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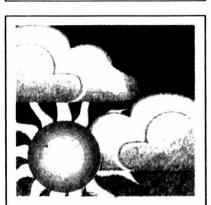
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High today 97-101 Low tonight 70-75 For weather details see Page 2

First Aid, CPR classes July 24-25

PAMPA — Gray County Red Cross plans a First Aid class of July 24 and a CPR Class on the 25th. Both classes run from 6-10 p.m. For information and to pre-register call 669-7121.

Here's latest clue for Golden Horseshoe

There's still no winner of the Golden Horseshoe proving this year's contest to be a bit more difficult than in some years past.

Yesterday's Clue was at Pampa Office

Supply while today's clue is at a discount store.

To recap, the first clue was at National

Bank Commerce, followed by Wayne's Western Wear and Northgate Inn.

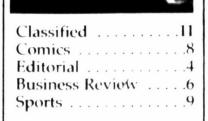
The finder of the Horseshoe gets a box seat for all three rodeo performances and can ride in the rodeo parade.

Blood drive set Saturday

AMARILLO Messer Ford and KMML in Amarillo will sponsor a blood drive from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at the dealership at 3400 Soncy. The drive will also be from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cottee Memorial Blood Center, 1915 Coulter Dr. All donors will receive a 1-shirt and a hot dog.

· Weldon M. 'Doc' Bates, 73, teacher, coach, administrator. · Darlene 'Grump' Howell, 89, retired ASCS chief clerk in Hansford County.

• Kenneth Paslay, 76, retired truck driver.



Sober pleads guilty to assault, DWI

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

Justin Sober, convicted of intoxication manslaughter in the death of Stacey Sehorn, received an additional 12 years to his prison sentence in 31st District Court here Monday for two counts of intoxica-

In a plea bargain arrangement presented to District Judge Steven Emmert, Sober pled guilty to two charges of intoxication assault in exchange for two six-year sentences to run concurrent with the 12-year prison term he is presently serving for the

death of the Pampa teenager.

A concurrent sentence means it is served at the same time as the original sentence, thus no more jail time to serve is really added.

Sober's attorney, Michael Warner, asked that a third charge, the January 2000 driving while intoxicated arrest, be included as an admitted but unadjudicated offense.

Two indictments charged Sober with intoxication assault on Nakisha Horton and Shawn Reames. Horton and Reames were passengers in Sober's pickup truck on May 30, 1999, when it ran through the intersection of Loop 171 and the Lefors

After being sworn in as a witness, Assistant District Attorney Matt Martindale aşked Justin Sober, "Are there any apologies you'd like to make to anyone in the courtroom?"

"No," he answered.

highway, south of Pampa, hit the bar ditch and landed in a field near the highway. Both received extensive injuries in the crash. Horton remained in a coma for months and Reames' face had to be reconstructed, according to testimony in the intoxication manslaughter trial. Sehorn

died at the scene.

Intoxication assault is a third-degree felony with a punishment range of two to 10 years in the penitentiary and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Wearing an orange and white jail uni-

(See **SOBER**, Page 2)



(Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore)

Blake Owen of White Deer loses his seat and bites the dust as the calf comes out of the chute during the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show Monday.

Kid Pony **Show results** Last round tonight

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association has posted results of Monday's Kid Pony Show currently under way at the rodeo arena. The Kid Pony Show will conclude this evening and this year's Top O' Texas Rodeo will begin Thursday.

Calf Riding GROUP III: Kasey Anderson, Amarillo, first place; Ty Dooley, Sunray, second place; Braden Turner, Dumas, third place.

Flag Race

GIRLS GROUP III: Collin Purseley, Pampa, first place; Carley Richardson, Pampa, second place; Laramie Wing, Dalhart, third place.

BOYS GROUP III: Luke Russell, Stinnett, first place; Zachary Christopher, Dalhart, second place; Cody Schiffman, Pampa, third place. (See SHOW, Page 2)

Grant Gillispie, 3, stays on his horse Buttercup while eating a Pampa High School Band Boosters hamburger during Monday's Kid Pony Show. Gillispie is the son of Shawn and Jenny Gillispie of Amarillo.

Water plan draft almost complete

By DAVID BOWSER **Staff Writer**

WHITE DEER — The Regional Water Planning Group expects to send a draft of their state-mandated regional water plan in the Austin by the end of the summer.

"We will have a draft by the first of August," said C.E. Williams, chairman of the group. "It will be submitted to the Water Development Board.

The Texas Water Development Board will review it, make comments and return it to the district by October.

"The final plan has to be in Austin in January," Williams said. A public information meeting is scheduled for July 27. A hearing

on the draft plan is tentatively set for Aug. 31. The informational meeting will be a video teleconference connecting Amarillo, Childress, Canadian and Stratford through a regional

(See WATER, Page 2) Man posts \$100,000 bond

A Pampa man that was the subject of an intensive manhunt in June is free on \$100,000 bond today.

Marshall Clayton Johnson, 34, 1441 Charles, was charged in mid-June with aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Johnson was accused of beating George Glen Eggleston, 34, 1120 S. Wells, on June 8, in Pampa.

Pampa police said Eggleston was asleep in his living room about 4 p.m. that Thursday when a man entered his home and threatened him, striking him in the eye and chest with a stick or a pole. Eggleston later collapsed and was taken to an Amarillo hospital. He was reported in critical condition today suffering from severe head trauma at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

A warrant was issued for Johnson, who became the subject of an intensive manhunt that lasted five days until officers captured him in (See MAN, Page 2)

Registration deadline for dog election July 12

Voters throughout Gray County will be going to the polls Aug. 12 to decide if they want dogs registered throughout the county. Anyone who is not registered to vote and wants to vote in the elec-

tion must register in the Gray County Tax Assessors' office by Wednesday, July 12.

All voters in Gray County are eligible to vote in the election. If the measure passes, all dogs which belong to owners outside the Pampa city limits will have to be registered with the county. Dogs inside the city limits would not be required to be registered with the county as they are registered with the City of Pampa.

County Attorney Todd Alvey said dog owners cannot be required to register the animals with two entities.

The election stems from an incident in which a miniature pony located outside the city limits was attacked on April 16 by two pit bull dogs. Owner of the horse, Sheryl hester, owner of the horse, spearheaded the petition drive to take the issue to the voters.

Quite frankly... What is your favorite rodeo event?



"The clowns. make it so funny."

- Kris Ann Rogers



in the Kid Pony Show."

Chelsie Douglas



I'm riding one ..."

Adam Parks



They "The barrels. I'm riding "Bull riding, definitely. "I like bull riding and "Wrangler Bull Fighting saddle bronc riding."

Guy Folley



is my favorite."

- Wayne Stribling

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

PASLAY, Kenneth — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

WELDON M. BATES

BRYSON - Weldon M. "Doc" Bates, 73, a longtime educator in the Texas school system, died Sunday, July 9, 2000, at Bryson. Services are to be at 2 p.m. today in Coker Funeral Home at Jacksboro with Jimmy McNeal, a Baptist minister of Bryson, officiating. Burial will be in Bryson Cemetery under the direction of Coker Funeral Home of Jacksboro.

Mr. Bates was born June 17, 1927, at Pottsboro. He graduated from Childress High School and later West Texas State University, receiving a master's degree in 1950. He married Louise Price of Skellytown in 1947.

He was a teacher, coach and administrator in Texas schools for over 30 years in various communities including Skellytown, Groom, Lefors, Sanford-Fritch and Stratford. He was a longtime member of Lions Club International and was active in the organization's Crippled Children's Camp at Kerrville.

He was a councilman for the City of Bryson after retiring as superintendent of its schools in

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in the Pacific theater during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Lela Mae Bates; and two brothers, Thomas Victor and James William Bates.

Survivors include his wife, Louise, of the home; two daughters, Sue Ann Foster and Tammy Brooks, both of Bryson; two sons, Larry Bates of Jacksboro and Bill Bates of Burney; a sister, Margaret Simmons of El Paso; two foster sisters, Jane Felton of Childress and Savolia Schmutzler of Westcliff, Colo.; 18 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to American Cancer Society or to Lions Club International Youth Projects.

DARLENE 'GRUMP' HOWELL

SPEARMAN — Darlene "Grump" Howell, 89, mother of a Pampa resident, died Sunday, July 9, 2000. Services are to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Patrick officiating. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Howell was born in 1910 at Granite, Okla. She had been a Spearman resident since 1911, moving from Granite. She married Lester Howell on July 28, 1928, at Spearman; he died in 1981. She was chief clerk for the Hansford County Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service, retiring in 1985 after 30 years of service.

She belonged to First Baptist Church of Spearman and was an avid bridge player. She was preceded in death by a son, Bobby

Jack Howell, in 1935. Survivors include two daughters, Pat Dear of Spearman and Kay Crouch of Pampa; two sisters, Edna Cunningham of Amarillo and Helen Rawls of Phoenix, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and

The family requests memorials be to Spearman Little League in care of Gary Ellsworth, P.O. Box 331, Spearman, TX 79081; or to a favorite charity.

KENNETH PASLAY

12 great-grandchildren.

WHITE DEER — Kenneth Paslay, 76, died Saturday, July 8, 2000. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa. Burial will be under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Mr. Paslay was born in Kansas. He married Myra Flannagin in 1961 at Friona. He moved to White Deer from Groom and belonged to First Baptist Church of White Deer.

He was a retired truck driver. Survivors include his wife, Myra; two daughters, Karen Long of Turlock, Calif., and Sharon King of White Deer; two sons, Richard Paslay of Stockton, Calif., and Corey Paslay of White Deer; a brother, Leroy Paslay of Bakersfield, Calif.;

three grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Police report

Pampa Police reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, July 10

A CD stereo player, patio furniture and china, all valued at more than \$550, was reported taken from a home in the 800 block of Locust.

A vacuum cleaner, an AT&T computer, a Sharps television set, a Panasonic television set, a black Ludwig drum set, a Sharps VCR and miscellaneous clothes, videos and CDs were reported taken in a burglary from a home in the 1700 block of Grape.

An assault causing bodily injury was reported in the 100 block of Foster.

A cordless phone was reported found.

A microwave oven, valued at \$300, was reported taken from a home in the 1900 block of

Three old batteries were reported taken from a building in the 100 block of South Ballard.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, July 10 Correan Keeler York, 38, 1171 S. Hobart, was arrested on charges of issuance of a bad check. Jack R. Needham, 43, Hines RV Park, was arrested on a warrant charging him with aggra-

vated assault with a deadly weapon.

Tuesday, July 11 Bobby Ray McGinnis, 68, 1437 E. Francis, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Accidents

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

Sunday, July 9

A 1992 Chevrolet pickup driven by Amanda Ruth Sexton, 19, 412 W. 17th, was in collision with a 1979 Honda motorcycle ridden by Michael Patrick Frazier, 40, 1108 Sirroco. Sexton was cited for failure to yield.

A 1989 Dodge Dynasty driven by Scottie Cosper Herring, 73, 632 N. Nelson, was reported to have been in collision with a parked 1997 Dodge pickup belonging to Angelica Alvaravo, 629 N. Christy, and a sign in the 500 block of North Hobart. Herring was cited for failure to pass to left safely and failure to meeting requirements upon striking an object or vehicle.

Monday, July 10 Joe Barton, 59, 607 N. West, reported that while riding a bicycle he had been struck by a gray Chevrolet Citation in the 2100 block of North Banks on Friday, June 16.

Tuesday, July 11

A car driven by Bobby Ray McGinnis, 68, 1437 E. Francis, was in collision with a Pampa Police patrol car driven by Officer Shawn Christopher Waters, 29, in the 700 block of West Montagu. McGinnis was cited for driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, July 10

2:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Cherokee and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Brown and transported one to PRMC.

3:43 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony in

7:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Starkweather and transported one to

9:43 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300

block of Brown and transported one to PRMC. 10:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, July 10

6:18 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a Lifestar standby at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Carson County

The Carson County Sheriff's Department issued the following report for the week of July 3-9 when four people were booked into jail. Twelve persons were incarcerated plus an additional eight prisoners who are being held for other jurisdictions.

Arrests

Brian E. Wahlert, 25, Abilene, other agency warrant/theft by check.

C.L. Farmer, 71, Pampa, driving while intoxicated, no driver's license and traveling the wrong way on a one-way.

Juan Salazar, 57, Amarillo, unlawful carrying of a weapon, no driver's license and failure to maintain a single lane.

Keith Contreras, 18, Stinnett, public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Smokers ask for punitive damages of \$196 billion

MIAMI (AP) — Smokers in a landmark case damages from the tobacco industry to punish it Florida smokers against the nation's five biggest for ruining the lives of millions of sick and addicted customers.

Each side has two days to summarize the classasked Monday for up to \$196 billion in punitive action case on behalf of 300,000 to 700,000 sick cigarette makers.

The industry was expected to begin its remarks

Commissioners meet Friday

Gray County Commissioners Court will consider Historical Commission. a courthouse restoration funding agreement with the state Friday. The meeting at 9 a.m. in the court-

The commission will consider the process they will take in notifying the Texas Historical Commission regarding any courthouse changes planned in the possible restoration of the building. Changes may not be made to buildings with a Texas Historical Marker without approval from the Texas

Also to be considered is a contract with ArchiTexas, an architectural firm specializing in historical preservation.

County Attorney Todd Alvey will discuss the Rabies Control Act with the commission. Authorization to pay bills and salaries as approved by the county auditor and consideration and approval of intrabudget transfer requests is also on the agenda.

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SOBER

form with his hair closely shorn, Sober stood before Emmert and pled guilty to the two charges. Horton and Reames sat in the courtroom with a victim advocate. Darrell and Linda Sehorn, parents of Stacey Sehorn, sat behind them.

After being sworn in as a witness, Assistant District Attorney Matt Martindale asked Sober, "Are there any apologies you'd like to make to anyone in the courtroom?"

"No." he answered.

Judge Emmert spent approximately 20 minutes reading the pre-sentence investigation presented by the Gray County Probation Office and two victim impact statements submitted by Horton and Reams

After he finished reviewing the documents, Emmert asked Horton and Reames if they had anything they wished to say. Both indicated they did not. He asked Martindale if he had approved the plea bargain with the victims. Martindale said he had. Emmert asked if the victims were satisfied with the plea bargain arrangement. Both said that they were.

"I'll approve the plea bargain based on the fact that the victims approve it," the judge told Sober, adding that the DWI would be taken as an admitted but unadjudicated offense. Sober also waived his right to appeal.

Sober remained in the county jail today where he has been since his conviction in the Sehorn death. Officials there said they did not know when he will be tranferred to the Department of Corrections.

In other court action Monday, Judge Emmert ruled on two other plea bargains and three motions to revoke.

A felony charge for possession of a controlled substance against Vernon Eugene Herring of Pampa was reduced to a Class A misdemeanor offense. Herring received one year in Gray County Jail, probated to two years probation, \$140 restitution, driver's license suspension for 180 days and 40 hours of community service.

Joseph Anthony Moneyhan of Howardwick, charged with delivery of a controlled substance, received a two-year sentence in the state penitentiary, probated to one year probation, a \$1,000 fine. \$140 restitution, driver's license suspension for 180 days and 120 hours of community service.

Probation was continued for Wanda Jean Nash of Hugo, Okla., with the condition she pay off her probation delinquencies, \$1,000 on Monday, and \$200 per month until they are paid.

Kenneth Wayne Griffin was sentenced to four years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on a motion to revoke and Michael Shane Dunn received one year in Gray County Jail with credit for time served after his probation was

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SHOW GIRLS GROUP IV: Lisa Maez, Dalhart, first place; Keeley Longo, Groom, second place; Misty Pairsh, Lefors, third place.

BOYS GROUP IV: Clay Paige, Amarillo, first place; Brendan Sullivan, Dalhart, second place; Loagan Helton, Pampa, third place.

Pole Bending
GIRLS GROUP III: Carley Richardson, Pampa, first place; Collin Pursley, Pampa, second place; Laramie Wing, Dalhart, Pampa, third place.

BOYS GROUP III: Jake Harrel, Leedey, Okla., first place; Colten Hicks, Dalhart, second place; Tanner Batenhorst, Dalhart, third place. BOYS GROUOP IV: Loagan Helton, Pampa, first

place; Cody Elam, Dalhart, second place; Brendan Sullivan, Dalhart, third place. GIRLS GROUP IV: Keeley Longo, Groom, first place; Lisa Maez, Dalhart, second place; Kelsey. Alders, Skellytown, third place.

Calf Riding BOYS GROUP IV: Loagan Helton, Pampa, first place; Clay Paige, Amarillo, second place; Cody Elam, Dalhart, third place.

Goat Undecorating GIRLS GROUP III: Carley Richardson, Pampa, first place; Laramie Wing, Dalhart, second place; Libby Dyson, Pampa, third place.

GIRLS GROUP IV: Lisa Maez, Dalhart, first place; Cheyenne Noble, Clarendon, second place; Ashley Hicks, Dalhart, third place. **Barrel Race**

GIRLS GROUP III: Carley Richardson, Pampa, first place; Collin Pursley, Pampa, second place; Jamie Pergeson, Pampa, third place.

BOYS GROUP III: Jake Harrel, Leedey, first place; Tyler Spillers, Amarillo, second place; Colten Hicks, Dalhart, third place. GIRLS GROUP IV: Keeley Longo, Groom, first

place; Lisa Maez, Dalhart, second place; Kelsey Alders, Skellytown, third place. BOYS GROUP IV: Loagan Helton, Pampa, first place; Brendan Sullivan, Dalhart, second place;

Clay Paige, Amarillo, third place. All contestants received blue participant ribbons." thank sponsors of the Cal Farley Family Program for Children — without these generous donors the Cal Farley children would not have been able to

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participate in the show.

MAN

Donley County.

Police officers accused Johnson, during the manhunt, of being involved in a series of assaults, threats and break-ins.

Gray County Sheriff Deputies Gary Noblett and Heath Cates tried to arrest Johnson on Saturday morning, June 11, and chased him through a South Pampa neighborhood,

Johnson eluded capture. • Acting on a tip, a Gray County

deputy, a Texas Ranger and a Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers field inspector joined Donley County authorities to capture Johnson in a house at Howardwick, near Greenbelt

Donley County Chief Deputy Butch Blackburn led Field Inspector Kelly Rushing, Texas Ranger Gary Henderson and

Gray County Deputy Noblett to the trailer house in Howa

While Henderson and Lashing circled behind the house, the two deputies entered through the front. Johnson surrendered quietly, according to Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland.

"He was nothing but 'give-up' when I got close to him," Blackburn said.

Texas death row inmate dies in prison hospital

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - A Texas death row inmate condemned for killing a prison guard 15 years ago has died while being hospitalized, prison officials said Tuesday.

Ramon Mata, 51, died Thursday evening at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice hospital in Galveston. He had been taken there June 26 from the Terrell Unit near Livingston, which houses death

"The provisional cause of death is septic shock, an overwhelming infection," corrections department spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said. An autopsy was planned. Fitzgerald said prison officials were having difficulties finding family members for the Reeves County native

and former oil rig worker but he had pre-arranged funeral plans, which would be followed. Mata, with two burglary prison sentences already behind him, was serving his third term in the Texas prison system — a 30-year murder (nail tech) is back at Chez Tanz, sentence for the 1978 execution-style killings of two Pecos County men — when on June 3, 1985 he fatally stabbed 41-year-old correc-

northeast of Huntsville. In an interview following his 1986 murder trial in Madisonville, Mata said he stabbed the woman with a butcher knife he took from the prison kitchen. At the time he had been a trusty, a prison inmate granted special privileges as a trustworthy person.

tions officer Minnie Houston in the officers mess hall at the Ellis Unit

Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy on Tuesday ranged from the with a less than 20 percent 60s to low 80s. Extremes were chance of rain today, a high of 64 degrees at Marfa and 86 at 97-101 and south winds from Laughlin Air Force Base near 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy Del Rio. tonight with a 30 percent Also, it was 71 degrees at chance or rain, a high of 70-75 and south winds at 10-15 mph. Tomorrow, less than a 20 per-

STATEWIDE Temperatures rising to triple conditions over far West Texas. digits are expected through

cent chance of rain and a high. of 95-100. Yesterday's high was

95; the overnight low 73.

kept most moisture away.

Early-morning temperatures

Conroe and 81 at Odessa.

Winds were mostly southerly at 5 to 15 mph in most of the state, but southeasterly at 10 to 15 mph along the Rio Grande plains and the eastern Big Bend, with light and southerly

Patchy mid- and high level midweek across many parts of clouds covered far West Texas Texas as a high-pressure dome and the extreme northern

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Panhandle. The National Weather Service forecast only a slight chance of afternoon and evening showers thunderstorms through Wednesday for far West Texas, western Panhandle, Guadalupe Mountains and Big

Bend. Most daytime highs through Wednesday were expected to range from the 90s to over 100 degrees in the Rio Grande plains and near 105 in the Big Bend. Some readings in the 80s could cool coastal areas and the far western mountains.

Lows overnight should range from the 60s to 70s.

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Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furrs Cafeteria. PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at .Francis Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN **STAR**

Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of meeting nights from the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 790. West Kingsmill.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Door Alcoholics schedule - seven days a week two meetings a day -noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

FPC SUMMER HOURS

Frank Phillips College in Borger will begin observing summer hours May 26. From May 26 through Aug. 11, the college offices will be open from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 7:30 a.m.-12 noon Friday.

MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS Museum of the Plains is currently exhibiting "Panhandle-Wide Panoramic Photography" by Louise Daniel and Jim Jordan through Labor Day. The museum is located at 1200 N. Main in

A&M University.

NBC scholarship

CROWN OF TEXAS HOSPICE

Texas Rose Restaurant in Pampa. The luncheon is a social time for 800-274-4673. those who are grieving the death of a loved one. For reservations or for more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

Frank Phillips College in Borger meals, T-Shirt, cap, judging manuthe Eastern Star, has changed their al and notebook. Deadline for pre-274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. Miami School, Miami.

GEM THEATRE (across from Albertson's) meeting Dr. Carale Manning-Hill. The Theater entertainment will feature an oldfashioned melodrama. The cast Terrill Conrad, Michael Green, Dixie Hunsaker, Kym Klarich, Carl Lansbury and Janet Westbrook. After intermission, Deanna Campbell will present a medley of musical favorites. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling (806) 226-

Frank Phillips College has announced the following upcoming continuing education and community service courses for the Class," 8 a.m.-6 p.m., July 15; to Publicize Your Organization?," 1-5 p.m., July 21, 28 and Aug. 4; and Kids' College Session IV. For more information, call 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family eduby the cancer center and the 14092.

Crown of Texas Hospice will Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. host "Sunshine Lunch," a Dutch this month. For more information, treat bereavement luncheon, from call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, 11:30-1 p.m. Monday, July 24 at ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphthewill host a Livestock Judging ria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping Camp July. 26-29 at the college cough (pertussis), measles, rubelcampus. FPC Judging Coach and la, mumps, HIB (haemophilus Ag Instructor Buddy B. Curry and influenzae Type B) and chickenthe FPC Livestock Judging squad pox (varicella). The TDH will will provide all camp instruction. charge money to help with the The camp is designed to teach par- cost of keeping the clinic open. ticipating 4-H and FFA students The amount charged will be based the fundamentals of Livestock on family income and size, and the Evaluation. Cost of the camp will ability to pay. The following clinics be \$100 and will include lodging, will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., July 19, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 12registration is July 1. For more 4 p.m., July 24, City Hall, third Tuesdays to the second and information, call Curry at (806) Canadian; and 12-2 p.m., July 20,

CANYON ENTERTAINMENT

Every Friday, Saturday and The Gem Theatre in Claude will Sunday throughout July Palo present the Community Heritage Duro Canyon State Park will offer Players at 7:30 p.m. July 16 and 17. and evening of education and Anonymous at 910 Kentucky The group is under the direction of entertainment at the Interpretive near Hackberry Campground in the park. Topics will include canyon history, will include Wayne Blodgett, wildlife, geology and plants and Terresa Collins, Jeromy Collins, programs will vary from music, storytelling and slide shows. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

New Jersey Rainbow Poets is sponsoring a special religious poetry contest. A \$1,000 prize will be awarded the winner with a total of 28 other prizes, all totaling over \$3,000. To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, PMB70, 103 N. Wood Ave., Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter on-line at month of July: "Basic Life Support www.freecontest.com. The deadline is July 20.

FAMILY CHRONICLE

Family Chronicle magazine is seeking genealogy success stories. The publication plans to collect a "1,000 brickwall solutions" for inclusion in a special publication of the same name. Stories can range from 50 to 800 words. Submissions should be mailed to: "Brickwall Solutions" Family cation support group sponsored Chronicle, Box 1201, Lewiston, NY

TEACHERS CONSERVATION INSTITUTE

Registration is currently under for Texas Forestry Association's week-long Teacher's Conservation Institute summer workshop to be held June 25-30, July 9-14 and July 16-21. Teachers will receive a first-hand look at forestry in East Texas by touring forest product mills, a Tree Farm, a logging operation, a nursery and a seed orchard. They will also be trained in Project Learning Tree and Project WILD. The first session is currently full but spaces are still available for the other two sessions. Registration is \$75 and includes all food, lodging and materials for a week. For a free brochure or for more information, call TFA at (409) 632-TREE; e-mail ccalhoun@texasforestry.org; or write P.O. Box 1488, Lufkin, TX

AIYSE

Student Exchange Program is seeking host families for 25 high Germany, Belgium, Spain, Denmark and other foreign countries for the upcoming school year. The students, age 15-18, will arrive late in August and return home in June. The students are screened and have spending money and medical insurance. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575.

LAMAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Students accepted into the Texas Academy of Leadership in Humanities, a two-year residential honors program at Lamar University in Beaumont, are eligible for full tuition scholarships for up to 15 credit hours per semester. Enrollment is currently underway for the fall 2000 semester. For more information, call (409) 839-2995, fax (409) 839-2991 or e-mail TALH@hal.lamar.edu.

COAF WEBSITE

The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recentlaunched website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information. T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

(T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024. AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meeton Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work ses-

> PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge American International Youth Club plays Monday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or school students from France, more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

> SUMMER STORY HOURS Lovett Memorial Library Summer Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. Monday and Tuesday in the library auditorium through July 25. Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, is in charge of the free program. No registration is required. Groups interested in participating in the program may contact Brookshire to arrange dates and times. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

> **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 CONFERENCE

The Nurse Oncology Education Program and Amarillo College will present a "Growing Up With Cancer: A Family Focus" conference from 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. July 14 at Amarillo College, West Campus Lecture Hall. The event will be worth 7.7 Type I contact hours for nurses and 0.6 CEUs for alcoholic or drug addicted parent social workers. Early registration employment is subsidized as well as information for teachers, is \$45 plus a \$10 student registration ree which must be postmarked on or before July 7. To register, bring a copy of student ID. On-site registration will be \$60. For more information call 1-800-515-6770.

PARADE OF PONDS Ogallala Water Gardeners in

TASS posts Grain Stocks Report

AUSTIN - June 1 stocks of totaled 1.0 million bushels, up sorghum (milo) and wheat in 200,000 bushels from a year ago, Texas showed increases from

According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, stocks totaled 280,000 cwt, down 17 percent from last year while off-farm stocks totaled

while off-farm stocks totaled 67.4 million bushels, up 13 per-

Stocks of corn in all positions June 1 stocks of sorghum in all in the United States totaled 3.59 positions totaled 19.2 million billion bushels, down 1 percent hundred weight (cwt), up 73 from the June 1, 1999, level. All percent from the 11.1 million old crop wheat stocks, at .950 cwt on hand a year ago. Farm million bushels, were up slightly from the June level of 946 million bushels a year ago. U.S. stocks of sorghum totaled

19.0 million cwt, up 76 percent. 71.1 million cwt, up 9 percent Stocks of wheat in all posi- from last year. Soybean storage tions June 1, 2000, totaled 68.4 was 775 million bushels, down 9 million bushels, up 13 percent percent, and oats on hand from last year's level of 60.4 mil-totaled 76.0 million bushels, lion bushels. Farm stocks down 7 percent from June 1999.

Amarillo will hold its third annual "Parade of Ponds" Water Garden Tour from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 15 in Amarillo. An additional night tour will be from 9-11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 with children under 12 (accompanied by an adult) free. Tickets and a map/brochure will be available on the day of the tour from any of the homes. Advanced tickets may be purchased at the following locations: Amarillo **Botanical** Coulter Gardens Gardens, Pitter Patter Pets, Nursery, Panhandle Greenhouses and Rolling Hills Aquatic Gardens. For more information, visit the club's website

www.amaonline.com/owg

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.primetime2000.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 whose through local, state or federallyrunded programs); 2) nominations for affiliates, franchises, partnerships 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.





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Opinion

Abuses of power are still evident

■ There still is much to be done in combating waste and power abuse by government.

Two recent studies by Washington think tanks offer different, but complementary takes on the federal government's continuing and troublesome tendency to get bigger and more meddlesome.

The first, "Ten Thousand Commandments," is the Competitive Enterprise Institute's annual compilation of new rules and regulations issued by the federal government.

Federal agencies handed out 4,684 final rules and regulations in 1999, including 137 "economically significant rules that will have at least \$100 million in economic impact."

The total cost of regulation by federal agencies is \$700 billion annually, according to CEI. That comes out to \$7,400 per family each year adding a significant cost to the nearly \$2 trillion that the federal government spends in a more direct manner.

As for the Republican Revolution: CEI notes that 23,000 final rules have been passed since the GOP took control of Congress. And the Federal Register's 71,000-plus pages are at the "highest level since Jimmy Carter's presidency and a 4 percent jump over 1998.

The second report, "The National Directory of Environmental and Regulatory Victims," puts a human face of the cold numbers detailed in the CEI report. Compiled by the National Center for Public Policy Research, the directory provides short case studies of citizens who have been victimized by government rules, regulations and abuses.

After all, when agencies write and enforce rules often with little oversight by elected officials they constrict the liberties of individual Americans. There's no way around the fact that when government power grows, individual freedoms dimin-

Here are some headlines from cases documented in the directory

-Regulations Deny Elderly Handicapped Woman Access to -Legal North Carolina Business Ruined After Fish and

Wildlife Service Raid -New Jersey Man Loses Land So Owl Might Keep Options

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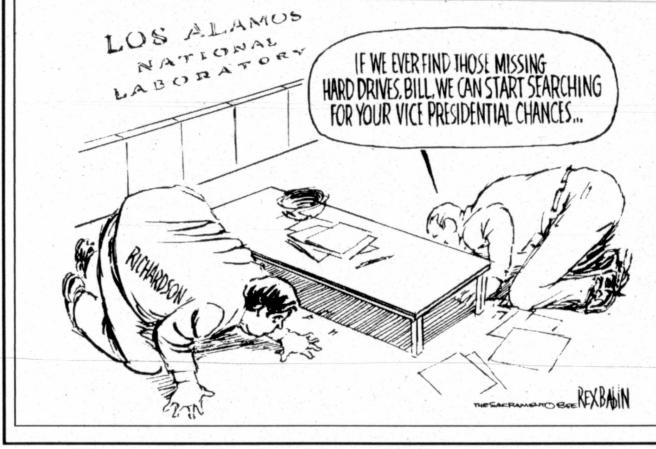
Man for More Than 30 Years These increasing incidences of regulatory abuse are the

product of the unchecked growth in the size and power of government regulatory agencies over the past 30 years," U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage wrote in the introduction to the report. "Most Americans don't know about these abuses. Unfortunately, before the abuses can be stopped the American people need to know there's a problem.'

Both the CEI and the NCPPR reports go a long way toward informing Americans of a genuine problem. For an on-line copy of "Ten Thousand Commandments" turn to www.cei.org. For an on-line copy of the "National Directory of Environmental and Regulatory Victims," turn to www.nationalcenter.org.

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Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Tuesday, July 11, the 193rd day of 2000. There are 17, days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History On July 11, 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton in a pistol duel near Weehawken, N.J.

On this date: In 1533, Pope Clement VII excommunicated England'

King Henry VIII. In 1767, John Quincy Adams, who would become the sixth president of the United States,

was born in Braintree, Mass. In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

In 1864, Confederate forces led by Gen. Jubal Early began abortive invasion of Washington D.C., turning back the next day.

In 1934, Franklin Roosevelt became the first U.S. president to travel through the Panama

In 1955, the U.S. Air Force Academy was dedicated at Lowry Air Base in Colorado.

In 1977, the Medal of Freedom was awarded posthumously to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station Skylab made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia. In 1980, American hostage

after eight months of captivity because of poor health, left Tehran for Switzerland. In 1989, actor Laurence

Richard I. Queen, freed by Iran

Olivier died at age 82.

Ten years ago: Leaders of the Group of Seven nations concluded their summit in Houston by encouraging Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev to enact reforms in return for Western aid.

It is rodeo week once again

Once again it's rodeo week.

As I look back through the years, I realized that the Top O' Texas Rodeo has played a pivotal part in my life. Imagine that!

Pampa and the surrounding area has celebrated rodeo week for more than half a century. I haven't been around that long, but I do remember going to the rodeo when I was a child. The smells, the sounds, the excitement enthralled me. I hoped and prayed someone would let me ride their horse, or at least hitch a ride on the back.

I had a horse, a Shetland stallion named Little Joe, but Dad wouldn't bring him in to the rodeo. I know now why, but I couldn't understand it at the time. I'd hang onto the fence and watch the grand entry with every fiber of my being reaching out to be a part of it.

Walking around the south side of the rodeo grounds where the bucking stock pens were added more excitement. Those Brahma bulls were the biggest, meanest-looking things this tiny little girl had ever seen. They looked like

mountains to me. Rodeo week always came in July just before my birthday. I remember asking for Western shirts as a present for my ninth birthday. Mom and Dad took me to Addington's Western Wear on Cuyler and let me pick out two Western shirts. One was a red bandanna print (I can never resist red), and the other was a odds. At times, it's almost mind boggling. pastel plaid with silver threads running



Dee Dee Laramore

those shirts and my younger brother's handme-down jeans, and boots, I thought I was the coolest thing that had ever hit the rodeo

Many years later, I returned to Pampa and began working as an editorial typist for The Pampa News. I had always dreamed of being a newspaper reporter and a writer, but life and circumstances had gotten in the way of the dream. I was 24 years old. That summer I went to the rodeo. I looked up in the announcer's box and saw the newspaper reporter and editor up there covering the rodeo. Once again, I yearned with all my being to be in that spot, doing that job. I wanted to be a newspaper A year later, I sat in the press box as a

reporter for The Pampa News covering the rodeo. I had achieved my dream, against all

One year, when I was no longer a reporter through it and pearl snap buttons. Wearing but an editor, reporter Bear Mills came to me

and said he had been asked to be part of the Celebrity Pick-up race, a new addition to the rodeo's opening night festivities.

"I'm scared of horses. I don't want to do it,"

I jumped at the chance. "I'll do it," I offered. I hadn't ridden a horse in more than a decade. What was I thinking?

My first obstacle came in the form of Donald Maul, one of the rodeo directors. They hadn't planned on women being in this race. He finally relented and okayed my entering the race. Since then, many women have participated.

My partner was Ted Simmons, then-county commissioner from McLean. We borrowed a horse from Neil Fulton. We won the first heat, but lost the second. Richard Gattis and his partner won the belt buckle, a fact he reminded me of for years

But there was still a dream I hadn't realized. My first desire to ride my horse in the grand entry. I achieved that dream in July 1993 when finally broke down and bought myself a horse. T.J. was a green-broke colt when I first rode him into the arena, but he tried his best to do what I asked him to do with only a little buck here and there. I get tickled when I watch it on videotape.

As we made a turn and I found myself looking into the stands, with little kids hanging on the fence, my heart filled my throat. It may have taken 19 years, but I was there. I was finally there.

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High court ruling on prayer flat wrong

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that a school district may not allow a student to lead a prayer at a football game.

It's interesting when you recall a statement made by Mikhail Gorbachev - America's favorite liberal — to a group of Communist Party officials on Dec. 15, 1987, in Uzbekistan:

"There must be no letup in the war against religion because as long as religion exists, communism cannot prevail. We must intensify the obliteration of all religions wherever they are being practiced or taught."

Gorbachev is a disciple of the late Sardinian communist Antonio Gramsci, who advocated the policy of active social demoralization.

The Supreme Court ruling is simply flat wrong. The justices as much as admitted it in their majority opinion by prattling on about how a Christian prayer makes nonChristians feel like outsiders. What has that got to do with the Constitution? There is no constitutional protection for anyone's subjective feelings. C.S. Lewis, the great Christian thinker, noted, "Subjectivism about values is eternally incompatible with democracy."

The only thing the First Amendment states is that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Since when is a local school district the federal government? And since when does a prayer spoken in public



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

establish anything? And if a student can't pray in public in Texas, how come the late president of the United States, Franklin Roosevelt, led the nation in a public prayer over national radio

And if forbidding a high-school student from leading a prayer at a football game isn't prohibiting the free exercise of religion, what is it? We would do well to remember the words of George Washington in his farewell address, in which he states that anyone who is an enemy of religion is an enemy of republican government.

It's interesting that Washington sees religion are bigots, plain and simple. as essential to a free republic and Gorbachev sees the destruction of religion as essential to the triumph of communism. That means that both men are smarter than the majority of the justices on the Supreme Court who wrote this latest opinion on public prayer.

When the communists in Russia failed to root

out religion, despite the slaughter of priests and parishioners alike, it used a fallback strategy of infiltrating the church and of confining religion to within the four walls of the church.

That is what is happening in America. All of these rulings and harangues by left-wingers are delivering the same message: Keep your religion to yourself. It has no place in the com-

This, of course, is a contradiction of more than 200 years of American history. Religion has always played a prominent role in public affairs and in government. Under the Constitution, the states could establish religion or set religious tests for public office, and nearly all of them did.

This anti-prayer business is of recent origin, dating back only to the 1960s. Americans should realize that all federal judges are the result of political patronage. These characters are political appointees, not necessarily scholars and certainly not saints. As for people who claim to be offended by hearing a prayer, they

I would say to the people of Texas: If the spirit moves you, say your prayers at football games. If the U.S. government wishes to send armed marshals to arrest a youth for uttering a Christian prayer, then the people would at least see the true, ugly face of the government, which hides behind a smiley face mask.

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CHESTER, S.C. (AP) — Detective Charles Howe got some good news and bad news last week. The good news: The local YMCA's bus stolen last month had been found.

The bad news: It was in Central America.

The U.S. Consulate in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, contacted Chester police Friday, saying that a bus bearing the stolen vehicle's identification number and "Chester County YMCA" painted on the side had been found July 3. It vanished from Chester on June 10.

Authorities here are curious about the road trip by the 1992 tan bus.

After all, Honduras is 1,469 miles away, but the options for getting there are a Caribbean voyage — an expensive proposition — or driving through five states, into Mexico and then navigating hundreds of miles through mountain roads to the country located between Guatemala and Nicaragua.

In order to get the bus back, YMCA officials must send proof of ownership and a Spanish translation of the police report by Aug. 16, or the vehicle will be auctioned off in Honduras.

The gospel according to Andy, Barney and Opie

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A minister here is promoting the

gospel according to Andy, Barney and Opie. The Rev. Jerry Sims said "The Andy Griffith Show," featuring the

adventures of the redheaded Opie, bumbling lawman Barney Fife and the other residents of Mayberry, covers every walk of life. "So Sims' church, Avondale United Methodist, will offer Bible studies based on episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show." The ses-

sions starting next week are free and open to the public. The Bible studies are "something that can reach people between the ages of 25 and 40," Sims said. Both churchgoers and nonchurchgoers have expressed interest in the "Andy Griffith" Bible study, he

The series, which aired from 1960-68, touches upon universal moral themes such as honesty, how to treat others and loving your

Each class of the four-week Bible study will open with a viewing of a 20-minute episode of "The Andy Griffith Show" on a large screen in Avondale's fellowship hall.

What's in a name?

DENVER (AP) — If hurricane names sound like a prep school roster — Arlene and Bret, Hilary and Irwin — wildfire names sound more like the lineup for a rodeo — Bobcat and Buster Flats, Sewemup and Klinger.

Wildfires are christened by the first firefighter to pinpoint the flaines and are named for often-obscure geographical features near-

"They usually pick a drainage or a mountaintop — some geographical feature that will be the best defining spot," said Justin Dombrowski, a spokesman for interagency firefighter teams drawn from the local, state and federal governments. Before the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land

Management required fires to be named after geography, wildfire names were even more surprising. The Monkey Fire got its name because the first firefighters on the

scene found a man in a burning tree. The I Do Fire was reported just after a firefighter and his bride had exchanged vows. Groom and groomsmen — also firefighters — took off for the blaze.

Personal fire names are a thing of the past, though. "We're getting pretty persnickety about that," said Lynn Kolund, of the land bureau. "Everybody knows the policy now, and it's pretty much standardized.'

It's a bird! It's a plane! Its a?

ROTTERDAM, N.Y. (AP) — It's like Kenneth Smith Jr.'s car knew what was coming.

The Hyundai was parked at Carman Body Works on Monday morning when a 4-by-4-inch metal piece came out of the sky, shattering the rear window, bending the window frame and denting the

The car was empty and no one was hurt. The Federal Aviation Administration is looking into whether metal from an airplane flying overhead was responsible.

Garage owner Bob Valachovic saw the car and first assumed the damage had been done by teen-age vandals. But then he saw a piece of metal behind the car that looked like a part from an airplane.

"I picked it up, and it was kind of hot," he said. Valachovic called police immediately because he thought there might be a damaged or disabled plane in the area. Rotterdam police reached the same conclusion, and they contacted the FAA in

"It certainly looks like it came from an aircraft. However, they haven't been able to identify the aircraft yet," said FAA spokeswoman Arlene Salac.

Mother, tot die in septic tank fall when mom tries rescue

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — A 28-year-old woman and her toddler died Monday after they fell into a septic tank at their home in rural Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

Authorities said Isabel Moreno fell into the septic tank while trying to rescue 18-month-old Gerardo Iturbide, who fell into the tank as he crawled across a board covering the opening.

Neighbors pulled the woman and child out of the tank shortly before rescue crews arrived, but attempts to revive them failed. "I gave her mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, but she had no vital

signs," police officer Martinez Diaz told the Laredo Morning Times. State attorney general investigator Carlos Resendez declared Moreno dead at noon and ordered an autopsy.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Esther Dinsmore and State Representative Warren Chisum visited at a Fourth of July program at the Pampa Nursing Center. Chisum spoke briefly to the residents at the center.



State Representative Warren Chisum visited with Bertha Carter when he talked with residents at the Pampa Nursing Center. Chisum was featured in a patriotic program at the center.

Grief-stricken, boy climbs in dad's casket

BOSTON (AP) — A young son of a man kicked." beaten to death at his son's youth hockey crawled into his father's casket during his wake, a friend said.

friend of Michael Costin, told ABC's Good Morning America." "It was a very difficult moment for a lot of people." He said the wake was held Monday.

Costin, 40, of Lynnfield, died two days after being beaten unconscious in front of children on Wednesday. The single father of four had recently won custody of all his children. A funeral service was scheduled for later Tuesday in Lynnfield, a Boston suburb.

Thomas Junta, 42, of Reading, was released on \$5,000 bail Monday after pleading innocent to manslaughter in Costin's death. Junta's lawyer, Thomas Orlandi, said his client was acting in self-defense, and that the victim started the fight.

There are two sides to every story," Orlandi said at the arraignment. "Mr. Junta ... has bruises to his ribs. He has bruises and cuts on the inside of his legs where he was defending himself from where he was

The fight started during an informal pracgame was so overcome with griet that he tice at the Burbank Ice Arena in Reading, 15 miles north of Boston.

"It was a very sad situation," Gene Ellison, ers — including his three sons and Junta's 1992 with assault and battery. There was no son. Junta, watching from off the ice, became finding in that case. concerned that the playing was getting rough, his lawyer said.

When Junta yelled at Costin to stop the rough play, Orlandi said, Costin "skated over to Mr. Junta, swore at him and said 'That's what hockey is all about."

wrestled. A rink manager ordered Junta to leave, but he came back in.

"The two men then squared off, exchanged blows. And Mr. Junta, who stands about 6 feet 1, weighing 275 lbs. approximately 100 lbs. heavier than Mr. Costin — quickly gained the upper hand," Middlesex County Assistant District tody.' Attorney Gerard Butler said.

In arguing it was self-defense, Orlandi The Boston Globe reported Tuesday.

mentioned Costin's police record, which included multiple convictions for such charges as weapons possession and assaulting a police officer. Prosecutors said Junta Costin was on the ice supervising the play- also had a record, having been charged in

Authorities had sought \$25,000 cash bail, but the judge agreed to a lesser sum because of Junta's family and clean recent record. A truck driver for 13 years, Junta has a son, 10, and a daughter, 16.

Speaking on NBC's "Today" show Prosecutors said Junta ran onto the ice Tuesday, Augustine Costin blamed his son's screaming at Costin, and that the two men legal difficulties on personal and family

'He wasn't a criminal, he wasn't a bad kid. He had a drinking problem, and there was a problem with the family," Costin said. "And all the reason why he was in jail was because he was trying to get his children back because the courts gave the wife cus-

Augustine Costin himself was convicted of If convicted, Junta faces up to 20 years in manslaughter in the stabbing death of another son, Dennis, 17, about 25 years ago,

Gore, Bush spend down their treasuries

WASHINGTON (AP) — As by collecting more than \$90 both George W. Bush and Al another \$4.8 million in June. Gore are draining their campaign

Most of it will be spent on staff, travel and expenses associated with the upcoming national party conventions. Bush also is developing a last-minute TV

advertising campaign. After the conventions, neither butions. Republican Bush nor Democrat spend private money, except to pay legal and accounting costs.

million in taxpayer funds to since post-Watergate reforms finance their fall campaigns. Because they are accepting the federal funds, they cannot spend any money raised for the pri-

maries on the general election. Bush had \$7.1 million on hand as of May 31, and Gore had \$9.6 million. Both can continue spending it through the conventions. Republicans meet July 31-Aug. 3 in Philadelphia, and the Democrats from Aug. 14-17 in Los Angeles.

Bush, the Texas governor who smashed all fund-raising records

they prepare to accept their par- lion from more than 300,000 indi- spending in exchange for federal ties' presidential nominations, viduals in all 50 states, raised funds.

His tab for July will be far less, however, since the campaign is winding down its fund-raising operation. Since late June, Bush's campaign has stopped holding 3. big-ticket fund-raising events and has relied upon direct mail and e-mail for last-minute contri-

Bush, who declined federal tive message," McClellan said. Gore will be permitted to raise or matching funds for the primary campaign, can spend as much as record-setting spending total of he can raise through the conven- \$83 million through May 31 has Instead, each will receive \$67.6 tion. He is the first candidate gone for advertising. tion to win his party's nomina- was limited to spending \$40.5 spending.

- tion after declining to limit million through the convention,

Spokesman Scott McClellan ing a television ad campaign before Bush accepts the Sen. Bill Bradley. Republican nomination on Aug.

"Our focus is always on maximizing our resources toward voter contact and spreading Bush's compassionate conserva-

More than one-fourth of Bush's

plus legal and accounting costs. He went through much of his money early in the campaign in said the campaign was consider- response to an unexpectedly strong challenge from former

The vice president's early spending raised concerns that he would reach the spending ceiling months before the convention, as Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole did in 1996, and would be hobbled while Bush continued to raise and spend money.

But after shifting his campaign headquarters from Washington to Nashville, Tenn.; cutting staff Gore, on the other hand, and defeating Bradley, Gore were enacted for the 1976 elec- accepted federal funds and thus managed to hold the line on





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LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY will offer a summer children's reading program in June and July. Children will receive a reading log to keep a record of the number of minutes they read. Every child who reads three hours in June and July may choose a book. Gift certificates will be given to children who read the most. For more information, call 669-5780. FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck sup-

665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067

RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION meets at 2 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center. For more information, contact Carolyn Smith, 665-5158

FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH hosts "Second Sunday Singing" from 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. Singers and musicians from all over perform congregational singing. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Mina Towey, 665-8529

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will celebrate its 30th anniversary in the Year 2000. A new exhibit, "A Season of Change, 1900-200," will go up in January to celebrate the anniversary and the millennium. The

exhibit will run from January-September.
WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will be selling leaves and rocks to go on the new bronze Heritage which is in the Holland Wing. The items may be purchased all year as memorials and tributes to families, family members and friends.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER support groups for victhe fourth Saturday of each month at the Clyde tims of family violence — both women and children meet every Thursday evening. For more informaper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, tion, call Diane about the adult support groups, 669-

1788, and Nita about the children's support groups,

669-1131. TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Coordinating Council meets once a month. For more information, call Ann, 669-1131.

MEALS ON WHEELS Garage Sale, 900 N. Frost, will be every Monday throughout February and April. For more information, call Cindy Gindorf, 669-1007.

PAMPA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER Water Aerobics class will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713, or Lee, Betty or Liz at Pampa Youth Center, 665-0748.

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL office will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. PALC volunteers work with people who need basic reading/writing skills as well as English as a second lan-

guage. For more information, call 665-2331.
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PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. For more information call Sharon King, 665-2818.

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-7501.

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WOMEN OF THE MOOSE Charity Bingo every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 W. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome.

~ Business Review



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Pam Hathcoat is a third generation family member actively involved in the family business, Pampa Communications and Pampa Communications Satellite. Her four month old son, Rylan, accompanies her to work each day as she manages the Pampa Communication Satellite part of the business. It is located at 641 N. Hobart.

Pampa Communications Satellite

the Pampa Communications Ardmore, Okla, she said. Satellite business as employees are constantly signing up new customers and providing information about the services provided by the local business.

Business is growing rapidly, said Pam Hathcoat, manager of the local business.

"We wanted something different to offer our customers when we began the satellite business one and one-half years ago," said Pam. She said not only does Pampa Communications Satellite sell satellite dishes, but the business also installs and provides service to them. Customers get over 500 chan-

developed a wide customer base, and it extends all over the Texas Panhandle and into Oklahoma.

Communications Pampa outside the immediate area. ness a few feet away. towns an, Dumas, Canadi

Busy is the best word to describe Borger, Stinnett, Wheeler and April, 1960, at 111 S. Ballard. In

The business is currently offering a special at their business. She said those who are current cable customers are being offered a special through July 31. They can receive a free satellite dish and installation during the special.

Pam enjoys her work. She has been working at the business 11 years. A third-generation member of the business which her grandmother began, Pam said she loves the contact with people.

"I have met all kinds of people and made many good friends," said the young woman.

She has raised her children at the business, and her customers nels, she said. She said they have have become acquainted with the dences, industrial businesses and family. Her two older sons, Roper, oil-field related businesses. 11, and Rodee, 7, came to work with her for many years. Now, her 4-month-old baby, Rylan, sleeps in Satellite is constantly expanding his swing as Pam conducts busi-

including Miami, and E.C. Fulton opened they plan to keep right on grow-Perryton, Answering Services of Pampa in ing-right here in Pampa

1966 the business relocated to 641 N Hobart and renamed Pampa Communications. Her grandfather died that year and Dorothy continued to run the business until she retired in 1991.

At that time her daughter, Beverly Snider, took over. Beverly continues to manage the Pampa Communications part of the business. It has served as an answering service, a two-way radio communications business and a two-way repair shop. They sell cellular phones and rent/sell pagers.

The answering service is maintained 24-hours a day.

Customers include doctors, Hoover Fire Department, resi-

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FCC affirms PUC report, assessment

AUSTIN — The Public Utility Commission of Texas enthusiastically welcomed the Federal Communications Commission's order allowing Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. to enter the long distance market in Texas.

"I'm delighted the FCC agrees with us and said it in such a strong order," said PUC Chairman Pat Wood, III. " ... (This) action ensures that Texans will enjoy additional benefits from competition in both long distance and local telephone service."

"Southwestern Bell has earned the right to provide long distance service by opening the local telephone market in Texas," said PUC Commissioner July Walsh. " ... (The) action by the FCC begins a new era where Texas customers will have more real choices for all telecommunications, including customized service packages."

"The PUC will continue to play an active role in monitoring compliance and making sure the Texas phone market remains open to competition," said PUC Commissioner Brett A. Perlman. "We're committed to making Texas the most competitive market for local phone service in the country."

Competing phone companies already have won more than 1 million local SWBT residential and business lines in Texas. In the past few months competitors such as AT&T, Sprint and WorldCom have made significant inroads in local residential service. Birch, Sage and Z-Tel are just some of the other competitive local providers marketing to residential customers in the state. In addition, numerous other companies have been selling to business and data customers.

The federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires each regional Bell telephone company to prove competition to provide local telephone service exists in its home area before it can offer long distance service to its home customers. The PUC was required to assess SWBT's performance in opening Texas' local service markets. Final permission for SWBT to offer long distance service to Texas customers must come from the FCC

SWBT asked the PUC to support its long distance entry application on March 2, 1998. Over the past 27 months, the company worked in a collaborative process in which SWBT, competing companies, other interested parties and the PUC to implement an open telecommunications market in Texas.

Play to benefit youngster suffering from Wegener's Granulamatosis

AMARILLO — Jaybee and without the use of an aid. Associations of Amarillo will present the play "Malcolm in the act play there will be raffles for Middle" at 7:30 p.m. July 25 for dinners, clothing, etc., and a the benefit of the Amanda silent auction is in the offing for Nicholson Fund and the some Hollywood memorabilia. Wegener's Support Group Inc.

Wegener's is a very rare disease and Nicholson is one of less expected. than 50 youngsters who have been reported with the illness. are teens and the majority are When she was finally diagnosed, students at a number of high she went through months of schools in the panhandle area. chemotherapy, dialysis and suffered a loss of hearing. In been opened at First National November of 1998, she received Bank of Amarillo. a kidney transplant from her mother. Today she has regained more information, call (806) 359-

In addition to the original one-Granulomatosis The cast of "Malcolm in the Middle" has sent an autographed script and more is

The performers for the evening

An account for Nicholson has

Admission is by donation. For about 50 percent of her hearing 9752 or e-mail jaybee@arn.net.

Annual Woody Guthrie Tribute in offing

By THELMA BRAY Pampa Woody Guthrie Tribute

The Annual Pampa Tribute to Woody Guthrie will be Sept. 3 and 4, during Chautauqua, sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts Association Labor Day weekend, in Central Park. The event will include Jam Sessions and Woody Guthrie

This year's "Woody Guthrie musicians" will perform on stage in the park for one hour. Pat Stewart of St. Lewis, Mo., and Sarah Atherton of Amarillo will organize music and musicians. Hopefully Frank Simpson of Madison, Wis., will be there, as well as many other musicians. Everyone is invited to participate.

Woody Guthrie is on the Mall in Washington, D.C., this summer. That is the lead story in the current Folk Alliance Newsletter, which also reported the Woody Guthrie exhibit traveled to D. C. after "an extremely successful run at the City Museum of New York.'

Also reported was information on an album just released by Righteous Babe Records of the Woody Guthrie Tribute Concert in September 1996 at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum Music Master series (title "Til" We Outnumber 'Em.")

The local organization continues to work on a book about Woody, titled "Reflections, The Life and Times of Woody Guthrie." So Pampa library. Hughes, a former much happened during Guthrie's Pampan, said, "Woody's seclusion that Woody Guthrie himself had so lifetime and he was a part of it writing songs and recording the widened his vision, gave him conhistory of America, from the fidence in his mind, and started the Depression to the dust bowl days

to World War II. An important part of the times of moments." Woody Guthrie here in Pampa were the times he spent in the city library. He enrolled in Pampa High

in the Pampa City Library gushers of poetic language he would always have at creative

The Woody Guthrie story is a great story and Pampa was a part of it. We say, "Who would have cated himself, as Richard Hughes. old boy came to Pampa, Texas, in July 14-16.

much to write about and so much

to sing about. This story is also about the town of Pampa when Woody came - a progressive, growing town of beautiful homes, churches, schools and business buildings — that is a story that must be told also.

See you in Okemah, Okla., to School but dropped out. He edu- ever believed that when a 17-year- help celebrate Woody's birthday

Bouquet of Gardens Tour in offing

tour weekend will be the Garden Steak-Out July 21. the interiors of the home. in the garden of John and Betty Lovell.

from an open grill, accompanied by all of the trimmings. Entertainment will be a musical variety show of "oldies" from the 40's and 50's by Tim Lewis, vocalist, and Kent Watson. Lewis, a classically trained vocalist is also a writer and composer. Watson, who received his formal training at the University of Oklahoma, serves as pianist and arranger for the "Starjazz Trio" and also performs solo concerts and in his own show, "Joplin & Co."

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AMARILLO — Amarillo Botanical Gardens' den is reflective of the Santa Fe style architecture of Bouquet of Gardens tour of private gardens is the home. The garden is a series of adjoining courtscheduled from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. July 22. Kicking off the yards and patios, incorporating the outdoors with

-32 Tascosita Circle. Ken and Tarrie Pirtle's gar-Steaks (or chicken breast) will be served sizzling den is an oasis in a desert setting. Nestled in the arid terrain of the hills of Tascosa, the garden features a pond, lush vegetation and a greenhouse where Ken demonstrates his passion for growing orchids.

—3003 South Lipscomb. Jack Sisemore has developed his garden for out-door entertaining. The main features include gazebo for grilling, dining and relaxing and a pool with a waterfall. Plantings are designed and selected to accentuate the beauty, elegance and tranquillity of these sculptural elements.

Tickets are \$15 per person for the tour and \$40 per person for the Steak-Out. Reservations are required -1600 Bellaire. Robert and Ginger Green's gar- and may be made by calling (806) 352-6513.

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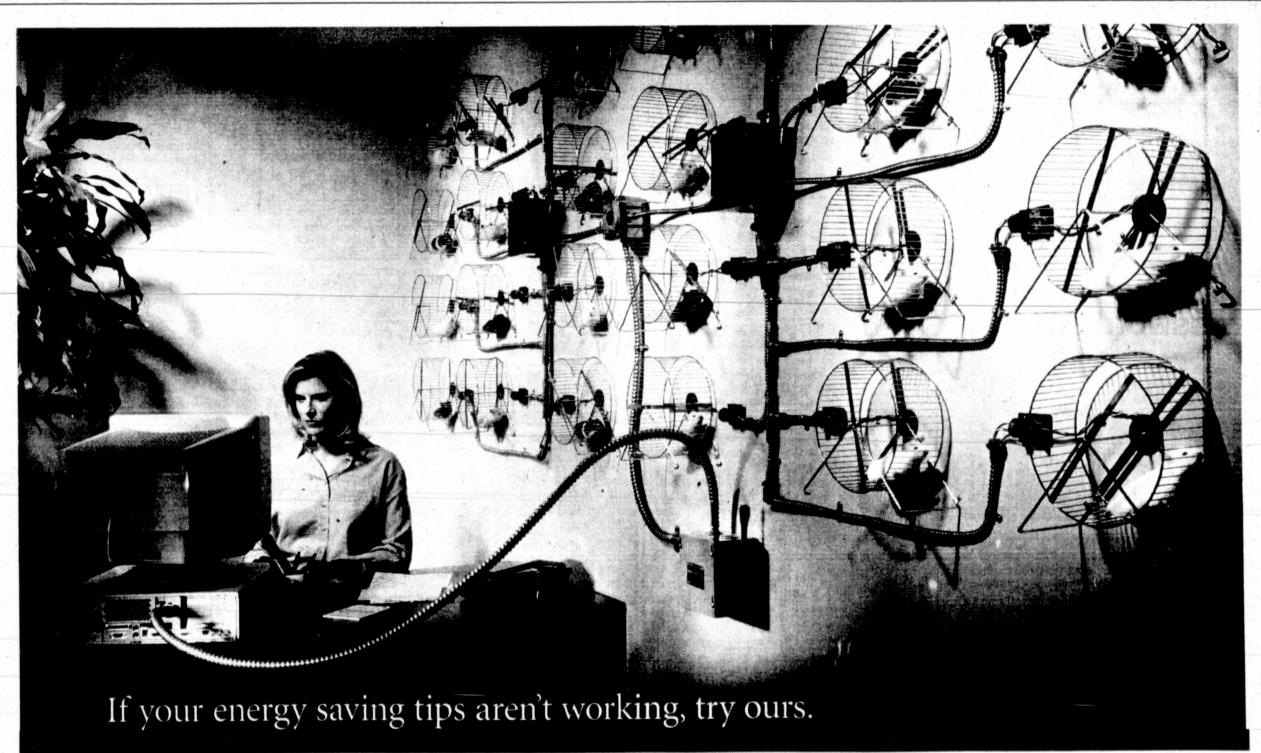
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Youngsters in these types of situations must be made aware of the

1. You are a victim, and the abuse you are suffering is not your

2. You do not deserve to be treated this way.

3. If you are being burned, bitten, or hit hard enough to leave marks or bruises, you are being abused.

4. If you are not being fed well enough or taken to the doctor when you are sick, if you are locked in a room for hours, or left home alone at too young an age - you are being neglected. Neglect is a form of

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2000

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

★★★★ You're up for a risk. Don't lie

back. Act on impulse and inspiration. A

friend cheers you on. Your results could

differ from your expectations, but they're

ing him clearly. Tonight: Rent a movie.

ence proves to be helpful. Brainstorm.

*** * Others hold the cards, but

lose control. Detach yourself, and refuse

to run headlong into a confrontation.

another. As a result, count on a new perspective from a key associate. Tonight:

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Tonight: An important chat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Accept an invitation.

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1 Wheel

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offering

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41 T-shirt size 42/Takes it

easy

29 Paris pal 30 Nutcase

23 Field pests 26 Colors 27 Rhino feature

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

4-Positive:

5-Dynamic:

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

'ARIES (March 21-April 19)

line for hearing-impaired is 1-800-222-4453. The Web site is Abigail www.childhelpusa.org.

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CHRIS MONACO, PH.D., DIRECTOR

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make a radical change. Others sometimes have a difficult time relating to you because you manifest so many diverse personalities. A new person on the scene proves to be unusually lucky for you. Tonight: Where the action is. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

* Choose to do little as you reach an important conclusion. Turn inward and zon, but curb a tendency to put this per- seek your own intuition. You sense son on a pedestal. Tonight: Let fun back something about a co-worker. Be sure you want to work with him. Anchor money dealings. Leave nothing in the air. * Take charge at home and at Tonight: Vanish and cocoon.

sidering a home office. You would flour- *** A friendship builds. You most positive. Revise your thinking ish in this mixed environment. A profes- don't see another in the same light. about a loved one. You might not be see- sional opportunity opens a new door, so Check in with yourself to see how much walk on through. Your finances will you might be distorting your perspective. * ★ ★ ★ Another applauds your actions. controlling manner. Tonight: Mosey on Energize through your sense of humor and love of the good times. Tonight: Let

it all hang out.

ciates a new purchase. Tonight: Could be

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to a child or loved one. You land on your feet, no matter what. Your good instincts direct your actions. Tonight: Work late. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Infuse your mental ingenuity into your work. Let your imagination flow. Be spontaneous with ideas. Another joins in on your flight of fancy. A new relationship appears on the horiinto your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

work. More and more, you could be con- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) flourish A family member responds in a Throw

You bring in the bucks because of a home. strong decision. You revise your ideas LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) about how you are going to deal with

* * * * Reach out for others. Go that PISCES (Feb. 19-March-20) associates. Consider a boss's opinion or extra mile. A conversation turns your *** You're in charge, and now that another's feedback; this person's experimind around about a key issue. Emphasis you are at the top of the mountain, you is on long-distance travel, publishing and change your mind about certain key matlegal matters. A child or loved one touch- ters. Learn to do this process more often es you on a deep level. Brainstorm and so that you can understand a boss. swap ideas. Tonight: At a favorite spot. Follow a hunch. A family member apprethat doesn't mean you need to let go and SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Financial matters must take a late night. precedence. You work hard to make facts Your overview helps you understand and figures match. Don't spend more BORN TODAY money than necessary. Revise your Skater Kristi Yamaguchi (1971), actress thinking about a partner. Expect support Cheryl Ladd (1951), personality Richard and good ideas. You make a strong team Simmons (1948) because of your different views. Tonight:

Marmaduke

For Better or For Worse





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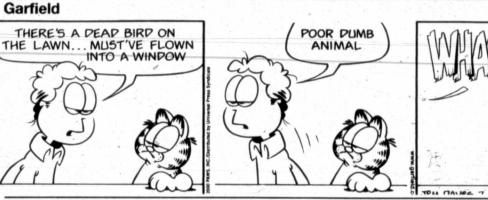
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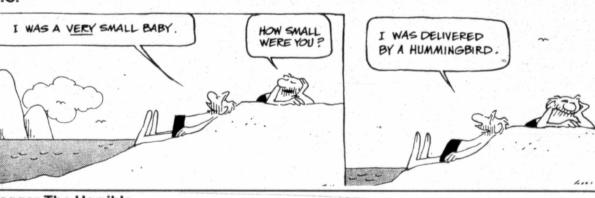


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* * * ★ An associate's idea appears to Togetherness counts. be inspired. Follow through and internal- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ize a new structure in your work. **** Your smile melts ice cubes, http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. Efficiency counts. Take charge and listen wins the day at work and allows you to **Crossword Puzzle**

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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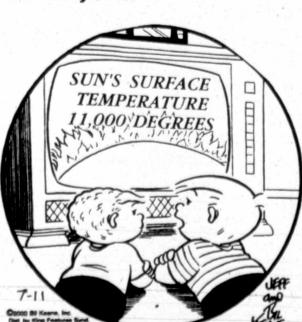
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The Family Circus



'Yeah, but Daddy says it's a DRY heat."

Peanuts WHAT WOULD YOUR FANTASY TEAM BE CHARLIE BROWN?

A TEAM THAT DOESN'T HAVE YOU ON IT!



Blondie FEEL GREAT

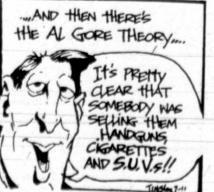




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SPORTS

Notebook

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) - Two days after winning the Wimbledon singles title, Venus Williams teamed with sister Serena to beat Air Sugiyama and Julie Halard-Decuguis 6-3, 6-2 to become the first sisters to capture the women's doubles championship, their third Grand Slam doubles title.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Williams family makes good television. If the preliminary ratings for Wimbledon are any indication, that could translate into consistent growth of tennis' popularity.

"If the Williams sisters continue to win major tournaments," former CBS Sports president Neal Pilson said, there's no question they have the charisma or personality to assure that there will be large audiences for their matches.

The numbers were certainly strong for Wimbledon as a whole, particularly Saturday and Sunday.

The average big-market overnight rating for NBC's nine days of Wimbledon coverage - some live, some tape-delayed — was a 3.7, an increase of 12 percent over last year's 3.3.

The Williams sisters, Venus and her younger sister, U.S. Open champion Serena, played a large part in that jump.

On Saturday, when Venus Williams' straight-set defeat of defending champion Lindsay Davenport made her the first black woman to win at Wimbledon since Althea Gibson in 1957-58, NBC got a 4.4 — 42 percent better than the 3.1 in 1998, when Jana Novotna beat Nathalie Tauziat.

The final hour of their Wimbledon semifinal — a match aired on tape-delay Thursday afternoon pulled in a 5.0 overnight rat-

When they won the raindelayed doubles champi onship Monday, NBC's "Today" went to Wimbledon three times for a total of 11 minutes of live coverage.

NBC also pulled in a 5.0 overnight rating for Sunday, which included Sampras' rain-interrupted four-set victory over Patrick Rafter for his seventh singles triumph at the All England Club and a record 13 Grand Slam titles. That's a jump of 25 percent over the 4.0 the network got for the 1998 final between Sampras and Goran Ivanisevic.

Last year's ratings — about the same for Sunday - aren't a good basis for comparison because rain pushed the men's and women's to later in

Each rating point represents one percent of the nation's TV households, and overnight numbers cover about 60 percent of the United States. Nielsen Media Research will release full national ratings later this week.

"Tennis feeds off personalities and rivalries perhaps more than any other sport and certainly it is now enjoying, on the women's side, some very marketable players," Pilson said.

"It may be too early to say tennis will have a boom, but it's certainly going to enjoy healthy ratings.

Whether or not the sisters can have the sort of impact on tennis' ratings that Tiger Woods has had on golf's will depend on the sisters' ability to win consistently and the sport's ability to market itself.

It helps that there are plenty of personalities in women's tennis right now, including Martina Hingis, Mary Pierce and Anna Kournikova.

"A lot depends on what tennis does to capitalize on this superstar situation and this special interest situation," said Ron Fredrick, managing director of national broadcast for MindShare, an advertising agency. "Even before Tiger Woods came along, golf had been very aggressive.

Pampa downs Borger in District One opener

PAMPA — The Pampa Little League Softball All-Stars moved to within one win of a district center field. Borger Borger had one runner the 10-run rule.

Each team had won Area titles and are playing a best two of three Maggie Hopkin were series to determine the issued back to back District One champion.

pitched the first inning, walking three and striking out three while not ners. allowing a run.

first, singles by Amy reached on an error. Youree and Cassy Tice The next batter struck along with six base on out. An RBI single scored balls allowed Pampa to Borger's leadoff hitter. A All-Star team members take a commanding 7-0 flyout to Youree and are Callie Cobb, Amanda

change in the top of the bat.

Softball

advanced to third.

In the bottom of the second, Cassy Tice and walks. The next three Pampa's Nicole Clark Pampa batters were retired in order, stranding the two Pampa run-

Borger was able to score one run in the third In Pampa's half of the when the leadoff batter

another strikeout by Hood, Kari Terrell, Jackie Pampa made a pitching McVay ended Borger's at Gerber, Autumn Darden,

of Clark, who moved to Terrell scored after being and Stephanie McVay.

issued a base on balls to extend Pampa's lead to 8-2.

title Monday night at scored one run in the sec- reach after being hit by a Optimist Park. Pampa ond on a leadoff single to pitch in the fourth. A flybeat the Borger All-Stars centerfield. With two out to Youree and two 12-2 in a game that went outs, a single scored the groundouts to Stephanie just four innings due to Borger runner who had McVay ended Borger's at

> Pampa plated four runs in the bottom of the fourth on an error and seven base on balls to bring the score to 12-2.

A win by Pampa tonight will clinch the district championship. The Pampa-Borger game starts at 7 at Optimist

Pampa Little League Nicole Clark, Kalya



second when Stephanie In the bottom of the Debose, Maggie Hopkin, Pampa's Kari Terrell loosens up before stepping into McVay came on in relief third, Pampa's Kari Cassy Tice, Amy Youree the batter's box in last night's district championship

Oi' Boomer and Torre are together again

David Wells could pitch for his what the Yankees are doing." team the rest of the season.

Instead, the New York to prove." Yankees manager gets him for only a few innings.

give the ball to of Boomer.

for the Yankees in the 1998 strangle Joe." ostseason and then was sent Toronto.

"It wasn't my decision to move on. I don't hold any

grudges." No gloating, either, as the two-time World Series champions struggle with their rotation. And that was even before Clemens hit Mike Piazza in the

"To go out there and wish bad things on the Yankees,

ATLANTA (AP) - Chances that's not going to happen," games had more than five playare, Joe Torre probably wishes Wells said. "I can't worry about ers selected for the original ros- trying to find a catcher," Cox 1995 while with Detroit.

"I don't think there's a point

In an All-Star game hurt by added with a playful grin peek- guys started dropping." injuries, Torre had no trouble ing out from his bushy goatee, finding a healthy starter. Just "I know what I'm capable of McGwire, Ken Griffey Jr., Barry and the NL in 1978. doing at any time, and right Bonds, Piazza and Maddux. The same guy who went 4-0 now, if I wanted to, I could Out for the AL: Cal Ripken, unless I threw 140, 150 pitches, tolerate Boomer's antics — on

Said forre with a laugh: The away for Roger Clemens. The only thing I could say is, if it same character who leads the was just to prove a point, majors with 15 wins for you've done that, so you can stop."

This week, Torre and NL trade me. Obviously, they manager Bobby Cox were more thought it made sense to trade interested in proving they had me," he said Monday. "You enough players for the game.

Seven elected starters, along with Atlanta pitcher Greg Maddux, are sidelined. That does not include Boston ace Pedro Martinez, who was not man Roberto Alomar is "iffy" with a bruised arm, Torre said.

ters needed replacements.

"This lineup has changed His shaved head gleaming, lineup really etched in stone innings Sunday for Arizona. He Wells turned to Torre and about 10 days ago. Then our becomes the first pitcher to play again with former Yankees

Andres Galarraga, Vladimir Guerrero, Jim Edmonds, Jason Kendall, Travis Fryman, Derek Jeter and Carl Everett will start in their places.

Griffey, slowed by a sore right knee, made the trip to take part in the home run derby Monday night. Sammy Sosa stopped Junior's two-year run as champion, highlighted by a pair of 500-foot shots.

Earlier in the day, Colorado picked because he was hurt. Outfielder Jeffrey Hammonds And Cleveland second base- arrived as a late replacement for the NL. Cox was still a player short, though, after Piazza Never before in 70 All-Star pulled out with a concussion.

"I was ap at 1:15 last night, Yankees and also relieved in said.

many times," Cox said. "I had a even though he worked seven and 1997 while with Seattle.

Allex Rodriguez and Manny, which wasn't the case yester- the mound, in the clubhouse day, Johnson said.

> The AL has won three leads the overall series 40-29-1. Home run champion Hank

With so much emphasis on while Clemens is 20-16. lively balls this season, Wells usually rules.

Wells started the 1998 game career." at Coors Field while with the

Johnson, who will likely pitch Todd Hundl start for the NL, only one inning, started in 1995

For Wells, this is a chance to start in both leagues since Vida teammates Mariano Rivera, Sidelined for the NL: Mark Blue did it for the AL in 1975 Jorge Posada, Bernie Williams and Jeter. He also gets to play "I told Bobby I'd be available under Torre, who did his best to and all about town.

> "I've been on some great straight games, yet the NL teams. Best team ever in '98," Wells said.

> At spring training in 1999, the Aaron will throw out the first Yankees sent Wells in a package ball — he homered in 1972 to the Blue Jays for Clemens, a when the game was last played five-time Cy Young winner. Wells is 32-12 since that deal

"When things happen like (15-2, 3.44 ERA) and Johnson that, you just have to treat it as 14-2, 1.80 ERA, major league- business. You don't hold any leading 198 strikeouts) will take regrets over it," he said. "To the mound at one of the few me, New York was a place ballparks left where pitching where I wanted to play. That's where I wanted to end my

"But they had a chance to

Armstrong makes his move in Monday's Tour de France outing

LOURDES-HAUTACAM, cious weather on Monday. France (AP) — Lance Armstrong's at the Tour de France.

him from the top of the standings.

Armstrong, who came in 42 sec-onds behind stage winner Javier Ochoa of Spain, took a 4-minute, 14-second overall lead over ease. Germany's Jan Ullrich, the rider the U.S. Postal Service team sees as his biggest threat.

His other rivals are even further back, and though Armstrong won't admit it, Monday's stunning performance makes him the firm favorite to become the second American after Greg Lemond to retain the biggest prize in

"It is a long race. It is three weeks, and this is only the first day in the mountains," Armstrong said. "It is a hard Tour de France this year. I suffered last vear and know not to count on

"Form is a funny thing. It comes slowly, but can go away quickly. The candle can burn out quickly, especially in this weather."

Armstrong, who came back from cancer to win last year's surge took him past 1998 wirmer with Pantani, Alex Zulle and tour, was in stunning form in atro- Marco Pantani, 1999 third-place Ullrich.

The U.S. Postal Service rider seven-mile uphill burst accom- from Austin, Texas, used a draplished more than giving the matic attack in the final climb up American cyclist the yellow jersey the 1,500-meter peak at Lourdes-Hautacam to finish second in the It also served warning to his day's stage, a 127-mile trek from tour rivals that a superhuman Dax that was the first mountain effort will be needed to dislodge portion of the race and 10th of 21 stages overall.

In rain and cold, Armstrong who started the day in 16th place stormed past challengers with

"Armstrong came through like a plane at the end," Frenchman Richard Virenque said. "He is definitely the man to beat,"

The 28-year-old Texan, who said before the tour began that the race really started with the mouri- through the stage, he had probtains on July 10, goes into lems. Tuesday's hilly 135-mile stage from Bagneres-de-Bigorre to Revel full of confidence.

"Today was about good ta.c- pack tics," Armstrong said. "It was a D'Aubisque, 37 miles from the good day for me. I like these con-finish.

Armstrong said Ochoa deserved the stage victory, but he was delighted with his own performance. "Ochoa rode hard and led for: so

long. Probably 99 percent of the people there were Spaniands cheering him," he said. Armstrong's powerful late utes behind the leader, in a group

finisher Fernando Escartin and Virenque, and was reminiscent of his blistering form a year ago.

One of four riders to break away from the pack in the first half of the race, Ochoa won the stage in 6:09:32, after starting the day in 122nd place, 13:01 behind the leader.

Armstrong was looking forward to the stage, saying all along that he can dominate other top riders in the mountains, where the tour usually is won or lost. Good climbers can make up dozens of minutes in the overall standings.

While Ochoa looked exhausted at the end, Armstrong was virtually sprinting in the final miles. But about two-thirds of the way

Led by strong climbers Kevin Livingston and Tyler Hamilton, U.S. Postal led a charge from the approaching

The strategy initially worked, with Armstrong moving away from his main rivals, but Livingston and Hamilton couldn't keep up the pace, leaving Armstrong isolated.

About 8 miles from the finish, Armstrong was more then 10 min-

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game in Philadelphia was cause for celebration. It was the 750th catch of Irvin's career, tying him with Charlie Joiner for ninth in NFL history.

But Irvin wasn't moving. He couldn't.

Temporarily paralyzed by a herniated disc, Irvin later learned he was lucky to get off that easy. Tests showed that he was born with a narrow spinal cord, a condition that made him vulnerable to much more serious injury. He faced that risk every time he'd stepped on a football field and never

delaying his decision about as birthday. long as he could, "The Playmaker" was planning to he arrived at court one day in announce his retirement a mink coat and sunglasses, Tuesday in a news conference then autographed a security at Texas Stadium.

He's avoided reporters, arrested for allegedly hiring a quiet in Dallas without them. stopped working out at team headquarters and hardly spoken to his closest friends on the team.

The somber exit isn't the way most will remember Irvin, who over 12 years established himself as one of the top receivers and one of the biggest showboats the NFL has ever seen.

As much as his pass catching helped the Cowboys return to glory in the 1990s, it Rose was runnerup at 138. was his swagger that truly sparked the revival of "America's Team."

Dallas fans loved seeing No. 88 motion for a first down after a catch, while his gyrations gave Cowboys haters another reason to grind their teeth. Yet no matter whether you rooted for or against him, he was hard to ignore.

shadowed a leadership that Low Net: Bryan Rose, 137;

North Carolina remains deter-

Former Tar Heels Matt Doherty,

to be at the top of the list for the Tar

Heels coaching job to replace Bill

Guthridge. George Karl and Larry

players, turned down their alma

Wiel, 49, a reserve guard in 1976-

who coached as an assistant under this job."

79, is the only remaining candidate

Dean Smith. The Middle

Tennessee coach also roomed with

current assistant coach Phil Ford

Wiel returned early from his

"I'm not sure (UNC) will let him

coaching clinic in Spain to inter-

leave after he gets there," MTSU

Wiel made the trip after a phone

Carolina athletics director Dick

They wanted me to fly straight

to Chapel Hill, so I don't even have

a suit for the interview," Wiel told

The Charlotte Observer on

athletic director Lee Fowler said.

while both played for Smith.

view Tuesday in Chapel Hill.

the basketball coach.

mater Monday.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Durham Airport.

mined to pick one of its own to be five schools have inquired about

Jeff Lebo and Randy Wiel appear Fowler said. "Not a day or two

Brown, also former North Carolina Guthridge every week, too.

him, Fowler said.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — also was vital in pulling the hit man to kill Irvin. Michael Irvin lined up on Troy team from a 1-15 in 1989 to The receiver en

Of course, it helped greatly The 8-yard gain late in the that Dallas surrounded Irvin, first quarter of an Oct. 10 its top pick in 1988, with Troy Aikman in '89 and Emmitt Smith in '90.

> became known as the "triplets" and were as devas- deals. tating as any quarterback-runhistory.

Irvin, who beat defenders to ninth in NFL history. He holds over a haircut. nearly every major career or single-season

receiving record. plishments, Irvin also will be into the Hall of Fame. remembered for some serious off-field problems.

taking any chances. After the wee hours of his 30th Honor.

When his case went to trial, guard's Bible. Then the trial Irvin has been uncharacter- was briefly delayed when a istically quiet since his injury. Dallas police officer was thing is certain. It sure will be

The receiver ended up pleading no contest to a felony drug charge. He received 800 hours of community service and four years of probation, which was lifted Thursday, 10 days early.

Irvin also was suspended by the NFL for five games. His image and the team's were Together, the threesome seriously tarnished and he lost most of his endorsement

Controversy continued to ning back-receiver trio in NFL dog Irvin. He was falsely accused of sexual assault in December 1996 and in trainthe ball using smarts and size, ing camp 1998 he cut the neck finishes with 11,904 yards, of a teammate during a scuffle

Despite his off-field prob-Cowboys lems, Irvin's statistics and championships make him For all his on-field accom- likely to be one day inducted

As a favorite of Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, he's practi-In 1996, Irvin was arrested cally a lock to eventually be Now that he does, Irvin isn't in a motel-room drug bust in added to the team's Ring of

> Irvin's departure comes about six weeks after his good pal Deion Sanders left for Washington.

> Regardless of how their absence impacts the team, one

Nicolet wins PCC crown

PAMPA — Defending champion Dan Nicolet had a two-round score of 139 to once again win the Pampa Country Club Men's Club Championship last week-

Eddie Duenkel won the senior championship with a 145. Taking championship low net was Richard Mackie at 136. Merlin

> PCC Men's Club Championship

Club Champion: Dan Nicolet

Runnerup & Senior Champion: Eddie Duenkel 145.

Championship Low Net: Richard Mackie 136; Runnerup 149.

Net: Merlin Rose 138. Zone A, Flight Two

Gross: David Fatheree 151; Irvin's flashy style over- Runnerup: Roger David 154.

UNC could pick one of its own

In Wiel's five seasons at MTSU,

'He's loyal, like coach Smith,"

goes by without Randy talking to

coach Smith. He talks with (Roy)

Williams, (Eddie) Fogler and

Those guys are the inner, inner

circle of that family, and Randy is

one of them. That's why I think

Randy may have a chance to get

national championship team and

now is coach at Notre Dame, met

Sunday in Chapel Hill with

Baddour, Smith and Guthridge.

Doherty said meetings with North

well, but he hasn't been offered the

job, nor was he given a timetable

her husband was still in

the Nike basketball camp. Kelly

Doherty is a native of Concord,

"All I can really say is that he's

his connecting flight to Raleigh- scheduled to be back until the 20th. considered for the job.

Indianapolis scouting prospects at

Contacted at home Monday

on the search.

call late Sunday from North night, Doherty's wife, Kelly, said

Monday night from Dulles Airport on the road," she told the

in Washington, where he awaited Fayetteville Observer. "He's not

Carolina athletic officials went

Doherty, who played on the 1982

Runnerup (tie) Dob Hudson & Terry Hall 142.

Zone B, Flight One Gross: Gregor Reeves 150; Runnerup: Joe Manzanares: 155. Low Net: J.C. Beyer 131; Runnerup: Jeff Pike 135. Zone B, Flight Two

Gross: Joe Cree 157; Runrierup: Dennis Roark 168. Low Net: Dale Haynes 134; Runnerup: Tommy Hill 140: Zone C, Flight One

Gross: Glynn Lusk 167; Net: Winslow Ellis 148. Zone C, Flight Two Gross: Bill Wade 183.

Net: Joe Franklin 145. Runnerup Net: Burrell Allen

Super Senior Champion Gross: Joe Cree 157. Super Senior Net: J.C. Beyer

Senior Net: Glynn Lusk 133.

That's all I can say right now."

anyone from the school.

it means."

North Carolina

his retirement.

Baddour was granted perinis-

sion to contact Lebo, coach at

Tennessee Tech. But Lebo said

Monday he hadn't been called by

now," Lebo said. "They haven't

called me. I know they called for permission, but I don't know what

Lebo, who has a 28-27 record in

two seasons at Tennessee Tech,

was an All-ACC point guard at

North Carolina officials remain

determined to keep the coaching

job in the school's basketball fami-

ly. The 1999 basketball media

guide listed 26 NBA and college

coaches who were either former

Kansas coach Roy Williams

announced Thursday he decided

against returning to his alma mater

South Carolina coach Eddie

Fogler, an assistant with Williams

and Guthridge under Dean Smith,

then withdrew his name from corn-

sideration. Karl, the Milwaukee

Bucks coach, and Brown, the

Philadelphia 76ers coach, said

Monday they did not want to be

a week after Guthridge announce d

Tar Heels players or coaches.

"I don't know anything right

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - pleaded for his return to the Rivers and enough salary cap

announce Tuesday that he is Tim, Stay!" rejecting offers to play in

Magic he was turning down a game's superstars. six-year, \$67.5 million offer

Lon Babby, Duncan's attorney, flew to San Antonio on Monday and met with Spurs

every opportunity. We tried to executives. change his mind and sway him. We made a battle out of it. We took the best shot that

a.m. CDT to announce his of

NBA title. Fans in the Alamo league's top free agents. Tim Duncan, the biggest city dotted the community in

Orlando with Grant Hill and up, the 24-year-old Duncan is front-line duo in the league, will re-sign with the San considered the key to San returned early from a Hawaii Although Duncan has made him, the Spurs would be left to stay. public announcement, with a brand-new \$175 milnews accounts Monday lion arena for the 2002-2003 Duncan's loyalty to the Spurs reported that Duncan told the season and without one of the and his/desire to keep playing

Orlando pushed hard to sign both Duncan and Hill, all four years," an NBA source who has said he will likely told the Express-News. "He leave Detroit to sign with the isn't a guy who likes a lot of Magic.

John Gabriel, Orlando and were treated to stays in past three years. But the Magic general manager con- one of the theme-park city's Magic made it a difficult deciceded Duncan was not joining top resort hotels and luxuri- sion for him." his team. "We tried to exhaust ous parties hosted by Magic

Duncan even met Tiger

Had the Magic pulled off the Duncan deal, Orlando Duncan was scheduled to would have had a lineup hold a news conference at 10 capable of tipping the balance Conference.

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Women's National asketball Associati

luesday, Games Minnesota at Phoenix, 10 p.m. Portland at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Seattle at Detroit, Noon
Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.

Orlando at Cleveland, 7 p.m. Charlotte at New York, 7:30 p.m. Sacramento at Houston, 8:30 p.m. Thursday's Games Washington at Miami, 7 p.m. Sacramento at Phoenix, 10 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 individual time trial (David Millar, Scotland)

July 2 — 2nd stage: Futuroscope to Loudun, 120.5 (Tom Steels, Belgium; Millar)
July 3 — 3rd stage: Loudun to Nantes, 100.3 (Steels; Millar) July 4 — 4th stage: Nantes to Saint-Nazaire, 43.5 team time trial (Once; Laurent Jalabert,

- 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 (Javier Ochoa, Spain; Lance Armstrong, United States) July 11 — 11th stage: Bagneres-de-Bigorre to Revel. 135.7 July 12 — Rest day. July 13 — 12th stage: Carpentras to Mont-

with TE Rickey Brady on a two-year contract. NEW YORK JETS—Signed DE Shaun Ellis and LB John Abraham to five-year contracts. July 14 — 13th stage: Avignon to Draguignan, 115.2 July 15 — 14th stage: Draguignan to July 16 - 15th stage: Briancon to

July 17 — Rest day. July 18 — 16th stage: Courchevel to eve Staios from the New Jersey Devils for Morzine, 122 July 19 — 17th stage: Evian-les-Bains to

Lausanne, 96.3 July 20 — 18th stage: Lausanne to Fribourg-MINNESOTA WILD—Named Chris Hansen en-Briscau, 153.1 president and Jim Ibister vice president of the St. Paul Arena Company.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Signed D Vladimir to Mulhouse, 36.3 akhov to a four-year contract plus an

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

Duncan may remain with Spurs

Scoreboard

Milwaukee 10, Detroit 2
Chicago Cubs 9, Chicago White Sox 6
Houston 9, Kansas City 6
Arizona 4, Oakland 2
Seattle 2, Los Angeles 0
Florida 10, Tampa Bay 9
Anaheim 10, Colorado 4
N. V. Mets 2, N. V. Stekes 0

All-Star Game at Atlanta, 8:35 p.m. Wednesday's Games

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No games scheduled
Thursday's Games
Seattle at San Diego, 5:05 p.m.
Houston at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
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N.Y. Mets at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
Montreal at Tampa Bay, 7:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Baltimore, 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.
Texas at Arizona, 10:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.
Oakland at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Home Run Derby Results

ATLANTA (AP) — Results Monday of the Home Run Derby at Turner Field: First Round Tot Long

TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Sports Transactions

National League NEW YORK METS—Optioned RHP Eric

Cammack to Norfolk of the International Recalled LHP Rich Rodriguez from

National Football League BUFFALO BILLS—Signed WR Avion Black

to a three-year contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Agreed to terms with DE Eric Chandler, DB Rashidi Barnes, OL Manuia Savea and OL Brad Bedell, on

Eugene McCaslin to a multiyear contract. Placed QB Ben Sankey on waivers. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Agreed to terms

TENNESSEE TITANS-Signed RB Mike

Green. WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed CB

Lloyd Harrison to a four-year contract.

National Hockey League ATLANTA THRASHERS—Acquired F-D

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GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed LB

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Second Round Tot

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Cincinnati Pittsburgh Milwaukee

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West Division

San Francisco

Los Angeles 44
San Diego 38
Sunday's Games
Boston 7, Atlanta 2

Cleveland 5, Cincinnati 3 Baltimore 5, Philadelphia 4

Minnesota 3, Pittsburgh 2 Toronto 13, Montreal 3

Houston 9, Kansas City 6

Arizona 4. Oakland 2

San Diego 4, Texas 3

No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

Monday's Games

Tuesday's Game

Milwaukee 10, Detroit 2 St. Louis 8, San Francisco 7

Seattle 2, Los Angeles 0 Florida 10, Tampa Bay 9 Anaheim 10, Colorado 4 N.Y. Mets 2, N.Y. Yankees 0

Chicago Cubs 9, Chicago White Sox 6

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American League At A Glance

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Texas at Arizona, 10:05 p.m. Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m. Oakland at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

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Cleveland 5, Cincinnati 3

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Maybe there's nothing magic team he guided to the 1999 about Orlando after all.

Antonio Spurs. from Orlando.

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Woods, who lives nearby.

relief for Spurs fans, who coach of the year in Doc 1.

room to sign two of the

But the Spurs applied their prize in this year's NBA free- recent weeks with billboards own pressure. Veteran center agent pool, was expected to and placards reading: "Stay David Robinson, who along with Duncan gives San With the Spurs' aging line- Antonio the most formidable Antonio's future. Without vacation to persuade Duncan

In the end, it appears with Robinson won out.

"Tim stayed at Wake Forest change in his life. He has Both players traveled to played with David Robinson Orlando on the same weekend and for the same coach for the

> Duncan could sign a sevenyear deal worth \$86.5 million if he re-signs with San Antonio, although he is considered more likely to sign a shorter deal.

Duncan has a nonbinding power in the Eastern commitment to the Spurs and cannot officially sign a con-The news was a welcome The Magic have the NBA's tract with the team until Aug.

Sammy slams way to Home Run Derby championship

Sosa finally has a home-run title. came to rest atop the second Just not THAT home-run title.

the last two years for the singleseason record and major league lead, ended Ken Griffey Jr.'s twoyear reign as Home Run Derby champion, hitting the longest, loudest and largest number of shots at Turner Field on Monday

The Chicago Cubs star, at the center of what he described "as a hurricane happening to me the last month," beat Griffey 9-2 in the finals and hit 26 overall, 14 more than any other player.

ATLANTA (AP) — Sammy left-field upper deck and one that eran to block any deal. green batter's backdrop in contract right now because I want Sosa, edged by Mark McGwire straightaway center, below the

"I came here to put on a show. I didn't necessarily come here to get the win, but I guess I got the win," Sosa said.

Sosa, at the center of what he said has been "a hurricane happening to me the last month," was angry the Cubs wouldn't extend his contract, set to expire after next season, and asked them to trade him.

After talks with the New York Yankees fell through, Sosa's He got the fans standing and shouting with a pair of 508-foot shots — one to the 755 Club in the and would use his rights as a vetthat he doesn't want to be trade, catch the balls.

"I don't want to talk about a to wait until the year's over and relax," Sosa said. "Whatever happens from there, happens. I would love to stay in Chicago. This is the city I want to stay with. But if it doesn't work out, you know, if I have to go, I don't have a choice."

With injuries to Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds and Manny Ramirez, there wasn't nearly the drama of last year, when Griffey won, but McGwire conquered the Green Monster at Fenway Park, with hundreds of fans filling Lansdowne Street to

Before Monday's competition,

scalpers were dumping tickets with \$50 face value for \$10 each. "Mark McGwire is one of the guys everybody is looking at,"

Sosa said. "Because he was not here today, I came here to repre-What started off as a listless, humid night sparked up immediately when Sosa started swing-

ing. No other player totaled more than 12. "Sammy made it look easy,"

said Griffey, who has won the derby three times overall. "When people in the first couple of rows of the upper deck are looking up, that's power. I didn't hear oohs deck shots."

Sosa, who lost out to McGwire 488, 477 and 443 feet. He added sparkle and fireworks explode in the night.

In the semifinals, Sosa beat Boston's Carl Everett 11-6 and Chicago. Griffey topped Toronto's Carlos Delgado 2-1.

Griffey and Sosa tied 2-2 in the first round of the finals, which was split into two rounds with each player allowed five non- minor league field coordinator. homer swings each.

swings - hard, long shots of 476, him for that."

70-66 for the home-record record two mores, at 460 feet and 508, two years ago and 65-63 for last while fans in the crowd of 50,118 vear's title, made flashbulbs stood clapping, chanting his name and bowing, much like the Wrigley Field bleacher bums pay homage to him back home in

After Sosa finished, he highfived Griffey and both players hugged.

Sosa thanked his pitcher, Chino Cadahia, the Atlanta Braves'

"He used to be my manager Sosa, practicing his swing in when I was in the minor leagues the runway between rounds, then in Texas (Gastonia in 1987). He went ahead with a 429-foot knows where I like the ball," Sosa and aahs for my wallscrapers. I homer to left, took a pitch, and said. "He was throwing me some heard them for Sammy's upper- connected on four straight cookies today. I have to thank

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Removing a public from mercury contamination. to Environmental Protection Agency plans to regulate mer-sions has been held up for nearly two years cury from power plants, a panel of sci-because Congress barred the agency from entists has concluded that the agency proceeding until the study was completed. was justified in setting stringent levels

National Academy of Sciences were ment" and that the guidelines used by the being released in a report Tuesday. It EPA to establish maximum exposure levconcludes an 18-month review of the els are "scientifically justifiable ... for the science used by the EPA in establish- protection of public health." ing new guidelines for protecting the

The EPA's plans to regulate mercury emis-

The 10-member panel in its report conof protection from the toxic substance. cludes that methyl-mercury "is wide-The findings by a committee of the spread and persistent in the environ-

from sources familiar with its findings.

While the panel concludes that most Americans face a very low risk, children of women who consume large amounts of fish and seafood during pregnancy face a much higher risk. It estimates as many as 60,000 children annually may develop neurological problems, including learning disabilities, because of low-level mercury contamination through their mother prior to birth.

While much remains to be learned A copy of the executive summary of the about low-dose mercury contamination cially in fish.

report was obtained by The Associated Press and human health, the study says there is strong evidence to link mercury exposure to neurological problems, including learning disabilities, as well as immune system and cardiological problems.

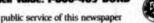
The largest sources of mercury, about 40 tons annually, comes from coal burning electric power plants. The EPA has sought to develop standards for regulating these emissions, which often find their way into lakes and streams and onto pastureland, and eventually into the food chain, espe-





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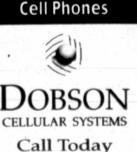


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Pentagon looks ahead to next test of troubled missile defense system

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is doing a second-bysecond analysis of the latest test failure of its proposed national missile defense system, as it prepares for what has become an even more critical test as early as October.

"We're going to press forward," said Lt. Col. Rick Lehner, spokesman for the troubled program. "This particular malfunction doesn't do anything to degrade our confidence in the overall technology that's been developed.'

Defense Secretary William Cohen, traveling to China, said the second failed test out of three was disappointing but does not mean the Clinton administration will give up the goal of having the system ready to defend against incoming missiles by

When he returns, Cohen is to appear before the Senate Armed Services Committee to defend the program before Congress for the first time: The committee chairman, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., said Congress would conduct an "in-depth analysis" of the latest tests.

The next test of the system designed to knock incoming missiles out of the sky with an unarmed "kill vehicle" is set for interceptor vehicle failed to sepa- incoming missile.

rate from its second-stage booster, and a decoy balloon from the incoming rocket, designed to deceive the interceptor, failed to inflate.

"It would have been desirable to have two successful intercepts, but it doesn't mean the technology is not there yet," Cohen said en route to Beijing, adding that he remains convinced a national missile shield is needed.

Cohen said he had not decided whether to recommend that President Clinton proceed with construction for the system's ground-based radar in Alaska the next step in a plan for 100 missiles to protect against limited nuclear attack from present or future enemies or terrorists.

Rep. Curt Weldon, a House Armed Services subcommittee chairman, agreed.

"Should it slow down where we're going? No. Will it? Probably," said Weldon, R-Pa., chairman of the military research and development subcommittee.

Weldon accused Clinton of not really supporting the system and predicted he'd use the booster failure as an excuse for not going

Also on Capitof Hill, Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, asked the Pentagon inspector general to investigate the failure of a decoy balloon in Saturday's test. That would have made the test suspect even if it had succeeded, October or November and will be Kucinich said. In an interview, he very similar to the one that had a said the Pentagon knows the sysdouble failure Saturday. The tem can't tell a decoy from a real

"The American people deserve an investigation of this matter to determine whether the performance failure of the balloon decoy was indeed the result of a technical malfunction," Kucinich said in a letter to the inspector

general. He and 50 other House Democrats earlier asked the FBI to investigate allegations by some scientists that the tests were rigged.

For proponents, Saturday's missile miss offered stark evidence of the vulnerability of American cities to long-range missiles that might be developed by countries like North Korea or Iraq. Had the missile been armed and aimed at a real target, an American city could have been

destroyed. For critics, it underscored the folly of committing \$40 billion or much more to a missile shield that has angered Russia, China and Europeans and probably wouldn't work anyway.

Top administration officials said after the test failure that they expect Clinton to make a decision by the end of summer. No matter what the president decides, his successor is likely to make the important decisions on future construction and deploy-

On the Net:

Ballistic Missile Defense Organization: http://www.acq.osd.m.l/bmdo /bmdolink/html/

Union of Concerned Scientists: http://www.ucsusa.org/

CIA assessment of missile threat http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/nie/nie99msl.html

Charles Bakaly, former Starr deputy, strikes back in court, gets support from Democrat

WASHINGTON (AP) - Charles Bakaly, the forment with a federal judge on his behalf. mer Kenneth Starr lieutenant charged with mis-leading a judge about a press leak, struck back Monday in court filings that suggested independent counsel lawyers were to blame for the prob-

Prosecutors countered the former Starr spokesman withheld information from Starr's office and only later "changed some of the details of his story" when interviewed by FBI agents.

"As a result of Bakaly's false and misleading statements and representations ... proceedings in this court ... were delayed and unnecessary work and costs were incurred," prosecutors wrote in arguing why Bakaly should stand trial for criminal contempt.

Both sides staked out their strategies in final court briefs before Bakaly begins trial Thursday on a charge alleging he obstructed justice by making false representations in court documents about a news leak near the end of the Monica Lewinsky

Prosecutors said they would call two former lawyers for Starr's office and three FBI agents as witnesses to show Bakaly initially misled the special prosecutor's office. Bakaly focused his defense on lawyers in Starr's office who filed the court statements at issue.

Bakaly alleged in his filing that he detailed his role in a disputed January 1999 news story to lawyers for Starr's office, but the lawyers omitted information from his account before filing a state- doing."

He also argued he shouldn't be prosecuted because an appeals court has concluded that none of the information in the news story was protected

by grand jury secrecy rules. Bakaly is accused of making three false statements in that sworn declaration and causing the independent counsel office to make a fourth in its

own filing concerning the news leak. Bakaly's lawyers argued he doesn't believe any of the four statements were false, but if read that way by the court "Mr. Bakaly is not responsible for and did not cause that falseness."

He alleged that in one instance Starr's lawyers declined to change language in the sworn statement to make it more detailed and accurate — as Bakaly requested — because the lawyers wanted to keep information from President Clinton's attorney.

In another instance, he said lawyers told him they had left out information from his sworn statement because they wanted "to provide the minimum amount of information while fully complying with what was required."

Independent Counsel Robert Ray, who succeeded Starr, had not seen Bakaly's filing late Monday and declined comment, his office said.

But the Justice Department said it intends to show the former Starr adviser misled the court when he signed a sworn statement about the news leak suggesting that he had "refused to confirm or comment" on what Starr's office "was thinking or

House considering easing importation of medication

House voted overwhelmingly Crowley, D-N.Y. Monday to prevent the governchase of drugs in Canada or other necessity," added Crowley. countries.

An increasing number of Americans have been going to that would have barred the FDA Canada, Mexico and other countries, to purchase prescription approving abortion-inducing drugs cheaper than what they cost in the United States.

Technically, it's illegal to import prescription drugs that Senate had refused each time to were originally made in the United States, and the Food and Drug Administration sometimes sends warning letters to people caught doing it. The agency gives its employees discretion to permit imports of drugs that violate its restrictions so long as they are intended for personal use.

an amendment to an FDA appropriations bill that would prevent the agency from enforcing the importation ban, so long as the drugs are for personal use. A second amendment, approved 370-12, would bar the agency from tions and is regarded as a key sending the warning letters.

"People's lives are being shortincreased price of prescriptions," said Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.

Because of cost controls, drugs can cost several times less in Canada, Mexico and Europe than ened to veto the legislation. He in the United States, leading some and congressional Democrats are Americans to buy their pharmaceuticals by mail order or else join but also costlier alternative: a unibus trips across the border to fill their prescriptions.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Amid for 100 capsules in New York but growing public resentment of \$184 in Canada and \$107 in high prescription drug prices, the Mexico, said Rep. Joseph

"Prescription drugs and mediment from discouraging the pur- cines are not a luxury, they are a

> Separately Monday, the House defeated an amendment, 187-182, pills like the drug RU-486. The House had approved a similar measure in 1998 and 1999, but the go along with the restriction. Sixty-six members Monday's House vote.

> The agency said in February that it would approve sale of RU-486, also known as mifepristone, once some final, but undisclosed, requirements were met.

High drug prices have The House approved, 363-12, emerged as a significant issue in this year's political campaigns. Polling indicates the issue of prescription drugs is a priority for Americans 65 and older, a group that accounted for more than onequarter of voters in the 1998 elec-

swing group in the fall campaign. Republicans pushed a bill ened today because of the abnor- through the House last month mally high and ridiculously that would use private insurance and federal subsidies to cover some of the cost of prescription

drugs for senior citizens. President Clinton has threatadvocating a more encompassing form, government-run prescription drug benefit, offered to all 39 For example, Prilosec, a popular ulcer medication, costs \$400 Medicare beneficiaries.

Medical examiner investigating heat deaths

deaths are believed to have been inside or outside. heat-related are asking resiagainst summer temperatures.

examiner's office said the vic- remained under investigation. tims died at their homes.

Houston Health and Human ed. Services Department told the Houston Chronicle that she did have been in the mid-90s. No air conditioning.

The deaths of a 69-year-old dents to take precautions man on Saturday and those of a 72-year-old woman and two Saturday calls for highs in the The Harris County medical men, 58 and 48, on Sunday upper 90s with lows in the mid-

Spokeswoman Kathy Barton A spokeswoman for the said heat deaths can be prevent-

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HOUSTON (AP) — Health not know the circumstances or temperature records or heat officials who say four weekend whether the four had been emergencies have been made so far this summer.

The National Weather Service forecast through

Barton said the elderly are more likely to succumb to the heat if they have pre-existing Daytime highs in Houston health problems or no access to

Killer's statement: He lurked for two hours before striking

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Samuel Gonzales recruited him, Texan sentenced to life in prison telling him they were working without parole for killing a on behalf of Bellush's millionaire mother of six watched his victim ex-husband, Allen Blackthorne. for two hours before attacking, a prosecutor says.

second consecutive life term for of interstate domestic violence. armed burglary of her home.

investigators after pleading suburban Sarasota, Fla., home guilty to first-degree murder last and at other times lurked in the week, but would not describe the garage. Unaware, Bellush was actual confrontation and assault. outside by the pool with her

talk about," Sarasota prosecutor in the face and her throat Charlie Roberts, one of the offi-slashed. cials present for the interview with the killer, told the San Stevie, came home hours later Antonio Express-News in and found the children alone, Thursday's editions.

The soft-spoken and appar- blood. ently remorseful Del Toro out-Del Toro said his second cousin garage door unlocked.

Blackthorne, 45, of San Antonio faces sentencing Nov. 2. A Florida judge earlier this He faces life in prison without month sentenced Jose Luis Del parole after a federal jury con-Toro Jr., of La Pryor, Texas for the victed him Thursday on charges 1997 shooting-stabbing death of of interstate conspiracy to com-Sheila Bellush. He was given a mit murder-for-hire and a charge

Del Toro said he hid at times Del Toro, 24, talked with in the laundry room of Bellush's "He said it was too difficult to quadruplets before she was shot

Bellush's teen-age daughter, some speckled with their mom's

Del Toro revealed he entered lined what happened before and through a window in the launafter the attack. In a summary of dry room, dispelling Stevie the statement released Monday, Bellush's concern she had left the





