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High today upper 90s Low tonight $70-75$
For weather details Page 2

Style show
coming Aug. 5




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hiding place hiding place found

in the coach'stand at Pampa
High School's soccer field, said Jane Jacobs, Topor' Texas Thye finders were Jeremy
Taylor of Fort Worth and
and McCuistion of Ordw.y. Colv
Jacobs said the finders an
when relatives of "Hamburger Ed"
The winners get atox with
stix ceats for ack nith of the
rodeo and also will ride in
$\qquad$ - Emmet Allen, 87, musi-
Cian, tarmer

- Lorene Gladys Bryan, 83 , -Goldie Denman, 80, former - Liddie Luevilla Gantz, 92 homemaker.

Dispute persists over evidence testing

By dee dee laramore By DEE DEE
Staff Writer
"They fear l'll destroy the evidence if it doesn't come evidence if it doesn't comeng
out like I want ... the testing process will not destroy the evidence. It's the cry of a frantic child.

- District Attorney
John Mann
get it," District Attorne" Vishn Mann said Mday.
Mann referred to requests for additionder case of Henryy "Han" che capital murdetense attorneys, suppurterser thy his investigative journalism team trom Northwestern University of Chicago, III., cast seven persons wronge tuly case of at of crimin. lacts. Skinner was convicted of capital mur-

1993 murders of his live-in qirltriend, tor a face-to
Twila dean Busby, 40 and her two mental- would Twila Jean Busby, 40, and her two mental- would send some of his students and
Iv-impaired sons, Elwin Caler, 22, and
would confer with Mann over the pheme Nandy Busby, 20 . Skirner's atterneys say they an
A writ of habeas corpus filed in U.S. Concerned becouss Man $\begin{array}{ll}\text { A writ of habeas corpus filed in U.S. } & \text { concerned because Mann has told severa } \\ \text { District Court in Amarillo sisks for DNA } \\ \text { news apencies that he would have the evi }\end{array}$ A ststing of evidence gathered in the mur- news agencies that he would have the evi-
dence tested and the results ready in der that was obtained but never tested, couple of months. including bloody fingernail clippings "Tve gotten a letter from (Skinner

taken from Twila Busby's hands, hairs taken from Twila Busby's hands, hairs defenses atterney) Doug Robinson. The body, and a rape kit. | Mann told The Pampa Necres a week ago inturm your that, as counsel for Mr |
| :--- | that he would voluntarily test any evi- Skinner, we obiect to any unilateral test dence it Professor David Protess of ing of the evidence in the Skinner case in

Northwestern University would persion- the manner you have reportedly ally come to Pampa and review the file
with him. Protess dectined Mannt's offer manner you have reportedy with him. Protess declined Mann's offer (See DISPUTE, Page 2)


Darrel Gibson this month celebrated 40 years of working on John Deere agricultura equipment at Hansford Implement Company in Pampa.
changes in the technology during those four decades.
Tax holiday Aug. 4-6
 Aug. 4-6, Texas Comptroller Carole Kectun Ry lander said.
On the itist Friday Saturday and Sunday of Ausust no state or
Iocal whect
 outfit their children for the new shool year. However, the tax break
is not limited to children's school dothes. Highlights include: - Most clothing and dowtwear rriced under siove is exempt from
sales taxes. Consumers may purchase as many tax-exempt tems as
they wish
 However, athle tic clothes that are commonly used as stree wear
such astennis howes, baseball caps and joggbing suits are eligible for
the tax exemptionn


Comment time set for minnow habitat proposal

cerning habitat of a two-inch long minnow in the Conadian River until hup, ${ }^{24}$ Throe public meetings are planned this summer concerning the Mexkantas River Shimer Shatis The Arkansas River Shiner was declared a threatened species in

1998. The U.S. Fish and Wild ifte Serreice proposed crotiod 1998. The U.S. Fish and Willlife S.ervice proppsed critical thabitat for
the minnow in the lune 30, 2000) Federal Revister Initially, the Fish the minnow in the June 30, 20000 , Federal Register. Initially, the Fish
and Wildlife Strrvice decided thal designation of critical habitat was not prudent.
The propopasal was made in response to a court settlement in Center
for Biological Diversity v. Bruce Babbitl lawsuit directing the federal ggency so submit tor publication in the Federal Recgitser a properal
to withdraw the existuln not prudent critical habilat deternination towether with a new proposedecritical habitat determination for the
Arkansas River Basin population of the Arkansas River shiner by June 23, 2000 , and to invite public comment for 60 dayss
They are proposing as critical habitatat atotal of about 1,1601 miles of of They'll be action galore when the Top O' Texas Rodeo starts its three-day run tonight at Recreation Park. Starting at 5:30 p.m. will be a free barbeque for ticket holders. The popular Pick Up Race starts at 6 p.m. and at 7:30 the PRCA rodeo starts. After the rodeo, Cooder Graw will play for the dance in Clyde Carruth Pavilion.
 imarron River in Kansas and Okilahoma, the Beaver// North (See MINNOW, Page 2)

## Daily Record

Obituaries








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Don't forget to attend the TOT Rodeo!

Services tomorrow BRYAN, Lorene - 10.30 a.m., Sweetwater Assembly of God Church, Gweetwater Okka,

DENMAN, Goddie Graveside servies,

## Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the follow dig arrests and incidents at 7 a.m. today. Roy Huff, Wednesday, July 12004 Oklahoma, was arrested in Travis Ray Lester, 18, 329 Roberta, was arrested on charges of engaging in organized creminal activity and burglary of a habitation:
Steven Lee Stamps, $19,600 \mathrm{~N}$. Dwight, was arnested on charges, of engaging in organized
riminal activity and burglary of a habitation. Jonge Ruiz, $43,608 \mathrm{~N}$. Wynne, was arrested a
 Theft over $\$ \$ 0$ and under $\$ 1,500$ was reported
in the 400 block of East 17 th. A guitar valued at
$\$ 800$ and a guitar tuner valued at $\$ 20$ was report$\$ 800$ and a guitar tuner valued at $\$ 20$ was report-
edly stolen on June 8,2000 . dly stolen on June 8, 2000. Mart, 2225 N . Hobart, on June 24,2000 .
A blue and white ice chest valued at $\$ 10$ and red battery booster valued at $\$ 888$ was reported
stolen in the 700 block of North Somerville some stolen in the 700 block of North Somerville some-
time between 8 p.m., July 11 , and $3: 30$ a.m., July 12 . Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block
Cim 12 . of Elm Street. A 1984 Bui stimated $\$ 400$ damage.
Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block

## Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the fol-
wing arrest during the 24 -hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

## Wednesday, July 12 Jerry Lynn Rhoten, 46,618 N. Gray, was arrest-

## Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during
the 24 -hour period ending at $7 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. today. Wednesday, July 12 $9.38 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. - A mobile ICU responded to a local
nursing facility and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
10:37 a.m. - A mobile IC for a patient transport to Northwest Texas 2:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800
block of Dogwood and transported
 miles east of town on Highway 152; no transport.
5:49 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 19th and
Hen Hobart; no transport.
99.21 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900
bock pof South Failker PRMC. 11:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the
1200 bock of Williston and transported one to

## Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the fol-
owing calls during the 24 -hour period ending at

## a.m. today. Wednesday, July 12 $5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$. - One unit and two firefighters

 responded to a report of a grass fire at RecreationPark on U.S. 60 East. The fire was the barbecue pit to cook the meat for the Top $\mathrm{O}^{\prime}$ Texas Rodeo's
barbecue tonight.
5:51 p.m. - One unit and four firefighters 5:51 p.m. - One unit and four firefighters
responded to a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of 19th and Hobart streets.
$11: 5$ p.m. - One unit and one firefighter conducted a follow-up investigation of a small fire

## Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the follow-
ing accident during the 24 -hour period ending
Wednesday, July 12
2:45 p.m. - A 1988 Chrysler driv
Farquhar Quick, 72,1100 Cinderiven by Anona Chevrolet sport utility vehicle driven by Mary
Bichel Urbanczyk, 42, of White Deer collided at he intersection of Hobart and 25th. Quick was
cited for failure to yeld right of way at a stop

## Stocks



## DISPUTE

ducted, it should be pursuant to court supervision
especially if there is any chance that the testing, wi result in the destruction of any of the material. Mann said "There wasn't anything to work out,",
Mann said the evidence in question is now being gathered and prepared for testing. "They fear l'Il destroy the evidence if it doesn't
come out like I want," he said, adding that the ing process will not destroy the evidence. "It's the cry of a frantic child," he said. "They've got to remember that I was on that side
for 15 years," Mann, a former defense lawyer, said "I know all the tricks."
Defense Attorney Steven Losch, speaking from his office in Longview today, said they are asking He said he first asked for the evidence to be test He said he first asked for the evidence to be test-
ed in a writ of habeas corpus filed with thenDistrict Judge Kent Sims in 1998. Judge Sims never
ruled on the motion, he said. He then filed an ruled on the motion, he said. He then filed an
appeal with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals
which, he said, was never ruled on. Records in the District Clerk's office here indicate the writ of habeas corpus filed on March 26, 1998,
was denied by the Texas Court of Appeals, as "an was denied byy,".
abuse of writ."
Losch said Skinner 's defense team wants the evidence testing to be judicially supervised " 'tects afrid if Mann doesn't results. vidence will be Mann doestroyed," he like the results, "He is the most untrustworthy prosecutor l've ever run into. "Right now he owns the evidence. If he wants to, he can destroy it because it is not a court exhibit, it
was never introduced as evidence," the defens attorney said. "I think it would be a very unwise thing to do.
If the res hen there is a are favorable (to the prosecution) then there is a "question about the integrity of the
tests," he said. "Unfortunately, there is nothing we Losch said his federal writ of habeas corpus Judge Mary Lou Robinson. "We re still waiting on the magistrate. I have no when they'Il rule," he said

## GIBSON

## "We generally stuff," he said

The summer, particularly june and early July with the wheat harvest and planting under way, are the busiest time of the year for Gibson.
But there was a break this year at Hansford But there was a break this year at Hansfor tmplement during the bute frosting was served
chocolate cake with white chocolate cake with white frosting was served Gibson's chosen career. Some two dozen people employes and customers, gathere.
While there was talk of the past, most of the con versation drifted to today's equipment and needs
for tomorrow's customers.
While relying on a natural skill and talent, Gibson also spends a lot of time in school. He
raised the training schools that John Deere holds

## ARRESTS

## "I got permission to search the house, but didn"t

 find anything," Conner said.The suspect came to the Pampa Police
Department and when questioned gave a partial confession to the car burglaries and implicated another man, the police officer said.
When the second suspect was questioned Conner said, "he gave a confession that implicated
himself and (the other suspect) to eight of the car himself and (the other suspect) to eight of the car
burglaries." In the course of the investigation, Conner said he "The girl convinced the three subjects to burglar-
ize 324 N . Wells," Conner said, adding that a
Pentax 35 mm camera, a Samsung vCR, and a box
of photographs of tractors was taken in the bur-
glary.
"I don't know why they took the pictures," he
said.
After presenting the evidence to Assistant
District Attorney Matt Martindale, Conner said
organized criminal activity charges were filed
against Stamps and Lester.
Conner said more burglary charges, as well as
numerous forgery charges, are expected to be filed
in connection with the case and at least two more
arrests are possible. learned that a 15 -year-old girl was involved with in connection with
arrests are possible
he two suspects as well as a third man.

## MINNOW

River in New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma.
The U.S. Fish and Witelife Service will hold a
public meeting for comments from 3 p.m to 5:30
p.m... Aug. 7 at Texas A\&M Universith pub..., Aug. 7, at Texas A\&M 3 University
p.m to Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 6500
Amarillo Boulevard West, in Amarillo. There will Amarillo Boulevard West, in Amarillo. There will
also be a meeting on Aug. 9 , in Oklahoma City, and Aso be a meeting on Aug.
on Aug. 11, in Pratt, Kan.
The agency must publis.
$\qquad$ The agopoy must publish a final determination on provided they determine they do not need to preply with NEPA.
Comments on
Comments on the proposed rule and draft envi-
ronmental assessment can be mailed to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Oklahoma Ecological Services Office, 222 S
Houston, Suite A, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74127-8909. The Fish and Wildlife Service describe the
 veryodise coloration tendst tobe ilight tan with s sily OM PAGE ONE
First described First described based on fish collect of 2 inches. Okom the Cimarron River northwest of Kenten, widespread and abundant throughout the western portion of the Arkansas River basin in Kansas,
New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. This species has disappeared from more than 80 percent of its
historical range and is now almost entirely restricted to about 508 miles of the Canadian River in
hist Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. An extremely
small population may still persist in the Cimarron small population may still persist in the Cimarron
River in Oklahoma and Kansias. A remnant population also may persist in the
Beaver/North Canadian
Beaver/ North Canadian River of Oklahoma. In 1999, six Arkansas River shiner were collect-
ed from the Arkansas River in Wichita, Kan. Th ed from the Arkansas River in Wichita, Kan. Th
decline of the species is thought to be the result of changing str am flows, dams and pumping of groundwater.
The designatio The designation may affect a number of activites which the federal government has found to destroy or adversely modify critical habitat,
including fencing to exclude livestock and limiting

Air rage incident interrupts flight

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of an unruly possenten
The passenger happe
an America West piot.
A witness told Phoenix televi-
ion station KSAZ sion station KSAZ that Brantly G. Meyers was yelling "get away
from me" over and over. Meyers, rom me over and over. Meyers,
51 , lives in Prescot Valley and
has been a pilot with America has been a piost with America
West for 13 years. "He was apparently yelling
and screaming. He was very
strange, speaking in ways that and screaming. He was very
strange, speaking in ways that
didn't make a lot of sense," Jetective Sgt. Phillip Young of the Tucson Airport Authority
told the Arizona Daily Star.
Meyers resisted verbally, but Meyers resisted verbally, but
not physically when he was arrested on suspicion of disor-
derly conduct, Young said

## Weather focus

$\qquad$ 90 s and south winds at $10-2$
mph . Tonight, partly cloud with a low of 70-75. Tomorrow,
mostly sunny with a high' 100. Yesterday's high was 87;
the overnight low 68 STATEWIDE - A heat advior North and Central Texas, where multiple high tempera-
tures have reached above 100 degrees. $\ln$ Dallas, readings were In Dallas, readings were dersto
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|  | mer clothing. 2143 N . Hobart |
| day. Thursday's record is 107 degrees, set in 1980 . <br> Waco also reached 100 degrees on Wednesday as a <br> high-pressure system stalled over the state, allowing skies to <br> clear and daytime warming to <br> continue unimpeded. |  |
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| Early-morning readings onThursday ranged from the 70 s to 80 s , with the exception of |  |
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| rain-cooled temperatures reaching the 60 s in the west. |  |
| southerly at less than 10 mph . derstorms developed across the |  |
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## Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LTTERACY COUNCIL Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from
10 a.m. 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call $665-2331$. Thee Place for Singles is open $7-10: 30$
Saturdays at 520 W . Kingsmill. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.
ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at $699-9364$
OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Open Dor Alcoholics Anonymous at 910
Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day -
noon till 1 p.m. and $8-9$.
. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more informaTRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Womens Support Group for Child Management
offers parenting skills to assist parents and children offers parenting skills to assist parents and children
in deaing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family vio-
lence and/or sexual abuse from 78 p. p . Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee C fisisis Center, 669 -
For
131. LaS PAMPA WATER GARDEN Las PAD KOI SOCIETY Les Pamp Water Garden and Koi Society meets
the seond Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at
Austin Elementary School For Austin Elementary School. For more information,
contact Sharron Andrew at $665-6138$ or Lance DeFever. noep program The Nurse Oncologry Equaction Program and
Amarillo College will present "Growing Up With
Cancer A
 Amatact hours for for nurses will be worth 0.7 Thye 1
octus for spocial
workers. Early reegistration is $\$ 4$ C provide a copy of student ID and pay a $\$ 10$ (postprovide a copy of student 7 D and pay a 10 (post-
marked on or before July $)$ reistration fee. On-site and late registration will cost $\$ 60$. For more infor-
mation, call $1-800-515-6770$ or write: The Nurse Oncology Education Program, Growing Up With
Cancer, 7600 Burnet Rd. Suite 440 , Austin, TX 78757. Parade of ponds

Ogallala Water Gardeners in Amarillo will hold
 $11: 30$ p.m. Tickets are $\$ 5$ with children under 12 (accompanied by an a auntil) free. Tickets and a
map/ brochure will be avaiable on the day of the toup from ane of the h omeme. Advanced tickets may
te purchased at the following locations: Amarill be purchased at the following locations: Amarillo
Botanical Gardens, Coulter Gardens Nursery, Pitter
 the club's website at www.amaonline.com/owg The Gem Theatre in Clati The Gem Theatre in Claade will present the
Community Hertiage Players at $7: 30$ p. . July 16
and 17 . The group is under the direction of and 17. The group is under the direction of Dr
Carale Manninotill The entertainent will feai
ture an old-fashioned melodrama The cast will ture an old-fashioned melodrama. The cast will
include Wayne Blodgett, Terresa Collinins, Jeromy
Cold Coliins, Terril Conrad, Michael Green, Dixie
Hestaker, Kmm Karic, Carl tansbury and Janet
Westrook. After intermission, Deanna Campbell will present a medley of musical favorites. Tickets
are available at the door or in advance by calling (806) $226-5409$. Friends of the Amarillo Public Library will hold Brown Bag Book Sale from Ua.m.-6p.m. July 13 -1
in the basement of Central Library 4 th and Buchanan, Amarillo. All items will be $1 / 2$ price Jul 13 and brown bag specials will be offered July 14 ( $\$ 2$ a bagg and 15 (\$p1 a bag). Funds will suppor
Amarillo Public Library. For more information, call (806) 378 -4226. ${ }^{\text {BUSINESS LUNCHEON }}$ The Contract Procurement Center in Amarillo has
announced a Business Luncheon for small, minoriannounced a Business Luncheon for small, minori-
 CPP位 with Texas Departurent of Transportation,
Amarillo District 4 Office, will be the guest Amarillo District 4 Office, will be the guest ppeaker For reservations or for more information, cal
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Enrichment Center, 6th and Quinn, Guymon, Okla. Participants should bring a salad, or suandwiches os o
share for lunch. Nancy Barrett will present two days of quilting workshops including a sesesent two twa day double wedding ring pattern. Cost of the class is
\$25. Cost for the Saturday morning trunk show and \$25. Cost for the Saturday morning trunk show and
appliqué workshop will be $\$ 15$. For more informaappliqué workshop will be $\$ 15$. For more informa-
tion, call Cheryl Ashpaugh at (580) 338 -3677. Barrett tion, call Cheryl Ashpaugh at $5580338-3677$ Barrett
will also give a special presentation at 7 p.m. will also give a special $P$ Thursday free of charge
FPC
Frank Phillips College has announced the following upcoming continuing education and communiSuport Class," 8 a.m.-6. p .., July 1 ; "Haw to
Pubbicize Your Pubbicize Your Organization?,"' 1 1.5p....J July 21, 28
and Aug. 4; and Kids' College Session IV. For more
 Palo Duro Cature hikes nature hikes throughout the Pork will of offer several lowing hikes are scheduled: June 3 , "Wildflower Tour," at Paseo Del Rio trail head; June 10, "Botany
Basics," and Spicer and Lowry Ruature hike, both tat Givens,
Sunflower Trail hike Sind June 17, will begin at 9 am. Participants are urged to brin
 more information, call the park at (800) 488 The Women's Center of the Don and Syb Harrington Cancer Center has announced the fol-
lowing breast cancer screening clinics: July 28 , lowing breast cancer screening clinics: July 28 ,
Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N.
Crest, Sapparards Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest,
Pexam. mamticipants will receive a low-cost selfexam mammogram and a breast health appraisal
along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast selfexexamination. Fund ding is isterail-
able through the Texas Department of Health for able through the Texas Department of Health for

Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more informa| tion, call (806) ${ }^{356-19050}$ or 1-8R0-377.4673. |
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Bards of Burbank is holding a
Bards of Burbank is holding a poetry contest for
religious poems with a $\$ 1,000$ grand prize Deadlig rer entry is Aug. 4. TTe enter, send one poem 22 lines
for en ent
ol less to or less to: Free Poetry Contest, PMB250, 2219 W .
Olive Ave, Burbank, CA 91506 or enter on-line www.friendlypoets.com. gor scouts
The Golden Sptad Counti of Boy Scouts of
America is open to obys between the ages of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and
18 and includes a 27 -county area in the Texas 18 and includes a 27 -county area in the Texas
Panhandle. The SSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing a new program for 14-to 20-year-old boys and giris. For more information,
call ( (806) $358-6500$. CII (806) 355-650. CASE Cultural Academic CAdeent Exchange is seeking
families of all types - redired couples, couples with families of all types - retired couples, couples with
children, single parent families and childesss cou-ples- - hostat high school exchange student. For TEACHERS CONSERVATION INSTITUTE Registration is currently under way for Texas
Forestry Association's week-long Forestry Association's week-long Teacher's
Conservation Institute summer workshop Conservation Institute summer workshop to be
held June $25-30$, July $9-14$ and July $16-21$. Teachers 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 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 They will also be trained in Project Learning Tree
and Project WILD. The first session is currently full
but spaces are still but spaces are still available for the other two sessions. Registration is $\$ 75$ and includes all food, lodging and materias 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 75902. Tickets for the 35th anniversary season of the outdoor musical drama "TEXAS" June 7-Aug. 19,
2000) are now available for purchase on-line at www.texasmusicaldrama.com. For more inform tion, call (806) 655-2181. PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOOKLET The Cost Containment Research Institute in
Washington, D.C., recently published at 32-page booklet, "Free \& Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription
drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending $\$ 5$
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locate other shipmates. The U.S.N. Armed Guard 19th National Reunion will be May 21-24, 2000, at Drawbridge Estate Hotel in Fort Mitchell, Ky., 1-
$800-354-9793-9866$.
AMERICA'S HOMECOMING QUEEN America's Homecoming Queen, Inc., a non-profit
organization promoting education,' educational travel and non-viomotince in schoots will celebatrate its 20th anniversary in 2000 for $1981-00$ high school
homecoming queens. For more information, call, email or write: (901) 7 744-8680; Tereee@pacbell.net;
6135 Mt . Moriah, Suite 111 , Memphis TN, 135 Mt . Moriah, Suite 111, Memphis TN, 38115 .
T.O.P. $\# 149$ 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.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) \#41 meets at Take Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.
Al-Anon will hold weekly
Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays VFW CHARITY BINGO
The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post \#1657,
105 S . Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo 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

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Opinion
Elian's eviction and U.S. politics
The end of the Elian drama isn't that pleasing. The sight of 6 -year-old Elian Gonzalez, berg
to Havana, after the U.S. Supreme Court turned aside an
appeal that would have blocked his departure, is just one of the many poignant scenes that Americans return, no doubt a reflection of the length of this drama. The come, , given that it pulled out the stops to secure Elian's return
to Cuba. South Florida's Cuban-American community,
resigned to the boy's fate, was calm but angry.
It's hard to to imagine any sense of joy at seeing a young boy It's hard to imagione any sense of joy at seeing a young boy
returned to a totalitarian land - even if one believes that such a return was, ultimately, the right policy to pursue.
Elian, who barely survived a desperate raft trip from Cuba
that his mother and her companions did not survive, became States.
He was an icon for South Florida's Cuban-American community, which was desperate to keep him from being returned
to live in the communist poitice state most of them experienced He was an inconvenience for the Clinton administration,
which was so eager to improve relations with Fidel Castro and ed to quickly settle the matter.
He was a source of contention for the political right. Whereas liberals supported Elian's return to Cuba with near
unanimous gusto, conservatives and libertarians debated the
issue hotly pitting arguments about living in tramily rights.竍 that unnecessary raid, justified by bubious reasoning after
 Hy way, but there was no justification for using heavy, handed mity lor protesting its orderss
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l've got the first dollar I ever made
 Alster-in--law decided to fo go one step further. After months of searching endlessly, she locat-
ed a company which had a video of the 1949 The check was from a movie studio. A movie, ed a company which had a video of the 1949
"The Sundowners", which is not to be confused movie. She and my brother recently presented
with the famous movie with the same name, it to me. was filmed in Stinnett and PaloDuro Canyon. "That's all there is to it," was the comment of
It was a western which starred Chill Wills, my youngest daughter when she watched the Robert Preston, Robert Sterling, Jack Elam, and movie. Her five year old daughter said, "That's which John Barrymore, Jr., appeared. It was It was fun watching the movie. It was really a
also my first, and last. The movie was my "15 little better quality than I thought it might be. It minutes of fame", although my part was less was a very young Chill Wills for you western than 15 seconds on the screen. (When we buffs, but his voice was quite recognizable. Jack
attended the Amarillo premiere of the movie a Elam also was much younger and thinner. But ew months later my father dropped his ciga- that was over 50 years ago.
rette lighter and quickly retrieved it. When he I also found my book of autographs of the My aunt, who is five years older than me, and made with the cast and crew.
I speedily rode our horses around a corner, and
The memory which stands in my mind most down the street. We rode up to a hitching rail, vividly over 50 years later is John Barrymore, Ir tied our horses and ran into a building.
Now, tre filming of the scene was much was trightened for him just what my grandfa-
Nor Now, the filming of the scene was much was frightened for him just what my grandfa-
longer. We had to make that ride about 10 times ther might do to him. We quickly learned he
before the director was pleased with it. As a had never been on a horse before that time, so before the director was pleased with it. As a had never been on a horse before that time, so
small child I thought it was my horsemanship he had a few lessons from the expert


## Today in history

## By The Asocoiated Press

## Tleay isocoditu Press July 13 , the

 left in the year
On July 13,1960 , John F. Kennedy
won the Democratic presidential
nomination at his party's convention
Los Angel his paty's conven Stefano, which had ended the Russo-


## In 1787, Congress enacted an ordi- <br> nance governing the Northwest

Cuban-Americans stand up for liberty
Well, it's no surprise that the Supreme Court
sent Elian Gonzalez back to a communist dič sent Elian Gonzalez back to a communist dic--
tatorship and also ruled that Nebraska could not legislate against infanticide.
threat in a student leading a prayer in a football stadium. Not a good week for children as
far as the Supreme Court went far as the Supreme Court went. Not a good
week for morality or the Constitution, either. I'm sorry to see Elian being taken back to
Cuba, but I'm even sorrier to see so many Americans ignorant of or indifferent about the communist dictatorship in Cuba. Remember,
said sorry, not surprised said sorry, not surprised.
A recent news story reported that 80 percent A the seniors from the top 55 colleges and uni-
versities - including Harvard versities - including Harvard and Princeton

- scored a D or an $F$ on a 34 -question American history test. The people who did the American history test. The people who did the
study said that 99 percent of the students could identify Beavis and Butt-head, two sick TV
character, but characters, but only 23 percent identified James Madi
Constitution
Now these young men and women have had
16 or 17 years 16 or 17 years of formal education. And still, they're ignorant as toads about the history of
their own country. Are your children in public their own country. Are your children in public
schools? Why? It appears to be largely a consumer fraud.
So, if ignorance of their own country is so
widespread, it's no surprise that so many


Americans seem to think Fidel Castro is no worse than a grouchy cigar salesman. I'm quite
sure that most Americans don't realize that sure that most Americans don't realize that,
prior to Castro, Cuba had the highest standard of living in Latin America. Now, it's close to
$\qquad$ And 1 just love all these news analysts claimhas lost its political clout. That just shows you how stupid someone who claims to be an anapwas in the courts in the first poce, the fight for Elian ever claimed to have clout in the courts. Cuban-Americans have all along been willing
to accept the decisions of the courts. This was a legal battle, not a political battle. So, if you think they have lost their political
clout, then come to Florida, alienate them and sout, then come to Florida, alienate them and
sou can win a statewide election or an election in Dade County. The only clout they've ever had is that they are intelligent,
where their mouths are, and they vote. In other
words, unlike so many of their critics, they do
their duty as wheir duty as American of citizens. They do know
history, and they do not have defective meme They do all of this, by the way, because,
unlike so many of their critics, CubanAmericans do indeed dearly love this country, and they ve proved it in every way a human
eeing can. The ooly thing they wanted for
lian was the liberty his mother died trying to The child will be treated with pyine drugs, if he hass't already been, to erase his start reprogramming him with a clean slate. Not even 6 -year-olds, if they speak favorably
of freedom, are tolerated in Castro's priso of freedom, are tolerated in Castro's prison-
land. For as long as Elian remains in a commu-
nist Cuba nist Cuba, he will never have the freedom to that he not become like his father - a willing servant of tyranny: In this tragic episode, only the Cubanstood up for liberty and yet respected the law. They have set an example that other Americans could profit from by studying it.
As for those who mock and despise the Cuban-Americans, hey, the enemies of liberty always hate the lovers of liberty, just as cow ards always resent the brave.
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 Five years ago: President Clinton
denounced a military base-closing list derouncedamage it would do to
California and Texas, but then California and Texas, but then
approved the package while promisapproved the package while promis-
ing to save jobs in those states. Just six ing to save jobs in those states. Just six
days after space shuttle Atlantis days after space shuttle Atlantis
returned, the shuttle Discovery blasted off on a nine-day mission. Abou 2,500 workers at Detroit's daily news-

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## Senior snapshot

Name: Evelyn Phillips
Birth Date \& Place: Jan. 4,
1923, McPherson, Kan., to Kate 1923, McPherson, K
and Glenn Young
and Glenn Young
Family: Three children, Fern, Galen, Don, and Jay Phillips. Favorite Childhood Memory: in 1927, we moved from Kansas to Texas on freight car, animal and all, settling in White Deer. I rememb
When I Grew Up I Wanted To Be:
family


My Best Friend was: Margie Smith and Hazel Cummings. My Favorite Toy: Dolls - Shirley Temple if I had one. My Favorite Game: Capture (one team would try to cat
the other one.) The First Movie I Ever Saw \& The Cost: A silent don't remember the name. It cost maybe a quarter.
The First Phone I Ever Used Belonged To: I didn't have a phone until my daughter graduated in 1965.
The Person That Most Influenced My Life: My dad The Historical Event That Most Affected My Life \& Why World War II while I was in school at Oklahoma City The Thing I Remember M
( The Depression Was:
The Biggest Honor I've Ever Received Is: My years as a 4 H leader, three of my children were Gold Star award-win ners.
If I Could Change One Thing About My Past It Would Be: Not to get old - really I wouldn't change anything.
My Whole Family Enjoyed: Sightseeing, camping out in
Colorado, fishing, traveling
The Person From My Childhood I Wish I Could Visit With Today Is: I could name a whole bunch of them cousins and friends.
My First Job Was: Operator at the telephone office in
Year \& Make of The First Vehicle I Drove: 1936 Chevy. Cost of Gasoline When I First Drove: Twenty-five cents gallon.
On My First Date I Went To: To town (White Deer) and back, roller skating, I think
My Favorite Hang Out Spot Was: Main Street in Pampa. The Fashion Trend Was: Women starting to wear slacks. My Favorite Saying Was: "Ah, shoot""
"Spinning Wheel."
Another Memory I Want To Share Is: After we married,
we moved back to the farm. We lived on $\$ 13$ a month We had our own milk, eggs and meat.

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Tava Porter RN, Director of Nursing is new with Pampa Nursing Center. She has 18 years of long care experience, also experience in CCU , ICU and Medical Surgical Hospital.

Tava lives on a farm with her husband. She has 5 grown children and 2 grand children. She is also attending Wayland Baptist for her Bachelors Degree in Business.

We are proud to have Tava on our team at Pampa Nursing Center. Come in and meet her at 1321 W. Kentucky or call 669-2551 for information.

## Helping one another

## Companion program beneficial for seniors

HAYS, Kan. (AP) - Paying the bills. Balancing the check book. Shopping for groceries. Going to the doctor. They all sound like routine chores, but they can be overwhelming for seniors with health problems.
For those struggling to accomplish life's daily tasks, the senior companion program in a nine-county area of west-cen The program was
at Fort Hays State University first in the nation when it began al grant, the project connects poor, elderly Kanded by a federstill get around with those who often need help just to can home.
It pro
It provides a friend for elderly people who need one, plus a "The whole focus of the preberits for the companions. limited incomes involved in providing services to other frail elderly folk to help them stay independent," said Jolen Niernberger, the program's director.
About 150 volunteers have served more than 500 seniors already this year, Niernberger said.
Among the volunteers are Harold
who have been involved with the and Annabelle Woodford They have been involved with the program for several years. cer.
Harold Woodford is a companion to Art, an 86-year-old man who is partially blind and had a knee replaced last year. He
and Art go out for coffee and to the grocery store. He also takes and Art go out for coffee and to the grocery store. He also takes "We just generally have a good time, We enjoy one another," Woodford said.
Annabelle Woodford added: "I'd be hard-pressed to say who
has benefited the most in that Unfortunaty has benefited the most in that. Unfortunately, my condition ha limited him."
He squeezes all that in between taking his wife for "She's been and her own doctors' visits.
Harold W my best friend for over 51 years," he said
even máking macaroni and cheese helping out with cooking, wife has been ill.
"Have you ever burned water? I have," he joked, leaning in rocking chair in their ranch-style Hays home
The companion program also helps them pay medical bills, since not all treatments are covered by Medicare.
Annabelle Woodford, a white scarf around her head, trying not to doze because of the medication she's taking, said she still finds energy to be a companion now and then.
For some, she helps balance checkbooks and pay bills, especialiy widows whose husbands always handled the finances. To others, she just reads the newspaper or a book
"They're able in their own way. They like to be self-suffi-
At the urging of Sen. Larry Salmans, the state added $\$ 25,000$ to the program for the fiscal year beginning July 1.
"I see it as something that could help across the state, what's really just a good neighbor helping another neighbor," said ties already, but this is a way to organize it and get people together."
Niernberger hopes that money can help the program expand beyond the nine counties where it already operates.

It provides a friend for elderly people who need one, plus a small stipend and other fringe benefits for the companions.
"My hope is at some point, companions could be available r nurses. But we can do some simple things on a daily basis.
Annabelle Woodford, 71, used to volunteer at nursing anion. Pauline Rosebaugh, meanwhile, has been a companion for years, and her mother was a companion before her. On a day of her supposed vacation from volunteering that was only after she brought one woman home from th hospital and before she ran to the grocery store for another. Rosebaugh, 78, often brings prayer books to encourage peo e on her visits. Sometimes she just sits with them, readin "Batching television.
"Big hugs mean a lot," she said. "They love that attention Rosebes that can love them." Row everyone said she gets lone
The volunteers said all their efforts pay off in the end. "The nice thing to me is the old folks have people that mak hem feel needed," said Annabelle Woodford. "They have way of working themselves into your heart


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49 years, nine governors later DHS secretary leaving position AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) -
Nine governors and nearly a half-century after she started working in state government,
Mary Luce was about to retire. Mary Luce was about to retire.
Luce had a farewell lunch of poached salmon with Gov. Angus King on June 30, the day she was supposed to finish up as senior administrative secretary
to the Human Services commisto the Human Services commis-
sioner. A few days later, Luce was
ack at her desk in the brick oack at her desk
office building across the street
from the State House just from the State House, just to fill
in. Well, what's another few in. Well, what's another few
days when you've been on the days when you
job for 49 years?
Besides, the 66-year-old Luce
said, "Ive always been happy in said, "I've always been happy in
my job. I like the contact with people and helping people." Luce is not the only state
employee with such a empoyee with such a long
record of service, although cases like hers are rare.
State officials
State officials say there are a
couple of others with at least 49 couple of others with at least 49
years on the payroll, and a yransportation payron, Department employee was once cited for his 50 years of state duty
Luce may be the onfy one
who's had the kind of iob in who's had the kind of job in lawmakers and Cabinet officials one minute, and with Maine's most desperate and needy residents the next.
Luce fields phone calls from people with complaints about
welfare payments, health care and issues regarding child custody and care for the elderly. Human Services Commissioner Kevin
Concannon said Luce has been a kind of gatekeeper who made sure that everything possible was done to address a caller's. needs before the phone was passed to him.
hasn't been treated somebody Concannon. "She knows when to say, 'You need to look at this."' Luce has fielded calls, for example, from families of elder-
ly married couples who faced separation because one had to enter a nursing home while the other remained behind in a boarding home.
office intervened, nursing office intervened, nursing ments at the boarding home rate to keep the couple under one ald
of people in my years here. I feel good about that," she said. After graduating from the for-
mer Williams High School mer Williams High School in
Oakland, Luce went to work for Oakland, Luce went to work for
the state in 1951 as a clerkstenographer in what was then
the Department of Labor and Industry. Later she transferred to the Department of Health and During the last 20 years, she has been senior administrative secretary for a succession of
Human Services commissioner Human Services commissioners. Luce recalled meeting only a
couple of governors over the couple of governors over the
years - King, and Joseph Brennan, who served from 1979Brenna
86.
Even
Even though she never met
former Gov. James Levley she former Gov. James' Longley, she
remembers him well. remer used to put lit
He used to put little notes on
letters to constituents (saying) letters to constituents (saying),
'Why don't you get a job?'" said Luce.
She also recalls with sadness ming from a budget crisis in 1991. While Luce was kept on the job, she said it was disheartening to see so many others lose theirs. State employee morale
sagged, but Luce believes it has sagged, but Luce believes
been restored since then.

## Recruiting retirees is big business for Mississippi <br> OXFORD, Miss. (AP) - When she was

young, Shirley Perry was a Cold War spy. Now retired, she wants to write about those cloak-and-dagger days. A small town in Mississippi offers the perfect inspiration.
Perry, who left the Central Intelligence Agency decades ago,
A town rich with Civil War to Civil bittlefield history - from history that includes Williamd with literary son and Nobel Prize winner Ander, native 15,000 people and the Und home to Mississippi. egal pad, participating in theater plays and getting the autographs of visiting authors There's so much here to see and learn," she She is not alone.
Mississippi is attracting many of the nation's retirees. Lower crime rates and low costs make it a real challenge to Florida, says Barbar McDonald, marketing and advertising manag er for the state's Department of Economic and Community Development.
Currently, Florida is the state most favored by retirees. Mississippi is not even among the 1998, 12.2 percent of Mississippi's populatio is 65 or older, compared to 18.3 percent Florida's population.
But McDonald lauds Mississippi's one big advantage - four seasons.
"In Mississippi, the leaves change colors and we have a little snow every now and then," important to a lot of people coming from up north."
McDonald heads the Hometown Mississippi Retirement program, a part of the state's department of Economic and Community Development. Last year, the program initiated the weekend getawa
Using national advertisements and pamphetirs, state officials tout Mississippi as a getaway is haven. McDonald said this year's gle choos already fully-booked with 150 people choosing to pay the $\$ 175$ fee that does not include transportation.
Participants are treated to such entertainThe retirees are surveyed at the end of the weekend to see if their perception of Mississippi has changed, and McDonald say most of the time it has.
"They think it's nall mall
"They think it's really rural and all cotton fields," she says. But "they find that we do anywhere."
Since the retirement program began, officials report more than 160,000 requests for informa
tion. And Steve House, executive director of the American Association of Retirement Communities, based in Bowling Green, Ky calls it the country's most progressive retire

Research values the typica retiree household from $\$ \mathbf{2 5 0 , 0 0}$ to $\$ 300,000$. "Many people think of retirees as oid, poor people who are sick," says House. "Many retirees these days are younger and have accumulated money.'
ment program - though he's quick to poin out that popular vacation spots - Florida Arizona - attract more retirees. Similar programs dot the South, including Alabama.
Retirees who do choose Mississippi are helping the state's economy - with an estimated 1,600 new households. McDonald calls this the economic equivalent of 3.7 factory jobs, with House's group, based at Western Kentucky Houses group, based at Western Kentucky a program funded by federal grants. It aims to show community leaders the economic benefits of attracting retirees.
Research values the typical retiree household from $\$ 250,000$ to $\$ 300,000$. "Many people think says House. "Many retirees these days are younger and have accumulated money", Retiree spending offers Florida a $\$ 75.8$ bilion wallop, according to the state's Department of Elder Affairs. Its data also show that retirees pay another $\$ 1.3$ billion in real
Perry lauds Mississippi's tax structure ecause unearned income is not taxed. She aid the cost of living in the state enabled her o buy a $\$ 175,000$ four-bedroom, two-bath ouse in Oxford
The weather attracted Marjorie Fritz. Fritz, 61, lived in Florida for a decade after the death Mississippi's Gulf Coast. Originally from Massachusetts, Fritz considred Florida too warm. But Gulfport's mild weather allows her to play 18 holes of golf each day. She calls this "a beautiful retirement rea," and close enough to Florida for vaca-

The Gulf Coast, a longtime favorite of snowbirds, will soon feature a $\$ 1.8$ billion-development partly devoted to retirees, a master-plan ommunity built over the next decade.
Even this is new for Mississippi - mostly, ays McDonald, because retirees want to live Perry who has lived in
was certain that she did not we and Canada, ommunity. Yet she was unce want a retirement he South.

You need the diversty of You want to feel part of a genuine cose she says. You wan artificial one."

Exercise lessens chance of adult-onset diabetes
CHICAGO (AP) - A study of more than The study, published in today's Journal of 70,000 women found that exercise - even the American Medical Associaton, is in line oping adult-onset diabetes. women.
The study of women participating in the The Centers for Disease Control and Nurses Health Study found that moderate to Prevention and the National Institutes of vigorous exercise was associated with a 46 percent lower risk. moderate exercise a day

Diabetes occurs when | The researchers were led by Dr. Frank B. Hu $\begin{array}{l}\text { deficient, becomes i } \\ \text { of the Harvard School of Public Health. } \\ \text { use insulin, or both. }\end{array}$ |
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ARIES (March 21-Apriil 19)
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Take your natural) place. and steer in the
direction you feel is appropriate. Know that someone is ali way spopgnate. to Rive you
flak. Wort less and stay true to yourself. Tonight Out on the own
TAURU (April 20-May 20)
$\star \star \star \star \star \star$ You plunge into weekend
mode early. Your mind wanders. Reach next few days. Confirm an important
meecing.especially the time. Tonight:
Split ASAP. GEMINI (May 21 -June 20)
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yet down to basics. Tonight: Be with


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## Haggar The Horrible



Because I had the umbrella
 Sports

## Notebook GOLF <br> TRUMBULL, Conn. Pampa Country Club pro Pampa Country Club pro Mickey Piersall has been honored by Golf Digest as one of the top teaching pro- fessinals Golf Digest, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, lists Piersall as No. 22 in the state based on a direct ballot survey of golf instructors around the country around the country. Hank Haney of McKinney is ranked No. 1 in Texas and ranked No. 1 in Texas and No. 4 in the nation. No. 4 in the nation. The magazine published The magazine published the list in its August issue Be ist in its August issue. Binstructors nationwide, Golf ind instructors nationwide, Golf Digest also includes the rankDigest also includes the rank- ing of the most accomplished ing of the most accomp teachers state by state. PAMPA - Don Ashford, 80, of Groom, shot a 79 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 80, of Groom, } & \text { shot a } 79 \\ \text { Wednesday at } & \text { Clarendon }\end{array}$ Wednesday at Clarendon Country Club. Witnesses Country Club. Witnesses were Joe McCutchen and were Joe McCutchen and Slick Johnson of Howardwick FOOTBALL <br> SAN ANTONIO (AP) The Minnesota Vikings and New Orleans Saints will meet

 New Orieans Saints will meetin preseason play at the Alamodome on Aug. 11,
2001, but it's more than just a $\underset{\text { Wedne. }}{\text { game }}$
Wednesday's official
announcement announcement came amid
questions about the future of the NFL in Minneapolis and San Antonio.
As Vikings owner and San
Antonio businessman Red Antonio businessman Red
McCombs chatted amiably with a couple hundred business and civic leaders, the Alamodome loomed in the backe its primary tenant, the
lo NBA's San Antonio Spurs, in two years, the city-owed NFL team. is pursuing an MrL team.
Mc Combs has spent most of his tenure denying he
wants to relocate the Viking. wants to relocate the Vikings.
Still, the Vikings-Saints
the game 13 months oft will give
San Antonio a chance to demonstrate its NFL viability and might give McCombs
some leverage in his quest for some leverage in his quest for
a new stadium that would generate more revenue than the unloved Metrodome. clear in every way my comclear in every way my com-"
mitment to Minnesota," McCombs said. "My role as the owner of the Vikings is to see them stay competitive in
the NFL. That should be played out in Minnesota. It can not happen in the
Metrodome. We keep repeatMetrodome. We keep repeat-
ing that. But I have every will be resolved."
The Vikings thus far have
received little sympary frem received little sympathy from state legislators. Metrodome
renovation proposals have gone nowhere.
gan Antonio built the
Sam Alamodome in 1993 for foot-
ball, but thus far it has been occupied only by the NBA occupied only by the NBA
Spurs. A new, basketball-only arena will be completed in two years, and the city is fac-
ing the prospect of a deserted seven-year old facility. The seven-year old facility. The
Saints and Arizona Cardinals have been mentioned as pos-
sible relocators but San sible relocators, but San
Antonio faces stiff competiAntonio faces stiff comp
tion from Los Angeles.

BASEBALL
OZARK, Mo. (AP) - The Ozark Mountain Ducks got
solid pitching Wednesday solid tio beat the Texas-
night
to night to beat he Texas-
Louisiana League All-Stars 3-
2 in the league's sixth annual 2 in the league
all-star game.
Ducks starter Jim Wollscheid opened with two perfect innings, striking out
the last four batters he faced. Jeff Motes had two hits and one RBI and was named
MVP. MVP.
The Ducks got all three Tuns in the second on a hit by Muns in off Al Kermode that
Motes ored Sergio Cairo from first
scored
base.
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lowed with a double to score
lom Motes and Jason Thompson
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Asselberg.

San Antonio and the NFL VSAN ANTONIO (AP) - The
Minnesota Vikings and New Minnesota Vikings and New
Orleans Saints will meet in preseason playy at the Alamodome
on Aug. 11, 2001, but on Aug. 11, 2001, but it's more
than just a game than just a game.
Wednesday's $\begin{gathered}\text { Wednesday's } \\ \text { announcement }\end{gathered}$ came official
amid announcement came amid
questions about the future of the NFL in Minneapolis and San As Vikin Antonio businessman Red McCombs chatted amiably with a couple hundred business and civic leaders, the Alamodome
loomed in the background. Scheduled to lose its primary tenant, the NBA's San Antonio Spurs, in two years, the city-
owed Alamodome is pursuing owed Alamodo
McCombs has spent most of his tenure denying he wants to relocate the Vikings. 13 months off will give San Antonio a chance to demon-
strate its NFL - strate its NFL viability and
might give McCombs some might give McCombs some
leverage in his quest for a new stadium that would generate more revenue than the unloved Metrodome.
"I think I've
in every way my commitment in every way, my commitment
to Minnesota," McCombs said. "My role as the owner of the
Vikings is to see them stay comVikings is to see them stay com-
petitive in the NFL. That should be played out in Minnesota. It can not happen in the
Metrodome. We keep repeating Metrodome. We keep repeating
that. But I have every confithat. But I have every confi-
dence that those issues will be resolved."
The Vikings thus far have
received little sympathy from received little sympathy from
state legislators. Metrodome state legislarors. Merrodome
renovation proposals have gone nowhere. San Antonio built the
Alamodome in 1993 for football, Alamodome in 1993 for football,
but thus far it has out thus far it has been occupied
only by the NBA Spurs. A new, basketball-only arena will be completed in two years, and the
city is facing the prospect of a city is facing the prospect of a
deserted seven-year old facility. deserted seven-year old facility.
The Saints and Arizona Cardinals have been mentioned
as possible relocators, but as possible relocators, but San
Antonio faces stiff competition Antonio faces stiff
from Los Angeles.
Comets streak past Monarchs HOUSTON (AP) - Seizing opportunity when
Sacramento's Yolanda Griffith suffered an injury, the Houston
Comets rallied with a 13-0 run in the last five-plus minutes, assisted by Sheryl Swoopes. Swoopes led all scoring with
25 points in Houston's $77-62$ vic 25 points in Houston's $77-62$ vic-
tory Wednesday night. Griffith, tory Wednesday night. Griffith,
who scored 22 points, had been
aggressive in the first half but aggressive in the first half but
was ineffective over the last $5: 32$ was ineffective over the last 5:32 after hurting her right foot.
"Yolanda's a great playe Yolanda s a great player,"
said Swoopes, who scored 15
points in the second half. "It's points in the second half. "II's
unfortunate. You don't want unfortunate. You don't want
people to go out with injury. But people to go out with injury, But
t think any time they are out, for whatever reáson, you want to try to capitalize on that." The Comets outscored
Sacramento $13-0$ over the final S:05 to grab their 10th consecutive victory.
"It's hard to believe," Comets coach Van Chancellor said. "(If)
you coached through that game you coached through that game
and you played through that game, in your mind you thought that was about a three-
to five-point game. to five-point game.
"But I got ready to walk down
there to speak to (Monarchs there to speak to (Monarchs
coach Sonny Allen) after the game, I looked up at the scoreboard, and it's 77-62," Chancellor said. "That's hard to
believe. It didn't feel that way believe. It didn't feel that way.
But I was really pleased with But 1 was really pleased with
our defense. Sacramento's really our defense. Saccramento' Really hard." Swoopes was 11 -of- 20 from
the floor snatched nine the floor, snatched nine
rebounds and had five assists and one blocked shot as the three-time WNBA champion Comets improved to league-
best 19-2 mark. Griffith also had best rebounds and 22 points 14 in the first half - for the 13-7 Monarchs.
Both teams
Both teams struggled to main-
tain a lead in the first half until tain a lead in the first haif until
the Monarchs began a $14-2$ run to take a $29-20$ advantage, their biggest of the game.
But Houston answered back
with a 15-2 run to take a 35-31 with a $15-2$ run
lead at halftime.

Tournament winners


Thompson Parts finished the end-of-season tournament for the Pampa Optimist Youth Club with a record of 5-1, winning the pitching machine tournament in a three-game, six-hour finale. They fell into the loser's bracket against Medicine Shoppe. The next day, Thompson's beat Frank's Foods to advance into the finals. They followed with a pair of wins against Medicine Shoppe in hard-fought games in the finais. Thompson ended the season with a $20-2$
record. Team members are (front row, from left) Evan McElwain, Mikey Feagin, Brandon Gannaway, Mitchell Killgo, Ricki Grajeda and Robert Douglas; (back row, from left) Ryan Freudenrich, Kelby Rocker, Luke Watson, Joe Solis, Cody Davis, Sam Newman and Mitch Simon. Not pictured are head coach Mike Killgo, assistant coaches Tom McElwain, Randy Watson and Bill Simon.

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## Mills wins singles title at Pampa Tennis Open

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| mpa Tennis Open | Heath Holt, Amarillo, | def. |
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| ampa, 6-1, 6-0; Jordan S | Spearman, def. Zach |  |
| Spearman, def. Ashley Luc | Pampa, 6-3, 6-0; Finals: P | 6-4; |
| Pamp | def. Cherry, 6-3, 1-6 |  |
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| aters, Pampa, def. Ashley | Freeman, Amarillo, def. N |  |
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| Consolation: Julian Ge | Waters-Ashlei Jordan, P | Caleb Coffman, 6-2, 7-6 |
| ef. Reagan |  | Finals: White-Bradley |
|  | Amarillo, def. Kindle-West, | Jordan-Hucks, 6-3, |
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## Lance Armstrong: Unstoppable Texan




Yanks, Braves boost mound staffs

By The Associated Press after winning 96 games, trading Wade said the team was close to
after winning 96 games, trading Wade said the team was close to
for Ken Griffey Jr. and becoming trading Ashby to the Yankees, but Atlanta Braves knew they had to
improve their pitching staffs if they wanted a rematch of the
1999 World Series. unpopular for the present,", Reds team made an offer for Ashby general manager Jim Bowden that was unacceptable, he said.
said. "The White Sox took a lot of Ashby a two-time All-Star is grief when they made a similar the final year of a $\$ 15$ million trade a few years ago. But in the three-year contract. He is making Ashby, 33 you win. $\$ 5.9$ milion this year. record and a 4.10 ERA in nine prospects for several years, top years His ERA ballooned to 5.68 prospects for several years, ha this season, but he has allowed major league starter. He was 4-0 just three earned runs in his last with a 2.50 ERA in 22 appear-
15 innings.
ances for Atlanta this seaso "Ashby's ability and experi- ances for Atlanta ence are very appealing to us, and Frank could help the Yankees
we believe he's shown signs of replace Shane Spencer. The out returning to his form of old," fielder will miss the rest of the
Atlanta general manager John season because of a torn ligament Schuerholz said.
Phillies general manager Edight knee and was placed
on the 60 -day disabled list.
Irwin favored to repeat in Sr. Players Championship

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) -
Hale Irwin feels like he's wearing a target on his back at the
Senior Players Championship. Still, he feels players who are
aiming at him will be making a mistake
"If they're gunning for me, the golf course will eat them up,"
Irwin said Wednesday after tun ing up with a 1 -under-par 71 at
the TPC of Michigan. "The ones who concentrate o"
The 6,966-yard course, built on the edge of some wetlands near
the world headquarters of sponsoring Ford Motor Co., was
designed by Jack Nicklaus and designeleted in 1991.
my back before, and I'm happy o wear it," Irwin said. "It all comes down to experience."
He has plenty of that. Irwin won the U.S. Senior
Open two weeks ago and is the defending champion in the Senior Prayers Championship.
He leads the senior money list ty
$\$ 10,474$ over Bruce Fleisher $\$ 10,474$ over Bruce Fleisher
heading into the fourth and final major on the senior circuit.
But the deciding factor might be how well the 78 golfers in the
field play the water left by field play the water left by
Nicklaus and the wind provided "You have to be hitting the ball well on this golf course,"' Larry
Nelson said. 'It think that's why Nelson said. "I think that's why
Hale just sort of blew out the Hale just sort
field last year."
Irwin finished at 21-under-par
267 last year, beating Graham Marsh by seven strokes. If he
repeats, he will pocket $\$ 315,000$ money.
'I don't deny that I played
demell extremely well last year,' Irwin
made it and converted it."
But,
But the greens were softened But the greens were softened
by rain in 1999 . This year, the "IIt's playing a little faste han I recall it,", Irwin said. " ow as last year."
Irwin, who took last week off, said he might need a day or two
to get his stroke back. , get his stroke back. Even as good as Hale has
played the last four week,", "Nelson said. "It jus As with most course designed by Nicklaus, there is
some wiggle room off the tees a
the TPC of Michigan. The money shot is frequently the secfast greens that sometimes have "How four levels. under par?" Tom Watson wordered after carding a 3 -over 75 course. "I know Hale won by seven or eight shots, but how
did he shoot that far under? This golf course isn't that easy."
Nelson, despite some driving Ne putting ooked in this championship. He played well enough to rank third on the money list. putters in my bag right now," putters in A win this weekend would be
rwin's fourth this season and give him half of a grand slam in events considered majors by the
eniors. Tom Kite won the seniors. Tom Kite won the
Tradition and Doug Tewell the
PGA Seniors Championship PGA Seniors Championship.

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