and another in the mid-1990s.

The subpoena was issued At the time agents were

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### Couple serve community as interpreters for deaf

**Edited from article** by Jean Abernathy Suburban Journal West, St. Louis, Mo.

When Chad Darcé was attending public school in Pampa, he admits he didn't always pay attention, but since then he has had many chances to reverse that situation. He estimates he has gone through high school about four times now, and his wife, Mickey Darcé, also is currently attending high school every day.

The couple are committed to to help the hearing impaired. Mrs. Darcé is employed at Parkway West High School near their home in Chesterfield, Mo., in the St. Louis area, where she works with another interpreters are signing for two unior students who attend classes at the school.

Chad worked as an interpreter for several years for the school system and as a free lance interpreter before obtaining his law degree. In his general law practice, representing his law firm, Radetic and Darcé in Clayton, he still uses sign language, since practices and meets. several of his clientele are deaf.

ing, but by being able to under- pare her for her career. stand them on a first-hand basis.

"Just imagine in the hearing attorney, this third person would and later transfer also be privy to all of the inforcampus in Austin. mation normally confidential the professional," he said.

to interpret for her students -

especially in upper-level math

"Things have really changed since I was in high school because the technology has changed," she said.

She said that it was good she could start off gradually, and interpreting allowed her to focus and put it in a visual medium. Being in a high school setting daily has been an eye-opening experience. She said she does hear so much of the negative concerning teen violence and the "slacker" generation, but she sees their community as interpreters the opposite in her interpreters' position because she sees the students working hard to accomplish life's goals.

"This gives me hope for the future," she said.

Chad remembers a time when preter. The employed inter- he was interpreting for a student several years ago in another area school, who had asked him to interpret his invitation to a girl, asking her to go to the prom.

"It was a peculiar situation," he said, adding that he and his wife often interpret for students who play on the sports teams and swim teams in the schools, and that Mickey attends nearly all the

Chad is a native of Pampa and "If an attorney does not know Mickey is from Florissant, Mo. sign language, then a third party They now live in Chesterfield. must always be present to inter- Mickey attended the University pret for those who are hearing of Missouri in St. Louis and impaired," Chad said, and he is majored in communications. She glad that he is helpful to his used her training as a part-time clients, not only in legal counsel- interpreter while in school to pre-Chad is the youngest son of Jo

and Roland Darcé of Pampa, and world if a person had to have a is a 1979 graduate of Pampa High While attending UT-Austin,

between the patient/client and Chad was hired as a house parent deaf interpreter he is qualified to busy in community activities and at the Austin School for the Deaf provide that service in such sen- organizations that help the hear-Mickey admits there was quite in 1980, and learned signed lan-sitive areas as courts and hospi-ing impaired, and recently are a challenge for her at first, trying guage. Afterward, he earned his tals. He is presently the only involved in the Children's certification as an interpreter. In practicing attorney with those Miracle Network.



(Photo courtesy of Suburban Journal West, St. Louis, Mo.)

Chad Darcé, formerly of Pampa, and wife Mickey are Interpreters for the deaf in their every day professional lives. Chad uses his special skills as an attorney and Mickey is a Special School District language interpreter.

the meantime, his parents moved qualifications in his area. to St. Louis for a period, and he decided to join them there, finish- the deaf need the same services ing his college bachelors program as others, such as wills, contracts, third party every time they went School. He started college at the at UM-St. Louis (Summa Cum or divorces, and every day my to the doctor or visited their University of Texas-Arlington, Laude). He completed law school and later transferred to the UT at Saint Louis University Law these services to them," Chad

"It is an interesting niche ..., practice seems to grow providing

As an Advanced Level certified The couple keep themselves

#### State briefs

Passage of pipeline bill questioned

AUSTIN (AP) — A pipeline bill that the daughter of a powerful legislator was hired to get passed has guickly moved out of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The Texas Iournal of the Wall Street Journal reported today that the bill co-sponsored by Rep. Tom Craddick, chairman of the committee, was passed out of committee last week without any public testimony.

Christi Craddick, a registered lobbyist for the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, told the newspaper she was hired by the trade group this legislative session to work specifically for passage of the pipeline bill.

Ms. Craddick, 26, said she discussed the bill with her father and his decision to become a co-sponsor, but never asked for his vote. Rep. Craddick said he wasn't

influenced by his daughter's involvement.

Career criminal executed for fourth day today. double killing

**HUNTSVILLE** (AP) — Ernest Baldree's long life of crime, which grew from burglary and drug possession to forgery and then murder, finally ended in the Texas death chamber.

Baldree, 55, quietly was executed Tuesday evening for killing a Navarro County couple nearly eleven years ago.

Strapped to the death chamber gurney, he made no final statement, responding only with a "No sir" when asked by Morris Jones, the prison warden, if he had anything to say before the lethal injection started. Then he

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of times and stopped breathing. 6:25 p.m. CDT, seven minutes dignity."

Baldree, a seventh-grade Morales confident will come dropout, became the sixth convicted killer to be put to death in Texas this month and the eighth

McLaren's attorney described as 'bright, creative'

after the lethal dose began.

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Harris County attorney Terry O'Rourke has worked on cases involving environmental pollution, drug peddling and sexually oriented business.

Now he has taken on the highprofile - and high-pressure - case of Richard McLaren, whose separatist group is faced off against nearly 100 police in the Davis Mountains.

O'Rourke might end up playing an integral role if the Republic of Texas group is to negotiate a peaceful end to the standoff that has entered its

Those who know him say the Houston attorney is up to the task. "Terry has an extraordinary way of dignifying people and

bringing out the very best in

He was pronounced dead at that he can get them out with and then deny that they were

to terms with tobacco industry AUSTIN (AP) — Texas

Attorney General Dan Morales, skeptical of any possible settlements with the tobacco industry in the past, says he now believes a settlement is very possible. Texas is one of 24 states suing

the industry, seeking to recover money spent on health care for tobacco-related illnesses. Morales said Tuesday the number of states suing would likely "grow into the 30s."

Morales said he believes that tobacco companies genuinely are interested in settling the case. In

closed his eyes, gasped a couple them," said O'Rourke's wife, the past, tobacco companies Michelle. "He's quite hopeful would engage in settlement talks doing so, Morales said.

"I have been skeptical in the past, but I have changed my mind about that," Morales said "I believe now that there is a very real prospect for settlement.

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Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment

Wayland Thomas

Larry D. Hollis Managing Editor

### **Opinion**

### Digital television better left alone

There is a large potential for greater services to be broadcast over the airways under the Federal Communication Commission's decision to introduce digital television. Eventually it would become the only option for consumers.

As promising as digital television sounds, the decision, years in the making, also raises some troubling questions.

For one, will the new services be worth the potentially stiff new costs to consumers? According to some estimates, the price of digital televisions could drop from \$5,000 to "only" around \$3,000 by the time that digital television is the only choice available; this news isn't likely to be very comforting for television watchers of middle or low

Then, there are no guarantees that additional services will be passed along to consumers, free of charge. The analog transmission that is currently used in TV broadcasting takes up much more of the airwave spectrum than digital does. Considerably more information can be packed into a digital signal. So in addition to their traditional free-transmission broadcasting, TV stations might be able to offer scores of additional channels on a pay-per-view basis, or data services for computer users, for instance. Broadcasting a sharper picture is

Finally, the greater capacity of digital signals makes the government's decision to give these channels away to the TV stations a questionable policy, to put it mildly. Auctioning them to high bidders would establish their market value and - who knows? - might even yield resources to finance a tax cut or some other socially beneficial

Also dubious is the fact that even after the digital-signal licenses are given out free, a great proportion of the airwave spectrum - by some estimates, nearly one-half in many markets - will continue to be

The government apparently has acceded to pressure from television networks and other commercial interests that don't want these signals opened up to potential competitors. "Among the possible uses of that spectrum would be for Internet traffic, to relieve clogged on-line services," Thomas Hazlett, former chief economist with the Federal Communications Commission, said. "But the government's following a protectionist policy of keeping this airwave capacity off limits."

Hazlett also takes issue with the FCC's plan to force, rather than merely allow, television broadcasters to switch to digital. "There's no proof digital will be good for consumers. If it did prove popular, it would develop on its own, without a federal mandate.

This is one picture that's far from clear. The airwaves shouldn't be immune from such considerations of supply and demand, where consumers, not the government, decide what they want and how much they'll pay for it.

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## Making a flat tax a top priority

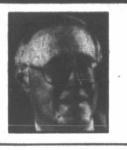
If Speaker Newt finally goes - mind, I don't say he should - who will take his place? Likely, Dick Armey of Texas, now the majority leader, hence No. 2 House Republican.

And what would Dick likely do as speaker? Flatten the tax code, that's what. Flatten it in the most literal sense. Smush and smooth it: no peaks, no valleys, no obscure or winding trails through the underbrush, as if the tax code were a piece of scenery instead of a device for financing the U.S. government.

Maybe we can attempt the job even if Newt stays around. The speaker, reaching out at last to conservatives tired of his overtures to right-wing deep thinkers like Jesse Jackson, recently called for abolishing the estate and capital gains taxes. It must have been a good idea, so hard did The New York Times slam him for it.

As welcome as the speaker's newfound enthusiasm for tax reform may be, abolition of particular taxes, even bad ones, gets us only so far. Armey would have us go the whole journey. As he said in a recent radio broadcast, "Republicans in Congress are determined to replace the current tax code with a tax system that is simpler, fairer and less of a burden on American families. We must reduce the family tax burden to give parents the freedom to meet their responsibilities to their children."

Armey mentioned a poll conducted by Luntz Research Companies. Surprise! - 55% of taxpayers, to get their taxes done, had to obtain assistance. Seventy percent said they'd like a wholly



#### William Murchison

paigning assiduously. By now, most sentient citizens know that the majority leader wants a flat tax - a single rate for everyone. The rate would be 17 percent under the current version of the proposal, whose sponsorship Armey shares with Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama.

The temptation, when Armey talks about a flat tax, is to close both eyes tightly and picture a scrawny knight with leveled lance, riding hell-forleather toward the nearest windmill. Aw, come on. We're going to treat all taxpayers the same? That ole dog won't hunt, will it?

Why not, though, when fairness would be more than fair; namely, successful at the job of raising revenue? The flat tax makes as much sense as a blanket on a cold night, a ham sandwich after a hike.

Supposedly non-compliance, or faulty compliance, with a tax code that even tax accountants don't fully understand costs the government \$130 billion a year in lost revenue. To the unbi-For such a new system, Armey has been cam- the tax code. The Heritage Foundation is kind speaker we henceforth honor and love.

enough to identify some of the problems, as: —The \$157 billion spent by the private sector to comply (so the private sector devoutly hopes!)

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with the tax laws. -The 5.4 billion man-hours Americans spend on their tax forms.

-The \$3 billion that H&R Block, an adamant flat-tax foe (gee, wonder why), enjoys in market

-The 100 new tax forms that appeared from 1984 to 1994.

-The 9,455 new tax code subsections that appeared from 1981 to 1994.

-The multiple times (up to four) that a single dollar of income can be taxed under present law. -The 100,000 tax shelters that a single Internet

search turned up. Speaker Newt grooves on education. How about an essay contest? "Ten Reasons to Love the Internal Revenue Service," with judges chosen from the pool of drivers outside the post office on April 15, handing off their tax returns.

The winners would receive an expense-paid trip to Washington to testify before congressional

committees studying the flat tax.

Do I jest? Not Much. Nobody – this includes former IRS commissioners Shirley Peterson and Fred Goldberg – thinks the present system is any good. What we need is an Armey-style flat tax.

A word to wise House speakers should suffice: This thing has to get done. The sooner it gets done, the better. And – pssst – so long as it gets ased, this might suggest a problem or two with done, we're not real particular about which House

## **Today in history By The Associated Press** Today is Wednesday, April 30, the 120th day of 1997. There are 245 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 30, 1945, as Russian troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed

suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun. On this date: In 1789, George Washington took office in New York as the first president of the United

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France.

In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state.

In 1900, Hawaii was organized as a U.S. territory. In 1939, the New York World's

Fair, billed as a look at "the world of tomorrow," officially opened. In 1947, President Truman signed a measure officially changing the name of Boulder Dam to Hoover Dam.

In 1948, the Organization of American States held its first meeting, in Bogota, Colombia.

## **Babies brains and the White House**

The Clinton administration certainly deserves credit for earnestness. The White House recently played host to a conference on early childhood development, with the talk shows and major newspapers playing supportive roles.

The New York Times, for example, provided almost breathless coverage of the latest wisdom on early childhood development. "New studies are showing that spoken language has an astonishing impact on an infant's brain development. In fact, some researchers say the number of words an infant hears each day is the single most important predictor of later intelligence.

"We now know," Dr. Patricia Kuhl, a neuroscientist at the University of Washington, told The New York Times, "that neural connections are formed very early in life and that the infant's brain is literally waiting for experiences to determine how connections are made.

Well, maybe. But as in most areas involving the complex matter of human development, intelligence and behavior, pinning things down with scientific accuracy is no simple matter.

Let's take the example of the study that purports to find that infants who are spoken to a great deal are more likely to be intelligent than those who hear fewer words. This study, conducted by Dr. explanation for the superior performance of the Todd Ridley and Dr. Betty Hart, examined 42 chil-children of professionals: They may just have dren. About one-third were the sons and daughters of professionals, another third were the children of working class parents, and the last group were children of welfare recipients. For the first two and a half years of the kids' lives, the out. On the other hand, when this happens natu-

Mona Charen

Guess what? The children of professionals heard an average of 2,100 words an hour. The working class kids heard about 1,200 words an hour, and the welfare children heard only 600 words per hour. Not surprisingly, the professionals' children got the highest scores and the welfare kids got the

Now, this study is not uninteresting - it also found that professionals tended to praise their kids twice as often as working-class parents and five times as often as welfare recipients - but whether it tells us anything scientifically relevant is open to question. Read Charles Murray's The Bell Curve and you will find another possible children of professionals: They may just have superior genes.

Human beings are not lab rats. You cannot do a controlled study by putting identical twin babies in different environments to see how they turn After three years, the children were tested. inheritance plays an extremely large role in intelli-young?

gence. Identical twins reared apart, for example, have closer IQ scores than fraternal twins reared

together.
This is not to suggest that the White House conference drawing attention to the needs of very young children is misguided - it is merely to wonder what the policy implications are. Suppose that being spoken to as an infant does increase a child's IQ (it might). What does that suggest as a matter of policy?

The New York Times fishes for an answer. "One implication of the new knowledge about human brain development is that intervention programs like Head Start may be too little, too late." The number of words a child hears is crucial for later intellectual and social development, according to these researchers, but the words "must come from an attentive, engaged human being.

OK, another massive federal program, anyone? This time paying top dollar for intelligent professionals to coo and play with the nation's babies all

What none of the participants in the White House conference nor its boosters seems willing to confront is the most obvious implication of these studies: The best caretaker for very young children is a parent, not day care. Who else can talk to a baby so incessantly? Who else has the emotional engagement to nurture loving feelings and the eagerness to learn that accompanies a terrific parent-child bond?

The Clintons certainly mean well. But will they have the courage to face the policy implications of researchers spent an hour a month recording every word spoken to and by the children.

rally, twins do provide a rich vein of research data. the research data – that we should be doing more to help parents stay at home when their kids are the research data - that we should be doing more

## What was that again? Speak English

Last December, a freighter steaming down the Mississippi River crashed into a New Orleans shopping mall, injuring more than 100 people. The accident has been blamed on a Chinese crew that couldn't understand its English-speaking

A year earlier, an American Airlines jet plowed into a mountain, killing 150 passengers. The tragedy was blamed on an air-traffic controller, barely able to speak English, who was unable to warn the plane's pilots that they were off course.

These two incidents are worst-case examples of what can happen when people are unable to communicate in the same tongue. It is one of the reasons that an increasing number of employers are imposing "English-only" rules on their workers.

Aside from fears of language-related accidents,

employers have tremendous economic incentive to encourage their workers to speak English on the job. Ohio University economist Lowell Galloway estimates that the lack of English proficiency among foreign-born U.S. workers costs employers \$40 billion a year in lost productivity, including on-the-job mistakes, time delays and poor output.

Immigrant-rights advocates take offense to virtually any proposal that would give official or for-mal standing to English over other languages (like the English-only laws that have been passed by 23 states, including California.) They view such proposals as subtly "racist" and "xenophobic."

But one has to have on blinders (or ear plugs)



Joseph **Perkins** 

not to recognize that America is facing a language crisis. Especially, considering that more than half the 24 million foreign-born residents of this country acknowledge that they speak little or no

That's a substantial figure considering that immigrants make up eleven percent of the U.S. work force. That means that there are millions of people working in this country who can't even speak English and millions more who can speak English, but who regularly chitchat with fellow foreign-born workers in their native language.

The most perverse thing is that the federal gov-

ernment is actually encouraging language divisiveness in the workplace. Indeed, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has filed language-discrimination lawsuits against 32 employers around the country who have required their workers to speak English on the job. The EEOC asserts that English-only work rules are

unlawful unless an employer can prove "business necessity."

One victim of the EEOC's language rights crusade was an American Red Cross infectious-disease lab in Rockville, Md. The commission saw no reason why lab workers and office personnel should be compelled to speak the same language.

Indeed, to the mind of EEOC Chairman Gilbert Casellas, very few companies can make a justifiable business-necessity claim (including, apparently, infectious-disease labs.) A lot of the claims are, in his view, "as onerous and offensive as suggesting that for the purposes of your business image, all your employees ought to be white or have blond hair.

But this is just plain ridiculous. An employer insisting that everyone speak the same language is hardly the moral (or legal) equivalent of an employer insisting on a white-blonds-only work

The EEOC has adapted an extremist definition of discrimination. So much so that companies boasting ethnically diverse work forces - with whites and blacks and yellows and browns represented in politically correct proportions - risk running afoul of the EEOC if they ask all their employees to speak the same language on the job. Most Americans do not believe that it's unfair or discriminatory to require that everyone in a given work force - native and foreign born - speak English. It is, after all, the language of the United States, whether official or not.



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

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1 - PAMPA ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet at 7 p.m. at Shepard Crook's Nursing Agency. Speaker will be Shannon Pierce, a representative of Pfizer Inc., who will discuss the drug Aricept and TriAD, a disease management program. For more information, call Chrys Smith at 665-0356.

3 - MARKET MORNING presented by Country General, which will make its parking lot available for animal exhibition. The opportunity to buy, sell, trade or show off small animals benefits not only the animal owner but also the interested observer. No charge to buy, sell or look. For more information, call 665-077.

3 - HOSPICE OF THE PANHANDLE 1997 BENEFIT GOLF SCRAMBLE at 9 a.m. To register, call Hidden Hills Golf Course,

3 - TOP O' TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION Chili Cook-Off at 12 noon at Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Jane Jacobs at 669-3241.

3 - GRAY COUNTY 4-H ANNUAL GERANIUM SALE in the Coronado Center and the Dobson Cellular parking lots from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 669-7319.

3-4 - TOP O' TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION TRADE DAYS from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Clyde Carruth Pavilion. Includes Chili Cook-Off, Brisket Cook-Off, arts and crafts booths, and team penning competition. For more information, contact Jane Jacobs at

4 - TOP O' TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION TEAM PENNING at 1 p.m. at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena. For more information, contact Jane Jacobs at 669-3241.

### Community Calendar 'Volcano' not as hot as 'Dante's Peak'

Top weekend

Weekend of April 25-27, 1997

Romy and Michele's High ... \$7,4

\$7.4, one week, 1,602 screens

\$43.2, three weeks, 2,456 screens

\$143.8, six weeks, 2,863 screens

\$48.6, four weeks, 2,500 screens

\$15.3, two weeks, 2,158 screens

\$18.2, three weeks, 1,242 screens

\$93, 19 weeks, 1,216 screens

\$41, five weeks, 1,270 screens

\$3.9, four weeks, 553 acreens

The Devil's Own

**Chasing Amy** 

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc.

Grosse Pointe Blank

All dollar figures in millions

Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens

Anaconda

Liar, Liar

Scream

Murder at 1600

By LYNN ELBER **AP Entertainment Writer** 

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Volcano was the top money-maker at the box office, but its relatively modest \$14.6 million take was a disappointment to 20th Century

The film's weekend earnings were \$4 million below the opening receipts for another volcano film, Dante's Peak, in February.

"I think everybody really would have liked to have done more," said Fox executive Tom Sherak. "You just wonder if the audience gets tired very quickly. There are so many pictures out there."

Other films have displayed box office stamina. Liar Liar, the Jim Carrey comedy, is 1997's biggest grossing film with \$143.8 million. The reissued Star Wars has soared more than \$135 million in ticket sales.

Last weekend's No. 2 film was the Disney comedy Romy and Michele's High School Reunion, with \$7.4 million. Although that's half the take of Volcano, the comedy's per-screen average wasn't far behind that of the bigger-budget disaster film.

Anaconda, in first place for two while the urban coming-of-age weeks, was bumped to No. 3 by drama All Over Me snared the two new films. It grossed \$27,200 on five screens. \$7.3 million for a healthy \$43.2 million so far.

through Sunday, followed by \$1.1 million, 553 locations, studio, gross, number of theater \$2,011 average, \$3.9 million, locations, receipts per location, four weeks. total gross and number of weeks 11. That Old Feeling, Universal, in release, as compiled by \$1.09 million, 1,344 locations, Exhibitor Relations:

1. Volcano, Fox, \$14.6 million, weeks. 2,774 locations, \$5,257 average, \$14.6 million, one week.

2. Romy and Michele's High average, \$3.7 million, two School Reunion, Disney, \$7.4 weeks. million, 1,602 locations, \$4,638 average, \$7.4 million, one \$789,200, 1,058 locations, \$746

3. Anaconda, Sony, \$7.3 million, 2,456 locations, \$2,980 average, \$43.2 million, three weeks. 4. Liar Liar, Universal, \$7.2

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lion, two weeks. 7. Grosse Pointe Blank, Disney, weeks.

Among films out in limited three weeks. release, the family movie Shiloh 8. Scream, Miramax, \$1.4 million, 1,216 locations, \$1,156 aver- \$508,300, 535 locations, \$950 took in \$115,700 on 70 screens age, \$93 million, 19 weeks.

American theaters Friday

The top 20 movies at North average, \$41 million, five weeks. average, \$149.7 million, 20 10. Chasing Amy, Miramax, weeks.

\$810 average, \$15 million, four 12. McHale's Navy, Universal, \$911,900, 1,861 locations, \$490

13. Jungle 2 Jungle, Disney,

average, \$53.9 million, eight 14. The English Patient, Mira-

max, \$657,700, 516 locations, \$1,275 average, \$75.3 million, 24

15. Selena, Warner Bros., \$627,000, 527 locations, \$1,190 5. The Saint, Paramount, \$5 average, \$33 million, six weeks. 16. 8 Heads in a Duffel Bag,

\$392 average, \$3.3 million, two 17. Paradise Road, Fox Searchtions, \$2,236 average, \$15.3 mil- light, \$577,700, 350 locations, \$1,650 average, \$948,800, three

\$3.1 million, 1,242 locations, 18. Sling Blade, Miramax, \$2,495 average, \$18.2 million, \$548,100, 452 locations, \$1,213 average, \$21.7 million, 22 weeks.

19. Dante's Peak, Universal, average, \$65.6 million, 12 weeks.

9. The Devil's Own, Sony, \$1.2 20. Jerry Maguire, Sony, million, 1,270 locations, \$909 \$416,900, 579 locations, \$720

#### Woman makes anonymous donation

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) -. She's being celebrated throughout this city. They are even calling her saintly. And nobody knows her name.

Only that she is wealthy. Only that she has never been here and has no ties to the region that was torn asunder by massive flooding almost two weeks ago.

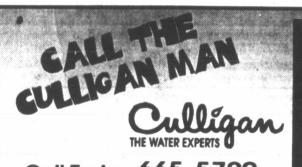
Only that she has made the lion. anonymous pledge to give \$2,000 to each household swamped when the Red River rampaged through Grand Forks and neighboring East Grand Forks, Minn. With an estimated 5,000 households eligible for payments, the pledge could cost the woman a total of \$10 million.

Is it for real? State and local officials say the checks are already being written. About 300 recipients lined up to get checks Tuesday at the Grand Forks Air Force Base, which is serving as a shelter for

flood refugees. "I'm going to hold on to it, get some stuff to get started, like some clothes, and then probably put the rest in the bank," said Steve Maragos, 29, an unemployed Grand Forks resident.

Kevin Dvorak, president of the North Dakota Community Foundation, a nonprofit corporation that is distributing the money, said the donor transferred more than \$2 million into its account Tuesday.

He said between 300 and 500 payments were immediately made totaling \$600,000 to \$1 mil-



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#### Mike Royko dies

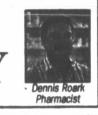
CHICAGO (AP) — Mike Royko, 64, a columnist who embodied the no-nonsense voice of Chicago's working class and delighted in exposing greed and absurdity at the highest levels, died Tuesday.

He had undergone surgery last week for an aneurysm.

Royko was a Pulitzer Prize winner whose syndicated column appeared in the Chicago Tribune.

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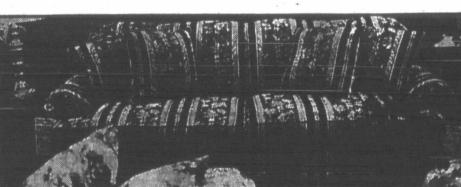
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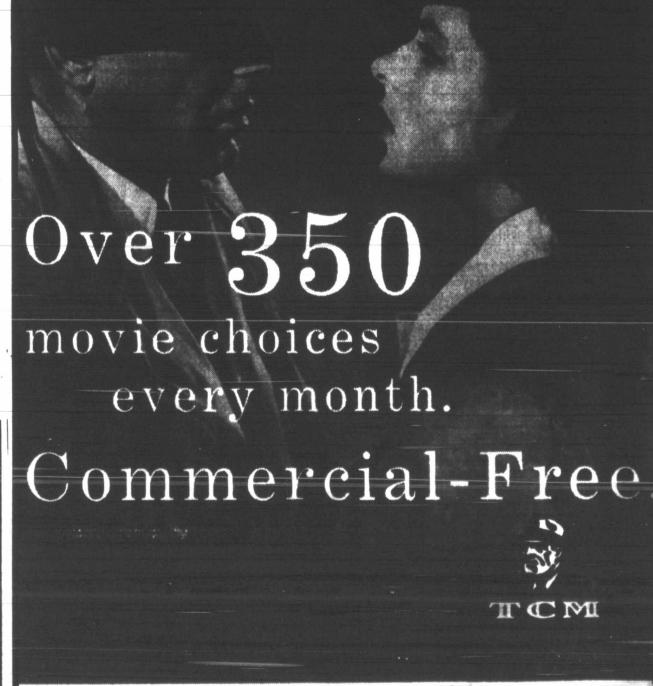
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## THE PAMPA NEWS

Wednesday, April 30

### **Ashes Of Loved Ones Rest** In Peace In Many Homes

DEAR READERS: When I recently asked to hear from people who kept the ashes of their loved ones, I had no inkling of the blizzard of letters that would hit my desk. It seems I was right when I said the practice was not all that unusual. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: My husband was a wonderful man. When he died, I was too old to drive to the cemetery, and I knew I couldn't care for his grave, so I had him cremated and kept the ashes. However, I do not keep them displayed. They are kept in my bedroom, and every time I dust, I tell him how much I miss him. I am alone now, but happy at 77 years old.

MARIA IN RENO, NEV.

DEAR ABBY: My mother died this past June. My father, brother and I had her cremated. Her ashes are in a nice wooden box with a gold plaque stating her date of birth, etc. My grandmother (Mom's mother) was upset because she wanted Mom to be buried in New Jersey with the family. My father suggested that my mother's ashes be buried with my grandmother when her time comes. She loved the idea. For now, though, Mom is on the mantel, and no, we don't think it's strange at all. SUSAN IN PRINCE GEORGE, VA.

Horoscope

Thursday, May 1, 1997

In the year ahead, you might have

numerous opportunities to successfully

utilize your sales abilities and promotional

skills. There will be a market for what you

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Persons who

are not directly involved in your financial

affairs shouldn't be encouraged to audit

your books today. Interference could gen-

erate a liability. Know where to look for

omance and you'll find it. The Astro-

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"Sometimes I get my shoes on

have to offer

Abigail Van Buren SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: My son died in 1993. He wanted to be cremated. I have his ashes in a nice urn in a private corner of my house. When the time comes, my husband will have this urn placed in my coffin with me. It will be done at the last closing, so the public will not see. ASHES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABBY: I displayed the ashes of my late husband in a beautiful Chinese urn on the coffee table. Only a select few knew the contents of the urn, among them a man I had begun to seriously date. Rather than being bothered by it, he said he loved anyone who had loved me. And in keeping with that generosity of spirit, when he asked me to marry him, he toasted me by first clinking my wine glass, and then leaning forward to clink the urf. When it comes to love, I am twice blessed

J.R. IN BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be careful not

to become too closely involved with indi-

viduals who objectives aren't in harmony

with yours. Stick with proven allies today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your inner

urges might impel you to be industrious

today and they should be heeded. Be

sure to dedicate your time and talents to

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even if conditions

borrow from friends. Iron out the lumps in

far stronger bargaining position than you

may realize today. Do not yield to terms

that do not directly serve your needs.

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Station, New York, NY 10156,

a worthwhile task

DEAR ABBY: I have had my lovely wife's ashes in my home for two years and 10 months. I'm proud to have them with me. I talk to her ashes and say good morning and good night to them each day. I also kiss her picture when I get up and when I go to bed. I see nothing wrong with this. I miss her so much, and sometimes this helps. We were married 47 years. Anyone who tells me to get rid of the ashes can take a hike!

ASHES IN BATH, PA.

DEAR ABBY: We are a military family and don't plan to stay in this area. Four months ago, our 2 1/2year-old son died after a 19-month battle with kidney tumors. The idea of burying him and later leaving him here was unthinkable, so we chose to have him cremated. Because we wanted to make his urn personal, but didn't have much money, we used a bronze box urn and placed it inside a large Winnie-the-Pooh, Joshua's favorite cartoon character, that now sits on Joshua's bed.

Keeping our son's ashes in the house doesn't mean we can't love our other children (No. 2 is due in four months). Likewise, the widow probably still loves her late husband, but that doesn't mean she can't also love the man who wrote to you. He should respect the relationship she once had and not be so threatened.

ERIN IN TUSTIN, CALIF.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Friends who participate in endeavors with you today will find you pleasant and refreshing. Smile, and the whole world will smile with you!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In order to achieve an important objective today, a second effort might be required. Do not call it quits if your initial attempt falls

are financially tight today, it's best not to AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your judgment in most situations will be quite keen today. The one exception, however, VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are in a could be in your financial affairs. Be prudent and conservative.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A development that has stymied your ambitions LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today's could take a turn for the better today. As impediments are likely to be figments of these barriers are eliminated, you may be. your imagination. Once you swing into victorious.

action, you'll know how to circumvent ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have the potential to reap substantial gains Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you boast from joint endeavors today, but be sure which signs are romantically perfect for about your material worth today, it won't your choices of partners are wise and you Mail \$2 75 to Matchmaker, c/o this impress anyone but yourself. Others will realistic

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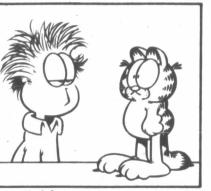
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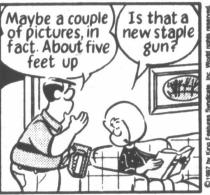






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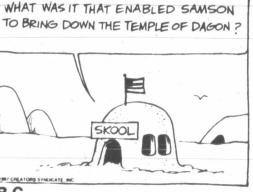
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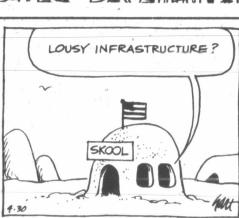




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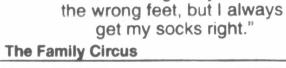










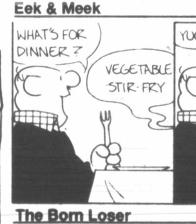




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## SPORTS

### Notebook

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — The Wayland Baptist University Volleyball Camp is scheduled July 28-31 at the Pampa High School

Camp times are from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The camp is for players entering the 9th grade or higher in the 1997-98 school year. Cost is \$60, which includes a T-

The camp will be under the direction of WBU coach Brad Borden.

#### **BASEBALL**

**PLAINVIEW** Wayland Baptist University Baseball Program will be holding a tryout camp for any student-athlete wanting to play college baseball.

The camp will be held at Jaycee Park in Plainview. The camp will be FRiday, May 30, beginning at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, May 31, beginning at 10 a.m. Housing will be made available.

For more information about the camp, call head coach Brad Bass at 806-296-4739.

#### **FISHING**

COLLEGE STATION -Knowing the fish population in a pond is critical to maintaining a healthy, continuous fishing enjoyment, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service wildlife specialist said.

"Probably the easiest way to determine how good the fish population in a pond is to record fishing success over a year-long period, then check the records," said Dr. Jim Davis, Extension fish special-

If there is a reasonable amount of fishing and trophy bass or not desired in the pond, he said, the following guidelines may be used:

 If anglers are catching bluegill 6 inches and more, and the bass being caught weigh an average of 1-2 pounds, the pond is in good shape.

 If anglers are catching very few bass and these are more than 2 pounds, and the bluegill are mostly less than 5 inches long, then the bluegill are overcrowded and the population is unbalanced. This is probably due to removal of too many bass and too few bluegill for one or more years.

 If anglers are catching bluegill over 8 inches and the bass average less than one pound with most 12 inches or less and in poor condition, the bass are overcrowded and the population is unbalanced.

• If anglers catch small crappie, bullheads, green sunfish and/or carp, the pond has an undesirable fish population.

"All owners of one- to fiveacre ponds want their small ponds to have a balanced fish population and good fishing," Davis said. "The best way to achieve this is to control har-

For each acre of pond, where the fish population is not being fed, Davis said, the recommended harvest each year is 15 pounds of bass, 100-200 pounds of bluegill, and 50 pounds of channel catfish.

#### BASKETBALL

PHOENIX (AP) — Wesley Person scored a playoff career-high 29 points and the Phoenix Suns overcame eight 3-pointers by Gary Payton to stun the Seattle SuperSonics 110-103 Tuesday night.

Rex Chapman had 23 points and Kevin Johnson had 22 points and eight assists for Phoenix, which got crucial baskets off offensive rebounds late in the game by Cedric Ceballos and Hot Rod Williams.

Person, who had a careerhigh 10 rebounds for the second straight game, hit two free throws with 1:06 left to give Phoenix a 107-99 lead, then made two more with 12 seconds to go as the Suns took a 2-1 lead in the best-of-5

They could close it out at home Thursday in Game 4.

## Rockets eliminate Wolves in three games

Minnesota Timberwolves didn't arc. want Hakeem Olajuwon, the first playoff series in franchise history.

They forgot about Matt Maloney.

The rookie point guard hit six 3-pointers and scored a careerhigh 26 points Tuesday night to lead a superb long-range shooting display that gave the Houston Rockets a 125-120 victory and a sweep of the best-of-5 series.

"It's a situation where they have to choose their poison," said Maloney, who missed just twice from 3-point range and shot 9-for-11 overall. "I felt points and 15 rebounds. good coming into warmups, and I knew that if I got some ble open looks I'd hit them."

Mario Elie was 4-for-5 from 3- 60 percent for the sweep.

point range and Houston fin-

Charles Barkley or Clyde young Minnesota team energame in the franchise's eightyear history.

Elie had 21 points, Barkley scored 20 and Olajuwon had 19 points and 11 rebounds to help Houston into the second round, where it will face either Seattle or Phoenix. 'This was a tough series,"

Olajuwon said. "You have to give Minnesota a lot of credit. They deserved to be in the playoffs, and they represented themselves well.

Tom Gugliotta led the Wolves with 27 points and 10 rebounds, while Dean Garrett added 26 All 10 starters scored in dou-

figures. Although Minnesota outrebounded the series (41-31), the Rockets shot

"They came in and made with six minutes left.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The ished 15-for-28 from beyond the every shot," said Doug West, the only original Minnesota It needed all of them against a player left from the 1989-90 expansion season. "We did Drexler to knock them out of gized by the first home playoff everything humanly possible to beat them in this series, but they were focused and got the job ing

With the sellout Target Center crowd of 19,006 waving white 'Howl Towels" handed out especially for the historic game, the Wolves were unfazed by Houston's first 13 3-pointers and led 98-96 with 10:11 remaining on a basket by Gugliotta.

With Barkley and Drexler watching from the bench with four fouls each, Elie hit the Rockets' 14th long-range shot for a 100-98 lead. But Kevin Garnett followed with a basket

That's when Eddie Johnson hit Houston's final 3-pointer to consecutive baskets Olajuwon for a 109-100 lead

Minnesota closed to 119-116 their towels. on a 3-pointer by James. The atmosphere gave Garnett Robinson with 1:13 left, but goose bumps, but it wasn't Barkley answered with a 15-foot enough to carry the Wolves past fadeaway jumper to make it the playoff-tested Rockets. 121-116 with 53 seconds remain-

It was a virtual replay of Game 2, when the Rockets finished the game on an 18-5 run to erase a Minnesota lead.

"Experience is something you can't teach," Drexler said. "We certainly have a lot of it, and it showed in this series.'

Although it had been nearly four decades since the last NBA playoff game in Minneapolis the St. Louis Hawks beat the Minneapolis Lakers at the Minneapolis Armory on March 24, 1960 — the fans acted like postseason veterans from the

They taunted Kevin Willis during warmups after Willis' He did, and so did his team- Rockets for the first time in the start a 9-0 run that included run-ins with Mitchell during Game 2, and they were on their feet several minutes before player introductions waving

"It's a great night for Minnesota basketball," said Wolves coach Flip Saunders. "But it's only the beginning."

Rockets-Timberwolves, Box **HOUSTON (125)** 

Elie 6-8 5-7 21, Barkley 5-9 9-11 20, Olajuwon 9-15 1-2 19, Drexler 6-11 4-5 17, Maloney 9-11 2-3 26, Willis 2-6 1-2 5, Johnson 5-9 0-0 12, Threatt 2-4 0-0 5, Harrington 0-0 0-0 0. Totals

Garnett 7-16 3-3 17, Gugliotta 10-19 4-6 27, Garrett 11-17 4-5 26, West 5-8 6-6 16, Marbury 6-21 2-2 14, Porter 0-2 0-0 0, Robinson 4-7 0-0 11, Mitchell 4-6 1-1 9. Totals 47-96 20-23

Houston 32 27 32 34 — 125 Minnesota 29 30 32 29 — 120

3-Point goals-Houston 15-28 (Maloney 6-8, Elie 4-5, Johnson 2-6, Barkley 1-2, Threatt 1-3, Drexler 1-4), Minnesota 6-15 (Gugliotta 3-4, Robinson 3-6, Porter 0-1, Marbury 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Houston 42 (Olajuwon 11), Minnesota 47 (Garrett 15). Assists-Houston 33 (Drexler 9), Minnesota 30 (Marbury 13). Total fouls—Houston 20, Minnesota 20. Technicals—Drexler, Houston illegal defense 3, Minnesota illegal defense. A-19,006 (19,006)

### 'Horns down Harvesters in final baseball game

By MATT HUTCHISON **Sports Writer** 

gold for the last time.

another out-of-contention team.

Pampa trailed Caprock most of

Pampa was Blane Northcutt, one Harvesters went into the final of 11 seniors on the team. inning with only one more Northcutt pitched the first three chance for victory. innings with no problems, allowing Caprock only one run and two hits during the first part of the game.

strong by sending the first pitch out of the park for a solo home Northcutt's weaknesses, and left the field for the last time. exploited them for a strong five-Northcutt.

The Longhorns added two standings Pampa's offense finally started to overall) finished fourth.

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a bill that has won preliminary

who get athletic scholarships,

Rep. Ron Wilson, the bill's spon-

sor, said Tuesday that means stu-

dent athletes can be treated as

"meat on the hoof" and cheated of

kinds of promises of fame and for-

tune, they get them at the universi-

ty and then only one out of 10 of

them graduates after five years,"

"What happened to the other

nine? They fall by the wayside. A

lot of them are probably sitting on

the side of the road with cans in

There was no debate on Wilson's

"We're still analyzing the bill

bill, which requires another House

vote to be forwarded to the Senate

and its impact," said Monty Jones,

a spokesman for the University of

Wilson's bill would apply to stu-

dents who will be awarded state-

their hands, will work for food."

said Wilson, D-Houston.

for consideration.

They entice them in with all,

according to a bill analysis.

a proper education.

House approval.

The Harvesters lone run up until the fifth inning was scored PAMPA — It was a day of off a Jamisen Hancock fielder's mixed emotions Tuesday after- choice RBI. He drove in pinch noon at Harvester Field as runner Francis Juan, who ran for Pampa baseball fans bid farewell catcher Ryan Davis, who was to seniors donning the green and awarded first after being hit by a pitch.

With no chance of post-season. Davis led off the fifth, reaching play, the Harvesters played for base on a solid single. After pride, trying to end a forgettable advancing on a pair of walks to season on a winning note, host- Hancock and first baseman Ryan ing the Caprock Longhorns, Schumacher, Davis was driven in on a King base hit.

In the sixth the Harvesters the game, but played with a were down 8-2 and were in desfierce determination to win the perate need of some runs. And final District 1-4A contest of the after a single to lead off the year. In the end, the Longhorns inning by designated hitter Seth were able to hold off the Haynes, Keith Jacoby provided Harvesters and finish the season the explosives with a two-run with a 9-5 victory in seven homer over the right field fence. The rest of the crew was unable Starting on the mound for to followe Jacoby's lead and the

The Harvesters went to the plate for the final time this season in the bottom of the seventh, looking for a spark to get the Northcutt ran into trouble in offense started. King provided the fourth inning as Caprock's that spark, smashing a pitch that Lane Darnell set the tone for a cleared the left center fence in a hurry for a solo home run. But King's homer proved to be too run. Caprock continued to find little too late as Pampa's seniors

Pampa closed out with a 3-9 run inning that put Caprock record in district and 11-13 for ahead comfortably ahead, 6-1. the season. The Harvesters fin-Duane King came in to relieve ished in sixth place, a game ahead of Hereford in the final

more runs in the fifth before Caprock (6-6 in district, 13-13-1

those who play other sports.

It would allow such financial aid

only if an entering freshman's high

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received. The measure would take

effect Sept. 1 and would apply

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Wilson said a federal court rul-

ing that has stopped consideration

of race in financial aid and admis-

sions has focused attention on the

"One of the glaring disparities in our system of higher education has

been our commitment to educate

those who commit themselves to

"The system doesn't really care

about them," Wilson said. "They

want to use them ... but yet they

don't give a flip about the indi-

aid awarded after that date.

education of all students.

athletic pursuits," he said.

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Student athletes would

have to meet academic

AUSTIN (AP) — University other financial assistance based on

football players would have to them being student athletes,

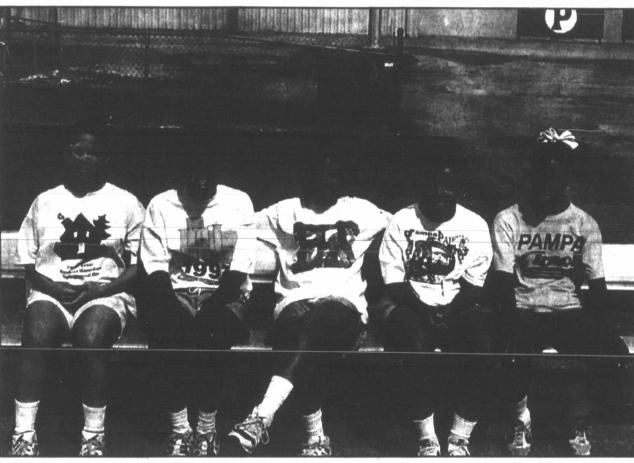
match the grade point average of including football players and

No statewide academic stan- than the average high school GPA

dards currently exist for students of all entering freshman students

funded scholarships, grants or viduals that they're using up."

standards under bill



Pampa's 800-meter relay team takes a break during a Tuesday workout. Team members are (I-r) Jennifer Ross, Audrey Wilbon, Kisha Evans, Lacrease Ford and Lavonne Evans.

### Pampa girls turned in top performances at regionals

the Pampa High girls' track team regional meet in San Angelo.

Mike Lopez. "She was just one better with each outing. away from medaling. Katy ing the weather. There was a Riverside was second at 2:22.92. steady rain and it was cold, but same conditions."

and Barbara Wine (shot) each second at 39-0. won the gold medal in their Similar to Fatheree, Wine has respective event to advance to dominated her state event this Jennifer Ross and Katy Cavalier. state. Pampa' second-place 800- season. Wine had only one secmeter relay team (Kisha Evans, ond-place finish in the shot. At May 9-10 in Austin.

PAMPA - Two individuals Lavonne Evans, Audrey Wilbon one time Wine had the state's and one relay team will represent and Lacrease Ford) is also going. best throw, a 43-10 heave that For Fatheree, who is just a came at the Amarillo Relays.

The ones who won't be going consecutive trip to the state meet. 40 owned by Kashocka Williams still did a respectable job in last She went last year as freshman in weather-plagued both the 1600 and 3200. Fatheree, who has won the 800

Fatheree's winning time of Cavalier had her best triple 2:22.09 in the District 1-4A meet jump, Robin Williams ran well two weeks ago was the the top and the sprint relay team had time in the area. She bettered that their best time. I was happy with mark with a 2:21.90 at regionals.

Wine, a junior, won her seveverybody had to run under the enth shot put title of the season with a 40-8 throw at regionals. Pampa's Jenny Fatheree (800) Sally Mendoza of Dumas was

at the Class 4A meet in Austin. sophomore, it will be her second. That mark is now second to a 43of Edinburg North.

Lopez looks for Pampa's 800meter relay team to do better Lacrease Ford ran well for a six times while placing second than their regional time of freshman," said Pampa coach once this year, just keeps getting 1:46.10, which was their best of the season.

"We can still do some things to knock some more time off," Lopez said. "There's still room for improvement."

The 800-relayers won the disthe way we competed consider- Monica Gomez of El Paso trict championship two weeks ago for their third win of the season. The relay team had crossed the finish line first in another race, but were disqualified. Team members include Kisha Evans, Lavonne Evans, Audrey Wilbon and Lacrease Ford. Alternates are

The state meet is scheduled

### Middle school tracksters set records

HEREFORD — The Pampa fifth in the Middle School Boys Elledge and Ryan Nash). District Meet held recently in Hereford, but 7th grader place, 20.06. Gonzalo Salazar set a new district record in the 2400 with a place. time of 8:32.38.

Salazar also won the 1600. He holds the school record in the 2400 at 8:20.02.

Salazar's teammate, Orlando sixth place, 1:03.03. Madrid, set the school record in the 200 with a 24.03.

The Pampa 7th grade scored 62 points in the district meet.

Middle School District Boys Meet

7th Grade Division 2400: Gonzalo Salazar, first place, 8:32.38 (new district

record); Matt Crow, third place,

9:32.59.

7th grade track team finished Lemons, Michael Campos, Ty sion. 110 hurdles: Ty Elledge, sixth

Shot: Justin Lemons, fifth

800 relay: Fifth place, Randy Tice, Gonzalo Salazar, Tanner ond place, 8:43. Dyer and Javier Solis.

400: Sedrick Drew, second place, 1:01.81; Michael Campos,

300 hurdles: Javier Solis, third place, 48.69.

1600: Gonzalo Salazar, first place, 5:32.35; Matt Crow, fourth place, 6:07.83.

Mile relay: Fourth place, Sedrick Drew, Aaron Willis, Cory Bigham and Javier Solis, 4:32.02.

Pampa scored 34 points to ond place, 5;31.88.

400 relay: Sixth place, Justin place sixth in the 8th grade divi-

8th Grade Division

Discus: Ryan Black, fifth place,

2400: Armando Tarango, sec-

400 relay: Fifth place, Josh Gibson, J.J. Roark, Tony Beck and Johnny Cortez, 1:46.45.

110 hurdles: J.J. Roark, fifth place, 18.05. 800 relay: Fifth place, Josh

Gibson, Armando Tarango, Casey Coleman and Johnny Cortez, 1:46.45 Armando Long jump:

Tarango, fourth place, 17-7. 300 hurdles: Tony Beck, sixth place, 48.62.

200: Johnny Cortez, sixth place, 26.06.

1600: Armando Tarango, sec

**National League** imore 6. Minnesota 4 needay's Games aukee (Karl 0-4) at Detreit (J.Thompson 1-2), 1:05 p.m. Ansheim (Dickson 4-0) at Boston (Hammond Florida 6 1/2 12 .478 0-0), 6:05 p.m. Oakland (Teigheder 0-1) at Cleveland (Hershleer 2-0), 7:05 p.m. .440 .348 7 1/2 New York 9 1/2 attle (D.Martinez 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees GB (Wells 1-1), 7:35 p.m. 10 Houston .800 .500

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Milwaukee 14, Texas 8

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esday's Games Anaheim 5, Boston 4

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Pittsburgh 9, Philadelphia 4, 12 innings St. Louis 5, San Francisco 2

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San Diego (Hitchcock 2-1) at N.Y. Mets

San Francisco (Gardner 1-1) at Pittsburgh

Houston (Kile 1-1) at Montreal (C.Perez 3-1),

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Chicago Cubs (Foster 2-1) at Colorado (Ritz 2-3), 9:05 p.m.

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foronto (Clemens 3-0) at Kansas City (Appier 3-0), 8:05 p.m. Baltimore (Kamieniecki 1-0) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 1-2), 8:05 p.m. Texas (Hill 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Alvarez 1-3), 8:05 p.m.

BASKETBALL

**NBA Playoff Glance** FIRST ROUND (Best-of-5) Thursday, April 24 New York 109, Charlotte 99 Miami 99, Orlando 64 Houston 112, Minnesota 95 Utah 106, L.A. Clippers 86 Friday, April 25 Atlanta 89, Detroit 75 Chicago 98, Washington 86 Phoenix 106, Seattle 101 L.A. Lakers 95, Portland 77 Saturday, April 26 Houston 96, Minnesota 84 New York 100, Charlotte 93 Utah 105, L.A. Clippers 99

Sunday, April 27 Miami 104, Orlando 87 L.A. Lakers 107, Portland 93, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-0 Chicago 109, Washington 104, Chicago leads series 2-0 Detroit 93, Atlanta 80 Seattle 122, Phoenix 78

Monday, April 28 New York 104, Charlotte 95, New York wins (B.Jones 3-2), 7:40 p.m. Florida (A.Leiter 3-1) at St. Louis (Al.Benes 2-Utah 104, L.A. Clippers 92, Utah wins series

> Orlando 88, Miami 75, Miami leads series 2-1 Detroit 99, Atlanta 91, Detroit leads series 2-Houston 125, Minnesota 120, Houston wins series 3-0

Phoenix 110, Seattle 103, Phoenix leads Wednesday, April 30 Chicago at Washington, 8 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1 Miami at Orlando, TBD Seattle at Phoenix, TBD

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Sunday, May 4 Detroit at Atlanta, TBD, if necessary Orlando at Miami, TBD, if necessary Portland at L.A. Lakers, TBD, if necessary Washington at Chicago, TBD, if necessary

HOCKEY National Hockey League Playoff Glance FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7) Wednesday, April 16

Dallas 5, Edmonton 3 Colorado 6, Chicago 0 Anaheim 4, Phoenix 2 Thursday, April 17 New Jersey 5, Montreal 2 Buffalo 3, Ottawa 1 Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1

Florida 3, New York 0 Friday, April 18 Detroit 2, St. Louis 1 Edmonton 4, Dallas 0 Colorado 3, Chicago 1 Anaheim 4, Phoenix 2 Saturday, April 19 New Jersey 4, Montreal 1 Ottawa 3, Buffalo 1 Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2

Sunday, April 20 New York 3, Florida 0 Detroit 3, St. Louis 2 Phoenix 4, Anaheim 1 Chicago 4, Colorado 3, 2OT Edmonton 4, Dallas 3, OT Monday, April 21 Buffalo 3, Ottawa 2 Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 3

Tuesday, April 22 New Jersey 6, Montreal 4 New York 4, Florida 3, OT Chicago 6, Colorado 3 Dallas 4, Edmonton 3 Phoenix 2, Anaheim 0

Wednesday, April 23 Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 1 New York 3, Florida 2 Ottawa 1, Buffalo 0, OT

Thursday, April 24 Montreal 4, New Jersey 3, 3OT Colorado 7, Chicago 0 Phoenix 5, Anahe Friday, April 25 Ottawa 4, Buffalo Detroit 5, St. Louis 2 New York 3, Florida 2, OT, New York wins

Edmonton 1, Dallas 0, 2OT Saturday, April 26 New Jersey 4, Montreal 0, New Jersey wins Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia wins series 4-1 Colorado 6, Chicago 3, Colorado wins series

Sunday, April 27 Dallas 3, Edmonton 2 Detroit 3, St. Louis 1, Detroit wins series 4-

Anaheim 3, Phoenix 2, OT Buffalo 3, Ottawa 0 Tuesday, April 29 Buffalo 3, Ottawa 2, OT, Buffalo wins series Edmonton 4, Dallas 3, OT, Edmonton wins

Anaheim 3, Phoenix 0, Anaheim wins CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7) All sites and times TBA EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. Rangers vs. New Jersey

Philadelphia vs. Buffalo

series 4-3

**WESTERN CONFERENCE** Edmonton vs. Colorado

### Astros end three-game loss streak

HOUSTON (AP) — Donne Wall addressed one of the Houston Astros' problem areas. Now, manager Larry Dierker is wondering

when the offense will show up. Wall, making his first start since he was called up from Triple-A New Orleans last week, combined with Russ Springer, Tom Martin and John Hudek to limit the Rockies to seven hits, one more than their season-low.

Sean Berry and Jeff Bagwell homered for the Astros, who ended a three-game losing streak with a 3-1 victory Tuesday.

"With Sid Fernandez on the disabled list, we need another fifth starter, and Donne real came through for us," Dierker said. "The pitching has been really coming through for us in April. Now we need the offense to pick it up

game homestand 2-3. They hit just .198 (32-for-161), and after winning Friday against San Francisco, didn't lead in a game until winning

"It's little things. We're not moving the runner over, we're not executing fundamentally," Astros second baseman Craig Biggio said. "When you're not playing good fundamentals, it can snowball on you, and then you have problems."

"We're not hitting as well as we can or scoring as well as we can,"
Bagwell said. "But it's still early and we can turn it around. Right now, the pitching has been carrying us. The pitchers are the reason we're in first, but sooner or later the hitters are going to have to carry their share of the load."

Houston pitchers rank among the top four in the league in five The Astros finished the five- categories, but the Astros are hit- his first loss of the year.

ting .248 as a team. Tuesday's win enabled the Astros to tie the club record for wins in the month of April with 15.

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Wall (1-0) was sailing along with a 2-1 lead in the seventh when he had to leave the game because of tightness in his left groin area after allowing five hits and striking out four. Three Houston relievers finished up, with Hudek pitching the ninth for his fourth save in as

many opportunities.
"It was tight, so we didn't want to risk getting hurt worse," Wall said. "I know what I can do and I want to be a part of this team. The guys really played great defense behind me and came up with the clutch hits. This was a team effort. Hopefully, they'll be more to come."

Roger Bailey (3-1) went seven innings, gave up five hits, walked one and hit three batters to take

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### Stars lose in overtime

Stars finally scored on Curtis hoseph in Reunion Arena but they couldn't beat him.

Joseph, Edmonton's acrobatic goaltender, had shut out Dallas twice on its home ice but the Stars struck early in Game 7 of the series Tuesday night. The only problem was Dallas couldn't score when it counted.

Todd Marchant beat Dallas defenseman Grant Ledyard on a preakaway and then beat Andy Moog with 7:34 left in overtime to give the Oilers a 4-3 victory over the Stars in the deciding game of the Western Conference quarterfinals.

The Oilers will play Western top seed Colorado in the second round.

"I don't want to think about Colorado until Wednesday," Oilers coach Ron Low said. "I have 100 hours of tape to watch. Let's enjoy this right now."

The Stars outscored the Oilers 18-6 in a four-game sweep during the regular season, and Low thinks Dallas may have taken his team lightly at first.

The Stars began to respect us when we won 4-0 in the second game of the series," he said. "

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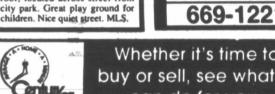
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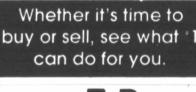
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### MEDICAL

## Bladder infection vaccine showing promise in mice

By PAUL RECER **AP Science Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) - A vaccine that disarms a germ that causresearchers reported.

tist with MedImmune Inc. of infections. Gaithersburg, Md., said that tests types of a bacterium, called E. coli, infection in the bladder. that causes more than 90 percent of all urinary tract infections.

study published last week in the journal Science.

most common of all infections, stick to the tissue of the bladder." affecting 7 million to 8 million bacterium in the colon, where it has a beneficial effect.

when E. coli is transferred from the rectum to the urinary tract and then up that tract to the bladder. About 95 percent of all such infections are in women.

Bladder infections can cause fever, painful and frequent urination, and blood and pus in the urine. They usually are treated successfully with antibiotics, but some E. coli are becoming increasingly resistant. In uncommon the vaccine, there is a greater than cases, usually in patients who 99 percent reduction in coloniza-already are seriously ill, bladder tion by E. coli," said Langermann. infections can spread to the kidtor in deaths, experts say.

Medicine in St. Louis.

country," said Blaivas. "If there was a vaccine to prevent 90 percent of urinary tract infections, that would be fantastic.

But Blaivas cautioned that such es millions of painful bladder a vaccine would have to be tested infections could be ready for tests carefully to assure that it does not on humans by next year, alter the normal action of E. coli in the gut or allow other bacteria to Solomon Langermann, a scien- bloom and cause other types of

Langermann said the vaccine of the vaccine in mice show that it creates antibodies against a problocks the attack of nearly all tein that E. coli uses to establish

"These bacteria have pili (stalklike structures) that look like hair Langermann is first author of a coming off the surface of each bacterium," said Langermann. "At the very tip of the pili is a protein Bladder infections are one of the called adhesin that allows it to

The vaccine causes the body to Americans. E. coli is a common make antibodies that prevent adhesin from locking onto the cells of the bladder wall. Instead of The infection usually occurs causing an infection, the disabled bacteria are washed out of the body when the bladder is emptied.

Langermann said the vaccine was tested on hundreds of mice. After the test animals were injected with the vaccine, human E. coli bacteria were injected into their urinary tract. A similar number of rnice got the bacteria after placebo vaccine shots.

"In all of the mice that received

The researchers also gathered a neys and can be a contributing fac-number of different strains of E. coli from women and children Langermann's co-authors on the patients, he said, and test tube study were researchers at experiments showed the vaccine Washington University School of was effective against 94 percent of all these strains.

Dr. Jerry Blaivas, a professor of Monkey studies of the vaccine urology at Cornell University's are under way at the Karolinska ork Hospital, said a vaccine Institute in Sweden, said against E. coli urinary tract infec- Langermann. This research will tions "would have an enormous not only determine if the vaccine impact" on general public health. is effective against E. coli urinary "It is the second-most-common infections in primates but also cause of morbidity (illness) in the look for side effects.

## Study: Vitamin E can help slow Alzheimer's

By DANIEL Q. HANEY **AP Medical Editor** 

BOSTON (AP) - Researchers have found that ordinary vitamin E pills modestly slow Alzheimer's - the first time any treatment has been shown to change the course of the mind-robbing disease.

Patients with moderately severe Alzheimer's who took high doses of the vitamin in a two-year study delayed such major milestones as going into a nursing home by about seven months.

The study also found that selegiline, or Eldepryl, a standard prescription drug for Parkinson's disease, does the same thing and seems to work about as well as vitamin E.

Both appear to help by protecting brain cells from the damaging effects of oxygen. Experts say this offers an important clue for finding other drugs that will be even more

Dr. John Growdon of Massachusetts General Hospital, one of the researchers, of the two treatments.

"This is not an overwhelming effect, but it is the first time we have seen long-term benefit," Growdon said. "I find that very encouraging."

The study was directed by Mary Sano, an associate professor of clinical neuropsychology at Columbia University, and was published in last week's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

It found that both vitamin E and selegiline decreased Alzheimer's patients' loss of their

ability to bathe, dress, handle money and do other routine chores by about 25 percent.

"It opens up another encouraging avenue for the families of patients with the disease," said Edward Truschke, president of the Alzheimer's Association.

It also raises the possibility that vitamin E might also protect those who are still healthy from eventually getting the disease, although this has not been studied.

"The obvious question is, 'Should I take vitamin E?' " Truschke said. "Because of the other health benefits it has, it probably can't hurt. But at the same time, there are some mild side effects. Anyone taking a new medication should consult with their physician."

Indeed, vitamin E is turning out to be a remarkably versatile nutrient. Some believe it wards off cancer, and there is strong evidence that it is good for the heart.

Last year, one major study found that daily vitamin E reduces heart attacks by 75 percent in people who already have bad hearts. Another found evidence that foods said he has begun routinely giving his rich in vitamin E – such as mayonnaise, Alzheimer's patients vitamin E, the cheaper margarine, salad dressings, vegetable oil and eggs - reduce women's risk of heart disease by two-thirds.

High doses of vitamin E can occasionally cause bleeding, however.

The latest study was conducted on 341 men and women who lived outside nursing homes but needed supervision. They were randomly assigned to one of four daily treatments: 2,000 international units of vitamin E, 10 milligrams of selegiline, the two together or placebos, which are dummy soaking up hazardous oxygen molecules

The researchers measured the time it took for these people to reach one of four major milestones: admission to a nursing home, inability to perform basic daily activities, progression to severe dementia, or death.

They found that after an average of 440 days, at least one of these things had happened to the people taking placebos. However, these events took 230 days longer to happen to those on vitamin E and 215 days longer for those taking selegiline.

For reasons that the researchers could not explain, the patients using the two drugs together fared considerably worse. Their slide was delayed by just 145 days.

"It reminds us that two drugs are not necessarily better than one," Sano said.

It also raises questions about whether doctors should combine vitamin A or selegiline with the two other Alzheimer's drugs already on the market - tacrine, or Cognex, and donepezil, or Aricept - which mildly improve some patients' mental capacity but do not slow the disease.

Sano cautioned that while the treatments slow Alzheimer's, they do not make patients seem any better. And because of the often erratic course of the disease, "it would be very difficult for a family member to determine whether any patient had actually benefited."

The dose of vitamin E given in this study, 2,000 international units, is more than 60 times the recommended dietary allowance of 30 international units a day.

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### Experimental vaccine protects chimps from AIDS virus

HIV genes has protected chim- Apollon Inc. of Malvern, Pa. panzees for more than a year,

times the amount needed for infection.

It's the first time that a socalled DNA vaccine has squared off against HIV in chimps.

senior author of the study.

have begun already to look for available yet.

of pathology and laboratory medi-said. work in the May issue of the jour- altered HIV genes. The animals

NEW YORK (AP) - An experi- nal Nature Medicine with colleagues got six injections over 15 weeks, in the other, but there was no furmental AIDS vaccine made from there and elsewhere, including

The work is "another step toward raising doctors' hopes the developing new concepts for vac-approach will work in humans. cines," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, Two chimps got the vaccine director of the National Institute of and then a stiff dose of HIV – 250 Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "But the success with regard to protection is not any more or less than several other concepts that we've seen in the chimp."

Harold McClure, who studies "We're encouraged but cau- AIDS at the Yerkes Regional one animal and eight weeks later different tack." tious," said David B. Weiner, Primate Research Center at Emory University in Atlanta, Preliminary tests in people called the results very promising.

He said it will be important to side effects and see how the vac- follow the chimps longer to see if cine affects the body's defenses an HIV infection emerges. The against disease. No results are researchers are doing that. So far there is no sign of infection at 53 Weiner is an associate professor weeks after the HIV dose, Weiner

at the University of Each chimp got two versions of Pennsylvania. He reported the the vaccine, made from certain

then two boosters.

Scientists gave so many shots vaccine proves useful in people it HIV dose and stayed infected. probably won't require as many shots, Weiner said.

Two months after the last booster, the two chimps got the dose of HIV. Researchers found signs of a slight and temporary

ther trace of infection after that.

Another chimp that didn't get because they were studying the the vaccine became infected immune system response. If the within two weeks of getting the

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rides in cars, buses or trains.

avoid discomfort during shorter plane, bus or train at least once cuts off at the knee.

out and walk around for a while. Some other tips:

 Flex your ankles up and rides can be uncomfortable for down when sitting. Blood tends anyone, but, for people prone to to collect in the lower extremities, and this simple exercise will encourage movement.

 Avoid really tight clothing. It can restrict the free movement of blood throughout the body.

 Avoid sleeping for long periods. Drink lots of water. Good volume and circulation.

• Take one adult-size aspirin before departure. This helps pre-For long flights or rides and to vent the formation of blood clots.

· Wear thigh-high support flights or rides, Riley recom- stockings or panty hose. Riley mends walking the length of the cautions against any hose that

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