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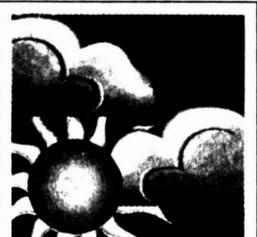
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Fifth grade parents invited to meeting
 PAMPA — Pampa Middle School is calling all parents of fifth graders currently enrolled at Austin Elementary, Lamar Elementary, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, Travis Elementary or Wilson Elementary to attend orientation at 7 p.m., Monday, March 5 in the middle school auditorium. School officials will discuss pre-registration information and answer any questions parents might have about the sixth grade.

Lotto jackpot grows to \$77 million
 No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.
 The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 20-25-30-37-38-39.
 Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$77 million.

- Walter T. Donnel, 87, U.S. Army veteran
- W.D. "Bit" Mayfield, 95, owner Superior Dry Cleaners for 50 years
- Anna Mae Stone, 71, homemaker

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Panhandle, Borger teens killed in two-truck wreck

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

A tragic accident Saturday afternoon took the lives of four area teenagers — two who were on their way to a Christian conference in Amarillo and two who were en route to Borger to play golf, said DPS Trooper Darrin Bridges.

The crash happened at 1 p.m. on Highway 207 about five and one-half miles south of Borger, said Bridges. The highway runs between Panhandle and Borger.

Dead are Ryan James Maxwell, 18, of Borger; Lynley Elyse Herbert, 16, of Borger; Charles Brandon Earnshaw, 18, of Panhandle; and Christopher Lee Lloyd, 18, Panhandle. The Panhandle teens were both seniors at Panhandle High School, Maxwell graduated from Borger High School last year and Herbert was a junior at Borger High School.

The head-on collision happened when Maxwell apparently became "distracted" and drove his southbound 1995 Ford Ranger across the center line striking the northbound 2000 Chevrolet pickup driven by Earnshaw, Bridges said.

Maxwell and his passenger, Herbert, died at the scene, the trooper said. Earnshaw was taken to Golden Plains Hospital in Borger where he died and passenger Lloyd was airlifted by Lifestar to Northwest Texas Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Bridges said Maxwell and Herbert were on their way to a Christian event in Amarillo and Earnshaw and Lloyd were headed to Borger to play golf.

Ryan James Maxwell and Lynley Elyse Herbert were on their way to a Christian event in Amarillo and Charles Brandon Earnshaw and Christopher Lee Lloyd were headed to Borger to play golf when all were killed.

— DPS Trooper Darrin Bridges

"There was no alcohol involved," the trooper said, adding that he found Bibles inside the Maxwell vehicle. "These were all pretty good kids."

A witness to the accident was headed to Borger when she was forced to "take evasive action and drive onto the shoulder" to miss the Maxwell truck, Bridges said. "She looked in her rear-view mirror and saw the accident."

As to the speed of the vehicles, Bridges said, "In this case it is hard to calculate. There were no skid marks. But based upon how fast the witness said she was driving and the fact that the Earnshaw truck had not tried to pass her I'd say he (Earnshaw) was going about 70 or 72 m.p.h." The posted speed limit there is 70 mph.

There was evidence that Earnshaw hit his brakes "but it was too late," Bridges said.

Bridges, assisted by other troopers and other agencies, said law enforcement remained on the scene until 5 p.m.

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Daytime '02 graduation part of new PISD calendar

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

Influenced by legislation now before state lawmakers, Pampa school officials drafted a 2001-2002 school calendar that begins on Aug. 21, balances school days between semesters and breaks tradition by scheduling a daytime graduation ceremony on June 1, 2002.

Pampa Independent School District (PISD) board of education unanimously approved the first of two school calendar drafts presented at a recent board meeting by Assistant Superintendent Jane Steele.

A bill setting a common start date for all Texas schools is presently being considered by the state legislature. Dr. Dawson Orr, PISD superintendent, said the proposed law specifies that no Texas public school can begin before Aug. 21.

"Because families, companies and church groups and all are planning vacations and trips at this time, we felt it was important that they not be uncertain about when school would start," Orr explained. "We felt it was

The first semester was extended past the Christmas holidays with term papers and special projects to be turned in before Christmas break begins. After the break, students will have two to three days of review before semester tests begin.

— Supt. Dr. Dawson Orr

important that the calendar went along with the community."

He also said school officials tried to balance the number of days in each semester. The new calendar contains 89 days in the first semester and 91 days in the second semester, which is "closer than we've been in the past," he explained.

To reach this balance, the first semester was extended past the Christmas holidays, Orr said, with term papers and special projects to be turned in before Christmas break begins. After the break, students will have two to three days of review before semester tests begin, he added.

Next year's calendar ends the school year on Friday, May 31, and includes a daytime graduation ceremony outdoors on June 1. Traditionally, graduation has been held at the high school gymnasium on Friday night after the last day of school.

"That way we'll have a lot more room so that families can attend. Hopefully the weather will cooperate," Orr said. "Also that will give Friday as a travel day."

Aug. 13 and 14 has been set aside for new teacher orientation, followed by teacher inservices and preparation days on Aug. 15-20 and June 1.

Fall semester begins on Aug. 21 and ends on Jan. 11. The spring semester starts Jan. 14 and ends on May 31, according to the new calendar.

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A tall order



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Scaffolding encircles the Northcrest water tower in northwest Pampa as workers prepare to wrap the structure in plastic before painting it.

Northcrest tower to get 'shrink-wrap' Wind creates special problem

Because wind is no stranger to Pampa, a less typical method of protecting the neighborhood from paint dust and overspray from the Northcrest water tower project will be implemented.

Scaffolding is going up around the tower now and, once done, the scaffolding will be covered in a material that will be heated to place a "shrink wrap" around the tower, said Public Works Director Richard Morris.

Normally, "a drape or skirt" goes around towers to keep sand-blasting material, dust and paint from escaping but due to the winds here that method wouldn't be sufficient, Morris said.

The tower, which is being sandblasted and painted inside and out, is to be ready to turn back over to the city by the end of April when water demand starts to pick up, Morris said.

"Chances are the legs on the tank won't be painted by then but any part that water touches will be," Morris said.

Scaffolding to support the plastic will extend 15 feet above the tower, said Ben Davis, foreman of Luckinbill, the company refurbishing the water tank. He said workers will use a propane torch to shrink the plastic and encase the tower.

Today, workers planned to

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Fire cause probed

PANHANDLE — Fire officials here are waiting for the state fire marshal's office to determine the cause of a blaze that destroyed an abandoned building that took eight hours to quell Friday.

"The cause is still under investigation with the state fire marshal's office," said Assistant Chief Shaun Jones today. "We're waiting to see what they have to say."

Jones said a passer-by first noticed the fire in a long-vacant motel near the intersection of U.S. 90 and Texas 207, an eighth-mile west of Panhandle, about 12:30 p.m. Friday.

Four trucks from the Panhandle Volunteer Fire Department manned by eight firefighters and one engine and four firefighters from the Pantex fire department responded to the blaze, he said.

"The fireman battled the blaze for eight hours, from 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., before bringing it under control," he said.

Jones explained that the size of the building and the contents caused "a tremendous fire load" for firefighters trying to control the fire.

"They had filled it up with just about everything they could," he said.

No injuries and no damage to nearby buildings was reported, however.

Estimated loss to the building was \$20,000, he said, adding that he did not know who owned the property.

Woman reports rape

A Pampa woman was reportedly raped early in her home today. Pampa police officers said the 35-year-old woman was at Northwest Texas Hospital this morning under-going a rape examination.

Investigators said they were called to the woman's home about 4 a.m. today in the 1100 block of Jumper, following the report of the assault.

Authorities said the woman told them she knew her attacker.

Col. Terry D. Young of the Pampa Police Department said this morning that the case was under investigation, but there were few details available yet.



Spelling Bee champs at Wilson Elementary School are fourth grade winner Keah Reel (left) and fifth grade winner Kristopher Boyd.

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Services tomorrow

MAYFIELD, W.D. "Bit" — Graveside services, 12 noon, Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock.
 STONE, Anna Mae — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

WALTER T. DONNEL
 BROWNSVILLE — Walter T. Donnel, 87, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, March 3, 2001. Graveside services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Donnel was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include a son, James R. McDaniel of Conway, S.D.; a daughter, Patricia; a stepson, Danny Duane Mecher of Tulsa, Okla.; two sisters, Evelyn Swank of Conroe and Margaret Weaver of Albuquerque, N.M.; and seven grandchildren.

SHAMROCK — W.D. "BIT" MAYFIELD
 SHAMROCK — W.D. "Bit" Mayfield, 95, died Friday, March 2, 2001, at Houston. Graveside services will be at 12 noon Tuesday in Shamrock Cemetery with the Rev. John Westman, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Shamrock, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Mayfield lived in Shamrock most of his life and owned-operated Superior Dry Cleaners for 50 years. He married Erma Robertson in 1929; she died in 1993. He belonged to First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, Shamrock Sheriff's Posse and was an avid football and baseball fan.

Survivors include a daughter, Jeanne Reeves of Houston; and two sisters, Thelma Fillmore of Wichita Falls and Evelyn Steeker of Albuquerque, N.M.

ANNA MAE STONE
 Anna Mae Stone, 71, of Pampa, died Sunday, March 4, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Kyle Ohsfeldt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

A lifelong Pampa resident, Mrs. Stone was born Aug. 13, 1929, at Shamrock. She married Lawrence Stone on Sept. 30, 1946, at Canadian; he died April 29, 1991. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Joanna Nunn of Pampa and Kathy Taylor of Amarillo; two sons, Mike Stone and Jimmy Stone, both of Pampa; a sister, Connie Meredith of Cushing, Okla.; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Fires

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

Saturday, March 3
 5:31 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a small grease fire under a car port in the 500 block of North Nelson. The residents were having a fish fry outside when the grease caught fire, according to the fire report. No damage was reported.

Sunday, March 4
 9:21 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm at the White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler. Alarm was due to an apparent malfunction.

11:34 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm at the White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler. Alarm was due to an apparent malfunction.

Emergency numbers

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

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 48-hours ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, March 2
 Two forgeries were reported by Wal-Mart. A forgery was reported at McDonald's.

Saturday, March 3
 Trespassing was reported in the 600 block of North Lefors and in the 1200 block of North Russell. An assault and \$500 damage to a home was reported in the 1500 block of North Dogwood.

An assault by threat was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. An assault was reported in the 600 block of Lefors.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of South Varnon. A domestic assault was reported in the 700 block of North West.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Lefors. A domestic quarrel was reported in the 600 block of North Sumner.

Sunday, March 4
 Billy Glenn Brown, 37, 109 S. Lowry, reported someone forced opened the door to his residence. He said a television set valued at \$600, a VCR valued at \$100 and a computer valued at \$1700 was missing.

Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks, reported the theft of \$30 worth of beer.

Monday, March 5
 A rape was reported today in the 1100 block of Juniper.

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Accidents

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

Friday, March 2
 A 1990 tan Cadillac sedan driven by William Truett Wilborn, 83, 2212 Chestnut, was in collision with a 1996 Ford Explorer driven by Weir Kent Lotter, 59, 2233 Aspen, about 11:45 a.m., Friday, at the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky. Both vehicles were northbound at the time. Wilborn was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Metro Rural Ambulance. Wilborn was cited for failure to control speed.

Sheriff's Office

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

Friday, March 2
 Isaiah Chavez, 33, 712 N. Frost, possession of a controlled substance.

Saturday, March 3
 Bo Crum, 28, Windfield, Kan., driving while intoxicated.

Sidney David Bowers, 37, 1408 S. Barnes, driving while intoxicated.

Sunday, March 3
 Jeffreys Fortner, 22, 606 N. Sumner, municipal warrants.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.					
Wheat	2.65	Columbia/HCA	38.88		
Milo	3.30	Enron	70.65		
Corn	3.71	Halliburton	42.12		
Soybeans	3.73	KMI	56.97		
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.					
Occidental	25.04	up 0.39	NOI	39.11	up 0.70
Fidelity Magell	110.89	Phillips	55.42	up 0.46	
Puritan	18.75	Pioneer Nat.	17.62	up 0.76	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.					
BP Amoco	51.20	up 0.47	SLB	66.80	up 1.40
Cabot	33.96	up 0.50	Tenneco	3.35	up 0.04
Cabot O&G	28.00	up 1.30	Texaco	67.61	up 0.77
Chevron	89.78	up 1.33	Ultradram	37.69	up 0.49
Coca-Cola	50.47	dn 2.08	Wal-Mart	49.40	up 0.46
			Williams	44.91	up 0.66
			New York Gold	262.85	
			Silver	4.42	
			West Texas Crude	27.85	

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The scene, he said, drew many onlookers including, sadly, Earnshaw's father, who Bridges said was on the road himself when the accident happened.

"He stopped because he recognized the truck," Bridge said. "He thought it might be his son."

Both Maxwell and Herbert were wearing seat belts and the single, driver's side air bag

deployed, the trooper said. Neither Earnshaw nor Lloyd were wearing seat belts and both air bags did deploy.

"I've been in law enforcement for five years and this is the worst I've seen," Bridges said. "Four young lives taken away."

Joint services for Earnshaw and Lloyd will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Panhandle High School Auditorium followed by burial in Panhandle Cemetery. Minton-Chatwell Funeral

Directors of Panhandle is in charge of both services.

Herbert's service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Borger followed by burial in Westlawn Cemetery in Borger.

Maxwell's service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Borger followed by burial in Westlawn Cemetery. Brown Funeral Directors of Borger is in charge of both services.

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TOWER

finish painting the inside of the tank and remove sand from the bottom used to sandblast the interior, Davis said.

Luckinbill employees waded through water puddles from a weekend rain which surrounded the work site.

Worried about predictions of more rain and possibly snow in mid-week, Davis said they were trying to get as much done as possible.

"We've been fighting the weather all the way through," he said.

The city's other elevated water tower, on Warren

Street, will be demolished next fall and replaced with a new tank.

City Commissioners weighed the pros and cons of building a new tank there or refurbishing the old one which was built in the 1930s, said Morris. "It was basically a wash out. There wasn't much difference in the cost of building a new one as compared to refurbishing the old one. The Commission decided it would rather have a 2001 model than a 1932 one."

As to the new color the now seafoam green Northcrest tower will be repainted, Morris says he doesn't know, adding, "The Commission will probably talk about that at their next meeting."

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CALENDAR

School holidays are scheduled as follows:

Memorial Day - Monday, Sept. 3; Columbus Day - Monday, Oct. 15; Thanksgiving break - Nov. 21-23; Christmas break - Dec. 24 - Jan. 4; Martin Luther King Day - Monday, Jan. 21; Spring break - March 11-15; and Good Friday - March 29.

Monday, April 1, and Monday, May 27, are scheduled make-ups for snow days.

Steele told board members that to develop the calendar drafts, she first gave school principals a

blank calendar with some parameters to take to their respective campus leadership teams.

School officials expressed satisfaction that the calendar passed easily with little discussion.

"When you agree in principle on the day you start and you agree on a comparable number of days per semester, then your calendar is pretty well set," Orr said.

"If this legislation does not pass, we'll still have a year of experience on the effectiveness of this calendar," the superintendent said. "If it does pass, then we'll really be experienced in dealing with it."

Government wants no bail allowed for accused spy

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Prosecutors plan to tell a federal judge that the threat of Robert Philip Hanssen bolting and spilling more secrets to Moscow is so great that he should remain in jail.

Hanssen, an FBI counterintelligence agent accused of passing top-secret information to the Soviets, and later Russians, for 15 years, was appearing in U.S. District Court on Monday for his detention hearing.

The government was expected to ask the court to keep Hanssen jailed, arguing that its case against him is so strong and the risks of freeing him too great for him to be released.

The conditions of Hanssen's detention, such as when his lawyers can see him, also could come up.

Hanssen, a 25-year veteran FBI agent, has been held at an undisclosed detention facility since shortly after his arrest Feb. 18. Investigators apprehended him at a Virginia park just minutes after he left a package under a wooden foot bridge, which investigators say was a "dead drop" site for delivering secret documents to his Russian handlers.

The Washington Post reported Monday that experts were looking closely at government computers at the FBI and the State Department to make sure that Hanssen, a skilled programmer, did not sabotage them or create vulnerabilities that could allow Russian spies to steal sensitive information while Hanssen is jailed.

Unidentified authorities said the FBI's classified computer system has been checked and nothing was found to suggest Hanssen had done anything that would allow access or damage the bureau's network. No conclusions had been reached about his computer activities at the State Department, where he had been assigned since 1995 to an office that monitors foreign diplomats, the Post reported.

The government alleged that since 1985, Hanssen has passed to Soviet and later Russian contacts 6,000 pages of top-secret documents containing highly sensitive information about how the United States conducts intelligence operations, which foreign agents it has targeted and techni-

cal information about communications and surveillance.

Hanssen may have alerted Moscow to a secret tunnel built under the Soviet Embassy in Washington, The New York Times reported Sunday.

The tunnel operation, estimated to have cost several hundred million dollars, was run by the FBI and the National Security Agency as part of a sophisticated eavesdropping operation to track Soviet and Russian facilities and personnel in the United States, the newspaper said. It said government spokesmen declined comment.

Incensed by the report, Russia's Foreign Ministry on Monday demanded that the United States provide details. The Foreign Ministry issued a statement suggesting that Moscow was officially unaware of the tunnel's existence.

If the report is true, it said, "this will be a flagrant violation of the recognized norms of international law that throughout the world govern relations with foreign diplomatic missions."

Asked about this Monday, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said, "If the reports are accurate or inaccurate is not a topic that I'm at liberty to discuss, and any conversations between our nations will be private ones."

City Briefs

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PAMPA MIDDLE School 8th Grade Party Meeting-Tuesday, March 6th 7:00 P.M. Middle School Library.

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Weather focus
PAMPA — Today, increasing high clouds. Highs around 65. South to southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with lows around 38. South to southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy. Highs 55 to 60. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

STATEWIDE — From the Gulf coast to North Texas, the state continued to dry out Monday from rainfall that filled streams and replenished lake levels.

Abundant sunshine was forecast for wide sections of Texas, with only high cirrus clouds located over far West Texas and along the New Mexico-Texas state line south of Dalhart. Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 30s to 60s statewide. Extremes were 30 degrees at Dalhart and 55 at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

Other readings were 38 at Lufkin and Wichita Falls, with 46 at Terrell.

Rain was not yet in the National Weather Service forecast for the week.

Daytime highs should range from the 60s in the north and west to lower 80s in deep South Texas.

Lows overnight were expected to range from the mid-30s to the lower 40s, with increasing cloudiness in West and Central Texas through Tuesday night.

Only small amounts of rain were reported Sunday following Saturday's downpours. Amounts ranged from a trace at New Braunfels and Victoria to 0.09 inches in San Antonio.

Gunman opens fire, pupils wounded

SANTEE, Calif. (AP) — A gunman opened fire at a high school Monday, wounding several students, according to fire officials and sheriff's deputies.

The shootings were at Santana High School in this San Diego suburb.

Authorities reported that one suspect, apparently a student, was in custody.

The Santee fire department reported that at least two victims were taken to a nearby home.

Students were evacuated from the school, some of them crying as they left. Sheriff's deputies

escorted students to a nearby shopping center.

"I heard gunfire and I heard people screaming," student Alicia Zimmer told KGTV. She said she froze with fright until her boyfriend pushed her out of the way. "I dropped my stuff; it's still there right in the middle of the hall. It was really scary."

She said she didn't see the shooter or shooters but she did see one girl with blood on her hands and a boy lying face down on the floor.

The shots "sounded more like a cap gun than anything," she said.

Ceremony remembers fall of Alamo

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It was a different kind of lesson in Texas history, told from the conquerors' perspective.

The fourth annual Mexican Soldier Memorial Ceremony was a solemn event honoring Mexican soldiers killed or wounded at the Battle of the Alamo, 165 years ago.

Some of those soldiers were buried at the Camp Santo cemetery, north of where Milam Park now stands, according to Ralph Lay, president of Alamo Legacy & Missions Association Inc.

Residents like Robert Gonzales and Adrianna Segura who visited Milam Park on Sunday afternoon got a history lesson on the former Spanish mission that they say will be passed on to 5-year-old son Anthony Gonzales and his 3-year-old sister Anavel.

"I had no idea about that or the role that (Mexicans) played in the battle," Gonzales told the San Antonio Express-News in Monday's online edition. "I remember studying this when I was in high school, but I didn't know any of this other stuff. It's very interesting, and I'm glad that we were out here to see it for ourselves. This is something to remember."

The discussion reminded residents of what occurred March 6, 1836, when about 5,000 Mexican soldiers stormed the Alamo.

Spanish authorities opened the cemetery in 1808 to supplement the first graveyard, which was adjacent to the original San Fernando church. Built about 140 feet square, the cemetery was later enlarged by an 1848 ordinance to extend 440 feet farther west and 140 feet farther north.

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Study reinforces cell phone safety

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study of 420,000 cell phone users in Denmark concluded callers are no more likely than anyone else to suffer cancer — but even this huge study, the latest to provide reassurance about the phones' safety, won't end the debate.

The study, published in a recent Journal of the National Cancer Institute, found no increased risk for brain or nervous system cancers, leukemia or salivary gland tumors among cell phone users, the types of malignancies that worry critics.

"Every which way we looked at it, we could not find any suggestive evidence for elevated risks," said John Boice of the International Epidemiology Institute in Rockville, Md., who co-authored the study with Christoffer Johansen of Copenhagen's Danish Cancer Society.

Taken together with two recent, smaller U.S. studies that found no cancer risk, the research should "minimize the concern and fears that the public has with regard to the use of these phones," he said.

But the study didn't last long enough to completely settle the issue. Several thousand Danes had used their phones for more than 10 years, the time it can take a slow-growing brain tumor to appear, but the majority had used them for only about three years.

Consequently, "this study ... should not be taken as the final answer," said University of Washington professor Henry Lai, whose laboratory research linked cell phone signals with damage to rat brain cells.

"It's reassuring ... but not enough that it closes the book on this question," added Boston University epidemiology professor Kenneth Rothman.

Federal health officials insist there's no real evidence that cell phones used by 97 million Americans cause health hazards beyond car crashes that result from people talking while driving.

Yet no health or government agency gives the popular gadgets a definitively clean bill of health, either. Unable to give a clear answer, the Food and Drug Administration tells worried consumers they can simply use an earphone device that keeps the phone's antenna away from the head.

Cellular phones work by beaming radio-frequency energy, low-powered radiation. Most research — including two recent U.S. studies that examined 2,400 people, some who had used cell phones for five years — has found no risk.

But a few small studies have raised concern. They include Lai's rat data and a Swedish study that found brain tumors more likely on the side of the head on which cell phones were used.

Denmark provides a strong look at the issue thanks to the unique Danish Cancer Registry that tracks every citizen who gets cancer, using personal identification numbers assigned to each Dane at birth.

Johansen used cell phone company records to identify Danes who began using the phones between 1982 and 1995. Using those personal ID numbers, he matched phone users with the registry's cancer records through the end of 1996, to determine if cell callers suffered cancer at the same rate as other Danes.

Based on national cancer rates, 161 of the cell phone users should have suffered brain or nervous system cancer, and 154 of them did. Similarly, there were 84 leukemia cases instead of an expected 86, and seven salivary gland tumors instead of the expected nine.

Phone use didn't affect which side of the brain a tumor was on, nor did the study find any increase in very rare tumors, called neuroepitheliomas and acoustic neuromas, that some studies have linked to cell phones.

The study couldn't track how long all 420,000 Danish callers actually spent on the phone. But Boice said people who began using the phones about three years ago were spending 30 to 60 minutes a day talking, and that duration of use showed no risk.

The "beautifully designed" study and "rock-solid database make it difficult to take issue with the report's conclusion," Robert Park of the American Physical Society wrote in an accompanying editorial.

Fewer ulcers related to arthritis drug Vioxx

WASHINGTON (AP) — The arthritis drug Vioxx appears to cause fewer ulcers than the older painkiller naproxen and its label should say so, the government's scientific advisers decided recently in a boon for maker Merck & Co.

But the panel didn't have all good news for Merck: Vioxx should retain its strong warning that it can cause ulcers just like some other older, cheaper painkillers — and doctors and patients should be warned that it might carry a heart risk, too.

The recommendation comes as Vioxx and competitor Celebrex, two popular arthritis painkillers, jockey for sales.

Merck and Celebrex maker Pharmacia Corp. want the Food and Drug Administration to quit making the products bear the same warning as older painkillers

that users risk developing ulcers, even life-threatening gastrointestinal bleeding. Celebrex and Vioxx work slightly differently than older painkillers, and thus proponents hoped they would prove gentler on the stomach. But the same FDA advisory panel ruled there's no proof Celebrex is gentler on the stomach.

Then the panel examined Merck's 8,000-patient study comparing Vioxx and naproxen — and said Vioxx did cause somewhat fewer ulcers. But the panel said the drug's label should reflect both that one study and retain its broad warning that Vioxx still can cause ulcers.

Also, the panel said patients and doctors must be warned that in the study, Vioxx patients had twice the risk of heart attacks or other cardiovascular side effects as naproxen users.

Estrogen helps bones, researchers say

A low dose of estrogen was as effective in reducing bone turnover — with fewer side effects — as higher doses when given to a group of healthy women 65 years and older, according to a study published in the recent issue of the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism. This is the first controlled clinical trial to directly compare the effects of different doses of estrogen on bone turnover in older women.

Bone turnover refers to the bone remodeling cycle in which new bone is formed as old bone is dissolved (resorption). Osteoporosis develops when more bone is dissolved than is formed, weakening the bones and making them prone to fracture. The risk for developing osteoporosis increases with age.

Decreases in bone turnover among the women who took 0.25 mg of estradiol, a form of estrogen, was quite similar to the decrease amount the women who took 1.0 mg of estradiol, according to lead author Karen Prestwood, M.D., of the University of Connecticut (UCONN). The 1.0 mg estrogen dose that women conventionally are prescribed as part of estrogen replacement therapy (ERT) to treat symptoms of menopause, reduce bone turnover, and treat osteoporosis, sometimes results in side effects such as breast tenderness, fluid retention, headaches, and bloating. The group taking 0.25 mg estradiol had no more side effects than the placebo group, according to the study, conducted at UCONN's Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center.

A group of 107 white, African-American, and Hispanic women over 65 were recruited over an 18-month period, beginning in July 1997. At the beginning of the study, African-American women were found to have the highest bone mineral density while Hispanic women had the highest bone turnover and were most at risk for osteoporosis, according to the authors who will write a second report on the ethnic differences.

Each of the three racial or ethnic groups was represented in the four dose groups: a

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placebo group, those taking the conventional dose of 1.0 mg 17-beta estradiol, a group taking 0.5 mg estradiol, and a group taking 0.25 mg estradiol. The women, whose mean age was 75, received 1,300 mg of elemental calcium with 1,000 IUs of Vitamin D per day throughout the three-month study. Researchers have no ties to Bristol-Myers-Squibb, which provided the calcium citrate and vitamin D.

The women tracked their estimated dietary calcium intake with food diaries and their physical activity by the Physical Activity Scale for the Elderly every 12 weeks. Side effects were recorded at each visit by a questionnaire. Women kept track of vaginal bleeding with diaries and endometrial thickness was measured to the closest 1mm by transvaginal ultrasound. bone mineral density of the hip, lumbar spine and total body was measured by dual energy x-ray absorptiometry (DEXA scan) at the first visit.

Researchers examined biochemical bone markers that detect bone turnover at baseline, 6 weeks, and 12 weeks on treatment and 6 and 12 weeks off treatment. All markers of bone resorption significantly decreased at 12 weeks on treatment compared to the placebo and returned towards

baseline 12 weeks after treatment, regardless of race or ethnicity. Bone turnover in response to 0.25 mg estradiol was similar to that seen with 1.0 mg estradiol.

"Dr. Prestwood's findings advance the UCONN Pepper Center's mission of studying interventions that improve bone strength and reduce fractures," said Stanley L. Slater, M.D., Deputy Associate Director for Geriatrics at the National Institute on Aging (NIA), which supported the research. "Longer term studies are needed to determine whether the effects on bone turnover seen with 0.25 mg estradiol will translate into increases in bone density and decreases in fractures."

Such studies are needed to help the more than 10 million Americans who have osteoporosis, a disease that thins and weakens bones with the most common fractures occurring to the spine, wrist and hip. Some 18 million more have lost enough bone to make them more likely to develop osteoporosis. More than 80 percent of these 28 million people are women. Osteoporosis is costly both in dollars and in human suffering. Hip fractures alone amount to \$10 to \$14 billion in health care expenditures each year.

The study was conducted by Prestwood and Ann M. Kenny, M.D., assistant professors of medicine at UCONN Health Center's Center on Aging, Christine Unson, Ph.D., research associate at the Center on Aging, and Martin Kullendorff, Ph.D., in the UCONN Health Center's Department of Community Medicine. One of the 10 such research centers funded by the NIA, the UCONN Pepper Center conducts research on muscle and bone problems, especially osteoporosis.

The NIA, which leads the federal effort supporting basic, clinical, epidemiological and social research on aging and the special needs of older people, recently updated its Age Page, "Osteoporosis: The Bone Thief," with practical information on the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis for the general public. For a free copy, contact the NIA Information Center at 1-800-222-2226. For other information, visit NIA's website at <http://www.nih.gov/nia/>.

Honey may discourage certain type of colon cancer

CHICAGO (AP) — A provocative Turkish study suggests that using honey as an ointment during a certain type of colon-cancer surgery can help prevent tumors from recurring.

While the research was done in mice and no one expects hospitals to start stocking operating rooms with honey jars, honey has been used as a folk remedy for healing since biblical times.

And a Mayo Clinic cancer expert said the results, though preliminary, are too fascinating to be dismissed.

The research was aimed at improving the safety of laparoscopic surgery, an increasingly popular technique that involves tiny keyhole incisions and skinny instruments.

Enthusiasm for the technique has been tempered by some reports that laparoscopy for colon cancer can itself cause tumors to develop in the abdominal wall, along the path the surgical instruments took.

The Turkish researchers suggest honey might work as a barrier to tumor cells when it is spread in the incisions. The findings, based on a study of 60 mice, were published in a recent issue of the Archives of Surgery.

Dr. Tonia Young-Fadok, a Mayo Clinic surgeon participating in a U.S. study on whether laparoscopic surgery for colon cancer can cause new tumors, said substances in honey might

actually help dissolve tumor cells.

"It's not clear what the power of honey is, but there's certainly something here that's of interest," Young-Fadok said.

Laparoscopies are being used increasingly to treat a variety of conditions that formerly required major operations. Skinny instruments and a slender viewing tube called a laparoscope are inserted through tiny incisions. Carbon dioxide gas is injected into the body cavity to cause the

abdomen to swell, creating a work space for surgeons.

Colon tumors are essentially the only type of cancer for which doctors use laparoscopy.

Some theorize that the gas might cause cancer cells to shift location and form tumors. Others suggest that inexperienced surgeons might inadvertently cause malignant cells to implant as they extract the tumor.

Young-Fadok said some research has found that tumors occur in less than 1 percent of cases and that when the

laparoscopy is done by experienced surgeons, the risk is essentially zero.

In the Turkish study, led by Dr. Ismail Hamzaoglu of Istanbul University, researchers injected the mice with air, made neck incisions and injected the animals with tumor cells. The researchers spread honey inside the incisions in one group of mice before and after the injections.

All 30 mice without honey developed tumors, compared with only eight of the 30 honey-treated mice.

Low-fat diets won't hurt youth with high cholesterol

CHICAGO (AP) — Children with high cholesterol can be put on low-fat diets without stunting their growth or intellectual development, researchers say.

The findings stem from the last phase of a National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute study of 663 children ages 8 to 10 with high cholesterol. The youngsters were followed for up to about 7 1/2 years.

Children with high cholesterol run a higher risk of developing heart disease in adulthood. But some doctors have worried that cholesterol-lowering diets would stunt children's physical and intellectual growth.

The researchers helped dispel those concerns in 1994 when they

reported finding no harmful effects during the study's first three years. The latest results, published in the journal Pediatrics, show the children continued to thrive through adolescence.

"It's excellent news," said Alice H. Lichtenstein, a Tufts University nutrition professor and spokeswoman for the American Heart Association.

The researchers looked at two groups of children. One group was put on a low-fat diet, the other was not.

Throughout the study, levels of LDL, or bad, cholesterol fell in both groups, as would be expected

as the youngsters reached puberty.

During the first three years, however, the dieters achieved significantly greater reductions. During the final 4 1/2 years, the differences narrowed, primarily because the comparison group started eating healthier food as part of a national trend, the researchers said.

Overall fat intake among the dieters dropped from about 33 percent of total calories to about 28 percent. In the comparison group it fell from 34 percent to about 30 percent.

Both groups showed normal physical and cognitive development.

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Desperate Teen Must Seek Out Real-World Voices for Advice

DEAR ABBY: I am a teen who self-injures. I cut myself and hurt myself constantly, and I also tried to kill myself. I'm depressed all the time and so stressed it makes me sick. I hear a voice that tells me things, and it says if I tell anyone about it, it will kill me. Please help me.

DESPERATE IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

DEAR DESPERATE: The voice you're hearing is a symptom of your illness. If you keep secret the fact that you're hearing a voice, the voice will become stronger. The best advice I can give you, and this is from the heart, is to tell your parents or another trusted adult what you are experiencing. Your problems can be overcome, but not without professional intervention. You need medical and psychiatric help right away. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "Jamie's Family," about the 11-year-old girl who was killed in an auto accident while reclining in the front seat of the car. I was stunned when I read their letter.

I would like to let that family know that she did not die in vain. Although I don't do it frequently, I have allowed my 11-year-old son to do the same thing. You can be certain I'll never do it again.

A heartfelt thank-you to Jamie's



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

family for taking the time to send a letter that I'm sure was difficult to write. They may have saved the life of at least one other 11-year-old today — mine.

GRATEFUL MOM IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR GRATEFUL MOM: Several readers have reminded me that new-car operating manuals warn against reclining in the seat while a vehicle is in motion. Although nothing can lessen their grief, I am sure that Jamie's family will find some degree of comfort in knowing they have averted a possible tragedy. Thank you for speaking up.

DEAR ABBY: My parents are in their 80s, in moderately good health, and live a modest lifestyle. They are active and youthful in many ways. We children and grandchildren love them dearly and look forward to spending time with them. Our relationship is sustained by

mutual enjoyment instead of guilt. They have many old friends and constantly make new ones. What is it about my folks that draws people to them? What makes them so popular with people of all ages? Here's the answer:

— They listen more than they talk.

— They rarely complain about anything.

— They show a genuine interest in others by asking meaningful questions without being judgmental.

— They live in the present, and although they appreciate the "good ol' days," they don't dwell on them.

— They enjoy young people and recognize that each generation has both good and bad.

— They are fun and interesting to talk to because they are learning new things and want to share them with us.

— And finally, they can laugh at themselves. Growing old can be a real grind, but through it all, they find a little humor.

Relationships are a two-way street, and a lifelong endeavor. I hope that when I'm as old as my parents I will be like them.

LUCKY DAUGHTER IN MINNESOTA
DEAR DAUGHTER: Your parents sound like wonderful people. However, the traits that make them sought after apply not only to seniors, but to people of all ages. So if you want to be the kind of person your parents are when you reach the age of 80, start practicing now.

Horoscope

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Your mind doesn't understand limits. Dig into your imagination for answers to a confusing situation. Why can't you have what you want? Your strong sense of direction allows you to see a different perspective. Make calls and seek out others. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Review a situation that involves your professional status and well-being. Make money by using your strong sense of direction. Investments, especially in real estate, are started. You offer much more than you realize. Tonight: Home is your castle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Your optimism becomes the focal point of a discussion. Express more of your feelings so that others can understand where you are coming from. You might miss an important message. Do not stand on ceremony; reach out for others. Popularity soars. Tonight: Accept another's invitation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Listen to a financial counselor or know-it-all. You find his message confusing, but it's good advice. Ask questions until you come up with a comfort-

able answer. Review a decision that involves a child or loved one. You might not be sure of another's intentions. Observe and ask. Tonight: Pay bills. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Whatever you do, wherever you are, you add that touch of magic. Your fun personality adds to the moment. Gather friends in the near future. You change a meeting into an event. Others appreciate your efforts toward them, but a close associate or loved one could be jealous. Tonight: Tread with care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Use care when expressing yourself. Your words confuse others. Take charge and express your need for leadership. You gain support from a family member when you least expect it. Reveal more of your inner thoughts to a loyal friend who understands you. Feedback proves to be important. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You might not exactly be sure about what to do with someone who often confuses or challenges you. Your general MO is to look at your needs and objectives. Be creative. Walk in another's shoes, and you'll gain a far deeper understanding. Tonight: Join a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Take charge and assume responsibility. Someone might not understand what you are doing, and he might opt to question you. Don't take umbrage at this action; understand that he needs more clarity. An open discussion about motivations and ideas takes you to a new level. Tonight: Work as late as necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Seek out different points of

view. You might need to be more expansive with a work project than you realize. Others come forward with suggestions and ideas. Be careful if you're confused. Stop and clarify. A mistake made at this point could have a lot of ramifications. Double-check paperwork. Tonight: Take in a movie.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Deal with a partner or financial associate. You really do not see money matters as this person does. Ask all the questions you feel are necessary. You need to honor your sixth sense and follow through. You could be surprised by what you hear. Tonight: Togetherness works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You might not intend to be nebulous or vague, but you and someone close to you do not think alike. Go step by step through his thought-process. A meeting develops into networking. Make the most of the opportunity. A friendship could grow into a lot more. Tonight: Someone makes quite an offer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Your instincts only confuse a situation more than necessary. Keep asking questions if you feel unsure. Someone you respect makes tremendous demands. Make special time for a family member or a property matter. Tonight: Clear your desk.

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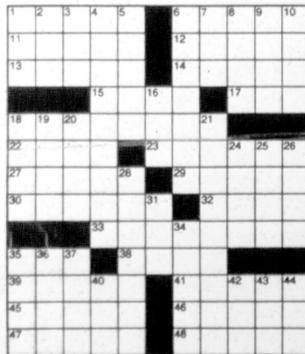
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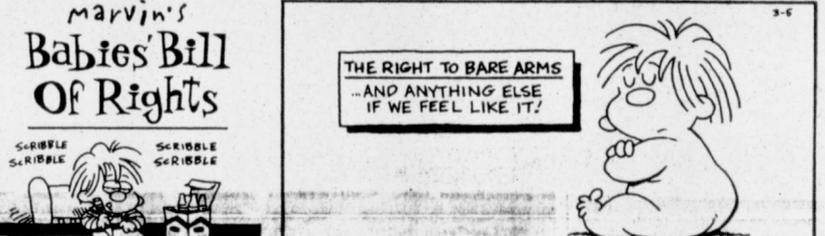
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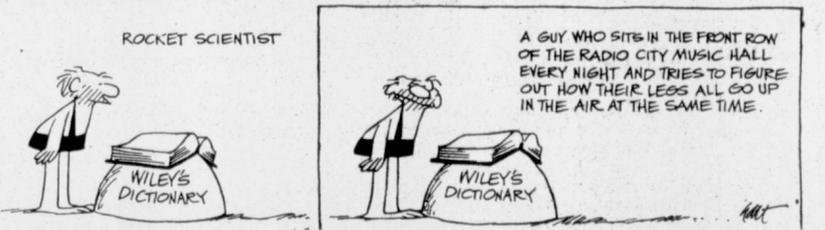
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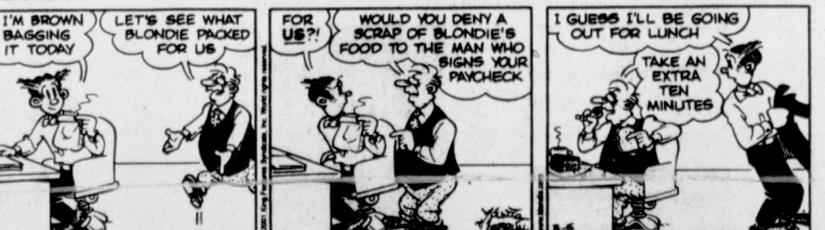
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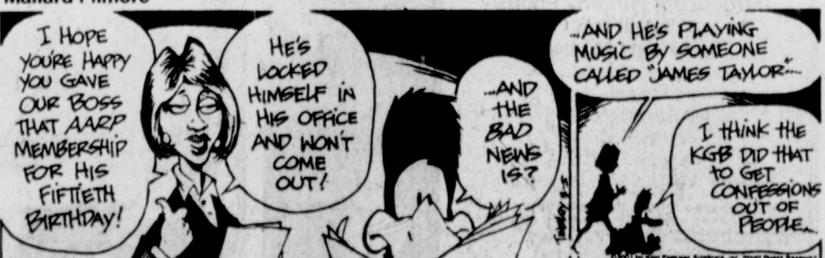
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SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Adult Softball Umpires Association will hold an organizational meeting and mandatory classroom clinic March 19, starting at 7 p.m. at the Umpires Building, located on the north end of Recreation Park.

This training is mandatory for all returning and interested new softball umpires. The required test will be given at the March 19 meeting.

Spring softball will begin March 24 with the 16th annual Early Bird Tournament.

For additional information, call Mike Killgo, Shane Stokes or Scott Hahn.

AUTO RACING

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Robbie Loomis thought his luck in Las Vegas was changing when he won nearly \$10,000 gambling during an off-season test.

The crew chief's only gamble Sunday came late in the UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 when he chose to give driver Jeff Gordon a two-tire pit stop to gain some track position on Las Vegas Motor Speedway's 1 1/2-mile oval.

This one worked to perfection, too.

"Robbie didn't gamble at all this weekend," Gordon said with a laugh. "He was afraid to because he didn't want to use up the luck he found during the test."

"This helps us all feel better about coming to Las Vegas."

Over the first three years that the Winston Cup series has come to the track on the north edge of this desert gambling city, Gordon has been left frustrated, with finishes of 28th, third and 17th.

Last year, Gordon crashed in practice on Saturday and was never competitive in the race with the repaired Monte Carlo.

"We fixed the car instead of going to a backup and then, when we got home, we found out the frame was bent," Loomis said. "It was terrible, terrible, terrible. When Jeff Gordon is going from 10th to 40th, that ain't good."

Gordon, a three-time champion, won \$369,602 from the race purse and a \$1 million bonus from the series sponsor.

BASEBALL

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — If Albert Belle could run to first base and slide into second, that would probably be enough to prolong his endangered major league career.

At this point, Belle isn't healthy enough to perform even those routine baseball skills. His struggle to rebound from a serious hip injury has caused the Baltimore Orioles to consider the possibility of starting the regular season without him.

Belle missed a fourth straight exhibition game Monday because of a degenerative right hip. He did not make the trip to Port St. Lucie for a game against the New York Mets, informing manager Mike Hargrove in the morning that he was again unable to play.

On Sunday, the outfielder declared himself unable to play in Vero Beach against the Los Angeles Dodgers after receiving medical treatment in the morning. Hargrove said that he is preparing for the worst.

"Given the events of yesterday and today, if somebody had a gun to my head and said if you don't give me an answer right now I'm going to shoot you, it would be difficult to project Albert on our 25-man roster," Hargrove said. "But that's not anywhere near the (final) decision."

Belle's quest to maintain his post in right field appears to be overly ambitious, and Hargrove won't use him as a designated hitter if the slugger can't run 90 feet to first base or slide into any other base.

Mansfield girls celebrate state title

AUSTIN (AP) — Fans began chanting, "Three-peat!" during a timeout for the state champion Mansfield girls' basketball team with 58 seconds to play.

After Mansfield became only the second team in Texas girls basketball history to win three consecutive 5A titles, the tears flowed freely.

Mansfield senior Brie Madden scored a team-high 16 points Saturday as the Lady Tigers defeated Spring Westfield 62-49 in Austin.

"I think from the first starter to the freshmen, it was just a great team," said Madden,

who will return to the Frank Erwin Center next season playing for Kansas State. "We all know that it was a great team. There's incredible talent on this team, and I'm going to miss them."

Duncanville (1988-90) was the first girls' team to achieve three straight 5A titles.

"I'm just glad to even be in the same sentence as Duncanville," said junior Erin Grant, who was named the championship game's MVP with 12 points and nine assists. "Now, we've put Mansfield on that map, too. Years from now, people can say that Mansfield was a great

team, just like Duncanville was."

The Lady Tigers (36-1), who had never made the state tournament before 1999, are now 110-3 over the past three seasons.

"I will miss the seniors who are leaving — the people who were here when I started as a freshman," Grant said. "It's good that they are going out on a good note."

Cheering parents greeted team members Sunday as they stepped off the bus Sunday with duffel bags and pillows. Exhausted but elated, the girls had begun traditional singing of the school song as their bus

neared the high school.

"This game was just as tough as we thought it would be," Mansfield Coach Samantha Morrow said. "Spring Westfield is an awesome team and to win by double digits is great. We knew it would be a battle."

By the end of the second quarter, the Lady Tigers were picking up the pace with senior Tori Wilson's fade-away 12-footer after she was fouled by Westfield's Kristen Lilly. Madden also had two consecutive lay-ups and Mansfield took a 29-24 half-time lead.

With 12 rebounds, Wilson

scored after being fouled by Mercedes Williams and the three-point play stretched Mansfield's lead to 11 with 2:44 left in the third.

But Westfield (33-2) whittled the lead to four points midway through the fourth quarter.

Madden attempted to pass down low to Wilson from the free-throw line, but Westfield's Nichelle Roberts tipped the ball high and scored, giving Mansfield a nine-point lead.

"The first thing I thought was, 'Highlight film!'" said Madden.



(Pampa News photo by Lance Burton)

Pampa's Ty Elledge competes on a relay team during the Top O' Texas Relays.

Pampa girls win TOT Track Relays

PAMPA — Pampa and Tascosa girls battled down to the wire in last weekend's Top O' Texas Relays at Randy Matson Field.

At the end, the Lady Harvesters were able to outlast the Lady Rebels 142-124 to win the girls' championship.

Pampa, led by distance runner Rebecca Fatheree, finished with four first-place individual medals. Fatheree had two of them, coming in the 3200 and 1600.

Ashleigh Patton claimed the triple jump and teammate Teryn Stowers was right behind her.

Angela Phillips came in first in the shot put.

In the boys' division, Pampa tied Caprock for ninth place with 27 points.

Hurdler Tanner Dyer was the only Harvester to medal, taking second in the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.92.

Both the Pampa boys and girls teams are entered in the Bulldog Relays on Saturday in Borger.

Top O' Texas Relays at Pampa

Girls

Team totals: 1. Pampa 142; 2. Tascosa 124; 3. Canyon 108; 4. Dumas 83; 5. Sanford-Fritch 52; 6. (tie) Dalhart and Perryton 32; 8. Claude 5.

Pampa results

3200 — First place, Rebecca Fatheree, 11:58.73.

400 relay — Third place, 52.38.

100 hurdles — Second place, Anna Johnson, 17.09.

800 relay — Third place, 1:53.53.

300 hurdles — Third place, Anna Johnson, 51.70.

200 — Second place, Beth Platt, 28.62.

1600 — First place, Rebecca Fatheree, 5:31.71.

Shot put — First place, Angela Phillips, 38-5; Third place, Angie Cornish, 34-8.

Discus — Second place, Angela Phillips, 104-0.

Triple jump: First place, Ashleigh Patton, 36-33 1/4; Second place: Teryn Stowers, 35-4 1/2.

High jump: Second place, Chelsea McCullough, 5-0.

Tiger throws away Dubai Desert Classic

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Tiger Woods lost more than a tournament in the Dubai Desert Classic. He lost some of the fear factor, too.

To the chagrin of thousands of fans lining the 18th fairway Sunday waiting for Woods to win, he blew it when he hit into the water hazard for a double-bogey 7. That allowed Thomas Bjorn of Denmark to get the winner's trophy with a simple par.

"The intimidation is disappearing," Bjorn said. "People are now starting to realize you can't get intimidated by him. You have to beat him."

"A lot of people are talking about Tiger being in a slump. That's way out of proportion. The guy is playing fantastic golf. He just hasn't won in the last couple

of weeks." The disappointed fans included Dubai's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the world's richest thoroughbred owner who named a promising 2-year-old colt "Dubai Tiger" and gave Woods about \$2 million in appearance money.

Woods has lost before. This time, he seemed to crack.

Bjorn, Woods' playing partner for four straight days, parred the 547-yard hole for a 3-under 69 and a composite 22-under 266 — two better than Woods (72) and Padraig Harrington (69).

Ian Woosnam (69) and Mathias Gronberg (68) were 4 shots back, with Indian Jeev Milkha Singh (71) and England's Brian Davis (70) another shot behind.

Dead even after the Dane birdied the 17th from 8 feet and

Woods missed his from 10 feet, the American made three mistakes on his next three shots.

Woods pushed his tee shot amid clumps of brush and low-hanging tree branches. He escaped with an 8-iron, but the shot went long across the fairway into thick rough.

Next, he drew on a 9-iron from 150 yards, but his touch was too soft, and the ball dropped inches short into a pond guarding the green.

"From the rough, I actually hit a pretty good shot, but I was protecting against the flier," said Woods, who rushed to a waiting plane with few comments after his round.

His trip to the Middle East took 25 1/2 hours. The return must have seemed longer.

"Hats off to Thomas, he played

well all week and he deserves the title," Woods said. "I didn't really feel as comfortable as I needed to feel on the final day with my golf swing and putting stroke."

Bjorn joined a short but growing list of players who've beaten Woods down the stretch. The American is still ranked as the world's best, but he's not as intimidating.

"This is the best performance of my life by far," the 30-year-old Dane said. "I've won plenty of golf tournaments. I played in the Ryder Cup and came back from 4 down after four, but this is the performance of my life."

"The world's greatest player was here and I took him on head to head."

Woods' last U.S. Tour victory came in September in the Canadian Open, although he's

won three non-tour events since then in Hawaii, Thailand and Argentina. And he almost made it No. 4 on the 7,127-yard Majlis Course at the Emirates Golf Club.

"Tiger's got to learn to lose," Bjorn said, repeating what he said after last season's PGA. "Jack Nicklaus won a whole lot of majors, but he finished second a whole lot of times. Tiger's got to learn to lose. That's just the way golf is."

After 8-under 64s in the first two rounds and a 68 Saturday to keep the lead by a shot over Bjorn, Woods lost for one of the few times when he was leading entering the final round.

The wind kicked up after three days of still desert golf. Woods bogeyed the opening hole when his putt lipped out from 4 feet. It didn't get much better.

Questions remain after Holyfield loss

LAS VEGAS (AP) — In the days before he fought Evander Holyfield, John Ruiz wondered what the boxing world would think if he beat him.

Did he beat a great champion who never gives up? Or did he beat an aging fighter who doesn't know when to give up?

It might end up being a bit of both. But for now, Ruiz knows one thing for sure — he beat a heavyweight champion.

"It can only get easier now because he's one tough guy," Ruiz said. "I hope he retires because I don't want to see him again."

Ruiz almost couldn't see Holyfield in the late rounds of Saturday night's fight. Both of his eyes were swelling shut, and blood was flowing from three cuts on his face.

Ruiz went down in the 10th round on a low blow, and Holyfield seemed to be rallying, just as he did the first time the two met. But then a crashing right hand to the head of

Holyfield early in the 11th round put the champion on the canvas and Ruiz back on top.

Two rounds later, Ruiz had a unanimous decision that made him the first Hispanic to win a piece of the heavyweight title.

"It's a joy and an honor," Ruiz said. "I feel speechless."

True, the fight was for the WBA portion of the title that a judge ordered stripped from Lennox Lewis. True, most of the world considers Lewis the real heavyweight champion.

And, yes, Holyfield appeared to be a shell at the age of 38 that he was of the fighter who beat Mike Tyson twice in his prime.

But the improbable rise of Ruiz to the position where he can call himself a champion is still quite remarkable indeed,

considering this was the same heavyweight who was knocked out in 19 seconds by David Tua five years ago.

"John Ruiz is everything that is good about boxing," said his manager, Norman Stone. "We made it to the top on credit cards. Everybody knocked John Ruiz."

It was an ugly fight filled with fouls and clinches, and Ruiz's bloodied and puffy face looked even worse. But he triumphed in a war against the fighter who calls himself a warrior.

"This proves John Ruiz is a good fighter," Holyfield said. "I thought I was winning the fight. Unfortunately, he hit me with an overhand right to the temple."

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Orlando	5	0	1,000	128	80	Tupelo	39	20	5	83	252	185
Birmingham	2	3	400	69	106	B-Shreveport	38	19	4	80	221	147
Chicago	1	4	200	79	112	Austin	37	19	5	79	214	153
NY/NJ	1	4	200	44	78	Corpus Christi	34	25	3	71	200	215
WEST CONFERENCE					Western Division							
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA		
Las Vegas	3	2	600	82	39	Monroe	30	24	7	87	181	215
Los Angeles	3	2	600	98	81	Lake Charles	25	31	4	54	185	227
San Francisco	3	2	600	90	71	Fort Worth	19	38	4	42	174	235
Memphis	2	3	400	68	91	x-Central Texas	14	5	33	104	128	
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Miami	36	24	600	Dayton 65, Xavier 62								
New York	34	25	576	Georgetown 79, Notre Dame 72								
Orlando	31	27	534	Illinois 67, Minnesota 59								
Boston	26	34	433	Kansas 75, Missouri 59								
New Jersey	21	40	344	FAR WEST								
Washington	13	47	217	Long Beach St. 82, Pacific 72								
Central Division					TOURNAMENT							
W	L	Pct	GB	America East Conference								
Milwaukee	36	22	621	Semifinals								
Charlotte	34	26	567	Delaware 70, Northeastern 66								
Indiana	26	31	456	Holston 78, Maine 66								
Cleveland	22	36	379	Colonial Athletic Association								
Detroit	22	37	373	Semifinals								
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Utah	40	18	690	Iona 75, Marist 71								
San Antonio	39	19	672	Mid-Continent Conference								
Dallas	37	22	627	Quarterfinals								
Minnesota	36	24	600	Ind.-Pur. Indpls. 54, UMKC 52								
Houston	32	28	533	Oral Roberts 73, Youngstown St. 70								
Denver	30	31	492	S. Utah 66, W. Illinois 53								
Vancouver	18	42	300	Valparaiso 84, Chicago St. 72								
Pacific Division					Midwestern Collegiate Conference							
W	L	Pct	GB	Semifinals								
Portland	42	18	700	Butler 65, Wright St. 58								
L.A. Lakers	39	19	672	Detroit 91, Cleveland St. 81								
Sacramento	38	19	667	Missouri Valley Conference								
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Seattle	31	30	508	Bradley 73, Illinois St. 66								
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L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.												

Duke wins rematch to make Atlantic Coast Conference history

By The Associated Press

Missing their inside presence, the Duke Blue Devils stayed outside and made ACC history.

With Jason Williams scoring 33 points and Shane Battier getting 25 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks, the third-ranked Blue Devils went 14-for-38 from 3-point range Sunday in a 95-81 victory over No. 6 North Carolina.

Duke (26-4, 13-3), playing without injured starting center Carlos Boozer, moved into a tie for first place with the Tar Heels (23-5, 13-3), setting an Atlantic Coast Conference record by winning or tying for its fifth straight league title.

"This is the result of coming to work every single day with the dedication needed to be a champion," Battier said. "Not once, but five times. That will be something to look back on."

While it seemed everyone else was worried about how Duke could make up for the loss of Boozer, who broke a bone in his right foot, the Blue Devils concentrated on other things.

"We came into this game not worrying about Xs and Os," said freshman Chris Duhon, who had 15 points and four assists in his first career start. "This game was more about heart and desire and a will to win. We knew we were out-sized, we knew we were going against the world, but we had a bigger heart, a bigger will to come out and quiet all the critics."

Williams was 7-for-13 from 3-point range, while Battier was 4-for-10 as the Blue Devils

won in Chapel Hill for the third straight year. The 38 3-point attempts tied a school record set earlier this season against North Carolina A&T.

"The way they played broke our rhythm," UNC coach Matt Doherty said. "I don't think we were real sharp handling the basketball. You've got to give them a lot of credit because they came into a tough situation being a man down."

In other games involving ranked teams on Sunday, it was No. 4 Illinois 67, Minnesota 59; No. 5 Florida 94, No. 15 Kentucky 86; No. 9 Kansas 75, Missouri 59; No. 17 Syracuse 93, St. John's 91 in double overtime; No. 18 Georgetown 79, No. 19 Notre Dame 72; No. 22 Wake Forest 76, North Carolina State 58; and Dayton 65, Xavier 62.

Joseph Forte, the ACC's leading scorer, led the Tar Heels with 21 points.

Duke led by two at halftime, but gradually pulled away midway through the second half. The Blue Devils went up 72-57 with 11:55 left on a layup by Mike Dunleavy.

The Tar Heels were shooting for their first outright ACC regular-season title in eight seasons, but the Smith Center crowd instead exited early on Senior Day as Duke improved to 19-0 this season when scoring 90 or more points.

"They took something away from us — definitely," North Carolina's Jason Capel said.

The victory also gave Duke an ACC-record 124 wins in a four-year period, breaking the mark of the Duke teams from 1989-92.

No. 4 Illinois 67, Minnesota 59
Frank Williams scored 15

points to lead the visiting Illini (23-6, 13-3) to a share of their second Big Ten Conference title in four seasons. Bill Self became the first coach in 22 years to win a title in his first season in the Big Ten. Because of their win over co-champion Michigan State in their only meeting, the Illini will be the top seed in this week's conference tournament.

Terrance Simmons had 19 points to lead the Gophers (17-12, 5-11).

No. 5 Florida 94, No. 15 Kentucky 86

Teddy Dupuy matched his career high with 28 points, and the Gators (22-5, 12-4) earned a share of the Southeastern Conference title with the win over the other co-champion.

Keith Bogans had a career-high 29 points for the visiting Wildcats (19-9, 12-4), who made several runs in the second half, but couldn't overcome a 15-point deficit. Because of a better division record, Kentucky will be the top seed for the league tournament.

No. 9 Kansas 75, Missouri 59

Drew Gooden scored 19 points and sparked a 21-7 second-half run to lead the Jayhawks (23-5, 12-4 Big 12), who won on Senior Day for the 18th consecutive season.

Kareem Rush, the Big 12's leading scorer, returned after a seven-game absence because of a thumb injury and was just 1-of-7 for a season-low two points. Clarence Gilbert led Missouri (18-11, 9-7) with 19 points.

No. 17 Syracuse 93, St. John's 91, 2 OT

Senior point guard Allen Griffin scored 17 of his career-

high 31 points in the two overtimes and the Orangemen (22-7, 10-6) went 20-for-22 from the free-throw line in the two extra periods.

Freshman Willie Shaw had 25 points to lead the Red Storm (14-14, 8-8), who have lost three straight, five of six and eight of 11 and had their 15-game winning streak against Big East opponents at Madison Square Garden snapped.

No. 18 Georgetown 79, No. 19 Notre Dame 72

Mike Sweetney scored 19 points and Ruben Boumtje added 16 as the visiting Hoyas (23-6, 10-6) clinched a first-round bye for this week's Big East tournament.

Troy Murphy had 19 points for Notre Dame (19-8, 11-5), which was trying to win 20 games in the regular season for the first time in 12 years.

No. 22 Wake Forest 76, N. Carolina State 58

Darius Songaila scored 21 points and Robert O'Kelley had 15 to lead the visiting Demon Deacons (19-9, 8-8), who finished .500 in the ACC for the first time in four seasons.

Cliff Crawford had 18 points for the Wolfpack (13-15, 5-11), who have lost four of five.

Dayton 65, Xavier 62

Yuanta Holland scored half of his 16 points in a closing 15-4 run for the Flyers (18-11, 9-7 Atlantic 10).

David West had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Musketeers (21-6, 12-4), who have lost six in a row at Dayton Arena and are 5-25 overall against the Flyers on their home court. The loss knocked Xavier out of the poll from 25th.

Durant captures Genuity Golf Championship

MIAMI (AP) — Joe Durant certainly qualifies as a slow starter. At age 36, his PGA success story has just begun.

Durant closed with a 7-under-par 65 Sunday in driving winds and rain to win the Genuity Championship, becoming the first player since Tiger Woods last summer to win consecutive starts on the PGA Tour.

More importantly, the win earned Durant \$810,000, enough to lead the PGA Tour money list and qualify for the Masters.

"This is beyond anything I could

have imagined, to be quite honest," said Durant, who finished 18 under and 2 strokes ahead of Canada's Mike Weir, who finished with a 71.

Vijay Singh (67), Jeff Sluman (70) and Hal Sutton (72) were 4 shots back.

"Joe played terrific golf and did everything right," Sluman said.

Durant's journey to the top of the money list was far from ordinary. In 1991, after recording just one Top 10 finish in 27 stops on what is now the Buy.com Tour, Durant spent six months away from golf.

With the exception of maybe three

rounds with a few close friends, his clubs stayed in the closet.

He tried selling insurance, but couldn't get rid of a single policy. "I knew I would starve if I stayed in that business," he said.

Then he worked for golf retailer Edwin Watts, making \$24,000 a year stuffing boxes in a warehouse. After a few unfulfilling months, he decided to give golf another try.

It turned out to be a good career move. But it came with a hitch. His wife, Tracey, told him that if he was truly serious about rededicating himself to golf, he needed to

have a major attitude adjustment.

"She put the fear of God in me," Durant said. "She said, 'Look, if you do not go out with a better attitude, we're not going to do this.' I promised her, if I was going to play again, I was going to really have a positive attitude. If I played bad, I was not going to bring it home with me."

"I'd go out, shoot 67 or 68 and I'd be complaining about it. ... Nobody wants to hear that mess. ... She knew I was being a wimp, basically. And she didn't want to put up with it anymore."

Peeler's clutch points held T-Wolves edge Sonics in overtime

By BOB GREENE
AP Sports Writer

Gary Payton had the game of his career. Anthony Peeler, however, had the game of the night.

Peeler's 3-pointer with 16.3 seconds left in regulation tied the score, and he made two more 3s in overtime Sunday, leading the Minnesota Timberwolves to a 119-111 victory over Seattle.

"It was a devastating loss for us," Sonics forward Vin Baker said.

Minnesota is eighth in the Western Conference. Seattle is five games behind the Wolves in the race for the final playoff spot.

Payton scored a career-high 44 points, and his two free throws with 19.7 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter gave Seattle a 103-101 lead. But Peeler tied the game off a pass from Kevin Garnett.

"I don't have much trouble getting open," Peeler said. "The hard part is hitting the shots. It's great that we have a leader who's willing to pass the ball."

Payton, who failed to score a field goal in the game's final 11 minutes, 51 seconds, missed a potential game-winning jumper with 2 seconds left in regulation. Payton played all 53 minutes, shot 18-of-30 from the field and had nine assists and seven rebounds.

Newly acquired guard Felipe Lopez got instructions from coach Flip Saunders to put the clamps on Payton.

"It's my third game with the team and Coach says, 'Go guard Gary Payton,'" Lopez said. "The coaches on this team have a lot of confidence

in all the players."

In other NBA games Sunday, Toronto beat New York 98-88, Utah trounced Washington 118-98, New Jersey pounded Indiana 120-96, Charlotte stomped Boston 116-97, Detroit stopped Orlando 93-84, Miami defeated Cleveland 91-79 and the Los Angeles Lakers beat Golden State 119-95.

Peeler finished with 24 points, and Garnett had 26 points, 16 rebounds and nine assists as the Timberwolves rallied from a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

"We can't give up games like this," Payton said. "This is a game we gave up to them. This hurts us more than it benefits them."

Raptors 98, Knicks 88

Vince Carter scored 25 points as Toronto won its fifth straight game. The Knicks, who have lost seven straight on the road, again played without Marcus Camby, who has back spasms.

It was the teams' first meeting since they exchanged point guards at the Feb. 22 trade deadline. Toronto's Chris Childs had 12 points, three assists and two turnovers, while Mark Jackson had four points, three assists and two turnovers for New York.

Latrell Sprewell scored 27 for the Knicks, who have lost six straight regular-season games against Toronto.

Pistons 93, Magic 84

Jerry Stackhouse scored 26 points, and Corliss Williamson had 22 and 16 rebounds to help Detroit end a four-game losing streak.

Playing at home, Detroit led by as many as 22 points before hanging on to win.

Ben Wallace added 10 points and 20 rebounds for the Pistons, but missed seven free throws in the final four minutes.

Tracy McGrady led Orlando with 25 points.

Jazz 118, Wizards 98

Donyell Marshall's 19 points and John Stockton's 12 assists led Utah to victory at Washington.

Karl Malone added 20 points in 22 minutes as the Jazz, who have won eight of 10, handed the Wizards their seventh straight loss. Washington was called for three technical fouls in the first half and lost point guard Chris Whitney to an injury in the first quarter.

Mitch Richmond scored 22 points for the Wizards, who have lost 12 of 13 games.

Hornets 116, Celtics 97

Jamal Mashburn scored 27 points and Baron Davis 24 as Charlotte ended Boston's seven-game home winning streak.

David Wesley had 22 points and eight assists, and P.J. Brown added 12 points and 15 rebounds for the Hornets, who have won seven straight.

Antoine Walker scored 27 points and Paul Pierce 24 for the Celtics, who absorbed their first home loss since Jan. 12.

It was Boston's longest winning streak at the FleetCenter since the building opened for the 1995-96 season.

Nets 120, Pacers 96

Stephon Marbury scored 25

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Court won't review dispute over valedictorian's 'sermon'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A California high school valedictorian who was barred from giving a graduation speech in which he planned to ask the audience to "accept God's love" and live by "Jesus' example" lost a Supreme Court appeal Monday.

The court, without comment, turned down the former student's argument that public school district officials violated his rights by refusing to let him give a speech that a lower court described as a "religious sermon."

Last June the justices ruled that public schools cannot let students lead stadium crowds in prayer before football games. The ruling said allowing such prayers would violate the constitutionally required separation of government and religion.

In 1992 the justices barred clergy-led prayers at public school graduation ceremonies.

In other action, the court:

—Rejected arguments by seven states and a number of power companies contending that the Environmental Protection Agency improperly set anti-smog rules aimed at reducing pollution from power plants east of the Mississippi.

—Refused to hear Missouri's appeal of a case in which the state attempted to ban the Ku Klux Klan from its Adopt-A-Highway cleanup program. The 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, in ruling against the state, declared the Constitution's guarantee of free speech protects even those with obnoxious views.

—Agreed to decide what evidence of harmful effects cities must have to justify regulating the location of adult bookstores and video arcades. Los Angeles contends it provided sufficient evidence to warrant upholding an ordinance banning adult bookstores and video arcades from operating at the same location. A lower court barred enforcement of the law.

Chris Niemeyer was co-valedictorian of his graduating class at Oroville High School in June 1998. He submitted an advance copy of his speech to school officials, who told him he must tone down the religious references in it.

In the speech, he planned to ask the audience to "pattern our lives after Jesus' example" and to "accept God's love and grace." The proposed speech also said, "God seeks a personal relationship with each one of us ... Jesus wants to be our best friend."

After Niemeyer refused to change the speech, he was not allowed to deliver it at the graduation.

He filed a civil-rights lawsuit seeking financial damages from school district officials. A federal judge ruled against him, as did the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last October.

The proposed speech was "a religious sermon" and allowing it as part of the graduation ceremony

ny "would amount to government sponsorship of, and coercion to participate in, particular religious practices," the appeals court said.

In the appeal acted on Monday, Niemeyer's lawyers said the appeals court's ruling "runs directly counter to the Supreme Court's historic protection of preaching and religious invitations as fully protected First Amendment free speech activity."

The school district's lawyers said the proposed speech was a "religious testimonial" and that to allow it would violate church-state separation. His co-valedictorian, who was Jewish, had raised objections to the speech, they added.

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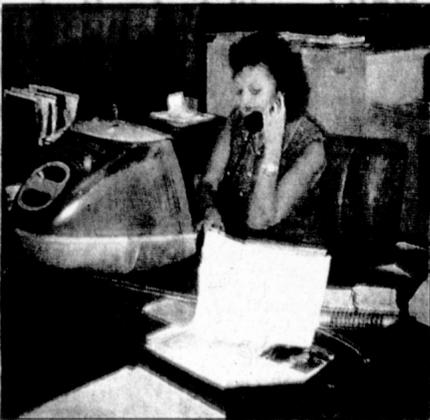
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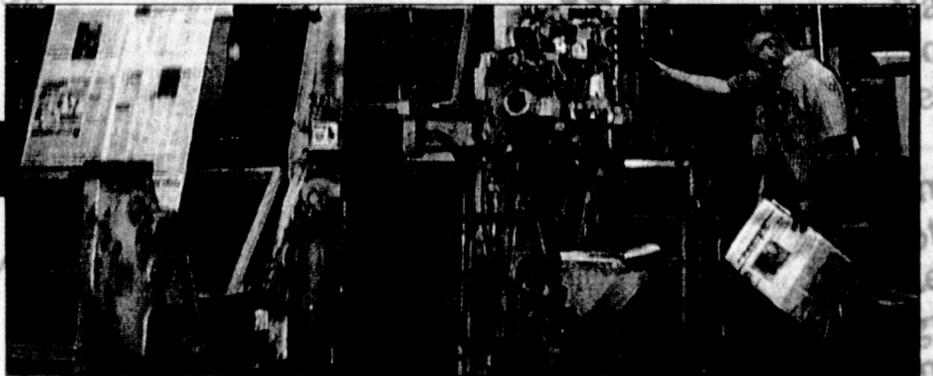


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