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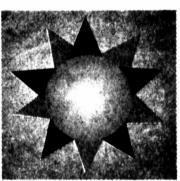
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Last day to buy **Luncheon tickets**

PAMPA — Deadline to buy reserve tickets for the Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen luncheon is 5 p.m., Monday, said Jane Jacobs, rodeo secretary.

To purchase the tickets, come by the Top O' Texas Rodeo Office in the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard, or reserve tickets by calling the rodeo office at 669-

The 2000 Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen luncheon is set for 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 13, in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. Red River Steakhouse of McLean will cater the event.

Lefors Class of '50 sets October reunion

LEFORS — Lefors High School Class of 1950 will hold its 50th anniversary class reunion Oct. 13-14. Current addresses for the following class members are sought: Ruth Ann Bogard, Joy Jean Hunnicuti, Oneta Laurence, Ann Phillips, Vivian Turner and Frances Lorrain. To notify the committee of the whereabouts of these classmates, contact Wanda Carter, (806) 665-1760, or Barbara Lemke, (806) 883-8461.

Train-van crash kills two children

GARLAND, Texas (AP) Two Dallas area children were killed and their father was injured when a freight train smashed into their van Sunday, police said.

Christian Johnson, 10, and Rose Johnson, 8, died Sunday at Children's Medical Center of Dallas after the wreck at a grade crossing a few blocks from their home.

· Clint Caylor, 75, former rig mechanic, farmer.

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Surplus water? Planner disagrees with Pickens' view

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — The chairman of the Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group said he disagrees with T. Boone Pickens' terminology indicating that the Texas Panhandle has "surplus water."

"I've got a real problem with the word 'surplus," said C.E. Williams, chairman of the Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group and manager of the Deer-based Panhandle Underground Water Conservation District. "There is water available, but I don't necessarily think it's surplus. I think surplus gives the connotation that there are absolutely no uses for it up here, and that's not necessarily true. There are uses, but they're not economically feasible at this point in time."

Studies by the regional water planning group shows some significant needs in Moore, Dallam and Hartley Counties for

irrigated agriculture in the future.

There is a use for that water," Williams said, "but by the time you get it over there and work the numbers for the ag guys to pay for it, it won't fly. They just don't have the rate of return. Whether that will always be or not, I don't know.'

Earlier this month, the water planning group rejected Pickens' offer to provide water to cities in the Texas Panhandle.

Pickens, president of Mesa Water Inc., in a letter to the water planning group, said the decision not to include Mesa and its neighbors in the Panhandle Regional Water Plan confirms that Mesa's water is surplus to the panhandle's needs.

'Now that your group has voted not to include the Mesa water, we intend to proceed with our business to make our water available to regions and cities in Texas water localized in Roberts County that that have long-term water shortages," Pickens said in his letter.

Mesa holds about 100,000 acres of water rights in the Texas Panhandle and has

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> C.E. Williams, chairman of Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group

indicated its intent to increase their holdings to 200,000 acres of water rights.

"Is water available?" said C.E. Williams, chairman of the regional water planning group and manager of the Panhandle Underground Conservation District. "There probably is you might arguably say is surplus. It depends on whether you want to look at it on a regional basis, a county basis or an area basis. All this comes up with different answers:'

The question, Williams said, is whether it's really a surplus when there is only a finite amount of water available. Williams said that the water planning studies show no cities in the 21 counties covered by the Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group showed need for Pickens' water. He said there are cities such as White Deer in the year 2030 that show a slight

(See WATER, Page 2)

Pampa bullfighter to perform in Rodeo

By L.D. STRATE **Sports Editor**

It's hard for Clint Ferguson to remember a time when he wasn't around livestock of one sort or the other. It just seemed only natural the Pampa-born bullfighter would follow the rodeo trail.

"I was pretty little when I was helping with the cattle and getting them in the pens at my mom's place outside of Pampa. I guess that's how I got started," Ferguson said.

Ferguson, who now lives in Boyd, will be bringing his combination bullfighting-clown act to Pampa for the annual Top O' Texas Rodeo, beginning July

"The Pampa rodeo is always a big one," he said. "I'm looking forward to it.'

During his high school days, Ferguson was active in the Tri-State Rodeo Association and competed in bullriding and calf roping. He advanced to the Tri-State Finals a couple of times. His true calling would come later, when he was a member of the college rodeo team at Tarleton State in Stephenville.

"I starting fighting bulls in the practice pens because there was no one else there to do it," Ferguson added. "After working a few hang-ups, I knew I was hooked. There is no greater rush for me than fighting bulls."

Ferguson gave up his other events to concentrate on bullfighting.

"I've ridden bulls, raced motorcycles and played just



Pampa native Clint Ferguson is ready for action in the rodeo arena Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

about every sport possible. None of those activities compare to the exhilaration and pride I feel when putting myself between what I call guts and glory," he said.

As a bullfighting clown, Ferguson started working with younger cowboys at junior rodeos around the state.

"There is no way to describe

the feeling you get when a kid comes up to you grinning from ear to ear to thank you for saving his life," he said.

Bullfighting has become a way of life for the 22-year-old Ferguson, who earned his pro card three years ago.

"It takes a long time to get the hang of it, but I really enjoy (See BULLFIGHTER, Page 2)

Escapee caught Fugitive was 'smoky, hot, hungry and bit'

WHEELER — A Michigan man was back in Wheeler County jail today, this time facing escape charges.

Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams said today he expects to file escape charges against Bill Motsinger, 36, after the Michigan man reportedly broke out of jail Friday afternoon and was captured late Saturday night southwest of Wheeler.

Originally arrested May 8, on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, Motsinger is being held for Michigan authorities in connection with reported parole violations.

"He made a big mistake," Adams said. "Now, he's looking at 20 years to do here.

With his past record, Adams said, the charges could be enhanced

and Motsinger might face sentencing as an habitual criminal. Wheeler County authorities said Motsinger was reported missing from the jail's exercise vard about 3:20 p.m. Friday.

Sheriff's officials said today that Motsinger was found about 11 p.m. Saturday night, sitting in the middle of a road about 6.5 miles southwest of Wheeler in open ranch country. Officers said the area had been searched extensively, but Motsinger apparently had been able to hide in the tall grass.

"He almost got run over," Adams said. "He was rolled up in love

(See ESCAPEE, Page 2)

One-way street plan hearing topic

By KATE B. DICKSON **Associate Publisher**

Making two blocks of Charles Street around the middle school a one-way street is the topic of a public hearing at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Pampa City Hall.

Adoption of the plan on first reading is one of the agenda items during the City Commission meeting that follows the public hear-

The plan for making a portion of the street one-way came about as the results of a PISD traffic study as well from complaints and suggestions that came through the Pampa Traffic Commission which is chaired by Doug Locke.

Other items on the agenda include:

 Consider proposed settlement of Energas rate case Consider the award of proposals relating to the 2000 Household

Hazardous Waste event.

An executive session is scheduled to discuss appointments to the Pampa Economic Development Commission. The terms of Lewis Meers and Richard Stowers have expired. Both are eligible for reappointment as there are no term limits, said City Manager Bob Also to be discussed in the closed session is the appointment of a

representative to the board of the Canadian River Municipal Water

Kid Pony Show results

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association has announced winners of Sunday's Kid Pony Show currently underway at the rodeo arena. The Kid Pony Show which kicks-off Top O' Texas Rodeo events will conclude Tuesday. The second performance will start at 7 p.m. today.

Stick Horse Race

BOYS GROUP I: Kolton Anderson, Amarillo, first place; Josh Harrel, Leedey, Okla., second place; Joseph Slatton, Pampa, third place.

GIRLS GROUP I: Dakota Watson, Lefors, first place; Karli Batenhorst, Dalhart, second place; Alex Stevens, Pampa, third place.

Goat Ribbon Race

BOYS GROUP I: Josh Harrel, Leedey, first place; Kolton Anderson, Amarillo, second place; Jake Harris, Bushland, third place. GIRLS GROUP I: Sage Vincent, Kerrick, first

place; Karli Batenhorst, Dalhart, second place; Dakota Watson, Lefors, third place. Flag Race

BOYS GROUP II: Dylan Winkle, Borger, first place; Hayden Guest, Gruver, second place; Colbran Larsen, Gruver, third place.

GIRLS GROUP II: Shayley Morriss, Lefors, first place; Alexis McKee, Borger, second place; Nicole Taylor, Sunray, third place. Golfette

BOYS GROUP I: Gage Gillispie, Amarillo, first place; Grant Gillispie, Amarillo, second place; Aaron McKee, Borger, third place.

BOYS GROUP II: Talon Dooley, Sunray, fist place; Dylan Winkle, Borger, second place; Lane Hall, Pampa, third place.

GIRLS GROUP II: Shayley Morriss, Lefors, first (See RESULTS, Page 2)

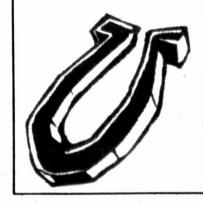
Golden Horseshoe

It's still out there — The Golden Horseshoe, that is. Awaiting the finder of the

Horseshoe is a box seat for all three performances of the Top O' Texas Rodeo which gets under way Thursday night. The box is valued at \$150.

Sunday's clue was Northgate Inn and today's clue is in an office supply store.

To get the clue searchers must go to the store(s). No clues are given over the telephone.



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Services tomorrow

BAGLEY, Helen — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, **CAYLOR,** Clint — 2 p.m., First United

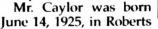
Obituaries

Methodist Church, Pampa.

CLINT CAYLOR

Clint Caylor, 75, of Pampa, died Sunday, July 9, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jim Teeter, pas-

tor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Robin Gantz, associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of



County and was a longtime resident of Gray and Roberts Counties, graduating from Pampa High School in 1943. He married Gerry Grayson on Jan. 8, 1976, at Pampa. For several years, he was a rig mechanic for Reading and Bates Drilling Company and Parker Drilling Company in Alaska, the Middle East, Germany and the North Sea. He also farmed and ranched in Roberts

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II, and belonged to Miami American Legion Post #106. In addition, he was a volunteer and memorial chairman for Gray-Roberts Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

He was a lifetime member of First United Methodist Church and Men's Fellowship Sunday

He was preceded in death by a son, John Paul Caylor, in 1966; and by his parents, Paul and Ruth Caylor, in 1975.

Survivors include his wife, Gerry, of the home; a stepson, Scott Grayson of Santa Monica, Calif.; and a brother, W.R. "Bob" Caylor of St. Louis,

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065; or to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, July 7

A 1982 Chevrolet pickup driven by Mark Thomas Lamar, 40, 1913 N. Faulkner, was in collision ut 4 p.m. Friday with a stop sign at the intersection of Sumner and Randy Matson. Lamar was cited for failure to control speed, not having insurance and failure to report striking an object on or near the road.

A 1994 blue Oldsmobile Ciera four-door sedan driven by Ira Everett Potter, 82, 704 N. Sloan, was in collision with a 1993 red Cadillac Deville driven by Victoria Martinez Velez, 45, 2704 Comanche at 10 a.m. Friday at the intersection of Ballard and Browning. Potter was cited for failure to yield at a red light.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 8

6:21 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 300 block of North West.

Sunday, July 9

12:56 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a Lifestar standby at Panhandle Regional Medical Center. 1:49 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters

responded to a gas meter leak on South Price

9:29 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 700 block of West Brown.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 8 A Lefors woman reported she found a VISA card in the 300 block of West Kingsmill. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Sunday, July 9

Damage was reported to a chain link fence at the City of Pampa facility at 752 Municipal Drive. An obsene word was reported scratched on the hood of a car in the 500 block of North Starkweather.

Monday, July 10 A theft was reported early this morning at a

convenience store in the 1000 block of West

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, July 7 Tiffany Marie Bohnstealth, 21, of White Deer, was arrested in connection with violation of pro-

Saturday, July 8

Robert James Nelson, 19, of Amarillo, was

arrested on warrants out of New Mexico and Amarillo. Sunday, July 9

Melvin Dale Haynes, 43, 628 Dwight, was arrested on assault charges. Ronnie Jenkins, 44, 312 1/2 N. Wells, was

arrested on charges of public intoxication. John Luis Sullins, 21, 413 Powell, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Amy Rae Burke, 22, of Amarillo, was arrested on warrants charging her with possession of drug paraphernalia, simple assault and failure to

Caleb John Tout Sr., 25, 618 N. West, was arrest ed on warrants out of Austin and Randall

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following runs during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Sunday, July 9

1:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

3:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the rodeo arena for a standby at the Kid Pony Show. 9:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Brown on a motor vehicle accident and transported one to PRMC.

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The picutre of the bull that was used on the cover of Sunday's special Top O' Texas Rodeo section was taken by Marilyn Ruhl. The photo credit was inadvertanly left off.

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Woman dragged for almost 20 blocks

from a-car became tangled in her seat belt and was dragged for almost 20 blocks at speeds of up to 65—allegedly pushed her, police said.

She lost skin from 40 to 50 percent of her body, authorities said. In some places, flesh was torn from her body down to the bone.

"It's just terrible; treacherous," police Sgt. Jim Rullamas said.

The 37-year-old woman, whose name was not released, was listed in serious condition Monday

Rullamas said the woman got into a car with Mitchell Smith, 40, of Oakland, on Sunday morning. Police were not sure what their relationship was, but said they may have been smoking some sion of drugs.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A woman pushed kind of narcotic and began to argue.

The woman tried to get out of the car and Smith

She got tangled in her seat belt as Smith slammed the door shut and drove off with her hanging from the side of the car, officers said.

Rullamas said the woman screamed for Smith to stop as the car weaved through traffic at up to 65

After about 20 blocks, she was able to free herself.

California Highway Patrol officers stopped Smith after a witness called 911.

Smith was booked for investigation of attempted murder, driving under the influence and posses-

Bush to push 'compassionate conservatism' theme

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush will spend the next two weeks pushing his theme of himself to nontraditional audiences as a Republican who can bridge the decades-long gap between his party and minority groups.

Bush speaks Monday at the NAACP national convention in Baltimore, where aides said he'll engage in frank talk about racism in America. During the rest of his swing, the Texas governor plans to announce new programs to help lowncome people deal with welfare, food stamps and foster care.

Bush won't announce any initiatives to address racism, but the presumptive GOP presicompassionate conservatism" and offering dential nominee will talk about his plans to improve education, highlighting his record in Texas where black fourth graders have the highest math test scores in the nation, a spokesman

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said Bush must better define "compassionate conservatism" and develop a plan to help end racial disparities in income, health, education and

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WATER

"They're best option in our opinion was to go out here and purchase some more groundwater rights and drill another well," Williams said. "Now if Pickens' pipeline was coming right by this building, we might have said, yeah, you need to tie on to Pickens' pipeline, but that's not the case yet." It's a question of how to look at something that hasn't happened yet.

"It's difficult to envision how all this is going to work." Williams admitted.

Pickens, for his part, thanked the group for considering their Roberts County water rights as a potential source for the panhandle during the next 50 years to be covered by the state water plan. He says the water has been offered to the City of

Amarillo and to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority which provides water to 11 municipalities across the Texas Panhandle and South Plains.

He said that Mesa is aware that Amarillo purchased about 71,000 acres of water rights in Roberts County that it does not intend to use for at least 25

"Even though we believed that Mesa and its neighbors' water was surplus to the panhandle's needs, we brought it to your attention because the Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group is the proper body to make this decision," Pickens said in his letter.

Williams said the group may take another look at the issue when the regional water plan is reviewed in five years.

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ESCAPEE

Motsinger reportedly had built a fire to mask his odor with smoke, making it more difficult to track

"He was smoky, hot, hungry and bit when we found him," Adams said.

In addition to law enforcement officers, the escapee had to contend with a blistering sun, temperatures Saturday that reached into the 90s and swarms of mosquitoes at night.

Officials said today that Motsinger was dehydrated, dirty and very hungry when officers found him. After being returned to Wheeler County jail late Saturday night, he reportedly gobbled down a

number of bologna sandwiches. Other than in a need for food and water and a

few mosquito bites, Motsinger was reported to be in good health.

Texas and Oklahoma law enforcement officers and tracking dogs spread out late Friday and throughout Saturday in a massive manhunt for the Michigan man. Officers said they didn't think the 5foot-9, 170 pound man with short black hair and brown eyes could have gotten far. He was dressed in sweat pants and a white tee shirt that had Wheeler County" on the back.

"We had an outpouring of help," Adams said. Officers from four counties, Texas Rangers, four constables, units from two prisons along with bloodhounds, Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers field inspectors and a Department of Public Safety helicopter joined the weekend search.

"We fed 40 people on the side of the road out

there Friday night," Adams said.

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BULLFIGHTER competing against the other guys. There are several reasons why I fight bulls, but one of the most

important is that the cowboy's life is in your hands. They are depending on you to be there for them, even in the worst situations," he said.

At 6-0, 170 pounds, Ferguson has the wiry, but muscular frame a good bullfighter needs to have. The bullfighter goes one-on-one against the bull for as long as 70 seconds. Using a number of aggressive moves, the bullfighter tries to stay as close as he can to the bull throughout the contest. It takes both agility and skill, something Ferguson has steady developed over the years.

"I've had a pretty good year of bullfighting," he said. "I really enjoy it. I hang rain gutters during the week and compete in rodeos on the weekend.

They started off as clowns, almost literally. Their purpose was to entertain, to provide some comic relief. Looking after the cowboys wasn't the No. 1

Today, they still dress like clowns, but they are bullfighters first and most importantly. And they are often the difference between life and death. **Bullfighting in the beginning**

Bullfighters are the first line of defense for a bull rider. The bullfighter is responsible for distracting

the bull while the cowboy regains his sense of direction and escapes to safety after a fall or dismount. Today's bullfighter, far from being a clown, is so serious about his job he routinely places his own life in danger in an effort to protect the cow-

The modern bullfighter is also an accomplished athlete, a master of timing and quickness.

And fittingly, he has his own world championship to pursue. About two decades ago, bullfighters began informally competing among themselves, challenging each other to push the limit on daredevil stunts against the bulls.

Because of the Wrangler Bullfight Tour, bullfighters can compete for their world champi-

The bullfighter is judged on his willingness to expose himself to risk and on his aggressiveness. His objective is to stay as close as he can to the bull. Bullfighters have elevated the sport by employing spectacular maneuvers such as jumping over a charging bull. Like the riders, the bullfighters score higher when the bull is more aggressive.

Bullfight bulls are bred to be quicker and more agile than the animals used in bull riding. They can compete for years and like their human opponents, learn from their mistakes and improve with expe-

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place; Kortni McConnell, Hereford, second place; Lacie Oxley, Pampa, third place. Walk and Lead Barrel Race

GROUP I: McKinzie Robinson, Canyon, first place; Jake Harris, Bushland, second place; Grant Gillispie, Amarillo, third place. **Barrel Race**

BOYS GROUP I: Gage Gillispie, Amarillo, first place, Kolton Anderson, Amarillo, second place; Josh Harrel, Leedey, third place.

BOYS GROUP II: Lane Hall, Pampa, first place; Dylan Winkle, Borger, second place; Talon Dooley, Sunray, third place.

GIRLS GROUP I: Alex Stevens, Pampa, first

place; McKinzie Robinson, Canyon, second place; Karli Batenhorst, Dalhart, third place.

GIRLS GROUP II: Shayley Morris, Lefors, first place; Kortni McConnell, Hereford, second place; Nicole Taylor, Sunray, third place.

Calf Riding GROUP II: Lane Hall, Pampa, first place; Dylan Winkle, Borger, second place; Spud Murray, Fritch, third place.

All contestants were awarded blue participant

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association would like to thank sponsors of the Cal Farley Family Program for Children — without these generous donations the Cal Farley children would not have been able to participate in the show.

Pastor bars interracial marriage

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A happen Saturday, as planned. southern Ohio pastor has refused to allow an interracial expect in Alabama or to comment; a telephone listing

The marriage of Chastity Bumgardner and July 16 at the Pleasant Valley Community Church in Pike County, about 60 miles south of Columbus, by Bumgardner's brother, a newly ordained minis-

The Rev. Donald Ellis confirmed to The Columbus Dispatch that he canceled the ceremony after learning that Lawrence is black. The pastor refused to say why.

'This is my church," Ellis

Bumgardner, 26, who grew up in Pike County but now lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said her brother has found a small church in nearby Beaver for the ceremony and the wedding will

wedding in his church, forcing Mississippi, but I never expect- for him could not immediately the couple to move the ceremo- ed it to happen in Ohio," she be found. told the Dispatch.

Army, is "real hurt by it." "It's something I would Lawrence could not be reached

 Pike County is about 98 per-She added that her fiance, a cent white, according to the 1990 Henry 39-year-old Alabama native she U.S. Census, which said there Lawrence was scheduled for met while both were in the were 327 black county residents.

NEED A Balloon Bouquet,

City Briefs

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CELEBRATIONS, NEW arrival of Aromatherapy candles, Over the Hill, Food or Fruit Baswe still have our 50% off sale going on thru July. 665-3100, we de-**DUNLAPS IS hiring all posi-**

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tions. Apply in person, Coronado RODEO WEEK come in and sign up for our "Texas Food Bas-**GOOD SAMARITAN** is now ket" to be given away on Sat. accepting children's school cloth-15th, at 4 p.m. Celebrations, 665-3100, Coronado Center.

Weather focus PAMPA — Mostly sunny today with a high of 95-100 and Del Rio. south winds at 15-20 mph. cloudy with a high of 95-100. Saturday's high was 93; the

STATEWIDE — Texans on around the state.

overnight low 71.

Early-morning temperatures College Station and Houston. ranged from the 60s to 80s. It

was 64 degrees at Marfa and 84 at Dallas Love Field and at Laughlin Air Force Base near

ing. 309 N. Ward.

Patchy high cloudiness cov-Partly cloudy tonight with a low ered Central and East Texas of 70-75 and south winds at 15- along with the far western 20 mph. Tomorrow, partly mountains. Low clouds developed between Austin and San Antonio and in the Coastal Bend.

Winds were variable from Monday were greeting another southeasterly to southwesterly extreme week of hot, dry conditions as at 5 to 10 mph in the eastern summer weather settled in two-thirds of the state, with calm , conditions between around 100.

Elsewhere, winds were south- mostly in the 70s.

westerly at 10 to 15 mph over the Panhandle and most of the South Plains. Winds were southerly in the Big Bend and far West Texas at less than 10

The National Weather Service said skies should clear, allowing temperatures to climb rapidly with abundant solar radiation.

Isolated afternoon thunderstorms could develop in the southeast. Highs through Wednesday were expected in the mid-90s to

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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call Diane Wells at 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is extending clinic hours in Pampa. The clinic is now open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A. Special evening hours until 6 p.m. are available by appointment. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

ALTRUSA STYLE SHOW Pampa chapter of Altrusa Club International is hosting it's eighth annual Style Show at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 5, in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets can be bought from any Altrusa member or at the door. Proceeds go to help fund local charitable organizations supported by the Altrusa Club. NOEP PROGRAM

The Nurse Oncology Education Program and Amarillo College will present "Growing Up With Cancer: A Family Focus" from 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., July 14 in AC's West Campus Lecture Hall, Amarillo. The conference will be worth 7.7 Type I contact hours for nurses and 0.6 CEUs for social workers. Early registration is \$45. Students must provide a copy of student ID and pay a \$10 (postmarked on or before July 7) registration fee. On-site and late registration will cost \$60. For more information, call 1-800-515-6770 or write: The Nurse Oncology Education Program, Growing Up With Cancer, 7600 Burnet Rd., Suite 440, Austin, TX 78757.

GEM THEATRE The Gem Theatre in Claude will present the Community Heritage of Dr. Carale Manning-Hill. The entertainment will feature an oldfashioned melodrama. The cast will include Wayne Blodgett, Terresa

favorites. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling (806) 226-5409.

Amarillo State Center will hold a public forum during the meeting of the Governing Body on July 19 at Amarillo State Center, 901 Wallace Blvd. The tentative time for the forum is 9-10 a.m. in the cafeteria. The public is encouraged to attend the forum and present ideas or comments to the Governing Body about its services. For more information, call Sue Lutes at (806) 351-3284.

FBC WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

First Baptist Church Women's Ministries will host a program and send-off luncheon for Mark and Kristie Aderholt, International Mission Board appointees, beginning at 11:45 a.m. (noon for working women) Thursday, July 20 in Fellowship Hall, 203 N. West, of the church. The luncheon is open to all women. Cost of the meal (chef salad) will be \$4. Participants must RSVP by Tuesday, July 18 by calling 669-1155. A love offering will be taken and a basket for personal messages will be provided. **PPQG**

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m., July 27, at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Freddie Seaman of Perryton will present a trunk show on "Wearable Art." Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (806) 779-2115.

COWBOY POETRY PROGRAM

Southwest Cowboy Poets Association will host at Cowboy Poetry Program at 6:45 p.m. July 20 at Barnes and Noble Book Store in Amarillo. The association schedules the monthly program on the third Thursday of each month. Pat Henry will emcee and the keynote performer will be Rusty Nichols of Borger. A dozen entertainers are also scheduled to participate in the event. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Charlie Bell, president, at (806) 352-4693.

GREEN THUMB

Green Thumb is launching a search to identify and recognize outstanding employers of America's senior workers. GT will honor three outstanding employers representing small, medium and large businesses during its National Prime Time Awards activities Oct. 3-6 in Washington, D.C. The deadline for nominations is July 30. Details and on-line applications are available at www.prime-Players at 7:30 p.m. July 16 and 17. The group is under the direction time2000.org. Eligibility criteria: 1) employers who hire older workers 65 and over for 20 or more hours of paid employment per week at minimum wage or higher (this does not include older workers Collins, Jeromy Collins, Terrill Conrad, Michael Green, Dixie whose employment is subsidized through local, state or federally-Hunsaker, Kym Klarich, Carl Lansbury and Janet Westbrook. After funded programs); 2) nominations for affiliates, franchises, partnerintermission, Deanna Campbell will present a medley of musical ships and divisions should be consolidated and submitted through

corporate headquarters if possible; 3) business size - up to 50 employees (small), up to 1,000 (medium), and over 1,000 (large); 4) winners must be willing and able to travel to Washington for the 2000 event. Applications may be mailed to (if not submitted on-line): Diane Long, Green Thumb, Inc., 2000 N. 14th St., Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22201.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., July 19, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 12-4 p.m., July 24, City Hall, Canadian; and 12-2 p.m., July 20, Miami School, Miami. TFS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Texas Folklife Resources is currently accepting applications for its Apprenticeship program. The Apprenticeships in the Folk Arts program encouraged the continuation of Texas traditional arts by providing master artists funds for training qualified apprentices. Texas traditional arts or folk arts are those art forms learned informally, often passed from generation to generation. Deadline for application is Sept. 1. All participants must be residents of Texas. For more information or for an application, contact Caroline Herring, program coordinator, at: Texas Folklife Resources, 1317 South Congress, Austin, TX 78704; or call (512) 441-9255.

NATURE HIKES

Palo Duro Canyon State Park will offer several nature hikes throughout the month of June. The following hikes are scheduled: 9 a.m. July 15, "Wildflower Safari," at Paseo Del Rio trail head; 9 a.m., July 8, "Botany Basics," and July 29 nature hike, both at Givens, Spicer and Lowry Running Trail; and 9 a.m., July 22, Sunflower Trail hike, Sunflower Trail. Each hike will begin at 9 a.m. Participants are urged to bring water, a hat, bug spray and good walking shoes. For more information, call the park at (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

ARTISTS HARVEST Austin Artists Harvest is sponsoring its 33rd Annual Exhibit and Sale Oct. 21 and 22 in Austin. All media is allowed. Applications are available by sending a #10 SASE to: P.O. Box 80546, Austin, TX 78708-0546. Deadline for entries is July 15. Slides are required.

HERITAGE FEST Lake McClellan will host "Heritage Fest" Sept. 23 at the lake. The event will feature performers and displays.

COUNTRY DOCTOR AWARD

Staff Care, Inc., is seeking nominations for the 2000 Country Doctor of the Year Award. Nominees will be judged on the following criteria: Scope of care; continuity of care (nominees must have served their communities for a minimum of five years); rural location (communities of 25,000 or less); and dedication. For nomination forms or for more information, call 1-800-685-2272.

Pampan L.H. Webb attends NCBA Young Cattlemen's Conference

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — L.H. Webb, of Pampa, representing the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, was one of 35 producers who recently completed a seven-day nationwide tour as part of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Young Cattlemen's Conference.

The 21-year-old program is designed to develop leadership qualities in young beef industry leaders who were nominated by their respective state cattlemen's associations. The conference is co-sponsored by state and breed affiliates, IBP, ContiBeef and

The YCC tour started in Denver, Colo., with an introduction to NCBA and a presentation on the beef industry's strategic plan and direction. The group then participated in a ContiBeef case study, discussing current industry issues. A Cattle-Fax outlook presentation highlighted current cattle trends and the U.S. Meat Export Federation gave an overview of international market-

The group learned first-hand about the industry structure, participated in an issues management workshop and discussed integrated consumer marketing and how beef checkoff-funded programs are being implemented to increase beef demand. Participants also visited Magness Farms in northern Colorado. Magness is a cow-calf and seedstock operation that utilizes a stateof-the-art breeding program and marketing

Following their stay in Colorado, the group traveled across the country to see more aspects of the beef industry. In Kansas, the group visited Grant County Feeders, an 112,000 capacity feedyard, and Reeve Cattle Co., an ethanol plant that uses the excess grains from the ethanol production to feed cattle and raise tilapia fish.

In Nebraska, the group toured a tannery and packing plant, and met the CEO of the world's largest beef packing company, IBP. The group then traveled to Chicago where they learned about futures trading and toured the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. They also met with the Bruss Co., a meat



L.H. Webb of Pampa recently represented Texas Cattle Feeders Association at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Young Cattlemen's Conference. Left-right: Webb, Lynn Cornwell, NCBA President-Elect, and Justin Gifford of Hereford.

senior management at Corporate involvement," explained NCBA president McDonalds.

While in Washington, D.C., the participants received an issues briefing from the NCBA-Washington staff. They then went on strength of America's cattle producers, the to meet with their respective state congressional delegation and shared their views on and solid association that will lead it suclegislative and regulatory issues. In addition, the participants heard from key congressional, USDA and administration leaders and participated in the Congressional Beef Caucus Picnic on Capitol Hill which was sponsored by NCBA-PEF, the Maryland Cattlemen's Association and ConAgra.

"The Young Cattlemen's Conference purveyor, and received a presentation from helps develop the foundation of grassroots fiber industry.

elect Lynn Cornwell who traveled with the group. Cornwell continued, "With a foundation reflecting the needs, desires, and nation's beef industry can build a strong

cessfully into the future." Initiated in 1898, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association is the marketing organization and trade association for America's one million cattle farmers and ranchers. With offices in Denver, and Washington D.C. NCBA is a consumer-focused, producer directed organization representing the largest segment of the nation's food and Extension Service AgriPartner Report for the week of July 3 is as follows:

borers feeding in the whorl earlier have now entered the stalk and are safe from an insecticide application. The second flight of moths will begin soon and will produce the second generation of corn borers that often causes the most economic damage.

Now that corn is silking, corn earworm moths which are being caught in high numbers in area pheromone traps will be laying eggs on the green silk. The larvae that hatch from the eggs will feed on the ear causing some damage. Since several insecticides applications would be needed to suppress this pest it generally is not considered economically feasi-

Western corn rootworm beetles are beginning to feed on available corn silk. Eight- to 10-beetles per plant are capable of pruning silks to the point of reducing pollination.

Spider mite infestations are relatively light. As corn enters the reproductive phase and summerlike temperatures return, keep close watch on rapid increases in this pest.

Small colonies of greenbugs can be found in area sorghum. Damage is very light at this point

Texas Agricultural but can rapidly increase this time

Sunflower moths are being caught in pheromone traps. Very few southwestern and Check blooming sunflower for virtually no European corn borer this pest. An insecticide applicamoths were caught this week in tion can be justified when any pheromone traps. Many of the moths are found and field is at 20 percent bloom.

Check cotton for bollworm and budworm egg lay. Some adult activity has been reported in the area. In pre-blooming cotton, consider 5,000-8,000 small worms per acre as the economic threshold, but after cotton begins to bloom consider 10,000 worms per acre as the threshold.

Continue to keep a close watch on cotton fleahoppers, these insects can steal your early crop. Recent rains have provided hosts other than cotton so movement of these pests into cotton has been minimal. Evidence of this is the high square retention reported around the area.



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DEAR ABBY: The letter about depression and suicide prompts my own letter. Only one in five people who suffer from a mental illness seek help. As some of those with a history of mental illness stated in their letters, reaching out for help is often a task that seems insurmountable. And broaching the subject with a loved one can be difficult for many reasons. Fear of being told to "mind your own business" can be a big impediment to friends and families who would like to extend a

helping hand. However, if you are truly concerned about a friend or loved one, the most compassionate action is to express that concern.

How to intervene (1) Clearly outline for yourself the reasons you feel the person needs help. Make sure they are for the person's benefit — and not for your own selfish reasons.

(2) Create a special time to express your desire to help your friend or loved one by saying you would like to set aside some time to talk about "something important" and asking, "When would be a good time?" Be sure it's in an emotionally safe environment where you won't be overheard or interrupted. Then communicate how important he or she is to you and the reasons you feel there could be a benefit from counseling. (don't say what your friend or loved one is doing is

(3) Be direct, honest and compassionate. Practice stating your rea-

Horoscope

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

★ ★ ★ Early developments toss you into

friend who has the same or similar secu-

* * * Challenges arrive early on. What

you might think is perfectly OK triggers

another. Refuse to get into a disagree-

ment; rather, agree to disagree. Extend

yourself toward another, who appreciates

your efforts. Give up a nervous habit.

** Challenged by news, you might

need to regroup at work. What you think

is workable actually might not be. Don't

let disappointment or anxiety ruin you.

Walk away from a problem for a while,

and you'll recharge. Spend money on

something you love. Tonight: Go out for

Tonight: Do research on the Web

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Tonight: Follow another's lead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

dinner

5-Dynamic;

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

sons in a positive, non-blaming way. Abby, let's make it commonplace to reach out to others and say, "How are things really going for you? I'm not just asking to make conversation ... I'd really like to know because I care about you.

DR. KEVIN GROLD.

DEL MAR, CALIF. DEAR DR. GROLD: Your helpful letter illustrates the importance of forethought in trying to achieve any kind of intervention - be it for alcohol, drugs, depression or other mental health problems. While the majority of people may be reluctant to attempt this, some will want to - and your letter provides valuable tools for

DEAR ABBY: How do I tactfully explain to my stepdaughter (my husband's child from his first marriage) that I do not wish to be a baby sitter to her three little girls (my three grandkids)? I have never

been around children, never babythrough. Emphasize positive attitude and creativity. There is always an option or another way. Keep that in mind with a loved one. Tonight: Buy flowers on the

way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★ ★ ★ Foundations need to be honored, despite another's uproar. A strong, steadfast attitude puts the kibosh on another's wildness. You might be reading too much into another's behavior. Let go of concerns or share them with that important agrees and does whatever is possible to VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

turmoil. Discuss a financial matter with a ** Your nerves could be pulled AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) taut. You get news from a distance that rity interests. Reject a plan that will cost you, but do it in a way that another can understand and accept. Believe a family member, who has excellent intentions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

* * * You mean well. Associates understand where you're coming from, especially professionally. You inadvertently test a partner's limits; as a result. a bit insecure. Don't let a dream or you might need to make a gesture in another's comment invade your emotionorder to keep the peace. Share more of al well-being. If single, a flirtation takes your professional life. Tonight: Shoot the on a dicey overtone. Consider a change

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Roll with high energy and charisma. If you encounter negativity from key associates, understand that they wish they had some of your magic. Make calls to a loved one at a distance. If need Leon and Michael Spinks (1953), writer be, schedule an important trip to see this E.B. White (1899) person. Tonight: Treat another.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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Saturday's answer

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* * * You keep putting your best foot forward, and another continues to sabotage your actions. Let go of working this grips with what needs to happen

sat any kids, and always feel uncomfortable around them. I never had the desire for children of my own, and the thought of baby-sitting three little girls overwhelms

My husband's daughter and I became acquainted only a year ago. She was never part of our life during her growing years, until last year after she got married. She is now 26 and will be moving to our town in a few months. What's the best way to explain my feelings without making her feel rejected, which is probably what she felt all

her growing years. Help! NEW MOM AND GRANDMA IN WASHINGTON

DEAR N.M. AND G.: The best way to approach it is to broach the subject well in advance of being asked to baby-sit. Tell your husband's daughter exactly what you told me - that you have zero experience with small children and weak maternal instinct. Therefore, she should not count on you as a baby sitter. A supportive friend and ally yes. A baby sitter -no. Say it with a smile. A spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go

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down.

Evaluate developments carefully. A loving partner comes to the rescue. Work demands your focus, even if you don't feel up to snuff. Tonight: Now that work is done, you feel great!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

** * Assume a high profile if you want to greet success. An early-morning money issue could sabotage your mood if you let it. Stay on course. Know your long-term goals. A partner or friend person in your life. Tonight: Frolic along. ease your way. Tonight: Catch up on

* * Another could easily start shriekforces you to take stock. You have many ing at your unpredictability. Perhaps you more friends and supporters than you need to explain that you are simply that realize. Ask for ideas or emotional feed- way. Nurturing others draws positive back. Tonight: Schedule needed down-results. Concentrate on work; try to stay out of trouble, if possible. Gracefully assume responsibilities. Tonight: Where your friends are

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

* * * * Take action, even if you feel within a relationship. Understand where this person is coming from. Tonight:

Musician Suzanne Vega (1959), boxers

* * Early-morning news tosses you Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at into a tizzy. You cannot seem to come to http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. © 2000 by King Features Syndicate Inc

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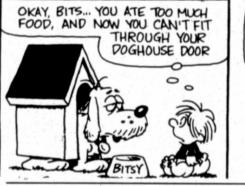








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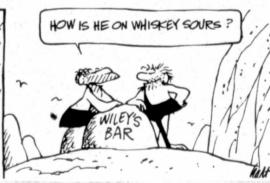


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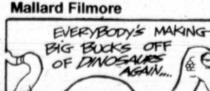
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By THOMAS JOSEPH ACROSS

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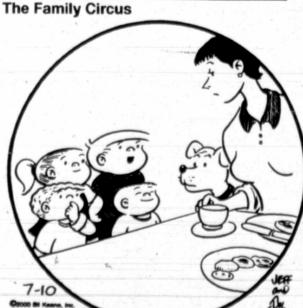
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"If sleeping were an Olympic event, he'd win the gold medal.'



"Mommy, if we were puppies, which one of us would be the pick of the litter?"

SPORTS

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HORSE RACING

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) Early Pioneer beat General Challenge by a length in the \$1 million Hollywood Gold Cup.

The 5-year-old horse covered 1 1/4 lengths in 2:01 2-5 and paid \$51, \$12.20 and \$6.60 as the longest shot in the nine-horse field at 24-1

BASKETBALL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -The Houston Comets had just enough players to

extend their winning streak.
The three-time WNBA champs had only nine players available for Sunday's game with the Minnesota Lynx, and only six saw action until the game's final minutes.

No matter.

The Comets stretched their winning streak to nine with a 70-60 victory Sunday night, thanks in part to seven-minute stretch in which they held the Lynx without a field goal.

Sheryl Swoopes scored 19 points, Cynthia Cooper had 17 and seven assists, Thompson had 11 points and 10 rebounds and Janeth Arcain added 12 points.

The Comets also set a club record by going 15-for-15 from the foul line.

"We're a veteran team," Copper said. "We know how to close it out when we

get the opening."
Houston (18-2) has found the opening in quite a few games this season, as they are in first place in the Western Conference. Minnesota, which has lost three games in a row — all at home — are in fifth place in the West at 10-8.

Katie Smith led Minnesota with 18 points.

"We weren't under control early," Houston coach Van Chancellor said.

"But we have some of the best players who have ever played the game and they responded well.

It was a hard-fought game because Minnesota is a difficult team to score against. But we found a way."

For a while, it appeared Minnesota would head on a four-game road trip this week on a positive note instead of a three-game los-

ing streak. They rallied from an early deficit to lead most of the first half.

Betty Lennox, who scored 14, led the early charge with 10 of the Lynx's first 13 points.

But the Comets went on a 12-2 run to end the first half and took a 34-29 halftime lead.

When Swoopes got caught in traffic and fell on her hip early in the second half, Cooper, the league's three-time scoring champ, stepped up.

She scored a pair of baskets and set up Thompson for two more as the Comets sprinted to a 43-30 lead five minutes into the half.

Minnesota never got closer than seven points the rest of the way. Lennox failed to score in the second half before leaving the game with a back injury.

"I don't question our effort," Lynx coach Brian Agler said.

"However, we made some mental mistakes and a couple of times, we fell asleep on defense. Do that against Houston and they have a lot of people that can exploit

As Swoopes saw it, her team's experience - and Minnesota's lack of it told the tale.

"It's going to take everyone's contribution if we are going to get back where we want to be - in the championship series," Swoopes said. "That's what we got tonight. Everybody came through with big plays."

Pampa defeats Dumas for district softball title

League All-Stars rallied from an early 1-0 deficit Friday night to clinch the District One softball title with a 5-2 win over archrival Dumas.

on just two base hits in the opennight as they destroyed the play.

Pampa pitchers Stephanie

DUMAS - Pampa's Senior Pampa was retired in order. In fielder had the ball drop from the bottom of the inning, Dumas' leadoff hitter crushed a pitch to left field for a standup triple. A sacrifice groundball, Lindsey Ledbetter to Casey Fisher, scored Dumas, facing a must-win sit- the runner from third. The next uation, won the coin toss and as batter were retired on ground always, their fans were out to outs (Clark to Fisher and root on the home team favorites. Johnson to Fisher) to end the Dumas had plated four runs inning with Dumas leading 1-0.

In the second, Clark drew a ing game of the tournament in a leadoff walk, stole second and 9-4 loss to Pampa. But Dumas third, but was stranded on a pair bats had come alive on Thursday of groundballs and a strikeout.

For Dumas, a base on balls Borger All-Stars 19-1 in five with two outs allowed the only innings. Friday night there was runner to reach in their half of no doubt Dumas was there to the second. A strikeout stranded the Dumas runner on first.

Pampa plated three runs in the Clark and Chelsey Davis, plus top of the third. Leadoff hitter the entire Pampa squad would Kelly Tripplehorn hit a 1-1 pitch have to play the game of their to deep center which was caught lives in order to put Dumas for the first out of the inning. April Amador reached on an In the top half of the first, error when the Dumas center

her glove. A single by Casey Fisher moved Amador to second. Stacey Johnson singled, scoring Amador and even the score at 1-1.

A sacrifice ground out by Tess Kingcade scored Fisher. Then, a single by Clark produced an RBI, scoring Johnson from third to stake Pampa to a 3-1 lead after two and a half innings.

Dumas stranded one runner in the third after a one-out sin-

With one out in the fourth, Pampa's Lindsey Ledbetter singled, but was forced out on an Erin Norris fielder's choice. A ground out stranded Norris.

Dumas pulled within one 3-2 in their half of the fourth of a single, two stolen bases and a wild pitch.

With one out, Pampa wasted a double and two bases on balls to load the bases in the top of the

fifth A strikeout and a pop out to second ended Pampa's threat to blow open the game.

In the bottom of the fifth, Chelsey Davis came on in relief of Clark. Davis issued a base on balls to the leadoff hitter. A pop fly to Clark at third resulted in the first out of the inning and the next batter was hit by a pitch. With runners on first and second and one out, Pampa shortstop Stacey Johnson fielded a sharply hit groundball and alertly tagged the advancing runner from second for the second out. With runners still on first and second, the next batter hit a flyball to shallow right field. A running, diving catch by Hollie Gattis ended Dumas' at bat and kept Pampa's slim onerun lead intact.

Pampa added two runs in the sixth on back to back base on balls issued to Jessica Leos and Erin Norris. Leos stole second,

sliding in just ahead of the tag. She took third on a passed ball and later scored on a sacrifice RBI by Gattis. Norris stole second and had taken third on the Gattis RBI. With two outs, Norris scored when Johnson reached safely on an infield error. Pampa led 5-2.

In the bottom of the sixth, back to back singles by Dumas' first two batters had then threatening to get back in the game. An unassisted ground out to first baseman Haley Bowen, a strikeout and a pop out to Clark at third again ended a Dumas threat with no damage done.

Pampa was retired in order in the seventh.

With Dumas trailing 5-2, a leadoff double breathed new life into their waning hopes for victory. Davis struck out the next batter for out number one. Johnson, at shortstop, made another critical play when a Dumas batter drove a line drive over her head. Playing on the edge of the outfield grass, Johnson robbed the batter of a base hit and an RBI with an outstanding catch. A sharply-hit ground ball to a charging Abbi Covalt at second resulted in the game-ending play. With the win, Pampa clinched the District One Senior League championship.

Clark picked up her third win in as many outings and Davis earned her second save of the tournament, pitching three scoreless innings.

Clark scattered three hits, struck out three and walked two in four innings on the mound. Davis also gave up three hits. while striking out two, issuing one base on ball and hitting one batter in three innings of shutout relief.

An outstanding defensive effort on the infield by Ledbetter, Johnson Covalt, Fisher, Clark, Bowen, Davis and Kingcade kept the Dumas team in check as Pampa played seven innings of error-free ball.

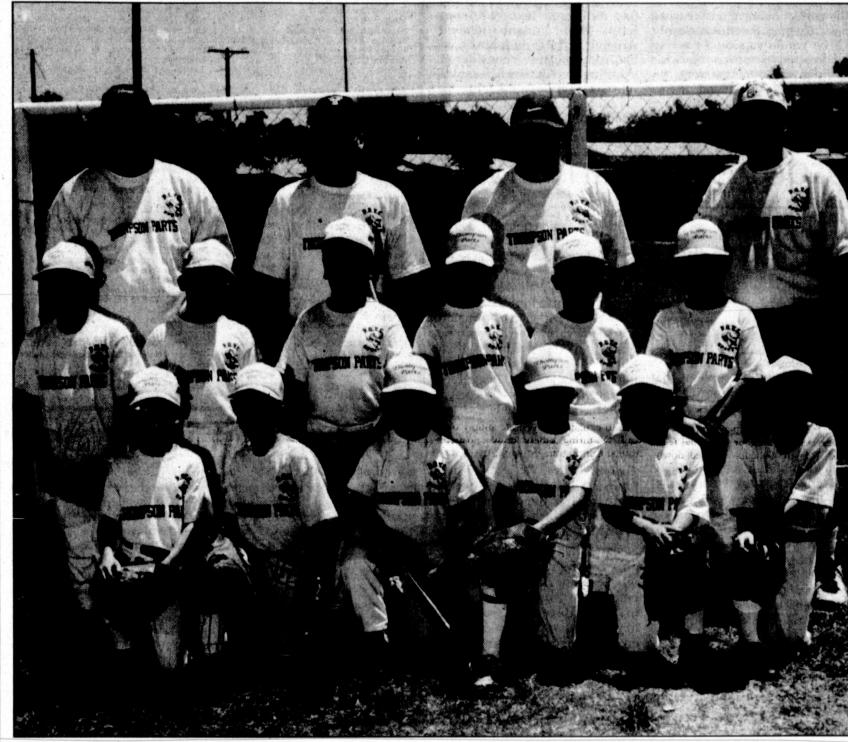
Astros' Lima ends his losing streak

HOUSTON (AP) - After Jose Lima got his first victory since his first start of the season, he set aside the game ball for Juan Marichal and made a dedication to a friend.

Lima ended a personal 13game losing streak, and Lance Berkman drove in four runs with two homers as the Houston Astros defeated the Kansas City Royals 9-6 Sunday.

Lima dedicated the second half of the season to Enron Field security guard Mike Peters, whose grandson Jacob drowned

"Mike's family was at the game today behind the dugout and they were a real inspiration



Thompson Parts had a 15-1 won-loss record this year to win the regular-season championship in the 7-8 year-old Pitching Machine League at the Pampa Optimist Club. Team members are (front row, from left) Luke Watson, Mitchell Killgo, Mitch Simon, Ryan Freudenrich, Ricki Grajeda and Evan McElwain; (second row, from left) Cody Davis, Sam Newman, Joe Solis, Kelby Rucker, Brandon Gannaway and Robert Douglas; (third row, from left) Bill Simon, Randy Watson, Mike Killgo and Tom McElwain. Not pictured is player Mikey Feagin.

Sampras claims seventh Wimbledon championship

"This is the player ever at Wimbledon. This guy's not someone you can put anyone up against, nobody."

- John McEnroe, former three-time champion

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)— His lips quivering and eyes blinkwhom he wanted to share the greatest moment in his tennis

There, high in the stands, he spotted his father, Sam, waving his arms desperately to get his son's attention, and his mother, Georgia.

Sampras climbed into the bleachers and shared a long embrace with his parents, who Wimbledon title and record 13th Grand Slam championship.

"It was nice to share it with my parents," he said. "I've wanted them to be a part of it. It took me a while to find them (in the stands). Once I did, it was a great moment."

It was a rare display of emotion by Sampras, whose parents had never been to Wimbledon or seen him win any Grand Slam. They flew in from Southern California

only the day before. Sampras rewarded them by U.S. Open last year.

overcoming Patrick Rafter 6-7 (10), 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2 Sunday to pass Roy ing back tears, Pete Sampras Emerson for the most Slam titles scanned the Centre Court stadium, and tie Willie Renshaw, a player in searching for the two people with the 1880s, for the most Wimbledon victories. "Win or lose today, I was going

to invite them here," he said. "I'm glad they hopped on the plane and made the trip. The only other time Sampras' parents saw him play in a Grand

Slam tournament was at the 1992 U.S. Open, where he lost in the finals to Stefan Edberg. "My parents are not tennis parhad just watched their son make ents," he said. "You see a lot of history by winning his seventh cases where parents get too involved. I'm my own man. They matches.

> There was another emotional family celebration at Wimbledon this weekend. On Saturday, 20year-old Venus Williams climbed into the stands to embrace her 18year-old sister, Serena, and father, Richard, after beating Lindsay

always give me my indepen-

Davenport in the women's final. It was Venus' first Grand Slam title, and the second for the Williams sisters. Serena won the

Venus and Serena teamed Monday to become the first sisters ever to win the Wimbledon women's doubles title, beating Julie Halard-Decugis and Ai Sugiyama 6-3, 6-2. The match had been put off until Monday due to Sunday's rain.

The Williams sisters now have a total of nine Grand Slam titles between them in singles (2), doubles (3) and mixed doubles (4).

Sampras' victory capped the most challenging of his seven title runs at Wimbledon. Coping with acute tendinitis above his left ankle from the second round on, he couldn't practice between

"It really is amazing how this tournament just panned out for me," he said. "I didn't really feel like I was going to win here. I felt I was struggling.

The final had four hours of rain delays and ended in fading light at 8:57 p.m., after 3 hours, 2 minutes of actual play. If Rafter, the twotime U.S. Open champion, had won the fourth set, they would have had to return Monday.

Sampras said before the match that as long as his right arm held minutes."

up, he would be a threat. It held up

Sampras served 27 aces at up to 133 mph, and had 46 more unreturned serves as he averaged a remarkable 123 mph on first

Sampras faced only two break points and won once more without yielding a single game on his serve. Rafter couldn't break him in 21 service games. In his seven title matches, Sampras has dropped serve only four times in 131

The only time Sampras-buckled was in the first-set tiebreaker when he double-faulted to lose the set.

"We all choke," said Sampras, who wound up with 12 doublefaults. "No matter who you are, you just get in the heat of the moment.

The match turned in the second set tiebreaker, when Rafter wilted after taking a 4-1 lead.

He double-faulted, then netted a forehand to let Sampras tie it. Sampras then smacked a service winner and won his fifth straight point with a stunning inside-out forehand crosscourt that zipped past Rafter. Two points later, he put the set away with a solid vol-

"I felt it slipping away," Sampras said. "He lost his nerve at 4-1 in the second breaker. From a matter of feeling like I was going to lose the match, I felt like I was going to win the match within two Rafter admitted the tension got

"I did get a little bit tight," he said. "It was an opportunity for me to go up two sets to love. From there it's a very tough position, as Pete knows, to come back from that. But that's what happens when you get tight."

Sampras has won 28 straight matches at Wimbledon, extending his mark there to 53-1 over the past eight years.

He is only the sixth male player in history to win Wimbledon four straight years. The last to do it was Bjorn Borg, who won five straight from 1976-80.

"This is the greatest player ever at Wimbledon," former three-time champion John McEnroe said. "This guy's not someone you can put anyone up against, nobody. No one has ever come close to Pete.'

The debate over whether Sampras is the greatest overall player of all time will continue, however.

He's clearly the best of his gen-

Andre Agassi, 30, ranks a distant second among active players with six major championships.

Detractors point to the one glaring gap in his accomplishments: Sampras has never won the French Open, the only Grand Slam played on clay. He's never even reached the final, and this year he lost in the first round.

I think I've ever seen in my life."

Texas manager Johnny Oates said it was "the fifth or sixth best catch I have ever seen.

As for Damian Jackson, who made the diving grab that ended the Padres' 4-3 victory over the Rangers on Sunday night, it was something to savor during the easy," said Hoffman, an All-Star. All-Star break instead of fretting over his 0-for-20 slump at the

And, one more thing: it proved that the guy who had been San Diego's starting shortstop until a few weeks ago is pretty good in left field, a position he was playing for just the fifth time this sea-

"I was either going to catch the ball or break something trying,' said Jackson, who entered the game in the bottom of the sixth inning as a defensive replacement. "The first couple of steps, I thought I had a chance.'

Padres players were still oohing and aahing in the locker the perfect moment and reached room. Those who missed it got back to snag the drive cleanly. descriptions from those on the field. Everyone was silent when the replay was shown on televi-

Hoffman was especially appre- thing white appeared to have ciative because it sealed his 250th career save, a milestone reached

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — by only 16 others. He'd waited San Diego closer Trevor Hoffman eight days for another opportu- his gum. called it "the best defensive play nity after getting a loss in his first

> The game ball worked its way to Hoffman before he got a chance to thank Jackson. The closer found the outfielder in the back of the clubhouse and got him to autograph the memento.

> None of them have been Hoffman came in to protect a 4-2 lead with two on and two out in the eighth. His first pitch was a sinking liner that right fielder Eric Owens made a nice, sliding

Rusty Greer opened the Texas ninth with a single and went to third on a single by Rafael in Greer with a sacrifice fly to

David Segui flew out to third for the second out, bringing up Speedster Curtis. Scarborough Green was pinchrunning for Palmeiro.

Jackson broke on Curtis' drive immediately. He left his feet at Green would've scored easily if he dropped it, or even if Jackson

had played it off a bounce. When Jackson landed, some-

sprung from near his glove.

Nope, just Jackson spitting out

"Thank God it wasn't the ball," Hoffman said.

Matt Clement (9-7) became the first San Diego starter to win three straight games this season, despite allowing more walks (six) than hits (five) and throwing three more balls than strikes. The key was that he allowed only five hits and forced Texas to strand six runners in 5 2-3 innings.

"My sinker was moving all over the place," Clement said. 'When I was missing, it was just by a hair.'

Texas' Kenny Rogers (9-6) ended a streak of six straight victories with his shortest out-Palmeiro. Ivan Rodriguez drove ing — 5 1/3 innings — in 19 starts. He was pitching on three days rest after throwing 114 pitches against Seattle.

> Notes: Kevin Nicholson tied a San Diego record with three doubles. He's the 23rd player to do it, the fourth this season. He drove in the first run in the second inning. ... Texas will start lefty Matt Perisho -against Arizona and Randy Johnson on Saturday. Oates considered skipping Perisho so he wouldn't have to hit against Johnson. ... Rodriguez is hitting .366 with 80 RBIs, both the best ever by a Ranger at the All-Star break.

Nobody's forgotten Kenny Irwin

always respected each other.

Facing a fuel problem that

would have forced him to give

when the last 27 laps were

Zipadelli cost him the race.

This time, a decision to

he was able to come through for

"I want to win this one for

Meanwhile, Mike Helton,

cer, said the cause of Irwin's

Stewart's Pontiac, like the

moments between the two dri-

Last October, they banged

resulted in a \$5,000 fine from

memorable

There were

vers from Indiana.

NASCAR.

"I want to win this one for Kenny. I'm sure he's riding along with all of us this weekend."

Tony Stewart

rained out.

By DICK BRINSTER **AP Sports Writer**

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — Kenny Irwin is gone, but not Sunday, Stewart got lucky lead. forgotten.

Two days after Irwin's fatal crash at New Hampshire Martin kept seeing the signs in calculation by crew chief Greg death's corner.

"I looked at that spot more than once today," Martin said remain on the track once he got after finishing third Sunday to the lead before the first of two Tony Stewart in the New rain-caused red flags, proved England 300. "The spot was decisive. Stewart was happy for painted on the wall, but I know. Zipadelli, but most of all happy where the cracks are.'

And that wasn't all Martin Irwin. noticed in the third turn, where Adam Petty crashed his Busch Kenny," Stewart said during a Series car eight weeks earlier. rain delay halfway through the His death robbed NASCAR of event. "I'm sure he's riding its first fourth-generation driver. along with all of us this week-

"I'm not going to elaborate, end. but I looked directly at the end of the skid marks more than NASCAR's chief operating offionce today," Martin said.

Tony Stewart also had his crash remained undetermined. longtime rival on his mind, and dedicated his victory to Irwin. cars of the other 42 drivers, had "The first part of the race, it a decal that read: "In Memory was hard to focus," Stewart of Kenny Irwin." said. "But the chapel service this morning is probably when it bothered me the most."

The 29-year Stewart, and Irwin, who was 30, had raced into each other twice in each other hard for nearly a Martinsville, Va. The second decade as they moved from collision sidelined Stewart, who open-wheel cars in the Midwest threw heat shields from his to NASCAR's elite Winston shoes at Irwin — an act that

"We weren't always on the best of terms, but we always brought out the best in each downs," he said of Irwin. "But other," Stewart said. "We it was two guys pushing each 15th.

Stewart said he was badly shaken by the death of Irwin. "It was a wakeup call, a reali-

ty check," he said. "I still think I'm going to walk around the corner and find him there."

Last July, Stewart dominated late in the race but lost when he ran out of fuel with less than three laps remaining. His crew inexplicably failed to bring him in for a splash of gas even up the lead late in the race though he was safely in the

would have been his first career He dominated, leading 156 of victory. Later, he won three International Speedway, Mark 273 laps. A year ago, a fuel mistimes on his way to a fourthplace finish in the points race capping the best rookie season in history.

The victory Sunday capped an eventful week for Stewart, whose plane had to make an emergency landing Wednesday in Asheville, N.C., when it developed an engine problem en route to a promotional appearance in Evansville, Ind.

Stewart also won a rain-shortened event last month at Michigan Speedway. A week earlier, he won in Dover, Del..

Joe Nemechek, who won here last September, finished second Sunday in a Chevrolet. After Martin's Ford came the Chevys of Jerry Nadeau and his teammate, three-time Loudon winner Jeff Gordon.

Bobby Labonte, Stewart's teammate, wound up ninth. He leads the series standings by 45 points over seven-time champion Dale Earnhardt, who finished sixth.

Series champion Dale Jarrett, who finished seventh, is 68 points back.

Jeff Burton, the winner of the last three July races on the 1.058mile oval, wound up 11th. Rusty Wallace, who set a track qualify-"We had our ups and ing record while claiming his seventh pole of the season, was By The Associ .591 .558 .500 Pct. GB

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All-Star Game at Atlanta, 8:35 p.m

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CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated RHP Sean Depaula from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Kane Davis to Buffalo of the NEW YORK YANKEES-Purchased the contract of RHP Dwight Gooden from Tampa of the Florida State League. Optioned RHP

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Recalled RHP Ryan Rupe from Durham of the International League. Optioned RHP Cory Lidle to

Ben Ford to Columbus of the International

TEXAS RANGERS—Outrighted RHP Scott Randall and OF Scott Podsednik from the National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Optioned INF-

OF Mike Metcalfe and RHP Jamie Arnold to Albuquerque of the Pacific Coast League. League. BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association ATLANTA HAWKS—Named Garfield Heard assistant coach. MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Signed C Joel Przybilla to a three-year contract and G Jason Hart to a two-year contract.

National Football League NFL—Announced the retirement of Jerry man, director of officials, effective after BASKETBALL

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.526 .444 .444 .333 4 1/2 .176 Charlotte .900 .889 .684 .647 Los Angeles .556 .474 .294 .167 8 1/2 Saturday's Games Phoenix 66, Indiana 65 New York 63, Miami 51 Orlando 64, Seattle 53 Sacramento 78, Washington 56 Sunday's Games Orlando 68, Detroit 62 Houston 70, Minnesota 60 Los Angeles 92, Utah 72 Portland 75, Washington 58 Monday's Games Seattle at Miami, 7 p.m. Charlotte at Cleveland, 7 p.m. CYCLING 2000 Tour de France Stages-Winners

PARIS (AP) — The 21 stages of the Tour de France with stage winner and overall leader in parentheses followed by miles of the July 1 — 1st stage: Futuroscope, 10.3 indi-vidual time trial (David Millar, Scotland)

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July 5 - 5th stage: Vannes to Vitre (Marcel Wust, Germany; Jalabert)
July 6 — 6th stage: Vitre to Tours, 123.3 (Leon van Bon, Netherlands; Alberto Elli,

July 7 - 7th stage: Tours to Limoges, 127.6 (Christophe Agnolutto, France; Elli) July 8 — 8th stage: Limoges to Villeneuve-Sur-Lot, 126.4 (Erik Dekker, Netherlands;

July 9 — 9th stage: Agen to Dax, 112.4 (Paolo Bettini, Italy, Elli) July 10 - 10th stage: Dax to Lourdes-Hautacam, 127.3 July 11 - 11th stage: Bagneres-de-Bigorre

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July 21 — 19th stage: Fribourg-en-Brisgau to Mulhouse, 36.3 July 22 — 20th stage: Belfort to Troyes, 158
July 23 — 21st stage: Paris to Champs-

That blunder cost him what Thompson wins Senior Classic would have been his first career

COLUMBIA, Md. (AP) -Leonard Thompson won the State Farm Senior Classic by combining a marvelous long game with a better-than-average putter.

The best part of his game, however, was from the neck up.

After he defeated Isao Aoki on the second playoff hole Sunday, Thompson gave much of the credit to sessions with sports psychologist Debra Graham.

Thompson, 53, began seeing Graham in late April. After failing to finish better than 15th in his first 13 events of the year, he has since landed in the top nine in six of his last eight tournaments.

"It's very rewarding to know the things you've been working on actually work," he said. "She helped me focus and put things into perspective on the golf course. I take my hat off to her and thank her."

After Aoki birdied three of the final four holes in regulation, Thompson didn't blink when he reached No. 18 needing to make a birdie to force a playoff.

"I had a blast out there," Thompson said. "Having to make a birdie to get into a playoff, that's what it's all about."

Thompson barely missed a 30footer on 18 for an eagle and the win. After both players birdied the par-5 18th hole as the first playoff hole, they played it again.

Aoki missed a 15-footer for a birdie before Thompson made a 2footer for the win, his second in this year, took home \$118,800.

four years on the Senior PGA Tour. His other victory came at the 1998 Coldwell Banker Burnet Classic, when he beat Aoki in a two-hole playoff.

"I was calm as I could be, just like I was in the playoff with Aoki in Minnesota," Thompson said. "But I'm much better emotionally than I was two years ago." Thompson, the co-leader after

the second round, earned \$202,500. He shot a final-round 69 for an 11-under 205 total.

"I didn't putt great, but got enough close to the hole to get some birdie chances," he said. "I thought I was not going to make a bogeys on 14 and 17. shot I needed to make.

Thompson birdied No. 18 all five times he played the hole over the three-day tournament.

a 7-under 65.

"Last week I had an 83 in the under. last round. Today I had a 65, a big improvement," he said. "I didn't make a bogey, so I'm pretty happy."

He trailed Thompson by three strokes before getting a birdie on 15. He then got within a shot of bogeyed the par-3 8th to fall four the lead when Thompson got his shots back. Quigley missed a 5only bogey of the day by threeputting 16.

Aoki birdied 17 and finished the run with a fist-pumping 15-foot birdie putt on 18. Aoki, who had only one top-10 finish in 11 events 6-foot birdie putt to move to 10

Needing a birdie on 18 to tie for the lead, Larry Nelson bogeyed the hole to finish with a 69 for a 207, tied with second-round coleader Dana Quigley, who shot a

Hubert Green had a hole-in-one en route to a 70 and a tie at 208 with Bruce Fleisher and Jim Albus. Green's 22nd career holein-one came on the 152-foot, par-3 11th. Using a 7-iron, he hit a tee shot that bounced three times before rolling the final two feet into the cup.

Green followed that with a birdie on 12 to move to 10 under, never lost my focus, never but fell out of contention with

Thompson started the day tied with Quigley and defending champion Christy O'Connor. Thompson distanced himself Aoki, who started the day four from the co-leaders on No. 3, shots back in a 10th-place tie, shot when he made a 15-foot birdie putt from the fringe to go nine

Quigley lit up a cigar at No. 6 and immediately ran into trouble. He chunked a chip from the behind the green and bogeyed the hole, as did O'Connor.

Quigley and O'Connor also footer for par and O'Connor angrily hacked at the sand after his shot from the left bunker passed the hole by 30 feet. Thompson, meanwhile, made a

All-Star baseball casualty list continues to grow longer

the All-Scar game.

The amazing list of All-Star casualties grew even longer Sunday, with Ken Griffey Jr., Barry Bonds, Cal Ripken, Mike Piazza and Greg Maddux becoming the latest to pull out because of injuries.

McGwire, Mark Martinez, Alex Rodriguez and Manny Ramirez previously were scratched from Tuesday night's game at Turner Field.

"We were looking at who we could've had if everybody was healthy and it looked like it could've been one of the best All-Star lineups of all-time," said Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones, a starter. "It's disappoint-

With Cleveland second base-

ATLANTA (AP) — Just call it man Roberto Alomar also hurt- not play in the series finale Sunday for arguing a called third allowed him to take part Tuesday ing — he was hit by a pitch below the right elbow Sunday there's an injured All-Star at

> "They've been bugging me for a lineup the last few days," said NL manager Bobby Cox of the Braves, "but I just don't know who I can provide right now." Cox once thought he'd have

> McGwire, Bonds and Griffey, the top three home run hitters in the league, plus Piazza in a powerpacked order. No longer. Now, the names of the no-shows are starting to over-

New York Mets announced Sunday night that Piazza was out. The catcher sustained a concussion Saturday night when hit in the helmet by Roger Clemens' fastball, and did

shadow the actual participants.

against the Yankees. "I'm a little groggy," said

Piazza, who will stay home and rest during the break. "I have a headache, obviously."

Cincinnati pitcher Danny Graves, Arizona outfielder Steve Finley, Baltimore shortstop Mike Bordick and Toronto third baseman Tony Batista are among the replacements coming to play.

Injuries around All-Star time are common. Tony Gwynn and lose Canseco missed last year at-Fenway Park and, when the game was previously held in Atlanta in 1972, five players originally picked were absent: Isuis Patek, Gary Nolan and Joe

Griffey will be absent because

strike against Cleveland, the night. Cincinnati outfielder will take Monday in Atlanta, defending the crown he won last summer.

to aggravate it any more," he said. "I'll do the home run competition and then rest for two

Sosa, Sammy Guerrero and Jones will join Junior on the NL side for the derby, taking on Carlos Delgado, Ivan Rodriguez, Carl Everett and either Edgar Martinez or Troy

Ripken's record streak of 16 Aparicio, Amos Otis, Freddie straight All-Star starts will come to an end. The Baltimore third baseman is on the disabled list because of a back injury, but Louis lineup because of knee tenof a sore right knee. Ejected baseball rules would have

Bonds missed his eighth

part in the home run derby straight start Sunday with a hairthumb. The San Francisco out-"I guess they feel I don't need fielder will make the trip to Turner Field.

"I'm going to honor the fans because they voted me in," Bonds said. "After that, I'll wave good-bye. It's better than sitting at home and doing nothing any-

Maddux, one of five Braves on the NL roster, was scratched from his start Sunday at Boston because of a sore right shoulder, having been hit by a ball during expected to be in uniform in batting practice Saturday.

McGwire leads the majors with 30 home runs, but is out of the St.

Rodriguez was knocked out of the game by a concussion. The Seattle shortstop tried to break up a double play Friday night line fracture on the tip of his right and took a knee to the head from Los Angeles shortstop Alex Cora.

> The concussion will keep Rodriguez out for a week. He also twisted his right knee in the collision, and there was a chance he has torn cartilage.

> "It's a little more bit more swollen today, but it feels a lot better," he said Sunday.

Martinez, whose 1.44 ERA is the best in the majors, is out of the Boston rotation with an injured muscle in his side. He is Atlanta, however.

Ramirez, elected to start in the AL outfield, has been on the disabled list for Cleveland since May 30 with a hamstring injury.

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girls died Sunday when the van they were riding in Memorial Hospital Sunday night. with family members flipped three times before landing in a ditch along Interstate 20 in West Texas. and were all related, Taylor said.

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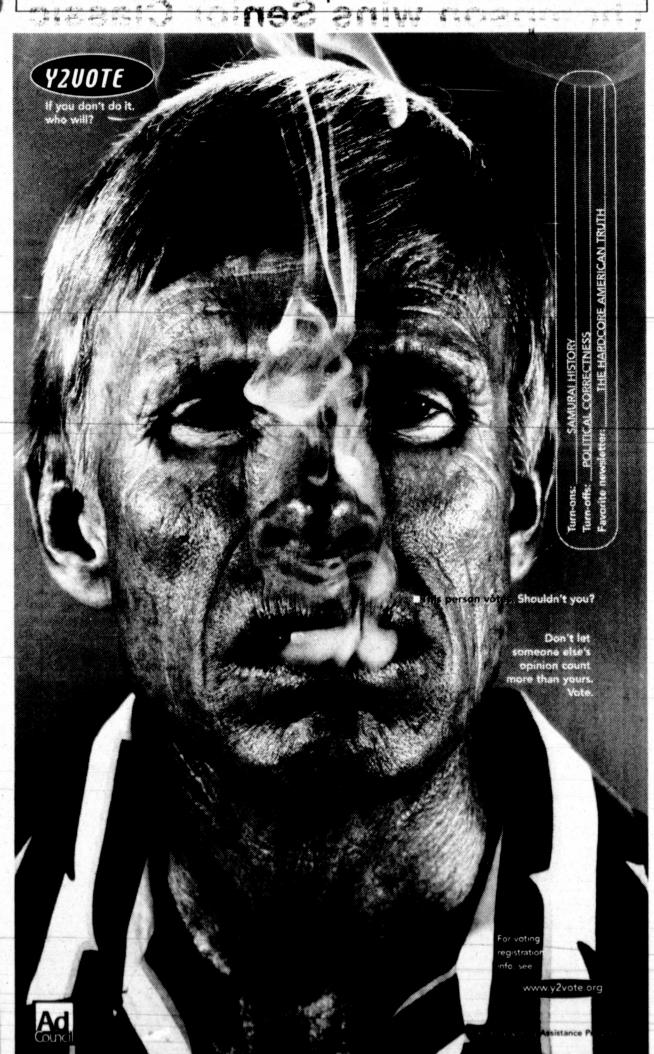
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Healthbeat: Getting heart failure patients on their feet

By LAURAN NEERGAARD **AP Medical Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Jim Kent was the most avid of outdoorsmen, constantly golfing or fishing or hunting. Then a mountain hike left him gasping for air. Heart failure, doctors said. Within a few years Kent's heart was so weak he was housebound and on the waiting list for a transplant.

Almost 5 million Americans have congestive heart failure, where their hearts gradually lose the ability to pump blood. Drugs help many, but those like Kent whose hearts worsen despite medication have few options.

Now scientists are experimenting with a new pacemaker-like device called a "ventricular resynchronizer" that promises to help these struggling hearts beat more normally.

Kent is one of the few Americans to try one - and today the 60year-old Louisiana man is back on the golf course and off the heart transplant list. Prompted by such early promising results, scientists are hunting 2,000 more heart failure patients for a study to prove how well the experimental treatment, made by Guidant Inc., really works.

"Right now there's not a lot you can do for these patients," said Dr. Eric Prystowsky, electrophysiology director at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. "This is very exciting."

Heart failure is not a heart attack. Nor does it mean the heart sud-

Instead, a heart weakened by age, damage from a survived heart attack or some other disease gets flabbier as it struggles to push blood

octors thread three separate pacemaker wires, "leads" that deliver electricity, into a vein near the collarbone. Two leads are popped down to the heart's right side, just like a routine pacemaker implantation. The breakthrough came when scientists figured out how to put a third lead on the more vulnerable left ventricle, so both sides can be sparked to pump together. It's tricky, requiring threading into just the right spot in a vein lying on the ventricle's wall.

out to the rest of the body. Lacking oxygen, patients feel dizzy or faint. Eventually, they're pressed even to walk across a room. Their legs swell. Fluid seeps into their lungs, blocking breathing.

Just half of victims survive five years. When medications fail, they

Enter the ventricular resynchronizer.

It's basically a souped-up and redesigned pacemaker. But it doesn't speed up a sluggish heartbeat like regular pacemakers do. Heart failure causes the opposite problem — the struggling heart beats faster to compensate for weakened pumping. And the heart's two bottom chambers, the ventricles, don't pump together in rhythm like they're

The idea: Resynchronize the right and left ventricles so they pump at the same time, making that pumping more forceful. Then the heart might not wear itself out pumping so fast.

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It's not a cure. But early results are promising, German scientist Dr. Angelo Auricchio told a recent meeting of the North American Society of Pacing and Electrophysiology. In a study of 42 severely ill Europeans, a single month's use of the device improved the heart's pumping efficiency by 15 percent, and significantly increased patients' ability to walk. Longer use seems to be reducing hospital-

Dr. Scott Higgins of Scripps Memorial Hospital in San Diego has implanted 60 Americans with the Guidant device. He says people once too weak to get out of bed now go shopping and do other routine activities. Kent was his best patient, shooting a hole in one last summer months after the implant.

"They're enjoying life more. That's a key advance." Indianapolis-based Guidant, which developed the device at its facility in St. Paul, Minn., just began selling it in Europe. The company is recruiting 2,000 Americans at 80 hospitals for the so-called 'Companion" study to prove its usefulness here. (Check http://www.guidant.com for information.)

It's a hot field: Medtronic Inc. is developing its own ventricular resynchronizer, also called "biventricular pacing." St. Jude Medical is creating another pacemaker-like device especially for heart failure worsened by the irregular heartbeat atrial fibrillation.

The devices' long-term impact isn't proven. But Kent, the Port Allen, La., man, calls his implant life-changing. "It's nothing worse in the world than not being able to breathe ... But right now, nothing's too strenuous.'

EDITOR'S NOTE — Lauran Neergaard covers health and medical issues for The Associated Press in Washington.

Fortify folate levels before

becoming pregnant
HOUSTON — Indulging in folate-rich foods can help wannabe moms guard against birth defects such as spina bifida, a disorder that affects an infant's developing spinal column.

"The critical period for spinal development is the first few weeks following conception, when most women don't even know they are pregnant," said Dr. Debby Demory-Luce, a registered dietitian with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Only a few foods are naturally rich in folate, including lentils, chick beans, asparagus, spinach, orange juice and broccoli. To help women meet their folate needs, the government has added a man-made form of folate, called folic acid, to the list of nutrients used to fortify rice-, corn- and wheat based foods. Some fortified breakfast cereals contain 100 percent of the 400 micrograms of folic acid recommended each day for women of child-bearing ag

Folic acid could do more that protect developing infants. It's also thought to help guard against heart disease.

Not all fats are created egual

HOUSTON — "Fat" might have a bad reputation among many health-conscious eaters, but certain types of fat are essential to a well-balanced, hearthealthy diet.

"There are some fatty acids that the body does not make that we must get from the foods we eat," said Dr. Rebecca Reeves, a registered dietitian with Baylor College of Medicine's Behavioral

Medicine Research Center.

Reeves recommends that no more that 30 percent of daily calories come from fat, with saturated fat making up 10 percent or less of the total. As a whole, dietary fat is important for proper growth and development. It carries the fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E and K, and aids in their absorption in the intestine.

where the fat in their diet is coming from, reduce saturated fat intake and choose more polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fat," Reeves said.

Does food addiction really exist?

HOUSTON — Many health care professionals see out-of-control eating as an addiction. But some research points to society's fascination with food as the main

culprit.
Baylor College of Medicine responses and today's environ-

"Humans used to have to search for food,' said Dr. Ken Goodrick with Baylor's Behavioral Medicine Research Center. "Now food searches us

The current environment is plagued by excessive advertising, large-scale grocery displays, an abundance of high-calorie foods, an obsession with thinness, and a high stress level. Many try to find comfort in food, then follow with restrictive diets.

Goodrick encourages individuals to understand the importance of adopting their ancestors' eating and exercise habits and stop struggling with themselves about

Valid data on supplements for osteoarthritis limited

HOUSTON — While many older athletes are turning to glu- resuscitation decreases sports medicine experts say its of sudden cardiac arrest. true effectiveness is still Less than 1.4 percent of unknown.

"There is some information in den cardiac arrest survive, Dacso the veterinary literature about the effects of glucosamine supplementation, but we still do not have any substantial scientific studies in humans," said Dr. Lon Castle, a sports medicine specialist at Baylor College of Medicine.

Glucosamine is a naturally occurring amino sugar involved in the formation of nails, ten-"A person needs to be aware of dons, skin, eyes, bones, ligaments and heart valves. It is commonly combined with sulfate and taken as a dietary supplement. These supplements are reported to reduce pain and tenderness associated osteoarthritis, reduce swelling, improve range of motion and help cartilage retain its "shock absorbing" property. In addition to supporting healthy joints, these supplements are also though to assist the body in generating connective tissue.

"The bottom line is that we researchers reviewed several don't know a lot about glustudies and found that the inabil- cosamine, but it does not seem to ity to control eating may be the be harmful," Castle said. result of conflicting primitive "However, not every person is going to get the results they hope

> **Defibrillators: Don't leave** home without one

HOUSTON — It's a known fact that fast access to a defibrillator increases an individual's chances of survival after cardiac arrest.

So, it makes sense for older travelers who have undergone coronary bypass surgery or who have experienced angina or a heart attack to consider choosing their airline based on whether it has an in-flight defibrillator, said Dr. Cliff Dacso with Baylor College of Medicine.

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Less than 1.4 percent of people who suffer out-of-hospital sud-

said. Patients who survive sudden cardiac arrest have an excellent long-term prognosis: 57 percent live for five years or longer. Although it is difficult to pre-

dict who will undergo sudden cardiac arrest because many victims have no prior symptoms, prevalence does increase with

According to the American Heart Association, as many as 100,000 deaths could be prevented each year through the widespread deployment of defibrilla-

Seniors at risk for 'Economy Class Syndrome' HOUSTON — Pregnant risk for

Pregnant women and people over age 60 are most likely to be affected by a condition called "Economy Class Syndrome."

According to Dr. Cliff Dacso with Baylor College of Medicine, ECS was first coined in 1988 to describe airline passengers who developed blood clots in their legs after sitting for long periods in cramped seats.

These blood clots can travel to the lungs or other areas, causing severe organ damage," he said. Symptoms can be anything from pain and swelling in the legs and shortness of breath to heart attacks and strokes.

To prevent ECS: don't cross your legs or sit on the edge of your seat since these positions can reduce blood flow in your legs, wear loose clothing, don't smoke and avoid caffeine and alcohol, prop up your feet, above the waist if possible, and most importantly, stand, move about and stretch every hour or so.



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Weight-loss herb tied to 18 cancers

By The Associated Press

A Chinese herb in a weightloss preparation damaged the kidneys of 105 patients at a Belgian clinic and apparently caused 18 cases of cancer among them, researchers

reported.
"Our findings reinforce the idea that the use of natural herbal medicine may not be without risk," Dr. Joelle Nortier of Hopital Erasme wrote in today's issue of the New

England Journal of Medicine.
The report shows how dangerous dietary supplements can be, and should help con-vince Congress that they should be regulated, Dr. David Kessler, former head of the Food and Drug Administration and now dean of Yale's medical school, wrote in an accompanying editorial.

The FDA announced it is stopping the importation of herbs in the Aristolochia family because they had caused kidney failure in Belgium and in Britain, where they were being used to treat a skin condition.

Other cases of kidney damage from Chinese herbs have been reported in France, Spain, Japan and Taiwan, according to

In Belgium, the herb was not listed among the ingredients of the weight-loss pills and was put into them by mistake, Nortier said.

Aristolochia fangchi's name in Chinese is similar to that of Stephania tetrandra, the herb that was supposed to be in the pills, and it often is substituted for the Stephania, according to Kessler.



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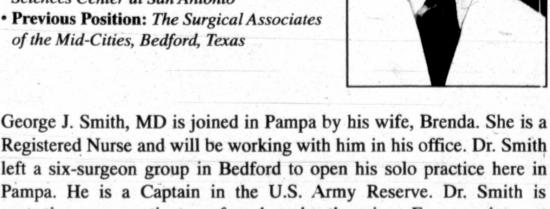
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