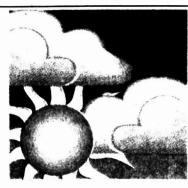


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High today mid-40s. Low tonight low-20s. For weather details see page 2.

PAMPA — A Pampa Street Fair Organization meeting is planned for tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Chaney's Cafe.

All organizations, clubs and businesses wishing to participate in the Pampa Street Fair are invite.

This is coordinated by Celebration of Lights as a tourism promotion for June 20 involving retail businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals who would like to be part of this "fun-filled festival with booths, contests and entertainment," said Kathleen Chanev.

A Junior Ranch Rodeo sponsored by High County Chevrolet Dealers Culberson Stowers Chevrolet is going to be held downtown, a arts and craft fair and Downtown **Business** Association is planning several special events.

VOTERS — Questions? Contact the tax office or the county clerk, 669-8018 or 669-

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twiceweekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 1-3-17-43-46-49.

- Ray Andrew Carruth, 79, Borger resident and U.S. Army veteran.
- Paul George, 84, selfemployed in the oil and gas and ranching industries.
- James Harlan, 81, former Pampa resident and member of Lions and Rotary Clubs.
- Iva Lavine Ruth Osborne Reid, 83, former White Deer resident.
- Hazel Ruth Taylor, 83, Celanese secretary.
- Jack Wesley Walker, 76,
- retired ranch worker.

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New EPA clean water plan; its effects on area feedlots

Proposed environmental regulations should not affect feedyards in the Pampa area, according to spokesmen for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

"Feedyards in our area are already under stringent environmental regulations," said Burt Rutherford with the Amarillobased cattle feeders association. "At this point, it's our understanding that everything that is going to be proposed, we already comply with."

The draft Environmental Protection Agency initiative announced Thursday would for the first time require some 6,000 larger hog, cattle and poultry operations to obtain federal permits and meet national water pollution guidelines. Now, state rules cover only about a quarter of them.

Some farmers claimed such controls would lead to higher retail food prices, while environmentalists argued such regulations were long overdue as a first step to stem growing pollution problems from agricultural runoff.

TCFA officials said cattle feeding operations in this area are already operating under state and federal regulations that meet or exceed the new proposed rules and should not be

affected by the new rules.

Cattle feedlots, large commercial hog farms and poultry farms are regulated by the state with pollution standards and permits varying from one region to another, but the EPA unveiled their strategy Thursday as the first installment of a broader

would reflect a significantly broadening of the federal government's oversight of an estimated 6,000 commercial livestock and poultry farms across the country.

"TCFA member feedyards have had EPA and state regulation for years that contain the

The EPA strategy, according to officials, called for regulating large poultry and other livestock farms, or feedlots, to curb pollution into nearby waterways much as factories currently are regulated under the Clean Water Act.

plan to protect the nation's waterways. President Clinton last month singled out the need to protect lakes and streams from urban and agricultural pollution as one of his top environmental priorities. "This is the first piece of the

president's action plan," EPA spokeswoman Loretta Ucelli

The plan, once formalized under a series of regulations to be announced later this year, prices for chicken, beef, pork

proposals that EPA has announced," said Ross Wilson, the association's government affairs specialist.

The new EPA initiative had been expected within the agriculture industry. Some livestock groups have been critical of increased federal controls, arguing they would put U.S. farmers at a disadvantage against farms in Mexico and other countries, and lead to higher consumer

and dairy products.

Still other producers, however, have said federal standards may be an improvement over what some consider a hodgepodge of state regulations, with farmers and ranchers in some states required to meet more stringent pollution controls than competitors in a neighboring state.

Wilson pointed out that the proposals are still in draft strate-

"This document, even though they rolled it out in this big announcement, still has draft stamped on it," Wilson said. "I think they're saying that because they're going to continue the talks with stakeholders, the producers and departmental groups, to obtain additional input."

The EPA strategy, according to officials, called for regulating large poultry and other livestock farms, or feedlots, to curb pollution into nearby waterways much as factories currently are regulated under the Clean Water Act. The controls would not apply to cattle ranches, but only to feedlots where the livestock are fattened before slaughter.

It shouldn't affect a rancher running cattle on the range, Wilson said.

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sponsors

By JEFF WEST Staff Writer

Helping the children of veterans, both the orphans and those who had problems in the home. That's the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home. Gray County Veteran Service Officer John Tripplehorn is hoping that some local groups want to help, too.

He says he has seen local clubs, Sunday school classes and organizations looking to find good causes to sponsor.

"It occurred to me that an excellent project for any group would be to sponsor one of the children at the VFW National Home," he said.

The home in Eaton Rapids, Mich., helps the children and grandchildren of VFW members and members of the ladies auxiliary. Information from the home says that eligible single parent families can live there up to three years while the parent gains the skills they need.

There are four Texas children at the home, according to Tripplehorn. Any group that is interested in sponsoring a child can contact the Gray County Veterans Service Office at 669-



Beth Adams reads from her essay during DARE graduation ceremonies at William B. Travis Elementary School Friday. DARE coordinator, Cpl. Donnie Brown of the Pampa Police Department, said it was the largest graduating class yet in Pampa with some 75 students.

Pampa students DARE to make a difference

It was a long, hard 17 weeks for Donnie Brown, but when Shaley Hopson rushed up and hugged him, it was worth it.

"I thought I was going to cry," Brown said following the graduation ceremony for DARE students Friday at William B. Travis Elementary School.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, sponsored by the Pampa Police Department in conjunction with Pampa Independent School District, graduated 75 students at Travis Friday

Cpl. Donnie Brown, the DARE officer, said it was the most students in any Pampa DARE class to date. But Brown was even more excited about the number of parents that attended the graduation

ceremonies in the Travis gym.

"We had about 60 parents," he said.

The ceremony included skits by the four classes that made up the Travis DARE program, reading of essays by 13 of the leading students, and remarks by Pampa City Manager Bob Eskridge, City Commissioner Bob Dixon and Police Chief Charles Morris.

The Travis DARE graduating class included:

Mrs. Dee Babcock's class: Brittany Adams, Russell Angel, Eric Brown, Heather Dawson, Nichole Dyer, Michelle Eyans, Rickey Gattis, Shaley Hopson, Amber Jenkins, Eric McClure, Levi Nunn, Amanda Perkins, Jacob Potter, Ruth Anne

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Cast your ballot

Lefors Community Center, Precinct 1 103 N. Court Precinct 2, See Precinct No. 10 Precinct 3 Grandview Hopkins School Precinct 4 & 5 Lovett Library, McLean Precinct 7 See Precinct No. 11 Precinct 8 & 9 Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. Precinct 2 & 10 Gray County Jail, Francis Street Precinct 7 & 11 Pampa Youth Center, 1005 W. Lamar School Gym, 1234 S. Nelson Precinct 12 Precinct 13 Courthouse Annex, East Frederic Travis School, North Hallway, 2300 Precinct 14 ²rimrose **Precinct 15** Family Life Center of First Christian

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REPUBLICAN PARTY LOCATIONS

Church, 1633 N. Nelson

Services tomorrow

CARRUTH, Ray Andrew - 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Borger. **TAYLOR**, Hazel Ruth — 2 p.m., First Baptist

Church, Wheeler. **WALKER**, Jack Wesley — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Alanreed Cemetery, Alanreed.

Obituaries

RANDAL BRITTON

Randal Britton, 39, of Pampa, died Friday, March 6, 1998. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Lyndon Glaesman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Britton was born Sept. 6, 1958, at Pampa He grew up in Pampa and attended Pampa High School. He was a welder for Zachary Contractors. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Brandi Troutner of Pampa; two sons, Clay Britton and Brad Britton, both of the home; his parents, Rex and Pat Britton of Pampa; three sisters, Pamela Cloud, Sandra Rogers and Shelly Britton, all of Pampa; and his grandmother, Irva Crouse of

RAY ANDREW CARRUTH

BORGER - Ray Andrew Carruth, 79, brother of a Pampa resident, died Friday, March 6, 1998, at Baptist/St. Anthonys Hospice in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Sheppard, of Faith Covenant Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Carruth was born at Hoover. He married Maxine Houchin on Feb. 1, 1942, at Lefors. He had been a Borger resident for 49 years. He retired from Carruth Oil Company. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He was a member of Faith Covenant Church.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine, of the home; a daughter, Diane Farley of McAllen; three sons, Dane Carruth of Amarillo, Dennis Carruth of McAllen and David Carruth of Bloomfield, N.M.; three sisters, Model Mathis of Hooker, Okla., Monta Taylor of Pampa and Jo Inman of Dallas; nine grandchildren; and a great-grand-

PAUL GEORGE

SHAMROCK - Paul George, 84, died Thursday, March 5, 1998. Services were Saturday in Eleventh Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Joe G. Jernigan, pastor of Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, and Marion Fry of Ada, Okla., officiating. Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. George was born May 18, 1913, at Paris, Texas. He married Dorothy Jo Clark on Aug. 1, 1954, at Wellington. He was self-employed, working in the oil and gas industry and ranch-

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Karla Janella Pope, in 1975.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of Shamrock; a daughter, Bumby Hiltbrunner of Shamrock; a son, Matthew Joseph George of Azle; three sisters, Bonnie Bidwell of Lefors, Marion Fry of Ada, Okla., and June Zittercob of Weatherford, Okla.; two brothers, Noel George of Olusty, Okla., and T.D. "Whitey" George of Perryton; six grandchildren; and two greatgrandchildren.

JAMES HARLAN

GALVESTON - James Harlan, 81, a former Pampa resident, died Wednesday, March 4, 1998. Graveside services were Saturday in Crane County Cemetery at Crane with the Rev. Tommy Parker officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home of

Mr. Harlan was born Dec. 16, 1916, at Westville, Okla. He married Helen Louise Bennett on Dec. 13, 1945. He worked in the oil industry for over 50 years, drilling for oil in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Peru, South Africa and Brazil. He was a Baptist and a member of Eagles Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a former member of Lions Club and Rotary Club. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife; a daughter, Carolyn Sue Whitfield, in 1997; and a son, Larry Gene Harlan, in 1963.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharon K. Allen of Galveston; two sons, John Harlan of Pampa and Robert Harlan of Pflugerville; a sister, Imogene Harlan of Edmond, Okla.; a brother, Lloyd Harlan of Midland; 12 grandchildren; and

13 great-grandchildren. IVA LAVINE RUTH OSBORNE REID

HARLINGEN - Iva Lavine Ruth Osborne Reid, 83, died Friday, March 6, 1998: Graveside services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Mont Meta Cemetery with the Rev. Wilton Robinson officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Buck Ashcraft Funeral Home of Harlingen.

Mrs. Reid was born Oct. 15, 1914, at Coleman. She resided in White Deer most f her life, moving to the community with her family in 1917. She married Truman Jesse Reid in 1940. She taught school prior to retiring in 1979. She had been a Harlingen resident since 1987. She was a Southern Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband and by a sister, Laura Erlene Ballard.

Survivors include four children, Janet Linder of Catroville, Truman Glen of Burleson, Maureen Stingley of Harlingen and Nona Whitley of Amarillo; a sister, Evelyn Higgins of Round Rock: three brothers, Lansin Osborne, Sam Osborne and Leon Osborne, all of White Deer; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchil-

The family requests memorials be in lieu of Cabot O&G 21 9/16 dn 1/16

flowers to a favorite charity.

HAZEL RUTH TAYLOR

WHEELER - Hazel Ruth Taylor, 83, died Saturday, March 7, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Toby Henson and the Rev. Don Larkin, retired Baptist minister of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Taylor was born Oct. 10, 1914, at Fargo, to Marvin and Emily Bradstreet. She graduated from high school at Kelton in 1932. She married Hendrix Bill Taylor on Sept. 4, 1948, at Dumas; he died Sept. 22, 1981. She was a secretary for Celanese in Pampa, retiring in 1973. She moved to Wheeler following retirement. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; a sister; and a daughter, Paula Cochran

Survivors include a daughter, Phyllis Knowles of Fort Worth; two sons, Boyd Cochran of Battle Ground, Wash., and Larry Taylor of Wheeler: four sisters, Thelma Bailey of Dexter, N.M., Rosalie Keelin of Briscoe, Floy Larkin of Pampa and Joy Garrison of Borger; a brother, Roy Bradstreet of Wheeler; three grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle, First Baptist Church of Wheeler or American Cancer Society.

JACK WESLEY WALKER

McLEAN - Jack Wesley Walker, 76, died Sunday, March 8, 1998. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Alanreed Cemetery at Alanreed with James Mantooth, of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Walker was born at Guymon, Okla. He was a retired ranch worker.

Survivors include two sisters, Lyda May Watt of McLean and Julia Lee Shouse of Chalma, N.M.; a brother, Nolan Walker of Montague, Calif.; and a special friend, Charlene Phepps of Iowa Park.

Police

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today

Saturday, March 7

Nicolas Brookshire, 18, 816 N. Wells, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and warrants

Sunday, March 8 Phillip Staab, 39, 1316 E. Francis, was arrested

on charges of assault by contact. Terry Staab, 32, 1316 E. Francis, was arrested on charges of domestic assault, possession of drug

paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana. Marc Martinez, 26, 510 N. Starkweather, was arrested on warrants.

Jacqualine Marshman, 18, 1024 Varnon, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, and theft under \$50.

Deborah Delon Ellis, 27, 1132 Juniper, was arrested on warrants.

Nicholas Brookshire, 18, 816 N. Wells, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and warrants.

A report of a stolen bike was taken in the 400 block of N. Sumner. The value of the bike was listed as \$99.

Monday, March 9

Cecil Ward Dowdy, 32, 1601 W. Somerville, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ambulance

Columbia Medical Center.

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, March 7

1:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to the Veterans Medical Center in Amarillo.

3:58 p. m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

7:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of N. Wells and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

8:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of N. Dwight and transported one to

Sunday, March 8/ 1:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of E. Francis. No one was transported. 7:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of S. Gray and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

9:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of N. Faulkner and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

10:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block N. Faulkner and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Monday, March 9

6:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

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country.

"They're going to focus their initial efforts on priority watersheds to the year 2002 and the rest of the nation through the year 2005," Wilson said. "There's a number of different compo-Chesapeake Bay to fishing. nents in this proposal which first and foremost is to get everybody permitted. All of our people

Following their initial step, the EPA will then focus on possible new permit requirements.

EPA

That's where we're obviously going to be working with EPA and make sure those are practical," Wilson said.

Beet or dairy cattle, hog and poultry farms would be subject to regular inspections, require pollution permits and be required to develop plans limiting release of chemicals, manure and other wastes into waterways, EPA officials said.

Such pollution has been blamed for excessive nutrients and toxic chemicals getting into lakes and streams, leading to a growing number of fish kills in waterways in many parts of the

Wastes from poultry farms on Maryland's Eastern Shore was blamed last summer for an outbreak of the microbe pfiesteria that killed thousands of fish and forced state officials to close infected rivers along the

The flow of large amounts of nutrients from livestock into rivers and streams also has caused oxygen-choking algae blooms in waterways, creating in some cases "dead zones" where fish and other aquatic life no longer can survive.

Officials said the permits would be required for farms with more than 1,000 cattle, 2,500 swine or 100,000 laying hens. Permits also could be required for smaller farms that were found to pose an environmental hazard to specific environmentally sensitive waterways, the sources

Those are the same threshnothing new."

feeding operation then it moves sion.

to those thresholds to define a concentrated animal feeding operation. An animal feeding operation is where the livestock

are confined and fed. "There's no growing vegetation in the area of the pens," Wilson said. "It's a confined feeding situation. What kicks you into that concentrated category that requires the permit are

the number thresholds. The plan to cut animal waste pollution in waterways is not intended to punish livestock producers or cause economic agriculture, damage to Environmental Protection Agency chief Carol Browner said Friday.

The EPA, working with the Agriculture Department and farmers, would identify ways to provide financial and technical assistance to implement the regulations, Browner told the National Pork Industry Forum in Reno, Nev., Friday. She olds that have been in place for promised the government will years," Wilson said. "That's listen to producers' concerns and consider regional differ-The EPA starts with an animal ences before issuing a final ver-

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DARE

Schlewitz, Kendall Stokes, Gary Teakell, Dylan Whitten and Josh Romero.

Mrs. Andrea Wyatt's class: Omar Barraza, Bobby Brummett, Nathan Carnagey, Cody Dyer, Brittany Hollon, Cody Hukill, Brandon Kane, Dustin Langley, Austin Morgan

Skye Niccum, Suzanne Parks, Latasha Roby, Jennie Roger4, Kristy Sinyard, Eric Willingham, Matthew Woodruff, Elizabeth Martin and Chase McCarthy.

Mrs. Mary Lou Lane's class: Brant Atwood, Tanis Belleau, Chris Blain, Missy Brown, Mitchell

Carroll, Mitchell Crow, Ashlee Ferguson, Melyssa Flaharity, Krissa Galloway, Colin Howard, Jennifer Jackson, Brandon Johnston, Justin Linder, Rebecca Middlebrook Cody Natasha Russell Julian Salazar Garnet Skinner and Erin

Winegeart. Mrs. Cara Morris' class: Beth Adams, Megan Coffee, Marlon Echols, Brandi Ellwanger, Kenneth Haft, Sarah Hopson, Kara Kidd, Phillip Kohler, Bianca Medina, Chris Moody, Drew Morrison, Chassey Oxley, Whitney Parker, Cameron Seger, Jacob Stillwagon, Danielle Tucker, Levi Watts, Jon Williams, Jared Winegeart and Brandon Young.

Teen testifies against girlfriend

Two teenagers accused of killing their infant son in November, 1996

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — A teen-ager pleaded guilty today to manslaughter and agreed to testify against his girlfriend for the death of their newborn baby, who was found wrapped in plastic in a motel

Brian Peterson and his former high school sweetheart, Amy Grossberg, are accused of killing their infant son in November 1996.

"Brian has explained at great length the infant didn't show any signs of life," said his attorney, Russell Gioiella. "He believed the baby was dead."

Gioiella said Ms. Grossberg was saying "Get rid of it. Get rid of it."

"Brian had no intent to harm the baby in any way," In exchange for his plea, prosecutors will drop

murder charges against Peterson. Peterson, 19, could have been sentenced to death or life in prison, if found guilty of first-degree murder. Instead, he could receive up to 10 years in prison for manslaughter. A sentencing date was not imme-

diately set. The two 19-year-olds from a wealthy northern New Jersey suburb were both accused of murdering their son in November 1996 in a motel near the University of Delaware, where Ms. Grossberg was a freshman art student. Peterson was a freshman at

Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. Ms. Grossberg's attorneys have already been distancing themselves from Peterson, requesting separate trials and saying she believed the child was stillborn and played no role in disposing of the body.

The baby was found wrapped in plastic in a trash bin outside the motel. A medical examiner said the child suffered severe head trauma.

The Pampa Fire Department reported the folowing calls during the 48-hour period ending at a.m., today.

Saturday, March 7

8:56 p.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to the 1400 block of N. Hobart on an auto accident.

9:10 p.m. —Three units and six personnel responded to the 1300 block of N. Høbart on an uto accident. Sunday, March 8

3:50 p.m. — Three units and eight personnel responded to an alarm in the 400 block of N. Nelson. 6:28 p.m. -Two units and four personnel

responded to a CO alarm in the 2200 block of N. Monday, March 9

12:27 a.m. — Three units and eight personnel esponded to an alarm in the 400 block of N Nelson.

Correction

Moody Farms feedlot east of Pampa is still in operation. A news story Sunday concerning it and the PEDC was incorrect.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly sunny today with a high in the mid 40s. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the low 20s. Tomorrow, patches of fog, partly cloudy with a possible high of

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST_TEXAS — Panhandle - Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 15 to 20. East to southeast wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, patchy low clouds in the morning. Otherwise, partly cloudy with a high 45 to 50. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, clear. Lows from 15-20 extreme southwest Texas panhandle to 20-25 elsewhere. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs 50-55 south plains, 45-50 elsewhere. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos —

sunny. Highs 60-65. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area from the 50s mountains to the lower 70s along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, clear. Low 22 to 28. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High 47 to 52.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central lower 40s coast. Tuesday, mostly vations south. sunny. Highs in the lower 50s 50-55. Concho Valley/Edwards Grande Plains — Tonight, clear the 40s.

Plateau — Tonight, fair. Lows and cold. Lows in the mid 40s around 25. Tuesday, mostly coast to the mid 30s inland. sunny. Highs 50-55. Far West Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs Texas — Tonight, fair. Lows near 60. Deep South Texas around 30. Tuesday, mostly Tonight, increasing clouds and cool. Lows near 50 coast to the lower 40s inland. Tuesday, Tonight, fair. Lows 25-35. mostly cloudy and continued Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs cool. Highs in the lower 60s coast to the upper 50s inland, lower 60s inland west.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, partly cloudy northeast third. Fair skies elsewhere. Patchy low clouds east after midnight Texas — Tonight, clear and cold. Lows single digits to near 20 Lows near 30, mid 20s Hill mountains and northwest with Country. Tuesday, mostly sunny. 20s to near 30 elsewhere. Highs in the upper 50s. Tuesday, partly sunny north-Southeast Texas and Upper east. Mostly sunny west and Texas Coast — Tonight, clear south. Highs upper 30s to low and cold. Lows in the upper 20s 50s mountains and north with to lower 30s inland Upper 30s to mid 50s to upper 60s lower ele-

OKLAHOMA - Tonight, Tonight, fair. Lows around 25. inland to upper 50s coast. mostly clear. Lows 10 to 20. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs Coastal Bend and the Rio Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in

The Gray County Sheriff' Department reported the following arrests during the 48hour period ending at 7 a.m.

today. Sunday, March 8

Kenneth Wayne Hays, 32, 121 Wells, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and assault.

Levi J. Oldham, 18, Lefors was arrested on charges of an expired driver's license.

Sheriff's Office City briefs

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EMERGENCY JAIL Release. TAX MUST SELL: Formal dining Borger, 806-274-2142. Adv. suite, pecan, 8 chairs, glass

Keyboard, \$75. 665-3858. Adv. BT'S EARLY Bird Special -

SERVICE: 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv. Brownlee, 625 Whittenburg, SUPER SALE 7/16" Wafer front hutch, \$1875. Casio Board, \$6.49 Bartlett's Ace

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Starr must now proceed without McDougal

WASHINGTON (AP) – James McDougal, the imprisoned former savings and loan owner whose account about the Clintons fueled independent counsel before his conviction." the Whitewater investigation, has died, leaving prosecutor Kenneth Starr the task of finishing his probe without one of his most important witnesses.

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Convicted of 18 felonies in 1996, McDougal turned on the Clintons. He detailed for Starr the alleged role of both the president and first lady in fraudulent loans and real estate transactions in Arkansas that cost taxpayers millions of dollars when McDougal's savings and loan failed.

McDougal, 57, suffered from a variety of ailments, including heart disease and blocked arteries. He died Sunday afternoon at John Peter Smith Hospital in Dallas, Texas, of cardiac arrest, according to the Justice Department. He was serving a three-year prison term for conspiracy and fraud regarding the illegal transactions in which he says the Clintons played a role.

Despite the fact that one of the most important witnesses against him is dead, the president issued a statement saying he was "saddened" by McDougal's death.

Arkansas, and I extend my condolences to his family," Clinton

McDougal's death takes away from prosecutors an element that has been sorely lacking in their investigation: an insider to criminal activity who was eager to testify against the Clintons.

"Losing a key witness to death never helps and clearly Ken Starr rivals. was treating McDougal as a valuable witness," said University of Michigan law professor Samuel Gross.

"McDougal's death weakens Starr's hand vis-a-vis the president," said Georgetown University law professor Paul Rothstein. "Unless Starr has other equally direct evidence, he is quite weak-· ened."

Clinton loyalists were quick to point out McDougal's credibility Grande.

Susan. "He was also a man who had had significant emotional colleagues from the law firm repeatedly have gone before the

Prosecutors now are likely to turn up the heat even more against Susan McDougal, who worked closely with her ex-husband in some of his illegal dealings. She was convicted of fraud in the same trial as her former husband.

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Ms. McDougal is in jail for refusing to cooperate with Starr's inquiry, and prosecutors could seek criminal contempt charges against her that would put her in prison for years. She faces state charges in California for allegedly stealing money from conductor "I have good memories of the years we worked together in Zubin Mehta and his wife. She also faces a two-year sentence for her Whitewater convictions.

> Former Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, who was convicted with McDougal at his 1996 criminal trial, began cooperating with prosecutors in recent weeks. Tucker and McDougal were friends, but Tucker had little if any contact with Clinton. The two were political

> In Little Rock, Ark., Tucker said Sunday: "I'm sorry to hear of his death. I knew he had been in ill health for 10 years or so. I, too, can remember pleasant associations with him many years ago.

> Individuals familiar with Tucker's cooperation say he is providing information regarding one of McDougal's biggest money losers a 1,050-acre development south of Little Rock called Castle

Riddled with fraudulent transactions, Castle Grande ulti-'Jim McDougal was a gentleman who was very likable, person- mately cost taxpayers \$4 million. As a partner at the Rose Law ally," said Bobby McDaniel, the lawyer for McDougal's ex-wife, Firm, Mrs. Clinton did some work on Castle Grande. Her ex-

HOUSTON (AP) - It started

On June 6, 1995, the snitch told

agents that then-Houston City

cash payments in connection

The tip planted a seed. The

One month later, an undercov-

er witness approached Reyes

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Cayman Group, which actually

Reyes, authorities allege, suggest-

ed a \$155 million hotel construction

project pending before the City Council, promising, "There's

That meeting set the stage for a

minated with federal bribery and

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Reyes, his former aide and four

This week the six defendants -

including two sitting councilmen -

go on trial for allegedly arranging

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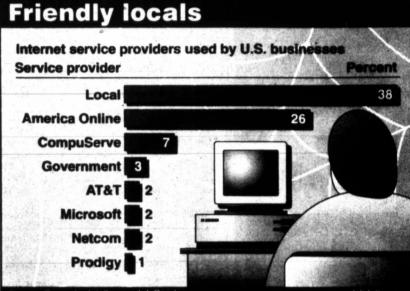
Mrs. Clinton says she remembers nothing about the small amount of work that she did and that she knew nothing about the fraudulent aspects of the project. Tucker had no face-to-face contact with Mrs. Clinton, according to individuals familiar with the investigation, but was aware of some of the details of Castle Grande. He bought a utility on the property, using money bor-

rowed from McDougal's savings and loan. After first detailing his Whitewater real estate investment with the Clintons to The New York Times in 1992, McDougal withdrew from public view, then surfaced again when federal regulators and municipal judge David Hale triggered a full-scale criminal investigation into possible involvement by the Clintons in McDougal's failed savings and loan. Hale, under indictment, began making

accusations of wrongdoing about Clinton. For the first 2 1/2 years of the Whitewater investigation, McDougal maintained that Clinton had done nothing wrong. But

faced with a lengthy prison term, McDougal changed his story.

McDougal offered a different reason for testifying against Clinton, saying "I just got sick and tired of lying for the fellow."



U.S. businesses connected to the information superhighway often choose small, local Internet service providers over big name behemoths.

State briefs

man accused of date-rape

WARREN, Ark. (AP) - The trial of a man accused of giving women the so-called "date rape" drug and then raping them is expected to last a week, Prosecutor Joe Wray of Hamburg

Jury selection began today in the trial of Steven Sera, an Irving, Texas businessman.

County jail in lieu of \$1 million and Naturalization Service office. bond, videotaped the incidents

Meredith House

Trial begins today for found a videotape of some of the alleged incidents at their home.

The videotape, almost an hour long, shows Sera committing sexual acts with unconscious, naked women, prosecutors say.

Internal fighting plagues **Dallas immigration office**

DALLAS (AP) - Reports of infighting and discrimination have sparked a federal investiga-Sera, being held in the Bradley tion of the Dallas Immigration

And a high-ranking immigrabetween himself and the women. tion official who says he's been He claims the sexual acts were the target of retaliation for exposing flaws has been the subject of Complaints were filed against numerous complaints himself.

Sera after his estranged wife Several INS employees com-

plain about wide-ranging prob-Houston official heads to lems at the Dallas office. trial on bribery charges

One INS agent described the struggle as "open warfare" between two factions.

"In my 31 years (with the INS), I have never worked in a similar type situation," Arthur E. Strapp, district director of the 330-person Dallas INS office, told The Dallas Morning News in Sunday's editions. He wouldn't discuss the allegations in detail.

Houston web site a tad on the ho-hum side

HOUSTON (AP) nation's fourth largest city operates a stage on the Internet that even by the most generous of standards, is, well, boring and hardly helpful.

It's about as one-dimensional as the white pages in your telephone directory, critics say.

"Houston's web site certainly doesn't reflect its standing as one two-year investigation that culof the best places to live in the United States, let alone reflect on the high-tech industry based here," said web designer Cliff Kurtzman, CEO of The Tenagra Corp. of Houston.

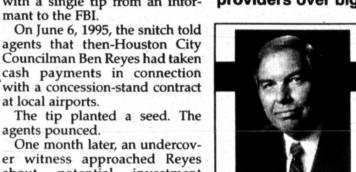
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As for reaching out to your Houston City Council members via the Internet, forget about it. Houston Chronicle research revealed Sunday that a majority of the 14-member council flunked a test to see if they actually respond to their electronic

vated entrapment scheme. tend the case is not about racism but the "entrenched corruption that these defendants created and exploited for far too long."

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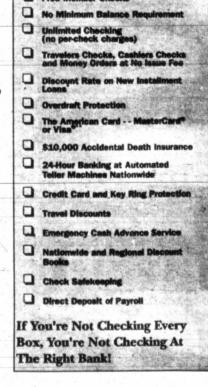
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MEDICAL

Study links gene to Alzheimer's risk

NEW YORK (AP) – Scientists have identified a gene that might boost the risk of getting Alzheimer's disease about fourfold. Surprisingly, it appears to do that only in people who don't affects the risk of Alzheimer's.

have APOE4, the risky variant of another gene linked to the disease several years ago. Most people don't have APOE4.

Like APOE4, the bleomycin hydrolase gene affects a person's risk of developiong the most common form of Alzheimer's, which is sporadic rather than inherited, University of Pittsburgh researchers write in the March issue of the journal Nature ple with Alzheimer's and 320 people without the disease.

A separate study, done elsewhere and not yet published, reach- form, and everybody inherits two copies of it. The study suges a different conclusion. It found no evidence that the gene

Nobody knows what the bleomycin hydrolase gene normally does in the body, said geneticist Robert E. Ferrell of the University of Pittsburgh, senior author of the Nature Genetics

He and colleagues analyzed the gene in samples from 357 peo-The gene comes in an "A" form and a slightly different "G"

gests an effect only when both copies are the "G" form. That combination occurs in about 6 percent to 7 percent of whites,

Researchers found that among study participants who lacked APOE4, about 16 percent of people with Alzheimer's had the double dose of the "G" form, vs. only about 5 percent of those without Alzheimer's. The difference suggests the "G" form encourages Alzheimer's to develop:

The risk of Alzheimer's in a person with a double dose of the "G" form isn't yet known, Ferrell said, and it's too early to test people to gauge their risk.

The study that found no connection between the "G" variant and Alzheimer's included more than 600 people with Alzheimer's and more than 500 people without it, said geneticist Lindsay Farrer of the Boston University School of Medicine. He participated in the work, which also included researchers at Duke University and the University of Toronto.

Zaven Khachaturian, director of the Alzheimer's Association Ronald and Nancy Reagan Research Institute, said if Ferrell's finding is true - "and that's a big if" - it would support the idea that several genes can affect the risk of sporadic Alzheimer's and the age at which it appears.

Besides APOE4 and perhaps Ferrell's gene, scientists have found evidence of another unidentified gene that might affect the risk of sporadic Alzheimer's, and recently identified a gene that makes about a three-year difference in when the disease appears, he said.

Genetic tug-of-war determines sex of embryo, research suggests

NEW YORK (AP) - Two genes lock in a tug-of-war to determine whether a mammal embryo will become a boy or a girl, a new study

One of the genes, called Sry, has long been known as the master switch that makes an embryo become male. The new work suggests that a sec-

ond gene, Dax1, tries to block its effect. It almost always fails. So embryos with one Y chromosome, which carries the Sry gene, and one X chromosome, which carries Dax1, normally

develop as males. In rare cases, the new study suggests, such embryos get an extra copy of the Dax1 gene. And when two Dax1 genes gang up on the single Sry gene, the competition goes the other way, and the embryo becomes a

Dr. Michael Weiss, who studies the genetics of sex determination at the University of Chicago, called the study an important step toward understanding how genes work together to produce either a male or a female.

Understanding the sex-determining pathways, Weiss said, could also shed light on how genes organize themselves to form organs and the immune system. That could lead to new insights into heart disease and rebuilding the battered immune systems of people with AIDS, for example, he said.

The study, done in mice, is reported in a recent issue of the journal Nature by Amanda Swain and Robin Lovell-Badge of the Medical Research Council National Institute for Medical Research in London, with colleagues there and elsewhere.

Scientists already believed that the human version of Dax1 was responsible for overcoming Sry in rare cases in which a woman has both genes, plus an extra bit of a second X chromosome. That extra bit contains several genes, including Dax1.

Scientists using light-harnessing therapy to fight cancer painlessly

BALTIMORE (AP) - Dr. Marcia Canto threaded a thin fiber optic line deep into the throat of Jesus Jimenez. The fiber pulsed with bright red light for 12 1/2 minutes, destroying deadly cancer cells without pain and without hurting the healthy esophagus tissue trembling just behind.

Scientists once scoffed at harnessing light to fight cancer and other diseases, but now they say such "photodynamic therapy" has potential thanks to potent new drugs that make diseased cells vulnerable to light beams.

The Food and Administration recently approved light therapy to fight advanced esophogeal cancer and early lung cancer. It's not a silver bullet, but it is showing promise against other cancers, too - with fewer risks than surgery or chemotherapy. It is even being tested against a leading cause of blindness and autoimmune diseases

"It's pretty exciting," Canto said. She was treating Jimenez at Johns Hopkins University Hospital after his doctors in Puerto Rico said operating on the mid-stage tumor was too risky.

It's too early to know Jimenez's prognosis, but his main worry upon leaving the hospital hours left in his system.

can't tell you," added 83-year-old now."

Fighting cance

Scientists are using lighthamessing therapy to treat various forms of cancer. A look at the process:

1 Photosensitizer drug is administered intravenously Malignant

Malignant tissue selectively holds the drug

Drug remains inactive until it's exposed to laser light of a specific wavelength

Drug interacts with light and releases a toxic form of oxygen that kills the cancer cells with minimal damage to surrounding healthy cells

Source: Laserscope, LumaCare AP/Justin Gilbert

Walter Winkelmeyer, whose two later was to guard against a sun-treatments have left his esophagus burn from the light-sensitive drug cancer-free for six months. "My doctors had told me I had 18 "This treatment was so easy, I months to live, and look at me

Winkelmeyer's tumor was cancer and now is studying infercaught early, but serious heart and tility-causing endometriosis. lung problems meant he wouldn't survive any strenuous surgery. one photosensitizer, Photofrin, by would die, but relatives discovered Canto also was studying pho- esophageal cancer, but regulators todynamic therapy, or PDT, in

early esophageal cancer. Doctors have known for nearly 100 years that light could kill. Many drugs are photosensitive – it's why patients on the antibiotic tetracycline, for example, get sun-

The key to making light therapy work was injecting photosensitizers that concentrate in diseased cells but quickly clear out of normal cells - and then harnessing the right wavelength of light.

Blasting the disease site with a laser's non-burning red light makes the photosensitizer produce a toxic oxygen molecule that kills targeted cells. "It sounded kind of goofy ... that

shining visual light on something would kill a cancer cell. There's been some resistance," said Dr. Stephen Hahn, who is testing the method against three intractable cancers - ovarian, advanced lung and mesothelioma - at the University of Pennsylvania.

With recent advances in laser who has had success in bladder for proof.

Doctors in Sarasota, Fla., said he Canada's QLT Phototherapeutics. It doesn't cure advanced

The government has approved determined it offered patients a longer reprieve before throats reclog. Even better, it eliminated early lung cancer in 79 percent of patients.

The drawbacks: the drug takes two days to concentrate in tumors, leaves patients prone to sunburn for six weeks, and penetrates only relatively shallow tumors.

"Anyplace that you can reach with a laser light-delivery system can theoretically be treated with this kind of approach," says FDA oncology chief Dr. Robert DeLap.

So companies in the United States, Canada, Japan and England are hunting better photosensitiz-

In the case of macular degeneration, which blinds the elderly, regular lasers can burn away visionrobbing abnormal blood vessels that grow into the eye, but they leave damaging scar tissue and the vessels grow back.

Preliminary experiments suggest therapy every three months with BPD, a next-generation fiber optics and photosensitizers, Photofrin, can kill the abnormal "we're seeing a resurgence in blood vessels and block relapse. interest," said George Washington Now, over 20 North American and University's Dr. Michael Manyak, European hospitals are searching

Report: Scleroderma may be triggered by fetal cells

woman's body years after pregnancy may be "early report," and published a separate comimplicated in causing scleroderma, a poten- mentary questioning the theory. tially fatal autoimmune disease, U.S. researchers say in a report in The Lancet med- between scleroderma and disease, there is no

scleroderma might be caused by a form of in Oxford commented. system rejecting a transplanted organ.

Scleroderma occurs among women more research." often than men, and is characterized by a hardening of the skin caused by abnormal Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle fibrous tissue growth.

"possibility" that incompatibility between the seven healthy sisters of the patients. mother and the fetal cells was implicated in scleroderma.

To underline the tentative nature of the blood more than two decades after childbirth.

LONDON (AP) - Fetal cells that linger in a research, The Lancet billed the paper as an

"Although there are peripheral similarities proof that any transplant recipient has devel-Their study found that a group of women oped scleroderma. ... Similarly, what of all the with scleroderma had a significantly higher all the recipients of blood transfusions over number of fetal cells in their blood than a con-the years?" Ken Welsh of the Nuffield trol group of healthy women. That suggests Department of Surgery at Churchill Hospital

"graft vs. host disease," similar to the immune. Welsh said, the report "does in itself suggest new and worthwhile areas of scleroderma

Researchers - led by J.L. Nelson of the Fred said the concentration of fetal cells in the The report in Saturday's Lancet was based blood of 17 scleroderma patients in their on a small sample of 40 women, and the study group was significantly higher than authors said their work suggested only a among the 23 healthy women, who included

Previous research had shown that fetal blood cells could be detected in the mother's



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Woman Who Solved Puzzle Thinks She Takes The Cake

I were recently in a gift shop where we found a wooden puzzle - the kind you have to take apart and put back together. We both tried the display model with no luck.

In another section, they were selling slices of a delicious-looking raspberry cheesecake. I told my friend, "I'll buy you the entire cheesecake if you can solve that

She took the display model to the counter with the unopened puzzles, found one with an instruction sheet inside the clear plastic bag, and began to unroll the instruction sheet inside the bag until she could read the solution. Then she "solved" the puzzle and demanded her cheesecake.

I was upset. Not only had she cheated, what she did was unethical. The implied rule was that she had to solve the puzzle by herself, not with the help of the instruction sheet. I bought her one slice of cheesecake (a big slice), but now she's demanding the rest - with interest.

We've asked friends, and I was shocked to find that some sided with my lady friend. So now we've come to you - do I owe her the rest of the cheesecake or not? **HUNK-A-CHEESECAKE**

DEAR HUNK: I'd say you owe her half a cheesecake because she solved the puzzle (but not quite legitimately), and she

Horoscope

Your

your mind in the year ahead. You are in a

cycle that indicates a coming of age liter-

who is usually rather silent and laid-back

good listener; what he or she has to say

could be valuable. Trying to patch up a

broken romance? The Astro-Graph

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ally and figuratively

Birthday

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

because she tricked you. The next time you order, try a new flavor - razz-berry!

DEAR ABBY: A former co-worker recently announced that she is getting married in the fall. This woman is in her mid-40s and this is her third marriage. Although she is not a close friend, I called her to congratulate her on the upcoming nuptials.

Imagine my shock when she asked me to host a bridal shower for

Abby, I do not want to give this woman a bridal shower, and I feel it was extremely tacky of her to ask me to do so. My co-workers agree. How can this be handled tactfully? APPALLED IN COLORADO

DEAR APPALLED: Thank her politely and tell her that you regret that you are unable to host a bridal shower for her.

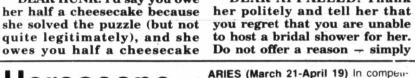
DEAR ABBY: I have always been curious about something and am wondering if you can provide the answer. What is done with the illegal drugs (heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, etc.) that are confiscated during an arrest? Are

they destroyed? If so, how?
CONCERNED CITIZEN

DEAR CONCERNED CITI-ZEN: Good question. I spoke to an official with the Los Angeles Police Department, who told me that the drugs are kept in the police station's property division until the particular case goes to trial. After the trial, the police destroy the drugs by burning them.

WALTER WINCHELL'S DEF-INITION OF AN OPTIMIST: A man who gets treed by a lion but enjoys the scenery.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) In compentive career involvements today, it isn't who you know but what you know that will count. Preparation ensures victory. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Friends will find you a delightful person with whom to

you have sincere interest in their lives. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something that may appear insignificant to others could be of enormous importance to you. Your motivation for wanting it will be Awareness that you don't have to take a stronger than theirs. back seat to anyone will be ingrained in

communicate today. They will see that

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Let your companions have the same freedom of choice today that you expect from them, PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A friend and your relationships will be very con-

might be in a talkative mood today. Be a LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, you might have to allocate some of your time and resources to another's project instead of focusing on your own. The demands won't be excessive.

what to do to make the relationship work. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Spend your free time today with companions who paper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill know how to enjoy life. They will influence your evaluation of life's tangibles

and intangibles LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might not be able to finalize all the little odds and ends you would like to today, but they can be reduced substantially if you make the effort.

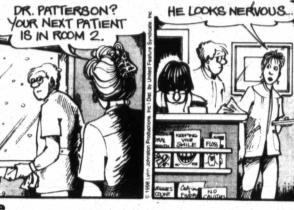
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be a comparison shopper today, even though you might not come across any super bargains. What money you do save, however, will add up to be impressive CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Physical

involvements could be a bit taxing today, so don't press yourself beyond your natural endurance. Concentrate instead on

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your instincts for spotting financial opportunities could be keener than usual today. You could start to build a constructive ©1998 by NEA Inc.







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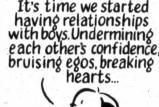






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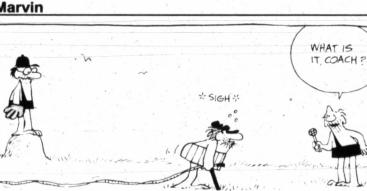
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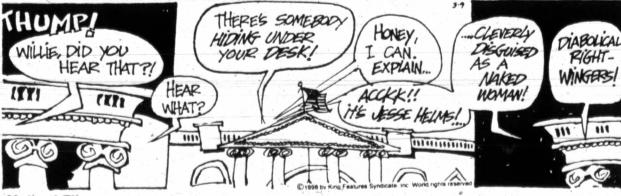


AREN'T YOU THE PERSON WHO THOUGHT A SUBWOOFER WAS A SMALL DOG ?

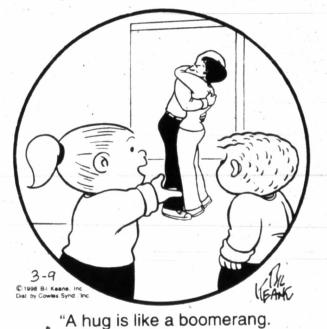
The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



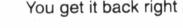
Mallard Filmore



You get it back right away."



"He likes to lick your fingers when you've been eating chips and dip."







Marmaduke

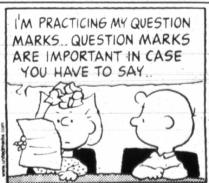














SPORTS

SOCCER

CANYON — Canyon slipped by Pampa, 1-0, in a shootout last weekend to close out the soccer season for the Harvesters.

"The kids played really hard, but we just couldn't hit the side of a barn," said Pampa coach Warren Cottle.

Kevin Henderson, Bryan Johnson, Brad Gardner, Vincent Simoneau and goalie Joel Bolz all closed out the season with an outstanding match, Cottle said.

WRESTLING

PAMPA — A Kansas high school wrestler is making his Pampa grandparents proud.

Zach Roberson, a junior at Blue Valley Northwest, has never been beaten in his high school career. He's won three state championships and has a perfect 114-0 record over three

Zach is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Roberson of

"We're so proud of him we can hardly stand it," Mrs. Roberson said.

Zach became a member of the prestigious "100 Win Club" at his high school this year and was presented with a framed certificate from coach Tim Serbousek. Roberson finished his junior year with a 39-0 record.

Zach, who wrestles in the 119-pound division, recently defeated Chad Millstead of Shawnee Mission North in the 6A state championship finals at the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita.

Zach started wrestling when he was four years old and won his first state championship at the club level when he was seven.

Zach's parents are Don Melody and Roberson Maloney.

HAYS, Kan. — Former Pampa High wrestler Corey Altonsi has qualfied for the NCAA II Championships in Pueblo, Colo. March 13-14.

Alfonsi competes for Fort Hays State University in Fort Hays, Kan.

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for spring softball: Men's Open, Women's Open, Men's Church and Mixed Open.

Entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team. Player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open and Men's Church and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

Entry deadline is March 25 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date. Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on April 1 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin on April 6 for Men's Open and April 7 for Women's Men's Church and Mixed.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Call Shane Stokes at 669-5770 if more information is needed.

PAMPA — Pampa Softball Umpires Association on Sunday, March 15 is having an organizational meeting and mandatory classroom and field mechanics clinics to prepare for adult spring soft-

The location will be the Umpires' Building at the north end of Recreation Park and the time is 3 p.m. This training is mandatory for all returning and interested new

softball umpires. The required test will be given at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 at the same location east of town.

Spring ball will begin March 28 with the 13th annual Early Bird Tournament.

For more information, call Mike Killgo, Shane Stokes or Scott Hahn.

Notebook North Carolina, Duke, Kansas, Arizona No. One seeds for NCAA tournament

nament - North Carolina, Duke, Arizona and Connecticut, while NCAA tournament. Kansas and Arizona — the field of 64 still offered some surprises.

The top seeds were considered the four best teams in the country for most of the season, but a few of the 34 at-large teams didn't know their fate until Sunday.

Among the surprise picks were Five conferences are sending five Florida State, which lost seven of teams each to the tournament its last 10 games, including the Atlantic Coast Conference, play-in game of the Atlantic Coast Atlantic 10, Big East, Big Ten and Conference tournament; Western Southeastern Conference — while Michigan, which had an RPI ranking of 59; and Miami, which split Pac-10 and Western Athletic its last 10 games and had an RPI ranking of 48.

warts on all of those teams," Selection Committee chairman Prairie View, Northern Arizona C.M. Newton said of the schools and Radford — are making their they win their first two games. that were considered for the final first tournament appearances. at-large berths.

Harvesters beat

Canyon, 10-9,

in tournament

FRENSHIP - Pampa

dropped its first two games in

the Frenship Tournament, but

bounced back to defeat

Cody Shepard, a sopho-

Pampa opened the tourna-

ment with a 15-5 loss to

Frenship. The Harvesters got

a standout pitching performance from Jarrod Prock in a

"Jarrod pitched well enough

to win, but we just couldn't

get him the runs when we

needed to,"said Pampa coach

The Harvesters lost to

Pampa catcher Jonathan

Waggoner was named to the

Randall's Dallas McMinn and

Tim Ingle were also all-tour-

Pampa plays at Sayre, Okla.

The District 1-4A opener is

March 28 against Randall at

Randall, 13-1, in the fifth-

more, was the winning pitch-

er against Canyon.

5-4 loss to Plainview.

Dennis Doughty.

place game.

all-tournament

nament picks.

Randall.

at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Canyon, 10-9, last weekend.

Miami also beat Connecticut.

picked included Arizona State, a team. Wake Forest, Hawaii Vanderbilt.

three are sending four each: Big 12, Conference. The Midwestern Conference and Collegiate You have beauty marks and Conference USA each had three.

Four schools — Illinois-Chicago,

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — He cited the strength of schedule Division I schools according to the only one of the top four seeds not Dickinson. The other games at the While there was little doubt about and quality wins for Florida State RPI ratings, has the lowest ranking to be ranked No. 1 at some point MCI Center feature third-seeded the No. 1 seeds for the NCAA tour- and Miami. Florida State beat of any team ever to make the this season, was placed in the South Carolina against No. 14

> Miami hasn't been to the The teams that certainly merited NCAAs since 1960, but the 38-year some attention from the nine-mem- absence includes 15 years — 1971ber selection committee but were not 85 — when the school didn't have

> > North Carolina extended its own appearance, while Arizona tied Georgetown for the secondlongest streak with its 14th consecutive selection. Georgetown's run was from 1979-92.

> > North Carolina, which won its rubber game with top-ranked Duke in Sunday's ACC championship, was given the top seed in the East region. The Tar Heels would play the regional semifinals and finals in Greensboro, N.C., if

Duke was put at the top of the Prairie View, which is 263rd of 306 South region, while Kansas, the ons, plays 15th-seeded Fairleigh Nebraska.

Midwest and defending champion Arizona was placed No. 1 in the West region.

against Patriot League champion Navy on Thursday in Hartford, Conn. The other games at that site record with its 24th consecutive are: eighth-seeded North Carolina Charlotte against ninth-seeded Illinois-Chicago; fifth-seeded Princeton will play 12th-seeded and fourth-seeded Michigan State, the regular-season co-champions

> ed Eastern Michigan. In the other East opening rounds, to be played in Washington, D.C., second-seeded Connecticut, the Big East regular- 15 Northern Arizona. Sixth-seeded season and tournament champi- Arkansas will play No. 11

of the Big Ten, will face 13th-seed-

Richmond; No. 6 Xavier against No. 11 Washington; and No. 7 Indiana, looking to break a three-North Carolina (30-3) will open year first-round losing streak, against No. 10 Oklahoma.

Arizona (27-4), which has the top eight players back from last year's championship team, will play 16thseeded Nicholls State on Thursday in Sacramento, Calif. The other matchups are: No. 8 Tennessee UNLV, which won the Western against No. 9 Illinois State; No. 5 Athletic Conference tournament; Illinois, which tied Michigan State for the Big Ten regular-season title, against No. 12 South Alabama; and No. 4 Maryland against No. 13 Utah State.

In the West's other opening-round games, in Boise, Idaho, on Thursday, second-seeded Cincinnati faces No.

Pampa girls capture Top O' Texas crown

girls' track team scored 196 points to win the Top O' Texas Invitational Saturday at Randy Matson Field.

Hereford placed second, 100 points behind the Lady Harvesters.

Pampa opened the track season two weeks ago by winning the Frenship Relays.

The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Bulldog Relays Saturday at Plainview.

Team totals: 1. Pampa 196; 2. Hereford 96; 3. (tie) Canyon 70; Tascosa 70; 5. Plainview 63; 6. Dumas 62; 7. Dalhart 20; 8. Tascosa

Pampa placings are as follows: Shot: Barbara Wine, second

place, 37-11 3/4. Discus: Andrea Rodriquez, fifth

place, 99-1 1/2. Long jump: Katy Cavalier, first place, 16-0; Lacrease Ford, second ace, 16-4.

High jump: Ashleigh Patton,

fourth place, 4-10. Triple jump: Katy Cavalier, first place, 33-3; Ashleigh Patton, sec-

ond place, 33-0 1/2. 3200: Samantha Hurst, third place, 12:39.26 Amanda White, fourth place, 13:12.00; Anna

Resendiz, fifth place, 13:19.00. 400 relay: Pampa (Jennifer Ross, Audrey Wilbon, Von Evans and Lacrease Ford) first place, 50.16. 800: Jenny Fatheree, second

PAMPA — The Pampa High place, 2:28.44; Beth Lee, third

place, 2:33.03. 100 hurdles: Lori Lindsey, third place, 16.54; Robin Williams, fourth place, 17.22; Tandy Morton, sixth place, 18.12.

100: Lacrease Ford, first place, 12.65; Joy Young, fourth place, 13.24; Eureka Brown, fifth place,

800 relay: Pampa(Jennifer Ross, Audrew Wilbon, Von Evans and Lacrease Ford) first place, 1:48.78. 400: Beth Lee, fifth place, 1:06.08.

300 hurdles: Lori Lindsey, third place, 52.45. 200: Von Evans, first place, 26.70;

Joy Young, second place. 1600: Amanda White, third place, 6:10.16; Anna Resendiz, fourth place, 6:16.05

1600 relay: Pampa, second place (Audrey Wilbon, Beth Lee, Chasity Nachtigall, Jenny Fatheree),

PAMPA - Hereford boys won the Top O' Texas Boys' Invitational Saturday at Randy Matson Field.

The Harvesters finished in fifth

Pampa's Curtis Johnson won the

long jump at 19-3 1/2. Pampa placings are as follows: Shot: Calvin Tucker, second

place, 42-4 3/4. Discus: Ronny Proby, second

place, 137-11.

Long jump: Curtis Johnson, first place, 19-3 1/2.

Former Green Bay great dead at 61

Pampa's Barbara Wine tosses the shot at the Top O'

baldheaded, tough-as-nails linebacker on Vince Lombardi's title teams of the 1960s, should be remembered for his off-the-field kindness as much as his dominating play, friends say.

Sunday while on a drive with his daughter of the '60s and '70s and granddaughter in Florida, where he had a winter home. He was 61.

offensive Timmerman. "He was a great competitor on back on Lombardi's teams. the field, and even if you've met him since his

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ray Nitschke, the Bay out of Illinois, played for the Packers from thunderous tackler. He didn't know the mean-1958-72, when the team won five NFL titles, ing of taking it easy on the football field." member of the NFL's 75th anniversary all-

Nitschke and the Bears' Dick Butkus set the The Hall of Famer died of a heart attack standard for the punishing middle linebacker

In a recent poll, Nitschke was voted the tices and traveled to road games. fourth-best player in the team's history, "It's going to be a big loss for us," said behind receiver Don Hutson, current quarter- friend of so many of us in pro football," NFL lineman Adam back Brett Favre, and Bart Starr, the quarter-

playing days, he still was a feisty competitor." Packer history, but in NFL history," Packers an entertaining goodwill football ambassador Nitschke, a third-round draft pick of Green spokesman Lee Remmel said. "He was a during more recent years."

including the first two Super Bowls. He was a The persona had a lasting effect on the Packers, who ended a long drought by winning conference championships the last two seasons and the 1997 Super Bowl.

Nitschke made his home in Green Bay after his retirement. He was often at Packers prac-

'Ray was personable, outgoing and a great commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "He made the transition from an intense middle linebacker "He was one of the great players, not only in during his Packer Hall of Fame playing days to

PHS girls win two at Midland

MIDLAND — The Pampa girls' fastpitch softball team won two of five games at the Midland Tournament last weekend.

The victories came against Monahans, 13-5, and Midland High 13-6. The Lady Harvesters lost to Odessa Permian, 8-0, Midland Lee, 12-11, and Midland High 14-4.

"Basically, the teams we played are better than the ones in the panhandle. It was a good learning experience for us," said Pampa coach Rod Porter.

Pampa goes to Randall for a 5 p.m. game Friday.

Elsik claims 5A title on third try

AUSTIN (AP) — It was shaping up as a possible state title two-time runner-up and girls' teams in Class 5A.

knocked out of the regional finals with a 58-38 victory over by Pearland Saturday afternoon, Amarillo Palo Duro (32-5) Elsik girls' coach Laura Dawson against Amarillo Palo Duro.

a member of the girls' team, is the showed. twin sister of Elsik's star player on the boys' team, Rashard straight to the NBA out of high school.

thought it might bring them Levelland in 1989. down," Dawson said. Good thing.

know," said Lashinda Winters, think this," said Randall's co-Elsik's star 5-foot-3 point guard, most valuable player Keisha who put on a dazzling display of Cornelius, who had 14 points. no-look passes and in-your-face "We came in expecting the toughdefense in the title game, earning est battle of our lives. Then we most valuable player honors.

Elsik (35-6) snapped its role as sweep for the Alief Elsik boys' Duncanville last year and to Austin Westlake in 1996 — and So when the boys team was broke through for the 5A title

Texas Invitational.

In Class 4A, Canyon Randall didn't tell her team as it prepared players said they prepared for to go out and play for the 5A title their title game against Bay City, which had only one loss in 34 The connections were too deep, games, expecting the toughest Dawson thought. Kristen Lewis, game of the season. And it

Randall (29-6) was overwhelming in a 52-23 victory, holding Bay Lewis, who could well be headed City (33-2) to a 4A championship game low output. The previous low was 24 points posted by West "I didn't tell the girls because I Orange Stark in a loss to

"You always dream of winning the state championship but never "I'm kind of glad I didn't in your wildest dream do you came out and played like it.'

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Tar Heels on top in final poll

By JIM O'CONNELL **AP Basketball Writer**

North Carolina's convincing victory over Duke moved the Tar Heels back to No. 1 today in the final AP college basketball poll, the third time they took that position this season.

The Tar Heels (30-3) beat the Blue Devils 83-68 in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game, their second win in their three meetings, and both came when Duke was ranked No. 1. That gives them eight victories over No. 1 teams, second only to Notre Dame's nine.

The Blue Devils' victory came over a top-ranked North Carolina and those teams and Arizona were the only ones to hold the No. 1 ranking this season. Kansas has a streak of five straight seasons with a No. 1 ranking and Murray State. snapped.

votes and 1,734 points from the 3), which won the Big 12 tournament, moved up one spot to sec- 12-game winning streak. ond with 13 No. 1 votes and 1,652

which lost to Southern California - the rankings four weeks ago.

last week to snap a 19-game winning streak. The Wildcats, the defending national champion and preseason No. 1, were No. 1 on two ballots and had 1,580

Those four teams, the top seeds for the NCAA tournament, held the top four spots in some order for the last six weeks of the sea-

Kentucky, which won the Southeastern Conference tournament Sunday, jumped from seventh to fifth and was followed by Connecticut, Utah, Princeton, Cincinnati and Stanford.

The Second Ten was Purdue, Michigan, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas Christian, Michigan State, UCLA, New Mexico, Arkansas and Maryland.

The last five teams were Illinois, Syracuse, Xavier, Temple

It is the first ranking for Ohio North Carolina, ranked fourth Valley Conference champion last week, received 55 first-place Murray State (29-3) since 1971. The Racers, who hadn't been national media panel. Kansas (34-ranked for 18 years before that, enter the NCAA tournament on a

The other newcomer was Xavier (22-7), which won the Duke (29-3) dropped two spots Atlantic 10 tournament. The to third with 1,601 points and Musketeers were ranked 10th in was followed by Arizona (27-4), the preseason poll and fell out of

West Virginia, which had been 23rd, and Oklahoma State, which was No. 25, fell out of the rankings. The Mountaineers (22-8) lost to Rutgers in the first round of the Big East tournament. Oklahoma State (21-6) lost to Texas in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 tournament.

Forty-five teams were ranked this season, with all but three -Murray State, Princeton of the Ivy League and Illinois State of the Missouri Valley Conference coming from the nine biggest conferences. The Atlantic Coast Conference had the most teams ranked, seven, while the Big Ten had six and the Southeastern, Atlantic 10 and Western Athletic Conference had five each.

Thirteen teams were ranked in the preseason poll and all 17 regular-season polls, including five - Arizona, Kansas, Duke, North Carolina and Kentucky — which were in the Top Ten all season.

The highest ranked team in the preseason poll that wasn't in the final poll was No. 5 Clemson. The highest ranked in the final poll that wasn't in the preseason poll was No. 8 Princeton.

Three teams were ranked for just one week: Texas in the preseason poll, Illinois State in the first poll of the regular season and Murray State in the final poll.

Rally ends Texas-Arlington tourney run

Nicholls State left the Southland ment title to get an NCAA bid. The Conference with the tournament Southland will not send a second title, and maybe some inspiration school to the tournament. from Texas-Arlington.

After all, with the NCAA tournament coming up, the Colonels would like to do what the Mavericks did — surprise people with their

Nicholls State beat Texas-Arlington 84-81 in the championship game Saturday, fighting back and fighting off a team that played two tough games to get to the title match.

This is a tribute to the character of our team and it's as simple as that," Nicholls State coach Rickey Broussard said. "There is no quit on this team. Everybody sells us short and they keep proving everybody

ence title and 19-9 record, Nicholls son with four straight losses and los- lot of courage."

They still don't get the respect they deserve," Broussard said of his

If Nicholls plays in the NCAA the way Texas-Arlington played in the Southland Conference tournament, that would change.

"We want to go there and show everyone what we can do," said Russell McCutcheon. "This is our chance to prove ourselves big time."

The Colonels will play defending champion and No.1 seed Arizona in. game one of the NCAA West egional on Thursday.

After a 10-16 record last season, Nicholls State was the No. 1 seed in this year's conference tournament. Despite its regular season confer- The Colonels, after opening the sea-

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) - had to win the conference tourna- ing eight of their first 10 games, finished by winning 16 of their last 17, including 14 straight conference vic-

On Saturday night, Nicholls took an 11-point lead over the Mavericks in the first half, using a fast-paced, high pressure game plan designed to wear down Texas-Arlington, which was playing in its third game after beating the No. 3 and No. 2 seeds.

But despite entering the tournament with a losing record and the league's worst shooting percentage, Texas-Arlington (13-16) shot 55 percent against Nicholls to keep the outcome in doubt throughout the game.

"It's obvious that we came to play." said Texas-Arlington coach Eddie McCarter. "The kids played two tough games early in the week and they played like they had all week with a lot of enthusiasm and a



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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL 1998 UIL All-Tournament Teams AUSTIN (AP) — The all-tournament teams in the 1998 University Interscholastic League girls' basketball tournament. The team was selected by writers and broadcasters covering the tour

ment: Conference 1A Crystal Allen, 5-9, forward, sr., Karnack Celeria Washington, 6-2, center, sr., Karnack Natalie Thomas, 5-6, guard, sr., Karnack K'Lynn Gerber, 5-9, center, sr., Nazareth Kim Moore, 5-11, center, jr., Zephyr

Conference 2A Morgan Hohenberger, 5-8, guard, Soph., Kaci Marwitz, 5-8, guard, sr., Hamilton Natoschia Roberson, 6-1, forward, sr., Hamilton Amber McWilliams, 5-4, forward, sr., Ozona Amber Tarr, 6-0, center, sr., Ozona

Conference 3A Kristi Tyson, 6-0, center, jr., Comanche Amber Ward, 5-8, forward, sr., Comanche Nicole Harlmon, 5-9, center, sr., Comanche Sara Hinkley, 5-8, guard, fr., Winnsboro Stacy Stephens, 6-1, center, so., Winnsboro Conference 4A

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Waco University (34-3) vs. Dallas Highland Friday, March 13 Conference 2A

Krum (35-1) vs. Beckville (32-4) Little River Academy (35-1) vs. Lockney (19-

3 p.m. Midland (34-2) vs. Pearland (29-8) 7 p.m. San Antonio Taft (34-4) vs. Round Rock Westwood (31-6) Saturday, March 14

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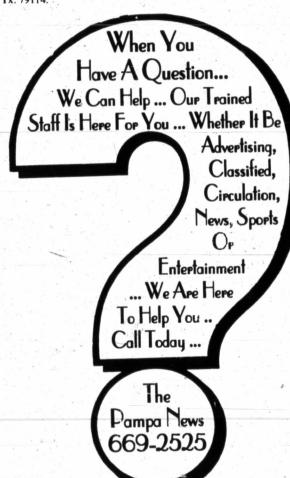
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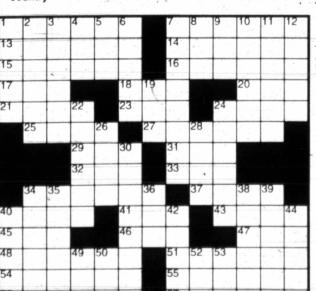
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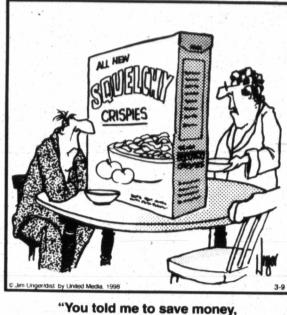
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NASA's space station faces further delay

- It's slipped from 1992 to 1994 to 1995 to 1996 to 1997 to 1998, and now it looks like NASA's space

Banning the death penalty

The first nations to abolish capital punishment

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More than 170 years ago, Russia became the first nation to abolish the death penalty. Some nations banned it in peacetime only, or reserved its use to treason cases, and some later reinstated it.

station will be delayed again.

station will cost more than though, was the price. Russia promised because of all the setbacks and changes - at least \$3.6 billion more, a whopping 21 per-

"Of course, it disturbs me. It's an embarrassment," said Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., chairman of the House Science

In 1993, the Clinton administration set a \$17.4 billion cost cap for the international space station through assembly. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration now estimates the U.S. share at \$21 billion.

Neither figure includes the cost of some 30 shuttle flights to assemble the gigantic complex, or the \$10 billion sunk into the program in the 1980s and early 1990s.

asked independent appraisers to determine the true cost.

You ask 15 people who are familiar with the program and you'll get 15 answers," said Wisconsin. "I'm not even going to venture a guess.

No one's willing to guess when orbital construction will begin reorganize the work, shuttle manand end either

one flying for \$8 billion by 1992. happens, the first station part Not only that, the stalled space The only thing soaring by then, signed on in 1993; NASA insisted that Russian participation would save the United States money and speed construction.

But once again, NASA faces a delay because of the Russians.

Instead of hauling up the initial pieces of the international space station early this summer, NASA is considering bumping the start of assembly to summer's end, possibly even later if work contin-

ues to lag on a key Russian part. NASA is quick to note that it shares the blame this time with the cash-strapped Russian Space Agency, which was responsible for last year's delay of seven

"It wouldn't be fair to say that it's just the Russians at this point," Both NASA and Congress have said NASA's Gretchen McClain, deputy associate administrator for space station. "We've got some

probleme " _ ur own back yard." The space shuttle flight schedule is in disarray because of a Sensenbrenner, a Republican from three-month delay in launching an X-ray telescope, now targeted for a December liftoff.

To spread out the missions and When President Reagan direct-second space station component station NASA promised to have September instead of July. If that everything else.

would be launched by the Russians in August instead of lune.

Also factoring into this potential two-month delay is the fact that the Russian Space Agency still is not getting enough money from its government to complete piece No. 3 - a space station module housing life-support and other critical systems. It's the same component that forced NASA last year to postpone the start of station construction from November 1997 to June 1998.

This so-called service module, needed before astronauts and cosmonauts can move into the international space station, is supposed to be launched by the Russians in December. But they're more than two months behind in work.

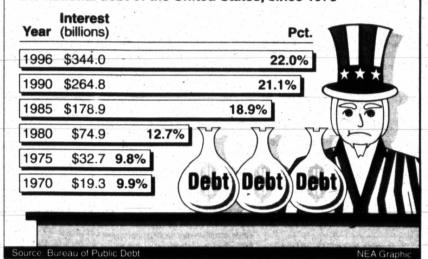
NASA officials doubt that the Russians can catch up; they anticipate a February 1999 launch at the earliest. That means the first permanent crew, commanded by American astronaut William Shepherd, would arrive in March 1999 at the earliest, two months

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NASA is 1 1/2 months behind agers have proposed hoisting the on its own lab module, which is supposed to fly in mid-1999 but ed NASA in 1984 to build a space a connecting passageway - in likely will be delayed along with

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Liz Taylor released from hospital

Elizabeth Taylor was released from the hospital 10 days after falling on her 66th birthday, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Taylor was released from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Sunday afternoon, hospital spokes- a fracture in her lower back and woman Grace Cheng said. She

would provide no other details. A phone message left for time.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Taylor's publicists wasn't immediately returned.

Miss Taylor was taken to the hospital Feb. 27 after she fell in her Bel-Air estate. She suffered bruises, and hip and back injuries.

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