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## PAMPA - The Red Cross is MAMPA - The Red Cross is hosting an infant and child CPR course Monday, Oct. 27 CPR course Monday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. in the Red Cross atfor office. For more information on cost call $669-7121$.

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saying. | - Art Dawes, 67, truck driver |
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CMC unveils $\$ 6.6$ million project plan Outpatient expansion hospital renovation



Phil Young, CEO of Pampa's Columbia Medical Center; Dick Stowers, (Pampa Nows photo by L.w. McCall) board; and Dr. Rene Grabato, chief of staff, unveil an artist's rendering of the Pampa hospital once $\$ 6.6$ million in new construction and renovations have been completed.

## No suspect in beating

 Police are not releasing the identity of a 45-year-$\begin{gathered}\text { old store clerk severely beaten when she caught a } \\ \text { would appears the guy tried to kill her," said Chie }\end{gathered}$
$\begin{gathered}\text { Charlie Morris. } \\ \text { He added that the suspect most likely did not }\end{gathered}$ ing because officers believe it could endanger the know the woman, and finding that she reported the victim, said authorities.
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Four siblings who loved the rodeo die together


In the spirit of Halloween, Batman and Robin showed up at Albcrison's yesterday temptIn the spirit of Halloween, Batman and Robin showed up at Albcrison's yesterday tempt-
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Stephanie were pleasantly surprised as Batman, played by Kim Tatum and Robin, played by Tonya DeArman, met the mother and daughter in the check-out line.

Woman claims she was asked to falsify reports By LAURA HALE
Staff Writer

A 1996 deposition by a former employee of Healthtrust Inc., which owned Coronado Hospital until it was sold to Columbia in 1994, states that temperature and some cleaning sheets for the
months of June, July and August in 1993 were falsified to comply with a Medicare inspection.
Denise Moon, who was an employee in the hospital's food and nutrition services division, says in a deposition she was asked by Bhe documents
the hospital's assistant administrator to create "Where are those sheets today?" asks Mike Warner, attorney
for plaintiff Joan Collier in the wrongful termination civil suit "I plaintiff Joan Collier in the wrongful
"I don't have them," responded Moon. "The landfill," she responded and then proceeded to explain that she had destroyed the documents because "I had created
them, I was embarrassed about it I away with them."
Moon, answering further questions, stated the false documen were created in mid August 1993 and that she had been asked to
create the temperature and cleaning sheets by O'Brien. asked Warner later in the deposition.

Pampa, Gray Co. employment rate over state average

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## Also killed were 19-ye Allen and 12-yearold Sara. They died early Saturday

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Atop Allen's coffin in the school

WOMAN

mation off the wall. She refused to have falsi-
fied documents coming from her department "On that day, him asking you to create these would have the ultimate responsibility over the They were concerned that evening as to believed that falsifying the documents for a
whether they actually existed. I told them wasn't sure, I didn't think so. The comment to me was, 'Then we need to have something She said in the deposition that she balked for several days but was once again told to have
something in place in case the Medicare surveysee it for the inspection suit filed by Joan Collier against Healthtrust Inc., Coronado Hospital and Bill O'Brien claim-
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director of dietary at that time, contends she was demoted and fired for refusing to create the false documents, according to the court peti"On or about Aug. 9, 1993, Defendant O'Brien
aked Denise Moon to falsify three months worth of temperature sheets for refrigerators tion on Aug. 18, 1993,", alleges the plaintiffs petition. "[Collier] then went to the director of falsification of the documents prior to them being posted on the wall for inspection. Later
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## City briefs

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The Texas Ass acluding stiff penalties of frealtors (TAR) is recommending that homeowners vote in favor of Proposition 8, which features a number of consumer protections including stiff penalties for fraudulent lenders, no personal liability for consumers and strong safeguards pertaining to foreclosures. Additional protections include
an $80 \%$ limit on loan-to-value ratio, a $3 \%$ cap on fees, no cross-collateralization and no prepayment penalities. These protections would require a two-thirds vote of the Texas Legislature as well as approval from the voters of Texas.
Some critics argue that Proposition 8 would eliminate the Texas homestead exemption which protects homesteads from being seized for debts. This is not tru Proposition 8 simply expands homestead exemptions, meaning homeowners can use the home equity they've earned for additional purposes. quity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead. 45,000 -member Texas Association of Realtors supports Proposition 8 , saying it offers the best of both worlds by allowing homeowners to access the equity they've built up in their homes, while still providing meaning ful constitutional protections to reduce the risk of foreclosure. Vote "Yes" for Proposition 8 and home equity lending on Nov. 4, or during early voting, which runs from Oct. 20-3

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## Hospital expansion



This is an artist's rendering of the new construction to the south wing of Columbia Medical Center in Pampa. The construction and renovations total $\$ 6.6$ million and will increase the services provided by the hospital. See related story on page one.

## CMC

room, add patient holding,
preparation and recovery areas, add a cardiac rehabilitation center, expand the women's center,
provide an inpatient rehabilitation unit, increase the skilled
nursing unit and add a short-stay nursing unit and add a short-stay In particular, Young said
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(LDRP) rooms, which allows the
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## Multi-state oil scheme lands man in prison


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Inside the Beltway

Sen. Hutchison

## IRS: The agency with an attitude

In America, government is supposed to serve the people. This
is our ideal, the essence of democracy.
But when the Senate Finance Committee conducted hearings But when the Senate Finance Committee conducted hearings
recently looking into practices of the Internal Revenue Service, agencies has fallen
A steady stream of citizens came forward to recite their
Kafkeesque experiences. There was the woman who was hit Kafkaesque experiences. There was the woman who was hit with $\$ 7,000$ in back taxes stemming from a divorce, only to dis-
cover later that the amount had ballooned to $\$ 16,000$ while the IRS sent notices only to her former spouse. The committee also
heard the sad tale of a contractor who was coerced into paying $\$ 50,000$ that the IRS assessed his company for taxes owed by a Even high-r
Even high-ranking employees of the IRS came forward (at
some risk to themselves and their careers), telling horror stories of how the agency pressures its employees to meet tax-collection quotas and promotes the use of methods which might be
fairly characterized as intimidation. The IRS has encouraged its agents to use liens and levies to collect unpaid taxes, and has promoted
As a result of such aggressive - not to say punitive - policies,
nearly 42 percent of the $\$ 13.2$ billion in IRS penalties assessed last year were eliminated after taxpayers challenged them. have reported the frustrating experience of being unable more a straight answer to a simple question. People don't appreciate the agency's assumption of guilt until a taxpayer is proven
innocent. And it is particularly galling that if the taxpayer makes a mistake, he pays interest and penalties, but if the IRS Last year Congress enacted the Taxpayer Bill of Rights il. This measure improved the procedural rights of taxpayers in dealing with the IRS. For example, it gives taxpayers whop prevail over
the IRS in court the upper hand in getting their attorney fees the IRS in court the upper hand in getting their attorney fees roborate the accuracy of disputed information. It also gives the IRS legal authority to lower or eliminate the interest on tax defi ciencies and to return improperly seized property to a taxpayer.
But given recent testimony, the agency's methods still need serious revamping. Congress must demand accountability on
the part of the IRS, and hold it to the same high standards the agency holds American taxpayers. Responsible oversight is the best way to ensure that not only is the government meeting the know that they have influence over, and a strong voice in, their No honest taxpayer should have to fear an audit. Americans should be confident the IRS will treat them with dignity and respect. That said, it must be pointed out that many, many IRS
employees work hard every day at what is a difficult and unpopular task. Rank-and-file IRS employees are not the vil guable point, it is that our tax system is bewilderingly complex
subject to abuse and flunks the fairness test. As a result of this complexity, many suspect that some among us are not paying
their fair share. This attitude will not change until there is major slicity and equity simplicity and equity.

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five of the World Series.

## Jury is out on the PK

"The first thing you do is sit down with you
wife and say something like this: 'Honey, made a terrible mistake. I've given you my gesting you ask for your role back, I'm urging ou to take it back. There can be no comproead. Be sensitive. Listen. Treat that lady gently and lovingly. But lead." - Tony Evans in "The Seven Promises of a Promise Keeper"
It is statements like this that have caused rise of the Promise Keepers, the rapidly grow ing evangelical Christian men's group tha recently met in Washington.
Groups like the Nation Groups like the National Organization for Women have provided a valuable service by
voicing some skepticism about an organization hat has received largely favorable attention by the mainstream press. Because it IS important to know that although Promise Keepers claims to be a non-
political organization, they have received financial backing from the likes of Jerry
Falwell, Pat Robertson of the Christian alwell, Pat Robertson of the Christian
Coalition, and James Dobson of Focus on the journalist, I've seen a lot of scandals come and
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The Roger Tamraz incid
The Roger Tamraz incident is a case in point.
Surely you haven't forgotten Tamraz Surely you haven't forgotten Tamraz
already. He is the 57 -year-old Lebanese-
American oil financier who gefully told the American oil financier who gleefully told the
Senate last month of his efforts to buy his way Senate last month of his efforts to buy his way for help on a business venture Tamraz wanted to build would transport Caspian a pipeline that across Azerbaijan, Armenia and Turkey oil Mediterranean Sea. He felt he needed U.S. station chief to help him open doors in
Washing Washington. Tamraz attended meetings at the
State, Energy and Commerce State, Energy and Commerce Departments
and conferred with a staffer at the National Security Council. But he had a spotty history of contacts with the CIA, and he had been
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Anderson, and one day I got a tip that a Greek

## Tamraz incident is all too familiar



Sara
Eckel Bill McCartney, has said things like this: "We're Tisising our chilidren in an effeminate society, However, doro do not share NoW's alarm ove
 hem just yet.
 though whether it was out of political of late, a genuine revision of their philosophy is still unclear. At any rate, the stated message of the
Promise Keepers, has been that men have lost heir way and that they must work hard to be is about being attentive to your family. It is about being attentive to your family.
This is unarguably a good thing - and probably the reason that many women have urged
their husbands to attend Promise Keepers raltheir husbands to attend Promise Keepers ral-
lies. I also think that it's heartening to see men raking some responsibility for some of society's
iils - rather than pointing the finger some And I'm glad to see men trying to redefine undergone tremendous change during the past 30 years, and this has necessarily had a strong mpal won men. So I think an attempt by men to deal with this can be a positive thing. And anyway, if the Promise Keepers' mis-
sion is to turn back the clock, they will fail. Women aren't going back to a submissive role would. The Promise Keepers may well be a wolf in Nheep's clothing - the signs are definitely there peacefully and thrash out their issues. And if their conclusion is that they want to be faithfu then I don't think many Am


Joseph Spear ing the rounds in Washington to tout makpipeline project.
Tsakos wanted to build his crude tube across Africa, from Saudi Arabia to Cameroon, and he too thought he needed American help.
He hired a former spook and friend of CIA director William Casey and, presto, he was soon being received in high places. I had never heard of Basil Tsakos, so
turned to an old friend and one of the most resourceful people in Washington, Greek Journalist Elias Demetracopoulos. In 1967,
Elias had escaped the clutches of the colonels Elias had escaped the clutches of the colonels
who had seized power in Greece. In who had seized power in Greece. In 1972, he had survived a threat by the Nixon adminis-
tration to kidnap him and deport him back to Athens. He knew everyone worth knowing in the international community. Tsakos entreaty. A few weeks later,' he laid a Tsakos entreaty. A des. It was the GGreek gov-
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many investigations of one Basil Tsakos. He
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was even then, authorities believed trying to was even then, authorities believed, trying to
sell U.S. attack helicopters to Iraq. He was
also suspected of spying for Britain in Greece. also suspected of spying for Britain in Greece
The Anderson team quickly went to work and what we discovered was nothing short of
astonishing. Tsakos had enlisted the services
of a passel of American heavyweights, including a former Navy secretary, a former Arms
Control and Disarmament Agency director, a former Republican National Agency director, a Tsakos had also befriended a powerfu tion, Republican Mark Hatfield of ereputaho had written a letter in support of the president of Sudan about it and had arranged meetings for Tsakos. Further digging showed wife Tsakos had concurrently paid Hatfield's and consulting' services. thics committee ral ran its course, the Senate investigated the Hatfield-Tsakos relationship (both eventually dropped their probes), and
the Hatfields donated $\$ 55,000$ to a children's hospital. There had been no improprieties of such and "anere had been an appearance Roger Tamraz might have beent." to some, but he was old news sto vintage new
shounds who have been there, done that

## Headless tadpoles raise ethical questions about cloning


#### Abstract

genes to produce headless tadpoles may have organs for human transplantation, though Slack hey and found a way to create spare parts for humans - as believes this is 10 to 15 years away. well as a new source of ethical controversy Although it may take a decade or more to get from baby frogs to cloned human organs, the tech-㲘 of organs perfectly matched to the patient, and a $n^{\prime}$ 't form a whole embryo but it just formed the of organs perfectly matched to the patient, and a organ you wanted plus the heart and circulatory solution to the chronic shortage of donor organs. system," Slack said in an interview released by Michael Reiss, senior lecturer in biology at the British Broadcasting 'Corp., which highlightHomerton College, Cambridge, and a Church of ed his work in a documentary being broadcast England priest, said he "was initially repelled by. Thursday. "But as soon as I realized we are talking about gy also promises to lead eventually to new treattadpoles, and that the medical benefits could be considerable, then I thought: maybe this would be cancer "You can only really know how to fix somea good thing,', Reiss said Monday. ogy at the University of Bath in southwestern England, produced the headless frog embryos by Enipulating ced herfrey Reiman, professor of philosophy at manipulating genes in frog eggs - and used the dered about the implications of creating headless same technique to suppress development of a tad- pole's trunk and tail.


he said.
He saw no moral violation in creating substitut organs, but said others might have esthetic or reli gious objections. "We're always playing God
treating disease or putting treating disease or putting a Dacron artery in some


The Rev. Michael Banner, pran said. ology at King's College, London, urged the government to monior such research. this techucial issues are "whether developments of this technology in effect risks our regard for human life, risks the sacredness of human life, and treats some humans as less worthy of protection than all
humans deserve," Banner said Such issues have created a Nature, a British scientific journal ou bioethics. rent issue that the American Associn its current issue that the American Association of
Bioethics, founded in 1993, has doubled its membership since 1995. It's already possible to grow skin grafts in the
laboratory, and some see organ cloning as laboratory, and some see organ cloning as much the
would imagine that there tould be grardly organs, I troversy over that," said Robert Wachyron-t,
research scholar at the Institute for Philosochy and research scholar at the Institute for Philosophy and
Public Policy at the University of Maryland. Public Poiicy at might become problematic is if one
grows a kind of freak of nature - a person without grows a kind of freak of nature - a person without brain, for example, or something that would seem grotesque." Debate over human cloning boiled up in July 1996 after the world was introduced to Dolly, the Scottish sheep that was the first mammal cloned Wrom an adult.
Wachbroit was surprised by the intense reaction nore significant pass with little notice. "To a large extent, I see the cloning thing as a surrogate for
other debates," he said. ther debates," he said.
ssisted reproduction Many of the debates about assisted reproduction and genetic engineering are beingsted reproduction out in this

Denmark: Police appeal release of nurse, doctor By JAN M. OLSEN
Associated Press Writer


Prosecutors say man poisoned spouse with antifreeze, sip by sip
PERRY, Okla. (AP) - Carol Ann H
agonizing sip, prosecutors contend.
She pris, prosedus contend. suspected it of causing the ailments that began in herb soft drinks or months into her new marriage.
On the day before her first anniversary, Mrs. Hellar was dead Prosecutors argue it was from antifreeze her husband poured into her
drinks over eight month. drinks over eight months. "It's the only case we know of where somebody was poisoned over
time with antifreeze," Assistant District Attorney Mark Gibson said A Noble County judge on Tuesday ordered Dennis Lee Hellar, 53 , to return for a Dec. 15 preliminary hearing on a first-degree murder
charge for his wife's death on June 12, 1995. He did not enter a plea rithout bail. Hellar was a suspect after his wife's death, but prosecutors said they poisoning. Hellar was not arrested untir
Police Lt. David Farrow said Hella Police Lt. David Farrow said Hellar allegedly slipped the antifreeze into his wife's drinks when he was home on weekends. By the time
the toxicity reached its full effect 72 hours later, police said, Hellar was out of town on his jobs hauling trash and cleaning yards. "The effects take a while to kick in to the body," Farrow said. "It Prosecutors say the poisoning began in Ottober 1994, less than five gallon jug of antifreeze from the Hellars' apartment in Perry, 60 mile north of Oklahoma City.
Before the death, Hella
Before the death, Hellar said he knew "a teaspoon of antifreeze per day for 10 days will kill a person," according to court documents
quoting Darla Franks, the manager of the couple's apartment comMs. Franks also said Hellar told her he wanted to get his wife "per-
manently committed" by making it look as if "she was taking antifreeze intentionally." P Prosecutors aren't specifying a motive, but Gibson said Hellar had
a girlfriend during the marriage. a girlfriend during the marriage
no assets," Gibson said. Hellar also told that same girlfriend - who later assisted in the
investigation - that he once placed two "nose droppers full" of investigation - that he once placed two nose droppers "I'm ready to tell you the truth. I gave her some antifreeze one time I put it in her Coke,"'Hellar is quoted as telling the girlffriend, who
was wearing a microphone during an Aug. 22, 1995, conversation.
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## Garfield



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## Sports

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Terrell Jennings had a converTerrell Jennings had a conver-
sion run. offense was a 70--yard pass
from Randy Tice to Michael from Randy Tice to Michael Justin Lemons.
Hereford won the B game,
In the 7 th grade division, Pampa lost the A game, $33-0$,
and the B game, $26-20$. Earvin Parker scored touchdown runs of 60,30 and 24 yards for the

BASEBALL
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) - The owner of the
Houston Astros predicts
Major League Baseball would approve the sale of the Carolina businessman Don
Beaver if the Twins fail to win financing for a new stadium. "We can thave teams losing money," Drayton McLane
told the News \& Record of
Greensboro before a chamber $f$ commerce meeting Tuesday. "I feel Don Beaver
will be sold the team and be approved to move it later (to
North Carolina)" North Carolina)." approved in Minnesota by
Nov. 30 , Beaver has tional agreement with Twins owner Carl Pohlad to purchase the team.
Three-fourths American League's owners
and half the owners in the National League must cation. McLane said he did might vote on the move.
What the owners are going he has the financial wherewithal to buy a team and sus-
tain some losses," McLane said. ${ }^{\text {"But in Don's favor is this: }}$ He's an astute and proven
businessman. He has been very successful in his profes-
sion - nursing homes and industry"."
Under Beaver's proposal, the team would play for two
seasons at an expanded Knights Castle, his Triple-A
stadium in Fort Mill, S.C., then beginning in 2001 in a
new stadium on the border of
Guilford and Forsyth
ties.
But financing for that new stadium is also far from cer-
tain. Voters in Guilford and tain. Voters in Guilford and
Forsyth counties go to the
polls May 5 to decide whether to adopt a 1 percent prepared-
foods ta to raise $\$ 140$ million
toward the cost of a $\$ 210$ million ballpark. The tax must
pass in both counties to be Already, the N.C. Travel
and Tourism Coalition, the Association and the N.C.
Restaurant Association have sounded off against the tax.
And 10 of the 12 counties that make up the Piedmont Triad
tax district pulled out, saying hey don't want the "regres-
sive" tax to pay for a stadiShould the vote fail here,
Beaver has said he would consider converting Knights
Castle into a semipermanent Castle into a semipermanent
home for the team until he
could get public financing for a stadium in downtown
Charlotte. ng for a ballppark in either
Minnesota or North Carolina "Why does public money, McLane asked. "It just does. McLane, who made his for tune in grocery distribution,
said he has lost money every

year he has owned the Astros, losing $\$ 11$ million this season. Earlier | this |
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| Minnesota |
| Gov. Arme Carthon | met with the acting commis-

sioner of Major League Baseball to see if league owners Baseball to see if league $o$.
would prevent the move.

## Marlins outlast Indians to take 2-1 lead

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## Gymnasts win more honors

MiDLAND $\begin{array}{r}\text { Mearman led Team Pampa to th } \\ \text { Midland }\end{array}$ Midland Judges' Cup Level Gymnasts of Pampa Team
members came out ahead against members came out ahead against
teams from El Paso, Abilene, San teams from El Paso, Abilene,
Angelo, Odessa, Midland
Lubbock, Amarillo and Dumas Spearman dominated the 10 year-old division once again. She
won gold in all-around, 34.95; balance beam, 9.0 ; floor exercise
8.95 ; uneven bars, 8.8 and silve on vault, 8.2.
Ashlee Ferguson was fifth o Ashlee Ferguson was fifth on
floor exercise, 8.3 , and sixth on
bars, 7.7 in the 10 -year-old competition.
Spearman overcame some Spearman overcame some
tough judging to come out on "Jaclyn was really our only gir
to hit all four routines at the meet. She had the only 9.0 on bal
ance beam for Level 5 ance beam for Level 5 competi-
tors and was pretty solid on everything else," said coach Kristi Fatheree. "A 34.95 All-
Around at this meet was an Around at this meet was a
excellent score. The judges were scoring pretty tough. I was very
proud of Jaclyn and the rest of the team."
Alyssa Bromwell won the 1
year-old. All-Around with
33.95. She won gold 33.95. She won gold on balanc
beam, 8.25; silver on bars, , momo and on balance beam, 7.4. She
fifth on floor exercises, 7.95
vault, 7.6 , and bars, 7.25 . Jennifer Hutcherson was fifth
in All-Around in the 12 -year-old
and over divisionon.She was fourth
on floor exercise, 8.1 ; fifth on
bars, 7.7. and sixth on vault, 7.55

Terrell back tops prep honor roll

## DALLAS (AP) $\overline{\text { Richardson watched from the }}$ the bench last year as Burnest Rhodes

 rench last year as Burnest Rhodesran for more than 2,000 yards and
led Terrell to its first pyon led Terrell to its first playoff berth
in seven years. This year, with Rhodes at Texas
A\&M, the ground game was turned over to Richardson and he
admittedly wasn't sure whether admittedly wasn tsure whether
he could handle it.
Seven weeks and six 100-yard games later, the doubt is gone.
Richardson, a senior, had his Richardson, a senior, had
biggest game yet last weekend,
rushing 22 times for 303 yards and rushing 22 times for 303 yards and
five touchowns as Terrell drilled
West Mesquite 41-0. The perforWest Mesquite 41-0. The perfor-
mance also earned him top billing on this we
honor roll.
"We did a good job of getting
him into the secondary, then he made some good defensive backs miss," Terrell "oach Men in
Gooden said. "He's very elusive.
That's the difference between run being 15 yards or 85
Richardson showed it would be
his night from the start, running 42 yards for a touchdown on his first carry. Two carries later, h
went 86 yards.

## Volleyball action



Pampa's Deidre Crawford, April Lopez and Tandi Morton go after the ball in a volleyball match with Canyon Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse. Pampa won,
$15-8,6-15,15-12$.

Switzer can't expect another miracle against Philadelphia



Canadian leads 1-2A standings to a quick start in the District 1 2A race, will try and pad its lead when the Wildcats travel to
Boys Ranch Friday night. Boys Ranch Friday night.
Canadian is 2-0 in district and
$5-1$ overall. Boys Ranch is $0-2$ and $2-5$.
Behind the quarterbacking of ohn Astley, canadian stormed past West lexas High, $48-7$, last
week to become of the only unbeaten district team.
Ashley threw four tou
passes and ran for touchdown passes and ran for two more as
the Wildcats piled up 389 yards in total offense. The Wildcats
led 21-0 at the end of the first quarter.
Jose Morales also had a touchdown run for the Wildcats.
Luke Farrar caught. touchdown passes while Ty
Dickinson and Justin
Billenwillms araght Billenwillms caught one each
Ashley competed seven nine pass attempts for 186
yards. Farrar snared three passes for 94 yards while Dickinson
had three catches for 39 yards. Kevin McCasland was
Canadian's leading rusher with 72 yards on 13 attempts.
Dickinson added 66 yards on Canadian's defense, led by
Dickinson, held West Texas to Dickinson, held West Texas to
115 total yards. Dickinson had WT's only touchdown came
on a 91-yard kickoff return by on a 91-yard kickoff return by
Dade Line in the third quarter.
West Texas is $1-1$ in district Coach uses unofficial mercy rule
$\qquad$ Tigers, explains his unofficial
"Zach Wood Mercy Rule" "We don't have a set number things get out of hand, we pull
him out and give the other kids a chance to run the ball." Wood, a 5-9, 175-pound senior
has gained 1,242 yards on 62 car ries in the seven games - an
average of 20 yards per carry while leading Class 2
Whitewright to a $7-0$ recor He's scored 17 touchdowns, a
scoring clip of better than one every four carries.
He victimized Tom Bean High He victimized Tom Bean High
School for 260 yards and three That 23.6 yards-per-carry
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won't break the national high won't break the national high
school record of 47.3 yards per
carry'set in 1953 by Ken Hall from Sugar Land, Texas
Nonetheless, it impressed first-
year Tom Bean head coach Dan "Once he gets into the open
field he is nearly impossible to stop," Gist told The (Sherman
Denison) Herald-Democrat. "H
is very fast Idon't know. of to is very fast. I don't know. of to
many people in the area who ca
tackle him in the open fiel Wood was third in the Class
2A 100-meter dash at the state meet in 10.8 seconds. At the dis-
trict meet earlier, he was clocked

8 －Wednesday，October 22， 1997 －THE PAMPA nEWs Rockets down Mavs in exhibition game ALBUQUERQUE，N．M．（AP）
Matt Maloney scored 14 points and Matt Maloney sconed 14 points and Price each scored 12 points，while
Houston got a big boost from its Othella Harrington had 10 points bench to beat Dallas $106-97$ Tuesday off the bench for the Rockets． night in an exhibition game．
Houston reserves Rodrick points for the Mavericks．score



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Bure scores hat trick as Canucks down Stars，5－1 DALLAS（AP）－Pavel Bure Canucks beat the Dallas Stars 5－1．tonight．＂ may be headed back in the right＂We played well against a good Bure missed the final 18 games of
direction． $\begin{array}{lll}\text { direction．} & \text { team，＂Bure said．＂It＇s nice to get a } & \text { last season with a neck injury and } \\ \text { Bure scored his seventh career } & \text { hat trick，but it＇s a team game．We } & \text { finished with } 23 \text { goals and } 55\end{array}$ hat trick Tuesday night career hat trick，but it＇s a team game．We points，well off his normal pace changed his number from No． 96
 back to his original No． 10 on Oct． 4 Vancouver singed free－agent on with hopes of contending in the Western Conference．The Canucks will also need Bure to
contribute more． ＂I like it that Pavel scored some big goals for us tonight，＂
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## Health shorts...

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In some cases, not muc
"A lot of these videos are just slick productions", said Dr. John
 teaching people how to exererise appropriately and safely,
Ciance said you can get much more value for your dolle ing a session or two with a personal trainer ing a session or two with a personal trainer
They can develop a home exercise program for you that is more effective than watching a personon on a tape,' he said.

Battling back against middle age
Aching joints and bulging midsections often begin to pay a visit around middle age, but exerrise con help send them packing. 'IIt is possible $t$ ol ower your risk of certain disease that may be asso-
iated with physical activity and exerise even if you are over 40,50 or diated with physical activity and exercise even if you are over 40, 50 or
even 60," said Dr. Harold Kohl, director of research at Baylor College of even 60, " said Dr. Harold Kohl, director of researc
Mediane's Sports medicine Institute in Houston

 the result of inactivity. Simple exeroses, such as walking 30 minutes a
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Wilking is the activity of choine for many oldor people who don't
felt hey want to compete in in an orranaized sport," he said. 'It's relafeel they want to oompete in in an organized sport," he said. "rs srela,
tively easy on the joints and can be as beneficial as running or jogging." Sets of push-ups and sit-ups on a regular basis can add a strengthening element, and stretching is important as well. Older muscles tend

## Second-impact syndrome

## Football players impact syndrome.

"An initial conclusion during any contact sport can lead to significant problems hater if followed by a second orncussion", said Dr. Albert Hergenroeder, an adolescent sports medicine expert at Baylor College
of Medicine in Houston The danger lies in attletes who return to the sport too soon after the
orignal head injury. Another blow to the head can produce an original head injury. Another blow to the head can produce an
extremely high level of blood flow to the brain Subsequent rapid swelling of the brain can cause death
me is rare, Hegen Roeder said traintial serious consequences.
'The physician and ooach may decide to keep a player out of a couple of fames until the player has fully recovered from the first blow,"

## Heart attack? <br> Take an aspirin

 DALLAS (AP) - Your chest ventive medicine at Brigham andches. You think you're having a Women's Hospital in Boston and heart attack. What do you do? Consider taking an aspirin. recommends it, and according to a report published Tuesday in the when a blood ck or stroke occurs association's journal Circulation, Doctors believe that during the ear could be saved if everyone aspirin - which is known attack eear could be saved if everyone aspirin - which is known to pre
followed that advice.
vent blood platelets from stickin The association first recom-
mended in 1993 that people take one, full $325-$-milligram aspirin at ymptoms of a severe heart attack Four years later, a follow-up peport shows that not enough people are taking that
ple life-saving step
spirin use remand recommendation and people are dying prematurely ach year in this country," said one fthe authors of the report
harles Hennekens, chief of pre

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## Two studies challenge assumptions about cost and control of smoking

BOSTON (AP) - Would health costs go cracking down on underage cigarette sales If the answer to both question n obvious "yes," think again.
Two new studies support riew. ' smoker went cold turkey tomorrow. The conclusion: Health care costs would drop for while but would then inexorably rise for the
simple reason that nonsmokers live simple reason that nonsmokers live longer.
The other study found that even with stric enforcement of laws against selling cigarettes to anyone under 18, teen-agers can still get them easily, and they smoke just as much, if not more.
Both wor
Both works challenge simple assumption ing. They were published in Thursday's issue of the New Englard Journal of medicine.
An estimated 3000 children An estimated 3,000 children take up ciga
rettes each day in the United States. Makin cigarettes harder to buy is the cornerstone of a new effort by the Food and Drug Administration to keep them out of the hands of teen-agers.
The FDA rule The FDA rules, which went into effect las
February, require stores to get photo identifi cation from anyone who looks younger than 27. A federal goal is to have at least 80 percent
of stores obey the laws. of stores obey the laws.
Nevertheless, enforcement has received lit Nevertheless, eake sure it works. So a team led by Dr. Nancy A. Rigotti of Massachusetts General Hospital set out to compare high
school students' access to cigarettes in six

## Study: Patch back pain option

## HOUSTON - A medicated patch offers another treatment option tion pain medications for at least six months. More than half of列

 iked it majority of patients felt the patch was more effective and years, and all had at least one back surgery Dr. Richard Simpson, associate professor of neurosurgery at surgery to acupuncture and biofeedback," he said. "Oral medicaeported less pain and significantly less disability." For the study, patients tested the fentanyl patch for one month The patch, which lasts for 72 hours, delivers a continuous dose Minor side effects typical of all opioid medications were reported, of fentanyl, a strong opioid therapy, through the skin and into the including mild nausea and constipation. However, the studybloodstream. It is placed on a flat skin surface, such as the chest, reported these side effects were easily managed.
back, side or upper arm. "The standard oral opioid medications have to be taken every Upon completion of the study, close to half of the study particfour to six hours, so there are generally peaks and valleys in the lipants chose to remain on the fentanyl patch. The results are pub-
level of medication within the system," said Simpson The Methodist Hospital neurosurgery staff. "The fentanyl patch is "This treatm convenient and keeps the medication level constant" . pain related to already has proven to be effective for chronic The 50 study participants had suffered from chronic low back chronic low back pain patients taking oral medications," Simpson

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