

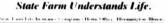
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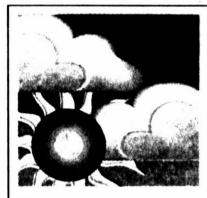


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High today upper 80s Low tonight upper 60s For weather details see Page 2

LEFORS — Lefors High School Class of 1965 is seeking classmates, teachers and friends to participate in its **35th** class reunion slated July 22 at Lefors Community Center. For more information, contact Ray Carter, 835-2237, or Phil Cates, (512) 474-1072. Fax: (512) 474-2162. Email: cates@onr.com PAMPA — Children's Department of the Lovett Memorial Library is seeking supply donations from the, public for the 2000 Summer Reading Program craft projects planned for July. Some of the items needed are cardboard tubes. These include the center tubes from toilet paper and and paper towels. Also, containers with lids which can include coffee cans, Pringles cans, snack cans and other similar types are being sought as well as cardboard boxes of all shapes and sizes. Other supplies which are needed for the program are construction paper, glue and glue sticks, paper plates, aluminum foil and paper cups. Supply donations may be taken to the library at 111 North Houston. Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, may be contacted at 669-5780 regarding any questions about the summer crafts projects in connection with the reading program.

Wanted man eludes police

Charged in severe assault; accused of threats, break-ins

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

Law enforcement authorities today continue their search for a Pampa man wanted in connection with a near-fatal assault, and a rash of threats, assaults and break-ins over the weekend. Police are looking for Marshali

Clayton Johnson, 35, wanted on charges of aggravated assault." Johnson is the father of Marshall Tyler Johnson, the 9-year-old



Marshall Clayton Johnson

boy struck and killed by lightning on June 1.

Johnson is described as being a white male with brown hair (close cut on the side), blue eves and as being six feet tall and weighing 175 pounds. He was last seen wearing black sweat pants and a white t-shirt with Budweiser logo on the front.

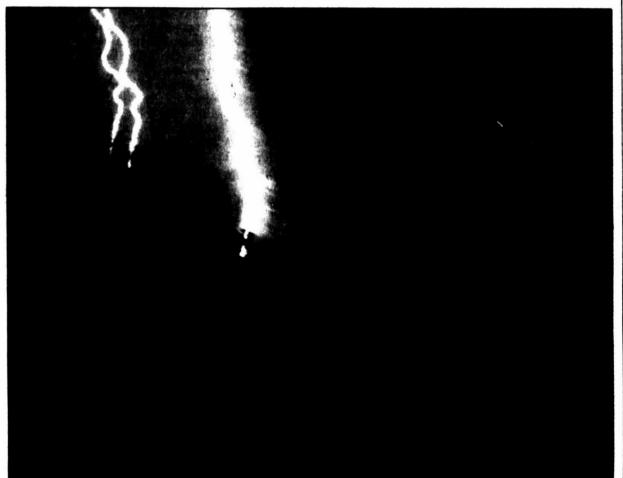
Wanted posters distributed by law enforcement authorities over the weekend describe Johnson as being "dangerous and possibly armed."

The assault victim, George Glen Eggleston, 34, 1120 S. Wells, remained in critical condition in the intensive care unit at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo at press time today, suffering from severe head wounds.

Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said Eggleston came to the Pampa Police Department Thursday afternoon to report an assault. According to the report, Eggleston was asleep in his living room at 1120 S. Wells about 4 p.m. Thursday when a man entered his home. "It's sketchy," Morris said,

(See WANTED MAN, Page 2)

Nature's fury and beauty ...



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Weekend thunderstorms throughout the area were accompanied by powerful bolts of lightning like these in Pampa. The photo was taken north of the 700 block of Lefors Street. From Friday hight's storms through the end of the weekend rainfall totaled 2.59 inches. More thunderstorms could be headed this way this evening, tonight and tomorrow.

'Caught in the act' Illegal tire dumping nets arrests

Gray County Sheriff's deputies arrested three men and detained a juvenile Sunday after a citizen "This is a case where the citi-

No ticket matched all six numbers drawn Saturday for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game. The ticket was worth an estimated \$4 million. The numbers drawn were: 11, 17, 19, 23, 34, 39.

• Jimmie Helms, 87, Pampa resident for 50 years • Georgia Clark Holding, 91, Pampa resident since 1914. • Elder Charles Ray Mathis, Jr., 49, Pentecostal preacher. • Larry Steven Willoughby 35, artist, gemologist.

Dangerous animal law discussion set

A review of the city's dangerous animal law tops the list of discussion topics for Tuesday afternoon work session of the Pampa City Commission.

The session gets under way at City Hall and is followed at 6 p.m by the regular meeting. Both meetings are open to the public.

City Attorney Don Lane will review the law with the commis-

sion at the request of Mayor Bob Neslage. Another work session discussion will be led by Charles Henry who is to present a tourism issue on behalf of the Chamber of

Commerce Tourism Committee. Cable Advisory Committee members will also be on hand to give the annual report.

Regular agenda items include:

Declare old computers as surplus property.

Accept bids on delinquent tax property

 Resolution supporting interest in Borger's regional tub grander program

· Adopt on first reading Ordinance No. 1349 authorizing the reconveyance of property.

reported someone was dumping old tires off a county road.

Three Pampa men remained in Gray County Jail early today on charges of illegal tire dumping, a Class B misdemeanor: Kevin Eugene Huddleston, 23, 2209 N. Sumner; Clifford Wayne Ledford, 21, 624 N. Christy; and Robert Gene Menatee, 21, 1019 E. Browning. A tourth person, a 16-year-old boy, was detained and turned over to juvenile authorities, according to sheriff's reports.

Bonds for the adults were set today at \$1,000 each. Chief Deputy David Russell said a citizen called the Sheriff's Office on a cell phone and reported someone was dumping tires off Gray County Roads. Land 91/2 Sunday atternoon.

Deputies Paul Ortega and Carey Rushing arrived at the location and "caught them in the act," said Sheriff Don Copeland.

"This is a case where the citizens really helped," Russell said. "They saw what was happening and called on their cell phone and stayed until the deputies got there."

Russell said the severity of illegal dumping

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Chief Deputy David Russell

charges depend on the materials being dumped. The charges against the three men are "subject to change," he said.

Deputies found approximately 30 old tires had been unloaded from a stock trailer, with many more tires still in the trailer, Russell said.

"Apparently the trailer had been spotted there before," he said.

The chief deputy said the old tires are health and tire hazards and should be disposed of in the proper way.

"There's nothing more aggravating than to have something like that dumped out on your property," he said.



(Pampa News photo by ReDonn Woods)

Some children who attend Skellytown Elementary School recently came to Pampa to play at the Super Playground where they paused for refreshments. They included Cheyenne Woody, Heaven Swanson and Kendra Richerson.

Future of Beall's Store to be told in several weeks

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

The tuture of Beall's Department Store in Pampa is not clear, said Wendy Wall of Bealls corporate offices in Houston. She told The Pampa News the future of Pampa's store and other individual stores will not be determined for several weeks.

Stage Stores, a Houston-based company which operates Beall's and the Palais Royal chains, filed for Chapter II bankruptcy on June 1. Wall said last week the company is not closing as they plan to reorganize, restock stores and put the company back on solid financial basis as evidenced by filing the Chapter II.

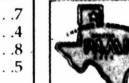
"We don't know about the tuture of individual stores yet. We won't know for several weeks," said Wall. "The future of the stores will be determined by the profitability and potential of stores-not the market.

The company has 600 stores in 33 states.

Stage Stores' interim chief executive, Jack Wiesner, says the clothing retailer might close 75 to 100 stores to cut costs, improve its financial health and emerge from bankruptcy protection, according to associated wire service reports.

Wiesner said the company should play to its strength which is its base of stores in the Southwest, especially Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico.

Wall said the objective of the restructuring will be for the Beall's (See BEALL'S, Page 2)



Watch Clay Rice And Blake Howard In The Morning Show On Channel 7, Tuesday Morning, 6:30 P.M.!!

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HELMS, Jimmie — Graveside services, 2:30 p.m., Memory Gardens, Cemetery. HOLDING, Georgia Clark — Graveside ser-vices, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

MATHIS, Elder Charles Ray, Jr. - 2 p.m., Victory Temple Full Gospel Church, Wellington WILLOUGHBY, Larry Steven — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Trinity Fellowship Church Chapel, Amarillo.

Obituaries

JIMMIE HELMS

Jimmie Helms, 87, of Pampa, died Friday, June 9, 2000. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Elder Charles Regal, of Jehovah's Witnesses in Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Helms was born Feb. 22, 1913, at Howland, Texas. She married Fred H. Helms on Feb. 26, 1946, at Lubbock; he died Feb. 11, 1989. She had been a Pampa resident for 50 years and belonged to Jehovah's Witnesses in Pampa.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and five brothers.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathy Wilson of Pampa; a son, Jimmy Helms of Lubbock; a sister, Ola Mae Price of Pampa; and three grandchildren.

GEORGIA CLARK HOLDING

Georgia Clark Holding, 91, of Pampa, died Saturday, June 10, 2000. Graveside services will

be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Royce Womack, retired Methodist minister of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Holding was born Feb. 22, 1909, at the family farm house in Sweetwater, Okla., to

Belle and Walter Clark. She attended schools in Lefors and Pampa and had been a Pampa area resident since 1914. She married Sam T. Holding on Feb. 19, 1930, at Sayre, Okla.; he died July 31, 1977

She belonged to St. Pauls United Methodist Church for 30 years and later joined First Christian Church of Pampa. She was a member of Pampa Garden Club, AARP and Pampa Senior Citizens Center and was a life member and past worthy matron of Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a sister, Luella Kuehn of New Ulm, Texas.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity or to a local church.

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WELLINGTON — Elder Charles Ray Mathis,

Police report

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

Friday, June 9

Bobby Dale Presley, 20, 1037 S. Wells, was arrested at Nelson and Crawford on a capias pro fine warrant.

Saturday, June 10

Burglary of a residence was reported in the 1000 block of Neel Road. Black sweat pants and a t-shirt were reported stolen.

Burglary of a residence was reported in the 1000 block of South Christy. A television and jewelry of unknown value were reported stolen.

Burglary of a 1996 Dodge Avenger was reported in the 300 block of North Wells. A CD player valued at \$300 was reported stolen.

Aggravated assault with a switch blade knife was reported in the 1000 block of Terry. No injuries were reported.

Sunday, June 11

Michael Deweyan Cox, 36, 1033 Varnon, was arrested in the 1000 block of Neel Road on charges of assault causing bodily injury to a family member and criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500.

Burglary of a 1988 Chevrolet pickup was reported in the 700 block of Nelson. A CD player valued at \$20, two CD cases valued at \$20 each, and 25 CDs valued at \$300 were reported stolen.

Sheriff's Office

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

Saturday, June 10

Edward Joseph Kluczykowski, 67, New Mexico, was arrested for public, intoxication. Sunday, June 11

Sheriff deputies investigated a report of someone dumping tires at Gray I and Gray 91/2.

was arrested on charges of illegal dumping Clifford Wayne Ledford, 27, 624 N. Christy,

Robert Gene Menafee, 21, 1019 E. Browning,

Victoria Kay Parks, 29, no address listed, was arrested on Potter County warrants for theft and

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 48-hour period ending at 7

12:51 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1700 block of Evergreen on a



Sheriff's deputies gave chase in an effort to capture Marshall Clayton Johnson who crashed the car he was driving and fled on foot. He is still being sought today.

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WANTED Kurt Kurfman issued the warrant for aggravated assault with bodily injury, a second degree felony.

the suspect in a number of running south on Llano. The suschief said.

"We've gotten a number of calls of threats he has made and assaultive behavior, also. I can't Noblett tried to cut the suspect give the details right now," he off at the end of the alley, but the added. "In one case, shots were suspect ran across a vacant lot fired, so we believe he is armed." Shortly after 10 a.m. Saturday, got out of his car and confronted Gray County Sheriff's deputies Johnson, who then turned and Gary Noblett and Heath Cates started running back toward saw a vehicle like Johnson was Llano Street. believed to be driving while stopped at a stop sign at the abandoned Oldsmobile, McCullough and Hobart streets.

"When officers saw the extent when the blue/gray Oldsmobile states. They saw several people of the injuries, they obtained an passed by, the driver appeared to pointing toward a vacant house arrest warrant for Marshal be using a floppy hat to cover his on the corner and one person told Clayton Johnson and began face and sliding down in the seat. the officers that Johnson was hid-

searching for him," Morris said. Since the driver was not wearing a seat belt and the vehicle and CONT. FROM PAGE ONE driver fit the general description to back up the sheriff's deputies of the suspect, Noblett said he and helped search the house and decided to pull the car over. The the surrounding area, but the deputy turned on his emergency suspect was not found. stores to get back to the core lights when the Oldsmobile At press time today, police had which she described as returning reached the intersection of U.S. received at least one more report brand-name apparel to small Highway 60 and Texas 70, but the of a burglary in which Iohnson is Oldsmobile continued on toward believed to be a suspect. Llano and Wilkes streets, the report said. 'As the vehicle approached the Lt. Terry Young of the Pampa Wiesner became interim chief intersection of Llano and Wilkes Police Department. Young said streets, the driver was attempting anyone with information can to turn south on Llano Street, but contact the Pampa because of high speed, the driver was unable to make the turn and slammed on the brakes just if they wish and give us any before striking a telephone pole information they may have," he on the southeast corner of the

On Friday, Justice of the Peace intersection," Noblett said in his report.

(Photo by Grover Black)

Noblett said he recognized the driver as Johnson when the man Since then, Johnson has been opened the car door and started reports of break-ins, the police pect ran around the corner and entered an alley in the 600 block of Love Street.

> According to the report, onto Love Street. Deputy Noblett

Noblett and Cates met back at thinking Johnson was headed In his report, Noblett said that back toward the car, the report ing in the vacant house.

Pampa police officers arrived

"We need any information anyone might have in this case," said Police Department at 669-5700. "They can remain anonymous added.



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started making threats. Eggleston was hit in the eye and chest." type of stick or pole" was used in the attack, according to the police report. report, he returned to his home,

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"But (the suspect) apparently

A weapon described as "some

After Eggleston made the

Morris said. Several hours later,

the man collapsed and was taken

to Pampa Regional Medical

Center where it was discovered

he suffered from severe head

trauma, the police chief said.

Eggleston was then transferred to

the Amarillo hospital.

BEALL'S

Kevin Eugene Huddleston, 23, 2209 N. Sumner,

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Fires

a.m. today.

Saturday, June 10

medical assist.

Jr., 49, a former Pampa resident, died Friday, June 9, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Victory Temple Full Gospel Church with Superintendent Elijah Demerson, pastor of Pentecostal Church of God in Christ #6 in Amarillo, the Rev. R.L. Hunnicutt, pastor of the church, and Apostle Leroy Walker, pastor New Beginnings Full Gospel Church of Altus, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in North Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home of Wellington.

Mr. Mathis was born June 15, 1950, at Wellington, to Charles Ray Mathis and Nicy Mallard Mathis. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1969 and attended college at Pleasanton, Calif. He married Renee Annette Jones on March 29, 1974, at Wellington. He was a Pentecostal preacher and served as elder of Holy Sanctuary Church of God in Christ in Wellington for five years and as assistant pastor for 10 years.

Survivors include his wife, Renee, of Wellington; a son, Jason Mathis of Shawnee, Okla.; his mother, Nicy, of Pampa; a sister, Zelma Mathis of California; and two brothers, Payton Mallard of Houston and George Darton of Wellington.

The family requests memorials be to American Diabetes Association or to American Heart Association

LARRY STEVEN WILLOUGHBY

AMARILLO — Larry Steven Willoughby, 35, died Saturday, June 10, 2000. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Trinity Fellowship Church with Kit Buschman, associate senior pastor of the church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Rector Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Willoughby was born at Orlando, Fla., and grew up in Pampa. He moved to California in 1990 and had been an Amarillo resident since April 2000. He attended TSTI and was an artist and a gemologist.

He had been a volunteer in San Diego County, working with the homeless, and belonged to New Life Apostolic Church in San Diego.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Carolyn and Clois Robinson of Clarendon; a sister, Sherrie Slavton of Amarillo; and three brothers, Gary Willoughby of Pampa, Eddie Justice of Tallahasse, Fla., and Robert Wiseman of Arcadia, Fla

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice.

Ambulance

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

Saturday, June 10

12:49 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Evergreen and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

5:40 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Doucette and transported one to Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

Sunday, June 11

1:27 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Neel Road; no transport.

8:51 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

7:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of 21st; no transport.

7:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Nelson; no transport.

10:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Gray and transported one to PRMC.

Monday, June 12

12:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of North Dwight; and transported one to PRMC.

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Three die in one-vehicle accident in Grimes County.

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BRYAN, Texas (AP) — Three young men were College Station. killed and another was critically injured in a onevehicle accident in Grimes County.

Rodney Paul Laskowski, 20, Jeremy Ray Poret, 20, and John Michael Dobyanski, 18, all of Anderson, died Sunday at the scene of the crash. The wreck happened east of College Station and about four miles south of Richards.

David Glen Holliday, 20, of Navasota, was airlifted to Houston, suffering from head trauma. He was listed in fair condition on Monday.

Durango driven by Misty Lynn Smith, 25, of reports.

Officials said the vehicle was southbound on Farm-to-Market Road 1486 when the driver lost control after negotiating a curve in the road. Smith overcorrected, causing the vehicle to hit a tree, spin and hit a second tree, according to investigators.

Smith and a fifth passenger, Clint Thomas Dobyanski, 24, of Anderson, were taken to College Station Medical Center, where they were treated for minor lacerations and released.

Clint Dobyanski and Smith were the only people The men were passengers in a 2000 Dodge in the vehicle wearing seat belts, according to DPS town America.

"We just don't know yet what the future of the local store is," said Wall.

executive of Stage Stores' in February. According the AP reports, the company's problems stemmed from an inability to digest its many acquisitions, including the 240-store C.R. Anthony chain purchased in 1997. He was once the chief executive of C.R. Anthony, which went through bankruptcy in the early '90s.

Local Beall's Store Manager Kathy Phillips told The Pampa News Thursday she could not make any comment regarding the company considering the closure of up to 100 stores. She referred inquiries to the Houston-based office.

Pampa's Beall's Store has 10-15 employees. Beall's Stores are also located in Borger and Amarillo.

Girl trampled

DALLAS (AP) — A teen-age girl was trampled to death at a weekend party at bowling lanes when several hundred revelers fled from Mace used by security officers to break up a fight.

Mayere Tilmon fell down stairs at Don Carter's All Star Lanes-West about midnight Sunday while running from the altercation at an upstairs area leased for a party, Dallas police said. Three other partygoers were injured.

Parkland Memorial Hospital where she was pronounced dead. Her death was ruled accidental.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy today with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms, a high in the upper 80s and southeast winds at 10-20 mph. Mostly cloudy tonight with a 40 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms, a high in the upper 60s and southeast winds at 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy tomorrow with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms, a high in the low 90s and south Extremes were 61 degrees at winds at 10-20 mph. Total weekend rainfall was 2.59 inches.

STATEWIDE — Flash flood advisories were posted across North Texas today in the wake of

City Briefs

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MADELINE GRAVES Dance and Gymnastics Center registration June 12th 4:30-6:30, at center, 1345 S. Hobart. Summer 'Gymnastics classes, tumbling, trampoline, vault, bars, beam and dance for gymnastics, offering private Summer dance lessons.

MASSAGE THERAPY, Father's Day Special. Call Cathy Potter, 669-0013.

ESTATE SALE, Everything must go. 234 Canadian St. Wed., Thurs., & Fri.

easterly and southeasterly at 5 to that 10 mph. Patchy fog was expected

overnight, with a chance of showers and thunderstorms that also includes South and West Texas during the day.

Daytime highs should range from the middle 80s to the lower 90s, with 103 along the Rio Grande, cooling into the 60s to 70s after dark. Winds should be light from the east and southeast. The weather service map also

showed some showers in the eastern Oklahoma Panhandle.

Wind was generally from the south and southeast at 5 to 15 mph, with northerly winds gusting to 32 mph at Guadalupe Pass.

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thunderstorms heavy dumped several inches of rain on the region. More storms were predicted

through early Tuesday, the. National Weather Service said. Weekend rains diminished overnight Sunday. A few showers dotted the Coastal Bend and Gulf waters offshore from the upper Texas coast on Monday.

Early-morning temperatures were in the 60s and 70s, with isolated 80s at the immediate coast. Amarillo, Dalhart and Marfa as well as 80 on Galveston Island. It was also 70 degrees at Junction and 73 at Childress and El Paso. Prevailing winds were mostly

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

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

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

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

offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle. **CANCER SURVIVORS'**

CELEBRATION Cancer Survivors' Celebration will begin with registration at 6 p.m. Friday, June 9 at Recreation

Park in Pampa. The short lap will be at 6:30 p.m. following by refreshments and a game of Bunko

PAMPA AREA CANCER **SUPPORT GROUP**

The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have been touched by cancer, will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 15 in the cafeteria of the Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. Program for this month's meeting will be "10 Principles of Healing" to be presented by Gerry Kelly, director of Supportive Care at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The public is invited. For more information, call 665-4742 or 665-2654. For a ride, call Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris

nson is ing is canceled. SCPA PROGRAM Cowboy/girl poets, cowboy country singers and musicians, members of the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association will meet at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, June 15 at Barnes and Noble for its monthly program. Ten schedsessions and will include Jim Anderson, Charlie Bell, Pat and Richard Henry, Hershell Gates, Marianne Logan, Billie and er, a description of skills the nom-Rusty Nichols, Hody Porterfield inee has learned since beginning 835-2904. and Les Thornton. The event is free and open to the public. A special invitation is extended to working cowboys to attend and to participate in the program.

polio, diphtheria, lock jaw of employment, any disabilities (tetanus), whooping cough (per-tussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicel-la). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 o.m., June 7, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; and 2-4 p.m., June 14, McLean Medical Center, McLean.

CANCER SCREENING CLINIC

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer a free prostate cancer screening clinic from 6:30-8 p.m. June 20 on the first floor of the Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Panhandle is extending clinic Blvd., Amarillo. Drs. William Anthony, John Gwozdz, Richard Kibbey, Virgil Pate, Donald Pratt and James Stafford will be conducting the clinic. Participants must be over 40 and appointments are necessary. For more information, call (806) 356-1913. To schedule an appointment, call (806) 359-4673.

NATURE HIKES

Palo Duro Canyon State Park campus or 1-800-687-9737. will offer several nature hikes throughout the month of June. The following hikes are sched-uled: June 3, "Wildflower Tour," at Paseo Del Rio trail head; June 10, "Botany Basics," and June 24 nature hike, both at Givens, Spicer and Lowry Running Trail; and June 17, Sunflower Trail hike, Sunflower Trail. Each hike will begin at 9 a.m. Participants are urged to bring water, a hat, bug spray and good walking shoes. For more information, call the park at (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

ARTISTS HARVEST

Austin Artists Harvest is sponsoring its 33rd Annual Exhibit and Sale Oct. 21 and 22 in Austin. media is allowed. All Applications are available by sending a #10 SASE to: P.O. Box 80546, Austin, TX 78708-0546. Deadline for entries is July 15. Slides are required.

HERÍTAGE FEST

Lake McClellan will host through Pat Youngblood, P.O. "Heritage Fest" Sept. 23 at the Box 424, Lefors, TX 79054, (806) lake. The event will feature per-835-2904. formers and displays

GREEN THUMB

Green Thumb, Inc., the counat 665-2654. In case of inclement try's oldest and large provider seeking applicants for the weather, call ahead in case meet- of mature worker training and Ivomec employment, launched its Excellence Program's Young statewide search for lexas Kancher's Scholarship to lexas Outstanding Older Worker for A&M's Beef Cattle Short Course Year 2000. Texas employers are slated Aug. 7-9. Deadline for urged to join this initiative by applications is June 15. The nominating their outstanding forms must be turned in to must be at least 65, a Texas resi- Wheeler, TX 79096; or call (806) dent, and work 20 or more hours 826-3572. Applicants must be 20uled performers have 10-minute a week. To nominate a supervisor 39 years of age and must obtain or co-worker must provide a one-half of their income from brief narrative covering the over all contribution to their employ-able from Pat Youngblood, P.O. er, a description of skills the nom- Box 424, Lefors, TX 79054, (806)

the nominee has overcome to perform his/her job and other community involvement. Nominations will be evaluated by a state-wide selection committee and the winner announced mid July. In October the winner will attend the national Prime Time Awards in Washington, DC., in conjunction with Presidentially-proclaimed Employ the Older worker Week. For more information, call 1-800-880-5292. The deadline for nominations is June 15.

CLARENDON COLLEGE

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

CATTLEWOMEN SCHOL-ARSHIPS

Top O' Texas CattleWomen scholarships are available for the fall semester for qualifying college juniot, senior or graduate students. Applicants should come from a ranching family and should plan to pursue a career associated with the beef industry. This scholarship is one of several made through Ivomec Generations of Excellence program sponsored by Merial and administered by the Texas Cattle Women. The local organization covers the following counties: Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchison, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler. For more information, an application or rules write: Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096; or call (806) 826-3572. The deadline is June 15. Applications are also available

YOUNG RANCHER'S SCHOLARSHIP

Top O' Texas CattleWomen is Generations of

Pampa Classroom Teachers Association's (PCTA) 2000-2001 officers are: Dee Babcock, president; Anita Grice, president-elect; Cara Morris, treasurer and Martha Porter secretary. The incoming officers were installed during the recent PCTA annual banquet at the Pampa Country Club.

El Progresso Club

PCTA officers



(Special photo

El Progresso Club recently installed the following officers for the upcoming club year: Pat Youngblood, president; Leona Allen, vice president; Eloise Lane, secretary; Neva Carruth, treasurer; Julia Dawkins, parliamentarian.



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DILLAS BLOOD DŘIVE The Amarillo Dillas baseball team will sponsor a blood drive from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 17 at Great Western Distributors, 3333 E. Third in Amarillo. According to Coffee Memorial Blood Center, donors will receive a T-Shirt and a voucher for a ticket to a Dillas game. In addition, Dillas players will be stopping in during the drive to sign autographs.

GEM THEATRE

The Gem Theatre in Claude will present the Community Heritage Players at 7:30 p.m. July 16 and 17. The group is under the direction of Dr. Carale Manning-Hill. The entertainment will feature an old-fashioned melodrama. The cast will include Wayne Blodgett, Terresa Collins, Jeromy Collins, Terrill Conrad, Michael Green, Dixie Hunsaker, Kym Klarich, Carl Lansbury and Janet Westbrook. After intermission, Deanna Campbell will present a medley of musical favorites. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling (806) 226-5409.

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will host free brown bag lunch seminars at 12 noon each Thursday throughout the month of June with Ben Watson of Edward Jones. The first two presentations will be "Investment Basics" on June 1 and "10 Investment and Financial Risks" on June 15. The presentations are free and open to the public. **IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including

Nominees Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522,



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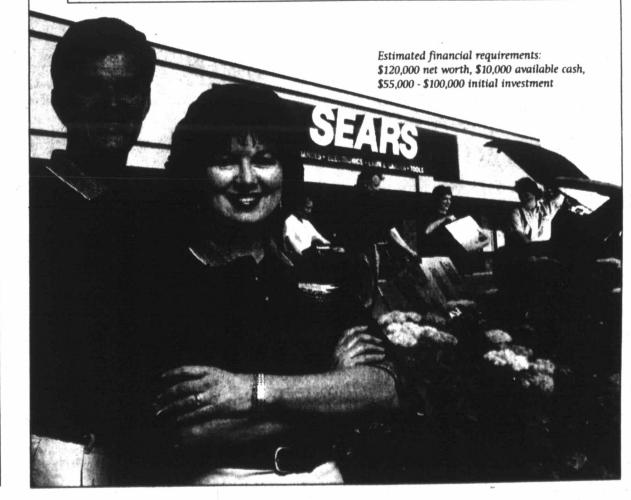
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For more information, please call John Quick at 1-800-366-2764, pin #3001247.





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Message Sent by Car Ads Is Offensive to Safe Drivers

DEAR ABBY: I was pleased to see the letter in your column referring to the commercial showing two "ladies" driving aggressively to get a parking space ahead of each other. The third time we saw it, my husband and I decided to disconnect the television cable.

Whatever happened to "let others go first" and "do unto others as you would have them do unto you"? How can I teach my grandchildren to be polite when selfishness is presented as "sport"?

I refuse to buy a vehicle from a company that uses such advertising, even if it means keeping my old car. ANN VANCE GREENWOOD, MISS.

DEAR ANN: The writer of that letter was Valerie Rivard. Her letter struck a chord with many people. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are professional freight truck drivers. When a new auto ad comes on the air, we know we will see that kind of driving within 24 to 48 hours. People seem to think that if the driver in an ad can drive that way, they can, too. Because it didn't happen in the commercial, they fail to take into account that their reckless driving could cause a crash! We see it all the time.

One ad showed a car pushing through three big rigs as it came on the highway, cutting off at least one of them and almost sideswiping another. The driver in the ad gets away with it! What kind of example

Horoscope

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) * * * Brainstorm, but don't think that anything is written in stone. Flexibility can help you straighten out an intricate. difficult problem. Focus on money and one-on-one relating. An associate will go along with you. Give him space to decide. Tonight: Work with an unexpected change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



does that set for teen-agers and new drivers?

Please, everyone: Drive in a defensive, courteous, legal, professional manner. The result will be safe and happy roads for all.

HENRY A. PASCOE, HARP TRANSPORT INC. SNOHOMISH, WASH.

DEAR HENRY: Hear, hear! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Being a teen-ager myself, I can tell you that commercials for "fast" cars do not encourage me to drive fast. They are meant only to show the maneuverability of the vehicles. Some people actually drive off-road for a living and appreciate a car that can perform sharp turns.

I do not believe that these commercials send subliminal messages to make young drivers drive faster or recklessly. Anyone of any age can

drive fast and irresponsibly. TIFFANY IN WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

DEAR TIFFANY: I agree that

sion. Respond to others. An associate might be hedging. Be understanding. Tonight: Play the night away. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** You are not seeing another clearly, as hard as you try. Wishful thinking seems to make a haze of reality. Anchor on family and home. Zero in on what is important. Build security on the domestic front. An investment could be key. Tonight: Follow instincts with fami-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) * * * Get down to basics with another. Reach out and have a needed discussion. Keep communication flowing, even though your nerves could easily be frazzled. Review work, with an eye to success and efficiency. Make calls. Explain what you want and expect. Tonight: At a favorite place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

anyone of any age can have a lead foot and drive recklessly. Unfortunately, too many people do. Read on:

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DEAR ABBY: I see many SUV and car commercials portraying vehicles driving off-road, driving through streams and nature. This is an irresponsible message to send to people. Off-road driving is extremely destructive to our environment. Why can't car companies promote good citizenship while they market their cars?

SICK OF SUVS IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR SICK: Good point; good question. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have also become angry while watching those ads. Driving is portrayed as a competitive blood sport. To even suggest that there is something "glamorous" about ignoring traffic regulations and common civility borders on the criminal.

What can we do to get auto manufacturers and their ad agencies to stop contributing to the anarchy and carnage on the roads? Would a letter-writing campaign to car companies and their ad agencies be of any use? How about a boycott of the most irresponsible manufacturers? MAD IN ATLANTA

DEAR MAD: I can think of no more effective way to communicate that message than by open-ing one's pen and closing one's checkbook.

back. Don't expect universal accord. Work with unpredictability. Tonight: Get extra rest

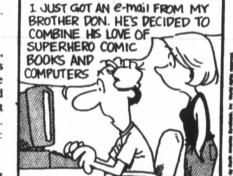
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Attend meetings, network and share. Unexpected money developments work in your favor. Review your finances and decide where you can make changes. Don't allow current restrictions to stop you. Aim for what you want. Tonight: Get together with a friend.

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) * * * Your unpredictability irks others, whether they admit it or not. Work needs detail attention. Don't skip steps or take shortcuts. Remember agreements and responsibilities, even if you feel a bit uncomfortable with what you must do. Others respect your steadiness. Tonight: A must show.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \star \star \star Reach out for others who are at









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Others have loads of information, and they want to share where they are coming from. Being cynical or touchy won't help you with a boss. If you aren't happy with what you have, change it. Be open to others, who mean well. Tonight: Go along with another's choice. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Surprises throw others off. Assimilate information and turn it around so it works in your favor. Moneymaking and professional concerns merge. Say yes to a new project. Worry less about others right now. Tonight: Relax by exercising.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) $\star \star \star \star$ Go with your winning smile,

are a winner. Follow through on a deci-

* Others respond to your energy. Money matters come to the forefront. You can have what you want, as long as you don't take a risk. A loved one might coax you into taking unwise action. You might not be viewing a child clearly. Tonight: Be savvy with funds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \star \star \star \star Your ability to take an overview allows you to see where another is coming from. Be willing to gather information. The more new ideas you incorporate, the better "off you'll be. Make long-distance calls: reach out for others. Tonight: Do what you want. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** * A** partner whispers in your ear. creativity and resourceful ideas. Others Listen carefully. There are some gems of easily respond to you, sensing that you wisdom here. Not everyone agrees with you, but you could be startled by feed-

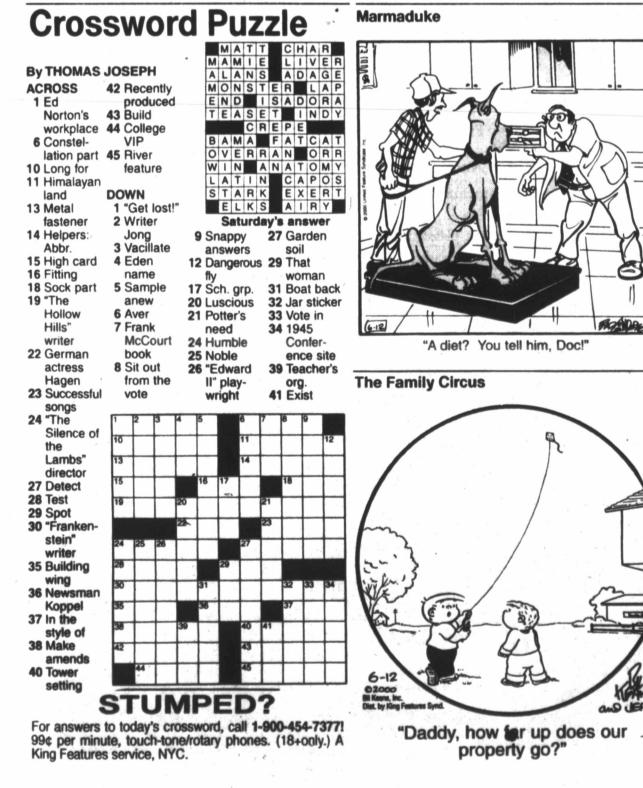
a distance. Listen to feedback from a child or loved one. Your sixth sense works for you, but you might feel uncomfortable with what you perceive. Weigh a risk that might involve hushhush information. Tonight: Catch a movie.

BORN TODAY

Actress Ally Sheedy (1962), actor Richard Thomas (1951), conceptual artist Christo (1935)

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SPORTS

Notebook HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) - Jason Arnott scored in double overtime as the New Jersey Devils won their second Stanley Cup in six seasons Saturday night with a 2-1 victory over the Dallas Stars in Game 6 of the finals. Devils defenseman Scott Stevens won the Conn Smythe Trophy as the playoff MVP.

HORSE RACING

NEW YORK (AP) -Commendable, trained by D. Wayne Lukas and ridden by Pat Day, won the Belmont Stakes on Saturday.

Commendable paid \$39.60 as an 18-1 long shot. He snapped a six-race losing streak dating to a win in his debut Aug. 14. Lukas has won four Belmonts and a total of 13 Triple Crown races. Aptitude finished second by 1 1/2 lengths. Unshaded, making his Triple Crown debut, finished third.

BASKETBALL

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) -Take away Kobe Bryant, add 18,345 enemy fans and clamp several defenders onto Shaquille O'Neal. Suddenly, the Los Angeles Lakers don't look so invincible.

Erasing any notion that the NBA Finals would be merely a coronation, the Indiana Pacers emphatically defended their home court with a 100-91 victory in Game 3 on Sunday night, cutting Los Angeles' series lead to 2-1.

After losing two games in Los Angeles without much of a fight, the Pacers were talking trash, shoving the Lakers around and reveling in the support of the basketball fanatics crammed into Conseco Fieldhouse for the Pacers' first finals home game.

"We're not a team that's going to be pushed around," Indiana's Jalen Rose said.

PAMPA Oklahoma Junior Rodeo had a big turnout at its rodeo earlier this month at the Top Of Texas Arena.

NWOJR spokesperson Kris Day said the 587 entries represented the biggest number for any of its rodeos so far this season.

The NWOJR finals are scheduled Sept. 2-3 in Woodward, Okla.

NWOJR Results at Pampa Stick horse barrels (Girls 5 & under) 1. Kelsey Harper, 12.38; 2. Kylee Harper, 12.48; 3. Raychell Ochoa, 13.39. Stick horse barrels (Boys 5 & under) 1. Carson Corff, 11.41; 2. Slade Roach, 11.87; 3. Garrett Roach, 12.40. Goat tail undecorating (Girls 5 & under) 1. Kelsey Harper, 3.28; 2. Raychell Ochoa, 4.29; 3. Patricia Steadman, 4.41. Goat tail undecorating (Boys 5 & under) 1. Carson Corff, 3.24; 2. Garrett Roach, 3.31; 3. Slade Roach, 3.79. **Barrel** racing (Girls 5 & under) 1. Raychell Ochoa, 29.978; 2. Kelsey Harper, 34.644; McKinze Robinson, 36.781. **Barrel racing** (Boys 5 & under) 1. Carson Corff, 20.765; 2. Garrett Roach, 30.882; 3. Andrew Morriss, 47.371. **Barrel racing** (Girls 6-8) 1. Brittany Day, 18.018; 2. Monica McClung, 18.775; 3. Carley Richardson, 18.805. **Barrel racing** (Boys 6-8) 1. Tanner Packard, 19.482; 2. 1. Garrett Baggs, 14.41; 2. (tie) Colton Corff, 19.602; 3. Kelby Perry Dietz and Zack Perkins, 1. Tanner Packard, 19.482; 2. Chace, 21.014. **Barrel racing** (Girls 9-11) 1. Brittany Young, 18.384; 2. Jenna Harper, 18.560; 3. Brooke Barnard, 19.015.

Barrel racing (Boys 9-11)

1. Žack Perkins, 18.023; 2. Denton Shepherd, 19.380; 3. Owens, 67; 3. Ethan Baggs, 65.

Northwest Tanner Cochran, 20. 810. **Pole bending** (Boys 5 & under) 1. Carson Corff, 26.348; 2. Mead, 64. Garrett Roach, 27,393; 3. Cody Folks, 30.975. **Pole bending** (Girls 5 & under) 1. Kelsey Harper, 33.430; 2. Raychell Ochoa, 34.610; 3. McKinze Robinson, 40.326. **Pole bending** (Boys 6-8) 1. Jake Diel, 22.539; 2. Dylan McCracken, 18.352. Blankenship, 24.329; 3. Kelby Chace, 25.211. **Pole bending** (Girls 6-8) 1. Carley Richardson, 22.697; 2. Collin Pursley, 23.317; 3. Cambry Cooper, 24.662. Pole bending (Girls 9-11) 1. Brittany Young, 23.789; 2. Jenna Harper, 24.531; 3. Kelsie Chace, 24.728. Flag racing (Girls 6-8) 1. Brittany Day, 10.789; 2. Carley Richardson, 11.346; 3. Miranda Stafford, 12.368. **Breakaway** roping (Boys 9-11) 1. Garrett Baggs, 3.24; 2. Perry Dietz, 4.99; 3. Zack Perkins, 6.59. **Breakaway roping** (Girls 9-11) 1. Kelsey Alders, 6.14; 2. Brooke Barnard, 18.63. **Goat tying** (Boys 6-8) 1. Ethan Baggs, 16.82; 2. Jake Diel, 17.27; 3. Tanner Packard, 17.51. Goat tying (Girls 6-8) 1. Brittany Day, 12.38; 2.

Carley Richardson, 12.77; 3. Jessica Koppitz, 16.73. Goat tying (Boys 9-11) 15.52. **Goat tying**

(Girls 9-11) 1. Jenna Harper, 13.41; 2. Keeley Longo, 15.68; 3. Kelsie Chace, 16.99.

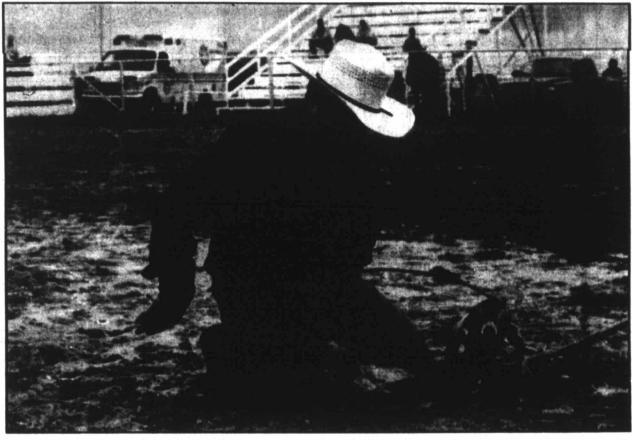
Calf riding (Boys 6-8)

Jr. rodeo has big turnout at Top Of Texas Arena **Junior bull riding** (Boys 9-11) 1. Garrett Baggs, 66; 2. Jeston **Barrel racing** (Girls 12-14) 1. Candice Foster, 17.732; 2. Longo, 22.755. Kelly Day, 17.862; 3. Jesse Powders, 18.461. **Barrel racing** (Girls 15-19) 1. Jaclyn Foster, 17.811; 2. Jessie Waite, 17.834; 3. Megan **Bareback** riding (Boys 12-14) 1. Jeremie Wann, 67. **Bareback** riding (Boys 15-19) 1. Dillon DeBock, 72; 2. Sean O'Neal, 64; 3. Cody Douglas, **Breakaway** roping (Girls 12-14) 1. Ashley Winton, 6.70; 2. Jesse Powders, 7.06; 3. Cashe Trevathan, 62. Nesmith, 7.09. **Breakaway** roping (Girls 15-19) 1. Kasie Green, 3.63; 2.

Randus London, 3.83; 3. Beverly Witcher, 4.63. **Pole bending** (Girls 12-14) 1. Ciara Brooks, 22.076; 2. Kelly Day, 22.325; 3. Karra **Pole bending** (Girls 15-19) 1. Randus London, 21.378; 2. Jessie Waite, 21.984; 3. Kaily Richardson, 23.879. Goat tying (Girls 12-14) 1. Cashe Nesmith, 10.31; 2. Kelly Day, 11.90; 3. Samantha Harrison, 11.71. **Goat tying** (Girls 15-19) 1. Jessie Waite, 9.20; 2. Kaily Richardson, 9.54; 3. Randus London, 10.73 **Junior Bull riding** (Boys 12-14) 1. Justin Cox, 70; 2. Jacob **Bull riding** (Boys 15-19) 1. Levi Trevathan, 76. **Breakaway** roping

(Boys 12-14) 1. Kelsey Garrison, 4.71; 2. Cody Dietz, 8.49; 3. Dallas Shepherd, 7.09. Calf roping (Boys 15-19) 1. Levi London, 10.13; 2. K.W. Laurer, 15.13; 3. Jule Hazen, 15.81 **Calf roping** (Boys 12-14) 1. Kelsey Garrison, 12.88; 2. David Witcher, 16.40; 3. Chase Craig, 17.99. **Ribbon** roping (Boys 15-19) 1. Cooper Adams, 7.16; 2. Bray Armes, 8.41; 3. Jule Hazen, 8.56. Steer roping (Boys 12-14) 1. Hayden Hawley, 6.34; 2. David Witcher, 6.38; 3. Cass Cooper, 6.62. **Boys-Girls Team Roping** (19 & under) 1. Brandon Oakley-Bray Armes, 6.89; 2. Brandon Oakley-Laramie DeBock, 7.52; 3. Dillon DeBock-Laramie DeBock, 8.41.

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1. Jake Diel, 69; 2. Blake Garrett Baggs of Woodward, Okla. won the 9-11 boys goat tying in the mud at the Top Of vas Rodeo Arena

We're not a team that's coming into the series like we're the JV team. We have to be on edge (and) we have to be excited.

Reggie Miller, who had 33 points after struggling in the first two games, exemplified the Pacers' newfound swagger when he muscled his way into Los Angeles' huddle during a fourth-quarter timeout to "save" teammate Mark Jackson, who became trapped behind several angry Lakers.

"It always comes down to me. This is my team," Miller said. "I've got to step up and I've got to do everything.'

The Lakers struggled in their first full playoff game without Bryant, who asked to play on his sprained left ankle but was held out by the team's medical staff. None of the Lakers assumed Bryant's scoring load, and his absence on defense was obvious with every open shot taken by Miller and Rose, who had 21 points.

"His defensive energy is probably what we missed the most," said Lakers guard Derek Fisher, who had 10 points and 10 assists. "We feed off of him, and he's tough to replace."

O'Neal, who dominated the series' first two games, had 33 points and 13 rebounds but had to work for each one. The Pacers' defensive rotation against Shaq improved dramatically, and he faced two or three defenders almost every time he touched the ball.

The league MVP had just one shot in the first 11 minutes while Indiana went ahead to stay, and he rarely got the prime low-post position he claimed in Los Angeles. "I thought we went a little

harder tonight," said Indiana forward Dale Davis, who had 12 rebounds and fouled out playing tough defense on Shaq. "We forced them to Shaq. make turnovers, and we were the aggressors tonight." Game 4 in the best-of-seven series is Wednesday night, with Game 5 on Friday.

South wins Greenbelt tilt

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CHILDRESS — Wheeler touchdowns as the South yards. defeated the North 29-14 in the 51st annual Greenbelt Most Valuable Offensive Bowl Saturday night.

Both of Brown's scoring passes went to Nik Lewis of time. Jacksboro for 65 and 29 yards. Brown completed 9 of 16 pass attempts and had one intercepted.

Childress' Willie Thomas, who was the South's leading rusher with 72 yards on 12 carries, scored a touchdown Lineman of the Game) and on a 43-yard run.

Canadian's George Peyton was the North's top rusher Award). with 70 yards on 10 tries. He scored on a six-yard run in Shepard was a member of the the second quarter. The winning South team. Shepard North's other TD came on a 24-yard pass from Happy quarterback Patrick McCuaig State to Lubbock Coronado's Matt **Brothers**.

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period.

Childress' Kevin Keys quarterback Brooks Brown sparked the South with three threw for 218 yards and two field goals of 32, 34 and 48

He was named the game's Lineman.

The South led 17-14 at half-

Lewis was named the game's Most Valuable Öffensive Player. Other awards went to Slaton's **Brandon Fluellen (Defensive** Back of the Game), Olney's Justin Harvey (Defensive Anton's Kurt Riker (Hoot Sportsmanship Voyles

Pampa lineman Cody will be attending Oklahoma Southwestern University in Weatherford on a football scholarship.

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Play is scheduled to start the

Roster Forms, fact sheets and The entry deadline is Friday, by-laws are available at the between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 Schedules will be available after p.m. Monday through Friday.



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Stanford advances past **Clemson in CWS contest**

even think about Sunday's graduation ceremonies.

He still wants the gifts, though.

The first one came with the Cardinal's 10-4 victory over Clemson at the College World hits. It's a huge win for us." Series.

Gall was one of five Stanford seniors, joining Damien Alvarado, Eric Bruntlett, Edmund Muth and Craig Thompson, who missed their college graduation Sunday to play at Rosenblatt which beat San Jose State 6-3, Stadium. None of them on Tuesday. seemed to mind.

They all just crossed home plate instead of the stage.

"A win was our way to celebrate graduation," said Gall, who went 2-for-3 against the year." Tigers. "If there's any reason. to miss it, this is the reason. My parents are just glad I got the degree."

The seniors, all starters, combined to go 6-for-21 with the middle. three RBIs and each scored once. They gave starter Justin the Cardinal extended their didn't get into the flow of the Wayne plenty of support offensively and defensively.

all pick in last week's amateur gave up two infield singles out of it in the end." draft by the Montreal Expos, scattered eight hits over 7 2-3 innings. He retired seven of the final 10 batters he faced "The way we came back at it through with runners in scor-before giving way to Jeff was huge," Borchard said. "It's the final 10 batters he faced Bruksch.

the ninth.

Wayne earned his fifth straight win and third this postseason. He also set the season.

with the fastball and slider and letting the defense do it groove that I felt comfortable behind me," Wayne said. with," Lynn said.

with two RBIs and scored fare much better.

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - three times. Thompson had Stanford's John Gall didn't two of Stanford's 12 hits, all singles.

"We got some key hits," Stanford coach Marquees said. "I don't think Clemson coach Jack Leggett we got anything more than a said. "It was a time to get single, but we got some clutch them out there and get them

The Cardinal (49-15) will face RBI fielder's choice in the whichever team comes out of fifth. O'Riordan scored on the the losers' side of the bracket. play, as did Alvarado, who Clemson (51-17) Louisiana-Lafayette (48-19), Baker's wild throw to first.

"We're OK. It's going to be a The Cardinal stranded nine tough task," Clemson starter runners on base - six in scor-Kevin Lynn said. "We just ing position - through six have to take it day by day. We innings. can do it. We've battled all

the board with a two-run sin- including seven in scoring gle in the third. Borchard scored two batters later on Henri Stanley each had three Chris O'Riordan's single up of the Tigers' 12 hits.

lead to 4-0 with a run in the game early and it got us into fourth. Lynn (5-2), making just trouble. I thought we hit the Wayne (15-3), the fifth over- his third start of the season, ball better than what we got and a walk to load the bases before giving way to Mike reach with a three-run eighth. Proto.

Bruksch pitched 1 1-3 a 3-0 record and 2.05 ERA over innings, giving up two runs in his last 22 innings. He had 18 strikeouts and just one walk in that span, but struggled with his control against Stanford. He allowed six hits and four school record for wins in a runs. He also walked two, struck out two, hit two batters "I was just throwing strikes and threw three wild pitches. "I really couldn't get into a

Clemson used six more pitchers, combining to give up six hits and six runs

"Everybody's gotten their Mark feet wet out on the mound," some experience."

With the victory, Stanford Arik VanZandt gave gets to rest until Wednesday. Stanford a 6-0 lead with an plays came home on shortstop Jeff

O'Riordan made it 7-0 with a sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Clemson scored two runs in the sixth off Wayne, but Borchard got Stanford on stranded 11 runners on base, position. Casey Stone and

"It was a rough game for us After a one-hour rain delay, to lose," Leggett said. "We

> Stanford put the game out of "We just didn't come

Lynn entered the game with just the way the game goes sometimes.

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Stewart builds momentum with second straight victory

Suddenly, Tony Stewart's got finish, the skies were threatening momentum.

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) - As Stewart drove toward the abbreviated finish. and a three-way battle raged as the 18 or the 20 at the end," said behind him for second, with Dale Earnhardt, who moved past Ward Earnhardt passing Dale Jarrett Burton into second place in the and then holding off Labonte to take the runner-up spot. NASCAR, which had redflagged the race for 94 minutes after rain began falling on lap 150, put out the fourth yellow flag of the day on lap 192 when rain began pelting down again. The cars were brought onto pit road and stopped just short of completing lap 195 in hopes of waiting out the wet weather. But, less than five minutes later, with what was left of the crowd of 170,000 being soaked once more, the race was ended.

season standings, trailing Labonte

slipped to sixth after his crew had back to third." "We still weren't quite as good trouble removing a lug nut on the After that, Stewart, who has

Earnhardt along. Stewart joins rookie Dale

Last year's top NASCAR rookie got off to a struggling start in 2000, thanks mostly to bad luck and the occasional mechanical problem.

"It's kind of like Winston Cup every week," said Joe Gibbs, Stewart's car owner and a former NFL coach. "Something different can happen to you and, for the first part of the season, the (No.) 20 car seemed like everything did."

Good fortune is smiling on Stewart and Joe Gibbs Racing now, though.

After dominating the previous week in Dover, Del., Stewart made it two in a row Sunday at Michigan Speedway, winning the rain-shortened Kmart 400.

"I think I'm probably just encouraged about the rest of the season," said Stewart, seventh in the standings, trailing teammate and series leader Bobby Labonte by 295 points after 14 of 34 races.

"I feel like this has turned a lot of things around for us," the 29-year-old driver added. "I know the guys on my team are pumped up. I can see it in their faces. I've raced 21 years and worked with a lot of people and I know what momentum does.'

Stewart's Home Depot Pontiac storming past Robert Pressley and into the lead on a restart on lap 185 of what was supposed to be a 200-lap event.

"I was just praying for rain," said Stewart, who knew anything could happen in a four-lap shootout with Earnhardt, Labonte and Jarrett.

Asked who he would have worried about the most if the race had resumed, Stewart said, "I knew the (No.) 18 (Labonte) is not going to hurt me. He may go by me, but the 3 (Earnhardt) wouldn't have a problem roughing you up a little bit on the way by just to say hi, and he'd smile and laugh as he was doing it. I didn't really like seeing him back there at the end."

But Earnhardt, who barely held led only three laps Sunday before off Labonte at the end — with the two bumping as they drove sideby-side through the fourth turn

by 98 points after 14 of 34 races. Burton, who finished sixth, right behind Pressley, fell to third, four points behind seven-time series champion Earnhardt.

Before the first rain came, it was Jeremy Mayfield who looked like the man to beat.

Mayfield led 85 of the first 151 laps and held a lead of nearly seven seconds over Jarrett, who dominated this race in winning a vear earlier.

But his troubles began when all the leaders pitted under caution after the cars restarted. Mavfield was sent to the rear of the longest line for the green-flag restart as a penalty for having one of his worn tires bounce off a crewman onto pit road during his stop.

Mayfield's Ford, which restarted 13th, got all the way to sixth before his engine blew, bringing out another caution on lap 176.

"Something just broke," the disappointed Mayfield said. "We know who had the best car here again."

Meanwhile, Labonte, who won here last August, had taken charge after taking the lead from Jarrett on lap 157. He built a lead of more than two seconds over Stewart before Mayfield's engine blew

on the last green-flag lap — also The leaders pitted on lap 178, seemed happy with the during the caution, and Labonte

nt rear tire.

"I felt like we had the best car I feel like we were lucky to get past, pulling Jarrett and and Homestead, Fla.

five career victories, took charge. Earnhardt Jr. as the only drivers

On the restart, Pressley, who got with two victories this season. He before the caution came out when the lead by taking only two tires is also the first driver to win two in Mayfield's car blew up," Labonte on his final pit stop, stayed low on a row since he managed the feat said. "You can look at it two ways. the track and Stewart charged late last season in Phoenix, Ariz.,

49ers' Young set to call it a career

without one more visit to the lock- concussions. er room.

Young, 38, a two-time league MVP who succeeded Joe Montana and led the San Francisco 49ers to 30 seconds with his eighth known their fifth Super Bowl title following the 1994 season, was to announce his retirement Monday at a farewell news conference. It was held in the club's locker room at team headquarters at his request.

The guest list included former 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo, who turned control of the team over to his sister to help resolve a family feud, and Cleveland Browns president Carmen Policy, who left San Francisco after a falling out with DeBartolo.

Members of Young's family along with Seattle coach Mike Holmgren and Denver coach Mike Shanahan, both former 49ers offensive coordinators and both influential in Young's development, also were expected to attend.

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — self and the organization, over his Bowl run but ultimately deter-Steve Young couldn't say goodbye future because of his history of

> The last blow came Sept. 27 in a game at Arizona, a frightening hit that left Young out cold for some concussion and fourth in three years. He endured post-concussion symptoms of nausea, dizziness, headaches and lethargy for weeks and missed the rest of the season.

> Young's primary neurologist, Stanford University's Dr. Gary Steinberg, is believed to have told Young last year that he should quit football because he would put himself at risk for more damaging head blows by resuming his career. However, Young, still. yearning to play, sought advice from other doctors and passed a series of neurological tests show-ing he was clinically "normal."

The salary-cap stressed 49ers, fearful of the potential for re-injury and wary of the payroll implications if they brought Young back, 'The decision to end his 15-year urged retirement. Young briefly NFL career followed months of considered the notion of going to endures as one of football's greatagonized debate, both within him- Denver for one last shot at a Super est broken-field runs.

mined it was time to call it a career and to finish as a 49er.

Changes in his personal life also influenced his decision. The longtime bachelor got married March 14 to Barbara Graham and the couple is expecting a baby in late December.

Young, who overcame the shadow of Montana to create his own legacy, leaves as the NFL's highestrated passer and a six-time winner of the league's passing efficiency title.

With Jerry Rice, he formed the most prolific touchdown-pass tandem in NFL history as they combined for 85 scores.

He was part of one of the most riveting finishes ever in a playoff game when he hooked up with Terrell Owens on a last-second 25yard touchdown pass to beat Green Bay on Jan. 3, 1999.

Equally dangerous as a runner, the seven-time Pro Bowler rushed for an NFL-record 43 touchdowns, including a remarkable 49-yard scramble in 1988 against Minnesota that

Goodwin's timely hitting helps Rockies rally past Rangers, 9-8

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Rockies manager Buddy Bell calls Tom Goodwin "a luxury to have on this team."

stealing a base or chasing down a agent this winter, had three hits fly ball in the outfield, he is delivering timely hits, such as he did Sunday in helping the Rockies majors with 27 stolen bases, and rally to their fourth straight win, 9-8 over Texas.

Jeffrey Hammonds lined a tworun double, and Goodwin followed with a two-run single to highlight the Rockies' four run eighth inning.

The Rockies won for the eighth straight time at home, where they lead the majors with a 22-6 record. And they kept the heat on NL in retaining Goodwin when he West-leading Arizona, trailing by just 11/2 games.

The Rangers, meanwhile, lost them. their fifth straight, matching their longest skid of the season.

Goodwin, a career .274 hitter When the speedy Goodwin isn't signed by the Rockies as a free and three RBIs Sunday, raising his average to .337. He leads the finally ended a string of consecutive errorless games at 123 on Sunday.

Moreover, Goodwin has 32 RBIs and is on pace to drive in 82 this season. In each of his past two seaons with Texas, he had only 33 RBIs, and his career high is 35 with Kansas City in 1996.

The Rangers weren't interested became a free agent, but Goodwin refused to gloat about beating

"It doesn't really matter if it came against my former team or not," Goodwin insisted. "I still have a lot of friends over there, and I definitely wish them the best. We came in here thinking we could sweep the series, and we were able to come through in the clutch. Being down as much as we were throughout the game, everybody just hung in there, battled and scraped some runs across here and there.

"Our big guys got the rally start-ed that inning. Jeffrey obviously came through with a big double, and I was fortunate enough to have an opportunity to get a hit to win the game."

Trailing 8-5, Colorado loaded the bases with no outs in the

eighth on two singles and a walk gent player." off Mike Venafro.

Hammonds, who had three hits and four RBIs, greeted Tim Crabtree (1-2) with a double down the left-field line. With two outs and the bases loaded again, Goodwin singled to short center. Mike DeJean (1-1) pitched 1 2-3 innings, and Jose Jimenez pitched the ninth to earn his 11th save, starting a 1-6-3 double play to end

the game. Bell said Goodwin's hit "has to make him feel good, coming against his former teammates. I think the more at-bats that Goody gets, the better he understands the strike zone. He seems to know when to swing at the first pitch

and when not to. He understands what you need. He's a very intelliERA.

Clinging to a 6-5 lead, the Rangers scored twice in the seventh on Royce Clayton's 10th homer and Alicea's RBI single.

Darren Oliver allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings and left with a lead, but the Rangers bullpen couldn't hold it.

Notes: Hammonds extended his hitting streak to a career-high 11 games. ... Colorado 2B Mike Lansing did not start for the second straight game because of a sore lower back, but entered in the seventh. ... Gabe Kapler made a diving catch in leftcenter field to rob Hammonds in the second inning, but the sacrifice fly scored Jeff Cirillo from third. ... Chad Curtis' sliding catch near the right-field line ended a Rockies'

Ivan Rodriguez and Luis Alicea each had four hits for Texas, and David Segui drove in three runs.

"What's a word below frustrating? Demoralizing?" Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "This is demoralizing. We spent all winter bragging about our pitching, but we're not pitching consistently.

"In the eighth, we had two guys 0-2 and gave them a pitch to hit. I'm tired of it. We're going to make changes. The first one is the easiest to make: (Matt) Perisho is going get into the rotation. Call it a threat or whatever you want."

could bring up to have a 7.00 threat in the fourth.

into the starting rotation. We've got two guys at Triple-A itching to

Referring to his team's 5.31 ERA, Oates added, "I got Triple-A guys I

Prior to Alamos fire, NFS advocating more 'prescribed fires'

Service had been sharply increasing the number of fires set to clear brush and rehabilitate landscapes, tripling the area burned in just four

That changed when a fire set at Bandelier National Monument got out of control, leading to an inferno that destroyed more than 200 homes in Los Alamos, N.M., and caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt halted all "prescribed fires" by the Park Service in the West indefinitely, saying an investigation found serious systemic problems in the way the Park Service conducts prescribed burns.

Park Service Director Robert Stanton told a House panel last week that the agency is changing its policies and training to prevent similar problems.

It was Babbitt who changed policy in 1995 to encourage use of such fires. He even helped set a prescribed fire in an Idaho national forest in 1998.

Congressional critics say federal land managers should rely more on "mechanical thinning" --- using people and machines to cut down trees and undergrowth. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage, R-Idaho, said the Clinton administration relies too much on prescribed fires because of a "dogmatic, anti-science, anti-technology, anti-people bias

"Fire alone is not sufficient to the task," she said.

But forestry experts say that when properly monitored, prescribed fires are among the best and cheapest ways to prevent catastrophic wildfires.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Until reduction in cost, and in threats to to limit themselves to one tool or whenever the conditions are appropriate, to remove those haz- n life and property," said Park Service fire specialist Tom Zimmerman. " ... We're just trying to provide the most appropriate and cost-effective treatment."

Last year, the Park Service set a record '326 fires that burned 139,000 acres, according to a computer-assisted analysis of the agency's fire data. That was a 62 percent jump over the previous year and triple the acreage burned in 1996. But it still represented only 0.2 percent of Park Service land.

In all, the Park Service set 3,760 prescribed fires since 1970, burning about 926,000 acres, an area nearly the size of Rhode Island. By contrast, agency workers battled 43,456, wildfires that burned nearly 5.5 million acres during the same period.

Some agency officials and outside experts say more prescribed fires are needed to prevent the kind of catastrophic wildfires that blackened 1 million acres of Yellowstone National Park in 1988. "Even when that number (of

prescribed fires) is doubled, it's a drop in the bucket," said Ronald Myers, director of the National Fire Management Program of The Nature Conservancy, an environmental group. "I hope Congress is patient and lets this thing run its course."

Besides the low cost, prescribed fires can help prime soil for new seedlings and spur the reproduction of species such as giant sequoias, said Nate Stephenson, a U.S. Geological Survey scientist who studies fire in Sequoia and Kings Canvon national parks in California. On the other hand, he said, mechanical treatments pro-

duce less smoke and do not leave. fire scars on surviving trees. "I think land managers would

While the current debate focuses on the West, prescribed fires also are set elsewhere, most notably Florida. The Park Service's top site for prescribed fires is the Big Cypress National Preserve, which had 388 set blazes since 1980 that burned nearly 534,000 acres - an area equivalent to 74 percent of the preserve.

"We burn throughout the year, three to 15 years.

appropriate, to remove those hazardous fuels so we don't get those big, screaming fires we can't con- urbs, and over the next few weeks trol," said Larry Belles, the preserve's fire chief.

Second was the adjoining Everglades National Park, where 363 fires that burned 105,244 acres have been set since 1970. Officials at the Florida parks said their ecosystems depend on fires every

"Two hundred years ago, light-ning would strike somewhere out in what are now the Miami subthe fire would burn into the center of the Everglades," said Bob Panko, fire manager for the Everglades.

"That can't happen any more, because there's a Kmart out where the lightning is going to hit. So to respond to that, we've been lighting fires to maintain that natural scribed fires in the West.

regime of fire in our wildemess." The Park Service ban does not apply to Florida, but pre-scribed fires in the state have been suspended because of severe drought. Belles and Panko said they are taking another look at their planning and procedures because of the

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New Mexico fire. Stanton, the Park Service director, expects to resume using pre-

Immunity sought for troops in war crimes court

WASHINGTON (AP) - For U.S. policy-makers, the implications committed in the Balkans and in Rwanda. are chilling: U.S. forces are sent to a distant hot spot, hostilities occur, innocent civilians die, and Americans are held responsible. Some are even arrested and sent for trial.

That scenario may not seem far-fetched now that the United Nations is in the process of establishing a permanent international criminal court aimed at holding accountable those responsible for actions deemed to be war crimes or crimes against humanity.

While offering millions to track down war crimes suspects in the Balkans, the United States is trying to carve out a blanket exemption are committed. protecting American soldiers from being hunted down and prosecuted by the new U.N. court.

State Department lawyers are beginning the effort Monday at the United Nations. Human rights experts fear the U.S. example will encourage other countries, like Iraq, to follow suit and undercut the United Nations' campaign against war crimes.

"If an Iraqi military commander committed crimes against humanity against Iraqi citizens, Iraq as a nonparty state could deny tice system designed to punish U.S. troops suspected of war crimes. the court the authority to prosecute. That is in essence what is wrong with the U.S. effort," Richard Dicker of Human Rights Watch said.

war crimes, insists immunity for U.S. troops is crucial, given the by the State Department as terrorist states. numbers of American soldiers deployed overseas.

"It is a very inhibiting risk to put on the table every time you decide whether or not to intervene," Scheffer, head of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations this week, said in an interview.

Over Clinton administration objections, agreement was reached at a U.N. conference in 1998 to establish an international criminal court, known informally as the ICC. Washington feared U.S. troops could become targets of politically motivated charges.

Only 10 countries have ratified the proposal; five dozen are needed to create the court.

At present, U.N. war crimes tribunals are dealing with atrocities similar exemption two years ago.

The State Department has offered a reward of up to \$5 million for information leading to the apprehension of Yugoslav President Blobodan Milosevic; Radovan Karadzic, the top Bosnian Serb leader during Bosnia's civil war; Karadzic's military commander, Ratko Mladic; and any others indicted by the Balkans tribunal on war crimes charges.

Advocates say a permanent global tribunal is needed so suspected war criminals can be pursued regardless of where their crimes

Nothing would prevent the court from going after Americans even if the United States is not a member, or "nonparty state." Scheffer's mission in New York is to change that.

We do not believe our armed forces should be subject to surrender to the court because we are a nonparty to the court," Scheffer said.

He also points out that the United States has its own military jus-

Dicker said it is unrealistic for the United States to carve out an exemption for itself, because other nonparty states will demand the David Scheffer, the State Department's ambassador at large for same treatment. Those countries include Iraq and Libya, both listed

> In 1998, Iraq, Libya and the United States were among seven countries that voted against a treaty to create the court. Voting in favor were 120 countries.

> One proposal the Clinton administration is pushing would prevent the court from pursuing citizens of nonparty states unless the U.N. Security Council authorizes it, or if such states have been condemned by the council "for whatever reason."

The U.S. veto in the council would shield U.S. service members, but Iraqis and Libyans would be fair game.

The United States faced broad opposition when it fought for a



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FDA wants doctors to heed drug warnings

By LAURAN NEERGAARD AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's one of medicine's thorniest issues: how to teach doctors the pros and cons of the dozens of new drugs that hit the market each year. A drug that's safe for one person can kill the next; it largely depends on how each patient's risk factors match each drug's side effects.

Yet many doctors never read the warning labels of drugs they prescribe. In 2 1/2 years, the FDA has banned four drugs that killed dozens of Americans in part because doctors disregarded or never read the warnings. A front of them." fifth such drug is scheduled to come off the market this summer.

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Now the FDA is preparing to overhaul hard-to-read drug labels, hoping a new system similar to how foods are labeled will make it easier for doctors to spot the biggest risks.

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"Our interest is the clinician who has 30 seconds to make that "They need something right in

That alone won't solve the problem, so agency scientists also are debating stricter mea-Now the FDA is preparing to sures - such as restricting the men most at risk. overhaul hard-to-read drug which doctors can prescribe cer-

A sobering exchange at a recent meeting of the agency's scientific advisers illustrates the heightened concern:

An experimental pill for prescribing decision," says FDA impotence called Uprima will drug chief Dr. Janet Woodcock. certainly kill some men if it's allowed to sell, the advisers said bluntly. But they called new impotence treatments necessary, so they urged strong warning labels to deter prescriptions for

Yet when a top FDA official asked how to ensure those warn- learn about new drugs from

ings would do any good, the advisers admitted they probably won't.

"I don't think any of us knows what does work," responded adviser Dr. Robert Califf of Duke University. "Less than 1 percent of physicians have seen a label in the last year. So I think it's highly unlikely that putting anything in the label is going to make any difference.

That's a message FDA "has been very slow to understand," says Dr. Jerry Avorn, medication safety chief at Boston's Brigham & Women's Hospital.

A drug's label is actually pages of tiny print mixing explanations of the drug's chemistry with how well it works and its side effects. Some doctors read these complex labels, but many say they're too busy and instead

pharmaceutical salesmen unlikely to stress risks. "We can't have a system that

works for only the good doctors, because they're not the ones who are going to get their patients into trouble," adds Avorn

The diabetes drug Rezulin, the painkiller Duract, the hypertension drug Posicor and the antihistamine Seldane all were pulled off the market — and the heartburn drug Propulsid joins them this summer - for causing lethal side effects. While critics question why the FDA didn't ban these drugs sooner, experts blame many of the deaths on doctors' failure to heed repeated warnings about how to safely prescribe the pills and for whom.

Simplifying the label might make more doctors actually read it. Woodcock says the FDA soon will propose new regulations making prescription drug labels look more like food labels, with special at-a-glance sections highlighting the biggest risks. The fine print would come later, giving more details.

Woodcock acknowledges that nobody coming to teach them change isn't enough. "It can't be anything except the sales reps." a cop-out. We can't just say, 'We're going to put it in the label and then it's the doctor's prob- Neergaard covers health and lem' — because it's the patient's medical issues for The problem.'

Avorn wants FDA to restrict marketing of risky drugs, like the agency did in 1998 with its unprecedented order that doctors must be specially trained to prescribe the infamous birth defect-causing drug thalido-mide. FDA officials are debating that idea.

But it's not just FDA's problem. Medical schools "do a very bad job" in teaching medication use, and no one requires that doctors prove they safely prescribe to get their medical licenses renewed, Avorn notes.

Avorn's Harvard-affiliated hospital is pioneering programs to teach doctors to prescribe better. Minutes after a prescription enters the hospital's computer system, his office can page the physician to urge a safer substitution. He also counters pharmaceutical sales pitches by sending experts on 15-minute visits with doctors to explain the safest use of new drugs, a program copied in several hospitals here and abroad.

"You can change prescribing practices," he concludes. But for most doctors today, "there's

EDITOR'S NOTE - Lauran Associated Press in Washington.

Drug could help alcoholics stay sober

CHICAGO (AP) — A drug designed to help alcoholics abstain from drinking showed promise in its first American test, according to researchers.

Acamprosate worked best in people who aimed to avoid alcohol entirely, rather than just cutting down, said researcher Barbara Mason of the University of Miami School of Medicine.

"It's not magic," she said. "It's not something a spouse can put in the coffee of the alcoholic in the morning and the problem will go away. It has to go hand-in-hand with having abstinence as your treatment goal.

Acamprosate is now sold in Europe, South America, Asia and elsewhere, and more than a million people have taken it, Mason said. It is manufactured by Lipha s.a. of Lyon, France, which paid for the new study.

Mason presented the study's results recently at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Anita Goodman, executive vice president of Lipha's clinical development group in the United States, said the company plans to get the drug on the American market "as soon as we can." That the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, said step, which would require federal approval, will take at least a yeaf, she said Monday.

Doctors already have some drugs available to maintain abstinence. One, disulfiram, makes a user feel nauseous and otherwise sick if he or she also uses alcohol. Another medication, naltrexone, acts on brain circuitry to reduce the desire to drink. Acamprosate acts on different brain circuitry.

Mason's six-month study involved 601 alcoholics who were treated at 21 medical centers. They were randomly assigned to take either acamprosate tablets or a placebo twice a day, starting two to 10 days after their last bout of excessive drinking.

They also received psychological treatment, education about effects of alcohol, strategies to help them cut down and quit drinking and exercises to identify what led them to drink.

Only 41 percent of the participants, or 241 people, began the study with a goal of complete abstinence, Mason said.

Of those people, those on the placebo stayed away from alcohol on 58 percent of the days they were studied. Those taking 2 grams a day of acamprosate didn't drink on 70 percent of the days they were studied; for people on 3 grams, the figure was 73 percent.

In all, the members of the placebo group cut their weekly intake of drinks by 36 percent; the two other groups each reduced it by 40 percent.

Raye Litten, a program officer for medications development at acamprosate has a modest effect on drinking that's about the same as naltrexone.

"It's another way to treat alcoholism," he said. "The more weapons you have to treat, the better off you'll be, because what works for one person may not work for another."

APA site: http://www.psych.org

Bypass surgery decreases heart attack deaths in diabetics

By The Associated Press Bypass surgery can dramati- betics, because bypass surgery cally reduce diabetics' risk of is more effective long-term dying from a subsequent heart than angioplasty at maintainattack, according to a study in ing healthy blood flow to the a recent issue of the New heart. England Journal of Medicine.

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Brain surgery offers temporary Parkinson's relief

By The Associated Press

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Study: Meningococcal vaccine proves effective in infants

cine is the first to safely and effec-tively immunize infants against a cause the others. There are no vacform of meningococcal disease, a leading cause of bacterial meningitis, researchers reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

British researchers tested the meningococcal C vaccine on 182 infants in Oxfordshire, England, and found it gave them long-last-ing antibodies against the bacte-

Although Britain began rou-tinely using the vaccine in infants at the end of 1999, it is not yet available in the United States, where approval could take two to three years, said Nancy Rosenstein, an epidemiologist at the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention.

CHICAGO (AP) — A new vac- U.S. cases of meningococcal discines against Y and B for infants.

Meningococcal disease can cause bacterial meningitis, an infection of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord. The disease can also cause a fatal bloodstream infection.

A meningococcal vaccine now used in the United States is not recommended for infants, whose immune systems are not fully developed. It also eventually stops protecting. It is most often used to treat outbreaks of the disease and to inoculate travelers.

The U.S. government has approved two other infant vaccines to prevent diseases that can cause meningitis — one is effec-tive against the Haemophilus Meningococcal C bacteria influenzae type b, the other cause about one-third of the 3,000 against pneumococcal bacteria.

medicine alone cannot control the progressive neurological disorder, doctors in Toronto concluded in their study published today in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The surgery is different from that undergone by actor Michael J. Fox, the Parkinson's patient who left television last month to focus on finding a cure. Fox had a thalamotomy, a decades-old operation that destroys overactive, tremor-causing nerve cells by burning or freezing a pea-size spot in the brain.

The study is a follow-up to one published in 1997 about the first 40 patients the doctors treated with pallidotomy.

Doctors knew that, over the short term, pallidotomy can relieve symptoms such as tremors and stiffness, as well as uncontrollable arm and leg movements caused by the medicines used to treat Parkinson's disease.

The earlier study of 40 patients found significant improvement

movement. It can be useful when both while taking medications and off them.

The follow-up found that the reduction in tremors and rigidity while off medication was nearly as marked 4 1/2 years afterward as at the first checkup six months after the operation. So was the reduction in the twitches and jerks caused by medicine.

But improvements in the level of daily functioning did not last. The study did not give details, except as composite scores in several scales designed for Parkinson's patients.

In addition, only 20 of the patients could be included in the follow-up, and they were generally the ones who had responded best at the start, wrote Dr. Jennifer Fine, a neurosurgeon at Toronto Western Hospital.

'This bias may limit the general applicability of our results," Fine wrote.

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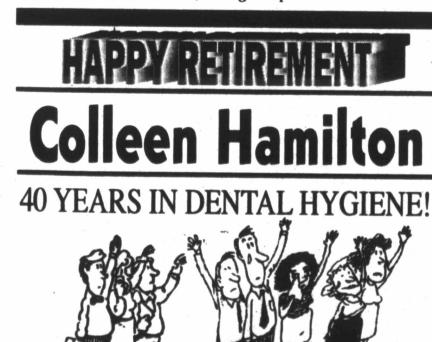
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