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High today 70 Low tonight mid 40s For weather details see Page 2.

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$4 million.

The ticket was sold in Houston.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were 6, 10, 20, 21, 29 and 34.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

**PAMPA** — Crown of Texas Hospice is offering an education series, "Hospice - Living Life to the Fullest," Tuesdays and Fridays, tomorrow through Oct. 29 from 1-4 p.m. at The Meredith House, 812 W. 25th For those interested phone 806-372-7696 or 1-800-572-6365. This series is offered as a free service to the community. Contact hours are available for nurses and 3.0 CEUs for others.

· Hilda Koch, 76, Lipscomb County native.

 Robert Booth 'Bob' Mayfield, 63, former ranch manager at Indian Mound Ranch.

 Shirley Ann Montgomery, 63, U.S. Marine veteran.

· A.J. 'Jim' Streeter, 83, Roberts County deputy for 40

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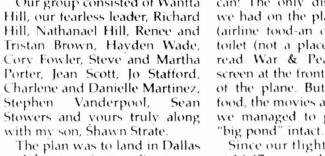
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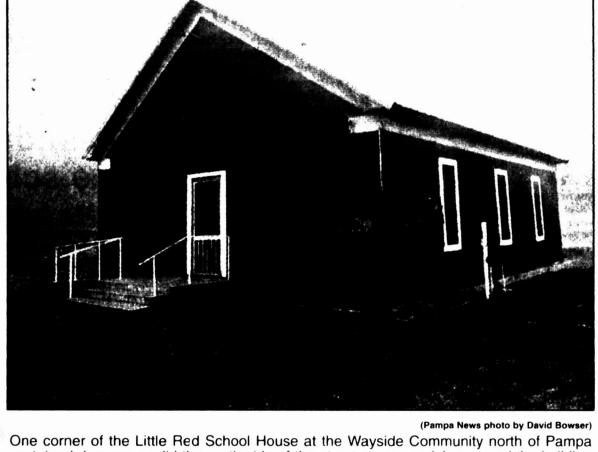
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sustained damage as did the north side of the structure as vandals rammed the building with heavy road equipment from nearby road construction site.

## Vandals heavily damage **Little Red School House**

the historical building.

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

The Roberts County sheriff department was investigating an attack on an historical structority club, the Wayside Club, that has met there ture today as residents north of Pampa collect- once a month for a program and lunch," said ed money for a reward.

The Little Red School House on Texas Highway 70 north of Pampa was damaged late Friday night or early Saturday morning, neighbors said.

The school house, a state-designated historical structure, was damaged when someone driving a piece of road construction equipment rammed the building, knocking it off its foundation.

Officers said someone apparently took a road packer from the nearby road construction site and rammed the north east corner of the historical building. They then moved around to the north side of the building and rammed it again, knocking it off its founda-

building from total demolition was that the machine broke during the incident and would no longer run.

"For over 50 years there has been a commu-

Debbie Davis, who lives south of the Officers said someone apparschool house.

ently took a road packer from She said the school the road construction site and has long been a gathering place for families in rammed the northeast corner of the area, especially for Christmas, Easter and summer picnics.

"It's been a meeting place," she said. Davis said residents around the school house were collecting money for a reward leading to an arrest. She said she was also checking with the State of Texas concerning the historical status of the school house.

She said that anyone with information concerning the vandalism should contact the

Roberts County Sheriff's Office in Miami. "The building has been broken into before tion. The only thing that apparently saved the but nothing like this," Davis said.

## Rangers probe sexual offense allegation at jail

Staff Writer

Allegations of sexual misconduct in the Grav County Jail have led to an investigation by the Texas Rangers.

According to Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland the investigation began after an inmate made a complaint.

Copeland said female prisoner made the allegation "a couple of weeks ago" while having her blood pressure checked at the Pampa Regional Medical Center Emergency Room.

She alleges sexual misconduct by a member of the contracted medical staff who attends to prisoners in the jail, the sheriff said. He did not reveal the exact nature of the complaint.

"At this point it's strictly an inmate allegation," Copeland said. "But when we heard about the complaint we asked the Rangers to investigate so there would n't be any degree of a semblance of a cover up.

Copeland said he can not comment directly on the case until Texas Ranger Gary Henderson completes his investigation. Henderson is currently serving part of the time with the Ranger detail guarding Governor George W. Bush but is scheduled to be back this week, according to Copeland.

Copeland said he would not speculate on this particular case but (See RANGERS, Page 2)

## Super Playground sidewalk in works

A sidewalk leading from the parking area to the Super Playground is coming closer to a reality.

Pampa's Park Pampa

Commission at their first

\$2,200 and the park board will ask for fund-Recreation Board decided ing through the water last week to recommend to bill donation fund.

The sidewalk will cost

meeting in October the sidewalk be constructed. Pampa Parks Superintendent Reed Kirkpatrick said cost of the project will be \$2,200. The Park and Recreation Board is expected to recommend funding through the water bill donation fund.

Kirkpatrick said the projected concrete sidewalk site was designed by Jack Reeve and meets all the requirements set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In other business, The Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park gazebo was discussed and plans for the gazebo are still in progress.

#### (See PLAYGROUND, Page 2) Kid Fish set Oct. 16

The City of Pampa in conjunction with the Parks and Wildlite Foundation of Texas, Wal-Mart and the High Plains Bass Anglers will sponsor a "Kid Fish" event at Recreation Park

The event will be held at the Recreation Park Lake on Saturday Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The lake will be stocked with channel

catfish prior to the event. Registration forms and information packets will be distributed to all area schools and available at the Parks and Recreation Office or City Hall beginning Oct. 1.

## **European diary ...** The adventure begins

**By Lois Strate** For The News

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series, "The Essence of Europe," about a Pampa group's summer trip)

The seventeen of us who arrived at Amarillo International Airport that July morning were full of anticipation — manipulating luggage that was too heavy and exceeded "the limits." But, our spirits soared and our group pictures showed naive, happy people, ready for a great adven-

Our group consisted of Wantta

and then transfer to a direct nonstop flight to Frankfurt au Main,

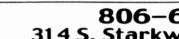
meet up with two other groups traveling with EF Tours (our tour provider). One group was from St. Louis and consisted of eight people and the other group was eight people from Chicago. The two small groups were scheduled to arrive a couple of hours before our group.

We survived the nine and onehalf hour flight to Frankfurt, only because we were full of anticipation and excitement. The American Airlines plane was not a wide-body plane. I have a wide body, but the plane didn't. The space that we had in our seats was akin to being a sardine in a can! The only distractions that we had on the plane were food (airline food-an oxymoron) the toilet (not a place to relax and read War & Peace) and one screen at the front of our section of the plane. But, between the food, the movies and potty trips, we managed to get across the

Since our flight left Amarillo at 10:47 a.m. and our flight left Dallas at 2:06 p.m. we were (See DIARY, Page 2)



European travelers were (front row, from left) Nathanael Hill, Tristan Brown and Hayden Wade. (Second row, from left) Stephen Vanderpool, Wanetta Hill, Joe Stafford, Jean Scott, Renee Brown, Charlene Martinez, Danielle Martinez, Richard Hill. (Back row, from left) Martha Porter, Steve Porter, Cory Fowler, Lois Strate, Shawn Strate and Sean Stowers.



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## Daily Record

#### Services tomorrow

KOCH, Hilda — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Darrouzette Cemetery, Darrouzette.

**STREETER,** A.J. "Jim" — 10 a.m., W.S. & E.C. Jones Community Pavilion, Canadian. Graveside services, 4 p.m., Mount Carmel Cemetery, Baca County, Colo.

MAYFIELD, Robert "Bob" Booth — 1 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Allison.

#### Obituaries

#### **HILDA KOCH**

SHAMROCK - Hilda Koch, 76, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 1999. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Darrouzette Cemetery at Darrouzette with the Rev. Clayton Conley, pastor of Elm Street Baptist Church of Woodward, Okla., officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Koch was born and raised in Lipscomb County. She had been a Shamrock resident since 1994 and formerly lived in the Abilene area for

She belonged to St. Paul's Lutheran Church at

Survivors include a brother, Edwin Koch of

ROBERT BOOTH 'BOB' MAYFIELD

ALLISON - Robert Booth "Bob" Mayfield, 63, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 1999. Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert Lindley officiating. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Rose Hill Cemetery at Merkel. Burial will be under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Mayfield was born and raised at Merkel. He earned a bachelor of science degree in agriculture in 1957. He was ranch manager for Indian Mound Ranch for 35 years and had been an Allison resident for the past 26 years.

He belonged to First United Methodist Church

Survivors include two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Allison First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 28, Allison, TX 79003.

The body will be available for viewing from 8 p.m. today until service time Tuesday at the funeral home.

#### SHIRLEY ANN MONTGOMERY

SHAMROCK - Shirley Ann Montgomery, 63, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 1999. Graveside services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Plymouth Cemetery at Plymouth with Cottie Tarbet of Shamrock officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of

Mrs. Montgomery was born and raised at Plymouth. She lived in California from 1961 until returning to Shamrock in 1979. She had been a resident of Shamrock General Hospital for the past 11 years.

She was a veteran of the U.S. Marines, serving from 1954-59.

She belonged to First Baptist Church of

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Patterson, in 1996

Survivors include a daughter, Mona Lisa Zedlitz of Indianapolis, Ind.; and three sisters, Mot Coleman of Shamrock, Geneva King Carr of El Paso and Rita Favor of Childress.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Multiple Sclerosis Association or to a favorite charity.

#### A.J. 'JIM' STREETER

CANADIAN - A.J. "Iim" Streeter, 83, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 1999, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in W.S. & E.C. Jones Community Pavilion with Donald Hill of Canadian officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Baca County, Colo., with Hill officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Dykes Mortuary of Walsh; Colo. Local arrangements are under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Streeter was born Aug. 30, 1916, on the Streeter Ranch in Baca County, to Frank and Annie Walton Streeter. He attended school at Valley View, Colo., and Walsh. He married Laura Wray on June 1, 1940, at Guymon, Okla. The couple moved to Roberts County in 1953 and to Canadian in 1996. He was a Roberts County deputy for 40 years and belonged to Sheriff's Association of Texas.

He enjoyed working with cattle and horses all his life and worked on ranches in Colorado, Oklahoma, Cimarron River Valley and along the

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three sisters, Cordelia Wright of Portland, Ore., Lucy Blackketter of Campo, Colo., and Virgie West of Guymon, Okla.

Survivors include his wife, Laura, of Canadian; three daughters, Lonita Beaty of Tulsa, Okla., Noveta Stephenson of Canadian and Nadean Morris of Pampa; a sister, and Augusta Meyeres of Jal, N.M.; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-

grandchildren. The family will be at 836 Conklin in Canadian and requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Affiliates or a favorite charity.

The body will be available for viewing until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home in Canadian and just prior to service time at the Pavilion.

#### **Emergency numbers**

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	

#### Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Friday, Sep. 24

Theft of clothing was reported at Bealls. Saturday, Sep. 25

Forgery was reported in the 800 block of Denver.

Theft of a riding lawn mower was reported in the 1000 block of Brunow.

Sunday, Sep. 26

Weldon Tyrone Evans, 846 S. Somerville, was arrested on charges of no valid drivers license. Leonard Anthony Scott, 34, 1141 Huff, was arrested on charges of no headlight on bicycle, no red light on bike and solicitation of a cigarette in the middle of the street.

Charles Broadbent, 42, 323 Baer, was arrested on charges of no insurance, expired inspection sticker and expired registration.

Keith Elliot Young, 18, 118 W. Albert, was arrested on charges of no valid drivers license. Alfred Horace Henderson, 30, 525 S. Somerville, was arrested on charges of simple

#### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, Sep. 26 Dennis Wayne Taylor, 46, 932 S. Love, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated. Francis Cruz, 22, 1035 E. Fisher, was arrested on a warrant for fishing without a valid license.

#### **Accidents**

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Sept. 24

No charges were filed when a 1984 Park Avenue Buick driven by Mildred Fern Salsman, 1939 N. Banks, struck a 1984 Chrysler Fifth Avenue driven by Laverne Covington Bayless, 1200 N. Wells, from behind in the 1200 block of N. Hobart. No injuries were reported.

Sunday, Sept. 26 A hit-and-run was reported Sunday in the 400 block of Hughes. A 1991 GEO Storm was traveling south in the 400 block of Hughes when it crossed to east side of roadway, jumped the curb and struck a tree. The driver fled the scene and officers were unable to him. Alcoholic beverages were all about the vehicle, according to the police report. The vehicle was towed due to dames, but there was no damage to the tree.

#### **Ambulance**

.Rural/Metro reported the following calls made during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Friday, Sept. 25

1 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

1:40 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Roberta at Gwendolyn and transported one to PRMC. 9:01 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200

block of North Wells; no transport. 10:49 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

3:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Kentucky; no transport. 5:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Hilton

Road and transported one to PRMC.

6:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Harvester Field for a standby; no transport. 9:51 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200

block of Beech and transported one to PRMC. 11:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Lea and transported one to PRMC.

Saturday, Sept. 26 9:57 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

Recreation Park on a standby. 11:34 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

2700 block of Huber in Borger and transported one to Golden Plains Hospital in Borger.

2:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Bond; no transport.

7:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Recreation Park on an injury and transported one

7:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Lea and transported one to PRMC.

#### **Stocks**

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Rangers did say that prisoners make allegations, "all the time, for everything."

For more routine allegations, Copeland said a panel made up of the chief deputy, lieutenant and

a jailer conducts the investigation. He said a fourth person such as Bailiff J.D. Banard or County Attorney Todd Alvey is added to the panel.

The investigation is still in the preliminary stages, Copeland said, and he would not speculate on how long it might take.

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Diary cheated out of a night-we arrived in Frankfurt after experiencing only about one and a half hours of darkness and it was 8 a.m. German time. Time to rise'n'shine! Although a few people were able to contort their bodies and get a few winks of sleep, most of us just sat wide-eyed and when we arrived in Frankfurt, we had already been up about 24 hours.

At last, we arrived in Germany. Our luggage, however was delayed! Luckily enough, about 30

minutes later our luggage arrived and we were on our way through Customs and to meet the rest of our "tour," already waiting on the bus and raring

All together, our group consisted of 36 people one met us from London, a penpal of one of the St. Louis group) a tour guide and a bus driver. We were a motley crew -our ages ranged from 8 to 73. We came in different sizes, shapes and color. And, we would meld together during the next 16 days into a sort of dysfunctional family. the adventure

(To be continued)

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#### **Playground**

Shane Stokes, events coordinator, for the city of Pampa informed the committee on the upcoming Kid Fish event is to be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 16 at Recreation Park. The lake will be stocked with channel catfish prior to the event.

Registration forms and information packets will be distributed to all area schools and available at the Parks and Recreation Office or City Hall begin-

Sponsoring the event in conjunction with the City of Pampa are Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas, Wal-Mart and the High Plains Bass

## Newspaper: Thousands of dropouts unreported in state schools last year

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Texas showed the new tracking system dropout-related data. schools may have overlooked failed to account for more than new state tracking system identification errors" — changes designed to correct underreporting, the El Paso Times reported Sunday in a copyright story.

Officially, Texas had 27,550 dropouts in the 1997-98 school vear. But many more may have been listed as "transfers" or disappeared from school rolls without explanation, according to the

Last year, for the first time, the Texas Education Agency dropped from the rolls, including those who transferred or left for high school equivalency programs. The move came in response to a 1996 audit that estireported 2.6 percent.

state transfers last year could not in other states or countries.

in students' names, birth dates or Social Security numbers — could account for some inaccuracies, but state officials concede many of the missing students probably are dropouts.

"It wasn't that the state wasn't serious about it, but with a new data collection system you have to establish a process on how to go about collecting the information," TEA spokesman Joey required schools to submit Lozano said. "For example, what of school performance indicarecords for students who do you use to constitute a tors, which include dropout dropout?"

failure in priorities.

mated the state's 1994 dropout confusion if it were money, not address it when the Legislature rate was twice as high as the children, being counted," Richard Fossey, an assistant dean the 125,817 students listed as in- the Harvard Education Letter.

schools. And the state has no this year when the TEA sancthe Austin Independent School higher costs of welfare, incarcer-A TEA study published in May District for poorly controlling ation and health."

The state is investigating 14 thousands of dropouts, despite a 67,000 Texas students. "Personal other districts that could not account for a high number of students no longer on their rolls. Those districts are: El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Arlington, Clear Creek, Waco, North Forest, Pearland, Channelview, Sheldon, Kingsville, Midway (McLennan Springtown and Manor.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander last week announced the appointment of a task force to study the accuracy rates, attendance figures and Critics say the state's problems scores on the Texas Assessment are symptomatic of a nationwide of Academic Skills. Texas lawmakers also plan interim studies 'We would not tolerate this of the dropout issue so they can reconvenes in 2001.

"It's absolutely imperative that But a recent TEA records for Louisiana State University's we know about how many search revealed 26.5 percent of College of Education, wrote in dropouts are dropping out of our schools every year to get a han-The dropout reporting issue dle on the potential problems for be located on the rolls of other gained new prominence in Texas the state," Lozano said. "Research has shown dro way of tracking the 110,000 stu-tioned the El Paso-area Ysleta cost the state millions of dollars dents who transferred to schools Independent School District and in lost wages, lost productivity,

#### Truck winner lasts 107 hours in contest

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) -After 107 hours of touching a new pickup, Brian Root gets to drive it home.

Root, 41, of Mobile, Ala., came to East Texas to compete in the annual Hands on a Hardbody contest that began Tuesday at a Nissan dealership.

"I know I'm from out of town, the heart of Dixie, but right now I feel the heart of hearts is right here," Root told the crowd of about 200 after being declared the winner.

Two dozen participants began the quest Tuesday.

Root was declared the winner Saturday evening after his sole remaining competitor, 1992 winner Cathy Frazier of White Oak, Texas, failed to return from an hourly six-minute break.

Ms. Frazier got the secondplace price of a used 1995 pickup.

The yearly contest has received international interest since filmmaker S.R. Bindler's documentary of the 1995 contest, "Hands on a Hardbody," was released last summer.

The rules are simple: One hand flat on the truck at all times. The contestant who holds out longest drives the \$15,000 truck home.

Every hour, contestants can

take a bathroom or exercise

the stress Saturday afternoon.

105th hour, he jogged from the smattering of applause.

Spectators were calling Root truck back to the dealership, "The Machine" because he emerging after a bathroom trip to appeared to be little affected by lie down on a mini-trampoline and do leg exercises, then jogged For the 5 p.m. break ending the back to continue the contest to a

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#### Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly sunny and cooler today with a high of 70 and northeast winds at 15 mph. Tonight, breezy and cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain, a low in the mid 40s and northeast winds at 15-25 mph. Tomorrow, breezy with a low in the low 50s, a 30 percent chance of rain and

northeast winds at 15-25 mph. PANHANDLE - Tonight, breezy with a northeast wind 15-25 mph with higher gusts. Turning cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. Low in the mid 40s. Tuesday, continued breezy with a north wind 15 to 25 mph. Cloudy and cool with a 40 percent chance of rain. High around Brazos Valley and Corpus expected through Tuesday.

50. Tuesday night, cloudy. Low Christi. 35 to 40.

**STATEWIDE** — It will be warm and humid today with partly cloudy skies and showers spreading out over over the South Texas middle and coastal hour.

of thunderstorms in the northwest part of the state, with rain likely in part of the Panhandle.

High temperatures were expected to range from the upper 80s to mid 90s. The forecast did call for cooler temperatures along the coast.

humid with low clouds scattered regions. from over the Hill Country to the

Temperatures were running from the upper 60s in the East, to around 80 along the Coastal Bend. Winds were from the southeast at 5 to 15 miles an

Also on Monday morning, There was also a slight chance there was already increasing cloudiness over the Panhandle and regions of North Texas.

Temperatures ranged from 52 at Amarillo to 74 at both San Angelo and El Paso.

Wind was from the north at 10 to 20 mph and gusty at times. But from the south and southeast Morning conditions were at 5 to 15 mph around some

The increasing cloudiness was

sh

less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day — not for each food or recipe

Put squash in a small saucepan with water to cover by 1 inch. Bring to a

Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, heat tomato juice, tomato paste, garlic, and hot-pepper sauce over medium-high heat for 4 to 5 minutes, stirring to

boil over high heat. Cook for 8 to 10 minutes, or until tender. Drain.

Reduce heat to medium-low. Stir in remaining ingredients except

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Allergy shots block symptoms, even

after treatment stops, researchers say

ly for three or four years reported the immune systems of the

weaker symptoms of the grass- patients who discontinued treat-

pollen allergy three years after ment produced less of the aller-

Add squash, chick-peas, and chicken to tomato mixture.

cilantro. Simmer, partially covered, for 5 minutes.

To serve, sprinkle with cilantro. Servos 4.

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1 chayote squash, peeled,

ounces)

tomato paste

iuice

seeded, and diced (about 8

18 ounces no-salt-added tomato

tablespoons no-salt-added

2 medium cloves garlic, minced,

¼ to ½ teaspoon red hot-pepper

Carbohydrates

By LINDA A. JOHNSON

Monthly allergy shots can

lessen the torment of hay fever for

years after the shots are stopped, a

Researchers at the Imperial

London found that patients who others.

College School of Medicine in

received immunotherapy month-

They may never relapse into

symptoms as severe as what they

had originally," said Samantha

Walker, one of the study's authors.

'In carefully selected patients, this

form of treatment is extremely

The research was reported in a recent edition of The New

The British researchers asked patients

to keep detailed diaries of their hay fever

England Journal of Medicine.

symptoms in 1993, '94 and '95.

Associated Press Writer

stopping the treatment.

study found.

effective."

sauce, or to taste

or 1 teaspoon bottled minced

Spicy Chick-Pea and Chayote Soup

or turkey

crumbled

¼ teaspoon salt

**American Heart** Association.

15-ounce can no-salt-added

chick-peas, drained

3/4 cup cubed cooked chicken

½ teaspoon dried oregano,

1/4 teaspoon white pepper

cilantro or parsley

2 tablespoons snipped fresh.

Saturated Fat

The study found little difference

between the severity of symptoms

reported by patients who had continued allergy-shot treatment

during the three-year trial and

those who got dummy shots.

Those who had never had

immunotherapy reported much

more severe symptoms than the

The researchers also found that

gen-fighting substances that cause

runny noses and other hay fever

symptoms than the untreated

group. Those who maintained

allergy-shot treatment had even

"It's the clearest demonstra-

tion of a long-term effect of

immunotherapy that I'm aware of," said Dr. Marshall Plaut, chief

of the Allergic Mechanisms Section at the National Institute

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## Kids Q&A

#### Q: Do I need extra calcium while breastfeeding my baby?

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A: Breastfeeding women who have difficulty meeting their basic calcium needs might benefit from calcium supplements, such as the 200 to 250 milligrams found in multivitamins given to pregnant and nursing women. But, if you're diet is already calcium-rich, you probably don't need them, said Dr. Steven Abrams of the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Studies have shown that giving nursing women supplemental calcium has had no affect on their mineral balance, which is why the calcium recommendations for nursing and non-nursing women are exactly the same: 1000 milligrams per day for those 19 years of age and older and 1300 milligrams for those 18 and younger.

Although women do lose some bone mass to support milk production, breastfeeding is not detrimental to a woman's overall bone health, says Abrams. That's because once menstruation resumes, the situation is readily reversed. Some studies also suggest that breastfeeding might actually decrease the risk of postmenopausal osteoporosis.

There are some groups of women, however, who might benefit from more calcium while breastfeeding, Abrams said. These include women breastfeeding more than one infant, those who have had closely spaced pregnancies and nursing adolescents.

#### Q: Can maltodextrine be eaten by a child with celiac

A: In the U.S., all commercial maltodextrine, a carbohydrate often used in commercial baking and confectionary processes, is produced from cornstarch and can be safely eaten by those with celiac disease, says Dr. Buford Nichols, a physician who studies starch metabolism at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. However, in other countries maltodextrine can be made from wheat, which makes consuming imported foods containing this ingredient ill-advised.

Individuals with celiac disease have a sensitivity to gluten, a pro-

tein present in wheat, rye, barley and oats, but not in corn or rice. Exposure to gluten triggers an inflammatory response in the small intestine that decreases the surface area available for nutrient and

Depending on how much and which sections of the small bowel are affected, individuals with celiac disease can experience diarrhea, weakness, weight loss, anemia, osteopenic bone disease, skin rashes, or other symptoms related to intestinal malabsorption.

Because these symptoms can be severe, Nichols encourages those with celiac disease to check food packages and make sure those containing maltodextrine have been produced domestically.

#### Q: What are good non-dairy sources of calcium?

A: Boning up on good plant-based sources of calcium might be easier than you think, says Becky Gorham, a registered dietitian with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Compare the following foods to the 300 milligrams of calcium found in milk:

	Calcium (mg)	Calorie
1/2 c. Tofu*	200-434	90-100
1 c. Collard greens	357	60
3 oz. Sardines with bones	350	190
1 c. Fortified orange juice**	300	-109
1 c. Fortified soy milk**	200	80
3 oz. Canned salmon, bones	200	130
1 T. Blackstrap molasses	172	50
1 c. Turnip or beet greens	165-200	30-40
1 c. Rutabagas, mashed	115	95
1 c. Soybeans, cooked	175	300
1 c. White beans, cooked	130	250
2 T. Tahini (sesame paste)	120	170
1 C. Broccoli, cooked	90	50

\*set with calcium sulfate \*\*fortified products with a DV of 30 percent contain 300 milligrams of calcium

Source: USDA Nutrient Database for Standard Reference

## ALA encourages flu vaccinations for entire family

ing, contagious lung disease that can be prevented with an annual vaccination.

"An influenza vaccination is about 70 perreducing its severity, and it's safe," says Robert D. Crider, director of the Immunization Division at the Texas sixth leading cause of death among all for the whole family an annual tradition." Americans. Anyone can be a flu victim. chronic health condition such as asthma, cent of all children get a flu shot. One child son. emphysema or chronic bronchitis and people from 18 months to 11 years usually infects 2 or over the age of 65. Anyone who wishes to should also get a flu shot.

AUSTIN — As influenza season approach- Charles Bryan, Texas Thoracic Society presi- cases," says Dr. Paul Glezen, professor of es, the American Lung Association reminds all dent and professor of Medicine at the Pediatrics at the Baylor College of Medicine in Texans to get their flu shots before flu season University of Texas Health Science Center, San Houston. begins. Influenza is a potentially life-threaten- Antonio. "In 1989, 33 percent of individuals ages 65 and older were immunized against the flu. In 1997, the numbers doubled."

"I am worried there will be a shortage of flu cent effective in preventing influenza and shots available this year. Last year, we had just enough vaccines to meet the demand and this year, the quantity and cost of the shots escalated," says Crider. "However, at \$10 a shot, Department of Health. Together, influenza it's still an excellent bargain; an average one and pneumonia are the fifth leading causes of hour of wages will often save you several death among Americans over age 65 and the days of missed work. Make getting flu shots

"If more than 50 percent of our children "The success of flu immunizations in the were immunized against the flu, we would last eight years is very encouraging," says Dr. see a dramatic decline in the number of programs.

The prime time to get a flu shot is between Oct. 1 and Nov. 15, before the flu season begins. In Texas, some physicians begin providing shots in early September and may continue offering the service through late November. Flu shots are available at doctors' offices, Health Maintenance Organizations and most other healthcare facilities. In addition, Medicare and Medicaid cover flu shots. Most people experience little or no reaction to the vaccine. However, one in four people might have a swollen, red, tender area where Rates of infection are highest among chilthe shot was delivered. Take the time to have However, high-risk groups are the most vuldren. As a result, there is now a greater push a "Flu-free Family," and if necessary, pay the nerable and include anyone suffering from a  $\,$  to immunize children. Currently, only 30 per- $\,$  modest cost to ensure a healthy holiday sea

The American Lung Association of Texas is 3 additional children, who in turn bring it committed to fighting lung disease, a leading avoid taking sick time off from work or school home to their families, friends and neighbors. cause of preventable death and disability, and promoting lung health for all Texans through education, advocacy, research and community

## Gene study gives scientists insight into narcolepsy

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that the origins of the disease are were missing one gene and almost certainly far more com-

plex in people. Nevertheless, experts say the research offers insights into how sleep works — or goes wrong and suggests directions for creating new drugs to treat sleep prob-

"Clearly, these two papers will revolutionize the field of sleep research," predicted Juliette Faraco of Stanford University, a geneticist who co-authored one of the studies.

The Stanford research, directed by Dr. Emmanuel Mignot, is being published in a recent issue of the journal Cell. Another study reaching similar conclusions was conducted by Dr. Masashi Yanagisawa of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. It was also published in Cell.

would keel over asleep while racing on their running wheels. The Stanford team worked with dogs that have an inherited form of

narcolepsy are overcome by uncontrollable urges to sleep, often at inconvenient times, such as when driving. Unlike folks taking ordinary naps, they fall immediately into the deepest stage of sleep, called REM. Some may suffer sleep paralysis, the inability to move shortly after awakening. Others have especially vivid

One common feature is called cataplexy, which is when people suddenly lose consciousness and fall down. Strong emotions, such as anger, surprise or laughter, often trigger this disconcerting

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## **Busybodies Frustrate Worker** Who Wants to Be Left Alone

DEAR ABBY: My co-workers are so nosy they're driving me crazy. When I go into my boss's office to talk to him, my co-workers pump me with remarks like, "Oh, you had to talk with the boss," in an effort to get me to disclose the reason for the conference. When I am at the copier, these busybodies pop over to see what I am copying. If they don't get what they came for, they'll follow me into my office.

If I stay in my office to complete a project by the deadline, they come in and ask things like, "Are you hiding?" or, "Why are you so quiet Abby, do you know what it's like

to constantly be asked what you are doing? How can I get my co-workers out of my hair?

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**DEAR FRUSTRATED: Rath**er than taking it personally and allowing yourself to be put on the defensive, try to be more tolerant. Coming into your office to see why you are so quiet could be considered a friendly gesture.

Your co-workers could be motivated by curiosity or nosiness, have too much time on their hands, or be nursing a guilt complex that makes them fearful of any private conversation between the boss and a coworker. You'd be ahead to just laugh it off rather than take it seriously - because they probably do it to each other, too.

Horoscope

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Tonight: Only what you enjoy!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

one friend, not a group.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

\*\*\* Sometimes it's too hard to be

serious. Even though you might think it's

time to buckle down and get to the bot-

tom line, you could have a difficult time.

A child or loved one puts a whole new

spin on life. Laughter is contagious.

\*\*\* \* You have a strong sense of

direction, recognizing your limitations.

You drive a hard bargain; others respond

to your serious demeanor, but you can't

keep that stoic face turned toward the

world. Your love of life comes through

despite yourself! Tonight: As you like it.

\*\* Your mood swings amaze even

you, at times. Expect to waver between

serious introspection and fun giggles.

why not indulge in that simple form of

mood elevation? Others gather around

you. Swap jokes, take a long lunch. Life

is for living. Tonight: You are best with

★ ★ ★ ★ You might not always have the

right suggestion, and you could be

Laughter will chase the blues away -



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DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to your advice for the woman in Sacramento, Calif., whose husband of four years spends hours with, and buys gifts for, his former wife. She stated that she is unhappy, fearful of him, and is nothing more than his housekeeper.

Please tell this woman about an organization in Sacramento called WEAVE (Women Escaping A Violent Environment). They will assist her with shelter, care, legal issues

This woman needs to get out now, and present that worthless. selfish husband of hers a bill for the years of maid service she has provided him. This is not a normal marriage. She deserves to be happy with someone who appreciates her. BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

DEAR B.T.D.T.: I agree this is not a normal marriage and the woman deserves a mate who will appreciate her. I was not aware there was an organiza-

doing something you really would prefer

not to do. Instead of grumbling, just get it

done. Schedule something you like to do

as a reward afterward. You lighten up the

office with your sunny smile. Tonight:

\*\*\* You could be taken aback by

another's sternness. Perhaps you usually

come off as strictly business, and

another reflects your own seriousness.

Sensitivity to others is high. Avoid taking

things personally. Make calls, get anoth-

er's opinion on a money matter. Tonight:

\* \* Never take that specific partner

for granted. Just because he is full of lev-

ity now doesn't mean that he won't come

down on you in a hard way later. A friend

makes light of your woes; you see the

humor, too. Elect to be around those you

enjoy. Tonight: Go where your friends

\* \* Another is touchy and difficult;

you could be shocked by his attitude

Listen to his feedback, but don't neces-

sarily espouse his attitudes. A boss or co-

worker adds a jovial touch to work. Get

into what feels good, not bad. Tonight:

\*\*\* Loosen up about work. Not

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Mixing business and pleasure.

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Surfing the Web.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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DEAR ABBY: Thank you for pointing out to "My Kid's Mom" that bigotry is alive and well in every community because it seems that some people have a need to feel

feel superior," Abby. The words of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. come to mind and are worth repeat-

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Develop a vision of what you want; focus on the positives and not the negatives. Gossip at the office could give you a case of the giggles. Make calls and share news. Tonight: Have a phone chat

\* \* You are overly serious, particularly when dealing with a child. Your creativity seems stalemated, presently.

through a barrier. Laughter marks a close association, especially when sharing a mutual hassle. You see the humor when you're together. Tonight: Relax with a loved one

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

cult situation in your life. They aren't making fun of you but are trying to help you see the lighter side. You could be overly concerned about a domestic matter. Solutions are easily found. Tonight: Meet a friend for dinner or munchies. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\* Your tone still carries a great deal of seriousness, which causes others to react. Lighten up about work and life. Being dour certainly doesn't make anything easier. A co-worker pitches in and allows you to see the other side of a prob-

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You might feel like you can't break

\* \* Partners make light of a diffi-

lem. Tonight: Soak away stress.

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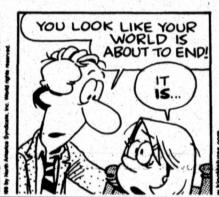




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## Notebook

BASEBALL

CINCINNATI (AP) - For Mark McGwire, hitting 60 was much tougher the second time around.

McGwire became the second player to hit 60 twice when he homered in the eighth inning Sunday. His solo shot off Cincinnati's Scott Sullivan added his name to a couple more categories in the record book.

He became the third player to hit 400 homers in a decade. Babe Ruth had 467 in the 1920s and Jimmie Foxx had 415 in the 1930s.

He also joined home run companion Sammy Sosa as the only players to do 60-60. Sosa beat McGwire to this record by hitting his 60th eight days ear-

#### **GOLF**

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) -Duffy Waldorf will make sure he celebrates his third PGA Tour victory with some wine he's been keeping for a

By making a long birdie putt to defeat Ted Tryba on the first playoff hole Sunday, Waldorf won the Texas Open for a second time.

He also got his second victory this year, becoming one of only five players to win more than one PGA Tour event this season. He joins Tiger Woods, David Duval, Payne Stewart and Carlos Franco in that elite club.

"I just kind of hung around, hung around, got in there at the end," said Waldorf, who won the Buick Classic in June. "I hadn't really thought about winning either one, then all of a sudden I've got two.'

Waldorf leaped into the air and ran jubilantly across the 18th green after making the 45-foot putt from the fringe on the par-4 playoff hole.

Tryba had gone into a bunker with his second shot then hit it out to about 15 feet. He could only watch as Waldorf made the birdie.

"I'm sure that's probably a putt he'll remember for the rest of his life," Tryba said. "That's what exciting tournaments are made of.

With the victory in the Texas Open, sponsored by Westin, Waldorf received \$360,000 and moved from 49th to 27th on the money list. Tryba won \$216,000 and moved from 21st to 14th. — This time, Tracy was in control most of the way, taking the lead when Montoya crashed on lap 13 and leading all but three laps on the tight 1.527-mile, 10-turn temporary street circuit the rest of the way.

#### **AUTO RACING**

HOUSTON (AP) - Barry Green has his sights on another CART FedEx Series championship.

That's why the owner of the 1995 championship team had a really tough decision to make Sunday as his Team Kool Green drivers, Paul Tracy and Dario Franchitti, ran at the front of the pack in the Texaco Grand Prix of Houston.

"We had to think about having Paul let Dario past," Green said. "But we couldn't do it. Paul just ran too good a race to

take it away from him." a 30-year-old Tracy, Canadian, beat his teammate to the finish line by 13.733 seconds, earning his second win of the season and the 15th of

his CART career. Tracy, third in points and already eliminated from championship contention, was nearly a quarter of a lap ahead of Franchitti, who is chasing series leader Juan

Montoya. Montoya, the sensational rookie from Colombia, was eliminated from the race in the streets of downtown Houston when he crashed on the 13th of 100 laps. That gave Franchitti a golden opportuni-ty to slice into the 29-point deficit he faced at the start of the day.

## Thomas continues to lead Dolphins' defense

PAMPA — Since making his first start page story, his as a rookie, Miami middle linebacker Zach roots are traced Thomas has been the Dolphins' defensive back ring leader. Now in his fourth season, the beginning of his 1992 Pampa High graduate has helped the football career in Dolphins win their first two games with White Deer, his aggressive style and bruising tackles. which Thomas' goal is to be No. 1.

"If you don't want to be the best, you championship in don't deserve to be on the field. I want to 1988 be the best," Thomas recently told assis- Thomas as tant editor Kevin Kaminski of the Dolphin freshman starter Digest during a question and answer ses- at linebacker.

If Thomas isn't the NFL's best line- transferred backer, Miami fans would certainly like to Pampa the next Zach Thomas know who is.

The 5-11, 235-pound Thomas had been Gridiron Greats that he felt he had to prove the Dolphins' leading tackler each season. himself all over again. A year ago, he amassed 160 tackles, two sacks, three interceptions — two going for

cover of Gridiron Greats, a national publi- Pampa High," he said. cation on high school football. In a three-

won the Class 1A state

When Thomas to year, he told

"I think I did that with my coaches and teammates once we started practicing touchdowns - and 10 knocked down because they saw what my abilities were pass attempts. He was given All-Pro and how hard I practiced every day. By recognition by The Associated Press and USA Today, just to name a couple.

Thomas was recently featured on the third or fourth game I knocked the opposing quarterback out of the game. At that point I think I proved I could play at

Thomas went on to prove himself again

at Texas Tech where he became a consen-Butkus Award.

Thomas and the Dolphins has an open sus All-American and a finalist for the date last weekend. Miami plays Buffalo next on Oct. 4.

#### **National Football League Standings** .667 .667 .333 .000 Sunday's Games St. Louis 35, Atlanta 7 Tampa Bay 13, Denver 10 Kansas City 31, Detroit 21 .667 .667 .500 .000 Rarisas City 31, Detroit 21 Buffalo 26, Phitadelphia 0 Seattle 29, Pittsburgh 10 Washington 27, New York Jets 20 Tennessee 20, Jacksonville 19 Indianapolis 27, San Diego 19 Oakland 24, Chicago 17 Green Bay 23, Minnesota 20 Pct. 1.000 .667 .500 .333 .000 New England 16, New York Giants 14 OPEN: Dallas, Miami, New Orleans Washington Arizona N.Y. Giants Philadelphia OPEN: Dallas, Miamii, New Oriea Monday's Game San Francisco at Arizona, 9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3 Arizona at Dallas, 1 p.m.

## Aggie D turns into an offensive force

COLLEGE STATION, Texas lot of pressure on their quarter-Slocum says the style of his played together." defense is to create turnovers.

Texas A&M downed Southern Mississippi 23-6 without the benefit of an offensive touchdown.

A&M's 'Wrecking Crew" picked off four passes and returned two of them for touchdowns — Jay Brooks for 41 yards and Michael Jameson for 26. Combined with three field goals from Terence Kitchens, including one for 62 yards, that was all the points the Aggies (3-0) scored — or needed.

That was vintage Wrecking Crew," Slocum said. "It was fun to

defense. The guys up front put a team.

(AP) - Texas A&M coach R.C. backs and the defensive backs

The A&M defense also collected That style was the Aggies' best four sacks, held the Golden Eagles offense Saturday as fifth-ranked (2-2) to only 18 yards rushing and allowed just one of 12 third-down conversions.

That single success was a 54yard touchdown reception from Cable Davis to Todd Pinkston that cut the Aggies' 16-0 lead to 16-6 when a 2-point conversion failed.

"We didn't play particularly well on offense," Southern Mississippi coach Jeff Bower said. Texas A&M is a real good defensive football team if you are not doing things well on offense."

Other than the long TD strike, little was working for the Golden "Every game we want to get our Eagles, who succumbed to turnovers," Brooks said. "We want turnovers for the second straight picks and we want to score on week against a nationally ranked



Pampa High alumni Ken Hinkle (front), Monty Danner, Carl Blonkvist, John Cantrell and Jim Greene ring the big bell at football homecoming Friday night at Harvester

## Lady Harvesters fall to Dumas

PAMPA — Dumas took advan- Pennick. "It really complicates tage of slow-starting Pampa to our district play. I feel like we're post an 18-16, 16-14 win in a District 3-4A volleyball match than we did."

Saturday in McNeely Fieldhouse. Pampa is now 1-1 in district and 7-14 for the season. Dumas is 1-1 and 18-11.

"It was a tough loss for us," said Pampa head coach Carmen assists.

That's how they won their

on its first three second-half

possessions. And Vinatieri con-

nected all three times for a 16-14

capable of playing much better

Harvesters with 8 kills and 8 digs. Anne Gaddis had 6 solo stuffed blocks and 3 assists. Lindsey Earl finished with 10

most of the second half.

70-yard drive.

out the clock.

The Giants changed that

with 1:14 left, ending a 12-play,

But Ben Coates recovered the

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FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) - It left the Patriots and the

Drew Bledsoe and Adam Tennessee Titans as the only

Vinatieri didn't have to wait NFL teams with 3-0 records.

until the last minute to lead the And it kept New England fans New England Patriots to anoth- off the edge of their seats for

first two games, but on Sunday when Kent Graham threw his

night Bledsoe passed New second scoring pass of the

England into field goal position game, a 1-yarder to Tiki Barber

victory over the New York onside kick and the Patriots ran

Bethany Ratliff had 13 kills to Tandi Morton led the Lady lead Dumas. Pampa goes to Hereford for more district action Tuesday

Patriots edge Giants 16-14

Blue Streak (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 7:10 & 9:05 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:10 Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:55

The Lady Harvesters had to

play catch-up in both games

after falling behind early.

Deep Blue Sea (R) Fri. & Sat. 7:10 & 9:10 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:10 Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:55

6" Week Sixth Sense (PG-13)

Fri. & Sat. 7:05 & 9:20 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:05 Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:50

Runaway Bride (PG) Fri. & Sat. 7:00 & 9:15 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:00 Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:45

## Wheeler tight end Kyle Masters caught two passes for 42 vards as No. 1 ranked Wheeler downed Spearman 22-13

Friday night. The Mustangs are now 4-0 for the season.

## Pampa hosts high school rodeo

Tri-State High School Rodeo Association last weekend at the Top O' Texas Arena.

Canadian's Randus London won the breaking roping event and also placed third in pole

Complete results are as fol-

Breakaway roping: 1. Randus London, Canadian; 2. Julie Dawson, Canadian; 3. Shawna Mitchell, Gruver; 4. Katrena Keeling, Dumas.

Calf roping: 1. Rodey Wilson, Hereford; 2. Joshua Wilson, Childress; 3. Clint McCloy, Wheeler; 4. Kelsey Garrison,

Barrel racing: 1. Brianna Brooks, Canadian; 2. Shawna Mitchell, Gruver; 3. Randus London, Canadian; 4. Johnna Garcia, Clayton.

Ribbon roping: 1. Dustin Lanham, Amarillo; 2. Josh Donnell, Canyon; 3. Jake

Canyon.

Pole bending: 1. Kaily Richardson, Wheeler; 2. Emily Smith, Canyon; 3. Randus London, Canadian; 4. Sheree Lucero, Clayton.

Bull riding: 1. Jacob Campbell, Canadian; 2. Marty Wilson, Hereford; 3. Wayne Miller, Boys Ranch.

Goat tying: 1. Kori Merrick,

PAMPA - Pampa hosted a Vernon, Wheeler; 4. Rocky Fry, Wheeler; 2. Kaylee Holt, Gruver; 3. Melody Seely, Canadian; 4. Emily Smith, Canadian.

> Team roping: 1. Kim Kendrick-Rodey Wilson, Hereford; 2. Brady Johnston, Canadian-Joe Boggeman, Hereford; 3. Shane Brooks-Dustin Lanham, Amarillo; 4. Ty Crutchfield-Justin Wright, Dalhart.

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## No. 7 Pampa continues win streak in district tennis

AMARILLO — Pampa shut fans to come out and support out Palo Duro 19-0 on the Harvesters at the Pampa Kommarvngsa 6-0, 6-1. Saturday to improve their High tennis courts. District 3-4A record to 4-0 in Team Tennis. It was also the Palo Duro also on Saturday in 19th consecutive district win Amarillo, also winning 18-0. for the Harvesters, who are The IV boys team lost only 10 ranked seventh in the state games in 9 matches and the Kouabouth, 6-0. 6-2. and third in the region in girls team lost only 4 games in

Pampa players were impressive in defeating the Dons, 4-0 for the season. never dropping a set in all 19 matches.

Players of the week are all 17 sets. varsity players for focusing on Saturday's match and taking there next Thursday at 4 p.m. care of business on the court, according to head coach Carolyn Quarles.

The team finishes the first half of the district season Tuesday when Borger comes Bob Sivixay, 6-0, 7-5. to town for a 4 p.m. match.

Coach Quarles urged the Nguyen, 6-0, 6-2.

Pampa junior varsity played Dang, 6-0, 6-1. matches.

The JV is 3-0 in district and

The JV also played Tascosa's JV last Tuesday, posting a 9-9 tie in matches. Pampa won on

The JV will play Borger

#### Pampa 19, Palo Duro 0

**Boys' Singles** 

Michael Cornelison (P) def.

Matt Rains (P) def. Victory Bryce Jordan (P) def. Marvin

David Philips (P) def. Chris VOngkaysone, 6-0, 6-0.

#### Girls' Singles

Emily Waters (P) def. Malavanh Kayakone, 6-4, 6-2. Emily Curtis (P) def. Nay Thanorith, 6-1, 6-3.

Helen Orr (P) def. Diane Phoiutthavong, 6-2, 6-0.

Ashley Stucki (P) def. Sandra Makkhavane, 6-1, 6-1. Michelle Lee (P) def. Thongxay Inthurath, 6-0, 6-0. Brittany Kindle (P) def. Loan and Minnesota is 1-2. Lao, 6-1, 6-1.

**Boys' Doubles** 

Cornelison-Jordan (P) def. Ryan Mills (P) def. Sam Nuguyen-Kommavngsa, 6-0,

Rains-Smith (P) def. Sivixay-Kouabouth, 6-0, 6-1.

Mills-Turner (P) def. Dang- 0. Vongkaysone, 6-0, 6-2. Girls' Doubles

Curtis-Muns (P) def. A.J. Smith (P) def. Kennith Kayakone-Thanorith, 6-4, 6-3.

Orr-Jordan Makkhavane-Inthurath, 6-0, 6-

Stucki-Lee def. Phoutthavong-Lao, 6-2, 6-0.

def. Chanthuraj, 6-0, 6-1.

Pampa and Palo Duro junior varsity results will be pub-Mixed: Scroggins-Carter (P) lished in Tuesday's edition of def. Phoutthavong- The Pampa News.

## The mighty have turned meek in NFL

#### By The Associated Press

The mighty have turned meek in

The four teams that played in last season's conference championship games are a combined 1-11 after Week 3.

The Denver Broncos, Atlanta Falcons and New York Jets are 0-3,

The 11 combined losses are two more than the teams had during the entire regular season last year.

beaten by Tampa Bay 13-10 Sunday. in this league that can shock you." Denver is the first defending Giants started 0-5 in 1987 following a Super Bowl championship, but three of those losses were with

replacement players. While the Broncos lost a close one,

Louis Rams 35-7. 'We've been on top. Now we've "They beat us in every way you

Davis said after the Broncos were going to be 0-3, but there is nothing

Falcons quarterback Chris Super Bowl champion to begin a Chandler reinjured his right hamseason with three straight losses in a string late in the first half and may non-strike year. The New York miss next week's game against Baltimore.

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"We spent about two weeks resting it and rehabbing it, but it doesn't seem to be getting any better," said Chandler, who missed last Monday the team they beat in last season's night's loss at Dallas because of Super Bowl was routed by the St. the same injury. "Hopefully it will come back, but I have no idea."

The Vikings lost to Green Bay got to experience how it feels to be can get beat," said Atlanta coach 23-20, and the Jets fell to on the bottom," Denver's Terrell Dan Reeves. "I didn't think we were Washington 27-20.

## Pac-10 shut out of Top 25

**By RICHARD ROSENBLATT AP Football Writer** 

On a day when eight ranked Conference nearly found itself in games. a most unusual situation — without a representative in the Top 25.

Southern California and UCLA dropped out of the this week's AP poll following losses on Saturday, while Oregon sneaked in at No. 25 after its 33-30, three overtime win over the Trojans.

the Top 25, it would have been the first time since 1985 that at that kind of a season in the wild turf before Wade had possession. and wacky Pac-10.

losses, including Arizona State's 35-7 shocker at New Mexico State On Saturday, there were more in the second half.

lift the Ducks (3-1, 1-0) over the not bad." Trojans (2-1, 0-1) in a game that three field goal attempts — two in OT

"It was a great moment in my life," Frankel said.

this loss," Newbury said.

USC, quarterback Carson Palmer 23, Southern Mississippi 6; No. 6 broke his right collarbone and is Nebraska 40, Missouri 10; No. 10 out at least six weeks.

—Joe Borchard replaced injured starter Todd Husak and 23; No. 12 Ohio State 34, threw five TD passes, including a Cincinnati 20; No. 13 Kansas league-record 98-yarder to Troy Walters, in Stanford's 42-32 win over UCLA. Walters had nine catches for a school-record 278 yards and three TDs.

The results have Stanford (3-1, 3-0) leading the Pac-10 after opening the season with a 52point non-conference loss to Texas. It also leaves Oregon State 8 Virginia Tech 31, Clemson 13. (3-0, 0-0) — looking for its first CLOSE CALLS winning season since 1970 — as No. 7 Tennessee 17, Memphis 16 the league's lone undefeated

USC next week.

teams tumbled, the Pac-10 No. 18 entering Saturday's

On a day that also included furious finishes, including No. 7 Tennessee's 17-16 last-minute win over Memphis and East Carolina's 27-23 comeback over ly. No. 18 Miami, the Pac-10 was at it again.

At Pullman, Wash., Keith Had the Ducks failed to crack Smith's desperation 42-yard TD pass to Bobby Wade with no time left gave Arizona a 30-24 victory least one Pac-10 team was not over Washington State, Replays included in the AP poll. It's been appeared to show the ball hit the

In the one game matching Top In the past few weeks there 25 teams, No. 4 Michigan beat were astounding non-conference Wisconsin 21-16 as Tom Brady threw two TD passes and the Wolverines dented Ron Davne's and Arizona's 34-point loss at Heisman Trophy chances by Penn State in the Pigskin Classic. holding him to 88 yards — none

"Our goal was to hold him to -John Frankel, Oregon's third less than 80," Michigan linekicker, hit a 27-yard field goal to backer Ian Gold said, "but 88's

> Williams' I-A career rushing record.

In other Top 25 games, it was: No. 1 Florida State 42, North "I take full responsibility for Carolina 10; No. 2 Penn State 45, Indiana 24; No. 3 Florida 38, To make matters worse for Kentucky 10; No. 5 Texas A&M Georgia 24, Central Florida 23; No. 11 Purdue 31, Northwestern State 35, Iowa State 28; No. 14 Michigan State 27, Illinois 10; No. 15 Texas 62, Baylor 0; No. 16 Mississippi State 17, South Carolina 0; No. 17 Marshall 34, Temple 0; No. 21 Alabama 35, No. 20 Arkansas 28; and No. 24 Virginia 45, BYU 40.

On Thursday night, it was No.

At Knoxville, Tenn., Tee from a 20-point deficit.

team. The Beavers, idle on Martin's 15-yard TD pass to Saturday, open league play at Cedrick Wilson with a minute left saved the Vols (2-1) from USC was No. 16 and UCLA dropping out of the national title

"I told them I would take one point or 50 points, whatever we could get done," Vols coach Phillip Fulmer said. "I didn't know they would take me literal-

Memphis (1-3), 31-point underdogs, held Jamal Lewis to 45 yards on 16 carries. In 1996, Memphis upset the Vols 21-17 and knocked them out of the title

#### No. 10 Georgia 24, Central Florida 23

At Athens, Ga., Javier Beorlegui missed an extra point with 5:21 left, and the Bulldogs (3-0) escaped with a win. Vic Penn's TD pass to Page Sessions brought the Golden Knights (0-4) within a point.

Several hours after the game, Georgia assistant coach Pat Watson, 56, died of a heart attack suffered at his home.

#### No. 11 Purdue 31, Northwestern

Dayne needs 1,105 yards in his At West Lafayette, Ind., Purdue saw USC's David Newbury miss final seven games to beat Ricky was at its 1-yard line with a onepoint lead and just under seven minutes to play when Drew Brees threw a 99-yard TD pass to

Vinny Sutherland. The longest play in Purdue's 112 years of football gave the Boilermakers (4-0) their 10th straight win, the school's longest streak since an 11-game run from 1928-30. Brees was 32-of-50 for 405 yards and three TDs.

#### Washington 31, Colorado 24

At Seattle, another intriguing Pac-10 game saw Huskies coach Rick Neuheisel get his first win, 31-24 over Colorado, the school he used to coach, on Marques Tuiasosopo's 9-yard TD pass with 3:17 to go.

**COMEBACKS** East Carolina 27, No. 18 Miami

At Raleigh, N.C., the Pirates (4-0) produced one of their biggest

wins with a rousing comeback

## Braves clinch another crown

By IRA PODELL **Associated Press Writer** 

A week ago, with first place in sight, the New York Mets packed their bags for Atlanta and the final road trip of the season.

What a difference a week makes. On Sunday, the Mets' sixth-

straight loss, coupled with the Braves' seventh-straight victory, gave Atlanta its eighth consecutive division title. New York fell 3-2 in Philadelphia while the Braves completed a sweep of the Expos with a 10-0 victory at Montreal.

The Mets, with six games remaining, have seen the NL East race end and now trail the Cincinnati Reds, who beat St. Louis 7-5 in 11 innings Sunday, by one game for the wild card.

"We're not dead yet," New York reliever John Franco said after the Mets finished off that last road trip 0-6. "We're long from being dead. I still believe."

The belief might be there, but the New York offense hasn't been. In the six losses, the Mets two games of the three-game in two more with a double. managed to score more than two series at Milwaukee. runs only once. That happened in a 63 loss Thursday that finished runs and seven hits in six innings. plete the outburst.

In other NL games Sunday, it two. was Milwaukee 11, Houston 3; Pittsburgh 8, Chicago 4 in 11 innings; Los Angeles 10, San Diego 7; Arizona 7, San Francisco 1, and Colorado 8, Florida 6.

The Reds, on the flip side, are surging. They have their own thoughts of first place as their win, along with Houston's loss, left the Astros with just a halfgame lead.

New York fell out of a playoff spot for the first time since July

Players tipped over chairs as they left the dugout, leaving Mets general manager Steve Phillips sitting alone.

"This stuff's going to change," said Mets manager Bobby Valentine one day after he announced that he should be fired if the Mets don't make the playoffs. "It always does. We're too good for it not to."

This latest sweep was even more shocking than New York's fruitless trip to Atlanta since it for their first postseason appearcame at the hands of the Phillies, who entered the series with 34 losses in 44 games.

"I hoped we'd win the series," Philadelphia first baseman Rico Brogna said. "I never dreamed we'd sweep them." Braves 10, Expos 0

time in more than a month as straight games. His lead over Atlanta captured the NL East McGwire was cut to 61-60. with a win at Montreal.

capped a five-run first off Jeremy avoided a four-game sweep. Scott Powell (3-8) and Smoltz (10-8) did the rest from there. Perez added a solo homer in the eighth to make it 9-0.

since Aug. 24.

**Brewers 11, Astros 3** 

Marquis Grissom went 4-for-6 with a homer and five RBIs, backing Milwaukee rookie Kyle Peterson as the Brewers beat visiting Houston.

Peterson (3-7) allowed two a two-run homer shot, to com-

He struck out five and walked Scott Elarton (9-5) gave up five

runs and seven hits in 2 2-3 innings. Grissom's three-run double highlighted Milwaukee's four-

run second inning. Grissom added a solo homer in the fifth and an RBI double in the seventh. Reds 7, Cardinals 5, 12 innings

Pokey Reese hit a three-run homer as Cincinnati overcame

beat St. Louis. The Reds blew a two-run lead in the ninth — Fernando Tatis hit

his second homer to tie it — and fell behind on Edgar Renteria's double in the top of the 12th before rallying for their 21st last at-bat victory.

With one out, Reese hit his 10th homer off Ricky Bottalico (3-8), prompting the Reds to spill out of the dugout to form a jubilant cluster around home plate.

The Reds have won five of six games, positioning themselves ance since 1995.

Pirates 8, Cubs 4, 11 innings

Kevin Young hit a three-run homer to cap a four-run 11th inning as Pittsburgh beat Chicago and held Sammy Sosa homerless in his Wrigley Field season finale.

Sosa was 0-for-4 with a walk, John Smoltz won for the first and has not homered in seven

Young drove in five runs and Eddie Perez's three-run double reached 101 RBIs as the Pirates Sauerbeck (4-0) pitched 1 1-3 innings for the victory. Dodgers 10, Padres 7

Pinch-hitters Trenidad Smoltz allowed six hits in eight Hubbard and Jose Vizcaino drove innings to win for the first time in two runs each to spark a sixrun rally in the seventh inning as Los Angeles beat San Diego in the Dodgers' final home game.

Hubbard, batting for winning pitcher Robinson Checo (2-1), lined a two-run single to center off Dan Miceli (4-5) to snap a 4-4 The Astros dropped the final tie. One out later, Vizcaino drove

Eric Karros hit his 34th homer,

#### Diamondbacks 7, Giants 1

Omar Daal allowed four hits in 6 2-3 innings and Greg Colbrunn homered and had two other hits as visiting Arizona defeated San Francisco.

Daal (16-9) struck out three, walked two and hit three batters as the Diamondbacks won their fifth straight and seventh of eight. Kirk Rueter (14-10) allowed six

runs and 12 hits and a walk. He has not won in his last three starts Mark McGwire's 60th homer to and the Giants lost their fourth straight and eighth in nine games.

Rockies 8, Marlins 6

Todd Helton hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning and singled in the go-ahead run in the seventh for Colorado.

Helton's single, which broke a 5-5 tie, came against Raphael Medina (1-1), who also walked two in a one-third of an inning. Colorado reliever Curtis

#### Leskanic (3-3) got the win. Rangers capture second straight AL West championship

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — As the struggling Texas Rangers prepared for a weekend series the postseason. Boston has a against top division rival magic number of two to clinch Oakland, Rafael Palmeiro chal- the wild-card berth. lenged his teammates to pick up their intensity.

Their response was over-

Athletics for 32 runs in a threetheir second straight AL. West title and third in four years.

It was the first time Texas

sealed the crown with a victory.

Rangers' home fans got to see the season game. on-field celebration. something special at home in first round in 1996 and '98. The front of our fans and the team came out excited," said Todd World Series both times. Zeile, who had a grand slam Saturday and a two-run homer Sunday. "I think we played our confident.

best baseball." teams with losing records. Texas starters had been getting rocked and the offense had been quiet.

Oakland came in trailing by 4 to do it. 1/2 games and, with a sweep, would have been within 1 1/2 games going into the season's right time." final week.

"We had a good year," A's out-

fielder Matt Stairs said. "But the Rangers kicked our butts." Oakland brought out the best The Rangers blasted the in Texas, as seems to happen a lot when the Rangers face winning game sweep, capping it with a teams. Over the last six weeks, 10-3 victory Sunday that clinched Texas is 15-3 against teams above .500 and 9-15 against teams

That bodes well going into the playoffs, especially for a fran-It also was the first time the chise that has only won one post-

below .500.

The Rangers have had the mis-"We knew that we could do fortune of facing New York in the Yankees went on to win the

The teams are on course to meet again, but Texas players are "I think everybody in this The Rangers came into the room knows we have the talent series having lost four of five to to do it," Zeile said. "The way we've played all year against the

> that we have the mental makeup 'Now it's a matter of putting those two things together at the

good teams, I think we all realize

The Rangers led 2-0 in the first

Instead, the A's left with only a inning on an RBI single by Rusty good." glimmer of hope left for making Greer that went through the legs of Oakland starter Kevin Jarvis (0-1) and an RBI single by Juan Gonzalez.

> Zeile's two-run homer capped a four-run fifth that put Texas up 6-1. An inning later, Palmeiro who until then had been more powerful with his words than his bat — hit a grand slam that caromed off the right-field foul pole. The only thing missing then

> began as soon as pitcher Mike Venafro stepped on first base with the final out. Everyone from the dugout and bullpen rushed to the field and gathered near the mound as a flag reading: "Texas Rangers 1999 AL West Champions" was

> was the celebration, and that

unfurled from the center-field scoreboard. Behind second base, the three outfielders gathered with middle infielders Royce Clayton and Mark McLemore. Instead of their usual post-game handshakes, the five spontaneously locked arms around each other's shoulders

You never like to see a celebration at your expense," Oakland's Randy Velarde said. "On the other hand, the Rangers deserve it. We made mistakes and they got after us pretty

and began dancing in circles.

The plastic-protected club-

house was filled with the usual Oates and team owner Tom shirt over his shirt and tie.

Colorado 8, Florida 6

champagne showers and beer Hicks, who slipped a gray baths, even for manager Johnny Rangers AL West champions T-

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AUSTIN (AP) — Former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes says he'll tell the truth in a deposition, but it was unclear whether he would answer questions about how Gov. George W. Bush got into the Texas National

Barnes' testimony was scheduled to be taken today by lawyers for former Texas Lottery Executive Director Lawrence Littwin.

They want to know whether Barnes helped Bush become a stateside fighter pilot during the height of the Vietnam War.

Littwin has sued GTECH Corp., the state's lottery operator, alleging the company is to blame for his firing in 1997 after four months

According to court records, Littwin's lawyers want to question Barnes, a former GTECH lobbyist, about whether GTECH was allowed to keep its lucrative state contract in exchange for Barnes' silence about the Guard matter.

**Educators: Get students through** ninth grade to improve dropout rates

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Texas education officials have pinpointed the ninth grade as the as the 'unkept secret' to the state's dropout problem, according to a recent report.

In other words, kids who don't make it through ninth grade in one year are more than twice as likely to quit school, said officials with the Texas Education Agency, which conducted the analysis.

"We know that's where the bubble is," TEA spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe told the El Paso Times in today's editions. "It looks like 18 percent of the students are retained at ninth grade."

The study also found that one of every six ninth-graders has to repeat one or more courses to reach 10th grade.

The Legislature has already taken notice of the problem, the paper said, by creating an \$85 million grant fund in June for the Ninth Grade Success Initiative.

University jumps on wagon to control student excess

HOUSTON (AP) — More than 20,000 parents of Texas A&M University students have received advance report cards, of sorts, from school administrators warning of an epidemic of underage drinking on campus, especially among freshmen.

"We are asking you to partner with us in addressing the increasing use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs by college students," read the letter, signed by student life director Brent G. Paterson and sent last week to the parents of all Aggie students under age 21.

Recent studies, campus arrest reports and other indicators suggest that chances are good that any given Aggie has abused or illegally used alcohol, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

One university survey found that 73 percent of males and 71 percent of females at A&M use alcohol, and nearly half admitted going

on a drinking binge within the past two weeks, the newspaper said. One in three had missed class because of a hangover, and 40 percent confessed to driving under the influence.

CBS sportscaster to launch new

venture with two marketing companies DALLAS (AP) - One sportscaster is set to merge his radio and tele-

vision-based companies into a new venture that includes two of the industry's top sports marketing firms. Pro Players Radio Network owner and CBS personality Craig

James said he will fold his Dallas-based businesses into a new company formed with Universal Sports America and its affiliate Host Communications. The new company, to be unveiled today, is named Pony Sweep in

honor of James' time as a running back with Southern Methodist University Mustangs in the 1980s, according to The Dallas Morning

"In order for me to grow the concepts, I needed the infrastructure of Host and USA to support it," James told the paper. "It's what I've been looking for for the three or four years I've been doing this."

Pony Sweep will remain focused on broadcasting, officials said, with a bent toward reaching into new markets

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DO UNTO OTHERS: Some reformed drug-offenders say they will ask Texas Gov. George W. Bush to pardon them — officially — just as he unofficially pardoned himself for "mistakes" of his youth. Nonviolent offenders today will ask Bush to review their cases and grant formal pardons. ... TODDLER'S DEATH: An internal review has found that the state agency charged with safeguarding children erred in the case of a toddler who allegedly died at the hands of his parents. Jabriel Walder, 3, died on Oct. 12 of internal injuries from blunt force blows that severed his pancreas. ... TRIPLE SLAYING: A Travis County jury has sentenced a carpenter and small-time cocaine dealer to lethal injection for the triple slaying of two women and a 9year-old girl in the women's home. Sentenced in the case is 37-year-

## Police: Bride killed by ex-boyfriend on wedding day

RIDGEFIELD, N.J. (AP) - A bride was Ms. Ricart. shot to death, allegedly by an ex-boyfriend, moments before she was to board a limousine to take her to the wedding.

Gladys Ricart was posing in her wedding gown for last-minute photographs Sunday at her home when Augustine Garcia arrived, pulled a handgun out of a briefcase and shot the 39-year-old accountant several times, authorities said.

scene. She leaves behind a 20-year-old son and her fiance, James Preston, 36.

Garcia, 47, was arrested after the bride's brother subdued him and grabbed his gun. He was scheduled to be arraigned on murder and weapons possession charges

Bergen County Prosecutor William Schmidt said Ms. Ricart and Garcia broke off a six-year relationship about nine months ago. She met Preston several months later.

Friends said Garcia continued pursuing

"He abused her physically," said a neigh-

bor, Joe Bongiovanni. "She tried to help him change until she couldn't take it anymore. "She broke off with him but he was still stalking her," he said.

About 40 family members and friends were at the home when Ms. Ricart was shot. Preston was to meet her later Sunday at a New York City church.

Garcia was held overnight by Ridgefield

#### Jumbo airliner hits parked Ms. Ricart was pronounced dead at the Construction trucks along taxiway

construction equipment along a taxiway early today as it headed toward a runway at Los Angeles International Airport, damaging one of the aircraft's engines. No injuries were

The Boeing 747, flown by France-based Corsair, was carrying 317 passengers and crew members on Flight 942 to Tahiti, airport offi-

The plane struck two tractor-trailer rigs and a pickup truck at a construction site along the

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A jumbo jet struck taxiway, airport spokeswoman Angela Franklin said.

One of the jet's engines and its right wing were damaged and the trucks were smashed. she said. The aircraft remained on the taxiway but did not interfere with other flights.

She said the passengers were taken to a hotel. There was no immediate word on when they would be able to resume their travel. Early morning calls to Corsair airline's Los Angeles office were not answered.

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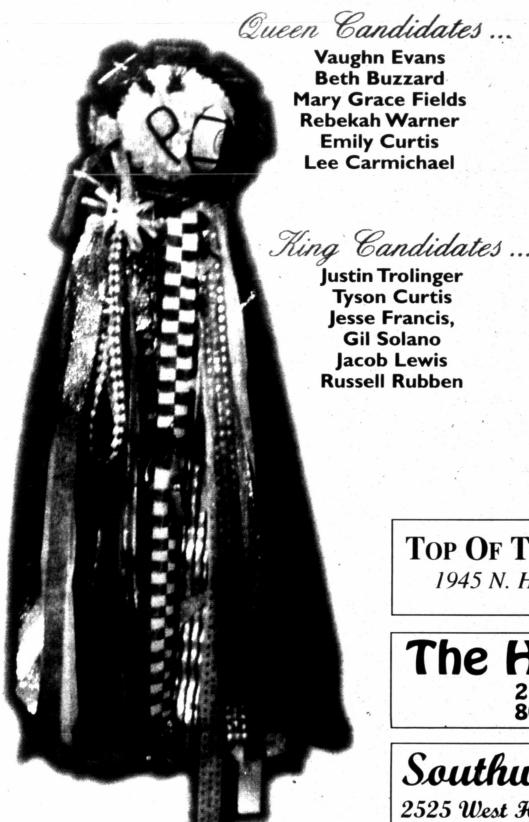
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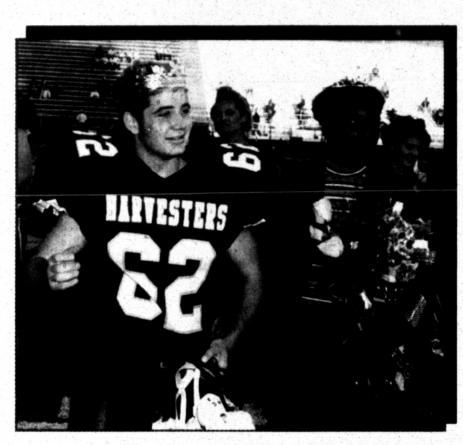
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