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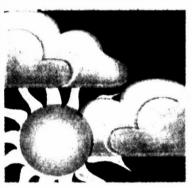




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AUSTIN (AP) — There was no winner in Saturday's \$17 million Lotto Texas and the Wednesday jackpot will be an estimated \$23 million. The numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery were 9, 33, 38, 39, 41, 48.

DALLAS (AP) — A sentencing hearing for former Dallas City Councilman Al Lipscomb has been rescheduled because Lipscomb was too sick to appear in court.

Lipscomb, 74, has been scheduled for sentencing this morning by U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall on a federal bribery and conspiracy conviction. But his attorney Scottie Allen said Lipscomb is suffering from congestive heart failure and pneumonia. He was scheduled to undergo more tests at St. Paul Medical Center this morning.

Lipscomb's sentencing hearing has been rescheduled for 2 p.m Wednesday.

In January, an Amarillo jury convicted Lipscomb of 65 counts of bribery and conspiracy. The civil rights leader, who continues to profess his innocence, resigned from the council in February and plans to appeal the jury's verdict.

He faces a sentence ranging from probation to a maximum 645 years in prison and a \$16.25 million fine for accepting monthly cash payments from former Yellow Cab Co. owner Floyd Richards.

- · Odus Leon Cochran, 74, retired from Pampa Fire Department.
- Nelda Joyce Cooper, 70, former Pampa resident. · Bonnie Nell Fabian, 72,
- music teacher. · Isabel Adame Mendoza,
- 53, homemakef.
- · Garvin Simpson, 76, former health care aide.

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Cyber Net Truck-train collision fatal to man

White Deer man victim

By KATE B. DICKSON **Staff Writer**

Just why a White Deer man remained in his pickup truck as a freight train bore down on it remains a mystery today.

David Elders, 53, died about 1:25 p.m. Saturday when his truck was hit by a BNSF train that was hauling 42 cars, said Department of Public Safety Trooper David O'Brien.

The impact knocked the 1987 green Chevrolet pickup 300 feet west of the intersection of the tracks and Gray 1, O'Brien said. Elders died instantly and was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman.

Gray 1 is west of Celanese and about one mile east of the Carson County line.

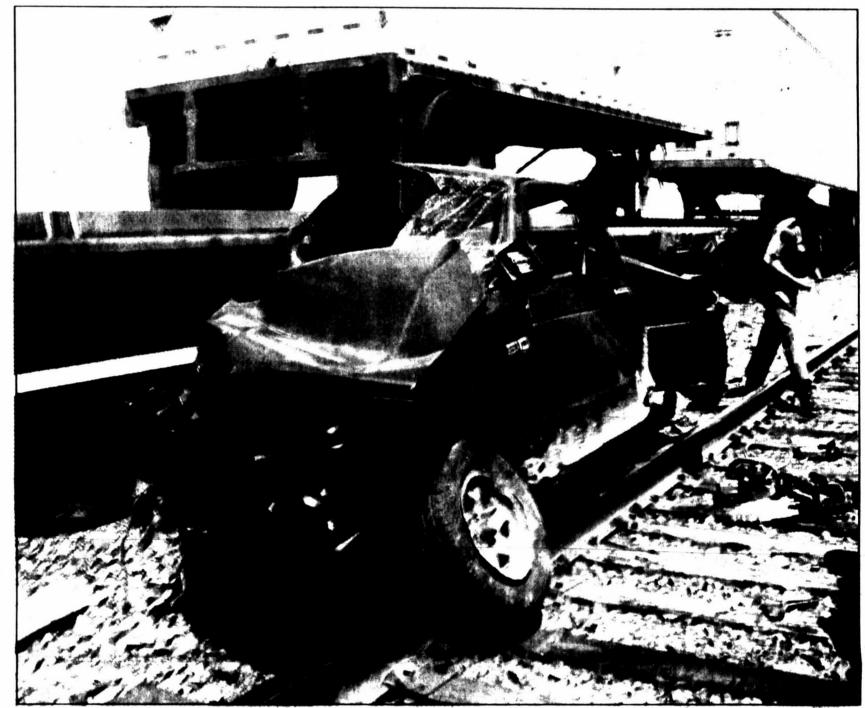
According to O'Brien's investigation, Elder's truck was either hung on the tracks or was stopped there when the train

O'Brien said the truck was off the actual roadway portion of the crossing at the time of impact.

"We don't know if the truck was hung up or if he was just sitting there," the trooper said. "There was no evidence at the scene to indicate either way."

O'Brien said the crossing has lights, bells and crossing arms, all of which were working properly at the double-track crossing

Elders' pickup was sitting on the tracks before the crossing (See COLLISION, Page 2)



DPS Trooper David O'Brien investigates at the scene of Saturday's fatal accident which claimed the life of David Elders. 53, of White Deer.

Kidnapping suspect captured after high-speed 2-state chase

By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor**

SHAMROCK — Texas and Oklahoma authorities began their day Saturday in a hurry.

A 17-year-old Indiana man is in Wheeler County Jail today awaiting extradition on kidnapping charges along with stolen vehicle charges out of Boone County, Ind., following a high-speed chase which began early Saturday morning and involved Texas and Oklahoma law enforcement agencies.

John James Verile, 17, Lebanon, Ind., was arrested following the chase which began in Oklahoma and reached speeds as high as 115 mile per hour. He is also facing charges related to car theft in Indiana in connection with the incident.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Gary Davis said he received a call about 5 a.m. Saturday that the Verile vehicle was at the 17-mile

marker in Oklahoma exceeding speeds of 115 mile per hour with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol in pursuit.

OHP began the high-speed chase at the 35 mile marker in Oklahoma as they pursued the speeding vehicle which crossed the Oklahoma-Texas state line. Shamrock Police Department was also in pursuit.

Trooper Davis said he set up his THP unit at the Texas 167 mile marker where he threw out Stinger spikes on the highway in an attempt to stop the speeding vehicle.

He said the green minivan traveled approximately four miles after encountering the spikes, slowing to speeds of 65 to 70 mph. At that point Wheeler County Deputy Rick Walden shot out the tires bringing the utility vehicle to a halt. Texas Ranger Gary Henderson of Pampa also was involved in the pursuit.

(See CHASE, Page 2)

Students sharpen pencils for TASS Testing starts tomorrow

By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor**

After months of preparation, Pampa students will be joining all Texas students as they are tested in the Texas Assessment Academic

Students have been holding a daily 10 minute TAAS Focus since the first day of school to prepare for the test, said Pampa Middle School Principal Tim Powers. The 10-minute TAAS Focus has emphasized reading, English and math.

Middle school and elementary students in all four public elementary schools-Austin, Travis, Lamar and Wilson- will test Tuesday in

math skills and Wednesday the reading skills will be tested. Eighth grade students at PMS will also test on Thursday in social studies and Friday in science.

Elementary students in grades third through fifth will also participate in the Tuesday and Wednesday testing in the math and reading

(See TAAS, Page 2)

Don't forget to vote Tuesday!

County Clerk Susan Winborne (right) cast her early voting ballot after she was signed in by Deputy Clerk Carolyn Law.

Election day is tomorrow for the runoff. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Gray voters have six voting locations. Precinct 1 is at Lefors Fire

Station, 115 N. Main in Lefors. Precinct 2, 10 and 13 is at the courthouse. Precinct voters in 3, 7, 11 & 12 vote at M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1200 N. Sumner.

Precinct 4 and 5 voters vote at McLean Senior Citizens Center, 1900 N. Duncan. Austin Elementary School is the location for precinct 8 and 9. Travis Elementary, 2300 Primrose, will be the voting location

Two Democratic runoff polling places have been designated. Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, will be the official polling place for precincts 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. Precincts 4 and 5 will cast ballots at the McLean Library.



Lefors school meet Tuesday

Lefors School Board is to meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, at Lefors Elementary School library, 160 Sixth St.

Items for consideration include

the following: open forum

 reading of the minutes from the previous meeting

· finance matters: current billings, cash position of the district, and tax collection report.

 date to canvass election votes personnel matters, teacher

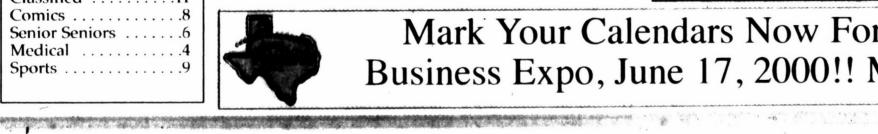
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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

COOPER, Nelda — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery, Midland. **FABIAN**, Bonnie Nell — 2 p.m., United Methodist Church, McLean.

FUGATE, Robert D. — 10 a.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Rochester, N.Y.

MENDOZA, Mass, 4 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

SIMPSON, Garvin — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock.

Obituaries

ODUS LEON COCHRAN

Odus Leon Cochran, 74, of Pampa, died Sunday, April 9, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Derrell Monday, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mr. Cochran was born Sept. 23, 1925, at Heavener, Okla. He married Clarene Crawford in 1947 at Mena, Ark. He had been a Pampa resident since 1949 and was a brick mason for 30 years. He worked for the Pampa Fire Department from 1969 until retiring in 1987. He belonged to Central Baptist Church and The Couples Class and was a Celebration of Lights

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II from 1943-46.

Survivors include his wife, Clarene, of the home; two daughters, Cathy Seymour of Denver, Colo., and Debra Campisi of El Paso; a son, Darrell Cochran of Pampa; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065. **NELDA COOPER**

MIDLAND - Nelda Joyce Cooper, 70, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, April 8, at Midland Memorial Hospital following a brief illness. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Richard Edwards of St. Luke's Methodist Church officiating assisted by Pastor Dennis Bade, of St. Luke's, and the Rev. Waymon Swoopes, of Greenwood Baptist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Mrs. Cooper was born March 31, 1930, at Pampa where she was raised. She moved to Midland in 1949 and attended Texas Christian University. She was an artist and won several awards over the years. She belonged to Midland Arts Association and Midland Pallette Club. She enjoyed taking art classes at Midland College, focusing on painting and sculpture.

She was a charter member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Herschall "Slim" Davis; and by a grandson, John

Survivors include two daughters, Cindy King of Greenwood and Melinda Day; her mother, Ruth Rogers of Midland; a brother, Bob Jack Davis of Hobbs, N.M.; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 7-8:30 p.m. today at Ellis Funeral Home and requests memorials be to The Allison Cancer Center, Midland Arts Association or to a favorite charity. **BONNIE NELL FABIAN**

McLEAN - Bonnie Nell Fabian, 72, died Thursday, April 6, 2000, at Galveston. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Fabian was born July 11, 1927, at Pampa, to Horace and Carra McBee. She married H.F. Fabian on June 16, 1951; he died April 20, 1994. She had been a panhandle area resident most of her life prior to moving to Friendswood several months ago to be closer to family. She taught music and gave lessons to numerous children in

She belonged to McLean Methodist Church and was active in church affairs for many years. She was preceded in death by a son, Gregory Fabian, on Aug. 6, 1985.

Survivors include a son, Roderic Fabian of Friendswood; a brother, Lawrence McBee of Torrence, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors at the Fabian

home in McLean.

ISABEL ADAME MENDOZA

Isabel Adame Mendoza, 53, died Sunday, April 9, 2000, after losing the battle with lymphoma cancer at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo. Rosary services will be at 7 p.m. today

in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the church with the Rev. John Valdez officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under direction Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Pampa. Mrs. Mendoza was born Dec. 28, 1946, at Ojinaga Chihuahua, Mexico. She married Miguel Alonzo Mendoza on May 20, 1963, in Ojunaga Chihuahua. She had been a Pampa resident since 1974. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church. Survivors include her husband, Miguel Mendoza, of the home; a daughter and son-inlaw, Micaela "Micki" and John Perez of Pampa; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Danny and Philippa Mendoza of Wellington, Ruben and Lena Mendoza and Robert Mendoza, all of Pampa; her mother, Ofelia Lopez of Ojinaga Chihuahua; three sisters, Socorro Adame, Sylvia Rodriguez and Leticia Rodriguez, all of Ojinaga Chihuahua; four brothers, Miguel Adame, Javier Rodriguez, Juan Manuel Rodriguez and Jorge Rodriguez, all of Ojinaga Chihuahua; and her grandchildren, Nadalin Mendoza, Carissa Mendoza and Zane Mendoza, all of Wellington, and Kayla Mendoza and Margo Mendoza, both of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Isabel Mendoza Memorial Fund in care of Bank of America, ATTN: Shonda Hill, P.O. Box 781, Pampa, TX 79066-0781.

GARVIN SIMPSON

SHAMROCK - Garvin Simpson, 76, died Saturday, April 8, 2000, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Shamrock Cemetery with the Rev. Joe Jernigan officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Simpson was born Sept. 19, 1923, at Lela, to Walter Franklin Simpson and Ruby Lillian Troxell Simpson. He had been a lifelong Shamrock area resident and worked as an aide in the health care profession.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include a brother, Bud Simpson of McLean; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive visitors from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, April 7 Johnathan Paul Munn, 18, 332 Davis, was arrested at 700 E. Browning on capias pro fine

Winston Paul Whitsett, 78, 1120 Sierra, was arrested on a theft warrant from Potter County in the 300 block of West Francis.

Iohn Paul Smith, 43, 210 N. Gillespie, was arrested in the 200 block of Gillespie on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving with license suspended.

Andrew Aaron, 17, 1928 N. Christy, was arrested in the 700 block of West Buckler on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Saturday, April 8

Darcey Anne Brown, 32, 404 Lowry, was arrested in the 200 block of West Kingsmill on a bogus check warrant out of Grady County, Okla. Found property was reported in the 200 block

of North Gillespie. A domestic assault was reported in the 1600 block of North Christy.

Clark's Tire, 841 S. Cuyler, reported theft over \$50. The theft occurred between 6 p.m., April 7, and 11 a.m., April 8.

Sunday, April 9 Augustin Perez, 46, 629 Yeager, was arrested in the 300 block of North Hobart on a charge of public intoxication.

Stephanie Nichole Drew, 18, 936 S. Faulkner was arrested in the 800 block of South Hobart on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Sheriff's Office

Grav County Sheriff's office reported the following incidents and arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, April 7 Shauleen Brown, 24, McLean, was arrested on a

charge of forgery. Sunday, April 9

Shane Alfred Bromlow, 35, 405 Doyle, was arrested on a capias pro fine warrant for no driver's license.

Jeremy Blackburn, 20, Goshen, Ind., was arrested on a charge of unlawful use of a motor

Accidents

Pampa Police Department responded to the following accident during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, April 9 7:29 p.m. — A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 300 block of North Frost involving an unknown vehicle and a 1983 Ford pickup owned by Bill Canady, 317 N. Frost. The accident occurred sometime between 7:30 p.m., April 8, and 7:20 p.m., April 9.

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arms came down, the trooper said, adding that the arms deploy when trains are from one-half to onefourth mile away.

A train engineer said he put the train in "emergency shutdown" but could not avoid hitting the truck. All train traffic in the area came to a halt as the accident scene was cleared.

Elders had been driving westbound on U.S. Highway 60 then turned northbound toward the tracks on Gray 1, O'Brien said.

trooper's knowledge so far, was when Elders stopped by his place of work - Allsup's in White Deer — about 11 Saturday morning.

Elders body was taken to Lubbock for an autop-

The last contact anyone had with Elders, to the

sy. The trooper said he expects to receive a report sometime this week

Among those assisting at the scene were deputy sheriffs from Carson and Gray counties, a trooper from Carson County, Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell and several firefighters and personnel from

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

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TAAS

Lamar Principal Cay Warner said the tests are locked until they are administered to the students. She said no one has access to the tests until the seal is broken on them just before students take the tests. The TAAS testing system provides there may be as many as 20 different tests administered in one classroom, she added.

The TAAS test is not a timed test and the content is based on the text of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. Herman Vincent is TAAS test coordinator for the school district with the counselor on each campus usually being the campus coordinator.

Both Powers and Warner say it is very important

for all students to get a good night's sleep tonight and each night before the tests are administered. "Each student also needs to eat a nutritional breakfast to provide the necessary energy to perform well on the test," said Powers.

"Please allow additional time for the student to arrive at school if they normally arrive just prior to the bell," said Powers. "On mornings we are taking the TAAS test, we allow the students to go in a little early so they can take care of personal business, sharpen pencils and get settled.

"I am anticipating that students will perform very well. The staff and students have been working very hard all year long to meet the expectations for these testing days. We hope to be able to report some excellent scores again this year," said

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CHASE

After stopping the vehicle and running a check on the license plates, the law enforcement officers learned the vehicle was stolen. A check on Verile revealed he was wanted for kidnapping in relation to an incident which occurred in Boone County, Indiana, on April 5th.

Verile is accused of holding a knife at the throat of a male victim as two teenage girls tied the victim and helped stuff him in a car in the process of stealing the victim's car. Davis said reports indicated the trio crossed the Indiana-Illinois state line with the victim before they released him in Illinois.

Davis said Indiana law enforcement authorities requested the Texas law officers process the scene. He said when Verile was taken into custody his coat had dried blood on it.

The two females involved in the Boone County incident are in custody in Indiana . Verile, who is from Lebanon, Ind., was arraigned by Wheeler County Justice of Peace Art Taylor.

A second Indiana man remains in Gray County jail today in connection with another motor vehicle theft in Indiana that is apparently unrelated to the Saturday incident.

Saturday afternoon, Oklahoma authorities reported a vehicle had driven away from a convenience store in Erick, Okla., without paying for more than \$20 of gasoline. The vehicle was reported to be traveling west on Interstate 40.

A Gray County constable, parked on an overpass at McLean, spotted the suspect vehicle, said Chief Deputy Jim Scott. However, by the time the constable could get on I-40, the vehicle had disappeared.

Scott said Gray County Deputy Rick Smithy saw the vehicle on Texas 273 south of Lefors. After confirming the license plate with the stolen gasoline report, the deputy stopped the car. A routine license plate check showed the vehicle, a silver 2000 Nissan Maxima, had been reported stolen from Indiana.

Jeremy Blackburn, 20, of Goshen, Ind., was arrested without incident on charges of unauthorized use

Phone service interruption caused by technical problems

Southwestern Bell Telephone dent. spokesperson Lindsey Lombar the Pampa Area Friday was phone service while fiber optic caused by technical problems in the local office.

Lombar said the problem occurred Friday morning while a switch was being upgraded in the phone company's central office in Pampa. She said repairs were made and phone service was restored around 1:30 p.m. Friday. Lombar did not know how many phone customers were affected by the inci-

cable was being installed. She said the issue was not Lombar those two incidents said Monday morning the related to the previous two occurred when independent phone problem experienced by incidents in recent weeks when contractors were laying the SW Bell telephone customers in Pampa area customers lost cable and cut into the phone

Osprey aircraft grounded

MARANA, Ariz. (AP) — The Pentagon won't fly the Marine Corps' four remaining Osprey aircraft until investigators determine what caused a fifth to crash during a nighttime training mission, killing all 19 aboard.

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black-box voice recorder but did carry a flight data recorder that

Investigators spent Sunday reviewing the crash site at Marana Northwest Regional Airport about 30 miles northwest Marine officials said the MV-22 of Tucson, but released few

federal investigators study.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Variable cloudiness today with a high of 80 and southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Mostly cloudy tonight with a 30 percent chance of rain, a low of 45 and winds at 15-25 mph. Tomorrow, much cooler with a high in the mid 50s and a 40 percent chance of rain and northeast winds at 20-30 mph. High today

74; low tonight 50. STATEWIDE — After a weekend of unseasonably cool temperatures, a warming trend is

forecast across Texas along with

storms to start out the new week. Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 50s to 60s, with some 70s in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

Temperature extremes ranged from 46 degrees at Dalhart and 57 at Georgetown to 70 at Brownsville and McAllen, with 72 at El Paso.

Winds were mostly southerly and southwesterly at 15 to 20 mph east of the mountains, with gusts over 20 mph along the coast and westerly speeds of 20 to 30 mph in the far west.

Skies across the state were partly to mostly cloudy.

Warmer, windier conditions were forecast through Tuesday with increasing cloudiness and a chance of showers in central and eastern sections of the state and afternoon highs in the 50s in the Guadalupe Mountains to 80s, with 90s along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight should be in the mid-30s to mid 60s. A cold front was expected to

produce showers or thunderstorms, spreading southerly from the Panhandle into the Big Bend by Tuesday.

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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.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Lovett Memorial Library's Spring Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. The program, which includes crafts and stories, is open to all children 18 months to 5-years-old. Story hours are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 12 in the

conference room of Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss books by Fulton J. Sheen. Visitors are welcome. **WORTH THE WAIT**

Worth the Wait will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 17 in Pampa Middle School Library. Last year's survey results will be discussed as well as a proposed new survey tool to be administered to students in May. The meeting is open to the general public, most especially parents of sixth-12th grade students. The information will be presented in both English and Spanish. For more information, contact Worth the Wait at 669-6222. HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: April 10, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa; April 12, Parkview Hospital, 901 S. Sweetwater, Wheeler; April 24, Shephard's Crook, 919 N. Crest, Pampa, and Hemphill County Hospital, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian. Participants will receive a low-cost selfexam 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.

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD Amarillo Mayor Kel Seliger and the Panhandle Association for the Education of Young Children will honor over 100 people who work to make the lives of young children healthy, safe and enriched with a breakfast at 8 a.m. Thursday, April 13 in the Oak Acorn Room of the College Union Building on Amarillo College's Washington Street campus. The event is being held in conjunction with Week of the Young Child "Early Years are Learning Years — Kids: The Right Stuff." Other events will include a ribbon cutting at 3 p.m. April 9 at Thompson Park Zoo; a PAEYC Award Banquet at 6:30 p.m., April 10 at AC; a Mayor's Proclamation at 2 p.m., April 11 at City Hall; and a Child Fest from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 15 at Western Plaza for children ages 2-8.

CMBC ANNIVERSARY EVENT Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo will hold a special anniversary luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, April 13 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. Cost is \$15 per person and \$150 for a table of 10. During the event, National awards from America's Blood Centers will be presented and Mary Lyn Halley of KGNC radio will emcee the program. For reservations or more information, contact

Linda Guthrie at (806) 358-4563. **SUPPORTIVE CARE 2000**

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present Supportive Care 2000," the 20th annual conference addressing current issues for oncology professionals from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Friday, April 14 at the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk. The conference is worth 8.7 contact hours for nursing professionals. Continuing education units for social workers and LPCs is also available. Advanced registration (lunch provided) is \$59 and \$20 for fulltime students. The deadline for pre-registration is April 10. The cost per individual the day of the conference is \$80. For more information or to register, contact Gerry Kelly, director of Supportive Care, at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 235.

CATCH THE COLORS

Amarillo Botanical Gardens will hold "Catch the Colors" at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 19 in Northwest Texas Healthcare System Pavilion Auditorium in Amarillo. Cost of the event is \$20 per person. To reserve a seat or for more information, call (806) 352-6513. **CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE**

Wheeler Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a "Citywide Garage Sale and Car Show" fund-raising/community project Saturday, May 6. For more information, contact the Chamber at (806) 826-3408.

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

lbrowning@wtamu.edu. **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.

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 vide the students with a place to sleep, meals and a family atmosphere. countries throughout the world, live with American families and attend For more information, call 1-800-SIBLING or visit AISE website, local high schools during their 10 month exchange. Host families pro- www.aise.com.

Destination Imagination



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The 2000 Destination Imagination Team at Austin Elementary School recently entered "Fruit Roller Coaster Challenge" and participated in regional competition held recently in Lubbock. The roller coaster the students' designed and built received a Spirit Award, one of only three awarded at the contest. Above: (front row, leftright) Mitch Kelley, Joe Whiteley, Greg Wariner, (back row, I-r) Kay Harvey, PAAS teacher, Tyler Rhoades, Morgan Ketchersid, Matthew Smith and Katie Holmes.

Wilson Elementary honor roll

FIFTH GRADE

Wilson Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the fourth six weeks grading period of the 1999-00 school year. Megan SECOND GRADE

Amanda Brasier, Brittany Galaviz, Lariat Lowrey, Daisy Perez, Cristal Silva, Tyler Wilbanks, Zackery Cheater, Meghan Asencio, Kolton Boaz, Jordann Hughes, Ryan Jimenez, Phoenix Keeter, Lindsey Ma, Leonal Madrid, Ariel Mercado.

Lauren Roberts, Summer Roberts, Daniel Valenzuela, Sam Newman, Micaela Anguiano, Canyon Dougherty, Aleah Noble, Kylee Reel, Cody Starks, Mosteller, Dylna Bethnev Hendrix, Crystal Collis, Israel Casanova, Erik Ramirez, Justin Carlton.

THIRD GRADE

Chance Almanza, Martin Avila, Stephanie Castellanos, Gutiererrez, Randon David Rodgers, Norman Parks, Bernardo Casanova, Scottie Dabbs, Cassi Denton, Raeghan Ienkins, Cody Newton, Keah Reel, Natalie Santacruz, Tatiana Soto, Jonathna Valdez, Jered Chamberlin, Senecia Cruz.

FOURTH GRADE Carrie Angel, Ashley Bowers, Evelin Castillo, Ashlie Cox, Solomon Cruz, Dakota Gowin, Jacob Jenkins, Whitney Jenkins, Chris McKenzie, Jerid Oxley, Krystal Rameriz, Isela Recendiz, Samantha Sutterfield, Manuel Villagrana, Jamie Welch, Heather Addington, Crystal Blanco, Lilly Calixto, Amy Silva.

Erica Delgado, Andy Dunn, Jeremy Martinez, Angelica Pena, Joshua Pryor, Carla Romero, Adriana Saldierna, Brittany Balay, Kris Boyd, Nick Day, Anna Hillman, Chelsea Ma, Kaci Brenda Murrufo, Trevor Phillips, Cody Ponder, Ryan Rivera, Lidia Salazar, Krissa Whittley.

Gray, Cassy Tice, Matthew Trusty, Ashton Ray, Alex Torres, Lucy Joe Hays, Alex Perez, John Ulloa, Addington, Bobby Villagrana, Abby Weaver, Geneva Amber Williams.

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Fowler, Alicia Laycock, Kaley Wildcat,

Jonathan Edwards, Shaunna Maddox, Ashley Martinez, Francisco Conde, Kenzi Nickell,

Our current part-time DA says that he is highly sought after as a special prosecutor in other districts because of his trial ability and that is why he spends so much time away from our district. Below are the results of the most recent cases our DA has accepted to prosecute outside our district.

Briscoe County - John Mann agrees to 5 years probation for murder of restaurant owner from Quitaque.

Wichita County - Jury finds defendant not guilty on murder charges - murder defendant acquitted.

Randall County - John Mann recommends 4 years probation, no restitution for \$15,000,000.00 theft - defendant stole \$15,000,000.00 by selling bogus bonds to churches and church members.

Potter County - John Mann recommends dismissal of 5 felony charges (including indecency with a child and kidnaping) again Amarillo millionaire in exchange for misdemeanor plea - no jail time.

As of Feb. 2000, the District had a backlog of 295 felony cases, some over 8 years old!

County # of pending cases Gray

161 - drug offenses (50); indecency with child (3); felony DWI (9); attempted murder (11); burglary (11) - some over 6 years old.

Wheeler

71 - drug offenses (16); indecency with child (1); felony DWI (4) some over 7 years old.

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42 - sexual assaults (2); burglaries (6), thefts (11); felony DWI (1) - some over 8 years old.

Roberts Lipscomb

4 - theft (2); felony DWI (1) - some over 6 years old. 17 - indecency with child (3); drug offenses (2); felony DWI (1) -13 to be presented to grand jury.

295 Total

Our part-time DA blames this situation on the antics of various defense attorneys, law enforcement officials, or our District Judges when in fact the responsibility for prosecution is his and his alone. We need a full-time district attorney who is available and committed to our district!!

Even if you didn't vote in the primary, you can still vote in the run-off on April

If you are serious about law enforcement, please take the time to vote for a fulltime felony prosecutor!!

On April 11 cast you vote Richard J. "Rick" Roach as your Full-Time District Attorney - Your vote is very important!!

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By LINDA A. JOHNSON **Associated Press Writer**

Doctors could do a far better job predicting who is at high risk of a heart attack or other cardiovascular problems by testing for a certain protein in a simple, inexpensive blood researchers reported.

the test and use it along with protein. The protein indicates study suggesting that MRI scans

cholesterol screening to identify people who run a high risk of a Scientists believe the heart attack, stroke, bypass surgery or death from heart dis-

Researchers at Brigham and and elsewhere used a highly artery. sensitive version of the The research was reported in decades-old blood test for a the New England Journal of Experts say doctors may adopt substance called C-reactive Medicine, along with a second

Scientists believe that while high cholesterol causes fatty buildups in the blood vessels, heart attacks are triggered when inflammation causes Women's Hospital in Boston deposits to break off and clog an

disease in women at a very early stage. Often, women complain of chest pain, but conventional tests see no sign of trouble.

In the first study, Harvard Medical School cardiologist Dr. Paul Ridker and colleagues tested blood, taken from apparently healthy postmenopausal women participating in the hospital's Women's Health Study, for lev-

could help doctors detect heart els of C-reactive protein, or CRP, Smith said other research shows and 11 other substances.

After three years, researchers identified 122 women who had heart attacks or other cardiovascular troubles and compared them with 244 participants who were fine.

The one-fourth with the highest CRP levels were 4.4 times more likely to have had a heart attack or other cardiovascular trouble than the one-fourth with the lowest CRP levels.

The substance was the best predictor of heart attack risk almost twice as good as LDL, the "bad cholesterol" that is the current gold standard in cardiac diagnosis. Cholesterol and CRP screenings both cost around \$20 on average.

"Half of all heart attacks in the U.S. occur in people with normal cholesterol levels," so combining cholesterol screening with testing for CRP is a big improvement, Ridker said.

His research found women with the highest levels of both substances were six times more likely to suffer a heart attack or other problem than those with the lowest levels.

The study involved only women, who have generally been excluded from cardiac research even though heart disease kills one of every two women. Doctors said there is no reason to believe the findings wouldn't apply to men as well.

Dr. Daniel Shindler of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in New Brunswick said CRP levels could help cardiologists diagnose patients more accurately and lead to better drug therapies.

"If I find C-reactive protein elevated, I will be more aggressive" in encouraging women to stop smoking, exercise more, eat a healthier diet and control their diabetes, Shindler said.

Association president Dr. Sidney dex.htm

that giving drugs called statins to reduce CRP levels helps prevent heart attacks in patients who have already had one.

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separate study researchers at the University of Alabama at Birmingham may have solved part of the mystery of why half of the women hospitalized for chest pain appear to have healthy, unclogged arteries when they undergo an angiogram, a standard cardiac X-ray.

Researchers used a \$900 MRI heart scan on 35 such women and found that 20 percent of them had an abnormality in the relative levels of two heart substances that give the heart muscle energy.

Dr. Gerald Pohost theorized the scans are detecting ischemia, or inadequate blood flow to the heart, that was occurring not because of clogs in the major arteries but because many arteries too small for an angiogram to spot were narrowed and did not expand normally.

He said the technique eventually could help doctors detect heart disease in women long before major arteries are significantly clogged.

It's going to need some further validation" before routine use, said Robert Balaban, scientific director of laboratory research programs at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

On the Net: American Heart Association http://www.americanheart.org

American Academy of Family Physicians http://www.familydoctor.org/ handouts/287.html

National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's Healthy Heart Handbook Women: for http://rover.nhlbi.nih.gov/heal Former American Heart th/public/heart/other/hhw/in

Prozac's reign as top antidepressant ending

NEW YORK (AP) - Prozac, perhaps the most widely known prescription antidepressant of all time, is losing some of its lift.

Demand has declined as newer drugs promise greater effectiveness, fewer side effects and the ability to treat additional ailments. In January, for the first time in years, doctors wrote more new prescriptions for a competing drug, Zoloft. While Prozac remained slightly ahead in total prescriptions, the statistics illustrate its peak

is past. "Prozac has had its day, or more accurately, had its decade," said Christine Hollidge, an analyst with Datamonitor in London.

Introduced in 1988, Prozac quickly became a metaphor for society's obsession for quick fixes to problems. The pills not only helped the depressed, but became known for simply making peo-

They also helped ease the stigma surrounding mental illness, proving to many that depression is a biological problem, not one

caused by a weak character or poor parenting
"It changed my whole life," said Elizabeth Wurtzel, 32, author of 'Prozac Nation," which described her struggle with depression and experience with Prozac and other drugs - and exposed the collective bad mood of Generation X'ers.

"I realized it was possible to not be depressed. It was like putting glasses on and seeing the world in a different way."

Laura Miller, spokeswoman for Prozac maker Eli Lilly & Co., said: "Prozac showed people there is a safe and effective treatment for depression, allowing more people to seek help.

Prozac was the first of a new generation of anti-depression drugs called SSRIs (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors) that were as nasty side effects such as constipation, memory loss or high blood pressure. SSRIs work by correcting the imbalance of serotonin in the body, a natural chemical that's believed to affect one's mood.

The chance of overdosing on Prozac was significantly less than older medications, a key benefit in treating depression.

and more doctors to order it. By 1990, Prozac had become the fastest selling new mental illness

drug ever, a sort of Viagra of its time.

"Prozac seemed to give social confidence to the habitually timid, to make the sensitive brash, to lend the introvert the social skills of a salesman," Dr. Peter Kramer wrote in his 1993 book "Listening to Prozac," one of several best sellers on the drug.

These advantages led more patients to continue their medication

In all, about 17 million Americans have taken Prozac. The drug, however, has been attacked by critics and faced intense scrutiny. Some have questioned whether the drug makes patients act more violently.

In 1989, a man who had used Prozac killed eight people and injured 12 others before taking his own life in Louisville, Ky. The victims' families sued Lilly, but a jury found Prozac wasn't respon-

In scores of court cases on the issue, Lilly has successfully argued that when violence occurs, it is a symptom of the illness rather than of the medication prescribed to treat it. Its falling market share is seen as a natural part of the product's

life cycle. Few prescription drugs stay at the top of their class for more than five or six years because of competition from other brands and generics.

New drugs such as Zoloft, Paxil and Celexa have been launched with strong marketing pitches that promised less of the weariness and reduced libido that some patients felt from Prozac.

About 840,000 new Prozac prescriptions were written in January - 7,000 fewer than Zoloft, according to market data firm IMS effective as older depression drugs, but did not have many of the Health. In all, nearly 2 million total prescriptions were written for each drug that month.

Prozac sales are expected to decline steadily in the next three years, as its patent expires and cheaper generics become available.

On the Net: http://www.prozac.com.

Study: Gene boosts risk of heart disease in smokers

Smokers who carry a gene already involved 1,290 people in Forsyth linked to smoking-related illnesses face roughly twice the risk of heart disease than smokers who don't carry it, new research suggests.

County, the suburbs of Minneapolis, Washington County, Md., and Jackson, Miss. Four hundred of the subjects had suffered dred of the subjects had suffered they smoked while those with the smoke, the gene seems to make no

890 served as controls.

The findings, which appear in heart attacks or were newly diag- gene had about a 180 percent

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — the April issue of Atherosclerosis, nosed with heart disease, while greater risk, said study co-author James Pankow, a professor at the Individuals without the gene University of North Carolina at

difference in heart disease," he

Researchers found the gene present in four-fifths of the subjects.

The results were somewhat surprising, said Dr. Richey Sharrett, senior scientific advisor for the epidemiology and biometry program at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute in Washington,

Sharrett said Wednesday that similar studies focusing on the gene's role in smoking and cancer showed more varied results, but said the heart disease research's

methodology was valid.
"If it were replicated, I think that it would provide ... important clues" to the link between smoking and heart disease, he said.

The GSTT1 gene is considered an integral link in how the body processes the chemicals found in tobacco smoke. Pankow said the gene already has been linked to other smoking-related illnesses, such as bladder cancer.

A bitter find in taste bud research "Among people who don't could make pill easier to swallow

By RICK CALLAHAN Associated Press Writer

Scientists have found gene clusters responsible for allowing humans to taste bitter substances, a finding that could help in masking the unappealing flavors of medi-cine and certain healthful foods.

The findings were reported in a recent issue of the journal Nature, just two weeks after another team of researchers found basically the same family of genes through a dif-ferent approach.

The teams worked independent-ly but are both affiliated with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Their work suggests that humans have evolved a complex

system for detecting the wide array of bitter-tasting compounds. And for good reason, since failing to detect toxic substances could be

How the brain processes the taste perceptions — including sweet, sour, bitter and salty - sent from the tongue's array of sensors is still cloaked in mystery, said Sue Kinnamon, a neuroscientist at Colorado State University.

We have no idea how taste is chromosome structure.

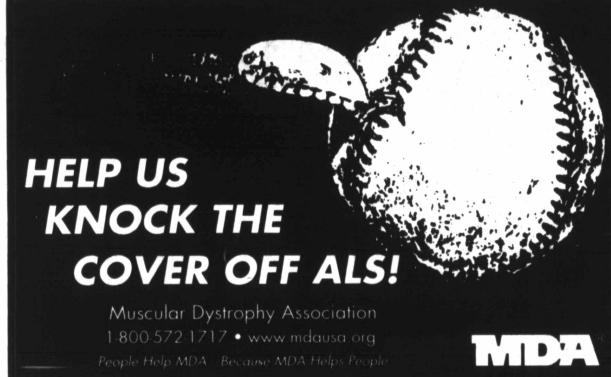
coded in the central nervous system, whether there is any kind of a topographic map of tastes in the brain," said Kinnamon, who was-n't involved in the research. "These findings give us the potential to now label bitter pathways so we can look at how they target in the brain."

In an accompanying Nature commentary, Stuart Firestein of Columbia University said the research could eventually lead to better-tasting medicines and ways to tweak foods that are good for you so they also taste good.

"The taste field has had quite a start to the millennium," Firestein

Both Howard Hughes teams were seeking out genes involving specific taste receptors by focusing on chromosome regions known to be involved in taste impairments in

mice and humans. They delved into the vast online database of the Human Genome Project, a government-funded effort to create a blueprint of human DNA, and also an online database that allowed them to compare the human and mouse



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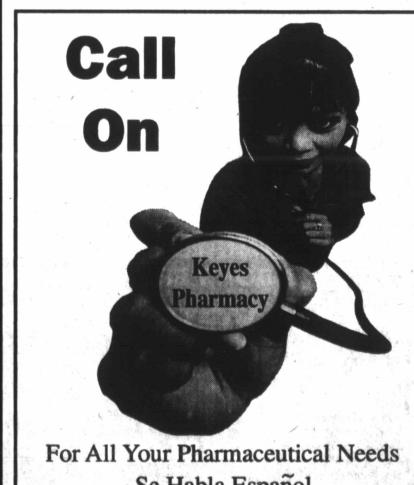
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SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — It's Kick the Habit 101. Some San Francisco Bay area schools offer class credit for smoking cessation programs, the latest among several aggressive steps educators are tak-

ing to keep students away from cigarettes.
"You need to involve kids during the day and provide incentives for them," said Margo Leathers Sidener, executive director of the American Lung Association of Santa Clara-San Benito counties. "A lot of schools just focus on prevention and ignore the kids who already smoke.

At Westmoor High School in Daly City, the association launched its "Not on Tobacco" program last week. A dozen student smokers will attend seven in-school classes about how to stop smoking — for

When the program was tested in Santa Barbara last year, 21 percent of the teens stopped smoking after 2 1/2 months. Schools in San Joaquin give teens the patch and offer in-school, for-credit cessation programs.

Sometimes, even the best intentions can't stop teen-agers from lighting up. The San Jose Unified School District recently dropped its "Smokeless Saturday" program because not enough students were coming. The sessions were voluntary.

SEQUIM, Wash. (AP) - Knitting sweaters for

It's no joke, say members of the North Olympic Shuttle and Spindle Guild, who are cranking out tiny wool sweaters as part of an international relief effort for penguins affected by an Australian oil

The spill soiled the penguins' home on Phillip Island, southeast of Melbourne, in early January. The oil is believed to have been dumped by an unidentified ship at sea, the Australian government said.

The oil has rendered ineffective the fairy penguins' natural insulation. In addition, they are ingesting toxic material as they preen, making the sweaters useful for both warmth and protection from poisoning.

The birds stand only about a foot tall — less than half the size of their emperor penguin cousins — and the sweaters are only about 9 or 10 inches long and about 4 1/4 inches wide. Each sweater has openings for the birds' flippers and

"They look so cute," said guild member Pat Gallup, who heard the call for knitters to help the penguins on a radio station and researched the issue on the Internet before enlisting the help of guild members.

You can just see their heads and little flippers sticking out," she said Sunday.

PHILMONT, N.Y. (AP) — It's yelping in stereo, three-hour feeding shifts, and a dining room-turned nursery for 16 piebald pups, believed to be

the second largest puppy litter in recorded history.
"It's absolutely fantastic," said Renee Wendover,
part of a husband-and-wife breeding team and owner of King Triton's Ariel, the proud Saint Bernard mother responsible for the brood.

"They're noisy and squirming, and I swear to God you can see where they're getting bigger," Wendover said Sunday.

It took Ariel 12 1/2 hours to give birth to 17 puppies Friday. One puppy died shortly after birth, leaving 10 males and six females. All now nestle in

a kiddy wading pool, except during feeding.
"Eight and eight," Wendover explained of the nursing regimen. "You got to separate them to make sure the bigger ones don't weasel their way

The 16-pack stands second in total living litters to only the birth of 23 American foxhounds in Ambler, Pa., on June 19, 1944, according to the latest available Guinness Book of Records. And it ties the second place record of 16 Great Danes born in June 1987 in Little Hall, England.

"Ariel looked like a cow," said co-owner Greg

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — Hold the phone: That person in prison orange may not be a jail escapee, just a teen-ager in the latest fashion.

A pair of Jonesboro stores have been selling orange jail-style clothes, down to stenciled phrases 'County Inmate," "Correctional Facility," and 'Escaped Convict.'

The shirts look so much like real prison garb in Craighead County that authorities have received several calls over the past few weeks about escapees roaming the city.

Last week, police spent 30 minutes searching a neighborhood after a report of a county inmate jumping fences. Inside the county jail, guards counted heads to make sure they still had every-

Apparently, the person was wearing one of the shirts sold at the mall," said Craighead County Deputy Eric Erwin. "We wasted about 30 minutes. It was something we had to check out, though."

There's a difference between county-issue clothes and those sold at the mall. The county's clothes are more durable.

But even though there's a difference, Erwin said it is unwise for someone to wear the look-alike clothing.

"It might be the 'in' thing to do, but it upset the citizens who called us and it's not a good 'in' thing," Erwin said Sunday.

"an end run around the law.

"If you don't like the law, there



Thanks for your support in the primary election. We now must choose between the two remaining candidates. I have known John Mann for over 10 years. He's a tough, competent and highly qualified prosecutor. In fact, he's the only candidate who has the knowledge and qualifications to hold and run for the office. Istrongly encourage all of my friends and supporters to ensure that the District Attorney's Office remains in capable hands by voting for the better man,

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Names in the news

legalize abortion in 1973 came to mood," he joked. North Carolina to raise money for a group that encourages women not to have abortions.

Roe" at the center of the U.S. need: She wanted to make money should be done." Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade to buy cigarettes. decision, spoke Friday at the annual spring fund-raising ban- anything, I've been trying to get quet of Alpha Pregnancy out since I got in," Mitchell told TV Guide for its April 15 issue.

become a Christian, said her life changed when the anti-abortion why the show must go on." organization Operation Rescue opened an office next to the abor- Sinatra's "My Way," are similar to tion clinic where she worked.

Against the odds, McCorvey Operation Rescue, including a lit-times," Mitchell said. tle girl whose mother had almost decided to have an abortion.

dren," McCorvey said. "I was Justice Antonin Scalia isn't fond hugging this 7-year-old child who was almost aborted herself."

NEW YORK (AP) — It turns out Tom Jones is a fan of the Backstreet Boys.

The crooner whose hits include using it as it was written. "It's Not Unusual" and "What's ible sound."

songs," he told TV Guide for its more. April 15 issue.

ular boy band, which has similar- to. ly devoted female followers.

LEXINGTON, N.C. (AP) — The a pair of underwear lands on my advocates of interpreting the woman whose court case helped head. I hate that. It really kills the Constitution have been doing

NEW YORK (AP) — Folk is a process to change," he said. singer Joni Mitchell says she "But you should have to con-Norma McCorvey, the "Jane began playing music to fulfill a vince your neighbors that it

"I never wanted to be a star. If McCorvey, who has since "I'm not addicted to the roar of the crowd and don't understand

She said the lyrics from Frank her philosophy on life.

'I learned early on that I couldfound herself making friends n't trust anybody's judgment but with the people who ran my own and even that only some-

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — "I was afraid to go around chil- U.S. Supreme Court Associate of legal scholars who believe the U.S. Constitution is open to interpretation.

Scalia said Saturday the legal profession is finding ways around the document, instead of

"It's very perplexing," he said New Pussycat?" said he wants to in a speech at the annual find out more about how the Criminal Justice Awards Banquet Backstreet Boys "get their incred- at the University of Southern Mississippi. Forty years ago, fol-"I've got both their albums and lowing the original intent was I would love to cover one of their orthodoxy, he said, but not any-

"It's easy to understand what The 59-year-old singer said that has happened because it is very as a sex symbol of the 1960s and seductive to interpret the '70s, he can identify with the pop- Constitution the way you want

Scalia, appointed to the court "When I'm singing a ballad and by President Reagan in 1986, said

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Critics argue naturalism conference conceals creationist agenda

WACO (AP) — A naturalism conference at Baylor University that boasts two Nobel Prize winners has a hidden agenda to legitimize discussion of creationism in classrooms, critics say.

The Baylor conference Wednesday through Saturday will fea-ture Nobel Prize winners Steven Weinberg, a physics professor at the University of Texas at Austin, and Christian de Duve, the founder of the Christian de Duve Institute of Cellular Pathology. Sessions will explore naturalism — the belief that all phenome-

na can be explained in terms of natural laws. But several faculty members contend that the Michael Polanyi Center, a think tank created last year by Baylor's administration to bridge the gap between religion and science, has a hidden agenda

of legitimizing the discussion of creationism in classrooms.

"These people are creationists," Richard Duhrkopf, an associate biology professor, told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "They define that as someone who takes a literal interpretation of Genesis. We define it as someone who invokes nonscientific explanations for natural

Bruce Gordon, the associate director of the Polanyi Center, said faculty members misunderstand the nature of the conference and

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SENIOR SCENES

Doctors may be biased against women on hip and knee replacement operations, study says

three times less likely than men to get the hip would take care of her after she gets home." or knee replacements they needed, and researchers say family doctors' preconceptions may deserve some of the blame.

"We think what is going on here is barriers exist for women that don't exist for men," said Dr. Gillian Hawker, an associate professor of medicine at the University of Toronto who led the study, published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

One explanation "may be that the family doc maybe sees the problem as less significant than for men, because men are out there working, or a retired man is out there golfing, and women are predominantly housekeeping," Hawker said.

"Maybe the woman is less demanding, or less often bringing up the issue that her joint hurts her. And maybe if it is brought up or suggested as a topic of conversation, she is putting an end to it because there is no way she could

Canadian women with severe arthritis were handle it, because she is concerned about who

The study of Toronto-area men and women age 55 and older found that women are three times more likely than men to need joint replacement but undergo the operation at about the same rate as men.

"We have a procedure that provides fairly consistent and long-lasting relief in pain and disability, and apparently we are not doing enough of them," said Dr. James Wright, associate professor of surgery at the University of

The results probably hold true for the United States as well, the researchers said. Osteoarthritis is the most common cause of disability in both the United States and

Arthritis Foundation, found the results sur-researchers found that 12.7 percent of the prising, because osteoarthritis is so common women and 8.8 percent of the men were "defiand women are twice as likely to suffer from it. nitely willing" to go through with it.

"Part of this may be just a lack of understanding on the part of the general public of the commonness of arthritis and what can actually be done about it," he said.

According to the Arthritis Foundation, 20.7 million Americans suffer from osteoarthritis. Out of 124,000 hip replacements in the United States in 1994, 49,000 were men and 75,000 women, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons said. Of the 209,000 knee replacements, 78,000 were men and 130,000 women.

In the Canadian study, researchers used tax records to contact 48,218 older people and find those with hip or knee problems. From there, they identified 990 prime candidates for hip or knee replacement.

Of those, just 32.5 percent of the women and 41.8 percent of the men reported ever dis-Dr. John Klippel, medical director for the cussing joint replacement with a doctor. The

Researchers found 5.3 women out of very 1,000 in the original survey group merited joint replacement, compared with 1.6 men out of 1,000. The rates of joint replacement were about the same for both men and women, at 0.7 per 1,000.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Mary Charlson, a professor at Weill Medical College in New York, and John Allegrante, professor of clinical public health at Columbia University in New York, suggested that the discrepancy between men and women may be tied to their circles of friends.

People tend to go to a doctor asking for a joint replacement after talking to a friend who nad one that worked out, Charlson said.

On the Net: Arthritis Foundation: www.arthritis.org American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons:



Goldie Roberts and Naomah Story were winners in a St. Patrick's Day contest at The Meredith House.

Couric's on-air TV checkup sends patients scrambling for colon testing

from Katie Couric.

The "Today" show host's month-long public-awareness campaign — during which she underwent a colonoscopy on the air — is sending extraordinary numbers of people to the doctor for colon can- have seen the Katie Couric thing and cer checkups and casting light on a wide- now say, 'Yeah, this is the thing to do!" rassed to talk about.

"I probably would have waited until this week. "It's one of those things you Katie Couric." want to put off and put off. It's embarnews was good.

underwent surgery to remove a suspi- colon, or large intestine.

Barbara Roddy kept putting off a colon cious polyp from his colon. Two feet of Couric's husband, TV legal analyst Jay cancer exam until she and 6.7 million the intestine was removed, and tests days Monahan, died two years ago from the other viewers got a personal reminder later revealed that the growth was can- disease, which was discovered too late. cerous but had not spread far.

test, many of them for the first time.

of the Indiana University Medical Center. were broadcast on the show.

Dr. John Popp Jr. at the University of

NBC's "Today" broadcast Couric's test University. rassing, but the alternative is worse." Her during her week-long series last month on colorectal cancer. The test, which is It is the strongest wave of public inter- done with a long fiber-optic tube, est since 1985, when President Reagan showed images from inside Couric's

"My message all along has been: 'Talk Doctors are reporting a crush of to your doctor, talk to your doctor, talk to patients seeking the already common your doctor.' And that's obviously what est, many of them for the first time. people are doing," Couric said in an 'A lot of patients who were reluctant interview. "I couldn't be happier."

Even researchers got a boost. Two study groups seeking patients got about spread killer that many are too embar- said Roddy's physician, Dr. Douglas Rex 5,500 calls after their telephone numbers

"I'll guess that 99 percent of the calls the end of the year," said Roddy, 64, of South Carolina said: "I've had people were due to that broadcast," said Susan Indianapolis, a few minutes after her test who literally said, 'I'm here because of Booker, an administrator at one of the research programs at Johns Hopkins

About 130,000 colon and rectal cancer cases were diagnosed last year in the United States. About 56,600 people died from the disease, which is second only to lung cancer in causing cancer deaths.

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SENIOR SCENES

Family night was a big success at Meredith House. From left, Sue Hall, Cherry McCarthy, Wanda Watson and Geraldine Christian. Behind them is director Cinda Jennings.

CDC: Hip fractures on the increase

tures among women 65 and year than from any other kind older climbed 40 percent of injury. The CDC said 9,000 between 1988 and 1996 and such deaths occurred in 1997. fully one-third of older ernment research.

The U.S. Centers for Disease cent were women. Control and Prevention attriband older.

ly more sedentary, have weaker muscles and poorer bal-

According to the CDC, Americans suffer serious falls 340,000 people 65 or older each year, according to gov- were hospitalized in 1996 with a broken hip. Of those, 80 per-

The report found that one in uted the increase in part to a three older adults requires growing number of people 85 hospitalization for a fall each year, with a broken hip the People are living longer most common and serious because of advances against injury. Half of those who such killers as heart disease, break a hip do not regain their stroke and cancer. But older former level of mobility or people run a higher risk of independence, ending up in a falls because they are general- nursing home or moving in with relatives, the CDC said.

"Hip fractures can really ance, and take more medica- mark the beginning of the end tion that can make them dizzy. for seniors," said Judy More adults 65 and older die Stevens, a CDC epidemiolo-

ATLANTA (AP) - Hip frac- from fall-related injuries each gist. "It can lead quickly to than men to be hospitalized decline and death."

Older adults are hospitalized for fall-related injuries five times more often than for throw rugs from their homes, other injuries, and women are and exercise to increase mus-

for falls, the CDC said.

The CDC suggests older people remove clutter and nearly three times more likely cle strength and balance.



This team of licensed caregivers has given special care for a combined total of twenty years.

Joyce Session, Activities Coordinator, over-sees the daily activities of the Alzheimer's Unit. She has worked at Pampa Nursing Center for ten years. Joyce believes her job is an act of love. Joyce enjoys fixing the women's hair and applying a little makeup to help them feel better about themselves. Joyce has three adult children and a son, Devine, who is an athlete at PHS.

Suzzie Sawyer, LVN, began working at Pampa Nursing Center as soon as she completed her nursing degree with Frank Phillips College five years ago. Suzzie doesn't consider this her job, but rather a calling from God. Suzzie loves her patients with dementia because they are very loving and accepting in return. Suzzie is married to Barney they have a son, Bradley, age 17 and a daughter, Sarai, age

Lyna Bolin, Activities Aid, began working at Pampa Nursing Center after caring for her own mother who suffered with Alzheimer's disease. Lyna adapts activities for the residents; with a goal of improving the quality of life for each resident. Lyna says she loves hearing the residents tell stories. Many of them can remember their childhood in great detail and their stories are fascinating. She has worked in the Secure Unit for five years. Lyna



Senior snapshot



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My Favorite Toy: A Kiddy- Ever Kar.

My **Favorite** Monopoly.

Let's Pretend.

& The Cost: Tom Mix and Rin to learn to ice skate. Tin Tin – 5 cents.

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Most Affected My Life & W.C. Ashford, my pastor for Childhood Why: Dec. 7, 1941. The 20 years who helped me grow Seeing Charles National Guard boys in my as a Christian. Lindbergh at a parade in high school graduating class war. Many were in the Death Store.

My Best Friend was: Ruth Most About The Depression Was: Using water on dry cere-

> The Biggest Honor I've gallon. Received Game: the Republic of Texas.

If I Could Change One My Favorite Radio Show: Thing About My Past It Would Be: I "grew up" on Zoo. The First Movie I Ever Saw roller skates. I always wanted

My Whole Family Enjoyed: The First Phone I Ever Used Going to town on Saturday night and watching the shop-

The Person From My Childhood I Wish I Could The Historical Event That Visit With Today Is: The Rev.

Abilene following his famous went from camp right on to clerk at McClellan's Variety Alamo, was first elected

Year & Make of The First The Thing I Remember Vehicle I Drove: Chevrolet.

> Cost of Gasoline When I First Drove: About 11 cents a

On My First Date I Went Membership in Daughters of To: Abilene High School Band

> My Favorite Hang Out Spot Was: Abilene Fair Park and The Fashion Trend Was:

Hand-made or altered "handme-downs." My Favorite Saying Was:

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. My Favorite Song Was: "Indian Love Call."

Another Memory I Want To Share Is: That my great-greatpaternal grandfather, John W. Smith, who carried the last My First Job Was: Part-time message from Travis at the mayor of San Antonio.

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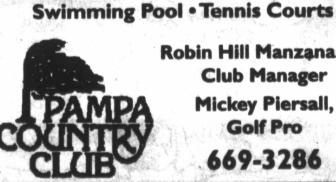
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Teen Drivers Must Know How To Act If Stopped by Police

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are the parents of three college-age children, all of whom drive their own cars. We are law-abiding citizens who have no trouble with the law. The town we live in has been designated a high-crime area by the county police, so it is not uncommon to see cars pulled over, not only for minor traffic violations, but also for "suspicious" behavior.

My concern as a parent is that most young people don't know how to act if they are stopped by police. Of course, they are expected to answer all questions respectfully. However, do they know that if they reach into their pockets for a license or identification, they might be perceived as reaching for a weapon? Shouldn't they learn this in school as part of a health and safety course?

Recently my children and a few friends were relating experiences of being stopped by the police. I was appalled to hear about some of the encounters these kids have had. My sons and their friends were grabbed from a vehicle, thrown up against the car and searched, just because the driver had started to reach for his wallet. My daughter was yelled at and ridiculed because she began trembling, and then was told she was in "no condition" to drive and

must contact a parent. By the way, we are not part of a minority group, so this was not racial profiling — and my children dress conservatively. I have always taught them respect for authority,

Horoscope

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

** Pressure mounts. You could

express frustration and then wish you

had said nothing. Aim for what you

want. Don't stand on ceremony. Your

imagination and integrity draw others.

Brainstorm, then share your ideas.

* * * Reach out for another. There is

nothing wrong with expressing your

insecurity. Your vision of what is possi-

ble could change with discussion. A boss

could be vague, but you seem to read

between the lines. Negotiations bring

** Your sixth sense kicks in with

office gossip and information you seek.

Know your needs. Don't discount a

friend's moneymaking tip, even though it

might not make sense. Check it out any-

way. Your ability to take charge and do

what is needed proves to be your strong

* * * * * Make that additional effort,

even with a sour boss. You don't always

need to say what you think. Diplomacy

results. Tonight: Where the gang is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

suit. Tonight: Indulge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Tonight: Catch up on mail and calls.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

Abigail Van Buren SYNDICATED

including the police, but I expect that same respect from police in GAIL FROM BRENTWOOD, N.Y.

COLUMNIST

DEAR GAIL: I, too, was taught as a child that "the policeman is our friend"; it's a lesson I passed on to my children. While that is still true in most cases today, the availability of illegal weapons has made the job of policing more dangerous than it was a generation or two ago. Call it self-protection or paranoia — police now fear for their lives when they make routine traffic stops.

I agree that young people should know exactly how to respond if they are pulled over by police. Their parents should instruct them: One's hands should be in plain sight at all times. If there is a need to reach into a pocket or purse, or to open a glove compartment or trunk, the officer should be asked for permission first.

You mentioned that your

long-term goals. Do research; supply

your own information. Don't leave any-

thing to chance. Tonight: Beam in what

** Say little right now. Another

seems mixed up or seems to be giving you faulty information. Listen carefully

to one version, then dig out your own

facts. A partner contributes ideas to a

money venture. Feelings run high.

*** Assume that more is going

on with a cantankerous associate, and

you won't be far from wrong. Realize

your limits with this person. Get into

work. Develop a better understanding.

Your nurturing and caring touch a chord

* * * Take charge when another

backs off. Your courage and willingness

to stand up for what you believe in makes

a big difference. Ideas flourish at work.

Relax and brainstorm. You don't have to

make an immediate decision. Tonight:

** * * * You are challenged not to get

upset by a work- or health-related matter.

Look at the big picture, and you'll soar.

Talk to children and a loved one. Ideas

surround you. You come out way ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

in another. Tonight: Join friends.

Indulge a loved one.

To the movies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Tonight: Relax, then decide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

children's experience was not the result of racial profiling. In many cases it is. The American Civil Liberties Union has mounted a campaign to bring attention to this problem, and thanks to the activism of people of color who have come forward with their stories, politicians and law enforcement officers are beginning to take notice.

Hundreds of law enforcement agencies have agreed to collect data on the race and ethnicity of the people they stop, which is the first step in dealing with the problem. Bills requir-ing police to collect data on traffic stops have passed in several states and are on their way to becoming law in others. It's a welcome step in the right direction.

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talks low-key. Maintain eye contact. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

* * * A partner clearly shares what is on his mind, but there could be a problem elsewhere on the homefront. You might feel helpless when dealing with others who appear willful. Play it cool and diplomatic. Tonight: Say yes to another.

*** Dig into work, and you'll accomplish a lot. Your imagination takes you in different directions. Others seek your feedback on money, funds and investments. Keep in mind what you expect when you give advice. Don't formalize any plans until the evening. Tonight: Take a nap first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

of control today. Others find you distracted, but you don't care. You might be better off doing quiet work than actively engaging in conversations or being on the phone while your mind could be wandering. Tonight: Opt for some fun.

Designer Oleg Cassini (1913), actor Peter Riegert (1947), actress Louise

Tonight: Talk about vacation plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** * Your imagination veers out

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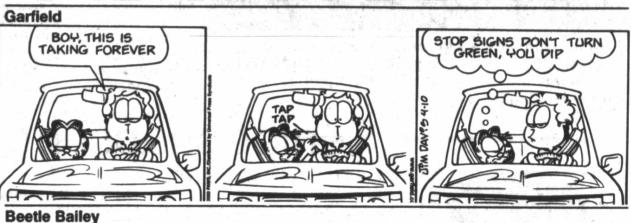
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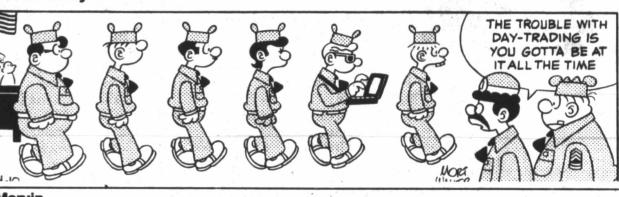


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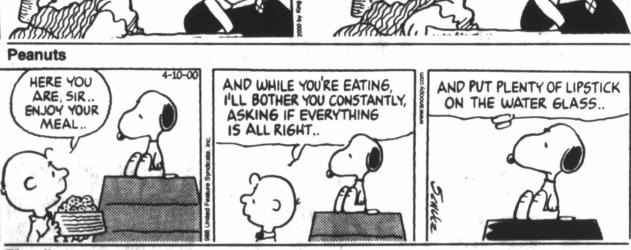
















SPORTS

Notebook SOFTBALL

Pampa **PAMPA** Optimist 13-15 girls' fastpitch softball tryouts are scheduled Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All players new to the

league must try out. Tryouts will be held at Optimist Park. For further information, call Sherri Tice at 665-3505 or Jimmie Clark at 669-7782.

Note: Tryouts are for players who signed up April 4-6. Every player will be assigned to a team. One manager is still needed to complete coaching staffs in this divi-

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Late signups continue in the Pampa Optimist baseball-softball leagues today and Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 at the OPtimist Building, 601 East Craven.

Optimist officials reported that a record-number 697 voungsters have signed up for the baseball and softball programs.

TRACK

WELLINGTON — White Deer's John Ball won the discus at the District 6-2A Track Meet with a 134-9 1/4 throw last weekend.

Matt Woody of White Deer placed second in the 100 with a time of 11.63.

The Bucks scored 38 points to take fifth in the team stand-

In the girls' division, White Deer's Kala Tice was third in the shot put with a 30-3 3/4 throw. White Deer's 800-meter relay team placed third (1:56.74).

White Deer girls were fifth in the team standings with 62 points.

TENNIS

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) Listening to the ball come off Pete Sampras' racket during warmups, U.S. Davis Cup captain John McEnroe knew Slava Dosedel of the Czech Republic was in trou-

"It sounded like he had some thump on his ball. He was really hitting the ball. His serve was out of this world," McEnroe said. "I was like, 'Man, that ball sounds like a big, big ball. Dosedel's going to be intimidated by that."

Indeed, Dosedel had no answer for the 18 aces Sampras' booming serve produced in a 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (2) victory Sunday that clinched a 3-2 quarterfinal

Earlier, Andre Agassi prevented the Czechs from clinching by beating Jiri Novak 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 to tie the best-of-5 series 2-2.

"It was a great day for American tennis," Sampras said.

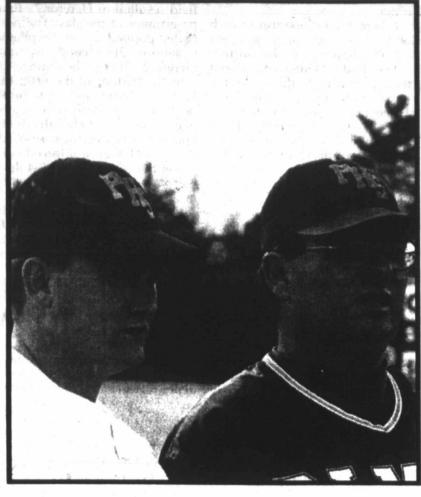
The United States will play Spain, a 4-1 winner over Russia, in the semifinals on July 21-23 in Spain.

The Americans rebounded from a 1-2 deficit for the second straight round, and only the fifth time in U.S. Davis Cup history. They were in similar trouble against Zimbabwe McEnroe's debut as captain before winning both reverse singles to advance.

Sampras played with energy and power, two ingredients sorely missing in his straight-set flop against Novak in Friday's opening singles. The 7-6 (1), 6-3, 6-2 loss was the worst of Sampras' seven-year Davis

Cup career.
"I was so down in the dumps Friday that I wanted to redeem myself and go out and play with more energy, play with more intensity and I did that," he said.

Playing a fifth and decisive match for the first time in his Davis Cup career, Sampras hit a backhand winner off a 113-mph serve by Dosedel to close out the



Cody Shepard (left), pictured with PHS head coach Dennis Doughty, hit a grand slam home run against the Dons.

Victory over Palo Duro gives Harvesters 4-0 mark

AMARILLO — Pampa's Greg while Travis Lancaster had an ted in a run with a groundball.

Lindsey threw a four-hitter and RBI hit.

Pampa hosts Borger at 4:30 first baseman Cody Shepard hit a grand-slam home run as Francis and Justin Barnes each Field. The Bulldogs are 2-2 in Pampa beat Palo Duro 14-2 had a base hit. Randy Tice bat-district and 7-10 for the season. Saturday in District 3-4A baseball action.

The Harvesters are now 4-0 in district play and 13-5-1 for the season. Palo Duro drops to 1-3 and 6-11. The game was called after six inning due to the 10-

Lindsey (2-0) also hit a tworun homer in the first inning to spot Pampa a 2-0 lead. He struck out nine and retired the first six hitters he faced.

Shepard's bases-loaded homer off Dons' starter Michael Hutcherson in the fourth pushed Pampa's lead to 11-1.

Pinch hitter Carey Knutson put the finishing touches on PD with a two-run double in the sixth, making the score 14-2.

Shepard also had an run-scoring single and Lindsey an RBI double to add to Pampa's coneach had two hits and an RBI up four hits, his fewest since last good curve," he said.

Pampa hosts Borger at 4:30

Rangers defeat Blue Jays

Rick Helling has been trying for and walking four. years to convince Texas manager Johnny Oates to let him throw 150 pitches in a game.

"When I was at Stanford, I threw 160 pitches every time out," Helling says, pleading his own case. "So pitch counts don't bother me."

They bother Oates, though, and he was particularly concerned Sunday when Helling needed 75 pitches to get through the first three innings. Helling became more economical and lasted six, earning the victory as Texas beat Toronto 7-5.

Helling (1-0) allowed three runs — two earned — in six sistent hitting attack. Casey innings to snap a career-worst "Usually, my big strikeout Owens and Russell Robben four-game losing streak. He gave games come when I have the

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - June, while striking out seven

It seemed like Helling went to a full count with about every other hitter. Two of his walks were stacked between a run of five straight strikeouts in the second and third innings, sending

his pitch count way up.
"I know in my heart, in the long haul, keeping his pitch count down is a plus for us and a plus for Rick," Oates said.

Helling is starting to rely more on his changeup and he's getting more confident in his slider. He threw it early in the count to several Blue Jays, which surprised

The key, though, was his curveball.

Griffey Jr. connects for his first home run

By The Associated Press

shutout of the season wasn't won it with a single. surprising, either.

the Chicago Cubs.

24 before his two-run homer before he catches on fire." off Scott Downs. "If four games makes a Diamondbacks 1, Pirates 0

lot of people in this locker room, including myself, that wouldn't be here," Griffey said.

Johnson, another Mariners and struck out 13 to beat Jason Schmidt in the Arizona Diamondbacks's 1-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"A game like today is extra that any mistake by the pitcher could be the ballgame," the Big Unit said. "I had no room to make any mistakes."

In other games, Atlanta beat San Francisco 9-3, Florida edged Colorado 7-6, Montreal defeated San Diego 2-1, St. Louis routed Milwaukee 11-2 Philadelphia beat and Houston 3-2. Los Angeles' game at New York was snowed out and will be made up April 24.

At Cincinnati, the Reds rallied from a 6-0 deficit and overcame Sammy Sosa's second homer of the series.

put Chicago ahead 7-6, Matt six. Karchner (0-1) walked Griffey Marlins 7, Rockies 6 It was only a matter of time in the bottom half, and third Preston Wilson hit a contro- Lopes unsuccessfully argued until Ken Griffey Jr. hit his baseman Shane Andrews versial home run and Mike with third-base umpire C.B. first home run for Cincinnati. threw away Hal Morris' bunt, Lowell drove in four runs Bucknor. That Randy Johnson pitched sending Griffey home with with a three-run double in the the National League's first the tying run. Alex Ochoa fifth and a solo homer in the

"It was nice to see him break "It was bound to come," out of that drought, get that down the left-field line off Griffey said Sunday after the first homer out of the way, Pedro Astacio (0-2) in the first Reds' 8-7, 11-inning win over that first run out of the way," inning appeared to be foul by Reds manager Jack McKeon about six feet. But third-base Griffey, acquired from said. "Maybe he'll relax a little umpire John Shulock, in his Seattle in January, was 2-for- bit. It's just a matter of time first series at Pro Player

game. He has 127 double-digit Alfonseca pitched the ninth strikeout games in his career, for his third save. including both of his starts Expos 2, Padres 1 this season.

question is 'What's wrong?" Arizona manager Buck ninth for his second save. special because you realize Showalter said. "That's a heck of a thing to operate under tying single in the sixth off every time out."

one out in the seventh off walking Trace Coquillette Schmidt (0-2). took third on with the bases loaded. Travis Lee's bloop single to center and scored on Lenny. Harris' sacrifice fly.

Braves 9, Giants 3

in the fifth inning for a 3-2 blast off Valerio de los Santos lead at Turner Field and (0-1) in the first. added a two-run single in the sixth that chased starter Russ Ortiz (0-1).

After Damon Buford's RBI two runs and five hits in Louis. Drew's two-run shot in single off Danny Graves (2-0) seven innings, and struck out the eighth appeared to be sev-

eighth.

Wilson's two-run homer

Stadium, called the ball fair. Ryan Dempster (1-1) struck

At Olympic Stadium, "Every time he walks out Hideki Irabu (1-1) allowed refugee, pitched a five-hitter there if he doesn't strike out one run and seven hits in 10 and give up five or six hits seven innings in his first and throw a shutout or give appearance against the team up one or two runs, the first he refused to play for in 1997. Ugueth Urbina pitched the

Lee Stevens hit a game-Brian Boehringer (0-1), who Steve Finley singled with forced in the go-ahead run by

Cardinals 11, Brewers 2

Rookie Rick Ankiel (1-0), making his sixth career start, had a career-high 10 strike-Bobby Bonilla had his first outs in six innings. Mark three-RBI game since May 6, McGwire led a six-homer 1998. Bonilla hit a solo homer attack with his a three-run

Craig Paquette, Edmonds, Edgar Renteria, Shawon Dunston and J.D. Tom Glavine (1-0) allowed Drew also homered at St.

inches foul, and Philadelphia. Milwaukee manager Davey

Phillies 3, Astros 2

Steve Schrenk (1-1) got five outs for the win. Wayne Gomes retired Daryle Ward on a inning-ending groundout Mickey Morandini's two- with the bases loaded in the out RBI single off Jay Powell eighth and Gomes finished for visiting his second save.

Lady Harvesters claim Amarillo Relays crown

PAMPA — The Pampa Lady out nine in 7 1-3 innings at Harvesters won nine events and career, there would be a whole Johnson (2-0) his 26th career Miami, allowing three runs finished with 155 points to win place, 11:26.15; Samantha Hurst, shutout and 69th complete and five hits, and Antonio the Amarillo Girls Relays last fifth place, 12:05.63; Vanessa Orr, weekend. The Lady Harvesters finished far ahead of Palo Duro, which finished second with 89 points.

"It was a good meet for us. The irls really performed well," said PHS head coach Mike Lopez.

Pampa won both the 400 and 800-meter relays and distance runner Beth Lee won both the 3200 and 800. Other Lady Harvesters who came away with first-place medals were Rebecca Fatheree (3200), Tandi Morton (100 hurdles), Levonne Evans (200), Angela Phillips (shot put) and Ashleigh Patton (triple jump).

The unbeaten Lady Harvesters compete in the District 3-4A meet April 18-20 at Hereford. Pampa has won 16 consecutive district championships.

Amarillo Girls Relays (Class 4A-5A)

At Dick Bivins Stadium

Team standings: 1. Pampa 155; 2. Palo Duro 89; 3. Amarillo High 84; 4. Canyon 74; 5. Borger 44; 6. Tascosa 42; 7. Hereford 39; 8. Clovis, N.M. 36; 9. Dumas 18; 10. (tie) Randall and Caprock 2.

Pampa results 3200: Rebecca Fatheree, first

sixth place, 12:15.05. 400 relay: Pampa, (Evans, Young, Covalt, Stowers) first place, 50.03.

800: Beth Lee, first place, 2:23.68; T'Andra Holmes, third

place, 2:31.74. 100 hurdles: Tandi Morton, first

place, 15.16. 800 relay: Pampa (Stowers, Young, Covalt, Evans), first place,

300 hurdles: Jandi Morton, fourth place, 49.78.

200: Levonne Evans, first place,

1600: Beth Lee, first place, 5:25.89; Rebecca Fatheree, second place, 5:30.44; Samantha Hurst,

sixth place, 5:45.45. 1600 relay: Pampa, sixth place,

Shot put: Angela Phillips, first place, 38-8 1/4. Discus: Angela Phillips, second place, 103-2; Diana Solis, fifth

place, 93-11. Long jump: Chasity Nachtigall,

fifth place, 15-3. Triple jump: Ashleigh Patton, first place, 36-3; 6. Teryn Stowers,

sixth place, 33-3. High jump: Chels McCullough, sixth place, 5-0. Chelsea

Pampa golf teams win district

Saturday at Pheasant Trails.

of the District 3-4A boys' tournament with a nine-shot lead. They finished 19 shots ahead. Sophomore Daniel Heuston

won medalist honors for the Pampa boys while teammate Matt Heasley finished right behind him. Heasley, a senior, had a 73 for the day's low

round. The Lady Harvesters went in with a 22-shot advantage and won by 60. Pampa seniors Cortnie Allison and Maggie Cowan were second and third, respectively, in the medalist

District 3-4A Tournament Final results

Girls Team standings: 1. Pampa

DUMAS — Both Pampa 3. Caprock 407-2,033; 4. 3. Dumas 316-1,625; boys' and girls' golf teams cap- Hereford 407-2,074; 5. Borger B Hereford 327-1,638; 5. Pampa B tured the District 3-4A champi- 420-2,100; 6. Pampa B 440- 330-1,675; 6. Borger B 343onships in the last round 2,145; 7. Hereford B 446-2,227; 1,737; 7. Hereford B 355-1,809; 8. Caprock B 482-2,447; 9. Palo 8. Palo Duro 376-1,833; 9. (tie) Pampa begin the final round Duro 492-2,529.

Medalists: 1. Afton Messenger, Borger, 87-419; 2. Cortnie Allison, Pampa, 79-433; 3. Maggie Cowan, Pampa, 86-440; 4. Becca Scott, Borger, 95-446; 5. Stefanie Harwood, Pampa, 96-447; 6. Annie Saucedo, Caprock, 90-454.

Pampa scores: Cortnie 402. Allison 79-433; Maggie Cowan 86-440; Stefanie Harwood 96-447; Cortney Locknane 94-473; Lynnsee Hancock 89-484. Pampa B scores: Annie Sims

97-501; Jessica Nicolet 110-513; Michelle Haley 116-570; Cody Wisdom 117-604. Pampa singles: Taryn Fallon 129; Jeanie Palmateer 126.

Team standings: 1. Pampa 348-1,792; 2. Borger 386-1,852; 305-1,597; 2. Borger 315-1,616; Josh Miller 102.

Caprock 357-1,839; Dumas B 351-1,839.

Daniel Medalists: Heuston, Pampa, 77-387; 2. Matt Heasley, Pampa, 73-394; 3. (tie) Cole Register, Borger, 395; Jeremy West, Borger, 78-395; 5. Peyton Ward, Hereford, 81-398; 6. Charlie Romero, Dumas, 84-

Pampa scores: Heuston 77-387; Matt Heasley 73-394; Anthony Tiedt 76-407; Cory Fowler 79-418; Craig Stout 92-420.

Pampa B scores: Trevor Stowers 82-418; Brad Stucker 92-426; Ryan Black 87-430; Shane Story 93-436; Daniel Williams, dq.

Pampa singles: Mitch Schilling 83; Ross Buzzard 97;

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(Special photo)

Jake Woodruff (left) and Ashleigh Burns of Pampa won the Doubles A Division at the Amarillo Area Youth Bowling Tournament held earlier this year.

Pampa girls avenge earlier loss to Herd

Pampa Lady Harvesters avenged an earlier 9-8 setback to Hereford pounding the Lady Whitefaces 12-2 at Optimist Park.

The Lady Whitefaces were alone in second place at 4-3 going into the contest.

With the win, Pampa improved to 4-4 in district play and are tied with Hereford for second place.

Stephanie Clark picked up the win and improved her district mark to 4-3. Clark struck out four, issued three base on balls and scattered eight hits, all singles, in holding the Lady Whitefaces to just two runs.

Hereford threatened early. In the first with no outs, back to back singles loaded the bases.

ball action over the weekend, the inning unscathed as the next ner on. With two outs, a windthree batters were retired in blown popup to shallow right

Pampa plated one run in each of the first three innings and held

balls allowed the Lady and a base on balls, the Lady

remainder of the game.
In Pampa's half of the fourth, the Lady Harvesters added three runs on two hits, two base on balls and an error to extend the their half of the inning to end the lead to 6-2.

In the fifth inning, Hereford

PAMPA — In District 3-4A soft- Clark was able to escape the was only able to get one baserun- hits, eight walks and two errors. field resulted in Hereford's final baserunner of the day. The next Morgan White each had one sinof the first three innings and the a 3-0 lead going into the fourth.

The Lady Whitefaces scored Hereford's half of the inning.

In the bottom of the fifth, the batter popped out to Stephanie Cameron at second to end

fourth without collecting a hit. Lady Harvesters looked to build Three errors and two base on on their lead. With two singles Whitefaces to pull within one 3-2 Harvesters loaded the bases with going into the bottom of the no outs. However, a forced runfourth. Pampa's defense settled ner at the plate and a 5, 5-4 doudown and played error-free the ble play ended the inning without a score.

> Pampa retired the Lady Whitefaces in order in the sixth, then exploded for six runs in game on the 10-run rule.

Pampa's 12 runs came on 10

Stephanie Cameron led all batters going 3 for 4 with a double while Sabrina Johnson and

The Lady Harvesters travel to Borger for a rematch with the Lady Bulldogs. Pampa dropped a 5-1 decision to Borger in their first district meeting. A win by Pampa on Tuesday, coupled with a win over Palo Duro on Friday in Pampa's final regularseason game, will send the Lady Harvesters to their second consecutive post-season appearance.

Lady The Harvesters advanced to the Class 4A Regional semi-finals in 1999 in their first year of UIL competi-

but the roars of the crowd ahead

didn't deter Singh from his task.

Neither did David Duval, even

when he sunk three birdie putts on

the front nine that Singh promptly

Singh holds off challengers to win Masters Tiger Woods took his shot early,

'AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — While learned how to play golf from said. "But winning this one now vinning the Masters won't change videotapes in Fiji and refined it by has really given me all the confiwinning the Masters won't change Vijay Singh, winning a few more majors might.

"If you win once, many people may say you got lucky, you got good breaks," Singh said. "But if you can win twice, it's a self-satisfaction as well. You really believe in yourself that you can do it again and again."

Another chapter in one of the most improbable stories in golf unfolded Sunday when the man who learned the game in a place far removed from the manicured grounds of Augusta National won

Thanks to a fling-it-and-hope,

buzzer-beating, 25-foot shot in

overtime, the Miami Heat finally

ended their regular season jinx

Now if only Miami could do

Tim Hardaway's desperation

3-pointer, with the Knicks' Chris

Childs all over him, rattled

through the rim Sunday, allow-

ing Miami to close in on its

Miami leads New York by

three games in the Atlantic with

six to play and holds the

Miami the season series for the

The Heat were 13-35 overall

during the regular season

against New York heading into

And New York has knocked

Miami out of the Eastern

Conference playoffs twice in a

Allan Houston's last-second

In a similar finish, Hardaway

took an inbound pass with 4.7

seconds left and his team down

two. Harried by Childs,

Hardaway clutched the ball

against his right hip and threw

up a shot which left the Knicks in

"A miracle," Van Gundy said.

"A prayer," Patrick Ewing

"I was all over him," Childs

said. "I thought I had him

stopped. He just stood back,

threw it up and it went in. Great

In other NBA action Sunday,

players make great plays."

"This obviously puts

Jeff Van Gundy said.

the current campaign.

first time, 3-1.

shock.

against the New York Knicks.

the same in the playoffs.

By The Associated Press

beating balls in the rain jungles of

He did it despite a funny looking putter and a cross-handed grip that combined for more putts than any Masters champion before him.

And he served notice that he may do it again, and again, and

If Singh's first major win in the 1998 PGA Championship was considered a fluke, his second win in the last six majors certainly validates him as one of the game's

Singh won despite having of winning all the majors," Singh win over Ernie Els.

Orlando beat Philadelphia 92-80,

107-99, and Golden

dence that I can go out there and win a lot more.

It wasn't always that way for the 37-year-old Singh, who never lost either his confidence or the faith that somehow he would eventually persevere through banishment from the game.

"He feels thankful just to be here, unlike a lot of other players," Davis Love III said.

Singh methodically held off challenges from the game's biggest stars Sunday, escaping disaster twice at Amen Corner for

matched. Singh never let go of the lead he grabbed at the 12th hole Saturday, holding off Duval in the morning dew to finish the third round and coming back to do it again as the shadows lengthened over

Augusta National. "I don't think anyone should be surprised Vijay won this golf tournament," Duval said. "He's one "I feel that I had a lot of chances what turned out to be a three-shot of the best players on this plan-

Hardaway's heave helps Heat edge Knicks Stars, Coyotes deadlock

DALLAS (AP) — Jere Lehtinen offs," said Briere, the 24th overall got healthy just in time for the pick of the 1996 draft. "It's been a playoffs.

Lehtinen, one of the key players on Dallas' Stanley Cup team last season, returned to the Stars lineup after missing 35 games with an ankle injury. He played almost 14 minutes in Sunday's 2-2 tie with

the Phoenix Coyotes. "I was a little tired in the third period, but I felt good," said Lehtinen, a two-time winner of the Selke Trophy as the league's top defensive forward. "It's good to get over this and get ready for the Briere. the playoffs. It's been tough not

playing for 3 1/2 months." Lehtinen finished with four shots on goal and said he had no ter was sent back to Springfield pain in the troublesome ankle after contributing only one assist. that forced him to miss a total of 65 games this season.

Stars coach Ken Hitchcock calls Lehtinen the team's "glue player" — the player who does a lot of little things that don't appear in the

"He's huge for us," teammate Blake Sloan said. "He's an inspiration, how hard he works. All the ups and downs he's had this year have been heartbreaking."

The Stars, who finished second in the Western Conference, will play host to Edmonton, the conference's seventh-place finisher, in the first-round.

Phoenix, which finished sixth, begins its first-round series against Colorado in Denver.

The Coyotes rallied from a twogoal deficit behind Daniel Briere's first goal of the season midway through the second period.

Recalled on Saturday from Springfield of the AHL, Briere skated up the right side, went in alone and beat Stars goalie Ed Belfour from close range at 10:46 of the second period.

"I wanted to come in here and let them know if they need me, I'll be ready to help them in the play- it.

roller coaster ride this season, but the dream is still there and the

champion, took a 2-0 second-period lead on goals by Mike Keane and Roman Lyashenko before Phoenix rallied behind Briere and Shane Doan's second-period goal.

Tkachuk (ankle) and Juha Ylonen (stomach) out for Phoenix, the Coyotes wanted to see more of

played 12 games with the Coyotes, but the 22-year-old cen-Briere scored 29 goals in 58 games for Springfield, earning him another look.

today," Coyotes coach Bob Francis said. "He moved well, created a number of quality chances and was in position to

The Stars will open defense of the Stanley Cup winless in their last five regular season games (0-3-2), but Dallas center Mike Modano said his team will be mentally sharp for the playoffs.

Dallas took a 1-0 lead at 6:43 of left circle.

the slot for his sixth goal made it 2-0 at 3:43 of the second period.

2-1 on Doan's rebound, his 26th goal. Briere's 10th NHL goal tied

fire's still burning."
Dallas, the Pacific Division

With top forwards Keith

Earlier this season, Briere

"I thought he was very good use his speed."

"We know what it takes to step it up for the playoffs," Modano said. "The experience we gained last year can take us a long way. We had to go through it first-hand to understand it. We know what buttons to push."

the opening period on Keane's 13th goal from the bottom of the

Lyashenko's wrist shot from

Phoenix narrowed the deficit to

Charlotte topped Indiana 96-80, Houston held off Utah 99-90, Phoenix beat Sacramento 102-97, San Antonio defeated Vancouver

downed Denver 117-103. Ewing was outplayed by an opposing center for the second straight Sunday on national TV.

Miami's Alonzo Mourning had 33 points, 11 rebounds and six blocked shots to fellow Division title by beating New O'Neal had 34 points, 12 Nov. 9, 1996. on Saturday, outscore Van York 95-94. rebounds to Ewing's 14 and John Stockton led Utah, which 30-16 in the third quarter.

way out in front," Knicks coach Lakers. The win was Miami's seasonhigh seventh straight and the team's 19th in 20 home games. Both of those streaks bode well tiebreaker edge: The win gave for the upcoming playoffs, but some Miami players saw a more meaningful sign in Hardaway's heroics.

"That shot was up there a long time," Heat forward P.J. Brown said. "It was like 'Hoosiers.' You hear the music — I can't hum it, but it's like a harp and a violin.

"It was the most unbelievable thing I've ever seen."

row. A year ago, the eighth-seeded Knicks eliminated the Heat on Magic 92, 76ers 80 Orlando continued its push for a playoff berth, closing a 7-1 holding homestand by Philadelphia's Allen Iverson to six points in the first half and 18

> for the game. Ron Mercer led five Orlando players in double figures with 17 points as the Magic moved two games ahead of Milwaukee in the race for the final spot in the Eastern Conference. Orlando, which has won eight of nine, visits the Bucks tonight.

> Iverson was held without a field goal until 5:21 remained in the second quarter and finished Hornets 96, Pacers 80

7-of-22 from the floor.

Eddie Jones, Derrick Coleman and Elden Campbell each scored 19 points as Charlotte, at home, clinched a playoff berth by snapping a two-game losing slide.

Jalen Rose scored 18 points for Indiana, which had won four straight.

Rockets 99, Jazz 90

Steve Francis scored a gamehigh 26 points as Houston ended a four-year drought against visiting Utah. The Jazz had won the Georgetown alum Ewing's 13, 14 last 12 regular-season games fourth consecutive Atlantic and three. Last week, Shaquille between the teams, dating to

eight as New York lost to the came in on a three-game winning Warriors 117, Nugg streak, with 23 points. Suns 102, Sacramento 97

Penny Hardaway had 25 points, 12 rebounds and six assists as Phoenix completed a four-game season sweep at Sacramento and snapped a twogame slide.

After missing three straight games with a left calf strain, Chris Webber returned to the Sacramento lineup with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Spurs 107, Grizzlies 99

Tim Duncan had 31 points and 11 rebounds and San Antonio won on the road for the second straight night to stay a half-game behind fourth-place Phoenix in the Western Conference stand-

Duncan's 11 points helped San Antonio, which beat the Lakers on Saturday, outscore Vancouver

Larry Hughes had a careerhigh 44 points and host Golden State scored a season-high 41 in the first quarter to end an 11game losing slide.

Antonio McDyess led Denver with 25 points and 12 rebounds.

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Martin steals one in winning Goody's 500

Mark Martin was more than happy to take over the lead when the race leaders headed for pit road with 64 laps to go in the Goody's 500.

After spending all day fighting with his car just to keep up, Martin hoped he could make the position last long enough to hang on against an inevitable rush of contenders to the front and at in. least come away with a hardearned top 10 finish.

When no one even challenged him down the stretch Sunday, even though he was driving on much older tires because of his late gamble, he got much more.

Martin won the caution-filled

Winston Cup race at Martinsville Speedway, only his second victo-

ry in 29 starts on a track he admits to always struggling on.
"We stole one today," Martin
said after beating Jack Roush teammate Jeff Burton by 1.5 seconds. "For my team to win at Martinsville with me is the

ever have, because I'm terrible here and I know it."

first 436 laps around the tight .526-mile oval. But when Wallace, Dale Earnhardt and Ward Burton pitted with 64 laps to go, the fourth-pace Martin didn't consider following them

."There was no question we were staying out because we had actually pitted when other guys hadn't hoping to have fresh tires or something," he said. Martin's stop came after 411

laps, 25 circuits earlier than the leaders. But his car was running better than it had all day, and it was more than enough.

"I was hoping to get a top 10 finish, and nobody came and nobody came and nobody came," he said. "Right now, this feels like the biggest win of my career."

His 32nd career victory was

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) - biggest victory that they could one he wanted to share with

'There's so much to say here," Martin was a non-factor as he said in Victory Lane. "Special Rusty Wallace dominated the thanks to Jeff Burton and (Burton's crew chief) Frank Stoddard. We ran so pitiful in practice yesterday that we went to 'em begging to help us and they did."

> Burton finished an improbable second after a tough day of his own, followed by Michael Waltrip, Jeff Gordon and defending points champion Dale Jarrett. It was the first 1-2 finish for Roush drivers since August 1998

> at Bristol. 'Me finishing second today is borderline a felony," said Burton, a native of South Boston, about 60 miles from the track, "We might need to spend a few hours in jail before we go home,

> ish second." Wallace, who led 343 laps, wound up 10th in his 500th

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WASHINGTON (AP) - For Americans who pay full price at the pharmacy window, prescriptions cost at least 15 percent more than the discount drug prices insurance companies get, passing savings along to their enrollees, according to a new Clinton administration

White House officials said the study, released today, bolsters President Clinton's call for drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries. Under Clinton's proposal, which would cost \$195 billion over 10 years, the government would contract with the same drug-purchasing firms used by many private health plans to get discounts and rebates for bulk purchases.

That would let retirees and disabled Americans in Medicare benefit from the same lower prices for drugs that people in private health plans do, the officials said.

The administration study also echoed previous findings that retirees without supplemental private drug coverage in addition to Medicare - which doesn't cover drug costs except those administered in hospital or clinical settings — get fewer drugs than they need. It found that although health status between the two groups is similar, senior citizens without drug coverage purchase one-third fewer drugs and pay nearly twice as much for them as those with coverage.

Using new data from Medicare and audits of pharmacy pricing, the study by the Health and Human Services Department also sought to disprove Republican assertions that lack of drug coverage is mainly a problem for poorer Americans.

It showed that one out of every four Medicare beneficiaries with costs higher incomes — defined as about \$45,000 for a couple — lack coverage for prescription drugs.

"There is no significant decrease in the gap in drug spending as cent higher than what insurers pay, the study said.

income rises, suggesting that drug coverage makes a difference across all incomes," the White House said in a statement.

The study, ordered by the White House last fall, comes as the administration and Congress are locked in a heated debate about how to help elderly and disabled Americans who get health insur-

ance through Medicare pay for drugs.

Clinton wants a drug benefit available as an option for all 39 million Medicare beneficiaries that would start out paying up to \$1,000 in drug costs for a \$26 monthly premium, with both coverage and premiums increasing over time. He has criticized drug companies for high prices and Medicare could help the elderly get discounts.

Alan Holmer, president of the Pharmaceutical Research and

Manufacturers of America said that momentum is growing in Congress for an alternative, private-sector solution and urged Clinton to work with lawmakers.

"The president's plan is the wrong solution," said Holmer in a

Congressional Republicans want to target aid to low-income people who they say need the most help in paying for prescriptions. GOP lawmakers have proposed ideas such as subsidizing premiums or giving tax credits to low-income retirees who buy private insur-

Last week the Senate passed a budget blueprint earmarking \$40 billion to help older Americans pay for drugs. But the budget does

not require the new program or propose specifics.
White House officials say the HHS study probably understates the price disparity for people without drug coverage because insurers often get rebates after bulk drug purchases, further lowering their

The affect of rebates, which HHS didn't examine, could mean drug costs for people paying full retail price are 17 percent to 35 per-

Fort Worth: Streets reopening near hard-hit high-rise

downtown streets here are reopening today after removal of completed. broken glass from a high-rise office tower hard-hit by last month's killer twister.

Glass removal was completed Sunday at the Bank One Tower. So city crews are taking down barricades that have blocked parts of adjacent streets.

But city spokesman Pat Svacina will still be prohibited from walk- Tarrant County on March 28.

FORT WORTH (AP) — Several ing around the building until scaf-wintown streets here are refolding for covered walkways is

The scaffolding work was expected to begin today.

"It's going to make a lot of difference in the mornings," said

Shards of falling glass from shattered windows had prevented driving around the Bank One Tower after the storms that killed

gathered on the north side of Bank sheds in the neighborhood. One for a concert to benefit torna-

decided a week ago to organize the the Linwood area. benefit, securing the help of musi-

The tornado tore off roofs, blew their uninsured losses.

On Sunday, dozens of residents out windows and carried away

"These are people who don't have the money to pay for deposits Latin Express singer Leo Saenz to move," said Eva Bonilla, an and disc jockey Bob Bonilla had event volunteer who grew up in

Business and home owners cians such as former Jimi Hendrix whose property was destroyed by drummer Buddy Miles, and Little the tornado got some relief Friday when President Clinton declared The event's proceeds will help Tarrant County a major disaster told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram five people and caused an estimat-in today's editions that pedestrians ed \$450 million in damage in Linwood neighborhood nearby. and individuals to recoup some of

After Snake River, **Mighty Missouri tops** 'most endangered' list

WASHINGTON (AP) — Freshwater species in North America's rivers are disappearing as swiftly as those in tropical rainforests because of decades of dam building, digging of navigation chan-nels and construction of floodwalls and levees, the environmental group American Rivers said.

The group planned to name a dozen rivers today as the nation's most endangered. Last month, American Rivers announced its No. 1 most endangered, the Snake River in Washington state.

The Missouri River is second on the list, which was released today during a series of news conferences across the nation.

Dams have an impact on four of the top five rivers on this year's list. The Snake's designation was based on four dams built in the

1970s that have brought salmon runs to the brink of extinction. The plight of three species along the Missouri prompted American Rivers and another group, Environmental Defense, to announce plans last month to sue the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over dam operations and channelization. The species are two endangered shorebirds, the least tern and piping plover, and the pallid sturgeon, an ancient shark-shaped fish with an armor-like shell.

"America's native fish are homeless in most parts of the country," said Rebecca Wodder, American Rivers' president.

"We have straightened the curves, blocked the flows and hardened the banks of thousands of miles of waterways, wiping out habitat and making it difficult for our nation's rivers to support native fish and wildlife," she added.

The other dam-threatened rivers, the group said, were the Ventura River in California and Tri-State River Basins of Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

David Tuft, spokesman for the National Hydropower Association in Washington, D.C., faulted American Rivers for oversimplifying the issue. "This is a complicated, difficult problem that's facing the region," he said.

Along the Missouri, the corps in recent weeks delayed implementation of its new river management plan, citing concerns about the same endangered species. The plan for controlling the flow of the 2,500-mile waterway was to have taken effect this month, but the corps announced Thursday it has been postponed

Paul Johnston, a corps spokesman in Omaha, Neb., said recently the agency will consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on restoring endangered species. The Fish and Wildlife Service has expressed concern that the Missouri River management proposal would threaten those species.

The Fish and Wildlife Service said the key problem has been the corps' leveling of flows, eliminating high water during the spring and supplementing naturally reduced flows each summer.

On the Net: American Rivers: www.americanrivers.org



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Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's Texas IT Academy recruiting applicants

AUSTIN — As part of her e-Texas initiative, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander is looking for Texans interested in high-tech careers to take part in an innovative publicprivate partnership called the Texas IT Academy.

"E-Texas' goal is to help state government meet the challenges of the Internet Age," Comptroller Rylander said. "One of our biggest challenges is to make sure we have enough highly trained state workers who have high-tech skills."

"The Texas IT Academy is going to be the state's 'farm system' for supplying highly trained, hightech workers," she said.

The Texas Information Technology Academy is recruiting applicants — from recent college graduates to professionals looking for a career change — to train to fill IT jobs. Currently in Texas, about 34,000 IT jobs are

Texas IT Academy participants will earn an entry-level salary, and upon completion of The 12-week program, beginning this sum-career centers across Texas.

Technology companies, including Dell Computer Corp., Compaq Computer Corp., Sun Microsystems, Sybase, Keane and IBM Corp., are working closely with the Comptroller's Office and a number of other state agencies on the project. The agencies and the technology companies will provide staff and expertise for the academy.

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mer, will be based in Austin and will cover application development, analysis/administration, e-business and systems administra-

"There is high demand for highly skilled, technical workers — and that demand is growing in state government," Comptroller Rylander said. "The state must be prepared to fill those positions, because in the not too distant future, e-government will be government."

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Texas IT Academy applications are available on-line at www.texasitacademy.org, by calling 800-252-1390 or at college and university

Community Calendar

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY announces a children's program at 10 a.m. each Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. Open to all children ages 18-months to five years. Programs include crafts and stories. FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the fourth Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION meets at 2 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center. For more information, contact Carolyn Smith, 665-5158.

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MEALS ON WHEELS Garage Sale, 900 N. Frost, will be every Monday throughout February and April. For more information, call Cindy Gindorf, 669-1007.

PAMPA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER Water Aerobics class will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713, or Lee, Betty or Liz at Pampa Youth Center, 665-0748. PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL office will be open from 10

a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. PALC volunteers work with people who need basic reading/writing skills as well as English as a second language. For more information, call 665-2331.

GIRL SCOUTS are still taking orders for cookie sales. The cookies will arrive in Pampa Feb. 18 and will be delivered March 9. Look for booths in area businesses. To place an order, contact a Girl Scout or call 669-6862 or 665-2751.

GRAY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY HEADQUARTERS located in the Combs-Worley Building, 120 W. Kingsmill, Suite 202. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 669-1276.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER National Sexual Assault Awareness

Month. Tralee will coordinate a project to help with community awareness. For more information, call 669-1131. 15 - NATIONAL REGISTER PLAQUE DEDICATION and Community Awards will be at 2 p.m. in Gray County Court House, second floor, court room. For more information, call Darlene Birkes, 665-2913.

15 - MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH "Revival Fund-Raising" will be from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Howard Compressors on Price Road. 17 - WORTH THE WAIT will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. in Pampa Middle School Library. The purpose of the meeting is to inform parents of last year's survey results as well as to present a proposed new survey tool to be administered to students in May. This meeting is for all parents of sixth-12th grade students and other interested individuals. The information will be presented in both English and Spanish. For more information, contact Worth the Wait at 669-6222. 18 - PAMPA SOCCER ASSOCIATION "Annual Meeting" will be

669-1273 and leave a message. 18 - THE GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Luncheon will be held in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The sponsor will be Bank of America. The event will be catered by Hoagie's.

at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, call

18 - PAMPA SOCCER ASSOCIATION will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information,

call 669-1273 and leave a message on the answering machine.

19 - MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, 441 Elm, and Pastor I.L. Patrick invite the public to "New Wave 2000 Revival" at 7 p.m. nightly. Come experience the presence of God and anointing to Break Forth into Kingdom Vision; Breaking Forth to Take Dominion." Ministers will include Patrick and Mike Stevens of Shreveport, La. Also, come and enjoy God's praises with Tonya Stevens ministering in music along with Macedonia Praise Team. 20 - PFAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. For more information, call 665-0343. 20-22 - ACT I COMMUNITY THEATRE will present "A Night of

One Acts" directed by Eric DeMar and Debra Hartman. For more information, call Berinda at 665-9369 or Shelia at 665-3291. 29 - TOP O' TEXAS CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER - Pregnancy Support Center will hold its "Walk for Life" at 9 a.m. at the Pampa High School Track. For more information, call 669-2229.

Letters to the editor

Our nation needs people who will set good examples

To the editor,

The "Pampa Pride, Special Edition" of The Pampa News was helpful in promoting our community. Or was it? Theme featured on one complete page were those that ran our PEDC. Even though, as reported by this paper on two front page stories, these individuals have broken our state's open meetings laws.

I believe the PEDC on this paper, or both, who ever put this ad together and had it run should have just as well slapped every taxpayer and resident of Pampa in the face. I fail to comprehend or understand how Pampa cart promote itself by featuring and "promoting" law-breakers! I read and hear over and over from those who want prayer back in our public schools and school functions (football

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games etc.). Some want the Ten Commandments posted on the other What for? How better can we serve our children than by example? It won't do us or the country any good in God's eyes to holler "Amen! Amen!" and yet we disregard God's teachings and commandments and our laws! Clearly, it's easy now to see the dangers of one political party (Christian Conservatives) gaining control of most of this state's public offices. Our laws will be applied to those who are not of their political affiliation, while they can choose to ignore or break or laws as they see fit. No, prayers at football games nor the posting of the Ten Commandments in public places will please God or help our children live by and obey laws. We as adults carry a moral obligation to show our children, by good exam-

Ray Velasquez Pampa

County can only afford so many miscalculations

Once again, it looks like the Gray County Judge is trying to shift blame from himself to someone else. Looks like he made another bad

Judge Peet says, according to an article in the Pampa Daily News on Monday, April 3, 2000, and I quote, "It's not the Employees' fault and it's not the County's fault." I do agree that it is not the employees' fault and is not the health providers'

Folks, we are talking about \$100,000 of Gray County's money and still growing. It lies directly on the shoulders of Judge Peet. This is another example of Judge Peet's bad decisions. How many bad decisions can the county afford? What about the commissioners? They vote also, don't they?

Ernest Wilkinson Gray County taxpayer



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First Assembly of God 500 South Cuyler Thurs 5:30 pm