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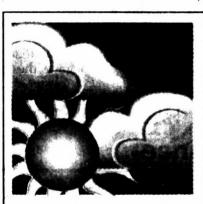
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High today, upper 70s Low tonight, 45-50 For weather details, see Page 2

Pampa Desk & Derrick Club members are to attend the Region V meeting at Amarillo, April 27 Scheduled events include seminars, field trips, business meetings and banquets.

The public is invited to the Industry Appreciation dinner, Saturday, April 29, beginning with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Featured speaker for the evening is NASA Astronaut Col. Rick Searfoss, USAF, Ret.

Col. Searfoss became an astronaut in 1991. He served as an STS-58 pilot on the seven-person life science research mission aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia in 1993. He also served aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis during which the crew performed the third docking of an American spacecraft with the Russian space station Mir.

Ticket prices and reservations are available by calling Rae Bagley at 665-8997 or Linda Slaybaugh at 669-7884 before April 27.

JASPER (AP) — James Byrd Sr. scored the inaugural basket on the court at a new city park named in honor of his murdered son, James

The park is the first of several planned for a city beautification project. It was named for the victim of a notorious June 1998 attack in which the younger Byrd was chained to a truck and dragged.

• Wanda Genelle Stansberry Blakemore, 69. Services pending.
• Bill Stephens, 73, retired

telephone cable repairman.

· Martha Organ, 63, home-

· Ruby D. Kirby, 66, home-

• Maria DeJesus Reyes, 62, homemaker.

· Dewey 'Van' Vandivere, 79, baker, former Shamrock resident.

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## Easter blaze claims life of local woman

By **DAVE BOWSER** Staff Writer

Services were pending today for a 69-year-old woman who died in a fire at her Pampa home Sunday.

Wanda Genelle Stansberry Blakemore, 69, of 1534 Hamilton, died early Sunday as smoke filled her Pampa home.

they were called to the home about 5:30 a.m. Sunday and notified by neighbors that Mrs. Blakemore might be inside.

A rescue team of firefighters pushed their way into the house through the thick, acrid smoke and found Mrs. Blakemore's lifeless body in a den area at the rear of her home.

Authorities said today that that the fire was brought under control in less than 30 minutes. Authorities said 12 firefighters and seven units were dispatched

Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens said he began his investigation about 8:30 a.m. Sunday after the smoke had been cleared from the home.

"It appears that the fire started from a cigarette that had fallen Fire officials said today that down into a reclining chair in the living room at the front of the home."

> Gary Stevens Pampa Fire Marshal

Based on his preliminary investigation, Stevens said it appears that the fire started from a cigarette that had fallen down into a reclining chair in the living room at the front of the home. He said fire damage was Ellen and Harvester Church of

contained to the area around the chair in the living room. The rest of the house sustained heavy smoke damage.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Bob Muns ordered an autopsy in the case to determine the cause of death. Authorities said it appears that Mrs. Blakemore may have died from smoke inhalation.

Officers said the body has been taken to Lubbock for the autopsy which was expected to be performed later today.

Funeral services for Mrs. Blakemore are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Blakemore had worked at Ward's Minute Mart and Zale's Jewelers. She was the first woman to work at the Pampa Post Office. She also worked in food service at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

She was a member of the Mary

## City to eye water well equipment bids

Bids for new pumps and motors for three of the city's wells will be presented to City Commissioners at the regular meeting Tuesday at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

The public work session prior to the meeting starts at 4:30 p.m. Public Works Director Richard Morris said he

will present two bids for consideration. "Our goal is to get the three wells running again before our heaviest water use months of July and

August," Morris said. The wells are in the city's well field south of coverage

Pampa and are among 12 "regular" wells owned by the city and three that are at the prison. Water from the wells supplements water the city

receives from Lake Meredith, Morris said. "We average 90 percent Lake Meredith water .. and that helps us to save water in our well field,"

Morris said.

In other business commissioners: will consider a proposal for the city's annual audit services

approve a bid award for general insurance



(Pampa News photo by Dave Bowse

Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens removes the emergency yellow fire barricade tape from in front o Wanda Blakemore's home at 1534 Hamilton. Mrs Blakemore died in a fire at the home early Easter morning.

## Skellytown man first to fail tint meter test

The tint meter has its first vic-

Robert Raymond Swearingim, 27, of Skellytown, was free on bonds totaling \$1,000 today after being arrested Saturday afternoon for having windows in his car that were too heavily tinted.

He was also charged with not having a valid driver's license and disorderly conduct.

Officers said Swearingim was stopped by Officer Keith Morris about 2:30 p.m. Saturday near the intersection of Hobart and

"His windows were too dark," Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said today.

Based on a test by the department's new tint meter which measures the amount of light that can pass through tinted

windows, Swearingim was cited for having unapproved tintec windows and for not having a valid driver's license.

Officers said Swearingin became verbally abusive and was arrested for disorderly con. Gray County Justice of the

Peace Bob Muns set bond for the driver's license charge at \$300 for the unapproved sunscreer charge at \$200 and for the disor derly conduct charge at \$500.

Under Texas law, only 35 percent of the light passing through the windshield and front passenger windows of a vehicle car be blocked.

Tinted windshield and front passenger windows must also display a Department of Public Safety certification sticker.

## Protesters move to federal complex

MIAMI (AP) - Women who had held morning prayers each day outside the home of Elian Gonzalez's Miami relatives moved their protest today to the federal courthouse complex, where they accused federal agents of child abuse.

More than 60 women dressed in black gathered peacefully, holding the widely seen photos of the 6-year-old boy and a federal agent with a gun. The original photo was taken by a photographer working for The Associated Press.

"As mothers and children we are here to condemn the child abuse perpetrated by federal authorities," said Sylvia Iriondo, who organized the months of prayers.

At the Gonzalez family home in the city's Little Havana section, one lone protester stood vigil as the day began.

Earlier today, protesters honked horns and waved Cuban flags as they cruised city streets. Others stood on streetcorners and police made several arrests when demonstrators failed to dis-Fire Department Battalion Chief Skip Kruse said a fire that broke

out behind a supermarket near where protesters had gathered was apparently set. There were no injuries. On Sunday, chanting demonstrators had mingled with cam-

corder-carrying spectators outside the house.

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Victor and Jessie Perez are proud of the accomplishments their class members at Panhandle Junior High have made while working on the service learning project which is improving unoccupied downtown business buildings in the com-

## Students clean up Panhandle

By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor** 

PANHANDLE-Local junior high students aren't vandalizing the community. Instead, these students are busy cleaning and putting an attractive touch on the downtown section of this small town.

In its second year in Panhandle, a federally-funded grant program is helping students to learn more about their community while they work to improve it.

The junior high students have were doing in their hometown, redecorated the store fronts of four Main Street buildings over the past two years. The beautification process improves the outer appearance of the downtown area as the buildings appear to be occupied with the work the students have accomplished.

Awnings have been installed at some business locations while attractive curtains are also hanging in some windows. When the Plaid Paint Company of Atlanta,

Ga., learned what the students

it agreed to donate paint to the project to be used to improve the downtown appearance. Several of the awnings were

donated by Amarillo businesses, according to Reva Roselius, who is working with the students in the endeavor. Roselius, counselor

Panhandle Junior High, is helping the students on the program. She said not only is the community getting a facelift on unoccupied buildings, but the students

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ORGAN, Martha — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

REYES, Maria DeJesus — Private family graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock.

STEPHENS, Billy J. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

## **Obituaries**

## WANDA GENELLE STANSBERRY BLAKE-MORE

Wanda Jenelle Stansberry Blakemore, 69, of Pampa, died Sunday, April 23, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

THELMA 'JEAN' JOHNSON Thelma "Jean" Johnson, 72, of Pampa, died Thursday, April 20, 2000, at Amarillo. Services

were to be at 2 p.m. today in Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ with Tim Walker, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Johnson was born July 23, 1927, at Borger. She had been a Pampa resident since 1945. She married Billy Joe Johnson on Jan. 4, 1947, at Pampa. She co-owned Bill's Custom Campers and belonged to the Church of

She was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Dewayne Casity, in 1942.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Joe, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Fred Founteno of San Angelo; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmy and Elizabeth Johnson and Jody and Vicki Johnson, all of Pampa, and Gale and Alice Martin of Midland; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Roy and Kate Casity of Stockton, Calif., and Alvin and Florene Casity of Smartsville, Calif.; 12 grandchildren, Bret Martin, Dawnya Tomlinson, Alicia Jeter, Jimmy Craig Johnson, Misti Dawn Johnson, Angela Porter, Amy Sutherland, Sabrina Johnson, Stacey Johnson, Bradley Johnson, Tiffany Martin and Ethan Founteno; and seven great-grandchildren, Tyler Tomlinson, Julie Jeter, Kayla Jeter, Allyson Jeter, Austin Johnson, Jordyn Johnson and Bradey Porter.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite

## RUBY D. KIRBY

AMARILLO - Ruby D. Kirby, 66, died Sunday, April 23, 2000. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Schooler Funeral Home Brentwood Chapel with the Rev. Arthur Hickox, of Full Gospel Fellowship, officiating. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Memorial Park Cemetery at Dalhart.

Ms. Kirby was born at Heavener, Okla.

Survivors include a daughter, Debbie Kirby of Canyon; two sons, Gary L. Day of Philadelphia and David Warden of Raton, N.M.; three stepsons, Tim Warden of White Deer and Tom Warden and James Warden, both of Clarksville, Tenn.; a sister, Barbara Hall of Point Blank; 13 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

## **MARTHA ORGAN**

Martha Organ, 63, of Pampa, died Saturday, April 22, 2000. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday

Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Pollard, pastor of Calvary Assembly of God Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Organ was born July 28, 1937, at Miami, to Izah

and Hazel Phillips. She married John Organ on June 8, 1971, at Barber County, Kan. She had been a lifelong Pampa area resident and was a home-

She was preceded in death by a son, Wayland McPherson, in 1997; and by a grandson, Cameron McPherson, in 1994.

Survivors include her husband, John, of the home; a daughter, Marcel Splane of Tulsa, Okla.; a son, Garland McPherson of Houston; a stepdaughter, Brenda Simpson of Midland; three stepsons, Larry Organ of Pampa and John C. Organ and Kenny Organ, both of Midland; two sisters, June Basham of Phoenix, Ariz., and Carolyn Goodner of Guthrie, Okla.; a brother, Joe Phillips of Pampa; and 17 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

MARIA DeJESUS REYES SHAMROCK — Maria DeJesus Reyes, 62, died Saturday, April 22, 2000. Private family graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Shamrock Cemetery. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of

Shamrock. Mrs. Reyes was born at Mission and had been a Shamrock resident since 1984. She married Israel Reyes in 1960; he died in 1998. She was a

homemaker. Survivors include a daughter, Irene Mayes of Shamrock; two sons, Israel Reyes Jr. and Ismael Reyes, both of Shamrock; a sister, Nale Galleagos

of Mission; a brother, Agustin Espericueta Jr. of Mission; and a grandchild.

**BILLY J. STEPHENS** 

Billy I. Stephens, 73, of Pampa, died Sunday, April 23, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the

direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral

Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Stephens was born April 2, 1927, at Marlow, Okla. In 1948, he went to work for Southwestern Bell Telephone and moved to Pampa in 1951. He was employed at the Borger barn for five years prior to retiring as a cable repairman in 1989. He married Tillie Stockton on Jan. 11, 1952, at Pampa; she died April 20, 1995. He married Mary Cook on May 30, 1997, at Albuquerque, N.M.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving from May 1945 to August 1946.

He belonged to First Baptist Church of Pampa and Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM, currently serving as Worshipful Master. He was a 32nd degree Mason and past president of Telephone Pioneers.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of the home; two daughters, Jackie Stephens of Pampa and Sharon Bradford of Canadian; three sons, Andy Stephens of Fritch, Cliff Stephens of Dallas and Mike Cook of Venice, Italy; a brother, Clifford Terry Stephens of Snyder, Okla.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

**DEWEY 'VAN' VANDIVERE** AMARILLO — Dewey "Van" Vandivere, 79, former Shamrock resident, died Thursday, April 20, 2000. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Temple Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Dickerson and Tommy Needham officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Vandivere was born at Tuxedo. He married Aline Anglin in 1940 at Shamrock. He had been an Amarillo resident since 1966, moving from Shamrock. He was a baker and belonged to Temple Baptist Church and Sunday school class.

Survivors include his wife, Aline; three daughters, Geneva Towndrow of Plainview, Beverly Campbell of Skidmore and Marcella True of Amarillo; two sons, Danny Vandivere of Amarillo and Stanley Vandivere of Happy; a sister, Vivian Dobbs of Fritch; 15 grandchildren; and 23 greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Camp

## Police report

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

Saturday, April 22 Employees reported the theft of \$160 from a fast food restaurant in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

A \$500 wrist watch was reported taken from a home about 4:30 p.m. Saturday in the 700 block of Deane Drive.

Sunday, April 23

A Bill Blass suitcase filled with children's and adult clothing, children's medicine and two pair of children's sandals was reported taken shortly before midnight Sunday in the 100 block of Starkweather.

A broken passenger window was reported in a city car, a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria, between 9:45 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday in the 1100 block of Juniper. Officers estimated damage to the car at

An unattended death was reported about 5:30 a.m. Sunday in the 1500 block of Hamilton.

A 17-year-old Pampa high school student was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center about midnight Saturday to have her stomach pumped for alcohol following a report of making alcohol available to a minor and a simple assault.

## **Sheriff's Office**

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

Saturday, April 22

Hillburn Paul Eakin, 64, of White Deer, reported the theft of about \$2,000 worth of aluminum irrigation pipe from an open field near the intersection of FM 293 and FM 2300.

Jose Rodriguez, 30, of 405 Davis, was arrested by Pampa police officers on a Department of Public Safety warrant.

Robert Raymond Swearingim, 27, of Skellytown, was arrested Pampa police officers on charges of not having a valid driver's license, unapproved sunscreen and disorderly

Joe David Richardson, 44, of Groom, was arrested sheriff's deputies on two charges of issuance of a bad check.

Sunday, April 23

Kenny Ray Wallace, 37, of Plano, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of driving while intoxicated and having an open container in a vehicle.

Derrell Elwood Hext, 44, of Van, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a warrant from Randall County for liquor violations. He was also charged with possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

Michele Cox, 30, of Lefors, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on charges of alcoholic beverage violations.

Joe Calvin Sims, 33, of 2406 Fir, was arrested by sheriff's deputies in connection with a judgement.

Leon Anthony Jacobi, 41, of rural Gray County, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on charges of assault with bodily injury.

Monday, April 24

Raquel Rebecca Rodriguez, 17, of Borger, was arrested by Pampa police officers on Borger warrants charging her with not having a valid driver's license and speeding. Pampa police also cited her for no driver's license, no liability insurance, failure to dim lights and failure to display registration.

Tonya Fena Roberts, 30, of rural Gray County was arrested by sheriff's deputies on charges of simple assault.

## STUDENTS

are learning what it means to contribute to the community.

The school group has received a federal grant in service learning the past two years to finance the project. Roselius said the Texas Panhandle is one of the last areas in the country to implement the ser-vice learning projects into the schools.

Jessie Perez is very animated when he speaks of the service learning program. A Panhandle Junior High student, he is one of the students who is involved in renovating the downtown area.

"It was fun to do as a group," said the young man. "It makes our town look better, too. It's given us kids more pride in our town."

He also said the students asked for donations to go along with the grant to enable the project to be done. "Learning about the history of the town was really neat," he said.

Jessie's older brother, Victor, was a member of the initial student group to work on the project. "It was pretty fun. The kids really enjoyed doing some-thing for the community," he said. "It was lots of work for the students," said

Roselius. "But it has had lots of good results." Roselius said when this class gathers for a 10-year class reunion they can take pride in the the contribution they made to the community by working in

this project.

She said some of the students have previously been vandalizing buildings and now they have

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taken an interest in the community. "This program has helped instill pride in them," she said.

Not only have the students learned about getting donations, cleaning and painting, they have also learned measuring, the importance of colors and about flowers. The students have also planted flowers in street pots which is an added attraction

to the project.
"Most of all the students learned about the importance of planning before starting on the pro-ject," said Roselius. "They have developed a sense of responsibility, with all kinds of kids working

ogether."
While Panhandle is similar to many other small towns across the Texas Panhandle with population declining as well as businesses closing, this project demonstrates that Panhandle's young people interest in making the community more attractive and preserving local history.

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## **PROTESTERS** Hundreds gathered to sing and pray, leaving red

roses, carnations and other flowers woven into the chain-link fence surrounding the home. The crowd dwindled to about 70 as night fell.

More than 400 people gathered for an emotional Mass for Elian on Sunday at Our Lady of Charity Catholic Church.

The congregation cheered and wept as the Rev. Francisco Santana spoke. Some waved Cuban flags and at one point, they sang the Cuban national anthem.

Caridad Gonzalez, Elian's great-aunt, was among a group of the boy's relatives seated on the front row. When Santana beckoned her to the front of the church, the congregation stood and cheered.

"More than ever, I feel proud to be Cuban," Santana said. "We are a noble community, we are a decent community."
Robert Vento, 45, stood outside the church dur-

ing the service. Vento said his father died in 1959, while fighting against Cuban President Fidel Castro. Vento now believes Elian's saga marks the end of the Castro's power.
"He is going to bring salvation to the Cubans

from communism," Vento said. "He is a chosen one. He will be the beginning and the end for Castro."

Vento also hopes the boy's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, will decide to stay in the United States. "If he defects," he said, "Castro will be unmasked."

After watching television news reports that Elian had been "snatched away," Garvin Harris used a plane ticket he won in a raffle to board a flight from his home in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

"I saw that they were pointing guns and hitting people down," the 29-year-old restaurant owner said Sunday, standing at the street where Elian bad. lived for five months. "It's just an overwhelming rience to see what's really ha ening 'Elian are you OK?" was scribbled in white on

the back window of a car allowed to pass through the street when police briefly lifted barricades. The streets of Little Havana were mostly calm

Sunday, with shards of glass, overturned benches

## Fires

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

Sunday, April 23

5:30 a.m. — Seven units and 12 firefighters responded to a structure fire at 1534 N. Hamilton. Cause of the fire was determined to be a smoldering cigarette fell in the arm of a recliner in the living room. An occupant of the home was pronounced dead at the scene. The house received fire damage to the living room and heavy smoke and heat damage to the rest of the building. (See related story, Page 1)

3:04 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the 500 block of

8:38 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a report of a possible gas leak in the 1400 block of Charles. No leak was found.

and a few boarded-up storefront windows mark-

ing the previous day's violence.
In the hours after 6-year-old Elian was snatched away in a pre-dawn raid by federal agents, the neighborhood rose up in spontaneous protests. Demonstrators on Saturday started hundreds of small fires, and riot police cracked down hard. More than 350 were arrest-

On Sunday, traces of the anger remained. Two young women carrying signs supporting Attorney General Janet Reno's order clashed with protesters. "Not here! Not here!" the protesters yelled, pulling one woman's hair as she

was escorted away by security guards. With Elian gone, the tension of the past weeks was missing, too.

Neighborhood residents circulated copies of

the photograph of an armed federal agent with his hand extended toward a crying Elian. Some versions replaced the faces of federal agents with those of Reno, who gave the goahead for the raid, and Castro. A poster-sized reproduction attached to the family's front door

included this label: "Federal Child Abuse."

## **Ambulance**

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

Saturday, April 22 7:23 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Campbell and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:02 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of south Faulkner and transported one to

1:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC. 3:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC nd transported one to a local nursing facility.

Sunday, April 23 3:36 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Wells and transported one to PRMC. 5:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500

block of Hamilton; no transport. 11:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded west on Highway 60; no transport.

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## Weather focus

PAMPA - Partly cloudy with a high in the upper 70s and southeast winds at 5-15 mph. Mostly cloudy tonight with a 40 percent chance of rain and a low of 45-50 with southeast winds at 5-15 mph. Mostly cloudy tomorrow with a 30 percent chance of rain and a high in the low 70s and northeast winds at 5-15 mph. High yesterday 67; the overnight low 47.

STATEWIDE — Fog shrouded some parts of Texas today after strong thunderstorms spawned twisters over the weekend.

A few severe thunderstorms

Fog developed after midnight in the Coastal Bend and in the northern Panhandle.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the mid-40s in the Panhandle and South Plains to 70s along the Coastal Bend, with 60s elsewhere behind a mild cold front that extended from Laredo to the Corpus Christi area.

Readings ranged from 46 degrees at Amarillo and 57 at Georrly to northwesterly at 5 to under 10 mph, with southwest- through Tuesday.

erly winds around 10 mph ahead developed Sunday afternoon in eastern areas of North Texas, of the front.

with the activity intensifying as highs through Daytime Tuesday should range from the it moved eastward through the 70s in the Guadalupe Mountains and 80 along the upper coast to the middle and upper 90s for the Rio Grande plains, with lows overnight from the 40s and middle 50s around the Hill Country

to near 70 around Brownsville. Winds will be northerly to northeasterly 10 to 15 mph, decreasing to under 10 mph after nightfall.

A chance of showers or thunderstorms was forecast for the Panhandle and South Plains

## Calendar of events

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Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information,

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 800-658-2796.

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD** Planned Parenthood of Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Amarillo and the Texas Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Panhandle is extending clinic hours in Pampa. The clinic is now open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 Kingsmill Ave., #175-A. Special evening hours until 6 p.m. are 2115. Visitors are welcome. available by appointment. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-forprofit health care organization 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.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN The Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will hold its monthly luncheon from 11:45-1 p.m. Wednesday, April 26 at a.m. and the ride will start at 9 or 1-800-377-4673. Furr's Cafeteria. Visitors are a.m. A minimum \$15 fee is necwelcome. **SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO** 

RETIREES Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27 at the Senior Citizens Center in

TPGSC MEETING Texas Plains Girl Scout

Council will hold its annual meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 29 at its office at 6011 W. 45th Ave., Amarillo. During the p.m. Monday-Friday. For more annual gathering, a formal businformation, call 665-2331.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will be conducted, new board members will be elected and various awards will be presented to outstanding scouts and volunteers. The meeting will conclude around 12 noon. Brunch will be served at a cost of \$4.50 per person and pro-ceeds will go towards a trip to Canada by the local organization. The public is cordially invited to attend. Participants must RSVP by April 25. For Diane Wells at 669-1131 or 1- more information, call (806) 356-

> Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt The program will be a demonstration on making chenille. For more information, call (806) 779-

PAMPA ART SHOW Pampa Art Club will hold its annual Art Show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, May 4 in Lovett Memorial Library auditorium. May 8, First United Methodist serving women and men in 17 The exhibit will feature works from 18 current club members as well as former member Sophie Vance. The show will include paintings, hand-painted china, jewelry, one-of-a-kind stationery, paper sculptures, clay art, stained class creations, pottery, enamel art, hand-made baskets and more. Admission to and a breast health appraisal this special event is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

ST. JUDE'S TRAIL RIDE This year's 10th annual Saddle Up for St. Jude's trail ride is slated May 6 at the Rocking Chair Ranch west of Pampa. Sign-up will begin at 8 information, call (806) 356-1905 essary to ride as well as an original certificate of negative Coggins dated within the last 12 months. In case of inclement weather, the ride will be postponed until May 13. For more more information, contact the information or for an entry form, call Sharon Williams at (806) 669-0176.

PSC 'WALK FOR LIFE'

Pregnancy Support Center will hold its annual "Walk For Life" beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at the Pampa High School track. For more information, call 669-2229.

**CLARENDON COLLEGE** Clarendon College is accepting applications for its Licensed Vocational Nursing Program of the 2000-01 school year. Early applications are encouraged to insure prospective students get a place in the fall class. Students may attend nursing classes on either the Clarendon or the Shamrock campuses. Anatomy and Physiology I and II are being offered at Clarendon, Childress and McLean via interactive television in the first and second summer sessions. For an application, contact CC (806) 874-3571. For more information, April 27 at Pampa Senior call Director Vickie Moore on Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. the CC campus or 1-800-687-

> **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 and 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 lowcost self-exam mammogram 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

**CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE** Wheeler Chamber Commerce will sponsor a "Citywide Garage Sale and Car Show" fund-raising/community project Saturday, May 6. For 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; 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 Ombudsman program. more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Shirley Sheldon, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257,

SCHOOL TO CAREER **PROGRAM AFL-CIO** Texas

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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-

Intercultural **American** Student Exchange is a non-profit educational foundation seeking local host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 2000-01 school year. The students, which come from 25 countries throughout the world, live with American

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

MS SOCIETY The Multiple Sclerosis Society offers a monthly program for people with MS every third Thursday of each month. Some "Moving Forward: A Program for People Newly Diagnosed with MS," "When MS Progresses," "Intimacy and

Wellness Approach" and much more. A transcript is provided at the site after each program. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT-MS or (806) 468-7500 or contact the National MS website at www.nmss.org and select Educational Programs.
TEXAS LS/AMPHIBIOUS

**ASSOCIATION** 

The Texas chapter LST/Amphibious Association is seeking former amphibious of the topics covered include: shipmates for its next reunion, April 27-29 at the 11th Street Holiday Inn in Beaumont. For more information, contact R.H. Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, "Life after Diagnosis: A Hemphill, TX 75948.

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## WT to reveal Man/Woman of the Century

giants of industry, renowned artisans, esteemed humanitarians, ardent alumni and devoted faculty, staff and administrators — even a pair of presidents who held their posts in parts of four decades — were considered at length.

Two names emerged, and they will be revealed Saturday, May 6 when West Texas A&M University names its Man and Woman of the Century during the Alumni Association's annual Phoenix Club Banquet. The banquet begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Alumni Banquet Facility.

Selecting two people from among the many thousands who have attended and/or worked at the 90-year-old university was both a learning experience and a daunting task, according to Josh Monroe, upon whose suggestion the concept was initiated.

"The selection committee had to take some time simply to consider the magnitude of what we had set out to do, Monroe, a sophomore speech major from Amarillo and public relations secretary for Student Government, said. "Because the University is only 90-years-old, we were basically trying to decide on the best man and woman in WT history. But I think everybody on the committee was pleased with the final outcome of this big honor."

The selection committee included faculty and students from each college. Also, the Alumni Association, Student Services and Athletics were represented on the committee.

"It was a difficult process we deliberated for quite some time — but the best part is how interesting it all was," said Salem Wieck, president of Student Government and a senior mass communications major from Umbarger. "With the help of the historians on the selection committee, I learned so much."

As a further tribute to the WTAMU Man and Woman of the Century, permanent mark-ers will be placed on campus to

commemorate the honorees. Tickets for the Phoenix Club tickets purchased after Friday, 651-2311.

CANYON — Heroic athletes, endowed members; \$20 for April 28 are \$35. For tickets or Alumni Association members; more information, call the and \$25 for non-members. All Alumni Association at (806)

Fifth generation picture



Above are Tiffany Dennis, standing, mother; Tena Dennis, grandmother; Pat Bolton, great-grandmother; Dee Dalton, great-great-grandmother; and baby Chase Dennis.

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## SENIOR SCENES

## Senior snapshot

Name: Ollie Knotts: Birth Date & Place: July 8, 1910, Paint Rock, Texas. Family: May and George

Pierce, 11 brothers and sisters. **Favorite Childhood Memory: 1** couldn't walk, my sisters would carry me, sit me down in the yard and hope the chickens

would take me. When I Grew Up I Wanted To Be: A waitress so I wouldn't have to hoe cotton.

My Best Friend was: Homer, my brother who took care of me.

People Remember Me As Being: As liking to talk and visit. My Favorite Toy: Doll with a shoe box for its bed. My Favorite Game: Paper dolls, playing with my sisters. My Favorite Radio Show: With three brothers in World War

I, we mainly listened to the news. The First Movie I Ever Saw & The Cost: Don't know the movie's name but it was on Saturday at Durant, Okla.

The First Phone I Ever Used Belonged To: Hails Drug. The Person That Most Influenced My Life: My sister

The Historical Event That Most Affected My Life & Why: World War I and II. I lost my brother and nephews crossing the Rhine. I keep the letter he wrote me.

The Thing I Remember Most About The Depression Was: Food. The flour was black, had black biscuits and we had to go to the dug-out for food.

The Biggest Honor I've Ever Received Is: Being a mother and a grandmother.

If I Could Change One Thing About My Past It Would Be: Try to keep my daughters from smoking — lost one at age 67.

My Whole Family Enjoyed: Playing, piano, games, having sing-a-longs.

The Person From My Childhood I Wish I Could Visit With Today Is: My brother, Homer, who was killed in World War I.

My First Job Was: Waitress at Wackens Lunch Counter. Year & Make of The First Vehicle I Drove: Model T Ford. Cost of Gasoline When I First Drove: Papa took care of that,

On My First Date I Went To: Took a boat ride. My Favorite Hang Out Spot Was: Rochester Street Dancing

the Charleston

The Fashion Trend Was: Pleated skirts, Marcelle hair waves My Favorite Song Was: By Tennessee Ernie Ford.

Another Memory I Want To Share Is: Building bonfires at Christmas with family at Dickens, Texas. Bonney and Clyde would come and go.

Helping hands ...



Pampa Nursing Center volunteer Karen Sutherland from Hi-Land Christian Church gives a free manicure to resident Fannie West.



Pampa Nursing Center volunteer Betty Williams applies nail polish to Margaret Lockett every Tuesday.

## Driving. How old is too old?

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — George slow and they're slow to react to things for as long as Arizona has been a state.

relinquish his cherished seat behind the sible. wheel of his 1997 Oldsmobile Eighty

Freestone, whose first job was as an recent years for stricter safeguards. instructor at his father's driving school at

sent increased safety risks as their eye- renew their licenses. sight, hearing and reflexes erode with

Freestone has been driving automobiles like lane changes," said Bob Seitzer, a 27- tion continues to age — with an estimator as long as Arizona has been a state. year-old auto parts deliveryman in the ed 50 million Americans in the 65-and-And as he rolls along toward his 102nd Phoenix area. "I think every driver 65 older category expected by 2020 — the birthday in August, he has no plans to and up should be tested as much as pos- debate continues about "how old is too

So do some legislators around the Eight.

"I've been driving since I was 14, sions, 16 states considered bills relating had a ticket. Never had a problem," said District of Columbia have passed laws in someone can drive.

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75 and older to take a road test to continis not a danger to themselves or others,
Drivers like Freestone often evoke the ue driving. Drivers 75 and up in he or she should be allowed to drive ire and suspicions of many younger Washington, D.C., may need to have regardless of their age," he said. "It motorists, who feel older people repretheir reactions tested before they can shouldn't matter if they are 70, 80 or 90."

"They're over cautious, they drive too the license of any driver deemed unsafe. review boards that can restrict or revoke dents involving elderly drivers get all the

As the nation's baby-boomer populaold" when it comes to driving.

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Gary Gershowitz, spokesman for the country. During the 1999 legislative ses- Florida Department of Elder Affairs in Tallahassee, said age shouldn't be one of before you even needed a license. Never to older drivers. Thirteen states plus the the criteria used to determine whether

"If a person is physically and mentally New Hampshire now requires people able to get behind the wheel of a car and

"There are more accidents with 20-At least 35 states also have medical something drivers. It just seems like acci-(See DRIVING, Page 5)

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## SENIOR SCENES

## FDA approves drug for type of elderly blindness

WASHINGTON (AP) — for everybody with macular AMD destroy it: degeneration have a new drug to help slow vision loss. The Food and Drug Administration late approved Visudyne.

in clinical trials, it helped a modest number of patients out. preserve some of the sight they had left.

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Thousands of older Americans degeneration, stressed Dr. Neal developing a creeping form of Bressler of Johns Hopkins for 90 percent of cases, slowly blindness called macular University, who helped test Visudyne. But "it definitely reduces their chance of vision

Age-related macular degen-Visudyne, made by Canada's eration, or AMD, is a leading QLT PhotoTherapeutics, is a cause of blindness among light-activated drug that can't older Americans. It tends to sight from the center of the eye

"Dry" AMD, which accounts breaks down the macula's light-sensitive cells. There is no treatment. But the damage occurs very slowly so victims only gradually notice a blind spot in their central vision and do not completely lose sight.

restore already-lost vision, but affect people over 50, stealing much worse. New blood vessels form behind the retina, The macula is the light-sensi- rapidly destroying it. First, drug is activated, preventing tive layer of tissue in the center straight lines appear wavy. the growth of those blood ves-"It's not a cure," and it's not of the retina. Two types of Fine detail fades. Readers can't sels without hurting surround-

focus on just one word and ing tissue. people's faces start to blur.

Visudyne is for these wet AMD cases only.

Visudyne is light-activated. The drug is injected into the "Wet" AMD is rarer but arm and then migrates into the abnormal blood vessels that destroy sight. Shine in a nonleaking onto the macula and burning beam of light and the

In one study, 61 percent of People gradually lose the abili- Visudyne patients had stable some reading with magnificaty to read or drive and often vision after a year of therapy, tion aids, tell the difference progress to blindness within compared with 45 percent of between a dollar bill and a 20patients given a placebo.

That sounds modest but looking at."

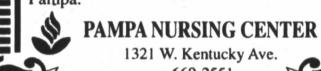
Bressler called it important: "It's more likely they can do dollar bill, tell ... who they're

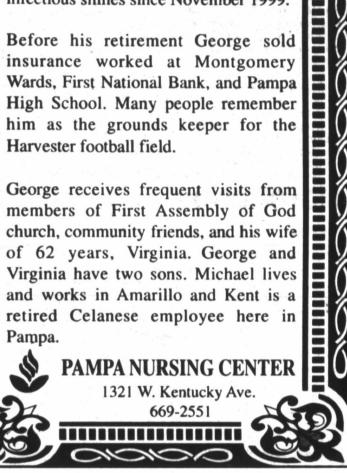


**RESIDENT OF** THE MONTH is **GEORGE** 

**FLAHERTY** 

George Flaherty is Pampa Nursing Center's Resident of the Month. George has entertained our staff with his infectious smiles since November 1999.





## Newspaper aims to speak to, for gay seniors

NEW YORK (AP) - In page after page of the gay press, the asked. "Who's going to take care of me, for example? I've lost image of gay America is often one of youthful vitality. It's easy to get the idea that all gay people — men at least —

are young, slim and buff. The Networker, a fledgling newspaper for older lesbians and

gay men, seeks to change that image. Some folks tell us that as they get older they go back in the

general and they become less comfortable with their sexuality," said Stephen Karpiak, the newspaper's editor. "Part of the reason for the paper is to start to draw images about, yes, there are people who are 50, 60, 70 years old, who have very positive lifestyles, who are maybe even good-look-

ing, God forbid. And they are part of this community." Karpiak also is executive director of the Pride Senior Network, a nonprofit advocacy group for elderly gays. It publishes The Networker, which is starting as a quarterly distributed in restaurants, doctors' offices and other spots where gay people and seniors congregate. It is also available at the network's Web site.

At age 52, Karpiak is part of the baby boom generation that experts say will change the face of aging when its members retire. He believes that as a gay man he has special concerns. "Who's going to take care of us when we get older?" he nior.org

most of my friends to HIV/AIDS. ... These are the people that I would have grown old with. I have to re-establish a whole new network of friends."

Pride Senior Network was founded in 1995 by Ellen Ensig-Brodsky. At 67, Ensig-Brodsky is retired from a career with the federal government, where her duties included surveying closet a little bit, because they're more leery of institutions in nursing homes for the Department of Health and Human Services. Her partner when she founded the group was the director of a Manhattan senior center.

"So of course we would think, my goodness, how are we going to feel receiving these services?" she recalled.

"Are we going to be able to reminisce openly? Her senior center always has a monthly birthday dance. Would we get up and dance? Could I tell someone in a nursing home, 'This is my

The paper's first issue, published last month, includes a piece by Karpiak titled "Peter Pan does grow up!"; an essay chiding the gay community for not honoring its elders; and an examination of efforts to assess the caregiving needs of aging lesbians and gay men.

On the Net: Pride Senior Network: http://www.pridese-

DRIVING — From Page 4 bad publicity," added Bruce Taft, coordinator for Arizona's 55-Alive driving refresher program, which is sanctioned

by the American Association of Retired Persons. U.S. Department of Transportation figures for 1998, the most current available,

show that drivers age 70 and older were

involved in 161,000 traffic accidents, injured in such crashes that year.

tend to drive less and avoid driving at "I drive the speed limit. If the sign says night or in bad weather, their per-mile 70, I'll go 70," her husband said. "I've motorists in their teens and early 20s.

When Freestone and his 81-year-old feel I'm a good driver."

wife, Mary, drove the 600 miles from accounting for 5 percent of all the people Tempe to Provo, Utah, a couple years ago, Mrs. Freestone said, she took the wheel for only about 100 miles. "I wasn't Other researchers say since seniors driving fast enough," she said.

accident percentage mirrors the level of done a lot of driving in my day. If I feel I can't drive anymore, I won't. But I still



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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Tempted," the soccer coach who has problems with girls on his team being too "flirty" or "suggestive." Being a soccer player myself, I have seen this situation before, as many coaches at my school today are

A few years back, one of the coaches at my school became sexually involved with one of his players. When the news leaked to the community, he not only lost his job but was also charged with statutory rape. He was forced to file as a sex offender and even had to spend time in jail.

The soccer community is not very large, and this news traveled fast. This man's credibility as a coach and as a person was ruined.

If it's too hard for "Tempted" to be in this situation, then I agree with your suggestion, Abby. He needs to get a new job.
SOCCER PLAYER

IN EL DORADO HILLS, CALIF.

**DEAR SOCCER PLAYER: I** don't know how "small" the soccer community is, but I think I may have heard from the coach in your letter. Read

DEAR ABBY: Take it from me, Abby - "Tempted" does not want to cross the line that separates a coach from a player. At one time I had my dream job as a coach. However, I am also young, and I made the fool-ish mistake of crossing that line. To

Horoscope

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

night oil.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

\*\* Extremes mark decisions, com-

munication and feelings. You might want

more control, but presently, gaining it is

unlikely. If you want something done a

special way, do it yourself. Don't sell

your skills short. Tonight: Burn the mid-

long-distance matters. If seeking infor-

mation, go directly to the source. You

what works, and let others have more

relationship. Avoid forcing your will on

Tonight: Be your happy-go-lucky self.

Tonight: Beam in what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

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make a long story short, I had to resign my position and struggle through a very hard time. I can't begin to tell you the pain, suffering

and humiliation I experienced. What I wouldn't give to turn back the clock and handle that situation differently. Take it from me: Getting involved with a player could ruin the rest of your career.
ANONYMOUS

IN THE NORTHWEST **DEAR ANONYMOUS: True.** And that's not even taking into consideration the psychological

Crushes on teachers are very common, and although a high school girl might look like a woman — she isn't. Therefore, flirt as she may, it is the responsibility of the adult to behave like one and make sure that a

firm line is drawn. Read on:

impact on the teen-age stu-

DEAR ABBY: I must reply to the letter from the 26-year-old former soccer player, now a high school

girls' coach. I have seen much diffi-culty as a result of men coaching girls' teams. I have seen many coaches fired, reputations ruined, marriages broken up and jobs lost because of similar situations. Schools are now beginning to hire female coaches, which is an excellent idea.

From the tone of the young coach's letter, he's not up to the job. Tell him he should run, not walk, away from being a coach for girls'

> FORMER TEACHER, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR FORMER TEACHER: That's exactly what I told "Tempted." I advised him that if the temptation was too much for him, I'd recommend a cold shower - and reassignment to a boys' soccer team.

DEAR ABBY: Can you stand another humorous epitaph?

My late father always claimed that in the small Southern town where he grew up, everyone was a regular churchgoer, save one old man who was a lifelong professed

When the old guy died, my father told me his headstone read: "All dressed up and no place to go."
BOB IN TAMPA

**DEAR BOB: Which shows** that not only was he an atheist, but a pessimist as well.

with co-workers. Tonight: Accept an CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\* You're entrenched and over- note. You might not be able to get your whelmed by communication and news. Recognize your limits with a friend or Relish the moment. Caring deepens associate. You might not be as clear as you think you are. Take action at work. Don't let another hold you back. Stay in charge. Tonight: Easy does it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* A partner could let you down. Don't confuse another's intent with the present confusion. Get past an immediate problem. Return calls; reach out. Stay on top of errands and messages. New information comes your way. Tonight: Be imaginative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\* Tou and another don't speak the Respond to another's efforts to clear the air. You might not agree with a decision. Stay mellow and direct. Tonight: Happy have high energy and are unstoppable once you set your mind to something. at home

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\* Communication runs amok at \* \* You might feel like you got out of work, but it could cause some laughter bed on the wrong side! Loosen up about and uproar. Swing with the moment. Understand what is going on with a partner who might have a rough edge but say. You might be frustrated about a key who means well. Let him take charge if another. Let a partner display his colors. he wants. Tonight: Visit with a friend. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\* Finances are up in the air. Think \*\*\* Others mean well, but they through a decision carefully; avoid risks. have a difficult time expressing it. A child or loved one might not be clear. Confusion surrounds a boss's request. In all the confusion, you still sense The good news is that he means well and another's integrity. Charge your energy can laugh at a flub-up. Make an impor- into your work, and you'll accomplish a tant meeting, network and touch base lot. Tonight: Your treat.

Marmaduke

\*\*\* You are full of energy, even though the day might begin on a foggy plans straight. Indulge a family member. because of your actions. Take a risk. Tonight: Let off steam.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \* \* Reach out for others. Break a pat-

tern. You might want to kick up your heels. Inquiries might be blocked. Listen to another carefully. Laughter comes out of misunderstandings. Let your indulgent side come out. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\* Keep aiming for what you want. \*\*\* Confusion surrounds commu- same language, presently. Still, good will Use caution with finances. You might not nication, especially in the office and in exists. Maintain a sense of humor, be pleased with another's ideas, even though you know he means well. Initiate conversations. Ask questions, even if you feel uncomfortable. Don't forget your long-term dreams. Tonight: Join

Actor Jonathan Angel (1975), actor Al Pacino (1940), actor Jeffrey De Munn

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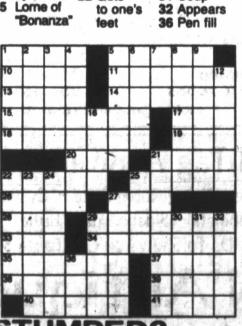
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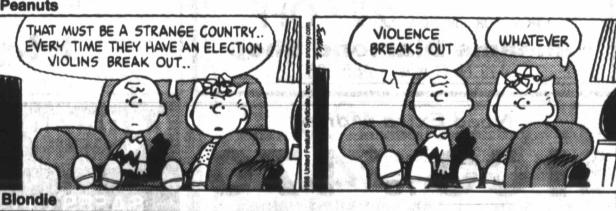


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## **Notebook**

BASEBALL

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Kerry Wood's return to the Chicago Cubs from elbow surgery might be delayed by a blister.

Wood, the 1998 NL Rookie of the Year who missed all of last season, pitched threw seven strong innings Sunday for the Triple-A Iowa Cubs before being pulled in the eighth after a blister developed on the middle finger of

his throwing hand.
The right-hander from Grand Prairie allowed four hits, four walks and two earned runs, while striking out seven.

"It's frustrating, just because this could've been my last one - or should've been," Wood said of his third rehabilitation assignment. "I felt like I've got everything together, and now we get to this point and something small like this comes up."

Cubs general manager Ed Lynch said trainers will examine the hand Monday before making a decision on Woods' status.

Lynch said he had hoped Wood would be ready to join the major league club as early as Friday, when the Cubs return to Wrigley Field for the start of a three-game series with Arizona.

"If not for the blister, I'm convinced that he's ready right now," Lynch said.

Wood's two previous outings came at Class-A Daytona, where he picked up a pair of wins. In the two games, he allowed two earned runs, struck out 17 and walked five in 12 innings.

On Sunday, Wood threw 99 pitches — 62 strikes, 37 balls before being pulled with a
3-0 count on backup catcher Darron Cox in the eighth

Wood threw at least 94 mph in each inning, including a high of 98 in the first.

## **FOOTBALL**

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Two months after Shawn Kramer collapsed at the University of North Texas' first spring football practice, his parents say he is making a miraculous recov-

Kramer, 20, collapsed Feb. 26 after going to the sideline during a scrimmage on the Denton campus. The 6-foot-5, 270-pound junior offensive lineman didn't seem to have taken a hard hit, teammates said at the time.

Emergency neurological surgery at Dallas' Methodist Medical Center kept Kramer alive after he suffered a blood clot on his brain and two collapsed lungs.

When we met with the doctors that Sunday, they didn't think he was going to live, Kramer's father, Gary, said in a Fort Worth Star-Telegram story in Sunday's editions.

He spent 10 days in a coma, 24 days in critical condition and 35 days at the Dallas hospital before being allowed to return to his hometown of Topeka, Kan., to enter a rehabilitation cen-

Kramer is far from recovered, but his parents say he has had a remarkable medical turnaround. He walked with a walker for the first time last week and has had conversations with family and friends in the past two

The mental recovery is taking longer. He can hold a conversation but can't remember it later. He may not ever remember the events leading up to his mys-

terious collapse. It's uncertain how much more progress Kramer can make, and whether he could ever return to North Texas. But P.J. Pellwitz, a longtime friend and student at Pittsburg State University in Kansas, said Kramer has made a habit of beating the odds.

## Harvesters go down hard to Hereford, 6-5

By Jerry Heasley For the News

PAMPA — With the wind blowing out to center field at a 20 MPH clip, fans were expecting a slugfest at Harvester Field on Saturday afternoon. Instead, they

seventh inning.
The Hereford Whitefaces made the game look like it might be a slugfest when, in the top of the got four straight singles and plated three runs.

Likewise, Pampa started their first inning at bat with a bang when Casey Owens lined a ball off the wall for a triple. The Harvesters didn't score until their bottom of the third. Owens blooped a Texas leaguer into right for a single, but the major damage came from a staggering six bases on balls. The Harvesters literally walked their way to a 4-3 lead, courtesy of the right handed pitcher George Castillo.

Then came the lone homer of the day in the top of the hith. Hereford's left fielder J.P. Holman, on a 3-2 count, popped the ball high into the strong wind and it sailed over the right field fence. The four-bagger tied the score and set the stage for excit-ing bunting dramas in the sixth and seventh innings.

Hereford, desperate for a win to

the Hereford coach gave right fielder Kyle Artho the bunt sign. He laid down a pretty, slow roller that Casey Owens pounced on midway to the plate on the left side of the infield. He had made up his mind to nab the runner at third, wheeled and threw the ball got a low-hitting, bases-on-balls into left field. Both runners filled, bunting thriller that was in question until the very last batter 6-4. Doughty pulled Owens and filled, bunting thriller that was in question until the very last batter struck out in the bottom of the struck out in the struck out retired the side.

Pampa's bottom of the sixth was just as exciting. With two out, Jesse Francis walked, then first inning, with one out, they took second and third on wild pitches. Owens walked, putting runners at the corners. Greg Lindsey came to the plate and ran the count to one ball and two strikes. Castillo threw a wild pitch that bounced off the back stop. Francis, who had taken home on a passed ball in the third, streaked for home plate. On a very controversial sliding play, the umpire called Francis

> The score remained 6-4 Hereford as Pampa entered the bottom of the seventh, their final at-bats. Lindsey came back to the plate and tripled off the right center tield wall. When Barnes and Shepard walked, Pampa's chances looked excellent-nobody out and the bases loaded. Carey Knutson plated Lindsey with a sacrifice fly to right field.

The play of the game came next when Doughty gave Russell Robben one of the ultimate signs in baseball-- the suicide squeeze. and a single. With nobody out, blocked Doughty's path to still had a chance to plate the the plate. We believe the umpire beat.



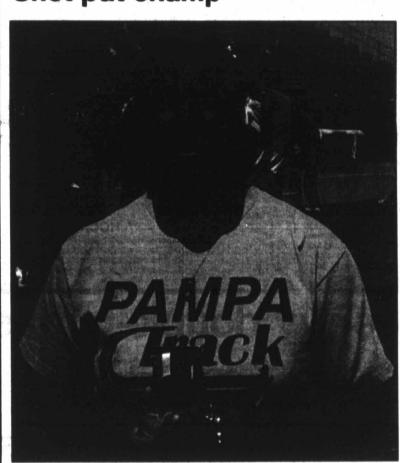
Pampa's Justin Barnes attempts to steal home on a squeeze play.

Robben. Then, after a few words, runners. Randy Tice struck out made a mistake on the call. Herd smelled out the squeeze Hereford. play because the pitcher threw Pampa had four hits in the home, claiming Francis never the ball high and outside. game, two by Casey Owens, one made it to the plate. keep them in the race for the dis- Doughty called time out to talk Robben couldn't reach it and the by Lindsey and one by Shepard. trict 3-4A playoffs, got runners to Robben. Inexplicably, the catcher Torres nailed the Pampa The team racked up 12 walks. We on first and second with a walk home plate umpire objected and runner like a sitting duck. Pampa asked Francis about the play at bad day, they are very hard to

he let Doughty have his pow after running the count to 3-2 and Francis told us the pitcher missed wow. Evidently, the Hustling the game ended, 6-5, in favor of the tag. Francis objected to the call, and the umpire pointed at

> The 2000 Harvester baseball team is proving that even on a

## Shot put champ



Pampa's Angela Phillips shows her first-place medal after winning the shot put at the District 3-4A track meet. Phillips has won the shot event four times this season.

## Twins win again against Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Minnesota Twins have finally found a way to beat the Texas Rangers.

Brad Radke pitched eight strong innings to halt his career struggles against the Rangers in the Twins' 5-4 victory Sunday.

Texas beat Minnesota 13 consecutive times during the previous two years before the Twins took two out of three in the weekend series.

"It's always good to win a series, but they've beaten us up pretty good," said Minnesota's Matt Lawton, who had three hits. "So it's nice to finally take a series from them."

Radke entered the game with a career record of 1-7 and a 4.77 ERA against the Rangers, including 0-5 with a 6.06 ERA at The Ballpark in Arlington. "Finally," Radke said. "I

wouldn't say that it's over, but it's good to get a win here. That's a lineup that can hurt you in so many different ways. This was definitely one of my better games.

Radke (2-2) got 18 groundball outs and allowed three runs and

nine hits in eight-plus innings.
"His change, slider and curve
were all working," Twins manager Tom Kelly said. "He was

able to get some double-play balls when he needed them. He gave us a big boost and an opportunity to win a series, which hasn't happened for us much against a team like the Rangers. You feel pretty good with him on the mound.

Radke cruised through the first eight innings before allowing a double to David Segui and walking Ruben Mateo to start the ninth.

Bob Wells relieved and got two outs before Royce Clayton hit a three-run homer, capping a 4-for-4 day.

After Luis Alicea doubled, Wells got Jason McDonald to ground out to second for the reliever's third save.

"I may have worn him out in the eighth," Kelly said of Radke.

## Yankees hit power switch

By JOHN NICHOLSON **AP Sports Writer** 

Bernie Williams and Jorge Posada knocked out the Toronto Blue Jays with a left-right combination.

homered from both sides of the Delgado hit a leadoff homer, plate in the New York Yankees' 10-7 victory in Toronto on

Sunday. The Élias Sports Bureau said it appears to be the first time two players have homered from both sides of the plate in a

Williams hit a two-run homer from the left side in the first

inning and a three-run shot from the right side in the fourth. When he returned to the dugout in the fourth, Williams

said to Posada, "Why don't you do it, too." After Tino Martinez singled, Posada, who homered left-

handed in the second, hit the first pitch he saw for a towering homer. "After he came back to the dugout, he said, 'Me, too!'"

Williams said. "It's one of those things that you look back on when you retire and say, 'Man guys have been playing this game for a long time and that's the first time that's happened." In other AL games Sunday, it was Oakland 3, Baltimore 2 in

11 innings; Seattle 8, Kansas City 5; Chicago 9, Detroit 4; Minnesota 5, Texas 4; and Tampa Bay 1, Anaheim 0. Cleveland's doubleheader in Boston was postponed because of rain, the Red Sox's fourth straight rainout.

Williams has homered from both sides four times in the regular season and twice in the playoffs. Posada has done it three times.

"Most of your switch hitters aren't power guys, so when you get two guys on one team do it. you know it's going to be some kind of record," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

The Yankees, who lost the first two games of the three-game series, ended Toronto's fourgame winning streak.

The Yankees scored seven

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## runs with two outs in the fourth

six consecutive hits during the inning. Toronto hit three homers off Orlando Hernandez (4-0) in the Williams and Posada each sixth to make it 10-7. Carlos Darrin Fletcher had a two-run shot and Marty Cordova followed with a solo shot.

> Cruz Jr.'s homer in the first. "I'm very happy the team won, but I'm not happy with my performance," Hernandez said through an interpreter. "I had good stuff, but they connected on my mistakes.'

Hernandez also allowed Jose

## **Athletics 3, Orioles 2**

Pinch-hitter Olmedo Saenz hit an RBI single in the bottom of the 11th inning as Oakland beat Baltimore, snapping the Orioles' six-game winning streak.

Ben Grieve opened the 11th with a liner into the right-center gap that Brady Anderson misplayed into a triple. After two intentional walks, slammed a pitch from Tim Worrell (2-2) over the center-

field fence on one bounce. In the top of the 11th, Jason Isringhausen (1-0) got Albert Belle to hit into an inning-ending double play with runners on first and third.

Oakland tied it in the ninth on Ramon Hernandez's leadoff homer off Mike Trombley. It was the fifth blown save of the sea- ed.

son by Orioles relievers. to take a 10-3 lead. Reliever Mariners 8, Royals 5

Clayton Andrews (0-1) gave up John Olerud hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning as Seattle handed Kansas City its ninth straight

After Jermaine Dye tied it in the top of the inning with his league-leading eighth homer, off Arthur Rhodes (1-1), the Mariners rallied against Ricky Bottalico (2-1).

Stan Javier and Alex Rodriguez walked to lead off the inning, bringing up Olerud, who hit his second homer of the season. Rodriguez walked all five times he batted, tying a

team record. White Sox 9, Tigers 4
Magglio Ordonez homered and drove in four runs, coming within a single of the cycle, as Chicago beat visiting Detroit.

There were no flareups following Saturday's two benchclearing brawls. Chicago extended its winning streak to five game, while Detroit lost for the seventh straight time.

James Baldwin (3-0) allowed four runs — all on solo homers on seven hits over 5 1-3 innings.

Dave Borkowski, recalled after Brian Moehler underwent an emergency appendectomy Saturday, gave up eight runs on six hits over 1 2-3 innings. Bob Higginson homered twice for the Tigers, and Juan Gonzalez and Dean Palmer also connect-

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## Managers puzzled by slow starts from Cubs and Reds

By JOSH DUBOW **AP Sports Writer** 

Chicago Cubs manager Don Baylor lashed into his team with an obscenity-laced tirade. Cincinnati skipper Jack McKeon could barely speak.

That's what a weekend's his second straight start. worth of pummeling will do to a manager.

Kevin Tapani dropped his 12th straight decision as the Cubs lost for the seventh time in eight games, 15-8 to the New York Mets on Sunday.

"I'm not going to be embar-rassed like that," said Baylor, whose team was swept in a three-game series in New York. "I don't expect to lose. It's how you lose, and I'm tired of the way we're losing."

In Cincinnati, Shawn Green homered during an eight-run sixth inning as the Dodgers finished off their first road sweep against the Reds in 12 years with an 11-3 victory.

The Dodgers piled up 36 runs and 37 hits with eight homers in the three-game series.

"You go through streaks like this. It's kind of like the 'Barefoot Bears,' or whatever you call 'em," McKeon said. Expos 6, Brewers 4 'But you can't panic."

In other NL games, it was Atlanta 5, Pittsburgh 3; Florida 5, Philadelphia 2; Montreal 6, Milwaukee 4; San Montreal's four-run fourth. Diego 11, Houston 10; San Francisco 12, Arizona 7; and St. Louis 6, Colorado 3.

The skid by Tapani (0-3) is the second-longest in the 125year history of the Cubs. Dutch McCall dropped 13 consecutive decisions in 1948.

"I tried to do a lot of things, and nothing was able to fourth after Rondell White click," said Tapani, who singled in the go-ahead run allowed a career-high 10 runs off Jaime Navarro (0-4). in 3 2-3 innings. "I couldn't keep it in the ballpark."

On an afternoon in which little went right other than keyed a four-run eighth Sammy Sosa's home run - inning as San Diego rallied to there was a collision on an easy popup — the Cubs found no luck at the end of the day, either.

Their plane to Houston was delayed, stuck in upstate New

Derek Bell went 4-for 4 with Field. a homer, three runs and four

for-4 with a homer and three Wagner (0-1) in the eighth. RBIs for the Mets, who won

their seventh straight. with two homer "It's a wave," Piazza said. RBIs for Houston. "You just want to ride it as Matt Whisenant

long as you can." Mike Hampton (2-3) won his fourth save.

The Dodgers hadn't swept a series in Cincinnati since taking three in June 1988. They three games against Colorado innings for host Florida.

"We got good pitching in all three games and when you do that, you give your offense a inning. chance," Dodgers manager He complained that he was Davey Johnson said.

Carlos Perez (2-1) got the win, and Ron Villone (2-1) took the loss.

**Braves 5, Pirates 3** 

Andres Galarraga hit a tiebreaking homer Francisco Cordova, (1-2) his seventh homer, and Greg Maddux (3-0) pitched 7 2-3 innings as host Atlanta won its seventh straight.

John Rocker got four outs for his third save.

Vladimir Guerrero went 2for-3 with two RBIs and was walked intentionally with first base occupied during host

Javier Vazquez (2-0) pitched seven innings, allowing four hits, including a three-run homer to Geoff Jenkins. Ugueth Urbina finished for his fifth save.

Guerrero was walked intentionally with runners on first and third and two outs in the

Padres 11, Astros 10

Eric Owens' two-run single beat Houston.

Owens went 3-for-5 with a double, triple and four RBIs as San Diego swept its first series in Houston since 1996. The Astros have lost nine of their last 12, and are 2-7 in Enron

Ryan Klesko hit a tiebreak- nine in six innings.

RBIs, and Mike Piazza went 3- ing RBI single off Billy Ken Caminiti went 2-for-3

with two homers and five Matt Whisenant (2-0) got the win and Trevor Hoffman got

Marlins 5, Phillies 2

Brad Penny settled down after needing a five-minute hadn't scored so many runs in break in the second inning, a series since piling up 38 in allowing two runs in 6 1-3

> Penny (3-1) called for the trainer after retiring Scott Rolen to lead off the second

> lightheaded and was "seeing spots."

Florida's Brant Brown hit a solo homer and Mike Lowell had a two-run shot off Robert (1-1).Antonio Alfonseca pitched the ninth for his seventh save.

Giants 12, Diamondbacks 7 Bill Mueller and Bobby Estalella homered during San Francisco's eight-run first inning at Arizona.

Barry Bonds hit his 453rd home run, a two-run shot in the ninth, to take sole possession of 21st place on the career

Jeff Kent and Rich Aurilia also homered.

Armando Reynoso (1-3) allowed seven runs without retiring a batter in the first for Arizona.

Joe Nathan (1-0) got the win.

Cardinals 6, Rockies 3, 6 1/2 innings

Mark McGwire hit his second upper-deck home run in as many days and Placido Polanco had a grand slam off Scott Karl (0-2) as St. Louis raised its NL-record April total to 44 homers with a rainshortened home win.

The Cardinals have homered in 15 straight games, two shy of the team record set in 1998, with 34 during the streak. The game was called after 6 1-2 innings following a rain delay of 1 hour, 56 min-

Andy Benes (2-1) struck out

## Scoreboard

	Minnesota 5, Texas 4
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	Seattle 8, Kansas City 5
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Montreal 6, Milwaukee 4
San Diego 11, Houston 10 San Diego 11, Houston 10 San Francisco 12, Arizona 7 St. Louis 6, Colorado 3, 6 1/2 innings, rain

Monday's Games Los Angeles (Dreifort 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Mahomes 1-0), 1:10 p.m. Colorado (Astacio 1-2) at St. Louis (Kile 3-1 Philadelphia (Wolf 1-1) at Florida (Fernandez 2-2), 7:05 p.m. Only games scheduled Tuesday's Games Colorado (Bohanon 0-1) at Montreal (Pavano 2-0), 7:05 p.m

Arizona (Johnson 4-0) at Philadelphia (Brock 0-2), 7:05 p.m. San Francisco (Estes 0-1) at Florida (Dempster 1-2), 7:05 p.m. San Diego (Hitchcock 0-2) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 1-0), 7:05 p.m. Cincinnati (Bell 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 1-0),

Los Ángeles (Brown 1-0) at Atlanta (Glavine 3-0), 7:40 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Downs 1-0) at Houston (Reynolds 3-0), 8:05 p.m. Milwaukee (Bere 2-1) at St. Louis (Ankiel 2-

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Chicago White Sox 14, Detroit 6
Seattle 4, Kansas City 2
Baltimore 4, Oakland 3
Tampa Bay 11, Anaheim 9, 10 innings
Texas 8, Minnesota 3
Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay 1, Anaheim 0
N.Y. Yankees 10, Toronto 7
Cleveland at Boston 2, pod. rain

Baltimore (Rapp 2-0) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 2-1), 8:05 p.m. Cleveland (Nagy 1-2) at Seattle (Halama 1land (Nagy 1-2) at Seattle (Halama 1-0), 10:05 p.m. Toronto (Halladay 2-2) at Oakland (Hudson Detroit (Nomo 1-1) at Anaheim (Bottenfield

BASKETBALL

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FIRST ROUND Miami 95, Detroit 85, Miami leads series 1-0 Phoenix 72, San Antonio 70, Phoenix leads Utah 104, Seattle 93, Utah leads series 1-0 Philadelphia 92, Charlotte 82, Philade eads series 1-0 Sunday, April 23 New York 92, Toronto 88, New York leads series 1-0 Portland 91, Minnesota 88, Portland leads L.A. Lakers 117, Sacramento 107, L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0 Indiana 88, Milwaukee 85, Indiana leads Monday, April 24
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25
Detroit at Miami, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26 Toronto at New York, 8 p.m. Minnesota at Portland, 10:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27 Milwaukee at Indiana, 8 p.m. Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m Friday, April 28
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
Miami at Detroit, 12:30 p.m. San Antonio at Phoenix, 3 p.m. Utah at Seattle, 5:30 p.m. Indiana at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 30 New York at Toronto, 12:30 p.m. Portland at Minnesota, 3 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 1 Charlotte at Philadelphia, TBA, if necessary Indiana at Milwaukee, TBA, if necessary Tuesday, May 2 L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, TBA, if neces

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HOCKEY

New Jersey 4, Florida Detroit 2, Los Angeles Dallas 3, Edmonton 0 Colorado 6, Phoenix 3
Friday, April 14
Philadelphia 2, Buffalo 1
Saturday, April 15
Pittsburgh 2, Washington 1
San Jose 4, St. Louis 2
Colorado 3, Phoenix 1
Detroit 8, Los Angeles 5
Toronto 5, Ottawa 1 Toronto 5, Ottawa 1
Sunday, April 16
Edmonton 5, Dallas 2
Philadelphia 2, Buffalo 0
New Jersey 2, Florida 1
Monday, April 17
Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3
Ottawa 4, Toronto 3 Detroit 2, Los Angeles 1 Colorado 4, Phoenix 2 San Jose 2, St. Louis 1 New Jersey 2, Florida 1 Dallas 4, Edmonton 3 Wednesday, April 19 Wednesday, April 19 Ottawa 2, Toronto 1 aton 3. Pittsburgh Detroit 3, Los Angeles 0, Detroit wins series Phoenix 3, Colorado 2 New Jersey 4, Florida 1, New Jersey wins Friday, April 21 Dallas 3, Edmonton 2, Dallas wins series 4-Colorado 2, Phoenix 1, Colorado wins series Saturday, April 22 Toronto 2, Ottawa 1, OT, Toronto leads Sunday, April 23 St. Louis 6, San Jose 2, series tied 3-3 Monday, April 24 Toronfo at Ottawa, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25
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Colorado 3, Columbus 2 New York-New Jersey 3, DC United 2, OT Chicago 1, New England 1, tie Kansas City 1, Tampa Bay 0 San Jose 5, Dallas 0 Los Angeles 2, Miami 0 Sunday's Games

## Nolan Ryan stable after emergency double-bypass surgery

perfect candidate for heart Blake said.

leader was in stable condition artery and suggested the wife were in Round Rock on today after emergency dou- Heart Hospital of Austin for an Easter visit and an afterble-bypass surgery at an an angiogram," J.J. Gottsch, noon game between the Class Austin hospital's intensive director of public relations for AA Express and the Midland

Doctors were hastily sum- own, moned Sunday at Round American-Statesman. Rock Medical Center, where Ruth Ryan drove her husband after he felt chest pains and experienced shortness of heart was indicated, Felger breath during a morning walk performed the bypass at 3 in the Austin suburb of Round Rock. Ryan is part owner of a minor league baseball team there.

"The doctors told us he has the heart of a 30-year-old," said Ryan's eldest son, Reid. our family," said Reid Ryan, "We feel confident that he is going to recover fully."

Austin surgeon Mark Felger, who performed the

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An electrocardiogram and his father's condition. Nolan Ryan was in near-per- blood tests showed the Hall of fect health for a 53-year-old Fame pitcher from Alvin did Hall of fame pitcher. Family not suffer a heart attack, Texas that he can continue to lead history, however, made him a Rangers spokesman John the active lifestyle he is accus-

"However, doctors felt like said. Baseball's career strikeout there was blockage of (an) the Round Rock Express, the RockHounds. team that Ryan and his son told the Austin When a substantial block-

> artery leading into Ryan's The surgery was successful,

> age of the left main coronary

Gottsch said. Ryan is expected to be hospitalized for about a week, Blake said.

"Today was a total shock to president of the Express. "My dad has been in perfect

But the younger Ryan said two-hour bypass to clear an the family has had a history of arterial blockage, and Reid heart-related problems and Ryan planned a news confer- that doctors indicated that

"We feel confident that he is going to recover fully and tomed to living," Reid Ryan

of Famer in January 1999.

league, American League and

He is tied with Don Sutton on the career victories list

Rangers before retiring in

Gottsch said Ryan and his

They decided to pay a morning visit to the Dell Diamond, the Express' new \$2.5 million, 7,500-seat stadium. They began strolling around the ballpark when the trouble began.

Ryan was a first-ballot Hall He holds or shares 48 major

National League records.

Baseball's career leader in strikeouts with 5,714 and nohitters with seven, Ryan's 27 seasons are more than anyone in major league history.

Ryan played with the New

stay alive.

year, and we know the most important game is Game 5. You the series, opened the scoring in win that one, all of a sudden the first period and added two there's pressure on the team more goals as the Blues took a 6-

Nolan and Reid Ryan and A affiliate, in 1998 when it season.

Houston Astros and Texas Houston businessman Don was still the Jackson (Miss.) Sanders bought the Express, Generals. The team started the Houston Astros' Double- playing in Round Rock this

## Blues even NHL series with Sharks

through this before.

That's making it a lot easier for them as they try to rally from a 3-1 deficit to win a first-round playoff series for the second straight year. Scott Young scored three times

as the Blues, who had a team playoff-record five goals in the second period, defeated the San Jose Sharks 6-2 Sunday to even their series at three games apiece. Game 7 is Tuesday night at St.

The Blues won the last three games to oust the Phoenix Covotes in the first round of the 1999 playoffs and are drawing on that memory as they try to match the feat this year. They won Game 5 at St. Louis on Friday to

"We went through this last

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) - The Young said. "We had a great ond. St. Louis Blues have been experience last year and we're using it this year."

The only other first-round series not decided is the Eastern Conference matchup between the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Ottawa Senators. The Leafs, who own a 3-2 lead, play at the Senators tonight.

Philadelphia, New Jersey, Pittsburgh, Dallas, Colorado and Detroit have already advanced to the second round.

Chris Pronger, who added a goal for the Blues on Sunday, said last year's comeback helped keep the Blues optimistic even after they fell behind 3-1 against the Sharks.

"I think the guys realized it could be done," Pronger said. "Nobody hung their head. We were still positive and focused on getting things done."

Young, who has five goals in

Jochen Hecht had a goal and three assists for St. Louis, which had three goals on three shots in a 2:40 span of the second period.

Blues, and Pierre Turgeon had three assists. The Blues, the best road team in the NHL during the regular season, scored six times on their first 13 shots. They took 24 shots overall, while the Sharks fired 27

Tyson Nash also scored for the

at goalie Roman Turek. "We played a great game, finally," Young said. "We were a little undisciplined in the beginning of the series, and that's very uncharacteristic of us. Now we've settled into the game and calmed down a bit. With our backs against the wall, we really

responded." Owen Nolan and Bryan Marchment scored for the Sharks, who have never won a series-clinching game on their home ice in San Jose. It was Nolan's fifth goal of the series,

## heredity played a large part in York Mets, California Angels, that's ahead to win Game 6," 0 lead midway through the sec- but his first since Game 3, Wheeler takes second, Groom third at Class 1A Area Track meet

CANYON — Gruver scored

last week in Randall. Wheeler was second with 69 points and Groom third Class 1A Area-Meet with 67.

**Brooks Brown and Corey** Jewell of Wheeler won the triple jump for Groom

The top four finishers in Valley 20; 11. Claude 16; 12. 131 points to win the boy's each event qualified for the Kress 10; 13. Follett 8; 14. title at the Class 1A Area meet Region 1-1A track meet next Lefors 7; 15. Higgins 6; 16. weekend in Levelland.

**Boys Division** 

Team Totals: 1. Gruver 131; 1/2. pole vault and 3200-meter 2. Wheeler 69; 3. Groom 67; 4. run, respectively, for Wheeler. Hedley 48; 5. Memphis 48; 6. Groom, second place, 151-5; Clay Ritter took first in the Nazareth 45; 7. Shamrock 30; Donnie Phipps, Wheeler, third riple jump for Groom 8. Miami 24; 9. Vega 23; 10. place, 142-3.

Lefors 7; 15. Higgins 6; 16. High jump: Clay Ritter, Donnie Booker 4; 17. Fort Elliott 1; 17. Groom, third place,5-10. Finsterw McLean 1.

Area results Shot put: Dusty Crump, Groom, second place, 45-6

Discus: Dusty Crump,

Triple jump: Clay Ritter, Groom, first place, 42-9.

Wheeler, first place, 13-0; Gavin McQueen, Wheeler, third place, 12-0. first place, 11:19.70; Russell 15.89;

11:45.10; Luke Pavlosky,

400-meter relay: Wheeler, third place (Brooks Brown, Chapman, Wheeler, third Phipps, and Finsterwald Kyle Pole vault: Brooks Brown, Masters), 44.75.

> 800: Josiah Scott, Groom, second place, 2:08.90.

110 hurdles: Conrad, Groom, third place, Wheeler, fourth place, 15.90. Groom, fourth place, 11:57.30. second place, 52.24.

hurdles: Caleb place, 41.26. 1600: Josiah Scott, Groom,

second place, 5:06.42.

1600-meter relay: Wheeler, Dustin Juan Salas, Gavin McQueen 3200: Corey Jewell, Wheeler, Babcock, Groom, third place, and Kyle Masters), 3:36.12; Justin Chapman, Miami, fourth place (Derek Howard, Kurt Baggerman, 400: Jarrell Thomas, Miami, Jarrell Thomas and Justin Cox), 3:36.42.

## In Reno's hometown, bitterness and accusations

MIAMI (AP) — Depicted as the devil, called a traitor and worse, Attorney General Janet Reno has taken the brunt of the blame from the Cuban-American community for her decision to use force to return Elian Gonzalez to his father.

Protesters and community leaders in Reno's hometown were offering up a bitter judg-ment against the nation's top law enforcement official after long supporting the former prosecutor who grew up here. She has become the No. 1

target for Cuban-Americans. Signs and angry words targeting her have multiplied following Saturday's raid to the streets of Little Havana pound in Texas. Reno and the relatives take the issue to and first-offenders and broke in.

snatch Elian. Her actions - after federal agents grabbed FBI were criticized for their court, where it remains. Elian case was handled by her him to Washington, D.C.

— have been criticized by the More than 350 people were governor and Miami's mayor.

"There is a sense that this was personal ... that this perthing so outrageous," said Dario Moreno, a political science professor at Florida International University in Nazi. Miami. "The raid on this fam-

raid on everybody's house."

President Clinton said the the 6-year-old boy and took

arrested and protesters started more than 200 fires, mostly burning tires and trash son the community helped in Saturday. As they marched, her career would do some many carried signs with a picmany carried signs with a picture of Reno with horns. Another called her a traitor, while others likened her to a

One sign read: "Reno, you of patience in Miami. ily's house was symbolic of a have betrayed our trust. Ten quiet on Easter Sunday, a day ence to the deadly 1993 raid

decisions to end a 51-day siege there.

By comparison, a 1996 standoff between the FBI and the anti-government Freemen in Montana ended without violence. FBI Director Louis Freeh said at the time that FBI reforms after Waco "put patience above the risk of bloodshed."

She recently said the govchildren in Waco and Elian ernment could have moved The scene at the house was condemned today," a refer- anytime since January to As state attorney, Reno pioreturn Elian to his father, but neered programs for juve- were in the midst of negotiaafter protesters poured into on the Branch Davidian com- chose instead to let the Miami niles, non-violent criminals tions when federal agents

Reno has strong ties to

Miami, growing up in a house on the edge of the Everglades. She is the daughter of two journalists - Jane, who worked for years for the nowdefunct Miami News, and Henry, who spent four believe she loves Miami as decades as a crime reporter for The Miami Herald.

Prominent attorney Aaron Reno insisted on that level Podhurst met Reno 30 years ago, before she was elected relatives and the government. five times as state attorney for He was one of four communiwhat was then Dade County. ty leaders who volunteered to

pushed for minority representation on her staff.

Podhurst said he knows the Elian case has affected Reno. "I think she is suffering greatly that the Miami community is fractured," he said.

"I still admire her and I much as anyone." Podhurst acted as a middle-

man for the failed last-minute negotiations between Elian's intervene Friday night — and



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## Physicians warn against big doses of vitamin C during cancer treatment

By DANIEL Q. HANEY AP Medical Writer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Cancer patients who take large doses of vitamin C in the hope of a cure might actually make their disease worse by inadvertently protecting their tumors from radiation and chemotherapy, new research suggests.

Doctors caution they cannot prove the vitamin is harmful during cancer treatment. But they say there are strong biological reasons to think megadoses could be bad.

The concern is based on the discovery that cancer cells actually contain large amounts of vitamin C, which appears to protect them from oxygen damage. Many cancer treatments, especially radiation therapy, work by triggering they are also safe or effective, especialoxygen damage to the genes of cancer ly when combined with other treat-

Dr. David Golde, physician-in-chief at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center ologist who studies vitamin and herbal in New York City, warned against too remedies at Memorial Sloan-Kettering, much vitamin C in a presentation recent- noted that vitamin C fell from favor as a ly at a meeting of the American Cancer cancer treatment in 1985 after a Mayo Society.

stance that protects the body from known as free radicals. Oxidation — the same process that rusts iron — is suspected of triggering cancer and other

Health experts recommend that people eat plenty of fruits and vegetables because they are good sources an antioxidant nutrients, among other things. Many people routinely take high or cure illnesses.

Doctors caution that even thought need to grow. natural, this does not necessarily mean very high concentrations of vitamin C. writers—program—mon.html

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nutrients, among other things. Many people routinely take high doses of vitamin C and other antioxidants in the belief that they will prevent or cure illnesses.

Dr. Barrie R. Cassileth, a medical soci-Clinic study found it to be worthless. Vitamin C has many adherents, in But it has recently returned to vogue, part because it is an antioxidant, a sub- and some practitioners give extremely high doses to cancer patients as an addipotentially harmful oxygen particles tion to ordinary treatment or even as a substitute.

In 1993, Golde's team discovered how vitamin C gets into human cells. They found that an oxidized form of vitamin C called dehydroascorbic acid enters cells through the same opening used by sugar. Once inside, it is immediately converted back to vitamin C.

He said a key feature of many cancers doses of vitamin C and other antioxi- is they have many more of these sugar dants in the belief that they will prevent openings than do ordinary cells. This allows them to take in the energy they

The exact function of the vitamin inside cancer is unknown.

"My experience as a biologist would say it is no accident," said Golde. "The cancer cell wants vitamin C because it wants antioxidant protec-

Among cancer's uses for the vitamin, he said, could be protection against the harmful effect of radiation therapy, as well as some forms of chemotherapy that work by inducing oxygen dam-

Vitamin-rich food and multivitamins are safe for cancer patients, Golde said, but he routinely advises cancer patients to avoid gram-size doses of vitamin C while under treatment.

Dr. Harmon Eyre, medical director of the cancer society, said Golde's work suggests it is especially important to avoid big doses of vitamin C during radiation treatment, which works in large part through triggering oxygen damage. Lab experiments have also shown that loading cancer cells with vitamin C can make them resist radiation treatment.

'It argues to cancer patients that supplements need to be thought through very carefully," he said.

Earlier this month, researchers from the University of Southern California presented data at a conference suggesting that vitamin C pills may speed up clogging of the arteries, the underlying cause of heart attacks and strokes.

Some of Golde's work on vitamin C and cancer was published last September in the journal Cancer

On the Net: American Cancer Society conference various nutritional supplements are He said cancer cells often also have http://www.cancer.org/media/sws/

## Health briefs

Human genome thirds finished

HOUSTON - With twothirds of the genetic instruction book for the human body now "written," researchers with the Human Genome Project are optimistic they can complete a working draft by June.

The genome is the collection of genetic information that determines how the body forms and functions. It consists of more than 3 billion chemical units, or base pairs, on 46 chromosomes. An international consortium that includes Baylor College of Medicine in Houston has identified and determined the order of 2 billion of those base pairs.
"It took four years to

sequence the first billion base pairs, but only four months for the second billion," said Dr. Richard Gibbs, director of the Human Genome Sequencing Center at Baylor. "At such a rapid pace of discovery, we should be able to finish a draft of the genome over the next three months.

Scientists with the Human Genome Project deposit their data into GenBank, a public database of DNA sequence operated by the National Institutes of Health. This information is accessible free and without restrictions to all scientists in industry and academia so they can study the genetics of health and disease in hope of finding cures and treatments for illnesses ranging from diabetes and heart disease to cancer and

## Researchers find gene needed to view rapid movements

HOUSTON — A gene that is needed for the eye to see fastmoving objects has been identified in mice. The discovery gives researchers a new tool for studying hereditary vision defects in humans.

Scientists at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Stanford University Medical Center in Stanford, Ca., and California Institute of Technology in Pasadena found that a gene called RGS9-1 turns off the nerve cells in the retina after the cells have been activated by fight energy. This process enables these photoreceptor cells to return to a dark state so they can be reactivated by more fight energy. The rapid rate at which the cells respond to these changes is what makes vision of moving objects possible, such as tracking a baseball traveling faster than 90 miles per hour.

The chain reaction of cellular response triggered by fight acti-vation uses a type of communi-cation between cells called Gprotein-coupled signaling, said Dr. Theodore Wensel, Baylor professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Ophthalmology. His lab is

two- now studying the role of these genes and proteins in human

> Genome of fruit fly helpful to understandingly **Genetics in humans**

> HOUSTON - The recently completed genome, or genetic makeup, of the fruit fly is only the size of one human chromosome, but it can help scientists learn more about human genetics.

With the total collection of genetic information about the fruit fly now available, researchers can trace virtually any change in the fruit fly structure and function to specific genes or mutations and draw conclusions about how genetic instructions are transmitted sim-

ilarly in humans. The human genome is much more complex, but the fruit fly is a lot more like humans than many of us may want to admit," said Dr. Steve Scherer, assistant professor of molecular and human genetics at Houston's Baylor College of Medicine. "We share many of the same genes and biochemical pathways."

Federally funded scientists at Baylor helped map and sequence the two chromosomes that comprise 80 percent of the fruit-fly genome. They collabo-rated with the Berkeley Drosophila Genome Project, the European Drosophila Genome Project and Celera Genonics to complete the fruit-fly genome.

Pumping up heart rate can have big payoffs

HOUSTON — For individuals who exercise, working out within the target heart-rate range can be the key to shedding unwanted pounds.

"Heart-rate monitoring is a way to quantify the intensity of exercise," said Dr. Jane Corboy, a family physician specializing in sports medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Recent research shows that a high-intensity exercise component results in a great increase in metabolic rate, which results in

greater weight loss."

The term "heart-rate monitoring" can refer to the broad concept of tracking your heart rate during exercise or the more spe-cific practice of using an electronic monitor.

To calculate the predicted maximum heart rate, the average adult should subtract his or her age from 220. The target heart rate is 70 to 80 percent of that number. During the activity, top and count a pulse for six seconds; then multiply by 10 to calculate the exercise heart rate.

If the appropriate "zone" seems out of reach, try activities that involve repetitive use of large muscle groups. Walking, running, step aerobics, crosscountry skiing, swimming and cycling tend to generate the most aerobic-training benefits.

Corboy cautions, however, that heart rate can also serve as a warning sign. A rise in resting heart rate, for example, can be a symptom of over-training.

## Take time when choosing a personal trainer

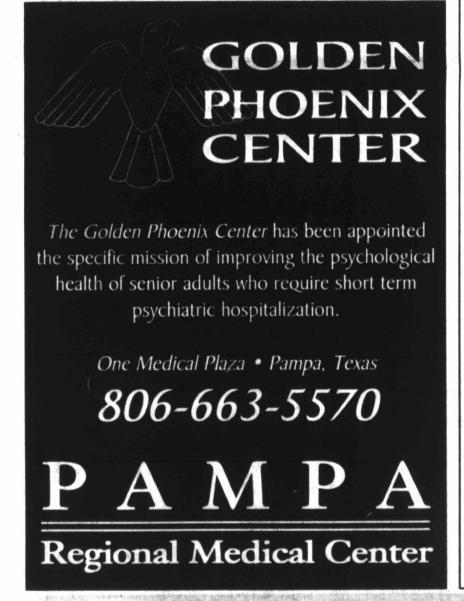
**HOUSTON** — Personal trainers can be great resources and motivators, but finding the right one can make all the difference

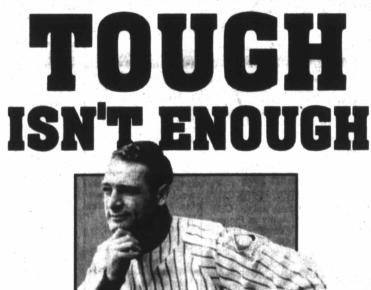
in meeting your fitness goals.
According to Maurice Puyau,
an exercise specialist at the
USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine, a little research beforehand can ensure that you and your potential trainer are on the same track.

"Perhaps the best way to find a personal trainer is by word of mouth. Check with your health club or ask a friend," Puyau

The Internet can also be a good source of contacts in your area. Once you narrow down the field, conduct mini-interviews and ask the trainer about his or her credentials, training style and motivational techniques.

"Because personal trainers can be quite expensive, have a trial session to see if it the two of you are compatible," Puyau said.





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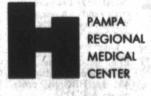
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