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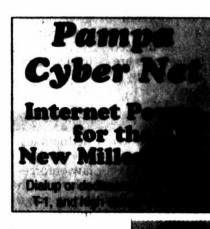
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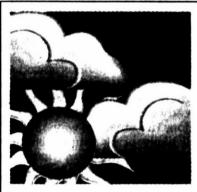
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High today, upper 70s Low tonight, lower 50s For weather details, see Page 2

Gray County Appraisal District's Appraisal Review Board elected officers at the first meeting of the year conducted at the Appraisal District conference room

Officers for the five-person board are as follows: Bob Marx, chairman; David Gantz, vice chairman; and Tom Henderson, secretary.

Two appraisal hearings scheduled for the meeting were cancelled after one party withdrew their request for a hearing and a second party did not appear.

Changes to the appraisal roll were approved as presented.

Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley reported on the reappraisal visits of property in north Pampa. Bagley said the appraisal district conducts cyclical reappraisals of approximately one-third of the city each year.

Bagley told review board members to expect an increase in mineral values due to the higher oil and gas prices

"But I cautioned everyone not to expect a bed of roses,' he said.

Industrial values will remain basically the same, he

Two tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn for the Lotto Texas game. The tickets were worth an estimated \$4 million. The tickets were sold in: Bronte and Edinburg.

The numbers were: 3-12-13-28-31-44

- · Vacy L. Bradley Groom, retired home health aide.
- Thelma L. Hopkins, home-· Precious Williams, home
- health aide. · Dorothy S. Teed, former
- PFAA Woman of the Year.

Editorial4

City police offer free window tinting check

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

What's the legal amount of window tinting is like when I told my teen-age daughter she couldn't get pregnant until she was 25, while my husband was telling her she couldn't get married until she was 35.

"It's so very confusing, we can't even get judges to understand it," said Major Rick Smith of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Motor Vehicles Inspection division in Austin.

To help local citizens find out if their window tinting is legal, Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said officers will offer a free window tint screening Saturday, April 29, and Sunday, April 30, at the United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart, on the northeast end of the park-

'Anyone wishing to know if the window tinting on his or her vehicle is in compliance with Texas state law is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity," Chief Morris said in a press release.

"Officers will not issue citations for window tinting violations during the times that these services are provided," the release stated.

Morris and Sgt. Don Cameron of the local Department of Public Safety office, in a joint news conference Wednesday,

An example of a window tint sticker.

tried to explain Texas laws regarding window tinting. The news conference was held in response to a Pampa News article on April 23 about a meter recently acquired by the Pampa Police Department to test the density of tinted vehicle win-

After the news article, Cameron and Morris said the police department and the local DPS office received numerous calls from people wanting a sticker placed on their tinted windows stating the tint was DPS-approved

"Tell them, don't call the DPS office for stickers or to inspect their windows," Sgt. Cameron said. "We do not issue those. They are required to be put on by whoever is putting the tinting on the window."

Sgt. Cameron said the sticker

is usually small, about one inch in diameter, and round and not all stickers look the same.

"It says (the tinting material) is the type or design approved by DPS, that it meets minimum standards," he said.

The problem regarding the legal amount of tint appears to arise from the state traffic code statute which states a misdemeanor offense has been committed if certain windows in a vehicle have less than 35 percent light transmission through them.

On the other hand, state inspection requirements are 20

Major Smith said the inspection and enforcement laws are not really as far apart as it may seem. He said vehicle manufacturers, by federal law, can tint vehicle windows to block out as much as 16 percent of light. The state inspection requirements are designed to consider the 20 percent with the 16 percent tint that may already be on the vehicle's windows, he said.

"Our enforcement policy is .20 (or 20 percent) and our inspection requirement is .20 (or 20 percent)," he said, adding that the 20 percent is considered in addition to the 16 percent that may already be on the vehicle.

To add to the confusion, laws on pre-1988 vehicles are different than requirements for newer vehicles, DPS officials said.

Outstanding teacher



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa Middle School Teacher of the Year Margaret Williams, science teacher, cradles a bouquet of red roses presented to her at the TAAS Celebration Banquet. "A major challenge to me as a science teacher is to stimulate a love of science in my middle school students that will continue through high school, college, and even into adult life," Williams said.

Census workers knocking on doors

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Hear that knock on the door? If you didn't return your census form for 2000, it could be a census worker wanting to get you

Census 2000 has a direct effect on the future of Pampa as well as McLean and Lefors.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet says an accurate count of the local residents is very important.

"Whenever we talk about the possibility of federal grants or federal monies for the area, we know that grants are dispersed based on population. It is very important that all local residents are counted," he said. "It is vital to count every individual as they are looking at the number of bodies who live here."

Peet also said it is vital to the Pampa area to have accurate population counts to secure monies for area citizens.

"It is an opportunity for federal funding grants to be obtained for the area," he said.

One example of grants received by Gray County is the Lake McClellan reclamation pro-

Factors also included in the application process for grants are the number of minority residents, poverty guidelines, as well as the number of elderly and children.

He stressed that the representation of the state representative district is based on population figures. According to State Representative Warren Chisum's

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(Photo courtesy of Anderson Photography)

It will be good eatin' time for the public Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the parking lot of Wayne's Western Wear, 1504 N. Hobart, in Pampa. That's where fajitas and beans will be cooked on an authentic chuck wagon owned by Kevin and Janet Romines. It's all to benefit the upcoming Rodeo Bible Camp sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. More details about the camp will be released later. Grandsons of the Romines, Hayden and Gatlin Duncan, like to get in the chuck wagon action, too. They are the sons of Curt and Mindy Duncan of Canadian.

Judge revokes probation in '96 forgery conviction

A Pampa woman was being held in the Gray County jail today after her probation was revoked in connection with a 1996 forgery conviction.

Kymberlee Sue Mills, 39, 723 N. Banks, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies about 5 p.m. Wednesday after her probation on the forgery conviction was revoked in 233rd District Court.

Mills was convicted of forgery by passing on July 17, 1996. She was serving a five-year probated sentence. Mills had also been ordered to pay court costs, fees and restitution. She had also been ordered to perform community service.

Authorities said today that Mills left the State of Texas on Oct. 13, 1998, without permission from the court in violation of her probation.

Mills was convicted of child abuse on Jan. 27, 1999, in Ventura County, Calif., and was convicted April 26, 1999, in Ventura County of transportation and sales of a controlled substance.

Mills has been convicted of two crimes in California since getting probation here.

As part of her probation, Mills had agreed to

avoid alcohol and drugs. Officers said she had consumed alcohol in Gray County in January and February this year. She was accused of using cocaine on Sept. 25, 1998.

According to court records, Mills had also failed to attend weekly counseling sessions for drug abuse, was delinquent in the payment of her probation fees, was not reporting weekly to the probation office, was delinquent in her payment of attorney fees and had completed only one hour of the 120 hours of court ordered community service.

Judge Lee Waters ordered Mills confined for two years in a state jail facility.

Municipal insurance costs drop

By KATE B. DICKSON **Associate Publisher**

Lower overall general insur-ance rates coupled with the lowest of two bids means the city's insurance rates for the year starting May 1 will go down by almost \$40,000. The current carrier, Duncan,

Frasier & Bridges Insurance Agency of Pampa, was underbid on the new contract by the Texas Municipal League-Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TML-IRP). Three years ago, the local agency won the contract over the TML-IRP bid.

The bids reviewed this week by the City Commission were TML-IRP at \$89,108 and Duncan, Frasier & Bridges at \$116,144. The current annual cost is

During Tuesday's Commission meeting adjustments were made to the policy, mainly affecting law enforcement liability coverage, but the resulting dollar difference between the two bids changed very little.

The majority of the difference between the two bids involve costs of insuring the city's fleet.

While the Commission did unanimously approve the TML IRP bid, it reserved the right to continue discussions about what amount to lock in for a deductible.

Commissioner Jeff Andrews said payment of a higher deductible — \$2,500 or \$5,000 per claim - might not be prudent given the claim history of city vehicles that have been involved in accidents. He said paying a higher premium for a lower deductible could pay off in claim payments.

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Services tomorrow

HOPKINS, Thelma L. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa. WILLIAMS, Precious - Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

VACY L. BRADLEY GROOM

LAWTON, Okla. - Vacy L. Bradley Groom, 100, died Monday, April 24, 2000, at a retirement center. Services were held Wednesday in First Baptist Church Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Tom Willoughby, minister of music, officiating. Burial was in Plainview Cemetery with Gary Bradley officiating.

Mrs. Groom was born June 13, 1899, in Bosque County, Texas, to Andrew Jackson and Iola Banes Falkner. She moved to Greer County, Okla., in 1901 and her family homesteaded in Plainview. She married Scovill Bradley on Aug. 2, 1917, a Plainview; he died in 1966. The couple lived at Plainview until moving to Erick, Okla., in 1964. She held a teaching degree from Southwest State Teachers College at Weatherford, attending the institution in the 1940s, and taught at Plainview,

Erick, Sweetwater and Berlin, retiring at age 68. She later married Sam Groom in 1973; he died in 1992. They lived in Pampa prior to moving to Fort Cobb Lake in 1987. She worked as a volunteer at the hospital in Pampa and enjoyed arts

and painting.

She had been a Lawton resident since 1995, residing at Ten Oaks Retirement Community. She belonged to First Baptist Church of

She was preceded in death by her parents; six

brothers; and a sister. Survivors include a son, Norva Bradley of

Lawton; two sisters, Edna Begert of Pampa and Mattie Griffin of St. Jo, Texas; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. THELMA L. HOPKINS

Thelma L. Hopkins, 92, of Pampa, died Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. John Wagoner, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Dumas, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hopkins was born Nov. 28, 1907, in Bell County, Texas. She had been a Pampa resident most all her life. She married Siler Hopkins at Clovis, N.M.; he died in 1952.

She belonged to First Presbyterian Church. Survivors include a daughter, Jeannie Cunningham of Panhandle; a son, Jim Hopkins; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchil-

The family requests memorials be to St. Ann's Nursing Home of Panhandle or to First United Methodist Church of Panhandle. DOROTHY S. TEED

SALINA, Kan. — Dorothy S. Teed, 95, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, April 25, 2000. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Teed was born Sept. 23, 1904, at Topeka, Kan., to J.M. and Mary Abigail Stark. She graduated from Washburn University in 1926 and belonged to Delta Gamma Sorority. She married Arthur M. Teed on June 22, 1929, at Topeka; he died in 1968. She lived at Pampa from 1929 until

moving to Salina in 1988. While in Pampa, she belonged to First United Methodist Church, was a member Clara Hill Sunday School Class and the administrative board of the church and served as chairperson of the Council on Missions. In addition, she was a member of 20th Century Forum, was director of volunteers of the hospital auxiliary for three years and Pampa Community Concert Association. She was Pampa Fine Arts Woman of

the Year in 1950. She was preceded in death by a son, John Teed, in 1979; a brother, Robert Stark; and a sister, Judith Stark.

Survivors include two sons, Dan Teed of Lawton, Okla., and Jere Teed of Mount Prospect, Ill.; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch/Girl's Town, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174; or to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1891.
PRECIOUS WILLIAMS

Precious Williams, 51, of Pampa, died Monday, April 24, 2000. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Raymond McKever, pastor of St. Marks CME Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Ms. Williams was born May 7, 1948, at Monahans. She had been a Pampa resident since 1970, moving from Irving. She was a home health aide in Pampa until 1998.

Survivors include a sister, Martha Scott of Pampa; and three brothers, LeRoy Mitchell of Lovington, N.M., E.B. Mitchell of Amarillo and Albert Mitchell of Dallas.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, April 26 Kymberlee Mills, 39, of 723 N. Banks, was arrested by Sheriff's deputies about 5 p.m. Wednesday for probation violation.

Geroge Thomas Reames, 57, 314 Wynne, was arrested by Sheriff's deputies about 6:45 p.m. Wednesday on a warrant from Hansford County charging him with issuance of a bad check.

Dennis Ray Hayes, 51, of 323 Jean, was arrested by Sheriff's deputies about 8 p.m. Wednesday on a motion to revoke his probation on a thef

Fires

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

Wednesday, April 27

5:04 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 200 block of North Somerville.

Carson Co. Sheriff

The Carson County Sheriff's Office released the following weekly jail satus report. Seven peo-ple were booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of April 17-23. At the time of the report there were 21 people incarcerated and nine additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Rayond Lawton, 35, Cape Girardeau, Mo., held on Florida warrants.

Julio Aguilar, 29, Amarillo, public intoxication. Omar Rojas, 21, Amarillo, driving while intox-

Steve Organ, 35, Pampa, driving while intoxi-

cated. Joyce Baumgarner, 49, Pampa, possession of

marijuana less than two ounces. Allen Baumgarner, 38, Pampa, driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana less than

two ounces. Johnny Claunch, 62, Pampa, driving while intoxicated.

Police report

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

Wednesday, April 26 Debra Kay Howard, 44, 529 Naidia, was arrested about 9:45 a.m. Wednesday in the 500 block of North Wells on a warrant charging her with dri ving while her driver's license was suspended.

Bobby Clark, 34, was arrested about 1 p.m. Wednesday in the 200 block of West Kingsmill on a warrant charging him with simple assault and failure to appear. Thursday, April 27

Penny June Summers, 19, 1601 Somerville, was arrested shortly after 1 a.m. today in the 1300 block of North Hobart on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Stocks

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Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following runs during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Wednesday, April 26

5:03 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Somerville; no transport.

5:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded the 1000 block of Duncan and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	91
Crime Stoppers	

Prominent Texas anti-abortion group closes

DALLAS (AP) — A promi- was insolvent and closed its nent Texas anti-abortion group Irving headquarters in March. has closed amid claims its longtime president used organiza- with a request to resign. tional funds for personal

Bill Price, former head of Texans United for Life, has denied misusing money and shocking." insists he left the group in

She also said Price complied

"We did find a problem with unauthorized use of funds by Mr. Price," she said. "It's very disappointing and very, very

Wright would not say how February without being asked.
Texans United vice president
Kyleen Wright told The Dallas
Morning News that the group have been as high as \$500,000.

Price blamed the accusations on a disagreement in job-related benefits, including health care and automobile reimbursement. He declined to be more specific.

"I'm truly saddened they chose to characterize it this way," he said. "It is a difference

of opinion." Wright said the group did not have plans to pursue criminal charges against Price or file for bankruptcy.

CENSUS

office, Chisum currently represents constituents in 16 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Peet said 26 state representatives are elected from Harris County alone.

"If we want a voice, we must count everyone said Peet.

Visits by census workers represent the bureau's best chance to tally the millions of Americans not accounted for on census forms returned by mail.

Census workers emphasize people missed in the census contribute to a massive misdirection of money because billions of government and private dollars are distributed based on census data.

Census Director Kenneth Prewitt of Washington urges residents to be courteous to census workers. He also urged residents not to fall victim to people posing as census workers.

He said temporary workers will not have photo IDs but will carry official identification. He said census takers may be invited into homes but under no circumstances shall the census taker request to

Temporary workers are sworn not to share any private information and can face prison time if y do, he said.

Census workers won't visit homes that left only a few questions blank but enumerators will go to households that answered only how many people

Cereus takers will make up to three personal visits and three phone calls to individual households. After that, they could try to get information from neighbors.

Census workers say that only 65 percent of the state's residents have returned their completed forms. Apparently, Pampa's statistics are running about the same as the state. Census officials are describing the effort as the

largest peace time deployment of government employees in history. Over 500,000 temporary

workers are expected to be utilized.

About 42 million households are estimated to be visited nationwide through July 7 in order to get the needed information.

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INSURANCE

But the city's paid insurance advisor, Bill Preston of Preston Risk Consulting in Henderson, Texas, had another way of looking at the issue of deductibles.

In the long run, Preston said, more claims could result in higher insurance premiums down the road due to the experience rating the city would have. Higher premiums later could negate any

short-term gain resulting from lower deductibles, he added.

Regarding the liability coverage for law enforcement officers, the Commission went along with Commissioner Bob Dixon's proposal the coverage limit be increased from \$500,000 to \$2 million. Once that coverage was upped, it raised the TML-IRP bid from \$89,108 to \$90,021.

Built into the bid was a three percent discount for payment of the premium in full.

Greenspan predicts rural areas will benefit from tech boom

WASHINGTON (AP) — The technological boom that is transproviding greater job opportunities and a better life in rural areas, Federal Reserve Chairman rural areas through television rural areas. Alan Greenspan said today.

Greenspan said that just as electricity and better highways transformed rural America in the last century, the technological revolution involving computers have an impact in the new centu-

"Rural citizens are gaining access to a broader range of goods and services and the already existing goods and services are available more expeditiously and at lower cost,"

the remoteness of many rural ues to increase.

He said rural areas also stand employment to benefit from innovations just and computer hookups.

the revolution under way in information technology.

and the Internet is certain to to innovations such as electronic greater precision in planting, irrigation, fertilization and weed-control," he said in his prepared speech, copies of which were released in Washington.

Greenspan said in remarks to a should raise productive poten- year, far above the Federal conference on rural America tial for both crops and livestock Reserve's "speed limit" sponsored by the Federal are being reported with greater around 3.5 percent.

Reserve regional bank in Kansas frequency," he said, noting that Most analysts believe the Fed, many of the changes are likely to which has already raised interest. Among the innovations, increase farm productivity, rates five times since June, will Greenspan noted sattelite televi- which would mean further boost rates again on May 16. sion and other electronic prod- declines in the number of farms Greenspan made no reference to ucts that "have helped to counter as the size of those farms contin- current economic conditions in

"Crop producers are turning linked to satellites, to attain he said.

Helping to offset this loss of

Greenspan predicted, the expanforming the nation's cities is also now being developed such as sion of agriculture service industelemedicine, which allow urban tries should continue to be a doctors to diagnose illnesses in source of employment growth in

Like all the previous episodes Greenspan predicted that of technical advance, the revolu-farmers would also benefit from tion in information technology already has improved living conditions in numerous ways, and it will likely bring future benefits to rural communities that we technologies, including those now can only scarcely imagine,"

Greenspan spoke after the release of new government economic statistics showing that the overall economy surged ahead at a rapid 5.3 percent growth rate in "Genetic discoveries that the first three months of this

his prepared text.

Pastor sues school for religious discrimination

American Center for Law and Justice is suing an East Texas school district for denying a church the use of a school cafe-

teria for a religious play. The lawsuit, filed Wednesday in federal court in Marshall on behalf of John Wesley Smith Jr., pastor of CrossRoads Church of Naples, alleges the school district's move violated the church's constitutional right to free religious speech.

Smith asked the Pewitt Consolidated Independent School District in Omaha, Texas, to use a high-school cafeteria on April 15 for the dinner and religious produc-

The school board rejected the request, saying the nondenominational church only could use the cafeteria if it omitted the "very religious" drama, according to the lawsuit. The district allows non-religious community groups to use the building for free.

"You can't discriminate against a church wanting to use school property available to other community organizations just because they want to engage in religious speech," said Kevin Theriot, senior asso-

Center for Law and Justice, a conservative group based in for comment by The Associated Virginia Beach, Va., that specializes in First Amendment

The church declined to cancel ing the school district from conits religious drama and rented space elsewhere.

Pewitt Richard Kitchens said Wednesday he was unaware of the lawsuit.

"We don't allow our facilities miles northeast of Dallas. for religious purposes," he said,

DALLAS (AP) — The ciate counsel for the American declining to comment further. Smith could not be reached Theriot said the group is

> tinuing its policy. The school district superin-Superintendent tendent and board of trustees are named as defendants in the

seeking an injunction prohibit-

lawsuit. Omaha, Texas, is about 120

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PAMPA SENIOR Citizens Dance, "Northfork Band" will be playing, Fri. 28th, 7-9:30 p.m. \$3.50 admission.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy with high in the upper 70s and northeast winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low of 50 and east-southeast winds at 5-15 mph. Partly cloudy tomorrow with a high of 80 and southeast winds at 10-20 mph. High yesterday 83; the overnight

STATEWIDE - A cold front sweeping through the state won't really cool things off much, but it will usher a dome of clear, dry air across Texas as the

weekend nears, forecasters said. North Texas will see clearing skies this evening behind a band of showers and thunderstorms associated with an upper air disturbance.

Lows tonight will dip into the 50s and 60s before rebounding into the 80s on Friday.

Partly cloudy skies will dominate West Texas through Friday. Lows tonight will range from the mid 40s north to the upper 60s in

the Big Bend. Highs will rise into the 80s over most of the region on Friday, but could top 100 along Laughlin Air Force Base.

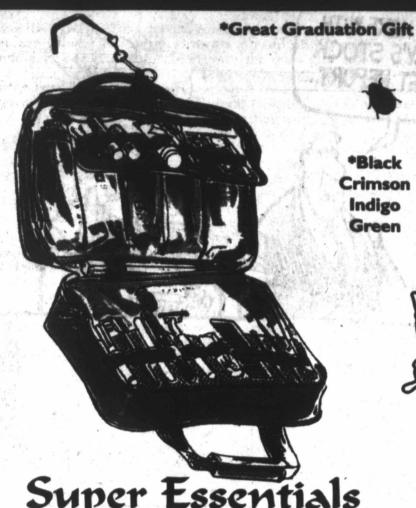
the Rio Grande.

Scattered showers and storms will persist across South Texas as the cold front slowly pushes through. Lows will be in the 60s to near 70. The wet weather could last

through Friday, as a frontal boundary weakens and moves north again. Highs will range from the 80s to the middle 90s. Clouds and showers were

reported over parts of northern and central Texas earlier today. Temperatures this morning varied from 52 at Marfa to 77 at

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Sen. Hutchison

Patients' bill of rights

Did I ever hit a nerve when I included a question about the proposed Patients' Bill of Rights in my annual questionnaire.

All of us want access to high-quality medical care. We want to be able to take advantage of the advances that have made it possible for us to live longer, healthler lives. But obtaining and paying for good medical care in our country has grown complicated. In addition to doctors and patients, other parties such as health maintenance organizations (HMOs), third-party payers, the legal profession and the government have all become involved in the

So when I asked what your health-care priorities are, I received an avalanche of answers. The right to choose a doctor was the highest-rated priority for 32 percent of those who responded; 24 percent put lower medical costs at the top of the list; 22 percent indicated that keeping their out-of-pocket medical expenses at the lowest possible level was their first priority; 13 percent said providing universal health care to everyone ought to head the list and 9 percent said the right to sue their HMO was paramount.

Here are some of your comments: From Arlington: "I have been going to the same doctor for 14 years and want to continue to be cared for by someone who knows me and my medical history. Whatever Congress does, I

hope the law includes a line saying we have the right to pick our own doctors."

Canton: "Insurance companies have stripped people of the right to choose their doctors, and doctors of the power to treat their patients as they best see fit. I do not want insurance clerks making medical decisions for me."

Dallas: "The surest way to see that health-care costs are kept in line is to

keep the lawyers out of it."

Midland: "Congress needs to be very careful before rewriting the laws that govern health care. Any law that expands the liability of employers and insurers will cause health-care costs to increase even more."

Garland: "The key to insuring all Americans is keeping insurance affordable.

Odessa: "I struggle to provide my eight full-time employees with health insurance coverage. At some point, I will no longer be able to afford it. We do need reform, but we do not need legislation that will cause more employers to drop coverage."

San Antonio: "As to costs, patients must be considered before

profits. Just look at the compensation given CEOs of managed care organizations and you might wonder how much of our

health-care premiums actually go to patient care."

Mesquite: "In some cases, the reality is 'managed cost,' not 'managed care.' Decisions are made based on financial considerations, not medical expertise.

lowa Park: "I don't like the sound of making it easier for lawyers to sue health plans because it could drive up costs dralawyers to sue nearm prans because it council strive up sector and matically. Lawyers would get the money, Joe Patient would get to pay a higher match every time they go to the doctor."

Lakeview: "We're not asking for freebies, just fairness when it comes to what we have to pay for our medical expenses. Cutting

taxes would help us pay for our share of our own care."

Spring: "I don't feel that health care should be free. But we

should lower costs by offering lower payment arrangements to people who are self-employed or unemployed."
Richardson: "Making it easier for lawyers to sue health plans and the employers who pay for their workers' insurance wall drive up costs. Every time a benefit decision is made, employers

I support legislation that protects the interests of patients and increases access to quality health care. Patients should be able to choose their doctors. HMOs should be required to play by the rules to make some that patients get the care they need — when

they need it.

Congress is considering legislation that would provide important new patient protections, including coverage for medical emergencies, a prohibition against gag rules on what doctors can tell patients, direct access to OB/CYN and pediatricians, and a point of service option that would allow patients to see doctors outside their health-plan network. It also would guarantee the continuation of medical care should a health plan discontinue service.

Most importantly, we must develop a binding external appeals process in which doctors would make the final decisions when patients disagree with their health-care plans, similar to the law lexas emacted in 1997.

. Our goal is to increase access to health insurance while providing consumer protections. I will continue to support reforms that ensure all Americans have access to quality and affordable health



No wonder immaturity is rampant

Clinton is again on the front pages claiming gun control is the end all to the country's problems. Now, this is just a little too much for

In recent years the public has been treated to the labels of "road rage" and air rage" as a way to deal with anger. Most recently, the label has been expanded to include "railroad rage" when a former boyfriend of a woman bumped the car the woman was driving into the path of an oncoming train. Not only was the driver killed, but her child, a friend of the woman and her child.

Now, why can't we just call it what it is = a temper tantrum by someone who is not will-

ing to control anger and grow up!
It seems to me the rash of shootings by children against children seem to have much more in common than guns - no skills in controlling anger. It seems as though these children are not learning appropriate ways to control

A few months ago I was in a discount store when I observed two young mothers who obviously were acquainted. As they visited I heard one young child about 5 or 6 years old say to the other young mother, "Did you hear what my grandma made my mom do?" She went on to tell her mother's friend that her mother had kicked a hole in the wall of her er had expressed displeasure about her



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daughter's lifestyle. The child ended her tale with, "It was all my grandmother's fault. My mom said so.'

It was all I could do to restrain myself from butting into someone else's business. Her grandmother's fault, indeed!

My mind reeled over the cause of this attitude being taught to a young child. Disrespect, irresponsibility, teenage mothers, spoiled brat, immaturity, bad choices, lack of education, single parents, not willing to take responsibility for her own actions — these were just a few it also seems as though we wouldn't have any of the thoughts I had. Some others are not printable.

Almost daily we hear of students having guns. Some choose to threaten others when they don't get their way, others see it as a solution to their problems.

As I mull this over, I remember we always had guns in our home. We were taught respect grandmother's home because the grandmoth- for the guns and for each other. I was taught at an early age how to properly shoot a firearm,

and how to take care of it.

Most of the young people I grew up with also had guns in their homes. It was common knowledge many of the cowboys carried them in their vehicles in case they saw a coyote, rattlesnake or some other varmint. I never remember being concerned they were going to shoot someone.

As I am writing this a call went over the scanner notifying officers children using BB guns were shooting out windows of an abandoned building. Why are these children out alone in the late evening with those BB guns? I hope when the parents are notified the children learn the consequences of their actions.

We, as parents, encounter many problems in raising children. It is impossible to be perfect

leed for gun control laws then.

But then I'm still waiting for Mr. President to take responsibility for some of his choices and not make excuses for those choices. Such as, the finger wasn't on the trigger, the safety lock was on, I didn't inhale, he didn't have an affair with Monica because they didn't oh, well, you know. Besides, this is a family newspaper. It's no wonder there is so much immaturity in this country.

Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, April 27, the 118th day of 2000. There are 248

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 27, 1805, a force led by U.S. Marines captured the city of Derna, on the shores of Tripoli.

On this date: In 1509, Pope Julius II excommunicated the Italian state of Venice.

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines. In 1822, the 18th president of the

United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio. In 1865, the steamer "Sultana"

In 1932, American poet Hart Crane drowned after jumping from a steamer while en route to New York; he was 32. In 1937, the nation's first Social Security checks were distributed.

In 1967, Expo '67 was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson. In 1973, during the Watergate scandal, Acting FBI Director L.

Patrick Gray resigned. In 1978, convicted Watergate defendant John D. Ehrlichman was released from an Arizona prison

after serving 18 months. In 1978, 51 construction workers exploded on the Mississippi River plunged to their deaths when a near Memphis, Tenn., killing more scaffold inside a cooling tower at

the Pleasants Power Station site in New Orleans at age 76.
West Virginia fell 168 feet to the Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack than 1,400 Union prisoners of war. ground.

Ten years ago: The aperture door of the Hubble Space Telescope was opened by ground controllers as the space shuttle Discovery, which had carried the Hubble into orbit, prepared to return home.

Five years ago: Former Orange County, Calif., Treasurer Robert Citron pleaded guilty to six counts of defrauding investors in the county investment pool.

One year ago: A week after the Columbine High School massacre, President Clinton called for new gun control measures, saying, "People's lives are at stake here."

Jazz. trumpeter Al Hirt died in

Klugman is 78. Civil rights activist Coretta Scott King is 73. Actress Anouk Aimee is 68. Announcer Casey Kasem is 68. Broadcast journalist Phil Jones is 63. Actress Judy Carne is 61. Opera singer Judith Blegen is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Cuba Gooding is 56. Singer Ann Peebles is 53. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52's) is 52. Rhythm-and-blues singer Herbie Murrell (The Stylistics) is 51. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 51. Rock musician Ace Frehley (KISS) is 49. Pop singer Sheena Easton is 41. Actor James Le Gros is 38. Rock musician Rob Squires (Big Head Todd & the

Cuban community is worthy of praise

A Cuban friend of mine said that he was saddened to discover during the Elian Gonzalez. controversy how many Americans hated the Cuban exiles.

I'm sad that he feels that way. Americans who really know the Cuban exile community don't hate its members. If you wanted to rate people on a scale of one to 10, with 10 being the most patriotic, the most self-reliant, the most industrious, the most willing to volunteer and, if necessary, sacrifice themselves for their native and adopted countries, the Cuban exile community would be a 10-plus.

The problem is that leftist twits, who infect

the American news media and academia like body lice, are forever slandering the Cubans, depicting them as anti-democratic rightwingers or old Batista supporters or outright fascists. They routinely have accused the Cuban community in Miami of exploiting the

Only two groups have exploited Elian Gonzalez. One is the news media members who camped outside the Miami family's home, without the family's permission or invitation, to photograph the little fellow every time he came out of the house. That is exploitation, not to mention an invasion of privacy.

The other exploiter of Elian Gonzalez has been Fidel Castro, the dictator of Cuba, whose usual attitude toward Cuban children trying to flee the island is to have his goons drown them,



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Syndicated columnist

shoot them or put them into prison. Anybody who thinks that Castro really gives a damn about Elian is a fool. His only purpose is to make the United States look bad.

All the Cuban community in Miami did was take into their hearts a little boy fished from the sea. They have tried to provide him with the love and support a boy who lost his mother needs. Again, it was not the Cuban exiles who invited the news media to make a circus out of their attempts to comfort a hurting child.

But that is one of the ugly realities of the news racket as it has evolved in the United

States. The press will not only exploit the heck out of someone else's pain, it will deny that it is doing so and, if possible, blame the victims.

As for those who hide their cold hearts behind the chant of "The law is very clear," I say, with a Charles Dickens' character, that if consigning a 6-year-old to hell is the law, then the law is "a ass, a idiot."

As a matter of fact, when the boy's body was

laid on the deck of an American fishing boat, he had reached America and should have been granted asylum. Then his custody could have been settled in a calm way in a family court. Instead, the Immigration and Naturalization Service has denied Elian asylum and decreed that no one could speak for him except his father in Cuba, effectively denying him his day in court. Other children who have living fathers have people appointed to speak for them in American courts fairly routinely. But don't blame the Cuban community in

Miami for the sin of not liking the American left's last remaining communist hero. They know what a crazy fiend Castro is. Many of them were initially Castro supporters until they found out the hard way that they had been deceived. Nor are they all rightists. Many are liberal in the better sense of that word. They just don't define their liberalism as blind devofion to communist goons.

Cuban exiles saved Miami when it was in steep decline, revitalized it and made it into one of the most interestingcities in North America. They have contributed more to America than many native-born Americans can ever claim, which is probably why some native-born Americans resent them so. They haven't lain around sucking up welfare dollars or made a cottage industry out of feeling sorry for themselves. They are a proud, brave people, and we are better for their presence.

HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo calls gun maker lawsuit 'frivolous'

By PAUL SHEPARD **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven gun makers and an industry group are suing the federal government and others over a plan to give purchasing preference to the only gun manufacturer that signed an agreement to design safer guns.

Sports Foundation is against the federal Housing and Urban Development Department, 16 communities and the attorneys general of New York and Connecticut.

HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo called the lawsuit frivolous

and defended the effort to give preference to Smith & Wesson when purchasing firearms for law enforcement officials.

"After the Smith & Wesson agreement, there are two types of gun manufacturers: safe and unsafe," Cuomo said in a statement. "Working with law enforcement, we prefer to do business with the safe manufacturers."

The lawsuit filed in an Atlanta federal court Wednesday

alleges an illegal conspiracy in restraint of trade.

In March, President Clinton announced a landmark gun safety agreement with Smith & Wesson that included the installation of gun locks on all the weapons it sells, the introduction within three years of "smart gun" technology, and barring sales of its weapons at gun shows without a partisan. background check.

Under the agreement, Smith & Wesson was to be dropped from lawsuits against gun makers that were being contemplated by federal officials and some cities. Any other gun much, only that these companies help adopt common sense maker that agreed to the plan would also be given preferential treatment, but so far none has joined Smith & Wesson.

We are demanding cities stop the effort of using their overstepped its authority. purchasing power to control the distribution and design of firearms," said Jeff Reh, general counsel for Beretta U.S.A. Corp, one of the seven suing companies.

General Eliot Spitzer and Connecticut Attorney General ing firearm manufacturers," Hatch said.

Richard Blumenthal, who helped draw up the agreement. "This action is preposterous, false and unfounded and an

insult to law enforcement," Blumenthal said. "It is plainly an effort to deceive and confuse the public, and distract law enforcement officials from the work of improving gun safety and stopping crime."

Also named were the California communities of San The lawsuit by the manufacturers and National Shooting Francisco, Berkeley, East Palo Alto, Inglewood, Oakland, and San Mateo; as well as Bridgeport, Conn.; Atlanta; Miami-Dade County, Fla.; Gary, Ind.; Boston; Detroit; St. Louis; Newark, N.J.; Philadelphia; and the District of Columbia.

Bridgeport Mayor Joseph Ganim called the lawsuit, "a desperate move by the gun makers to try and prevent us from doing what is the right thing to do.'

"They continue to forget that our only goal is to protect children and families, and their only goal is to protect corporate profits and greed," Ganim said.

But Robert Delfay, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, said local officials "have tried everything from litigation to economic extortion to compel compliance on a national level with their own individual ideas. about gun design, ownership and distribution."

Reaction to the lawsuit from Capitol Hill was swift and

'I am disappointed that some gun manufacturers have chosen confrontation over cooperation," said Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J. "The federal government isn't asking for measures to keep guns from ending up in the wrong hands." Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said the Clinton administration

'From the allegations of the complaint filed today ... it now appears the administration seeks to further its goals by circumventing the will of Congress and illegitimately bring-The lawsuit names as defendants New York Attorney ing the weight of the executive branch to bear on law-abid-

Texas drifter says he's killed up to 50 people

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A already confessed to killing at least 13 people in eight states is now claiming dozens of victims over the past two decades, law officers remain very cau- and shooting had occurred, tious because of one bad lead

Tommy Lynn Sells has been Texas and another in Kentucky, and was earlier considered a strong suspect in nine more deaths in a half-dozen states.

"He told the (Texas) Rangers it should be more than 20 and less than 50 - that he could have killed as many as 50 people," attorney Victor Garcia said of his client.

Sells, 35, is held at the Val Verde County Jail in Del Rio on charges of murder and attempted murder after he was provide details. accused of slashing the throats of two girls on New Year's Eve. He has only been charged in Safety in Austin, also declined connection with that Dec. 31 attack.

State police said they are wary of Sells' latest claims.

"There's additional homicides he's talked about, and attempts have been made to confirm them. We're at 11 that we're convinced of, and there's a few more that are possible," Texas Ranger John Allen told the San Antonio Express-News in Thursday's editions.

But he said that law officers talkative Texas drifter who had have already found a Sells "murder" victim alive and well in Little Rock, Ark.

We went to Little Rock. Ark., and he was able to take us according to his lawyer. But to a house where a burglary said Allen.

For 18 years he was sure he Tommy Lynn Sells has been had hit the guy, but it turns out charged with one homicide in the guy just fell to the ground and lay there like he was hit," he said.

Texas Rangers recalled their troubles with one-eyed drifter Henry Lee Lucas, who confessed to scores of murders it was later determined he could not have committed.

Allen told the newspaper that several of the homicides Sells is claiming are in Texas, including two linked to San Antonio, but he declined to

Tom Vinger, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public to comment on Sells' reported claims.

"We won't be drawn into speculating on unconfirmed homicides, but rest assured every piece of information will be investigated," Vinger said.

Over the last month, Sells has traveled with Texas Rangers to Idaho, Nevada and Arkansas to try and confirm slayings he has confessed to committing in those states.

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Francis Hall of Pampa Art Club completes a project for PAC's annual Art Show slated from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, May 4 in the auditorium at Lovett Memorial Library. The exhibit will not only showcase the work of 18 current members but will include pieces by 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 is free and open to the public.

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Cleanup begins after deadly West Texas prison riot

Forty-three volunteers recently participated in a nine-week "Math Buddy" program at Lamar Elementary

School. These mentors helped a total of 46 third, fourth and fifth grade Lamar Elementary students, volun-

teering a minimum of 30-minutes a week to work with individual students. Mentors participating in the Math

Buddy program at Lamar included high school students, Altrusans and school board members to name a few.

Above are (back row) Danette Navarrete, Jeremy Nicklas, Brenda Tucker; (front row) Elizabeth Wade, Ashley

Brown, Ashley Meyer and Deidra Williams. Participating in the program were: Beth Lee, Daniel Kirkpatrick,

Lindsay Tidwell, Kerry Turner, Wesley Warren, Jeremy Nicklas, Danette Navarrete, Lee Carmichael, Brad

Gardner, Mathew Gomez, Kristi Walling, Kimberly Cory, Matt Rains, Judith Ellison, Heather Herndon, Jack

Bailey, Scott Lewis, Sherry McCavit, T.J. Patterson, Karen Bridges, Matt Echols, Brenda Tucker, Ann Stobbe, Janet Stowers, John Curry, David Cory, Eldon Maxwell, Doug Carmichael, Cheryl Lewis, Misty Townson, Linda Lane, Charlie Martinez, Linda Adams, Kayla Parnell, Kim West, Gayle Nelson, Carol Phillips, Misty Perez,

LAMESA, Texas (AP) — under lockdown today. Cleanup begins today of the glass, blood, fire damage and tat- tried to escape during the maytered clothing left behind after a deadly West Texas prison riot.

'Math Buddy Program'

"I saw a lot of destruction," Texas Department of Criminal wire. Many got caught there and Justice spokesman Larry suffered severe cuts. Fitzgerald said after touring the Smith Unit Wednesday night.

"Unlike some other riots we've been in, they didn't destroy any expensive property, like computers. Probably the main thing is the glass breakage."
About 300 black and Hispanic

inmates took part in a raciallymotivated riot Tuesday night at the minimum- to medium-security prison. One man died and 31 others were injured.

Fitzgerald said several inmates hem by taking off their clothes, throwing them over fences and trying to climb over the razor

Julie Murray, Renee Doughty, Diana Watson, Carrie Hubbard and Stacey Johnson.

talked to some of the officers and they were scared, The inmates

were on a rampage."

Many wielded garden tools during the brawl. The inmate who died, 20-year-old Frank Trejo, apparently was stabbed to death with a pickax stolen from a

utility closet. Trejo, who was serving a burglary term from Cameron County, was found between a The prison, about 60 miles building and a recreation yard. south of Lubbock, remained Fitzgerald said he believes Trejo is

the first inmate to die in a Texas were prison riot.

Officials said the fight mostly dining hall.

was fondling himself in front of a Lozano. female officer, Fitzgerald said.

were fighting," pr spokesman Larry Todd said.

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State corrections officials said it took place in the prison's recre- took about 300 guards to subdue ation yard but evolved from a an equal number of inmates. The fight involving two inmates in a brawl began around 6:30 p.m. and was under control by mid-

Guards used a pepper spray-

at Meredith a success

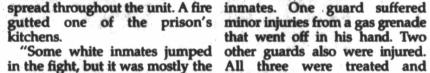
FRITCH - Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument Superintendent John Benjamin reported 1,224 volunteers participated in the Lakeshore Cleanup 2000 effort.

of other folks come out and volunteer their time to bring Lake Meredith into the 21st century a cleaner and better place. Over \$2,000 worth of door prizes donated by local businesses and civic organizations helped us thank our fine community volunteers for their efforts. They picked up 560 bags of trash, for a total of 2.5 tons. We're very encouraged by the positive trends — every year the amount of trash goes down. ... In some areas eight scouts and two adults picked up 30 bags of trash in the Cliffs area and at Plum Creek it was so clean that two scout troops had to really look to find trash! Perhaps in the new century we'll achieve our ultimate goal: Lakeshore Cleanup will be obsolete, because no visitor will throw a single piece of trash on the ground or in the water,"

During this year's cleanup, special marked items were placed in the area for volunteers to pick-up. The items could then be turned in for prizes. Among the various individuals, businesses and organizations contributing prizes to the effort were: Excel, Division of Curtis Co., of Pampa; Halliburton of Pampa; and Holmes Gift Shop and Sports Center of Pampa.

Lakeshore Cleanup 2000

"We had 52 Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops, nine Girl Scout troops, one 4-H Club, the West Texas Outlaws 4WD Club and a lot Benjamin said.



That's where a Hispanic inmate night, said John "It got very bad," he said. "I confronted a black inmate who spokesman for Warden Lupe Word of the confrontation then like substance to subdue the

black and Hispanic inmates who returned to work, Todd said.

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of manatees. Gentle and slow moving, they can be found in part of the year in Tampa Bay. the waterways of southeastern The manatees chosen for the United States - primarily in Adopt-A-Manatee program Florida. Today, there are only about 2,400 manatees left. They are an endangered the male manatees. Jemp was species, and they need our rescued in 1995 after being help. Manatees have a low exposed to red tide. He is reproductive rate. In addition, known to travel in a wide many manatees are killed each range along Florida's west year by watercraft collisions. coast and is often seen in the They are crushed in floodgates company of females. and canal locks, and they become entangled in fishing gear. The greatest long-term traveling solo. The female threat to manatees, however, is manatees in the program loss of habitat.

larly winter at Blue Spring easily identified by researchers State Park in Orange City, Fla., have been chosen for one of lated from an encounter with a SMC's three Adopt-A-Manatee boat propeller. Ragtail is also programs. Adoptees at Blue known for her disfigured tail. Spring State Park include man- She was first identified by atee moms such as Phyllis, researchers in 1993, and she is Success and Lucille. In the known for hanging out in spring of 1991, Phyllis gave Tampa Bay in the summer. birth to twins, a rare occurrence for manatees.

Spring this winter with a new Florida, south of Tampa Bay. calf. Success is another mana- Her name is Ginger, and she tee in SMC's adoption pro- has been seen every year since gram. She hasn't missed a visit 1994 in the Marco Island area. to Blue Spring since her birth Ginger has two known calves in 1982. Success is the proud — one of them was born in mother of four calves. Lucille 1996 and is named Ale! was born in 1980, and she also Recently, Ginger was spotted regularly winters at Blue with a new calf. Spring. She is the mother of into Blue Sprig for a winter singer/songwriter

gram is at Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park, Fla. The Adopt-A-Manatee program are park is a rehabilitation facility ing from injuries before being and public awareness projects. released back into the wild. Five female manatees who can- cue, not be released into the wild research efforts in the U.S. and for life-threatening reasons the Wider Caribbean and helps currently call HSSWP their to protect manatees and their home. They include Amanda, who suffered injuries from a legal action. watercraft collision, and her daughters Ariel, Star and Betsy. Rosie is another park resident. Manatee program contact: She is a gentle manatee who likes to "baby-sit" the younger manatees in rehabilitation.

seen in the Tampa Bay area and at http://www.savethemanaalong the west coast of Florida tee.org.

the Manatee Club's Adopt-A-It's hard to resist the charm Manatee program. Most of manatees. Gentle and slow these manatees spend all or include two males and three females. Jemp and Vector are

Vector is also a traveling manatee, but he is known for include Elsie, Ragtail and Twenty manatees who regu- Ginger. Unfortunately, Elsie is because her tail is badly muti-

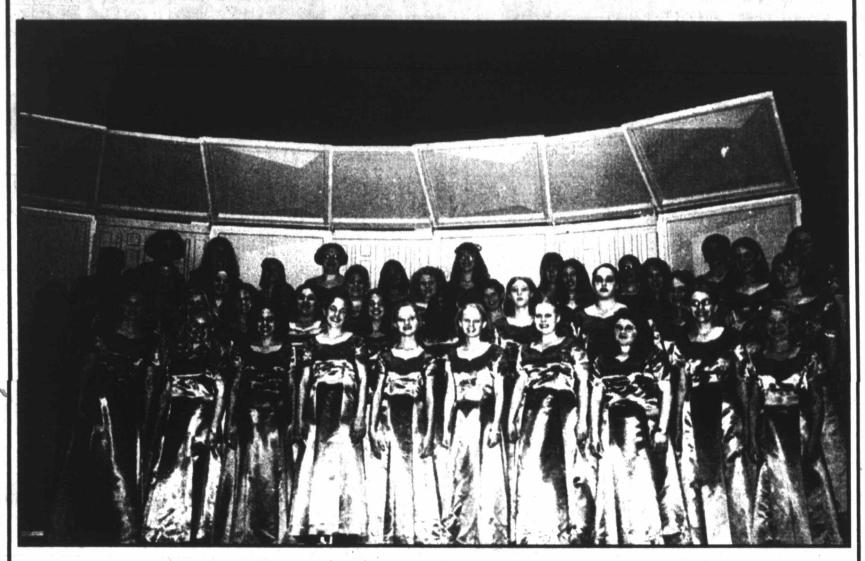
Also included in the program is a manatee who fre-She recently came into Blue quents the west coast of

Save the Manatee Club is a Lola, Lufa, Luke, Liege, Lance national, nonprofit organizaand Loopy! Recently, Lucille tion that was started in 1981 by brought her seventh calf, a girl, U.S. Sen. Bob Graham and Buffett. The club's mission is to SMC's other adoption pro- protect manatees and their habitat. Contributions to the tax deductible and help to supfor manatees who are recover- port SMC's manatee education

> SMC also funds manatee resrehabilitation habitat through advocacy and

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The eighth grade Pampa Middle School Girls Choir gave a pre-concert performance of music it performed during UIL Concert and Sightreading contest held recently in Amarillo. The choir sang "Spring Song" (Butler), "Ah, Dear Heart" (Crocker) and "Come at Dawn" (Butler). Above are: (top row, left-right) Brianna Hartman, Michelle Cox, Bridgett Murray, Terry McMahon, Tera Murray, Shatorie Stubbs, Carrie McAnear, Valencia Issa, Meredith Rollins, Erin Norris; (third row, I-r) Whitney Watts, Shelley Smith, Klotia Jones, Haley Bowen, Annabel Saldierna, K'Lee Ratzlaff, Stephanie Nelson, Misty Ivey, Sara Albracht; (second row, I-r) Laci Tupin, Jessica Grantham, Kathryn Campbell, Tara Jordan, Erika Mauricio, Abbi Covalt, Nerissa Perry, Shelby Patton, Anna Johnson, Lindsay Jennings, Judy Hawkins; (first row, I-r) Briana Russell, Krissy Holman, Brianna Bailey, Ashley Winton, Tisha Platt, Katie Shaffer, Kendra Shipley, Kera Bruce, Natalie McVay, Lauryn Langford.

Amarillo Symphony to hold fourth annual Palo Duro Canyon Pops concert

Symphony will present the fourth "10th Saturday, May 13. "The Palo in "Fiddler on the Roof," and Duro Canyon Pops will feature Broadway star Craig Schulman and the spectage of the "TEVAS" Placet Acceptable of the Broadway cast of "TEVAS" Placet Broadway c "TEXAS" Pioneer Amphitheater in Palo Duro Canyon State Park," James Setapen, music director and conductor of the Amarillo Symphony, said. "If you've ever enjoyed music from Broadway, this concert is for you," Setapen added.

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actor in the United States to have around the United States, singing portrayed both the Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The of Phantom of the Opera" and Jean Valjean in "Les Misérables." He has portrayed Jean Valjean in four different companies in three countries for a total of over 1,900 performances. Widely recognized Bernstein's "West Side Story,"

CANYON — The Amarillo from the PBS broadcast of The Anniversary: annual Palo Duro Canyon Pops Misérables in Concert," he has concerts on Friday, May 12 and also played Che in "Evita, Tevye

> "Jekyll & Hyde" in May 1999. His television credits include "The Guiding Light," "All My Children," "One Life To Live" and most recently "The Rosie O'Donnell Show," and NBC's "Weekend Today."

Schulman has also appeared Craig Schulman is the first with many opera companies leading tenor roles in "The Tales Hoffmann," "Madame Butterfly," "Carmen," "Die Fledermaus," "La Boheme," and "La Traviata."

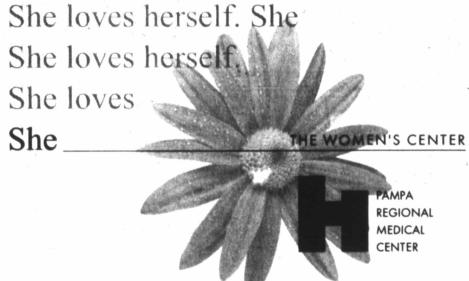
Highlights of the program include music from Leonard

Sondheim's "Company," "The Music Man,"
"Kismet," "Fiddler On The Roof," "Guys And Dolls," "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Les Misérables.

Tickets may be ordered by call-He joined the Broadway cast of ing the Amarillo Symphony Jekyll & Hyde" in May 1999. His offices at (806) 376-8782. Tickets are \$20 each and the concert begins at 8 p.m. The Palo Duro Canyon Pops is not part of the Symphony's traditional seven concert subscription series in the Civic Center Auditorium. Tickets are also available for purchase at http://www.actx.edu/~symphony on-line.

In case of inclement weather the concert will be moved to the Civic Center Auditorium. The decision to move the location will be made on the day of the performance after 4 p.m. Updated information will be available by calling the Symphony's Globe-News IN-touch line at (806) 376-1000 ext. 1230.

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Patients' Privacy Disappears In Receptionist's Open Door

DEAR ABBY: My aunt broke her foot and can't drive, so I have been providing her with taxi service for the last three weeks.

I took her to see a new doctor about shortness of breath. His office was in a lovely new building, and I marveled at the paintings and expensive furniture in his waiting room. I thought about how success ful he was, and that engendered confidence in his ability to treat my

However, when she hobbled into the receptionist's office, the door was left open, and everyone in the waiting room could hear the answers to all the personal questions. Nothing was secret from the captive audience. She tried talking softly, but the receptionist repeated her answers loudly enough that we could all hear them.

Abby, medical information is supposed to be confidential. Had one of the patients demanded that kind of information from the receptionist, she probably would have refused to answer. Because it was for medical records, my aunt felt compelled to answer the questions she was asked. It not only embarrassed her, it also put her in a vulnerable position for identity theft.

Shouldn't medical office personnel be more careful to guard the confidential information of the patients? NETTLED NIECE

IN NEWARK, N.J.

DEAR NETTLED NIECE:

Horoscope

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Tonight: Take some time off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

recent events. Tonight: TGIF!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

effort. Tonight: A must-show.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

** Be thankful for the easier, softer

tone surrounding you today. A lot

depends upon how you present your

ideas and opinions. Intuition takes you to

a new place. Be willing to focus your

thoughts. Verbalize your feelings.

*** * Put your best foot forward.

fessionally. Tune in to your sixth sense

when making an important decision. A

friend makes an overture that is long

overdue. Bosses seem pleased with

*** Do not lose your focus. A call

or discussion with a foreigner lights up

your day. New possibilities become evi-

dent because of this tie. Responsibilities

at work are demanding. Put in that extra

*** * One-on-one relating brings a

sense of peace and understanding. You

glow, drawing others toward you. Caring

is quite obvious, even in your profession-

al circle. A partner pitches in and helps

you at work. Maintain a high profile.

what is going on with you pro-

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Yes. Care should be taken in keeping medical information confidential, and the receptionist was out of line. Your aunt should have smiled sweetly and said, "That information is confidential. I'll answer your ques-tions when you close the door." Then, when she saw the doctor, she should have reported her complaint, which probably would have been a favor for all

the patients. Since your aunt did not report this lapse of confidentiality procedure by the receptionist, you should speak to the doctor and advise him or her of what you witnessed. It is the doctor's responsibility to ensure that employees observe protocol to protect patients' rights.

DEAR ABBY: The following little story appeared in our church bulletin last year, and I thought you might enjoy it. If you think it's worth sharing with your readers, please feel free to do so.

*** * Others join you and reach out

softer side comes out with a friend at a

distance. Partnerships bring a lot of satis-

faction. Discuss an important goal or

Tonight: Opt for togetherness and shar-

** Tour sense of accomplishment

catch up on news and chat with co-work-

ers. A little extra effort brings rewards

*** A Others go beyond the call of

duty for you. Make that extra effort. Talk

emerges and helps you in a pinch.

Another lets you know how much he

cares. Take time for a loved one. Tonight:

*** Handle personal matters with

your special touch. Your sense of direc-

tion helps you unearth a problem. Let go

and move forward. Allow creativity to

perk up your social interactions -- espe-

cially a new flirtation, if you are single.

*** Conversations open up. You

can share a lot more on a deeper level.

New beginnings are possible in a rela-

tionship. Creativity helps you clear work

and make plenty of social time. A rela-

tionship is renewed once more. Tonight:

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Tonight: Take off ASAP.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Clear out more work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Tonight: Naughty and nice.

ANITA G., WICHITA, KAN.

DEAR ANITA: Your story illustrates what's really impor-tant in life. It's well worth space in this column. Read on:

HOW RICH ARE WE?

One day a father and his rich family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing him how poor people can be. They spent a day and a night at the farm of a very poor family. When they returned from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"Very good, Dad!" "Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked

"And what did you learn?" The son replied: "I saw that we have a dog at home, and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden; they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lamps in the garden; they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard; they have a whole

When the little boy finished peaking, his father was speechless. His son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Deal with money matters early on. A family member or an investment for you. Discussions are animated. Your brings additional pleasure. Enforce limits. Touch base with family. Communication of a meaningful nature long-term project. Mutuality flows. flourishes from the afternoon on. Speak your mind. Tonight: Visit with friends;

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

celebrate the weekend.

comes out at work. You might complete difference to another. Speak your mind; a project early. Allow yourself time to and support. Air out a money matter. talking about your feelings. Make a Tonight: Special time with a special Treat another.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** * You can do as you wish today. Magnetism is high. Ask for what you want. Take time to upgrade your image with a new suit or hairstyle. You'll feel great when you know you look good. Take a look at your finances and make

Actress Ann-Margret (1941), talk-show host Jay Leno (1950), actress Madge

**** Your efforts finally make a don't hold back any longer. Another reaches out for you. Make that additional effort, even if you are uncomfortable token effort toward a loved one. Tonight:

appropriate changes. Tonight: Top dog!

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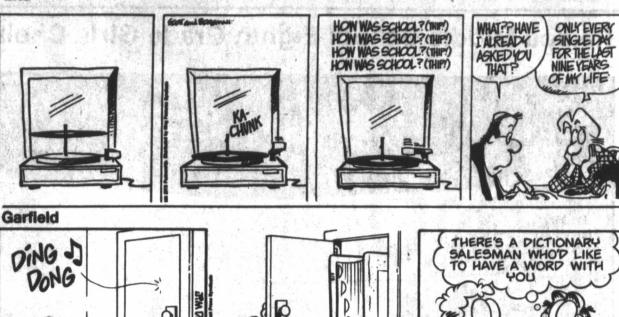
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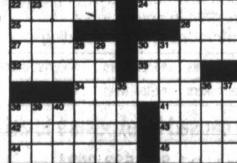
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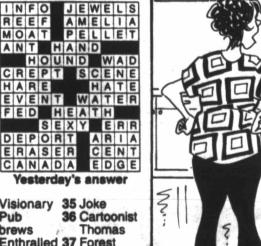
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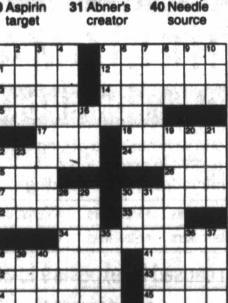
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"When I said stay off my clean floor, that's not what I had in mind."

The Family Circus



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Notebook

BASEBALL

PAMPA — The annual Optimist Club barbeque will be held May 6, starting at 12 noon in the Optimist gym.

The barbeque is six dollars per plate. The public is invited to come out and watch the baseball and softball games, which will start early and last

Over 700 youngsters have signed up to play in the Optimist Leagues this sum-

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Lady Harvesters Hoop Camp will be held June 26-30 at Pampa High School's McNeely Fieldhouse.

There will be two sessions. The first session is for third through fifth grade girls from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The second session is for sixth through eight grade girls

from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. The camp will cover defense, shooting, dribbling,

passing, post moves and 3 on Cost is \$70. There is a \$40

non-refundable deposit. Sign-up dates are April 26, May 3 and May 4, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in front of McNeely Fieldhouse.

The camp will be under the direction of Pampa High head girls coach Mark Elms.

HOCKEY

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -Maybe Jaromir Jagr finally got sick of hearing how the Pittsburgh Penguins simply can't win in Philadelphia.

Well, not exactly. Jagr doesn't especially enjoy practic-ing at this time of the year a former Penguins player named Mario Lemieux didn't, either — but Jagr actually wanted to get on his skates Tuesday and Wednesday.

However, a flu-like illness left Jagr less than 100 percent healthy for tonight's Game 1 of a Penguins-Flyers playoff series few outside the Penguins' locker room expect them to win.

Clearly, the Penguins need the NHL's leading scorer and most creative shotmaker in close to peak condition if they hope to end a 16-game losing streak in Philadelphia that dates to 1994.

Even Jagr knows so. "I don't feel good ... a little touch of the flu," Jagr said. "I just don't feel good, but it's getting better. Of course, I want to play, but if I was a little more healthy it would be a lot better.

"Sometimes, things don't go the way you want them to, but, hopefully, it's not going to affect me for long and I can get back into the shape I want

The Penguins need to win one of the first two games in Philadelphia to end all the talk about their Philadelphia jinx — and, if nothing else, to convince themselves they can win there. Game 2 is

Saturday. Despite being an underdog second-seeded Washington in the first round, the seventh-seeded Penguins knew they could beat the Capitals; they lost to

the Caps only once all season.
Their Philadelphia story is a different one, however, as they have beaten the topseeded Flyers only once in

"We proved in the first round of the playoffs that we can beat anyone in this league," Jagr said. "So, I'm really confident."

Of course, so are the Flyers, who shrugged off the potential distractions created by Roger Neilson's desire to resume coaching and former captain Eric Lindros' criticism of the team's medical staff to reach the second

Neilson, who left the team Feb. 20 to undergo a stem-cell transplant for bone marrow cancer, understood he could return as coach once he felt healthy enough, and he feels



Pampa distance runners Beth Lee (right) and Rebecca Fatheree display their medals from the District 3-4A meet in Hereford.

PAMPA — It's anybody's track meet this weekend in San Angelo. At least that's the way coach Mike Lopez sizes up the situation as his Pampa Lady

Harvesters prepare for the Classs 4A regional competition.

"All the teams are pretty even," Lopez said. "There doesn't seem to be a dominant team in our region. It's going to be up for grabs. Everman has three relay teams which qualified, but they don't have anybody in any of the other

Going into regionals unbeaten in six meets, the Lady Harvesters will be as loaded with talent as any of the other

College-bound senior Tandi Morton may have the best shot at qualifying for state, accord-

ing to Lopez.
"It looks good for her,"
Lopez said. "She has the best qualifying time in the 100 hurdles (14.6).

Morton, who is headed for Wayland Baptist University to compete in track and volleyball, has been unbeaten in the

100 hurdles this season. She also qualified for regionals in the 300 hurdles with a secondplace finish at the district meet.

PHS tracksters head for regionals

Pampa sends both its 400meter and 800-meter relay teams to regionals after taking first at district. The 400-meter relay team is No. 3 and the 800meter relay team is No. 4 in regional qualifying times, but the top four teams are less than a second apart.

"We just need to concentrate on making our handoffs good. We've been working hard on that this week," Lopez said.

District shot put champion Angela Phillips has the region's best qualifying throw and Levonne Evans, the 200,

meter winner, is ranked No. 2. One of the most interesting matchups will be Pampa's Beth

Lee and Hereford's Brionne Yosten in the 3200. Yosten is the defending state champion, but Lee upset her in the district

Lee, who is going to South Plains College to run track and eross country, also won the 1600 at district and is one of the favorites in that event. Teammate Rebecca Fatheree can't be counted out. She finished second behind Lee in the

High jumper **Emily** Hartman, who was second at district, has the second-best qualifying jump.

In the boys' division, David Robinson is Pampa's lone qualifier for regionals. He was second in the district meet in the triple jump.



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Cubs down struggling Astros, 13-8

HOUSTON (AP) — The always found a way to win. soon. to feel like they're playing out and we have to solve it." of their league — in a bad

Wednesday night's 13-8 loss to the Chicago Cubs was Houston's fourth defeat in five games, and the Astros have given up 46 runs in that span.

The Cubs have scored 20 runs in two games, and Chicago catcher Joe Girardi, style of play is very familiar.

League," Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell said with a nervous chuckle. "I don't think I like that. It makes for long games, and those aren't so much fun. I like to score runs, but not like this."

opponents as it is to the

"It's almost like being in the American League," said Cubs manager Don Baylor, whose 16-year playing career was all in the AL. "There's no safe on the board and you're cringing in your seat.'

Many are blaming the new Enron Field, which has short fences in left and right field. And Baylor thinks that's at least part of the problem.

"The way balls are flying out of here, a lot of pitchers are just trying to stay away from that short (315-foot) leftfield fence," he said. "Guys are throwing a lot of pitches that are not strikes just trying to keep it away from the leftfield fence."

It's making for a field day for hitters.

"It's awesome here," said former Astros shortstop Ricky Gutierrez, who had a careerhigh five RBIs Wednesday. "What hitter wouldn't like it here? It's a great ball park to hit in. I'm happy for Bagwell Larkin, Cincinnati, 5. and Moises Alou and all of them that they get to hit here all the time.

much fun with his team in such trouble. The three-time defending Central Division 1.000, 2.72. champions are 7-12, including 3-8 at home.

"We have to find a way to start playing well," he said. "I don't know what it is. This is pretty much the same bunch of guys we've had here the last three years, and we Aguilera, Chicago, 4.

Houston Astros are beginning But we're not doing that now

The pitching, which is next-to-last in the National League with a 6.43 ERA (the Cubs are last at 6.49), is the culprit. Houston has scored 26 runs in its four home losses this week, a 6.5 average per game that should be good enough to win most games.

Obviously, we're not pitchwho was with the Yankees the ing very well," manager Larry last four years, thinks the Dierker said. "And also obvi-'Girardi said this is what our division again if we don't But our bullpen didn't help us it's like in the American start pitching better pretty any."

"You get tired of saying it's still early. After a while, you need to turn it around or it

will start getting to your confidence as a team." The Astros bullpen was the biggest problem Wednesday. The Cubs managed only three

runs in six innings off starter Octavio Dotel, then battered three Houston relievers for 10 more runs.

"Dotel did a good job, a courageous job," Dierker said. "He didn't have his control, ously, we're not going to win but he kept us in the game.

Major League Leaders

NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING-VGuerrero,

Montreal, 452; Reese, Cincinnati, .408; Tatis, St. Louis, .385; Piazza, New York, .378; It's as much a surprise to Owens, San Diego, .377; DeBell, New York, .375; Burks, San Francisco, .371. RUNS-Bonds, San Francisco, 24;

AMartin, San Diego, 22; Vidro, Montreal, 21; Bagwell, Houston, 21; SFinley, Arizona, 21; Edmonds, St. Louis, 20; Vina, St. Louis, 20. RBI-Tatis, St. Louis, 27; VGuerrero,

lontreal, 26; Helton, Colorado, 23; Kent, San Francisco, 22; Lowell, Florida, 20; leads here. You've got 13 runs Galarraga, Atlanta, 20; Andrews, Chicago, 19; Edmonds, St. Louis, 19. HITS-VGuerrero, Montreal, 33;

DeBell, New York, 33; AMartin, San Diego, 32; Reese, Cincinnati, 31; EWYoung, Chicago, 31; Vina, St. Louis, 30; Vidro, Montreal, 29; Nevin, San Diego, 29; Owens, San Diego, 29. DOUBLES-Piazza, New York, 11;

EWYoung, Chicago, 10; OCabrera, Montreal, 9; Giles, Pittsburgh, 9; Cirillo, Colorado, 9; RBWhite, Montreal, 9; Gonzalez, Arizona, 9. TRIPLES-Womack, Arizona, 4; Vina,

St. Louis, 4; Goodwin, Colorado, 4; Shumpert, Colorado, 3; ABrown, Pittsburgh, 2; Cedeno, Houston, 2; Owens, San Diego, 2; AMartin, San Diego, 2; Grissom, Milwaukee, 2; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 2. HOME RUNS-VGuerrero, Montreal,

8; Andrews, Chicago, 8; SFinley, Arizona, Bonds, San Francisco, 8; Galarraga, Atlanta, 8; Jenkins, Milwaukee, 7; Edmonds, St. Louis, 7; Bagwell, Houston, 7; SSosa, Chicago, 7; Sheffield, Los ngeles, 7. STOLEN BASES—Reese, Cincinnati, 8;

Kendall, Pittsburgh, 7; Cedeno, Houston, 7; Owens, San Diego, 7; Abreu, Philadelphia, 6; EWYoung, Chicago, 6; DJackson, San Diego, 5; BLHunter, Colorado, 5; Goodwin, Colorado, 5; PITCHING (3 Decisions)—JJimenez,

lorado, 3-0, 1.000, 3.00; JSanchez, Florida, 3-0, 1.000, 4.81; Pavano, Montreal, 3-0, 1.000, 3.46; Reynolds, Bagwell says it's not that Houston, 4-0, 1.000, 3.48; RDJohnson, York, 3-0, 1.000, 3.18; Glavine, Atlanta, 4-0, 1.000, 1.95; GMaddux, Atlanta, 3-0,

STRIKEOUTS-RDJohnson, Arizona, 53; Dempster, Florida, 35; Hitchcock, San Diego, 31; Kile, St. Louis, 28; Glavine, Atlanta, 28; GMaddux, Atlanta, 27; Dotel, Houston, 26. SAVES-Alfonseca, Florida, 8; Benitez,

New York, 8; Urbina, Montreal, 6; Shaw, Los Angeles, 5; Gomes, Philadelphia, 4; Veres, St. Louis, 4; Hoffman, San Diego, 4;

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—Erstad, Anaheim, .456 Olerud, Seattle, .388; Garciaparra, Boston, .386; Thomas, Chicago, .385; Dye, Kansas City, .384; Fullmer, Toronto, .382; Lawton, Minnesota, .378. RUNS-ARodriguez, Seattle, 22;

Konerko, Chicago, 21; Durham, Chicago, 21; Dye, Kansas City, 20; Mondesi Toronto, 20; CGuzman, Minnesota, 19; TBatista, Toronto, 19; CDelgado, Toronto, 19; Olerud, Seattle, 19.

RBI—Bordick, Baltimore, 27; JaGiambi, Oakland, 26; Dye, Kansas City, 25; Fullmer, Toronto, 23; TBatista, Toronto, 23; Coomer, Minnesota, 23; ARodriguez, Seattle, 22; CEverett, Boston, 22; IRodriguez, Texas, 22; Buhner, Seattle, 22. HITS-Erstad, Anaheim, 41; Lawton,

Minnesota, 34; Dye, Kansas City, 33; Thomas, Chicago, 30; Segui, Texas, 30; AKennedy, Anaheim, 29; MVaughn, Anaheim, 28; Surhoff, Baltimore, 28. DOUBLES—Dye, Kansas City, 10; TBatista, Toronto, 9; Glaus, Anaheim, 8;

Konerko, Chicago, 8; Erstad, Anaheim, 8; CDelgado, Toronto, 8; Mondesi, Toronto, 8; MVaughn, Anaheim, 8; Segui, Texas, 8; Olerud, Seattle, 8. TRIPLES—THunter, Minnesota, 3;

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HOME RUNS—Dye, Kansas City, 11; JoCruz, Toronto, 8; TBatista, Toronto, 8; JaGiambi, Oakland, 8; CDelgado, Toronto, 8; RPalmeiro, Texas, 8; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 7; CEverett, Boston, 7; ÍRodriguez, Texas, 7.

STOLEN BASES—Damon, City, 9; DeShields, Baltimore, 9; Erstad, Anaheim, 7; Jeter, New York, 7; AKennedy, Anaheim, 6; CBeltran, Kansas City, 5; Lawton, Minnesota, 5; McLemore, Seattle, 5.

PITCHING (3 Decisions)— Schoeneweis, Anaheim, 4-0, 1.000, 3.15; OHernandez, New York, 4-0, 1.000, 3.13; Baldwin, Chicago, 3-0, 1.000, 3.37; Rapp, Baltimore, 3-0, 1.000, 4.70; PMartinez, Boston, 4-0, 1.000, 1.59; Nelson, New York, 4-0, 1.000, 2.31; Bottalico, Kansas City, 3-1, .750, 7.87; Carrasco, Minnesota, 3-1, .750, .55; DWells, Toronto, 3-1, .750,

STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 40; CFinley, Cleveland, 35; OHernandez, New York, 30; DWells, Toronto, 30; Clemens, New York, 28; Helling, Texas, 27: Nomo, Detroit, 26.

SAVES-MRivera, New York, 7; Percival, Anaheim, 5; Koch, Toronto, 4; DLowe, Boston, 4; TBJones, Detroit, 4; Sasaki, Seattle, 3; Isringhausen, Oakland, 3; BWells, Minnesota, 3.

Cabot Corporation shuts out Triangle

shut out Triangle Well Service 11-0 in a Cal Ripken League game Wednesday at Optimist Park.

Brady Eakin and Dustin Kuhn led the Cabot hitters with two hits in three times at bat. They each had three runs-batted-in and a double. Keenan Davis was one for two at the plate with two runs-batted-in.

PAMPA - Cabot Corporation out six and walked four. He combined with Eakin to pitch a one-hit shutout. Eakin struck out two and walked one.

Michael Grajeda made the defensive play of the game for Cabot with an outstanding catch in right field. The game was called after four

innings due to the 10-run rule. Ryan Torres' triple was the only Davis, the winning pitcher, struck hit for Triangle.

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Softball action



Holly Myers of Briarwood bats against Abram Garcia of Celanese in mixed league softball action at Recreation Park. Briarwood won the game by a score of 19-5.

Rivers named NBA coach of year

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Doc didn't. Rivers didn't have to win the ' "I personally voted for Jerry was enough for him.

think you go into a year competing to be coach of the year," he the Red Auerbach Trophy.

"In my mind, I had already won something because every once in a while people mentioned me alongside Phil Jackson. ... good." Having said that, I know I have a long way to go in coaching. I do want to be THE winner someday. So I know I have a lot of work to do, a lot of learning to do, and this award will not stop me from doing that."

Jackson led the Los Angeles Lakers to the league's best record, while the Magic were 41- by the younger, more athletic 41 and finished one game behind. Philadelphia 76ers and manage-Milwaukee for the final playoff ment faced a critical decision on position Conference.

Rivers, who received 60 votes to Jackson's 53 from a 121-member panel, said last week that he thought the Lakers coach deserved the honor because teams are judged by the number of games they wi is real nice. He's a terrific coach."

NBA coach of the year award to Sloan with the Sporting News. validate his first season with the He's never won the award. He's surprising Orlando Magic. Just a guy whose teams have been at being mentioned as a candidate the top for the last decade. That he would get (only) two votes is "It wouldn't have been disap- absolutely ludicrous," said pointing if I hadn't won. I don't Jackson, who won the award in

Silas received three votes, and said Wednesday after receiving Skiles, Pat Riley and Butch Carter got one each.

"Doc did a great job this year, the media recognized that," Jackson added, "and that's

Rivers replaced Hall of Famer Chuck Daly, who retired last May, and inherited a team that shared the best record in the Eastern Conference during the lockout-shortened 1998-99 sea-

But the Magic also were beaten in the first round of the playoffs from leaving as a free agent or nized after his first season. rebuild without a marquee star.

General manager John Gabriel

opted for the latter. Hardaway was traded, as was and Nick Anderson. In all, the Magic made 37 player transac-

one or two big-name free agents this summer.

In addition, Orlando has accumulated nine first-round draft picks the next five years, including three lottery picks in June.

You think about what's happened here and it's amazing," said guard Darrell Armstrong, one of four Orlando starters who were not drafted by any NBA

"People are still going to say we overachieved. But we didn't. Overachieving is when a high school team beats a pro team. We felt like we had talent as good as any team, and Doc was part of that. We worked hard. That's how you win games. That's why it's not overachieving."

Rivers, who played 13 seasons for the Hawks, Clippers, Knicks and Spurs before retiring in 1996, is the first coach in league history to win the award without leading his team to the playoffs.

He's the third to receive it with a team that posted a record of .500 or whether to try to keep Hardaway below, and the fifth to be recog-

"It's gratifying because of the fact that people undervalued our players. I didn't mind them undervaluing me because I hadn't three others starters from last coached. But I did mind them year — Horace Grant, Ike Austin undervaluing my players," Rivers said. "I had felt from day one that we had better players than what Jackson said he was "extremely tions involving 38 different play- everyone thought we did. And I upset" about the balloting, but ers and cleared about \$18 million think by the end of the season, not because Rivers won and he under the salary cap to try to lure that proved to be true."

Spurs, Suns deadlocked at 1 game each

PHOENIX (AP) — The way their first-round series has gone, tainly not going to overhaul the you would think San Antonio offense or anything like that. We and Phoenix are in the grind-itout Eastern Conference, not the freewheeling West.

Tough defense, low scores and lousy shooting have prevailed in offense while maintaining his a best-of-five series that is tied 1-1 as it shifts to America West Arena for Game 3 on Saturday.

The Suns scored 72 in their two-point victory in Game 1 and 70 in their 15-point loss in Game 2, the two lowest-scoring playoff games in the franchise's history.

"Our timing isn't right. We're not in the right spots," Phoenix coach Scott Skiles said after from a soft, high-scoring team to viewing videotape of Tuesday night's 85-70 loss. "We didn't set screens. When we did set screens, we got a good look almost every time.

"It's nothing major. We're cerjust need to get in the gym tomorrow and firm up all those details."

Skiles is looking to rev up the team's strong defense.

"We played great defense, good enough to win easily," he said, "but our offensive execution was very, very sloppy, and when we executed well, we missed shots."

The Spurs have noticed the change in personality of the Suns under Skiles, a transformation night's game. one that wins with defense.

"I can tell by looking at their team Tuesday and from last year playing defense," Sean Elliott series.

While the Suns watched video of their loss Wednesday, the Spurs had the day off. They planned to work out today in San Antonio, then fly to Phoenix.

Still unanswered is the big question of whether Tim Duncan will be able to play Saturday. He has missed the first two games with torn cartilage in his left

The Spurs' ranks were further thinned by Jerome Kersey's dislocated left foot. Kersey, who has provided crucial energy as a reserve, was hurt in Tuesday

The Suns' Jason Kidd, out since March 22 with a broken left ankle, did some light running on Wednesday, but downplayed any they are definitely focused on chance that he'd play in the Mondey, April 24 Charlotte 108, Philadelphia 98, OT, series Utah 101, Seattle 87, Utah leads series 2-0 Tuesday, April 25 Miami 84, Detroit 82, Miami leads series 2-0 San Antonio 85, Phoenix 70, series tied 1-1

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Mays, Redman (7), BWells (8) and Lecroy; Petitte, Nelson (6), Stanton (7), MRivera (9) and Posada. W—Nelson 4-0. L—Mays 0-3. Sv—MRivera (7), HRs—New York, Jeter (3),

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(5), CNLee (4), Perry (1).

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Gagne, Mills (7) and Hundley, Millwood, Remlinger (8), Rocker (9) and JLopez. W— Millwood 2-0. L—Gagne 0-1. HRs—Atlanta, AJones (5), CJones (4), Galarraga (8). San Diego301 000 013 -Pitteburgh 200024 001 -

WWilliams, Cunnane (6), Palacios (8), Whisenant (9) and WGonzalez; JAnderson, MGarcia (5), Clontz (8), Christiansen (8), MkWilliams (9) and Kendall, W-MkWilliams 1-1. L-Whisenant 2-1. HRs-San Diego, Klesko (5). Pittsburgh, Hermansen (1). Kendall (1), Meares (2).

Colorado 000 001 010 — Montreal 000 100 26x — Jarvis, MMyers (7), Tavarez (7), Croushore (8) and Mayne; Hermanson, Strickland (8), Urbina (8) and Widger. W—Hermanson 3-1. L—Jarvis 1-1. Sv—Urbina (6). HR—Montreal, VGuerrero (8).

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Heredia (8), Aguilera (8) and Girardi; Dotel, MMaddux (7), JWPowell (7), YPerez (9) and Meluskey. W—Karchner 1-1. L—MMaddux / 1-1. Sv—Aguilera (4). HRs—Chicago, SSosa (7), Andrews (8). Houston, Cedeno (1), Caminiti (5), Meluskey (2).

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Sports Transactions By The Associated Press BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Claimed INF Mark ed RHP Tim Worrell for assignment NEW YORK YANKEES—Activated LHP Andy Pettitte from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned LHP Ed Yarnall to Columbus of the nternational League. FEXAS RANGERS—Placed LHP Mike Munoz on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled LHP Doug Davis from Oklahoma of the Pacific Coast League.

National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Recalled RHP Elmer

NBA—Fined Seattle SuperSonics G Gary Payton \$10,000 for failing to make himself available to reporters, and Seattle \$25,000 for failing to make their players comply with CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Announced the

resignation of Gary Briggs, trainer.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Fired Don Casey FOOTBALL ional Football Leagu CINCINNATI BENGALS-Announced the irement of LB Tom Tumulty.

retirement of Jack Elway, director of pro **DETROIT LIONS**—Re-signed S Corwin Brown, S Ryan Stewart and LB Scott Kowalkowski. GREEN BAY PACKERS - Signed K-P Travis

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS-Named Rick Mueller director of player personnel. Traded LB Chris Bordano to the Dallas Cowboys for CB Kevin Mathis.

NEW YORK JETS—Signed G Kerry

Jenkins, FB Jerald Sowell, G Semisi

Heimult, T Jeff Pilon, C Keith Short and LB

Dax Strohmeyer.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Released LB Barron Wortham. HOCKEY

National Hockey League
OTTAWA SENATORS—Assigned D John
Gruden and F Kevin Miller and Petr
Schastlivy to Grand Rapids of the IHL.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Announced the resgnation of Dave Farrish, Springfield Falcons (AHL) coach. Announced the contract of Ron

Play it again, KC: Beltran scores winning run for Devil Rays

By BEN WALKER **AP Baseball Writer**

The Kansas City Royals saw this happen before.

For the second straight night, they beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 7-6. And for the second straight night, Carlos Beltran scored the winning run on a ball hit by Mark Quinn off Albie Lopez in the bottom of the ninth

"Strange. Very strange," Royals manager Tony Muser

said Wednesday night. Jermaine Dye hit a grand slam and a solo homer, then Kansas City won its sixth straight home game in its final

Lopez (1-2) drove in Beltran. A ball.

day earlier, Beltran scored the made a throwing error on a comebacker by Quinn.

"This was weird," Kansas City's Mike Sweeney said.

In other AL games, Toronto beat Oakland 4-2, Anaheim downed Detroit 6-1, Cleveland stopped Seattle 5-3 in 10 innings, New York defeated Minnesota 2-0, Boston beat Texas 14-4 and Chicago topped Baltimore 11-6.

Dye hit a grand slam in the first inning and a solo shot in record for April.

Dye has homered in six of his last seven games. His 21 extrabase hits and .884 slugging per-Quinn's two-out single off centage are also the best in base-

game-winner when Lopez mode before, not in the big starter after making his first 31 chance to win when David Bell you don't feel anything. You're in eight innings. on every pitch."

Blue Jays 4, Athletics 2

Carlos Delgado homered and Chris Carpenter pitched into the eighth inning as Toronto won at Oakland.

was the Blue Jays' 43rd in April, a team record for the month. Angels 6, Tigers 1 Garret Anderson and Troy

the fifth. He leads the majors Glaus hit consecutive home with 11 home runs, a Royals runs in the third inning as Anaheim won at home. Mo Vaughn also homered for the Angels.

Detroit lost for the ninth time in 10 games. Deivi Cruz homered for the Tigers.

leagues," Dye said. "I can't major league appearances in missed a suicide-squeeze explain it. You're up there and relief last year, gave up five hits attempt.

Indians 5, Mariners 3

Jaret Wright held Seattle hit-less until the seventh inning, and Cleveland won in the 10th on RBI singles by Einar Diaz Delgado's eighth home run and Jacob Cruz at Safeco Field.

Wright was trying to become part of the first father-son pair to pitch no-hitters. His dad, Clyde, threw one for the California Angels in 1970. Stan Javier singled to lead off

the Mariners seventh, and Alex Rodriguez followed with a tying home run. Manny Ramirez homered in the Indians eighth. Seattle made

it 3-all in the ninth on Jay

White Sox 11, Orioles 6

Frank Thomas hit a grand slam and drove in five runs as Chicago defeated Baltimore at Comiskey Park. The White Sox have won seven of eight.

Thomas, slowed by tendinitis in his right foot, played for first base for the first time since April 9. He had been the DH for White Sox.

Harold Baines, who played for the White Sox for nearly 12 years and had his number retired by the team, homered for Baltimore. It was his 2,800th career hit.

Yankees 2, Twins 0

"I have been in this type of Scott Schoeneweis (4-0), a Buhner's RBI single and blew a homered as New York prevented Minnesota from completing its first three-game sweep at Yankee Stadium since 1968.

Jeter's home run in the sixth inning was the Yankees' first extra-base hit of the series.

Andy Pettitte, who had been on the disabled list since April 13 because of a mild back strain, pitched five innings, allowing three hits.

Red Sox 14, Rangers 4

Nomar Garciaparra homered, doubled and singled as Boston won on at Texas.

Garciaparra extended his hitting streak to 13 games. His RBI double keyed a five-run first

Carl Everett and Jason Varitek Derek Jeter and Tino Martinez also homered for the Red Sox.

Mayor Giuliani says he has prostate cancer

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Rudolph Giuliani announced today he has prostate cancer, and said the disease could affect his campaign for U.S. Senate against first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"It's a treatable form of prostate cancer. It was found at an early stage," the 55-year-old Giuliani said during a news conference.

He said a biopsy was performed Wednesday, 2 1/2 weeks after a screening test indicated the followup test was necessary. Treatment options have not yet been decided.

Asked how it would affect his run for the Senate, the second-term Republican mayor: "I have no idea. ... I hope that I'd be able to run, but the choice that I'm going to make is going to be based on the treatment that's going to give me the best chance to have a complete cure.

When pressed on whether he would continue his campaign he said: "I don't think it's fair to answer questions about the Senate race right now. ... Should I do it? Would I be able to do it the right way? I hope that's the case but I don't know.

The mayor noted his father died of prostate cancer in 1981, before the latest screening tests.

"It brings up very painful memories, and I miss my father every day of my life," he said.

Cancer of the prostate, a gland involved in semen production, is the second most common type of cancer found in American men, behind skin cancer. A total of 179,300 were diagnosed with the disease in 1999.

He said a biopsy was performed Wednesday, 2 1/2 weeks after a screening test indicated the followup test was necessary. Treatment options have not yet been decided.

Treatments include removal of the chesnut-size gland and radiation. Doctors also often recommend "watchful waiting," or leaving the cancer untreat-ed, in elderly men who are more likely to die first from other ailments.

About three-quarters of men with prostate cancer have elevated levels of a protein called prostatespecific antigen — PSA. Testing blood for PSA has been a standard screening method for older men since about 1990. Giuliani said he had that test 2

1/2 weeks ago.
Other conditions, such as noncancerous prostate enlargement, also can make PSA levels shoot up, so doctors must perform biopsies to make sure cancer is truly the cause. For every biopsy that detects prostate cancer, two or three others are false alarms.

Treatment options include radiation and chemotherapy. "Some forms of treatment would require taking some time off," Giuliani acknowledged, but said he didn't expect it to be a significant amount of time.

The mayor smiled frequently during the news conference and joked with reporters. Asked whether he would be nicer, he replied, "No way."

Officials move to tap ranch aquifers

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Officials in El Paso are Hueco Bolson each year. proposing a feasibility study to look at tapping aquifers under West Texas ranches, some hundreds of miles away.

Some officials are suggesting the study be conducted by the Hunt Building Corp., one of the nation's largest builders of military family housing and one of El Paso's major real estate developers.

"I believe that the time is now to do something bold like this," Ed Archuleta, general manager of El Paso Water Utilities, told the El Paso Times. 'Given the water situation in El Paso, and the fact that our attorney said we could enter into a contract like this, I urge you not to get too hung up on other issues.

Under the plan, a minimum of 15,000 acre-feet of water per year would be pumped out of the West Texas aquifers and blended with 30,000 acre-feet of brackish water from the Hueco Bolson.

About 50,000 acre-feet is now drawn from the and possible treatment.

But some members of the Public Service Board, which runs the water, cautioned that the exclusive agreement could appear to be favoritism by giving Hunt an unfair advantage when bidding on a final

project begins.
"If we were to open this up we would allow for competition. That always causes the best to rise to the top and produces the best proposals," said Mayor Carlos Ramirez.

The idea to pump thousands of gallons from aquifers underneath ranches near Valentine and Van Horn surfaced years ago as a last-resort solution to an impending water crisis in El Paso, where the Hueco Bolson could run out of fresh water in less than 25 years.

The Hunt corporation has agreed to develop a proposed strategy by November on infrastructure, the water sources to be used, storage, transmission

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"I saw a lot of destruction," Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said Wednesday night.

The Smith Unit, about 60 miles south of Lubbock, remained under lockdown today. In addition to the death, 31 inmates were injured, some critically.

About 300 black and Hispanic inmates were

Many wielded garden tools during the brawl. The inmate who died, 20-year-old Frank Trejo, was stabbed to death with a pickax stolen from a closet.

"It got very bad," Fitzgerald said. "I talked to some of the officers and they were scared. The inmates were on a rampage.

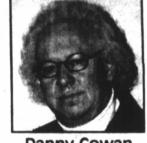
He said he believes Trejo is the first inmate to die in a Texas prison riot.

Several inmates tried to escape during the mayhem by taking off their clothes, throwing them over involved in the racially tinged riot Tuesday night at fences and trying to climb over the razor wire.



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FLAG CEREMONY Lakeview ISD will host a special flag-raising ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. April 22 in honor of ex-students and all area veterans. Former news commentator Bob Izzard will serve as MC. Activities will include bagpipers, a wing of vintage World War II airplanes and a hamburger meal fund-raiser. The public is cordially invited to attend the special event. PAMPA ELEMENTARY CHORUS

The Pampa Elementary Chorus will present "The King and I" at 7:30 p.m. April 28-29 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door. PANTEX MEETING

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INVESTMENT SERIES Greg Brown and Richard Russell, A.G. Edwards and Sons, Inc., will present a series of investment topics during the noon hour each Thursday in April in Room #102 of Clarendon College-Pampa Center. The public is cor-dially invited to bring a lunch and attend the sessions. The series will cover: "Stock Market History and Trivia," April 6; "Mechanics of the Stock Market," April 13; "The Federal Reserve System and the Stock Market," April 20; and "Stock Analysis – Technical vs. Fundamental," April 27.

MAYFEST Mayfest, a Festival of Mind, Body and Spirit, will be held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. May 6 in Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4901 Cornell, Amarillo. Activities will include workshops, entertainment, readers and vendors. Admission is \$3 per person. A percentage of the proceeds will benefit Martha's Home. For more information, contact Sherri Lebow at (806) 463-

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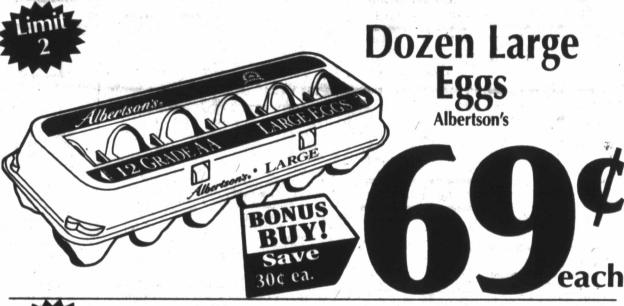
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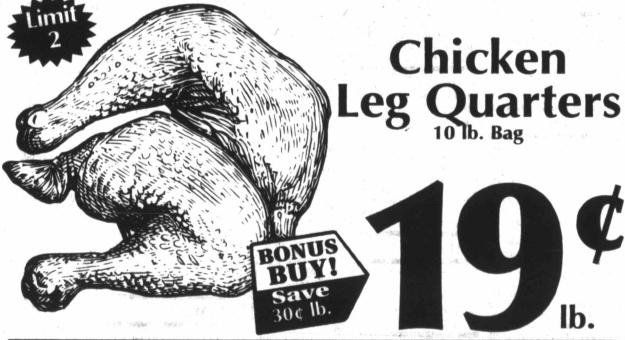
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> -7:30 p.m., May 2 and May 3, general session for all people in

the sanctuary.

—11 a.m., May 3, all senior adults are invited to a lunch and program time with Dr. Lowery.
The meals are free, but reserva-

tions are required. Deadline for reservations is 5 p.m., Friday, April 28. For more information or to make reservations, call the church office at 665-1631.

There is no charge for the general sessions; however, an offering will be taken. A nursery will be provided for the evening ses--11:30 a.m., May 2, all church sions.



Dr. Charles Lowery