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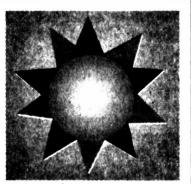
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George Strait accused of breach of contract

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Adisgruntled business partner of George Strait is suing the country-western star over the failure of a dog food product that bore Strait's name.

Strait's attorney called the allegations "an outrageous falsehood" in a state district court this week. Tom T. Rogers described the plaintiff, Ed D'Avanzo, as a "weird sort" who mimicked Strait's appearance by wearing similar cowboy boots and a black hat and bought the same style pickup trucks.

In January, D'Avanzo sued Strait, George Strait Productions Inc. and Erv Woolsey, the singer's Nashville general manager, in January. D'Avanzo claimed that his business, South Texas Pet Products Inc., failed because Strait refused to make personal appearances or meet with leaders of key retailers of Strait Nutrition Dog Food. D'Avanzo said the company was formed in 1994 to make the product.

Strait's lawyers, however, say the agreement only involved use of the countrywestern star's name and likeness. The company failed, Rogers said, because D'Avanzo exaggerated his expertise and was an abrasive manager who offended his suppliers and buyers.

For his own part, D'Avanzo has sought to bolster his \$2.4 million lawsuit by trying to prove that Strait is also responsible for the disappearance of his horse, which was on the singer's ranch.

- Emmett Allen, 87, farmer,
- John R. Coffee, 75, farmer, rancher.

auto mechanic

- John Calvin Sledge, 92, former Phillips Petroleum Refinery employee.
- Liddie Luevilla Gantz, 92, longtime Pampa resident.

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Skinner lawyer claims 'victory' in appeal effort

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

A recommendation by a U.S. magistrate late Thursday protects death row inmate Henry "Hank" Skinner's right to federal appeal and scores a "victory" in efforts to prove his innocence of capital murder, his defense attorney said today.

Magisrate Judge Clinton Averitte ruled that Skinner has the right to pursue a writ of habeas corpus with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. Skinner's attorneys said they were notified by a faxed copy of the ruling late Thursday.

"I'm not going to appeal it," said District Attorney John Mann, who acted as prosecutor when Skinner was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death by a Fort Worth Jury five years ago.

Skinner remains on Texas Department of Criminal Justice's death row awaiting execution for the New Year's Eve 1993 murders of his live-in girlfriend Twila Busby and her two mentally-impaired sons, Elwin Caylor and Randy Busby. Skinner maintains his innocence of

"At issue is whether or not the writ would be dismissed (by the federal court) or held in abeyance," said Steven Losch of Longview, Skinner's defense attorney.

"If it had been dismissed, and went back to state (court of criminal appeals), he could not come back to federal court. This is the only way to protect his right to a federal appeal," Losch explained. "This is what we asked the magistrate to do," he added. "This is a

Losch explained that when the writ was first filed, Federal Judge (See SKINNER, Page 2)

9-1-1 addressing task nearly done

Director of the Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network told members of the Community Awareness and Emergency Response Committee (CAER) that Gray County's rural 9-1-1 addressing will be completed by

"We have completed 13 counties, so we're halfway there," said Pamela Nielson of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) who heads 9-1-1 services for 24 counties of the Texas Panhandle

Nielson explained that every Gray County resident who has a rural box as an address is included in this addressing program.

For example, rather than having an address like Rural Route 1, Box 8, the new addressing will be as specific as possible to the actual location of the residence like 944 Gray D.

Once the addressing is completed, Neilson said the informa-

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tion must then be submitted to the United States Post Office who will give final approval or disapproval to the addresses.

"Gray County is the only county where we have had a partner in doing this," she said. "Gray County Appraisal District (GCAD) agreed to help us and they even contracted a mapping company to help us do that.

(See 9-1-1, Page 2)



Department of Public Safety Trooper Daimon Jones, left, interviews a witness while Trooper David O'Brien looks over a mangled minivan involved in a major traffic accident injuring six people at 9 p.m., Thursday, seven miles west of Pampa on U.S. Highway 60 near Kingsmill.

Minivan and 18-wheeler crash; six people hurt

Bv DEE DEE LARAMORE

Six people were injured late Thursday on U.S. Department of Public Safety (DPS) officials

Accordin) DPS and witness accounts, the accident occurred at approximately 9 p.m. Thursday seven miles west of Pampa, when a white Plymouth Voyager driven by Robin Charles Epperson, 35, of Skellytown veered into an eastbound White Freightliner truck tractor driven by Jerry Lynn Deaver, 43, of Stinnett. Deaver was not injured.

Witnesses who came upon the scene told emer-

gency workers they had been with the Eppersons when they had eaten at Braums before going back toward White Deer.

DPS reports indicate Epperson, his wife Debra, 60, west of Pampa, when a mini-van lost a wheel — and their two-children, Jonathan and Tabitha and swerved into the path of an 18-wheeler, Epperson, were passengers in the van, in addition to a girl identified as Tabitha Whittington of Amarillo and another boy who had not been identified by press time today.

Trooper David O'Brien, who investigated the accident, said one person in the van was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo by Lifestar helicoptér. Two others were taken by Rural Metro Ambulance to the Amarillo hospital. He said three others were transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

(See CRASH, Page 2)

Special children's event Wednesday

The local Summer Reading Program will present a unique informative program for the children in the community on Wednesday.

Viola Moore, director of the Square House Museum in Panhandle, will present Trunk Tales at Pampa's library. The trunk tales are about pioneer life in the Panhandle. As part of the program, the children who attend will have a chance to dress as

The lively program is free for children of all ages and requires no registration.

Moore was named director of the Panhandle museum on July 1 of this year, and is continuing as educator for the museum. She is from New Mexico and has been in the Panhandle since January, 1999. She received a masters degree in history from West Texas A&M, and is presently working on her doctorate at Louisiana State University.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 669-5780, according to Shanla Brookshire,



After Five has a hard time coming out of the chute thus cowboy Jody Wiggins of Hutchinson, Kan., got a reride. As good luck would have it, Wiggins won first place in the bareback riding at last night's Top O' Texas Rodeo. The rodeo continues tonight and Saturday night at 7:30.

First performance **TOT Rodeo results**

More action tonight, Saturday night

in from the Top O' Texas Rodeo.

Steer Wrestling: first - Reece Taylor, Perryton, TX; second -Ronnie Mullen, Jr., Walters, OK; third - Chancey Larson, Manhattan, KS; fourth - Ricky Riley, Farwell, TX. Bareback Riding: first - Jody

Wiggins, Hutchison, KS; second Rod Sutton, Gustine, TX; third -Tony Hecksher, Elmore, Victoria; fourth - Jason Maddox, Stephenville, TX

Saddle Bronc Riding: first -Kolt Dowdy, Crowley, TX; second - Brad McCully, Springtown, TX.

Duncan, Canadian, TX; second -Tjaden Swires, Pampa; third -Gatlin Taylor, Pampa.

Calf Roping: first - T.J. Good, Elida, NM; second - Brad W. McReynolds, Groesbeck, TX; third - Justin Weichel, Colony, OK; fourth - Gary D. Dean, Hammon, OK; fifth - Monty Lewis, Hereford, TX; sixth - Jay W. Pool, Big Lake, TX.

Double Mugging:

First-performance results are Garrett Scribner, Brandon

Mayfield, Michael Craig. Barrel Race: first - Teal Rice, Lakin, KS; second - Kimberly Travis, Elk City, OK; third -Linda Durrett, Decatur, TX; fourth - Shannon Petty, Sidney, TX; fifth - Suzi Degose, Von Ormy, TX; sixth - April Webb, Amarillo, TX; seventh - Mary Sorrells, Bryan, TX; eighth -Jymmy Day Davis, Gonzales, TX; ninth - Felicia Otis, Alex, OK.

Bull Riding: first - Casey Baize, San Angelo, TX; second Philip D. Elkins, Keller, TX; third - Wes Dinwiddie, Fort Madison,

Celebrity Pick-up Race: Heat Mutton Busting: first - Gatlin #1 - Damon Wildcat & David Russell of the Gray County Sheriff Department, Heat #2 -Garrett Scribner & Todd Alvey, Gray County Attorney, Heat #3 -Cody Douglas & Jammy Nunn of Robert Knowles Dodge.

The above heat winners competed against each other in The Final Heat to determine the overall winner. The winner of the 2000 Celebrity Pickup Race is Garrett Scribner and Todd Alvey.

Daily Record

Obituaries

EMMETT ALLEN

McLEAN - Emmett Allen, 87, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000, in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15, 2000, in the Alanreed Cemetery at Alanreed with George Watson officiating. Burial arrangements are under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean. Mr. Allen was born Oct. 10, 1912, at Wellington

to Emmett Allen and Grace Tibbets Allen. He married Myrtle Bruns Sept. 30, 1932, at Wellington. He lived in the Texas Panhandle area most of his

life. Mr. Allen was a talented musician and had his own band, Sunset Ramblers. He was a farmer. He was also an auto mechanic

with a shop located on old Route 66. He was a former member of the Alanreed Cemetery Board and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Mr. Allen was inducted into the Route 66 Hall of Fame at the Devil's Rope Museum in McLean in

He was preceded in death by his wife, Myrtle, an

infant son, one brother and one sister. Survivors include two sons, Don Allen of Sherman and Mickey Allen of Huntington Beach, Calif.; two daughters, Betty Collie of Lake Texhoma and Gloria Jones of Cleburne; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and several nieces and

The family will receive visitors from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home and requests memorials be to BSA Hospice of Amarillo, Box 950, Amarillo,

JOHN R. COFFEE

WELLINGTON - John R. Coffee, 75, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Church of Christ with Don Stone of Clarendon and Eddie Littrell of Dodson officiating. Burial will be in North Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home of Wellington.

Mr. Coffee was born May 16, 1925, at Quail, to William Coffee and Vera White Coffee. He attended school at Quail. He married Sue Nelson on Feb. 9, 1947, at Wellington. He was a farmer and rancher and charter member of Wellington Lions Club, holding various offices including Tail Twister. He also belonged to the Church of Christ and Wellington Country Club. He was a Little League coach and served on the board of Collingsworth County Farm Bureau. In addition, he was recipient of the Honorary Future Farmers Degree from the

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a

Survivors include his wife, Sue, of Wellington; three daughters, Susan Green of Childress, Linda Johnson of Wellington and Kay Williams of Waco; a son, Samuel John Coffee of Pampa; four sisters, Judy Manuel of Wellington, Bertha Styles of Omaha, Neb., Allie Minyard of Lubbock and Della Mae Estes of Irving; and nine grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Wellington Cemetery Association.

LIDDIE LUEVILLA GANTZ

Liddie Luevilla Gantz, 92, a longtime Pampa resident, died Tuesday, July 11, 2000, at Las Cruces, N.M. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Barry A. Loving officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Gantz was born April 24, 1908, at Wilson, Okla., to John Henry and Annabelle Jones. She married Herman T. Gantz on Nov. 26, 1930; he died in 1974. She was a longtime Pampa resident prior to moving to Las Cruces. She was an active member of First Christian Church of Pampa and, after moving to Las Cruces, joined Mesilla Valley Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by two sisters. Survivors include two daughters and sons-inlaw, Mary and Don Moen and Dot and Jim Dougherty, all of Las Cruces; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and Joe Ann Gantz of Las Cruces and David and Robin Gantz of Pampa; a sister, Anna Mae Herring of Stillwater, Okla.; nine grandchildren and spouses, John and Frances Moen, Sidney and Reba Gantz and Carey and Bobby Murphey, all of Las Cruces, Kent and Gloria Gantz of Odessa, Kevin and Cindy Gantz of Ball Ground, Ga., Matthew and Veronica Gantz of Canton, Ga., Mary and Mark Epperson of Amarillo, James and Gayla Moen of Lubbock and Haldane and Deda Moen of Abilene; 23 great-grandchildren; and five

great-great-grandchildren. The family will be at 2132 Mary Ellen in Pampa and requests memorials be to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065; or to University Terrace Good Samaritan Village, 3025 Terrace Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88011.

JOHN CALVIN SLEDGE

 STINNETT — John Calvin Sledge, 92, father of a Pampa resident, died Thursday, July 13, 2000, in Borger. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Brown Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Orville Rogers, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Sledge was born in Bluffton, Ark. He was a longtime resident of Stinnett. He married Alma Ree Hart in 1928 at Dodson. He was a Baptist and a still-man at Phillips Petroleum Refinery.

Survivors include his wife, Alma; two daughters, Jackie Zollars of Stinnett and Vera Ann Plunk of Pampa; a brother, Elbert Sledge of Amarillo; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchil-

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX

Services tomorrow

ALLEN, Emmett — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Alanreed Cemetery, Alanreed. COFFEE, John R. — 11 a.m., Church of Christ, Wellington.

GANTZ, Liddie Luevilla — 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Pampa...

SLEDGE, John Calvin — 10 a.m., Brown Funeral Directors, Borger.

Police report

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

Thursday, July 13

An assault with bodily injury was reported in the 400 block of North Russell. Amelia Dominuy, 21, 412 N. Russell reported she was assaulted at 417 N. Russell at approximately 4 p.m. Thursday. According to police reports, Dominuy was treated at Pampa Regional Medical Center emergency room for a fractured wrist and released. No arrests had been made at press time today, but an arrest was expected, police said.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, July 13

Patrick Aaron Bradley, 21, Borger was arrested for failure to appear warrant issued by the Department of Public Safety and a Potter county theft warrant. He was released on bond.

Roy Douglas Mills, Jr., 70, no address listed, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of driving while intoxicated, first offense, and breath test refusal.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, July 13

10:09 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Zimmers and transported one to

Pampa Regional Medical Center. 10:29 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Sommerville and transported one

1:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Hobart

Street Park and transported one to PRMC. 1:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Short Street and transported one to

7:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East Scott and transported one to PRMC. 8:59 n m - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one to

9:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded west on Highway 60 on a motor vehicle accident and transported one to Lifestar for a transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

9:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Lea and transported one to PRMC.

9:31 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded west on Highway 60 on a motor vehicle accident and transported two to Northwest Texas Hospital. 11:21 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC

for a transport to the 700 block of Scott.

Fires

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

Thursday, July 13

10:30 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 800 block of Somerville.

3:35 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a hazardous material spill in the 2300 block of North Duncan. A small amount of hydraulic fluid had leaked from a tractor.

9:07 p.m. - Two units and five firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision seven miles west of Pampa on U.S. 60 near Kingsmill. Firefighters used the Jaws of Life to extricate victims from one of the vehicles involved in the col-

9:25 p.m. – Two units and three firefighters responded to 2200 block of Lea on a medical

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Sentencing delayed for two men

HOUSTON (AP) — Sentencing in a federal court bribery. has been delayed for two men convicted of bribery

and faulty borrowing. ed Feb. 7 on four counts of conspiracy, fraud and it or appraising the horses, prosecutors charge.

A definite sentencing date has not been deterand fraud as they drove their celebrated Lexington, mined. The pair was convicted of paying a Ky., stables into bankruptcy with lavish spending Houston-based bank a \$1.1 million bribe. In exchange, the now-defunct First City Former Calumet Farm president J.T. Lundy and Bancorporation handed the stables \$65 million in chief financial officer Gary Matthews were convict- unsecured loans without checking the farm's cred-

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SKINNER Mary Lou Robinson of Amarillo remanded the case to Magistrate Judge Averitte. Now that he has made a recommendation, it will be turned back

"Mrs. Robinson now decides whether she'll adopt the recommendation. If she does, then (Skinner's writ of habeas corpus) goes back to state (criminal court of appeals)," the attorney said.

over to Judge Robinson, Losch said.

In his recommendation, Judge Averitte writes "there is not absolute guarantee petitioner's federal habeas application will not be time barred upon his return to federal court after the exhaustion of his state remedies, especially considering the developing interpretations being given to equitable tolling. Since the death penalty has been assessed

as the punishment in this case, even the remote possibility that petitioner's habeas application may not be heard upon his return to federal court justifies an abeyance, rather than a dismissal, in this instance... It is the recommendation of the undersigned Magistrate Judge to the District Judge that petitioner's cross-motion to abate be granted."

Objections to the recommendation can be filed by "any party" within 14 days after filing, the doc-

Mann said he will not appeal the recommendation because he wants the case to go back to the state Court of Criminal Appeals where he has juris-

The U.S. Attorney General's Office has jurisdiction in federal court.

"Whatever procedure it will take to expedite this matter is fine with me," Mann said.

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CRASH

DPS officials said today that the driver of the van had been transferred to a Lubbock hospital for treatment and that Debra, Ionathan and Tabitha Epperson were all treated and released. Tabitha Whittington was also reportedly treated and released. A condition report was not available for the boy who was airlifted from the wreck scene, she said, adding that the boy had sustained the most

Pampa Fire Department firefighters removed the victims from the badly mangled mini-van using the Jaws of Life extrication tool. The wrecked van came

to rest in the center of the highway, turned sideways across the two center lanes. The 18-wheeler crossed over the westbound lane and finally came to stop on the north shoulder of the roadway, some distance away from the collision. Signs on the door of the truck indicated it was owned by Alpha Cargo Motor Express out of Fort Worth.

Gray County Sheriff's deputies directed traffic around the extensive wreck site as DPS troopers and emergency personnel worked to remove and transport the victims and investigate the accident

DPS troopers continued to investigate the accident at press time today.

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9-1-1

"We are getting more and more phone calls from people wanting to know what their 9-1-1 address is," GCAD Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley said, adding that the majority of the calls are coming from the Post Office and the telephone company. "If you get any of these calls, tell them they can call my office. We can't assign any addresses until the progress is closer to completion. It's just not ready yet.'

Nielson said that the local 9-1-1 service began 10 years ago with one telephone, then there was e-9-1-1 and now the 9-1-1 addressing system.

"Communications is the fastest growing field there is," she said. Among the greatest challenges 9-1-1 services are facing, in addition to rural addressing, she said, is identification of wireless telephone callers.

Other problems with 9-1-1 services in this region concern setting up specific addresses for each telephone in a large company.

"A company may have 200 telephone lines, all with the same address," she explained. "If the calls go through a PBX, there's nothing we can do, but if a line ends at a certain place we can establish an

Sgt. Donald Cameron with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) asked if there would be a key map with the rural 9-1-1 addresses. He said that he had had a such a map while working in the Houston area and had found it to be helpful.

Nielson said that the PRPC would be housing the map information, except for Gray County which will house its own.

Bagley asked Sgt. Cameron to give him an example of the map so that it could be considered while designing the Gray County map.

Robert McDonald, emergency management coordinator for McLean reported on the hazard mitigation annex of the Gray County Emergency Plan. The document identifies the most likely large scale hazards the county could encounter and assigns the hazards by the degree of likelihood from "high" to "low." A copy of last year's annex was passed among committee members for updates.

Ken Hall, ČAER chair, said the document was

put together to comply with state requirements.

"It's a listing of things most likely to happen in Gray County to those that are not very likely," he

Highest on the list was severe weather and second highest was hazardous material spills.

McDonald asked the committee to list any possible changes on the document, such as "anything with the dairies coming in that could change our hazard analysis.

"As far as I know, the dairy is no different from a feed lot, except it's cleaner, because it has to be cleaner," he said.

Hall reported that applications for a new weather radar have been made to local foundations. He said they are seeking \$67,800 for the radar, plus \$2,500 for audio/video equipment to transmit the image on cable television. Computer software, costing approximately \$750, is also needed for Pampa McLean and Lefors to be able to receive the radar image, he said.

"Our immediate concerns were Lefors and McLean," Hall said.

The radar image available on Channel 11 is not as effective, Hall said, because it is 10-to-12 minutes before the radar image is updated.

"Borger has had this exact same radar for many years and has been very successful with it," Hall

Hall reviewed the new Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) bylaws with the committee. LEPC and CAER are joint committees, he explained. Ken Hall, Benny Williams of Cabot, treasurer; Tanita Olsen, citizen volunteer, secretary; and Laura Schock of Celanese, vice chair, were accepted as the executive committee members by acclamation.

Ex officio members include the two emergency management coordinators from McLean and Lefors, Robert McDonald and Craig Harkcom of Lefors. Lt. John Goes and Captain Doug Pritchard serve as assistant coordinators, Hall said.

Also during the meeting, the CAER committee agreed to tour Pantex in lieu of the August meeting on Aug. 16; and discussed pre-incident sheltering for severe weather warnings.

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ations per ticket for drawing. WE WILL be closed until noon for the Rodeo Parade. Watson's Garden Center, 516 S. Russell.

Albertsons \$100 gift cert., \$1 don-

Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny today with a high near 100 and southeast winds at 5-15 mph.

Partly cloudy tonight with a 20 percent chance of scattered thundershowers, southeast winds at 5-10 mph and a low in the lowto-mid 70s. Mostly sunny tomorrow with a high of 95-100 and south winds at 5-15 mph. Yesterday's high was 90; the

overnight low 66. STATEWIDE showers and thunderstorms developed Friday in advance of what were expected to be more triple-digit highs across parts of

Monsoonal flow was expected

to produce late afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms in other parts of the

Southwest through Sunday. Thunderstorms redeveloped between Hopkins and Morris counties and over Henderson and Smith counties.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 60s to 70s. Winds were somewhat variable at less than 10 mph.

continued over the lower Pecos Valley of West Texas. A National Weather Service heat advisory for North Texas

should be extended through Saturday. A slight chance of thunder-

and northeast during evening Daytime highs should range

from 97 to 104, lows in the mid 70s to around 80. Over the weekend, partly cloudy and continued hot tem-

peratures will be accompanied by isolated thunderstorms. Near-record highs again were expected to range from the lower 90s along the coast to almost 107

A few isolated thunderstorms in the far south. Lows overnight should be in the 70s to 80s.

The extended forecast through Tuesday called for more of the same, with sunny days and mostly clear evenings. Lows should be in the 70s to 80s, with storms was predicted, mainly in highs from the lower 90s along the Hill Country, south, central the coast to 103 inland.

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

THEE PLACE Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W.

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interested in ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accept-

MACEDONIA CHURCH Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third

Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. I.L. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited. THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on

the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-

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 inter-

library at 669-5780. **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 Perryton. PARADE OF PONDS

Ogallala Water Gardeners in 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. 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 Gardens, Coulter Gardens Nursery, Pitter Patter Pets, Panhandle Greenhouses and Rolling Hills Aquatic Gardens. For more information, visit the club's website at www.amaon-

line.com/owg
BUSINESS LUNCHEON

The Contract Procurement Center in Amarillo has Business Luncheon for small, minority and women entrepreneurs will be held from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. July 18 at Luby's Cafeteria, 4530 Department Amarillo Transportation, District 4 Office, will be the guest speaker. For reservations or for more information, call Edmond Esparza at (806) 372-

First Baptist Church Women's Ministries will host a program and send-off luncheon for Mark and Kristie Aderholt, International Mission Board appointees, beginning at 11:45 a.m. (noon for working women) Thursday, July 20 in Fellowship Hall, 203 N. West, of the church. The luncheon is open to all women. Cost of the meal (chef

FBC WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

salad) will be \$4. Participants must RSVP by Tuesday, July 18 by calling 669-1155. A love offering will be taken and a basket for personal messages will be provided.

FPC REGISTRATION Frank Phillips College in Borger will hold off-campus registration from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15 at Canadian High School in Canadian and at Perryton High School in Perryton. FPC representatives and an on-site coordinator will be on hand to answer questions as well as to register students. For more information, call the Office of Extended Education, (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777. A specially designed schedule is available for Perryton, Canadian and surrounding communities. The college also offers the Panhandle Information Network. Additional registration will be from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 23 and 24 at the campus in Borger. 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.

CÓWBOY POETRY PROGRAM

Southwest Cowboy Poets Association will host at Cowboy Poetry Program at 6:45 p.m. July 20 at Barnes and 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.

Frank Phillips College has announced the following upcoming continuing education and community service courses for the month of July: "Basic Life Support Class," 8 a.m.-6 p.m., July 15; "How to Publicize Your Organization?," 1-5 p.m., July 21, 28 and Aug. 4; and Kids' Tickets are \$5 with children College Session IV. For more information, call 1-800-687-2056,

TFS APPRENTICESHIP

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



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Pampa Community Concert Association recently installed the following officers for the 2000-01 concert season: (left-right, back row) Ruth Riehart, president; Lilith Brainard, membership chairman; Bobbye Combs, publicity; (front row) Nancy Hahn, treasurer; Evelyn Johnson, corresponding secretary; and Becky Holmes and Glenette Goode, membership drive co-chairmen. Not shown: Ronnie Holmes, presentation chairman, and Nancy Coffee, assistant membership chairman. Concerts for the 2000-01 season will include Black Mountain Male Chorus of Wales; Joe Burgstaller, trumpet; Rosalyn Kind, vocalist; and Alborada (Andean folk music). Ticket holders will receive their tickets in the mail prior to the first concert.

MDA seeking volunteers to help with its upcoming annual Jerry Lewis Telethon

AMARILLO — The Muscular ing food and drinks for ties to bolster public support auctioneers or by taking public-Dystrophy Association is cur- Telethon workers, helping with and help MDA reduce adminis- ity photos, preparing newsletrently seeking volunteers from pre-Telethon mailings, distribgreater Amarillo to help with uting posters to local business-Noble Book Store in Amarillo. one of America's best-known es, transporting supplies, greet-The association schedules the Labor Day traditions, the Jerry ing guests, escorting sponsors, ested in participating in the promonthly program on the third Lewis MDA Telethon, set to air tallying pledge slips, address- MDA booths, delivering need to be at least 16-years-old. gram may contact Brookshire Thursday of each month. Pat Sept. 3-4 on some 200 stations ing envelopes, videotaping and refreshments to fire fighters. MDA is a national voluntary to arrange dates and times. For Henry will emcee and the nationwide. Between now and logging the show, manning a during "Fill the Boot" cam- health agency dedicated to more information, call the keynote performer will be Labor Day, volunteers are need- clean-up committee and much paigns, visiting people with finding treatments and cures ed in many areas including more. broadcast on Channel 10.

support of hundreds of volunmore across the country," said chairman. "Without volunteer host of NBC "Later." help, we simply won't be able kids.' Please get involved."

Volunteer activities include

ly for at least 100 years.

additional categories.

calling Ellis at (512) 463-7653.

TDA accepting applications

for Family Land Heritage Program

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture is currently

accepting applications through Nov. 15 for the 2000 Family Land

Heritage Program. The program recognizes farms and ranches that

have been in continuous agriculture production by the same fami-

Announcing the availability of applications, Agriculture

and daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

www.agr.state.tx.us under "Producer Information."

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helping with the local Telethon Along with star Jerry Lewis KFDA-TV, and local station emcees, celebrity volunteers include "It's critical that we enlist the Telethon anchor Ed McMahon, "Entertainment Tonight's" Jann teers in Amarillo and millions' Carl, broadcasting legend Casey Kasem, comedian Norm Jerry Lewis, MDA national Crosby and Cynthia Garrett,

In addition, MDA needs volto do everything that needs to unteers to assist with thoube done to make this year's sands of Telethon-related spe-Telethon a success for 'my cial events in the area and nationwide.

Volunteers are also needed answering phones, coordinat- year-round for myriad activi-

trative expenses. Possible duties include taking tickets, helping with security, arrangneuromuscular diseases, becoming a "pen pal," and coordinating educational mail-

Local businesses can help, too, said Emily Kleine, MDA district director, by sponsoring portions of the local broadcast of the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, enhancing contributions with "matching minute" Telethon segments, or working with MDA staff to create a Telethon-related special event. "Volunteers are the critical

link in MDA's lifesaving mission," said Kleine. "We always need help, whether it's preparing or delivering packets for Shamrocks Against Dystrophy or Hop-a-Thons, organizing holiday parties or outings for MDA families, greeting 'jail-birds' during MDA Lock-Ups, serving as counselors during MDA summer camps, or transporting equipment and sup-

Kleine added that those with specialized skills can help as

ters, doing accounting, giving presentations, painting signs or coordinating art for MDA's Art ing food contributions, staffing Collection. Most volunteers

for more than 40 neuromuscular diseases affecting more than a million Americans. The association receives no government grants, nor does it seek fees from the families it serves. MDA is the first voluntary health agency to be honored with the American Medical Association Lifetime Achievement Award "for significant and lasting contributions to the health and welfare

of humanity." For more information or to volunteer, call the local MDA office in Amarillo at (806) 359-3141 or MDA national headquarters at 1-800-572-1717. Information about MDA programs and research advances is also available on MDA's web-





mother of four. I have had the same problem with my husband ever since we were dating.

My husband is a fifth wheel! When I have friends over, he is always right there. My girlfriends and I can be sitting at the kitchen table talking about anything from childbirth to table settings, and he will come in, sit down, and throw in his 2 cents' worth. It's embarrassing; no one else's husband ever hangs around. They are all somewhere watching football, having a brew or whatever else men do when women aren't around. (And sometimes when we are around!)

It makes me so mad I could spit fire. Abby, I don't sit in the middle when my husband's friends come over. I try to respect his privacy. What would I have in common with a bunch of men anyway? That's why I can't understand why he's always sitting around with all of us women.

How can I tell him to get lost without hurting his feelings? The only thing that has kept me from blowing my stack so far is the fact that I love this man, and I know how sensitive he is. He will be hurt if I tell him I don't want him around

Horoscope

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

* ★ ★ What you have seen develop at

home might be subject to change over

new home, or perhaps a change in the

members of your household. This could

Discuss anger. Tonight: Talk money with

This week: You have great intentions, but

* * * * * Your efforts to communicate

could plunge into difficulty. Someone is

come into play. Another counts on you.

This week: Assume your natural position

** Hold on tightly to your wallet.

Spending could lead to long-term diffi-

culties. Make a resolution and stick to it.

You have an unusual moneymaking

opportunity. Look within yourself and

understand what your spending compen-

This week: If you get confused, get oth-

ers' impressions. Talk to a boss.

situation. Mobilize your energy and get

as much done as possible. Talk to a long-

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as the zodiac leader. Gains occur.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

your message gets muddled. Clarify it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Tonight: Talk travel.

Responsibility calls.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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my friends and me all the time. No matter how nice I am, he'll take it as an insult MUST I SHARE EVERYTHING?

DEAR MUST I: You married a man who doesn't fit the usual masculine stereotype and appears to have broader interests than your friends' husbands do. Many women would love to have a husband like yours, someone with more than the usual common male

However, since you're feeling encroached upon, rather than waiting until you explode with frustration, find a time when he's receptive and explain that there are times women like to

This week: Money matters demand your

concentration. Seek expert information.

and you'll find it.

discuss "private" things, that the presence of a male is inhibiting, and your friends need some time alone with you.

DEAR ABBY: When we were little, my father lovingly changed our evening prayer. As your readers know, it is:

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
"I pray the Lord my soul to keep. "If I should die before I wake,

"I pray the Lord my soul to

My father deleted the last two mournful lines and taught my brother, Andy, sister, Polly, and me to say instead:

"Forgive my doing what was

"And make me pure and wise Perhaps other parents and grandparents would like to say this with their little ones. Do you like

this? My father's name was Casper

Schenk of Des Moines, Iowa. PEGGY SMITH, ARIZONA CITY, ARIZ.

DEAR PEGGY: I like it very much. Your father was a sensible and sensitive man.

mental. Make an effort to move past a SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) snafu. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) * * Recognize that you're fatigued. Don't push so hard. Realize your limits. You aren't one of the superheroes! Make changes to suit your life, eliminating what no longer interests you. In the next few months, new opportunities appear if you are open. Tonight: Early to bed.

This week: Others stomp, but actually, all they want is your attention. Work as a the next few months. You could opt for a team. Don't ignore others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** * Creativity surges. Have you mean a new pet! Open up to possibilities. been sitting on an outlet, and do you need to open up to new possibilities? A friend has strong opinions. Listen, even if you are uncomfortable. A discussion should not be taken personally. Rather, open up to new information. Tonight: Be playful and be a kid.

This week: Pace yourself. You have a lot angry. Let this person make his feelings of ground to cover. Bat ideas around with known. Put forth that extra effort. Your a trusted adviser. You could miss a key longevity and endurance in a relationship detail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

* You can only deal with so much. You feel as if people are coming at you from all directions. You can't change the present situation, but you can take preventive action so this never happens again. A talk with a partner cannot be too strong. Tonight: Find your easy chair. This week: Creativity bubbles. Enlist coworkers and get feedback on a new proj-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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sates for Deal with it. Tonight: Snuggle * * * * Good news follows an upset or a change in plans. Keep trying to draw another out of the doldrums. This person, could be especially closed down, so dig into your bag of tricks. Make calls and bring friends together. Choose a favorite *** Don't be overwhelmed with everything that is occurring. Change a spot, and let it happen. Tonight: Out and about

This week: Pressure builds. Deal with term friend whose feedback is instru- one item at a time. Get past an immediate

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disappointment.

* * * You're entrenched in a money issue. Frustration might take over, or you could decide to put on your accountant's hat. Review work patterns and habits. Be open to changing your status quo. See how you can tighten your budget and make more money. Tonight: Visit with a

This week: Keep talking. Be clear about your thoughts. A partner acts confused, and he could be for a while. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** * Reach out for another and touch base with friends. A difficult partner will change during the next six months. Express your expectations. Tap into your creativity with a child or new friend. You want more solidity in your interpersonal relationships. Tonight: Take the lead and extend an invitation. This week: Talk money, but know that an important fact could be missing. Line your ducks up properly. Get feedback. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

* * Take a deep breath. Don't get triggered by another. Fatigue might be playing a bigger role here than you are aware of. Take a break and go your own way. A nap works well and charges your energy. Assume a low profile this afternoon. Do your own thing. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

This week: The force is with you on Monday and Tuesday. Still, a loved one and finances could go through some upheaval

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Think about a new friendship.

You could make a lot of changes because of this person. Commit more to what you want, and make it happen. If single, your love life takes a dynamic turn, and it could be a roller-coaster ride. Help a friend with the blues. Tonight: Call it an early night.

This week: Take in information on Monday and Tuesday. Difficulties occur when dealing with family and associates.

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Crossword Puzzle

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The Family Circus

"You're nothin' but a tattletale and I'm tellin' Mommy!"

Gold Coating



First Southwest Insurance Agency, 2100 Perryton Parkway, was recently honored with a Gold Coating ceremony by the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. Pictured from left are Jerry Lane, Phil Gentry, Kiona Thompson, David Hutto, June Beyer, Clay Rice, and Pat Montoya.

Judge orders screening of teacher shooting tape

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. pledging not to reproduce the (AP) - Rather than release a videotape, and bailiffs were to video showing a 13-year-old boy monitor the screenings. shooting his teacher to death, a see it. Copies are banned, howev-

The silent, grainy footage, taken from a security camera. shows Nathaniel Brazill with his the camera. He points the gun for several seconds before pulling the trigger. The victim, English teacher Barry Grunow, is not visible when the gun is fired.

Afterward, the boy recoils and he heads down the hall, pointing the gun at a math teacher and student before fleeing.

Chief Judge Walter Colbath Jr. has been set. ruled July 7 that the minute-long

seat jury assembly room. Those der or an accident. attending must sign a form

Brazill, an honor student at judge ruled that it would play Lake Worth Community Middle over and over at the courthouse School, had been sent home on Friday for anyone who wants to May 26 for throwing water balloons. He returned with a .25-caliber pistol he had stolen from his grandfather's bedside table. Brazill told police he shot Grunow after the teacher refused arms extended and his back to to let him say goodbye to two girls in the teacher's class.

> Brazill told police that he didn't mean to kill anybody and the gun went off accidentally. He cried when he learned Grunow was dead.

The teen is charged with firstdegree murder and faces life in prison if convicted. No trial date

Brazill's defense attorney, videotape is a public record like Robert Udell, showed the video other evidence released in the to The Palm Beach Post on trial, but he banned any repro- Thursday. He said the tape won't seriously affect the case, because The screenings were scheduled the real issue is what the teen for Friday afternoon at the Palm was thinking, to determine Beach County Courthouse's 300- whether the shooting was mur-

Mideast talks enter fourth day

By LAURA KING **Associated Press Writer**

THURMONT, Md. (AP) equally fervent desire to main- Palestinian state. tain a veil of secrecy over the pro-

make these talks successful," Richard Boucher said after this time period." Secretary of State Madeleine for President Clinton — met with Ehud Barak.

Clinton met with the U.S. negotiating team Friday morning to were making progress, hard-lin- duced a breakthrough on any of map out the day's agenda for the ers on both sides were vocal in the core issues.

Having extracted pledges of silence from summit participants, U.S. officials repeated what has become their Camp David mantra: The less said about how things are going, the better.

ize optimism or pessimism at any given moment," Boucher said. On the sidelines of the talks,

non-negotiators spoke freely, with the Palestinians' unofficial spokeswoman expressing pessimism as to whether any headway could be made.

said Hanan Ashrawi, referring to mosque in the walled Old City the so-called core disputes — the mounted a fiery defense of status of Jerusalem, which both Palestinian claims to the city at Entering a fourth day of Mideast sides claim as their capital; the Friday's noon prayers, the most negotiations at secluded Camp fate of more than 2 million important of the Muslim week. David, U.S. mediators expressed Palestinian refugees displaced by dogged determination to move creation of the state of Israel; and the talks forward — and an the boundaries of any future

"In terms of addressing shippers. Jerusalem and refugees and the "The goal here ... is to try to boundaries, they still have not might go on is still an open quesbeen resolved," Ashrawi said. "I tion. The White House has said it State Department spokesman doubt they will be successful in does not want to impose any

signing an accord. The for a meeting in Japan of indussenior negotiators from both Palestinians have said they trialized nations. sides and Israeli Prime Minister would declare statehood that day, treaty or no treaty.

their demands that there be no compromise, especially on the

explosive question of Jerusalem. Jerusalem has never been a Palestinian capital — it has always been a Jewish capital," said conservative Israeli parlia-"We are not trying to character- mentarian Limor Livnat, who speak out against giving the Palestinians a foothold in the dis-Israel will not accept."

'These are not easy issues," Muslim cleric at the Al-Aqsa

Everyone should know that Jerusalem is a Palestinian city, the heart of Palestine!" the imam, Mohammed a-Jamal, told wor-

How long the peace talks 'artificial deadline" on the length Participants are working of the summit, but Clinton is

Diplomatic sources indicated the talks so far had been inten-Whether or not the negotiators sive and serious, but had not pro- in a way that benefits all their

U.S. spokesmen have said nothing about the substance of negotiations, alluding only to the retreat for a group dinner and to fact that the two sides were 'grappling" and "struggling" to resolve extremely difficult dis-

came to the Camp David area to David for about eight hours Thursday, handing off the role of lead mediator to Albright, Asked puted city. "We won't build why the secretary met with Barak another Berlin Wall within but not Arafat, Boucher said only Jerusalem — this is something that U.S. mediators were doing Back in Jerusalem, the chief the talks forward.

Palestinian Albright would travel to nearby Emmitsburg later Friday to talk with three senior Palestine Liberation Organization officials who have been seeking a meeting

with Arafat. U.S. officials have worked hard to limit contact between those at, Camp David and the outside world, not wanting information

about the talks to leak out. During his break from the talks, Clinton attended a White House signing ceremony for a U.S. trade agreement with Vietnam, where he expressed Albright — sitting in Thursday against a Sept. 13 deadline for scheduled to leave Wednesday hopes that old enmitties could be put aside in the Middle East as well.

"Former adversaries can come together to find common ground people, to let go of the past and embrace the future, to forgive and to reconcile," he said before flying back to the presidential spend the night.

Over the weekend, the pace of talks may be affected by the utes. Jewish Sabbath, beginning at Clinton was away from Camp sundown Friday and ending at sundown Saturday, and the Muslim holy day, Friday.

"We are aware of the religious obligations of the parties as they make them known to us, and we will make sure that the plan of activities takes those into account," Boucher said, without elaborating.

Jury begins deliberation in Florida smoker trial

MIAMI (AP) — A jury that spent two years listening to 157 should pay up to \$196 billion in punitive damages to people suffering illnesses from tobacco.

The verdict in the landmark lawsuit could shatter the national record for punitive damages.

Judge Robert Kaye read final instructions and the verdict form to the jurors, then sent them out to begin deliberating whether they will order the nation's top five tobacco companies to pay the damages to 300,000 to 700,000 sick Florida smokers.

Six anonymous alternates were rant" for the industry.

Friday was the third time the jury has deliberated in the case, said they can afford \$150 million witnesses began deliberating the first smokers' class-action to \$375 million, but the compa-Friday whether the nation's lawsuit to go to trial. The panel nies would be put out of business biggest cigarette companies decided in July 1999 that the if the award went much higher. industry makes a deadly prod- Under Florida law, a punitive uct. In the second phase, the jury verdict cannot bankrupt a defenin April ordered the industry to dant. pay \$12.7 million in compensatory damages to three smokers representing the class.

If anything close to \$196 billion were awarde the case wound billion audited net worth. down this week, lawyers for both sides spoke of death.

Dan Webb, attorney for industry-leading Philip Morris Inc., said the awarding of up to \$196 billion would be a "death war-

the case. "Freedom is good," one around Thursday, saying it was them to "wipe out 50 years of quipped. Another said: "Two the cigarette industry that had treachery" by the industry. He years is a long time. I'm glad it's issued death warrants to millions told panelists to send a message

Lawyers for Big Tobacco have

The range offered by the industry, which has never paid any damages to smokers, amounts to 1 percent to 3 percent of its \$15.3 "You either destroy them or

you don't," Brown & Williamson attorney Gordon Smith told jurors. "Your verdict must reflect the current ability to pay. It must reflect reality, not fantasy.

Rosenblatt told jurors this was excused when the main panel got Rosenblatt turned the phrase "no time for timidity" and asked

Lowering the \$196 billion request "in any substantial way would be a crushing blow to public health in this country," he said in closing remarks Thursday.

'We ask you to speak for all those silent, anonymous victims of tobacco grieved by their loved ones but unknown to a callous industry, and deceitful Rosenblatt said.

The key tobacco defense is that the industry has changed its ways since states began suing in 1994, and that the \$257 billion national settlement with the states is enough to pay.





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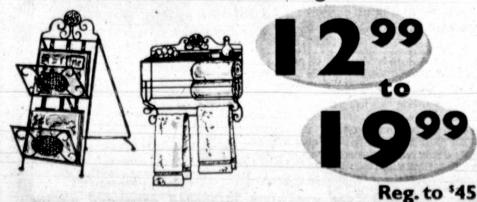
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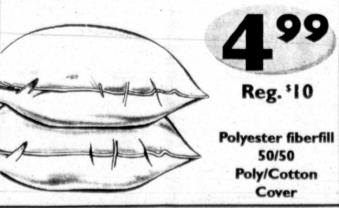
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Senate to vote on abolition of inheritance tax in defiance of Clinton's veto threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican bill to abolish federal inheritance taxes was loaded Thursday with billions of dollars in electionhe said.

Democrats would be able to sustain it. "This isn't going anyplace," he said. year tax breaks by the Senate, which still planned to pass the measure by week's end in defiance of President Clinton's veto threat.

Before the final vote — scheduled for Friday — senators attached amendments to repeal the 3 percent telephone excise tax, scrap some taxes on Social Security benefits and help farmers. The Senate defeated measures to increase money available for a Medicare prescription drug benefit and to temporarily suspend the federal gas

Republican supporters said the "death tax," which reaches a top rate of 55 percent, hinders investment and job creation, forces millions of people to do costly estate planning and particularly hurts farmers and small businesses.

"I thought government was supposed to protect our property, not confiscate it — not penalize someone because they've been success-

ful," said Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla.

The bill, which passed the House in June, would cut the top 55 percent estate tax rate in 2001 and then gradually phase out all other rates, with full repeal coming in 2010. The cost was estimated at \$105 billion during the phaseout, ballooning to \$750 billion in the decade after repeal would be fully in effect.

Republicans said government's revenue loss would be cushioned somewhat because the bill changes the way assets are valued known as basis — so that an heir would owe higher capital gains taxes than under current law once the asset is sold. Capital gains tax rates, however, are much lower than estate tax rates.

"It removes death as the trigger for any tax," said Sen. Jon Kyl, R-

Democrats said the enormous cost of repeal and the fact that heirs of only 2 percent of people who die pay estate taxes was evidence that Republicans wanted mainly to help the rich. In 1997, for example, only 43,000 estates out of 2.7 million adult deaths were subjected to the estate tax.

"Do we really have to protect the billionaires?" said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "We are talking about the

But the Senate voted 53-46 to defeat a Democratic substitute costing \$64 billion over 10 years that would have sharply raised estate tax exemptions — now \$675,000 per individual — particularly for the farmers and small businesses that are hurt the most.

Daschle added that Clinton will certainly veto the bill and that

Both sides used the debate to highlight some of their other priorities to cut taxes and to argue for using the growing federal budget surplus for other spending or to reduce the public debt. In some cases, the votes were intended mainly for political consumption by senators up for re-election this year.

In votes on amendments Thursday, the Senate:

-By a 97-3 vote, approved an amendment by Sen. William Roth, R-Del., to immediately repeal the 3 percent excise tax on telephone service that dates from the Spanish-American War. A House-passed

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version would phase out repeal over three years. -Approved, 58-41, an amendment by Sen. Rod Grams, R-Minn., that would repeal a 1993 law imposing income taxes on 85 percent, instead of 50 percent, of the Social Security benefits over \$34,000 for a single taxpayer, \$44,000 for a married couple.

—Defeated, 53-46, an attempt by Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., to increase the money budgeted for a Medicare prescription drug benefit from \$40 billion to \$80 billion over five years.

—Voted 59-40 against an effort by Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., to suspend the 18.3-cent federal gasoline tax for 150 days to help ease high prices at the pump. Opponents said it would jeopardize money used for transportation projects.

-Approved on a voice vote an amendment by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, giving several tax breaks to farmers, including creation of tax-deferred accounts in which they could deposit up to 20 percent of their earnings. The measure also would repeal a law passed last year forcing small businesses to pay income taxes on certain sales immediately, even if the buyers were paying in install-

-Voted 98-1 to make the business research and development tax credit permanent. It was extended for five years last year.

Defeated, 52-46, an amendment to create a tax credit of up to \$12,000 for college tuition.

If the bill were to pass with any of these amendments, it would have to return to the House for negotiations. But under the bill's rules of debate, GOP leaders could strike all amendments by substituting the original House estate tax bill prior to final passage.

Abolition of the estate tax is a top priority for Republicans and several powerful lobbying groups, including the National Federation of Independent Business, the National Association of Manufacturers and the American Farm Bureau.

Summer nutrition program misses most eligible youth

WASHINGTON (AP) - Every summer afternoon, courtesy of the federal government, 100 poor children in Dallas get a sandwich and a piece of fruit at three Methodist churches.

Any other child that's eligible for the federal school lunch program is entitled to as many as two free meals daily in the summer, but most don't get it. Fewer than one in four eligible children nationwide participate in the summer program and in some states it's fewer than one in

There aren't enough day camps, activity centers, schools, churches and other sites authorized to offer the meals, and federal rules make it too difficult for organizations in some areas to qualify for the program, nutrition advocates said Thursday.

Some 3.2 million children participated in the year out of the 14.9 million who get free or Center. reduced cost lunches at school, according to Agriculture Department data analyzed by the Food Research and Action Center, a private advocacy group.

"States and communities are falling far short of using available resources fully, and many needy children are missing the meals and vital nutrients they need during the summer just as much as they do the rest of the year," said Lynn Parker, a spokeswoman for the group.

Ten states have participation rates under 10 Washington — chip in some of their own percent, the largest of which is Texas, where money to make up for a cut Congress made in 142,374 youngsters got free meals last summer the reimbursements in 1996. out of the 1.6 million children in the schoollunch program. Alaska has the lowest rate, with

2.9 percent of its eligible kids participating. The District of Columbia had the highest participation rate, at 67.6 percent, followed by Nevada at 44.1 percent and California at 43.6

'Some kids are on their own to fend for themselves. Usually it's not a nutritionally balanced other times of the year. meal," said Shawn Jucht, who runs the Dallas

One reason for the low participation in the summer program is that federal rules require that 50 percent of the children fed by an organization must be eligible for subsidized school said O'Brien. federally subsidized summer food program last lunches, says the Food Research and Action

Unless 50 percent are eligible, the group pro-recruit new organizations. viding the meals gets no USDA reimbursement raised from 30 percent as a cost-cutting move in

Reimbursements for the summer meals are \$1.25 for each breakfast served, \$2.18 per lunch or supper and 50 cents per snack.

Seven states — California, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Texas, Vermont and to target."

ting food at soup kitchens and church pantries when there's a summer nutrition program,"

USDA officials have been visiting states with the lowest participation in the program to

With the low participation rates, many chil-

dren are winding up in soup lines, said Doug

O'Brien, public policy director for America's

Second Harvest, a hunger relief program that distributes food to 200 food banks nationwide.

Half of those food banks reported in a 1998

"If you expand the summer food program,

survey that they have "many more" children

coming in for food during the summer than at

you'll drive down demand at feeding pro-

grams. We don't believe that kids should be get-

Beginning in 1997, Texas required all school for any of the children fed. That threshold was districts to offer summer meals if at least 60 percent of the children in the district were eligible for them.

"We're trying to make it available in every possible community," said Chris Traylor, a spokesman for the Texas Human Services Department. Rural areas "are the most difficult

Equifax to use credit reports to identify e-commerce customers

ongoing search for a way to positively identify a customer on the Internet, a credit reporting leader plans to use customers' credit records to quiz them on their identities when they want to sign up for the Checkfree online billpaying service.

E-commerce companies of every sort have grappled with the ID issue, using a number of tactics. Biometrics, the practice of using a person's physical traits

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gained notoriety with its sci-fi scans of fingerprints, eye retinas and irises, and even the space between two fingers.

But Atlanta-based Equifax, one of the "big three" credit reporting agencies, has signed a deal with Checkfree to use its authentication engine to verify identity.

After a potential Checkfree customer enters a name, address, birth date and Social Security number, Checkfree sends that information to Equifax, which uses it to pull up the person's credit report. Then Equifax sends back a set of multiple-choice questions, such as which bank financed the person's car loan,

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WASHINGTON (AP) - In the as identification markers, has and how much their mortgage outstanding balance or repaypayment is. Equifax says this is a secure

way to quickly identify a person, rather than Checkfree's old way that requires the company to send a potential customer a key number back in the "real world" through the mail.

"Our strategy is to provide safety, security and privacy for Internet commerce transactions," said Rich Crutchfield, who heads Equifax's e-commerce unit.

Equifax does more Checkfree than another potential customer. Since Checkfree is a service designed to pay bills over the Web, the user normally has to enter account information for utilities, loans and other outstanding bills. But since a custhose in automatically.

ment details, which under federal law cannot be divulged to third parties without the consumer's permission.

"It makes the application process for Checkfree easier for the consumer," Crutchfield said.

The transactions involving a credit report are encrypted and only take place between the user and Equifax. Checkfree never gets information about a person's credit rating, according to Crutchfield.

Equifax asks questions about car loans, student loans or similar creditors because that information usually can't be gotten by stealing someone's wallet, Crutchfield said. Customers are also warned, and allowed to use tomer's credit record already has a method that doesn't involve that information, Equifax can fill their credit record. Like brickand-mortar stores, e-commerce is The automatically entered a difficult balance between speed information does not include the and quality, Crutchfield said.

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RELIGION

Minister's musing

"There is a church on nearly every corner in Pampa." Those were the words someone said to me not long ago. Without even thinking I said, "We sure have a mess of them." (That's Okie for 'quite a few'). After we finished visiting with each other, I went on about my business. As I headed home from the church, I drove directly by three churches and could see two more within a short distance. I determined that there was surely some truth to the statement made earlier that day.

The question that comes to my mind is — "What make that building the church?" Of course, for me that is an easy question to answer. When I was a kid, we used to put our hands together, locking our fingers with them pointed down, pointing our index fingers up. Then we would say, "Here is the church, here is the steeple, (then turning our hands over, fingers sticking up we would continue) open it up and there are the people" Usually one of

the deacons would give a hearty 'amen'. Call it semantics, but that little rendition is just not accurate when it comes to the church. I think it should go like this — "Here is the building, here is the steeple, open it up and there is the church." I know it doesn't rhyme, but it is accurate. Every day I say that I'm going to the church, which is partially true. In actuality, I'm going to the church building. Some of the church may drop in through the day or I may go see some of them, but the church building never moves.

When we look into Scripture we find the church was together, sharing, caring, praying with one another and God was adding to the church daily those that were being saved. The church is not a building, an edifice that has eternal value. It is brick, cement, stone, wood, metal, glass and wire to erect a building that houses the church when they come together. The church, on the other hand, if flesh and

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By Rev. Paul L. Nachtigall

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church cannot be seen by the way it looks.

The church is seen by what they do. The early church sought to walk in the path of Christ and were known as people 'belonging to the way.' (Acts 9:2) It was in Antioch of Syria that the disciples were first called Christians (Acts 11:26). The early Christians were recognized by what they did and what they said with little emphasis placed on a building where they met.

The Apostle Paul told the early Christians in Romans 12:4-5 "For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are on body in Christ, and individually members one of another." So surely we must see that the church consists of those who have trusted Christ as Savior and Lord who are living for Him.

So, what does this mean? It means that the body of Christ isn't bound up in any one denomination. It is bound up solely in the lives of those who have trusted Christ. Someone told me one time that Baptists were narrow minded about those going to heaven and that I probably felt that only Baptists would be there. Let me tell you, I don't even think all Baptists will be there. Being a Baptist isn't enough.

If a Baptist or any other person, has not

Paul said in Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast." It is through that saving grace that we are placed into the family of God, joint heirs with Christ.

Now, I am not saying tear the church building down, build a great edifice in the center of town and all worship together. What I am saying is that regardless of the programs and activities we have going in our own church buildings, we must be careful to not forget that buildings don't go to heaven, souls do. Souls dwell in people, not buildings.

Together, as the church, we can keep the buildings and reach the people with the life changing news of Jesus Christ. We'll have to come out of the buildings, join together, and Paul told the believers in Rome, "I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove that the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

As I made my way home that day from the church building, I caught myself looking around at the houses. I found that the church was living in houses all along the way. I sincerely hope I don't ever look at the church and try to contain it in a building again. The church, is much bigger than any building we can erect. We can use the building, so remember "here's the building, here's the steeple, open it up and there's the church." I hope you'll be at a church building this blood housing the soul, which is eternal. The been saved, they are not a part of the church. Sunday so the church will be together.

Religion briefs.

Oklahoma City Temple hosts open house

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is hosting visitors to tour the newly completed Oklahoma City Oklahoma Temple July 8-22 with the exception of Sundays. There will be both 20-minute self-guided tours and 45minute hosted tours.

Once the Temple is dedicated it is open only to church members in good standing. For reservations or additional information call 405-378-0815 or toll free at 877-438-7405. Appropriate dress is required and cameras are not allowed.

Gospel singing group to perform

Jesus First will present a gospel sining Sunday, July 16, at 6 p.m. at Highland Baptist Church.

Charismatic Conference as the body of Christ, work together. This can be done if we focus on what's important. Paul told the believers in Rome "Lurge you

The Diocese of Amarillo Charismatic Conference "I am the Bread of Life (John 6:35)" will be held July 21-23 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa with English and Spanish sessions.

Services will be from 7-9 p.m., July 21; from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. July 22; and from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. July 23. Ten dollar dona-

tions will be accepted for adults, \$5 for youth and \$30 for families. Speakers will include: Charlie Osburn from Belize, Central America; the Rev. Manuel Villarreal of Houston; Deacon Pedro Juarez of Littlefield; Youth Track: Sudden Impact from Pecos; and music by Disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ Sisters from Prayertown of

Channing. The Rev. Villarreal was ordained in 1978 and belongs to the Missionary of the Oblate of Mary Immaculate. He has a full-time healing ministry and lives in San Antonio.

Osburn is a Catholic lay evangelist from the Diocese of Pensacola/Tallahassee, Fla. He and wife, Jeanne, are missionaries in

Deacon Juarez currently serves in the Diocese of Lubbock and resides at Levelland. He had been involved in Charismatic Renewal for many years.

The Christian band Sudden Impact was formed in 1989 and has produced several recordings. The group travels New Mexico and Texas staging concerts mostly at youth rallies or retreats.

The wonder of 'mail' in cyberspace

In 1974 just after my oldest son was born I made the acquaintance of another young mother. In fact, she became Niels' first babysitter but as the years flew by and our families grew, contact became less and less frequent until our friendship was held together through only an occasional Christmas card and the even mor rare telephone call.

Two years ago when my father was dying was dying in 1986 but for those few minutes have mail. in 1998, it was like old times laughing and talking with her.

Debra's sense of humor hadn't changed and she looked remarkably like I my memory of her as a 16-year old. The Christmas I wrote a short letter in return and felt like quite the correspondent.

the handful of best friends of one's life but ers).

From the Back Pew... By Cheryl Berzanskis

my first cousin Debra visited him in the hos- that hasn't happened and I don't even have pital. I had not seen Debra since my mother to worry about the telephone bill because I Georgia Tech when the Rich Building held a

day); easier to rekindle (Cousin Debra and I up the parts of life I've missed since we were miraculous workings. 16 and 18); andeasier to grow (Niels' babysit-We left Pampa a couple of years ago. With ter who lives 17-hours from here is as close moving comes the fear of losing touch with to me as when we were 20-year-old moth-

The nifty thing about e-mail is of course its utter convenience (no stamps, no paper) and it is cheap (no phone bills). E-mail carries no sense of completing a chore as letter writing did and it's fast on response time. Instead through the blessings of cyberspace, I can dash off an e-note as the spirit leads, ask a question about my friend's favorite dishwasher detergent or ruminate at length all

My first experience with computers was at single computer and we were warned with The advent of e-mail, cyberspaces's ver- religious fervor not to fold, bend, spindle or sion of the Pony Express, has made my rela- mutilate our computer cards which were tionships easier to maintain in some cases (I carefully punched to complete some elecget e-mail from one of my sons nearly every tronic assignment. Now a beige Compaq sits on my cluttered and dusty desk and I enjoy after Daddy died, she sent a Christmas card. e-mail every two or three days. I'm catching the most precious relationships through its

. Having mail is a wonderful thing. Cheryl Berzanskis may be contacted in cyberspace at cherylb@arn.net

dential race.

Ralph Nader.

Relations says a non-random sur-

vey of Muslim activists shows a

fourth are undecided or dissatis-

fied with candidates in the presi-

Some 33 percent favored Al

Gore, 28 percent were for George

W. Bush, 7 percent for Pat

Buchanan and 5 percent for

In the survey, 755 respondents

returned questionnaires that

were sent to 800 Islamic organiza-

tions and mosques to distribute

Though 64 percent backed

Republican Party stands on

favored the Democrats and only

reflected Muslim interests.

among active members.

Episcopal bishops debate same-sex rites

portion Thursday.

Delegates say the proposal is

aimed at people for whom mar-

riage is impossible or difficult,

lose retirement benefits if they

marry. But it is widely seen as a

response to the push among

Episcopalians to bless unions of

Some dioceses ordain gay and

lesbian priests and bless same-

sex unions. The resolution

before the bishops concedes that

dioceses will continue to per-

form same-sex ceremonies with-

Some bishops stressed the res-

gay and lesbian couples.

out churchwide sanction.

DENVER (AP) — Episcopal lay members. bishops have decided against The deputies overwhelmingly developing ceremonial rites for passed the rest of the resolution, nonmarried couples, an issue which calls on the church to that has dominated the church's support and minister to unmar-General Convention because it ried couples in committed, would include homosexuals. monogamous relationships. The

The bishops voted against the bishops were to consider that plan Wednesday, as did clergy and lay delegates a day earlier.

The votes haven't ended the debate. A proposal on Thursday's agenda would direct such as elderly couples who will the church to study the theological basis for consecrating samesex unions and report the findings at the next convention in

"I think we're slowly and gradually moving toward' blessing the unions, said Bishop Michael Creighton of the central Pennsylvania diocese. we're not there yet."

With many members absent, the House of Bishops, which along with the House of Deputies makes up the church's olution is the church's first pubgoverning body, voted 85-63 lic acknowledgment of same-sex

Tuesday, the 832 clergy and lay delegates were almost evenly split. The proposal barely passed among clergy members but failed by four votes among

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against developing rites for couples. Others said it doesn't unmarried couples. go far enough. In the House of Deputies vote



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by Jim Davidson Realtor **OPEN SEASON**

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weekend open houses have taken or ples' time is at a premium, and ofter the weekend is their best opportunity to house hunt. Both brokers and pros pective buyers will be casting critical eyes upon the property. With this in mind, sellers must make the best of the property should be framed in flowers from the walkway to the foundation. fresh coat of exterior paint, if needed conveys the impression that every thing on the inside is also in excelle condition. Upon entering the house prospective buyers should be greeted with flower arrangements, coffee, and baked goods, all of which speak of home and hearth.

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a million members in a vear, elect leaders

TORONTO (AP) — The rapidly growing Seventh-day Adventist Church added 1,090,848 new members in 1999, an increase of nearly 11 percent, and now has a following of more than 11 million, said a report to the faith's international meeting.

Of those members, 91.6 percent now live outside North America, where the church originated.

The meeting elected the Rev. Jan Paulsen to a five-year term as world president. Paulsen, a native of Norway, assumed the post last year when his predecessor resigned over a church investigation of his business dealings. The Rev. Don Schneider was chosen new president of the North American division.

Adventist delegates passed a revised policy on divorce and remarriage. It says abandonment or physical abuse can justify divorce. The church permits remarriage only in cases of adultery by a spouse, but now specifies that this includes incest, child sexual abuse and homosexual practices.

On the Net: www.adventist.org

Ecclesiastical charges filed against bishop

ELGIN, III. (AP) — A lawyer and conservative lay member of



Chicago Bishop C. Joseph Sprague.

One charge accuses Sprague of Christ that Juergensmeyer says violate church doctrine.

Sprague is also charged with joining a pro-gay protest that disrupted the church's national conference in May, with using church funds to promote homosexuality and with neglecting proper church administration.

A spokesman for Sprague declined to comment on the proceedings, saying they are confi-

Internal Revenue Service issues warning against churches in politics

WASHINGTON (AP) — An election-year advisory from the Internal Revenue Service warns tax-exempt churches and other charities that tax policy forbids campaign activity.

The IRS said groups that are exempt under section 50l(c)(3) of Council on American-Islamic

Adventists report adding the United Methodist Church, the tax code are "prohibited from John Juergensmeyer, has filed participating or intervening in ecclesiastical charges against any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candi-

date for public office." Banned activities include promoting writings about Jesus endorsements, donations, fundraising and even programs that are "nonpartisan and in the public interest" but help or hurt a candidate, the IRS stated. Educational forums that do not

take sides are allowed. Violators could be taxed on non-exempt activity or lose tax exemption entirely.

The IRS issued similar warnings during the 1992 and 1996 campaigns.

In May, a federal appeals court ruled that the IRS was justified in removing tax exemption from the Church at Pierce Creek in Binghamton, N.Y., for running 1992 campaign ads attacking Bill

Survey indicates many Muslims are undecided in presidential race

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OLYMPICS

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) -The top two officials in Salt Lake City's scandal-marred Olympics bid rejected a Justice Department plea deal in the federal investigation of an international vote-buying scheme.

Lawyers for Tom Welch, the former leader of the successful bid to bring the 2002 Winter Games to Utah, and Dave Johnson, his chief deputy, said they turned down the deal Wednesday because it was too sweeping for the circumstances of the

Wheeler said Welch and Johnson rejected a deal that would have them pleading guilty to a scheme to obstruct the IRS from collecting taxes. **GOLF**

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Bruce Fleisher, John Jacobs and Hugh Baiocchi matched the first-round record with 7under-par 65s to share the lead in the Senior Players Championship.

Tom Kite, Bob Murphy and Jesse Patino were a stroke back under almost perfect conditions at the TPC of Leonard Michigan. Thompson, Allen Doyle and Jerry McGee shot 67s. Defending champion Hale Irwin was three strokes

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jay Williamson and Kenny Perry shot 7-under-par 64s to share the lead after the first round of the Greater Milwaukee Open. Loren Roberts, Frank Lickliter, Jerry Kelly, Corey Pavin and Cameron Beckman were one stroke back.

behind the leaders at 68.

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (AP) — Kim Williams, the last player into the field for the LPGA Big Apple Classic, was tied for first after the opening

Williams, the first alternate who found out she was play ing just two hours before teeing off, shot a 4-under-par 67 and was tied with Rosie Iones and Allison Finney for the lead at Wykagyl Country

Annika Sorenstam, coming off her fourth victory of the year, and Michele Redman and Jennifer Feldott were tied for fourth with 69s. Karrie Webb, No. 1 on the money list, had a 71.

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) Nick Faldo shot a 2-underpar 69 to share a five-way lead after two rounds of the Loch Lomond International.

Joining Faldo at 6-under 136 were Ernie Els (67); Australian teen-ager Adam Scott (70); Richard Green (67) and Jarmo Sandelin (69). First-round leader Notah Begay (72), was a stroke back, tied with Tom Lehman (71) and Michael Campbell (67). Colin Montgomerie (68) was two strokes behind. **HOCKEY**

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark Messier signed a two-year contract with the New York Rangers and resumed his role as captain of the team.

Messier, 39, the fourth-leading scorer in NHL history and first among active players, reportedly will earn \$10 million-\$11 million and even more if he meets bonus trig-

He had 17 goals and 37 assists in 66 games last season for the Vancouver Canucks. In 21 NHL seasons, Messier captained the Rangers to their first Stanley Cup in 54 years

in 1994. BASEBALL

CHICAGO (AP) - St. Louis Cardinals slugger Mark McGwire was placed on the disabled list for the first time since 1996 with a sore right knee. McGwire was put on the 15-day DL retroactive to July 7.

CYCLING MONT VENTOUX, France (AP) - Lance Armstrong zipped through the wind and put an iron grip on a second straight title in the Tour de

Armstrong increased his overall lead to nearly five minutes, losing by inches to another former champ, Marco Pantani, at the climax of the 12th stage.

Rangers 6, Diamondbacks 4

Texas bench play overpowers bullpen

By MEL REISNER AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — The Texas bench against Arizona's suspect bullpen was no contest.

Pinch hitters drove in the first four runs as the Rangers rallied from three down to beat the Diamondbacks 6-4 Thursday night. Luis Alicea finished the rally with a two-run single. Scott Sheldon started it with a homer in the eighth, Frank Catalanotto delivered a

run-scoring single in the ninth and David Segui followed with a two-run triple to tie it. "We were a little flat at the start, but this is the type of ballclub

where we always feel like we've got a chance," Alicea said. Jay Bell, 0-for-20 after his first at-bat, drove in four runs with two homers and an RBI single as Arizona built a 4-1 lead, but the bullpen blew a save chance for the third time in four games.

Two of the four came in games Anderson left with a lead. Anderson, beaten by the Reds on July 3 for his first home loss in 20 starts since Sept. 19, 1998, allowed four hits in eight innings, striking out six and walking none.

"I felt I was a step ahead all night long, and it was probably the best fastball I've had in a while," Anderson said. "I knew I had some pretty good juice, and I just tried to use that to our advan-

He turned over a 4-1 lead to Byung-Hyun Kim in the ninth. Kim (2-4) walked Rusty Greer leading off and hit Rafael Palmeiro with an 0-2 pitch with one out.

Catalanotto, hitting for Chad Curtis, hit an RBI single, and Segui, batting for Gabe Kapler, followed with a triple that dropped below

the glove of a diving Steve Finley in center. Mike Lamb was intentionally walked, and pinch-hitter Dave

Martinez walked with two outs. Alicea then singled to right. Manager Johnny Oates thought Sheldon's solo shot was the key

because it broke through against Anderson. "I was able to get enough of it to go out," said Sheldon, who had one homer in 22 previous at-bats. "You like to think that it does

spark the club."

11-12 All-Stars



Pampa Cal Ripken 11-12 year-old All-Stars will host the West Texas State Baseball Tournament Saturday through Tuesday at Optimist Park. All-Star team members are (front row, from left) Weston Teichmann, Eric Kingcade, Brett Ferrell, Jake Craig, Grant Stucki, Dylan Henley and Craig Stone; (middle row, from left) Nick Robbins, Tyler Klein, Matthew Trusty, Shane Goldsmith, Tyson Hickman, Jarred Moler, Braydon Barker and Robbie Dixon; (back row, from left) Coaches Ed Ferrell, Steve Goldsmith and Manager Robert Dixon. The first game has Plainview going against Randall County at 4 p.m. Saturday. Pampa plays another Randall County team at 6:30 p.m. Saturday night.

Olympic boosters hope for bid scandal plea bargains

boosters, dreading the thought of a federal. on during the 2002 Winter Games, would like to see the bid leaders accept a plea bar-

Tom Welch, the former leader of the successful bid to bring the Games to Utah, and down a possible deal Wednesday, contend- Johnson's attorneys were waiting for ing the charges were too sweeping.

However, attorneys on both sides have gned a second agreement that extends the another couple of weeks to reach a settle-

"We will listen to any proposal that is consistent with the facts," Johnson's attorney, Max Wheeler, said Thursday.

A federal grand jury investigating the scandal convened Wednesday in Salt Lake City without issuing any indictments.

Wheeler said Welch and Johnson rejected a deal that would have them pleading guilty to obstructing the IRS from collecting taxes. That strategy builds on the case of a former U.S. Olympic official who

secret consulting payments from the Salt trial over Salt Lake City's bid scandal going Lake City bid committee. A Salt Lake City businessman also pleaded guilty to tax trial," said Romney, who was brought in to fraud in connection with the scandal.

Richard Wiedis, the Justice Department broke in December 1998. attorney heading the investigation, met with other government lawyers Thursday. Wiedis to make a new plea offer. Welch and Johnson declined comment.

The Justice Department investigation, charges are likely against International would be in the best interest of the com-Olympic Committee members, Wheeler munity.

members and their relatives. The panel largely blamed Welch and Johnson.

Bid trustees, including Gov. Mike Leavitt, have insisted they were kept in the

Mitt Romney, president of the Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Olympic admitted to evading taxes on \$48,514 in Organizing Committee, said he hopes can't ever see him admitting anything was Welch and Johnson can reach a settlement. done with criminal intent because that "I hope we don't have a lengthy, painful

> clean up the organization after the scandal Beth Wilkinson of Latham & Watkins, the ment was replaced. national law firm brought in to represent

tions for the games. The Salt Lake Tribune said that Romney. than Welch and Johnson, and no federal emphasize to them that a plea bargain and lying to the FBI.

Sydney Fonnesbeck, a friend of Welch's A Salt Lake ethics panel found that more and a former Salt Lake City councilwoman, than \$1.2 million in cash, gifts, travel and said that smacks of hypocrisy because other inducements were given to IOC Olympics organizers repeatedly have demonized the former bid leaders.

> "Romney's been throwing grenades at them and now he wants their cooperation. From what I can see, it's just made Tom angry," she said.

"Tom cares about the Olympics, but I

wouldn't be the truth," he said.

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Ten IOC members resigned or were removed from the organization because of the scandal, and SLOC's upper manage-

Communications executive David Dave Johnson, his chief deputy, turned He would not comment. Welch and SLOC in its dealings with the Department Simmons pleaded guilty to tax fraud and of Justice, is in Washington, emphasizing admitted conspiring with bid leaders to the damage a trial could have on prepara- provide a phony job for John Kim, son of South Korean IOC member Kim Un-yong. The younger Kim was indicted for entering deadline for filing charges and gives them now in its 19th month, is going no further has asked friends of Welch and Johnson to the country on an illegally obtained visa

> Former USOC international relations director Alfredo La Mont of Colorado Springs, Colo., pleaded guilty to filing false tax returns and admitted to conspiring with two unidentified bid officials in the

> Welch and Johnson were asked to plead guilty to acting to obstruct the IRS. Such a charge would round out the case against La Mont and Simmons, who pledged to testify for the government as part of their plea deals. They have yet to be sentenced.

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Could MLB teams be cut?

team when they meet today.

Colorado owner McMorris first discussed so- be discussed in the hallways. called contraction a year ago, but commissioner Bud Selig played ously," McMorris said Thursday down the idea.

national TV last weekend, Selig way out of difficult situations," said: "I don't want to rule anything out today, because there's no question that we do have to solve that problem, because (disparity) is getting worse by the day.'

Owners gather Friday to receive the sport's latest eco-

appeared set to put off realign- ers, speaking on the condition ment until 2002 and might even they not be identified, said the discuss getting rid of the idea is being given increased Montreal Expos and another attention by team heads because of Montreal's inability to get a Jerry new ballpark and probably will

"It is being taken more serinight. "It's just because of dis-When asked the question on parity and how do we find our

If the major leagues ever decide to shrink, its central fund, which gets money from national broadcasting and licensing contracts, could be used to buy back the Expos along with one other team, one of the owners said.

"If we disappear, they're nomic study report, and to be going to have to come up with briefed on the format of next another club that could produce year's schedule and the negotia- as many Guerreros and tions for new national TV con- Martinezes and Walkers," Expos manager Felipe Alou said, refer-While contraction may not be ring to Valdimir Guerrero,

NEW YORK (AP) — Owners on the formal agenda, two own- Pedro Martinez and Larry Walker, who became stars in Montreal.

> "We've heard all kinds of stuff in the last two years about us and about baseball, so nothing surprisnew ballparks, and Tampa Bay has seen a large decrease in attendance. As for realignment, Texas had

> been pushing hardest in order to get out of the AL West. But the Chicago White Sox, Kansas City and Minnesota were against the plan to place six teams in the AL Central and just four in the AL East and AL West.

> In addition, Arizona objected to the plan, under which it would move from the NL West to the AL West.

> Selig, several owners said. does not appear ready to call for a vote on realignment any time soon, effectively putting it off until the 2002 season at the ear-

'Nothing seriously has been debated in the last few months," Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane said. "I think most likely significant realignment will be put off a year."

The two owners who spoke on the condition of anonymity confirmed McLane's assessment that no realignment would take

place for 2001.

Flashback

1974: Robert Young and Howie Lewis combined for 43 points as Pampa beat Abilene High 85-70 in the Key City Invitational Basketball Tournament in Abilene. Young scored 23 points and Lewis had 20 as the Harvesters improved their record to 3-0.

Sports transactions

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

MLB—Suspended manager Bobby Cox for five on the 60-day disabled list. games and fined him an undisclosed amount for making contact with umpire Derryl Cousins in a game against Montreal on July 4.

American League BOSTON RED

SOX-Activated RHP Pedro Martinez from the 15-day disabled list.

CLEVELAND INDIANS-Activated OF Manny Ramirez Optioned OF Rob Ryan to LOS ANGELES DODGERSfrom the 15-day disabled list. Sent RHP Brian Williams outright to Buffalo of the International League.

NEW YORK YANKEES Recalled OF Ryan Thompson

OAKLAND ATHLETICS-Placed DH John Jaha on the 15- 3B Aaron Boone on the 15-day day disabled list. Recalled 3B-OF disabled list. Adam Piatt from Sacramento of the Pacific Coast League.

National League ARIZONA DIAMOND- 2005 BACKS—Activated 3B Matt Williams and 1B Erubiel Durazo Mike Maddux pitching coach for League. Placed INF Danny, the 15-day disabled list. Klassen on the 15-day disabled list. Baltimore fell to 23-14 at Placed 1B Mark McGwire on the

ATLANTA

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and OF Luke Wilcox from Activated LHP Mike Remlinger C Carlos Hernandez on the 15-Columbus of the International from the 15-day disabled list. Atlanta League. Placed OF Wily Mo Pena Designated RHP Dave Stevens July 6. Sent RHP Carlos Reyes for assignment.

CINCINNATI REDS—Placed COLORADO ROCKIES-

Signed 3B Jeff Cirillo to a fouryear contract extension, through HOUSTON ASTROS—Named

from the 15-day disabled list. Round Rock of the Texas League. Tucson of the Pacific Coast Activated RHP Jeff Shaw from

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS-15-day disabled list.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed es.

day disabled list, retroactive to outright to Las Vegas of the PCL. Recalled RHP Carlos Almanzar from Las Vegas. Added RHP Todd Erdos to the roster. BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association ATLANTA HAWKS—Signed

G DerMarr Johnson to a threeyear contract. CLEVELAND CAVALIERS Signed C Chris Mihm.

PHILADELPHIA Signed G Craig Claxton and G-F Mark Karcher.

TORONTO RAPTORS-Named Stan Albeck, Jim Brewer and Craig Neal assistant coach-

WASHINGTON (AP) — They who didn't leave lesson plans and creating associations that could tions are high. Shortages are loomget no respect. Teachers snub them. principals indifferent to classroom They get paid less. And students riots. welcome the arrival of a substitute teacher by doubling their usual mischief.

For the first time, substitutes are banding together in hopes of in Washington on Friday and Saturday for a first-ever national meeting.

"We want to be taken off the because she missed kids. "We are ment. professionals."

class at midday when a fight among unruly students spilled out into the hallway.

"I buzzed security three times," the classroom and I left. They were in control."

Subs from Florida to Michigan on Thursday recalled horror stories organization until now. of student stink bombs, teachers

Hinton said the national conference is aimed at changing the way hundreds of thousands of substitute teachers are treated. They will decide Friday whether they want improving their lot: Dozens of the to organize as a union, much like part-time instructors are gathering the two major organizations that represent 3.5 million full-time teachers. Besides more pay, health coverage and respect, the subs want fair hearings when officials baby sitters' list," said Eleanor complain about their work and Hinton, a retired school guidance more access to computer training Dorward said. counselor who started subbing and other professional develop-

Substitutes routinely fill in for Hinton once left a middle school teachers while seeking full-time teaching jobs or as part-time or retirement work that allows reduced and flexible hours. In cities like Seattle, Philadelphia, Fresno, she said in an interview on the eve Calif., and Eugene, Ore., they have of the conference. "I'll tell you, I just organized through the local chapgave them (the students) the key to ters of the National Education Association and Service Employees International Union. But there has not been a single substitute teacher

bargain with school boards on substitutes' behalf, Hinton said.

"Ultimately it would improve education for kids," said James Dorward, a researcher at Utah State University's Substitute Teacher Institute in Logan, Utah.

On any given school day, 9 percent of U.S. classrooms need a substitute to replace an absent teacher, he said. A well-heeled, focused organization could have a key role in raising the pay and training for to help substitute teachers organize ever-growing demand,

Substitutes are a much hotter ages, student growth and mandates for smaller class sizes have left schools scrambling to fill class- on." rooms. And the booming economy and competition from better-paying jobs is making school administrators' task even more difficult.

Some districts are using the pool of subs to recruit full-timers, even \$30 a day. supplementing the cost of degrees and professional licenses.

The group wants to look into lar teachers: Pay is low, expecta-states hire substitutes who have

ing, especially in inner city classrooms and for specialties such as teaching disabled children or math and science courses. But without the protection of full-time status, bargaining contracts or credentials, the going can be tougher for substi-

"They are abysmally paid," said Kathleen Lyons, spokeswoman for the NEA teachers union, which pledged this year to increase efforts and otherwise improve their situations. "They're paid less than folks hamburgers commodity today. Teacher short- McDonald's. The idea is to replace

> Pay varies from district to district, but averages about \$65 a day. Some urban districts like Los Angeles pay more than \$150 a day, but most smaller districts pay just

> Education is still supposed to go

teacher who's not there.

California is one of a handful states that require substitutes to At first glance, their problems have a bachelor's degree and and concerns mirror those of regu- pass a basic skills test. Most

no diploma beyond high school. "In many cases you are putting people in the classrooms who you don't know very well," said Dorward, also an associate professor in Utah State's College of Education. "Consequently not a lot of learning takes place."

Subs say that such jobs offer little protection from student complaints.

"If somebody says Ms. McBee grabbed my arm, that's it, I'm out with no question," said Millie McBee, who's been subbing more than a decade in Orlando, Fla.

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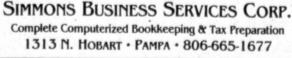
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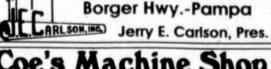
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