

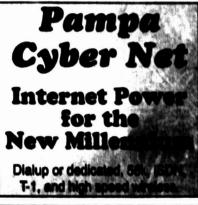
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No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twiceweekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket would have been worth an estimated \$7 million. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 7, 9, 39, 40, 48, 49. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$9 million.

Diamanal

Crowd turns out for CC-PC dedication

Community shows support for college

It was a day to celebrate.

The Pride of Pampa Band played the national anthem, a Pampa Police Department honor guard raised the national and state flags and three planes flew over the new M.K. Brown Academic Center during the Sunday dedication of the new Clarendon College-Pampa Center.

Dignitaries Mayor Robert Neslage, State Representative Warren Chisum, Pampa Center Foundation President Don Lane, Clarendon College President Dr. Miles Shelton, CCPC Dean Joe Kyle Reeve, a staff member from US Representative Mac Thornberry's office, Mike Briggs of BGR Architects-Engineers of Lubbock, V.J. Mittal of West Texas Contractors, Inc. of Amarillo, and many others who helped build the new center cut the red ribbon.

Actually, classes began at the facility January 18.

Clarendon College-Pampa Center has left the old Sam Houston School for the new \$2.6 million dollar facility at 1601 W. Kentucky.

CC President Dr. Miles Shelton said the old Sam Houston Elementary School will go back to Pampa ISD. CC has leased the school since 1978, Dr. Shelton said.

(See CC-PC, Page 2)





Pampa Center Foundation Chairman Don Lane speaks during the opening ceremony of the new \$2.6 million M.K. Brown Academic Center at 1601 W. Kentucky.

Farnum out of hospital

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Pampa teen Montana Farnum has been released

friend Doug Pritchett. He said when Montana returns to Pampa he will continue his rehabilitation in Amarillo.

Lee Ann Winton said Montana's sisters, Kim and

Blarney clue

On Tuesday, the clue to the Chamber of Commerce's St. Patrick's Day promotion "Find Blarney the Leprechaun," can be found at a gift shop. The finder of the Blarney figurine will win \$100 in Pampa Bucks.

PAMPA—The automatic tabulating equipment to be used in the March 14 primary will be tested at 7 p.m. according to Clerk Susan Tuesday, County Winborne. The testing will take place in the county clerk's office at the Gray County courthouse to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all office and on all measures, said Winborne. Early voting will continue in the county courtroom during business hours through 5 p.m. for the primary election. The polls will be open on election day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Classified ads in *The Pampa News* will work for you. Call 669-2525.

Loyd Rufus Barker, 81, former service station owner.
Velma Ayer Heil, 85, home-

maker. • Archie Neal Rhodes Sr., 84, retired truck driver.

• Mary Patricia Wessner, 78, licensed vocational nurse.

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(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson) Pampa Police Honor Guard members Sgt. Fred Courtney and patrolman David Conner helped raise the flag on the new \$2.6 million M.K. Brown Academic Center Sunday afternoon.

Alamo flag stolen at Travis School

It was a 164 years ago today that Mexican forces under Gen. Santa Ana overran a small garrison of Texas volunteers at a fortified mission at San Antonio.

While Doug Rapstine, principal of Travis Elementary School in Pampa, usually hoists a replica of the flag that flew over the Alamo on this date, this year, he won't.

"Somebody stole my flag," Rapstine said this morning.

Each year for the last seven years that Rapstine has been principal at Travis Elementary School, the tri-colored flag has flown proudly along with the U.S. Stars and Stripes and the Lone Star flag of Texas, commemorating the fall of the Alamo, a pivotal point in Texas history.

This year, Rapstine came down to the school on Sunday and hoisted the flag with plans on repeating the process Monday morning, but some one took the flag from the pole in front of the school.

He said he and his wife discussed the possibility Sunday when they came down to the school to fly the Alamo flag, but he didn't

think anybody would steal it. "I can't believe they did that," Rapstine said.

Rapstine, a former history teacher, said he flew the flag as part of the educational experience for his students. It served as a tangible reminder of the history of the state.

It is of particular importance for students at the Pampa elementary school. The school was named for William Barrett Travis, who died at the Alamo.

Girl arrested for 'mooning

A Pampa Middle School student is one step away from juvenile probation after mooning a driver and several classmates last week. A 13-year-old girl is accused of pulling down her pants and show-

ing her posterior to motorists about 5 p.m. last Wednesday at 23rd and Hamilton. Authorities said she repeated the process on Thursday at school.

Pampa police turned the girl over to Gray County Juvenile

Probation officers. Probation officers said she was counseled and released.

Authorities said the charges she faces are Class C misdemeanors. If she is charged with one more Class C misdemeanor, officers said,

she can be placed on juvenile probation.

from University Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M., but is remaining in Albuquerque to undergo therapy for a few weeks.

Farnum is continuing to make progress from head injuries he received in a Feb. 6 accident while he was skiing near Red River, N.M. He was discharged over the weekend from the Carrie Tingley Rehabilitation Center, and will be staying with his mother, Deborah, at the Casa Esperanza.

Montana will undergo therapy during the day at the rehabilitation center and staying at the Casa Esperanza at night. He will probably be on this schedule for approximately two weeks, said family Kristi, along with his grandfather, Bud Coffee of Groom, traveled to Albuquerque over the weekend to see Montana and Deborah.

Winton said a local rodeo organization is planning a benefit dance to raise funds to assist the Farnum family, but a date has not been set. She said a fund has been established at the National Bank of Commerce to assist the family.

Anyone wishing to send Montana a card or letter may continue to send mail to him at Carrie Tingley Rehabilitation Center, ATTN: Montana Farnum Room 172A, 1127 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, N. M. 87102-1715.

Census job testing March 7, 21

Census job testing is continuing throughout March at several locations in the Pampa area.

The Knights of Columbus Hall will be the scene of testing at 6 p.m. on both March 7 and 21. The K of C Hall is located at the corner of Cuyler and Browning.

Other times and dates with their locations are at 3 p.m. on March 14 at the First American Bank and at 3 p.m. on March 28 at M. K. Brown Auditorium.

Testing will be at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce office at 9 a.m. each Friday throughout the month.

No appointment is necessary, but applicants must have drivers license and social security card. Salaries for the temporary jobs range from \$9.50 to \$12 an hour.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 806 371-0273 or 888 325-7733.



Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs (right) honors Harrison Hall, Dorothy Miller and Linda Smith of JM Porter Ranch in Wheeler County. The ranch has been operated by the family for 100 years or more and was inducted into the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program at a recent ceremony in Austin.

Pampa Chamber of Commerce Prayer Breakfast • March 7, 2000 • 7:00 a.m. • 200 N. Ballard Open to the Public • Please RSVP at 669-3241 • Join Us In Praying For Our Community!

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Services tomorrow

RHODES, Archie Neal Sr. - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Fritch.

Obituaries

LOYD RUFUS BARKER

ARNETT, Okla. - Loyd Rufus Barker, 81, died Friday, March 3, 2000, at Woodward Hospital and Medical Center in Woodward, Okla. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaw Funeral Home.

Mr. Barker was born Sept. 28, 1918, at Ioland, Okla., to Walter Noel Barker and Lura Vica Sutton Barker. He lived in the Vici area and attended schools in Rio Hondo, Texas, Gage, Okla., and completed his formal education at Arnett, graduating as valedictorian of the Class of 1936. He married Agnes Berniece Coles on Nov. 29, 1941, at Apostolic Faith Church of Arnett. The couple lived in the Vici area from 1941 until returning to Arnett in 1944. He ownedoperated Champlin Service Station at Arnett for 30 years and began working as a mechanic and bus driver for Arnett School in 1973, retiring in 1990.

He was saved at Rio Hondo in 1939 and was baptized at Laverne Camp Meeting in 1940. He ed. belonged to Apostolic Faith Church of Arnett and was a board member and an adult Sunday school teacher for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Lee Barker and Lester Barker. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Berniece, of the home; a daughter, Gayle Bennett of Turpin; three sons, Kenneth Barker and Lyndel Barker, both of Woodward, and Delbert Barker of Pampa; two sisters, Esta Pratt of Booker and Betty Dyke of Sun City, Kan.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Apostolic Faith Bible College, P.O. Box 653, Baxter Springs, KS 66713; or to Faith Bible Center, P.O. Box 844, Canyon, TX 79015.

VELMA AYER HEIL

Velma Ayer Heil, 85, of Pampa, died Monday, March 6, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-

Whatley Colonial Chapel with Howard Swinney, retired Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Heil was born April 8,

1914, in Wood County, Texas, to Ewell Jerome and Ida Jane Ayer. She had been a Pampa resident since 1927, initially moving to the panhandle from Wood County in 1926. She married Willie Walter Heil on March 27, 1938, at Miami; he died in 1987.

She was a homemaker and belonged to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Police report

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

Saturday, March 4 Johnny Diaz, 22, 701 N. Wells, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated. Dennis Eugene Shephard, 52, 629 N. Frost, was

arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicat-

Tyler L. Stubblefield, 20, 1103 Duncan, was arrested for Potter County on the charge of theft. A black wallet containing a driver's license belonging to Lucas Shane Turner was found in

the 700 block of East Browning. A Ford F150 pickup was reported stolen in the 400 block of North Hill. The truck is valued at

\$21,000. A simple assault was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie. The victim reported soreness to her

chest. She said she was kicked.

Sunday, March 5

Sherwood Alexander Hendrick, 36, 1015 E. Browning, was arrested on a warrant stemming from a charge of issuance of a bad check, and was arrested instanter on a charge of speeding.

Jesus Armando Venegas, 37, 904 Varnon, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicat-

Laures F. Vasques, no age given, 1003 S. Sumner, was arrested on the charge of public intoxication.

Jessica Presten, 26, 325 Canadian, was arrested on a capias warrant stemming from a charge of speeding.

A criminal trespassing warning was reported in the 700 block of Deane.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, March 4

10:58 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Cuyler and Brown; no one transported.

Sunday, March 5

7:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported one to Pampa **Regional Medical Center.**

8:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Chestnut: no one transported.

12:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of South Barnes and transported one to PRMC.

3:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West. 6:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported one to PRMC.

Monday, March 6

6:11 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton (Gray 12) and transported one to PRMC.

Sheriff's Office

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CC-PC

School officials said the old elementary had several problems. CC-PC Dean Reeve said many rooms had no heat or air conditioning, wiring dated back to 1928, and that there wasn't enough

space. "We had more classes than we had space," Reeve said.

Clarendon College has campuses in Clarendon, Pampa, Shamrock, Wellington, and Memphis. The college has "just under a thousand students," Dr. Shelton said.

CC-PC Dean Reeve said the Pampa branch has 229 students.

Dr. Shelton said the new M.K. Brown Academic Center has plenty of room to grow. He said the new facility could house 450 students at one time.

The 26,000-square-foot building has 11 classrooms and five labs, as well as a break room, a faculty lounge, administrative offices, and a spacious foyer.

Dean Reeve said the CC-PC employs four administrative personnel, four full-time instructors, and 20-to-25 part-time instructors.

"But if you have morning classes, afternoon classes, evening classes ... Lots of room to grow," Dr. Shelton said

State Representative Warren Chisum was present for the opening of the new center.

"This is a great day. It's a great day for Pampa, and it's a milestone for west Texas," Chisum said, This is a milestone for education in Texas, as we continue to make education more available to our citizens."

Dean Reeve said the CC-PC would soon offer interactive learning. For example, a professor at Texas Tech University could lecture, and his lecture would be broadcast over the internet to a large screen in a CCPC classroom. Students in the classroom who had a question could press a button, and a camera would focus on them, and the Tech professor could see the CCPC student and answer his or her question. Students from other universities participating in the interactive lecture would also see the student and the professor.

Clarendon College Board of Regents include the following: Chairman Gilkey, Mike Butts, Delbert Robertson, Susie Shields, Doug Lowe, Jack Moreman, Tommie Saye, Charles Deyhle, and Ruth Robinson.

Pampa Center Foundation board members include the following; Chairman Don Lane, Doug Carmichael, Dorothy Stowers, Jerry Foote, Randy Watson, Jack McCavit, Betty Hallerberg, Darlene Birkes, Nancy Paronto, Katrina Bigham, Lloyd Waters, Mike Ruff, Jerry Lane, Chuck White, and CCPC Dean Joe Kyle Reeve.

Summer I classes at the M.K. Brown Academic Center begin May 29th.

Little pupils go back to school following shooting of 6-year-old

suring words from parents and grandparents, little pupils returned to Buell Elementary School today for the first time happen again?" said Simons. since a 6-year-old was shot to death in her first-grade classroom.

hands of a classmate, received a fresh coat of paint. And counbears to help students and teachers get through a difficult day, Superintendent Ira Rutherford said.

"The idea is to bring kids into a situation that speaks to the classroom as they knew it before," Rutherford said on NBC's 'Today" show.

"Inside, other than we adults standing in the hallway, it's close to a normal day," Rutherford He would not give any information on attendance levels.

the gun was pointed before Kayla was shot visited the class-

MOUNT MORRIS TOWN- said earlier that she will teach keep you all safe." SHIP, Mich. (AP) - With reas- her 8-year-old son at home, at least for now.

> "If I send my kid to school, how do I know it's not going to

Susan Stuber, a spokeswoman for a neighboring school district that has been helping out, said a Room 6, where Kayla Rolland trained trauma counselor was in died Tuesday, allegedly at the each classroom and students were being encouraged to talk or pened. draw. The National Association selors were on hand with teddy for Victim Assistance also was helping the school district.

Pfohl said Saturday.

Kayla was buried Saturday at a private funeral. Her family issued a statement of thanks to Organization the community Sunday, saying Assistance site: http://www.try-"You have all become members nova.org of our family. God love you and

said after classes got under way. He would not give any informa-He said the little girl at whom hearings to begin today

room Friday. "She's doing very, LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — House Agriculture Chairman Larry very well. I don't think the adults Combest on Monday convenes the first of a series of nationwide

On Sunday, pastors preached a message of parental responsibility along with sorrow for Kayla's death. They also asked worship-pers to forgive the little boy.

The Rev. Birdie Shields, pastor of the Greater Azusa Friendship Church of God near Buell Elementary, said no one can ever know why the shooting hap-

"This little girl became the daughter of all of us. She's my daughter, your daughter. This "As soon as we can get back boy is our son. But he needs into a routine, the healing can begin," the organization's Bill responsible for what he's done."

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Survivors include a daughter, Alicia Heil of Pampa; two sons, Walter Heil of Amarillo and Dannie Heil of Mesquite; a brother, Albert Ayer of Nashville, Tenn.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

ARCHIE NEAL RHODES SR. FRITCH – Archie Neal Rhodes Sr., 84, father of Pampa residents, died Saturday, March 4, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. A.F. Casey officiating. Burial will be in The Garden of Good Shepherd at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Rhodes was born at Mount View, Okla., and had been a Fritch resident since 1950. He was a truck driver for Merchants and belonged to First Baptist Church of Fritch.

Survivors include two daughters, Judy Douglas of Pampa and Sheryl Estep of Dalhart; three sons, Archie Rhodes Jr. of Hooker, Okla., Danny Rhodes of Amarillo and Jimmy Rhodes of Pampa, a sister, Elsie Hughes of Wheeler; a brother, J.V. Rhodes of Carnegie, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101

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Correction

In the sixth paragraph of a letter to the editor submitted by Loralee Cooley published Sunday, March 5, the word "appropriate" should have read "inappropriate." This letter will be reprinted in the next (Sunday) letter to the editor section of the Pampa News.

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

Saturday, March 4

Francisco Ramirez, 24, Hedley, Texas, was arrested by DPS on the charge of speeding. Jose Ortiz, 29, 847 Gordon, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

Sunday, March 5

Laron Londales Mitchell, 28, Kansas City, Mo., was arrested by DPS on the charge of criminal non-support out of Johnson Co., Kan..

Carlos Regaldo, 54, 1029 S. Wells, was arrested on the charge of public intoxication.

Monday, March 6

Stephanie Lynn Nunley, 26, 803 Scott, was arrested for the Pampa Police Department on a bond surrender stemming from a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, and on charges of failure to ID, fugitive from justice, and a PPD complaint.

Carson County

The Carson County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the week of Feb. 28 through March 5. There are 15 people incarcerated in the Carson Co. Jail, and 9 people being held in other jurisdictions.

William Rivera, 41, Dalhart, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

David Elder, 53, White Deer, was arrested on a Gray Co. warrant on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

Jesse McKinney, 39, Brush Cree, Tenn., was arrested on charges of unauthorized carrying of a weapon, armed robbery (Beckham County, Okla.), and homicide (Beckham County., Okla.).

Ricky Courange, 39, (no town listed) Calif., was arrested on the charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Robert Bates, 47, Borger, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana more than four ounces, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jolene Olivarez, 21, Amarillo, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation stemming from a charge of retaliation.

Edward Fancher, 47, Fritch, was arrested on the charge of public intoxication.

William Dow, 36, Fritch, was arrested on the charge of public intoxication.

Mary Bates, 37, Borger, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana more than four ounces, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Donnie Cummings, 38, Panhandle, was arrested

on a Hutchinson County warrant on the charge of theft by check.

Third bullet escapes from DPS firing range in North Austin; hits truck

busy Austin street before shattering the window of Elbert Purser's truck highlights the perils of locating a police shooting range in a densely populated area, officiar bay

"If I'd been sitting in my truck, that thing would have come through there and scared the devil out injured anyone.

AUSTIN (AP) --- The bullet that crossed over a of me," Purser told the Austin American-Statesman. He was at a barber shop four blocks northwest of the Texas Department of Public Safety's shooting range in North Austin.

> It was the third bullet in about four years to escape the firing range. The wild rounds have not

have done as well as the children," Rutherford said.

Authorities said today that the investigation has found that the boy suspected in the shooting talked to his 8-year-old brother about the gun on the way to school that day.

"We believe no one else knew," Police Chief Eric King said, adding that it was not clear if the older brother actually saw the Bureau Federation. gun.

arm and was thinking about it the night before the shooting, so he decided to take the gun to school, King said.

"He said he did it to scare her," King said.

No charges are expected against the boy. An adult in the house where the boy was staying has been charged with involuntary manslaughter for allegedly leaving the gun used in the shooting easily accessible.

The school arranged for extra security today, and the flag flew at half-mast.

Dropping her son off for kindergarten this morning, Tajuan Burns said the child wasn't frightened.

"I talked to him and told him everything would be OK. I just put my faith in God," she said. Genniva Coleman said her 10-

vear-old grandson "didn't want to go because he was scared. I again." She dropped the fourthgrader off this morning. Laura Simons, who is circulat-

detectors, security cameras and more teachers aides in the school,

hearings to give people who work on America's farm and ranch lands a chance to voice their opinions about the nation's agricultural support program.

'We are trying to provide an opportunity for people who are not able to come to Washington to testify," said Combest, R-Lubbock. Hearings will take place in nine states through May to get input from producers as Congress prepares to create a new farm program in 2002, and to consider supplemental aid to farmers before then.

"The government does need to do something until we level the playing field in the world markets," said Bob Stallman, a rice farmer from Columbus, Texas, and new president of the American Farm

"This is at a minimum a start for what happens after 2002, and it The 6-year-old told police that will provide some insight into what Congress needs to do in the Kayla had slapped him on the short-term to help these producers."

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department block of N. Grape on a good reported the following calls dur-ing the 24-hour period ending at intent.

7 a.m. today. Saturday, March 4 10:35 p.m. - One unit and one block of Hughes on a smoke personnel responded to the 1700 smell.

Sunday, March 5 2:11 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to the 400

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CLOTHING ROOM Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ (building across the street, south of Pampa High School). Open Tues., March 7th, 10-4 p.m., or call 665-2373, lv. msg. for appt.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Sunny today with high of 75 and southwest winds at 25 mph and gusting higher. Tonight, mostly fair with a high of 48 and south winds at 10-20 mph. Tomorrow, clouds and early fog with a high of 70 and possible showers and thun-derstorms. Yesterday's high was

67; the overnight low 41. STATEWIDE — Another upper-level low pressure system advanced today toward Texas, promising rain and some severe storms by Tuesday.

Patchy light fog developed after midnight from near

College Station to near Hondo and southward to the Gulf coast. Winds were mostly southeasterly to southwesterly at 5 to 15

mph statewide. Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 30s over parts of the far west and Panhandle to the 50s in East Texas and mid-60s in the Concho Valley.

Extremes included 36 degrees at Marfa to 66 at San Angelo.

It was also 55 degrees at Huntsville and 70 at Laredo, **Brownsville and Port Isabel.**

Low clouds blanketed an area of West Texas generally east of the mountains and south of a line from Seminole to Guthrie.

A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms was predicted in the Low Rolling Plains.

Afternoon highs through midweek will be in the 50s to 80s with lower 90s in the Big Bend lowlands. Through early Wednesday, a chance of showers or thunderstorms - some severe - persisted in North Texas.

Overnight lows should range from the 40s in the north to the 60s in the south.

Areas of fog lowered visibility to 2 to 5 miles over portions of Southeast Texas and the Coastal Bend.





(Above, left) Pampa High School sophomores Justin Lemons, left, and Dustin Service project and will represent Region I at the state FHA/HERO meeting Lemons was elected state officer candidate and will run for state office in April. Johnson was elected Region I vice president of Parliamentary Law. (Middle) Lindsey Hampton, left, and Destiny Engel recently placed third in Regional I FHA Star Events competition. They competed in the Chapter

Johnson were recently elected to represent Region I FHA/HERO for 2000-01. in Fort Worth in April. The theme of their project was "Ready, Set, Read." (Above, right) Edson Miranda, left, and Vicki Williams placed third in the Region I Star Events competition. They competed in Chapter Showcase and will represent the region at the state meeting. The theme of their project was "Constructing a Better Tomorrow with FHA.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call Diane Wells at 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD Planned Parenthood of library at 669-5780. Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is extending clinic

Monday-Friday, Kingsmill Ave., #175-A. Special from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7 evening hours until 6 p.m. are at the library. The NHS students available by appointment. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-forprofit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the

panhandle. LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Lovett Memorial Library's Spring Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. The program, which includes crafts and stories, is open to all children 18 months to Maeve Binchy. Visitors are wel-5-years-old. Story hours are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the

SCAVENGER HUNT hours in Pampa. The clinic is now Pampa High School Chapter of performance is open and free of open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. the National Honor Society will charge to the public.

W. co-sponsor a scavenger hunt will serve as guides. All participating students will receive a return overdue books free" coupon and those who follow all the clues will automatically qualify for a drawing for four \$10 gift certificates to Hastings. For more information, call Lovett Memorial Library.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB

Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 8 in the conference room of Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss "Tara Road" by come.

OPERA, CHORALE CONCERT WT Chorale and Pampa native Mary Jane Johnson will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 at Lovett Memorial Library and M.K. Brown Auditorium. The

PUPPET WORKSHOP

Lovett Memorial Library will hold a puppet-making workshop for children of all ages from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 11. Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, will facilitate the program. Materials will be provided free of charge. Call the library at 669-5780 to register to attend. WTAMU 'e CAMP'

West Texas A&M University's "e Camp" for youngsters will explore the radio, television and film industry. For more information, write, call or e-mail the following: Dr. Leigh Browning, e Camp director, WTAMU Box 60747, Canyon, TX 79016-0207; 806) 651-2412;

browning@wtamu.edu. BROWN BAG LECTURES

Dr. Jerry Lane, Clarendon College-Pampa Center, will present a series of topics during the noon hour every Thursday through March 23. Topics include: Couple Communication, Feb. 24; Time Management, March 2; Dealing with Anger in the Family, March 9; and

Expressing and Communicating Feelings and Emotions, March 23. The public is cordially invited to bring a lunch and attend one or more of the sessions.

FPC HANDGUN CLASS

Frank Phillips College Office of Continuing Education and the title of Mrs. Texas America Hutchinson County Sheriff's 2000 to be held May 26-28 at the Office will sponsor a concealed handgun class from 6-10 p.m. Houston. Contestants will com-March 21-23 in the Classroom Learning Complex, Room CLC-4, FPC, Borger. The qualifying portion of the class will be from 8 a.m.-12 noon Saturday, March 25 tion, call (480) 563-4216 or visit at the gun range. For more infor- www.mrstexasamerica.net. on mation, call the Office of the World Wide Web.

Continuing Education at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 789

MRS. TEXAS AMERICA

Mrs. America Pageant officials are seeking representatives from the Pampa area to compete for 2000 to be held May 26-28 at the Sheraton Brookhollow Hotel in pete in Evening Gown, Swimsuit Personal and Interview. Contestants range in age from 23 to 72 years. For more informa-

Thanks to everyone who helped with our Gray County pasture fire on Feb. 29 and March I. A Special thanks to all the area departments especially the Pampa firemen and our neighbors who responded so quickly.

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concert of 75th anniversary season

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Symphony will with orchestras in Philadelphia, Dallas, Houston, perform its sixth concert in the 1999-00 75th Denver, and with Los Angeles Chamber Center Auditorium in Amarillo. The concert will feature Samuel Jones' "Oil Well" from "Roundings," Debussy's "Rhapsody for Clarinet and Orchestra," Weber's "Clarinet Concerto No. Duke Ellington's "Black, Brown and Beige Suite" and Aaron Copland's "Rodeo Four Dance **Episodes**."

This concert celebrates our American heritage with the music of the two preeminent American composers — Ellington in the field of Jazz and Copland in the orchestra world," said James Setapen, music director and conductor.

The clarinet soloist in the Weber and Debussy works will be David Shifrin. In addition to being "unsurpassed as a clarinet soloist" (Clarinet Magazine), Shifrin is also the artistic director of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and the music director of Chamber Music Northwest, the acclaimed summer chamber music festival in Portland, Ore.

Shifrin has recently appeared as soloist at the Mostly Mozart Festival at Lincoln Center, and

anniversary season at 8 p.m. March 11 at the Civic Orchestra and the New York Chamber Symphony of the 92nd Street "Y." He records for the Nonesuch, Delos, Arabesque and CRI labels. His recording of the Copland Clarinet Concerto of Angel/EMI received a Grammy nomination. In May 1987, he was chosen to receive one of the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grants, an award given to outstanding American artists. Shifrin's previous appearance with the Amarillo Symphony was in 1991, when he performed the Mozart Clarinet Concerto.

Dr. Jones's "Oil Well" from "Roundings" is the fifth movement of the seven-section composition to be premiered this season. The entire work will receive its full premiere at the final concert of the season on April 8. KACV-TV is producing a documentary on this anniversary season commission that will air in August 2000.

Single tickets are priced at \$22, \$17 and \$12. General admission tickets are \$10 and are available at the Civic Center only on the evening of the performance. For more information, call the Symphony office at (806) 376-8782.

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p.m. April 8 in M.K. Brown Heritage Room. Tickets are \$15. AHA's goal is to raise funds for heart awareness, education and cardiac research. For ticket reservations or to donate an item for the auction, call Suzanne or Veronica at 665-0356. Above: (left-right) Suzanne Courtney and Veronica Kirkwood.

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AHA gala The American Heart Association will hold its "Gala Garden Party/Art Auction" at 7

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Monday March 6

Family Misses Nice Brother They Knew Before He Wed

DEAR ABBY: My family is having problems with my brother's wife. They have been married about eight years, and my brother seems

eight years, and my brother seems like a different person today. Before marrying, "Eric" was a nice and compliant person. When the family got together on some-thing, he would always participate. Our mother was particularly fond of Eric, as he would accompany her to concerts or church since my father concerts or church since my father did not like to go to these events. Eric never argued or spoke up to any of us, but now he has an opinion on everything and lets it be known. He used to always put his family first, but now he favors his wife and children.

Eric has told us that he has been seeing a counselor for a long time. He has invited all of us to join him, but we don't believe in that sort of thing. We all know Eric would have never started seeing a counselor if it weren't for his wife. Our parents are especially devastated that Eric has changed so much.

What can we do to stop his wife and get our old Eric back? HANK IN TACOMA, WASH.

DEAR HANK: There is nothing you can do. And please don't blame Eric's wife for the change in his personality. She could only encourage her husband to seek counseling. The rest was up to him.

Face it, Eric has slipped his in. chain. Perhaps he has taken to heart what he learned in coun-

Horoscope

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

* * * * You act quickly and fearlessly. Slowing down might not hurt at all. Your mental processes also race, leaving others wondering how, what and why. Bridge the gap. Discuss ideas, share your views and let others express their amazement. Tonight: Brainstorm. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

* * Assume that there is much more

Abigail Van Buren SYNDICATED

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seling and is, in fact, doing very well. Once passive "people pleasers" learn to assert themselves, it's unlikely that they will go back to being the way they were. The rest of you will have to adjust.

DEAR ABBY: We buried my uncle yesterday, and several people said to my aunt, "I'll stop by and see you soon." I know how easy it is to make such promises when caught up in the moment, and I hope at least a couple of those people follow through.

I live 75 miles away and can't spend as much time with my aunt as I'd like. They used to have a very

active social life, but as dementia took the sparkle from their conversations, my aunt and uncle were relegated more and more to the company of the health aides who have cared for them around the clock. Few of their old friends drop

I know it is difficult for people to make time, especially for less pleas-

**** Opt for the unknown.

Venture into the outer reaches. Your abil-

ity to embrace different ideas gets a

strong reaction from a known associate.

Trust your abilities. Stay clear about

what your ultimate goal is. You could be

about to peak. Tonight: Do something

*** * * Knock on doors today. Now

is the time for an important discussion.

One-on-one relating proves to be effec-

tive, especially at work. You could be

stunned by how another views a situa-

tion. Combine forces to come up with a

plan. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

different.

unpredictable, yet very creative. Follow a strong gut feeling. You'll know how to proceed. Do something special for someone you care about. Tonight: Have a good time.

* * * Establish stronger understandings; consider what works for you. On some levels, you cannot compromise. Knowing your limitations helps you build the financial strength you want and desire. Take unexpected action. Tonight: Happy at home.

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Your advice sometimes jolts others, while you are often taken aback by others' reactions. It is a two-way street! A little sensitivity goes a long way, breeding the kind of understanding you want. Follow your creativity. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



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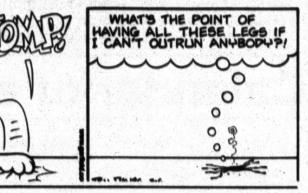
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make sure older people don't become completely isolated. There are many ways to entertain older people who suffer from age-related memory loss: preparing and bringing over a favorite meal or dish, a

hearts will.

cassette of music from their generation that might lift the spirits and stimulate the memory, a short drive in a familiar neighborhood. A companion pet can provide a special kind of love, not to

mention entertainment. However, one should not be given unless the giver is absolutely sure it can be properly cared for and looked after.

disarming and allows greater understanding. Share ideas. A boss finds you almost inspirational! Tonight: Burn the midnight

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Tonight: Out and about.

going on than you had thought, especially after an inquiry draws a heated response. You might not be comfortable with others' ideas. Still, allow them to have their place in the limelight. New information comes forward. Tonight: Bide your time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** * Rest assured that you are heading in the right direction. Some you encounter won't necessarily agree, and they present other viewpoints. Maintain a sense of humor. Make time for friends. Using your witty and convivial style allows others to clear obstacles. Tonight: Get together with the gang.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) * * * * Take charge. Remain confident

when another bucks your authority. You

Crossword

* Build on established ground, knowing what your limits are. Creativity works with your interpersonal relationships. Understanding where another comes from helps to allow greater trust and a natural ebb and flow. A new relationship heats up. Tonight: Dance the night away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

* * * Dig into your mental and emotional resources to resolve a scheduling problem. Be open to new technology but not totally dependent upon it. Creativity is stirred. Open doors; brainstorm with others. Check out a new purchase for the home. Tonight: Off to the gym. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) * * * * You are high-voltage materi-

al, capable of quickly accomplishing a can deal with it. Your sense of humor is lot. Your way of handling others could be

Marmaduke

* * * Your insights can take you in some interesting directions. However, you might want to test them out before you make them so. You have unusual perspective. What you perceive as assets might not be. Stay levelheaded and test the waters before diving in. Tonight: Order in.

BORN TODAY Tennis player Ivan Lendl (1960), TV

weatherman Willard Scott (1934), actor Daniel J. Travanti (1940)

For a personal consultation with a psychic, call (900) 000-0000, \$2.95 per minute. You can request your favorite psychic, and Spanish-speaking psychics are available. Rotary or touch-tone phones. Must be 18 or older to call. A service of InterMedia Inc., Jenkintown,

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"No! I don't feel like dancing with you today."

"I'll be out in five minutes, after I change clothes and check my E-mail.'

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SPORTS

Notebook WRESTLING

AMARILLO - Former Pampa High School state wrestling champion Chad Chairez is in his second year of coaching at the Maverick Wrestling Club in Amarillo.

Chairez and assistant coach Fabien Marez recently took nine athletes to the state meet in Mesquite with six reaching the finals.

Jonathan Mayes, competing in the Division One, 85pound class, won the state championship.

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PAMPA David Robinson of Pampa placed second in the triple jump at 41-0 3/4 in the Top Of Texas track meet Saturday.

Jesse Tarango also medaled for the Harvesters, taking third in the 200 with a time of 22.88.

HIGHLAND PARK -Nick Ball of White Deer threw the discus 141-10 1/2 to take first place at the Hornet Relays held last weekend.

White Deer's Jon Kinsey cleared 19-6 to take third in the long jump.

TENNIS

MIDLAND - Needing only to make the finals to qualify for Champs, A.J. Smith took it one step further and won the Midland ZAT held last month.

Seeded first, Smith received a bye in the first round and then rolled over Anthony Pekearo of Fort Worth 6-1, 6-1. In the quarterfinals, Smith was on the brink of defeat, down 3-6, 1-4 to Matt Boedeker of Plainview. However, he fought back to win 3-6, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (4) in the match of the tournament.

The final two rounds would prove to be a breeze for the Pampa High School sopho-



Members of the M.O.B. team are (front row, from left) Quincy Williams, Brandon Young and Leo Ramirez; (back row, from left) Chris Williams, Brandon McCall, Keith Stewart, Gabe Wilbon and player-coach Cederick Wilbon. Not pictured is Nate Williams.

Pampa Physical Therapy wins crown; M.O. B. takes second in **City Men's Basketball League**

League, Pampa Physical Therapy came away with a 64-45 win in the third meeting last week.

Both teams finished the season with 8-2 overall records, but Physical Therapy and M.O.B., Hoganson 1, Peres Physical Therapy won the con-Dustin Miller led the winners in Roden 1, Miller 1. ference championship because scoring with 17 points. John of its 7-1 record. Physical Studebaker followed with 14 Therapy was 1-1 in non-confer- points and Chris Roden 11. lay. M.O.B. was

the charm for Pampa Physical ond in the conference standings, Therapy. After losing two earlier lost only to Jordan Unit and games to M.O.B. in the City of Physical Therapy. Physical Pampa Men's Open Basketball Therapy lost only to M.O.B. twice.

Other teams in the Men's Open League were Jordan Unit, First State Bank and Pampa Machine.

In the final game between 6-2 in con- Cederick Wilbon had 16 points

PAMPA -- The third time was ference. M.O.B., which took sec- lowed with 12 points and Quincy Williams had 10. Physical Therapy held a 37-21 lead at halftime.

Scoring Summary

Pampa Physical Therapy: Dustin Miller 17, Chris Roden 11, Brian Raney 9, Robert Perez T. Wickens 4, John 6, Studebaker 14, Chris Hoganson 3. Three-point goals: Hoganson 1, Perez 1, Raney 1,

M.O.B.: Cederick Wilbon 16, Leo Ramirez 12, Quincy Williams 10, Chris Williams 3, Gabe Wilbon 2. Keith Stewart

Lady Harvesters breeze to Top Of Texas track crown

PAMPA — Pampa's Lady Fatheree, third place, 12:37.6. Harvesters won 11 events and racked up 238 points to easily win the Top Of Texas Invitational Saturday at Randy Matson Field. Tascosa was far behind in sec-

ond place with 95 points. The Lady Harvesters compete

in the Borger meet Saturday. Team totals: 1. Pampa 238, Tascosa 95, Clovis, N.M. 89, Dumas 83, Canyon 51.

Pampa individual results

High jump: Chelsea McCullough, first place, 4-10. Triple jump: Ashleigh Patton, first place, 37-7 1/2; Teryn

Stowers, third place, 33-11 1/2; Chelsea McCullough, fourth place, 32-3 1/2.

Long jump: Lavonne Evans, first place, 17- 4 1/2; Teryn Stowers, third place, 15-7 1/4; Chelsea McCullough, fifth place, 15-2.

Shot put: Angela Phillips, first place, 37-0.

Discus: Diana Solis, second place, 105-2; Angela Phillips, sixth place, 103-6.

3200: Samantha Hurst, first place, 11:57.41; Vanessa Orr, secplace, 12:03.6; Rebecca Hurst), 4:32.39. ond

400 relay: Pampa, first place (Lavonne Evans, Joy Young, Kristen Stowers and Cali Covalt), 49.88.

800: Vanessa Orr, first place, 2:32.70; T'Andra Holmes, second place, 2:36.20.

100 hurdles: Tandi Morton, first place, 15.38.

100: Joy Young, second place, 12.96; Teryn Stowers, third place, 13.22.

800 relay: Pampa, first place (Lavonne Evans, Joy Young, Kristen Stowers and Cali Covalt), 1:45.86.

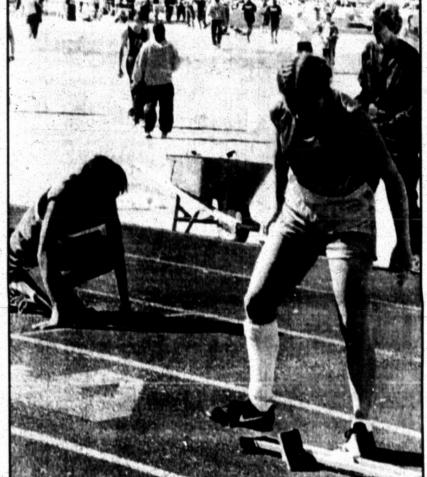
400: Kristen Stowers, first place, 1:02.36; Randa Morris, fourth place, 1:05.91.

300 hurdles: Tandi Morton, second place, 49.91.

200: Lavonne Evans, first place, 25.17; Teryn Stowers, fifth place, 28.26.

1600: Beth Lee, second place, 5:39.25; Rebecca Fatheree, second place, 5:43.91; Samantha Hurst, fourth place, 5:50.72.

1600 relay: Pampa, fourth place (Vanessa Orr, T'Andra Holmes, **Rebecca Fatheree and Samantha**



more. He won his semifina round match 6-4, 6-0, against Daniel Michael of Mansfield, then finished off the weekend with a decisive 6-4, 6-1 victory over Jaime Rivera of Midland.

The win gave Smith 64 points to add to his 32 earned at the Mansfield ZAT, more than enough to advance into the next level of play, Champs. Smith earlier had reached the Mansfield finals.

Smith follows PHS teammates Michael Cornelison and **Emily Waters in Champs.**

AUTO RACING

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Jeff Burton would rather win the race on the track.

"It's kind of a shame, really," Burton said after winning rain-shortened the CarsDirect.com 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Sunday. "Even though we won the race, it's not as dramatic as it could have been because there were three cars getting ready to put on one hell of a race, and everybody kind of ran out of time."

For the third time in less than a year, Burton was handed a victory in a Winston Cup race while waiting through a rain delay. When NASCAR stopped the race after just 148 of a scheduled 267 laps on the 1

1/2-mile oval, Burton's Ford was in front of the Pontiac of Tony Stewart and the Taurus of Roush Racing teammate Mark Martin.

ference play and 2-0 in non-con- to pace M.O.B. Leo Ramirez fol- 2. Three-point goals: Wilbon 2,

Little Nazareth keeps winning state titles

AUSTIN (AP) - The state anyway, but it would have been titles keep coming for Nazareth, and there's no end in sight.

The Class 1A juggernaut with just 89 students won its national record 14th state championship in 18 trips to the state tournament.

And they did it with a starting lineup that returns three starters next season, including Shawna Gerber, who scored 23 points in a 72-56 victory over top-ranked Valley View in Saturday's final. Gerber was chosen the game's most valuable player.

To do it, they got a big break -er, twist - from Valley View's Jordan Davis.

About seven minutes before tip-off, Valley View's top scorer and assists leader twisted her ankle so badly in pregame warmups she had to be carried off the court.

Davis, who averaged 22.9 points during the season, played only a few minutes in the fourth quarter and finished 0-for-3 shooting with no points as Valley View (37-2) lost in the title game for the second straight year.

"We thought it was broken," said Valley View coach Bobby Bates. "We weren't going to let her play at all." "We thought Jordan Davis

was their best player," said Nazareth coach Matt Garrett. "I sure hope we would've won

a substantially better game is she had played." Valley View believes it could

have won anyway.

"No excuses. We played Nazareth tough for most of the game but they never let down, never gave us the opportunity for that run," Bates said. Panhandle schools went 6-1

in this year's state tournament with three championships in the five classifications.

Since 1975, at least one Panhandle team has won a state championship. In 1991, the Panhandle swept the tournament. Nazareth (33-5) is the 20th West Texas team in 24 years to win the 1A title.

Class 2A Brock (28-9) was the sentimental favorite of the tournament but came up short in its quest to win its first state championship in 11 tries. The team wanted the championship to honor three former teammates and a classmate who died in a 1998 car crash.

Most of the community of about 700 had traveled the 244 miles to Austin to watch their team play. But there was little to get excited about as Brock scored just five first-half points in a 47-35 loss to Farwell.

Ashley Crawford scored 20 points as Farwell (30-6) won its first state championship. Brock started four sophomores and a freshman.

"Everyone wanted to win for all four girls" said Brock coach Tony Phillips. "Right now, they're all beating themselves up a little bit because they feel like they didn't finish the job and win the state champi-

onship." If Brock was the Erwin Center crowd's favorite team, **Class 3A Winnsboro's Stacy** Stephens was one of its favorite The players. 6-foot-2 University of Texas signee scored 44 points in two games as Winnsboro (41-1) defended its state title with a 54-51 victory over Smithville (34-5).

Cali Covalt adjusts her starting blocks at the Top Of Texas meet. Covalt anchored the winning 400 and 800-meter relay teams for the Lady Harvesters.

Harvesters post weekend wins

ball team lifted its record to 3- called on account of darkness. 2-1 with a pair of weekend victories.

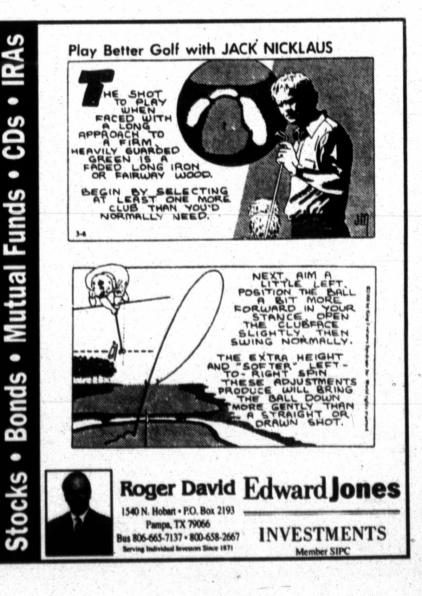
ing win. Kaleb Snelgrooes hit Pampa. a home run while Greg

doubles.

FRITCH — Pampa's base- Fritch 7-0 in a contest that was Casey Owens and Adam Jones pitched for the The Harvesters pounded Harvesters with Owens pick-Guymon, Okla. 29-3 with ing up the win. Russell Brent Coffee taking the pitch- Robben had a double for

Pampa lost to Randall 10-0 Lindsey and Coffee each had in a game played Friday.

Pampa hosts Guymon, Pampa shut out Sanford- Okla. at 4 p.m. Tuesday.



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Iowa State clinches first league championship since '45

Old Dominion 70, Va. Commonwealth 47

Richmond 93, N.C.-Wilmington 69 William & Mary 72, George Mason 66

Marcus Fizer is indeed putting an end to his college career, he's doing it with a monstrous mentality.

Now the favorite to be Big 12 player of the year, Fizer had 34 points Saturday as his 7thranked Iowa State Cyclones won State 59-56, No. 13 Texas defeating Baylor 75-45.

for the Cyclones.

"I just go out there with the mentality that every time I get the ball and I've got a good shot, I'm aiming to knock the shot down," Fizer said. "I came out with the mentality that we were going to win this game."

The Big 12 regular season came to an end Sunday when No. 24 Kansas squeezed past Missouri 83-82. That game determined the fifth and sixth seed in the league tournament that starts Thursday in Kansas City.

Iowa State had the top seed with the other byes in the tournament's first-round going to second-seed Texas, third-seed Oklahoma and fourth-seed Oklahoma State.

Thursday were eighth-seed to go farther and farther in the

Baylor, Kansas against 12th-seed Kansas State, seventh-seed Colorado against 10th-seed Texas A&M and Missouri against 11thseed Texas Tech.

In games Saturday, No. 15 Oklahoma beat No. 17 Oklahoma the Big 12 title outright by beat- ed Kansas State 99-70, Texas missed dunks, we didn't block A&M stopped Nebraska 83-76 in out and we had poor shots," said It was the first title since 1945 overtime and Colorado beat Texas Tech 88-67.

The 6-foot-8 Fizer, who leads the league in scoring, has scored 30 or more points in four of the had 21 points as Oklahoma last five games as the Cyclones (26-4, 14-2 Big 12) set a school record for wins in coach Larry Eustachy's second year. Iowa State has already won 11 more games than it won last year. "This is the crown jewel,"

Eustachy said.

The speculation is that Fizer, a junior, will turn pro whenever the Iowa State season finally has been averaging 18 for the ends. But so far, he has not Cowboys (23-5, 12-4). tipped his hand.

NBA too much," he said. "I'm thinking about finally winning the conference. That was my first First-round matchups on the Big 12 tournament, and then

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - If Nebraska against ninth-seed NCAA tournament. Right now, sive mistakes," Cowboys coach single-season team record with the game out of reach with a 9-0 I'm just playing basketball at Iowa State."

FAR WEST

California 61, UCLA 53

Baylor (13-14, 4-12) made a game of it, getting within 43-40 midway through the second half. But the Cyclones ran off nine straight points.

"We battled back and then we Baylor coach Dave Bliss. "We obviously have shortcomings we try to play around."

In Stillwater, Nolan Johnson spoiled the farewell party for Oklahoma State's Gallagher-Iba Arena. The arena, opened in 1938, is to be expanded and transformed before it reopens in December.

Oklahoma (24-5, 12-4) rallied from a 46-33 deficit while Johnson helped hold Desmond Mason to just six points. Mason Monster.

"I did what was asked of me "I try not to think about the tonight - play defense and make shots when I was asked to," Johnson said.

Oklahoma scored on seven goal. My next goal is to go far in straight trips down the court to an important putt to fall. take the lead for good at 56-52.

"We just had too many defen-

you still have to put the ball in 17 games. the basket."

Texas put the finishing touches on what was a miserable season for Kansas State and one that may spell the end of the road for Wildcats coach Tom Asbury.

The Wildcats (9-18, 2-14), who earlier in the season tied their before won at Kansas State, put overall.

when he's not playing.

Doral-Ryder Open on Sunday.

Eddie Sutton said. "Even when an 11-game losing streak, ended run early in the first half, turning you make a defensive mistake, the season losing 15 of their last a 54-44 lead into a 63-44 advan-

Dallas Madison (31-2) vs. Port Arthur Jefferson

Darren Kelly was 13-of-17 from the field and scored a career-high 33 points as Texas (22-7, 13-3) assured the Wildcats (9-18, 2-14) that they would finish last in the Huskers finished 4-12 in the Big league.

Nebraska coach Danny Nee is also feeling the heat after his team collapsed in the overtime period against Texas A&M. The 12, 11-18 overall. The win left the The Longhorns, who had never Aggies 4-12 in conference, 8-19

Furyk rallies to win Doral-Ryder Open

MIAMI (AP) - Tiger Woods main character. can raise the level of play even

Only a month ago, he was paired with Woods in the final Just ask Jim Furyk, who drew round of the Pebble Beach inspiration from Woods for a National Pro-Am. Where Woods stunning comeback to win the was seven behind with seven holes to play, Furyk was even Furyk had every reason to lose further back.

hope when Franklin Langham "If you had told me Tiger was going to win that event, I would chipped in for birdie to take a 6shot lead with only seven holes have laughed at you," Furyk to play on the tame Blue said.

Instead, he watched Woods Langham, going after his first victory in his 101st PGA Tour make eagle from the 15th fairway and birdie two out of the final three holes, grabbing a 2-stroke victory with a little help event, had not come close to a bogey all day. Furyk couldn't get from fast-fading Matt Gogel.

But Furyk had been in his posi-On Sunday, it was Furyk's tion before, even if he wasn't the turn.

With five birdies on his last seven holes, Furyk closed with a 7-under 65 for a 2-stroke victory over Langham in the Doral-Ryder Open. His 265 tied the tournament record set in 1993 by Greg Norman.

"I told myself that he won that event because he really believed he could," Furyk said. "If I didn't believe I could win, then it definitely wouldn't have happened. Maybe I learned something from that."

It wasn't as exciting, but Furyk was no less efficient.

The collapse by Langham wasn't as shocking - he had a backnine 38, to Gogel's 40 - but it was no less sad.

Marino is offered Minnesota's starting quarterback position

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -Warren Moon, Cunningham, Jeff George. And now Dan Marino?

The NFL's career passing make up his mind. leader is being asked to follow made stops in Minnesota to of the sources. resuscitate their waning careers and get a shot at that elusive became a free agent last month Super Bowl title.

Marino was offered Minnesota's starting quarter-back job last week in talks with Vikings coach Dennis Green, two sources close to Marino confirmed today. They did not want to be identified.

The offer was first reported Sunday night by ESPN and Fox year in 1999, he could sign a Sports Net, citing unidentified deal with easily reachable sources. They said Green incentives that would not assured the former Miami squeeze the Vikings too much Dolphins star that he would be the starter.

Marino also is considering Marino won't pass up a shot at gle last year with Jeff Diamond, Randall retirement. The Vikings wanted a decision by Sunday night, but Marino sought more time to year with the equally strong-

He'll likely make a decision his fellow quarterbacks who by the end of the week, said one

The 38-year-old quarterback after voiding his contract with Miami. The Dolphins then tion. signed free-agent quarterback Jay Fiedler.

ESPN said Marino's agent, Marvin Demoff, has had discussions with the Vikings on a contract that would fit within the club's salary-cap structure.

Because Marino had an off against the salary cap. The Vikings are hoping

playing with Cris Carter and Randy Moss, who thrived last armed George.

Attempts to reach Vikings officials were unsuccessful other than one assistant saying Green issued a directive last week directing his staff not to discuss the quarterback situa-

Green's home telephone number was recently changed and is unlisted. He said recently he'd like a veteran to sign a one-year, incentive-laded deal, but that if he couldn't get the right quarterback, Daunte Culpepper, the team's top draft pick last year, would go into camp as the projected starter. Green has come under increased criticism for his han- his \$28 million deal and was dling of personnel since win- replaced by George, who went ning a front office power strug- 9-3 as the starter.

who then joined the Tennessee Titans.

Green bypassed Jevon Kearse, who helped the Titans reach the Super Bowl, so he could pick Culpepper. He also picked Dimitrius Underwood in the first round.

The team's neglected defense slipped to 30th in the league last year, and the Vikings fell from Super Bowl favorites to NFC also-rans. Players who recently signed elsewhere have blamed the team's spoiled chemistry on Green's juggling of coaching and management responsibilities.

Cunningham, rewarded for his magnificent 1998 season with a new contract, was benched just 5 1/2 games into

Green decided not to bring he plans to do." back George, a decision that When the Dolphins signed back George, a decision that players and fans alike.

Cunningham refused to renegotiate his contract, and he'll probably be released after June 1 so the Viking can free more room under the salary cap.

Cunningham recently received a \$1 million roster bonus and would count \$1,833,000 against the cap this year and \$2.5 million against the 2001 cap if he's jettisoned after June 1.

Dolphins president Eddie Jones was surprised by the reports about Marino considering Minnesota.

"I'm just flabbergasted," Jones said. "I have no idea about Dan Marino and any in Miami, and that Vikings report about him going anyplace. I know nothing about teach the quarterback the where Dan's head is at or what offense.

hasn't gone over well with Fiedler to a three-year, \$3.8 million contract, it was clear Marino had played his last game in Miami.

Marino is the most prolific passer in NFL history. In 17 seasons, he has completed 4,967 passes for 61,361 yards and 420 touchdowns, all NFL records.

Injuries have taken a toll in recent seasons, and Marino's play declined sharply in 1999. He threw 12 touchdown passes and 17 interceptions, by far the worst ratio of his career, and his quarterback rating of 67.4 ranked 30th in the league.

Fox reported that Green promised Marino he could do all of his offseason conditioning coaches would go to Miami to

Southwest jet skids off runway at Burbank Airport; six injured

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) - A Southwest Airlines jet landing with 142 people aboard barreled off the runway, slammed through a retaining wall and skidded to a halt in the middle of a street, narrowly missing a gas station.

Six people on the plane suffered minor injuries in Sunday night's accident at Burbank Airport. The plane also struck a car that was driving on a street next to the runway. The hood was pinned under the aircraft, but a woman and her 4-year-old daughter inside the car were not injured, the fire department said.

Passenger Kevin McCoy told KNBC-TV that the plane departed from Las Vegas about two hours behind schedule.

"They told us it might be a rough landing, but none of us were expecting this," McCoy said. "We are very lucky. All of us."

Flight 1455 from Las Vegas to Burbank landed just after 6 p.m. and slid off the tarmac, ripped a gaping hole through a perimeter fence and stopped on Hollywood Way less than 100 feet from a Chevron station.

Six men aboard the plane, including the pilot, were treated at Providence-St. Joseph's Medical Center, then released.

Darryl Forbes, Burbank Fire Department's through the retaining wall about 30 feet away ire marshal, said parts of the fence were from us," said Glickman. "It was unbelievfire marshal, said parts of the fence were imbedded in the plane's engine, and the wings were badly damaged.

Larry Hopper of Manteca was on a flight that landed on the same runway just minutes before the Southwest flight.

"It was just barreling in and it ran into what appeared to be a building," Manteca said. "It came to an abrupt halt."

McCoy said the plane made a short approach toward the runway and seemed to be going fast. The angle that we approached the runway

was much steeper than I was used to," said McCoy, who was sitting in the second row and traveling with his wife. After the Boeing 737-300 careened off the

runway, the plane came to a rest with its nose on the ground. Louis Diaz, a spokesman with the Federal Aviation Administration, said the front landing gear collapsed, although the cause of the accident had not been determined.

Bob Glickman and his wife, Katie, were driving away from the airport after arriving on an earlier flight when they heard a noise. "Then we saw the nose of the plane burst

able to see the explosion as it came through the fence."

Glickman said something from the crash hit the car and knocked off its bumper.

"We figured the wing probably missed us by 20 feet," he said.

The National Transportation Safety Board was investigating the skid. Fire officials said the plane leaked about 10

gallons of fuel, which was quickly covered with foam as a precaution. There were no reports of flames.

Officials planned to use a dolly and two cranes today to position the airplane and lift it back onto airport property, the fire marshal said

At a news conference in Dallas, CEO Herb Kelleher said the Boeing 737 had its last maintenance check on Thursday and "there were no visible problems with the airplane." "There was no indication that the runway

was wet and they have no indications of any problems at all with the plane," he said.

Southwest officials said the carrier, known for its bargain ticket prices, has not had a fatality in its 30-year history.

THE PAMPA NEWS - Monday, March 6, 2000 - 7 Alabama sticks with midnight executions

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) -Standing in a small, cinderblock room and an adjoining hallway, the witnesses have braved the evening chill to watch the inmate strapped into the electric chair.

Last goodbyes are mouthed through the glass. Sometimes tears fall. Watches are checked surreptitiously as the clock nears midnight. Minutes later, the man is dead, electrocuted by the state of Alabama.

The late hour adds drama to what already is a macabre scene. In recent years, a number of states have changed the time of their executions from the wee hours to earlier in the evening, partly to avoid inconveniencing witnesses and prison workers.

South Carolina changed its time from 1 a.m. to midnight, then to 6 p.m., partly because the time could accommodate witnesses, prison personnel and the media, said prison system spokesman John Barkley.

He said officials were "trying to be cognizant of all those involved," such as victims' families, some of whom travel long distances to witness an execution. Officials also were concerned about sleepy witnesses driving home, Barkley said.

Other states, including Texas, Mississippi and Florida, have changed their executions as well. Times range from 7 a.m. in Florida to 6 p.m. in Mississippi and Texas. Alabama, though, doesn't

appear likely to follow their lead. "It's just always been done that way, at 12:01," said John Hamm, a

spokesman for the state Department of Corrections, which determines the time of execution.

Alabama's executions are carried out at Holman Prison, about 40 miles northeast of Mobile, on a date designated by the state Supreme Court.

Alabama allows 24 hours to carry out the death sentence.

"You have to start at the beginning of that 24 hours in case some-

thing happens," said Holman warden Charlie Jones.

So far, victims' family members haven't complained about the late hour, Jones said.

"I don't think it's a big problem for them" because witnessing the execution is usually important enough to relatives that the time doesn't matter, he said.

The warden said an earlier hour might disrupt the daily routine inside Holman. "At 12:01, the population is asleep, secure in their cells," he said.

Gov. Don Siegelman also isn't concerned about the late hour, said press secretary Carrie Kurlander.

"We don't see any reason to change the time," she said. "It allows for the longest period of time to resolve any unforeseen legal issues to arise





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Doctor: Technology, hygiene keys to lowering hospital infections

ATLANTA (AP) — New tech- each patient contact, he said. nology and simple measures like frequent hand- washing could cut the impact from it is great," researcher says.

New devices such as catheters coated with antibiotics have health care-associated infections. proved effective against infection at health facilities, said Dr. Richard P. Wenzel, chairman of internal medicine at the Medical College of Virginia.

New technology is far costlier each year. than simple, equally important

"Hand-washing is cheap, but back on infections contracted in Wenzel said. He spoke here hospitals, which kill as many as Sunday at the opening of a five-88,000 people each year, a day U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conference on preventing and reducing

Wenzel said bloodstream infections contracted at health care facilities could be the nation's eighth leading cause of death, claiming more than 25,000 people

On Thursday, the CDC reported steps — like getting doctors and the rate of such infections fell by nurses to wash their hands after 44 percent in the 1990s in medical

intensive care units at 300 facili-

The infections typically are caused by catheters, intravenous lines and breathing tubes common to most hospital stays. Such devices allow bacteria easy entry into the body.

Wenzel said simply placing an alcohol dispenser at each patient bed cut blood infection rates by 40 percent in one hospital because workers disinfected their hands more often.

Another effective method is for doctors to model good habits in front of colleagues and medical students.

ties that report to the government. I'm washing my hands, I always tell the students, 'Oh this feels good, oh it's phenomenal," Wenzel said. "I give them the idea that they are missing out on something if they don't wash their hands." Dr. William Jarvis, with the

'When I'm up in the ICU and

CDC's Hospital Infection Program, said medical professionals must control infections better because the number of older Americans will soar in the next century. The elderly are particularly at risk for infection and more likely to spend time in a hospital.

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Women should think twice before binge drinking HOUSTON — Women in their child-bear-

ing years might want to think twice before going out and binge drinking.

"Binge drinking, or consuming four or more drinks in one sitting, during the early weeks of pregnancy can be damaging to the unborn child," said Dr. Sherry Sellers, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Sellers says brain cell formation and multiplication occurs between the eighth and sixteenth weeks of pregnancy. Studies have shown that drinking more than two ounces of alcohol a day or binge drinking can cause decreased intelligence, unusual facial features, attention problems and hyperactivity in some children.

In addition, drinking too much alcohol during pregnancy can cause Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, one of the leading causes of mental retardation in newborns.

Study uses radiation, gene therapy to treat prostate cancer

HOUSTON - A new study involving radiation treatment and gene therapy offers ble fat.

hope to men suffering from prostate cancer. Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital in Houston have taken a gene from a herpes virus, combined it with a common cold virus, and injected it directly into the cancer cells, where it produced the enzyme thymodinekynase.

Thymodinekynase combined with the drug valcyclovir forms a toxic substance, says lead investigator Dr. Brian Butler, chief of radiology oncology at Baylor and the medical director of the radiation therapy department at Methodist. "In other words, the radiation is killing the cancer cell at the

Butler says a study in mice showed this type of gene therapy prevented tumors from traveling through the blood stream to other parts of the body. He believes this type of therapy might one day replace chemotherapy treatment.

Beef can be part of healthy diet

HOUSTON - You don't have to say bye-

bye to beef to maintain a heart-healthy diet. "We've found that it's okay to include meat in your diet as long as it is lean," said Lynne Scott, director of the Diet Modification Clinic at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston

To be considered lean, three ounces of cooked meat should have less than nine grams of fat. Scott suggests choosing cuts that have most of the fat trimmed. Cuts with the word "loin," such as tenderloin, top loin and sirloin, are usually leaner choices. The grade of meat is also important, "Select" is the leanest grade, followed by "choice" and "prime," which is the highest in fat.

In addition, it's important to grill, broil or roast the meat. Do not use fat, like butter or shortening, when cooking and trim any visi-

Hair braiding is not healthy

HOUSTON - Hair braiding may look cool, but it is not very healthy for your hair or scalp.

"Braiding creates a great deal of tension, which can interfere with the blood supply and cause the hair to fracture," said Dr. John Wolf, a dermatologist with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "This can lead to the destruction of the hair follicle, which ultimately leads to permanent hair loss."

Braiding can also cause hygiene problems. Wolf says it's virtually impossible to sham-

poo your hair when braids are in place. Failure to properly clean the hair can lead to dandruff, dermatitis and other skin problems.

Stretching is key for 'weekend warriors

HOUSTON - A good stretching program can help keep 'weekend warriors' in the game.

"Stretching should be part of any sporting activity," said Dr. Lon Castle, a sports medicine specialist with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "It's important to stretch between 15 and 20 minutes and target the hamstrings, groin, thighs, biceps and shoulders. Also, a slow jog or bike ride will help get the blood flowing to the heart."

There is no data that shows stretching prevents muscle injuries. However, not stretching can cause injuries to the tendons, especially the Achilles tendon. Castle says holding each stretch between five and 10 seconds will help you avoid these types of injuries.

Don't forget to wash food before eating

HOUSTON - Thoroughly washing raw fruits and vegetables before you eat them can help you avoid serious illness.

"Unwashed fruits and vegetables are loaded with things that can make you sick," said Dr. Herbert DuPont, an infectious disease expert with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Be wary of imported fruits and vegetables because some countries use human waste as fertilizer. DuPont recommends soaking these items in soap and water, washing them carefully, then rinsing them in hot water.

Food poisoning, chronic diarrhea, and in some cases hepatitis are some of the illnesses a person might contract from eating unwashed fruits and vegetables.

FDA says leader of gene research violated rules

By PAUL RECER AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Food and Drug Administration says in a letter that a University of Pennsylvania researcher violat-

ed safety regulations in a gene therapy experiment in which a patient died.

In the stern warning letter, the FDA said that Dr. James M. Wilson of the University of Pennsylvania "violated regulations governing the proper con-duct of clinical studies" in a series of gene therapy experiments designed to correct a liver disease. Wilson headed a gene therapy experimental study that was halted after the death of 18-year-old Jesse Gelsinger of Tucson, Ariz. The teen-ager is the first patient known to have died as a direct

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result of a gene therapy experiment. The teen-ager died last September just four days after he was injected with the gene therapy drug. An autopsy report blamed his death on the effects of the experiment.

In its letter on Friday, the FDA ordered Wilson and the University of Pennsylvania's Institute for Human Gene Therapy to continue cessation of all current human experimental drug trials and not to apply for new studies until "corrective actions have been implemented."

A warning letter is an FDA procedure that notifies a researcher or institution of what the agency considers to be violations of federal law. It means that unless the offending actions are corrected, the agency can take some enforcement action without further notice. The warning letter said the university had 15 days to report on steps it plans to correct the violations.

The University of Pennsylvania said in a statement that it takes the FDA letter "extremely seriously."

The statement said the university had already answered many of the allegations contained in the letter and was "disappointed" that the FDA discounted or rejected those earlier responses.

Gelsinger was enrolled in an experiment designed to test whether new genes could correct an inherited liver condition caused by a genetic flaw. In the experiment, a virus modified to carry the corrective gene was infused directly into the liver.

The 20-page letter sent to Wilson said than an inspection showed that the University of Pennsylvania researchers failed to properly report serious reactions experienced by patients who had the gene therapy before Gelsinger.

The letter also said the university failed to make a timely report about the death of at least two lab monkeys in similar gene theraov experiments

Study: Losing weight pays off big in health benefits

DIEGO SAN to lose just a little bit of weight the Boston suburbs since 1948. - even just a pound a year may substantially lower their ing in San Diego of the American off four years after that. risk of high blood pressure.

The hard part, of course, is off in better health.

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High blood pressure makes and 50 when they lost the weight keeping the weight off. But a the heart work harder and is an were about 25 percent less likely new study shows that surpris- important underlying cause of to develop high blood pressure ingly little weight loss — if it can strokes, heart attacks and kidney over the next 40 years than were be sustained — carries a big pay- disease. About 50 million those who kept their weight rea-Americans have high blood pressure. Doctors have long dle-aged people who took off a known that too much weight is an important cause of the condition. Dr. Lynn Smaha of Sayre, Pa., president of the heart association, said the new findings show that people don't need crash diets and big weight loss to be healthier. 'I will be able to tell my patients now that even a small Moore speculated that it may not amount of weight loss can make a big difference," Smaha said. In the study, Moore looked at Moore's findings were based 1,823 overweight men and on the landmark Framingham women between the ages of 30

Overweight people who manage the health of 5,209 residents of who lost 4 or more pounds dur- more exercise. ing the first four years of the

> People who were between 30 sonably stable. The payoff was especially big for people between 50 and 65 and were significantly overweight when they took off a few pounds. Their risk was 30 percent lower.

(AP) — Heart Study, which has followed and 65. Among them were 405 of other things that gave them

Another study by Christine L. Williams of Columbia University showed that the ill effects of weight on blood pressure can be seen even in the very young. She looked at 1,226 children age 2 to 5 who enrolled in a poverty pro-gram in New York City.

Almost 11 percent of the children had blood pressure that was high or at the borderline. The risk of this was three times higher in the heaviest 5 percent of the children. 'It's not cute for little children to be overweight and chubby," she said. Another study by Moore showed how overweight children may pick up their eating habits from their parents. She found that the risk of obesity in kids was especially high for those whose parents fluctuated between strictly watching what bought houses that required they eat and going on eating

The researchers looked at midpound a year for four years and then kept the weight off for at least four more years. These people lowered their risk of high blood pressure over the next 40 years by about 25 percent. "It's amazing, isn't it?" said

Dr. Lynn L. Moore, an epidemiologist from Boston University. "Even that modest amount of weight loss makes a big difference. That's an exciting public health message."

Those who took weight off and then put it back on did not benefit, but they weren't harmed, either.

Just why these people lost weight was not clear. However, have been intentional. They might have switched to more physically demanding jobs, more yard work or did a variety binges. The warning letter accused the university of:

-Failure to properly report changes in the experimental proto-

col. Among the changes was elimination of a provision to stop the experiment if two patients experienced serious liver toxicity. "These protocol revisions reflect significant changes that affect the safety of study subjects," the letter said.

-Failure to immediately notify or properly report serious adverse reactions in four patients. An annual report by the university, the letter said, "misrepresented the true nature of the toxicities experienced by these four subjects."

-Enrollment of new patients in the experiments using higher doses despite adverse reactions experienced by earlier patients at lower doses. "Your actions demonstrate a disregard for the protocol stopping rules you had agreed to follow that were designed to protect the safety of study subjects," the letter said.

-Failure to properly report liver damage found in a laboratory monkey even though the results suggested "a significant risk for human subjects.

-Failure to revise informed consent documents for new patients after some earlier patients had serious side effects. This meant, the letter said, that some patients were not told "new information about the possible risks of participation."

-Failure to properly conduct the required laboratory tests on patients either before or after the experiment. "We conclude that the (institute) did not exert due diligence to ensure that the followup tests were performed according to the protocol," the letter said.

Feds give high-five to new once-a-day allergy medication

NEW YORK (AP) - The Food had to be taken twice a day. and Drug Administration has approved a once-daily version of

Aventis, which makes Allegra and is seeking to challenge Claritin, the world's most popular prescription fer from hay fever, a condition trig-antihistamine. Previously, Allegra gered by airborne pollen that

The new pill will be available in mid-March, Aventis said. The Allegra, a drug aimed at stopping sniffles and sneezes without caus-ing drowsiness. The approval was announced by Augusta Allegra di Stopping once-a-day version of Allegra will sell for \$2.07 per pill compared with \$2.24 for Claritin, although both are usually covered by health insurance.

About 35 million Americans suffer from hay fever, a condition trig-

emanates seasonally from grass, and the fact that it doesn't make ragweed and trees. Hay fever season gets under way next month in most parts of the United States. ness

Last year, Allegra had about \$700 million in worldwide sales, second to the \$2.7 billion for Schering-Plough's Claritin.

attributed to advertising, the con- cases, the dr venience of once-daily dosages twice a day.

users sleepy. Zyrtec is a once-a-day allergy pill, but does cause drowsi-

The FDA also approved Allegra for children as young as 6 and for hives, an allergic reaction that causes the skin to become red Claritin's success can also be and itchy. But in both of those cases, the drug needs to be taken

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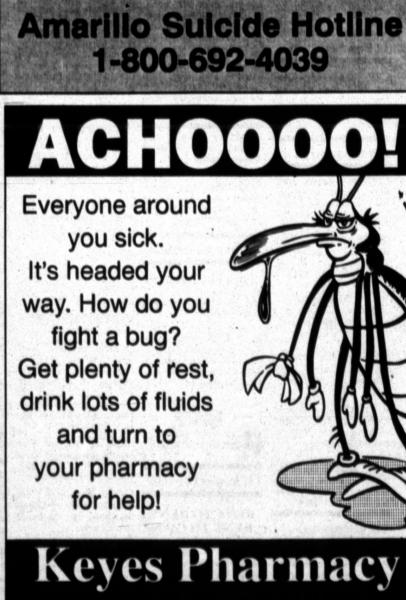
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