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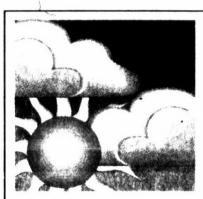
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IASPER, (AP) — The Jasper school board has backed a middle school principal's decision to suspend a 14-year-old for wearing a Confederate belt buckle.

The school board voted late Monday to sustain the action taken against Josh Letney, who was suspended from Jasper Middle School's alternative education center for insisting on wearing the buckle after being told it violates dress code regulations.

"We're going to get a lawyer," said the boy's mother, Carolyn Letney, after the school board's decision Monday night.

"Josh has been out of school since late January, and they will not let him make up his classes," she said.

School district superintendent Doug Koebernick has said the buckle violates the dress code because it could be disruptive.

Principal Gwen Gilford asked Letney not to wear the belt buckle to school in deference to the dragging death of James Byrd Jr. last June.

Although the Jasper school district considers the belt buckle a dress code violation, Letney said he believes the buckle is a symbol of his heritage and Southern roots. The buckle was a gift from his uncle, he said.

- · John Alan Hair, Jr., 47, sub-
- stitute teacher. · Jean R. Heare, 88, home-
- maker. · Albert Moore, 89, retired
- farmer. · Robert A. 'Bob' Story, 78, retired employee of Titan
- Industries. · Charline Wesson Yeager, 95, Sunday School teacher for 30 years.

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Pampa businessman Billy Scribner surveys a pasture east of Pampa where someone shot and killed one of his cows. County and state law enforcement officers are pursuing the case with hopes that a ballistics report on the bullet that killed the animal will lead them to a suspect.

Police seek clues to killer of mother cow-

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Investigators were awaiting ballistics reports today in the shooting death of a cow east of Pampa.

"People need to realize that private property is PRIVATE property," said Kelly Rushing, a field inspector with the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers

Can you help solve this case? Call **Crime Stoppers** 669-2222

Trespassing on posted property is illegal as is killing livestock. Rushing and Gray County sheriff's deputies are investigating the death late last month of a cow shot in the chest, apparently with a high powered rifle. The 4-year-old cow, belonging to Pampa businessman Billy Scribner, was shot during the night of Feb. 26, north of

Recreation Park, east of Pampa. "A neighbor heard the cow bawling," Rushing said. "It apparently suffered through the night."

One of Scribner's men found the dead cow Saturday morning, Feb.

"I found the calf the next day running around hungry," Scribner (See COW, Page 2)

School calendar to add two days

Year to run from Aug. 12 through May 26 under plan

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY **Managing Editor**

Under a new 1999-2000 school calendar proposal by the Pampa ISD school district, students will begin classes next year on Thursday, Aug. 12 and will be out of school by May 26, 2000.

The proposed calendar was determined according to a decision made in the last legislative session which stipulates that two additional days be added in the 1999-2000 school year bringing the total to 189 contract days.

Previous surveys by parents, students and staff at the secondary level indicate that the first semester should continue to end before the Christmas holidays, according to school officials.

In addition, the calendar represents a new staff development concept in which Pampa ISD teachers will be required to attend five days of paid training during the summer.

"These days would correspond to topics designated by district or campus plans and would be provided primarily in Pampa and Amarillo," according to information provided by the district on the issue. "Any teacher who did not acquire summer training would be advised by the elementary/secondary coordinator on evenings and Saturday workshops that would be appropriate." Other action items for consideration this month include:

• Bids for high school elevator

- 1998-99 budget amendment
- Approval of textbook selection committee recommendations • Contract with City of Pampa regarding trustee role in pur-
 - (See **SCHOOL**, Page 2)

Lefors street repairs lacking due to funding

By JEFF WEST Staff Writer

How to take care of the streets while tending to other problems was the subject of a lot of discussion at the regular meeting of Lefors city council

Several items were on the agenda that addressed the street repair problem including buying a box blade for the a tractor the city owns. The blade would allow repair not only to the streets but also to the alleys which Mayor J.W. Franks said were in bad shape.

He said some of the alleys are too small to allow a full-size grader access. There was some discussion of just buying the blade and having City Superintendent Bruce Withers build a box for it. In the end, no action was taken while Withers and Franks check on the availability of a used blade.

Action on selling some old vehicles that the city

Longtime city resident Earl Maples asked why everyone is so concerned about the streets. "They haven't been fixed in 35 years," he said, suggesting just telling new school teachers that everyone in town has gotten used to the streets and they could, too.

owns was also delayed because City Marshall John Worthington is beginning the plans for a citywide auction of some surplus items. While selling the city's current inoperable motor grader was discussed action was delayed while the prices for (See LEFORS, Page 2)

Bill would allow pay for dual posts

other state employees could receive pay while serving on city councils, school boards and other municipal posts under proposed legislation that would amend the Texas Constitution.

The bill came about a month after Round Rock City Council member Martha Chavez realized she was violating the constitution by accepting pay for her elected position while also teaching at Round Rock High School.

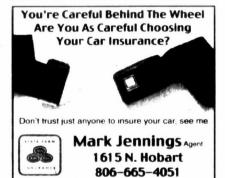
The bill, proposed by Republican Sens. Jeff

AUSTIN (AP) - Public school teachers and Wentworth of San Antonio and Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant, would remedy the provision of the constitution they see as antiquated and irra-

"Just because she's a schoolteacher doesn't mean she should be prohibited from serving or being paid for it," Wentworth said.

Ms. Chavez said she learned she shouldn't be accepting the monthly \$500 stipend for Round Rock City Council members during a Texas Municipal League seminar last month.

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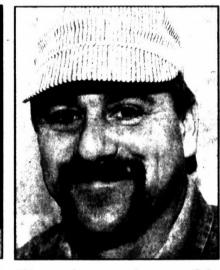
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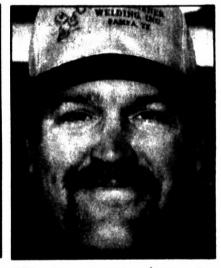
started school. It's the years ... You can't find a better place to live. -- Ferrell Yearwood During hard times, people will help you out."

-- Michael Craig



"The people in Pampa "It's a great place to friendly."

-- Cecil Newman



are about the best raise kids. You don't thing there is. They're have the crime and violence like a big city."

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Services tomorrow

HAIR, John Alan Jr. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa. **HEARE**, Jean R. — 10 a.m., Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel, Amarillo.

YEAGER, Charline Wesson — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

JOHN ALAN HAIR, JR.

John Alan Hair, Jr., 47, of Pampa, died Monday, March 8, 1999. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. J.C. Burt, pastor of Barrett Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Hair was born Feb. 14, 1952, at Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1970 and attended Clarendon College and West Texas State University. He was named to "Who's Who" at Clarendon College. He married Sheila Briscoe on July 4, 1990, at Pampa. He was employed as a substitute teacher with Pampa ISD.

He belonged to Barrett Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Sheila, of the home; a daughter, Terry Hair of Pampa; two sisters, Frances Pratt of Electra and Kave Linn of

Imperial Beach, Calif.; and a brother, Terry Lee Hair of Pampa

JEAN R. HEARE

AMARILLO - Jean R. Heare, 88, a former Shamrock resident, died Sunday, March 7, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Murray Gossett officiating. Graveside services and entombment will be in East Mausoleum Chapel at Memorial Park

Mrs. Heare was born at Newton, Kan. She had been an Amarillo resident since the 1930s, moving from Shamrock

She belonged to First Presbyterian Church. She was preceded in death by her husband,

Clayton Heare, in 1973. Survivors include two nephews, Gary

Ragsdale and William Ragsdale; and three nieces, Carolyn Damon, Tommie McCullough and Judy Ortiz.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.

ALBERT MOORE

LUBBOCK - Albert Moore, 89, father of a Canadian resident, died Monday, March 8, 1999. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Faron Moore, grandson of the deceased, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Moore was born at Tupelo, Okla. He married Trula Faye Estes in 1934 at Springer, Okla.; she died in September 1998. He lived at Howardwick for 11 years and at Amarillo for four years. He had been a Lubbock resident since 1994, moving from Amarillo. He was a retired

Survivors include a daughter, Sue Moore Cooper of Lubbock; two sons, J.A. "Sonny" Moore of Canadian and Larry G. Moore of Loveland, Colo.; a brother, J.D. Moore of Jasper; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchil-

ROBERT A. 'BOB' STORY

Robert A. "Bob" Story, 78, of Pampa, died Monday, March 8, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dale Moreland and the Rev. John Glover, associate pastors, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mr. Story was born Feb. 27, 1921, at Arlington. He married Florence Keeton on April 16, 1955, at Roswell, N.M. He had been a Pampa resident since August 1963. He retired from Montgomery Ward after 11 years of service. He later retired from Titan Industries in 1986.

He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He was a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tommy Earl Story, in 1982.

Survivors include his wife, Florence, of the home; a daughter, Teresa Story of Amarillo; a son, Robert Erskine Story of League City; a sister, LaBelle Wilson of El Paso; and three grandchildren, John Robert Story and Anne Elizabeth Story, both of League City, and Allan Story of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Mission Fund.

CHARLINE WESSON YEAGER

ODESSA - Charline Wesson Yeager, 95, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, March 7, 1999. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Local arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

Mrs. Yeager was born April 24, 1903, at Waxahachie, to Minta B. and Charles P. Wesson. She and her husband, William Floyd Yeager, owned-operated Pampa Print Shop for over 30

The couple belonged to First Baptist Church of Pampa, where Mr. Yeager was deacon and both taught Sunday school for 30-plus years.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a brother, Ross Wesson; and two younger sisters, Lucile Nunn and Maidel Thomason.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Frances House of Odessa; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Deacon's Fund at First Baptist Church of Pampa.

Police report

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

Monday, March 8

Criminal mischief was reported in the Hobart

Theft was reported in the 600 block of E.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Roberta.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, March 8

Raymond Diaz, 40, 524 N. Faulkner, was arrested on charges of violation of probation/indecency with a child, assault, issuance of a worthless check and a bond surrender/theft by check.

James Price Butler, 18, Amarillo, was arrested

Clarification

Johnnie T. Cook of 2201 Hamilton is not the same person as John Cook of 2221 Hamilton who was listed in the arrests in Sunday's police

Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, March 8

7:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of N. Russell and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

10:12 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to the 500 block of N. Russell.

4:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

5:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded seven miles south on Highway 70 and transported one to-Columbia Medical Center.

Tuesday, March 9

12:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of N. Sumner and transported one to a Borger hospital.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are	Coca-Cola	dn 9/16
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.	Columbia/HCA 18 1/8	dn 1/2
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Calendar of events

PAMPA CHESS CLUB

The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at Yummie's Pizza in the Pampa Mall at 7:30 p.m. We offer casual yet competitive games, free instruction, and a quartlerly newsletter. For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furrs Cafeteria. TRALEE CRISIS CENTER FOR WOMEN

Tralee Crisis Center for Women is offering an in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings will be Tuesday's from 11 a.m.-12 noon and on Thursday's from 7-8 p.m. For more information call (806) 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential

TOTS-N-TRAINING

Each Wednesday at the times and locations listed below you will receive a newsletter and free materials that will help you get your child ready for school.

• Frank's Thriftway #1

10-11 a.m. & 3-4 p.m. & 5:30-6:30 p.m. • Woodrow Wilson School 801 E

Browning 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Albertson's 1233 N. Hobart 10-11

a.m. & 3:00-5:00 p.m. • Community Day Care

4:30-6 p.m.

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Friends of the Library membership drive will

be Mar. 10 at the Post Office

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-

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COW

said. "It was terrible."

The calf's being bottle fed now, and law enforcement officers are searching for anyone who might have been involved in the shooting.

"It was a young cow that had a productive life ahead of her," Rushing said. "The owner has been deprived of the cow and its offspring for years to

In today's market the cow would be worth about \$600, said Scribner, who runs about 100 head of mother cows in pastures around Pampa.

"Shooting any type of livestock is a state jail felony," Kelly said.

Trespassing has long been a problem in rural areas near town, officers said this week. Three

enough that it had to be destroyed.

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SCHOOL

chase of tax properties

 Renewal and non-renewal of teacher and other professional contracts

• Selection of principal for Lamar Elementary.

Non-action items during the administrative

report portion of the meeting include discussions on the Region 16 Board of Directors Election, 1999-2000 enrollment and financial projections and the tennis dressing room at the high school.

juveniles were arrested recently for trespassing on

property near where the cow was killed, authorities

"We've had a lot of trouble out there," Scribner

Kelly noted that the property is fenced, and it is

Scribner said he leases that pasture from the

PEDC, but there have also been problems on land

he owns north of town, across Perryton Parkway

from Columbia Medical Center. People have used it

to dump trash and kids drive across areas that

aren't fenced, tearing up the ground, Scribner said.

last year was shot in the leg and injured seriously

One of the horses, a Palomino colt, he had there

illegal to hunt on private property without permis-

said, but none of the boys were armed.

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sion of the owner.

The Pampa ISD Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 11 in the conference room

at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

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trading it in for a new one verses selling it outright was investigated.

When the last option was discussed, that of allowing Adams and Franks Dirt Contractors to blade the city's dirt streets, several members of the audience became involved. Adams and Franks is partially owned by Mayor Franks who said his firm would do the work for cost which he said was \$35 an hour. He asked city attorney Gene Thompson if having the city hire his company is legal and Thompson said it is as long as Franks did not vote.

City resident and Lefors School Board member Ken Miller said he had no problem with that proposal but wondered if there is a fund for or plans to do major reconstruction of the city streets. He said he had heard there is a such a fund. He also said when the school tries to hire new teachers and get them to live in Lefors the condition of the roads are a major problem. He said he thought other residents besides himself might be willing to contribute to a fund if they could see progress being made towards improvement. He also asked about the possibility of government grants to help with

Miller was told there is no street fund and because of the city's financial problems it is only eligible for one grant at a time. Currently, the city has a grant for a new water well since the city is down

to two good wells. Longtime city resident Earl Maples spoke up and asked why everyone is so concerned about the

"They haven't been fixed in 35 years," he said. He suggested just telling new school teachers that everyone in town has gotten used to the streets and they could, too.

Franks said he had personally bladed Maples road a few years ago.

The council approved hiring Adams and Franks to blade the roads at a cost of \$35 an hour. Franks said he estimated it will take about 30 hours to

In other action, the council agreed to formulate a response to the TNRCC about their plans to plug or cap abandoned water wells. It also agreed to buy a chlorinator and send some employees to classes to satisfy TNRCC requirements. It also denied requests to change payment options of city utility bills and to rent the civic center at a reduced rate to

Dognappers nabbed but stolen dogs may be gone forever

SWEETWATER, Texas (AP) — It was a dog-gone and would be untraceable, police said. shame. Over 13 days last month, three pit bulls, three Police believe the couple scouted out neighborpugs, one mini-Doberman, one boxer and two hoods, grabbing pure breed dogs right out of their Chihuahuas were reported missing.

police began tracking down the dognappers. Now ed a suspicious vehicle driving around his block. dogs and selling them.

Johnny and Claudette Fuentez were taken into and grab an animal," Gill said. ustody last week and were charged with theft. The offense, a Class B Misdemeanor, is punishable upon conviction by up to 180 days in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

Unfortunately, the arrests come to late to help those whose dogs were stolen, said Sweetwater detective Phillip Gill. "It looks like we will be unable to recover any of

Sweetwater Reporter News. "We know pets are like members of the family and are sorry they cannot be

The pets were apparently sold in a variety of cities—the couple was apprehended.

doghouses. Sure than pet pooches were being purloined, The couple was captured after a dog owner report-

investigators believe they have cracked the case with "I located the vehicle and called several offduty the arrest of a Snyder couple accused of stealing officers to help me track it in their private unmarked cars, but we never actually observed anyone get out

The husband and wife team were approaching people in nearby towns and was even bold enough to proposition other people in town to help them steal the dogs, Gill said.

"When we pinned them down, they eventually

gave us a confession," he said. The dog thefts caused a stir in the community 60 the animals that were taken," Gill told the miles west of Abilene. The Sweetwater Reporter said rumors had begun to spread that the dogs may have been stolen by a local restaurant.

No other dog thefts have occurred in the area since

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly sunny today with a high of 67 and south winds at 15-20 mph. Partly cloudy tonight with a low of 37 and south winds at 15-20 mph. Partly sunny tomorrow with a high of 70 and southsouthwest winds at 10-10 mph. Yesterday's high was 57; the

overnight low 27.

REGIONAL FORECAST WEST TEXAS — Panhandle Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the mid 30s. South wind around 15 mph. Wednesday, partly sunny with a high in the mid 60s. West to northwest wind 10-20 mph. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains Tonight, fair. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s. Wednesday, and drizzle east. Morning low partly cloudy. Highs in the lower Valley/Edwards Plateau —

Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows upper 70s. Far West Texas — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 40-45. Wednesday, mostly sunny, with some high cloudiness. Highs mid to upper 70s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s and 40s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs from the mid 60s Guadalupe Mountains to the upper 80s along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 41 to 49. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs

68 to 77. SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy with patchy fog developing late. Drizzle possible east. Lows in the 50s to lower 60s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with morning fog clouds becoming partly cloudy mid 70s. Concho by afternoon west. Highs in the partly cloudy. Highs in the 60s 70s, lower 80s west. Southeast and lower 70s.

Texas and Upper Texas Coast near 50. Wednesday, partly Tonight, clear during the cloudy. Highs in the mid to evening, then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s, around 60 coast. Wednesday and Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains Tonight, increasing low clouds with fog developing. Lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Wednesday, partly sunny Highs in the upper 70s to lower

BORDER STATES NEW MEXICO — Tonight,

fair to partly cloudy. Lows teens and 20s mountains and north west with 30s to lower 40s east and south. Wednesdayt, fair skies. Highs Wednesday mid 40s and 50s mountains and north, 60s to mid 70s lower elevations central and south. Lows Wednesday night mid teens and 20s mountains and northwest with 30s to lower 40s elsewhere. OKLAHOMA - Tonight,

mostly clear. Lows in the upper

30s and lower 40s. Wednesday,

Mystery deaths

CHICAGO (AP) - A mysterious outbreak of brain cancer at BP Amoco PLC's suburban research center has claimed a fifth victim, oil company officials said.

At the request of the victim's family, BP Amoco would not identify the employee, who died

A company spokeswoman said Monday the longtime employee was a chemical researcher at the Naperville facility who had been diagnosed a year ago with a malignant brain tumor.

"We're very sorry to lose a friend and colleague," said Jim Lowry, who heads BP Amoco's task force on the tumors.

City briefs

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On Wednesday, April 14, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT, Cokie Roberts of ABC News will once again moderate the Hospice Foundation of America's sixth annual National Bereavement Teleconference, "Living with Grief: At Work, At School, At Worship." This live-viasatellite video teleconference will examine the ways that grief can affect us in various settings, such as the workplace, schools, or places of worship. This public service program will offer humane and practical suggestions for those assisting grievers and for organizations who may have those struggling with illness and loss in

With advances in medical technology, more options are available to those facing chronic or life-threatening illnesses; for many people, that includes maintaining a connection to their work environment. And as a generation of baby boomers faces caring for their aging parents, the ways in which workplaces respond to illness and death has become an increasingly important issue. Recently featured on National Public Radio's program, "All Things Considered," HFA Senior Consultant and teleconference panel member, Kenneth Doka, Ph.D., noted, "When an employee or employee's spouse dies, how do we inform the people in the workplace environment? Somebody's child has just died. What do you say to them? How do you get through those awkward

This award-winning broadcast, featuring a distinguished panel of experts, annually reaches an audience of 150,000 in more than 2,000 communities across the country. Teleconference sites will include hospices, hospitals, state offices on aging, universities, police departments and school districts. Special outreach efforts will be made to Employee Assistance Programs and Human Resources Departments of local business organizations; participating organizations include such diverse groups as Saturn Automotive Company and Air Express International.

"Hosting or cosponsoring the teleconference allows local organizations the opportunity to offer a valuable service to business and schools and to network with other resources in their area," according to Jack D. Gordon, president of Hospice Foundation of America.

Gordon offers further insight as the founder and former president of Washington Savings Bank and former Florida State senator. "While striving in the '60s to be the first saving bank to reach the billion dollar level, I found that personal traumas in an employee's life often resulted in lost productivity, which was a distracting and expensive barrier in reaching our goals. As President of Hospice Foundation of America I find I now have to opportunity of assisting businesses in coping with a major workplace problem from which no organization is immune.

The panel will include Doka, a Lutheran minister and professor of gerontology at the College of New Rochelle; Michael Kirbv, M.S.W., director of the New Work State Police Employee Assistance Department; and Marcia Lattanzi-Licht, R.N., M.A., L.P.C., co-founder of Hospice of Boulder County and internationally known educator, author, and consultant.

One participant who hosts the program every year noted, "the teleconference was excellent; panelists were knowledgeable, topics relevant ... it was a great opportunity for people from our community — hospice staff, volunteers, clergy, funeral directors, and families — to hear valuable information from the nation's top experts in the field." (Barbara Bell, director, Hospice Volunteers of Kennebec, Gardiner, ME.)

Cancer support group to meet

AMARILLO — The Women's Center at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Women in Touch" from 5:30-7 p.m. March 15 at the center's amphitheatre, 1500 Wallace Blvd.

"Women in Touch" is a monthly support group for women living with breast cancer. This month's program will feature Scott Terhune, PT, physical therapist NovaCare, and Cherly Terhune, LMT, exercise physiologist. The presentation is entitled, "Moving On: Activity and Fitness after Breast Cancer."

For more information, call Kathryn Hughes at the center, (806) 359-4673 ext. 283 or 1-800-274-4673.

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Pampa High School Choir.

Choir students participate in UIL contest

CANYON — At UIL Vocal and Ensemble ly, 44 Pampa High School Choir students performed solos for adjudication. Thirty soloists received first division ratings. Students performing Class III solos and receiving first divisions were Jessica Burns, Jessica Baggett, Amy Robbins, Ashley Kiper, Sammie Parsley, Samantha Jasso, Charity Godwin, Shelby McGahen, Adam Parks, Cory Bigham, Karen Kirkwood, and Ashlee Hunt. Students performing Class II solos and receiving first divisions were Chesney Driggars, Greg Hartman, Aaron Fernuik, Ashley Knipp, Mandi West, and Jacob Lewis. Students performing Class I solos and receiving first divisions were Melea Jouett, Rebekah Orr, Jennifer Mackie, Hayle Garrison, Tiffany Bruce, Patrick Parsons, Holly Brooks, Andy Fernuik, and Than Scoggin.

Sixty-four students participated in seven Samantha Jasso, Jessica Morrison, Catherine Contest at West Texas A&M University recent- ensembles. The treble medium ensemble performing "Sing to the Lord Ye Righteous" consisted of Leslee Ammons, April Angel, Crystal Canaday, Stacie Carter, Angie Cloud, Tiffany Dennis, Meagan Dyer, Karlie Green, Ashley Kiper, Melissa Lawrence, Collin Lewis, Danielle Martinez, Angela Murray, Abbey Cory Bigham, Richard Conner, Chesney Driggars, Sarah Fraser, Charity Godwin, Karen Kirkwood, Chris Lewis, and Shelby McGahen. A sextet consisting of Allison Earl,

Morse, Misti Northcutt, and Mandi West performed "Now is the Month of Maying." An additional sextet consisting of Chesney Angel, Nichole Bruton, Jessica Burns, Raynee Driggars, Sarah Fraser, Charity Godwin, Ashlee Hunt, and Karen Kirkwood sang "Though Philomena Lost Her Love." A treble quartet performing "II est bel et bon" consisted of Tiffany Bruce, Hayle Garrison, Melea Jouett Parker, Sammie Parsley, Janelle Powers, Amy and Erin Mulanax. Josh Gibson, Meredith Robbins, Sara Scott, Shellie Snasp, Leslie Ward, Hendricks, Dillon Hill, Jennifer Mackie, Patrick and Morgan White. The mixed medium Persons, Celeste Stowers, and Joanna Wheeley ensemble performing "Springtime 1" mytleth were in madrigal group which performed "Let Every Bough" consisted of Jessica paggett, Go, Why Do You Stay Me?" Holly Brooks, Andy Fernuik, Rose Fruge, Thann Scoggin and Traci Shelton were in a madrigal group which Nathaniel Hill, Ashlee Hunt, Brittany Kindle, sang "Flora Gave Me Fairest Flowers." Every ensemble received a first division rating. See UIL, Page 10

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> THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THRU OUT THE YEARS Clara Graham

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Opinion

Small triumph over big government

■ A judge's ruling slows the momentum of federal over-

You could argue that a decision by federal judge Dale Kimball in Salt Lake City telling the Food and Drug Administration to cease its efforts to ban the import of something called red yeast powder from China-shouldn't be viewed as remarkable — just the system working.

But efforts by federal regulatory agencies to go beyond their statutory authority are so pervasive and court decisions to rein them in are infrequent enough that this case is news and worthy of an "attaboy.

The FDA has wanted to treat dietary supplements as the legal equivalent of drugs, and therefore subject to the full panoply of FDA tests and regulations, for decades now.

In 1994, Congress (in response to large-scale grassroots) protests from vitamin and supplement users) tried to clarify the FDA's jurisdiction by passing the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act, which said the FDA doesn't have authority to prohibit natural vitamin and supplement products unless it can demonstrate that they are unreasonably unsafe when used as recommended. The FDA can still act if it has safety concerns over tainted batches and the like, but it bears a heavier burden of proof to justify a blanket ban.

Bureaucracies love to expand their scope, however. Last year the FDA banned a Utah company from importing red yeast powder, a natural substance that has been used medicinally in China for centuries, because tests showed the chemical composition of its active ingredients was identical to a synthetic drug used to reduce cholesterol levels.

The FDA didn't raise any safety or efficacy issues. It just contended that the red yeast-based supplement hadn't been sold in the United States before the synthetic drug was approved and the company made improper claims about its effective-

Judge Kimball had granted the company a preliminary injunction to allow it to import small amounts of the red yeast powder. Recently he decided that the FDA's effort to ban the import of the substance ran afoul of the 1994 law. So he ordered the federal agency to live within the law that authorizes its activities. It's a shame that such a concept seems almost novel

—Odessa American

Thought for today

"Let me exhort everyone too their utmost to think outside and beyond our present circle of ideas. For every idea gained is a hundred years of slavery remitted."

—Richard Jefferies

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week last week

So, let me tell you about my week last week. Now it's not that I think a lot of you sit around the fireplace in the evening and wonder how my day has gone, but last week was really incredible.

But you probably don't want to hear about it, you've had your own weeks where the only reason you didn't go smoke the tailpipe of a Gremlin was that it would burn your lips. That's the kind of week it was.

So I won't even mention that the week started off with my camera breaking. My work camera. And it wasn't the kind of breaking where it's obvious that the thing doesn't work; that would be easier. No, it was the kind of breaking where it just seems to be working funny so you go way out in the county to take once in a lifetime (well, once in a while) pictures for something important, where the deadline is a week ago Thursday, while you should be working on something else that was due last Friday or on something else that's due tomorrow, but won't get done because you're lost in the country until you find what you need, and take a whole gob of pictures to make sure you get the right one only to find out when you get back that you got squat, bubkus, zilch, nada, zero, the big nothing. (Read the last sentence frantically.) That's the kind of break that happened to my camera.

It was so upsetting that I went home and



FEMINIST SOLIDARITY THEN & NOW

Jeff West

Pampa News staff

decided that goofing around on the computer was necessary to my well being. So I sit in my computer chair, one I've had for a long time, years in fact, through several jobs and several apartments and lots of computer time and TV watching time because it was so comfortable that computer chair. Which broke. Not in such a way that a little repair and patching will fix it, but not in half either. You know the kind of break that makes the chair easy to carry out and throw away because it's obviously broken? No it's the kind of break where you keep it sitting around for a while, hoping you can think of some way to fix it because it's your good computer chair and besides, the camera just broke and chairs are expensive, but not as expensive as cameras and besides, you have other chairs in the house. That's the kind of break that happened to my chair.

So after trying my old wooden desk chair, yourselves.

(too hard) and another chair, (too soft) I was sitting at my computer in a cheap plastic kitchen chair when my computer broke. No it wasn't the kind of break where you know that it's going to need service immediately; that would be too easy. It was a software problem, at least at first. It was the kind of problem that you think you can fix yourself so you stay up trying to figure out the problem and the solution, and then you stay up until way past your bed time to try and fix it, and then you realize you're making it worse so you go to bed, but get up early because you think you thought of something that would fix it. But it doesn't. So you take it to someone who you think can help. But it doesn't. And by then you think about how old the computer is and whether you want to spend a lot of money to fix it, so you go and try to get another hard drive that will fix part of the problem. But that doesn't work so you go and get another "less old" computer to put the other hard drive in, and then you realize that you're going to spend every possible moment, until the y2k thing is history, trying to configure your computer to work like you had it before. That's the kind of break that happened to my

I'd go on but then I guess I have. Be good to one another and be good to

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 9, the 68th day of 1999. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 9, 1796, the future emperor of France, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais. The couple divorced

On this date:

In 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads "Monitor" and "Virginia" (formerly "Merrimac") clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing more than a dozen people.

In 1933, Congress, called into special session by President Roosevelt, began its "hundred days" of enacting New Deal legislation. In 1945, during World War II, U.S.

B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan. Edward R. Murrow critically

McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on "See It Now." In 1975, work began on the

reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R.

PC police upset over park visits

Americans are getting silly over race matters. It's been reported the National Park Service is in agony over the fact that not enough black Americans visit the national parks, and "something must be done about it." Two questions: How many are "enough" black visitors, and who decides?

It seems not to occur to Washington bureaucrats that very likely the only reason black people who don't visit parks don't visit them is because they don't wish to visit them. Last time I checked, black Americans were free to choose their own forms of recreation. Does the National Park Service intend to compel black Americans to visit the parks?

I don't visit the parks very often, In fact, I can't remember the last time I was in a National Park, and I live an easy drive fromone of them, the Everglades. But green heifer dust aside, the Everglades is a big swamp with lots of bugs, and I'm not fond of swamps or bugs. So I don't go.

My two boys canoed through the Everglades, and all they saw besides swamps, birds and bugs were German tourists. Apparently, black folks and I aren't the only ones who can think of better ways to spend our recreational dollars than camping out in a swamp with bugs, even if it is a federal swamp with federal bugs.

It could also be that most black folks have, all, don't try to plan our summer vacations.



Charley Reese

like me, satisfied for a lifetime their desire to camp with the assistance of the U.S. Army or Marine Corps. Now, if you don't wish to camp, what are you going to do in most national parks? Drive around in heavy traffic and look at the "Don't Feed the Bears" signs.

What about freedom? As long as folks are free to do something,

they are also free to choose not to do it. This comic opera totalitarian notion that all'of us have to do what some elite thinks we ought to do should be stopped. There are too many busybodies in this country.

Leave all of us alone. As long as we don't infringe on someone else's freedom, let us drink what we wish to drink, eat what we wish to eat, smoke what we wish to smoke, go where we wish to go, do what we wish to do and avoid what we wish to avoid. And above

I bet if the federal bureaucrats would check, they would discover that not many black folks go mountain climbing either. Again, I and they are too sensible to pay some dude big bucks to take us up some mountain where we can't breathe and where all our parts will freeze and turn black and brittle and then fall off. And all for the purpose of just turning around and coming back down. No thanks.

Alaskan oil pipeline.

I have frankly never understood the mentality of people who have such an itch to run other people's lives. I am free of that disease completely. It takes entirely too much energy and time away from fun things just to run my own life. I can barely make myself do what I tell myself to do. Why take on the burden of running somebody else's life?

Mind your own business is just another way of saying respect other people's freedom and Of course, political correctness is not about

freedom but about conformity. Perhaps they will try to establish racial and ethnic quotas for all forms of recreation. Don't laugh. The PC police are dumb enough to try it.

The basic problem with the PC crowd is that most of us, black or white, don't live up to their expectations of how we ought to think and live. Thank God for that. If it's ruling human ants that they want to do, they'd better move to another country.

Ruling shows court's ignorance

Well the U. S. judicial system has struck again at the free practice of one's religion. In so doing, it has shown an incredible amount of ignorance about the subject on which it ruled. On March 1, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that student led prayers were allowable at graduations but not at sporting events. The court said that football games do not share the "singularly serious nature of graduations" and that football is "hardly the sober type of annual event that can be appropriately solemnized with prayer."

The court is saying with this ruling that prayer should only be used for special occasions and that the purpose of prayer on those occasions is that of lending a formal and Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God



Leif R. Hasskarl

pastor Zion Lutheran Church

whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive if you have faith." From these passages and many others, we find that the purpose of prayer is to thank God, to praise Him and to solicit His help and blessings. God also tells prayer. I Thessalonians 5: 16 - 18 tells us to in prayer. This applies to both somber and joyous occasions.

This ruling by people trained in law but not in Christ Jesus." Matthew 21: 22 says, "And theology is a clear example of why separation theologians.

of church and state is so important. One only needs to look at the problems Europe has had when the governments have gotten involved in interpreting theological matters. The government gradually watered down church doctrine to the point that there was little left and the result is that Europe for the most part is now a post-Christian society.

However, this ruling has to make one wonder if the court was grasping for any straw in an attempt to stem the rise of student-led prayer in the United States. And by the way, this case came about, as I understand it, as the result of two parents in Houston wanting to assert their rights. What about the rights of the majority in a supposedly democratic solemn tone to the event. Scripture clearly us that prayer is not reserved just for some country? How many people are having their rejects this type of restriction regarding events but that we are to constantly go to Him rights stepped on for the sake of two peoples' rights? What is the test of law for that? Perhaps the court should answer that question and not try to be what it clearly is not —

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AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to break up the state's electric monopolies is headed to the Senate after a key panel approved the complex plan. The bill, sponsored by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, would freeze, then lower, electric rates before allowing competitors into the electric market in 2002.

Sibley said he expects the full Senate to take up the bill March 17. "This is the most difficult area I've had to master since I've been in

the Senate," said Sibley. While the bill was unanimously approved Monday by the Senate Electric Utility Restructuring Committee, Sibley said he wasn't sure how it would be received by his colleagues.

East Texas student remains suspended for wearing Confederate belt buckle

JASPER, Texas (AP) — A 14-year-old student will remain suspended for wearing a Confederate flag belt buckle, a school board has ruled in the East Texas town where a black man was dragged to

Josh Letney, a Jasper Middle School student, was first expelled for wearing the belt buckle Jan. 29. The principal asked him not to wear it in light of the dragging death in Jasper of a black man, allegedly at the hands of three white supremacists.

"We're going to get a lawyer," said the boy's mother, Carolyn Letney, after the school board's decision Monday night.

Josh has been out of school since late January, and they will not let him make up his classes," she said.

Principal Gwen Gilford asked Letney not to wear the belt buckle to school in deference to the dragging death of James Byrd Jr. last June. One of the three defendants, John William King, was convicted and sentenced to death for the crime. Two others await trial.

Bill would make Austin a capital district

AUSTIN (AP) — A Houston lawmaker thinks the state should run Rep. Ron Wilson has filed a bill to create a "District of Travis" akin

Single mom wins

custody battle with powerful couple

CHICAGO (AP) - It was a battle that turned on drugs, race and politics. At stake was the fate of a 3-year-old boy.

Recovering cocaine addict Tina Olison on Monday won custody of her son, known as Baby T, after a court fight in which she faced one of Chicago's most powerful political couples.

"I just thank God for the chance to have a relationship with my child," Olison said. "... This means more to me than anything.

Judge Judith Brawka decided that foster parents Edward and Anne Burke, who are white, should transfer custody of the boy to Olison, who is black, over a 12-month transition period.

The Burkes became the boy's foster parents almost at birth three years ago when the 37-year-old Olison, a single mother, was fighting cocaine addiction. Baby T was born with cocaine in his system.

Burke is one of the most powerful aldermen on the Chicago City Council, serving as chairman of the Finance Committee. Mrs. Burke is an appellate judge. His office did not return a call seeking com-

Brawka held that the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services erred in putting no emphasis on the importance of black culture in the boy's upbringing.

"Unless the position of the department is that there is no such thing as African-American culture, this issue deserves more attention than to check a box that says not applicable," Brawka held.

She also said that the youngster needs to be with his 8-year-old brother, who also is being returned to Olison under the court order. "His relationship with his brother ... is a sweet note in an otherwise

discordant symphony," the judge said. Brawka is a white suburban Kane County judge who was brought

in as an outsider to decide a case with powerful political overtones in Olison says that she is now off drugs and has found religion.

"When God is for you, he's greater than the weight of the world

against you," she told reporters. The Burkes had sought to adopt the boy and have Olison declared unfit. But last November, Brawka found that she was now fit to be his

She warned Olison on Monday, however, that the custody transfer could be called off if the transition period doesn't seem to be work-

Just as your addiction lasted for years, I must tell you this case may not close for a significant period of time," the judge said. She also cautioned Olison not to celebrate a victory.

"He is not a prize that you have won," Brawka said. "He is not the spoils of war after a battle. He is a human being."

'You are neither a devil nor a saint, a villain nor a hero," she said. "And neither are the Burkes."

Trustees to keep school uniform policy

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio School District trustees have decided to keep a mandatory student uniform policy for now, following a school board meeting flooded with parents who support

Parents told board members Monday night of a decline in gang colors, less peer pressure and better attendance since uniforms became required throughout the district this school year.

Pride, duty, confidence, less distractions, less discipline problems, willingness to learn," said parent Edward Zuniga. "Why would anyone want to get rid of a program that instills these values?"

Only four parents spoke against uniforms. The San Antonio district with its vote last year adopting mandatory uniforms for its 59,000 students became the largest district in Texas

to require uniforms. Interim Superintendent David Splitek said he wanted to keep the khaki-and-white uniforms, but the district couldn't shoulder the state-mandated cost of providing uniforms to students unable to afford them.

The district spent \$469,000 this school year on uniforms and is facing a serious budget shortfall next year.

The crowd Monday night broke into applause when Robert Hernandez, the first parent to address the board, pledged \$175,000 for uniforms for low-income parents.

Late in the meeting, trustees decided not to take action on the uniform policy, effectively keeping the mandatory practice in place. But the issue is expected to come up again.

We have one for you! Community Camera 669-2525

The idea, first proposed in 1884, has been the subject of unsuccessful legislation over the years. But Wilson, D-Houston, says the district is needed in order to make the capital city more friendly to state gov-

'There's an attitude in much of local government here that they aren't responsive nor responsible to anybody else outside of Austin, that basically they're doing us a favor by having the Capitol here,' Wilson told the Austin American-Statesman.

The proposal, which would require approval by a two-thirds majority of both chambers in the Legislature and then would have to be put before voters, is downplayed by Mayor Kirk Watson.

Murder-for-insurance-money trial to start

HOUSTON (AP) - The capital murder trial of a woman whose husband was stabbed more than 90 times has been cleared to begin by judge's ruling that the defendant's statements to police can be used

Jury selection was scheduled to start today in Galveston for Barbara Holder, who law officers contend had plotted with her boyfriend to kill her husband Curtis in 1997 and collect on his life insurance and

The 40-year-old League City woman's trial has all of the signs of a solicitation case, Galveston County District Attorney Mike Guarino said, because she and two other defendants conspired to kill Curtis Holder so they could collect his benefits.

A high school dropout who has admitted his role in a murder plot is expected to testify against the homemaker. Also charged is Ms. Holder's ex-convict boyfriend, Mark Thomas Dixon, who is still awaiting trial.

Elsewhere

BUSH HINT: In another sign that Gov. George W. Bush will run for president, his chief political strategist is selling his private consulting business. Karl Rove told said Bush wants him to focus only on the governor's presidential bid, which is now in the exploratory phase. ... SOUTHERN TROUBLES: Lt. Gov. Rick Perry expressed confidence Monday that troubled Texas Southern University can put its financial house in order and remain an independent school. A state audit criticized the school, which got \$8 million in emergency funds from the state, for poor accounting procedures and incomplete records on investments and earnings. ... OCTUPLET IMPROVES: One of the weakest Houston octuplets has been moved out of intensive care, leaving just one of the seven surviving babies behind. Ikem, one of two boys, is still in intensive care after abdominal surgery last week.

BURLINGTON UPGRADES: Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. has announced Monday it will spend \$2.5 billion this year on capital improvements to its railroad network. The railroad plans to add \$400 million in new locomotives and \$812 million on better track, signals, bridges and tunnels.



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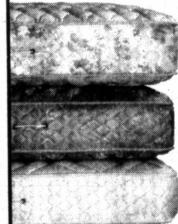




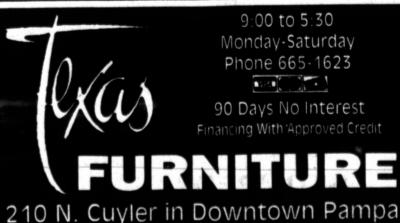








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Friend Can't Support Wife Who **Keeps Returning to Heartache**

Abigail

Van Buren

SYNDICATED

COLUMNIST

ley. In Mary's eyes, Ashley can do

no wrong. I have actually heard

Ashley say, "Shut up, Grandma," or

"Come here right now!" - and

behavior isn't good, but she allows

her to get away with it. Mary lives

with her son (Ashley's father) and

his wife, and if Daddy says no to

Ashley, Mary quietly tells her to

way when I was growing up, I

granddaughter, but I get nowhere.

Mary is living with Ashley's

parents, and it's almost impos-

sible for a grandmother not to

spoil a cute little granddaugh-

ter while in such close proximi-

ty. However, if you and Mary

get married, she'll be living

with you, and you won't have

to witness the spoiled child

RECONSIDERING MARRIAGE

Abby, this child is so spoiled

'wait until Daddy goes to work.'

Mary admits that Ashley's

Grandma does.

What should I do?

Working late.

the most of the night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

back. Tonight: Head on home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

new item for your wardrobe

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

a favorite place.

DEAR ABBY: My close friend has had a turbulent 12-year marriage to a man who has had several long-term affairs. She has left him on several occasions, but always ends up returning.

Currently, she is separated. She told me that this time she is determined to go on without him and regain her self-esteem. I have just heard that she is in the planning stages of returning to him.

Abby, for 12 years I have listened to her cry, watched him break her heart over and over, and I can't take it anymore. She is asking me for words of encouragement and I can no longer offer them. I can't be supportive when I know she is going to be hurt again. I want to scream at her, "Wake up! You have rocks for brains and he's never going to change." How can I get through to her?

TIRED OF WATCHING

DEAR TIRED: Have you told her what you've just told me? It wouldn't hurt to try. However, if you do try and your efforts fail, accept the fact that your friend must live her own life. For your own sanity, perhaps you should distance yourself from her. Losing your support might be the wake-up call she needs.

DEAR ABBY: I'm engaged to a woman I'll call Mary. She has a 4year-old granddaughter I'll call Ash-

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1999LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Horoscope

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average;

*** You could be jolted; suddenly,

another simply doesn't get it. Find another

way to approach this person and share

your wisdom. Don't dismiss setting an

'example. Caring abounds. You will break

through barriers. Tonight: Off to the mov-

*** Your sense of direction helps a

partner. You could be overly concerned

problems in your mind; let go of them. A

loving gesture is well received. You don't

need to worry! Emphasis is on finances and

security. Tonight: With a favorite person.

**** You could be out of kilter, and

the reason simply might not be clear. Mer-

tossing you into a sundry mood. Confirm

★★★★ Lighten up about work and what

5 Singer

John

place

field's field

daily treating her grandmother disrespectfully.

Ashley is going through a phase that she will probably outgrow, but if she doesn't, keep in mind that your contact with her will be limited. Because you love Mary, you should be able to tolerate Ashley in small doses. Reconsider with this in mind, and let me know what you decide.

first marriage. She is from a large and wealthy family.

My wife informed me I will be buying dinner for all those attending the wedding rehearsal. Is this my responsibility? Do I pay for the

she's a brat. If I had behaved that would have been paddled. I have tried talking to Mary about her DEAR RECONSIDERING: first two marriages failed.

> DEAR FEELING BADLY bill himself.

stepson should be footing the a fan, though completing an agreement or be as grounded as you currently are. Give them time. Keep communication flowing. project becomes challenging. Tonight:

another's choices, though you really don't ★★ Assume a low profile; let others go to have much say. Listen carefully to a child extremes. You know your priorities and or loved one's words of wisdom. Make a how important your home life is. Think long-distance call; this could entail a trip or through decisions; gather more informaan enlightening experience. Tonight: Make tion. Someone delights you with news. Intuition is right on about a personal matter. Tonight: Head home.

especially when it comes to money and *** Others gather around you: talks You know you are cared for. Don't settle; surrounding yourself with people that care Schedule a meeting, but don't forget your,

tunity. A partner or loved one cannot do *** Maintain a high level of perforabout a personal matter. Avoid reliving enough for you, though he might not be able mance. Be aware that bosses are still eyeing to communicate clearly. Misunderstand- your work. You will be amply rewarded. ings could pop up out of the blue over the Use your interpersonal skills, knowing you next few weeks. Stay in contact with your are heading in the right direction. Willingly feelings, and all will work out. Tonight: At spend some money on an item that will help your professional image. Tonight: In the

everything is as you think. Tonight: Buy a For a personal consultation with a psychic, call (900) 000-0000, \$2.95 per minute. You can request your favorite psychic, and

DEAR ABBY: My wife's 46-yearold son will soon be marrying for the third time. She is a nice, pretty lady who is his age. This will be her

Shouldn't he, at his ripe old age, pay for this event himself? What about asking his five-times-married biological father to help share expenses? The father has provided very little to this "boy," who moved in with his mother and me when his

FEELING BADLY USED IN CALIFORNIA

USED: I see no compelling reason to open your checkbook. After the first marriage, your

Tonight: Your input is important to an-*** You could be disappointed by CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Your nerves are working overtime, AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

emotions. Discussions help clear the air, are informative. Notice your talent for go for what you want. A special friend is about you. Brainstorming proves to be worth his weight in gold. Refuse to hold positive and helps you reorient yourself. friends. Tonight: A midweek break! *** Make the most of a special oppor- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Use caution with a friend and funds. cury, your planetary ruler, goes retrograde. Mixing the two could have less-than-posi- BORN TODAY

tive results. Think carefully, take a stand, Prince Edward of Wales (1964), actor Chuck plans, especially revolving around friends trust your judgment. Work proves exciting, Norris (1940), actress Sharon Stone (1958) and meetings. Misunderstandings happen with unusual possibilities. Don't launch out of the blue. Tonight: Lose yourself in a into a project immediately. Make sure

you must get done. Confirm plans and ★★★★ Listen to your sixth sense when Spanish-speaking psychics are available. meetings over the next few weeks. Refuse dealing with others. You could find part- Rotary or touch-tone phones. Must be 18 to stand on ceremony or worry. Talk about ners and business associates to be flaky. Be or older to call. A service of InterMedia Inc..









Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



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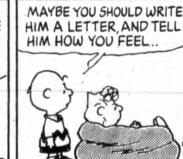
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SAID, "THAT'S ALL THE TIME WE HAVE LEFT." WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT ?I'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME!







Blondie



Mallard Filmore



what is on your mind. The boss is definitely caring with others. They simply might not Jenkintown, Pa. Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH **ACROSS** 4 Inverted

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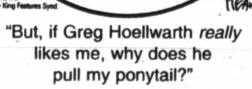
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"We'll forget the ticket if you make him.

give me back my police car."

The Family Circus

SPORTS

Notebook

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Two days past deadline for the Expos to obtain financing for a new stadium, team president Claude Brochu said he doubted a new ballpark will be built in Montreal. After Brochu and baseball commissioner Bud Selig met as part of an economic study group, Selig reit-erated that he won't extend the deadline.

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — San Diego Padres closer Trevor Hoffman became baseball's highest-paid reliever when he agreed to a \$32 million, fouryear contract extension through 2003.

extension Hoffman's includes a \$10 million club option for 2004 which, if exercised, would make the deal worth \$40 million over five years. The club has a \$2 million buyout and, for the first time ever, has granted a notrade clause.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) -The man who helped Olympic organizers draft their budget and map out planning has been hired as senior vice president of operations for the 2002 Winter Games.

OLYMPICS

The Salt Lake Organizing Committee announced Bill Wagner's promotion from managing director of operations to senior vice president. Wagner will take over most of the responsibilities of former SLOC senior vice president Dave Johnson, who was forced to resign Jan. 8 because of his role in Salt Lake's tainted bid effort.

LONDON (AP) - Big questions remained as to how the Committee will conduct a crucial confidence vote next week on president Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Officials of the IOC are undecided whether to have a secret ballot or public acclawhether mation on Samaranch should remain in

An endorsement of the 78year-old Spaniard is assured. However, with the world closely watching every move the IOC makes in the wake of its biggest corruption scandal, officials expect the committee will be criticized no matter what procedure is used. GOLF

CLEVELAND (AP) — Tiger Woods fired caddie Mike "Fluff" Cowan, ending a highly successful 2 1/2-year partnership. Cowan did not carry Woods' bag twice this year, at the Buick Invitational in San Diego, which Woods won, and at the Match Play Championship two weeks ago. Both times, Woods' high school friend, Byron Bell, was his caddie.

However, Bell, who is planning to attend medical school, was not interested in the job fulltime, and Woods hired Steve Williams, who has worked for Raymond Floyd the last 12 years, to replace Cowan.

IDITAROD

RAINY PASS, Alaska (AP) Some familiar names were moving toward the front of the pack as the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race entered its third day today.

Three-time winner Martin Buser took the lead at dusk Monday as mushers headed into the Alaska Range and some of the race's roughest

Buser, of Big Lake, left the Rainy Pass checkpoint at 5:06 p.m. Alaska time (9:06 p.m. EST), dropping off two of his 16 dogs before heading into the mountains seven minutes after arriving.

He also left behind eight other front-runners who reached Rainy Pass and were resting there. They were expected to be on the trail again by early today.

Among them was veteran musher Charlie Boulding, who was the first to reach the checkpoint earlier Monday.

Boulding, who finished third in the 1998 Iditarod. arrived at Rainy Pass checkpoint at 1:45 p.m. under sunny skies, light winds and temperatures hovering near zero.

DiMaggio remembered as true hero

By FRED GOODALL AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Players and fans stood in silence, staring at the videoboard in center field before bowing their heads in tribute to Joe DiMaggio.

The game went on at Legends Field, but not before the New York Yankees paused to remember the man many considered to be the quintessential American hero.

DiMaggio, three times the American League's most valuable player, died Monday at his South Florida home. In 13 seasons, he played for 10 pennant winners and nine World Series champions with the

"This son of Italian immigrants gave every American something to believe in," President Clinton said.

"He became the very symbol of look back at the best of America in the 20th Stadium. century, they will think of the Yankee Clipper and all that he achieved."

their respects during the day. Some left him. bouquets of flowers and then returned for a spring training game against the der said. "He told me that he'd seen me Philadelphia Phillies.

observed a moment of silence.

"Joe DiMaggio is baseball. He's a national hero," said Sandra De Santis, a front of the plaque that reads:

through their most dominating era. His excellence on the field propelled the Bombers to 10 World Series and his grace- be. ful stroke was one of baseball's greatest pleasures."

Current team members remembered him as a legend held in such high regard American grace, power and skill. ... I have that few of them would approach him

cy. But some players, like pitcher David today's game can't match that elegance exact price was, but it was a lot."

Fans stopped by Legends Field to pay Cone, had memorable encounters with that he had. He's one of a kind. ... There

"I met him a few times," the right-hanpitch and sometimes I looked unhittable Before the game, the Yankees played a and sometimes I looked hittable. I didn't DiMaggio's death. 90-second highlight film of DiMaggio and know how to take that. But just the fact he knew who I was was enough for me."

Catcher Joe Girardi talked about what a thrill it was to have his picture taken with Highland Park, N.J., mother, whose 11- DiMaggio when he threw out the first year-old son Gregory placed a bouquet is pitch during a playoff game in 1996. Darryl Strawberry predicted no one will "From 1936-51, Joe led the Yankees ever hit safely in 56 straight game again, while Derek Jeter described DiMaggio as

> who only admired him from afar, need for privacy." DiMaggio was an ideal role model.

"He really lived up to his billing," Cone said. "He was the greatest living player. no doubt that when future generations during his occasional visits to Yankee He just had such a dignity and an elegance about him that nobody can match in No one wanted to infringe on his priva-today's game. Even the greatest players in

was a real royalty to him."

Mark McGwire, himself a larger-thanlife figure after hitting 70 home runs last season, said he was saddened by

"He was one of the best in the game," said McGwire, who never got a chance to meet DiMaggio. "It's a big loss for the

game and for life in general." And Cal Ripken, who shattered the consecutive games streak of Lou Gehrig, a former DiMaggio teammate, said:

"I feel fortunate and lucky that I had the opportunity to talk baseball with him. I'm "everything a ballplayer would want to a baseball fan, and his accomplishments speak for themselves. There were a lot of To those who knew him and to those misconceptions about Joe because of his

Cone always wanted to ask DiMaggio for an autograph, but didn't. About a year ago, he bought a dozen signed baseballs from a collector.

"Why? ... Just so I'd have them," the pitcher said. "I don't remember what the

Proposition 16 tossed by judge

Ruling says eligibility rule unfair to blacks

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The NCAA's 302 Division I schools are on their own now in determining which freshmen are academically eligible to play college sports.

District Judge Ronald Buckwalter ruled Monday that the NCAA may not use a minimum test score to eliminate student-athletes from eligibility because the practice is unfair to blacks.

The policy, known as Proposition 16, required freshmen athletes to have a minimum score of 820 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test regardless of their high school grades.

The judge cited the NCAA's own research showing that the practice harmed black students' chances of being declared academically eligible. He said there were other methods available to reach the goal of higher graduation rates that would be fairer to blacks - such as a system that uses SAT scores together with grade-point averages in core

Former Georgetown basketball coach John Thompson, who boycotted two games in 1989 over a forerunner of Proposition 16 called Proposition 48, said he had mixed emotions about the ruling.

I feel more upset than anything, being right doesn't mean any thing to me," he said. "What do you do for the kids who have been deprived, who needed athletics to be able to get out of their situa-

"Changes will obviously come about, but how do you go back and change the kids this hurt? All you can say is 'Sorry,' and there's something wrong, very wrong with that."

Four black student-athletes who were denied eligibility to take part in college sports challenged the rule.

The average for all 1.2 million students who took the test last year was 1,017. The highest possible SAT score is 1,600.

An NCAA attorney said the organization will seek a suspension of

the judge's order "because at this point there is no rule at all" which she called a disservice to student-athletes. "It means that there is no standard to guide the schools," NCAA

general counsel Elsa Kircher Cole said. "Each school will have to decide itself whether a student can play the first year." Cole added that she was pleased that the court recognized that

improving graduate rates was a legitimate goal of the NCAA. Adele Kimmel, a staff lawyer with Trail Lawyers for Public Justice, a Washington, D.C.-based advocacy group, said the NCAA staff had recommended a "sliding scale," in which test scores and grade-point averages in core academic courses would be given equal weight. But the NCAA surveyed its member schools last year, and a majority of

them decided to reject that idea and keep Proposition 16, she said. Plaintiffs' lawyers said the decision will be good for students of all

"Low-income white student-athletes will also benefit because the rule has had a disparate impact on them as well," said the plaintiffs' lead counsel, Andre Dennis of the Philadelphia firm of Stradley, Ronon, Stevens & Young.

Many colleges do not use a minimum test score to determine admission for students who are not athletes. Instead, a combination of test scores, grades, application essays and in-person interviews is consid-

Thompson, who resigned from Georgetown for personal reasons in January in his 27th season at the university, said student-athletes should not be held to a strict test number.

"We should at least have individual evaluation mean more at individual institutions," he said. "I never said you shouldn't use SAT scores, but I did say you shouldn't misuse SAT scores, and all along we have, as we generated statistics trying to fool the world."

Seles, Chang upset **Indian Wells tournaments**

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Seven years ago, Monica Seles and Michael Chang stood in the winner's circle at Indian Wells.

Today, they are packing their rackets, heading for their next tour-

Seles was making her first trip to the Evert Cup since winning the hardcourt event in 1992. Her stay in the Evert Cup women's tournament ended Monday in a 6-2, 6-4 third-round loss to Slovakia's

Henrieta Nagyova. Chang, a three-time winner of the men's title here, was eliminated in the first round by Dutchman Jan Siemerink 7-5, 6-3 as the Newsweek Champions Cup, being played concurrently at the same

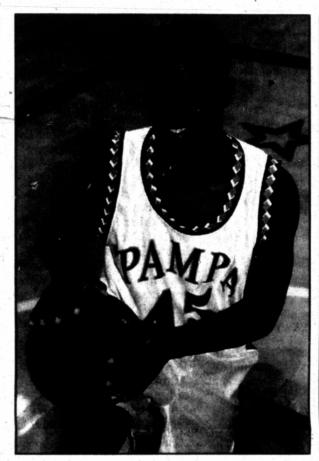
site, began its week-long run. "My head wasn't there. I think my game wasn't there," Seles said.

"She didn't give me a chance to get into it." Seles and Chang were just two of several top names who failed to Seventh-seeded Amanda Coetzer, a two-time finalist, was ousted

by Chanda Rubin 6-4, 6-4 and No. 8 Nathalie Tauziat fell to Sandrine Testud 7-6 (7-2), 6-2 in other third-round matches. When top-seeded Martina Hingis finished the day by defeating No. 10 Patty Schnyder 6-1, 6-3, only three of the top 11 seeds remained in

the \$1.3 million women's event.

All-District





Sophomore guard Gary Alexander represented Pampa on the All-District 3-4A boys basketball team this season. Alexander, who led the Harvesters in scoring, was a second-team All-District pick. Junior guard Jordanna Young represented Pampa on the All-District 3-4A girls basketball team this season. Young, who led the Lady Harvesters in scoring the past seasons, was a first-team All-District

Vega's Lady Longhorns achieve long-awaited goal

AMARILLO, Texas — When Heather Basford sat tournament player after hitting 10 of 15 shots and down with a piece of paper one day in the third grade, she started the basketball rolling to Austin for the Vega Lady Longhorns.

Basford, now a senior, recalled she had decided to write down a dream for her life. She wrote: win a state championship

"I've seen that paper," said Vega girls' basketball coach Justin Shultz. "It's amazing to think somebody at that age would come up with that."

Dreams do come true.

On Saturday morning at approximately 11 a.m., the joyous Lady Longhorns were standing in a line on the floor of the Frank Erwin Events Center, an arena that holds 17,500. Quite a difference from the gym the 127 high school students attending Vega ligh School call home.

Vega had claimed the Class 1A state championship by storming back from a 10-point deficit in the second half to defeat top-ranked Valley View 70-64. In doing so, the Lady Longhorns etched their

names in Vega lore, becoming the first girls' basketball team to win a state crown. Adding to the thrill was the presence of Gov.

George W. Bush, who put the gold medals around the necks of players, coaches and managers.

"Somehow they always find a way to come out on top," said Shultz, in his second year. "I'm so thankful for having the opportunity to coach these young

Vega brought the state championship home for

The Cool Hand Luke-like coaching style of Shultz, who spends much of the game either standing with a hand planted on his chin or applauding encouragement.

- The Scud missile shooting range and passing ability of senior guard Cami Rea, who scored 19 points in the championship game. "I've been playing basketball since I was five," Rea said. "It's like I am in a dream. I can't believe it."

- The presence and consistent play of 6-foot junior post Kyla May, who isn't flashy but holds her the state tournament it looked as if every person own in the paint. She grabbed 14 rebounds in the

 Unsung starters Amanda Selman, a 5-7 senior, and 5-7 junior Kimberly Artho. They may have led the tournament in floor burns, doing the dirty work of rebounding and playing suffocating defense.

The amazing play of freshman Kelly goals. Sound familiar? Cleavinger, who was named 1A's most valuable

scoring 24 points in the championship game. "Kelly's nickname is freshman," Shultz said, "to remind her she is one. What a great game she played.

Cleavinger burned Valley View in the final by breaking free near the free-throw line and rarely missing her shot. "It's the shot I work on in practice," Cleavinger said with a shrug and not a hint of arrogance. "I should make them."

- The acceptance of playing their roles - and playing them well — by Vega's first three substitutes seniors Holly Sunderman, Melissa Meyer and Heather Basford.

- That schedule. Vega was 7-9 at one time in the season and entered the state tournament with 12 losses, three more defeats than the combined total of the other three 1A semifinalists.

Only one of Vega's losses was dealt by a 1A team, Sudan, in a district game. Vega beat Sudan twice, once in district and again in the Region I-1A final.

The Lady Longhorns faced 5A regional semifinalist Amarillo High, 5A regional quarterfinalist Lubbock Coronado, 4A state finalist Canyon, 4A regional semifinalist Palo Duro and 2A state semifinalist Farwell. Class 4A Levelland was the only nonplayoff team that defeated Vega.

Canyon's only loss of the season came in the 4A state championship game, a 52-49 victory by Dallas

Farwell suffered a controversial 39-37 loss to Salado in the 2A semifinals.

"The schedule helped us out a bunch," Selman said. "Just the scare of playing big teams and seeing different things. Also, the quickness and mental toughness of those teams."

'Our Panhandle opponents got us here," Shultz

- Those fans. The Lady Longhorns adored the attention their fans showed them by showing up to games in droves. The regional final crowd in Levelland's Texan Dome took their breath away. At who has ever lived in — or knew somebody in Vega attended the final. Yes, they even signed autographs. No charge, of course.

 Fulfilling a goal sheet. Before the season began, Shultz had his players sit down with a piece of paper and write down their

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SCOREBOARD

NCAA Basketball Tournament At A Glance By The Associated Press All Times EST **EAST REGIONAL First Round** Friday, March 12 At Charlotte Coliseum Charlotte, N.C.

Tennessee (20-8) vs. Delaware (25-5), 12:25 p.m. Wisconsin (22-9) vs. Southwest Missouri State (20-10), 30 minutes after previous game

Duke (32-1) vs. Florida A&M (12-18), 7:40 p.m. College of Charleston (28-2) vs. Tulsa (22-9), 30 minutes after previ-

ous game At The FleetCenter

Cincinnati (26-5) vs. George Mason (19-10), 12:15 p.m. Temple (21-10) vs. Kent (23-6), 30

minutes after previous game Miami (22-6) vs. Lafayette (22-7), 7:40 p.m. Texas (19-12) vs. Purdue (19-12), 30 minutes after previous game Second Round

Sunday, March 14 At Charlotte Coliseum Charlotte, N.C. Duke-Florida A&M winner vs.

College of Charleston-Tulsa winner, Tennessee-Delaware winner vs. Wisconsin-Southwest Missouri

State winner, 30 minutes after first At The FleetCenter

Boston Cincinnati-George Mason winner vs. Temple-Kent winner, 2:20 p.m. Miami-Lafayette winner vs. Texas-Purdue winner, 30 minutes after first

At Continental Airlines Arena East Rutherford, N.J. Regional Semifinals Friday, March 19

Duke-Florida A&M-College of Charleston-Tulsa winner Tennessee-Delaware-Wisconsin-Southwest Missouri State winner

Miami-Lafayette—Texas-Purdue Cincinnati-George winner vs. Mason-Temple-Kent winner Regional Championship Sunday, March 21 Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 11 At The RCA Dome Indianapolis

Syracuse (21-11) vs. Oklahoma State (22-10), 12:25 p.m. Auburn (27-3) vs. Winthrop (21-7),

30 minutes after previous game Ohio State (23-8) vs. Murray State (27-5), 7:40 p.m. UCLA (22-8) vs. Detroit (24-5), 30

minutes after previous game At Orlando Arena

Orlando, Fla. Maryland (26-5) vs. Valparaiso (23-8), 12:20 p.m. Louisville (19-10) vs. Creighton

(21-8), 30 minutes after previous St. John's (25-8) vs. Samford (24-

5), 7:40 p.m. Indiana (22-10) vs. George Washington (20-8), 30 minutes after

previous game **Second Round** Saturday, March 13

At The RCA Dome Indianapolis Auburn-Winthrop winner vs. Syracuse-Oklahoma State winner,

Ohio State-Murray State winner vs. UCLA-Detroit winner, 30 minutes

after first game At Orlando Arena

Orlando, Fla. St. John's-Samford winner vs. Indiana-George Washington winner, 12:10 p.m.

Maryland-Valparaiso winner vs. Louisville-Creighton winner, 30 minutes after first game

At Thompson-Boling Arena Knoxville, Tenn. Regional Semifinals

Auburn-Winthrop—Syracuse-Oklahoma State Winner vs. Ohio State-Murray State-UCLA-Detroit

Maryland-Valparaiso-Louisville-Creighton winner vs. St. John's-Samford-Indiana-George Washington winner Thursday, March 18

Regional Championship Saturday, March 20 Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL First Round Friday, March 12 At The Bradley Center Milwaukee

North Carolina Charlotte (22-10) vs. Rhode Island (20-12), 12:30 p.m. Arizona (22-6) vs. Oklahoma (20-10), 30 minutes after previous game Michigan State (29-4) vs. Mount St. Mary's, Md. (15-14), 7:55 p.m. Villanova (21-10) vs. Mississippi

(19-12), 30 minutes after previous game At The Superdome

New Orleans

Utah (27-4) vs. Arkansas State (18-11), 12:30 p.m.

Washington (17-11) vs. Miami, Ohio (22-7), 30 minutes after previ-

Kansas (22-9) vs. Evansville (23-9), 7:50 p.m.

State (23-9), 30 minutes after previ-

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"We wanted to beat Naz in Nazareth," Rea said.

"We wanted to beat Sudan," Rea said."

ous game Second Round Sunday, March 14 At The Bradley Center

Milwaukee Arizona-Oklahoma winner vs. North Carolina Charlotte-Rhode Island winner, 2:15 p.m.

Michigan State-Mount St. Mary's, Md. winner vs. Villanova-Mississippi winner, 30 minutes after first game At The Superdome **New Orleans**

Utah-Arkansas State winner vs. Washington-Miami, Ohio winner, 2:30 p.m.

Kentucky-New Mexico State winner vs. Kansas-Evansville winner, 30 minutes after first game At Trans World Dome St. Louis

Regional Semifinals Friday, March 19 Michigan State-Mount St. Marv's. Md.—Villanova-Mississippi winner Arizona-Oklahoma-North Carolina Charlotte-Rhode Island winner

State-Utah-Arkansas Washington-Miami, Ohio winner vs. Kentucky-New Mexico State-Kansas-Évansville winner Regional Championship Sunday, March 21

WEST REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 11 At McNichols Arena

Semifinal winners

Denver Alabama-(18-9) vs. lowa Birmingham (20-11), 12:40 p.m. Arkansas (22-10) vs. Siena (25-5), 30 minutes after previous game Missouri (20-8) vs. New Mexico

(24-8), 7:50 p.m. Connecticut (28-2) vs. Texas-San Antonio (18-10), 30 minutes after previous game At Key Arena

Minnesota (17-10) vs. Gonzaga (25-6), 2:42 p.m. Stanford (25-6) vs. Alcorn State (23-6), 30 minutes after previous game Florida (20-8) vs. Pennsylvania

(21-5), 7:55 p.m. North Carolina (24-9) vs. Weber State (24-7), 30 minutes after previous game Second Round

Saturday, March 13 At McNichols Arena Connecticut-Texas-San Antonio

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Alabama-Birmingham winner, 30

minutes after first game At Key Arena Seattle Stanford-Alcorn State winner vs. Minnesota-Gonzaga winner, 4:30

North Carolina-Weber State winner vs. Florida-Pennsylvania winner, 30 minutes after first game At America West Arena

Phoenix **Regional Semifinals** Thursday, March 18

Connecticut-Texas-San Antonio-Missouri-New Mexico winner vs. Arkansas-Siena-lowa-Alabama-Birmingham winner

Stanford-Alcorn State— Minnesota-Gonzaga winner vs. Carolina-Weber State-Florida-Pennsylvania winner

Regional Championship Saturday, March 20 Semifinal winners

THE FINAL FOUR At Tropicana Field St. Petersburg, Fla. **National Semifinals** Saturday, March 27 East champion vs. Midwest cham-

pion, 5:42 p.m. South champion vs. West champi-

30 minutes after first game **National Championship** Monday, March 29 Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

1998-99 AP Women's All-America Basketball Team, List By The Associated Press

The 1998-99 AP women's All-America basketball team with school, height, class and key statistics, followed in parentheses by points awarded on a 5-3-1 basis in voting by a national media panel: FIRST TEAM

Holdsclaw, Chamique Tennessee, 6-2, senior, 20.9 ppg, 8.0 rpg, 52.6 fg pct, 60 steals

Stephanie White-McCarty, Purdue, 5-11, senior, 21.0 ppg, 4.6 apg, 80.7 ft pct, 56 3-pointers

Tamika Catchings, Tennessee, 6-1, sophomore, 16.8 ppg, 7.3 rpg, 3.0 apg, 52.0 fg pct, 78 steals

Becky Hammon, Colorado State, 5-6, senior, 22.6 ppg, 4.7 apg, 50.6 fg pct, 106 3-pointers (157).

Dominique Canty, Alabama, 5-10, senior, 20.0 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 4.3 apg, 68 steals (149). SECOND TEAM

Amanda Wilson, Louisiana Kentucky (25-8) vs. New Mexico Tech, 6-0, senior, 16.1 ppg, 8.0

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rpg, 61.5 fg pct, 74 steals (111). Kenyon Martin, Cincinnati; Auburn 41, Kansas 30, Illinois Sean Mason, Wisconsin; BJ Abrosimova, McKie, South Carolina; Chris 24, SW Missouri St. 22, Connecticut, 6-1, sophomore, 17.0 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 3.8 apg, 84 steals (104). Mihm, Texas; Terence Morris, Maryland; Lee Nailon, Texas

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Carolina;

Xavier.

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Lamar Odom, Rhode Island;

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Kentucky; Morris Peterson,

Michigan State; James Posey,

Profit,

Quentin Richardson, DePaul;

Doc Robinson, Auburn; Shawnta

Rogers, George Washington;

Matt Santangelo, Gonzaga;

Kenny Thomas, New Mexico;

The Women's Top Twenty Five

Associated Press' women's col-

lege basketball poll, with first-

records through March 7, total

points based on 25 points for a

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13. VirginiaTech26-2

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The top 25 teams in the final

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National

Tournament

At A Glance

All Times EST

First Round

12), 7:30 p.m.

8:05 p.m.

(16-14), 7:30 p.m.

Angie Braziel, Texas Tech, 6-3, senior, 20.6 ppg, 8.8 rpg, 50.7 fg pct, 61 blocks (103). Tamika Whitmore, Memphis, 6-2, junior, 25.8 ppg, 8.4 rpg, 58.2 fg pct (88).

Svetlana

Semeka Randall, Tennessee, 5-10, sophomore, 13.9 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 50.5 fg pct (71). THIRD TEAM

Maylana Martin, UCLA, 6-3, junior, 18.5 ppg, 9.3 rpg, 54.9 fg pct (63). Stiles, Southwest Jackie

Missouri State, 5-8, sophomore, 25.9 ppg, 2.9 apg, 53.5 fg pct, 65 3-pointers (54). Ruth Riley, Notre Dame, 6-5,

sophomore, 16.5 ppg, 8.4 rpg, 67.5 fg pct, 97 blocks (54). Dalma Ivanyi, Florida place votes in parentheses, International, 5-10, senior, 14.8

ppg, 9.0 apg, 85.6 ft pct (43). Michele Van Gorp, Duke, 6-6, junior, 17.2 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 60.5 fg HONORABLE MENTION

Mery Andrade, Old Dominion; 1. Purdue(39)28-1 Tammi Blackstone, Drake; 2. Tennessee(2)28-2 Edwina Brown, Texas; Erin 3. LouisianaTech(1)26-2967 Buescher, UC Santa Barbara; 4. Connecticut27-4 Tauja Catchings, Illinois; Katie 5. OldDominion26-3 Cronin, Colorado State; Grace 6. TexasTech28-3 Daley, Tulane; Summer Erb, 7. ColoradoSt.31-2 North Carolina State; Nicole 8. NotreDame25-4 Erickson, Duke; Ukari Figgs, 9. Rutgers26-5 700 Purdue; Stacy Frese, Iowa State; 10. Clemson24-5 Erica Gomez, UCLA; Noelia tie. Duke24-6 656 Gomez, George Washington; 12. Georgia23-6532 Amy Herrig, Iowa.

Amber Hall, Washington; 14. NorthCarolina26-7 Tamicha Jackson, Louisiana 15. UCLA23-7 432 Tech; Kellie Jolly, Tennessee; Kim 16. Oregon24-5 388 Knuth, Toledo; Nicole Kubik, 17. UCSantaBarbara26-3 Nebraska; Kelly Miller, Georgia; 18. PennSt.21-7 306 Chari Nordgaard, Wisconsin- 19. IowaSt.22-7 269 Green Bay; Lynn Pride, Kansas; 20. Virginia20-8262 Shea Ralph, Connecticut; Nikki 21. LSU20-7 253 Teasley, North Carolina; Itoro 22. Alabama19-10 Umoh, Clemson; DeMya Walker, 23. Tulane24-5 112 Virginia; Shaquala Williams, 24. Fla.International 23-6 Oregon; Tere Williams, Virginia 25. Toledo25-5 63 Tech; Lisa Witherspoon, Virginia

1998-99 All-America Basketball Team **By The Associated Press FÍRST TEAM**

Elton Brand, Duke, 6-8, 260, sophomore, 17.8 ppg, 9.9 rpg, 61.6 fg pct, 2.2 blocks (72 firstplace votes, 360 total points). Andre Miller, Utah, 6-2, 200,

senior, 15.9 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 5.8 apg, 2.5 steals (60, 330). Richard Hamilton, Connecticut, 6-6, 180, junior, 21.0

ppg, 4.8 rpg, 84.2 ft pct (48, 300). Jason Terry, Arizona, 6-2, 172, senior, 22.1 ppg, 5.6 apg, 2.7 steals, 84.5 ft pct, 38.1 minutes (48, 293).

Mateen Cleaves, Michigan State, 6-2, 195, junior, 11.8 ppg, 7.1 apg (19, 210). SECOND TEAM

Eschmeyer, orthwestern, 6-11, 255, senior, 196 ppg, 10.2 rpg, 2.5 apg, 57.9 fg pot (22, 209).

Chris Porter, Auburn, 6-7, 218, junior, 16.5 ppg, 8.6 rpg (21, 202). Wally Szczerbiak, Miami of Ohio, 6-8, 241, senior, 23.6 ppg, 8.7 rpg, 2.9 apg, 52.1 fg pct, 82.6 ft pct (19, 188).

Steve Francis, Maryland, 6-3, 194, junior, 17.2 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 4.5 apg, 52.4 fg pct, 2.8 steals (11, 148).

Trajan Langdon, Duke, 6-3, 195, senior, 17.1 ppg, 42.8 3-pt fg pct, 84.8 ft pct (6, 127). THIRD TEAM

Tim James, Miami, 6-7, 221, senior, 18.9 ppg, 8.3 rpg (7, 120) Baron Davis, UCLA, 6-2, 190, sophomore, 15.9 ppg, 5.2 apg, 2.5 steals, (2, 77).

Scoonie Penn, Ohio State, 5-10, 185, junior, 17.0 ppg, 4.3 apg, 2.0 steals (2, 69).

Quincy Lewis, Minnesota, 6-7, 215, senior, 23.7 ppg, 5.9 rpg, 41.4 3-pt fg pct (4, 58). Ron Artest, St. John's, 6-6, 233,

sophomore, 14.8 ppg, 6.2 rpg, 4.4 apg (3, 58). HONORABLE MENTION

William Avery, Duke; Pat Bradley, Arkansas; Rodney Buford, Creighton; Keith Carter,

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Georgia-Clemson winner

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Northwestern (15-13)

Fresno State (21-11)

California (17-11), 10:30 p.m.

Georgia Tech (15-15) at Oregon

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DiMaggio legacy survives

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) -At Yankee Stadium and the White House, Dodgertown to Cooperstown, Joe DiMaggio's friends and fans paid tribute to a man acclaimed as baseball's greatest living player.

The reign ended Monday, when DiMaggio died at home following a five-month battle with lung cancer. His legacy, however, survives.

"He became the very symbol of American grace, power and skill," President Clinton said. "I have no doubt that when future generations look back at the best of America in the 20th century, they will think of the Yankee Clipper and all that he achieved.

A funeral will be held Thursday in DiMaggio's native Northern California, with burial to follow in the San Francisco area. Meanwhile, eulogies poured in from ballfields and beyond with remembrances of The Streak and DiMaggio's many other achievements.

"He was to people all over the world what a baseball player was supposed to be like," said former Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda.

"If you said to God, 'Create someone who was what a baseball player should be,' God would have created DiMaggio. And he did."

To many, Joltin' Joe's death at age 84 marked the end of an era. The Yankees center fielder captivated and inspired a nation coping with the Depression and World War II, and his fame endured and even grew after retirement in 1951.

He was remembered for his elegance playing the most glamorous position in baseball on the most glamorous team in sports.

American flags at Yankee Stadium, including one in left field's hallowed Monument Park, were lowered to half staff. So was the Hall of Fame flag in Cooperstown, N.Y., where a wreath was placed around DiMaggio's plaque.

"The reverence for him was unsurpassed," said Hall of Fame spokesman Jeff Idelson.

DiMaggio spent his final years in a waterfront residence, living alone until he became sick. He spent 99 days in a hospital before going home Jan. 19, and died barely one month shy of the Yankees' home opener, where he hoped to throw out the first ball.

At DiMaggio's bedside when he died were brother Dominick, a former major league outfielder; two grandchildren; and two friends.

His estranged relationship with his only child was reflected in his last will and testament.

A trust fund will pay \$20,000 a year to Joseph Paul DiMaggio Jr., who works in a Northern California junkyard and lives in a trailer. The bequest appeared to be the smallest gift in the document, which by comparison established trust funds of \$500,000 apiece for two greatgranddaughters.

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Jones was exuberant about new album before accident

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — George Jones was singing spokesman Wayne Wood said. A ventilator is helping automobile wreck, said friends who've heard previews of his next album.

"I've never heard George sound any better," said singer Sammy Kershaw on Monday. "And I've been a business.'

Jones was driving Saturday and listening to some of the 14 songs he had recorded when he called his stepdaughter on a cellular phone to tell her he would be home shortly. He lost control of his sport-utility vehicle and crashed into a bridge.

Jones, who wasn't wearing a seat belt, suffered a punctured lung and lacerated liver, but no head injuries. He remained in critical condition early today, hospital

better than ever at 67 before being critically injured in a him breathe, but doctors are hoping to take him off it

A news conference was planned for this afternoon to update his progress. The East Texas native was exuberant in recent weeks

fan ever since I was 5- or 6-years-old. He's the best in the as he worked on the album for his new record label, Asylum, friends said.

"It's just unbelievable luck," said Evelyn Shriver, president of Asylum's Nashville office. "He's been in such great spirits, and we're so excited about the progress of the record."

Jones was happy because he wasn't feeling any pressure to tailor his new music to current radio formats that favor younger artists, said his producer Keith Stegall, who also works with Alan Jackson.

Jones' goal was a record like his classics from the 1970s, which were produced by Billy Sherrill.

"He was just on top of the world," Stegall said. "I think it's because this album is not about trying to make George Jones seem hip. It's just about making a classic George Jones album."

Jones had 14 songs near completion, including two faster songs in the vein of his earlier hits "White Lightning" and "Why Baby Why," and recently found two more he wanted to do, Stegall said. Among the titled songs were "The Cold Hard Truth," "Sinners and Saints" and "The Real Deal."

Jones' wife Nancy said the material was "good, hardcore country ballads from the heart."

"He is very excited about this new album," Mrs. Jones

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