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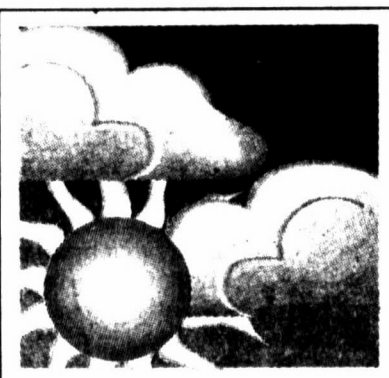
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Elderly driver gets no jail time
 AUSTIN (AP) — An 86-year-old woman facing possible prison time for a car accident that killed five women pleaded no contest to a traffic violation and paid a \$200 fine.
 Elsie Nitsche of Giddings had been indicted on a charge of criminally negligent homicide for the 1998 collision that occurred when she failed to yield at an intersection and turned her car into the path of a van carrying six mentally disabled women and the driver.
 The van skidded off the road and landed upside down in a stock pond. Only the driver and one passenger escaped. Nitsche suffered only a broken kneecap.
 Nitsche's age and a lack of criminal intent on her part prompted authorities to offer the reduced charge, said Ted Weems, Lee County district attorney. The offer was first made in late 1998 but Nitsche did not enter her plea until Thursday because of issues in a civil lawsuit brought against her.
 "An 84-year-old lady is not a good candidate for prison," Weems said, referring to Nitsche's age at the time of the accident. "There was certainly no criminal intent on her part."

- John W. Bednorz, 72, retired employee of Lane and Company.
- Melva Flaniken, 82, homemaker.
- Rebecca Joyce Givhan, 66, former Pampa teacher.
- Vernon Pratt, 51, deputy general manager of finance for the Celanese plant in Kunming, China.
- Marye K. Crockett Thomas, 88, retired nurse.
- J.T. Walker, 73, retired manager for the Las Vegas Hilton and Slots.

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Impact dog law would have draws discussion

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

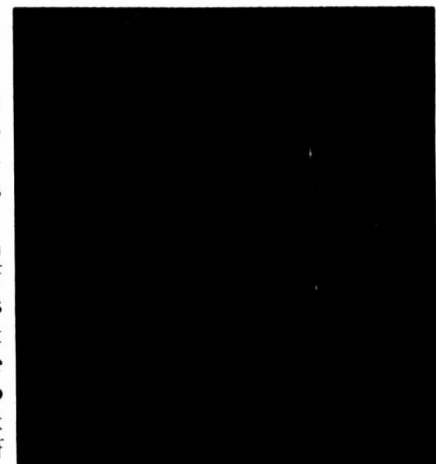
About 24 hours after a miniature horse was attacked just outside Pampa for the second time, the future impact of the proposed dog registration law was discussed by Gray County Commissioners.
 County Judge Richard Peet told the commission Thursday afternoon he felt the Rabies Control Act should not be enacted in Gray County until after the Aug. 12 dog registration election.
 He said County Attorney Todd Alvey recommended the commission not enact a Rabies Control Act until after the Aug. 12 election. He said if the act is enacted the election will still go on, but the impact of the election would be nullified, and the RCA would take precedence over that county-wide election.
 "Even though it passed, there would be no recourse for us to take over dogs attacking domestic animals," said Peet.
 Basing his opinion on information furnished by County Attorney Todd Alvey, Peet said, "The

county can enact a Rabies Control Act much as what the City of Pampa has done. However, because we are already committed, and the voters have requested it, we are going to have the election."
 Peet said he suspected that land owners would have the right to protect their property, family and livestock at the time of such attacks if they took action right then to protect your animals.
 "Even after the election, the county could pass the Rabies Control Act. If that (passing the election) happens, the county would have a recourse to take against dogs that attack another domesticated animal," he said.
 Peet said law enforcement went Wednesday to the residence of the owners of the dogs involved in the April attack on the miniature horse. Peet said the dog owners said their pit bulldogs were in the backyard. The judge said upon inspection by law enforcement, the dogs were not in the back yard.
 "Under [the dog registration] election, the county would have recourse to require the individual to destroy that dog. If they (the dog owner) do not, (See DOG, Page 2)

Senior players arriving for big golf tournament

By L.D. STRATE
 Sports Editor

It's been billed as the biggest and the best of the senior amateur golf tournaments in the nation. And it's right here in Pampa city.
 However, participation in the Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament has been dropping for the past three or four years. The decrease isn't enough to alarm Tri-State directors, but they are trying to think of ways to attract more seniors.
 "We didn't have as many players last year as we've had in the past," said Pampa Country Club pro Mickey Piersall. "I don't know if it's because the players have gotten older, or just what it is."
 Directors are trying to boost the membership by adding a Super Senior Championship Flight to the agenda this year. This new flight will be made up of players over 70 years of age.
 "We're hoping it will create some more interest," Piersall said. "The course is in great condition. I think the seniors will enjoy playing on it."
 (See GOLF, Page 5)



Lubbock's Tommy Wilson is returning to defend his crown as last year's champion.



Dora Hunnicutt of Pampa shows off the perch she had just caught, while her son Ira Smith, also of Pampa, displays the two carp they pulled from City Lake earlier in the day. "It ate all my bait," Mrs. Hunnicutt laughed. The mother-son team say they come to the lake when they can to relax and fish.

Sales tax holiday scheduled Aug. 4-6

Texas families have an opportunity to stretch their clothing budgets during the second annual Sales Tax Holiday, Aug. 4-6, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.
 "On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100," Comptroller Rylander said.
 The timing of the Sales Tax Holiday is intended to help parents outfit their children for the new school year. However, the tax break is not limited to children's school clothes. Highlights include:
 —Most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 is exempt from sales taxes. Consumers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.
 —Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as golf cleats or football pads, are not tax exempt. However, athletic clothes that are commonly used as street wear such as tennis shoes, baseball caps and jogging suits are eligible for the tax exemption.
 —Not included in the Sales Tax Holiday are accessories such as jewelry and watches, and items that are carried rather than worn including handbags, briefcases, wallets and backpacks.
 "This year, I am able to make one administrative change. Customers who put clothes and shoes costing less than \$100 on layaway during the Holiday weekend will be permitted to take those items out of layaway at a later date without paying sales tax," Comptroller Rylander said. "This will allow hard-working families with limited budgets to pay for their purchases a little bit at a time."
 (See TAX, Page 2)

MS fundraiser to bring cyclists through Pampa

Pampa-area residents will have the opportunity to see riders in the 13th annual Wild West 150 Bike Tour when the group peddles here Aug. 5-6.
 The cyclists ride in order to raise funds for and awareness of The National Multiple Sclerosis Society.
 The first day, cyclists will leave Randall High School in Amarillo at 7 a.m., take the Pampa exit on Loop 335 and travel Highway 60 to the Celanese Plant. It is there the group will eat lunch before continuing to Huber Park in Borger. They'll overnight at Frank Phillips College.
 On day two, the participants will follow a 50-mile scenic loop around Lake Meredith. For more information, call 806-468-7500.

Water district expansion plan on Potter Co. ballot

By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — Expansion of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District is now up to the voters of Potter County, and that could mean a savings for Gray County and other water district landowners.
 The registered voters of Potter County not currently in the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District or the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District will vote on Aug. 12, whether to join the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.
 "I feel pretty comfortable about the election passing," Williams says. "The timing is really right for us. I think it's a good deal for Potter County. I

think it's a good deal for us. There's strength in numbers."
 The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District board of directors held public hearings during June in Amarillo and in White Deer before taking steps to place the annexation question on the ballot for voters to decide in August.
 The annexation of parts of Potter County, including a large portion of Amarillo that lies within Potter County, is seen as a defensive move by the City of Amarillo. Amarillo has well fields in Roberts and Carson County that are already covered by the district. The annexation of the city along with the rest of the county will give them a voice on the board of directors and could also give them some say over proposed exportation of
 (See WATER, Page 2)

Local restaurant owner reacts to story, inspection

A sewer backing up in Singletree Restaurant, 518 N. Hobart, was not in the kitchen sink as reported Wednesday but was in a kitchen floor drain, said Jackie Harper, sanitarian for the City of Pampa.
 In a front page article Wednesday, *The Pampa News* incorrectly reported that the sewer was backing up in the restaurant's sink.
 Charles Jansen, owner of the business, said Thursday that a drain in the wash down area by the back door had about two inches of water standing in it. "Sewage in the sinks would be physically impossible due to construction," he said.
 Harper also said the walk-in refrigerators were dirty.
 Jansen said the walk-in refrigerator was in need of repair. "But it had just been mopped, so I really don't think it was dirty," he said.
 The restaurant was ordered closed this week by the sanitarian after it scored 44 on an inspection. A score of 70 out of 100 is passing.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
 Pampa Area Literacy 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. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
 If interested in the 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 accepted.

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 Pavilion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

CPF
 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-free.

GED TESTING
 Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

SWIM LESSONS
 Registration is currently under way for Gray County American Red Cross swimming lessons to be held July 24-Aug. 2 at M.K. Brown Outdoor Swimming Pool. Classes will include Levels 1-3 (preschool through beginners age 3 and up) and Levels 4 and 5 (advanced beginners/intermediate). Cost is \$35. To enroll or for more information, contact the ARC Gray County Chapter at 669-7121.

ARC CLASS
 The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer an Adult CPR class from 6-10 p.m. Monday, July 24 and a Standard First Aid class from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 25. To register or for more information, call the local Red Cross at 669-7121.

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.

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.

FPC
 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' College Session IV. For more information, call 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

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 applica-

tion is Sept. 1. All participants must be residents of Texas. For more information or for an application, contact Caroline Herring, program coordinator, at: Texas Folklife Resources, 1317 South Congress, Austin, TX 78704; or call (512) 441-9255.

GREEN THUMB
 Green Thumb is launching a search to identify and recognize outstanding employers of America's senior workers. GT will honor three outstanding employers representing small, medium and large businesses during its National Prime Time Awards activities Oct. 3-6 in Washington, D.C. The deadline for nominations is July 30. Details and on-line applications are available at www.prime-time2000.org. Eligibility criteria: 1) employers who hire older workers 65 and over for 20 or more hours of paid employment per week at minimum wage or higher (this does not include older workers whose employment is subsidized through local, state or federally-funded programs); 2) nominations for affiliates, franchises, partnerships and divisions should be consolidated and submitted through corporate headquarters if possible; 3) business size - up to 50 employees (small), up to 1,000 (medium), and over 1,000 (large); 4) winners must be willing and able to travel to Washington for the 2000 event. Applications may be mailed to (if not submitted on-line): Diane Long, Green Thumb, Inc., 2000 N. 14th St., Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22201.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
 The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: July 28, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, and Aug. 14, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

DIALOGUE
 The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

RANCH ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR
 The Agricultural Economics Department at Texas A&M University will sponsor a "Ranch Estate Planning Seminar" Aug. 6-7 at College Station Hilton. For more information, call (979) 845-2226 or write: 315 Blocker Bldg., Department of Agricultural Economics, 2124 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-22124.

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIPS
 President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities is hosting three scholarship competitions for post-secondary students with disabilities for the 2000-01 academic year. Two competitions are open to candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for undergraduate study at a four-year college or university. The third competition is open to female candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for graduate study. For more information, visit the President's Committee website at www.pcep.gov and click the "Scholarships" link on the home page.

MSAA
 A wide range of free, direct support services is available to local residents suffering from multiple sclerosis through Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. Services include general information, therapeutic equipment, educational literature, national lending library, no-cost MRIs, cool suits, wheelchairs and scooters, support groups and more. For more information, contact MSAA at 1-800-LEARN-MS or access www.msaa.com on the Internet.

FAN BOOKLET
 The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C., recently published the booklet, "Low Cost Medical Care." The booklet includes information on how and where to get free and low-cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Free and Low Cost Medical Care Booklet, Dept. MCB-0425, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. The information is also available at www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

AIYSE
 American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking American high school students, ages 15-19, to participate in its foreign exchange program. Students will spend a semester, or year with an European family or participate in a 4- to 6-week family stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIYSEP school

counselors and educators in local schools. To qualify, students must have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575.

T.O.P.S. #149
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T.O.P.S. #41
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON
 Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

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

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

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
 The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
 A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

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

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GOP marriage penalty tax cut heads for final passage

By CURT ANDERSON
 AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is poised to send President Clinton a Republican bill cutting married couples' income taxes for the second year in a row. Also for the second time, it appears headed for a veto.

The Senate was scheduled Friday to give final approval to the "marriage penalty" bill that passed the House short of a veto-proof margin a day earlier.

The measure would cut taxes for virtually all married couples, beginning in this election year, at a cost of \$292 billion over 10 years — still pennies on the dollar of a budget surplus projected at \$2.17 trillion over the next decade.

Republicans said the bill was a long-overdue remedy to a tax code disparity that forces about 25 million two-income married couples, mainly those with two roughly equal incomes, to pay more taxes than if they were single.

"There's no reason on earth why the president should veto this bill," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "I find it fiscally responsible to let hardworking folks keep more of their own money."

Clinton has proposed more limited marriage penalty relief but offered to sign an earlier version of the GOP bill if Congress also passed an acceptable prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients. But Republicans have refused that deal.

The marriage legislation was part of last year's \$792 billion tax cut that Clinton vetoed. Republicans are pushing through Congress separate pieces of the larger bill in an effort to draw clearer, election-year contrasts with Democrats on specific tax issues.

Republicans are rushing to get the marriage penalty bill to the White House so that Clinton must decide whether to sign or veto it before the end of the Republican National Convention that takes place July 31-Aug. 3 in Philadelphia.

Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers reaffirmed the veto threat in a letter Thursday to congressional leaders. He said the marriage

bill's price tag would consume surplus money that could be used for other priorities.

Summers said more of the tax cut would go to the 1 percent of Americans with the highest incomes than the lowest 80 percent and that half the money would go to couples who get a marriage tax "bonus" because one spouse is the main earner.

"The package of bills working their way through Congress would subvert the fiscal discipline that has helped to fuel the economic growth of the past eight years," Summers said. "This is not the time to abandon our path of fiscal discipline."

The bill, a compromise negotiated by House and Senate GOP leaders, would give some tax relief in calendar 2000 to millions of married taxpayers.

Beginning this year, the bill would increase gradually the amount of married couples' income in the bottom 15 percent tax bracket until couples were taxed the same as two single people. Under current law, two single people pay the lower 15 percent rate on a greater share of their income than a married couple.

The bill also would adjust the standard income tax deduction for married couples so that it is equal to that of two single people, beginning with the 2000 tax year. That would increase a married couple's deduction from \$7,350 to \$8,800.

The agreement would raise by \$2,000 the income cap for lower-income couples who claim the earned income tax credit. It also would ensure through 2004 that married couples could claim personal tax credits, such as the \$500-per-child credit, without getting entangled in the complex alternative minimum tax.

Because it was passed under restrictive budget rules, the tax cuts would expire after five years unless extended by a future Congress. Over that time span, the cost was pegged at \$89.8 billion.

The bill is H.R. 4810.
 On the Net:
<http://thomas.loc.gov>

FTC files suit over cellulite eradication claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission contends a Florida company misleads consumers by telling them one of its dietary supplements can rid them of fatty deposits known as cellulite.

In a lawsuit filed Wednesday, the FTC said Rexall Sundown Inc. of Boca Raton, Fla., makes false and unsubstantiated claims to market its Cellasene supplement. The company denies the allegations.

Unlike most cellulite remedies, which are applied to the skin, Rexall's product is a pill containing ginkgo biloba, grape seed extract and other herbal ingredients.

The recommended eight-week regimen of the supplement costs \$180 to \$240, the FTC said. The government said sales totaled about \$54 million last year.

Cellasene has been advertised in major newspapers, including USA Today, The New York Times and The Washington Post, as well as on the Internet and in fashion magazines, television and radio.

By law, dietary supplements cannot promise to treat or prevent disease directly. The industry is shielded from government oversight by a 1994 act of Congress, which said the Food and Drug Administration may intercede only if the agency proves a supplement poses an unreasonable risk or is marketed as a drug. But the FTC, which oversees truth in advertising, has the authority to take action against companies that cannot back up their claims.

Cellulite is a series of irregular pockets of fat that cause the area around the hips and thighs to appear dimpled.

The FTC said Rexall, which claims Cellasene "fights cellulite from the inside," had no clinical evidence establishing the pill's effectiveness. The FTC wants a permanent injunction to prohibit Rexall from making the claims. It also wants a judge to order that Rexall refund Cellasene's purchase price to consumers, said Darren Bowie, assistant director of the FTC's Division of Advertising Practices.

Rexall said Thursday it will "vigorously defend the truthfulness of its claims" for Cellasene.

"The commission's action completely ignores the sound scientific research into the effectiveness of Cellasene," Debbie DeSantis, Rexall's senior vice president of product development, said in a statement. "Cellasene was designed and formulated by one of the world's leading herbal/pharmaceutical extract companies with foremost expertise in cellulite research. We stand strongly behind the product and its value to our customers."

According to its Web site, Rexall manufactures dozens of nutritional supplements, including Pokemon children's vitamins, Osteo Bi-Flex arthritis cream and many herbal supplements regularly available over the counter. The site also shows clips of commercials featuring "Jeopardy" host Alex Trebek promoting the company's supplements.

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Sound waves, emitted from a machine called a lithotripter, sometimes are used to break up kidney stones, offering a noninvasive treatment.

Now that procedure is being modified to relieve chronic heel pain, also known as plantar fasciitis. On Thursday, advisers to the Food and Drug Administration recom-

mended approval of a lower-dose lithotripter called the OssaTron.

If the FDA follows the advice, the machine could become the first approved for a condition often frustrating to treat.

At issue is a sharp pain, aching or stiffness on the bottom of the heel that is worst upon getting out of bed each morning. It can be caused by bone spurs, but in most cases is plantar fasciitis, an inflammation of the foot's connective tissue.

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Organizers have lots planned for wives of Tri-State golfers

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

"Since we're having a Western Night this year, we're going to coordinate our style show with that. It will be less formal," Rogers said. June Beyer will be helping with the table decorations, she added.

Meanwhile, Margaret Lawyer is planning the ladies' putting contests that begins at 9 a.m. Monday, July 24.

"She done the putting contest for years and she's wonderful," Rogers said. "She is so good at getting ladies started and adding up their scores." Prizes for the putting contest are golf balls from the Country Club's pro shop.

In May, the Association's board meets again. Rogers presents an update on her progress to the board and checks with the Country Club manager to see if there are any last-minute adjustments or changes to be made.

In the last few weeks before the tournament begins, Rogers is contacting merchants to contribute promotional items for the packets given to participants at registration.

"I usually include a list of beauty shops who will take walk-ins and any new merchants in town who are not on the Treasure Hunt," she said.

Once everything is gathered for the registration packets, Rogers contacts five volunteers to assemble the packets and work at the registration tables. These volunteers usually come from the 20-member Pampa

Country Club's Ladies Golf Association. Ladies Golf Association members also keep the score board during the tournament play, she said.

Jan Elston hand writes all of the score cards for the men's tournament, too, she added.

Janice Sackett, whose husband Floyd serves as secretary/treasurer of the Tri-State Seniors, makes buttons for all the workers to wear.

Table decorations are finalized the second week of July.

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This year's tournament begins with registration at 1 p.m., Sunday, July 23, at the Pampa Country Club. A hospitality hour hosted by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce follows at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Other events planned for the week include daily brunches and luncheons catered by Pampa Country Club, a nine-hole ladies golf scramble on Monday, July 24, and golf at Pamcel Golf Course on Wednesday, July 26.



(Special photo)

Tri-State Senior Golf Association wives enjoy a luncheon at the Pampa Country Club while their husbands play in the 1999 annual Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament.

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GOLF

The 66th annual tournament is set for July 24-27 at the PCC Course. There will be 132 seniors coming from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico to register on July 23 at the country club.

The 54-hole format will have a championship flight of 32 players determined by handicap. After 18 holes, the flight will be divided with the 16 players having the highest scores forming the President's Flight. The winner of the president's flight will be determined by the low 54-hole total.

All other 16-player flights will be involved in match play.

A scramble is scheduled for July 24 with the first round of match and stroke play set for July 25.

Lubbock's Tommy Wilson, last year's tournament champion, returns to defend his crown. Wilson, who is the sixth Lubbock golfer to win the seniors title, shot a three-round total of 212. Amarillo's Doug Barron, who is also returning, finished second at 217.

Scott Mack, another Lubbock golfer, was the tournament leader going into the final round last year. He's looking forward to another try at the title.

"It's a good tournament to play in. It's well-organized and the people of Pampa are always nice to us."

Mack ran into problems in the final round a year ago and finished fourth, 10 shots out of first.

"The best thing I like about the tournament is the attitude of the players," Mack said. "They have respect for the game and the

rules and they enjoy the competition with each other."

This is Mack's fourth year to compete in the tournament.

The championship flight winner as well as the other flight winners will be recognized at the senior awards banquet July 27 at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Activities will also be available for the senior wives throughout the week. A ladies luncheon and style show is just one of the many items on the agenda. There will also be jewelry and crafts demonstrations, bridge, line dancing instructions and a putting tournament.

The senior wives will also be playing some golf. There will be a 9-hole scramble July 24 at the country club and another outing July 26 at the Pamcel Course.

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- 1947: Chick Trout, Lubbock
- 1948: Red Gober, Austin
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- 1992: Dick Alexander, Lubbock

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- 1993: Jake Broyles, Lamesa
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- 1996: Elmer Wilson, Pampa
- 1997: Eddie Duenkel, Pampa
- 1998: Jim Holmes, Amarillo
- 1999: Tommy Wilson, Lubbock

British Open graded scores

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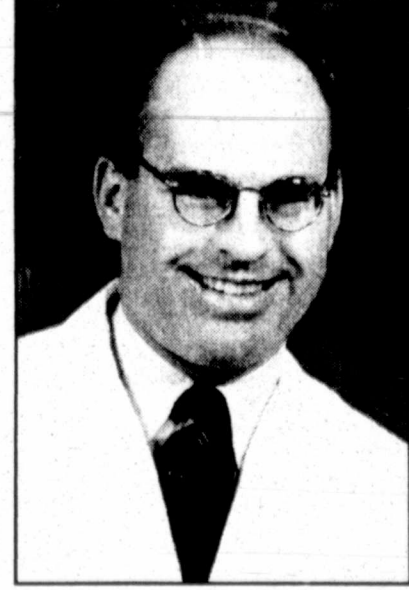
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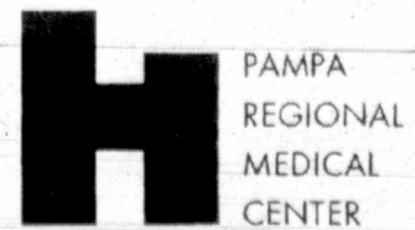
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Kids Who Are Cruel to Animals Often Are Victims Themselves.

DEAR ABBY: After 30 years of reading your column, I am impelled to respond to "Seen It in Seattle," the letter regarding the St. Bernard who was teased by a neighbor child until it turned vicious and finally had to be euthanized.

I am sorely troubled by that letter. Do you realize how many systematic acts of cruelty that would have taken, especially for a breed as placid and gentle as a St. Bernard?

One has to ask — where were the parents, the neighbors, the owners of the dog? Why would so many people look on impassively while a tethered animal was tortured into insanity? The way the helpless are treated is the measure of a society.

People of good will and conscience must speak up when they witness abuse. Abby, please encourage readers to be a voice for the voiceless.

PUZZLED IN CORAL SPRINGS, FLA.

DEAR PUZZLED: I already do — and with the help of peo-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

ple like you I will continue to do so. All that is needed for evil to thrive is for people of good will to look the other way. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: This concerns the letter about the child's cruelty to the St. Bernard. This is a difficult letter to write because, as a child, I physically abused cats and dogs. It was not because I had a "conduct disorder" — it was because I myself was beaten and sexually molested by my father on a regular basis from the time I was 4 years old until I was a young teen-ager. The pain I caused those animals haunts me to this day. For the past

several years, I have volunteered at my local animal shelter. I have also rescued cats and dogs. It's a small way to make amends for what I did as a child.

The reason for my letter is to warn adults not to just look at the child who is abusing the animals, but to look at who could possibly be abusing the child.

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DEAR SURVIVOR: You have written a powerful letter. A child who abuses animals — or other children — desperately needs intervention and professional help. You are not the only reader to point out that this could indicate abuse in the household. Children from healthy, loving families rarely become abusers. Read on:

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necessary, but it will send plans into the trash. You might not be sure what is best to do with a loved one or partner. Discuss this issue thoroughly and follow this person's wishes. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

This week: Being goal-directed doesn't always work. You learn this lesson this week. Chill out for now.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Curb your temper, or rather choose how you express your irritation. You want the most effective way of communicating. Others behave in odd ways. You need to adjust, as you aren't changing them. Understand what is happening with them. Expect animated discussions. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

This week: Accept the limelight and the responsibilities. Zero in on what you want on Wednesday.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Another makes an overture to which it is nearly impossible to say no. Why would you want to? It appears that someone has a vested interest in what you do and in your choices. Listen to another carefully. Read between the lines. Remember who is living your life. Tonight: Opt for cozy.

This week: Taking an overview proves to be the smart thing to do on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday, take charge.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Recognize the pros and cons of a difficult situation. A parent or someone in charge makes demands that simply might not suit you. If single, a new friend could sweep you off your feet. If attached, let the natural heat between you boil forth. Tonight: Ever social!

This week: The time has come to deal with that difficult partner. On Wednesday, you can pat yourself on the back.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Sometimes nice and easy works. Pressure builds, and you might question a choice you are making. Perhaps summer plans prove to be overwhelming on some level. Keeping your life and home together becomes the ultimate priority. Say no to an invitation. You will be happier in the long run. Tonight: Barbecue.

This week: Others display their colors. You're not happy with what you see. Initiate a discussion on Wednesday.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You understand adventure and risk. Right now, you are up for it. Though you might not have a problem with your actions, another clearly does, and he will let you know in no uncertain terms. You don't need to react. Rather, calmly emphasize the difference between the two of you. Tonight: Help another feel more secure.

This week: You're fed up with another. Work fries your nerves. You get a new beginning on Wednesday. Phew!
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Just when you think everyone is amicable, you find out otherwise. Another clearly won't hesitate to do whatever is necessary to get what he wants. Pull back and look at what is happening. Now is as good a time as ever to put your foot down. Tonight: Avoid a hassle.

This week: Situations push your ingenuity to the max. End results make you smile. Isn't that what counts?
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

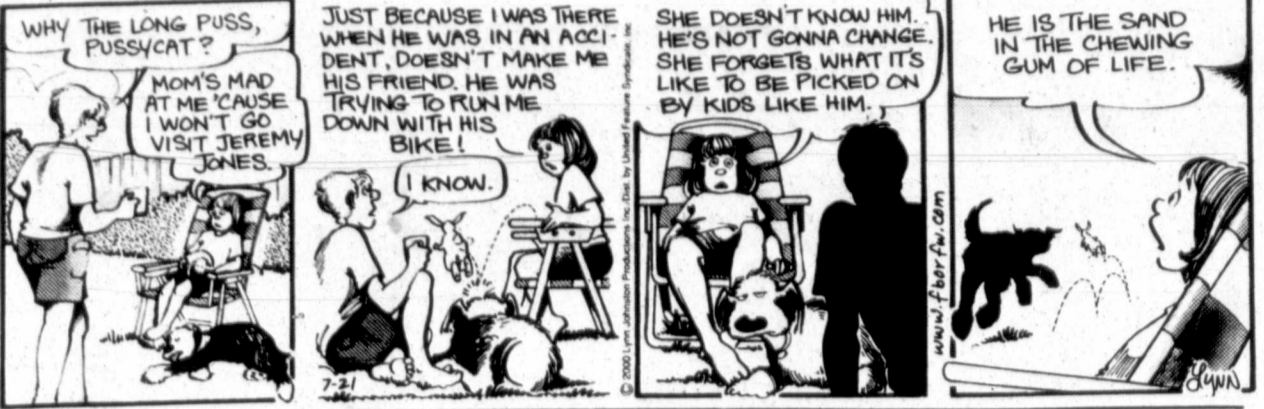
***** You are who you are, but sometimes you might want to change yourself. Consider another's feelings before taking a strong action. You could easily wear yourself out doing your own thing. Listen to a loved one carefully. Tonight: Challenge a friend to a favorite game of ball.

This week: You feel as if you've tumbled into quicksand on Monday and Tuesday. To your relief, you pull yourself out on Wednesday.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Expenses soar. You might have difficulty keeping the lid on what you want. Another has strong feelings about what works. You realize how much this person dominates you. Think through actions rather than acting impulsively. Follow your intuition. Tonight: Your treat.

This week: Keep talking, even if you want to slam the door. From Wednesday on, you see the net results.

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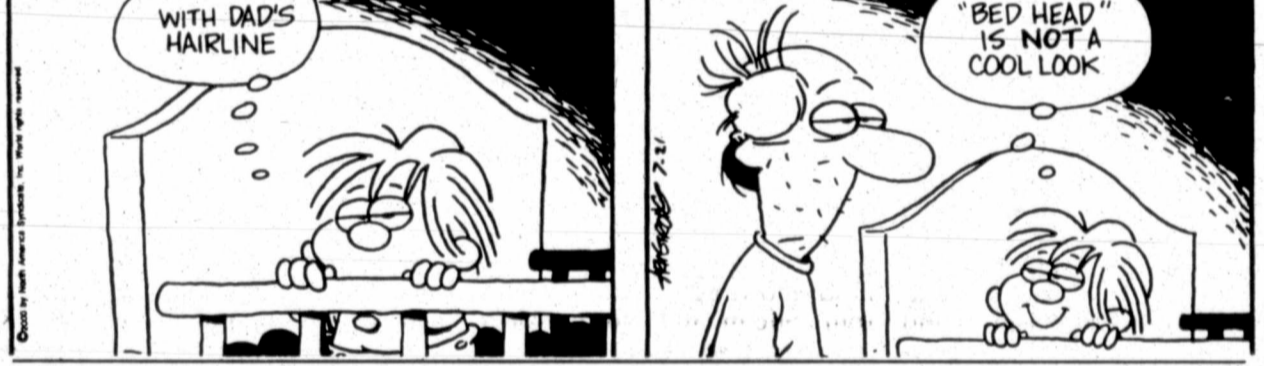
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Horoscope

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Your wit and personality magnetize those around you. Another jolts you, but he gets a surprise as well. Follow spontaneity, even though you might hear fiery words from a family member. Calm this person down; he doesn't have your spunk. Tonight: It's your call!

This week: You make sense out of confusion. Your superb common sense wins you kudos on Wednesday. Yes, this is more like it!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Plan on a quiet day at home, but don't be surprised by another's effort to draw you into other plans. Be flattered, but know that you don't have to join in. Someone you put on a pedestal could test your limits. Don't lose your temper. Stay cool and collected. Tonight: Do your own thing.

This week: You're empowered on Monday and Tuesday, and you wonder how this could be, with all the chaos. Take charge now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Friends seek you out. Take off. Accept an invitation that might be very different from your normal thing. Review recent decisions that involve money. Another might be encouraging you to go overboard. Think carefully before digging yourself in deeper. You make the right choice. Tonight: Do what you want!

This week: Maintain a low profile and watch while others scurry around putting out fires. From Wednesday on, the planets empower you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** You spark when others push your buttons. A must appearance might be

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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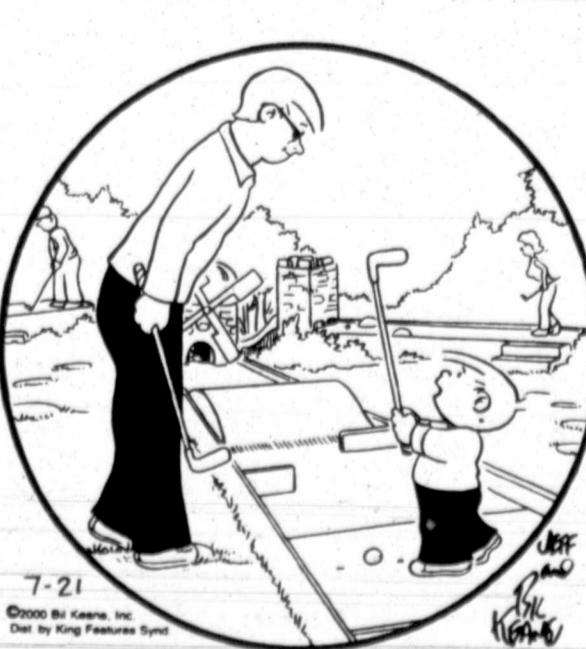
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House would free U.S. travel, drug and food sales to China

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite a pair of decisive victories in the House, supporters of removing sanctions against U.S. food and drug sales and travel to Cuba say they are unsure what will get through Congress this year.

"This improves the likelihood we'll have some sanction reform," Rep. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., said Thursday after the House voted 301-116 for his language ending enforcement of current restrictions against drug and food sales in the communist nation. "But there are many members of Congress, including people in the leadership, who oppose lifting sanctions this year."

Opponents of lifting four-decade-old trade sanctions against Fidel Castro's regime include House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

The House also voted 232-186 to stop enforcement of restrictions against travel to Cuba. That provision was sponsored by Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C.

Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Wash., said the votes "enhance" the chance that a compromise he reached last month with DeLay and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., would become law.

In that deal, food and medicine sales would be allowed to Cuba and four other countries, but Cubans could not pay for the transactions with credit from U.S. banks or the U.S. government. That restriction — which critics have said means few sales to Cuba would take place — is something he might seek to change, Nethercutt said in an interview.

Both sets of prohibitions — along with a ban against trading most products to Cuba — have been in effect since 1963.

Earlier Thursday, lawmakers voted 241-174 to kill a broader proposal by Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., that would have ended enforcement of U.S. prohibitions against virtually all trading with the Caribbean island nation.

Yet the two approved provisions represented a major victory for farm and business lobbies

who want expanded markets and a coalition of conservatives and liberals who argued that increasing Cuban contacts with American products and people would accelerate Castro's downfall.

And they were clearly a blow to the efforts of Lott, DeLay and other leaders to head off some action on the issue this year.

Across the Capitol, the Senate approved a separate spending bill for agriculture that would lift sanctions against drug and medicine sales to Cuba. It also would prevent presidents from blocking shipments of food and medicine to any country without congressional approval.

President Clinton has said he favors drug and food sales to Cuba.

The issue also has echoed on the campaign trail.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the likely GOP presidential nominee, opposes lifting sanctions. His likely Democratic rival, Vice President Al Gore, has said he does not want to erode the president's embargo authority but also favors increased contacts with Cubans "without helping the Castro government."

During Thursday's floor debate, anti-Castro legislators said allowing Cuba to receive more U.S. trade and tourists would help prop up his regime.

"Stand on the side of the Cuban people and against the oppressor of the Cuban people," said Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., who represents a heavily Cuban district in the Miami area.

Sales of medicine to Cuba have been allowed since 1992, with some restrictions.

As a result of an easing of travel restrictions last year by the Clinton administration for students, athletes, artists and others, the government says about 82,000 Americans flew to Cuba last year. That was a 47 percent increase over the 55,900 who did so in 1998.

Under last month's agreement between House GOP leaders and Nethercutt, Americans could sell food and drugs to Cuba, Libya, Iran, Sudan and North Korea. The pact also would write into law regulations that currently restrict U.S. tourist travel to Cuba.

Altrusa Style Show



(Special photo)

Mattie Norton, (left-right) Donna Slavick and Billie Sue Evans prepare decorations for the eighth annual Altrusa Style Show slated at 10 a.m. Aug. 5 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10 each or may be purchased in advance from any Altrusa member. Proceeds from the fund-raiser benefit the club's various community service projects.

Nation briefs

As Bush nears decision, McCain says he would 'serve' if asked

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — In a sign that a decision is near, George W. Bush's top adviser has contacted potential vice presidential candidates and requested to know their whereabouts this weekend.

Republican officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Thursday that Dick Cheney called several prominent Republicans — Arizona Sen. John McCain, Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating and Nebraska Sen. Chuck Hagel among them — to find out how they can be contacted in the next week or so.

Cheney did not disclose whether his call meant the officials were candidates or merely GOP officials owed a courtesy call when the decision is made. Keating and Hagel are mentioned frequently by GOP officials as likely candidates, and McCain less so because of his bitter primary campaign against Bush.

The Texas governor has not revealed his short list, but aides say he could announce his running mate as early as Monday — one week before the GOP presidential convention in Philadelphia.

The names that figure most prominently in the speculation include Cheney himself; Rep. John Kasich; Sens. Fred Thompson and Bill Frist; Govs. George Pataki of New York, Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania and Keating, the little-known Oklahoman who is getting the most attention from GOP observers.

McCain took himself out of the running in May, a move privately welcomed by Bush after their campaign struggle. But McCain's name is making the rounds again after:

Bush tries to deflect Gore Texas budget attack

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush learned in his losing 1978 congressional race the price of not responding quickly to accusations.

So when Vice President Al

Gore came to Texas on Thursday to blast his budget policies, Bush delivered his own "rapid response."

"All Al Gore proves when he claims Texas has a budget shortfall when it really has a \$1.4 billion surplus is that Al Gore himself has a serious shortfall when it comes to telling the truth," Bush asserted to reporters at the state capitol.

Bush's campaign is now weighing whether Gore's three-hour invasion on Thursday is taking a political toll.

Gore's escalating attacks on Bush's budget stewardship has put the presumptive GOP presidential nominee on the defensive — at a time when his focus is on selecting a running mate and preparing for the Republican National Convention.

Gore strategists see the attacks on Texas' budget problems as a ready-made national issue heading toward the GOP convention in Philadelphia.

Some analysts have likened it to the 1988 presidential campaign visit of Bush's father to Boston Harbor to ridicule then-Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis's environmental cleanup policies.

Northwest can't kick habit — CDC reports surge in drug use

SEATTLE (AP) — Lisa Grenier extended her arms, palms up, to reveal deep track marks, the signature of heroin use.

"This is what it does to you," she said, sobbing. "It's the worst thing that you can ever, ever do. Don't do it. Don't even try it, not even once."

Now 42, Grenier is a 20-year addict. She is also one of approximately 15,000 to 20,000 heroin users in Seattle and surrounding King County, where a new federal report says overdose deaths have increased 134 percent in 10 years.

A similar rise was seen in Portland and surrounding Multnomah County, Ore., where nearly as many men ages 25-54 now die from heroin than cancer or heart disease, according to the study published

Friday by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Other studies have shown heroin overdoses increasing in most U.S. cities, but not so dramatically.

"It's a very serious problem, and one that we're addressing very aggressively," said Dr. Alonzo Plough, director of the Seattle-King County Health Department.

King County recently expanded its methadone treatment program, which allows addicts to function normally without agonizing heroin withdrawal.

G8 leaders seek to answer critics of globalization

NAGO, Japan (AP) — The world's wealthiest nations opened their annual economic summit on Friday in hopes of rebutting critics of globalization and shrinking the gap between rich and poor.

Leaders of the seven largest industrial nations — the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada — held a series of one-on-one talks before launching formal discussions later in the day at a new conference center here that boasts a magnificent ocean view.

Russian President Vladimir Putin was joining the summit Friday, to meet with President

Clinton and attend a dinner focused on foreign policy issues.

In his talks with Clinton, Putin expected to lodge Russia's strong objections to a proposed missile defense system the United States is considering. To bolster his case, Putin made stops in China and North Korea on his way here to pick up support from the leaders of those countries.

The leaders' discussions were aimed at answering protesters who took to the streets in Seattle last December, and in Washington in April, to complain that globalization — the increased flow of trade and investment between nations — helps rich countries but harms the poorest ones.

Clinton, however, had another kind of complaint to address: the anger of Okinawans who are unhappy about America's huge military presence here. Upon his arrival early Friday, Clinton delivered a speech to the people of Okinawa, and promised to "reduce our footprint on this island" by completing a 27-step process of consolidating U.S. bases on the island.

"We take seriously our responsibility to be good neighbors, and it is unacceptable to the United States when we do not meet that responsibility," Clinton said.

Railroad killer takes step in appeals process

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge has denied a motion for a new trial for Angel Maturino Resendiz, marking the first real step in the appeals process for the admitted railroad serial killer.

Defense attorney Robert Morrow based his call for a new proceeding on his belief that appellate deadlines have robbed his client of effective legal counsel.

State District Judge Susan Brown denied the request on Thursday, according to the Houston Chronicle's editions Friday.

The case now goes to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin.

Maturino Resendiz was sentenced to death in May for the 1998 capital murder of Houston physician Claudia Benton.

During his trial, his lawyers launched an unsuccessful insanity defense. Maturino Resendiz admitted through his attorneys to committing nine slayings in three states — Texas, Illinois and Kentucky.

More recently, he told law-enforcement officers in Florida that he also is responsible for two slayings there — the deaths of 16-year-old Illinois runaway Wendy Von Huben and her boyfriend, Jesse Howell, 19, also of Illinois.

The 40-year-old killer, now housed on death row in Livingston, wasn't in the courtroom on Thursday.

Morrow's bid for a new trial was based on the notion that

he has not had enough time to interview jurors to determine if there was juror misconduct.

The motion for a new trial had to be filed 30 days after Maturino Resendiz was convicted, and a trial judge must hear arguments on it within 75 days, Morrow said. That leaves little time for investigation.

Morrow said he is not alleging misconduct, only that he could not have learned about it by now if there was.

Once the transcript is in, that issue and others Morrow feels are important will be included in the appeal to the Austin court.

Pursuit of the appeals process is a reversal of the killer's stance at the end of the Benton trial.

Then, Maturino Resendiz said he would not appeal his death sentence because he wanted his punishment to come quickly.

But then he met with Morrow, who was appointed to handle the appeal.

On Thursday, Morrow said his client was not lying when he said he would not appeal. He is only taking the first steps in the process because it is prudent to go forward until a trial transcript is ready.

Prosecutor Lyn McClellan said Maturino Resendiz does not have a strong record of veracity.

"Resendiz, in court, has never said anything that was valid," McClellan said. "He'll fight this all the way."



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George Washington, first U.S. President. "Most Gracious Lord God, ... I have sinned and done very wickedly, be merciful to me, O God, and pardon me for Jesus Christ sake. ... Thou gavest Thy Son to die for me; and hast given me assurance of salvation, upon my repentance and sincerely endeavoring to conform my life to His holy Precepts and example. ... Bless O Lord the whole race of mankind, and let the world be filled with the knowledge of Thee and Thy Son, Jesus Christ."

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of young Gentlemen could unite. ... And what were these general Principles? I answer, the general Principles of Christianity, in which all these Sects were United."

Thomas Jefferson, third U.S. President. "I hold to the precepts of Jesus as delivered by Himself, to be the most pure, benevolent and sublime which have ever been preached to man."

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capacity of mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the 10 Commandments of God."

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Martin Van Buren, eighth U.S. President. "The atonement of Jesus Christ is the only remedy and rest for my soul."

Abraham Lincoln, 16th U.S. President. "In regard to this Great Book, I have but to say, I believe the Bible is the best gift God has given to man. All the good Savior gave to the world was communicated through this Book. But for this Book we could not know right from wrong."

Religion briefs...

Calvary youths make mission trip

Youth from Calvary Baptist Church recently traveled to Albuquerque, N.M., on a mission trip. The group lead day camps in inner city Baptist Neighborhood Center in an effort to minister to street kids who have no homes or who have grown up surrounded by crime, drugs and prostitution.

In addition, Calvary's Youth Choir, Youth Orchestra and Drama Team performed at a homeless mission in downtown Albuquerque as well as in several area Baptist churches. The group of 30 teenagers and six adults recently performed in concert at their home church here in Pampa. The group included Gary Jameson, Aaron Ledbetter, Jon Sturgill, Chris Crow, Johnny Story, Nathan Roy, Shelby McGahan, Shelby Crook, Maegan Wheeler, Tabitha McCoy, Mallory Gallagher, Daniela McCoy, Lindsey Meyer, Heather Burkhalter and Amber Kelsey.

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Christian music turns teens from profane to the sacred

By SUSIE P. GONZALEZ
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Earlier this year, 11-year-old Josh Heath's father tuned all the radios in the family's home and car to Christian music stations no more of his favorite punk rock tunes, no more Metallica for his sister Jennifer, about to turn 13.

But no adolescent rebellion ensued. Josh and Jennifer say they have come to like Christian rock, even to prefer it.

"Once you start listening to it, it is really addictive," Jennifer said. "That other music is not very good."

The selling point for a certain kind of Christian music is distaste for the secular. For decades, critics have found "that other music" too focused on drugs, sex, violence, or some combination of elements parents find unacceptable for their kids.

Many kids counter they don't listen to the lyrics they just like a particular band's sound or beat. Josh and Jennifer disputed that claim by pointing to a recent presentation at Trinity Church on San Antonio's Northeast Side by Phil Chalmers of Ohio.

Chalmers had played a "name that tune" kind of game with the 800 assembled kids. When he read aloud the words to even the grittiest songs, a number of hands shot up, indicating knowledge of the recording artist or CD on which the song appeared.

A constant diet of secular music is depressing or conveys the wrong messages about life choices, he said, while Christian music is uplifting and provides concrete answers to problems young people face.

"If they want to listen to secular music, they're on their own. I never promote secular music," Chalmers said in an interview.

Chalmers travels the country presenting seminars on the evils of rock. And rap. And country. And just about anything else that's not Christian. He gives country music more positive marks than the other genres but says it, too, can glorify sex outside marriage and promote immoral lifestyles.

He credited a CNN survey for the finding that teen-agers listen to 5 1/2 hours of music daily but only listen to their parents five minutes a day, which he says underscores why parents should pay more attention to what's on their kids' Walkmans.

Parents are naive about the music their kids listen to, agreed Tim Mulder, a youth pastor and business manager of the Scripture Stall, a Christian book store here.

"It strikes me how parents protect what their kids watch on TV and monitor Web sites and the friends their kids have, but they'll let them listen to whatever they want," Mulder said.

Mulder took several teens to hear Chalmers, including one youngster who had never been inside a church and who had just spent his allowance on a heavy-metal band's CD.

"He heard Phil read the lyrics (from the same CD) about having sex with dead people," Mulder said. "This kid said, 'Dude, if I'd known that, I wouldn't have bought that CD.'"

The teen was impressed enough to accept Jesus Christ that evening, Mulder said. But not everyone was converted or even convinced. Also at the event was Rod Nichols, who brought several teens along and was taken aback by others in the audience who seemed amused by violent scenes in music videos.

"Some of the music videos show people getting shot," said Nichols, a pastor with Youth for Christ and a musician himself. "Some of the kids were laughing. I found that disturbing. It's just insane."

In response to parental concerns, the Recording Industry Association of America in 1985 reached an

agreement with the National Parent Teacher Association and the Parents Music Resource Center for a voluntary program to identify potentially objectionable song lyrics.

Under it, record companies decide which CDs should be plastered with a removal-resistant parental advisory decal. According to the RIAA, the average record store offering 110,000 album titles will carry roughly 500 with the advisory label.

In 1998, the last year for which statistics are available, gospel music which includes a variety of musical styles showed the greatest market growth for the top-selling genres, moving from 4.5 percent of all music sold to 6.3 percent.

But rock still rules, accounting for 32.5 percent of sales that year. And morality-based arguments against it have circulated for decades, said Kevin Vargas, program director for KISS Radio (99.5 FM).

"From the birth of rock 'n' roll in the 1950s, people have said it is the root of all evil and would corrupt generation after generation," Vargas said. "The answer is that society hasn't crumbled yet due to rock 'n' roll."

KISS bills itself as a "contemporary rock station" and targets the 18-to-49 demographic age bracket, but programmers are aware that younger, and more impressionable, listeners tune in, Vargas said.

"What we present is out there free of charge," he said. "You're invited to come to the party. If you don't like it and prefer not to listen, that's OK, too."

The station isn't inundated with requests for Christian rock, but Vargas said some of it is good and KISS plays it, citing groups such as d.c. Talk, Third Day and the Newsboys. The band Creed is getting lots of airtime because it produces some of the best rock around, he added.

"The main thing," Vargas said, "is that just because someone listens to rock 'n' roll as opposed to Christian rock, it doesn't make them a bad person."

Larry Magee, band leader for a local group called Los Nice Guys, is aware of the contemporary push to get kids to listen exclusively to Christian music.

"For somebody that's Christian, that's a good idea," Magee said, but his band subscribes to the Baha'i faith, which embraces all religions. He even wrote a song titled "Buddhist-Baptist-Catholic-Jew," which encapsulates the belief that all major religions come from one God.

Baha'i members also believe that the arts can be a door to the sacred and should not be profaned, Magee said, describing his group's sound as a South Texas blend of country, light rock and Tejano music.

Nichols, the youth pastor, plays in what he described as a Christian metal band called 7 oz. Crown. The trio doesn't limit its performances to churches and often plays nightclubs, he said.

"The Bible says Jesus didn't spend a lot of time in the church. He was out there talking with people," Nichols said. "He was with the people who were out there in the world the prostitute, the tax collectors, the so-called bad people."

Still, kids like Jennifer Heath who attend public schools struggle every day with the kind of music their peers prefer. Some of it, especially songs with racy lyrics, just isn't appropriate, she said.

One school day, she said, all the kids were singing "The Thong Song," by Sisqo, an underwear-themed tune on Billboard magazine's Top 10 in recent months.

Heath said she didn't join in. "You don't need to be talking about girls wearing thongs," she said. "That's not something a 13-year-old needs to hear."

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Sister of TV's Couric has cancer

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — State Sen. Emily Couric, older sister of NBC's "Today" show host, announced Thursday she has pancreatic cancer and will not run for lieutenant governor next year.

Couric, 53, who has been considered a rising star in the Virginia Democratic Party, said she was told of the diagnosis Wednesday.

"My doctors, family and I are now working on designing the best course of treatment to address this cancer," she told reporters.

Couric won a Senate seat in 1996 and had been raising money for a bid for lieutenant governor for the 2001 election.

"Many, many people have pledged their support to my candidacy for lieutenant governor and have

actually begun the hard work of a long campaign," she said. "It would not be fair ... to let them continue when I cannot give such a campaign the time and energy it deserves."

Couric, who lives in Charlottesville, said she will continue serving in the General Assembly. She was elected to a second four-year term last year.

Her sister Katie Couric has been campaigning to raise awareness about colon cancer following the 1998 death of her husband, TV legal analyst Jay Monahan, from the disease at age 42.

The "Today" show host held a monthlong public-awareness campaign in March and even underwent a colonoscopy on the air to educate viewers about cancer tests.

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The Person That Most Influenced My Life _____

The Historical Event That Most Affected My Life & Why _____

The Thing I Remember Most About The Depression Was _____

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The Person From My Childhood I Wish I Could Visit With Today Is _____

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On My First Date I Went To _____

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The Fashion Trend Was _____

My Favorite Saying Was _____

My Favorite Song Was _____

Another Memory I Want To Share Is _____

SPORTS

Notebook

GOLF

GURNEE, Ill. (AP) — Meg Mallon shot a 4-under-par 68 on the Merit Club course, taking a 1-stroke lead after the first round of the U.S. Women's Open. Karrie Webb, the No. 1 player in the world who's already won one major this season, closed with two birdies on her final three holes for a 69.

Fellow Australian Shani Waugh was also at 69. Juli Inkster, trying to become the first player to successfully defend two majors in the same year, finished with a 70. Annika Sorenstam, who won her last two starts, had a 73.

ENDICOTT, N.Y. (AP) — Esteban Toledo shot an 8-under-par 64 to take a three-stroke lead after the first round of the B.C. Open. Brian Gay and Glen Hnatiuk opened with 67s, and Brad Faxon led a group of nine players another shot back.

OLYMPICS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — At the U.S. Olympic track and field trials, Pascal Dobert won the 3,000-meter steeplechase, and Breaux Greer won the men's javelin throw. Johnny Gray failed in his bid to make a record-setting fifth Olympic team, finishing last in his heat of the men's 800, and announced his retirement.

Mark Croghan and Tony Cooney are also headed to the Sydney Games in the men's 3,000 steeplechase.

With 1996 Olympic champion Dan O'Brien out with a foot injury, two-time defending national champion Chris Huffins held a 112-point lead over Tom Pappas halfway through the decathlon.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two former Utah Olympic officials, Tom Welch and Dave Johnson, were indicted on charges they made \$1 million in illicit payments to help lure the 2002 Winter Games to Salt Lake City. They are the highest-ranking officials charged in the biggest scandal in Olympic history.

BASEBALL

BALTIMORE (AP) — Boston Red Sox outfielder Carl Everett was suspended for 10 games and fined an undisclosed amount for twice bumping an umpire last weekend. The players' union immediately appealed the ruling.

BASKETBALL

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Isaiah Thomas was hired to coach the Indiana Pacers, replacing Larry Bird. It is the first coaching job for Thomas, an NBA Hall of Famer and former Indiana college star. Thomas reportedly signed a four-year, \$20 million contract.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Sacramento Kings point guard Jason Williams was suspended by the NBA for the first five games of next season for failing to comply with his drug treatment plan.

FOOTBALL

LATROBE, Pa. (AP) — First-round draft choice Plaxico Burress, a wide receiver from Michigan State, signed the richest rookie contract in Pittsburgh Steelers history, a five-year deal worth a minimum of \$8.67 million and, with fairly easy-to-obtain incentives, \$14.34 million.

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Bengals released wide receiver Carl Pickens, who set team records for career receptions and receiving touchdowns.

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks signed rookie Shaun Alexander, a running back from Alabama who was the 19th player picked in April's NFL draft. Alexander got a \$6.5 million, five-year contract.

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — The Denver Broncos signed free-agent cornerback Terrell Buckley and wide receiver Andre Reed, who is second on the NFL's career receiving list with 941 catches for 13,095 yards and 86 touchdowns after 15 years with Buffalo.

Pampa Senior League All-Stars state bound

GRAHAM — Pampa Senior League All-Stars are bound for the State Tournament in Waco after a convincing 20 to 8 thrashing of Big Bend in the Section I Championship Game Wednesday evening at M. Hubbell Complex.

Patience and aggressive hitting by the Pampa squad allowed them to take a 3-0 lead after one-half inning of play and add to it throughout the contest.

Abbi Covalt, Casey Fisher and Stacey Johnson drew base on balls to load the bases for Pampa with no outs. Pampa had left the bases loaded on three different occasions in the first two meetings with Big Bend. Going into the game, they knew they had to produce at the plate. Hitting in the fourth spot, Chelsey Davis lined a single to right center field scoring Covalt. Still, with bases loaded and no outs Tess Kingcade singled, scoring Fisher.

Erin Norris reached on a fielder's choice, forcing Kingcade at second, but producing another Pampa run, scoring Johnson from third. Norris and Davis were left on base on a strikeout and a well hit fly ball of the bat of Hollie Gattis which was caught in center field to retire the side.

Stephanie Clark struck out the first two batters she faced in the first, using some good off speed pitches to keep the batters off balance. A throwing error allowed Big Bend's third batter to reach safely and go all the way to third on the overthrow at first. The next hitter singled, scoring the runner from third. Big Bend had shown a greater base speed than anyone Pampa had faced in the playoffs. With the batter taking, the Big Bend runner attempted to take second, but Pampa catcher Tess Kingcade threw to short stop Stacey Johnson who slapped a tag on the runner to end the inning.

Pampa plated three more runs in the second. The lead-batter was issued a walk but was forced at second by Covalt. Fisher flied out to left field. With two outs, Johnson reached on an error, scoring Covalt. A Davis RBI single scored Johnson. Kingcade reached on an error, scoring Davis before the side was retired.

Big Bend pulled within three, 6-3, in their half of the second on a walk, a double and a single. Clark struck out one and a 6-4 force out. Johnson to Covalt retired a runner on a fielder's choice. The final out came on a fly ball

hit to left field caught by Norris to strand the runner.

In the third, Clark reached on an error, then was forced at second by Gattis who reached on a fielder's choice. Gattis stole second and Ledbetter drew a walk. Covalt walked, loading the bases. Casey Fisher drove the ball hard down the third base line for a two-run RBI double, scoring Gattis and Ledbetter. Johnson flied out to left field and Davis popped out to second to end the inning with Pampa up 8-3.

Big Bend was held scoreless in the third on a strikeout, Clark's fourth, a fly out to Davis in center and a 5-3 Ledbetter to Fisher groundout.

In Pampa's half of the fourth, Kingcade drew a lead-off walk but was stranded after taking second on a wild pitch when the next three batters all popped out to end the inning.

Chelsey Davis came on in relief of Clark in the fourth with Pampa leading 8-3. Davis struck out the first batter she faced. The next batter singled and stole second to score. Big Bend's next batter singled, putting runners on the corners. A strike out and a diving catch by Johnson on a ball blooped between Johnson and pitcher Davis ended Big Bend's at bat. Pampa led 8-4 after four.

Pampa added three runs in the top of the fifth. Back-to-back walks to Ledbetter and Covalt and a double steal on a pass ball got both runners in scoring position. Fisher drove a 3-0 pitch to left center field for a single scoring both Ledbetter and Covalt. A flyout by Johnson brought Davis to the plate. Davis doubled, driving in Fisher. Davis took third on the play on an over throw but was thrown out attempting to score when her base coach gambled and ran her into an out at the plate. A groundout ended Pampa's at bat with Pampa leading 11-4.

Big Bend plated two runs in the bottom of the fifth on three singles and an error. With two outs, Haley Bowen fielded a sharply hit ground ball at first base and made an unassisted out to end Big Bend's at bat. Pampa led 11-6.

In the sixth, walks issued to Bowen and Clark and a wild pitch allowed both runners to move into scoring position. An RBI double by Ledbetter scored Bowen. A base on balls to Covalt loaded the bases. Fisher then

drew an RBI base on balls forcing Clark home. With two outs, Davis came through with a two-run RBI single, scoring Ledbetter and Covalt before the final out.

Big Bend's lead-off hitter reached on a single but was thrown out by Kingcade to Johnson for the first out. Davis hit the next batter she faced. The runner stole second, took third on a 6-3 ground out and scored on a wild pitch. A base on balls and an error allowed one more run to score in the inning. Pampa led 15-8.

In the seventh, Pampa added five runs on five hits, including three doubles. Clark reached on a single, then, April Amador followed with a double on a ball hit deep to center field. An infield hit by Ledbetter loaded the bases. Covalt reached on a fielder's choice, forcing Clark at the plate. A walk to Fisher forced Amador home. A two-run RBI double by Johnson scored both Ledbetter and Covalt. With two outs, Kingcade doubled, driving in Fisher and Johnson. Pampa was three outs away from the Section I Championship led 20-8 going into the bottom of the seventh.

Big Bend's lead-off hitter in the seventh crushed a line drive over the head of shortstop Stacey Johnson. Johnson made an unbelievable jumping catch to rob the batter of a hit for out number one. The next batter followed with a single. With the runner on first, the next hitter ground to Abbi Covalt at second. Covalt fielded the ball, tagged the advancing runner for out number two, then, threw to Bowen at first to complete the double play and end the game with Pampa owning their first-ever state soft-ball play off berth.

Clark struck out 4, allowed 3 base hits and issued 1 walk. Davis struck out 2, scattered 8 hits and issued 1 base on balls in four innings of relief.

Both Clark and Davis have done an outstanding job of not allowing base on balls.

Pampa will travel to Waco for the State Tournament on July 28.

Tournament travel, lodging and meals run into a considerable expense. Any business or individual wishing to help defray tournament expenses for the team may do so by contacting Jimmie Clark at 669-7782. Checks should be made payable to Pampa Optimist Youth — designated Pampa Senior Girls.

Woods shoots for grand slam

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — Moments after Jack Nicklaus stood on the Swilken Bridge to bid a probable farewell to the British Open, Tiger Woods promptly birdied two of his first four holes Friday in his bid for a career Grand Slam.

Woods, a shot off the lead after the first round, teed off in perfect conditions at mid-afternoon, just after Nicklaus got cheers and applause as he finished a 1-over 73 that will miss the cut on a course where he won the Open twice.

"St. Andrews always has a special place in my heart," the 60-year-old Nicklaus said after stopping on the bridge on 18 to doff his cap and acknowledge the outpouring from the crowd.

Woods, who needs only the British Open to complete his collection of major titles, wasted no time in following his opening 67 with a strong start, making a 12-footer on the first hole to get to 6 under for the tournament.

He added a tap-in birdie at the par-4 fourth hole after hitting an iron shot to within a foot of the hole.

With a late tee time, Woods knew what most of his top competitors had done on the sun-kissed day. The early players averaged under par on the Old Course.

Four holes into his second round, he was a shot behind Open newcomer David Toms, who finished his second round with an 8 under total of 136. Just behind Toms were Sergio Garcia and Steve Flesch at 137, followed by Fred Couples and Ernie Els at 138.

As Nicklaus was getting cheers, the 20-year-old Garcia was hearing the roars of the crowd as he got to 8 under, only to bogey the Road Hole at No. 17.

"I felt like I left two or three out there," Garcia said. "I hope it's good enough to be close."

Long before Woods teed off, moves were being made, with David Duval, Davis Love III and Couples all moving onto the leaderboard.

There was also Jean Van de Velde, whose infamous collapse in the Open last year will forever be a part of golf lore.

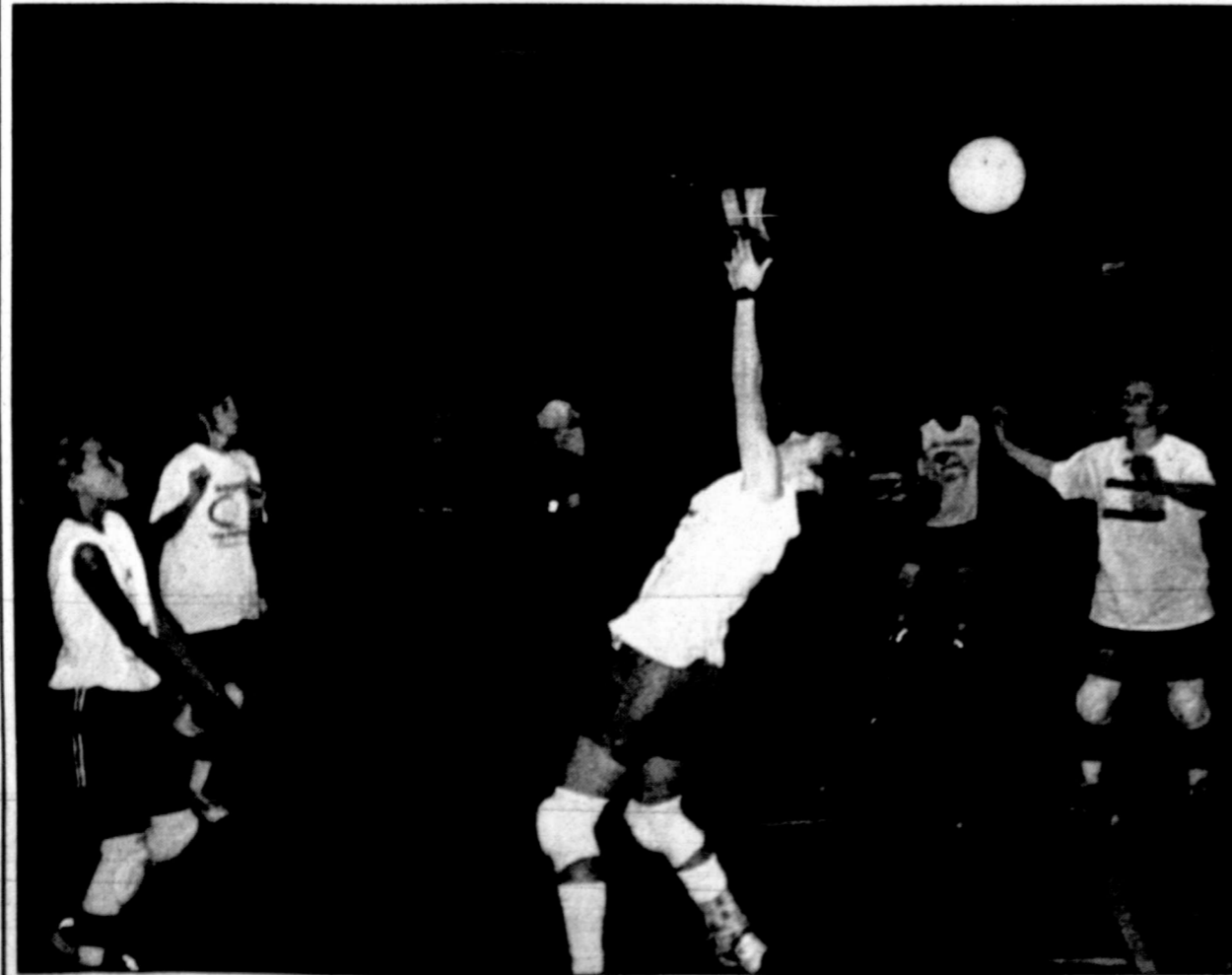
Love had the best early round of the day, a 66 that put him tied with Van de Velde, three behind Toms. Another shot back was Duval, after a second straight 70.

Red River Riders



The Red River Riders under 8 girls outdoor soccer team participates in the Pampa Soccer Association. Back row from left, head coach Anne Zumsteg, Haley Russell, Ashley Facio and Kylee Wariner. Front row, from left, Molly Darling, Haley Steger and Lara Heersema. Other team members include Savannah Hoover and assistant coach Danita Voss.

Volleyball camp



Stacy Johnson hits for the "Watch-out" team during volleyball camp last week at the high school.

All-Stars to face Whitesettle girls

Girls softball team braves 100+ temps to defeat Big Bend

Pampa Optimist 11-12-year-old Girls All-Stars met Graham Wednesday in round two of the sectional All-Star Tournament in Graham. A tough Graham team beat Pampa 18-4.

Pampa met Big Bend Thursday morning in the losers bracket. In a hard fought battle, Pampa beat Big Bend 18-15 in 100-plus degree temperatures in the morning game. Pampa scored nine runs in the top of the first inning and Big Bend was never able to recover.

Four innings pitched by Jackie Gerber held off the Big Bend offense. Maggie Hopkins came in

for the final inning facing only six batters to close out the game. Key hitters in the game were Britteni Rice with two doubles and Nicole Clark with a triple scoring three runs.

With little rest, Pampa then met Plano at 8 p.m. on Thursday with the temperature then reading 109 degrees. Despite the heat Pampa came ready to play walloping Plano 30-2 in four innings. All 11 players on the Pampa squad had a hit and a run scored.

Pampa now faces Whitesettle Friday evening with the winner advancing to meet Graham in the championship game Saturday.

Members of the Pampa team are: Stephanie McVay, Rice, Amy Youree, Cassey Tice, Nicole Clark, Callie Cobb, Maggie Hopkins, Jackie Gerber, Autumn Darden, Kayla Debose and Amanda Hood. The coaches are Manager Doug Youree, Randell Tice and Mark McVay.

This team has gone further than any other Pampa 11-12-year-old girls All-Star softball team.

House, Senate panel clear way for pay raises for lawmakers

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of Congress seem on the road to giving themselves their third cost-of-living pay raise in four years, a \$3,800 boost made less politically risky in this era of huge projected budget surpluses.

On a 250-173 procedural vote, House opponents of the boost lost their opportunity to derail the increase Thursday. Under a law they passed in 1989, members of Congress automatically get a raise unless they vote to block it.

Underlining that the issue is still a sensitive one, no lawmakers spoke in favor of the raise during a brief debate and only three complained about it. Rep. Ernest Fletcher, R-Ky., compared congressional pay with the \$25,000 average he said families in his district earn.

"The pay raise, I believe, is inappropriate at this time," he said, adding that its \$2.5 million total cost is "a lot of money for folks back in Kentucky."

The 2.7 percent increase would put lawmakers' salaries at \$145,100 beginning in January. By law more than 1,000 top executive branch officials — starting with the vice president — would receive the same percentage increase.

Last year Congress passed a law doubling the president's current \$200,000 salary to \$400,000, effective when the next chief executive takes office. It would be unaffected by the congressional increase.

The law limits lawmakers' raise to less than what civil servants will receive and less than a complex measure of employment costs. President Clinton has recommended a 3.7 percent raise for federal workers.

Thursday's procedural vote came during debate on a \$29.1 billion bill financing the

Treasury Department and some smaller agencies for fiscal 2001, which begins Oct. 1. By tradition, the Treasury bill — which contains no language providing the pay raise — is used for any attempt to block it.

Across the Capitol, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its own \$29.4 billion version of the Treasury bill by 27-0. It also lacked any pay raise provisions, and there was no mention of the increase during debate.

The House vote — which saw majorities of both parties support the boost — was ensured weeks ago when Democratic and Republican leaders agreed not to attack each others' incumbents during this year's campaigns for their votes.

It would be lawmakers' third pay raise in the past four years and the first they have approved during an election year since 1992.

The recent boosts coincide with a period in which the economy has boomed and annual federal deficits have changed into ever-growing surpluses — now projected to total more than \$2 trillion over the next 10 years. Prior to that, the last congressional pay raise took effect in 1993.

The House's Treasury bill — \$800 million larger than this year's, but \$2.1 billion smaller than Clinton's request — is among a growing number of spending measures for next year that are becoming caught up in an intensifying budget fight between Congress and the White House.

It faces a White House veto threat because its \$8.5 billion for the Internal Revenue Service, though \$261 million more than this year, is \$466 million less than Clinton wants. It also has less than Clinton wants for some counterterrorism programs.

It also would forbid government agencies from giving preferences to Smith & Wesson guns when purchasing weapons for federal law enforcement

officers. Federal officials have considered doing so in the aftermath of the gun-maker's agreement to begin using trigger-locks and other safety steps.

The Senate version of the bill contains a similar reduction in Clinton's IRS request, and has the same restriction on federal Smith & Wesson purchases.

A report accompanying the House bill also would require Hillary Rodham Clinton to pro-

vide monthly reports on the travel expenses of her New York campaign for the U.S. Senate. Republicans have complained of taxpayer-subsidized military flights to New York, though her aides say the first lady is reimbursing the government for the travel at first-class rates.

The bill is H.R. 4871
On the Net:
Congressional site: <http://thomas.loc.gov>

Jewish group decries newly found documents on Nazi killer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Documents unearthed by the Simon Wiesenthal Center indicate that the government of Hungary notified U.S. occupation forces in Germany in 1947 that Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann was in the U.S. zone, but U.S. authorities did not respond to the request for his extradition for four years.

Just a year earlier, Eichmann had escaped from a U.S. prison camp. With the help of ex-Nazi officials, he eventually got to Argentina in 1958. But the founder of the Wiesenthal Center believes that if the United States would have taken the Hungarian request seriously, Eichmann, who was in charge of the "Final Solution" to exterminate the Jews of Europe, might have been found far earlier.

"They made it easier for Adolf Eichmann to live in anonymity, and not to worry because no one was looking for him," said Rabbi Marvin Hier.

The letter, addressed to the military governor of the American zone of Germany, requested that Eichmann be delivered to Hungary to stand trial for participating "with the instructions of Himmler (sic) SS commander in the liquidation work of the Jews in Hungary." It was sent on April 23, 1947, by Stephan Ries, the minister of justice in Hungary.

A reply to the letter, dated May 15, 1951, was sent by the president of the U.S. extradition board, which was responsible for sending war criminals to other nations for trial.

The response stated that the request for extradition was denied, because a "definite address" was not provided, and more details of the alleged crimes were needed. "The material submitted in this case does not meet the technical requirements required," the letter read.

Hier said the letter showed "callous disinterest" on the part of the U.S. government, and that it was because Hungary was a communist country.

"For the United States to sit on this information," he said, "just because the country was communist, is outrageous."

A Wiesenthal Center historian said that since the Nazi threat disappeared after the war, and the United States was more concerned about the Soviets, American officials "wanted to get out of the war crimes business."

"Had the U.S. issued the equivalent of an all-points bulletin, maybe more people would have been looking for him," said Aaron Breitbart, senior researcher at the center. "The reason we still have the Nazi war criminal issue today is that the job was not properly done a half a century ago."

Another historian disagreed with the center's assessment, saying the U.S. search concentrated on Austria, Eichmann's last known whereabouts, and that several nations, such as France and Greece, asked for Eichmann's extradition.

"The request from Hungary was not very high on the agenda," said Hans Safrian, a former fellow at the National Holocaust Museum in Washington and the author of a book on Eichmann.

Safrian also noted that Nazi war criminals were extradited to and later hanged in several communist nations, including Poland and Czechoslovakia.

"It was a common practice," Safrian said. "The perpetrators didn't like that, because they knew they would get harsher treatment in the East."

Still, Safrian concurred that the long delay of the U.S. response showed that the Americans were "not very forthcoming."

Israeli intelligence agents eventually found Eichmann near Buenos Aires in 1960. He was tried in Israel for his crimes against European Jews, and was hanged in 1962. Simon Wiesenthal, for whom the Los Angeles center is named, was involved in the search for Eichmann and several other suspected war criminals. Wiesenthal currently lives in Vienna, Austria.

Senate adds \$900 million emergency aid to farm spending legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate agreed Thursday to add \$900 million in emergency aid to a farm appropriations measure despite some complaints that it was excessive, even if the money addressed real needs.

The package of 15 amendments, approved on a voice vote, would provide millions of dollars for flood damage and other natural disasters and losses in livestock, apples, potatoes and citrus crops, among others.

The \$75.3 billion measure financing food and farm programs for next year already contains more than \$1 billion in emergency aid. It passed the Senate on a 79-13 vote and now must be reconciled with a House version.

The emergency amendments drew fierce objections from several Republican fiscal conservatives, who complained that the projected budget surplus was leading lawmakers to wreck budget spending guidelines.

"I believe this has gone too far," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas. "We are letting this surplus burn a hole in our pockets."

It came on top of a \$15 billion farm bailout bill passed in May that was aimed at beefing up crop insurance programs and made \$5.5 billion in direct cash payments to growers suffering low commodity prices.

Several senators said it was Congress' responsibility to respond to emergencies "when people are flat on their backs for causes they cannot control," in the words of Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

Gramm and his allies won a commitment from the bill's sponsors that no more emergency spending would be added, but that could easily be changed.

Earlier Thursday, the Senate narrowly rejected a measure aimed at trying to resolve a dispute with a Texas beef processor over government meat safety standards.

The amendment offered to the agriculture spending bill by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, was aimed at a dispute involving the Department of Agriculture

and Supreme Beef Processors Inc., which supplies ground beef to the national school-lunch program.

The department tried to close the facility last month after it failed its fourth straight set of microbial tests, but a federal judge in Texas barred the agency from using such test results to force the closing of the facility. The judge agreed with the meatpacking industry that testing for salmonella bacteria was not a fair measure of whether a plant was sanitary.

Medicaid doctor ordered to pay \$1.5 million for false billing

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston pediatrician has been ordered to pay almost \$1.5 million in damages and civil penalties for falsely billing Medicaid for unperformed tests.

Dr. William Harold Mack, 65, who called himself "the Medicaid doctor" and operated two area clinics that screened poor children, submitted more than \$230,000 in billing for unperformed tests.

He also billed Medicaid and the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services for procedures at his own uncertified laboratory, according to Friday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Nancy Johnson's order, signed Wednesday, said Mack must pay \$773,847 in damages and a

\$725,000 civil penalty. Mack had clinics in central and southwest Houston, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Michelle Zingaro. One clinic has since closed.

As a Medicaid provider, Mack was required to provide blood tests outlined by the Texas Health Steps Program. The tests were designed to detect childhood illnesses, such as sickle cell anemia and lead poisoning, that are treatable if found early.

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, whose office investigated Mack, said Johnson's order is a signal to those who try to steal from Medicaid.

Cornell Williams, Mack's attorney, earlier had declined comment except to say he had been assured that no criminal prosecution would result from the civil complaint.

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