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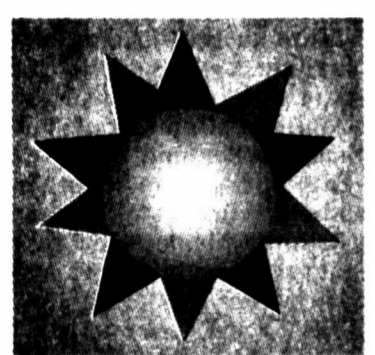
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**Lotto jackpot keeps growing**  
 No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.  
 The ticket was worth an estimated \$13 million.  
 The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 18-23-33-40-45-46  
 Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$17 million.

**Fifteen evacuated at well blowout site**  
 ANAHUAC, Texas (AP) — Fifteen people remained out of their homes Monday near Anahuac as a natural gas well that erupted over the weekend continued to spew about 12 million cubic feet of gas and light oil per minute.  
 Some roads were closed and only emergency personnel were being allowed within a mile of the well about 50 miles east of Houston, David Rose, a Department of Public Safety spokesman in Beaumont, said.  
 No injuries were reported, said Mark Hainley, Chambers County emergency management coordinator.  
 The 10,000-foot well, drilled by Aspect Resources LLC of Denver, blew about 9:30 p.m. Saturday after hitting a gas pocket that caused equipment failure because of a change in pressure, officials said.  
 From a distance, the gas resembles steam or smoke. Officials were monitoring the area for high concentrations of gas that could ignite or explode.  
 Boots & Coats International Well Control was working to control the blowout and estimated it would take four or five days to cap the well because the pressure was so intense.  
 The Federal Aviation Administration established an air restriction within a five-mile radius of the blowout site.

• **Glenda Herrington, 41.** She raised horses.  
 • **Ray Sylvester Weckesser, 88,** retired farmer

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## Tibbets brings WWII, A-bomb history to life

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Staff Writer

"I got credit for a lot of things I had to do," Gen. Paul W. Tibbets, retired U.S. Air Force general told a Pampa audience Saturday evening. He spoke 55 years after leading the first atomic bomb mission over Hiroshima, Japan, an act many claim effectively ended World War II.

Tibbets said he was given *carte blanche* in forming the ultra-secret mission because "I had demonstrated that I had the ability to make my own decisions without anyone telling me what to do. I had to make my own judgments."

After a rocky start with audio/visual problems, Tibbets opened his speech with a brief video clip featuring the recollections of the remaining survivors of that historic flight.

"We talked as we felt like talking," he said of the crew. "Sometimes we talked to the media, but it was always revised in some way. We never got to

**Gen. Tibbets told of flying General Dwight D. Eisenhower to North Africa through pea-soup fog so thick he had to skim the ocean guided by the gleam of phosphorus in the waves. When they reached their destination at Gibraltar, Tibbets remembered sea spray covering the belly of the plane.**

tell our story the way we told it."

So the crew decided to put together their recollections in their own way and this film, featuring interviews with the crew and photographs taken from that time, was the result of their efforts.

Tibbets said he was given absolute control in the forming of the 509th Composite, a group "put

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)  
 Paul W. Tibbets, retired U.S. Air Force general who flew the first atomic bomb mission, relates his experiences to a Pampa audience at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

## Beating trial delayed again Dog hair part of evidence

By DAVE BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

A trial in the brutal beating of a Pampa convenience store clerk scheduled for today has been postponed.

Dewayne Gordan Hickman, 32, is accused of beating a convenience store clerk in the early morning hours of Oct. 21, 1997.

Hickman, charged with aggravated assault, had been scheduled to go to trial today, but the trial was continued, according to Assistant District Attorney Phil Pendleton. No new trial date has been set.

Pendleton said he did not know why the case was continued and efforts to reach District Attorney John Mann by press time were unsuccessful.

Authorities said a 46-year-old clerk apparently surprised a burglar when she came to work early at the Minute Mart, 1106 Alcock in October, 1997.

Officers said the clerk came to work about 4 a.m. on the morning

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## 38 applicants qualify as cadet candidates

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Staff Writer

Pampa police officials narrowed applications for the department's new Police Cadet program to 38 qualified applicants, Deputy Chief Terry Young said.

"Test dates have been set and we will be sending out notices to everyone that's eligible to be tested," Young said. "Most of the applicants look good."

Pampa Police Department's test is to be conducted on Sept. 30 at Clarendon College. Entrance tests for the Amarillo College Police Academy will be given at M.K. Brown Auditorium on Sept. 31.

The local department's test focuses on such skills as observation and reasoning, note-taking and the ability to answer questions based on notes.

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(Special photo)  
**Twelve ponderous pachyderms provide tons of fun at the Khiva Shrine Circus, at 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 25, at Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena. These elephants are part of the George Carden Circus International. Tickets will be available at the rodeo arena on show day.**

## City budget talks on tap

By KATE B. DICKSON  
 Associate Publisher

City commissioners are in for a long day Tuesday when they meet to review and discuss the 2000-01 fiscal year budget as proposed by City Manager Bob Eskridge.

The proposal, Eskridge says, represents the culmination of months of discussions, meetings and debates.

Tomorrow's meeting starts at 9 a.m. at Lovett Memorial Library then moves to City Hall at 5 p.m. for the regularly scheduled pre-commission work session followed at 6 p.m. by the regular City Commission meeting.

Of the six operating funds, it's expected commissioners will review proposals to raise landfill and water/sewer fees because Eskridge said those budgets require more money to maintain their financial integrity.

In April, the city's management team met with the com-

mission to discuss organization and budgetary changes. As a result, 11 positions and \$85,000 in recurring expenses were cut.

In a memo to commissioners, Eskridge said, "The proposed budget will require several decisions by the City Commission to be finalized. We have already made significant

reductions in expenses from the previous years.

"Since 1995 we have reduced or eliminated 32 full-time city positions (almost 17.5 percent of the work force)," he said. "We have also looked at and scrutinized purchases, programs and almost every function the city does."

Although the city manager is recommending a slight drop in the tax rate, a "just in case of" tax increase agenda item is going before the City Commission.

It will happen Tuesday when the commission meets in regular session at 6 p.m. at City Hall. That meeting is preceded by a public work session at 5 p.m.

City Manager Bob Eskridge said the item was put on the agenda due to timetable requirements should the commission decide to increase the tax rate over 103 percent of the effective rate.

However, Eskridge has recommended in his 2000-01 budget

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## Oops! Crack pipe falls from pocket

When Pampa Officer David Conner asked a man to take his hands out of his pocket a bad thing happened — for the suspect, that is.

And today, after what appeared to be a crack cocaine pipe fell to the ground, a Pampa man is free on bond after being arrested on drug charges.

Randy West, 32, no home address given, was arrested early Saturday morning in the 700 block of Prairie Drive following a routine traffic stop.

Pampa police said West had his hands in his pockets when he got out of his car, a 1980 Ford Fairlane, after being stopped by Conner shortly

after 1 a.m. Saturday. When Conner ordered West to remove his hands from his pockets, what appeared to be a crack pipe fell to the ground.

Conner, who handles the police department's drug dog, led the dog around the car. After the dog indicated that drugs were present, officers found a small amount of what they believed to be crack cocaine, authorities said today.

Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond at \$5,000 on charges of possessing a controlled substance and \$500 on charges possession of drug paraphernalia.

## Shrine Circus coming to town

It's time again for the Khiva Shrine Circus, featuring George Carden Circus International, with show time at 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 25, in the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.

George Carden Circus International is owned and produced by George Carden, a fifth-generation showman whose entire life has revolved around the circus.

Carden, one of the largest circus producers in North America, acquired firsthand knowledge by working in all aspects of the business with his father's circus. He created his own circus in 1981. Later he bought his father's circus and integrated it with his own.

Carden Circus International has winter quarters between Springfield and Willard, Mo. The 20-acre farm houses the many performing animals, including 12 elephants, owned by the circus and large shops for building, painting and maintaining its 27 tractors, trucks and trailers.

The circus travels more than 40,000 miles each year throughout the United States and Canada. The season lasts 42 weeks.

Utilizing the popular three-ring format, the circus presents a family entertainment experience with such acts as high wire artists, clowns, aerialists, acrobats, and trained animals.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 1 year to 12 years old. Tickets will be on sale at the rodeo arena on show day. Proceeds from the circus benefit the Khiva Shrine.

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# Daily Record

## Services

**Services today**  
**Hill, Thomas J.** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley funeral Directors Colonia Chapel, Pampa.  
**Herrington, Glenda** — 10 a.m., Victory Family Church.

**Services tomorrow**  
**Wekesser, Ray Sylvester** — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

## Obituaries

**GLENDA HERRINGTON PERRYTON** — Glenda Herrington died Friday, August 18, 2000. Services were today at 10 a.m., at Victory Family Church with Rev. Marlon Sparks officiating. Burial will be at Ochiltree Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Herrington was born in Perryton, on June 11, 1959. She was a graduate of Spearman High School, and attended the Law Enforcement Academy. She married Clarence Herrington on July 8, 1994. She raised horses on her ranch south of Perryton.

Survivors include: her husband; Clarence, one daughter; Lacey Baker of Stephenville, two sisters; Brenda Smith of Perryton, and Sharon Farber of Spearman, and one brother Lynn Cook of Spearman.

Mrs. Herrington was preceded in death by: her father Alfred F. Cook in 1991 and her mother, Barbara Dollif Cook in 1999.

The family requests memorials be sent to Ochiltree Hospice, 3101 Garrett Dr., Perryton, Texas, 79070.

**RAY SYLVESTER WEKESSER**  
 Ray Sylvester Wekesser died Saturday, August 19, in Pampa. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Miami Cemetery in Miami, with Jack Gindorf; Lay Minister of Pampa officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery in Miami under the Direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Wekesser was born October 17, 1911 in Miami. He married Alta Burton in 1937, she preceded him in death in 1968. He lived in Happy and in Spearman for many years, and he moved back to Miami in 1985. He farmed in many areas of the Panhandle for many years. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Miami.

Survivors include: two sisters; Florence Dodson of Pampa and Sybil Wade Perry of Hamlin, Texas and by one brother; Elmer Wekesser of Hamilton, Montana, and by numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Aitchery Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	2.25
Milo	2.27
Corn	2.72
Soybeans	3.73

The following show the prices for which these annual funds were bid at the time of completion:

Occidental	21.416	dn 1/8
Lackly Magdon	1.0995	up 1/8
Panama	19.42	up 1/4

The following 9:30 a.m. NY Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

BP America	55.1316	up 1/8
Cabot	46.78	up 3/4
Calce OAG	19.18	up 1/8
Chrom	26.516	up 5/32
Coast Oil	59.1516	up 1/8

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

## Presidential election poll results

Suppose the 2000 presidential election were being held today and you had to choose between Al Gore, the Democrat; George W. Bush, the Republican; Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate; and Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

CNN-USA Today-Gallup - likely voters

Gore, 47 percent  
 Bush, 46 percent  
 Nader, 3 percent  
 Buchanan, 2 percent

(Bush led by 16 points in this poll before the Democratic National Convention. Gore had about a 20-point lead among women in the latest poll, helping him match the lead of the same size Bush had among men.)

Newsweek - registered voters  
 Gore, 48 percent  
 Bush, 42 percent  
 Nader, 3 percent  
 Buchanan, 1 percent

Voter.com-Battleground - likely voters

—Bush, 45 percent  
 —Gore, 40 percent  
 —Nader, 3 percent  
 —Buchanan, 1 percent

(Gore moved from 9 points down to 5 points down in the tracking poll during the week of the Democratic convention. Bush had moved from an 8-point lead to an 18-point lead in the tracking poll by the fourth day of the Republican convention.)

The Voter.com-Battleground poll of 1,000 likely voters was taken Wednesday and Thursday and has an error margin of 3 percentage points.

## City Briefs

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**FIRESIDE COMFORT** your home town hearth specialty shop. 725 W. Brown, Hwy. 60, 665-9333

**GYMNASTICS OF PAMPA** Team Sign-Ups today 6-7 p.m. 669-2941.

**HOLIDAY GREETERS** taking orders for Lighted Pumpkins, 669-1986.

**I AM** looking for full time work, dishwashing, custodian, will work any hrs. Roy 665-4075.

**SOCCER SIGN-UPS** extended thru Aug. 25th, @ T-Shirts & More. Info: 665-3036.

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Thursday, Aug. 17**  
 A convenience store in the 1900 block of North Hobart reported \$100 missing from its drop box.

**Saturday, Aug. 19**  
 A 46-year-old Pampa woman reported the theft of checks and cash totalling \$50 in the 700 block of North Zimmers.

**Sunday, Aug. 20**  
 A Pampa business reported that a gunshot shattered a double-pane glass front door between 5 a.m. and 8:20 a.m. Sunday in the 700 block of West Brown. Damage to the door was estimated at \$500. Authorities also reported \$20 in damage to a sheetrocked wall where the bullet lodged.

## Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Saturday, Aug. 19**  
 James Michael Brown, 26, 1936 N. Christy was arrested by Gray County deputies for violation of a protective order.

Roger Juan Pineda, 18, 404 Hill, was being held today for the Juvenile Probation Office.

Michael Tenell Williams, 26, 1033 Neel Road, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Sunday, Aug. 20**  
 Nicholas Lee Brookshire, 20, 533 Doyle, was arrested by Gray County deputies for violation of probation.

Monica Chennault, no age given, of 404 Perry, was arrested by Gray County deputies on warrants out of Moore and Potter Counties.

## Ambulance

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

**Saturday, Aug. 19**  
 10:35 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Dwight and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of South Barnes and transported one to PRMC.

8:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th Street; patient refused transport.

10:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

**Sunday, Aug. 20**  
 4:54 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 east of Pampa and transported one to PRMC.

8:01 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

9:19 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Banks and transported one to PRMC.

12:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSAW.

**Monday, Aug. 21**  
 12:48 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

5:43 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

5:49 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of East Short and transported one to PRMC.

**Fires**  
 Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Saturday, Aug. 19**  
 10:01 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a rekindle from a previous grass fire at Gray H and Gray 6.

6:12 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to another rekindle from a previous grass fire at Gray H and Gray 6.

**Monday, Aug. 21**  
 5:53 a.m. - One unit responded to a medical assist in the 500 block of Short. The number of firefighters responding was not listed on the report.

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## TIBBETS

together for the specific purpose of using an atomic weapon.

"There had never been anything like this before and there will never be anything like it again. I was given free rein," he said. "I was never challenged. My authority was not questioned."

In two years, Tibbets chose the airplane he felt could best complete such a mission, the experimental B-29, and put together the men needed for the task. He directed an extensive reworking of the airplane and supervised the training of the men, who knew they were preparing for a secret mission, but they did not know exactly what it would be.

Richard Nelson, one of the crew, remembered, "We all thought we were in for a long war and a dreary war."

The plane's navigator, "Dutch" Van Kirk said, "People don't believe it was a total war, but it was. Everyone was involved in it, from the people working in factories at home to the soldiers out on the battlefields."

On Aug. 5, 1945, the culmination of Tibbets' preparations finally came and the men he trained learned what their secret mission was to be.

"It took awhile to realize it was as big as I heard - the atomic bomb and Hiroshima was the military objective," said Bombardier Tom Ferbere.

Ferbere remembered leaving the briefing room and being amazed at the crowd surrounding the airplane and the light thrown by huge lights. "I knew it was a big one," he said.

Tibbets had already decided he would fly the plane, the *Enola Gay*, named after his mother.

He recalled the chaplain's prayer that followed them into the early morning air as they lifted off from Tinian Island, six hours and 2,000 miles away from Hiroshima, Japan.

The chaplain said that "we go forth trusting in thee." He asked that the mission be successful and help bring peace on earth and that the crew return home safely.

The men knew the atomic bomb was the most powerful weapon man had ever devised, but were still awed by the sight of huge clouds of boiling dust and debris rising like a giant mushroom above the Japanese city that no longer existed.

One crew member said the only thing he could recognize amid the massive destruction following the blast was one of the docks in the bay.

"When we came back, we knew that war was over," Nelson said. "But the (Japanese) didn't. They

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## TAX

proposal that the city tax rate of 63.67 cents per 100 valuation be lowered to 62.93 cents. He said the lower rate will generate about the same amount of money as the current rate due to higher values assigned to some property.

In other action, the commission will:  
 • Consider the award of bid for police records system software

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## CADET

"We're pleased with the success of this project," said Police Chief Charlie Morris. "It far exceeded our expectations."

Morris said the tests on Sept. 30 and 31 will narrow the field of applicants. Background checks will narrow the number of applicants further, he said, and then the interview process will begin.

"The candidates we do select will then undergo a psychological examination, drug screen and physical test," Young said.

Before this recruitment effort, Pampa Police Department only hired officers who had completed police academy training. As a result, police said many new hires would work at the department for one to two years to gain experience, then move on to larger police departments elsewhere. The new

had to have Nagasaki."

"I am firmly convinced the bomb shortened the war and saved the lives of countless Allied soldiers and Japanese," Van Kirk said.

"It was a devastating thing and it came as a surprise," he said. "I wanted to do everything I could to subdue Japan. That was my attitude and that was the attitude of the United States."

"We succeeded in bringing the carnage to an end and everybody got to go home," he added.

The remainder of Tibbets' appearance, scheduled in conjunction with the Pampa Army Airfield Reunion last week, centered on questions from the audience and recollections of his life and flying experiences.

He told of flying General Dwight D. Eisenhower to North Africa through pea-soup fog so thick he had to skim the ocean guided by the gleam of phosphorus in the waves. When they reached their destination at Gibraltar, Tibbets remembered sea spray covering the belly of the plane.

His first airplane flight happened against his father's wishes, he said. It, too, was a bombing mission. This time he released candy bars with tiny parachutes attached as the plane flew over a crowd on a Florida beach.

Tibbets said he went against his father again when he decided to become a military pilot instead of a physician, a decision he has never regretted.

He'll never forget what his father said, either: "If you want to go fly those damn machines and kill yourself, go ahead."

A flight instructor told Tibbets basically the same thing, he recalled, moments before he bailed out of the trainer Tibbets was flying and leaving him to complete his first solo flight.

Tibbets also related a favorite story about another famous World War II figure, Gen. George Patton when they were both at Fort Benning, Ga.

While teaching a group of soldiers about tanks, Patton demonstrated by driving a tank through a tar paper shanty. As Patton explained what he was about to do, a sergeant pulled on his sleeve, trying to get his attention. He waved the sergeant away, climbed in the tank.

Patton hit the house at approximately 35 miles per hour, Tibbets said, but after the dust settled, the tank was nowhere to be seen.

The sergeant was trying to tell the general that there was a basement under the little house. After Patton climbed out, he told the soldiers:

"If you didn't learn anything else today, you better have learned one thing - listen to your sergeant."

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• Consider approval of the Tourism Committee's 2000-01 annual budget  
 • Consider approval of the contract with Southwestern Bell Telephone for Plexar phone lines  
 • Consider authorizing the publication of the extension of the Cable One franchise  
 • Consider adopting a resolution to lower library card replacement fees  
 • Consider adopting a resolution to join the Texas State (library) Card program.

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program was developed in an effort to hire officers who came from Pampa and the surrounding area and would be more likely to stay here.

The three or four applicants to be hired through this process will receive 75 percent - \$1,500 - of the Pampa Police Department starting salary of \$2,000 plus benefits while attending the daytime Police Academy at Amarillo College for five months, police officials said.

The Police Academy begins Oct. 6 and ends with a final test on Feb. 26. The cadets will attend the academy on weekdays throughout the five-months of the academy.

"It looks like a long time (before the Academy begins), but it's only about a month. There's not much time left to get everything done. We want to be sure the applicants have time to give notice to their employers," Young said.

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## TRIAL

of the attack. Authorities said it appeared that a would-be burglar was hiding in the store and beat her when she came in. She suffered two broken arms and numerous gashes to her head and body. Pampa police officers characterized the attack as particularly brutal.

Hickman was arrested about a week later at his home at 2116 Coffee after the victim described her attacker while being questioned under hypnosis by Pampa Police Sgt. Charlie Love.

The use of hypnosis in the case was the subject of

a bitter battle between District Attorney Mann and defense attorney Harold Comer during an Oct. 15, 1998, pretrial hearing. Then 31st District Judge M. Kent Sims ruled that the hypnosis was allowable. Sims has since been replaced in 31st District Court by Judge Steven Emmert.

The trial has been rescheduled a number of times due to delays in crime lab testing of evidence. The last dispute involved the introduction of dog hair as evidence earlier this year.

Hickman has remained in jail since being arrested and charged in the case. He is also being held for parole violation in connection with being accused of escaping a halfway house in Dallas.

## Actress Ann Heche hospitalized

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Actress Anne Heche, who has split up with Ellen DeGeneres, was hospitalized after wandering up to the door of a rural home and appearing shaken and confused, the Fresno County sheriff's office said.

Heche apparently knocked on the front door of the house in southern Fresno County on Saturday and made strange statements to the occupants, said Lt. Merrill Wright.

Sheriff's deputies took her to University Medical Center, Wright said.

Neither Wright nor the hospi-

tal would comment on what may have caused her condition.

The incident came the same day that Heche, 31, and DeGeneres, 43, announced they were separating.

"Unfortunately, we have decided to end our relationship," the couple said in a statement in Saturday's New York Daily News. "It is an amicable parting, and we greatly value the 3 1/2 years we have spent together."

DeGeneres, 43, was the first openly gay lead on television.

The pair collaborated on an HBO film, "If These Walls Could Talk II," in April. Heche directed

DeGeneres and Sharon Stone in the story of a lesbian couple trying to have a baby — a tale said to mirror the plans of Heche and DeGeneres.

Heche also filmed a three-month standup comedy tour by DeGeneres, which culminated with an HBO cable special that aired last month.

The Daily News quoted unidentified friends as saying no third party was involved in the breakup. Heche had been romantically linked to actors Steve Martin and Richard Burgi before hooking up with DeGeneres.

Winds were generally from the south at 5 to 15 mph, the National Weather Service said. Only a few clouds were noted in the Panhandle.

## Weather focus

**PAMPA** — Sunny and hot today with a high of 100 and south-southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Mostly clear tonight with a low of 72 and south winds at 10-15 mph. Mostly sunny with a high of 99 tomorrow and south winds at 10-20 mph. High yesterday 98; today's low 70.

**STATEWIDE** — Skies were mostly clear across Texas on Monday, heralding another mostly hot, dry day across the state.

The only rainfall reported was from thunderstorms approaching the Texas coast. But their intensity had diminished before daybreak.

Conditions in South Texas were

favorable for more storm development by afternoon.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 60s to 80s.

Alpine and the Panhandle reported readings in the lower 60s, with 80s along the coast.

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# Calendar of events

**PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL**

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

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

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

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD**  
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is extending clinic hours in Pampa. The clinic is now open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A. Special evening hours until 6 p.m. are available by appointment. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

**PIONEER EXES ANNUAL PICNIC**  
Pioneer Exes Annual Picnic is slated to begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 at Senior Citizens Center in Lubbock (across from Lubbock High School). A meal will be served at 3 p.m. Cost will be \$8 per person. Send reservations and money to Elsie Roberts, 3515 46th St., Lubbock. The deadline to register is Aug. 22.

**ACT I**  
ACT I Community Theatre will hold auditions for its first play of the season, "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," at 7 p.m. Aug. 22 and 24 at the ACT I theatre located near the west entrance of Pampa Mall.

**TEXANS CARING FOR TEXANS**

Texans Caring for Texans will hold a Public Employee Recognition from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 24 at Amarillo College Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk, Amarillo.

**FIRST BAPTIST WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
First Baptist Church "Choices of the Heart" Women's Retreat is slated Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at New Beginnings Retreat Center in Channing with retreat leader Martha Baker. Total cost of the retreat is \$87 (two per room). Twenty-five dollars is due Aug. 25 to reserve a spot. The balance must be paid by Sept. 15. Fees refundable upon request by Sept. 21. To register or for more information, call 669-1155.

**PAS DANCE**  
Pampa Area Singles will hold a dance from 8-11 p.m. Aug. 26 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Indian Summer will perform. Cost is \$6 per person. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

**PALO DURO PIONEERS**  
Palo Duro Canyon State Park will offer a "Palo Duro Pioneers" children's program from 2-3 p.m., Aug. 12, 19 and 26 and 29 at the Interpretive Theater. Topics will vary weekly and may include plants, wildlife, geology and history. Parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

**NATURE HIKES**  
The following nature hikes are scheduled from 9-11:30 a.m. at Palo Duro Canyon State Park: Aug. 12 and 19, Givens, Spicer and Lowry Running Trail, 2.5-mile hike; Aug. 26, Sunflower Trail, 2-mile walk. Participants should bring water and good walking shoes. The walks will include discussions on geology, history, wildlife and plants. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

**PDCSP PROGRAMS**

Palo Duro Canyon State Park will host a series of evening programs throughout the month at Lone Star Theater near Watercrossing. 1. Topics and dates are as follows: "Canyon Critters," 9 p.m., Aug. 11, 25; "Canyon Chat," 9 p.m., Aug. 12, 18, 26; "Long Bow: Trader, Trapper, Teacher," 8 p.m., Aug. 13; "Wildflower Safari," 9 p.m., Aug. 19; "PANSAR K-9 Rescue," 8 p.m., Aug. 20; "Night Noises," 9 p.m., Aug. 27. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**  
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., Aug. 2, 9 and 12, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 1-4 p.m., Aug. 22, Family Clinic, McLean.

**TFS PROGRAM**  
Texas Folklife Resources is currently accepting applications for its Apprenticeship program. The Apprenticeship in the Folk Arts program encouraged the continuation of Texas traditional arts by providing master artists funds for training qualified apprentices. Texas traditional arts or folk arts are those art forms learned informally, often passed from generation to generation. Deadline for application is Sept. 1. All participants must be residents of Texas. For more information or for an application, contact Caroline Herring, program coordinator, at: Texas Folklife Resources, 1317 South Congress, Austin, TX 78704; or call (512) 441-9255.

**HERITAGE FEST**  
Lake McClellan will host "Heritage Fest" Sept. 23 at the

lake. The event will feature performers and displays.

**COUNTRY DOCTOR AWARD**  
Staff Care, Inc., is seeking nominations for the 2000 Country Doctor of the Year Award. Nominees will be judged on the following criteria: Scope of care; continuity of care (nominees must have served their communities for a minimum of five years); rural location (communities of 25,000 or less); and dedication. For nomination forms or for more information, call 1-800-685-2272.

**HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER**

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: Sept. 11, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, and Aug. 14 and Sept. 5, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

**CLARENDON COLLEGE**  
Clarendon College is accepting applications for its Licensed Vocational Nursing Program of the 2000-01 school year. Early applications are encouraged to insure prospective students get a place in the fall class. Students may attend nursing classes on either the Clarendon or the Shamrock campuses. For an application, contact CC (806) 874-3571. For more information, call Director Vickie Moore on the CC campus or 1-800-687-9737.

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING**  
Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Shirley Sheldon, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

**SCHOOL TO CAREER PROGRAM**

Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs, contact the local Texas Workforce Commission or call (512) 470-0918.

**AISE**

American Intercultural Student Exchange is a non-profit educational foundation seeking local host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 2000-01 school year. The students, which come from 25 countries throughout the world, live with American families and attend local high schools during their 10 month exchange. Host families provide the students with a place to sleep, meals and a family atmosphere. For more information, call 1-800-SIBLING or visit AISE website, www.aise.com.

**CASE**

Hosting a high school exchange student in August 2000 is like bringing the world to your doorstep. U.S. Government sanctioned, CSJET listed non-profit educational organization is seeking families of all types; retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples. Students will be arriving from various counties, ALL of whom speak

English. You can choose a male or female between the age of 15 and 18. You will have the support of a LOCAL Area Representative with you throughout the exchange. Students arrive sometime in August (depending on when school starts). Your new son or daughter will attend your local high school for either 5 or 10 months. All students have their own medical insurance. As a host family, you agree to provide room and board and to include your student as a member of your family. For information, contact Joyce toll-free at 877-846-5848.

**PIE**

Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families for foreign exchange students. The students, age 15-18, have spending money and carry accident and health insurance. PIE reps match students with host families through an informal in-home meeting. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-631-1818.

**USS BAYFIELD**

The USS Bayfield AP33 will hold its annual reunion Sept. 10-14. For more information, contact Jim Davlin at (409) 925-2268.

**USS COLUMBUS**

The USS Columbus will hold its reunion Oct. 4-9 at Fort Mitchell, Ky. For more information, call (605) 787-4038. Mailing address: Pat Condon, Asst. Secretary, P.O. Box 270, Piedmont, SD 57769-0270.

**MS SOCIETY**

The Multiple Sclerosis Society offers a monthly program for people with MS every third Thursday of each month. Some of the topics covered include: "Moving Forward: A Program for People Newly Diagnosed with MS," "When MS Progresses," "Intimacy and MS," "Life after Diagnosis: A Wellness Approach" and much more. A transcript is provided at the site after each program. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT-MS or (806) 468-7500 or contact the National MS website at www.nmss.org and select Educational Programs.

**T.O.P.S. #149**

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

**T.O.P.S. #41**

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

**AL-ANON**

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

**VFW CHARITY BINGO**

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

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**Intentions to Drill**

**CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE)** J.M. Huber Corp., #A-3 Bennett, 660' from North & East line, Sec. 2,5,B&B, PD 3200'. Replacement well.

**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash)** Apache Corp., #9-54 French Arrington, 467' from North & 780' from East line, Sec. 54,A-1,H&GN, PD 11700'.

**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash)** Apache Corp., #3-44 Larue McCulloch, 2270' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 44,A-2,H&GN, PD 11200'.

**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL East Upper Morrow)** EnerVest Operating, L.L.C., #6063 Brock 'A', 1320' from South & 1650' from East line, Sec. 63,A-3,H&GN, PD 13500'.

**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL South Douglas)** Upland Resources, Inc., #1 Vise, 467' from North & 660' from West line, Sec. 3,4,AB&M, PD 8400'.

**ROBERTS (WILDCAT & CREE-FLOWERS Wolfcamp Dolomite)** R.E.D. Resources, Inc., #1 Bill J. Tolbert, 660' from North & 1320' from East line, Sec. 3,—,BB&C, PD 3950'.

**ROBERTS (WILDCAT & PARSELL Lower Morrow)** Range Production Co., #8A Ben Hill, 2577' from South & 928' from East line, Sec. 145,42,H&TC, PD 11700'.

**Application to Plug-Back**  
**WHEELER (BRITT RANCH Granite Wash)** Crowley Petroleum Corp., #1-8 Firestone, 1320' from North & East line, Sec. 8,1,B&B, PD 14030'.

**Oil Well Completions**  
**HEMPHILL (SPARKS Tonkawa)** EOG Resources, Inc., #1—, Humphreys, 60' Sec. 60,42,H&TC, spud 6-9-00, drlg. compl 6-22-00, tested 7-21-00, pumped 128.6 bbl. of 43 grav. oil + 62 bbls. water, GOR 12418, PD 7750', PBD 7704' —

**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE)** J.M. Huber Corp., #136 Herring 'A', E. Almaguie Survey, spud 5-16-00, drlg. compl 5-20-00, tested 8-2-00, pumped 50 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + 92 bbls. water, GOR 3140, TD 3422', PBD 3381' —

**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE)** J.M. Huber Corp., #137 Herring 'A', E. Almaguie Survey, spud 5-23-00, drlg. compl 5-26-00, tested 8-2-00, pumped 30 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + 140 bbls. water, GOR 5133, TD 3433', PBD 3390' —

**HUTCHINSON (SPECIAL Atoka)** Strat Land Exploration Co., #4 Brainard, Sec. 8,E,H&GN, spud 7-11-00, drlg. compl 7-21-00, tested 7-31-00, pumped 43 bbl. of 42.3 grav. oil + 3 bbls. water, GOR 744, TD 8356', PBD 8292' — Plug-Back

**Gas Well Completions**  
**HEMPHILL (GEM-DANDY Douglas)** Questar Exploration & Production, #3054 Hostutler, Sec. 54,41,H&TC, spud 5-1-00, drlg. compl 5-12-00, tested 7-18-00, potential 2400 MCF, TD 8100', PBD 8045' —

**ROBERTS (ALPAR-LIPS Atoka)** Alpar Resources, Inc., #1D Courson-Lips '159', Sec. 159,13,T&NO, spud 6-1-00, drlg. compl 6-21-00, tested 7-21-00, potential 3200 MCF, TD 8550', PBD 8400' —

**WHEELER (VIKING Upper Morrow)** Apache Corp., #5 Chandler, Sec. 1,RE,R&E, spud 2-5-00, drlg. compl 3-14-00, tested 4-24-00, TD 15680', PBD 15565' —

**Cute Kid Contest**



Gade Ferguson and Skylar Anderson were recently crowned prince and princess of the Cute Kid Contest held recently during the Kick Back Day celebration in White Deer.

**SOCCER SIGN-UPS EXTENDED**

Due to delays in the mailing of registration forms, sign-ups of the 2001 season of the Pampa Soccer Association has been extended thru Friday August 25th. Something NEW this year, a regulation soccer ball. The ball is a sturdy polyurethane match and practice ball of regulation size for each division. The one-time fee includes two sessions of games, both Fall and Spring leagues, and a soccer uniform consisting of a numbered team jersey, shorts & socks and player insurance. Registration for both sessions is only \$35, at T-Shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill, in downtown Pampa, between the hours of 10 AM & 5:30 PM. A limited number of hardship scholarships are available. Additional info: 665-3036.

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# Effort abandoned to find survivors on Russian sub

MOSCOW (AP) — Rescue teams abandoned efforts Monday to find survivors in a sunken Russian submarine after determining that all 118 crew members had perished in the flooded vessel.

Norwegian and Russian officials in charge of rescue efforts concluded the submarine was completely flooded after it suffered a massive explosion and sank Aug. 12 during naval exercises in the Barents Sea.

"There was no longer hope of finding survivors in the submarine Kursk," said a Norwegian statement.

Norwegian divers who managed to open the escape hatch on the nuclear submarine Monday found no sign of survivors and confirmed that the Kursk was flooded, officials said.

The Russian navy said a video camera would be lowered into the hull of the Kursk to determine conditions inside. But the rescue effort was now shifting to raising the submarine, an enormous task that could take weeks or even months. The Kursk has two nuclear reactors.

The Russian government was initially reluctant to announce the crew was dead. But Vice Adm. Mikhail Motsak, chief of the Northern Fleet, said Monday afternoon. "All sections were flooded and there are no survivors," RTR television reported.

The government has faced strong public criticism for not doing more to save the crew.

The loss of the Kursk, one of the newest and most powerful submarines in the navy, has shocked many Russians, prompting many to question if their crisis-ridden nation will ever return to peace and stability.

Russian navy officials said no decision had been made about retrieving the bodies of the Kursk's crew. There appeared to be no practical way of recovering the bodies short of raising the submarine.

Most, if not all, of the crew died when a huge explosion ripped through the submarine, officials said. The blast, which probably involved up to 30 warheads stored in the torpedo compartment at the front, tore the submarine to bits. Russian officials said they don't know what set off the explosion.

"The divers have determined that the submarine is full of water. That is sad," said Norwegian Capt. Rune Fredheim.

The Norwegian rescue teams would be pulled out unless government officials decide they should stay for other reasons, Fredheim said.

After a 10-day rescue operation, the Norwegian divers managed Monday to open an escape hatch at the rear of the Kursk, but found no sign of survivors, officials said. It then became clear that the submarine was flooded, they said.

A British rescue mini-submarine was not used because the divers determined there was no point, officials said.

Russian officials said they were concentrating on raising the Kursk and recovering its two nuclear reactors. The Norwegian divers found no sign of radiation leaks Monday.

Deputy Prime Minister Ilya Klebanov said Moscow would make an international appeal for funds to raise the Kursk because of the enormous expense. He indicated it would take weeks just to draw up plans for the salvage operation.

# Pipeline explosion kills 10 campers, two others injured

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — Jim and Sheila Bailey arrived at Victory Baptist Church on Sunday unprepared for the shock that lay in store.

Until then, the Baileys hadn't heard about the natural gas pipeline explosion that killed 10 people Saturday, including some of the couple's friends.

"It's a very devastating blow," Jim Bailey said. "It just kind of hits you like a rock."

The explosion on the Pecos River just before dawn swept flames down the river's banks and through tents where two families had been camping. Five children were among those killed.

The only survivors, a man and his daughter-in-law, were in critical condition Monday at a Lubbock, Texas, hospital.

Officials described the ruptured pipeline as a massive flame-thrower that showered burning fuel on the victims. The explosion generated heat so intense that sand melted into glass and concrete turned to powder, a federal investigator said.

National Transportation Safety Board Investigator John Hammerschmidt said it likely will take several months to determine what caused the rupture in the 30-inch-diameter pipe.

"We'll be looking for any areas of human error that

might have occurred or even organizational error," he said.

NTSB investigators found at least three sections of the pipe that had been blown from the ground. The explosion, at a point about 6 feet underground, carved out a crater 86 feet long, 46 feet wide and 20 feet deep.

"There is no indication it was third-party damage or foul play," said John Somerhalder, president of the pipeline group for El Paso Energy Co. "This was a very major tragedy."

The victims were members of two extended families from Carlsbad, Artesia and Loving, all in southeastern New Mexico, who had been camping along the river in an unmarked but popular camping site for fishermen, police said.

Some had been fishing along the river's banks, their lanterns set up to light their way, officials said. Others had been asleep. Officials said they would have had no chance to escape the flash of fire that caught them between the river and the ruptured gas line.

One survivor recalled being awakened by shouts to find herself and everything around her on fire, said state police Capt. John Balderston. She jumped in the river, then found she couldn't get back to the children because of the flames. Twin girls, 6 months old, were

among the victims. The fire burned 40 minutes to an hour and was visible from Carlsbad, 20 miles to the north.

Near the river's edge, investigators found sleeping bags and melted geometric shapes that once were tents. Three charred pickup trucks looked as though they had taken a direct hit from a bomb.

"This is a tragedy that words don't describe," Gov. Gary Johnson said, and there may be a regulatory role for the state, but it's too soon to say what action might be taken. He said investigators first must determine what went wrong.

There are "concerns with pipeline safety, obviously," Johnson said, and there may be a regulatory role for the state, but it's too soon to say what action might be taken. He said investigators first must determine what went wrong.

Hammerschmidt said Sunday that the NTSB already has a proposal on pipeline safety before Congress. "We think improvements can be made in pipeline safety in general," he said.

The pipeline was installed in 1950. It was last checked Aug. 2, company spokeswoman Norma Dunn said.

On The Net: National Transportation Safety Board: <http://www.nts.gov>

## Remember when ... Senior Snapshot

You lived during a time that is hard for the younger generation to imagine. Share with us some of your memories as a child and young adult. A photo is required ... it can be childhood, young adult or recent.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date & Place \_\_\_\_\_

Family \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Childhood Memory \_\_\_\_\_

When I Grew Up I Wanted To Be \_\_\_\_\_

My Best Friend Was \_\_\_\_\_

People Remember Me As Being \_\_\_\_\_

My Favorite Toy \_\_\_\_\_

My Favorite Game \_\_\_\_\_

My Favorite Radio Show \_\_\_\_\_

The First Movie I Ever Saw & The Cost \_\_\_\_\_

The First Phone I Ever Used Belonged To \_\_\_\_\_

The Person That Most Influenced My Life \_\_\_\_\_

The Historical Event That Most Affected My Life & Why \_\_\_\_\_

The Thing I Remember Most About The Depression Was \_\_\_\_\_

The Biggest Honor I've Ever Received Is \_\_\_\_\_

If I Could Change One Thing About My Past It Would Be \_\_\_\_\_

My Whole Family Enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_

The Person From My Childhood I Wish I Could Visit With Today Is \_\_\_\_\_

My First Job Was \_\_\_\_\_

Year & Make Of The First Vehicle I Drove \_\_\_\_\_

Cost Of Gasoline When I First Drove \_\_\_\_\_

On My First Date I Went To \_\_\_\_\_

My Favorite Hang Out Spot Was \_\_\_\_\_

The Fashion Trend Was \_\_\_\_\_

My Favorite Saying Was \_\_\_\_\_

My Favorite Song Was \_\_\_\_\_

Another Memory I Want To Share Is \_\_\_\_\_

## King of software needs more bridge practice

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Microsoft chairman Bill Gates may be king of software, but he'll need a bit more practice before ruling the world of bridge.

Gates' four-member team finished 50th Sunday during the 52-team finals of the North American Bridge Championships.

Despite the showing, Gates remained upbeat about his first appearance in the tournament, which included some of the top bridge players in the world.

"He said it was a blast to play against really good company," tournament spokesman Paul Linxwiler said. "He said he will be back bigger and better, and he was laughing all the way."

Gates is a longtime online bridge player, and his performance in the finals was impressive, tournament officials said.

"The game is so deep," Gates said earlier in a statement. "There's always something you can learn."

## 'Charles and The Lady' magic act will perform at Khiva Shrine circus

**Charles and The Lady have been featured in Vegas revue shows, cruise ships, night clubs and road shows throughout the United States, Canada and South America. They have been the opening act for such stars as Harry Anderson and Henny Youngman.**

Charles Vincent Amaral, Jr., Kathleen Dawn "The Lady" Amaral and Chelsea Amaral are first generation circus performers. They will be performing during the Khiva Shrine Circus slated to begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25 at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.

The Amaral family hail from the San Francisco Bay area. "The Magic of Charles and The Lady" have been performing magic professionally for 14 years. They have won the First Place Stage Award of the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians, The Silver Medal from The Society of American Magicians and The Magician of The

Year from The Bay Area Association of Magicians.

Vincent has been performing magic, ranging from card tricks to major illusions, since the age of nine. He is a member and performer of The Academy of Magical Arts in Hollywood, Calif.

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Charles and The Lady present an amazing and fast-paced three ring display of magic illusions guaranteed to astound the audiences of young and old alike.

Charles Vincent started announcing for George Carden Circus International eight years ago. He was discovered by a circus agent while he was the master of ceremonies and a magician for a variety road show in Reno, Nev. Since then Charles has become one of the countries foremost male Ringmasters.

Tickets to the circus are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be on sale at the Rodeo Arena on show day. Proceeds from this circus benefit Khiva Shrine.



(Special photo) Charles Vincent Amaral, Jr. and Kathleen Dawn "The Lady" Amaral will be performing during the Khiva Shrine Circus slated to begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25 at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena. Tickets to the circus are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be on sale at the Rodeo Arena on show day.

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# MEDICAL

## Kids Q&A

**Q: My nephew, who's a pretty big kid, was just diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes. Isn't this something only adults can get?**

A: An epidemic of "extra-large" kids has caused an alarming rise in the number developing

Type 2 diabetes, said Dr. Morey Haymond, a diabetes researcher at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center and professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Fifteen years ago, less than five percent of children diagnosed with diabetes had the Type 2 form, and most of these had syndromes that predisposed them to massive obesity. Today, the number being diagnosed with the Type 2 form is over 20 percent.

Once known as "adult-onset" diabetes because it was so rare in children, Type 2 diabetes usually develops in genetically predisposed individuals who gain too much weight.

It's important that your nephew's family work closely with his physician to help him bring his blood sugar levels and weight under control. Solid family support, the right medication, proper diet, and exercise can do much to limit the serious complications associated with this disease.

The threat of heart, kidney, nerve, and vision damage is real and tightening in diabetes, especially for those whose blood sugar levels are poorly controlled.

**Q: What's the best way to introduce a bottle to my 5-month-old breast fed son?**

A: Consider introducing your son to a sippy cup rather than a bottle, said Dr. Judy Hopkinson, a lactation physiologist with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. At 5 months of age, he should take to a sippy cup fairly easily. He'll just need some time to practice and a patient care giver.

There are real advantages to taking this approach. In addition to reducing the probability of tooth decay in the baby teeth, weaning to a sippy cup avoids the negative impact of bottle nipples on orthodontic development and bypasses the need to wean your son off the bottle later.

**Q: How can I help my image-conscious 12- and 14-year-old girls maintain their weight?**

A: Since their growth is not complete, it would be better to help your daughters anticipate matu-

rity-related weight and height gains, said Dr. Karen Cullen, a behavioral nutritionist with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Young girls who try to stay Ally McBeal-thin as they mature can run into problems with irregular or missed menstrual periods among other health problems.

Your healthcare provider can help your daughters understand how their bodies will change by plotting their height and weight on standard pediatric growth charts. These charts are also available on the Centers for Disease Control web site, <http://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/>.

It's equally important not to lose sight of the importance of a healthy diet and regular physical exercise. Good habits can help your daughters guard against excess weight now and later in life. Regular physical activity burns calories and aids in the development of healthy self-esteem. Sixty minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity is recommended for children every day.

A healthy diet starts with eating a variety of foods from the USDA's Food Guide Pyramid and limiting high-calorie, low-nutrition foods. Information about using the Food Guide Pyramid can be found at <http://www.usda.gov/cnpp/Health>.

**Q: My husband has a big belly. I say it's fat, he says it's muscle. How can we tell who's right?**

A: The simplest way to determine whether weight gain is muscle or fat is to consider how the shape and size of your body has changed, said Dr. Ken Ellis, a body composition expert with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Extra inches around the mid-section suggest that weight gain is mainly fat and the kind of fat that is particularly worrisome to physicians. People who gain most of their weight in their abdomen have a much higher risk for cardiovascular disease than those who carry excess weight in their hips and thighs.

Another way to evaluate the "quality" of weight gain is to honestly assess your eating and physical activity habits. A regime of weight lifting and aerobic exercise builds muscle, one that only requires arm to mouth coordination builds fat.

Although some adults like to use clothing size to monitor their weight, this is far from ideal. Some individuals can gain as much as 25 pounds before requiring a change in pant or dress size.

## Scientists discover tuberculosis' crafty technique of hiding itself in the body

Scientists have identified a key trick that tuberculosis bacteria use to lie low in the body for years before going on the attack—a discovery that could open a whole new approach to fighting a disease that kills more than 2 million people around the world each year.

"In terms of public health, there is a long way to go. This is an important step in the right direction," said Dr. William Bishai, professor of international health and medicine at Johns Hopkins University.

Researchers from Rockefeller University, Washington University School of Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Texas A&M University reported their findings in a recent issue of the journal Nature.

Tuberculosis infects a third of the world's population, according to the World Health Organization, and is getting more deadly as drug-resistant varieties evolve. Though drugs exist to cure TB, they must be given in a complicated regimen over six months to a year, and many people drop out too soon. That enables drug-resistant strains to develop.

A hallmark of TB is that after people inhale the bacteria and their lungs become infected, the immune system walls it off but cannot kill it. The germs can live in a person for years without developing into the disease.

Scientists know that the microbes hide out in white blood

cells called macrophages, which normally seek out and destroy invading bacteria. When something weakens the immune system—such as AIDS—the bacteria go wild, bringing on the full-blown disease.

The new work showed that when TB bacteria go into hiding, a phase known as persistence, the immune system triggers a change in the bacteria that lets the germs shift from feeding on carbohydrates to fatty acids.

"It's that switch in metabolism that is required for the bacterium to maintain the infection," said David G. Russell, a researcher at Cornell University who was at Washington University when he participated in the work.

Looking more closely at this switch in metabolism, the U.S. researchers found that an enzyme called isocitrate lyase, or ICL, is key to the process.

The researchers developed a strain of TB bacteria that lacked the gene to make ICL. When they infected mice with the bacteria, the immune system was able to kill bacteria in the persistence phase.

Already, the drug company Glaxo Wellcome Inc. is trying to develop compounds that lock onto the enzyme and stop it from working, making hidden TB bacteria vulnerable.

"A drug that targeted persistence would be quite different from conventional TB drugs, which target processes required for bacterial growth," said John D.

McKinney of Rockefeller University, who initiated the research. He said blocking ICL would have no harmful side effects.

Such a drug could be used in conjunction with other TB medicines.

"The hope is if we can add a drug against ICL to the existing drug regimens, the two of them together will work better than either of them alone and give us a faster cure," McKinney said. "If we can cut it down to a month or less, this will really have an enormous impact."

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## Healthbeat: Hurry to hospital at first signs of a stroke

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It happens daily: People show up in the emergency room with stroke symptoms that began hours, occasionally days, earlier. But because they didn't recognize — or denied — early symptoms, it's too late for frustrated doctors to give a powerful drug that could have stopped the brain damage.

Indeed, former President Gerald Ford was lucky last week that his own stroke proved too mild to need that clot-busting drug, because he would have been too late.

The drug TPA has revolutionized stroke care, restoring blood flow into victims' brains to help many recover with little disability — but only if they receive it within three hours of the first symptoms. That's the problem: Mostly because of the tight timing, fewer than 3 percent of stroke victims get TPA.

Now scientists are using sophisticated new brain-scanning techniques to try to save more patients, hunting which ones still have salvageable brain tissue six hours or more after the stroke begins.

"Now if somebody comes in after three hours, we sit on our hands. I want to change that," says Dr. Steven Warach of the National Institutes of Health. He begins a study at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Md., this fall to see if TPA could work even after as long as six hours.

Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University is testing other treatments against strokes that occurred even longer ago. In one dramatic case, they restored speech and movement to a man who had suffered a series of small strokes two days earlier.

More than 600,000 Americans will suffer a stroke this year. It is the nation's No. 3 killer, claiming 160,000 lives annually.

A stroke is a lack of blood flow and oxygen that quickly kills delicate brain tissue. Occasionally it's caused by a burst blood vessel, called a hemorrhagic stroke. But the vast majority are "ischemic" strokes, where arteries feeding the brain are blocked — and this "brain attack" can be treatable if you act fast.

Dial 911 or get to a hospital immediately if you have any warning signs:

—Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.

—Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.

—Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.

—Sudden severe headache with no known cause, or trouble seeing.

Possible stroke victims get a CT scan, a test that's very good at distinguishing if a stroke is ischemic or hemorrhagic.

But CT scans are not very good at detecting the very earliest stroke signs, and can miss tiny ones, Warach says.

Plus, CT scans don't show brain tissue downstream from the stroke that's still alive but will die as the stroke continues — potentially salvageable tissue. In some 30 percent of patients, the amount of at-risk brain tissue continues growing, because of impaired blood flow, for 12 hours, Warach says.

That's where the new brain scans come in. Sophisticated new versions of MRIs, called "diffusion and perfusion MRI," are much better. Diffusion MRI can spot the first damaged brain tissue four minutes after the injury occurs, by measuring how fast water molecules move in the brain, says Hopkins' Dr. Norman Beauchamp. The perfusion test literally lights up brain tissue that's slowly starving from lack of blood.

Take Hopkins' dramatic case. Another hospital's CT scan spotted a series of small strokes in a 59-year-old man, strokes so small he didn't qualify for TPA. But two days later, he was transferred to Hopkins barely able to talk or move his right side, symptoms too severe for those small strokes alone to explain.

The new MRI testing found a huge brain area starved for blood, about to die. Emergency surgery restored blood flow and the man recovered well, says Hopkins neurologist Dr. Argye Beth Hillis.

Hopkins is testing other late-treatment alternatives: Forcing blood into starved brain areas by simply raising blood pressure, or inserting a catheter into the brain and injecting a TPA-like clot-buster directly onto the stroke site.

It's too soon to know how many people might benefit from such attempts, or if Warach's six-hour TPA will work.

But, "we are finding a fair number of people who are in this situation where there's a big mismatch between the brain that's already died and the brain at risk," Hillis says.

The best advice remains to get to the hospital within three hours. But if you miss that window, seek care anyway as soon as possible, Hillis stresses.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Lauran Neergaard covers health and medical issues for The Associated Press in Washington.

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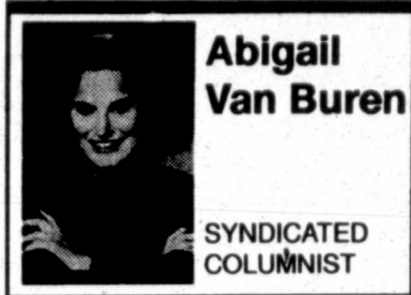
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Job Corps Gives Troubled Teen Lessons for Living

DEAR ABBY: Although your column is often a trouble-dump, may I share some good news? Our son was a troubled teen with behavioral problems. He dropped out of school and hung out with a very rough crowd. We tried everything we could to steer him in the right direction; nothing worked — until we found Job Corps. We were thrilled to find an alternative to a boot-camp program. After a rocky start, our son is now succeeding. He is learning to be a welder and is close to getting his high school diploma.



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ence and drugs.

The Job Corps is run by the U.S. Department of Labor and provides education and training for qualified youth, ages 16 through 24. Our son lives in a dorm supervised by counselors. He rises at 5:45 a.m. (a huge adjustment!). He has a structured day — performing chores, attending academic and job-training classes, and afterward playing basketball or seeing a movie.

Abby, please inform other parents and young adults about the Job Corps. It has been a godsend for our son, and for us.

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DEAR FRESNO: Yes. Face it, you can't count on your daughter to carry out your wishes. Consider appointing your attorney as your executor, make sure your doctors are aware of your health-care decisions, and find someone else — a close friend, perhaps — to name in your power of attorney documents. Your daughter is too emotional to be up to the task you've assigned her.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently trying to decide why my parents and in-laws seemed younger than some of my contemporaries, and then I realized: "You know you're getting older when you spend more time talking about what you did than what you're going to do."

DEAR ROLF: I agree. You're less likely to stumble if you're facing forward, not looking back over your shoulder.

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Horoscope

TUESDAY, AUG. 22, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your precision and efforts must be evident when you deal with others. A tendency toward sloppiness could become costly. Efforts to stay on top of an important project seem futile, but eventually you win out. Emphasize quality. Keep communication flowing.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The best intentions backfire unless you push and follow through on every detail. Your effectiveness and persistence mix. Emphasize financial productivity when others come up with lame schemes. Test ideas on others.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your feelings change quickly. While you might have felt out of sorts this morning, by evening you know you can handle it all — and more, if need be! Emphasize structure and long-term needs. Don't feel challenged when another expresses an opinion.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take your time with others and with communication. You don't see eye to eye with others. Use these differences

as an asset rather than a liability. Incorporate different ideas. Meet challenges head-on. You could be out of sorts. Recognize that you need some downtime.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take charge, and you'll watch others react. Do nothing, and you'll watch others react. Do what feels right for you. Money continues to be a pivotal focus, especially with a long-term project. Schedule meetings. Sleuth through problems. Center on what you want to do.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your energy multiplies with the sun entering your sign. You could be inadvertently contentious or difficult. Others, especially co-workers and bosses, find you difficult or testy to deal with. Be careful with those in charge. Remember who wears the pants here!
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Others share what, until now, they felt was impossible. Confusion surrounds your thoughts. Test them out on others and don't take comments personally. Creativity surges, but it might not be grounded in reality. If confused, back off and wait.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Others have many opinions. Join friends. Schedule important meetings. Confusion surrounds a friendship. This person might not have a very clear way of expressing himself. Deal with a partner one-on-one. Teamwork breeds success.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Whatever you do seems to gener-

ate even more work. Face facts. Take charge and work toward greater efficiency. What another criticizes actually might be grounded in reality. Be open to more effective ways of handling your work. Schedule meetings for later in the day.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You don't always see eye to eye with others. Clearly, you see a problem emerge one more time. Use your creativity to solve problems. You can find answers that are agreeable to everyone. Dig right in. Enthusiasm increases with productivity.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Deal with problems head-on. Others appreciate your focus. Be willing to back off when another disagrees, or to work with this person. Getting stuck and seeing life from one point of view doesn't work. Use your ingenuity. Mix in your natural style.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Listen to others carefully. They might not intend to be harsh. Presently, the ball is in someone else's court. Laughter surrounds an important loved one. Indulge him. Don't react in old ways or in a traditional manner. Break past your natural resistance.
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## SPORTS

## Notebook

## FOOTBALL

**PAMPA** — Tiger League football signups are set for later this week at the Pampa Optimist Club.

Signup times are Thursday (6 to 8), Friday (6 to 8) and Saturday (1 to 3).

The league is divided into two divisions: third and fourth grades and fifth and sixth grades.

Signup fee is \$55 and players will also need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. Limited scholarships are available.

## BASEBALL

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Optimist Club is hosting a 7-9 year-old Boys Baseball Tournament Thursday through Sunday at Optimist Park.

The tournament will have a pitching machine format.

There will be a \$100 entry fee and the entry deadline is today.

First and second-place trophies will be awarded. The tournament will be double-elimination.

For more information, call Jeff Skinner at 665-8120 (leave a message), Joe Skinner at 669-2769 or Mando Ramirez at 665-1248.

Each player is required to have a copy of his birth certificate.

No player can turn 10 years old before July 31.

**HOUSTON (AP)** — As if being in last place in the NL Central wasn't bad enough, the Houston Astros are now in the middle of a controversy between one of their top pitchers and their manager.

Manager Larry Dierker was critical of starting pitcher Jose Lima, who won 20 games last season, after the Milwaukee Brewers defeated the Astros 6-5 Sunday.

"It was the same things that we have talked about and talked about," Dierker said. "But it doesn't do any good to talk about things if you don't understand them, remember them and use them in the games.

"He didn't pitch inside and the runners were taking off when he reached his belt (in his windup)."

Lima, who is 5-14, didn't figure in the decision, pitching five innings and giving up three runs, two earned, on eight hits. He equaled his season high with eight strikeouts, while walking two.

"I like to see starters go seven innings. If you have to use your relief pitchers every day they can't be sharp," Dierker said. "He used 102 pitches and he didn't look like he was getting it straightened out. Then, our bullpen couldn't get it done."

Lima, who won 37 games in his previous two seasons with Houston, responded to Dierker's criticism.

"When things are going against you, you find out who your friends are," Lima said. "It seems that everybody is against me now that things aren't going my way. Everything I do is wrong."

"My teammates are still 100 percent behind me. They know how hard I work. It's just one of those years when you struggle. I'm human. I make mistakes."

Lima rejected Dierker's suggestion that he didn't pitch inside.

"I pitched inside. When I don't make the pitches I will tell you. When I stink I will let you know," Lima said.

Milwaukee's Henry Blanco doubled to right center to drive in Ron Belliard with the winning run in the ninth, ending a six-game winning streak and keeping Houston from sweeping the three-game series.

In the ninth and the score tied 5-5, Charlie Hayes, who singled, was called out after being hit by Belliard's single. The next hitter, Blanco, doubled to right center to drive in Belliard with the winning run.

"I thought the baseball gods were against us then," Milwaukee manager Davey Lopes said.

## Outlook grim as Cowboys wrap up pre-season

IRVING, Texas (AP) — With five starters missing from the first-team offense, including running back Emmitt Smith, the Dallas Cowboys have a long way to go before their regular season opener against the Philadelphia Eagles.

With Dallas having lost 13 of its past 14 preseason games, prospects are not good for Thursday night's preseason wrapup at Texas Stadium against the defending Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams.

Smith, without practice for three weeks, has not played in a preseason game. He was not expected to play against St. Louis, where a loss would mean the Cowboys' second winless preseason in three seasons.

One positive note for Cowboys head coach Dave Campo is that no players sustained any serious injuries.

"Defensively, we weren't able to put pressure on the quarterback and as a result they were able to hit some big plays in the passing game," said Campo. "Offensively, we moved the ball well early, but as the half progressed we didn't handle their blitz very well."

The Cowboys were either too fatigued — or too relaxed — for the game.

Because Campo wanted to get some extra practice in for this week, the Cowboys didn't break training camp in Wichita Falls until Friday morning. The team's chartered flight didn't leave for Denver until 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

When the players arrived at their hotel about 1 p.m., they were ushered into ballrooms set up with sofas and chairs so they could lounge before heading to the stadium.

But, whether officials target

starting Dallas defensive and offensive units or special teams players, there's not much time left to fix the problems.

The Cowboys' passing game and ability to find the end zone both remain as challenges, with Dallas managing only two first-half field goals and quarterback Troy Aikman misfiring on 13 of 20 pass attempts.

"Obviously we didn't get the ball in the end zone, but that's something I believe we'll get better at," said Aikman. "We held back some of our goal-line offense."

The Cowboys' first team, confused by Denver's blitzing, failed to score the last three times it had the ball.

"With more of a game plan," said Aikman, "we'll do some things to help our guys up front deal with it."

While the Broncos remained

undefeated at 3-0, Dallas tumbled to 0-4 this summer with the 36-23 defeat Saturday.

Dallas pass rushers' conspicuous absence at Denver prompted Campo to complain about pas-

sive treatment of Broncos quarterbacks Brian Griese and Gus Frerotte.

"They had all day to throw the football," said Campo. "We have to get that squared away."

## Kevin Smith not expected back

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys cornerback Kevin Smith, who left training camp to consider retirement, will likely not return to the team, his agent says.

But a final decision on retirement is not imminent as Smith "will take his time," agent Steve Zucker told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Monday's editions.

The nine-year veteran left the Cowboys about two weeks ago to contemplate retirement because of a congenital degenerative disk in his lower back.

Zucker on Sunday all but ruled out any possibility of Smith returning to the team as a player.

But he said Smith wants to do anything he can to help the Cowboys find a replacement, including allowing himself to be put on a "reserve list" to free up a roster spot and clear salary cap room.

Smith's salary for this season is expected to be \$750,000.

The player could be put on the reserved/retired list and a decision could be made as early as Monday, said Cowboys vice president Stephen Jones.

## Lemons is co-captain at Texas Tech

LUBBOCK — Devin Lemons of Pampa has been named as one of the team captains at Texas Tech for the 2000 football season.

Lemons, a senior, will join Kris Kocurek, Ricky Williams and Kliff Kingsbury as team captains. Kocurek and Williams are seniors while Kingsbury is a sophomore.

They were chosen by their teammates following practice Saturday morning.

The Red Raiders worked out for 2 1/2 hours on the grass practice fields east of the Athletic Training Center. The morning practice began with team drills, while much of the latter portion of the workout was dedicated to New Mexico play schemes.

The Red Raiders took Sunday off before resuming game-week workouts Monday morning. The public is invited to attend Texas Tech practices.

The Red Raiders open the season Aug. 26 against New Mexico at Jones Stadium.

## Soccer signups are extended

PAMPA — Due to delays in mailing of registration forms, signups for the 2001 season in the Pampa Soccer Association has been extended through Friday, Aug. 25.

The one-time fee includes two sessions of games, both fall and spring leagues, a soccer uniform consisting of a numbered team jersey, shorts and socks and player insurance. Something new — a regulation soccer ball — has been included with the signup fee. The ball is a sturdy polyurethane match-practice ball of regulation size for each division.

Registration for both sessions is only \$35, with discounts for families with multiple players. A limited number of hardship scholarships are available.

Signups will be held at T-Shirts & More at 110 W. Kingsmill between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Team practices will begin Sept. 4 and the first game will be held Sept. 16.

For more information, call 665-3036.

## Texans advance in LL World Series

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Ross Haggard is a heck of a pitcher. Just ask his catcher, Terrence McConn.

"He throws hard," is all McConn had to say after Haggard's one-hit, 12-strikeout performance to lead Bellaire, Texas, to a 3-0 victory over Goffstown, N.H., on Sunday, the opening day of the Little League World Series.

Haggard was untouchable through five innings, working his fastball and breaking ball to perfection. He was so good, in fact, that he came within two outs of becoming the first to throw a perfect game at the Series in 43 years.

His bid for a perfect game came to an end with one out in the sixth when he walked Goffstown's Alex Sobolow on five pitches. Then, Eric Szumiesz broke the no-hit bid with a bloop single that fell just out of second baseman Mitchell Malone's reach.



(Special photo)

Gymnastics of Pampa team members are (front, kneeling) Kellie Willson; (standing, l-r) Brittany Klein, Keisha Crowell, Diana Mechelay, Brittany Warminski, Natalie Knowles, Lacie Thompson and Kelby Doughty; (back row, seated, l-r) Lacie Long, Alyssa Bromwell and Brandi Holden.

## Team Pampa takes top honors

## Gymnastics

ODESSA — Gymnastics of Pampa team members once again started off their gymnastics season with a bang. The Level 5 team members recently attended the first meet of the season in Odessa, where they competed against teams from San Angelo, El Paso, Midland, Odessa, Lubbock and Pampa.

Team Pampa took top honors by winning the Level 5 Team Competition and two individual All-Around divisions.

Pampa was led by Brittany Warminski and Lacey Thompson, who were both a part of the undefeated Level 5 team last season. Brittany, who travels from White Deer to train at Gymnastics of Pampa, took the All-Around honors in the 11 year old division. She scored a 35.2, a personal best, to narrowly edge out teammate Lacie Thompson for the gold.

Warminski also won the vault with a 9.0, another personal best, the balance beam, 8.9, and the floor exercise, 9.25. She finished with the bronze medal on uneven bars with a score of 8.05. All of Warminski's scores counted toward the team total.

Team Pampa also used all of Lacie Thompson's event scores to win the team title. Thompson, who travels from Canadian, had personal best scores on vault, floor and in the All-Around to finish behind Warminski. She won the gold on the uneven bars with an 8.45, and took silver medals in vault, 8.7, balance beam, 8.7, floor exercise, 8.95, and All-Around, 34.8.

Brandi Holden took top honors in the 12 and up division. Brandi, who recently turned 12 and began training in Level 5 last April, won the gold medal on vault with an

8.55 and in the All-Around with a 31.45. She also won the silver medal on beam, 7.5, and bars, 6.9, and finished fourth on floor exercise, 8.5.

In the 9 year old division in Level 5, Kelby Doughty took the gold medal in the vault with a personal best 9.0. She also finished fourth in the All-Around, 32.4, a personal best, fourth on bars, 7.8; 12th on beam, 7.0 and scored an 8.6 on floor.

Brittany Klein also competed in the 9-year-old group and finished eighth in the All-Around with a 31.55, an improvement from her first Level 5 meet in April. Brittany also took fourth place on floor, 8.9, seventh on vault, 8.5, ninth on bars, 6.9 and tenth on beam, 7.25.

Team Pampa will host the next District meet in their gym on Saturday, Aug. 26, beginning at 9 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

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BOSTON (AP) — It was a night of mystery and intrigue, one in which a gray-haired man behind a table drew as much attention as the spinning, tumbling girls on the floor.

When the Olympic trials were over Sunday night, Bela Karolyi had chosen his team, his coach and, as expected, stirred up some good water-cooler conversation for gymnastics fans across the country.

During 12 of the most awkward minutes in sports, Karolyi locked himself into a small room with the other three members of the selec-

tion committee. Thirteen gymnasts sat in a room, television cameras fixed on their faces as they awaited their fate.

Then, the answer: 1996 holdovers Dominique Dawes and Amy Chow would go to Sydney, along with national champion Elise Ray, Kristen Maloney, Morgan White and surprising Jamie Dantzscher. Alyssa Beckerman was an alternate.

Shannon Miller and Vanessa Atler would stay home.

"Now that it's over, I believe I was right," Karolyi said. "This was the most disputed, dramatic and beautiful trials we've ever had."

The weighted scores from trials (60 percent) and last month's U.S. Gymnastics Championships (40 percent) were combined to rank the women.

The selection committee, however, wasn't bound by the scores. That allowed Dawes to go, even though she finished seventh and Atler sixth.

That was Karolyi's decision, the true results of which won't be known for four weeks, when the team competes at the Olympics.

But the coach who helped Nadia Comaneci, Mary Lou Retton and Kerri Strug win gold — the man lured back to the spotlight after the United States finished last at World Championships in 1999 — feels good about his decisions.

So, of course, did everyone who was selected.

"I don't think the whole thing has sunk in yet," said White, nicknamed "The Creeper" for the slow, steady progress she has shown the last two years.

"I don't know what to feel. I just can't wait to go see my parents."

## Pentathlon t-shirts



T-shirts promoting the upcoming National Weight Pentathlon in Pampa are displayed by meet organizer Wendell Palmer. The t-shirts are available to the public for \$12 apiece. Interested persons can contact Palmer at 665-1238. The pentathlon will be held Sept. 16, starting at 10 a.m. at the Pampa High School Complex.

## Comets head for 4th straight WNBA finals

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Cynthia Cooper staved off retirement with another big game for the Houston Comets. Cooper scored 29 points and the Comets got help from two of their lesser-known players in a 74-69 victory over the Los Angeles Sparks on Sunday to clinch the best-of-three WNBA Western Conference finals 2-0.

"Winning never gets old," said Cooper, who previously announced her plans to quit at season's end. "This is just one step closer to our ultimate goal."

The Comets advanced to their fourth consecutive WNBA Finals. They've won three championships and will go for another beginning Thursday against either the New York Liberty or Cleveland Rockers, whose Eastern Conference finals series is tied 1-1. Game 3 is Monday night.

Sheryl Swoopes and Tina Thompson, who along with Cooper are Houston's three superstars, were held to eight and seven points, respectively. Swoopes vomited before the game, and was plagued by dizziness and a headache.

Janeth Arcain and reserve Jammy Jackson picked up the slack. Jackson had 12 points and keyed Houston's defense on Los Angeles star Lisa Leslie.

"We feel like we did a great job this year and we just really lost to a very good team," Leslie said. "We followed what we needed to do for Sheryl and Cynthia to distribute the ball to other players and the other players played well. They took shots they normally don't take and made shots they normally don't make."

Arcain had 18 points, including Houston's final five. Her running jumper snapped a 69-all tie with 39 seconds remaining. She then made three of four free throws

to close it out. "Arcain is a star in Brazil and comes here and plays any role she has to," Cooper said. Although the Comets beat the Sparks by 21 points Thursday in Game 1, Los Angeles had dominated Houston in the regular season, winning all three of their meetings en route to a league-best 28-4 record.

"This was a huge win for us," Swoopes said. "I don't think we thought about what happened in the regular season. We felt we could beat them in the playoffs."

Mwadi Mabika led the Sparks with 19 points and Tamecka Dixon added 17, while Lisa Leslie had 12 points and 14 rebounds.

"We put ourselves in a great position and we just ran up against the champions, and champions know what to do," said the Sparks' Michael Cooper, the WNBA coach of the year. "They made all the necessary plays toward the end to pull this one out."

Playing one year and one day after her teammate and close friend Kim Perrot died of cancer, Cooper hit 7-of-8 free throws and had three steals.

"We stepped it up a level and we were able to beat a very good team on their home court," she said. "It was a tough game."

Until the final seconds, neither team led by more than four points in the second half of a game played in front of 13,884 raucous fans at the Forum. It was the last WNBA game in Inglewood; the Sparks will join the NBA champion Lakers at Staples Center downtown Los Angeles next season.

"Their fans showed up and tried to make a difference and almost did," Comets coach Van Chancellor said. "This is a great win for us, especially after they won all three games. That's the happiest

I've seen them in the locker room. I don't know if they were that happy after we won the championship."

"In their deathly quiet locker room, several Sparks players covered their heads with their hands. Chancellor dropped in and silently shook hands.

Trailing by four points, the Comets scored seven straight to take a 67-64 lead with 3:42 remaining. Swoopes hit a 3-pointer — only her third basket of the game — Jackson

scored inside and Cooper scored on a fastbreak driving layup.

Dixon hit her second straight 3-pointer to tie it at 67. Cooper had a behind-the-back pass stolen by Dixon, who then missed. Cooper scored easily when the Sparks were slow getting back on defense for a 69-67 lead. Allison Feaster tied it once more, but the Sparks didn't score in the final minute.

## Wallace wins Pepsi 400

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — The question was asked over and over: "Why don't you win anymore, like you used to?"

Rusty Wallace, who chalked up 10 wins in 1993 and eight more in 1994, was getting tired of answering the question.

Maybe he won't have to anymore.

Wallace, with a big assist from a gambling crew chief, Robin Pemberton, went with four new tires late in the race and won his third NASCAR race of the season Sunday by beating Ricky Rudd by 2.971 seconds in the Pepsi 400.

"Even this morning, I heard it," said Wallace, who has earned five of his 52 career victories at Michigan. "I was dealing with some customers at a breakfast, and a guy asked me that. Maybe today he went home happy."

Maybe he did. Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart didn't, however. For them, the race turned into Round 2 of what is becoming the best soap opera on the Winston Cup circuit.

The brash Stewart, as he did a week earlier at Watkins Glen, took Gordon into a wall, causing serious damage. That time, the two almost got in a fist fight. It wasn't quite that drastic on this occasion.

But it wasn't good, either. Stewart was running second to Wallace when his car got loose and touched pole-sitter Dale Earnhardt Jr. on lap 37.

Earnhardt Jr. dove on, but Stewart's Pontiac began to swerve

badly. The car got sideways between the first and second turns and spun into Gordon, who was trying to get past the trouble on the high side.

Gordon's multicolored Chevrolet slammed into the wall, damaging the front end, and had to be taken in to have the brakes repaired.

"I just lost it down there," Stewart said. "We were just racing hard out there. It was my fault. I just got down into one and I don't know why I got loose. I hadn't been loose there all day."

"For some reason, it just got loose that one lap down there and I crashed a bunch of people I didn't mean to crash. It was my fault. I just lost it."

Actually, the only driver he caused to crash was Gordon. But that was enough.

"I'm sure a lot of people were wondering what was going to happen with the 20 and 24," said Gordon, whose car was taken to the garage. "But it had nothing to do with this weekend at all. He was racing hard and it looked like he just got real loose."

"I saw the 20 car wiggle and it looked like it got real sideways." Gordon eventually returned, but retired the car after completing 141 laps.

Kerry Earnhardt, making his first Winston Cup start, hit the wall on the fourth turn of his sixth lap, bringing out the first of eight caution flags for 38 laps.

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## Major League glance

**BASEBALL**  
National League  
All Times EDT

By The Associated Press	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	75	48	.610	—
New York	74	50	.597	1 1/2
Florida	61	62	.496	14
Montreal	52	68	.433	21 1/2
Philadelphia	51	71	.418	23 1/2

**American League**  
All Times EDT

By The Associated Press	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	67	53	.558	—
Boston	64	56	.533	3
Toronto	61	51	.512	5 1/2
Baltimore	54	69	.439	14 1/2
Tampa Bay	53	69	.434	15

**Saturday's Games**  
Cincinnati 7, Pittsburgh 1  
Los Angeles 4, N.Y. Mets 1  
San Francisco 12, Atlanta 3  
Houston 10, Milwaukee 8  
Colorado 10, Florida 3  
St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 3  
Arizona 11, Chicago Cubs 3  
San Diego 4, Montreal 3, 11 innings

**Sunday's Games**  
Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 3  
Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 0  
Colorado 13, Florida 4  
Milwaukee 6, Houston 5  
Atlanta 8, San Francisco 5  
Arizona 5, Chicago Cubs 4  
N.Y. Mets 9, Los Angeles 6  
San Diego 5, Montreal 4

**Monday's Games**  
Philadelphia (Wolf 9-6) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 4-6), 7:35 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-9) at Houston (Elarton 13-4), 8:05 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Benson 8-10) at St. Louis (Stephenson 13-7), 8:10 p.m.  
Atlanta (Burkett 8-5) at Colorado (Bohanon 7-8), 9:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Snyder 3-6) at Arizona (Reynoso 10-7), 10:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Rusch 8-10) at San Diego (Williams 7-5), 10:05 p.m.  
Montreal (Hermanson 8-11) at Los Angeles (Herges 8-2), 10:10 p.m.  
Florida (Dempsier 11-8) at San Francisco (Gardner 8-6), 10:15 p.m.

**Tuesday's Games**  
N.Y. Mets (Mahomes 4-1) at San Diego (Eaton 4-2), 5:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Chen 6-2) at Cincinnati (Bell 5-7), 7:35 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Wood 6-6) at Houston (B. Powell 1-0), 8:05 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Serafini 1-2) at St. Louis (Kile 14-8), 8:10 p.m.  
Atlanta (Burkett 8-5) at Colorado (Yoshii 5-13), 9:05 p.m.

**Milwaukee (D'Amico 9-4) at Arizona (Guzman 3-3), 10:05 p.m.**  
**Montreal (Moore 1-3) at Los Angeles (Valdes 2-6), 10:10 p.m.**  
**Florida (Burnett 1-3) at San Francisco (Estes 12-3), 10:15 p.m.**

**Saturday's Games**  
Seattle 69, Los Angeles 55  
Oakland 66, San Diego 54  
Anaheim 64, Toronto 51  
Texas 56, Minnesota 45

**Sunday's Games**  
N.Y. Yankees 9, Anaheim 1  
Boston 9, Texas 0  
Cleveland 10, Seattle 4  
Minnesota 5, Toronto 1  
Detroit 4, Oakland 3  
Chicago White Sox 7, Tampa Bay 0  
Kansas City 7, Baltimore 0

**Sunday's Games**  
Cleveland 12, Seattle 4  
Toronto 6, Minnesota 3  
Baltimore 2, Kansas City 1  
Oakland 5, Detroit 4, 11 innings  
Anaheim 5, N.Y. Yankees 4  
Tampa Bay 12, Chicago White Sox (Parque 10-4), 8:05 p.m.  
Only games scheduled

**Tuesday's Games**  
Seattle (Garcia 4-3) at Detroit (Weaver 8-10), 7:05 p.m.  
Oakland (Heredia 13-8) at Cleveland (Finley 9-9), 7:05 p.m.  
Kansas City (Reichert 7-6) at Toronto (Trachsel 6-11), 7:05 p.m.  
Texas (Helling 14-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Neagle 3-3), 7:05 p.m.  
Anaheim (Mercker 0-2) at Boston (Wakefield 6-7), 7:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (Rube 4-4) at Minnesota (Romero 2-2), 8:05 p.m.  
Only games scheduled

## Women's British Open is won by Gustafson

SOUTHPORT, England (AP) — Sophie Gustafson got back to basics after losing nearly all of her nine-stroke lead in the final round of the Women's British Open.

"I thought, 'Oh my God, what am I doing?'" Gustafson said. "I'm not too sure how I got it back. I just tried to hit fairways and greens, and avoid making any bogeys."

The 26-year-old Swede finished with a 5-foot birdie putt on the final hole Sunday for a 2-over-par 75 and a two-stroke margin over four players on the Royal Birkdale.

"This is my biggest thrill in golf, easily, but it is also a big relief," Gustafson said. "It was a bit tougher than I expected it to be, but it was very nice to have come through to win."

Gustafson, second in the event two years ago, had a 10-under 282 total and earned \$178,800 for her second victory of the year.

American Meg Mallon, who won the du Maurier Classic a week ago in Canada for her third major title, closed with a 70 to tie for second with England's Kirsty Taylor (67), American Becky Iverson (69) and Sweden's Liselotte Neumann (69).

American Laura Philo (68) was another stroke back, and Australian star Karrie Webb, penalized two shots Saturday for a rules infraction, shot a 71 to finish seventh at 6-under 286.

Gustafson, up by seven strokes after rounds of 70, 66 and 71, stretched her lead to nine on the first hole after hit-

ting a 4-iron approach within 2 feet. But she gave the two strokes right back with a double bogey on No. 2.

Mallon bogeyed No. 2, but birdied Nos. 4, 5 and 6. Gustafson bogeyed Nos. 7, 8 and 9 to reduce her advantage to two shots.

A birdie on No. 15 and six pars seemed to put her back in control, but she found a green-side bunker on the par-5 17th, just barely escaped from it onto the fringe, chipped poorly to 20 feet and two-putted for another bogey.

Then, two 3-woods put Gustafson into the bunker on No. 18, but she managed to recover.

"I decided to go for the green at the last because the shot is easier than laying up," said Gustafson, who also won the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship in April near Atlanta.

Mallon missed a 15-foot eagle attempt on No. 18.

"After being nine behind, to come within two shots and have a chance, I'm a little disappointed I couldn't close the door," Mallon said. "You have to give Sophie a lot of credit. Her game was going south a little bit, but she never seemed to lose her cool."

Neumann had missed the halfway cut at six of her last seven events in the United States.

"It has been such a struggle this year," she said. "I have just been working so hard and it hasn't paid off. It was nice to get four solid rounds, and better and better each day."

## Five teams bidding for American League wild-card position

By JOSH DUBOW  
AP Sports Writer

The AL wild-card race has gotten, well ... it's gotten a bit wild of late.

"At this point, every game and every series is important," Cleveland's Kenny Lofton said after hitting two homers and driving in a career-high six runs as the Indians beat Seattle 12-4 Sunday to stay within one game of the wild-card lead and hand the Mariners their eighth straight loss.

The race has tightened of late, with five teams within 3 1/2 games of the lead with six weeks remaining in the season.

"We are trying to go out and win every game because that is the only way we are going to stay in this race," Lofton added.

Oakland, the leader by one game over Cleveland and Boston, rebounded from two straight ugly losses in Detroit to beat the Tigers 5-4 on Nelson Cruz's wild pitch in the 11th inning.

"Obviously it's big," said Ben Grieve, who was 3-for-5 with two doubles and an RBI. "Any win now is huge for us, and after the first two games here we needed something."

The Red Sox dropped a game back with a 6-2 loss at home to Texas.

Anaheim rallied to beat the Yankees 5-4 to stay within three games of the lead, and David Wells won his major league-leading 18th game, 6-3, over Minnesota, to keep Toronto 3 1/2 games back.

"It was an important win for

us, and for him," Toronto manager Jim Fregosi said.

In the only AL games without wild-card implications, Tampa Bay beat Chicago 12-11 and Baltimore topped Kansas City 2-1.

**Indians 12, Mariners 4**  
Lofton led off with a homer off Aaron Sele (13-8) and hit a grand slam in the third at Jacobs Field as Seattle is on its longest skid since dropping 14 straight in 1992.

The Mariners have allowed at least nine runs in its last seven losses, tying a 99-year-old major league record set by the New York Giants.

Dave Burba (11-5) won for the first time since July 23.

**Athletics 5, Tigers 4, 11 innings**  
Oakland snapped a seven-game road losing streak to

move within two games of Seattle in the AL West.

Dean Palmer hit a tying three-run homer in the eighth for the Tigers (60-62), who failed in their bid to reach .500 for the first time since they were 1-1.

**Rangers 6, Red Sox 2**  
Doug Davis (5-4) pitched a nine-hitter for his first career complete game and Frank Catalanotto drove in three runs for Texas.

Catalanotto, 0-for-9 in the first three games of the series, gave the Rangers a 2-1 lead with a two-run double off Jeff Fassero (8-7) in the fifth, and helped Texas avoid a sweep.

**Angels 5, Yankees 4**  
Kevin Stocker blooped a tiebreaking single and Anaheim, shut out on two hits

for six innings by David Cone, broke loose against New York's bullpen.

Two days after they overcame a five-run margin in the ninth to win, the Angels erased a late 3-0 deficit. The comeback prompted booing from the 50,048 fans at Yankee Stadium on White Ford Day.

Tim Salmon hit a two-run homer and Adam Kennedy and Stocker had RBI singles as the Angels scored four times in the seventh against Mike Stanton, Jeff Nelson and Randy Choate for a 4-3 lead.

**Blue Jays 6, Twins 3**  
Wells (18-5) pitched a nine-hitter at Toronto to equal his career high in wins, previously done in 1998 with the New York Yankees. The 18 wins are the most by a Blue Jays left-hander.

Wells walked none and struck out seven in his seventh complete game of the year. Wells has 11 walk-free games this season, and has issued just 28.

**Devil Rays 12, White Sox 11**  
Jason Tyner's RBI double in the ninth capped Tampa Bay's rally from a four-run deficit.

The Devil Rays, who led 6-2 before battling back from 10-6, tied it at 11 when Bobby Smith led off the ninth against Keith Foulke (3-1) with his fourth homer.

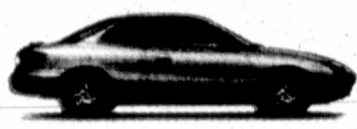
**Orioles 2, Royals 1**  
Sidney Ponson (7-8) allowed one run in eight innings and Jeff Conine doubled in the tiebreaking run in the eighth as Baltimore snapped Kansas City's four-game winning streak.





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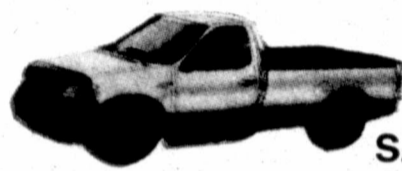
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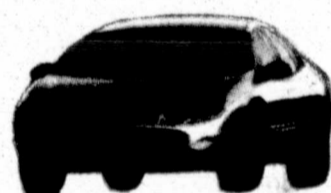
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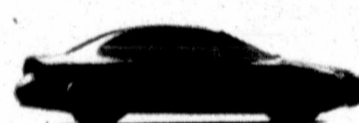
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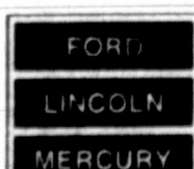
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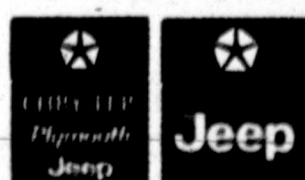
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