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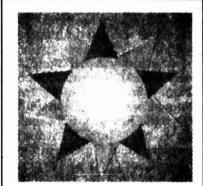
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### Four winners to split \$31 million

Four tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game The ticket was worth an estimated \$31 (M) million.

The tickets were sold in: Dallas, Grand Prairie, North Richland Hills and Duncanville. The numbers were: 2-10-23-29-47-48.

• Charles Euel Anderson, 55, ales representative.

# Empty prairie dog town concerns park officials

**By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer** 

LAKE MEREDITH - An abandoned prairie dog town near the Sanford Yake camping site here concerns park officials who wonder if bubonic plague decimated the furry rodent community.

"If they'd only left a note," quipped Parks Superintendent John Benjamin. "We miss them. We hope they'll write.'

Joking aside, Benjamin said National Park Service officials became concerned when warmer spring temperatures alerted them that a small, but thriving, black-tailed prairie dog town near the entrance to the Sanford Yake camp site had been completely abandoned sometime during the winter.

"We didn't think too much about it during the winter because they go deep in their burrows and you don't see them

"We don't want to panic people. We decided if we're going to err, it would be better to err on the side of caution."

### Parks Supt. John Benjamin

much," he explained.

However, Spring arrived and no prairie dogs perched on the entrance to their holes to chatter at passersby. Benjamin said investigation showed no sign of recent activity at the little village, except for some signs of badgers digging at the holes. Cobwebs covered most of the entrances, he said. No corpses or skeletal remains were found, the park superintendent said, indicating the prairie dogs population had died at least three months before and

were scavenged by predators. "Even badgers could not have killed every one of the prairie

dogs. Some of them would have gotten away, deep in their holes," he said. "So we knew it was not predation that killed them. That brought thoughts of disease and, of course, (bubonic) plague.

Bubonic plague, a highly contagious disease that killed onethird of the population of Europe in the middle ages, is rarely seen in the world today. Occasional outbreaks have been reported in prairie dog towns, including one near Pampa several years ago. "We dug through the burrows

and found some fleas which we have sent off for testing," (See PRAIRIE, Page 8)

Golden Nail Award goes to Celanese

Celanese Chemicals of Pampa received the Golden Nail Award at the 19th annual Golden Nail Awards ceremony held Saturday night (April 21) at the Amarillo Civic Center.

The award, given for contributions in support of the arts organizations and events, was accepted by Joe Mullenax, Human Resources Mgr., on behalf of Celanese.

Celanese makes contributions to many groups and events, and the contributions related to the arts for 2000 included the Pampa Community Concert Assoc., Pampa Fine Arts, Pampa Civic Ballet, Don Harrington Discovery Center, Mobeetie Museum, Pampa Elementary Chorus, Celebration of Lights, Pampa Parks and Recreation, Pampa Piece Quilt Guild, Country Music Concert, and the Pampa High School Choir.

Other nominees for the Golden Nail awards from Pampa included the M.K. Brown Foundation, and for an individual award, Curt Beck. Beck was nominated for his financial and inkind contributions to Pampa Community Concert Assoc. as board member since 1950, fundraising as treasurer of the Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art since 1985, and assistance in fund raising for Pampa's Super Playground and the M.K. Brown Academic Center's bronze sculpture.

The Arts Committee of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce sponse the annual event to recognize financial, in-kind and volunteer contributions to the fine arts in Amarillo and the surrounding area. Following the dinner and awards ceremony. guests attended the Amarillo Symphony Concert. A Cheers Party to honor the winners was held following the concert.

# 42-mile I-40 chase ends with one arrest

An lowa man remained in Gray County Jail today following a pursuit along Interstate 40. late Sunday involving officers from several local law enforce-





Issuing additional debt in order to make street repairs this year will be one of the topics discussed when the Pampa City Commission meets Tuesday at City Hall for its 5 p.m. work ses-

• Colleen Jewel Britten, 76, homemaker.

• George Francis Helm, 80, Memphis resident.

• Pauline Kerr, 89, homemak-

• Saundra Judith Meek, 58, retired Dean of Student Affairs at WTA&M.

• Tinsley E. Mullins, 57, father of a Pampa resident. • Gwen L. Turner, 69, father of a Pampa resident.

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ment agencies and including one minor collision with an 18-wheel truck.

Travis Ryan Atkins, 25, of Davenport, Iowa, had not made bond by press time today on charges of evading arrest and driving with a suspended license, officials said. Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman said bond at \$1,000 for each of the two charges, Gray County Jail records show.

Panhandle Regional Task Force, Gray County Sheriff's Office and Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers took Atkins into custody shortly after 11 p.m. Sunday after a 42mile chase across Interstate 40.

Officials said speeds did not exceed 90 miles per hour, but the pursuit spanned a 25-minute period as repeated attempts failed to stop the minivan driven by Atkins.

Lt. Mike Amos of the Panhandle Drug Task Force said the incident began when Officer Tommy Russell attempted to stop the Chevrolet Astro minivan for a traffic violation just inside the Carson County line on Interstate 40.

Traffic was fairly heavy at the time, he said, and the minivan (See CHASE, Page 2)

(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

A worn-out mattress lies by the side of County Road E near Loop 171. East of the loop, lies discarded bits of carpet. Gray County deputies, earlier today, reported other trash including a television and an old refrigerator, along the roadway. County officials say dumping along County Road E between Pampa and the prison road east of town has been and continues to be a problem. The problem has been complicated by high winds that have scattered beer cartons and other paper products across the landscape.

# DOT flagman hit, injured by car

The first day on a new job for Adam Villarreal of Pampa wasn't what the 20-year-old man expected. Villarreal was working Saturday morning near Dalhart as a flagman for the Texas Department of Transportation when he was struck by a car.

The accident report was not available today but Villarreal's father, Manuel Villarreal, said his son has a broken pelvis and knee injuries.

He said Adam was flagging an oncoming car

due to construction ahead when the car's driver did not respond by slowing down.

Villarreal's father said his son apparently ran to get out of the way at the same time the driver saw him and swerved also, hitting Adam.

Villarreal, who has a twin brother, Amador, is a patient at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Manuel Villarreal and his wife, Inez, live on Malone Street in Pampa.

sion followed by the regular meeting at 6 p.m.

"This winter has been really hard on our streets," City Manager Bob Eskridge said this morning. "We going to lose some streets if we don't do something."

Last year there was no money for a seal coat project and like other needed capital projects, Eskridge said, "It's an ongoing problem to get enough money."

Eskridge will recommend commissioners add additional money to fund street work to a bond issue that will be sold to raise money for state-mandated water plant improvements.

The city is awaiting an answer from the TNRCC on a method the water department tested earlier this year that gives chemicals more detention time with water as well as more time for settling. Also on the Commission agen-

da are the following:

 Adopt a resolution authorizing submission of a School Resource Officer grant application

Consider a resolution appointing a reserve police officer

 Consider the appointment of one person to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Push on to get final public radio contributions CINEMA 4 **MOVIE HOTLINE** 665-7141

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### **By LORALEE COOLEY High Plains Public Radio**

The efforts of many people, businesses and foundations in the Texas Panhandle to bring public radio to this area are almost successful.

To date, about 87 percent of the funding needed to build the 800-foot transmission tower has been raised. That leaves 13 percent, which is approximately \$90,000. (Our area needs to come up with approximately \$40,000.).

While there is not a "deadline" that has to be met to come up with this additional funding, there is a practical need to get that much contributed or pledged by the end of this month in order to meet the as October (three- to six-months). If con-

broadcasting.

Why is that?

To build the 800-foot tower takes about three to six months. Before the tower can be constructed, the contract to build must be signed. Once the contract is signed, it takes between three- to six-months for the construction to begin. This is because of the backlog in scheduling that construction companies who build this kind of tower are working with.

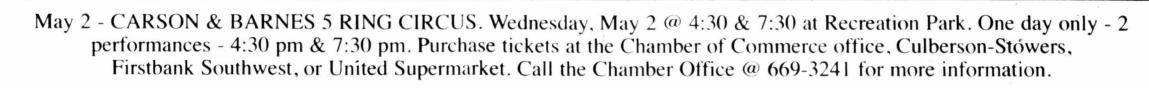
So here is the time line. If all the funds were available today and the construction company signed the contract tomorrow, construction most likely would not begin until mid-July — or maybe as late

could be finished as early as October (three months) or as late as January (six months). If construction doesn't start until October, then the tower probably wouldn't be completed until a year from now, delaying the promise of listenersupported public radio tar longer than necessary.

If individuals, families, businesses or foundations are considering making a contribution or assisting in underwriting this project, now is the time to do so. Pledges are accepted for any amount, with the minimum encouraged of \$100. Several pledges for \$500 to \$1,000 have already been made from our area. Payment does not have to be made

targeted date of January 2002 to begin struction starts in July, then the tower immediately. A pledge can be made today with payment not required in full until December 2001. And it is taxdeductible.

Businesses and corporations might be interested in long-term underwriting, which could be over a several-year term. For additional information, pick up a gold flyer at the library, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and many businesses, or contact High Plains Public Radio in Garden City, Kan., at 1-800-678-7444. Skip Mancini is the project director for the "Top O'Texas Public Radio Project." Local contacts include myself, Loralee Cooley, at 665-7321, Dawson Orr at 669-4700 (Pampa ISD) and Doug Rapstine at 669-4950 (Travis Elementary).





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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

ANDERSON, Charles Euel – 4 p.m., Paramount Baptist Church, Amarillo.

BRITTEN, Colleen Jewel — Mass, 10 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Groom

ELLIOTT, Walter "Pea Picker" - 10:30 a.m., Lefors Church of Christ, Lefors.

HELM, George Francis — 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Memphis.

MEEK, Saundra Judith — Memorial services, 7 p.m., J.A. Hill Chapel, Canyon.

MULLINS, Tinsley E. - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Hedley.

SMILEY, Charles H. — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

WILLIAMS, Pauline Murphey - Memorial services, 11 a.m., Etzweiler Funeral Home, York, Pa.

### Obituaries

### **CHARLES EUEL ANDERSON**

AMARILLO — Charles Euel Anderson, 55, died Sunday, April 22, 2001. Services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Paramount Baptist Church with Dr. Gil Lain, senior minister, Dr. Chad Rue, retired minister, and Tommy Spencer, youth minister, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Stackhouse, retired minister, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Anderson, a Borger native, grew up in McLean and Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1963. He had been an Amarillo resident since 1969 and earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from West Texas State University in 1970. He was a member of Lambda Chi Fraternity.

He married Marie Gray Anderson on Sept. 7, 1968, in Snyder.

He worked at Marriman Grocery, American Beauty Products and, for the past 28 years, for Hershey Chocolate as a sales representative. He was instrumental in establishing North Randall County Little League, even serving as president, and was also involved with Children's Miracle Network. He belonged to Paramount Baptist Church, serving as deacon and taught Sunday school.

Survivors include his wife, Marie; two sons, Church Anderson of Euless and Chris Anderson of Dalhart.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to: Paramount Baptist Mission Fund, 3801 S. Western, Amarillo, TX 79109; BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-0001; or Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79105.

### **COLLEEN JEWEL BRITTEN**

Colleen Jewel Britten, 76, of Pampa, died Saturday, April 21, 2001, at Amarillo. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. today in Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church of Groom with Father Neal Dee, of the church, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery at Groom.

## Obituaries cont.

Home of Canyon. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in I.A. Hill Chapel on the West Texas A&M University campus in Canyon. Ms. Meek was born on July 23, 1942, in Wheeler and attended school in Briscoe. She held a bachelor of science and master of counseling degrees from West Texas State University. Her work as an educator and mentor included teaching in public schools at Clayton, N.M., Briscoe, and Highland Park in Amarillo plus 14 years at West Texas State University, where she retired in 1983 as dean of Student Affairs.

She loved the simple country life and enjoyed driving on country roads, photographing windmills and old barns, watching sunsets and paint-

Survivors include her mother, Evelyn Meek of Canadian; a brother, Mark Meek of Briscoe; and a sister, Kathy Meek of Canyon.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Saundra Meek Scholarship Fund, West Texas A&M University, WTAMU Box 60048, Canyon, TX 79016-0001.

**TINSLEY E. MULLINS** 

HEDLEY — Tinsley E. "T" Mullins, 57, father of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, April 21, 2001, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bruce Howard and the Rev. Bryan Knowles, pastor of Community Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial will be in Rowe Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Mullins was born Dec. 29, 1943, at Hedley and had been a lifelong resident of Hall County. He married Nancy Lou Shaw on April 8, 1966, at Hedley. He had been a farmer, a truck driver, a service station operator and a Donley County employee and served a single term as Donley County Precinct 3 Commissioner.

He belonged to First Baptist Church of Hedley. Survivors include his wife, Nancy; three sons, Danny Wayne Mullins of Hedley, Billy Lynn Mullins of Pampa and Steven Dale Mullins of Nashville, Tenn.; his mother, Lola Brown of Hedley; a sister, Peggy Watt of Hedley; two brothers, William Mullins of Elkland, Mo., and Leonard Mullins of Fritch; and two grandchildren.

### **GWEN L. TURNER**

PERRYTON — Gwen L. Turner, 69, father of a Pampa resident, died Friday, April 20, 2001. Services were to be at 11 a.m. today in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Ulrey officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mrs. Turner v as born Nov. 27, 1931, at Perryton and had been a lifelong Perryton area resident, graduating from Perryton High School in 1948. She attended Texas Women's University for two years, and for 30 years worked as a bookkeeper in the oil industry, retiring in 1997.

Survivors include three daughters, Bobbie

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About 39 miles into the chase, officers tried to stop the van using a spike strip, but the van avoided hitting the strip.

Gray County Sheriff's deputies set up another spike strip one mile east of McLean, according to DPS reports. This time, officials said, the strip worked and the driver of the disabled van finally pulled to the side of the roadway.

Officers took Atkins into custody at that time without any further resistance, Lt. Amos said. There were no injuries reported in connection with the incident, he said.

## Warm weather brings more lawnmower thefts

missing from the home of Larry

Police officers said today.

did not signal before changing lanes.

Truckers on the highway, realizing a pursuit was

in progress, officials said, tried to slow the speed-

ing van by slowing down and staying close togeth-

er, blocking both eastbound lanes of the interstate

DPS reports indicate the minivan attempted to

pass one of the trucks on the right, knocking off a

mirror on the driver's side of the vehicle.

CHASE

highway.

The most visible evidence on earlier this month. the police blotter of summer are the thefts of lawnmowers in valued at \$140, was reported Pampa.

Officers said a lawnmower, val- Denise Wallace, 41, 431 Warren. ued at \$40, was reported taken Warren told police that the

## Cash taken from shopper's purse

Police today were investigat- aisle. She said that when she ing the circumstances surround- reached by for her purse, it was ing the theft of \$250 from a gone. woman shopping at Wal-Mart Hunt told officers that she

over the weekend. Ceeli Hunt, 24, of 704 E. 14th, told officers she was shopping purse down in the store's purse purse.

## Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, April 21

Latoi Annette Young, 21, 1116 Prairie, was arrested on traffic war-

rants charging her with failure to appear, not having insurance and Adams was cited for failure to having an unrestrained child under four years of age in her car. Seidrick Freon Drew, 18, 936 Faulkner, was arrested on warrants

charging him with issuance of a bad check and theft by check. Eli Jay Green, 22, 105 N. Faulkner, was arrested on traffic warrants charging him with speeding and failure to appear.

### Sunday, April 22

William M. Tavlor, 53, 1825 Duncan, was arrested on charges of assault with bodily injury to a family member.

Charles Martinez, 68, 412 N. Cuyler, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

Karin Kay Roberts, 26, 310 N. West, was arrested on a warrant charging her with harrassment.

Bobby Holmes, 19, Dallas, was arrested on warrants charging him with minor in possession and failure to appear.

### Monday, April 23

Travis Ryan Atkins, 25, Davenport, Iowa, was arrested on charges of driving while his license was suspended and evading arrest.

### **Police report**

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 96-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, April 19 A threat was reported in the 300 block of East Browning. Friday, April 20

Summer is almost here, Pampa from the backyard of Brenda lawnmower was apparently taken from beside his home

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Louise Gardner, 43, 515 N. West, sometime in the early morning Another lawnmower, this one hours of Saturday, April 21.

### Accidents

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

Friday, April 20 A red 1995 Chevrolet pickup

driven by Jesse Lee Lenz, 20, 1901 Holly, was in collision with an went to the service counter and found that someone had turned illegally parked 1993 teal Pontiac. owned by Dan Morrison, 824 N. Saturday for a new purse at her purse in, but that \$250 in Christy, in the 800 block of Wal-Mart when she set her cash was missing from the Christy. Lenz was cited for backing without safety.

Saturday, April 21 A red Pontiac Sunbird driven by Nancy Jo Adams, 45, of Skellytown, was in collision with a 1994 red Chevrolet Suburban driven by Lora Strand Baggerman, 38, of Groom, in the 400 block of South Barnes.

## Fires

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

Saturday, April 21 7:52 a.m. – Firefighters were called to a fire alarm at the Meredith House, 812 W. 25th, but the alarm was determined to be false and was canceled before they left the station.

3:42 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire at U.S. 60 and Gray 51/2. 6:42 p.m. - One unit and two

firefighters responded to a downed electrical line in the 2500 block of Aspen.

Sunday, April 22 2:29 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to an electrical short at a transformer in the 1700 block of Holly. Firefighters stood by until SPS could arrive and repair the transformer. 4:01 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to an alarm at J.C. Penney's, 2545 Perryton Pkwy. No fire was found. 5:30 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a fire hazard in the 800 block of south Cuyler. Wind had torn a weather head off a meter box and disconnected a wire. Firefighters stood by until SPS could arrive and repair the meter box and reconnect the wire.

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Mrs. Britten was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Mathias Britten; two sons, Richard Val Britten and Wallace Britten; a daughter, Stella Van Zandt; and a granddaughter, Michelle Black.

Survivors include two daughters, Susan Collinsworth and Dian Britten, both of Pampa; three sons, Wayne Britten, Wes Britten and Wendell Britten, all of Amarillo; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The body will be available for viewing until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home in Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to American Diabetes Association.

### **GEORGE FRANCIS HELM**

MEMPHIS — George Francis Helm, 80, brother of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, April 21, 2001. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Neely Landrum officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Memphis Funeral Home.

Mr. Helm, a lifelong Memphis resident, was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Philippines during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Helm; a daughter, Marsha Naylor of Memphis; a sister, Ruby Smallwood of Liberal, Kan.; five brothers, Ralph Helm and Jack Helm, both of Fort Worth, Aubry Helm of Liberal, Leon Helm of Memphis and Bobby Helm of Pampa; and a grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Hall County Hospital of Memphis or to First United Methodist Church of Memphis.

### PAULINE KERR

LUBBOCK - Pauline Kerr, 89, sister of a Pampa resident, died Thursday, April 19, 2001, at The Marretta. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Bacon Heights Baptist Church with Dr. Charles Murray officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of **Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock** 

Mrs. Kerr was born Oct. 24, 1911, in Brown County, Texas. She married S. Walter Kerr on March 1, 1930, at Shamrock. She belonged to Bacon Heights Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, John, in 1997

Survivors include her husband, Walter; a daughter, Betty Blackburn of Austin; a son, Gaylon of Lubbock; a sister, Claudia Quarles of Pampa; nine grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Bacon Heights Baptist Church or to Hospice of Lubbock.

### SAUNDRA JUDITH MEEK

PANHANDLE — Saundra Judith Meek, 58, died Saturday, April 21, 2001, at Amarillo. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church of Wheeler with the Rev. Aaron Laverty, pastor of Gageby Baptist Church at Gageby, officiating. Burial will be at Gageby Cemetery at Gageby under the direction of Holley Funeral

Bozeman and Lana Yeary, both of Perryton, and Linda Jacobi of Austin; two sons, Ben Turner of Austin and Greg Turner of Pampa; her father, Walter LaMaster of Perryton; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Museum of the Plains, 1200 N. Main, Perryton, TX 79070; or to Perryton Activity Center, P.O. Box 829, Perryton, TX 79070.

## Stocks

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### Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Friday, April 20

8:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

9:50 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Hamilton and transported one to PRMC.

12:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

### Saturday, April 21

1:18 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

3:57 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of S. Dwight and transported one to PRMC

3:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th; no transport.

4:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner; no transport.

Sunday, April 22 2:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Holly for a fire standby.

4:03 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway on a fire stand-

### Monday, April 23

12:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility for a transport to PRMC.

A windshield was reported shattered by vandals in the 5–0 block of East Harlen.

A forgery was reported at the Taylor Mart, 13040 N. Hobart. About \$15 was taken in a gas drive off at the Taylor Mart, 1300 N. Hobart

A 19-year-old reported harrassment in the 2900 block of Rosewood A lawnmower was reported taken from the 500 block of North West. Saturday, April 21

A home and car in the 1900 block of Lynn was reportedly hit with paint balls.

Floyd Milton Baxter, Jr., 717 Mora, found a .38 caliber bullet in his vard while mowing.

A home and car in the 2300 block of Chestnut was his by paintballs A window was reported broken out in an apartment in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Three tires were reported taken from Ogden and Son Tires, 501 West Foster.

A window was reported damaged in the 700 block of North Zimmers

A lawnmower was reported taken in the 400 block of Warren. Sunday, April 22

Charley Ross Gray, 89, 509 Short, reported a missing vehicle.

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### Weather focus

**PAMPA** — Today, sunny with highs 65 to 70. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, mostly clear

with lows 35 to 40. Light and falling at San Angelo. variable winds. Tuesday, mostly sunny with highs around 75. South winds 5 to 15 mph. with lows in the middle 40s. **STATEWIDE** Thunderstorms that rumbled across West and North Texas in

several waves overnight have produced some hail and high winds along with the needed spring rainfall.

Winds downed large trees and produced hail late Sunday in Palo Pinto and Wise counties. High winds and large hail also mph. In the south and east, developed in Cooke, Eastland, winds were northwesterly at 10 Jack and Montague counties, to 15 mph, gusting over 30 mph Bend.



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the National Weather Service along the coast. Windy conditions should Some thunderstorms contin- continue in the northwest, with ued along a line from near Paris thunderstorms moving through through Dalhart and down to Central Texas to the east, fol-

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and 60s in the far south.

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# MEDICAL

# Banned drugs more harmful to women

WASHINGTON (AP) - More women than men were hurt by dangerous medications pulled off the market since 1997, congressional investigators say.

The results aren't a surprise to drug experts: Many of the medicines were prescribed more to women than to men, including two once wildly popular weight-loss medicines, Redux and Pondimin. And while others were used by both sexes, they were banned for causing an irregular heartbeat that scientists recently discovered is more likely in women than men.

But a senator who requested the report by the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, said it suggests the Food and Drug Administration must do a better job determining how medicines affect women and men differently.

"This finding shows serious and unacceptable cracks in the FDA approval process," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

A spate of recent drug bans has drawn criticism that FDA. under congressional pressure, is approving new medicines too quickly. Yet few of the recently banned products actually sped through the agency. In some cases, including the weight-loss drugs, rare side effects never seen in pre-sale testing unexpectedly killed only after the drugs were used by millions.

But increasingly frustrated FDA scientists say the main problem is that doctors ignored or never read warning labels that could have prevented deaths. The painkiller Duract, for instance, was supposed to be taken for no more than 10 days, but many doctors prescribed longer use that ended in liver failure.

However, the report is the first to suggest that whatever the cause, more women were harmed by eight of the 10 drugs GAO investigated that were yanked off the market since 1997.

The preliminary findings are part of a broader GAO investigation on women in drug testing, due out this spring. The report didn't calculate how many women were actually hurt.

FDA requires that all new

### By DANIEL Q. HANEY **AP Medical Editor**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Asthma sufferers appear to be unusually prone to heart disease, a study found, offering new clues about the hazards of lingering inflammation.

Other research has linked asthma with heart trouble, but those studies did not clearly distinguish the effect of smoking, which contributes to both asthma and cardiovascular disease.

In the new study, doctors from the Kaiser Permanente health plan found that even nonsmokers have a clearly elevated risk of heart disease. It appears to be at least one-third higher than the risk in people without asthma.

The reason for this is unclear. The researchers speculate that asthmatics' chronic lung inflammation might damage their arteries over time. However, they said it is also possible that medicines used to treat asthma have ill effects on the heart.

Heart Association. The researchers reviewed question-

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naires filled out by 22,036 nonsmoking Kaiser patients between 1979 and 1985 and followed their health through 1998. Among them were 1,062 men and women European doctors reported that people who said they had been diagnosed with asthma at some time in their lives.

Those who ever had asthma were 32 percent more likely than those without to "This is a beginning," said Dr. Carlos be hospitalized with heart disease or die allergic reaction. Iribarren said his works Iribarren, the lead author. "It's a provoca-tive finding that we need to understand." from it during the follow-up. People actu-ally being treated for asthma at the bad for the heart, possibly by subjecting Iribarren presented the findings at a study's start had an even higher risk. the arteries to inflammation-related

meeting in San Antonio of the American Twelve percent of them developed heart chemicals and white cells that circulate disease by the end of the study, compared with 7 percent of those without asthma an increased risk of more than 70 percent.

About 6 percent of Americans are thought to have asthma. Iribarren said these people should be especially careful to eat a healthy diet, keep their weight under control and watch their blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

heart disease prevention apply to these people, because they may be at increased risk," he said.

Some experts believe that chronic inflammation may increase the risk of heart disease. Much of the attention in this research has focused on bacterial causes, such as lingering gum disease or sinus infections.

Earlier in the journal Circulation, with a variety of chronic bacterial infections have triple the usual risk of developing hardening of the arteries.

Asthma's inflammation results from an

throughout the body.

The latest study is "another piece of the puzzle of how inflammation influences the development of heart disease," said Dr. Sidney C. Smith Jr., research director of the heart association. "It seems to be playing an important role."

Among other reports at the conference: -Researchers from Beth Israel "The universal recommendations for Deaconess Medical Center in Boston found that smoking may trigger heart attacks by making the blood stickier. Heart attacks occur when clots block heart arteries. The researchers found that victims who had just smoked had bigger clots than did smokers who had not a cigarette within six hours.

-Researchers from Harvard Medical School found that eating plenty of milk, cheese and other dairy products may actually help prevent obesity. They studied 2,929 adults ages 18 to 35 for 10 years and found that those who ate four or more servings a day were about 40 per-cent less likely to become obese.

On the Net:

American Heart Association: http://www.americanheart.org

# AIDS vaccine shows promise in monkey experiments

Asthmatics may face greater risk of heart disease

AIDS virus gives new evidence virus proteins. that AIDS can be controlled by a vaccine, researchers say.

protection against the AIDS virus

author of the study, said two AIDS. shots of a DNA vaccine are used with a modified pox virus boosts the protection.

cine containing the DNA for against AIDS.' three proteins like those found in the AIDS virus. These proteins "Although the vaccine did not prevent infection, it continues to three proteins like those found in help the immune system remember the proteins and to attack tectable levels for at least several Research Center in Atlanta.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A modified smallpox vaccine with trials are expected in less than a keys were exposed to lethal doses study showing that inoculated the three HIV proteins added. monkeys stayed healthy despite This intensifies the immune sysexposure to a high dose of an tem's response against the AIDS

"Our results show that we can protect monkeys against an HIV-Researchers writing in the like virus using an immunizajournal Science said the new vac- tion scheme that is practical for cine uses a one-two-three punch use in people," said Robinson. to develop an immune system She added, however, that the vaccine has not been tested for use in people already infected Harriet L. Robinson, senior with HIV, the virus that causes

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, head of to prime the immune system to the National Institute of Allergy resist the virus, and a final shot and Infectious Diseases, said the study "provides some of the best evidence to date that a preven-The first two shots use a vac- tive HIV vaccine may protect

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The new vaccine is different response.

The procedure being used model for HIV.

the new vaccine. Four other mon- become sick. keys received only placebo. Robinson said one vaccinated This proves that the viscous Seven months later, all the mon-monkey, which received a low very powerful effect.

of a virus that mimics HIV.

The HIV-mimic virus is used from traditional vaccines used in because monkeys cannot be the past. Those vaccines failed to lethally infected by HIV itself. work, principally, because the The mimic is constructed from AIDS virus was able to change both HIV and SIV, a virus that and nullify the body's immune causes AIDS in monkeys, and is widely accepted as a simian

gives "a much more effective All four of the control monkeys immunization than with the pox developed AIDS and were dead virus alone or by the DNA within 28 weeks. All the vaccinatalone," Robinson said. "The ed monkeys became infected DNA vaccine has the ability to with the virus, but their immune prompt a very focused response." systems, prompted by the vac-In the study, 24 monkeys were cine, were able to control the inoculated with varying doses of virus and the animals did not

dose of the vaccine, has an elevated level of virus and could become sicker. But all the rest 'are very, very well," she said.

Dr. Bernard Moss of the NIAID, a co-author and developer the pox virus part of the vaccine system, said the seven months between vaccination and infection was significant.

"A real vaccine has to provide long-term protection," he said. In earlier vaccine studies, the animals often were exposed to virus within weeks of their shots.

Also, said Moss, the monkeys were exposed to virus loads hundreds of times higher than the ypical human exposure to HIV. This proves that the vaccine has a

cines be examined for risks to women, said FDA drug chief Dr. Robert Temple. But many of the drugs GAO cited were sold before the FDA enacted that requirement - and others harmed women merely because they swallowed more of them than men did.

More important is the recent discovery that women seem more vulnerable to a type of irregular heartbeat called "torsades de pointes," a risk from numerous drugs including four of those GAO cited.

"But you find plenty of torsades in men and women," stressed Temple, saying the FDA is investigating whether drugs with that side effect have enough benefit to warrant the risk. "Drugs that do that really need a special reason for existing."

Among GAO's findings: —The four drugs riskier because more women used them: Redux and Pondimin, banned for causing heart valve damage; the diabetes drug Rezulin, banned for causing fatal liver damage; and Lotronex, a drug for female irritable bowel syndrome sufferers banned for deadly intestinal side effects.

-Four others were more risky for women because of the heartbeat problem, sometimes caused by the drug alone and sometimes when it interacted with the patient's other medications. Those include the blood pressure drug Posicor; the allergy drugs Seldane and Hismanal; and the heartburn drug Propulsid.

The GAO found no gender difference in two other banned drugs, Duract and the torsades-causing Raxar. It didn't examine two other products pulled from pharmacies, the Rotashield diarrhea vaccine or liver-harmful antibiotic Trovan.

them if they are detected later, months," he said. "We do not said Robinson, a researcher at the know yet . this vaccine will Emory University Vaccine Center work in humans, but plans for and the Yerkes Regional Primate the necessary clinical studies are under way."

Robinson said the first human She said the booster shot uses a

### Researchers: Autumn babies live longer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Being a mean age of 77.65." born in the fall may extend a person's lifespan by a few months.

A study appearing Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences linked the birth months of more than a million people who died in Denmark and Austria after the age of 50. It then looked for a similar pattern in Australia.

The study found that adults who were born in Austria between October and December lived about .6 years longer than those born in the spring, April to June.

In Denmark, those born in the fall lived about .3 years longer than did people born in the spring, the study found.

The authors, Gabriele Doblhammer and James W. Vaupel of Max Planck Institute in Rostock, Germany, also checked the pattern of birth month and lifespan in Australia and found "a mirror image reversal of that in the Northern Hemisphere."

"The mean age of death of people born in Australia in the second quarter of the year is 78," the authors said. "Those born in the fourth quarter die at

The authors said the difference may be related to nutrition during pregnancy. More fruits and vegetables are available during the summer and fall months than during the winter and spring months, the

authors said. This means that a woman pregnant during the summer and fall could have a better food selection and their babies would be larger and healthier.

Since the seasons in Australia, in the southern hemisphere, are the opposite of the seasons in Europe, this would explain why the Australian pattern is a mirror image of the Austrian and Danish patterns, the researchers said. Fresh fruits and vegetables are more readily available in Australia during the first half of the year, which are the summer and fall months south of the equator.

Doblhammer and Vaupel noted that there are many studies showing that nutrition of a woman during pregnancy can affect the health of her baby for its lifetime.

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# bettern than hard-core workouts

Couch potatoes rejoice: a new study tivity throughout the day. suggests moderately paced, sustained activities promote weight loss more effectively than brief, high-intensity health club workouts based on the "no pain, no gain" mantra.

Walking, bicycling, even climb-ing stairs during TV commercials can contribute to weight loss if performed consistently, the researchers said. The activities can be as simple as parking at the far end of the mall and walking the long route to the

Other scientists said the finding is encouraging news for people who want to lose weight, but are intimidated by the effort, commitment and expense often required at gyms and workouts conducted by personal trainers.

"It's taking the couch potato and getting them to do something," said Ross Andersen, associate professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University, who has conducted similar research but did not participate in this study. "This is a way for people to accumulate activity for all days of the week."

The study published in a recent issue of the journal Nature shows the best way to boost metabolic rates is through moderate exercise

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - coupled with shorter stints of inac-

Klaas Westerterp of Maastricht University, The Netherlands, measured the activity levels of 14 women and 16 men during the two-week study. All were healthy, non-obese participants ages 22-32.

In the study, Westerterp measured the amount of energy expended by using a device that records movement, reviewing activities recorded in participants' diaries and analyzing urine samples collected from ingested energyneasuring isotopes.

He found the time distributed between low and moderate intensity activities is ultimately what determined how many calories were burned. The metabolic responses to moderate exercise suggest it's physiologically beneficial, researchers said.

"All these little movements, they add up," Westerterp said.

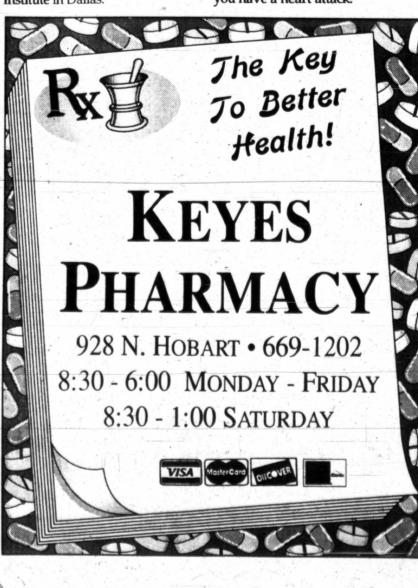
The research is similar to findings reported by Andrea Dunn, an exercise psychologist from the Cooper Institute in Dallas.

"We keep trying in our studies to have people think of things they really enjoy doing. It doesn't have to be a chore," Dunn said.

For obese people, it's often easier to maintain daily routines such as taking the stairs or short walks than sweating during high-intensity workouts at the gym. Those moderate-intensity routines result in keeping pounds off because they're easier to maintain.

Though experts caution there's no replacement for watching food intake and engaging in vigorous activity, most agree any exercise is better than none for helping reduce the risk of heart disease and diabetes.

"Anything you do is fine. If it's low intensity. do it more frequently, but move around," said Dr. Gerald Fletcher, physical cardiologist at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla., and a spokesman for the American Heart Association. "Don't drive your car around the block - get out and do something. It's less expensive than having to take pills after you have a heart attack."







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NEW YORK (AP) - NFL teams did in Saturday's draft what they often do: emulate the champions. After Virginia Tech quarter-

back Michael Vick went with the first pick to Atlanta, seven of the top 13 were defensive linemen - an attempt to win with defense as the Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens did last season.

Of the 31 players chosen in the first round, nine were defensive linemen.

After the Falcons chose Vick, whose rights they obtained Friday from San Diego, Arizona took Leonard Davis, the 367-pound offensive tackle from Texas.

The Miami Hurricanes produced four first-round picks an impressive first, even for a program that has churned out more first-round picks than any other since 1983. Heisman Trophy winner

Chris Weinke was chosen by the Carolina Panthers in the fourth round of the NFL draft.

### SOFTBALL

CANYON — Pampa was defeated by Randall 11-4 in District 3-4A girls softball action last Friday.

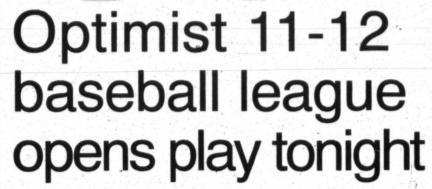
Stephanie Cameron and Chasity Nachtigall each had a double for Pampa. The Lady Harvesters are 6-

7 in district play and 15-11 for the season.

### GOLF

WOODLANDS, THE Texas (AP) — Hal Sutton didn't want to talk about the five birdies he had during the last round of his victory in the Houston Open. He wanted to talk about a bogey. Sutton came from three

shots off the pace with a 3under-par 69 in windy conditions for a three-stroke victory over Joe Durant and Lee



PAMPA — The Optimist schools."

according Net, Commissioner Bailey.

Bill Hightower and Becky Cliff Kelley and Randy Snider. Andrew Brown is the Williams. manager of Pampa Cyber Net. Coaches for the team feature Triangle Kirkham.

**Glo-Valve** Robert Dixon, Ed Ferrell and Bobbie Nunn. Ron Carr. Ed Copeland manages Celanese. Coaching against Rotary at 5:45 and with him are Terry Hall and Pampa Cyber Net vs. Bill Randy Dyson.

"We and Tuesday for Wednesday will be held on May 5 with these tests to the kids and the participating.

Last two Super Bowl champs fare well in NFL draft NEW YORK (AP) - Super Bowl winners aren't supposed to Bears take

Cal Ripken 11-12 Baseball The 5:45 game Wednesday League begins play at 5:45 will pit Bill Allison Auto today at Optimist Park when Sales against Duncan, Rotary plays Pampa Cyber Bridges and Fraser Insurance to Agency. Bill Allison team's Nathan manager is Shane Johnson. He is assisted by Chris The manager of Rotary is Kerbo. Warren Joiner man-Rick Stone. He is assisted by ages DFB. The coaches are

> The 7:45 p.m. game will Well

Allison at 7:45. On Friday, have reserved Cabot will tangle with Glo-Wednesdays and Saturdays Valve in the early game for make-up games," Bailey while Celanese takes on explained. "We re-scheduled Triangle in the late game. the late games on Monday The official Opening Day

because of the T.A.A.S. tests. nearly all of the 57 Optimist We realize the importance of baseball and softball teams

game.

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Campbell walked Michael RBI hit and Francis had a hit.

with a sacrifice fly.

The two teams were nip and when Ryan Mercer's double pro-

Wright, Miller, Martin and Tice

(Special photo) The Pampa Star, an Under-14 boys team, participated in the winter league in the High Plains Indoor Soccer League in Amarillo. The Stars finished with a 4-3-1 record for second place in the league standings. Team members are (front row, from left) Brett Ferrell, Weston Teichmann, Chase Phillips, Nick Robbins, Reid Schindler and Braydon Barker; (back row, from left) coach Jimmy Barker, Chadd Malone, Jake Craig, Nick Julian, Steven Smith and coach David Teichmann. Not pictured is Craig Stone.

# Harvesters fall to Canyon

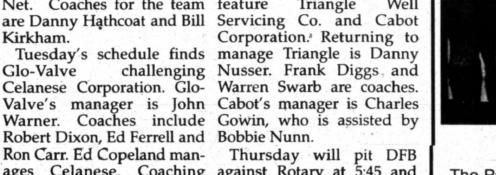
PLAINS INDOOR SOCCER

PAMPA — Pampa hooked up a base hit in the second. Pampa didn't stay down long.

with Canyon in a close contest Saturday, but the Eagles were The Harvesters biggest inning tuck until the top of the sixth able to come away with a 10-8 was the third when five runs win in the District 3-4A baseball crossed the plate. Kyle Francis duced Canyon's winning run.

The loss eliminated the Strate reached on a groundball led Pampa's 10 hit-attack. Harvesters from a possible play- error. Randy Tice followed with Wright had two hits and two off spot while the Eagles a run-scoring single and Wes RBI, Miller and Tice each had clinched one of the district's Martin loaded the bases with a two hits and an RBI and Martin three post-season spots with the single. Canyon pitcher Brady had a pair of hits. Strate had an victory.

Sparked by Matt Allen, Galloway to force in a run. Francis started on the mound



anzen on Sunday, and said he was helped along by a 25foot bogey putt on No. 7 after hitting his second shot in the water.

"That was the turning point for me," the 42-yearold Sutton said. "I could have come away with my confidence damaged, but I felt great."

Sutton, who won for the first time in Houston after finishing second in 1994 and '99, said the wind betrayed him on No. 7.

"I thought I'd hit a perfect shot with a nice 8-iron," Sutton said. "I thought it was going to be about 1 foot (from the hole) and then the wind died and it dropped from the sky."

Sutton, who earned \$612,000 for his 14th PGA Tour victory, finished with a 10-under 278 total. Janzen shot a 73, and Durant had a 74, while John Cook (69) and Justin Leonard (69) were another stroke back at 282.

"This is one that I wanted more than anything," Sutton said. "I've been close here so many times. So close and yet so far, so this is really good. I knew it would be tough. Today, it helped to be packed with patience."

Sutton started the final round two strokes behind Durant, who was trying to join Tiger Woods as the only three-time winners on the PGA Tour this year.

Wind bothered the golfers once again. The cumulative average of 73.178 on the TPC of The Woodland's 7,018yard course was the second highest for any tournament on tour this year.

"Whoever was in control of the wind had it turned all the way up," Sutton said. "It tests your nerves and what you have inside of you. You can't put it on cruise control and go to sleep."

Sutton birdied No. 8 and made a 15-foot birdie putt on No. 10 for a two-shot lead over Durant.

Sutton bogeyed the par-5 15th hole, leaving him with a one-shot advantage. Durant missed an 8-foot birdie putt on the hole.

Durant bogeyed No. 16,

Bowl winners aren't supposed to fare so well in the NFL draft.

Don't tell that to the 1999 league champion St. Louis Rams or the 2000 champs, the Baltimore Ravens. Both got what they were looking for this weekend.

St. Louis, with three first-round picks and five in the first 83, bolstered a defense that fell apart last season. The Rams went from powerhouse to wild-card round playoff loser mainly because they couldn't stop anyone.

"They knew the defense had to be fixed," new defensive coordinator Lovie Smith said. "We had a plan to put the defense back together and it's falling into place."

Thanks, greatly, to trades that sent quarterback Trent Green to Kansas City and disgruntled defensive end Kevin Carter to Tennessee. Both deals brought first-round picks.

The Rams grabbed defensive tackle Damione Lewis of Miami, safety Adam Archuleta - a converted linebacker - of Arizona State and defensive tackle Ryan Pickett of Ohio State in the first round. They got linebackers Tommy Polley and Brian Allen, both of Florida State, with their albeit not for awhile, considering next two selections.

"I know this sounds like I'm college. crowing and bragging," coach "I'm glad the trade was made. Mike Martz said. "But honest to I'm glad to be closer to home," goodness, our top four guys ... that's how it went off. So we're News, Va. "It's a blessing in disvery fortunate."

The Ravens should feel the same way. They sought a tight future quarterback, taking Drew end and got the best pass catcher Brees of Purdue with the opening at that position in Arizona State's selection of the second round. Todd Heap. And Baltimore want- San Diego also used the firsted a safety to eventually replace round pick it got from Atlanta Kim Herring and got that in Gary Baxter of Baylor.

Throw in center Casey Rabach and the Ravens aggressively despite picking at the end of each round.

needs we hoped to address - a or even had a chance to get a runtight end, a lineman, a safety, a ning back who can play next linebacker and a running back - year." that's kind of the way you hoped Bolstering defenses was the it would go down," coach Brian main theme early in a draft Billick said. "From that stand- loaded with talent at defensive point, it's a very successful tackle, wide receiver and along draft."

One day before the first pick was son, the copycats around the NFL made, it was traded as San Diego went wild for defenders: seven of dealt with Atlanta. The Falcons the first 13 picks were defensive took Virginia Tech quarterback linemen.

# **Devin Lemons**

PAMPA --- It was learned Monday morning that Pampa native Devin Lemons has been drafted by the Chicago Bears of the National Football League. Lemons was a two-year starter at defensive end for

Texas Tech. Cynthia Lemons', Devin's mother, learned Sunday that her son had been drafted in the second round of the free-agent draft by the Bears. "I got a call about 4 or 5

p.m. in Lubbock from Mark Hatley (Bears' assistant coach) that they had drafted Devin. He's supposed to know tomorrow about when he goes to camp," Mrs. Lemons said.

Lemons was all-state in both football and basketball for the Harvesters. His dad, Billie, played for the Cleveland Browns.

Michael Vick, considered the one franchise player available he played only two seasons in

said Vick, a native of Newport guise.'

The Chargers still got their (No. 5 overall) for highly produc-tive running back LaDainian Tomlinson.

"I'm glad they chose me," filled some potential holes Tomlinson said. "I look at it like this — if they would have gotten Vick, I don't know if they would "If you look at some of the have gotten a better running back

the offensive line. With Baltimore This draft began with a bang. smothering opponents last sea-

Canyon took a 3-0 lead at the Adam Wright and Evan Miller for the Harvesters and was end of two innings. Allen had a then delivered back-to-back RBI relieved by Adam Jones in the leadoff homer in the first inning singles to give Pampa a 4-3 lead. the sixth inning. Jones took the and knocked in another run with Travis Lancaster made it 5-3 loss.

Mavs regroup against Jazz

The Dallas Mavericks blew a the younger Nelson said. "We four-point lead in the final still feel good about this good look at the basket," minute. They couldn't get series." shots they wanted in the closing seconds. Their youth was savvy Utah Jazz.

sound too discouraged.

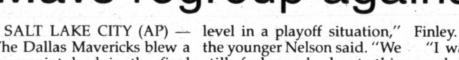
being frustrated or negative," said point guard Steve Nash. Jazz within 86-85. a great chance to win. It's a split, but the Mavericks important to realize it's a must prove their defeat wasseries, and we have to bounce n't a wasted effort.

back mentally." Tuesday.

their 18th straight trip to the the postseason for the first time in 11 years. It could be much of the difference in Game 1.

'We're young. We're devel- wanted. oping," said Mavericks assisover when his father, coach off," Donn Nelson said. Don Nelson, was ejected midter.

"We need experiences like was guarding Nowitzki, but one through five," Donn



Why wouldn't they?

The Mavericks erased a 13exploited by the playoff- point deficit in the third quar- take a cue from burly big man ter, taking a 62-61 lead into Mark Bryant, a 13-year veter-Yet, the Mavericks don't the fourth. They had control an who bumped and hamuntil Utah's Danny Manning mered Malone throughout "We can't waste our time hit a 3-pointer with 58 sec- the second half. He helped onds remaining, pulling the limit the Mailman to a 14 1/2-

"We played great and we had Dallas remains on target for goal.

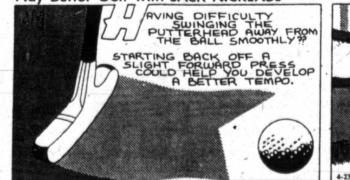
Utah's 88-86 victory over that the little things through-Dallas on Saturday gave the out the game add up," shoot-Jazz a 1-0 lead in the best-of- ing guard Michael Finley well at the Delta Center when five series, which continues said. "That's what ultimately they got physical earlier this gives the winning team the season, breaking a 25-game win. Loose balls, long losing streak in Salt Lake City While the Jazz are making heir 18th straight trip to the Dirk Nowitzki will proba-Jazz. playoffs, the Mavericks are in bly be less likely to drive the lane in the closing seconds, as ing," Donn Nelson said. he did Saturday. Known for argued that Dallas made up his perimeter shooting, he Nowitzki, Finley and Shawn.

tant Donn Nelson, who took like to get a good, clean shot what to expect by Tuesday.

Dallas had a chance to win realistic idea of the physicaliway through the fourth quar- at the buzzer, but Finley ty it takes to compete in these missed a 30-footer. Malone situations, that it's got to be

this and we feel we're good left the German sharpshooter Nelson said. "It can't just be enough to compete on this open to help double-team Mark Bryant to save the day."

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"I was just trying to get a Finley said. "I did, but I didn't get the shot I wanted."

The other Mavericks should minute span without a field

"Hold and grab," Malone said when asked how Bryant did it. "That's good defense, "One thing we've learned is though, if you can get away with it."

with two victories over the

"We feel good in this build-

Dallas had three starter's was stripped by Karl Malone Bradley - in the playoffs for and didn't get the foul call he the first time. The Mavericks, who flew home after Game 1, "In those situations, you should have a better sense of

"Our guys will have a more

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West Division

Saturday's Games

Seattle 5, Anaheim 2

Sunday's Games

Cleveland 11, Detroit 3

Kansas City 5, Toronto 1

Texas 11, Oakland 2

Monday's Games

**Tuesday's Games** 

2-1), 7:05 p.m.

Seattle 5. Anaheim 0

No games scheduled

(Weaver 1-3), 7:05 p.m.

(Clemens 2-0), 7:05 p.m.

(Buehrle 1-2), 8:05 p.m.

NBA Playoff Daily Glance.

**By The Associated Press** 

Indiana 79, Philadelphia 78, Indiana

San Antonio 87, Minnesota 82, San

New York 92, Toronto 85, New York

L.A. Lakers 106, Portland 93, L.A.

Phoenix 86, Sacramento 83, Phoenix

Lakers lead series 1-0 Milwaukee 103, Orlando 90, Milwaukee

Minnesota at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Toronto at New York, 8 p.m. Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Indiana, 12:40 p.m

Milwaukee at Orlando, 8:30 p.m

San Antonio at Minnesota, 5:30 p.m.

Antonio leads series 1-0

Utah 88, Dallas 86, Utah leads series 1-

Charlotte 106, Miami 80, Charlotte leads

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Sunday, April 22

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Monday, April 23

Tuesday, April 24

Thursday, April 26

Saturday, April 28

Utah at Dallas, 3 p.m.

Friday, April 27

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Charlotte at Miami, 7 p.m.

Indiana at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Dallas at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25 Orlando at Milwaukee, 8.p.m

Miami at Charlotte, 8 p.m.

**First Round** 

(Best-of-5) Saturday, April 21

series 1-0

Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 2

Texas (Davis 2-1) at Toronto (Hamilton

Minnesota (Redman 1-1) at Boston (Crawford 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Hentgen 0-2) at Detroit

Anaheim (Schoeneweis 1-1) at

Cleveland (Colon 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

Seattle (Garcia 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees

Kansas City (Meadows 0-2) at Tampa

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### BASEBALL National League At A Glance

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San Diego	7	11	.389	4

### Saturday's Games

N.Y. Mets 5, Cincinnati 2 Chicago Cubs 4, Pittsburgh 3 St. Louis 9, Houston 2 Milwaukee 6, San Francisco 3 Florida 5, Montreal 0 Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 1 Arizona 10, Colorado 5 Los Angeles 4, San Diego 2 Sunday's Games Montreal 6, Florida 2 N.Y. Mets 5, Cincinnati 1 Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 3, 10 innings Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2 San Francisco 6, Milwaukee 4 San Diego 7, Los Angeles 6, 11 innings Colorado 2, Arizona 1 Houston 4, St. Louis 3 Monday's Games Atlanta (Glavine 2-1) at Houston (Dotel 1-1), 8:05 p.m. Florida (Dempster 2-1) at Arizona (Johnson 2-2), 9:35 p.m. Philadelphia (Chen 0-1) at San Diego Eaton 2-1), 10:05 p.m. **Tuesday's Games** Atlanta (Perez 1-2) at Houston (Reynolds 0-1), 8:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets (Rusch 1-0) at Milwaukee (Wright 2-2), 8:05 p.m. Montreal (Vazquez 2-1) at St. Louis (Kile 2-2), 8:10 p.m Chicago Cubs (Tapani 3-0) at Colorado (Hampton 2-0), 9:05 p.m. Florida (Clement 1-1) at Arizona (Ellis 1-0), 9:35 p.m. Philadelphia (Wolf 0-3) at San Diego (Williams 1-2), 10:05 p.m. Pittsburgh (Olivares 0-2) at Los Angeles (Park 2-1), 10:10 p.m. Cincinnati (Brower 1-0) at San Francisco (Hernandez 1-2), 10:15 p.m. American League At A Glance By The Associated Press All Times EDT East Division GB

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### Sunday, April 29 .333 8 1/2 New York at Toronto, 12:30 p.m. .294 Sacramento at Phoenix, 3 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Portland, 5:30 p.m. Pct GB .789 .500 5 1/2 .368 8 FOOTBALL **XFL Playoffs** .316 9 At A Glance By The Associated Press **All Times EDT**

Semifinals Boston 8, N.Y. Yankees 3 Cleveland 5, Detroit 4, 11 innings Saturday, April 14 San Francisco 26, Orlando 25 Sunday, April 15 Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 3 Los Angeles 33, Chicago 16 - Championship Saturday, April 21 Los Angeles 38, San Francisco 6 Kansas City 5, Toronto 4, 13 innings N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 3, 10 innings TRANSACTIONS Baltimore 10, Tampa Bay 8, 11 innings

Weekend Sports Transactions By The Associated Press

### BASEBALL **American League**

### CHICAGO WHITE SOX-Activated RHP

James Baldwin from the 15-day disabled list. Placed RHP Antonio Osuna on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April **CLEVELAND INDIANS—Purchased the** contract of LHP Rich Rodriguez from Akron of the Eastern League. Optioned RHP Jake Westbrook to Buffalo of the International League. Designated LHP Roy Padilla for assign NEW YORK YANKEES-Becalled LHP Ted Lilly from Columbus of the Bay (Lopez 2-1), 7:15 p.m. Oakland (Zito 2-1) at Chicago White Sox International League. Optioned RHP Adrian Hernandez to Columbus. TEXAS RANGERS—Activated OF Gabe

Kapler from the 15-day disabled list. Designated RHP Jonathan Johnson for assignment. National League ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Placed

LHP Brian Anderson on the 15-day dis-abled list. Recalled RHP Bret Prinz from Tucson of the PCL. NEW YORK METS—Activated RHP Rick White from the 15-day disabled list. Sent INF Mark Johnson outright to Norfolk of the International League. SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed OF Tony Gwynn on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled OF Mike Colangelo from

Portland of the PCL. FOOTBALL National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Traded CB Aeneas Williams to the St. Louis Rams for their second- and fourth-round draft Dicks

BUFFALO BILLS-Re-signed PK Steve

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed DT Brenston Buckner and RB Chad Dukes. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed WR E.G. Green, G Larry Moore, DT Larry Chester, C Jeff Saturday, PK Danny Kight, TE Josh Keur, TE Justin Snow, DT Christian Peter, QB Dave Meyer, WR Troy Albea, WR Dwayne Wilmot, WR Jason Franklin, WR Aaron Jones, WR Marcus Williams, RB Brett Millican, RB Wes Ours, RB Dominic Rhodes, RB Kevin Brown, RB Dewayne Hogan, TE Mike Guazzo, TE Enyi Nwamuo, OT Kendrick Rogers, G Rob Murphy, G Paul Laquerre, OT Joshua Redding, LB Nick Colbert, LB Matt Smith, LB Teddy Sims, DT Cleveland Pinkney, DT Hans Olsen, DE David Warren, DB Daniel Wilturner. DB Ontei Jones, DB Dempsey Dees, DB Jermaine Hampton and P Allan Rhine. NEW YORK JETS-Waived TE Steve Brominski, Signed P Tommy Parks.

Mariners off to best start, ever

### By JOSH DUBOW **AP Sports Writer**

After dominating the AL West for three weeks, the Seattle Mariners are streaking into a couple of playoff rematches.

Aaron Sele pitched six scoreless innings as the Mariners extended the best start in franchise history by beating the Anaheim Angels 5-0 Sunday for their eighth win in nine games.

After going 15-4 to open the season against their AL West rivals, the Mariners head East to face the New York Yankees and Chicago White Sox — the teams they played in last year's playoffs. "We're pleased with how we've

started the season, but it won't be getting any easier," manager Lou Piniella said. The Mariners go to Yankee

against the White Sox, the team every day." they swept in the first round.

Mariners.

four games back in the AL East for trying too hard." the first time since 1997.

The White Sox got swept for the

second time by Minnesota, losing 4-2 to the Twins, while Oakland fell 11-2 at Texas, falling nine games behind the Mariners in the AL West.

"There we are bringing up the rear, but we are not pressing and we are not panicking," A's starter Tim Hudson said. "It's a long season. We are just going through our lumps at the start of the season."

In other AL games, it was Cleveland 11, Detroit 3; Baltimore 10, Tampa Bay 8; and Kansas City 5, Toronto 1.

The Mariners swept the Angels in a four-game series for the first time. It was their first home sweep of any kind against Anaheim.

Al Martin, playing in place of Edgar Martinez, doubled and homered and Ichiro Suzuki had two hits for Seattle.

Before the game, I told Edgar Stadium on Tuesday to play New Martinez that I was going to be York for the first time since losing him today," Martin said. "After I the ALCS last season. Seattle then whit the home run, I told him I goes to Chicago for three games wanted to be Edgar Martinez

hit 10th-inning home runs off Derek Lowe as New York overcame a pair of Manny Ramirez homers to win at Yankee Stadium. Iason Varitek had given the Red Sox a 3-2 lead in the 10th with a

broken-bat single off Mariano Rivera (1-1), but the Yankees came right back off Lowe (1-3). Twins 4, White Sox 2

David Ortiz hit a go-ahead homer off Keith Foulke (0-2) in the eighth and surprising Minnesota won its fifth straight.

At 14-3, the Twins are off to their best start ever. They won for the 10th time in 11 games.

The Twins completed their first three-game sweep in Chicago since June 1985 at the old Comiskey Park. Minnesota is 6-0 against the defending AL Central champions this season.

Hector Carrasco (2-0) won in relief and LaTroy Hawkins got his fifth save.

### Rangers 11, Athletics 2

Rick Helling (1-3) struck out eight in 6 2-3 innings for his first win of the season and Ivan Rodriguez homered for the third

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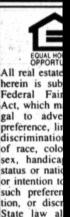
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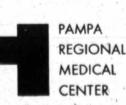
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Benjamin said. "The Texas Department of Health is helping us so that we will have results of the tests as soon as possible.

Just as a precaution we have closed the camp ground and it will remain closed until we get a report back on the fleas," he said. We don't want to panic peo-

ple. We decided if we're going to

err, it would be better to err on the side of caution," he added. Two or three campers in mobile homes had camped at Sanford Yake, one of two well-developed camp grounds at Lake Meredith, he said. The campers were moved to the other site at Fritch Fortress

"It hasn't had a tremendous affect on the public. We hope to get it resolved before the camp-

**Pampa Downtown Business Association** Street Party. Saturday, June 9, 2001

Attention: Church groups, organizations, businesses and individuals!

The Downtown Business Association will be having its Summer Street Party this year on June 9, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We are currently planning events including Tarpley's Music contest, Amarillo Rattlers' Hockey Clinic, Dunking Tank, and Ping-Pong Ball Drop and much much more. Many downtown businesses will have sidewalk sales and other promotions.

This is an excellent opportunity to promote your business or organization. Many will participate for fundraising, business promotion/sales or informational purposes. We plan to attract many more to Downtown Pampa this year through various promotions and advertising.

Exhibitor fees will be \$20 or \$25 if electricity is needed. We have limited spaces with electricity so please send your registration as soon as possible. Please fill-out the following registration form and mail it to: DBA P.O. Box 2180, Pampa, TX 79066 Attention: Street Party Committee. If you have any questions or to register by phone please call Jack Sutherland at 669-9881 or Chase Roach at 665-1251. Please return no later than June 1st.

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ing season gets going.

Benjamin said that if the results come back positive for bubonic plague, officials will dust the burrows and then test the fleas, and regardless of the results, the burrows will be dusted a second time

wiped out that generation of fleas," he said.

Park officials plan to continue

their investigation of the mysterious disappearance by digging deeper into the burrows, "just to satisfy our curiosity about what the heck happened.

Benjamin also wants to know the results of the flea tests by Saturday when Lake Meredith's "Hopefully by then we'll have annual lake shore clean-up involving 1,500 volunteers is planned.

"It won't affect the clean-up," he said. "We just won't clean-up the Sanford Yake area, even if the results don't come back positive."

## **R.E.M.** guitarist bailed in alleged 'air rage' assault

LONDON (AP) - R.E.M. guitarist Peter Buck was cleared to tour after appearing in court Monday to answer charges of allegedly assaulting two crew members on an overnight flight from Seattle to London.

Buck, 44, who was arrested Saturday after arriving on a British Airways flight, was released on \$44,000 bond pending a further court appearance on June 18.

"I am grateful for the court allowing me to undertake our promotional tour," Buck said in a statement which was read to reporters by attorney Bertis Downs.

'The matter will now be delayed until mid-June and of course I will be here. I am sorry for the incident and of course I am embarrassed about the whole

thing." R.E.M. is scheduled to play in the South Africa Freedom Day concert in London's Trafalgar Square on April 29, and then tour to promote a new album.

Buck, who lives in Seattle, was charged with assaulting two crew members, disobeying a lawful command of the commander of an aircraft, being drunk on an aircraft, damaging a quantity of airline crockery and of threatening behavior.

For those events, don't forget to take a Community

# Missionarys' plane shot down in Peru **CIA** surveillance reported aircraft possible drug plane

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Peruvian jet shot down a plane carrying American missionaries just one hour after being notified by a CIAoperated surveillance plane that it might be a flight ferrying illegal drugs, a U.S. intelligence official said Sunday.

The American members of the crew of the U.S. surveillance plane, which included a military officer from Peru, sought to slow down the process that led to the deaths of two Americans on Friday, said this official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

After almost two days of conflicting information, the United States sought Sunday to portray its drug surveillance role as advisory in nature.

The U.S. aircraft is owned by the Defense Department but was operated by the Central Intelligence Agency, a second U.S. official said. This official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said it appeared that the Peruvian authorities moved too quickly to attack the plane carrying the American missionaries. As a result, all such surveillance flights have been suspended, he said.

In Quebec for a hemispheric summit that included Peru, President Bush pledged to find out what went wrong, but said the role of the U.S. surveillance plane was "simply to pass on information" about aircraft suspected of carrying drugs.

'Our government is involved with helping, and a variety of agencies are involved with helping, our friends in South America identify airplanes that might be carrying illegal drugs," Bush said at a news conference closing out the Summit of the Americas. "These operations have been going on for quite a while."

Specifically, the American role is to spot planes' tail numbers and identify aircraft that fail to file flight plans, Bush said.

The surveillance flights, he said, have been suspended "until we get to the bottom of the situation, to fully understand all the facts, to understand what went wrong in this terrible tragedy."

The U.S. official said the crew of the plane included a civilian pilot, co-pilot and systems operator who work under contract for the CIA. Also on board was a Peruvian air force officer who was responsible for coordinating with Peruvian authorities on the ground.

The U.S. intelligence official said the three CIA employees aboard the Cessna Citation jet were not involved in the decision to shoot down the plane carrying American missionaries. This official said the CIA employees believed the Peruvian air force officer, once he was unable to contact the other plane's pilot on three different radio frequencies, moved too quickly through the established procedures for etermining what action to take against the suspect plane.

The official offered the following description of the incident: The CIA plane notified its base at 9:43 a.m. local time Friday of the radar sighting of an aircraft that crossed three to four miles into Brazil. A second sighting was called in 12 minutes later as the unidentified plane crossed back into Peruvian air space.

The CIA crew asked the Peruvian officer to determine whether the aircraft was on an approved flight plan. The Peruvian officer could not locate a flight plan for a plane in that area.

The Peruvian government said the plane entered Peruvian air space from Brazil without filing a flight plan and that it was fired on after the pilot failed to respond to "international procedures of identification and interception.

Mario Justo, chief of the airport in Iquitos, the destination, said the plane did not have a flight plan when it set out from Islandia, next to Brazil's border, Friday morning. But one was established when the pilot made radio contact with the airport control tower in Iquitos, he said.

The Peruvian air force officer then decided to launch an interceptor

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aircraft to determine the airplane's identity and intentions. The U.S. official said it was unclear whether warning shots were fired by the interceptor aircraft - a Peruvian A-37 - or whether the missionary aircraft saw them.

At approximately 10:43 a.m., "despite serious concerns raised by the U.S. crew," a shootdown was authorized by Peruvian air force authorities, the official said. The U.S. crew was concerned the nature of the suspect plane hadn't been determined, the official said.

The Peruvian officer aboard the CIA plane requested permission from his superiors on the ground to authorize the Peruvian interceptor jet to fire upon the suspect aircraft in order to disable it, the U.S. official said.

At this point "the U.S. crew voiced objections" and asked that the interceptor jet's pilot fly alongside the suspect aircraft and get its tail number. The number was obtained but apparently was not called back to the Peruvian air force operations center on the ground before the shootdown was authorized at 10:43 a.m., the official said.

Justo, the chief of the airport in Iquitos, said that during radio contact with the missionary plane at 10:48 a.m. — just five minutes after the shootdown was authorized — the pilot of the missionary plane reported the presence of a military plane.

"He added in his report that there had been a military plane, but that he did not know what it wanted," Justo said.

Missionary Veronica "Roni" Bowers, 35, and her 7-month-old adopted daughter, Charity, were both killed and pilot Kevin Donaldson was wounded in the downing. Also on board and unhurt were Bowers' husband, Jim Bowers,

37, and their 6-year-old son Cory.

'Our hearts go out to the families who have been affected," Bush said. "I want everybody in my country to understand that we weep for the families whose lives have been affected."

The CIA has been involved in such surveillance flights over Peru since 1995 under authority provided in a law passed in 1994. The law permits U.S. government employees to assist foreign nations in interdicting aircraft when there is reasonable suspicion of illicit drug trade.

