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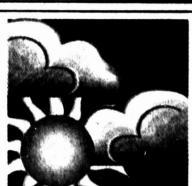
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High today 74 Low tonight 45 For weather details see Page 2.

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The location was not available. The ticket was worth an estimated \$4 million. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 9-14-21-34-40-42.

PAMPA -- Gray County Republican Party and the Top of Texas Republican Women will co-sponsor a forum March 2 for the Republican candidates who are seeking election in the March 14th Republican Primary. The Forum will be held at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 318 N. Cuyler. The public is urged to attend and learn more about the candidates who want to represent them, said Doug Ware, GCRP chairman, and Laurey Gilbert, TOTRW president.

HOUSTON (AP) — Capt. Anthony F. Lucas could have made it much easier for the people planning for a party next year honoring the birth of the Texas oil boom.

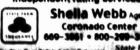
Now the location question may have finally been settled. The Spindletop Commission, which is planning the celebration to mark the 100-year anniversary and Beaumont-area surveyors Joe Breaux and Darrell Shine say they now know definitively where Lucas drilled his historic well.

- Elizabeth Ann Calvin, 17, Memphis High School stu-
- · James Monroe Lancaster, 70, farmer.
- · Thomas William 'Tom' Johnson, 79, retired Skelly Oil Company employee, auctioneer.

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Second dairy to open by mid-summer

### Will be built by intersection of Highways 60 and 152

By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher

The second dairy to receive funding from the Pampa Economic Development Commission should be up and running by mid-summer if everything goes according to plan.

On Friday, the principals of Roden Dairy, Godley, Texas, and Buddy Cockrell, local landowner, inked sale papers on 320 acres of land. The spot for the new dairy is on the south side of the intersection of Highways 60 and 152 about seven miles east of Pampa.

 Also Friday, the PEDC made its funding official, said Susan with 2,000 of them to be milkers. Tripplehorn, PEDC executive director.

The PEDC, which is funded by a half-cent sales tax, is prosum that does not have to be addition, there is a \$250,000 "forgivable loan" earmarked for a manure bagging and sale

Under terms of the torgivable operation to Gray County.

loan, Roden Dairy must employ 15 full-time workers each year for five years in order to escape any repayment, she said. If in any year of the five years the workforce is below 15, the dairy would have to repay \$50,000 for each below par year. Workforce figures will be based upon Texas Workforce Commission reports.

While the manure plant will go on line in conjunction with dairy operations, a possible bottling plant is several years away, Tripplehorn said. The PEDC has agreed to another \$250,000 forgivable loan for the bottling

Roden Dairy will support 2,400 cows, Tripplehorn said,

Pampa's first dairy, Moody Dairy, which formerly operated as Carrell Diary, also in Godley, opened in August and is now viding \$500,000 to the dairy - a milking 950 cows, Tripplehorn said. Moody Dairy is on repaid, Tripplehorn said. In Highway 152 about 15 miles east of Pampa.

While the Carrells continue to operate a dairy in Godley, the Rodens are moving their entire



Pampa, meet the Rodens. From left, grandmother Mary Roden, son Gary Roden, granddaughter Reagann Roden, grandfather Larry Roden, daughter-in-law Tara Roden, grandson Rhett Roden, son Ricky Roden. The Rodens are building a dairy operation near Pampa. (Gary and Ricky are brothers, and they are the sons of Larry and Mary Roden.)

# **PISD** board will review contract

Pampa Independent School District board of trustees will evaluate the contract of Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr when they meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Carver Center Boardroom.

The renewal of the superintendent's contract is considered annually by the board of trustees.

Items to be considered in the meeting will be insurance and athletics bids, discussion of planning and budgeting process for 2000-2001, and setting the school trustee election for May 6. A time and place of meeting to canvass the May election results will also be

Other items to be considered for the 2000-2001 school year are high school band uniforms, approve the textbook selection committee recommendations, and the school calendar.

Trustees will consider a resolution to adopt Texas Public School Week. Trustees will consider the sale of tax delinquent property. The board will also consider the study of block schedule on educational

Financial reports will also be considered.

Administrative reports include Worth the Wait Abstinence report, class ranking policy, board member credit training hours, Region 16 board of directors election and notifying the board the PAASB Grassroots meeting has been rescheduled for Feb. 29.

Public comments will be held at 7 p.m.

# PEDC continues active recruitment of dairy farms

With two dairies recruited, the Pampa Economic Development Commission plans to continue its effort to bring even more of them to

PEDC Executive Director Susan Tripplehorn said efforts are under way daily to recruit more dairies. As a matter of fact, she said the PEDC is responding today to inquiries from a dairy in the Stephenville area.

Also, the PEDC is working up information from inquiries received earlier this month when PEDC President Richard Stowers and Tripplehorn attended the world's largest agriculture show, the Tulare Farm & Equipment

Show in Tulare, Calif. Their attendance was in conjunction with membership in the High Ground of Texas, Tripplehorn said. The organization represents 48 communities and groups in the Texas Panhandle to south of Lubbock.

"By pooling our money we can do more work and recruiting than any of us can do alone," Tripplehorn said of the High Ground membership. "Everyone in High Ground shares the leads received at the show."

During the show, contact was made with some California dairies that have interest in relocating - especially dairies from the Chino Valley area where some 200 of them have been annexed to make way for urban growth, Tripplehorn said.

But even before the show, she said dairies as tar away as California have expressed interest in Gray County and the surrounding area.

Already, dairies have located in Heretord, Plainview and several other High Ground locations, she said.

"The more dairies we can get in the entire area the better off everyone is," Tripplehorn said. (See PEDC, Page 2)

### White Deer board to meet

board is not considering shutting down the Skellytown campus, board member Joe Freedman said.

"It's been discussed ... totally shutting it down, though, No," Freedman said, "Definitely

The school board will meet tonight to set a school board election date, and appoint elec-

The White Deer ISD school tion judges. The board will also consider the 2000-2001 school calender, the local teacher salary schedule, breakfast and lunch price increases, substitute teacher pay increases, reduction in force for the nursing services program, principal's contracts, and a district contribution toward service learning grants. The board will meet tonight at

6:30 in the White Deer Cateteria.

# **CCPC** dedication set March 5 Guided tours will be available

Clarendon College Pampa Center will haven its - new facility at 1601 W. Kentucky from the former official opening and dedication on Sunday, March 5 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The public is encourage to attend the event that will include a ribbon cutting, building dedication and raising of flags beginning at 2:45 p.m. Guided tours of the facility will be available during the open house.

The CC Pampa Center made the move into the - well received by the student population.

Sam Houston Elementary School at 900 N. Frost. Following a successful fund-raising drive, construction on the center began on Dec. 11, 1998 and was completed in December 1999. Spring 2000 classes began in the new center in January

College officials say the new facility, which provides a more college-like atmosphere, has been

Sixth-grader Megan Jouett (left) won first overall in the the Pampa Middle School Science Fair for her project "What color is Sixth-grader Black?". Lauren Denney (middle) placed third overall for her project "Which cup will keep your beverage hottest?", and Eighth-grader Sara Albracht (right) placed second overall for her project "Are dogs really colorblind?".

(Special photo by Margaret Williams)



### City plans to oppose **Energas rate increase**

across West Texas who are opposing a rate increase request from Energas Company.

said the committee and staff's recommendation will be to deny the rate increase.

The matter will be discussed during at 6 p.m. public hearing Tuesday in the city commission chambers at Pampa City Hall.

Energas tiled its intentions in August to increase residential and commercial gas rates by \$9.8

Pampa is joining over 60 cities million a year.

Amarillo city commissioners approved a \$2.05 million Energas rate hike in December Bob Eskridge, city manager, after reaching a compromise Energas requested a \$4.5 million increase in Amarillo.

> Canyon City commission is scheduled to vote tonight on the issue. Assistant City Manager Courtney Sharp said the council will deny the request.

The proposed increase would raise an average monthly rate of \$27 to \$31, or 14 percent.



Pampa Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee meeting in the Nona Payne Room, Tuesday, February 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

### Services tomorrow

GALVAN, Elizabeth Ann — 10 a.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Memphis.

JOHNSON, Thomas William "Tom" -Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

#### **Obituaries**

#### **ELIZABETH ANN GALVAN**

MEMPHIS - Elizabeth Ann Galvan, 17, sister of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today in Memphis Funeral Home Chapel. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Dennis Boylan officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Miss Galvan was born at Plainview and attended Memphis High School where she was a member of the track team.

Survivors include a daughter, Alexandra Galvan of Memphis; her parents, Roberto and Maria Galvan Sr., of Memphis; five sisters, Lydia Rodriguez of Pampa and Mary Pasley, Juanita Jarrel, Yolanda Liner and Catherine Galvan, all of Memphis; two brothers, Roberto Galvan of Memphis and Juan Galvan of Austin; and a

fiance, Jose Lopez of Fort Worth.

JAMES MONROE LANCASTER

MOUNTAIN GROVE, Mo. - James Monroe Lancaster, 70, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000, at Columbia University Hospital in Columbia, Mo., following a lengthy illness. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Gene Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Craig-Hurtt-Bradley Funeral Home of Mountain Grove.

Mr. Lancaster was born June 9, 1929, at Wheeler, to Aubrey Franklin and Lottie Cecil Seitz Lancaster. He grew up in Texas. A member of First Baptist Church, he was saved and baptized at an early age. He married Ola Mae Smith on Dec. 18, 1949, at Pampa. The couple moved to a farm near Mountain Grove in 1971. He was an outdoorsman and enjoyed farming and tending livestock. He also enjoyed woodworking and woodcarving.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1945-49.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, J.A. Lancaster; and a sister, Yvonne Camron.

Survivors include his wife of more than 50 years, Ola, of the home; a daughter, Cheryl Kay Walter of Springfield, Mo.; a son, James Thomas Lancaster of Mansfield, Mo.; two sisters, Emily. Washington of Pampa and Sue Bond of Houston; a brother, Cecil Reynolds of Winkelman, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

THOMAS WILLIAM 'TOM' JOHNSON

Thomas William "Tom" Johnson, 79, of Pampa died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000, at Amarillo. Liturgy of the Word will be said at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Kevin Hand, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of White Deer, officiating. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Johnson was born Aug. 25, 1920, at Bristow, Okla. He married Bobbie Johnson on Dec. 23, 1944, at Port Arthur; she died Dec. 13, 1994. He had been a Pampa resident since 1946, moving from Port Arthur. He was retired from Skelly Oil Company and was an auctioneer for Price Road Auction Company. He also sold and repaired used appliances.

He belonged to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, serving during World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Lea Laycock of Lubbock; three sons, Tommy Johnson of Billings, Mont., Chris Johnson of Childress and Mark Johnson of Pampa; two sisters, Vera Darling of Pampa and Virginia Reeve of Kenai, Alaska; two brothers, Robert Lee Johnson of Selma, Calif., and Homer Johnson of Levelland; seven grandchildren; and a special friend, Debbie Myers of

The family requests memorials be to Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX, 79066-0939; or to a favorite charity.

#### **VERNON E. LEWIS**

Vernon E. Lewis, 79, of Pampa, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2000. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mr. Lewis was born March 18, 1920, at Pampa. He married Maxine Davenport on May 17, 1940, at Pampa. He had been a Pampa resident since 1983, moving from Hereford. He was a service manager for the Ford Motor Company auto dealers in Pampa, Borger, Amarillo and Hereford. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving dur-

ing World War II and achieving the rank of staff

He belonged to First Baptist Church and was a

lifetime member of Disabled Veterans.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Grover Lewis, in 1962.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine, of the home; a daughter, Sharon Bridges of Pampa; two brothers, Clifford Lewis of Pampa and James Lewis of Amarillo, formerly of Pampa; two grandchildren, Chad Bridges of Amarillo and Deena Bridges Clifton and husband Russell of Weatherford; and several thoughtful nieces and

nephews. The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, First Baptist Church or a favorite chari-

### Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Feb. 19

Larry Keith Bryan, 37, 316 N. Wells, was arrested on charges of no valid driver's license, no proof of insurance, wrong mo tags, and fictitious or counterfeit inspection.

David Alan Luster,46, 2501 Rosewood, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicat-

A domestic assault was reported in the 800 block of North Dwight. The offense report said the victim was struck in the jaw by an elbow.

A domestic assault was reported near the intersection of Boyd and Dwight. The victim suffered minor abrasions.

Sunday, Feb. 20 Carey Blanche, 33, 1160 Prairie, was arrested on the charge of simple assault.

Michael Leon Hinds, 17, 1138 S. Christy, was arrested on the charge of simple assault.

Juan N. Comacho, 40, 400 Lowry, was arrested

and criminal trespassing of a habitation. A domestic assault was reported in the 400 block of North Dwight. The victim was struck on the left cheek and upper arm.

on charges of unauthorized carrying of a weapon

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, Feb. 19

Justin Billy Adams, 17, 1806 Coffee, was arrested on charges of minor in possession second offense and failure to identify one's self. Sunday, Feb. 20

Dreamia Tucker, 32, 1426 South Barrett, was arrested on three charges of issuance of a bad

#### Accidents

The Pampa Police Department released the following supplemental accident report Monday

Tuesday, Feb. 15

A parked Honda Accord belonging to Boid Fletcher Yates was struck by an unidentified driver in the 500 block of North West. In a supplemental accident report released Feb. 21, Officer Shawn Waters reported the unidentified driver was Amanda Kay Graves, 18, 711 N. Somerville, who was driving a Oldsmobile Delta 88 at the time of the hit-and-run. Waters reported, "Subjects stated they have come to a verbal agreement on settling the insurance claim."

#### **Ambulance**

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, Feb. 19

2:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Randy Matson and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas

Sunday, Feb. 20

6:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville for lift assistance. Monday, Feb. 21

12:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West Francis and transported one to

4:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart and transported one

#### Carson Co. Sheriff

The Carson County Sheriff's Department arrested nine people during the week of Feb. 14-20. There are currently 10 persons incarcerated in the Carson County Jail, and 12 additional people incarcerated in other jurisdictions.

Curtis Stone, 58, Panhandle, was arrested on the charge of assault family violence.

David Dwayne, 37, La., was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Sara O'Brien, 20, N.M., was arrested on other

agency warrants. Robert Wilhelm, 24, Plains, was arrested on the

charge of criminal negligent homicide.

Noe Gonzales, 27, N.M., was arrested on the charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Adam Obrecht, 19, Panhandle, was arrested on

Robin Meaker, 18, Panhandle, was arrested on other agency warrants.

Kelly Holland, 39, Borger, was arrested on the charge of insufficient funds.

Charles Ford, 50, Amarillo, was arrested on DPS warrants.

### Fires

other agency warrants.

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

Saturday, Feb. 19

2:16 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a Lifestar standby at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:58 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a carbon monoxide check at the 1200 block of North Garland. Nothing was

#### PEDC

"When those numbers grow that's when we'll get the infrastructure that supports dairies.

Selling points for the area include:

 The climate, especially low humidity Abundant feed grain

 Good roads Cheap land Abundant water

Regarding the humidity, Tripplehorn said dairy cows normally produce 70 pounds of milk per cow per day. That translates into one gallon for every

"When humidity is high it stresses the cows and they aren't going to eat as much or drink as much water therefore they produce less milk," she said. "And when that happens, their production drops to about 55 pounds per day ... that's a big loss."

# Lincoln letters are now appear on the internet

debating advice to the Republican candidate could hardly have been more direct: "You are dealing with a bold, brazen, lying rascal and you must fight the devil with fire."

It was Aug. 27, 1858. Abraham Lincoln, in a tough race for the Senate, was set to debate Sen. Stephen Douglas for the second time. And Joseph Medill, then managing editor of The Chicago Tribune, advised Lincoln to "give him hell," to unsettle Douglas with sharp-pointed "ugly questions" about his views on the slavery question.

"Hold (him) up as a traitor and conspirator, a bamboozling demagogue," he told Lincoln. "Give measure for measure and a great triumph awaits you."

Medill's sulfurous campaign advice got a wider audience this month when the Library of Congress put an initial installment of 2,200 of its more than 20,000 Lincoln papers on its Web

site (http://www.loc.gov). The Lincoln file has been available to the public since 1947, but reading it meant cranking through miles of microfilm on mechanical projectors.

tions of the handwritten letters provided by the Lincoln Studies Center at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill.

Not surprisingly, many of the and all the whisky shops in the surviving letters to Lincoln are land ... from political supporters, many of them writing at the time of the presidential victory in 1860.

Judge David Davis of 1860. Bloomington, Ill., who was to take initial charge of the Lincoln papers following the president's he was a "poor hard working 1865 assassination, offered this boy," told Lincoln he had "worn record — in this way alone can ments. the people see through him."

N.Y., saw future promise in the newspaper accounts of the defeat," told Lincoln it was now debates. "You have a chance his duty to travel through the which comes to but few men of South and save the Union by each generation," he told Lincoln. "It is for you to make the most of it."

When it was over, Lincoln had the largest number of votes but Douglas had won election in the state legislature.

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A writer in New York City, A writer in Chenango County, declaring that he had earnestly and "honestly labored for your promising Southerners to govern according to strict constitutional

principles. But a Republican voter in Springfield, Ohio, reading hints in local newspapers that Lincoln would issue such a statement, "The result in Illinois has both told him: "Nothing could be astonished and mortified me more humiliating to us and disastrous to our cause, than to see you, the chosen leader of a bold and noble party, crawl upon your belly before a handful of traitors in the South."

Although most of the papers consist of letters written to

gural address, a private memo expressing his belief he would be defeated in the 1864 election and the first draft and reading copy of the Gettysburg Address.

I am naturally antislavery, continued after Lincoln won the Lincoln said in an April 1864 letpivotal Lincoln-Douglas debates, presidency and Southern states ter to a Kentucky editor. "If which set the stage for Lincoln's moved to secede from the Union slavery is not wrong, nothing is and organize the Confederate wrong. I cannot remember

# Groom confirms restraining order once filed against him

celed the rebroadcast of its highly rated special "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?" after learning that the groom, Rick Rockwell, once was accused of hitting and threatening to kill an

ex-girlfriend.
"In light of that new information, the network feels that to rebroadcast the special would be inappropriate, and consequently we have removed it from our schedule," the network said in a statement Sunday.

The cancellation was ordered by Fox Television Network chairman Sandy Grushow.

The repeat was to air Tuesday night, a week after Rockwell, a real estate investor and motivational speaker, chose a bride from a group of 50 women he had never met. The two-hour special drew a huge audience. Viewership grew from 10 million viewers in the program's first half-hour to an enormous 22.8 million in the final half-hour.

Rockwell, 42, and his new wife, emergency room nurse Darva Conger, 34, had been scheduled to return from their Caribbean cruise honeymoon Sunday night and were unavailable for comment.

But Fox contacted Rockwell, and he confirmed a restraining order had been issued against him nine years ago, The New York Times reported today. Rockwell denied the accusa-

tions, CBS News reported today. "Relationships have ups and downs but getting physical, for me, is not an option," Rockwell

On Saturday, the Web site Redondo Beach was not in TheSmokingGun.com posted court records filed against Rockwell by Debbie Goyne, who described herself as his former fiancee. She said she lived with Rockwell for more than 18 months.

Goyne's 1991 petition accuses Rockwell of shoving and slapping her, twice entering her home without permission and vandalizing her car after she broke off their engagement.
"Recently, he said he would find me and kill me," her court

papers alleged. A Los Angeles County Superior Court judge issued a

restraining order prohibiting Rockwell from coming within 100 yards of Goyne for six documents listed Goyne's

listed to a D. Goyne in

service today. It was unclear how the

"Millionaire" cancellation would affect Fox's plans for another such special in May, the next sweeps period.

The special sparked plenty of controversy because of its premise and format, which included women parading around in bathing suits and wedding dresses for Rockwell, who was not shown on camera until the end of the show.

Fox said it checked out Rockwell's financial records and determined he was worth "at least \$2 million."

Rockwell was born Richard Balkey in Pittsburgh and now lives near San Diego. From the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s, he Goyne could not immediately was a regular on the Southern be reached for comment. The California comedy club circuit and appeared on a comedy show Redondo Beach address from on KFMB-TV as a geeky beach nine years ago. But a phone bum.

## City Briefs

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### Weather focus

PAMPA — Sunny and breezy today with a high of 74 and southwest winds at 15-25 mph. Partly cloudy tonight with a low of 45. tomorrow, variable cloudiness with a high of 68 and a slight chance of rain. Yesterday's high was 60; the overnight low 38. STATEWIDE — The forecast

Texas, with isolated showers

and thunderstorms in the north. South Central Texas can expect cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms today. Temperatures there will range from near 70 to

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near 80 in certain areas. Temperatures in South Texas on Monday morning ranged from 44 at Conroe to 69 at Port

North Texas was expected to

temperatures today in the 70s. Skies were cloudy in West Texas this morning, with a chance of showers and thunderstorms late tonight and Tuesday.

High temperatures in the west will reach into the upper 60s and 70s, along with mid-80s readings along the Rio Grande.

Monday morning tempera-tures in West Texas were mostly in the 40s and 50s, with calls for mostly cloudy skies see isolated showers and thun- in the 40s and 50s, with over most of North and South derstorms through tonight. The extremes of 39 at Marfa to 53 at regions will experience high Midland.

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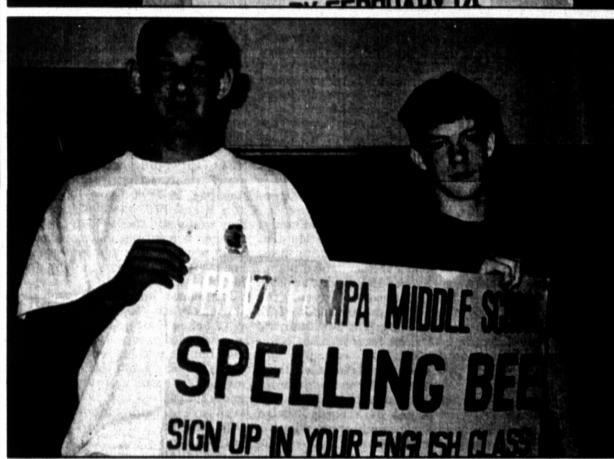
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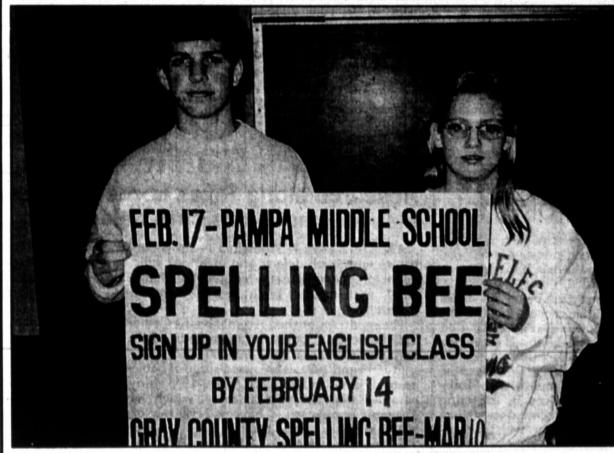
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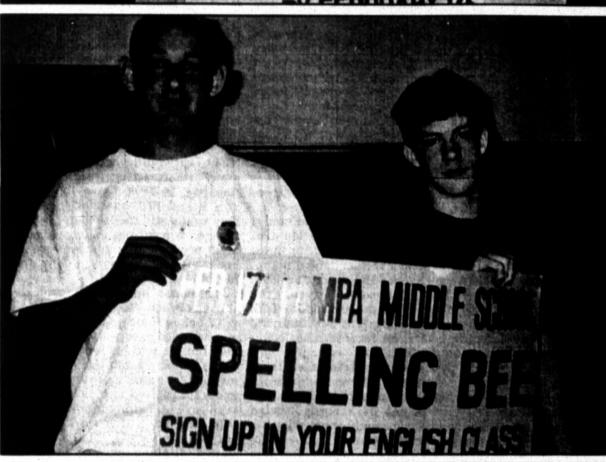


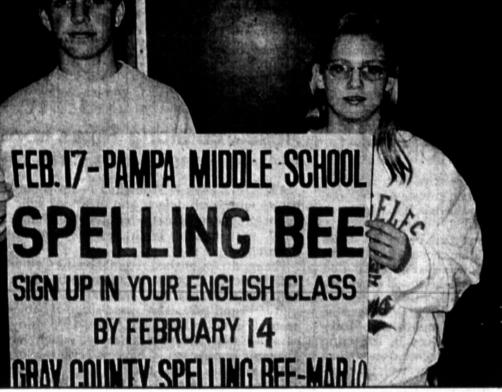


Pampa Middle School recently held a spelling bee. Winners will represent the school at the Gray County Spelling Bee slated March 10 at Lovett Memorial Koop and runner-up Ashley Francis.

# Pampa Middle School Spelling Bee

# SEB. 17-PAMPA MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE SIGN UP IN YOUR ENGLISH CLASS -WEEDBILLARY IA





Library. The county spelling bee champions will advance to the regional spelling bee to be held April 15 in Canyon. After the regionals is the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. Above: (top) PMS sixth grade champion Aaron Anguiano and runner-up Marissa Hudson; (middle) seventh grade champion Seth Foster and runner-up Dustin Elliott; (bottom) eighth grade champion Kit

#### STAR funds available in the panhandle

**AMARILLO** Mental Health Authority offers a broad range of services to area youth and families. Through a contract with the said. Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, TPMHA is part of statewide initiative known as the Services to At-Risk Youth program. STAR funds allow youth-serving agencies to provide counseling and support to runaway and truant youth as well as youth in family conflict. This program targets youth age 7-17 and their families in the upper 21 counties in the Texas Panhandle. The Pampa-based office provides services for Gray and Wheeler

Counties. The STAR program collaborates with other local agencies to provide services. Schools, parents, police, juvenile probation, juvenile courts and other non-profit groups can refer youth in conflict to the program with a simple

any family. It's designed to help youth and their families resolve

Texas their current conflicts by building skills to help avoid more serious problems down the road," Heidi Rindlisbacher, program director,

> Services provided by the STAR program include:

> -Individual and family counseling in the home or at a designated location;

> Advocacy training for parents to help develop skills to support

> -Training to develop skills in problem-solving, communication, anger management, decisionmaking and conflict resolution for youth and families; residential placement in emergency situaions; and a 24-hour crisis hotline.

> There is no fee for STAR services. Susan Timmons, STAR coordinator for Pampa, works closely with youth and their families in identifying positive strengths and developing skills to enhance relationships and resolve conflict.

For more information or to refer "The STAR program can benefit a youth to STAR, call Timmons at (806) 662-9666; or Amarillo at (806) 359-2005 or 1-800-692-4039.

### January chills Texas 100 Stock Index, all sectors show declines

AUSTIN - The Texas 100 Stock Index fell 5.6 percent, to 128.7, in January, a month that also brought declines in the Standard and Poor's 500 (down 5.1 percent) and the Dow Jones Industrial Average (down 4.8 per-

All sectors of the Texas 100 showed declines, but the hardest hit was the entertainment and travel sector, which dipped 11.6 percent. Entertainment and travel were bitten by the Y2K bug, as many people curtailed holiday travel and rang in the New Year at home. Rising fuel prices also hurt airlines. Continental Airlines, Inc., saw its share price drop 28.7 percent, and American Airlines, Inc., stock value dropped 19.7 percent. Restaurant stocks had a mixed month, with Tricon Restaurants International (Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, KFC) dropping 25.9 percent, while Bunker International, Inc. (Chili's) and Phoenix Restaurant Group (Blackeyed Pea, Denny's) gained

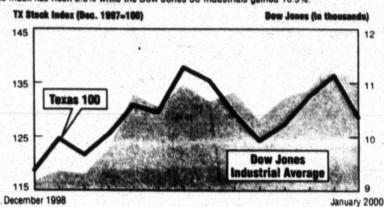
The strongest performer in the Texas 100 Stock Index in January was Comp USA, whose share price nearly doubled as the Mexican firm Grupo Sanborns bought the 85 percent of Comp USA that it did not already own. Seven-Eleven, Inc., stock rose 50.9 percent in January, as 7-Eleven and American Express announced plans to test new ATM kiosks offering cash and other electronic banking services in Dallas-Fort Worth stores. Overall, retail stock prices dropped 4.4 percent.

Share prices in the normally booming high-tech sector dropped 6.7 percent. Dell Computer Corp., which is often the sector's strongest performer, warned of slowing growth, and its stock price dropped 24.8 percent. The market also reacted negatively to reports by some high-tech companies of lowerthan-expected earnings and problems with product delivery. Stock prices for aircraft and defense companies in the hightech sector were generally down. Athlon chip has matched Intel's Instruments Inc., stock rose 11.5 service and financial sector in the Dow.

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#### Texas 100 Stock Index

The Texas 100 Stock Index fell 5.6% in January to a level of 128.7. Over the last 12 months, the Index has risen 3.3% while the Dow Jones 30 Industrials gained 16.9%.



#### Ups & downs by sector

Largest percentage changes in company stock prices

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American Standard

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-15.4

+91.4%

-48.6%

-25.3

-20.8

+50.9

NOTE. The index reflects how much an investment of one dollar in each company made in December 1997

+24.4%

-26.0%

-22.2

+15.2

+11.5

percent. The Boeing Co., which gained a strong position in aeroThe Texas 100 Stock Index space by buying the satellite busi-ness of Hughes Electronics from invested in December 1997 in the in January include Advanced General Motors Corp., saw a 7.4 index's component companies. Micro Devices, Inc., whose percent increase in its stock price. The investment would be worth

in speed, helping the company technology) manufacturing sec-months, the Texas 100 has risen earn a contract with Gateway for tor dropped 7.2 percent in 3.3 percent, compared to a 9 perpersonal computers. AMD stock January. Energy stock prices cent increase in the Standard and rose 24.4 percent. Texas declined 5.8 percent. Stocks in the Poor's 500 and a 16.9 percent rise

Stock prices in the other (non- \$129.69 today. During the last 12

### AWF seeking nominations for awards banquet

nominations for its annual Distinguished Service Awards. of purpose

Distinguished Service Award is ties. An anonymous panel of Ambassador Hotel. to honor outstanding women who have helped shape the development of the Texas basis of their lasting contribu- Jane Juett at (806) 355-0603. Panhandle through their contributions of talent and skill. The award recognizes and publicizes the visible examples set by these women who pave the way for others to follow.

Since 1976, 200 awardees from 26 communities within the panhandle have been selected from the arts, business, finance, education, health care, law, science, volunteerism and other

Nominees must be Texas women who are legal residents of the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle and have not previously received this award. The forum encourages people to renominate women who were nominated in previous years.

Winners of the Distinguished tions and achievements. Women's Forum is seeking Service Award will be chosen on the basis of significant individjudges representing the area

The deadline for nominations is March 15. Presentation of the ual impact on the Panhandle of awards will be made during a Texas through their communi- luncheon on May 6 at the

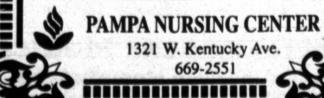
For nomination forms or will select recipients on the additional information, contact



Dennie Haynes has worked at Pampa Nursing Center as a Certified Nurse Aid since June 1999. Her association with PNC began when she visited her mother, Lola Roach, who lived in the Secure Care Unit at the nursing home during the late stages of her Alzheimers disease. Mrs. Haynes came to know many of the residents After Dennie's mother passed away, she continued to visit and volunteer on a regular basis. Mrs. Haynes then decided she would like to work full time with the Alzheimer's patients and has been a valuable asset to PNC ever

In fact, Dennie received Employee of the Month for January 2000. When Dennie was interviewed for this newspaper article she said "I really love these people, and you can quote me". We know that Dennie, it shows.

Dennie is married to Ronnie Haynes and has two children. Aaron is 17 and Lauren is 15 and both attend Pampa High School.



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## MEDICAL

# Pharmacist's workload is a patient's worry

By JOHN HENDREN **AP National Writer** 

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) Pharmacist Randy Kautz asked Walgreens for help at least four times.

He warned that the drug counter's busy pace might lead to errors. On June 15, 1994, he no longer had to make the point. That day one of his regular customers, Nathan Johnson, sank into a coma from which he never emerged.

"Oh my God," Ruth Johnson remembers Kautz saying as he reexamined the to the store. "I've given the wrong med-

A pharmacist's task is now filled with more speed and more stress than ever before — and, studies suggest, less satisfaction. Pharmacists blame their workload, growing along with their worries. When that workload affects accuracy, the pharmacist's worries become the patient's.

**National Pharmacists** Association, a trade group based in Darien, Ill., recommends that, for safety's sake, a pharmacist fill no more than 15 prescriptions an hour. Elizabeth Allan Flynn, a researcher at Auburn In one of those instances, pharmacist University School of Pharmacy in Shirley Frame worked 67 hours over Alabama, says studies by her and others suggest that the rate of pharmacists' errors increases after they fill more than 24 prescriptions an hour.

Whatever the number, pharmacists complain they routinely have to exceed

Druggist J.F. Burnham warned Walgreens managers in 1991 that the frantic pace at his store in Arlington Heights, Ill., "enhances the chances for error." Two pharmacists working separate shifts were filling up to 400 prescriptions a day — or nearly 29 an hour.

'It's not unusual for me to talk to pharmacists who are filling 300 prescriptions a day," says Thomas J. Moore, a health policy analyst at the George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C. "The job of the pharmacist is becoming nearly unten-them. able. Management is putting on pressure to increase output and reduce waiting time. And it's going to get worse."

That stress has driven druggists like John Magaudda from their jobs.

"I'd see a bottle of thyroid medication on the counter and I'd say, 'Why is this out here? I didn't fill a thyroid prescription today," said Magaudda, who quit his job at a Rite Aid in Santee, Calif., in 1997 after 36 years. "If things went on, it In Washington state, Rite Aid put every was going to get worse, and I was going company pharmacist through a

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to make a mistake. A bad mistake." In a letter of warning to the California prescription bottle that she brought back State Board of Pharmacy, Magaudda wrote that more pressure on pharmacists would inevitably lead to more

> Several of the 50 state boards of pharmacy that oversee the industry have begun to take complaints like Magaudda's seriously. Some have linked understaffing to patterns of mistakes by the high-volume chains that

> now dominate the industry. In Oklahoma, Eckerd reached a settlement with regulators in 1998 after the state board of pharmacy found 23 prescription errors over one year at the chain's Oklahoma stores.

> seven days before making a mistake that she attributed to "understaffed, over-worked employees." The state board said Eckerd didn't employ enough pharmacists "to safely fill prescrip-tions," and concluded, "The harm to the public is tremendous."

Eckerd admitted no fault. "No inappropriate staffing was found," the company said in a recent statement, and the settlement with regulators "did not include any changes in staffing.

In Washington state, the state pharmacy board reached an agreement with Rite Aid last year after regulators fielded 134 complaints of dispensing errors over three years at various locations. The chain agreed to pay \$50,000 in fines. It also agreed to review its staffing policies, but made no promises to change

Rite Aid made a similar deal with Oregon regulators in March, agreeing to pay \$60,000 to resolve a pharmacy board investigation. The state alleged that the chain had shown poor supervision and violated state laws requiring pharmacists to counsel patients on how to take

their drugs. Rite Aid spokeswoman Jody Cook said the company has since taken action.

revamped training program, installed automated dispensing machines at its busiest stores, and reduced the number of complaints last year from 95 in February to six in December.

In Oregon, the company appointed a new regional vice president to coordinate with regulators. It also increased staffing, automated some dispensing and reduced complaints from 22 in January to one in December.

Pharmacy owners say there are no easy answers.

An expanding array of innovative drugs and insurance plans that cover them has driven aging Baby Boomers to the drugstore in record numbers. Consumers now buy an estimated 3 billion prescriptions each year — two pills

for every one they bought in 1989. Yet pharmacy schools turn out about the same number of druggists as they did in 1989, creating what drugstore owners call a national pharmacist short-

President Clinton signed legislation in December to study the extent of the shortage. The National Association of Chain Drug Stores, a retail trade group, estimated that 4,000 of the 120,000 jobs at the nation's major chains were open as of December.

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists estimates a moderate to severe shortage of druggists at 90 percent of its hospital pharmacies, based on a survey of 350 of its directors earlier this year. Nearly half of the directors reported openings, with an average

vacancy rate of 17 percent.

The group's chief executive officer,
Henri Manassi Jr., wrote to hospital pharmacy managers on Jan. 26 that the shortage is leading to overworked phar- of "current staff being stretched to the companion, even in his final moments. macists and "error hazards" that threaten patient safety.

Many safety-related professions set limits on the hours worked. Air traffic controllers take breaks every two hours. Pharmacists have no limit. Many complain that they rarely take lunch breaks,

or even bathroom breaks. Walgreens generally schedules phar-

macists for no more than 42 hours of work a week, spokesman Michael Polzin said. The shortage often translates to extra hours at Walgreens and other chains.

Following a 1997 incident in which an

Eckerd pharmacist in Wilmington, N.C., dispensed the wrong drug during a 16hour shift, Eckerd started guaranteeing lunch breaks for druggists in selected regions.
As they grow busier, pharmacists are coping with more paperwork than ever.

The chain drug association cites an industry-funded study done last year by the Arthur Andersen accounting firm, which found that pharmacists spend 20 percent of their time dealing with insur-

The workload crunch has left drug-

gists struggling to keep up.
At the Daytona Beach Walgreens where Susan Johnson picked up her husband's fateful dose, the pace was picking up. In June 1991, the pharmacy averaged 162 prescriptions a day. When the pharmacy, no doubt about that," she picked up her husband's prescription in June 1994, it was open 24 hours and averaging 247 prescriptions.

Kautz was scrambling to supply customers with their drugs within 15 minutes. He meant to give her Coumadin, a blood thinner to prevent blood from The expanding workload has left clotting. Instead he gave her Cycrin, a many pharmacists frazzled — and female hormone that can have the oppo-

Two weeks later, Johnson suffered a stroke that left him comatose. He died last year, never regaining consciousness. His widow won a verdict of \$6 million. Between October 1991 and June-1994,

when Mrs. Johnson arrived, the Daytona Beach pharmacy reported 27 other errors to Walgreens headquarters, according to store records revealed in Ruth Johnson's lawsuit.

In a deposition, Kautz recalled three or four occasions before the June 15 error when the same mistake happened
— Cycrin placed in a bottle labeled
"Coumadin." He caught those mistakes before they left the store.

store reports of chronic understaffing. In night.
February 1994, store managers warned Anxiety was Ellison's unshakable February 1994, store managers warned least four times, according to testimony from Kathryn Correia, the pharmacy's

Kautz said he asked for another pharmacist to work with him but was told one "wasn't in the budget." He said he never took lunch or other breaks and his widow think they know. because the store was too busy and he

had no one to relieve him. And, between 1993 and 1994, the store added six hours of pharmacist time per week, but not a second pharmacist, according to court records.

The now-relocated store has added pharmacist and technician hours since then, but a spokesman declined "for

competitive reasons" to say how many. Walgreens director of pharmacy operations, Phil Burgess, testified that he'd heard pharmacists at various Walgreens stores complain "forever" about inadequate staffing and excessive workload.

Walgreens officials would not say how many errors the company's pharmacists make, but spokesman Polzin said mistakes make up a "minute percentage" of the prescriptions the chain's pharmacists fill. The chain recently paid \$150 million to revamp its computer system, replacing computers handling 250 prescriptions a day with those that can manage more than 400.

"There is more business coming into Polzin said in a recent interview. "But we've made a very concentrated effort to deal with that workload efficiently and allow our pharmacy staff to handle that business without it becoming overwhelming.

unhappy. In 1998, Drug Topics magazine asked 870 pharmacists whether they would still choose their profession. Only 45 percent responded yes, a drop of 10 percentage points over six years. For many, high stress is a daily part of

Pharmacist Jim Ellison manned the Daytona Beach Walgreens counter a few years before Randy Kautz took over. He also had tried to cope. He asked for more help but, he told his brother David, "It doesn't do any good." He rejected a promotion that meant more work and eventually transferred to a slower store. He even gave up bathroom breaks.

To calm down after work, his brother efore they left the store.

Along with reports of errors came started drinking four or five beers a

limit." Kautz had asked for more help at In March 1995, he had chewed the nail on his middle finger to the nub. Bite marks cut into the plastic tube that he hooked to the tailpipe of his Honda Civic inside his garage.

No one will ever know for certain why Ellison killed himself. But his brother

It was "his job."

### Study: High blood pressure in middle age raises stroke risk

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — High blood pres- at a meeting in New Orleans of the American sure in middle age sharply raises the risk of Stroke Association. strokes later in life, even in people who have brought their pressure under control, a study

Doctors have long known that high blood pressure is the single most important cause of strokes, which hit more than 600,000 Americans annually. However, doctors traditionally consider only a person's current blood pressure — not past readings — when judging whether their risk is higher than

A new study found that a history of high blood pressure is a powerful predictor of stroke risk, no matter where a person's blood pressure now stands.

The findings are from the 50-year-long Framingham Heart Study in the Boston suburbs. They were presented by Dr. Sudha Seshadri of Boston University Medical School

"It's not just the blood pressure you have now," she said. "It's the blood pressure you had in the past."

Her study was based on a review of 5,197 study participants, including 367 who had suffered strokes. The researchers looked at current blood pressure, as well as blood pressure decades earlier.

A standard blood pressure reading is given as systolic pressure over diastolic pressure. ystolic, the larger of the two numbers, should ideally be below 120, while the diastolic number should be under 80.

The Framingham researchers found that a 20-point elevation in systolic pressure when people are in their 60s raises their stroke risk by 50 percent after they reach age 70. A 20-point elevation during the 50s raises the risk 40 percent later on.

An increased risk persists even if people bring down their blood pressure in old age, though the risk is lower than if hypertension is left untreated.

This study is important, because it shows that a risk factor is in effect over a lifetime. The longer you have it, the greater its effect," said Dr. Ralph Sacco of Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City.

Another study by Dr. George W. Petty of the Mayo Clinic shows the importance of leaky and deformed heart valves in triggering strokes. The researchers followed more than 700 people who had problems with their aortic or mitral valves, the two main valves that control blood flow on the left side of the heart.

They found that severe mitral valve narrowing was an especially important risk. People with this condition were nearly four times more likely than usual to suffer fullblown strokes or ominous mini-strokes.

#### Research along Texas border bolsters idea folic acid cuts birth defects

ATLANTA (AP) - Women in 14 Texas border counties who had babies with birth defects and then took folic acid during a subsequent pregnancy greatly reduced the chance of having a second baby with spinal birth defects, according to government

The report, published recently by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, bolsters earlier findings that the B vitamin can help prevent neural tube defects (NTD).

In 1990 and 1991, there was a surge of babies born without brains around Brownsville, Texas. A 1993-1998 study found that the Texas counties that border Mexico - which have a predominantly Hispanic population — have an NTD rate of 1 per 750 births. The national rate is 1 per 1,000.

Researchers tracked 124 women who had babies with birth defects. All took folic acid during a subsequent pregnancy, and only one woman had a second baby with a birth defect. And in that case, researchers could not locate the woman during her pregnancy to provide the folic acid and track her progress, said the project director, Dr. Russ Larsen.

Folic acid is found naturally in leafy green vegetables, beans, tuna, eggs and other foods. The Food and Drug Administration ordered manufacturers to begin fortifying foods with folic acid in January 1998.

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PAMPA — The City of Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for Spring Softball: Men's Open, Men's Masters — Over 35; Men's Church, Mixed Open and Women's Open.

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team. The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open, Masters and Men's Church, and 12 persons for Mixed

The entry deadline is March 22 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date. Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on March 29 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin on April 3 for Men's Open and Men's Masters, and April 4 for Women's Men's Church and Mixed.

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

If more information is needed on the Spring Softball Leagues, call Shane Stokes at 669-5770 during business hours.

#### HOCKEY

DENVER (AP) - Patience is paying off for Mike Modano and the Dallas Stars.

Modano and Thornton scored goals as Dallas beat the Colorado Avalanche 2-1 on Sunday, the defending Stanley Cup champion Stars' seventh vic-

tory in nine games. 'It has just been a lot of patience and not really expecting too much going into the game, said Modano, who scored his 26th goal midway through the third period.

He has 10 goals and nine assists in his last 13 games.

The streak has come from being very defensive oriented, knowing where we are at on the ice and what position we have on the puck and making smart plays with it," Modano said.

Modano's goal was proof of that patience. Rather than shooting, Sergei Zubov waited for Colorado goalie Marc Denis to go down to the ice before feeding Modano for a better scoring chance.

Ed Belfour made 23 saves for the Stars, allowing only Alex Tanguay's power-play goal with 11 seconds remain-

"I thought we played a very strong game," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We saw what Colorado did the last couple of games offensively and knew we had to check pretty well if we were going to

Colorado's second-ranked power-play unit was 1-for-4 and managed only four shots with the man advantage.

Backup Marc Denis made 28 saves for the Avalanche. He started in place of Patrick Roy, sidelined by a groin injury.
"We're coming off a tough road trip and had to face

Dallas," Colorado center Peter Forsberg said. "We couldn't get anything going." Dallas dominated play for

the first two periods, outshooting the Avalanche 12-10, but managed only a 1-0 lead on Thornton's third goal of the season midway through the first period.

The Stars didn't allow Colorado a shot on goal until six minutes into the game, with Belfour easily turning Stephane Yelle's deflection from the front of the crease.

Thornton's goal, his first since Dec. 20, was the result of Chris Drury's inability to clear the puck past Richard Matvichuck. Thornton beat everyone to the puck and tucked it behind Denis, who was out of position after stop-ping Brett Hull's shot.

The Stars, the NHL's top penalty-killing team, faced only two shots in killing two penalties in a scoreless second period.

# Rangers undergo major changes for new season

By STEPHEN HAWKINS **AP Sports Writer** 

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Pitchers Kenny Rogers and Darren Oliver are back in Texas, but Juan Gonzalez and Todd Zeile have gone.

The return of the left-handed starters and the departure of a two-time American League MVP and another of the team's better veteran hitters provide the best indication of the changing shape of the AL West champion Rangers.

A series of offseason moves built depth in the pitching staff and created a younger everyday lineup for the Rangers. This spring training could be like none Johnny Oates had his first five years as the Texas manager.

"We have a better, more accurate idea of what our pitching will do than our everyday players," Oates said. "When I first

pick a 10-11 man pitching staff left midway through the 1998 seafrom about eight pitchers. This spring we've probably got 16 or 17 guys with a legitimate chance of helping us."

Pitchers and catchers, with the excused exception of AL MVP Ivan Rodriguez, reported to spring training over the week-end. The rest of the players are expected in Port Charlotte, Fla., by Friday.

Texas lost starter Aaron Sele (18-9, 4.79 ERA) to free agency; but got 12-year veteran Rogers and six-year major-leaguer Oliver back through the same process.

In the nine-player deal that sent Gonzalez to Detroit in November, the Rangers acquired left-handed starter Justin Thompson, an All-Star as a rookie three years ago, and promising reliever Francisco Cordero.

A Texas staff that hasn't had a

son could have three this season.

If Cordero develops as expected, the 22-year-old with a 98mph fastball could complement closer John Wetteland (43 saves last season) in the bullpen. Cordero was 4-1 with 27 saves and a 1.38 ERA at Double-A Jacksonville last season, and 2-2 with a 3.32 ERA in 20 games with

"Usually, we're queasy about our pitching," Texas general manager Doug Melvin said. "But if you put the bullpen next to the starters, this is the best pitching since I've been here. The look is much better, and the depth is much better.

The Rangers may have the deepest pitching staff in team just two at-bats above the AL West title in six years. history, but half of the everyday lineup will be different - and younger — than a year ago,

In addition to trading away came here, we were trying to left-handed starter since Oliver Gonzalez (326, 39 home runs, diverting that into the right areas Clayton said.

baseman Zeile (.293-24-98), sec-ond baseman Mark McLemore up is solid with veterans Goodwin (.259-3-33 and 39 stolen

bases) to free agency. "Basically, I've penciled in a guy still classified as a rookie in center, a second-year guy in right and maybe a rookie at third base," Oates said.

Outfielder Gabe Kapler came in the Gonzalez trade after hitting .245 with 18 homers as a rookie in Detroit last season. After hitting .336 at Triple-A Oklahoma, 22-year-old outfielder Ruben Mateo hit .238 in 32 games at Texas.

Double-A level.

and the older guys can help in extreme amount of talent,"

128 RBIs), the Rangers lost third to win some games," Lamb said.

(.274-6-45) and center fielder Tom 'Rodriguez (.332-35-113), first baseman Rafael Palmeiro (.324-47-148), shortstop Royce Clayton (.288-14-52) and outfielder Rusty Greer (.300-20-101).

> The Rangers appear willing to let struggling veteran Luis Alicea have a chance to regain a starting job at second base. As a backup to McLemore a year ago in his ninth major-league season, Alicea hit just .201.

While it may be difficult for the Rangers to match the franchise record 95 victories and majorleague best .293 batting average Mike Lamb is the likely starter from a year ago, Texas still at third base, even though he has expects to contend for its fourth

"You've got a good bunch of "Hopefully, youth brings some guys already with veteran players, life and some energy to the game, and the young players have an

## Pampa gymnasts bring home medals from Jamaican Jam

AMARILLO - Gymnastics performances on balance of Pampa students recently competed in the Jamaican Jam gymnastics meet in Amarillo. ed for Team Pampa in Levels

In Level 7 competition, Alyssa Bromwell won the gold medal on floor exercise with a 9.1 score.

She won the silver medal on uneven bars with an 8.85, the bronze on balance beam, 8.45, and 4th place on vault with a 9.05. Her 35.45 in the All Around was good for the bronze medal in the 13 year old division.

Morgan Meharg competed in the 12 year old division of level 7. Morgan finished with the silver medal in the All Around with a 35.1 score. She also won silver medals on floor exercise, 9.15, and uneven bars, 8.65. She won the bronze on vault, 9.05, and finished 4th on balance beam,

Morgan and Alyssa have already qualified to the Level 7 North State Semi-Finals to be held in Plano in March.

Level 6 competitors were Lacie Long and Kendall Stokes, who both took top honors in their age groups.

Lacie nearly domination

competition in the 11 year old division.

floor exercise, 9.25, uneven bars, 9.05, vault, 8.4, and All Around, 34.5. She also earned the Silver on balance beam with a 7.8.

Kendall won the gold medal on uneven bars, 8.55, in the 12 year old group. She earned the bronze on vault, 7.9, and beam, 7.1 and finished 4th place on floor exercise, 7.6. Kendall's 31.15 All Around score was good for a silver medal.

Level 5 competitors, Brittany 32.75. Warminski had gold medal

beam, 9.25, floor exercise, 8.7, and vault, 8.1. Her 8.25 on bars was good for the silver, Thirty-one gymnasts compet- and her 34.3 score in the All Around earned the gold in the 9 and 10 year old group.

Lacie Thompson also competed in the 9 and 10 year old division of Level 5. She won the gold on uneven bars with an 8.35.

She had a personal best beam score of 9.0, where she won the silver medal. She also earned silver medals on floor exercise, 8.05, and in the All Around, 32.15. She finished fourth on vault.

Pampa's newest Level 5, Danielle Brown, won the gold medal on uneven bars in the 12-14 age groups with an 8.3. She won silver medals on floor exercise, 8.13, and vault, 7.8. Her 28.25 in the All Around was good for 4th

Pampa's Level 4's were led by Kelly Doughty. Kelly earned blue ribbons on all four events and in the All Around.

She scored 8.85 on bars, 8.75 on beam, 8.3 on vault, 8.0 on floor and 33.9 in the All Around. Kelly will begin a red ribbon. Level 5 competitions in

February. She won the gold medals on in the Level 4 All around, easier judging requirements. loor exercise, 9.25, uneven 32.85. She received a red rib- Kelli Willson competed in bon for her 7.7 on vault.

earned blue ribbons on bal- bon for vault, 7.2. She received ance beam, 8.65, floor, 8.2, and a medal for her 33.0 in All in the All Around, 32.8. Her Around. 7.8 on bars was good for a red ribbon.

Brittany Klein also competed for Pampa in Level 4. She blue ribbons for beam, 8.4, earned blue ribbons on beam, and vault, 8.1, and red ribbons 8.7, floor exercise, 8.15, vault, Leading Team Pampa's 8.0, and in the All Around,

Her 7.9 on uneven bars won



Gymnastics of Pampa students who participated in the Amarillo meet were (front,I-r) Keziah Clendennen, Madison Fatheree, Cheisee Whinery, Caitlin Hampton, Payton, Alvey, MaKayla Hampton, KeEra Busse, Teysha Parker and Lilly Price; (back,i-r) Heather Dairymple, Carrie Angel, Ashlyn McNeely, Rebecca Taylor, Kimberly Curtis and Kayla Ware.

the non-sanctioned Level 4 Level 4 Brandi Holden had a division. She earned blue ribpersonal best vault score, 8.15, bons for bars, 8.9, beam, 8.9 for a blue ribbon, She also and floor, 8.0, and a white rib-

> Chelsea Adkins also competed in the non-sanctioned Level 4 division. She earned for floor, 7.8, and bars, 7.7. Her 32.0 All Around score earned a medal.

non-sanctioned Another

Around.

Other competitors results

Level 3- 'ordan Dodge- 1 blue, 1 red, 1 white, 1 pink, 30.10 All Around; Jessica Miner- 1 blue, 1 red, 2 pink, 28.95 All Around.

Level 2- Highest Scores-Vault- Caitlin Hampton- 8.7, Bars- Madison Fatheree 8.7, Kimberly Curtis- 33.9.

Level 4 competition was bons, 33.39 A.A.; Caitlin In the Preteam Competition, Lindsey Riley, Lindsey earned Hampton- 4 blue ribbons, 33.5 Pampa had Twenty gymnasts a blue ribbon for beam, 8.6, a A.A; Rebecca Taylor- 3 blue, 1 Keisha Crowell earned blue entered. The Preteam division red ribbon for bars, 7.8, a red, 32.35 A.A.; Madison ribbons on bars, 8.55, beam, allows gymnasts to begin white on floor, 7.2, and a pink Fatheree- 3 blue, 1 white, 32.1 8.55, floor exercise, 8.05, and competing earlier and with on vault, 6.75. She received a A.A.; Carrie Angel- 1 blue, 3 medal for her 30.35 All red, 31.75 A.A.; Keziah Clendennen- 1 blue, 2 red, 1 pink, 31.0 A.A.; Payton Alveyblue, 2 red, 1 white, 30.9 A.A.; Lilly Price- 1 blue, 2 red, 1 white, 30.85 A.A.; Kayla Ware- 1 blue, 2 red, 1 white, 30.7 A.A.; Chelsee Whinery- 2 blue, 1 red 1 white, 30.6 A.A.; Ashlyn McNeely- 2 blue, 1 red, 1 pink, 30.6 A.A.; Heather Dalrymple- 3 red, 1 white, 30.45 A.A.; Teysha Parker- 1 Beam- Keziah Clendennen- blue, 1 red, 2 white, 30.35 9.1, Floor Exercise- Carrie A.A.; Makalyla Hampton- 1 Angel- 8.6; All Around- blue, 1 red, 2 white, 30.25 A.A.; KeEra Busse- 2 white, 2

### Three teams tied for 1st in Optimist Club Boys Basketball League

PAMPA — Going into last Lakers and the Sixers are all tied O Wednesday's action, the Sixers for first place at 3-1 with four Team were the league leaders with a 3-0 record in the Optimist Club Boys Basketball Third-Fourth Grade Division. Miami and the Lakers were tied for second at 2-

In the first game of the night, the Lakers defeated the Sixers 27-

Adam Estrada led the Lakers in scoring with 12 points, followed by Dane Howard 6, Adam Anguiano 5 and Jonathon Anquiano 4.

For the Sixers, Rusty Snider and Heath Skinner each scored 8 points while Kenny Hightower

Miami took the second game over the Raiders 37-11 with Darius Kimberling scoring 16 points and Coley Greenhouse 10 to lead Miami scorers. Colden Fortenberry scored seven points to lead the Raiders.

There's now a three-way deadlock for first place. Miami, the

games remaining in the regular

Miami is the overall leader Raiders with wins and losses at 7-1.

**Optimist Standings** Miami Lakers

### Spurs turn back Rockets in OT

in the fourth quarter and overtime to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 113-111 victory over the Houston Rockets on Sunday night.

Duncan, who had just eight points and seven rebounds through three quarters, fueled an 11-2 run in the fourth for the Spurs.

Duncan scored 13 and had four rebounds in the fourth, and added four points and a key steal in overtime to lead the Spurs to their eighth straight victory against the

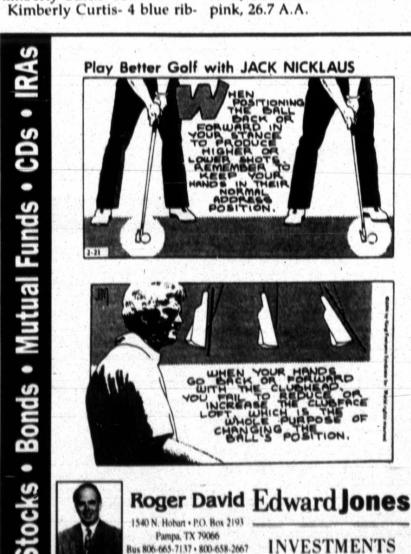
Mario Elie had 19 points, and Avery Johnson 16 points and 13

assists for San Antonio, which

HOUSTON (AP) — Tim trailed by as many as 13 in the sec-Duncan scored 17 of his 25 points ond and third quarters,.

Hakeem Olajuwon made his first start since undergoing hernia surgery on Nov. 27 and scored 21 points and had nine rebounds as the Rockets' five-game home winning streak was stopped. Cuttino Mobley added 20 points, and Steve Francis 19 points and 12 assists for Houston.

In the overtime, Duncan made his first shot, then converted two free throws with 35 seconds left to give San Antonio a 109-107 lead. He then made a key steal with 22 seconds to play. Terry Porter and Elie each hit a pair of free throws in the final 20 seconds.



### Jarrett claims Daytona 500 race, then meets The King

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) Racing engine, he drove his -Dale Jarrett shook hands with repaired Ford to the low side of - Dale Jarrett shook hands with The King, and that meant almost as much as winning the Daytona 500 for the third time.

"That sent chills up and down my spine," Jarrett said of his meeting with Richard Petty after

The defending Winston Cup champion wouldn't have gotten the chance if not for his winning pass of surprise contender Johnny Benson with just four laps to go in NASCAR's premier race.

But making the right move at the right time is what Jarrett does
"I knew the Fords were going best. His victories are almost to gang up on us at the end," said always big.

Of 23 in his career, seven have been majors. That's the way it is with racing royalty, something The King certainly realized.

"Petty made his way across pit road and shook my hand," said Jarrett, whose series championship last year was the third for his family.

when he raced against Petty 40 years ago.

The younger Jarrett knows plenty about winning, too, much more than Benson, who has yet to drive to Victory Lane. He almost got there Sunday, and Jarrett almost wished he had.

"I wouldn't have felt bad to lose to Johnny Benson," Jarrett said. "He's a good guy and they need a break."

But it was Jarrett who got one when a caution flag slowed the field on the 194th of 200 laps at Daytona International Speedway. The green waved for the final time three laps later, and Jarrett did what most in the crowd of 190,000 figured he would. despite an accident that damaged his car at the final practice

Powered by a Robert Yates

the high-banked second turn, blew by Benson and raced to a NASCAR record prize of \$2.3 million from a \$9.4 million purse.

Jarrett's timing was perfect. Two laps later, Jimmy Spencer hit the wall, and the race ended under caution.

"It was a good thing I was able to take the lead when I did," Jarrett said. "I wasn't going to have much of chance.

Benson had virtually none when Jarrett led the five-Ford assault on a lone Pontiac.

Benson, who faded to 12th after Jarrett, Jeff Burton, Bill Elliott, Rusty Wallace and Mark Martin went by him. "I just wish it would have stayed green, but you can't do anything about the yellow."

Benson insisted the first of the final two caution flags cost him the race.

"If the green flag stays out, I His father, Ned, won two titles would have been OK and I would have won this," said Benson, who hasn't done much in Winston Cup since winning the rookie of the year award in

> larrett was dominant during the week leading up to the 500, easily winning the pole position in time trials and overpowering the field in a 25-lap race for last

year's top qualifiers. Even when he finished second to Bill Elliott's Ford in a 125-mile qualifying race, few doubted Jarrett was still the favorite over 500 miles. He lived up to his

"I would never have dreamed when I came into this sport that I could win this race three times," Jarrett said in Victory Lane, where he was greeted by a burst of confetti and hugs from his

matched larrett Allison's total victories in The Great American Race. Only Cale Yarborough (4) and Petty (7) have more.

Jarrett was always at or near the front in a race that lacked any drama until the last 50 laps. The drama was Saturday.

Jeff Gordon, who won Daytona from the pole last year, banged into the rear of Jarrett's Taurus as the two braked to avoid trouble in front of them. The bump sent Jarrett's car skidding onto the apron, where Elliott banged off the left front.

Todd Parrott, Jarrett's crew chief, considered going to a backup car, which would have forced Jarrett to start last in the 43-car field.

Instead, the team worked late into the night - until NASCAR closed the garage area - flew in help from its shop in Charlotte, N.C., and got back to work repairing the car when the garage opened at about 5 a.m.

### Smyer ousts Groom girls

FLOYDADA - Smyer eliminated Groom 62-52 from the girls' basketball playoffs last weekend.

The Tigerettes close their season with a 15-10 record. Smyer advances with a 24-7 mark.

Julie Keeth had 15 points and Kim Chaffin 13 to lead Smyer scorers.

Jessica Kepley had 16 points while Carrie Davis added 14 to lead Groom.

The Tigerettes led by three (22-19) at halftime, but fell behind by six (40-34) at going into the fourth quarter.

Others scoring for Groom were Amanda Conrad 9, Krisanne Davis 7 and Candace Bohr 6.

### Scoreboard

Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 10 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Seattle, 10 p.m.

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Indiana	34	17
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Toronto	27	24
Milwaukee	27	26
Detroit	25	26
Atlanta	20	29
Cleveland	21	31
Chicago	12	38
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Golden State 14
L.A. Clippers 11
Saturday's Games
New York 87, Indiana 73

New York 97, Indiana 73 Utah 91, Detroit 87 Vancouver 111, Milwaukee 100 Chicago 74, L.A. Clippers 72 Seattle 94, Boston 91 Sunday's Games Dallas 100, Toronto 96

Dallas 100, Toronto 96
Miami 85, Charlotte 80
New Jersey 91, Minnesota 89
Portland 108, Sacramento 103, OT
L.A. Lakers 87, Philadelphia 84
San Antonio 113, Houston 111, OT
Golden State 112, Washington 103

Monday's Games
L.A. Clippers at New York, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Miami at Detroit, 8 p.m. Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. Atlanta at Utah, 9 p.m.

L.A. Lakers

Phoenix

HOCKEY National Hockey League At A Glance By The Associated Press Times EST EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Saturday's Games
N.Y. Islanders 4, New Jersey 2
Vancouver 3, Ottawa 1
Buffalo 4, Los Angeles 1
Philadelphia 4, Washington 2
Montreal 2, Toronto 1
Pittsburgh 2, Florida 1
Carolina 4, Tampa Bay 2
Calgary 3, Edmonton 2, OT
Sunday's Games
Chicago 6, Detroit 4
Dallas 2, Colorado 1
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
Phoenix 4, Atlanta 2 Overtime losses count as a loss and a requ Phoenix 4, Atlanta 2 Monday's Games

Monday's Games
Washington at Carolina, 1:30 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Islanders, 3 p.m.
Ottawa at Florida, 3 p.m.
New Jersey at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

St. Louis at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m. St. Louis at Anneam, 9:30 p.m.

Boston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Colorado, 9 p.m.

> **TRANSACTIONS Weekend Sports Transactions**

By The Associated Press BASEBALL

American League SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Brian Fuentes, RHP Kevin Hodges, RHP Chris Mears, LHP Sean Spencer, OF Mike Cameron and OF Shane Monahan to one-year contracts.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agrred to terms with 1B-OF Steve Cox on a one-year con-

tract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Billy Koch on a three-year contract and Jose Cruz, Jr. on a one-year contract.
National Leegue
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Signed OF Turner Ward and RHP Jim Corsi to minor leaves contracts.

league contracts.
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with
RHP Winston Abreu, RHP David Cortes,
LHP Derrin Ebert, RHP Jason Marquis, LHP
Jimmy Osting, RHP Luis Rivera, RHP
Everett Stull, OF Junior Brignac and OF George Lombard on one-year contracts.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to
terms with RHP Steve Schrenk and SS
Jimmy Rollins.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to

ms with RHP Livan Hernandez and RHP Russ Ortiz on four-year contracts.

tional Basketball Association National Basketball Association
MIAMI HEAT—Activated G-F Dan Majerle
from the injured list. Placed G Rex Walters
on the injured list.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Placed G Charlie Ward on the injured list. Signed F Etdrick Bohannon to a 10-day contract.

National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with C Mike Gruttadauria on a four-year con-

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed DE Brady Smith. Named Jerry Rhome quarterbacks NEW ORLEANS SAINTS-Signed TE Andrew Glover to a three-year contract and LB Charlie Clemons to a tour-year contract.

Named Hubbard Alexander wide receivers

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Agreed to terms with DB Je'Rod Cherry.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Announced the resignation of Max McCartney, college scouting coordinator.

Charron from Saint John of the AHL.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Reclaimed F Nik Andersson from Nashville and assigned him to Chicago of the IHL.
COLLEGE

CHATTANOOGA-Named Donnie Kirkpatrick football coach. DRAKE—Named Jean Berger and Mike Cigelman interim co-athletic directors
MICHIGAN STATE—Suspended DB Monquiz Wedlow and DE Samaij Gordon indefinitely from the football team after being

# On the 266th attempt, Triplett comes away a champion

By DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) Another streak is over on the PGA Tour.

Kirk Triplett might never know what it's like to win six straight tournaments, an incredible run by Tiger Woods that ended a week ago in San Diego. But the pressure of going 11 years and 266 tournaments without a single victory gnawed at him every

"It's not as good of a career if you don't win," he said.

On Sunday, a journey that began on the "miniest of minitours" and dragged through an entire decade suddenly got a whole lot better.

Triplett won the Nissan Open at Riviera Country Club by building a 3-shot lead early on emotions, not to mention a few errant shots, for a 1-stroke victory over Jesper Parnevik.

"An incredible feeling," said Triplett, who closed with a 4a long time coming."

Triplett had been a runner-up gloomy day at Riviera.

While Woods and David under his bucket hat. Duval, playing together in the final round for the first time, he won in all but two of his pre-

failed to mount any semblance of a charge, Triplett birdied five of he ventured further into foreign

He had never held the lead after 12 holes on the final day, he

kept telling himself. Then it was 13 holes.

Then 14.

"And we made it to 18 — finalhe said. It wasn't exactly smooth sail-

ing at the end. With a 2-stroke pulled his drive on the 451-vard closing hole into the rough and had to lay up 61 yards short of a pin cut to the back left of the green. Parnevik applied the pres-

sure with an approach to 25 feet. "I knew it was going to be rocky coming in, and it was," Triplett said.

Still, he answered the challenge the back nine and fighting off his with a lofted chip, that settled 4 feet behind the hole, which must have looked like a mile after Parnevik rammed home his birdie putt.

"I don't know if the putt got under 67 for 272. "This has been longer," Triplett said, "but the hole sure got smaller."

Four feet from victory, Triplett five times, but was never in the told himself to give it a good lead on the back nine on a stroke and saw it disappear. He Sunday. That changed on a wet, thrust his fist into the gray sky, closed his eyes and smiled wide

He earned \$558,000, more than

vious seasons on tour.

Parnevik birdied two of the last his first 10 holes. With every hole, three holes for a 68 that left him one stroke behind. Robin today for the Match Play territory and tried to stay out of Freeman, who provided the stiffest challenge to Triplett until a three-putt bogey on the 17th, Championship events for the top was another stroke back after a

"I was hoping he would make the putt," Parnevik said. "But in the back of my nead I'm shouting, 'No, you want to be in a playoff.' Anyone who knows him, he's just a nice guy. This lead walking to the 18th, Triplett must be a huge relief. I'm very happy for him.

A week after the end of The Streak, Woods failed to record a top-10 finish in a stroke-play tournament for the first time Senior PGA Tour title in just fought. I didn't know whether when he three-putted from 90 since he tied for 18th in the MCI Classic on April 18, a stretch of 13 PGA Tour events.

Woods got within two shots of the lead at one point early in the round, but closed with a 1-over 72 and finished in a tie for 19th. It was only the fifth time in his last 36 rounds on the PGA Tour that he failed to break par, dating to the British Open at Carnoustie.

"It's just a bad round," Woods said. "I didn't really have it going this entire week. If I would have putted a little better, I would have been right there. But you can't have everything. Woods fell out of contention

with three straight bogeys starting on No. 7 and was never really a factor. Neither was Duval,

who closed with a 3-over 74.

The top two players in the world headed down to La Costa Championship, the first of the three \$5 million World Golf 64 players in the world.

Triplett was No. 66 and will be easily crack the top 50 and stay Australia, Asia and Canada until much sweeter."

there for two more weeks, which he finally got his tour card in would result in only his second 1989. invitation to the Masters.

That was far from his mind as rain pelted Riviera in the hours after his victory.

Triplett used to play events called the "Hagen Oak Pro Scratch," and often walked away the first alternate. Still, his victo- from a week of work with a mere a ry Sunday should be enough to \$420 to show for it. He played in those things makes today that

And while the 37-year-old Triplett was good enough to keep his card, he was never quite good enough to win. That all changed

"I've got a great family. I've got great life," Triplett said. "All

### Fleisher wins GTE Classic title

Bruce Fleisher's problems.

with a 2-under-par 69 for a 4- not." stroke victory in the GTE

"I really haven't played well since Day 1 this year," Fleisher said after his second victory of the year. "It's nice to struggle and still win. I can't wait until I'm hitting the ball good again."

Fleisher withstood a challenge from Dana Quigley, who cut a 5-stroke deficit at the start of the round to just one with a birdie on No. 14. But a bogey on No. 15 and a doublebogey on No. 18 — after his tee shot went in the water ended Quigley's hopes.

golfers would like to have it," Fleisher said. "He didn't Fleisher had only one bogey make a bad shot until 15. With in the tournament, on the Fleisher won his ninth a 5-shot lead, I struggled and I fourth hole Sunday. It came over a year Sunday, closing to keep the pressure on or feet.

Fleisher, who earned Christmas person," Quigley \$195,000, had a 13-under total of 200 on the TPC of Tampa many gitts back. I'm playing Bay. He is averaging \$81,135 well, so I'm not disappointed." in 36 senior starts.

doing," said Fleisher, who had just one victory in 408 events on the PGA Tour. "Maybe I

Quigley picked up \$114,400 for his runner-up performance.

"I think he proved he's still the sheriff in town," said 68. "I applied a lot of pressure, 224 after a final-round 75.

"He made a good fight of but he was just better today."

"He's probably a terrible

joked. "Bruce doesn't give

Hale Irwin (69) and Jim "I'm struggling to believe Dent (70) tied for third at 6that I'm doing what I'm under 207, and John Mahaffey

(73) followed at 209. Tom Watson tied for eighth at 211, topping the three highshould be more confident profile senior newcomers in the field. Tom Kite (214) tied for 20th and Lanny Wadkins

(218) tied for 40th. lack Nicklaus closed with a 71 to tie for 14th at 213. Arnold Quigley, who finished with a Palmer finished tied for 68th at

# Griffey arrives at Reds camp; Irabu might need elbow surgery

By The Associated Press

A red No. 30 jersey was hanging in his locker and a six-inch stack of mail already was piled up on the floor. Everything was all set for Ken Griffey Jr. to arrive

And then - surprise! - he walked into the clubhouse

Sunday. Griffey slipped unannounced into the Cincinnati Reds' spring training complex to unpack his things and start the next phase of his baseball career, a day before his formal introduction.

"I don't even know what I'm supposed to wear," he said in Sarasota, Fla.

The morning workout was long over, and nearly all of the Reds had gone home when Junior showed up. Outfielder Michael Tucker was the only teammate in SPRING TRAINING ROUNDUP

with his wife and two children. "It's definitely exciting," said first baseman Sean Casey, whose cubicle is next to Griffey's. "It's going to be awesome to see him play every day. That's going to be awesome. It's also going to be nice to get to know him as a person. I've heard good things about

Today, Griffey planned to answer questions at Ed Smith Stadium from atop the same dugout where Michael Jordan held a news conference with the Chicago White Sox in 1994. It was not certain, however, when he would work out for the first time

with the Reds Griffey was sent from Seattle to Cincinnati in a 4-for-1 trade Feb. 10. Asked if it has sunk in yet that he's part of his hometown team, the clubhouse Griffey drove in Griffey thought for a second and

said, "Yeah and no. No, because haven't run out on the field yet.

Yeah, because I know where I'm going to be.

A little farther south in Fort Myers, Fla., Boston ace Pedro Martinez missed the first spring training workout for the second straight year. For the second straight year, Red Sox manager Jimy Williams shrugged it off. "It's not a big deal," Williams

said Sunday. So while 24 pitchers, including Pedro's brother, Ramon, hustled on a hot day fielding grounders and covering first base during a two-hour practice, baseball's best oitcher was in his native

Dominican Republic. The Red Sox voluntary reporting date for pitchers and catchers was Saturday, with the first workout Sunday. But the mandatory

reporting date under the collec- problem. tive bargaining agreement is March 1.

The AL Cy Young winner had ersonal business to take care of, but will be in camp Monday, Ramon said. Williams said he learned Saturday night that Pedro wouldn't report Sunday but hadn't spoken with the pitch-

The reason for his absence was unclear. Williams said he'd let Pedro discuss it when he arrives. But Sunday was Pedro's father's birthday.

Last year, Pedro reported two days after the reporting date for pitchers and catchers so he could be home for his father's birthday. Then, he went out and had one of the best seasons of any pitcher in baseball history.

The Montreal Expos, meanwhile, want to know whether pitcher Hideki Irabu is having a

Irabu, acquired in the offseason from the New York Yankees, might have elbow chips in his right elbow and could need

arthroscopic surgery. Irabu had an MRI Saturday. The Expos said Sunday the test indicated the possibility of a bone chip or chips, but none could actually be seen.

There may be a bone chip in there, maybe not," Irabu said through his interpreter. "They haven't found anything. Why open it up if there's nothing

Said Expos general manager Jim Beattie: "He could pitch tomorrow, but not if it's a risk to himself. We may stay concerned all season. He could have arthroscopic surgery at the end of the year, maybe sooner, maybe

In Tucson, Ariz., Diamondbacks

reliever Dan Plesac says his 15th major league season almost certainly will be his last.

"It would take a minor miracle" to bring him back, he said after a workout. "I can walk away with my head held high. There aren't very many guys who can say they've played 15 years.'

Arizona manager Buck Showalter remains unconvinced.

"I wouldn't hold him to that," Showalter said. "We'll see what the end of the year brings us."

Plesac, who just turned 38, was traded from Toronto to Arizona last season. In 34 appearances with the Diamondbacks, the lefty was 2-1 with a 3.32 ERA.

In Tampa, Fla., a ball overthrown by catcher Jorge Posada just missed hitting Yankees

owner George Steinbrenner. "You're going to like it in San Diego," a smiling Steinbrenner

### WTAMU offering migrant program to eligible students

CANYON - Rosie Mendoza would not have attended college without the assistance of West Texas A&M University's College Assistance Migrant Program.

wasn't going to come to school since I don't speak English very well," Mendoza said. "And I didn't think I would have enough money to go to college."

Mendoza moved with her family from Mexico to the panhandle when she was 15-years-old. They moved to the Turkey-Quitaque area to work in farming. She said she spent several months trying to learn English. The work paid off when Mendoza graduated as the 1999 Valedictorian of Valley High School.

"These are the students we want to help succeed," Martin Lopez, director of WT's CAMP program, said. "This program gives students the tools needed to succeed no matter what kind of barriers there are to

WI's program is one of only four in the state aimed at helping students from migrant and seasonal farm backgrounds succeed in college. Those accepted into the program receive scholarships totaling up to \$2,150 for the upcoming fall and spring semesters, \$80 monthly stipends, a 50-percent housing waiver, books and supplies, a variety of counseling services — including financial aid advisement, assistance with the application process and academic help such as tutoring and study sessions.

"When I first came, I didn't think I was going to like it," Mendoza said. "I was afraid, then I met Candy (Morales, a CAMP counselor) and the other CAMP students. They make me feel at home."

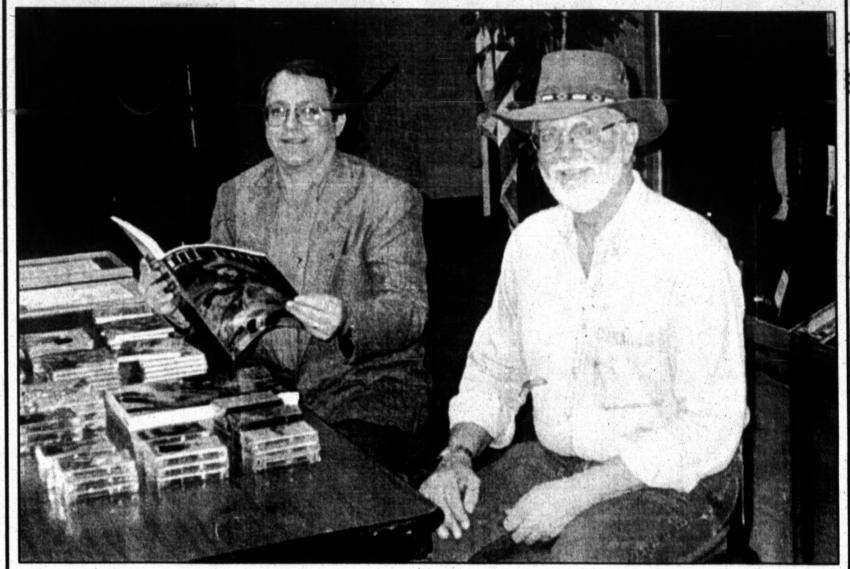
Mendoza plans to continue her education at WT and has made a big impression on her four younger siblings.
"They talk about going to college, too," she said. "Especially the little

ones, they want to come with me. WT's CAMP is accepting applications for the fall semester. Qualified

applicants must have graduated from high school in the last two years, and they or their parents must have spent a minimum of 75 documented days in migrant or seasonal agriculture employment in the past 24 months. Applicants who have a certificate of eligibility that identifies them as migrants by their school districts also qualify for CAMP.

CAMP will assist the selected students in their first year at WT, then help them obtain financial aid or scholarships for their subsequent years, Lopez said. Participants will continue to receive counseling, tutoring and supplemental instruction as long as they remain at WT. To request a CAMP application, contact Gladys Ruiz, CAMP outreach counselor, at (806) 651-2351 or (806) 651-5305 or write: CAMP, WTAMU Box 60094, Canyon, TX 79016.

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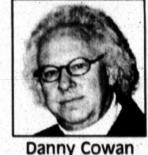
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**Monday February 21** 

### **Mother Needs a Little Talk About Stepfather's Big Mouth**

DEAR ABBY: My mother remar-ried two years ago. "Bart" is good to her; however, he drives me and my husband absolutely up the wall. He's a compulsive talker, and he belittles my brother whenever he can. He also makes inappropriate comments about sex. They are not directed at me, but he gives me information about my mother and him, which makes me very uncomfortable.

Now he is bad-mouthing my mother to my husband and telling my husband not to tell me, because he knows I will tell my mother.

They have started pressuring us to go on vacation with them for a solid week. I can't bear the thought of it. My husband doesn't want to go either, and he says I should not tell my mother how I feel — just avoid her husband as much as possible.

Abby, I think I should level with her, but how do I go about it without breaking her heart?
HURTING IN OTTUMWA, IOWA

**DEAR HURTING: Dodging** your stepfather is not a solution. You are overdue for a frank talk with your mother. Tell her everything you have told me. Her husband's comments are clearly inappropriate, and the situation won't change unless she's made fully aware of how and why he's driving people away.

DEAR ABBY: The letter in your



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column about complimenting employees when they do a good job brought back many memories for me. I am a senior citizen now, retired - but it brought a smile to my face.

Twenty-six years ago, I went to work for an optometrist. I was working there for about a month, when I received a note from him telling me about the excellent job I was doing and thanking me. That note meant so much to me; it also motivated me to try to do even

People are always quick to criticize. How wonderful it would be if all people would give praise when it

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DEAR LENORE: That's high praise, indeed, for a job well done. It's a smart employee who makes herself indispensable. I'm glad that your boss only had

eyes for you!

**DEAR ABBY: Your letters about** husbands doing things for their wives sparked my interest. Not only does mine open doors, he does the laundry, goes shopping — and does a very good job of it. He takes me out to dinner each

and every payday, sweeps, mops the floors and shampoos the carpets, and keeps the yard beautiful. He does not mess in my flowerbeds, however. That's my baby.

He can't cook, but that's OK because I love to cook.

We are in our 50s and we leave love notes all over the house. He always kisses me goodbye on his way out the door to work whether I'm asleep or awake.

I hear of so much family violence, I'm very happy and consider myself a lucky woman. In this imperfect world, I got the almost perfect man.

A HAPPY COUPLE IN MISSOURI

DEAR HAPPY COUPLE: My congratulations to you both. My column is usually a troubledump. But with the exception of the series of letters I have printed about acts of kindness, I don't know when I've enjoyed printing letters more than those I've received from couples who take the time to express their love for each other. Perhaps they will provide inspiration to couples who need it.

#### Horoscope Solutions come easily. Listen to your instincts about a partner. Tonight: Home is where it's at

TUESDAY, FEB. 22, 2000 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\* \* Tempers flare - especially yours - as you deal with a lot of confusion and moodiness. Take an overview; you'll feel better and regain needed control. Unexpected developments put a new slant on what has gone down. Tonight:

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\* Dig into work and put your best foot forward. Frustration eases as you focus on clearing your desk. Concentration helps you forget a problem. Resolution might not come overnight. Be creative when handling responsibilities. As a result, you gain. Tonight: Easy does it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Your creativity meets a challenge head-on. A friendship is tested, as you deal with different points of view. Another sees the whole situation, but differently. His input helps you work past a problem. Partners work with you finally! Tonight: Ever frisky.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \* Build bridges with a boss who can be demanding, but who gives you a strong sense of direction. Be open to a change of pace and plans. You demonstrate flexibility, as does another.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* Communication sizzles, and not always in a manner that pleases you. Evaluate what you are hearing, and choose not to react. Explore the possibility of revamping your thinking. Perhaps you made a faulty assumption! Tonight: Accept a surprise invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\* Financial responsibility remains a question. Another clearly doesn't agree with you. Try to find a middle point, but don't hurt yourself making a compromise. Work requires innovative thinking and actions. Learning new technologies helps. Tonight: Don't go overboard LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* Watch what is going on with others before jumping to a conclusion. Another's reaction could simply be a good defense. Read between the lines. Make inquiries and calls. Be willing to see the other side. Attend to a child or loved one. Tonight: You are master of your own ship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\* \* Take a break if you are having a difficult time dealing with others, especially co-workers. Be realistic about just how much anger you can absorb. Pull back and regroup. Take a hard look at your health and dietary patterns. Tonight: Make a resolution toward your well-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Focus on what is important. Remember what you want and expect from a key situation. Though you might not be able to realize it today, you could Pa-

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in the near future. Work with the unpredictable and let go of any rigidity, and you'll succeed. Tonight: Where the gang

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\* \* All eyes turn to you. Go within for answers; an external approach doesn't work. Finances remain key to an important decision. Don't let anyone or anything pressure you. A family member is out of sorts; count on his lack of support. Tonight: Work late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\* \* \* Make calls; do your own sleuthing. The answers you find could surprise you, but they will bring insights nevertheless. Don't get caught up in an argument & disagreement. Take the high road. Friends reverse course, Ioni Browse through a favorite store. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\* Withdraw into yourself. Make decisions involving a partnership and finances. Do not take another for granted listen carefully to his opinions. You could reverse an important decision as a result. Show your willingness to break patterns. Tonight: Be with a favorite

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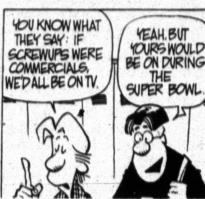
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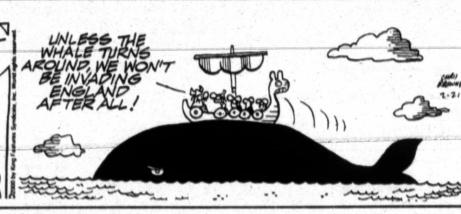




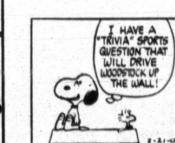


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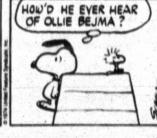


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