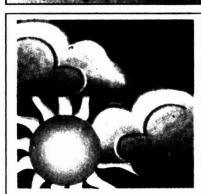
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### Pampa Cyber Net Internet Poy for the **New Miller** Dialup or de T-1, and high



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PAMPA -- Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris has been asked to serve on an important committee for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement

Morris recently received a letter from Jim Dozier, Executive Director of the Commission, asking him to serve on the Standing Committee for Revision of the Basic Peace Officer

Morris has taught classes in various police academies and schools for some time including classes recently held at the Gray County Sheriff's Office, Perryton and the law enforcement academy at Amarillo College.

SHAMROCK — The rights of residents and their families at nursing homes will be the topic of conversation tonight.

The National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform will host a free public forum at 6 p.m. today at the Shamrock Community Center

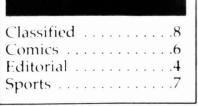
Community Partners, the coalition of law entorcement and citizens united to fight drug abuse in Pampa, will meet tonight from 7-9 at the Pampa Police Department 201 W. Kingsmill.

**PAMPA** — The Central Baptist Church will feature a patriotic worship service this Sunday, July 4, with representatives from four branches of the military

Maleta Elcie Kennedy Parker, 74, former Pampa res-

Leonard A. Edwards, 82, a Shamrock resident.

Dewey Wilson Marr, 93, former Pampa motel owner.







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Rapstine said many northern areas are losing membership and want the name change while the southern states' members want the FHA name to remain the

She said the matter has been discussed for several years, but has intensified recently. Being considered to replace the traditional FHA name is Family

Justin is vice president of programs of the Region Larea which Paso and the Big Bend area of

also a voting delegate. Rapstine and Pampa's FHA sponsor, Gav Lynn Skaggs will accompany the students.

The youth will be encouraged during the sessions to discover ways to build a successful future and become strong leaders in their families, careers and com-

munities. During the general sessions. youth sessions and group events, members will receive information with the dangers of teen violence, the organization's declining membership and society's perception of FHA/Hero.

Texas members will develop a plan of action for the state and implement it when returning to school in the tall.

# Neighbors help White Deer farmer with harvest ing signs that he was having ness of breath along with being him to Panhandle Regional as Ruthardt's, the process can be

By NANCY YOUNG heart problems. **Managing Editor** 

White Deer is representative of many agricultural communities across the country. When a neighbor needs help, the people are there to help out. The \$2.31 per bushel price this year may be low, but the people are darn and sluggish.

good folks. was anxiously trying to get his wheat harvested a couple of weeks ago. He ignored the warn-

money for a Columbine shooting victim.

While the shootings at Columbine High

School in Colorado have faded from the head-

lines, for many of the surviving victims and

Such is the case for Richard Castaldo, 17,

whose great-aunt Diann Birdsell and cousin

Susan Bromlow live in Pampa. Castaldo sur-

vived the shooting but was left paralyzed and

In order to help Castaldo, four young men,

including three Pampa natives, are holding a

four will be playing rounds at Pampa's Putt A-

The four, Tracey Peet, Ignacio Ruiz, Richard

Horton said he came up with the idea after

hearing about a young man in California who

hoped to raise \$500 for another victim by run-

Horton's parents, Benny and Kerrick Horton,

Horton said people could pledge a penny or

run the miniature course. They offered to let the

ning a marathon. He actually raised \$18,000.

Williams and J.B. Horton hope to raise money

Round or Two miniature golf course.

and awareness in Pampa.

four play there all night.

their families, the tragedy continues daily.

Ruthardt, 57, who has been farming in Carson County for wrong, I just didn't want to think over 30 years, attempted to harvest his crop on Monday, June 14. However, the wheat was not quite ready to be cut and he had to quit. He said he had been tired

As he worked to prepare his Darrell Ruthardt of White Deer equipment for harvest, climbing when he began having coldaround, up and down, he was experiencing those symptoms

Practicing for the 24-hour putt-a thon tomorrow are Richard Williams, Tracy Peet and J.B.

Horton who along with Ignacio Ruiz will play about 4,000 holes of miniature golf to raise

help Columbine survivor

two per hole for each hole the group plays.

People could also pledge a flat amount to the

group for going the 24-hours, or they could

come out, cheer on the group and drop contri-

The Hortons are also helping by selling play-

all-you-want passes for the 24 hours from 1

p.m. Friday until 1 p.m. Saturday for \$10. J.B.

Horton said that during that time a person could buy the pass and come and go, playing as

many rounds as he wanted. Half of the \$10 fee

would be contributed to the fund that has been

While Castaldo's family had insurance to

they are having to build a room onto their

house that will be wheel-chair accessible.

Although Castaldo hopes to walk again, doc-

tors have told him that he will never be able to

Horton estimated that he and the other three

players will play about 5,000 holes during the

24-hour period. A person pledging a penny a

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Castaldo

tund can contact NBC Bank in Pampa or the

Putt-A-Round or Two miniature gold course at

butions in a basket that will be there.

established at NBC Bank in Pampa.

run, one of his passions.

900 N. Duncan.

hole would donate about \$50.

Pampa putt-a-thon

tired and very little energy.

"I knew something was about it," said Ruthardt. "It wasn't very smart." He was working. to get his crop in that he had worked so hard to produce.

During the early morning hours of June 16, Ruthardt began having chest pains. He said sweats after the chest pains began, and awakened his wife, and others. He was having short- Wendy. She immediately drove

Medical Center in Pampa where



Ruthardt ordered and

he was given medications. appears imminent in cases such

reversed and damage reduced if medical providers can get to the patient in time, said Phyllis Larue, RN at PRMC. She said the lack of oxygen due to the blockages is what causes the pain in the patient.

Dr. Laxmichand Kaninani, a cardiologist, was called and he did a heart catherization on Ruthardt which determined he had three blockages or his arter-When a myocardial infarction lies surrounding has recart. He

(See HARVEST Page 2)

# Canadian celebrates 111 years of rodeo heritage

open at Canadian's 111th annual begin at 7:30 p.m. tonight, friday Chamber of Commerce and Saturday.

The rodeo performances will be followed by dances at the W.S. and E.C. Jones Activity Center. Sponsored by the er lund is planned from II a.m. Canadian Rodeo Association, the band "Cimarron" will play tonight. "The Swinging Doors" will play for the dances Friday and Saturday nights.

The River Valley Pioneer Museum is featuring two special exhibits, "The Red River War: Lyman's Wagon Train and Buffalo Wallow Battles of 1874" and "Back in the Saddle Again: Saddle Exhibit

The museum will be open from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. today. Friday and Saturday.

The annual rodeo parade will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday. Checkin and judging starts at 8:30 a.m. at Wildcat Stadium, Locust and

The parade is scheduled to wind up at the courthouse square at 10:30 a.m., officials, low the parade Saturday morn-

There will be an arts and craft show on the courthouse lawn from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. a large variety of handcrafted. Second and Main

CANADIAN — The chutes fly and retail items. The Arts and Crafts Fair is sponsored by the rodeo tonight. Performances Canadian and Hemphill County

A hot dog lunch will be served immediately tollowing the parade Saturday in Lowe's Pay-N-Save parking lot A hamburgto 2 p.m. in the Ampride parking lot. A watermelon teast is scheduled at 5.30 p.m. Saturday for Recreation Park.

The old timer reunion and barbecue sponsored by the River Valley Pioneer Museum will be at noon Saturday in the city auditonum

Sign up for the sixth annual water polo tournament will be from poon to 1 p.m. Saturday. Polo starts at 1 p.m.

The seventh annual Great Canadian Duck Race sponsored by the Canadian Rotary Club Will begin at 5 p.m. at da. Hemphill County Duck Ponds. There will be three races Tickets

Turtle racing in the courthouse parking lot sponsored by the chamber of commerce will tol-

- The second annual car show to benefit the Hemphill County Youth Lund is scheduled from [1] Officials said the fair will teature a mit to 3 pm at the corner of

# New law gives boost to Pampa housing authority

By JEFF WEST Staff Writer

Pampa's new housing authority has gotten a possible boost from a new state law Governor Bush recently signed

The legislation allows municipalities such as Pampa to sell any land it acquires through forfeiture or other means to nonprofit organizations that develop housing for low income individuals and tamilies.

"It gives us another tool to uses." City Manager Bob tourth of its board of directors Eskridge said. "It allows us to be reside in the municipality. involved in the process where we couldn't be before.

Eskridge said there are several pieces of tax property that have been acquired and the structures on them have been demolished. Before, such property would be

subject to a bid process. "It's a real positive move for us

and the housing authority. 't gives them a chance to acquire property in a timely tashion, Pampa Feonomic Development Corporation Executive Director Bill Ready said

The law has several provisions limiting the type of non-profit companies to which the land can

The company has to have been incorporated in Texas to at least a year and has to have a stated purpose to develop attordable housing and has to have one

While the city has already approved the housing authority. the members have not yet been

Several non-profit groups that deal with low income housing have already contacted Pampa officials with proposals, city offi-



# Area students head for FHA meeting Changing the name of the organization will be on the agenda

"putt-a-thon" Friday. For 24 straight hours the help pay some of the medical bills, Horton said

**By NANCY YOUNG** Managing Editor

Staff Writer

in a wheel chair.

Two area high school students, Justin Lemons of Pampa and Latisha Smith of White Deer, will be among 300 Texas delegates attending the 1999 Future Homemakers America National Leadership meeting next

week in Boston, Mass. Changing the name of the organization will be considered at the national meeting.

sor at White Deer High, said the name change was considered at the 1998 convention. The Texas delegation voted as a block and prevented the name change.

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Latisha is vice president of records and public relations for the same Region I area. She is

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### Services tomorrow

EDWARDS, Leonard A. — 2 p.m., Assembly of God Church, Shamrock.

MARR, Dewey Wilson — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

### **Obituaries**

#### **LEONARD A. EDWARDS**

SHAMROCK - Leonard A. Edwards, 82, died Tuesday, June 29, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Assembly of God Church with Gary Griffin, pastor of Joplin, Mo., officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Edwards was born July 31, 1916, in Oklahoma. He married Ruby Keys on Nov. 27, 1940, at Hollis, Okla. He had been a Shamrock resident since 1942. He worked for Davis Motor Freight and Valta Tarbet as a truck driver. He also worked for Tindall Gin and service station as well as Payne's Plumbing. He was a U.S. Army

He belonged to Assembly of God Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Carlos, in February; a brother; and a sister.

Survivors include his wife Ruby, of Shamrock; two daughters, Glenda Chase and Darlene Tollison, both of Shamrock; six sons, Billy Ray Edwards and Donald Edwards, both of Amarillo, Bobby Edwards, Tommy Edwards and Cliff Edwards, all of Shamrock, and Daniel Edwards of Landers, Wyo.; six sisters, Ruby Alsip and Elwanda Taylor, both of Shamrock, Myrtle Stallings of Wellington, Jewell Judd of Clarendon, Betty Kaiser of McLean and Eloyse Miller of Malakoff; two brothers, Luther Edwards of Amarillo and Ralph Edwards of Hale Center; 29 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

#### **DEWEY WILSON MARR**

Dewey Wilson Marr, 93, of Pampa, died Thursday, July 1, 1999, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mr. Marr was born Dec. 14, 1905, in Scurry County. He worked for the Carbon Black plant in Borger for 20 years and owned the El Capri Motel from 1961-81. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 30 years, Audrey Burrow Marr.

Survivors include a daughter, Dewolene Lytle of Amarillo; two sons, Larry Marr of Amarillo and Darrell Marr of Moore, Okla.; two sisters, Georgie Bates of Amarillo and Dixie Bynum of California; four grandchildren; and eight greatgrandchildren.

#### MALETA ELCIE KENNEDY PARKER

BLACKSBURG, Va. - Maleta Elcie Kennedy Parker, 74, died Tuesday, June 29, 1999, at New

River Valley Medical Center at Radford, Va. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. July 18 in First Christian Church at Radford. Arrangements are under the direction of Seaver-Sanders & Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory of Radford.

Mrs. Parker graduated from high school at Pampa and attended Phillips University in Enid, Okla. She worked as a bookkeeper and was coordinator of Radford Nutrition Site in Radford. She belonged to Christian

Church (Disciples of Christ). Survivors include her children, Paul and Beverly Parker of Austinville, Va., and Linda Parker and John Shuler of Nashville, Tenn.; a sister, Erma Lee Barber of Pampa; and four grand-

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, NY 10023-7505.

### Police report

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

Wednesday, June 30

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of

Domestic violence was reported in the 700 block of North Frost.

### Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, June 30

Alan Broadbent, 36, 323 Baer, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for aggravated assault or a peace officer.

Ira Don Hicks, 28, 817 N. Dwight, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for assault causing

### **Ambulance**

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today Wednesday, June 30

8:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Perry and transported one to the VA Medical Center in Amarillo.

11: 15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transported one to a private residence in

11:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

#### **Fires**

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

Wednesday, June 30

2:17 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a downed power line in the 400

### **Emergency numbers**

Ambulance	911	
Crime Stoppers		
Energas	665-5777	
Fire		
Police (emergency)	911	
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700	
SPS	1-800-750-2520	
Water		

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	129.77	Phillips49 15/16	dn 3/8
Magellan	129.77	Pioneer Nat. Res 10 7/8	dn 1/8
Puritan	20.67	SLB62 1/2	dn 1 3/16
		Tenneco24 3/16	up 5/16
The following 9.30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		Texaco62 15/16	up 9/16
		Ultramar22	up 3/16
		Wal-Mart47 5/16	dn 15/16
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Cabot O&G18 7/16	dn 3/16	West Texas Crude	19.09
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## Construction drops second straight month

By JEANNINE AVERSA **Associated Press Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) month, the first time that's ty to a more sustainable rate. happened in two years, indicating one of the economy's strongest sectors is starting to slow.

The Commerce Department said today that spending dropped by 0.9 percent in May,

after falling by 2 percent in April. The declines were fairly widespread, with decreases reported in single-family homes, apartment buildings, hotels and motels and big government construction projects.

The decrease was not expected. Many analysts had expected construction spending to rise by 1 percent in May.

Home building and other construction activity, driven by low mortgage rates, were a key contributing factor to the strong economic growth in idential building fell 0.5 perthe early part of the year. Sales of new and existing adjusted annual rate of \$320 homes had hit record highs during the winter.

cooled in recent months, reflecting rising mortgage rates. Sales private building projects fell 0.7 of new homes fell 5.1 percent in percent, the second straight May and sales of existing homes dropped 4 percent.

ried that the economy was not hospitals all saw declines. But believe that if the economic slowing quickly enough to spending on office buildings picture remains strong the keep inflation under control, showed a gain. announced Wednesday it was

rates by a quarter point.

However, the Fed, in a pleasant surprise for financial markets, Construction spending fell in signaled this increase may be in eight years. May for a second straight enough to slow economic activi-

Wall Street rebounded after the increase was announced Wednesday but was barely on the plus side in late morning today although hovering near the 11,000 mark.

Department said today the num- The drop below the 300,000 ber of Americans filing new level indicated that the labor claims for unemployment benefits dropped last week.

Additional evidence of the economy's strength came today in a report from corporate purchasing executives. The National Association of Purchasing Management said 16 of 20 industries reported a pickup in business in June — the fifth straight month of increases.

The construction report showed that spending on rescent in May to a seasonally billion with both single-family homes and apartments But the pace of home sales has showing declines.

Construction spending for all month of decline, something that has not happened for three years. The Federal Reserve, wor- Spending on factories, hotels and

Spending on government again later this year.

increasing short-term interest construction projects fell 1.6 percent in May, the third straight monthly decline, the first time that has happened

> In the report on jobless claims, the Labor Department said 299,000 Americans filed new claims for jobless benefits for the week ending June 26 — down by 5,000 from the previous week.

Many analysts had expected In a second report, the Labor a slight rise in jobless claims. market remains exceptionally

> The four-week moving average for claims, which helps smooth out week-to-week volatility, also was down to 307,000, the lowest level since May 29 when they were at 305,500.

> The government on Friday will report on unemployment for the month of June and many analysts believe the rate will stay at 4.2 percent, a 29vear-low.

> The Labor Department said that for the week ending June 19, 29 states and territories reported declined in jobless claims, while 23 had increases. The state data lag a week behind the national

> While the Fed indicated that it was not contemplating further rate increases at this time, many economists central bank will raise rates

# **HARVEST**

was immediately transported by Rural Metro Ambulance Service cardiac surgeon.

form surgery a few hours later to that evening, but returned. correct the blockages which lem in time, the doctors were able their crop harvested. to reverse the process.

hospital until Monday.

He was still concerned about Monday, June 21. He had worked many months from growth to get the crop raised to

On Thursday, June 24, a group of farmers traveled down the farm roads in a caravan enroute

said Wendy Ruthardt. "We drove Gordzelik, Dave Downey, Cline down the road and saw six com- Freeman, Kevin Howell, Steve bines, four grain trucks and a semi come up the highway. Their destination was a section of to an Amarillo hospital where he the Ruthardt farm. The combines was placed under the care of a went into the field and in a stag-Amarillo surgeon elected to per- worked until the storms struck

The Ruthardt's said Tommy resulted in a quadruple by pass West, manager of Attebury Grain, procedure. Getting to the prob- Inc., coordinated the effort to get

Being a typical farming com-He remained a patient in the munity where neighbors care humble feeling," he said. about neighbors, the people of White Deer responded over- emotional to watch the farmharvesting his wheat when he whelmingly. West said he was ers arrive at his fields. "White and his wife returned to his farm glad to see everyone get together Deer is a little community and home located between White and get it done. "I'm just glad the people all pull together. Deer and Pampa around on that people still help people like this," he said.

planting and watering to full area since 1952, Darrell Ruthardt come and help if needed. I'm is known by most everyone. He's thankful for it. been farming since 1960 and has been at his present farm the past wheat is one of the best years he's 30 years.

to a section to help a fellow Terry O'Neal and his son, Shawn, friends has also been high. farmer get his crop brought in for Bruce Martin, Gregg and Chris him. "It was an awesome sight," Rapstine, Dudley Pohnert, Joe — in White Deer, Texas.

Garrison and Frankie Kreis. Also helping was Darrell's son, Darrin, and his father, Gordon, 80, who is retired from farming.

Darrell and Wendy Ruthardt gered formation began the har- are very appreciative of what After examining Ruthardt, the vest of the wheat. The men their neighbors have done for them. "They could have been harvesting their own crops, but they helped me," said Ruthardt. "I just want to give a heartfelt thank you for being willing to help. There really aren't words to describe how I feel-it's such a

Ruthardt said it was very It's great to know that friends help like this," he said. These Having lived in the White Deer are the type of friends that

Ruthardt said the yield of the every had. Even though the price Helping get the crop in was is low this year, the yield of

That's Small Town America—

## Andrews facility nets two major contracts with U.S. military despite questions by Chisum

ODESSA (AP) — A nuclear dump is still on track for a West Texas county after a company which already operates a disposal-and-treatment center in the area received two large contracts from the U.S. Department of Defense and the Army Corps of Engineers worth millions of dollars despite Pampa's state representative who has reservations about the project.

Workers for Waste Control Specialists plan to dispose of hundreds of thousands of cubic feet of lowlevel radioactive materials in western Andrews County.

"These are sites that for the most part processed materials for the Manhattan Project being remediated by the Army Corps of Engineers," Bill Dornsife, vice president of nuclear affairs for WCS, told the Odessa American.

Company documents the newspaper obtained show the five-year contract with the Army Corps of Engineers may be worth up to \$96 million to WCS and represents hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of material.

Lawmakers earlier this month finished their session without changing the state's nuclear waste law. In accordance with the federally approved compact for nuclear waste with Maine and Vermont, it requires that low-level nuclear waste be buried in Hudspeth County.

But the Andrews Industrial Foundation wanted to attract a dump for economic development pur-

Shipments of the Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM), and Low-Activity Radioactive Material (LARM) waste from military sites around St. Louis, Mo., and New Jersey may start arriving by rail this fall.

The Department of Defense awarded one of the contracts to WCS after the material already had been disposed of at Envirocare's Utah site. Following disposal, Envirocare found the material contained small amounts of depleted uranium and lead from bullet fragments.

Envirocare's high cost for disposal of "mixed" wastes — hazardous and radioactive material that is mixed together — led the DOD to recontract the waste for disposal at WCS, Dornsife said. The company operates a storage, processing and disposal facility for hazardous and low-level radioactive wastes at a 1,330-acre facility in western Andrews

State legislators blocked WCS from being able to hold its own operating license and contract directly with the U.S. Department of Energy for militarygenerated radioactive waste.

"I have concerns about how a company can take the position that they want this waste no matter what the state says. There may be a reaction" from the Legislature, said Rep. Warren Chisum, R-

"One thing the Legislature has always assumed is that the DOE would not ship low-level waste to a state where the company does not have a lowlevel permit," Chisum said.

# Justice Department investigates Border Patrol

**By KAREN GULLO Associated Press Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department's top watchdog will investigate why the Immigration and Naturalization Service detained a Mexican in connection with several mur-

ders but let him go. INS Commissioner Doris

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Ramirez, a 39-year-old drifter by Houston police about charged in two murders and Resendez-Ramirez last December raised serious questions about and procedures used in encoun-

"As a result of these questions, national wanted for questioning I have referred the matter to the Tustice Department's Office of the Inspector General," he said.

Meissner said the agency's fail- woman also said today that INS ure to identify Rafael Resendez- officials in Texas were contacted

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linked to six other slayings, has after the killing of a doctor durthe INS' knowledge of the case Houston area. Spokeswoman Carole Florman ters with him.

A Justice Department spokes-

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town Pampa.

Wednesday said the INS' office of

ing a burglary at her home in the

said Houston police asked the INS for information on Resendez-Ramirez, and that INS officials provided photos of him to the police during a meeting in February. Meissner's statement

internal audits was reviewing INS procedures "in an effort to avoid any similar situation in the future." Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder said at a news conference

today, "I think we're going to learn a lot from this review." The INS arrested Resendez-

July 2 & 3rd, 8-2 p.m. 512 Red Ramirez in the El Paso area either late on June 1 or during the early morning hours of June 2 for being in this country illegally and HI-WAY PACKAGE Liquor deported him to Mexico later that day, officials said.

Two days after his release, authorities believe he killed a 73year-old woman west of Houston. The following day, they believe he killed a 26-year-old Houston schoolteacher at her

### Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy today with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms with a high in the mid ops and south winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorm's and a low in the mid 70s. Tomorrow, mostly sunny with a high in the mid 90s. Yesterday's high was 89; the overnight low 72.

PANHANDLE — Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low around 70. Southeast wind 10-20 mph. Friday, mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the mid 90s. higher gusts. 3 to 5 day forecast, slight chance of thunderstorms. and McAllen along with 73 at Low 65 to 70. High in the mid to Burnet, 64 at Dalhart and 89 at El O'Connor. upper 90s. Fourth of July, partly Paso. cloudy. A slight chance of thun-

derstorms. Low in the upper 60s. High in the mid to upper 90s. Monday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Low 65 to 70. High in the mid to upper 90s. **STATEWIDE** — Right on cue

for the July 4 weekend: a hot and mostly dry forecast. For the first time in weeks, there's no mention of rain in the

North Texas summary from the National Weather Service. Only isolated showers and thunderstorms are possible for parts of the Panhandle, along

with occasional rain along the

Gulf of Mexico. Early-morning temperatures were mostly in the 70s, with some 60s in the northern Panhandle and low 80s along the South wind 10-20 mph, with coast and in the lower Rio Grande Valley. It was 82 degrees Saturday, partly cloudy with a at Galveston, Palacios, Rockport

Wednesday's high in Texas from the 60s and 70s.

was 102 degrees at Cotulla, with Laredo at 100. Thunderstorms overnight

were tapering off along the Texas-Oklahoma Panhandle bor-Winds were mostly southerly

from 19 to 25 mph.

Gusty winds from a high-pressure system were expected for the beginning of the holiday weekend in North Texas. It should also be occasionally gusty across the Panhandle, the South Plains and Permian Basin.

Daytime highs should again rise into the 90s, with a few 100s possible across western parts of deep South Texas from Laredo to McAllen and near 115 in the Big Bend valleys.

A few isolated sea breeze showers or thunderstorms are possible in South Texas.

A small craft advisory is in effect from Baffin Bay to Port

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### **Electrical Wonders**

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employers in Texas, with 93,000

workers and an annual payroll

in excess of \$26 billion. A \$100

investment in the Texas 100

Index in 1997 would have been worth \$128.53 in May 1999.

Some Pampa Middle School students recently participated in the Superintendent Scholar's 1999 Summer Enrichment Program "Electrical Wonders." Top: Reid Schindler and Taylor Fatheree listen to a radio. Bottom: Dip Das discovers open and closed circuits using a switch.

# Stock Index outperforms overall stock market

market conditions in May sumers continue to show confipushed down the Texas 100, the dence in the economy's longstock index of the state's 100 top term strength and stability." employers, but the Texas fall was milder than declines in the May was the drop in energy national indexes.

cent, while the Dow Jones Texas Intermediate firmed, trad-Industrial Average and Standard ing at \$17.77 a barrel in May. In and Poor's 500 declined by 2.1 addition, high tech stocks, percent and 2.5 percent, respec- which have fueled the market, tively. Over the last 12 months, flattened in May, with some however, the Texas 100 Index companies, including Dell has risen 11 percent while the Computer Corp., taking a hard Dow Jones Industrial Average hit. has gained 18.6 percent.

ues to grow at a moderate pace," remain relatively buoyant index features the 100 largest

AUSTIN - Sluggish Stock because investors and con-

Particularly noteworthy in stocks. Investor speculation The Texas 100 fell by 1.1 per-tapered when the price of West

The Texas 100 was unveiled in "The Texas economy contin- January by Comptroller Rylander to better reflect the Comptroller Carole Keeton state's business activity and its Rylander said. "Stock prices role in the global economy. The

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP interested in the

ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364. **EMMAUS REUNION** Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of

each month. For more information, call 669-3426 or 669-9226. OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS

**ANONYMOUS** Open Door noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Panhandle

meetings are non-smoking. For information, call the Office of more information, call 665-9702. Admissions and Records at **RED CROSS** 

The Red Cross is offering free 2056, ext. 741 or 742. A listing of blood sugar and blood pressure class offerings is available on testing every Friday from 10 the a.m. - noon at Red Cross Office, http://www.fpc.cc.tx.us/Offeri 108 N. Russell.

**VETERANS HALL OF FAME** 

The deadline for nominations Pampa, TX 79065.

**FPC REGISTRATION** 

Alcoholics 1 and 2 on the second floor of from CC. Current high school Anonymous at 910 Kentucky the Library Building. In-class students must submit proof of (across from Albertson's) meet- instruction and distance learn- approval from their principal ing schedule — seven days a ing courses via the World Wide or counselor. Payment is due week — two meetings a day — Web, Channel 63 in Borger and upon registration. For more Tuesday and Thursday noon Network are available. For more 687-9737.

(806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687college's website,

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and representatives of Gray and Roberts Counties are asking the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) for approval to provide optional Extended Area Calling Service (EACS) for the Pampa exchange

EACS is an optional service that will provide SWBT customers in the Pampa exchange unlimited,

one-way calling to the Amarillo exchange Customers are not required to subscribe to EACS and, if desired, can continue using long-distance service to make calls to these exchanges.

If approved by the PUCT, basic residence customers would have the option to subscribe to EACS for a monthly additional charge of \$15.00 per line. Basic business customers would have the option to subscribe to EACS for a monthly additional charge of \$30.00 per line.

These rates are in addition to the rates charged for basic local exchange service. There are no service connection charges associated with

SWBT residence customers may call 1(800) 464-7928 (English and Spanish) for answers to questions regarding the proposed EACS. Business customers may call 1(800) 499-7928.

The Public Utility Commission has assigned Docket No. 20906 to this request. Persons who wish to comment on this application should notify the commission no later than July 23, 1999. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. For information on intervening, please call the PUCT at 1-888/782-8477 or (512) 936-7120. Hearing- and Speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. Requests for r information should be directed to your SWBT Service Representative.

Upon PUC approval of optional EACS, SWBT customers will receive information about how to

#### **AVISO PUBLICO**

Southwestern Sell Telephone Company (SWRT) v representantes de los condados de Gray y Roberts están pidiendo la aprobación de la Comisión de Empresas de Servicio Público de Texas (PUCT) para prestar el Servicio de Llamadas de Área Ampliada opcional (EACS) para la central de Pampa

EACS es un servicio opcional que ofrecerá a losclientes de SWBT en la central de Pampa llamadas ilimitadas unidireccionales a la central de Amarillo.

No es necesario que los clientes se suscriban a EACS y, si quieren, pueden seguir usando el servicio de larga distancia para hacer llamadas a esas centrales.

Si lo aprueba la PUCT, los clientes del servicio básico residencial tendrían la opción de suscribirse a EACS por un cargo mensual adicional de \$15.00 por línea. Los clientes del servicio básico comercial tendrían la opción de suscribirse a EACS por un cargo mensual adicional de

Estas tarifas son adicionales a las tarifas del servicio local básico de la central. No hay cargos por conexión del servicio asociados con este servicio.

Los clientes del servicio residencial de SWBT pueden llamar al 1(800) 464-7928 (inglés y español) para hacer preguntas sobre el EACS propuesto Los clientes del servicio comercial pueden llamar al 1(800) 499-7928

La Comisión de Empresas de Servicio Público asignó el No. 20906 a esta petición. Las personas que quieran hacer comentarios sobre esta solicitud deberán notificar a la Comisión a más tardar el día 23 de julio de 1999. Todas las solicitudes para intervenir, deberán enviarse por correo a la Comisión de Empresas de Servicio Público de Texas a P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Para información sobre intervención, por favor llame a la PUCT al 1-888/782-8477 ó (512) 936-7120. Las personas con impedimento auditivo o del habla con teléfonos de texto (TTY) pueden comunicarse con la comisión al (512) 936-7136. Las solicitudes para información adicional deberán dirigirse a su representante de servicio de SWBT en su área local

Si la PUC aprueba el EACS opcional, los clientes de SWBT recibirán información sobre como ordenar el EACS



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Inside the **Beltway** 

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Sen. Hutchison

# Homestead, sweet, homestead ...

The Senate is set to consider a bill to reform federal bankruptcy law. Last year's effort failed, in part, because it endangered the "homestead exemption" in Texas and other states. Texas has a constitutional protection for a family's home even if everything else is lost in a bankruptcy proceeding.

Some in Congress want to impose a nationwide homestead exemption limit of \$100,000 on the value of a homestead that is protected in bankruptcy proceedings. The federal government has never before imposed a one-size-fits-all limit on the states, and I will resist all efforts to do so now.

Not only would this be an unprecedented encroachment on states' rights, but it also would threaten home and farm ownership for millions of Americans in a misguided attempt to prevent rare instances of abuse, which are addressed adequately elsewhere in the bill.

Consider the example of an elderly couple on a fixed income, who have worked hard their whole lives and finally paid off their mortgage. Perhaps one or both become ill, and fall behind on paying their debts. Should they be forced to sell their home where they've lived for 30 years — their only asset and source of security — to pay off their debts?

Since its days as a Republic, Texas has answered this question with a resounding "no." Texas' founding fathers believed the homestead exemption to be so important that they enshrined it in our state Constitution in 1846. This principle reflects the core values and traditions of our state.

Proponents of limiting homestead exemptions are telling Congress that millionaires routinely use state exemptions to shield their fortunes from creditors. The facts tell a different story, though. A January, 1999 independent analysis of bankruptcy filings reported: "We did not find a single debtor who came close to the popular stereotype of abuse. Our conclusion is that this is a relatively rare phenomenon in bankruptcy.

The proposed reforms already contain strong provisions to prevent abuse. These include a means test. For example, an individual is required to live in the state for at least two years before being eligible for homestead protection.

Nor would a \$100,000 limit recognize the differences in property values from state to state and from region to region. For example, \$100,000 may get you a nice home in Ozona, Texas, but it is not likely to get you very far in upstate New York. And looking ahead, \$100,000 today is likely to get you something far different than what it will 10 years from now.

Texas doesn't use a dollar amount for homestead valuation. Our constitutional homestead exemption protects a Texas family's primary residence located on 200 acres of rural land, or 10 acres in an urban area. Other states have tailored homestead exemptions to their needs.

There is no doubt bankruptcy reform is overdue. Congress needs to close the loopholes in the law that allow irresponsible individuals to slip out from under their debts. People who don't pay their debts cost everyone money, because businesses have to raise their prices to account for bad debts

But we should not confuse the bad actors with the millions of honest Americans who have worked, in some cases their whole lives, to build-up value in their homes, only to see those homes lost when they run into financial trouble.

I will fight any attempts to permit the federal government to undermine Texas' constitution when it comes to homestead protection.

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# **VIEWPOINTS**

# Effectiveness of BAC laws

Everyone seems to have a theory about how to stop drunk driving — it's no wonder a large segment of society thinks the problem is not being solved. Confusion seems to abound.

Quite frequently when just one government agency is involved, it seems the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing. When several agencies are involved, it gets really confusing.

However, in one instance a 33-year-old man in Memphis, Tenn., received an appropriate sentence Monday for being a drunken driver. Donald Wayne Branch was sentenced to 49

years in prison for killing Stefanie Brown Kuehl and her 6-month-old, Zadie. The young mother was also three months pregnant.

Branch was on his way to serve a weekend sentence at the county penal farm when his vehicle slammed into the side of Kuehl's car. His blood-alcohol level was .22, more than twice the legal limit.

With two prior drunken driving convictions, he was convicted in April of aggravated vehicular homicide involving alcohol and driving

He can be released in about 15 years, according to Judge Chris Craft. The judge further said that Branch has utter contempt for the laws of society and he is afraid for society when Branch is released.

"He has shown absolutely no remorse, and I believe when he's out, he'll start drinking and driving again," said Judge Craft.

Branch is being forced to receive the consequences of his actions. I wonder if more DWI recipients might need to receive the consequences of their actions? According to a recent report by the General

Accounting Office, which is the investigating arm of Congress, the best way to fight drunken driving is "a combination of laws, sustained public education and vigorous enforcement."

However, the Transportation Department rebutted by saying a series of studies "provided positive, if not conclusive, results and formed a reason-



Nancy Young

able basis for supporting .08 blood alcohol laws."

President Clinton said if all states would lower their BAC to .08, it will result in 600 fewer alcohol-related deaths each year.

Mother's Against Drunk Driving said the GAO report supported the group's call for a comprehensive approach to fighting drunken driving. MADD President Karolyn Nunnallee said that all research to data points in the same direction stating that .08 laws are effective in reducing alcohol-related fatalities.

Additional statistics: -32 states and the District of Columbia have laws making it illegal for people to operate an automobile if their blood contains 1/10th of one percent alcohol.

-16 states have a stricter limit: 0.08 percent. Two states, Massachusetts and South Carolina, have blood-alcohol limits, but they also require that a person show visible signs of drunkenness.

Last year drunken driving opponents got the Senate to support a provision saying that states which did not lower their blood-alcohol limits to 0.08 percent would risk losing their federal highway funds. President Clinton argued in favor of the provision, but the House did not support the measure. Ultimately, it was thrown out of the bill, which Clinton signed. The bill did include a provision asking the GAO to gauge the effectiveness of state .08 BAC laws. -Critics of stricter limits point out that a 120-

pound woman having two glasses of wine over two hours could become a drunken driver.

-Supporters say a 170-pound man wouldn't

reach the limit unless he drank more than four beers in an hour.

Now enter the justice department — This agency says the number of Americans behind bars or on probation for drunken driving nearly doubled between 1986 and 1997. The department further claims the severity of punishment increased while arrests for drunken driving dropped during the same period- from 1.8 million in 1986 to 1.5 million in 1997.

Bureau of Justice statistics include:

 Of those convicted of driving while intoxicated in 1997, 454,500 were on probation, 41,100 were in local jails and 17,600 were in state prisons.

-In 1986, 270,000 people were behind bars or on probation for DWI -46 percent of DWI offenders on probation

were in alcohol treatment programs in 1997 -For every 1,000 DWI arrests in 1997, 347 offenders were jailed or placed on probation up from 151 in 1986

-One-third of DWI offenders on probation said they drank every day and 2/3 said they had used drugs in the past

-One third of offenders on probation and twothirds of those incarcerated reported previous DWI sentences. Eight percent of those on probation reported three or more earlier DWI offenses. -Men account for over 90 percent of DWI

offenders in jail. -People convicted of DWI are about five years older, better educated and more often

white than those convicted of other crimes. DWI offenders in local jails were serving sentences of 11 months on average, while state prisoners had sentences averaging 49 months. All these statistics don't make victims or

family members of victims feel any better. Society simply wants the drunken drivers off the streets for the safety of their families. If only everyone could get together and form an effective, consistent policies and laws.

Hopefully, there would be a lot less drunk drivers if everyone knew the ground rules and the consequences of their actions. .

# **Emerging truth about gambling**

As legal gambling has spread across the country over the past two decades, anti-gambling forces have echoed the cry of Professor Harold Hill in "The Music Man," who warned townspeople of the dangers of allowing a pool hall: "Ya got trouble, folks, right here in River City. Trouble, with a capital T, and that rhymes with P, and that stands for pool!"

They hoped to turn the tide with the help of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, appointed by Congress in 1997. But when the panel released its final report, the was: Legal gambling is not entirely a good thing, but it's here to stay.

Twenty-five years ago, casino gambling was illegal in every state but Nevada, state lotteries were rare, and parimutuel betting was confined to a few places. Today, you can gamble legally in 47 states, and Americans spend more than \$50 billion a year on various types of wagering, up 1,600 percent since 1976.

What happened? In the old days, gambling had a sinister, seamy reputation. But as casinos sprouted in Atlantic City, Biloxi, Miss., and East more intrinsically sinful than, say, live theater something the Puritans, once upon a time, regarded as irredeemably wicked. After hordes of grandmothers had taken day trips to the nearest gambling establishment and returned with their virtue intact, prohibitionists were left sounding like Groucho Marx, "Who are you going to believe, me or your own eyes?"

A Gallup poll recently confirmed the change in public opinion. Nearly two out of every three Americans approve of legal gambling, and only 29 percent favor banning it or rolling it back.

Legalized gambling is generally regarded as a



Steve Chapman

Syndicated columnist

positive good for the simple reason that it ords people wider opportunities for diversion and entertainment. Critics claim that casinos breed crime, suicide and other ills, but one study after another has refuted the charges. Gambling establishments have also failed to wreck local economies: Some businesses inevitably suffer when people find new ways to spend their money, but in that respect, a new casino is no different from a new Wal-Mart or a new cineplex.

Declining to accept the familiar portrayal of gambling as a fount of misery and degradation, the commission notes, "The vast majority of St. Louis, Americans discovered they were no Americans either gamble recreationally and experience no measurable side effects related to their gambling, or they choose not to gamble at all." Legalized gambling, it says, "has unquestionably had certain positive economic effects in some of the communities in which it has been introduced."

The panel, however, was appointed only because many members of Congress are alarmed at the trend of the last two decades, and it didn't disappoint them entirely. Its attitude toward gambling is unenthusiastic at best. And it thinks that if anything, we have too much of it. The report proposes "a pause in the expansion to listen to it.

of gambling," recommends getting rid of "convenience gambling" such as video poker and urges a complete ban on Internet gambling. But what would these steps accomplish? A

halt to new casinos would deny consumers what they want while protecting existing gambling halls from competition. Likewise for stamping out electronic games at bars and truck stops. Some people, it's true, succumb to gambling

"addiction," with unfortunate results. But a Harvard Medical School study found the risk is low. Only 1.6 percent of adults, it estimated, will pathological gamblers — compared with 6.2 percent who will become addicted to drugs and 13.8 who will become alcoholics. Should 98.4 percent of the population suffer because a handful of people have a problem? There is no good reason to think the Internet

will make the problem worse - quite the contrary. Is it more dangerous for people to wager in establishments where they are surrounded by other gamblers, shut off from contact with the outside world and endlessly encouraged to keep playing, or at home, where they can avoid such influences? If critics fear that casinos will attract criminals and bankrupt nearby businesses, how can they object to letting people place bets in such a way that no casino is necessary?

Though the commission members were too smart to swallow all the anti-gambling myths, they couldn't bring themselves to accept legalized wagering as anything more than a reality to be tolerated. Americans, who have concluded on their own that gambling makes a net addition to the sum of human happiness, are likely to be similarly charitable. They'll cheerfully tolerate the commission, just as long as they don't have

### Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, July 1, the

182nd day of 1999. There are 183 days left in the year. This is Canada Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 1, 1867, Canada became American

America Act took effect. On this date:

Gettysburg began.

a self-governing dominion of Roosevelt and his "Rough Riders"

Great Britain as the British North waged a victorious assault on San Juan Hill in Cuba.

"pay-as-you-go" 1943, In 1863, the Civil War Battle of income tax withholding began.

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In 1946, the United States Paris at age 36.) In 1898, during the Spanish- exploded a 20-kiloton atomic. In 1963, the U-S Post Office War, Theodore bomb near Bikini Atoll in the inaugurated its five-digit ZIP

In 1961, Diana, the future Princess of Wales, was born near Sandringham, England. (She died in August 1997 in a car crash in

# Getting older is kind of interesting

I never thought it would be, but getting older is kind of interesting. One begins to feel like a

My first inkling of getting older came on the softball diamond. In high school, I was a fair-tomiddling player, batting .400 in the city summer league. But after starting work full time, for about the next 12 years, I never lifted anything much heavier than a girl, a bottle of bourbon, my notebook and my pistol.

But the guys at work decided to play, and I, a bit over 30, tagged along. I played third base. That's line-drive country. Sure enough, one of the guys hit one. My eyes and brain were still working as always. I followed the ball as it left the pitcher's hand, saw it leave the bat, calculated the trajectory and issued orders to my knees to get me about a foot off the ground so I could

Apparently, my knees argued with my brain because by the time they finally got around to lifting me off the ground, the ball was kissing the grass out in left field. So that's what getting older means, I thought — insubordinate knees. Some years later, I discovered the relativity of

time. Trying to make small talk with a baby sit-

ter while the wife went through her final get-

ting-ready-to-go processes, I noticed among her

school books, a history text.

real old stuff if they happened in the B.C., not if they happened while I was in elementary school. But my own children, as they grew older, gave me more of the same. When I told them about watching the blacksmith work or hitching rides on the back of a mule-drawn wagon when

like World War II.

What did Daniel Boone really look like?" where the Vietnam War has become "real old

I was a child, they would say something like:

Hey, Dad, did you know Davy Crockett?" or

II started, real old stuff was Caesar's conquest

of Gaul or the Peloponnesian War. Things were

'Do you like history?" I asked.

stuff." There's definitely more wake behind my boat than there is open water ahead of it.

But there is a peaceful aspect about it. Most of my ambitions, such as they were, have been realized. My obligations have been fulfilled. My illusions have long ago been shattered, and the shards sent to the landfill. I've done my time in the military. I've seen the places I wanted to see. I did my time in the trenches of the political wars. Whatever amount of open water left for me to sail is just icing on the cake. There is nobody I would be fearful of "Well, it's OK, except for that real old stuff offending. (There never were very many, but a family man with small children does need a Now, to me, who was born before World War paycheck.) There's nobody I care to impress.

It's a paradox. When you are young and life seems infinite, you tend to adopt a devil-maycare attitude. Now I find that as you get older and life seems definitely finite, the same devilmay-care attitude returns. It's like taking off a heavy pack after a long march. Nothing can happen to you that isn't going to happen to you no matter what you do.

So, I find life is still pleasurable. Woodpeckers still strike me as one of God's funniest creatures. I can't look at one without laughing. Squirrels continue to cheer me up. A cool drink and a cool Now, it's even worse. I've lived to the point breeze on my patio provide me with about as much five-star comfort as I can stand.

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Joe Jones, Texas State Rally coordinator, left, and Tex Welch, events coordinator, view the vintage Harley-Davidson motorcycles now on exhibit at PPHM in Canyon.

# Motorcycle exhbit at PPHM

CANYON - "An American Legend: Harley-Davidson Motorcycles" recently opened at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon in conjunction with the Texas State Harley-Davidson Rally held in Amarillo. The museum's exhibit will con-

Harley-Davidson motorcycles, the only motorcycles still produced today in the United States, began production in 1903. That same year, Henry Ford began manufacturing automobiles for sale and the Wright brothers made their historic flight at Kitty Hawk. About a dozen other companies produced motorcycles in the early 1900s but today only the Harley-Davidson firm survives.

The exhibit will include a rare 1918 Harley-Davidson motorcycle with a sidecar, as well as models from 1951, 1952, 1953, and one from 1977. In an effort to acquaint children with Harley-Davidson, the company began producing high quality bicycles in 1917. To note this episode in Harley-Davidson history, the exhibit will also include an extremely rare 1919 bicycle.

The motorcycles and bicycle are from the collection of lack Sisemore of Amarillo, and are on loan to the museum for this spe-

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The Ronald E. McNair aimed at preparing them for the

stipends. I think this program is one that will give students some money each of the next four incentives to become involved in research programs with our faculty, which should give them a little bit better understanding of disadvantaged back- how to think critically on their feet and move on to the next level of education," Dr. Flavius Killebrew, WTAMU provost and vice president for academic affairs, said. "This is about giving kids a chance to reach for the tools that can make them successful people."

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# Toddler is Only Man for Mom Who's Happy With Single Life

DEAR ABBY: Why do people assume that happiness comes only with a relationship or marriage? I am a 24-year-old, happy, successful mother who enjoys the single life. I loved my son's father very much but things did not work out for us, and he hasn't been around for three years. I work at least 50 hours a week at my dream job, and enjoy my evening and weekend time with my 5-year-old son.

However, everywhere I go I hear how I "need" someone, or people ask how I can stand to sleep alone every night. (I love it!) I have been told by dreds of weddings. I can't tell you men wanting a relationship that it the number of times the bride has is "unnatural" to prefer being single gotten tangled up in her wedding and that my son "needs" a father.

Abby, my son is well-adjusted and has a grandpa and two uncles he spends a lot of time with. My parents have a wonderful loving fabric. marriage after 34 years, and I think that's great, but it is also unusual in us, may I suggest that bridal shops this day and age. I may marry give brides some pointers about the someday, but right now I'm enjoying the time with my son and an occasional date. Why can't people understand that?

ALONE AND LOVING IT IN MISSOURI

**DEAR ALONE: Many people** feel they need someone else to make them "complete." Obviously, you are a strong and fulfilled individual in your own right, and you should not have to explain or defend your choice to anyone.

Horoscope

**FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1999** 

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Whirling out the door.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

possible!

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

\* \* \* \* ★ Upon awakening, you realize

you have come to the end of your work

week! You literally float into the office

with a sparkle and a sense of fun. Others

are drawn to your energy and want to

ioin in. Let friends make suggestions.

You have your pick of plans! Tonight:

days: this one is no exception. Your mind

is on home and personal matters, yet

work demands your full attention. You

can do it! Mobilize your energy. Cruise

through paperwork, make calls, return

messages. Tonight: A must appearance!

\*\*\* \* Making plans to take off is a

snap, but you also enjoy socializing and

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Somehow, you want to be everywhere.

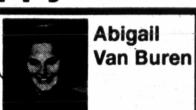
Make choices. Accept a loved one's

feedback. You may need more physical

activity. Tonight: As far out of town as

\*\*\* Listen to a partner, but realize

5-Dynamic: 4-Positive;



**SYNDICATED** COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I am a clergyman, and over the course of my 32 years in ministry, I have officiated at hungown, or tripped up the aisle or lost her veil. Some of them appear so awkward, and it's sad to see them floundering around in billows of

As the wedding season is upon dress they will wear. There must be techniques they can learn for their important day so they don't end up looking so silly. And is it possible for brides to practice at home so that they learn how to maneuver the

REVEREND IN N.J.

DEAR REVEREND: Those are good suggestions. Brides should practice walking in their gowns and bridal slippers. It will give them confidence and possibly prevent embarrassment or an injury.

much. Action around the home proves to

be most exciting. Think about making

\*\*\* \* Sometimes you have a hard

time saying no: this is one of those days.

You aren't in work mode at all. Be hon-

est with yourself! Let others lure you into

an early exit from work. But first, clear

your desk and return calls. Take time

with a co-worker. Tonight: Leading the

\*\* Focus on work, getting the job

done and increasing efficiency. You

might be mulling over a love issue, but

don't let your imagination confuse you.

Concentrate, and you'll feel much better.

Carefully check out a major expenditure.

\* \* \* \* Your magnetism speaks to

others. Friends respond to your energy. A

loved one suddenly wants to flirt up a

storm. Get into the social nature of the

day while you try to quickly clear out

work. Let your creativity flourish, both

professionally and personally. Tonight:

ideas and errands successfully. A sugges-

tion of a special invitation or promotion

work. Family needs your attention.

You'll know what is right! Tonight: The

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

a special friend's plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

TGIF celebrations!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

DEAR ABBY: My father died 20 years ago. During his final illness my mother purchased two side-by-side cemetery plots in the town in which I grew up. My mother still lives there, although some of us kids have moved out of state.

I am writing because after 20 years, my father still does not have a gravestone. As a veteran, he got a military marker, but that's not a gravestone, and it's sinking into the ground. Since Mom is still with us, is the gravestone any of my business? (She has not remarried.) I have kept my mouth shut for almost two decades now, but I feelthis is disrespectful to my father. Money to buy a gravestone is not a problem for Mom or for us children. Any suggestions?

R.I.P'D OFF IN WALLA WALLA, WASH.

DEAR R.I.P.'D: Since your mother is still with you, discuss your feelings with her. It may be the result of gross procrastination, or a grave oversight.

Good advice for everyone - teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and H. w to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

really care? You actually don't have to do special person energizes you to leave work as soon as possible. You naturally party plans soon. Tonight: Go along with

\* \* \* \* You don't always see eye-toeye with a partner, but right now you do. Take a long, leisurely lunch to chat and reconnect. You'll want to indulge others and let them know how important they are. A boss appreciates your efforts

\* \* \* \* You finally feel that a partner appreciates you. It's about time! Now is your opportunity to break barriers. Make that additional effort to talk about what has been difficult. Your smile melts others' defenses. Ask, while the going is good. Tonight: Whatever you really want

dealing with a difficult, yet verbal partner. You don't always see eye-to-eye with this person. Now you intuitively know what is ailing him and can clear up a problem. Work as a team, especially with associates. Success is yours. \*\*\* You juggle many different

lures you to do more than your share of Silver (1946), actor Jimmy McNichol Think before you take an important step.

> Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.coolpage.com/bigar.

socialize and enjoy yourself, but even more so right now. Make calls, clear your desk, take a long lunch. Sometimes it is OK to mix work and play. Tonight: Cruising for excitement. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Tonight: A sizzling encounter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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\* \* Listen to your inner voice when Tonight: Take a night off!

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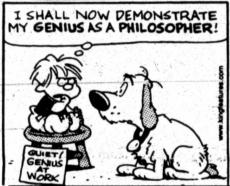
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# Notebook

BASEBALL

**PAMPA**  Celanese downed Duncan, Fraser & Bridges 11-8 on Monday to keep its City Tournament hopes alive in the 11-12 yearold Optimist baseball.

Celanese pitchers were Ricky Gattis, Jake Craig and Seth Foster. Leading the Celanese hitting attack were Dylan Henley with two doubles and a single; Jake Craig and Seth Foster, a double and single each. The highlight of the game came when Daniel Resendiz hit a three-run home run over the fence.

Celanese had 8 hits and DFB had two, a double apiece by Braydon Barker and Dak Fallon.

Weston Teichmann, Eric McClure and Braydon Barker pitched for DFB.

#### **FOOTBALL**

PAMPA — There will be a Harvester Football Booster Club meeting at 7 Monday night at the Ready Room in the high school athletic build-

ing. 1999 PHS football schedules will be passed out at the meeting.

#### **FISHING**

DETROIT, Mich. — Pete Thiliveros of Jacksonville, Florida won first place and \$200,000 in the Forrest Wood Open, the sixth tournament on of the Wal-Mart FLW Tour, held on Lake St. Clair. The event featured a \$1, million purse, the biggest in competi-

tive bass fishing. Thliveros, 39, survived three rounds of elimination competition and 149 other top professional anglers enroute to the FLW Tour victory. Competing in the final round of competition against Larry Nixon of Bee Branch, Arkansas, Art Ferguson of Rochester, Michigan, David Reault of Livonia, Michigan and Kevin Van Dam of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Thliveros landed five bass weighing 19 pounds, 13 ounces, to take top honors. In addition to his win in the Forrest Wood Open, Thiliveros also secured a berth in the year-end Wal-Mart FLW Tour's \$450,000 championship to be held on Fort Gibson Lake

### BASKETBALL

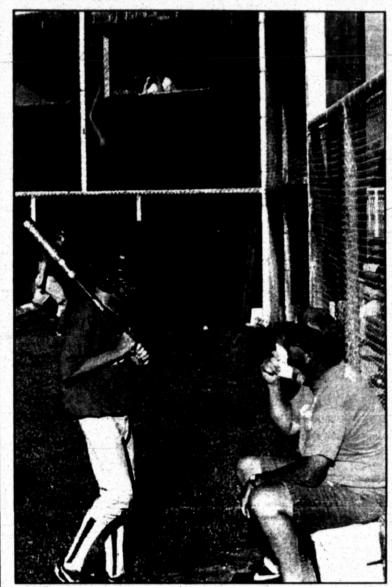
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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) -Sheryl Swoopes' career-high 29 points has led the Houston Comets to a 78-68 win over the Utah Starzz.

in Wagoner, Oklahoma on

The effort included an 18foot jumper with 4:18 left that keyed a 12-1 run Wednesday. Utah (2-6), whose Natalie Williams scored 17 of her 23 points in the first half, led most of the opening stanza, twice by seven points.

### Baseball talk



Celanese batter Dylan Henley talks' to coach Rick Foster during their game with Cabot in City Tournament action. Henley is batting over .600.

# Fall leagues forming

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for Fall Softball: Men's Open, Women's Open and Mixed Open.

Entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is already sanctioned). The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

Entry deadline is July 9 at 5 p.m. and there will be no teams added after this date. Schedules will be available

after 1 p.m. on July 15 at the Recreation Office. Play will begin on July 19, for

Men's Open and Women's Open and July 20, for Mixed Open.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Fall Softball League, contact the Recreation Office at 669-5770 during business hours.

PAMPA - The Pampa National Little League will be hosting this year's Area and District Girls 9-10 and 11-12 Softball Tournaments. The

### SOFTBALL

tournaments are scheduled to begin play on July 5 at Optimist Park. There will be two games nightly, starting at 6 and 8, in the double-elimination tournament.

Area teams competing in this year's tournament are Pampa, Borger, Dumas, Canadian, Spearman, Stinnett and Fritch.

The 9-10 winner advances to the Sectional Tournament at Iowa Park. The 11-12 winner advances to the Sectional

Tournament in Plano.\_ Pampa All-Star team members are:

9-10 Team

Cassy Tice, Nicole Clark,. Britteni Rice, Kenzi Nickell, Tamara Trevathon, Kayla Burns, Lindsey, Riley, Maegan Patterson, Stephanie McVay, Krista McClelland and Erika Silva. Coaches: Randell Tice and Layne Clark.

11-12 Team

Teryn Garner, Amy Youree, Autumn Schaub, Skye Niccum, Wendi Miller, Jennie Rogers, Keri Terrell, Jaclyn Spearman, Kelly Mullican, Jackie Gerber, Samantha Ceniceros and Morgan Meharg. Coaches: James Schaub, Doug Youree and Terry Garner.

# Glo-Valve downs Cabot for for 8th City Championship

PAMPA — Glo-Valve Service ground out by Kingcade making batter and forced a popup to won its eighth City Championship the score 8-5 in Glo-Valve's favor. Campos at shortstop to end the Wednesday against a stubborn Cabot Corporation team which never gave up and had the cham-

pions reeling before falling 15-11.
Strong hitting by Glo-Valve staked them to a 15-5 lead which they clung to precariously when their bats went strangely silent in their last two at bats. Cabot finished solid with six runs in the fourth and fifth innings and had the tying run in the on-deck circle when the final out was made in the sixth.

Cabot, which defeated Celanese Corporation earlier 9-7 in a game which was continued from Tuesday because of rainy weather, hustled out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning on walks to Zac Ammons, Heath Miller, Grant Stucki, Tyler Doughty, Keenan Davis and Cody Lee. Adam Brown's ground out scored a run. Cabot took advantage of passed balls and a wild pitch to score the

Glo-Valve came back to knot the score in the bottom of the first. Mateo Campos lined a double to left. He went to third on a passed ball and scored on a single by Tyson Hickman. Hickman moved to second on a single by Eric Willingham.

Hickman scored when Eric Kingcade reached base on an error. Willingham and Kingcade raced home on a ball driven deep to right field by Keeton Hutto.

Cabot used another walk to Ammons and three wild pitches to take a 5-4 lead in the top of the second inning.

Glo-Valve went back to work in the bottom of the second to score four more runs. Craig Stone walked and raced to third on game. Both scored when Mitchell Willingham boomed a triple to

The new City Champions appeared to put the game away, scoring seven times in the third inning. Campos led off with a bad Cabot manager Kevin Davis 'said hop triple and scored on a single by Crow. Crow advanced to third on two wild pitches and Hickman walked. The cleanup hitter, Willingham, delivered again with a single to plate Crow. Hickman hustled to third and Willingham alertly took second on the throw, which was too late to get Hickman.

Kingcade walked and Hutto was credited with his third RBI of cause with three hits, including a the night when his ground out scored Willingham. Kingcade followed Willingham home on a Cabot throwing error. Moody, who had doubled and walked earlier, er although he gave up eight runs. drew his second walk. He galloped to third on a double by Stone. Moody and Stone scored on Campos' fourth hit of the game.

Although the Glo-Valve scoring was over, Cabot was far from through. Ammons walked for the inning. Miller was safe on a fielder's choice and Stucki was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Doughty's ground out scored Ammons. A solid double by Adam Brown, Cabot's first hit of the game, brought in Miller and Stucki to narrow the score to 15-8. Hickman relieved Campos in the fifth inning. After two were out, Miller rifled a two-base shot down the left field line. Stucki fouled off four a triple and followed the runners home two pitches later on a passed runs at 15-11.

In the sixth inning, Billy Hightower walked with one out the right to advance to the Campos' second double of the and Taylor Fatheree slammed a Southwest Regional Major double down the right field line to Bambino Tournament include Crow was safe on a Cabot error, send Hightower to third base. Andrews, Seminole, Hereford, With the tying run in the on-deck Plainview A, Plainview B, score Crow and slipped home on a circle, Hickman struck out the next Floydada and Tulia.

game and bring the City Championship to Glo-Valve.

"We have had a really fun year," after his team gathered for a team pictured with their City Tourney runnerup trophies. " Our kids have really improved. I am very proud of them.

Cabot's leading hitter with a double, single and three RBI was Brown. Campos led Glo-Valve's offense with four hits, including two doubles and a triple. Willingham helped Glo-Valve's triple. Both Campos and Willingham scored three times and had two RBI.

Campos was the winning pitch-He allowed one hit and walked 10. He struck out five.

Hickman permitted three runs. He walked two and struck out three. Davis and Miller pitched for Cabot.

Major Bambino Commissioner third time to lead off the fourth David Hutto handed the runnerup trophies to Cabot and then awarded trophies to Glo-Valve for the regular-season title as well as the City Championship.

Glo-Valve has been coached by Billy Willingham, Tim Hutto, Marie Hickman and Garry Moody this year. The team's manager is John W. Warner.

The Major Bambino managers will gather at the Optimist Club pitches on a full count before at 5:30 today to select players for drawing a walk. Doughty boomed the Pampa 11-12 All-Star Team, which will play in the doubleelimination West Texas Major ball drawing Cabot to within four Bambino State Tournament in Plainview, beginning July 17. Teams scheduled to compete for

### Spurs get two foreign players

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Draft day for the San Antonio Spurs has taken on an international flair.

The NBA champions traded away their first-round draft pick before grabbing two foreign players on Wednesday. They plan to groom the pair for a year or two in Europe.

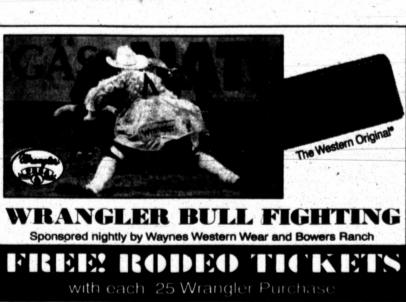
The Spurs, with the final selection of the first round, chose Chicago schoolboy Leon Smith, a 6-10 forward. But within minutes, it was clear he wouldn't stay a

In exchange for a second-round pick in this year's draft and another second-round pick in the 2000 draft, the Dallas Mavericks announced they had obtained rights to Smith from the Spurs.

The Mavericks, with the second of their second-round picks the 40th selection overall picked for San Antonio a 22-yearold, 6-5 shooting guard, Gordon Giricek from the city of Cibona in the state of Zagreb, Croatia.



Blake Haskins of VFW gets a hit off ASSI in a 11-12 league game at Hobart Street Park. The two teams are part of the Pampa Kids-Youth Club, which will be having a baseball awards ceremony at the park at 6 tonight. The awards ceremony will be held at the MPAC building in case of bad weather. All children in T-ball through high school will receive an award.



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# **Henman settles Davis Cup score with Courier**

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) - The match had the same partisan, flag-waving flavor of the Davis Cup encounter in Britain two months ago. This time, the result was different.

Tim Henman gained a measure of revenge for himself and his country against Jim Courier, who led the United States to a dramatic Davis Cup win over Britain at Birmingham in April.

In a five-setter that stretched over three days and lasted a total of 4 1/2 hours, Henman thrilled the Centre Court crowd Wednesday by saving three match points and outlasting Courier 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, 6-7 (7-5), 9-7.

"The atmosphere out there is phenomenal," Henman said. When I came out to serve for the match at 8-7, it was reminiscent of Birmingham."

Courier said the quality of tennis might not have matched that of the Davis Cup, "but for sheer drama, I think it was right there."

It was the most compelling match on a day that also saw Boris Becker bid farewell to Wimbledon, Venus Williams overpower teen-age rival Anna Kournikova and 18-year-old qualifier Alexandra Stevenson extend her improbable run to the quarterfinals.

But there was little time to digest it all.

Because of a backlog caused by rain on Monday and Tuesday, all eight quarterfinal matches were scheduled for today.

The men's quarters paired fivetime champion Pete Sampras and Mark Philippoussis, Andre Agassi and Gustavo Kuerten, Patrick Rafter and Todd Martin, and Henman and Cedric Pioline.

The women's matchups: seven-time champ Steffi Graf vs. Williams, Jana Novotna vs. Lindsay Davenport, Nathalie Tauziat vs. Mirjana Lucic and Stevenson vs. Jelena Dokic.

Stevenson and Dokic, a 16year-old Yugoslav-born Australian, have already made history by becoming the first two women's qualifiers to reach the women's quarters in the same

No woman qualifier has ever made it to the semifinals, but either Stevenson or Dokic is assured of achieving that.

"I've been waiting for this my whole life," said Stevenson, who graduated from high school in San Diego in May and is playing her first tournament as a pro.

put him into the quarterfinals for up four times.

#### WIMBLEDON

the fourth straight year, setting off a new wave of "Henmania" in a country that hasn't produced a. men's champion since 1936.

The other British hopeful, Greg Rusedski, was ousted in four sets Wednesday by Philippoussis, who also won the battle of aces

The Henman match was thethird straight five-setter for Courier, who was hospitalized for dehydration last Friday after a third-round win over Sjeng Schalken.

Too much time spent on court to get to the fourth round," Courier said. "I must work on shortening the matches ... I wish I were being paid by the hour out there."

Henman was up 4-3 in the fourth set when the match resumed, but Courier fought back to win a tiebreaker and force a decisive fifth set.

Courier had match point three times with Henman serving at 5-6, but the American couldn't con-

Henman saved the first match point with a service winner. On the second, he hit a gutsy second serve followed by a backhand volley that landed near the baseline and forced Courier into an error. On the third, Henman slammed a 130 mph ace down the middle.

Henman held for 6-6 and made the decisive breakthrough in the 15th game, breaking Courier with a forehand volley from midcourt. On the previous point, Henman hit a volley that landed near the baseline. Courier argued that the ball was long, getting a warning for verbal abuse.

On the changeover, Courier continued to complain, tossing a cup over his shoulder in disgust. Henman, unruffled, served out the match at love in the next

During the final set, Henman benefited from a series of netcord winners.

"Net cord and I need to have a little chat," Courier said. "I need to get one of those British nets and bring it into my bed and sleep with it and cuddle with at night a little bit."

Becker's illustrious Wimbledon career end with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 loss to

Becker, who won Wimbledon as a 17-year-old unknown in 1985, added two more titles in Henman's win over Courier 1986 and 1989 and was runner-

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Tuesday's Games
Montreal 6, Atlanta 5

New York 5, Florida 1

Wednesday's Games Chicago 5, Milwaukee 4 Montreal 7, Atlanta 5

Cincinnati 2, Arizona 0 Houston 11, St. Louis 3

2), 1:35 p.m.

1-7), 1:35 p.m.

2-10), 2:20 p.m.

4-5), 3:35 p.m.

Friday's Games

3-3), 7:05 p.m.

1), 7:05 p.m.

6), 7:40 p.m.

San Francisco 4, Colorado 1 San Diego 11, Los Angeles 2

Philadelphia 7, Pittsburgh 4 Cincinnati 5, Arizona 4

Houston 5, St. Louis 4 Milwaukee 17, Chicage 6 San Francisco 10, Colorado 1

San Diego 4, Los Angeles 3, 12 innings

Philadelphia (Person 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 6-6), 7:05 p.m.

Chicago (Mulholland 4-3) at Philadelphia (Wolf 3-0), 7:05 p.m.

Montreal (Thurman 3-5) at Florida (Springer

louston (Lima 11-4) at Cincinnati (Parris 5-

vaukee (Karl 6-7) at Pittsburgh (Cordova

nta (Maddux 7-5) at New York (Yoshii 6-

Arizona (Anderson 1-1) at St. Louis (Oliver 4-

San Diego (Hitchcock 6-6), at Colorado (Astacio 7-6), 9:05 p.m. San Francisco (Brock 5-6) at Los Angeles

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Anaheim 35 42 Tuesday's Games Cleveland 5, Minnesota 4 New York 3, Detroit 0 Toronto 6, Baltimore 5, 10 innings Toronto 6, Baltimore 5, 10 innings
Kansas City 7, Chicago 4
Texas 5, Anaheim 0
Seattle 2, Oakland 1, 12 innings
Only games scheduled
Wednesday's Games
Detroit 8, New York 2
Tampa Bay 11, Boston 10, 10 innings
Toronto 10, Baltimore 9, 10 innings
Minnesota 5, Cleveland 3
Chicago 10, Kansas City 9, 10 innings

Chicago 10, Kansas City 9, 10 innings Texas 18, Anaheim 4 Oakland 14, Seattle 5 Florida 4, New York 3, 10 innings Pittsburgh 9, Philadelphia 1 Thursday's Games Baltimore (Erickson 3-8) at Toronto (Hamilton 1-5), 2:05 p.m. ttle (F.Rodriguez 2-2) at Oakland Thursday's Games
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(Haynes 5-6), 4:05 p.m. Minnesota (Mays 1-2) at Cleveland (Colon 6-St. Louis (Bottenfield 11-3) at Houston (Holt Tampa Bay (Alvarez 3-5) at Boston (Cho 2-0). 7:05 p.m. Detroit (Mlicki 3-7) at New York (Irabu 4-3), aukee (Nomo 6-1) at Chicago (Trachsel Colorado (Kile 4-5) at San Francisco (Estes Chicago (Baldwin 3-8) at Kansas City (Suzuki 0-2), 8:05 p.m. Los Angeles (Dreifort 6-6) at San Diego (Clement 4-7), 5:05 p.m.

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> (Sparks 3-5) at Oakland (Rogers 4-3), 10:35 p.m.

#### BASKETBALL

1999 NBA Draft Selections
WASHINGTON (AP) — Selections from the 1999 NBA draft with team, player, projected position and college, high school, or foreign

Chicago, Elton Brand, F, Duke. Vancouver, Steve Francis, G, Maryland. Charlotte, Baron Davis, G, UCLA.

istano.

5. Toronto (from Denver), Jonathan Bender, F, Picayune (Miss.), High School.

6. Minnesota (from New Jersey), Wally Szczerbiak, F, Miami (Ohio).

7. Washington, Richard Hamilton, G-F,

Connecticut. 8. Cleveland (from Boston), Andre Miller, G, enix (from Dallas), Shawn Marion, F, 10. Atlanta (from Golden State), Jason Terry, G, Arizona,

11. Cleveland, Trajan Langdon, G, Duke. 12. Toronto, Aleksandar Radojevic, C, Barton County (Kan.) C.C.

13. Seattle, Corey Maggette, F, Duke.

14. Minnesota, William Avery, G, Duke.

15. New York, Frederic Weis, C, Limoges (France). 3. Chicago (from Phoenix), Ron Artest, G-F,

. Atlanta (from Sacramento), Cal Bowdler F, Old Dominion.

18. Denver (from Milwaukee via Phoenix), James Posey, G-F, Xavier. 19. Utah (from Philadelphia), Quincy Lewis, Atlanta (from Detroit), Dion Glover, G,

20. Atlanta (from Detroit), Dion Glover, G, Georgia Tech.
21. Golden State (from Atlanta), Jeff Foster, F-C, Southwest Texas State.
22. Houston, Kenny Thomas, F, New Mexico.
23. LA. Lakers, Devean George, G-F, Augsburg (Minn.).
24. Utah (from Orlando), Andrei Kirilenko, F, CSKA (Fureia).

25. Miami, Tim James, F, Miami. 26. Indiana, Vonteego Cummings, G, burgh. 27. Atlanta (from Portland via Detroit). Jumaine Jones, F, Georgia.

28. Utah, Scott Padgett, F, Kentucky.

29. San Antonio, Leon Smith, F, ML King High School (Chicago).

cond Round L.A. Lakers (from Vancouver), John Celestand, G, Villanova. . L.A. Clippers, Rico Hill, F, Illinois State. Chicago, Michael Ruffin, F, Tulsa. 33. Denver, Chris Herren, G, Fresno State 34. New Jersey, Evan Eschmeyer, C,

35. Washington, Calvin Booth, F-C, Penn 36. Dallas, Wang Zhizhi, C, Army Rockets

. Vancouver (from Boston), Obinna Ekezie, F, Maryland. 38. Orlando (from Golden State), Laron Profit, G-F, Maryland.
39. Cleveland, A.J. Bramlett, F, Arizona. 39. Cleveland, A.J. Bramlett, F, Arizona. 40. Dallas (from Toronto), Gordan Giricek, G,

Dallas (from Toronto), Gordan Gincek, G Cibona (Zagreb-Croatia)
 Denver (from Seattle), Francisco Elson, C, California.
 Minnesota, Louis Bullock, G, Michigan.
 Charlotte, Lee Nailon, F, Texas Christian
 Houston (from Phoenix), Tyrone Washington, F-C, Mississippi State
 Sacramento, Ryan Robertson, G, Kansas

46. New York, J.R. Koch, F, Iowa 47. Philadelphia, Todd MacCullor hington. vaukee, Galen Young, G-F, UNC-

49. Chicago (from Detroit via Atlanta), Lari Ketner, F-C, Massachusetts. 50. Houston, Venson Hamilton, F, Nebraska. 51. Vancouver (from L.A. Lakers), Antwain Smith, F, St. Paul's College. 52. Atlanta, Roberto Bergersen, F-G, Boise

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State. 53. Miami, Rodney Buford, F-G, Creighton. 54. Detroit (from Indiana), Melvin Levett, G, Cincinnati 55. Boston (from Orlando via Denver), Kris Clack, F-G, Texas. 56. Golden State (from Portland), Tim Young,

C, Stanford. 57. San Antonio, Emmanuel Ginobili, G, Reggio Calabria (Italy). 58. Utah, Eddie Lucas, F, Virginia Tech.

## **TRANSACTIONS**

Wednesday's Sports Transactions By The Associated Press BASEBALL American League
AL—Cut the suspension of Detroit C Brad Ausmus from two games to one but retained the \$500 fine and eliminated the \$500 fine against Detroit manager Larry Parrish but retained his two-game suspension for bump-ing an umpire in a game on May 31. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association

NEW YORK KNICKS-Named Brian Flinn manager, public relations. FOOTBALL

National Football League BALTIMORE RAVENS—Agreed to terms GREEN BAY PACKERS—Placed WR Brian Manning, TE Rod Lewis and WR Pat Palmer

National Hockey League ATLANTA THRASHERS—Named Scott

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Signed C Kent Manderville to a multiyear contract.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Agreed to terms with C Eric Lindros on a one-year contract extension.

AUBURN—Named Jeff Shaffer diving coach.
CENTRAL ARKANSAS—Named Scot
Koranda defensive backfield coach.
DICKINSON—Named Alison Hoff Risser field hockey and women's lacrosse coach. GEORGIA—Named Daron Schoenrock

pitching coach.

JOHNS HOPKINS—Named Chris Weidenborner volleyball coach.

JOHNSON & WALES, R.I.—Named Charles Crawford men's basketball coach. LE MOYNE—Named Steve Owens basebal

LOUISBURG—Named William Godwin base MEMPHIS-Named Richie Grant men's soc cer coach. NORTH CAROLINA-GREENSBORO-

Named Dan Dachelet cross-country and track and field coach. TUFTS-Named Martha Whiting women's

# **Bowl Championship Series tweaks guidelines**

By PAUL NEWBERRY

**AP Sports Writer** 

adjusted deviation.

The Bowl Championship Series on Wednesday modi- Scripps Howard. fied its guidelines for selectcame to an ing teams, adding more com- second, third, fourth or fifth puter rankings and dropping opinion," Kramer said. its most perplexing term.

seemingly aimed, at the Big team being hurt by an unusual

ences of automatic bids. ings. Don't even ask how it team such as Kansas State.

The BCS standings are BCS standings. determined through four facand won-loss record.

ings of Jeff Sagarin, The New The BCS is considering

A school's lowest ranking major bowls and, in a move inating the possibility of a two at-large teams.

Maximum adjusted devia- The BCS took no action to Orange and Fiesta bowls. The Syracuse (8-4) finished No. 15 tion was used last season in address one of the major con- other six teams are divided by in the BCS rankings and was the event of any unusual dif- cerns from its debut season — the remaining games. ferences in the computer rank- the exclusion of a worthy

Last year, the Wildcats were in New Orleans. "The concept is still there," relegated to a minor bowl said Southeastern Conference even though they lost only commissioner Roy Kramer, one game — the Big 12 cham-

poll and ESPN-USA Today regional flexibility," Kramer 12 ranking. coaches poll; computer sur- said. "You can't take two West Kramer s again use the computer rat- bowls succeed."

York Times and the Seattle whether to add a fifth game to up a lot of teams with eight Times. But it also will considits lineup, providing spots for wins that we didn't need to Say goodbye to maximum er Richard Billingsley, Dunkel two more at-large teams. hold," he said. Index, Kenneth Massey, David While Kramer described the Beginning this season, each Rothman and Matthews- talks as "very preliminary," of the six BCS leagues must he didn't rule out another show it is worthy of that sta-

SEC, Atlantic Coast and Pac- rating over a four-year peri-The BCS also toughened elifrom the eight computer ser- 10 receive automatic bids to od, it could be stripped of the gibility standards for the four vices will be thrown out, elimthe BCS, which also includes bid.

East, set up a mechanism that difference in one of the polls. standings are matched in a which has been criticized for could strip weaker confer- That process takes the place of national title game that rotates sending subpar champions to maximum adjusted deviation. among the Rose, Sugar, the major bowls. Last season,

> The 2000 title game will be Orange Bowl. held Jan. 4 at the Sugar Bowl

for at-large berths with either ty for change to occur." chairman of the BCS, "but it's pionship in overtime - and eight victories or by finishing done in a much simpler way." were ranked No. 3 in the final no lower than 12th in the BCS "We still feel the bowls, have nine regular-season wins and its complex formulas tors: a combined ranking in after you get past the 1-2 over NCAA Division I-A even with the deletion of The Associated Press media game, need to have some opponents and at least a No. maximum adjusted devia-

Kramer said the main pur-

"Last year, we were holding

"It's always good to get a bowl game as soon as 2001. tus. If a conference's auto-For now, champions from matic qualifiers failed to the Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, average at least a No. 12 BCS

The decision seems most The 1-2 teams in the BCS directed at the Big East, routed by Florida 31-10 in the

"It's a very logical move," Kramer said. "As other con-Last season — the first for ferences expand and grow, the BCS — teams were eligible there should be an opportuni-

Kramer scoffed at complaints that the average fan standings. Now, teams must can't comprehend the BCS

"This is much easier to veys; strength of schedule; Coast teams and play in pose of the stricter standards explain than a subjective poll," Miami. You've got to have was to give schools more flex- he said. "You don't know why This season, the BCS will regional ties to make the ibility in making deals with anyone voted the way they gain use the computer rat-bowls succeed." bowls outside the BCS. did in a subjective poll."

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### White Sox win in 10th inning

scored on Ray Durham's sacrifice fly as the Chicago White including a single that drove in Sox rallied past the Kansas City Royals 10-9 on a rainy Wednesday night.

was another delay of 56 minutes in the middle of the 10th.

About 200 fans were left in 9-8. the ballpark when the game ended at 12:37 a.m. CDT.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Bob Howry (1-1) got the win Mike Caruso tripled with one with two hitless innings. Scott out in the 10th inning and Service (3-3) was the loser.

Chris Singleton had four hits, Durham with the tying run in the eighth. Carlos Lee and Gene Norton

The start was delayed by rain singled leading off, - Craig for one hour, 18 minutes. There Wilson doubled and Paul Konerko hit an RBI grounder. Durham then tripled, making it

Mike Sweeney's two-run Durham tripled and scored homer capped a seven-run secthe fourth run in a four-run ond inning and Carlos Febles rally that tied it 9-all in the reached base four times as the Royals took a 9-5 lead.



tion requiring mortgage brokers operating in Texas to be licensed and subject to regulatory oversight.

John Walton, president of the Texas Association of Realtors, said the 45,000-member organization supported the legislation because it will help prevent the types of consumer abuses that can happen whenever home buyers close on a mortgage loan.

"Every real estate agent in Texas knows what it's like to go to closing only to find there's a last-minute 'problem' with the financing," Walton said. "You dread what comes next because you know the home buyer will have to write another check - and, too often, must swallow a higher interest rate than was originally quoted."

Walton added that sometimes these problems are warranted, but

AUSTIN - Gov. George W. Bush recently signed into law legisla- other times they have resulted from questionable or unethical business practices in an unregulated industry

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The new law, which goes into effect Jan. 1, 2000, establishes a licensing system and accountability for mortgage brokers in Texas selling property, access a mortgage calculator and search the under the state's savings and loan commissioner. It does not affect

traditional lenders such as banks and credit unions, which already fall under state and federal regulations.

Even before the 76th Texas Legislature got under way in January, leaders from the Realtor organization and the Texas Association of Mortgage Brokers began working together to provide input to Texas lawmakers on this issue. Both groups supported SB 1074 by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, and carried in the House by Rep. Kip Averitt,

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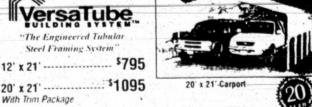
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# TDH offers tips for staying healthy during hot weather

long, bright days of spring, summer and fall. According to the Texas Department of Health, last year was a scorcher with more than 140 heat-related deaths recorded in Texas through October.

Most often, the elderly, the very young, people with other illnesses or those without access to air conditioning are the victims of intense, prolonged heat. The combination of high temperatures and high humidity can cause a person's natural cooling system, or perspiration, to work overtime. Dehydration and heat illness can result if a person does not replace fluids and salts lost during perspira-

Symptoms of a heat illness Emergency include profuse sweating, musnausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. People with these symptoms should find shade and ventilation and drink water. If fluids are not replaced quickly, heat stroke can follow causing extremely high body temperature, red and dry skin, rapid pulse, confusion, brain damage, loss of consciousness severe symptoms get medical help immediately.

People can take precautions fered through 1998's deadly against heat illness, said Joe heat wave may be dreading the Stone, director of the TDH

> Symptoms of a heat illness include profuse sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. People with these symptoms should find shade and ventilation and drink water.

Preparedness Division. "Using common sense cle cramps, weakness, dizziness, to stay cool is the most important protection you have," he

"Staying in an air-conditioned area, either at home or in a public place, is the most efficient way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not available, pull the shades over the windows and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool rooms. But in high temperand, eventually, death. For atures and humidity, turn off the fans or aim them through a window to blow the hot air out."

Children especially can quickly become dehydrated. They need to drink fluids frequently, especially water, and wear light, loose clothes. Check on children often, especially if they are playing outside in high temperatures.

Other heat precautions include:

-Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle during hot weather.

-Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar.

-Plan strenuous outdoor activity for early morning or late in the day. —Take frequent breaks when

working outside. -Wear sun block, hats and light, loose-fitting clothes.

-Stay indoors and in air conditioning as much as possible. -Eat more frequently but be

sure meals are well balanced and light.

-Avoid dressing babies in heavy clothing or wrapping them in warm blankets.

-Check frequently on people who are elderly, ill or may need help. -Check with a doctor about

the effects of the sun and heat exposure when taking prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.

—At first signs of heat illness dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps - move to a cooler place, rest a few minutes, then slowly drink a cool beverage. Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve.

Pay attention to pets also, Be sure they have plenty of water and do not close them up in parked cars or hot buildings.

"We urge the public to use and share these publications in any way they can to ensure that the high death and illness count of 1998 is not repeated," Stone said. Additional information is available on the TDH website at www.tdh.state.tx.us. Click on Emergency Preparedness in the Healthy Community directory, then click on the Texas Heat Wave logo. People also may get the information from their local EMS, local health department or from TDH by calling (512) 834-6700, ext. 2322., or faxing (512)

# Keeping an eye on Texas

#### Safe boaters keep heads above water About 600,000 boats are registered in Texas. In 1998, 54 fatalities occured

on Texas waterways, and alcohol played a part in an estimated 50 percent



### **Boating safety tips**

Always wear a life jacket (children under 13 must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket).

Don't overload your boat.

 Before you borrow or rent a personal watercraft, learn how to operate the vessel and know the rules of the waterway.

Always have a passenger serve as a lookout in addition to the operator.

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