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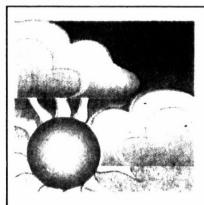
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High today low 50s Low tonight 30 For weather details see Page 2.

PAMPA — The official cause of death for Ethan Wayne Anderson has been ruled as drowning by a Lubbock pathologist, according to Potter County Justice of the Peace Jim Tipton. The 18-month-old was found in water near the Super Playground Sunday. He died Monday in an Amarillo Hospital. His complete obituary can be found on page 2.

LUBBOCK, (AP) — A judge who ignored an order to step down from her bench last month because of a question about her eligibility is set to go on trial on a contempt charge.

Today's trial will also determine whether Court-at-Law Judge Susan Scolaro, engaged in a yearlong controversy over her judicial qualifications, will be fined or charged for the cost of prosecuting her

A visiting state district judge ruled last month that Ms. Scolaro did not meet a statutory requirement to have practiced law for the four years leading up to her election on Nov. 3, 1998.

Ector County District Attorney John Smith, is assigned to prosecute.

- · Ethan Wayne Anderson, 18-months-old, son of James Alexander and Angela
- Anderson. • Shirley Bryan, 56, owneroperator "A" Beauty Salon.
- Jesse Theodore "Ted" Cooper, Sr., 73, former owner of Cooper Garage.
- Shirley Faye Ballard Haines, 52, assistant director of nursing.
 • C.B. Shackelford, 71,
- brother of a Pampa resident.

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Woman files charges over dog's death

Alleges two pit bulls culpable in incident

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Maria Cooper is upset about the death of her dog.

She said she has no doubt how it happened and has filed charges in Municipal Court, but those charges may be difficult to

What worries her more than the death of her dog, Duke, is that the same thing could happen to children playing in Central Park.

Cooper, who Rotweillers, said that she's chased two pit bull dogs from her yard four different times.

"These dogs were coming over into my yard," Cooper said.

Each time, the two dogs had attacked Duke, a half Rotweiller and half Boxer. She said she kept Duke tied up in accordance with city ordinances.

"We would have to go chase them away from him," Cooper said. "We would get up in the middle of the night to get those

What worries her more than the death of her dog, Duke, is that the same thing could happen to children playing in Central Park.

dogs out of our yard."

On Jan. 19, she took her daughter to the dentist. When she returned, she looked out the window and saw the two pit bulls attacking her dog.

Duke, who was tied to his dog house, was just lying there.

"He wasn't moving," she said. Cooper said Duke suffered multiple bites.

"There was blood all over him," she said. "There were big chunks taken out of him."

She took her dog to a Pampa veterinarian where he spent (See DOGS, Page 2)



Maria Cooper still has two dogs, Maxey and Sissy, but she misses her dog Duke, and she worries that what happened to him could happen to children playing in the park.

Cooder Graw playing for Edtv premiere party

Pampa's assistant district attorney was in Austin today for a movie premiere.

Matt Martindale, Pampa native, joins his band, Cooder Graw, tonight in Austin to play at the premiere party for Ron Howard's new movie "Edtv." Joe Ely and Jimmie Vaughn will

Martindale was a former University of Texas at Austin roommate of the movie's star, Matthew McConaughey.

Martindale and company left Amarillo early this morning aboard the bus of Shania Twain

"They were 't using the bus," Martindale said, "and let us take it to Austin."

The bus, used by the country music stars' band, has two lounge areas with big screen

television sets and 10 bunks. The Amarillo-based band is also scheduled to perform during this week's South by Southwest Music Festival in Austin. Martindale said the band has several meetings scheduled with people interested in producing their second Compact Disc. Their first one,

Band member Pampa attorney Matt Martindale was a former University of Texas at Austin roommate of the movie's Matthew star, McConaughey.

recorded in February, 1998, at The Golden Light Cafe in Amarillo, sold out.

The band is also scheduled to perform from p.m. to 9 p.m. at Hastings in San Marcos. From 9 p.m. to midnight, they will play at Yellow Rock in San Marcos.

The band will close the week at Bob Popular's, a nightspot on Sixth Street in

The South by Southwest Music and Media Conference is comprised of three different festivals, according to Austin officials, film, interactive and music.



Pampa native Matt Martindale, left, and Paul Baker belt out one last song early today in the Golden Light Cafe in Amarillo before their band, Cooder Graw, headed for Austin on Shania Twain's bus. (See photo on Page 5)

Dairy support industries would boost economy

Staff Writer

Support industries for the dairies that are coming to Gray County will be very important in diversifying the economy, according to PEDC board president Lewis Meers.

He was speaking this week to the Gray County Commissioners Court where he gave an update on PEDC activities concerning the dairies and the hunt for a new PEDC director.

Meers said 5,000 is considered the "magic number" of diary cattle. When an area hits that number support industries such as "machinery, transportation and vets," move in to offer services.

Kirk Carrell of Moody Dairy has agreed to bring 2,000 cows here on the first phase of his dairy and another 2,000 in phase two. The Roden Dairy is scheduled to bring in about 2,500 head. Meers told the commission construction crews have poured the

footing and are getting ready to pour the rest of the floor to a barn at Moody Dairy. He also said Roden Dairy has offered a contract on

He told the court a survey the PEDC sent to some businesses on Price Road has had 66 responses and the overwhelming majority indicated they would rather handle their water problems. Only two of the responses favored annexation. Also on the list of possible solu-(See DAIRY, Page 2)

DA seeks seizure of \$10,000 in cash

he will move to seize \$10,000 in cash found by a Department of Public Safety trooper during a routine traffic stop.

"We're going for the \$10,000," said John Mann, 31st and 223rd district attorney. "The dog hit on it, and the driver has a record for drug trafficking. They also gave officers conflicting stories."

Trooper John Nelson stopped two Illinois men Sunday night on Interstate 40 for not wearing seat

Nelson said the men, Travis J. Cox, 24, and Darick A. Knutson, 20, both of Oglesby, Ill., appeared nervous when he stopped their 1989 Buick Riviera. In talking to each separately, he said, they told different stories about their trip.

When Nelson asked Cox, the driver to step out of the car, Nelson said he noticed a bulge in Cox's clothing. Suspecting a concealed weapon, Nelson frisked Cox and found \$10,000 in cash

Pampa's District Attorney said wrapped in a plastic bag inside Cox's trousers.

A check of Cox's driver license indicated a criminal history involving controlled substances.

With permission from Cox, Nelson searched the Buick, finding \$312 in two dollar and one dollar bills and rolls of change.

Nelson brought the Illinois men to Gray County where Roberts County Deputy Paul Sublett and his drug sniffing dog, Czar, searched the pair.

They found no drugs, but the dog "hit" on the money. Nelson said the dog identified the money with the smell of drugs twice, once while it was hidden.

No charges were filed against the men and they were allowed to continue their trip sans the \$10,000. The large amount of cash was hidden and may have been used in drug transactions, Nelson said. The \$312 was returned because it was not hid-

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BRYAN, Shirley — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel,

HAINES. Shirley Fave Ballard — 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Canadian

SHACKELFORD, C.B. — 2 p.m., Panhandle Church of Christ, Panhandle.

Obituaries

ETHAN WAYNE ANDERSON

Ethan Wayne Anderson, 18-month-old infant son of James Alexander and Angela Anderson of Pampa, died Monday, March 15, 1999, at Amarillo. Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in

Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, and Frankie Lemons, minister of McCullough Street Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of



Ethan was born Sept. 4, 1997, at Pampa, to James and Angela Anderson.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Golda June King, on Oct. 12, 1996.

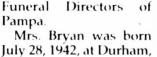
Survivors include his parents, of the home; a sister, Miranda Davis, of the home; his grandfathers, Robert Anderson of Las Vegas, Nev., and Benito Chavez of Pampa; his grandmothers, Donna Anderson of Pampa and Irma Alexander of Paducah; his great-grandfather, Alvin King of Pampa; six aunts, Melodie Lane of Pampa, Katie Anderson of Las Vegas, Josie Warr of New Orleans, La., Sandra Tinsley of Dallas, Matilda Harris of Lawton, Okla., and Laveria Alexander of Los Angeles, Calif.; five uncles, Ron Lane and Brian Anderson, both of Pampa, Paul Mosley of Vernon, and Lester Mosley and Marshall Alexander, both of Paducah; and a great-aunt, Beatrice Brown of Paducah.

The family requests memorials be to Northwest Texas Hospital Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in Amarillo.

SHIRLEY BRYAN

Shirley Bryan, 56, of Pampa, died Tuesday, March 16, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Alberta Helton, pastor of of Christ Scholarship Fund. Revdon Community

Church at Reydon, Okla., officiating. Entombment will be in Memory Gardens Mausoleum Arrangements are under direction Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of



Okla. She had been a Pampa resident since 1956, moving from Reydon. She married Arnel Bryan on June 14, 1958, at Pampa. She was a homemaker and worked for Harvester Lanes for 10 years. She owned-operated "A" Beauty Salon for the past 13 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by an infant brother.

Survivors include her husband, Arnel Bryan, of the home; two daughters and a son-in-law, Debra and Tim Wells of Casa, Ark., and Pam O'Loughlin of Pampa; a son and daughter-inlaw. Rickey and Ruth Bryan of Pampa; three sisters, Jissie Harmon of Pocasset, Okla., Willene Burke of Mobeetie and Patsy Brown of Elk City, Okla.; and eight grandchildren, Wayne Bryan, Jennifer Bryan, Nicole Bryan, Lisa Bryan, Tyler Wells, Kallie Wells, Hallie O'Loughlin and Bradley O'Loughlin.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice of the Panhandle, P.O. Box 2795, Pampa,

JESSE THÉODORE 'TED' COOPER, SR.

WHEELER - Jesse Theodore "Ted" Cooper, Sr., 73, died Monday, March 15, 1999, at Parkview Hospital in Wheeler. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Rob Lindley and Bill Morrison, minister of the Church of Christ in Wheeler, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Colusa Cemetery at Colusa, Calif., with the Rev. Tom Tripp, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Colusa, officiating. Local arrangements are under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler. Burial will be under the direction of McNary-More Funeral Services.

Mr. Cooper was born April 6, 1925, at Colusa, to Jesse Samuel and Beatrice Cooper. He married Viola Marie Cox on Aug. 10, 1945, at Marysville, Calif.; she died Dec. 12, 1997. He worked for Buck & Willoh Garage in Colusa and later owned-operated Cooper Garage at Leggett, Calif., from 1965-73. He moved from California to Canadian in 1973 and from Canadian to Wheeler in 1976.

He was a member and assistant fire chief of Colusa Rural Fire Department for over 25 years and belonged to First United Methodist Church of Wheeler, International Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekah's Lodge.

He was a U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corp veteran, serving during the Korean War.

Survivors include four daughters, Sharon Horton of Wheeler, Karen Miranda of Colusa. Pam Deardorff of Willow Creek, Calif., and Denise Sledge of Yukon, Okla.; a son, Jesse T. Jr. Cooper of Wheeler; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church of Wheeler or to Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department.

SHIRLEY FAYE BALLARD HAINES

CANADIAN - Shirley Faye Ballard Haines, 52, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, March 13, 1999, at Lubbock. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First Christian Church with Roger Smelser, senior minister, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Ms. Haines was born Feb. 4, 1947, at Canadian, to Jim and Cora Mae McCurdy Ballard. She graduated from Borger High School in 1965 and from Northwest Texas School of Nursing in 1968. She married Harold Ray Haines on Dec. 18, 1971, at Canadian. She was a charge nurse at Coronado Hospital in Pampa for 15 years and was director of nurses at Jordan Prison Unit in Pampa from 1993-98. She had served as assistant director of nurses at Texas Tech Medical Unit of the John T. Montford Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections in Lubbock for the past year. She was also DHR for the American Red Cross.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Pampa, where she sang in the choir and participated in the annual Christmas Tree, and belonged to Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, serving as president. She had performed in Amarillo Opera productions of "Carmen" and "Die Fledermaus.

Survivors include three daughters, Laurie Leigh Stephens of Rotan, Andrea Michele Partain of Canton, Kan., and Kelly Kristeen Haines Scott of New Iberia, La.; two sisters, LaJuana Rhea Stipe of Littleton, Colo., and Lela Harris of Pampa; three brothers, Kenneth Joe Ballard of Canadian, Luther Bennett Ballard of San Jose, Calif., and Danny Nolan Ballard of Borger; and 10 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite

C.B. SHACKELFORD

PANHANDLE - C.B. Shackelford, 71, brother of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, March 16, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Panhandle Church of Christ with Leonard Harper of Spearman and Ernie Bishop of Panhandle officiating. Burial will be in Panhandle Cemetery under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Shackelford was born at Colony, Okla. He married Norma Branum in 1953 at Panhandle. He had been a Panhandle resident for the past 50 years and belonged to Panhandle Church of

Survivors include his wife, Norma; a son, Craig Bennett Shackelford of Panhandle; two sisters, Viola Branum of Panhandle and Ruth Hatton of Grass Valley, Calif.; and two brothers, Franklin Dee Shackelford of Pampa and Ed Shackelford of

The family will be at 609 Franklin in Panhandle and requests memorials be to Panhandle Church

Fires

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

Tuesday, March 16 11:41 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 420 N. Ward on a false alarm.

Police report

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

Tuesday, March 16 Brent J. Bradford, 36, Rt. 1, was arrested on

charges of criminal trespass. Edward Harry Miller, 425 Wynn, was arrested on charges of no Texas drivers license and no seat

Dana R. Crutcher, 404 S. Gray, was arrested on charges of no drivers license and no seat belt.

Tomar Embers, 25, 1141 Huff, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct.

Fredrick Gray, 20, 809 S. Gray, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, public intoxication, and possession of drug paraphernalia. .

Wednesday, March 17 Janice Hubbard, 61, 2500 Charles, was arrested

on charges of domestic violence and assault by Paul A. Ruiz, 53, 2500 Charles, was arrested on

charges of domestic violence and assault by

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, March 16

9:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Somerville and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

12:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local

nursing facility; no one was transported. 11:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transferred one to

Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Wednesday, March 17 4:19 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of South Houston; no patient was trans-

Correction

Sam Conner was incorrectly identified in the Sunday, March 14 edition.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	
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Fire	911
Police (emergency)	
Police (non-emergency)	
SPS	
Water	669-5830

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most of the next week. By the end of the week, as January's ice storm began moving in, she brought her dog home and kept him in the house. It was several weeks before he showed any signs of

Cooper said she contacted the city's animal control department, but since they had not caught the pit bulls loose outside without leashes, they were unable to issue a citation, but she filed charges in ent municipal court against some neighbors who own such dogs.

It was the first week of March, Cooper said, that she began leaving her dog outside on a leash during the day when she was at work. She returned one evening to find her dog dead. There was no blood any where except inside his dog house where Duke was tethered.

his dog house," she said. "They are vicious." Cooper said that she worries about children

playing in Central Park, next to her house. She

"Those two dogs attacked him and killed him in

said that in talking to neighbors, there have been : other complaints about the two pit bulls, one light; brown and the other gray-black, running loose. With warm weather coming and the park being used more and more, Cooper said she worries about what could happen.

"It could have been a child," Cooper said.

She said that while she and her husband raise dogs, their dogs are not vicious. Cooper said Duke was a large 2-year-old dog and very obedi-

"He was a big dog," she said. "I told my husband one dog could not have hurt him like that. It had to be two.'

Cooper is scheduled to go to court Thursday. She said she's not interested in getting any money from the people she has accused of killing her dog, either for the loss of the dog or the veterinary bills from the previous attacks.

"I'm going to ask the judge to put those dogs to sleep," Cooper said.

She said she doesn't want any harm to come to

the children who play in the park.

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DOGS

tions were applying for a state grant and forming a

Meers said April 29 has been set as Pampa Housing Day, under the direction of the Planning and Zoning Board bringing "state and federal folks together, so we can start the groundwork for lowand-medium-income housing. This is one item

that's been neglected and hopefully we can get something going."

The Commissioners Court also tabled a request from the state to declare a burn ban. Several commissioners said that many people in the county hadn't burned the limbs from the ice storm yet. Commissioner Jim Greene noted most fires in the county start from arcing electric lines rather than open burning. The commission will examine the issue again at the next regular session April 1.

Republicans renew bid to scrap income tax code

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year after falling short in their effort to scrap the income tax code and replace it with something simpler,

Republicans are trying again. The legislative effort announced Tuesday is aimed as much at the 2000 elections as at this

"We are ultimately going to win this," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan. "We are, the party of tax reform. I want to make this part of the presidential debate.'

Rep. Steve Largent, R-Okla., and Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., are the main sponsors of bills to "sunset" the 5.5 million-word tax code by Dec. 31, 2003, and give Congress time to devise a replacement.

"All of us work better with deadlines," Hutchinson told reporters. The House passed similar legislation last year,

but it went nowhere in the Senate. President Clinton called that plan irresponsible and promised a veto. Many on Wall Street feared possible damaging economic repercussions. Despite long odds again this year, sponsors

chose to begin their new tax-reform campaign 30 days before the April 15 tax-filing deadline. The National Federation of Independent Business, which represents 600,000 small businesses, is launching a media campaign in the next month to highlight inequities in the current tax code.

"The next 30 days, the American people will appreciate this more than any other time of the year," Hutchinson said.

Several GOP leaders have introduced legislation that could replace the tax code, including House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, who is sponsoring a bill that would tax all income at a flat 17 percent rate. A flat tax also is championed by Republican presidential hopeful Steve Forbes.

Business federation president Jack Faris said his group favors a national referendum in which voters would be asked to decide among the current code, a new kind of income tax or a national sales tax. Congress would then vote on the choice without amendments.

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LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly cloudy and windy today with a 20 percent chance of showers, a high in the low 50s east at 20-30 mph. Tonight, cloudy with a 70 percent chance of light rain changing to light snow after midnight with a low of 30 and north winds at 15-25 mph. Tomorrow, cloudy and windy with a 70 percent chance north winds at 20-30 mph. mostly cloudy and windy with a thunderstorms. Yesterday's high was 72; the

overnight low 46.

REGIONAL FORECAST **WEST TEXAS** — Panhandle a 70 percent chance of light snow. wind 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts. Thursday, cloudy and higher gusts. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains

with snow across the north the Rio Grande. toward morning. Lows in the 30s.

A chance of showers across the to 64. permian basin. Highs from the Concho pecos. chance of light 50s. upper

with a good chance of light rain and thunderstorms likely. Some storms. Highs in the mid 70s.

or snow. Highs around 40. storms severe central and west Permian Basin/Upper Trans Locally heavy rains are possible. Pecos — Tonight, mostly cloudy Windy west and central. Lows 38 with a chance of showers. Lows to 60. Thursday, rain with scatin the mid 30s northern permian tered thunderstorms. Heavy rain basin to mid 40s lower trans is possible central and east. and winds from the north-north-pecos. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Windy west and central. Highs 41

SOUTH TEXAS mid 40s north to lower 60s lower Country and South Central Texas Wednesday night, showers Valley/Edwards Plateau — and thunderstorms likely. Some Tonight, showers and thunder- storms may be severe. Lows in storms likely. Some storms may the 50s to lower 60s. Thursday, a of light snow, a high of 37 and be severe. Lows 45-50. Thursday, chance of morning showers or rain. cloudiness late. Highs in the 70s Temperatures falling into the Southeast Texas and Upper Texas lower 40s by afternoon. Far West Coast — Tonight, mostly cloudy. Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy Low in the lower 60s. A slight Tonight, cloudy and breezy with with a chance of rain. Lows in the chance of showers well inland. mid 30s. Thursday, a slight Thursday, mostly cloudy with Low in the upper 20s. North chance of morning showers, oth- numerous showers or thundererwise partly cloudy. Highs in the storms inland, Scattered showers Guadalupe and thunderstorms elsewhere. breezy with an 80 percent chance Mountains/Big Bend Area — High near 70. Coastal Bend and of light snow. High 35 to 40. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows the Rio Grande Plains - A wind North wind 15-25 mph with from the mid 20s north to lower advisory is in effect for the cross-40s along the Rio Grande. roads and Coastal Bend. Tonight Thursday, partly to mostly mostly cloudy and breezy, with a - Tonight, rain and thunder- cloudy. Highs from the 40s chance of showers or thunderstorms likely, rain possibly mixed mountains to to upper 60s along storms. Lows in the lower 60s mid 60s along the coast NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, Thursday, mostly cloudy with a Thursday, cloudy and windy increasing cloudiness with rain chance of showers or thunder-

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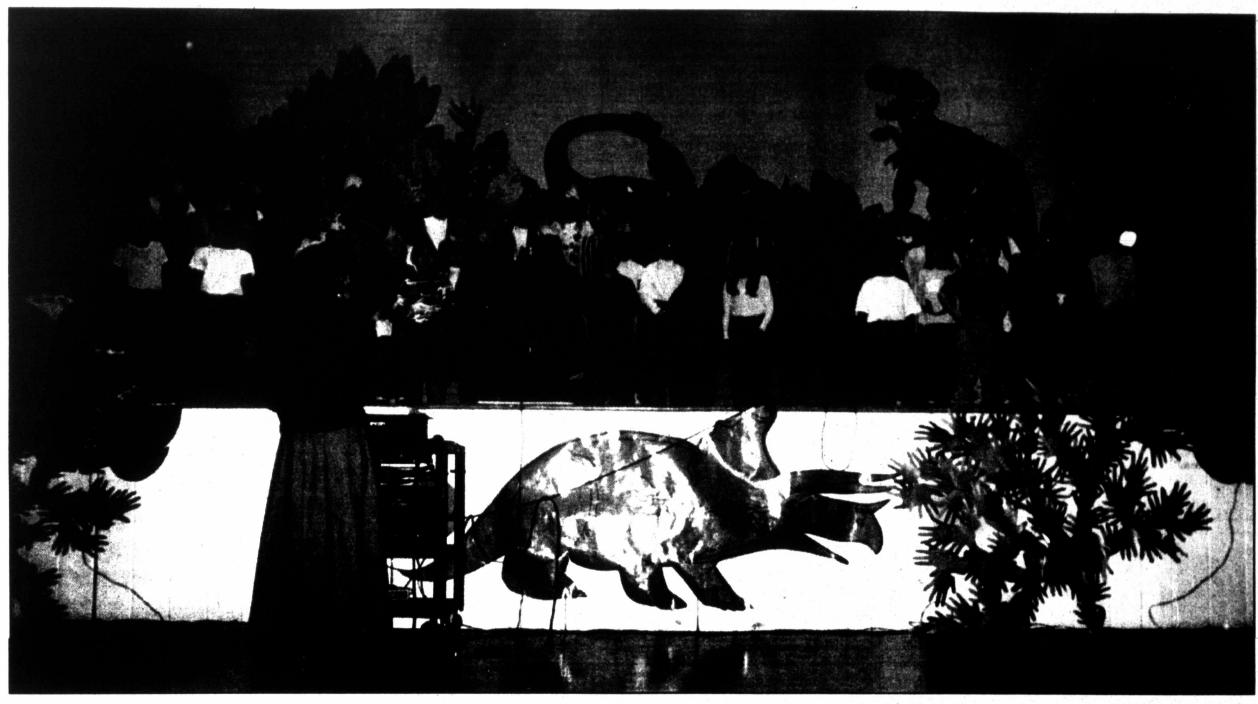
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Tammy Greene's second grade class at Woodrow Wilson Elementary recently held a music program. Shown above, the students are performing their program "Dinosaur Valley.'

Texas Council on Family Violence names new exec

utive director. TCFV is the director of the third largest shelresidential programs and other staff instituted a number of cuttic violence coalitions in the around the country. country and has a national pres-Hotline.

Texas and across the country."

hard earned experience and knowledge of the dynamics and effects of violence in women's lives. I am very proud and days a week, 24 hours-a-day. excited to be a part of shaping

that non-violent future." Cates brings more than a 1133.

AUSTIN — The Texas direct service experience to her Council on Family Violence position at the Texas Council on recently announced Sheryl Family Violence. Most of that Cates as the council's new exectime, she served as executive statewide coalition of women's ter in Texas — Women's shelters and other domestic vio- Protective Services of Lubbock. lence programs such as better- During her tenure at Women's ing intervention programs, non- Protective Services, she and her supportive organizations and ting-edge, innovative programs individuals dedicated to ending for abused women and their violence against women. TCFV children that will be models for is also one of the largest domes- other advocacy organizations

The Texas Council on Family

ence as the home to the Violence is a statewide, non-National Domestic Violence profit membership organization of family violence programs, "We conducted an extensive battering intervention and prenational search and are thrilled vention programs and conto find such talent and experi-cerned individuals working to ence at home in our own state end violence against women in of Texas," said Joyce Coleman, Texas and across the country. chair of TCFV's Board of Throughout this session of the Directors. "Sheryl Cates brings Texas legislature, TCFV will with her a long history of com- advocate for increased funding mitment and leadership in the for shelters and battering interbattered women's movement as vention and prevention prowell as a deep understanding of grams, and a variety of other the needs of battered women in laws and policies to protect abused women and their chil-According to Cates, "Our dren. The council provides pubcountry is at a new place where lic education materials and discussing and facing the reali-technical assistance to women's ties of domestic violence is advocates internationally. And more acceptable. The Texas through one phone call to the Council of Family Violence is National Domestic Violence ready to lead that effort with Hotline, individuals in need can find a support and referral to local programs across the country in multiple languages, seven

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Texas stock index gets February chill

AUSTIN — The Texas 100 Stock Index declined 2.5 percent in February to a level of 121.8.

"In January, five of the six sectors of the Texas 100 were up; in February, five of the six sectors were down. Overall, the Texas 100 remains 10.2 percent higher than one year ago," Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.

By comparison, the Standard and Poor's Index fell 3.2 percent in February, but it is up 18 percent compared to February 1998, while the Dow Jones industrial average slipped 0.6 percent in February and is up 8.9 percent compared to the same period last year.

The major contributor to February's decline in the Texas 100 was a nine percent drop in stock prices in the high tech sector. Thirteen of the 19 companies in this sector saw their stock values decline. With the exception of Tandy Corp., whose stock price rose 3 percent in February, all of the Texas 100's computer/electronics firms saw their stock prices drop. Some of the most dramatic declines include Dell Computer Corp., down 19.9 percent; Advanced Micro Devices Inc., down 22 percent; and Compaq Computer Corp., down 25.7 percent.

Technology companies involved in aerospace, defense and telecommunications saw their stock prices rise, but not enough to offset losses by the computer firms. Some stocks that gained value include Textron, Northrup-Grumman, Lockheed Martin Corp., Boeing Co., and MCI WorldCom. Despite its large decline in February 1999, stock prices in the high tech sector remain 27 percent higher than they were in February 1998.

Entertainment and travel companies were the only ones who saw an overall increase in their stock prices in February — up .4.4 percent. It was an especially good month for fast food companies, with a 30 percent jump in the stock price of Tricon Global Restaurants (Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, and KFC), an 11 percent rise by Darden Restaurants Inc. (Red Lobster), and a 7.9 percent gain by McDonald's. Southwest Airlines Co., Delta Airlines Inc., and Continental Airlines also saw higher stock prices in February.

Crime trends to be focus of KACV program

everyone dreads, but what can you do to decrease the odds of it happening to you? Which crimes are on the increase, and which are These are just a few of the questions reviewed. that will be addressed at 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 on "Perspective: Crime in the City."

Host James Hunt, with the help no exception. of a panel of experts, will discuss

AMARILLO — Becoming the crime prevention tips and self-provictim of a crime is something tection techniques during the program. The recently released Amarillo Crime Report, which provides statistical information on a variety of crimes committed durbecoming less of a problem locally? ing the past year, will also be

> There's always a surprise or two that can be found in this report, says Hunt, and this year's edition is

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In the troubled energy sector, the stock prices of 10 of the 18 energy companies in the Texas 100 declined in February. However, the drop was just one percent, compared to a 6.6 percent drop in January. Compared to February 1 998, energy stock prices are down 13.1 per-

Stock prices in the retail sector showed almost no movement between January and February 1999. Retail stock values are up 28.1 percent compared to February 1998.

Stock prices of the 19 companies in the services and financial sector declined an average of 3.2 percent. The nine firms in the general manufacturing sector also suffered a 3.2 percent decline in the value

The Comptroller's office produces the monthly Texas 100 Stock Index to track the stock prices of the 100 largest Texas employers whose stock is publicly traded. The Texas 100 is one of 10 components of the Comptroller's Index of Leading Texas Economic

Optometrist attends seminar in Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga. — Dr. Randel lentzen, doctor of optometry with offices in Pampa, recently attended the 76th Annual Southern Congress Optometry in Atlanta.

Dr. Jentzen regularly attends educational seminars and lectures to further enhance his clinical skills and to remain abreast of the latest developments in technology related to eyecare. Over 200 hours of



optometric related courses, lectures, panel discussions, hands-on workshops and information exchanges were presented at this internationally recognized educational event.

The Southern Educational Congress of Optometry has come to be known as a major annual meeting of highly skilled optometrists dedicated to the best possible care of their patients.

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Inside the **Beltway**

Rep. Mac Thornberry

Taxpayers being taxed too much

One of the strengths of our country has always been our ability to get together and rally to a great national cause.

World War II is a good example. America sent its sons and daughters off to battle in defense of our nation and the principles in which we believe.

We also gave our money. Taxes were higher by the end of World War II than at any other time in our history. Few people complained — our tax dollars helped bring about victory. It was a price we were willing to pay, and a challenge we were willing to meet.

Today, America has a different set of challenges. Our schools need to be improved. Social Security needs to be strengthened. And our national defense needs to be shored up.

While these are important challenges that need to be met few would compare them to the challenges we faced when we went to war in Europe and waged war with Japan. Yet we are being taxed as if they were.

Federal taxes currently consume more than 20 percent of our gross domestic product. This is the highest level since 1944.

Over the next 10 years, the federal government is expected to run a surplus of around \$2.4 billion. This equals out to a tax overpayment of more than \$27,000 for every taxpaying household in America. Part of that money should be used to strengthen retirement security. But a good part should be used to lower your taxes

The American people have shown they're ready to sacrifice in times of great national need. But with a \$2.4 billion surplus headed into Washington over the next decade, they also deserve to get some of this money back. After all, it is your money.

Thought for today

"Responsibility is like a string we can only see the middle of. Both ends are out of sight."

—William McFee

74 MILLION: The number of Americans who watched Monica Lewinsky on television. Is Social Security worth saving?

Mention Social Security, and the average politician will respond as if he were asked to say a few words about the American flag on the Fourth of July. You can expect to hear fervent praise, soaring tributes and stout pledges to honor and protect it, no matter what the cost. Bill Clinton, who is merely the most

extreme example, acts as if he has electrodes attached to his body that are programmed to give him a nasty shock if he goes 15 minutes without vowing undying devotion to his favorite government program.

Republicans swear that they are the real sav-

of penniless, helpless old age."

currently robbing vast sums of money from paycheck. wage earners, with the unconvincing assurcompared to what they could obtain if they themselves

The president's rescue plan is only the latest your problem. attempt to prevent the American people from Since the federal government does it, though, help the most — would get anywhere from 27 mantle it, for the benefit of all

Steve Chapman

Syndicated columnist

its flaws are portrayed as great virtues.

The arrangement between a working person iors of the program, but they have trouble and the Social Security Administration has matching the president. In his State of the several onerous components. The first is that Union address, he made reference to saving you have to "save" for retirement whether you Social Security no fewer than seven times. He want to or not. Maybe you don't expect to live also quoted a woman who wrote Franklin D. to age 65, or may be you intend to keep work. Most Americans now pay more in payroll' Roosevelt to thank him for creating Social ing till you keel over, or maybe you plan to Security and thus eliminating the "stark terror join a monastery and take a vow of poverty." Tough luck. The government will still confis-Clinton didn't mention that young and mid-cate 6.2 cents of every dollar you earn each loosely related to what you paid in Lowdle-aged Americans have their own stark ter- year up to \$72,600 to provide for your golden income workers get back relatively more than ror today, which is that Social Security will not years (not counting Medicare). It will also avert a penniless old age but cause it. The system everyone is so determined to uphold is "amount that otherwise would go into your, favor of more lucrative alternatives: We don't

Even if you are happy to save that much ance that someday, they'll get it back. But money for retirement, Washington will not let can if you're buying an annuity or a life insurwere allowed to keep the money and invest it ance policy. Social Security offers a one-sizefits-all plan, and if it doesn't suit you, that's

It won't suit you if you compare it to the didn't exist. figuring out that Social Security is not the alternatives. Someone born in 1970 who noblest achievement of modern government invested the same amount in bonds or stocks but a coercive fraud that is running out of could expect to get back far more than Social ways to cover its false promises. If a private Security will provide under the most opticompany tried to peddle a deal like the one mistic scenarios. Even low-wage workers this program offers, it would be closed down. the very people Social Security is supposed to ture is rotten and start planning how to dis-

percent more to three times more, according to a Cato Institute study by financial analyst William Shipman.

72 MILLION:

The number of Americans who voted in the 1998 election.

One of the chief problems with Social Security is that it's both an insurance program and a welfare program, with the worst elements of each. The result is an ungainly hybrid. It's supposed to be geared to help those on the bottom half of the income scale, but it's financed through a tax that falls most heavily on those very same people.

An individual is exempt from income taxes on the first \$6,950 of earnings, but FICA taxes apply to the first dollar she makes. This approach is necessary to maintain the fiction that what individuals are doing is making "contributions" to a social insurance program. "contributions" than they do in income taxes.

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But Social Security is not really comparable to insurance because what you receive is only the better off. That feature is the excuse for not letting people opt out of Social Security in let taxpayers decide whether to pay for Medicaid or Head Start.

The problem with Social Security is not that what they'll receive is certain to be a pittance you look around for the best deal — as you it hurts the rich to help those who are not so well off or that it overtaxes the poor while going easy on the affluent. The problem is that it leaves both groups, and everyone else, worse off than they could be if Social Security

The politicians are tinkering with ideas to make Social Security a slightly less terrible. deal than it is now, but their first priority is to preserve the fundamental elements of the system. They would do better to admit the struc-

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By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 17, the 76th day of 1999. There are 289 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

ing to tradition, St. Patrick - the War. patron saint of Ireland — died in

On this date:

On March 17, A.D. 461, accord- Boston during the Revolutionary

Today in history

In 1870, the Massachusetts legislature authorized the incorporation of Wellesley Female Seminary. In 1776, British forces evacuated It later became Wellesley College.

ried Franklin D. Roosevelt in New

In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. It was formally presented to the public In 1905, Eleanor Roosevelt mar- exactly two years later.

A closer look at Rodney King incident

Rodney King has been arrested for the seventh time since his notorious beating in 1991. The Los Angeles Times reports that he was arraigned on charges of domestic violence against his 16-year-old daughter and her mother. His most serious crime involved a conviction for hitting his estranged wife with a car and then leaving the scene in 1995.

King's resurfacing coincides with an extremely illuminating video that aired recently on the Learning Channel and is available through Films for the Humanities and the Sciences (1-800-257-5126). "The Rodney King Incident: Race and Justice in America" takes advantage of the passage of time and new evidence to reflect on the role of the police, the media, the courts and the federal government in this searing national trauma.

As one of the lawyers in the case explains on this videotape, "Everyone thinks they know what happened that night. They saw it with their own eyes. But they don't know.'

I must confess that I myself was in that category. After viewing the video of King's beating (which was broadcast more often on American television than any other video in history with the exception of the assassination of President Kennedy), I wrote an irate column calling the officers involved "criminals" and condemning the Los Angeles Police Department for harboring such monsters.



Mona Charen

Syndicated columnist

everyone get out of the car with his hands on his head. King's passengers did as they were told. King, for reasons that remain mysterious, refused to comply and did not speak intelligibly to the officer. An ex-con on probation, King certainly knew the arrest drill. He says he smoked dope and drank malt liquor that night. The police were convinced that he was high on PCP.

The whole world thinks that the police next engaged in an orgy of violence. But that is because the first 13 seconds of the tape which showed King charging at Officer Laurence Powell — were edited out. The first jury saw the whole tape.

accordingly escalated their violence. They attempted a maneuver called the swarm, in the charged climate that eventually made juswhich four officers would overcome King. He was able to throw them off. Sgt. Stacey Koon, The truth is more complicated. There were the officer in charge, next attempted to subdue three people in King's car that night. After the King with a Taser. It had no effect. Frightened L.A. Police Chief Daryl Gates, not President 8-mile high-speed chase on which King led the now of this large and seemingly preternatural- George Bush, not the officers and not Rodney California Highway Patrol and the Los ly strong suspect, the officers began to hit him King. Still, it's important to grasp the truth, Angeles police, a CHP officer demanded that with their batons, all the while shouting for even if it's too late to prevent the damage.

him to get down on the ground. King continued to stay up on all fours. Powell told the first jury that he feared King was going to wrest his gun away from him, leading to a

The final seconds of the Rodney King beating tape do suggest excessive force. Ironically, it was Officer Ted Briseno, who turned on his fellow defendants at the first trial, who administered the first unnecessary blow after King had submitted.

That is only one of the many ironies this story yields. The tale of the second trial, the federal trial, which followed the riots, reveals federal prosecutors who were determined to make this a racial case (which the black district attorney in the first trial did not) and accordingly coached King to testify that racial epithets had been hurled that night. King testified that he couldn't recall but that he thought they had called him "killer" or "nigger."

Stacey Koon, who served 20 months in prison and survived an assassination attempt, knows that "Somebody had to serve as a scapegoat." But as this film makes clear, it was the news stations' irresponsible editing of the King simply would not get down. The police videotape combined with their inflammatory decisions to run it so very often that created tice impossible and helped set the stage for the O.J. Simpson trial.

No one emerges unsullied in this tale, not

Billboard protest caller threatens to burn cat a day

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — An animal-rights billboard that says "Jesus was a vegetarian" has raised the ire of some residents, including an anonymous caller who threatened to burn one cat per day as long as the sign remains.

Police are looking into the threat phoned in to the local chapter of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals sometime last week-

The male caller said he called the SPCA because he wasn't able to find a telephone number for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, a national animal-rights group that paid for the billboard.

"It's clear that he knows nothing about the love and compassion of Jesus," said Bruce Friedrich, PETA's national campaign coordinator. "It's ironic."

The Amarillo Globe-News reported that the sign generated complaints even before it was erected last Tuesday along Interstate 27. The anonymous caller said he intends to burn a cat each day that the billboard is up. He then said, "Have a nice day," and hung up, said

SPCA volunteer Prisilla Sirmon. "I hope it is a hoax," said SPCA local board president Gayle Luna. Dave Kemp, first assistant Potter County attorney, said the tele-

phone call itself does not appear to break any laws because it is not a threat against a person or SPCA property. But cruelty to animals is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$4,000 and a year in jail upon conviction, he said.

Nevertheless, the SPCA has filed a report with Amarillo police. The advertising campaign has generated numerous letters and angry calls to the Globe-News. Most, including some scholars, dispute the claim that Jesus didn't eat meat.

Victor Furnish, New Testament professor at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, told the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal that Jesus is said to have eaten fish and fed it

Ms. Luna, whose group has no affiliation with PETA, said board member Benita Trnka called PETA's national headquarters about the billboard and the complaints it has caused.

"She called PETA to let them know that when you do things like this, there are repercussions," Ms. Luna said.

PETA's solution is to offer a \$1,000 reward for the arrest of the man who left the message, if he carries out his threat, Friedrich said.

We highly doubt he is serious," Friedrich said. "Calling and leaving a message in the middle of the night on voice mail is a typical

harassment technique for phonies and cowards."

As for taking down the billboard, Friedrich said it won't happen.
"It would reward this man's cowardice," he said.

Woman who took son four years ago turns herself in

ANGLETON, Texas (AP) — A woman who disappeared with paternal grandmother Josie her son four years ago following Garcia of Holiday Lakes said after her new family learned of same. He still has beautiful eyes. the secret and convinced her to He's a very happy boy."

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ence with child custody and released from the Brazoria County Jail on \$5,000 bond.

Her 5-year-old son, Jacob, has been reunited with his father, Joe Garcia, 28, who was awarded full custody of the boy. Garcia, an Angleton High School graduate, is pursuing a master's degree at **Baylor University.**

Jacob was just 18 months old when he and his mother disappeared from the Holiday Lakes community outside Angleton in February 1995, according to The Facts newspaper.

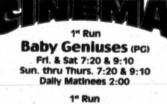
After fleeing, Mrs. Garcia built a new life in southern California, where she remarried, had two more children and kept her secret from everyone, including her new husband, investigators said.

Her past was uncovered when her current father-in-law recognized her picture on a missing children's flier. Her husband' family urged her to turn herself in, and Mrs. Garcia surrendered to the FBI on Friday in Missouri.

"She said that was an awful burden to carry around with her for three years," said Brazoria County sheriff's investigator Faye Coupland. "In her mind, she thought she was doing right for her child. After she did it, she was

scared to come back and face it." Rebecca and Joe Garcia had joint custody of their son when she disappeared.

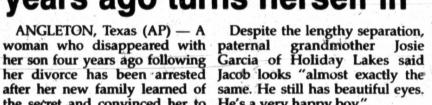
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And despite what the family Rebecca Jo Soza Garcia, 26, was has endured, Josie Garcia said she harged Tuesday with interfer- still cares for her former daugh-

> "I still love her," she said tearfully. "She was young. We're not perfect, and we make mistakes."

Heritage Art Club

Chamber of Commerce Building.



Jim Whisenhunt, left; Pampa native Matt Martindale, center, and Paul Baker, right, of the band Cooder Graw sing one last song early this morning in an Amarillo nightspot before loading up in Shania Twain's bus to head for Austin for a movie premeire and music festival this week. The bus left about 1 a.m. today. The band is to perform at the premeire party for Ed TV tonight in Austin. (See related story, photo on Page 1)

Texas news round up

Mar. 17, 1999

Federal appeals court overturns ruling in Dallas housing project case

DALLAS (AP) — Minority residents are welcome in an upscale, predominantly white neighborhood, but shouldn't be forced to live in housing projects built by court order, according an official of a homeowners association that successfully challenged the order.

"We welcome the recipients into our neighborhood," said Jacob Cherner, legal officer for the Preston Highlands Homeowners' Association. "Our issue is with the building of permanent structures in our neighborhoods based on racial criteria."

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled Tuesday that U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer erred in 1995 and instructed him to come up with a more race-neutral solution to Dallas housing problems.

One suggestion was the use of government housing vouchers, which Buchmeyer has agreed is a less-expensive remedy than new construction

"It will avoid the stigma of living in public housing, it will serve to integrate the recipients into my neighborhood instead of isolating them in my neighborhood and it will empower them to choose where to live," said Cherner, 36.

No plan to park steam engine

PALESTINE, Texas (AP) — A steam engine that hauled 36,000 passengers last year will keep chugging despite a money-saving sugges-

"It is an expensive item and we do need help," said Robert L. Cook, deputy executive director of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. "But there is no plan to cut the railroad out and make it a static dis-A recent audit of TP&W suggested that a savings of approximately

\$1.3 million could be experienced if the Texas State Railroad were transformed into a static display and Matagorda Island State Park along the Gulf Coast became a wildlife refuge. Cook told the Palestine Herald-Press that the state park would con-

tinue operating as it had since its opening in 1976. The only other steam train operating in Texas is Fort Worth's Tarantula. Officials with the Parks & Wildlife Department appeared last week

before the House Appropriations Committee to present budget requests for 2000 and 2001.

A St. Patrick's toast to demolished hotel

HOUSTON (AP) — Like the dark stranger who visits Edgar Allen Poe's grave in Baltimore each year, Tom Horan has placed a funeral wreath in a Houston parking lot for the past 11 years. But today, 50 years after the Shamrock Hotel opened its doors and

wove its spell on Houston, Horan is calling it quits.

"I think you need to know when to hold them and know when to fold them," Horan says. "I think it's time."

But not before a proper last party, celebrating the 50th anniversary

of the Shamrock's opening. The Texas Medical Center will graciously help Horan host a party

in the building that yow stands where the Shamrock's Grand Ballroom once stood before oil bottomed out and the wrecking ball came for the hotel in 1987

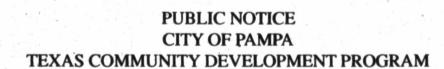
Senate set to vote on electric deregulation votes

AUSTIN (AP) — Consumer watchdog groups are rallying against an electricity deregulation bill they say would benefit large industries while doing nothing for average Texans.

"No residential customers are demanding the bill," Janee Briesemesiter, senior policy analyst for Consumers Union, said of the measure to be taken up by the Senate today. "No residential customers will receive any savings from this bill

any greater than what they will get under the current law. In fact, they If passed by the Senate and House and signed by the governor, the

bill would allow Texans to pick their electricity provider much like they already pick from among long-distance telephone companies. Bill sponsor Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, called the measure "a fair, far-reaching plan that will benefit all Texans."



Members of the Heritage Art Club (from left) Deanna Sanders, Betty McCracken

and Polly Benton, work on articles for the art show to be held March 27-28 at the

The City of Pampa will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM on Monday, March 22, 1999 at the Southside Senior Citizens Center at 438 W. Crawford in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Robert Eskridge, City Manager, at City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact Bill Hildebrandt, Director of Community Services, at City Hall at 669-5750 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Hildebrandt at City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Woman's 'Mr. Wonderful' Was Really Full of Spleen

DEAR ABBY: As an animal lover, I'd like to share my story so that others may learn from my

I have had the best companion of my life, my dog Chelsey, for about seven years. Two years ago, I met "Mr. Wonderful," we fell in love, moved in together, and then the honeymoon started to deteriorate. I learned that Mr. Wonderful had a mean streak in him that I was unwilling to live with. As we arranged our breakup (settling bank accounts, dividing up furniture, etc.), Mr. W. made a very big issue out of how close he'd grown to Chelsey, and he insisted that he keep her. Against my better judgment, I let him have her.

Big mistake! To make a long story short, Mr. W. took Chelsey out to a rural area and dumped her. Mr. W. didn't want her - he just want-

ed to get in one last dig at me. So there I was, blindly thinking that the two of them were living happily ever after. Meanwhile.

Abby, let this be a lesson. When you're breaking up with someone, don't let him have your beloved pet!



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DEAR PAT: You and Chelsey are both very lucky - first to have been reunited against great odds, and second, to have the pathological "Mr. Wonderful" out of your lives before he caused more damage.

DEAR ABBY: My letter is prompted by my frustration with insurance representatives with no medical knowledge. I am a physithe insurance company has denied. Many times, I am just repeating what the patient has already said to are talking about.

Recently I was explaining a disease process to an insurance representative when she haughtily informed me that she had taken a medical terminology class. Perhaps she is able to spell "nephrophthisis," but I believe her scope of knowledge

ends there. Since I don't know how to fix cars, I certainly wouldn't argue with my mechanic about the automobile engine.

My colleagues report similar experiences. My patients share horror stories. I would like to hear an explanation as to why insurance companies employ people who handle claims in subjects about which they are not knowledgeable.

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DEAR FRUSTRATED DOC: I suspect it has a lot to do with cost containment. If a medical professional were handling the claims, it might drive administrative costs through the roof: and if a debate actually occurred between two medically knowledgeable professionals about whether a claim should be paid, the company might find itself paying out more fees to doctors. I'd be interested in a response from insurance companies - if it is short, sweet and to the point.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY IRISH READERS: Happy St. Patrick's Day to one and all. In the words of an old Irish blessing:

May you never forget what is worth remembering, Or remember what is best forgotten.

take a leap of faith. A friend responds to next few months, give your feelings more you in a special way. Tonight: Count on reign. Work provides relaxation and an outlet for your ingenuity. You are lucky; another clearly cares about you. Tonight:

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ** Remain anchored and steady. A mation. A boss or someone you would like longtime friend might disappoint you and to impress shows his approval. Discus- cause you to change a major decision. Give yourself some time; you might be overreacting. A child or loved one dotes on you; be sensitive. Allow more open and comprehensive discussions. Tonight: Happy at

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Keep talks flowing if you can, though a work situation may become diffirelative is important. Use care with any cult. Over the next few months, you will have a lot of time to think through what you need. Purchase an item for your home to make you more comfortable. Be sure of yourself. Tonight: Chat with a friend.

★★★ Sometimes you don't get the whole vides insights, but you might not want to story; right now, information seems to dry up. Explore and do more of your own thinking. Your mind is active; perhaps it is and time usage. Tonight: Let others give time for a chat. Use your traditionally light, easy style. A positive overture comes back in multiples. Tonight: Willingly work late.

with others and current pressure. Others Olympic speed skater Bonnie Blair (1964), singer Irene Cara (1959), singer Vanessa

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cian, and am frequently asked by my patients to write or call on their behalf regarding a medical bill that the claims person. Other times, I am engaged in disputes with claims people who don't know what they

some kindly country folks found Chelsey and took her to the city animal shelter, where she was chosen "Pet of the Week." For this honor, she made a short appearance on one of the local TV stations' news broadcasts. I almost had a cardiac arrest when I saw my Chelsey on TV described as a "stray" found eating out of trash cans

PAT IN FIRCREST, WASH.

Horoscope

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1999 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Though you energetically deal with a backfire today, it could upset you in the near future. Mull over a decision carefully, especially if it involves further financial commitment. Make calls, do research and seek out more information. Tonight: Join friends

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ You thought you understood where a tion takes you aback. You haven't seen eye to eye with this person lately. Say little right now. Remember what you want in the long run. Use sugar, not vinegar. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Keep your eye on your goals.

Even though you could experience an energy sag and/or problem at work, you'll regroup. Others assist you and help you make a difference. A call surprises you, bringing stunning news. You get what you want because you are upbeat. Tonight: Do only what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Allow others to see what is going on with you. What you thought was a done deal emotionally, now resurfaces, or will in the near future. Listen carefully to

working overtime.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Take an overview. You might not Let your naughtiness out. be able to sit on a hot situation any longer. Your perspective changes with new inforsions confirm what is already obvious. Tonight: Seek sanctuary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ One-to-one relating opens many

doors, yet you could feel cut off by another. A misunderstanding pops up out of the blue. You'll work through an old problem over the next few months. News from a purchases right now. Tonight: Let down your hair and relax. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You could and should be concerned about a money dealing. You aren't PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) getting the whole picture. A partner prohear them! Catalog your day-to-day life and see where you can tighten your budget you feedback

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You might be more out of sorts than you realize. Do your best when dealing BORN TODAY are only too happy to express their opinions and ideas. Under the circumstances, why not let them? Plug into work; build For a personal consultation with a psychic, security. Tonight: The unexpected reigns

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Yesterday's answer

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★★★★ Allow greater creativity and opnews from a distance. Accept an invitation; not sit on anger and frustrations. Over the Jenkintown, Pa. Marmaduke

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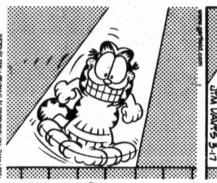


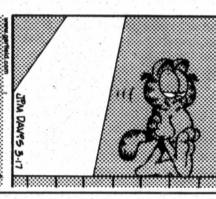




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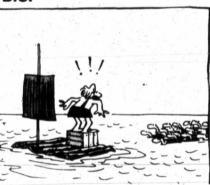




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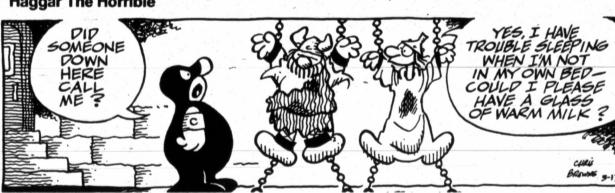
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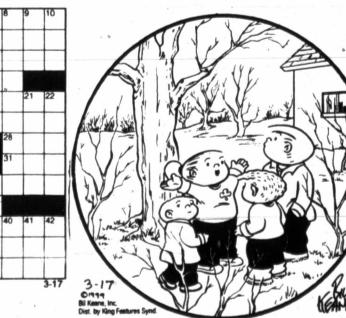
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"St. Patrick's Day ought to be in April. The world will be greener then.'

SPORTS

GENERAL

PAMPA — Baseball and softball programs for youngsters 5 to 15 years of age are now available at the Pampa Kids-Youth Club.

Signups will be held at the MPAC building (between the high school and baseball fields) from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on March 20 and March 27. There is a \$20 signup fee.

For more information, call Sonny or Tinde Haskins at 669-7762 or 669-6732.

The season begins May 4 and lasts through June 29. To keep costs down, the club is accepting donated baseball and softball equipment or

Call Larry Lenderman at 669-2035 or Rusty Gallagher at 669-7179.

charitable contributions.

Coaches and other volunteers will not have to pay fees or club dues.

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — The NFL's expansion derby has run into overtime, Los Angeles has won the coin flip and is driving deep ir ide Houston territory.

Los Angeles has an easy scoring opportunity, barring an unforeseen fumble.

The NFL awarded its 32nd franchise to Los Angeles on Tuesday night, but the gift is contingent on the city getting a suitable financing and stadium plan in place within six months. If they don't, then fumble! — owners say Houston gets the nod in mid-September.

Officials here were disappointed but heartened that Texas' largest city remains in the hunt.

"The city of Houston and Harris County have worked together to support this effort to return football to Houston, and the game is not over yet, Mayor Lee Brown said.

BOXING

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - New York's attorney general plans to focus his inquiry into last weekend's disputed Evander Holyfield-Lennox Lewis fight on how boxing's sanctioning bodies govern the sport.

The relationship between the sanctioning bodies and fight promoters like Don King is "highly problematic," as is the way the three chief governing bodies choose judges for major fights, Eliot Spitzer said Tuesday.

Spitzer's criticism came as the Manhattan district attornev's office said it is now investigating possible illegalities in how the fight was judged. It is the fourth such inquiry into Saturday night's

Spitzer said his public hearing Friday in New York City on the controversial draw in the Holyfield-Lewis fight will seek to find ways states or the federal government can "redefine" the roles of the principal players in the sport.

Gov. George Pataki said it was time for the federal government to step into the ring.
The IBF, WBC and WBA

raise conflicts of interest questions by selecting judges for major title bouts and paying their expenses and their fees for being at ringside, Spitzer

When a judge selected by a governing body backs that body's champion despite evidence that his opponent did better during the bout — as the IBF-selected judge is under fire for doing in the Holyfield-Lewis fight — that calls into question the impartiality of the judging and the integrity of the sport, Spitzer said.

Notebook Pampa girls grab first soccer playoff win

playoff win in school history.

Tuesday, the Lady Harvesters shut out El Paso Soccer Complex.

first half.

Desiree Vigil, taking a pass from Jessie Maddox, scored in the 13th minute for a 1-0 Pampa

The Lady Harvesters added That ninth win was a 4-0 decian insurance goal in the 24th sion over Palo Duro that minute when Danielle Martinez clinched the second-place playput a shot in the goal. Vigil was off spot for Pampa. Vigil also credited with an assist on the got one of the goals in that play-

Parkland much offense as the Maddox scored the other one Lady Harvesters dominated against PD. Horsager, a foreign throughout the match.

ODESSA — The Pampa girls' The Lady Harvesters Denmark, has given the Lady soccer team has claimed its first improved their record to 10-7 Harvesters a boost this season. for the season and extended Competing in the area play- their winning streak to five consecutive matches.

Under new head coach Lori Parkland 2-0 at the Ratliff Patulea, the Pampa girls advanced to the playoffs for Both Pampa goals came in the only the second time in the program's history.

Pampa's first playoff spot came in 1996.

Pampa's nine wins during the regular season was a school record.

Pampa's defense didn't allow Horsager had two goals and exchange student from

She's been one of the scoring and assist leaders.

The Lady Harvesters are by a score of 3-2. scheduled to play El Paso Ysleta in the regional quarterfi- the end of the first half on goals

and a bye for the area playoffs. Jeremy Hall.

ketball game last weekend.

Matt Cook added 15.

Rene Granillo followed with

Discus throw

Pampa boys met El Paso Bowie in the area round Tuesday and were eliminated

Pampa grabbed a 2-1 lead at

Hall earned an assist on McCullough's goal.

Bowie was able to rally for two second-half goals to eliminate the Harvesters.

The Harvesters finished the season with a 7-11 record. nals. Ysleta has a 7-8 record and by Kyle McCullough and Bowie improved its record to

Jazz stay unbeaten in youth league

downed the Magic 70-65 in a 12. Pampa Kids-Youth Club bas-

Leo Ramirez led the Jazz in scoring with 25 points while

Johnny Salazar's 16 points.

Also scoring for the Jazz Nefi Mezi and Shawn Stone and Platt had two. with 8 points each, and Kim Conner 2.

Ramirez and Conner had The Magic was led by two 3-point goals and Cook had one.

Also scoring for the Magic at 5 p.m. Saturday.

PAMPA - The Jazz 14 and Chad Platt chipped in were Jonathan Ladd with 8 points, Gonzo Salazar 6, Bryce Taylor 5, and Javier Solis 4. were Stephanie Gattis and Salazar had four 3-point goals

> The Jazz improved their unbeaten record to 5-0. The Magic falls to 2-3.

The Jazz play the Mavericks

HEREFORD — Marty Eakin of Amarillo and Randus-London of Freedom earned all-around honors at a Tri-State High School Rodeo in Hereford. Eakin scored 52 points to

Calf roping: 1. Clint McCloy, Wheeler, 11.517; 2. Monty Eakin, Amarillo, 12.592; 3. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 12.948. Dillon Debock, Wheeler, 60; 3. Wes Tow

Amarillo, 55. Saddle bronc: 1. Neal Daniel, Childress, 78; 2. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 61; 3. John Bowen, Childress, 58.
Steer wrestling: Dusty Lanham, Amarillo, 2.
Josh Coy, Wheeler, 11.065.
Bull riding: 1. Marty Wilson, Hereford, 77; 2.
Jim Self, Childress, 74; 3. J.W. Wilcox,

Team roping: 1. Brandi Brown, Dumas, and Justin Wright, Stratford, 8.186; 2. Josh Coy and Clint McCloy, Wheeler, 8.420; 3. Monty

Barrel racing: 1. Wendy Wagoner, Childress, 16.253; 2. Melissa Meyer, Vega, 16.278; 3. Denise Sexton, Childress, 16.298.

20.246; 2. Ashley Sulterneier, Clayton, 20.246; 2. Ashley Sulterneier, Hereford, 20.983; 3. Melissa Meyer, Vega, 20.986. Goat tying: 1. Jaicee Herren, Wheeler, 8.595; 2. Wendy Wagoner, Childress, 8.703; 3. Ashley Sulterneier, Hereford, 9.295. Breakaway roping: 1. Katrenia Kelling, Dumas, 3.586; 2. Randus London, Freedom, 3.693; 3. Dara Short, Goodwell, 3.745.

Sunday Results

Calf roping: 1. Rodey Wilson, Hereford, 9.397; 2. Monty Eakin, Amarillo, 9.600; 3. Josh Morris, Vega, 11.668. Ribbon roping: 1. Rodey Wilson, Hereford, 6.968; 2. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 8.261; 3. Josh Coy, Wheeler, 9.473. Bull riding: 1. Rowdy Thomas, Gruver, 79; 2. Marty Wilson, Hereford, 71; 3. Cody Graves, Wheeler, 69. Bareback: 1. Emett Hall, Amarillo, 65; 2. Wes Tow, Amarillo, 62. Saddle bronc: 1. Cody Graves, Wheeler, 63; 2. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 62; 3. John Bowen, Childress, 56. Team roping: 1. Jeffery Seaton, Vega, and Dusty Lanham, Amarillo, 7.740; 2. Justin Koch, Canadian, and Shane Decker, Hereford, 8.031; 3. Shane Brooks and Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 9.799.

Eakin, Amarillo, 9.799. Steer wrestling: 1. Dusty Lanham, Amarillo,

14.905.
Barrel racing: 1. Randus London, Freedom, 15.801; 2. Wendy Wagoner, Childress, 16.022; 3. Johnna Garcia, Clayton, 16.066.
Pole bending: 1. Sheree Lucero, Clayton, 20.017; 2. Randus London, Freedom, 20.631; 3. Johnna Garcia, Clayton, 16.066.
Breakaway roping: 1. Lisa White, Dumas. 3.326; 2. Randus London, Freedom, 3.462; 3. Jennifer Riemer, Gruyer, 3.960. 3.3cc; 2. Handus London, Freedom, 3.462; 3. Jennifer Riemer, Gruver, 3.960. Goat tying: 1. Randus London, Freedom, 8.964; 2. Emily Smith, Vega, 9.057; 3. Dara Short, Goodwell, 9.625. All-around boy: Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 52 points; Reserve: Rodey Wilson, Hereford, 35 points.

points.

around girl: 1. Randus London,
sedom, 54 points; Reserve: Ashle
itemeler, Hereford, 34 points.

Lady Harvesters beat Randall; host Frenship in girls' softball action PAMPA — Pampa girls' softball run in the fourth after a leadoff

team will be looking to extend its four-game winning streak against Frenship at 1 p.m. Saturday at Optimist Park.

After Pampa's 11-9 victory over Randall earlier this week, another win would give the Lady Harvesters a 5-1 record to close out the first half of district play.

Pampa (4-1 in district, 6-2 overall) owns a half-game lead over Randall for the first-place spot in the district race. Pampa handed Randall its first district loss, giving the Lady Raiders a 3-1 record in district and 4-2 for the season.

In the game played at Amarillo's Southwest Park, the Pampa girls struck first in the top of the second on a leadoff double by Lisa Kirkpatrick, who stole third, then scored on a passed ball before the side was retired.

Randall scored three runs in the bottom of the second to take a 3-1 lead into the third. Pampa responded with four runs in the top of the third. Cassi Scott reached on a leadoff walk, then stole second. With one out, Scott was driven in on an RBI double by Lisa Dwight over the centerfielder's head. Kirkpatrick reached on an error scoring Dwight. Yowell singled, driving in Kirkpatrick, and then Kimberly Clark reached on an error scoring Yowell before the final out of the inning. Pampa

Randall threatened in the bottom of the third when the leadoff hitter reached on an error, stole second and advanced to third on a groundout to first. With just one out, Randall appeared set to add to their total, but a line drive back to the mound was caught by Clark and she alertly fired the ball to third, doubling off the runner and bringing Randall's threat to an abrupt end.

In the fourth, Abby Parker drew a leadoff a walk, stole second and scored on an RBI single by Scott. Scott would later score in the inning, stealing third on an overthrow by the Randall catcher and racing home as the ball rolled away from the third baseman. Pampa now led 7-3.

Randall was able to score one

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Tony

Hrkac scored against third-string

goalie Jean-Sebastien Aubin midway

through the third period Tuesday

The Stars, who lead the NHL with

96 points, ran their unbeaten streak

to five games (4-0-10, while both

teams remain undefeated in over-

The Penguins are 6-0-10; Dallas is

Hrkac scored his 10th goal at 10:5!

after Grant Marshall dug out the

night to pull the Dallas Stars into a 2-

2 tie with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Stars, Penguins battle to tie

single to bring the score to 7-4.

Pampa added two runs in the fifth. Kelsey Yowell was issued a leadoff walk and advanced to second on a throwing error when Randalli's third baseman attempted to force her on a fielder's choice. Clark reached safely on the play. Parker singled to load the bases. Yowell scored when Scott reached on a walk. Then, Dwight singled bring Clark in from third to increase Pampa's lead to 9-4. Randall failed to score in the fifth.

Pampa would add two more runs in its half of the sixth on five hits to increase the lead to 11-4. Randall wasn't done. They added three runs on three singles to pull within four, 11-7.

The Lady Harvesters were held scoreless in the seventh, but needed only to protect their four-run lead for the victory.

Randall threatened in the seventh as its first three batters would each reach on an error to load the bases with no outs. A line drive to Yowell at first resulted in an unassisted double play as she caught the ball and stepped on first, doubling off the runner who had failed to tag up. The next batter singled to drive in two runs to bring Randall to within two at 11-9. With a runner on second and the tying run at the plate, Clark struck out the last batter she faced to end the

Clark picked up her sixth mound win of the season while striking out 8, issuing 1 walk and scattering 7 hits.

For Randall, Erika Bell struck out 8, issued 7 walks and allowed 13 hits, including two doubles in the losing effort.

Kirkpatrick led Pampa at the plate with a double and two singles, followed by Dwight with a double and single. Others with hits included Scott, Parker and Yowell with two singles each. Charity Nachtigall and Jessica Conner each added a single.

Dwight, who was catching Clark for the first time this season, turned in an outstanding performance.

puck and passed to Hrkac in the slot.

4:11 of the second period cut

Pittsburgh's lead in half. Zubov beat

starting goaltender Peter Skudra with a shot from the left point.

Jaromir Jagr and Martin Straka

scored in the game's first 8:48 to put

Pittsburgh up 2-0. Jagr scored his

33rd at 2:52, converting a back-

hand pass that Straka threw out

Sergei Zubov's power play goal at

Rockets roll past Blazers HOUSTON (AP) — Scottie eight rebounds.

Relays held earlier this month at Highland Park.

White Deer's Rhonda McClendon works out with the

discus in preparation for the Gruver track meet this

weekend. McClendon, a senior, won the discus

event and was second in the shot at the Hornet

Pippen wanted more offense and he got it at a good time with 18 points and nine assists as the Houston Rockets held off the Portland Trail Blazers' fourth quarter charge for a 101-93 victory Tuesday night.

Hakeem Olajuwon had 21 points and Charles Barkley added 15 points and seven assists for the Rockets, who almost blew a 19-point thirdquarter lead.

Pippen, who complained he has not been a part of the got his wishes answered in the first quarter when he scored six points and took four shots, one less than he had the entire game Sunday against Phoenix.

For the game, he was 6-for-11 from the field, went 4-for-4 at the free throw line and got

The Rockets led at 80-61

with 1:17 to go in the third

quarter and by 91-76 with 5:59

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Cubs' Wood is out for rest of season

By The Associated Press

Something always goes wrong for the Chicago Cubs, and this year disaster didn't even wait for opening day.

NL Rookie of the Year Kerry Wood, whose fastball dazzled fans during his rookie season, will undergo ligament replacement surgery on his right elbow two -Rehabilitation is expected to innings take about one year.

for us — the NL Rookie of the five hits in five innings, walk-Year and a huge part of our rotation," Cubs general manager Ed Lynch said Wednesday after an MRI in Chicago Astros 8, Royals 0 revealed the injury.

has had a tender elbow since relievers on a five-hitter, stopthe Cubs drafted him out of high school in June 1995, and he missed all of last September.

Wood returned to throw five innings in the Cubs' final playoff game against Atlanta, then was hospitalized twice at the start of spring training because of an upper respiratory and Anderson and Charles Johnson gastrointestinal illness. The latest injury occurred Saturday, on the first warmup pitch of the Tigers 14, Reds 8 second inning of his 1999 debut against Anaheim. He wound up Gabe Kapler hit a two-run throwing 26 pitches in two homer and Frank Catalanotto innings, the only action he'll see had a three-run shot. Pete

opinion and allow swelling to in 2 2-3 innings. subside before going ahead with surgery. Dr. Lewis Yocum, Indians 12, Braves 10 the Anaheim Angels' team physician, or Dr. James Andrews most likely will per- and Omar Vizquel had three form a ligament replacement, a procedure considered radical Rich Sexson and Travis Fryman when Dr. Frank Jobe used it to added solo homers. save Tommy John's career in 1974, but now commonplace.

"It's too bad for him, too bad for baseball," Atlanta manager Shave's triple highlighted a six-Bobby Cox said. "I don't like to run seventh inning that also face the guy, but he's a special, featured five Pittsburgh errors. special pitcher. We need those to come along in the game like Devil Rays 8, Phillies 1 that, who really pack them in."

returned to the Los Angeles innings, Wade Boggs had three Dodgers camp at Vero Beach, hits and Fred McGriff hit a two-Ela, after taking two days off to run homer. Phillies acrhagen attend to personal matters. He gave up four runs — three didn't play against the Florida earned — in three innings, and Marlins due to a sore right Tom Gordon had a 1-2-3 inning shoulder, but threw lightly and in his 1999 debut. took batting practice before the

"We've got to have him manager Davey healthy," Johnson said. "He's important to this ballclub, not only physically, but mentally, personally, the whole nine yards.

In Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Baltimore Orioles pitcher Juan Guzman said he won't go to Havana for his team's March 28 exhibition game, the first by a major league team in Cuba in 40

"I have to pitch the day before. I'm not going to go for one day," said Guzman, who lives in Miami, a-city with a heavy Cuban population. He said that wasn't a factor, only the rotation

In Tempe, Ariz., Anaheim Angels ace Chuck Finley pitched one shutout inning in his first appearance of the spring, a 4-3 loss to a Chicago White Sox split squad.

Finley had not pitched previously due to stiffness in his

stole second before Paul Konerko grounded out .

"I feel good. I could go out Thursday or Friday. I guess I just have to get in the flow with everyone else," Finley said. "I have three weeks to get ready. I have to get my pitch count up."

In other games:

weeks. Yankees 2, Blue Jays 1, 10

At Tampa, Fla., Roger "Obviously it's a huge loss Clemens allowed one run and ing five in his first start against his former team.

At Haines City, Fla., Scott The 21-year-old right-hander Elarton combined with five ping Kansas City's nine-game winning streak. The Royals are 11-2, losing to Houston twice.

Orioles 11, Cardinals 10

At Fort Lauderdale, Cal Ripken drove in four runs with two doubles, and Brady hit two-run homers.

At Lakeland, Fla., rookie Harnisch was tagged for 12 Wood intends to get a second runs, eight hits and three walks

At Kissimmee, Fla., Roberto Alomar hit a three-run homer hits and drove in three runs.

Rangers 10, Pirates 5

At Bradenton Fla., Jon

At Clearwater, Fla., Wilson Meanwhile, Gary Sheffield Alvarez pitched four strong

Mariners 6, Cubs 3

At Peoria, Ariz., Jay Buhner returned to right field for the first time since a ligament in his right elbow was replaced last Sept. 9. He played five innings, making one throw.

White Sox (ss) Diamondbacks (ss) 3

At Tucson, Ariz., Mike Sirotka pitched five no-hit innings and Magglio Ordonez hit a threerun double. Arizona's Randy Johnson gave up one hit in four shutout innings with five strikeouts and one walk. Diamondbacks (ss) 2, Rockies

2, 11 innings

At Tucson, Ariz., Kurt Abbott drove in the tying run with a sacrifice fly in the eighth. The game, halted when both managers ran out of pitchers, was played in 57-degree weather with wind and intermittent light rain.

Giants 8, Padres 2

At Scottsdale, Ariz., Charlie

Scoreboard

Cleveland 86, Detroit 82 Miami 94, Washington 85 Toronto 100, New Jersey 85 L.A. Lakers 107, Minnesota 101 Phoenix 110, Milwaukee 92 Houston 101, Portland 93 Seattle 87, Vencouver 85 sattle 87. Vancouver 85 San Antonio 121, Sacram San Antonio 121, Sacramento 109
Wednesday's Games
L.A. Clippers at Boston, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Thuraday's Games
Utah at Washington, 7 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. New Jersey at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m. Portland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

National Invitation Tournamer At A Glance By The Associated Press All Times EST First Round

Wednesday, March 10 Xavier 86, Toledo 84 Rutgers 58, Hofstra 45 Clemson 77, Georgia 57 Old Dominion 75, Seton Hall 56

Wake Forest 73, Alabama 57
Princeton 54, Georgetown 47
North Carolina State 92, Providence 86
Butler 51, Bradley 50
Nebraska 68, UNLV 55

Colorado 65, Pepperdine 61 Colorado State 69, Mississippi State 56 Texas Christian 72, Kansas State 71

Wyoming 81, Southern California 77 DePaul 69, Northwestern 64 California 79, Fresno State 71

Second Round
Monday, March 15
Butter 75, Old Dominion 62
Xavier 87, Wake Forest 78
Princeton 61, North Carolina State 58
Texas Christian 101, Nebraska 89
Orecon 93, Whening 72

Wednesday, March 17 Princeton (22-7) at, Xavier (23-10), 7:30 p.m.

Oregon (18-11) at Texas Christian (21-10), 9:30 p.m.

Butler (22-9) at Clemson, TBA Colorado State (19-10) at California (19-11),

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Texas Crinstian 101, Nebraska 8 Oregon 93, Wyoming 72 Tuesday, March 16 Clemson 78, Rutgers 68 Colorado State 86, Colorado 76 California 58, DePaul 57 Third Round

At Madison Square Garden

New York Semifinals

Orlando

Boston

Atlanta

Detroit

Toronto

San Antonio

Houston

Vancouver

Golden State L.A. Clippers

Monday's Games Toronto 89, Charlotte 82

Orlando 74, Philadelphia 73 New York 108, Milwaukee 102

Utah 90, Minnesota 83
Portland 106, Dallas 91
Cleveland 89, Chicago 85, OT
Denver 110, Vancouver 84

Sacramento 111, Golden State 105
Tuesday's Games
Atlanta 85, Indiana 79
New York 113, L.A. Clippers 89

Philadelphia 4 6 1

Central Division Indiana 1

Chicago 6 15 WESTERN CONFERENCE

Tuesday, March 23

First game, 7 p.m.
Second game, 9 p.m.
Championship Round
Thursday, March 25
Third Place
Semifical losers 5 p.m.

Semifinal losers, 5 p.m.

Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

National Basketball Association

Oregon 67, Georgia Tech 64

TRANSACTIONS Tuesday's Sports Transactions By The Associated Press BASEBALL

BOSTON RED SOX—Released INF Bob

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Optioned OF Mark Quinn to Omaha of the PCL, RHP Scott Mullen to Wichita of the Texas League, and OF Dermal Brown to Wilmington of the Carolina League. Assigned C Jeremy Hill and C Paul Phillips to their minor-league camp. Redman to Salt Lake of the PCL, and RHP Matt Kinney, RHP Danny Mota, C Chad Moeller, INF Cleatus Davidson and OF Anthony Felston to New Britain of the Eastern League. Reassigned LHP Ryan Mills, LHP Gary Rath, LHP Steve Wojociechowski, 3B Michael Cuddyer and 1B Chad Rupp to their

minor-league camp.

National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Sent RHP Eric Gagne, RHP Randy Galvez, RHP Arnold Gooch, RHP Dan Hubbs, RHP Matt Herges, RHP Mike Judd, RHP Steve Montgomery, RHP Luke Prokopec, RHP Ricky Stone, LHP Matt Jarvis, LHP Gavin Osteen, INF Pete Rose Jr., INF Jason Thompson, OF Hiram Bocachica, and C Hector Ortiz to their minor-

league camp .
NEW YORK METS—Optioned RHP Octavio Dotel, RHP Dan Murray, RHP Paul Wilson, OF Scott Hunter, RHP Jason Isringhausen OF Scott Hunter, RHP Jason Isringhausen and OF Terrance Long to Norfolk of the International League; RHP Grant Roberts and INF Mo Bruce to Binghamton of the Eastern League, and OF Juan LeBron to St. Lucie, of the Florida State League. Reassigned C Yohanny Valera, OF Jerry Brooks, INF Jorge Toca and OF Jason Tyner to their minor-league camp. to their minor-league camp.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Optioned RHP
Kevin Pickford to Nashville of the PCL...
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Released Li

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association ATLANTA HAWKS—Placed F LaPhonso Ellis

on the injured list. LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Named Dave Wohl assistant coach.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Placed G

Anthony Peeler on the injured list. Activated C Trevor Winter from the injured list. NEW JERSEY NETS—Activated C Rony Seikaly from the injured list. National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Acquired QB Scott
Mitchell from the Detroit Lions for a 1999
third-round draft choice and a 2000 condition-

al fifth-round pick. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Agreed to terms with OL Tony Boselli on a four-year contract extension.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Named Alex Wood quarterbacks coach and Rob Brzezinski

director of football administration WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Re-signed C
Cory Raymer, OL Rod Milstead, OL Keith
Sims, LB Malcolm Hamilton, LB Chester Burnett, S Greg Evans and CB Tim Denton.

National Hockey League
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Recalled C-LW Johan Davidsson from Cincinnati of the AHL.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled RW Tavis Hansen from Springfield of the AHL and LW Louis DeBrusk from Long Beach of the IHL. WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled D Steve Poapst from Portland of the AHL. COLLEGE

METHODIST—Named Bob McEvoy director of athletics and David Smith men's basketball

NORTH CAROLINA A&T-Announced the resignation of Roy Thomas, men's basketball coach. Named Curtis Hunter men's Interim basketball coach.

> RODEO **Rodeo Money Leaders**

Through March 14 ALL-AROUND

ALL-AHOUND

1, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$56,431. 2, Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$25,874. 3, Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$19,492. 4. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$17,818. 5, Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., \$17,815. 6, Trevor Brazile, Childress, Texas, \$16,466. 7, Inc. Report Huntaville, Texas, \$16,466. 7, Inc. Report Huntaville, Texas, \$14,118.

Trevor Brazile, Childress, Texas, \$16,466.7, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$14,116. 8, Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$13,553. 9, Kurt Goulding, Duncan, Okla., \$9,826. 10, B.J. Zieffle, Consort, Alberta, \$9,817. SADDLE BRONC RIDING
1, Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, \$32,811. 2, Dean Schlattmann, Basin, Wyo., \$28,184. 3, Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$23,690. 4, Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$18,274. 5, Ira Slagowski, Carlin, Nev., \$18,253. 6, Ryan Elshere, New Underwood, S.D., \$16,724. 7, Rod Warren, Water Valley, Alberta, \$16,146. 8, Billy Etbauer, Edmond, Okla., \$15,990. 9, Bobby Griswold, Moore, Okla., \$15,483. 10, Steve Dollarhide, Wilkieup, Ariz., \$14,733.

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11, Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$14,602.

12, Rance Bray, Texhoma, Okla., \$13,686.

13, T.C. Holloway, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$13,597.

14, J.T. Hitch, Stilesville, Ind., \$12,341.

15, Todd Fike, Pavillion, Wyo., \$12,246;

16, Ryan Mapston, Geyser, Mont., \$11,399.

17, Otey McCloy, Licking, Mo., \$10,329.

18, Derek Clark, Colcord, Okla., \$9,474.

19, Shaun Stroh, Amidon, N.D., \$9,330.

20, Ryan Carey, Fallon, Nev., \$8,741.

BAREBACK RIDING

, Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$28,110. 2, Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$23,163. 3, Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla., \$25, 153. 5, Erc. Moutoff, Wearherford, Okla., \$19,328. 4. Chris Harris, Arlington, Texas, \$18,959. 5, Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., \$16,459. 6, Mark Gomes, Hutchinson, Kan., \$16,225. 7, Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, \$15,995. 8, Jason Wylie, Stanchfield, Minn., \$15,719. 9. Mark Garrett, Nisland, S.D. \$15,055. S.D., \$15,055. 10, Denny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, \$12,798.

11, Clint Corey, Culver, Ore., \$11,894. 12, Scott Montague, Fruitdale, S.D., \$11,479. 13, Eric Swenson, Bonham, Texas, \$11,297. 14, Shawn Minor, Gordon, Neb., \$11,088. 15, Bill Boyd, Olds, Alberta, \$9,008. 16, Kirk Richard, Sulphur, La., \$8,897. 17, Jason Del Guerco, Strathmore, Alberta, \$8,707. 18, Justin Williams, Zap, N.D., \$8,628. 19, Beau Mayo, Stephenville, Texas, \$8,418. 20, Billy Blissett, Livingston, Ala., \$7,458. BULL RIDING

1, Gregory Potter, Weatherford, Texas, \$23,027. 2, Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., \$20,509. 3, Myron Duarte, Auburn, Wash., \$17,436. 4, Vince Stanton, Weiser, Idaho, \$17,412. 5, Francis Wilson, Sidney, Neb., \$17,279. 6, Rex Phillips, Elko, Nev., \$16,220. 7, Aaron Semas, Auburn, Calif., \$15,932. 8. Josh O'Byrne, Animas, N.M., \$14,380. 9, Royd Doyal, Pittsburg, Texas, \$13,854. 10, Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$13,645.

Hobert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$13,045.

11, Owen Washburn, Lordsburg, N.M.,
\$13,093. 12, Hank Reece, Prineville, Ore.,
\$12,656. 13, Mike Moore, Wellington, Colo.,
\$12,596. 14, Lee Akin, Albuquerque, N.M., \$11,931. 15, Scott Breding, Edgar, Mont., \$11,828. 16. Tyler Fowler, Theodore, Ala., \$11,571. 17, Justin Andrade, Livermore, Calif., \$11,211. 18, Chad Castillo, Tucson, Ariz., \$10,705. 19, Chad Brennan, Ellsworth, Neb., \$10,033. 20, Chris Littlejohn, Sapulpa,

The Horing 1, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$48,357. 2, Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas, \$29,453. 3, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$26,684. 4, Johnny Emmons, Grandview, Texas, \$21,342. 5, Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla., \$18,689. 6, Ronnie Hyde, Bloomington, Ind., \$18,689. 7, Richy, Hyde, Company, Adv. \$18,403. 7, Ricky Hyde, Conway, Ark., \$17,928. 8, Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$17,861. 9, Tony Reina, Wharton, Texas, \$17,063. 10, Jim Bob Mayes, Elign,

Texas, \$16,833;
11, David Lawson, Newcastle, Okla.,
\$14,325. 12, Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla.,
\$14,202. 13, Justin Maass, Giddings, Texas,
\$11,462. 14, Shawn Franklin, House, N.M.,
\$11,217. 15, Casey Butaud, Huntsville,
Texas, \$10,637; 16, Jeff Coelho, Long Creek,
Ore., \$10,585. 17, Todd Gould, Livingston,
Ala., \$10,044. 18, Chet Keetch, Montpelier,
Idaho, \$9,456. 19, Brent Lewis, Eloy, Ariz.,
\$9,100. 20. Jeff Yates. Corsicana. Texas. \$9,100. 20, Jeff Yates, Corsicana, Texas

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STEER WRESTLING

1, Rope Myers, Van, Texas, \$22,904. 2,
Randy Suhn, Laramie, Wyo., \$19,032. 3, Lee
Graves, Calgary, Alberta, \$17,511. 4, Jason
Lahr, Emporia, Kan., \$17,456. 5, Rod Lyman,
Victor, Mont., \$17,419. 6, T.W. Snyder,
Colbert, Okla., \$16,834. 7, Brad Gleason,
Touchet, Wash., \$16,215. 8, Justin Blaine
Davis, Sidney, Mont., \$16,079. 9, Mickey
Gee, Wichita Falls, Texas, \$14,476; 10, Brian
Foster, Pride, La., \$13,738.

1f, Vince Walker, Oakdale, Calil., \$12,929.
12, Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, \$12,695. 13,
Mike Smith, Baton Rouge, La., \$12,643. 14,
T.W. Parker, Wendell, Idaho, \$12,427. 15,
Rodney Burks, Benton, Ark., \$10,942. 16,
Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., \$10,677. 17,
Derek Daye, Natchez, Miss., \$10,403. 18.
Shawn Johnson, Checotah, Okla., \$10,334.
19, Torn Duvall, Henryetta, Okla., \$10,096.
20, Lloyd Gilbert, Burlalo, S.D., \$9,750.
TEAM ROPING (HEADING)
1, Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla.,
\$17,041. 2, Charles Poruse, Bionling, Okla.

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1, Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla.,
\$17,941. 2, Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla.,
\$17,937. 3, Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif.,
\$15,728. 4, David Motes, Fresno, Calif.,
\$14,036. 5, Jake Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz.,
\$12,650; 6, Turtle Powell, Alpine, Texas,
\$12,607. 7, Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas,
\$12,050. 8, Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Texas,
\$10,349. 9, Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas,
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\$10,344. 10, Chad Saunders, Greenbrier,
Ark., \$10,041. Ark., \$10,041. 11, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$9,454. 12,

11, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$9,454. 12, Larry Harris, Checotah, Okla., \$8,358. 13, Paul Petska, Lexington, Okla., \$8,339. 14, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$8,074. 15, Clay Tryan, Huntley, Mont., \$7,902. 16, Billy Stephens, Channing, Texas, \$7,338. 17, Tommy E. Crowson, Queen Creek, Ariz., \$7,318. 18, Kermit Maass, Snook, Texas, \$7,318. 19, Dean Tuftin, Arlington, Ariz., \$7,273. 20, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$7,008.

TEAM ROPING (HEELING)
1, Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$17,941. 2, Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., \$17,397. 3, Allen Bach, Turlock, Calif., \$15,728. 4, John Paul Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$12,607. 5, J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$12,447. 6, Clay O'Brien Cooper, Bandera, Texas, \$12,100. 7, Wayne Folmer, Stephenville, Texas, \$12,050. 8, Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$10,344. 9, Michael Harris, Vilonia, Ark., \$10,041. 10, Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas,

11, Mickey Gomez, Norman, Okla., \$8,358. 12, Cory Petska, Lexington, Okla., \$8,339. 13, Nick Sarchett, Phoenix, Ariz., \$7,902. 14, 13, Nick Sarchett, Phoenix, Ariz., \$7,902. 14, K.C. Jones, Corsicana, Texas, \$7,401. 15, Jeff Medlin, Tatum, N.M., \$7,338. 16, Shad Chadwick, Queen Creek, Ariz., \$7,318. 17, Twister Cain, Ivanhoe, Texas, \$7,318. 18, Dugan Kelly, Arlington, Ariz., \$7,273. 19, Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., \$7,008. 20, Bret Gould, Pollok, Texas, \$6,846.

STEER ROPING

Lovington, N.M., \$3,786. 9, Hicks Harris, Agua Dulce, Texas, \$3,518. 10, Bucky Hefner, Chelsea, Okla., \$3,498. 11, Rod Hartness, Pawhuska, Okla., \$3,315. 12, Colby Goodwin, Channing, Texas, \$3,156. 13, Randy Wells, Salado, Texas, \$2,951. 14, Jim Davis, Abilene, Texas, \$2,940. 15, Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas, \$2,629. 16, Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$2,429. 17, J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$2,373. 18. J Paul Williams, Ponca City, Okla., \$1,997. 19, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$1,892. 20, Buster Record Jr, Buffalo, Okla., \$1,504. \$1,504. BARREL RACING

Janet Stover, Decatur, Texas., \$24,864. 3, Ruth Haislip, Acampo, Calif., \$17,647. 4, Jamie Richards, Kennewick, Wash., \$16,473. 5, Talina Bird, Post, Texas, \$16,301. 6, Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., \$13,052. 7, Liz Myllymaki, Arlee, Mont, \$11,325. 9, Monica Wilson, Cardston, Alberta, \$10,261. 10, Sue Miller, Lott, Texas, \$10,084.

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Miller, Lott, 1exas, \$10,084.

11, Gail Hillman, Waller, Texas, \$9,842. 12, Kim West, Oklahoma City, Okla., \$9,614. 13, Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., \$8,882. 14, Rayna Prewitt, Sidney, Mont., \$8,863. 15, Charmayne James, Stephenville, Texas, \$8,571. 16, Jill Batencourt, Guthrie, Okla., \$8,631. \$8,539. 17, Cheyenne Wimberly, Stephenville, Texas, \$7,898. 18, Melissa Hubier, Cleveland, Texas, \$7,211. 19, Karen Renshaw, Glasgow, Ky, \$7,119. 20, Danyelle Campbell, Washington, Utah, \$6,737.

Volunteers to map plans for youth tourney

FRITCH — John Brownlee, president of the Lake Meredith Small Fry Fishing Tournament Association, and G.E. Merrill, vice-president, are seeking volunteers to attend a meeting on Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. at the Lake Meredith Aquatic and Wildlife Museum in Fritch. The meeting, originally planned for March 13, had poor attendance because of the snow.

The re-scheduled meeting is for the purpose of making plans for the Lake Meredith Small Fry Fishing Tournament for the youth of Borger, Stinnett, Fritch and surrounding towns. Volunteers will be needed to staff a refreshment stand, assist with soliciting donated prizes for the youth participants, prepare publicity, and assist the association with management of the event.

"We hope to hold a tournament Saturday, June 12, during National Fishing Week. It has been three years since a Small Fry Fishing Tournament has been held at Lake Meredith, and we would like to start one back up. This event is a wonderful opportunity for families to share in one of the best recreational activities available here in the Panhandle," said Brownlee.

For more information, call Brownlee at 806-273-6384 or Merrill at 806-274-3127.

DALLAS — The fish that made Flo O'Brain famous started with a gentle pull, a tug so slight it might have been just the lizard she was using for bait. It might have been just her imagination.

But after wrestling in her strike, Mrs. O'Brain and her husband fell speechless, staring in disbelief at the great flopping behemoth on the floor of the boat. A modest weekend angler usually content with a minor catch or no catch at all, Flo O'Brain had just made Texas bass fishing history.

"I could not comprehend that it was that big," said Mrs. O'Brain, (pronounced O'Brien), whose 16.63-pound largemouth bass is the biggest ever caught in Texas by a woman.

It's also the biggest bass landed by anybody since 1997. And overall, it's the 12th-biggest caught in state fishing history.

"We were laughin' and hollerin' and slappin' hands," she said. The whopper bass Mrs. O'Brain, 55, pulled out

of Lake Fork — 90 miles east of Dallas — two Sundays ago has made her something of a celebrity in fishing circles.

The quiet, even-tempered woman who dotes on her grandkids and fives with her truck-driver husband in a camper is a little flustered by all the

association of Lake Fork merchants wants her to become an honorary member.

"It was pure luck," said Mrs. O'Brain, perched on the built-in sofa in her tidy camper truck at an east Fort Worth trailer park. "Anybody could have done the same thing."

But they rarely do.

The wily largemouth bass, the most prized of freshwater sport trophies, usually tops out around 6 or 7 pounds. A specimen that weighs more than 13 pounds is so rare that the state maintains a round-the-clock hotline for anglers willing to part with their big catches and will dispatch a fish ranger anywhere in Texas to pick

Now in its 11th year, the "Share Lunker" program is part of the state's effort to keep the bass opulation thriving. Anglers are urged to lend their biggest catches to a state breeding program and to "catch and release" smaller sport fish. Keeping the biggest of the bass alive to lend to

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the Share Lunker program serves a host of interests. The angler achieves official fishing fame, and Texas fish biologists get new breeding stock for their ongoing effort to produce a strain of super-

"When I was younger, if you caught a 3- or 5pound bass in Texas, that was big," said David Campbell, the hatchery manager at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center who made the threehour drive to Lake Fork to pick up Mrs. O'Brain's bass. "Now the 8- or 9-pounders aren't uncommon." The current state record was set in 1992, when a farmer from Klondike pulled a titanic 18.18-pound bass out of Lake Fork.

Flo and Fred O'Brain love to fish for whatev-

In 40 years of marriage they have fished for their supper, and they have fished just for fun, but Feb. 28 was probably their most exciting fishing day ever.

"I'm not an expert," Mrs. O'Brain insisted. "I don't even know how to run the boat. I usually just fish with whatever Fred says to put on the line."

Mr. O'Brain said he usually chooses from his impressive collection of lures and "power worms" — rubbery fake worms impregnated ttention. with a scent reminiscent of old gym socks that mounting and an invitation to the scent phone calls and Internet fish reportedly find irresistible. That particular banquet for big lunker catchers.

queries. The Texas Department of Parks and Sunday, they opted for live bait, slippery aquatic Wildlife is adding her to its angler honor roll. An salamanders that anglers call lizards or "water

> It was an excellent choice. Non-anglers may not readily visualize a 16.63-pound bass, but Mrs. O'Brain doesn't have to rely on fish stories. Snapshots taken at a lakeside marina show her cradling a football-shaped fish the size of a cock-

> That was one big old fish," said Mr./O'Brain, who estimated his wife's once-in-a-lifetime catch outweighed the biggest bass he ever hauled in by nearly 10 pounds. "There were probably 25 people standing in line to look at it.

> A combination of angler's pride and maternal fondness bonded Mrs. O'Brain to the fish. While they waited for Mr. Campbell to arrive, she hovered anxiously over the marina minnow tank where the bass was being held, trying to hold it upright in the water like a clutch purse. "I knew she was getting tired out," — among

bass, females outweigh, males by as much as three to one — "and I was getting worried about her," Mrs. O'Brain said. "She was such a treasure, such a pretty fish."

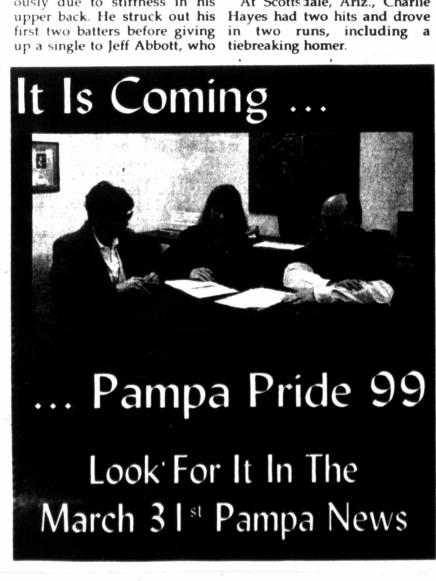
An agitated fish, Mr. Campbell later explained, will often overfill its air bladder during the stress of being caught, then heel over on its side and float to the surface like a balloon. It can grow so exhausted by the struggle of trying to stay under the water that it succumbs, not unlike a person exhausted by the struggle of trying to stay above

After years as a hatchery manager, Mr. Campbell, an experienced fish paramedic, knows how to doctor a bass and get it submerged, but it can be touch and go. Occasionally, a fish he is summoned to pick up doesn't pull through.

Fatalities are frozen, wrapped and sent back to the anglers who caught them — a disconcerting package, perhaps, but one that can still be taken to the taxidermist.

But by late last week, Mrs. O'Brain's catch was thriving, circling warily in a quarantine tank at the Athens freshwater fish center. Eventually, it will be paired with an eligible male and, with luck, romance will blossom.

Whether or not the bass spawns a new generation of uberlunkers, it still belongs to Mrs. O'Brain; it's just on loan to the state, Mr. Campbell said. In return, the program awards anglers with a cap and jacket, a fiberglass replica of the fish suitable for trophy mounting and an invitation to an exclusive



Report: U.S. shut down drug probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Mexican affairs investigation by his superiors. embassy has formally asked the Clinton administration to respond to charges from a former U.S. customs official that his undercover probe into Mexican drug trafficking was shut down after the name of Mexico's defense minister surfaced in it.

The New York Times reported Tuesday that the administration ended the probe several weeks after undercover Customs agents were told by bankers working with Mexico's most powerful cocaine cartel that General Enrique Cervantes was a client who wanted money laundered.

The Customs agents were mystified by the decision to end the investigation on schedule rather than extend it to explore information involving Cervantes, particularly in view of intelligence reports "pointing to corruption at the highest levels of the Mexican military," the Times said.

In a formal letter Tuesday to the State Department, the Mexican government denounced "unsubstantiated allegations" against Cervantes, and said the Times article "gives prominence to misleading, biased and slanderous information against Mexican offi-

Through its embassy here, Mexico also questioned the credibility of William F. Gately, identified by The Times as a former senior Customs operation. The embassy said the former Customs agent had been the subject of internal being Cervantes.

Meanwhile, Assistant U.S. Attorney Duane R. Lyons in Los Angeles, who is one of the federal prosecutors involved in "Operation Casablanca," took exception to Gately's com-

"Gately believes our defendants were talking about a high-ranking Mexican official, but I do not share Mr. Gately's sentiment about Cervantes being involved," Lyons said Tuesday.

"The evidence I reviewed did not name any particular individual and it can't be verified that it was Cervantes. They referred to an unnamed general and it was unclear to me if they were aware who they were talking about.

"I take (Gately) at his word that he believes what he was quoted as saying, but I don't share his sentiments based on the investigation," said

New York Times foreign editor Andrew Rosenthal denied Mexico's claim that Gately was the single source of the allegations in the story and said the paper "had no problem with the credibility in the areas we quoted him."

The story acknowledges that Gately was investigated, but also that he was later cleared, Rosenthal said. He also denied that story was misleading or slanderous or that it had been timed to any event in Congress.

According to The Times, the agents had learned from drug-trade bankers in early 1998 agent, now retired, who ran the undercover that certain "clients" wanted to launder \$1.15 billion in illegal funds, "the most important"

Although the information was passed to Washington, "no further effort was ever made" to investigate Cervantes' alleged role, and prosecutors did not even raise the subject with traffickers who had pleaded guilty and were cooperating with the government in the case, the Times said.

Lyons said the bankers, who are in custody and uncooperative, were hunting for a finder's fee. They wanted the agents to meet "this person," but never were able to deliver "this person." So after two months of dealing with them, the investigation ended as scheduled.

He said the bankers came late in the investigation, in March, when the agents were in the process of concluding the probe, but never produced anyone.

The case goes to trial in Los Angeles on March 29. Lyons said he'll be making opening arguments for the case.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the administration is well aware of the problem of corruption of government officials by drug traffickers.

"We have close cooperation with the government of Mexico to combat such corruption," he said.

"Concerning the highly speculative allegations against General Cervantes, we note that it is common for drug traffickers to falsely claim high level connections in the Mexican government. We continue to work closely with General Cervantes in the fight against narcotics traffick-

Judge goes on trial on contempt charges

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - A judge who ignored an order to step down from her bench last month because of a question about her eligibility is set to go on trial on a contempt charge.

Today's trial will also determine whether Court-at-Law Judge Susan Scolaro, engaged in a yearlong controversy over her judicial qualifications, will be fined or charged for the cost of prosecuting her case.

A visiting state district judge ruled last month that Ms. Scolaro did not meet a statutory requirement to have practiced law for the four years leading up to her election on Nov. 3,

Ector County District Attorney John Smith, who was assigned to prosecute the case, used state bar records to show that Ms. Scolaro ended a personal leave and resumed her law practice on Nov. 18, 1994, leaving her 15 days short of a fouryear eligibility requirement.

Judge Bill McCoy, also a special appointee from Ector County, agreed with Smith's charge and ordered Ms. Scolaro removed from office on Feb. 3.

After the ruling, lawyers on both sides offered varying interpretations of the law. Ms. Scolaro said the ruling was not final and thus, she could remain in office. She later received McCoy's permission to appeal the removal order separately, without waiting for a ruling in the trial that begins today, according to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Ms. Scolaro's attorney responded to the contempt motion by seeking sanctions against Smith, claiming the special prosecutor was attempting to harass and embarrass the judge.

She has argued that the law shouldn't be interpreted to include leaves of absences and that she was being singled out.

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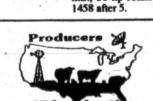
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Five Jordan inmates graduate from 'Free for Sure' program

by JERRY GUTHRIE Jordan Unit Reporter

second class graduation recently. Five Bible class inmates/stu-

dents graduated a year-long study on the gospel of John. PFM classes are based on Bible history, giving the inmates a solid foundation to learn from.

Area Christian volunteers teach and guide the inmates through a four part study. Each session consists of unusual teaching techniques. The class teachers use group interactive skits, plays and small group discussion to teach the gospel of

The graduation was titled "Free for Sure." All five of the honored gradautes gave personal testimony of how they grew in Bible knowledge and how this class has changed their perspective on life. A common thread

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Scheduled guests include Amarillo Police Chief Jerry Neal, WTAMU Criminal Instructor Claudia Stuart and orp. Jerry Neufeld, a Public information Officer with the Amarillo Police Department.

Viewers are encouraged to phone in their questions during the program, or e-mail them in advance to www.erneal@actx.edu. A repeat broadcast is scheduled at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 28. The program is made possible through a grant from the Don & Sybil Harrington Foundation.

American Cancer Society offers class

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WASHINGTON - House Armed Services Committee Chairman Floyd Spence announced recently he has appointed U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry to be vice chairman of the Committee's Military Procurement Subcommittee.

"One of the things I've tried to do as Chairman of the Armed Services Committee," Spence stated, is move promising young members into positions of increasing authority so they can have a greater say in the national security debate. Mac has more than proved himself since he came on board a few

"He is an effective advocate for the defense facilities in his District, and someone who I believe will

play a significant role in setting U.S. defense policy in the years to come. In short, he is just the type of leader we are looking for on this Committee, which is why I appointed him to this job."

The Military Procurement Subcommittee is charged with overseeing the annual authorization for procurement of military weapons systems and components which includes full-scale develop-

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