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Sales tax revenue rises during March

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

Most likely fueled by high heating costs, Pampa's sales tax receipts jumped 40 percent during March bringing in \$70,000 more than was budgeted, said City Finance Director John Horst. This brings year-to-date collections to \$112,975 over budget, he said. Sales tax reporting runs two months behind thus the May report reflects sales in March.

High natural gas bill resulting from February usage would have been paid in March and are reflected in the current report.

Based upon projections, the city could wind up with about \$170,000 more than the \$1,940,000 it budgeted for sales tax revenue during the fiscal

year ending Sept. 30.

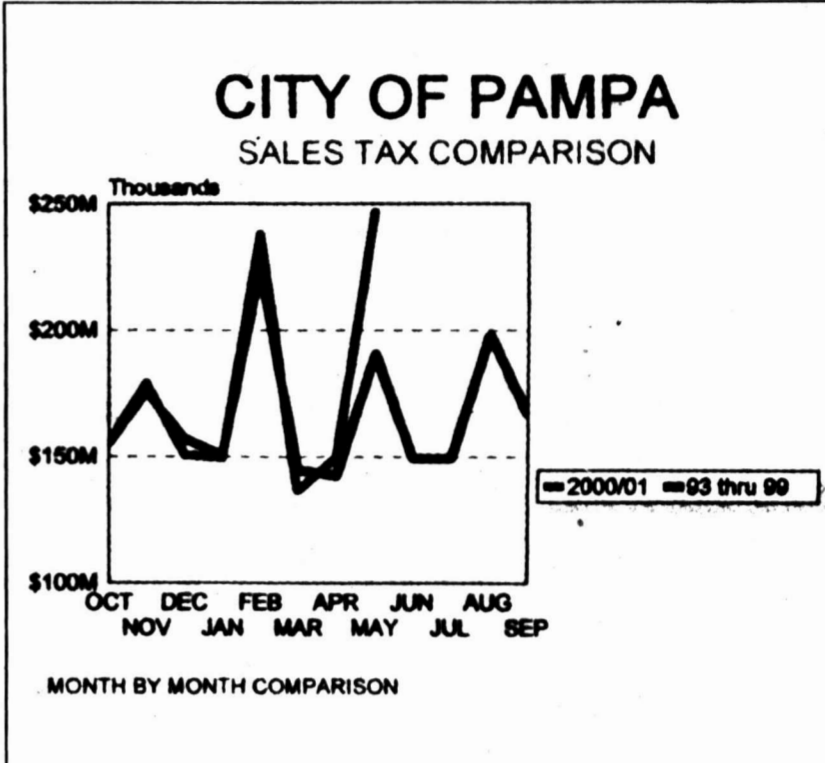
Horst said he called the State Comptroller's office in an attempt to determine the source of the increase.

"Although they will not release the amount of tax that individual businesses pay, they did indicate that one business operating in Pampa had exceptional sales that were reported in March," Horst said.

In addition, Horst said, reports are that sales tax returns were up statewide in March.

In addition, Horst said construction on the new United food store could have been a contributing factor as well depending upon how much construction material was being purchased locally.

"Employment is up in the Pampa area which also stimulates the economy," Horst said.



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Wednesday's jackpot to be about \$22 million

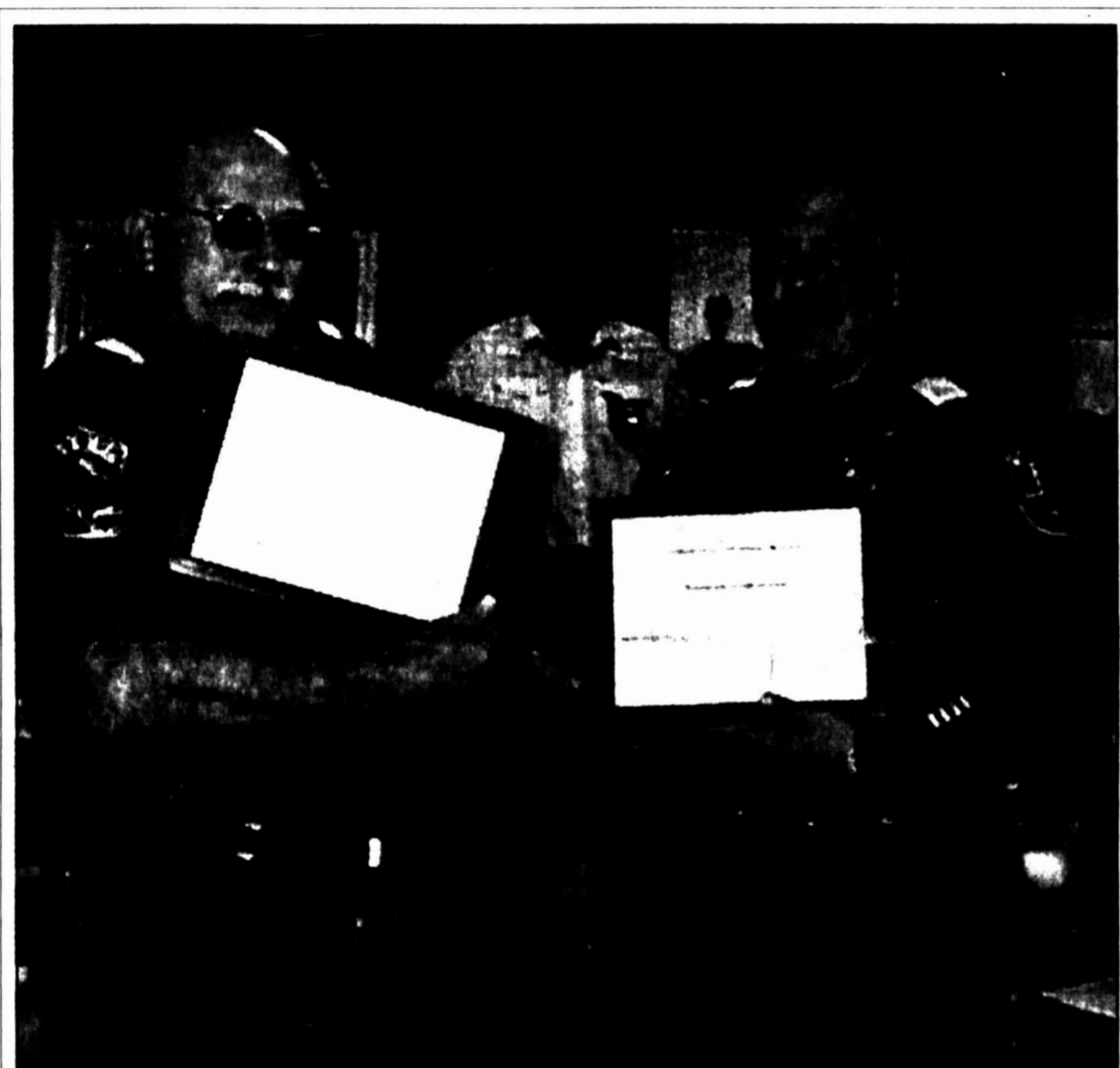
No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the Lotto Texas game, officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated \$18 million. The numbers 54 were: 1-4-8-47-51-54. Wednesday's drawing will be worth about \$22 million.

Hurdle cleared for bypass route

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposed bypass for U.S. 183 that planners say would alleviate congestion around the Texas capital has received a federal agency's approval for the final study of its impact on the environment and economy.

- Mahala McMeans, 93, homemaker.
- Sharon Welch, 53, sister of a Pampa resident.

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Sgt. David Lee and Officer David Conner, detectives with the Pampa Police Department, receive certificates and special recognition from area law enforcement officers meeting in Shamrock last week. The two officers are credited with recovering thousands of dollars worth of stolen property from throughout the Panhandle through their investigative efforts.

PPD detectives recognized for work on area theft cases

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

SHAMROCK — Two Pampa police detectives were honored by area law enforcement officers for exceptional investigative work leading to the recovery of thousands of dollars worth of stolen property.

"David Conner and David Lee went further than we usually do," Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams told a group of area law enforcement officers meeting informally in Shamrock

last week. "We take the evidence and write a report and hope for the best. They weren't satisfied with that. They got out there and started talking to their people and pretty soon they had put a whole bunch of information together.

"Not just information, either. They had concrete leads that much of this stolen stuff was being secreted in Wheeler County. It was enough to get an evidentiary search warrant," Adams said.

A joint effort of the Pampa Police Department, (See PPD, Page 8)

Court to hear unpaid insurance claim woes

Employee grievances are expected to be aired at 9 a.m. Tuesday regarding unpaid medical bills by West Texas Rural Counties Association during the regular meeting of the Gray County Commissioners Court.

WTRCA was the carrier for the county employees' medical insurance prior to the county changing to Insurance Management Systems in 2000. Numerous complaints concerning WTRCA not paying medical claims was a major factor in the county commission changing to IMS.

Dave Wavara's resignation from the Airport Advisory Board will be considered by the commission. Appointment of Scott Smith to that county board will also be considered.

Appointment of Angela Spearman to the White Deer Land Museum Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Foote will also be considered. The term expires Dec. 31, 2002.

Commissioners will consider proclaiming May Community (See INSURANCE, Page 8)

Splash Day free swim to mark pool openings

Free swimming for everyone will be the order of the day at 1 p.m. on Splash Day, Memorial Day Monday, when the city's recreation department kicks off the summer swimming season at M.K. Brown and Marcus Sanders Pools.

The following day, May 29, will mark the official opening of the pools, he said. The hours and costs follow:

- M.K. Brown Pool**
1-6 p.m. — Daily
7-9 p.m. — Monday and Thursday, Family Nights
7-9 p.m. — Fri.-Sun. and Tue.-Wed., Rental Nights
Fees: \$1.50 ages 6 and up; 5 and under free; family season pass \$75 (up to five people); individual season pass \$35; 12-visit pass \$15.
- Marcus Sanders Pool**
1-6 p.m. — Daily
7-9 p.m. — Rental Nights
Fees: 50-cents per person

Pool users are reminded that no child under 10 years of age will be allowed without an adult.

Indictments returned

WHEELER — Grand jurors here handed up five indictments last week to 31st District Judge Steven Emmert.

Two of the indictments involve felony theft charges. Daniel Shane Greene, 19, no address given, was indicted for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. Brett Morgan Turner, 40, of Amarillo was also indicted for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. Both indictments stem from an offense occurring on April 15.

Grand jurors named Josephine Lilly, 43, of Shamrock in an indictment charging her with an aggravated assault on Oct. 30, 2000.

Monty Clay Donaldson, 18, received an indictment for burglary of a habitation alleged to have occurred on April 21.

An indictment charging Arthur Michael Cleary, 50, of Eminence, Mo., with driving while intoxicated - subsequent offense was also handed up after the grand jury met.

Lawmakers still have much work to do

AUSTIN (AP) — There's only two weeks left in the Texas legislative session and lawmakers still have plenty of work to do.

The session ends on May 28, and only a handful of high priority bills have been passed.

Those include a tougher hate crimes law that received full legislative approval on Thursday and was signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry on Friday.

The James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act, which takes effect September 1, strengthens penalties for crimes motivated by the victim's race, religion, color, sex, disability, sexual preference, age or national origin.

Byrd, a black man, was killed when he was dragged behind a pickup truck by three white men in Jasper in 1998. Two of them are on death row and the third is serving a life prison sentence.

"You've endured unimaginable pain that no Texan should have to endure. I hope you can find some peace in knowing that his death was not in vain," Perry told Byrd's parents after he signed the bill into law.

While the hate crimes bill passed the legislature, many top issues still linger, including a budget, which legislators are required by law to pass during the 140-

day session.

Members of a Senate-House committee working out the differences between the chambers' two budget proposals met Friday and planned to work through the weekend.

"We're progressing well," said Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

Budget writers had said they wanted to get the bill out of committee by Friday, but have since extended deadlines to put the finishing touches on the proposal.

Among the other key issues yet to be resolved are:

—HEALTH INSURANCE: A statewide

teachers health-insurance plan. Both chambers have passed different versions of the billion-dollar-plus proposal that would help pay for public school employees benefits. A conference committee was announced Thursday to work out the differences in the two versions.

—REDISTRICTING: The once-a-decade redrawing of voting lines could force a special session. The House this week approved a legislative plan, but neither chamber has yet to act on State Board of Education or congressional proposals. The Senate hasn't acted on its legislative plan.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

McMEANS, Mahala — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Valera Cemetery, Valera.

Obituaries

MAHALA McMEANS

CANADIAN — Mahala McMeans, 93, died Friday, May 11, 2001. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Golden, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Valera Cemetery at Valera with the Rev. Bob Johnson, pastor of Westside Baptist Church at San Angelo, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. McMeans had been a Canadian resident since 1990. She was a member of West Side Baptist Church at San Angelo and was active in First Baptist Church at Canadian.

Survivors include a son, Russell McMeans of Lake Buchanan Dam; a daughter, Hazel Williams of Canadian; a sister, Ruth Laird of Livingston; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79014.

SHARON WELCH

AMARILLO — Sharon Welch, 53, sister of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, May 12, 2001. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Caprock Fellowship Church with Pastor Ed Barker and Pastor Lee Walls, both of New Life Four Square Gospel Church, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery East under the direction of N.S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Welch, a longtime Amarillo resident, was born at Dumas and grew up in Amarillo. She married Doyle Welch on July 17, 1965, at Amarillo.

She was a cosmetologist for many years and belonged to New Life Four Square Gospel Church.

Survivors include her husband, Doyle; a son, Cody Welch of Amarillo; three sisters, Sue Woolsey, Debbie Reeves and Melissa Bible, all of Amarillo; and two brothers, Don Cagle of Lubbock and Danny Cagle of Pampa.

The body will not be available for viewing. The family requests memorials be to New Life Four Square Gospel Church.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.81	up 0.01
Milo	2.84	up 0.01
Corn	3.20	up 0.01
Soybeans	3.56	up 0.01

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	29.66	up 0.16
Fidelity Mageln	112.49	up 0.40
Puritan	18.75	up 0.34

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

BP Amoco	51.74	dn 0.20
Celanese	20.85	up 0.30
Cabot O&G	29.35	up 1.18
Chevron	94.50	up 0.48
Coca-Cola	45.90	up 0.61

Ambulance

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

Saturday, May 12

9:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the rodeo grounds for a standby.
 10:37 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.
 3:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of West McCullough on a fire standby.
 6:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Lynn and transported one to PRMC.
 7:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Bernard and transported one to PRMC.
 11:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, May 13

3:38 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Deane; no transport.
 9:01 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Terrace and transported one to PRMC.
 9:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the rodeo grounds for a standby.
 12:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.
 11:34 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and one patient to PRMC.

Monday, May 14

1:58 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

Police report

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

Saturday, May 12

Jennifer Lynn Helsey, 26, 319 North Roberta, was arrested for simple assault.
 Pete Perez, 22, 2508 Rosewood, was arrested for disorderly conduct by noise and warrants.
 Jorge Ruiz, 608 Wynne, 43, was arrested for assault on a family member.
 Ronald E. Gattis, 50, 409 Green Bay, Wis., was arrested on a warrant for no drivers license.
 Police investigated a report of a burglary in the 200 block of West Brown. It was unknown what was taken.
 A runaway in the 700 block of North Osborne was reported to the police.
 A telephone harassment call in the 400 block of North Lowry was reported to the police.
 Family dispute call was reported in the 100 block of North Dwight. No injuries were reported.
 A threat call was also reported in the 1100 block of Willow.
 Domestic Violence was reported in the 300 block of North Roberta.
 Abandoned children were reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.
 Criminal mischief was investigated in the 700 block of Frost. A window valued at \$150 was reported broken.
 A burglary was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen. There was nothing reported stolen.
 Theft under \$50 was reported at a convenience store in the 1500 block of North Hobart. The report said \$5 in gas was taken.
 Two boxes of miscellaneous tools were reported found in the 200 block of East Frost.
 A 2000 Ford received \$200 damage to a door in the 1300 West Kentucky. The door was keyed, according to the report.
 Theft under \$50 was reported at a convenience store in the 2100 block of North Hobart. According to the police report, \$29.61 in gas was reported taken.
 An unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported. A vehicle was taken from Recreation Park. The undescended vehicle was returned without damage.
 Boards on a fence were reported broken in the 700 block of North Gray. There was no estimate of damage.
 A burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1000 block of Huff. According to the police report, \$500 in cash was reported stolen.
 An aggravated assault was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart.
 A pair of Doc Marten shoes valued at \$49 were reported stolen from Dunlap's.
 An assault in the 400 block of North Starkweather was given to Pampa PD.
 A theft under \$50 was reported at a convenience store in the 1000 block of North Wilks. A gas drive off in the amount to \$10 was reported.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of South Hobart. A window was broken. There was no estimate of damage.
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Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff Department reported the following call during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 12

Gray County Sheriff Department is investigating a report of a juvenile runaway.

Fires

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

Saturday, May 12

3:57 p.m. - Three units and eight personnel responded to a structure fire in which a mobile home occupied by Amanda Saigala was destroyed by fire. No one was home when the blaze broke out and its cause is under investigation today.
 10:22 p.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to a false alarm in the 2800 block of Northcrest.

Texas news roundup

New transmission line helps sets stage for deregulation

DALLAS (AP) — TXU Electric prepared Monday to open a new 88-mile transmission line, the largest to be built in the state in the last 20 years and an important stage-setter for deregulation.

"Having a strong transmission system is a precursor to having a strong, viable, retail market," said Mike Greene, president of TXU Electric Transmission.
 TXU Electric is a subsidiary of TXU Electric & Gas.

The \$62 million line, which has been in the works for four years, will double the amount of electricity that can be moved from South Texas — where it is more available — to North Texas, TXU officials said.

Electric deregulation means that by 2002, most Texans will be able to shop around for a utility company like they do long-distance service. Supporters of competition say it will bring consumers lower prices and better service.

Under a pilot program, up to 5 percent of customers undergoing full deregulation can switch to a new provider beginning June 1. Further, investor-owned utilities such as TXU Electric, Reliant Energy and Texas-New Mexico Power Co. will be able to compete outside their existing service areas for the first time.

The pilot program will end Jan. 1, when all customers of Texas investor-owned utilities may choose another electric provider.

Vote could change air pollution rules

HOUSTON (AP) — With only two weeks left for the Texas Legislature, a showdown is looming on how to treat air pollution from old, grandfathered industrial facilities.

One legislative measure would close the grandfather loophole. The change would require environmental permits from plants that had previously been left to voluntarily meet required pollution control standards.

Senators were expected to vote Monday on Tuesday on whether to accelerate a cleanup schedule approved by state representatives for these plants. The 140-day legislative session wraps up May 28.

In a related question, lawmakers are trying to determine whether to toughen the House bill's mandate for compressors and other polluting machinery along the state's many oil and gas pipelines.

The older, "grandfathered" industrial facilities still enjoy a legal exemption from having state emission permits. Permits often require stricter emission control. Legislators created the exemption in 1971.

After Texas regulators documented that much of the state's industrial air pollution still came from grandfathered plants, the Legislature passed two bills in 1999. One mandated specific pollution cutbacks for grandfathered power plants.

The other, championed by then-Gov. George W. Bush, created a state program for oil, chemical and other industries, in which their grandfathered plants could volunteer for permits. But not many

volunteered, which set the stage for legislative moves this year to end the permit exemption.

Bush plan offers no short-term fixes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, preparing a plan to address the country's energy needs, sees no short-term fixes for consumers facing big electric bills and \$2-a-gallon gasoline.

Instead, Bush views long-term energy development as the answer, and he is certain to face a battle in Congress over his plan, which is to be released later this week.

The administration hoped to garner support Monday from labor leaders whose union members would benefit from energy development and power-plant construction. Among those meeting with Vice President Dick Cheney was Teamsters president James Hoffa.

If this summer's high fuel prices turn into soaring home heating costs next winter, Bush's focus on long-term solutions could become a political problem not only for the White House, but also for congressional Republicans facing reelection in 2002, say some political analysts.

On Sunday, California Gov. Gray Davis accused the White House of ignoring "the greed of... Texas energy companies" by refusing to urge temporary price caps on soaring electricity costs in California and elsewhere across the West. Davis said on ABC's "This Week" that the administration "was dropping the ball" by refusing to address the West's power crisis.

Bush, who like Cheney is a former energy company executive, says that interfering in the free market would deter investment in power plants. Environmentalists and congressional Democrats say his plan will be too heavily tilted toward production of conventional fuels and not conservation.

Miami DEA agent files unsuccessful lawsuit to block transfer

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A top Drug Enforcement Administration official who sued his agency to stop his transfer from South Florida to West Texas now says he's ready to take on the challenge of fighting narcotics in a new city.

Sandalo "Sandy" Gonzalez, former associate special agent in charge of the DEA's Miami Field Division, had contended that his transfer out of Florida was punishment for exposing wrongdoing and discrimination within the DEA in that state.

That lawsuit was unsuccessful in preventing his move. Now, he says he is looking ahead to his new role as the agency's special agent in charge.

"My work (in El Paso) has nothing to do with the other issues," Gonzalez told the El Paso Times in Monday's editions. "If I really didn't want to come here, I would have put in for my retirement."

Gonzalez is drawing on his previous experience in Costa Rica, Mexico and South America for his new assignment that puts him at the gateway of a major drug corridor dominated by the Juarez drug cartel.

The DEA chief, for his first three weeks in El Paso, attended a Border Patrol station dedication, attended his first meeting with the West Texas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area board and served on a DEA panel against the legalization of drugs.

People in the news ...

NEW YORK (AP) — With a hit atop Billboard's album chart and a lead role in last week's MTV hip-hop "Carmen," what's next for Destiny's Child diva Beyonce Knowles?

The 19-year-old is soon to debut as L'Oréal's newest hair flipping spokesmodel while the R&B trio headlines the Total Request Live concert tour.

Knowles says she's growing wary of too much exposure. "I just hope people don't get sick of us," Beyonce tells Newsweek in its May 21 edition. "I'm sick of us and I'm in Destiny's Child. ... There has to be some mystery so people are excited when they see you."

The group's new album "Survivor" sold more than 660,000 copies in its first week of release.

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — TV news pioneer David Brinkley has been added to his hometown's Walk of Fame.

"I'm not sure I deserve it, but I'll take it," Brinkley said Saturday as he was presented with a plaque matching the ceremonial sidewalk stone.

"I love this old town," Brinkley told the crowd of more than 400. "It gets better every time I come here."

Brinkley, 80, spent the first 21 years of his life in Wilmington and started his journalism career with a newspaper job at the Morning Star. He became one of the first journalists on television

after working for the United Press and for NBC radio in the 1940s. He made his last regularly scheduled broadcast on ABC in 1997.

Brinkley said he was reminded of a time when he visited nearly the same spot as a boy.

"It was in the 1930s, and there was a great freighter docked at the foot of Walnut Street here that was being loaded," he said. "I asked one of the sailors what all this was and who would want it."

The sailor said it was scrap iron headed for Japan, where it would be "made into things that the Japanese would shoot back at us," he said. "That stuff did end up being shot back at us at Pearl Harbor. I had the greatest scoop of my life and didn't even know it."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Suzanne Somers, who played the ditzy Chrissy Snow on the sitcom "Three's Company" from 1977 to 1981, said she doesn't regret giving up her acting career.

Somers now spends 19 hours a month on the Home Shopping Network hawking her product lines including skin care and jewelry.

"I came to the conclusion that this isn't the way I want to live my life — the ups and downs of being an actress. I finally realized my family came first," the 54-year-old Somers said in Sunday's Parade Magazine. "I'm the dumb blonde who's now a big businesswoman."

ST. MATTHEW'S Episcopal Day Sch. Board invites Pre-School & Kindergarten age children for a complimentary breakfast of Green Eggs and Ham, while parents join teachers in the classroom to learn about the 3 yr., 4 yr., Pre-K and Kindergarten 2001-02 programs, Wed. May 16th, 7:30 a.m. at St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 727 W. Browning. Call for reservations 665-0703.

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New claims against FBI in mob crimes

BOSTON (AP) — Two families who say their lives were destroyed by the FBI and its mobster informants have filed legal claims against the agency seeking as much in \$600 million in damages. The Boston Globe reported Monday.

Two former federal prosecutors who once worked alongside FBI agents while prosecuting Irish gangsters are alleging that FBI agents who protected James "Whitey" Bulger and Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi during their rise as regional crime bosses are responsible for the murder of millionaire Roger Wheeler in Tulsa, Okla., and the extortion of a South Boston family.

"Both of these families, from different walks of life, have had their lives destroyed by the negligent and irresponsible conduct of (FBI) agents," one of the former prosecutors, Paul Kelly, told the Globe. "They would have all lived very different lives... if the FBI had done its job as most citizens expect it should."

Gail Marcinkiewicz, a spokeswoman for the FBI in Boston, declined comment Monday.

The claims from the Wheeler and Rakes families dwarf lawsuits filed by other alleged victims of Bulger and Flemmi, who have sued the two gangsters, the FBI or both.

Kelly and lawyer Frank Libby say the claims — as much as \$500 million in the Wheeler case and \$100 million for the Rakes family — are reasonable and based on intensive research.

The 54-year-old Wheeler, chairman of the Telex Corp., was worth \$50 million when he was slain after a round of golf in 1981.

Stephen and Julie Rakes were a working-class couple in South Boston when they were approached in 1984 by Bulger and Flemmi and forced to sell their small liquor store to them for \$65,000 in cash. The store would have pulled in million of dollars in business over the last 17 years, lawyers for the Rakes family say.

FBI agent John J. Connolly, the informants' handler, has been charged in federal court with covering up the Rakes extortion to protect Bulger and Flemmi.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, partly sunny with highs around 91. South to southwest winds 15 to 20 mph and gusty.

Tonight, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 60. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 93. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

STATEWIDE — Fog shrouded parts of Texas early Monday amid high humidities that could produce scattered showers and thunderstorms later in the week.

But overall, no organized precipitation was expected because

the state is in the grips of a high-pressure system that is keeping rain-producing systems away.

Fog developed from the Hill Country eastward to the state line, along the Coastal Plains and southward to the Coastal Bend. Visibilities in South Texas were five miles or less.

Very dense fog in West Texas reduced visibilities to near zero in Guadalupe Pass.

Pre-dawn temperatures ranged from the 60s to mid-70s along the coast and lower Rio Grande Valley.

Extremes were 60 degrees at Guadalupe Pass and 76 at Port Aransas.

It was 62 degrees at Conroe

and 70 at Sanderson and Odessa. Winds were mostly southerly at 5 mph or less.

Isolated thunderstorms could develop in western and southern parts of North Texas through Thursday, spreading into the northwest by Friday. More showers may develop in the west, along the coast and in Central Texas.

A gradual warming trend was forecast. Daytime highs should range from the upper 60s in the Guadalupe Mountains to near 90 in the Rio Grande Valley and lower 90s in the Panhandle.

Lows overnight were expected to be in the 60s in the north and 70s along the coast.

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Cancer cell structure discovered

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Scientists have figured out the precise three-dimensional structure of a spot where cancer cells receive growth instructions, a discovery that may speed the development of exquisitely precise new treatments.

One of the forces that makes cancer grow rampantly is a substance called insulin-like growth factor, or IGF. Without this hormone, many cancers will shut down and die.

Researchers have long understood the importance of IGF but so far have been unable to exploit this knowledge to make new cancer drugs.

The obvious strategy is to block the spot that lets IGF get into cells. However, this structure, called a receptor, is extremely similar to another one that serves as the entry point for insulin.

Although normal cells can survive without IGF, they still need insulin. The difficulty is making a drug that gums up the IGF receptor but not the look-alike insulin receptor.

Researchers from Amgen Inc. recently announced they have deciphered the 3-D crystal structure of the IGF receptor. This means they know exactly what it looks like down to the last atom.

Scientists already know the structure of the insulin receptor. So now they can compare the two and look for parts that are unique to the IGF receptor.

Dr. Xiaotian Zhu described the discovery at a meeting in New Orleans of the American Association for Cancer Research.

The goal is to craft molecules that will cover up part of this receptor, destroying its ability to take in chemical signals, without also disabling the insulin receptor.

"We found quite a few structures that are unique to IGF," Zhu said. "This could not have been predicted otherwise. We think this will greatly accelerate the drug discovery process."

Dr. Edward Sausville of the National Cancer Institute noted that many types of cancer, especially prostate tumors, are fueled by IGF. Blocking it might be combined with standard chemotherapy as a cancer treatment. The approach might also be used on patients with precancerous prostate abnormalities to keep them from turning into cancer.

Development is still early, however, and it is unclear whether IGF blockers being developed by Amgen will actually work this way.

Sausville said the goal of this and other research is to develop drugs that are "precisely designed to address abnormalities present in each individual's tumor."

Such drugs might work with far fewer side effects than standard chemotherapy, which broadly attacks all rapidly growing cells in the body.

Zhu said blocking IGF should be safe, since people who have naturally occurring IGF deficiencies are unusually small but otherwise healthy.

One thing that makes cancer different from normal tissue is that it refuses to die. Experiments suggest that cancer cells need IGF to escape the usual limits on the number of times a cell can divide. When IGF is shut off, cancer cells often simply stop growing and expire. Among other reports at the

ACS urges Americans to protect their largest organ ... their skin

AUSTIN — Our skin is the largest organ in our body and plays a valuable role in our survival. It not only covers the internal organs and protects them from injury and bacteria, our skin regulates our body temperature and helps rid our body of excess water and salts. It also provides for pain, temperature, and touch sensation — all three of which are clearly present after we experience sunburn.

It is also important for parents to promote sun safety with their children and set a good example for children to follow. When children learn early on how to protect their skin and eyes from the sun they are more likely to develop lifelong sun protection behavior.

including malignant melanoma, the deadliest form," says Dr. Ramsdell, MD, spokesperson for the American Cancer Society in Texas.

To reduce your risk for skin cancer, the American Cancer Society recommends avoiding mid-day sun between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the sun is at its strongest. When outside, protect your skin by wearing protective clothing and a hat. Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a skin protective factor (SPF) of 15 or higher and wear wrap-around sunglasses that will block both UVA and UVB type rays.

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For more information on UV exposure, skin cancer and ways to protect yourself and your family, visit the American Cancer Society's web site at www.cancer.org. Select "Melanoma" from the Cancer Resource Center's drop down menu on the left and then select skin cancer prevention.

For those without internet access, the American Cancer Society is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through their toll-free information hotline at 1-800-ACS-2345. Cancer Information Specialists are trained to provide the latest information related to skin cancer prevention as well as all forms of cancer.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

Technique may allow more heart transplants in babies

By JEFF DONN
Associated Press Writer

It was Valentine's Day 1996. Dr. Lori West's own heart pounded as she transplanted a new one into the chest of a 2-week-old boy.

The donor had a different blood type than the baby. Though medical wisdom dictated that blood types should match, West's logic told her that the immature immune systems of babies should tolerate hearts from incompatible donors.

Her instincts appeared to be right.

Ten transplants and five years later, West and her colleagues at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto are reporting a survival rate of 80 percent among such patients.

"That's impressive," said Dr. Robert Morrow, who performs infant heart transplants at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock. "I think it'll stir a lot of debate."

If confirmed by larger and longer studies, the findings could help ease the shortage of donor hearts for thousands of desperately ill babies.

The findings were published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The Canadian doctors transplanted hearts of incompatible blood type into 10 children with failing hearts. The children, who were as old as 14 months, were

almost all of type O blood. In most of them, the immune systems did not yet produce antibodies against incompatible blood types.

About one in every 5,000 newborns suffers from congenital heart disease and can potentially be a candidate for a heart transplant. But many children, especially with type O blood, die waiting for a compatible heart. Type O recipients are compatible only with type O donors, while recipients with A, B and AB blood can be matched with at least two other types.

At the time of West's first such operation, the medical literature testified to the result of blood-type mistakes in adults: quick death as the new heart clogged over and seized up within minutes.

"I will never, ever forget that first one we did. It's very scary, because you're doing something that's never been done," West said.

Eight of the 10 patients survived the Canadian study, which followed them for up to five years. Two died, but the causes appeared unrelated to blood compatibility, according to the researchers.

Tobacco hurts your heart NCI offers helpful hints to stop smoking

AUSTIN — Cigarette smoking accounts for 430,700 of the more than 2 million annual deaths in America and is usually associated with lung disease. People may not know that smoking is also a major cause of coronary heart disease, which leads to heart attacks.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association want people to know tobacco can hurt your heart. A smoker's risk of having a heart attack is more than twice that of a nonsmoker. They have two to four times the risk of nonsmokers for sudden cardiac deaths and are more likely to die within an hour from a heart attack than are nonsmokers.

There is no safe level of smoking. If you smoke one to four cigarettes a day, the increased risk for coronary artery disease is significant. Austin cardiologist Dr. Roger Gammon explains that smoking "causes inflammation on the inside of the artery and some local spasm within the artery. Those processes set up the background for cholesterol to deposit, which is how plaque forms within the artery. And once there's a plaque, that lays the groundwork for a heart attack."

Estimates for the United States are that 26.3 million men (27.6 percent) and 22.7 million women (22.1 percent) are smokers, putting them at increased risk of heart disease.

The health benefits of eliminating smoking include a major reduction in the occurrence of coronary heart disease and other forms of cardiovascular disease. Quitting smoking reduces the risk of repeat heart attacks and death from heart disease by 50 percent or more.

If smoking has already caused so much damage, will quitting really help? Yes. Within one year of quitting, the risk of developing coronary artery disease will drop by 50 percent. Three or four years after quitting, a former smoker's risk will

approach that of people who have never smoked.

Male smokers who quit between ages 35 to 39 add an average of five years to their lives. Female quitters in this age group add three years to their lives. Men and women who quit between the ages of 65 to 69 increase their life expectancy by one year.

A smoker will reap the benefits of quitting, no matter what their age.

Recommendations for quitting:

There is no magical approach to quitting. Smokers should talk to their physician if they are thinking about quitting. Their doctor can provide information about options to try including nicotine gum, nicotine patches, and medication options. They also can provide them with advice to ease the tension of quitting.

The National Cancer Institute offers the following suggestions to help people quit smoking:

- Set a target date for quitting — call it quit day.
- Throw away your cigarettes and matches.
- Hide your lighters and ashtrays.
- Quit smoking during a vacation.
- Involve your friends and family for support.
- Change to a brand you find distasteful.
- Drink milk (some find it incompatible with smoking).

- Get plenty of rest.
- Use positive thinking.
- Learn relaxation techniques.
- Keep your hands busy.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 Component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

Feds report rise in cardiac arrest death rate among young American adults

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The death rate from cardiac arrest rose surprisingly among young American adults in the 1990s, climbing 10 percent in men and 32 percent in women, federal officials said recently.

Cardiac arrest is still rare under age 35, accounting for just 1 percent of all deaths from this cause. But experts say the newly recognized increase is troubling and almost certainly represents a real trend and not a statistical blip.

Researchers believe a major reason for the increase is the epidemic of obesity, along with increased smoking and drug abuse, particularly cocaine, which can be a powerful trigger of cardiac arrest.

Doctors from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conducted the first-ever survey of cardiac arrest in people ages 15 to 34. They released the figures in San Antonio at an epidemiology conference of the American Heart Association.

Across the United States, the number of fatal cardiac arrests in this age group rose from 2,710 in 1989 to 3,000 in 1996. In all, 23,320 young adults died, almost three-quarters of them men.

"It's a very scary finding, and it deserves a lot of attention," said Dr. Murray Mittleman of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. "If it is a behavioral factor, such as smoking or illicit drug use, that will be very important to tease out."

Dr. George Mensah, chief of the CDC's cardiovascular division, said that doctors have traditionally considered cardiac arrest to be exclusively a problem of older people.

"We need to increase awareness," he said. "Dying suddenly is not just an old folks' problem. It can happen to young people, too. Three thousand deaths are not trivial. These are people who should not die suddenly."

Mensah said researchers were especially disturbed by gender and racial disparities. During the eight years, the death rate from cardiac arrest increased three times faster in women than in men.

It went up 19 percent in blacks and 14 percent in whites. The study did not break down the increase in other racial and ethnic groups. In 1996, the last year of the survey, the death rate for men ranged from two per 100,000 for those in their late teens to 11 per 100,000 for those in their early 30s. In women, this ranged from one to 4 per 100,000 for the two age groups.

Cardiac arrest occurs when the heart suddenly quits pumping in an organized way, stopping blood circulation. Unless victims are quickly revived by defibrillators, they soon die or suffer irreversible brain damage.

Although the specific triggers in the young are unclear, doctors know that in older people, cardiac arrest often results from the same disease process that makes the arteries clog up.

"Sudden cardiac death is a tragedy in anyone, and it is a particular tragedy in a young person," said Dr. Rose Marie Robertson of Vanderbilt University, president of the heart association. "Clearly we don't understand all the underlying reasons for this increase. It clearly has happened at a time when we've seen an increase in cardiac risk factors."

According to federal figures, 17 percent of U.S. high school students say they smoke cigarettes regularly, compared with 12 percent a decade ago.

Twelve percent of people in their 20s are now considered obese, compared with 7 percent 10 years ago. Among people in their 30s, obesity has risen from 11 percent to 19 percent.

Too much weight causes an array of ill effects that might increase the risk of cardiac arrest, including higher cholesterol levels, high blood pressure and diabetes.

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Mom Relives Son's Tragedy To Save Other Kids From It

DEAR ABBY: Reading the letter about the dangers of sniffing and huffing made me relive the tragedy of my beloved 6-foot-1, 190-pound, 16-year-old son. He died in 1974 after sniffing a tissue roll stuffed with paper soaked with deodorant spray. He had told his friends that it wouldn't hurt anyone. Well, it did far more than hurt him — it killed him.

Never being able to visit our beloved son, never having his children in our lives, never seeing him smile or hearing his voice again are permanent, painful wounds from which I will never recover.

When I retired, I began substitute teaching in 23 schools in the Houston area. I have shared my son's tragic story in every class I taught, hurting and crying every time I retold it. I feel that if my sharing the tragedy can save even one child from dying the way my son did, it is worth the pain of reliving his loss.

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

is both compassionate and generous. I have no doubt that the children to whom you speak will remember and refrain from seeking this deadly "thrill."

Readers, please talk to your children again about sniffing and huffing. Show them this letter. Tell them you love them and would be devastated to lose them in such a senseless way. Warn them not to sacrifice the promise of tomorrow for a momentary high. They have everything to lose when they gamble with inhalants.

decided to sneak up on them and take a snapshot for his scrapbook. When I got to the door, I overheard the man tell my son to "zip up his pants" and "get the hell out." I had no idea what to do. The man saw me and threatened me and my son. We fled.

I took my son out of day care and put him in counseling, but have not said anything about this to anyone. I know I need to speak up. What should I do?
FRIGHTENED MOM IN ARIZONA

DEAR FRIGHTENED MOM: By your silence, you are putting other children in jeopardy and protecting a predator. Report the molestation to the police immediately. Your son's counselor can prepare him to tell the authorities what happened in the back room.

In the past, I have received letters from day-care providers complaining about parents who fail to pick up their children in a timely manner. Let this be a warning.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

Children need to understand how dangerous sniffing and huffing are, and that size and strength will not prevent inhalants from paralyzing one's lungs. They need to know that form of drug abuse is more dangerous than a gun. Sniffing or huffing just once can be the last time, because it kills.

Abby, please warn your readers again how deadly sniffing and huffing can be.

DR. (REV.) LORAIN C. BOATWRIGHT, BONAIRE, GA.

DEAR DR. BOATWRIGHT: My heart goes out to you. Sharing the story of your son's death in order to save another child from dying the same way

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Wildwood

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I THINK THE KEY IS GOING TO WORK, AT LEAST FOR A LITTLE WHILE, EVER-DAY.

YOU DO THAT?

IT'S WHERE I KEEP MY TACKLE BOX.

Marmaduke

"I fail to see how that would brighten up my living room."

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- High-interest lending
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- Inferno author
- Simile center
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- TV spots
- Alternative to favoritism
- Jazz style
- Print measure
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- Strips for breakfast
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- Christmas song
- Gourmet
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- Toady
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The Family Circus

"I found them in my mouth."

For Better or For Worse

WOW! SO MICHAEL AND DEANNA ARE MARRIED! — HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?

A LITTLE EMPTY, A LITTLE SAD.

YOU'RE ANGRY BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T TELL YOU.

SURE... BUT I UNDERSTAND WHY.

HEY, YOU'RE A MOTHER-IN-LAW NOW, EL! YOU CAN TELL THEM HOW YOU FEEL — SAY WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND!

I THINK I'D RATHER BE THE KIND OF MOM-IN-LAW WHO KEEPS HER MOUTH SHUT!

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DAD, COULD YOU BRING ME A SODA?

WHAT??

JEREMY, I HAVE SEVEN MORE LOADS OF LAUNDRY TO DO TODAY! IF YOU WERE ME, WOULD YOU DROP EVERYTHING TO GET YOUR ABLE-BODIED KID A SODA?

BUT THEN AGAIN, IF I WERE YOU, I WOULDN'T BE DOING ALL THAT LAUNDRY, EITHER.

I GUESS NOT.

Garfield

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CLICK (NONSENSE)

(NONSENSICAL) PRIVEL

AT LAST!

Beetle Bailey

I GET DISORIENTED OUT HERE IN THE WOODS

GO LOOK AT BEETLE

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MOSS ALWAYS GROWS ON HIS NORTH SIDE

Marvin

MARVIN! YOU BROKE MY PLANT!!

SIGH: ANOTHER BREAK TIME-OUT

B.C.

DO YOU OBJECT TO SPORTS TEAMS BEING NAMED AFTER YOUR ANCESTORS?

HECK, NO.

...CONAHONTY HONORED!

WHY IS THAT?

CONAHONTY'S ANCESTORS ALL RED-SKINNED BRAVES FROM CLEVELAND.

Hagar The Horrible

IF IT HOLDS HAGAR UP, WE SHOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM!

LEADERSHIP HAS ITS OWN PRICE!

Peanuts

YOU LOOK KIND OF LONELY SITTING THERE

I GUESS MAYBE I AM...

THERE'S NOTHING MORE LONELY THAN SITTING ON A BENCH ALL BY YOURSELF WITHOUT A DOUGHNUT..

Blondie

I'D LIKE TO TRY THE ULTRA-ULTRA-HOT, BLAZING BUFFALO WINGS

HERE, SIGN THIS RELEASE AND I'LL GET YOU A PAIR OF ASPESTOS GLOVES

I THINK I'M GONNA LIKE THESE!

Mallard Filmore

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SPORTS

Spurs aim to close out Mavs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It took just about all the Dallas Mavericks had, plus home-court advantage, to pull off a win against the San Antonio Spurs.

Now the young Mavericks must return to the Alamodome and once again face elimination against the playoff-tested Spurs.

San Antonio leads the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinals 3-1 heading into tonight's game.

"It's like the Alamo — we've got our backs to the wall and we'll just keep on firing until we run out of cartridges," Dallas assistant coach Donnie Nelson said.

Following three Spurs blowouts, the Mavs came out strong in Game 4 on Saturday. All five starters scored in double digits. Michael Finley hit clutch shots. Dirk Nowitzki scored four of his 30 points late in the fourth quarter after being elbowed in the mouth and losing a tooth.

"I don't know if we can play much better than that," coach Don Nelson said of the 112-108 victory.

The Spurs climbed out of a 17-point, first-half hole and kept it close to the end.

"We played great," Don Nelson said, "and we barely won."

The achievement allowed the Mavs to hold onto slim hopes of becoming the first team to win a seven-game series after trailing 3-0. They are heartened — at least a little — by their first-round victory over Utah to become only the sixth team ever to win a best-of-five series after falling behind 2-0.

"That's one thing about our team: We don't back down," said Calvin Booth, who came off the bench Saturday to score 16 points. "We don't give up."

"If we can score 112 points against San Antonio every night," said Greg Buckner, "then we'll be OK."

Not likely.

That is more points than any Spurs opponent score in regulation all season, and 19 more than any Spurs opponent has had in eight playoff games.

Plus, the Mavs shot terribly in the first three games.

The Spurs, meanwhile, want to avoid another trip to the northern part of the state.

"You never want to put yourself in a position where you let them up off the mat, where you give them confidence," David Robinson said.

The Spurs are hoping that by stepping up their normally formidable defense and making more free throws while playing in front of their own fans, they will have plenty of time to rest before the conference finals begin next weekend.

In Game 4, the Spurs went 29-of-41 from the foul line while the Mavs missed only one of 19 free throws. Tim Duncan, who led San Antonio with 29 points, went 11-of-19 from the line.

"It seems like when we miss them, we miss them in bunches," Robinson said. "It bit us."

Saturday's results left both teams talking about intensity.

"We didn't come out with the same defensive intensity," said Sean Elliott, among the group who tried to stop Nowitzki. "They had a lot of shots that were uncontested. We didn't give them an inch, really, in the first three games."

The Mavs responded by hitting nearly half of their shots — 45-of-93.

"We got some good looks and we played with some intensity," said Juwan Howard, who had 17 points and eight rebounds. "That was a big difference."

With the win, the Mavs averted being swept.

"As a competitor, you have pride," Howard said. "We decided to leave it all on the floor. You don't want to get swept. This series is not over. Anything can happen."

Notebook

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering Men's Open and Mixed Open Summer Softball Leagues this summer.

Entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is currently sanctioned).

The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open and Men's Masters, and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

Entry deadline is June 8 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on June 13 at the Recreation Office. Play begins the week of June 18.

Roster forms, fact sheet and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like information on the Summer Softball Leagues, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 during business hours.

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AUSTIN — Jarrell Thoms of Miami placed eighth the Class 1A 400-meter run last weekend at the state track and field meet. His time was 50.21.

Drew Hodges of White Deer was eighth in the Class 1A pole vault.

GOLF

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Robert Damron finally made a putt that Scott Verplank couldn't answer, and won for the first time.

Damron also got a good break and made a bold move Sunday in the final round of the Byron Nelson Classic before he finally beat Verplank with an 18-foot birdie putt on the fourth playoff hole, the par-3 17th.

After Tiger Woods, Nick Price and David Duval were out of contention, and Verplank birdied three of the last four holes in regulation, Damron won his first PGA Tour event in a playoff distinctly different from those at the Nelson the previous two years.

No one made a mistake on the extra holes.

"I didn't have an option. Scott hit them in front of me. So I think it made it easier," said Damron, a newly married 28-year-old who won \$810,000. "I gave me no choice. Either I step up and I hit a good shot or it's over."

Verplank, trying to become the first Dallas-born player to win the Nelson, never had a birdie putt longer than 18 feet in the playoff. Three of those were just a turn away from falling.

Damron and Verplank closed with 66s to finish at 263, three strokes ahead of the talented trio of champions who had been in contention for most of the day. Brian Watts and Justin Leonard, another hometown favorite, finished at 267.

On the final hole, Damron took a risk, and it paid off.

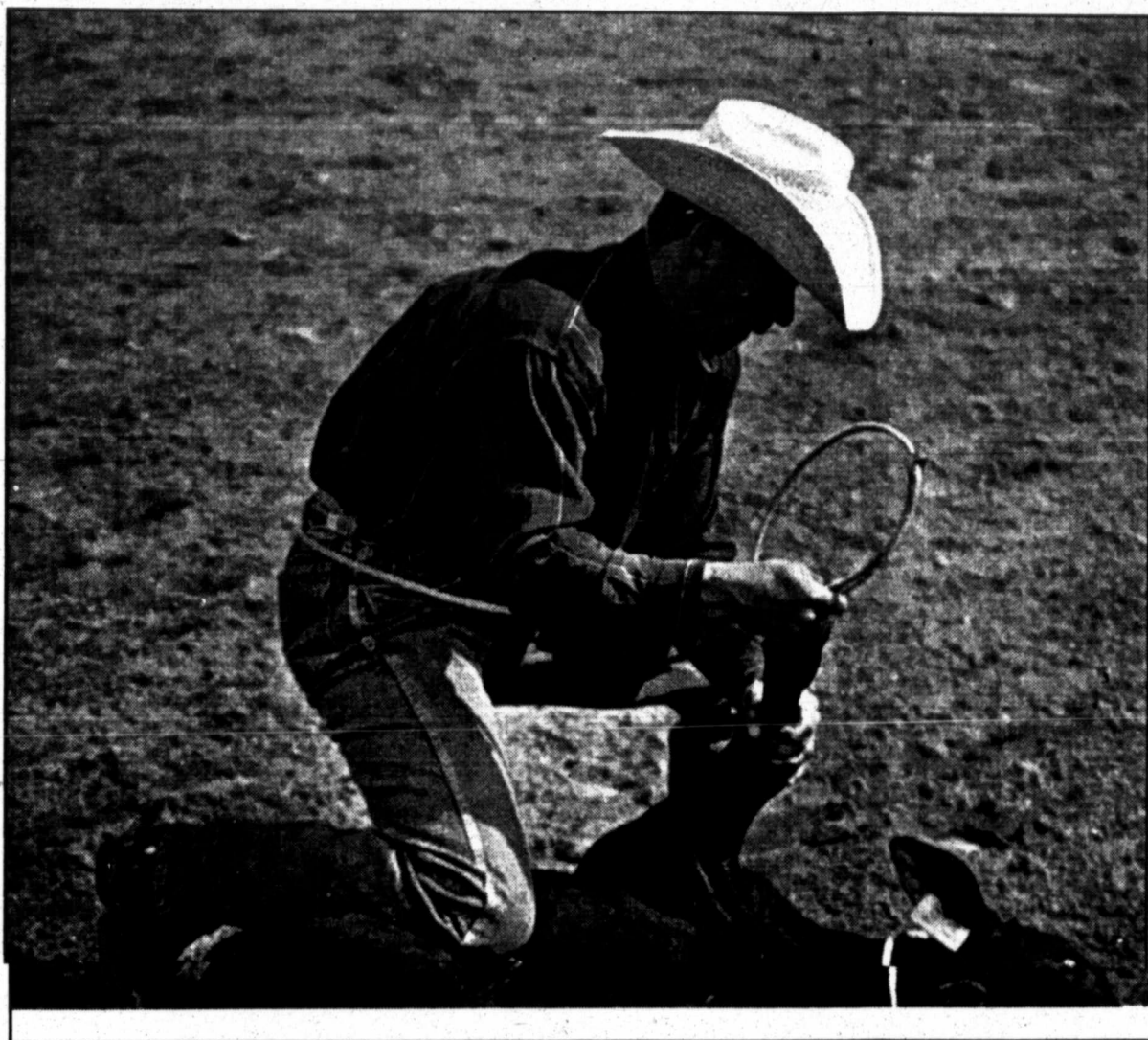
After hitting it close with a 6-iron on the 17th in regulation and the first time around in the playoff, Damron decided to change to a 7-iron and take dead aim at a pin tucked behind the water.

"The worst thing that was going to happen is we lose," he reasoned. "I didn't want to do it by backing down."

Damron, who changed putters last week for the first time in his 132 PGA starts, curled his putt into the center of the cup. Verplank couldn't extend the playoff when his 15-foot birdie was well off the mark.

"I kept hitting good shots and he kept matching me," Verplank said. "For a guy who hadn't won, he hit the ball pretty good in the playoff."

Calf roping



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Levi Swafford ties off his calf at Tri-State High School Rodeo at the Top O' Texas rodeo grounds. The rodeo was sponsored by the Pampa High School Rodeo Club.

'Splash Day' set at city pools

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be holding "Splash Day" at both M.K. Brown and Marcus Sanders Swimming Pools on Monday, May 28.

Gates open at 1 p.m. and admission will be free for all those who attend either pool that day.

Both pools will be open four regular hours Tuesday, May 29.

HOURS

M.K. Brown Pool
1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Daily
7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday, Family Nights
7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Sunday and Tuesday-Wednesday, Rental Nights.

Marcus Sanders Pool
1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Daily
7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Daily, Rental Nights.

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M.K. Brown Pool

\$1.50 per person age 6 years old and up. 5 years and under are free.

Family Season Pass \$75 (up to 5 people)

Individual Season Pass \$35
12 Visit Pass \$15

Marcus Sanders Pool
\$50 cents per person
No child under 10 years of age will be allowed in the pool without an adult.

Astros are pulling out the close ones

CINCINNATI (AP) — Before they moved to hitter-friendly Enron Field, the Houston Astros were known for playing — and winning — a lot of low-scoring games in their climate-controlled dome.

They're starting to get back their knack for pulling out the close ones.

The Astros' offense went back into its shell after a four-run first inning highlighted by Chris Truby's bases-loaded double, but Kent Bottenfield and the bullpen made it hold up for a 4-3 victory Sunday night over the Cincinnati Reds.

Even though their offense is in a deep slump, the Astros have managed to squeeze out wins. They've played five straight one-

run games, winning three of them.

"One of the things the (Atlanta) Braves have done so well over the years is pitch well enough to win their fair share of games when they're not hitting, and then go on a streak when they get the hitting," manager Larry Dierker said. "What we're going to have to do is win the low-scoring games."

Low-scoring, high-scoring — it doesn't matter to the Reds. Whenever they play at home, they seem to lose.

They've heard a lot more boos than cheers at Cinergy Field, where they're 6-12 — the worst home record in the National League. They've lost seven of their last eight at home.

Every game, it's something else. On Sunday, it was a career-worst start by Jim Brower.

The Reds' long reliever filled in for disabled Pete Harnisch and lasted only 24 pitches. Brower (2-1) faced seven batters and retired only one of them, bringing a cascade of catcalls from the 19,096 fans who had barely settled into their seats.

"I was just trying to get settled, but it all happened so quickly," Brower said. "I couldn't take a step back."

Truby's bases-loaded double made it 4-0 and ended Browers' outing, the shortest of his 17 major league starts. Truby had been in a 1-for-22 slump and hadn't driven in a run since April 28.

Soccer MVP's



(Special photo)

Team co-captains Jessica Burns (left) and Misty Northcutt shared the Most Valuable Player plaque at the Pampa High School Soccer Award Banquet. Burns and Northcutt are both juniors and three-year starters for the Lady Harvesters. They were also both named to All-District 3-4A first-team.

City Softball Standings

City of Pampa Softball Spring League Standings (Standings through May 7)				Top O Texas Network			
Men's Open				Division Two			
Team	Won	Lost		Team	Won	Lost	
A.S.S.I.-B.D.C.I.	7	0	1st	DK Glass	9	1	1st
Culberson-Stowers	6	1	2nd	Emily's Cafe	8	2	2nd
Bible Church	4	3	3rd*	Stan's	5	5	3rd
Smokers	4	3	4th	Celanese	4	6	4th
Derrick Dawgs	3	4	5th*	Just Ask Rental	3	7	5th
Celanese	3	4	6th	United Medicorp	1	9	6th
Ted's Place Bandits	1	6	7th	Division Three			
Welder's Inc	0	7	8th	Jude Production	6	2	1st*
Division Two				United Supermarket	6	2	2nd
Crawford Roofing-L.C.F.A.10	2	1st		C.T.W.	5	3	3rd
Domino's	7	5	2nd*	Hutto's Quality Sales	2	6	4th
Longhorns	7	5	3rd	Farmer's Insurance	0	7	5th
Wolfpack	6	6	4th	Mixed Church			
rtthedi.com	5	7	5th	First Christian Church	2	0	
Triangle	4	8	6th	First Baptist Church	2	0	
Doan's Truck Repair	3	9	7th	Fellowship Church	1	1	
Mixed Open				Highland Baptist Church 0	2		
Division One				Briarwood Church	0	2	
Pampa Cyber Net	10	0	1st	* On the breaker system			

Houston freshman enters draft

HOUSTON (AP) — After just one season with the University of Houston, freshman Alton Ford has applied for the NBA draft.

The 6-9, 280-pound forward averaged 11 points and six rebounds last year. He did not hire an agent, leaving open his

eligibility to return to college play.

"As of right now, I'm not going to hire an agent," Ford told Houston television station KRIV. "If things don't work out as I plan, I'll be back at school for my sophomore season."

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Orioles come up big against Yankees' Rivera

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

Scoring five runs in a game is an accomplishment for the hitting-challenged Baltimore Orioles.

Doing it in one inning against Mariano Rivera — one of the game's best closers — was downright shocking.

Rivera gave up a career-high earned five runs in a relief appearance, with Jeff Conine's three-run homer capping an 11th-inning burst that lifted Baltimore to a 10-5 win at Yankee Stadium on Sunday.

"Countless times you see him come in and nobody ever gets the bat on the ball," Conine said.

Especially the Orioles, who are 13th in the league in runs and last in homers.

Baltimore blew a 5-3 lead in the ninth when Paul O'Neill hit a two-run homer. But the Orioles rallied in the 11th when shortstop Derek Jeter mis-played a potential inning-ending double-play grounder, allowing the go-ahead run to score. Mike Kinkade added an RBI single before Conine's homer.

Rivera (1-3) had never been roughed up like this in 339 previous relief appearances. He had last given up four earned runs against Atlanta on July 16, 1999.

"It's not going to be the last time," said Rivera, who wasn't worried about the shaky performance.

In other AL games, it was Seattle 7, Toronto 5; Boston 5, Oakland 4; Anaheim 14, Detroit 2; Minnesota 7, Kansas City 3; Tampa Bay 7, Cleveland 0; and Chicago 6, Texas 3.

Baltimore built a 5-3 lead on Chris Richard's tying three-run homer in the fourth and Greg Myers' go-ahead two-run shot off Orlando Hernandez in the eighth.

But Ryan Kohlmeier blew a save for the second time in nine chances when Chuck Knoblauch walked with one out in the ninth and O'Neill homered deep into the right-center field bleachers with two outs, his first home run since April 24.

B.J. Ryan (2-0) entered in the 10th and struck out the side, and finished off the Yankees in the 11th.

New York had been 15-0 against teams with sub-.500 records.

After the game, the Yankees were shaken when they learned Bernie Williams' father, 73-year-old Bernabe Williams Sr., had a heart attack and was in grave condition. New York's center fielder planned to return to Puerto Rico rather than accompany the team to the West Coast.

"It puts a lot of things in per-

spective," said O'Neill, who played the final game of the World Series in 1999 just hours after his father died.

Red Sox 5, Athletics 4, 11 innings

Manny Ramirez tied the game with a two-run homer in the eighth, and Jason Varitek hit the game-winning home run in the 11th off Jeff Tam (0-1) as Boston rallied at Fenway Park.

Oakland loaded the bases in the 10th, but Derek Lowe (2-5) struck out Johnny Damon on a 3-2 pitch to end the inning.

Mariners 7, Blue Jays 5

Ichiro Suzuki extended his hitting streak to 19 games — and also was hit by two pitches — as Seattle won its fifth straight.

The Mariners swept the three-game series at SkyDome and lead the majors with a 28-9 record. They sent Toronto to its season-high sixth loss in a row.

Jamie Moyer (6-1) gave up five runs on eight hits in six innings.

Devil Rays 7, Indians 0

Tanyon Sturtze (1-2) shut out Cleveland for seven innings and Steve Cox drove in a career-high five runs at Jacobs Field.

Greg Vaughn added four hits for the Devil Rays, who had been 0-5 against Cleveland this season.

Dave Burba (5-2) gave up five runs in 3 2-3 innings.

Twins 7, Royals 3

Luis Rivas hit a two-run homer and Jacques Jones had a pair of RBI singles to back Eric Milton (5-2).

The host Twins scored four times in the second off Mac Suzuki (2-3) on RBI singles by Jones, Torii Hunter and Denny Hocking and a run-scoring groundout by A.J. Pierzynski.

White Sox 6, Rangers 3

Magglio Ordonez hit a three-

run homer off Rick Helling (1-6) and James Baldwin (2-2) pitched six solid innings as Chicago beat visiting Texas.

Herbert Perry and Carlos Lee also homered for the White Sox, who have won six of eight.

Angels 14, Tigers 2

Darin Erstad and Adam Kennedy had three hits apiece as visiting Anaheim had its biggest offensive game of the

season to snap Detroit's five-game winning streak.

The Angels, who entered the game 12th in the AL in scoring at 4.2 runs per game, set a season high in runs and matched their best total of the year with 16 hits.

Jarrod Washburn (2-4) struck out a career-high nine batters in six-plus innings.

Major League standings

National League

At A Glance

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	22	14	.611	—
Atlanta	17	21	.447	6
Florida	16	20	.444	6
Montreal	15	23	.395	8
New York	14	23	.378	8 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	21	16	.563	1/2
Houston	19	16	.543	1 1/2
Milwaukee	20	17	.541	1 1/2
Cincinnati	17	19	.472	4
Pittsburgh	13	23	.361	8
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	22	16	.579	—
San Francisco	21	16	.568	1/2
Arizona	19	18	.514	2 1/2
Colorado	18	18	.514	2 1/2
San Diego	18	19	.486	3 1/2

Monday's Games

Monday's Games
Pittsburgh (Wengert 0-0) at Milwaukee (Wright 3-4), 1:05 p.m.
Houston (Miller 5-1) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Los Angeles (Park 4-3) at Montreal (Vazquez 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Ellis 3-1) at Cincinnati (Dessens 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Hermanson 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Oliveras 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hernandez 2-5) at Florida (Dempster 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Levrault 1-0) at Philadelphia (Telemaco 4-0), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Jones 1-4) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 4-2), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 5-0) at Atlanta (Burkert 2-4), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Lima 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 5-1), 8:05 p.m.

American League

At A Glance

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	22	15	.595	—
New York	22	16	.579	1/2
Toronto	19	18	.514	3
Baltimore	16	22	.421	6 1/2
Tampa Bay	11	26	.297	11
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	25	10	.714	—
Cleveland	24	11	.686	1
Detroit	17	18	.486	8
Chicago	14	21	.400	11
Kansas City	13	24	.351	13
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	28	9	.757	—
Anaheim	17	20	.459	11
Oakland	15	22	.405	13
Texas	13	24	.351	15

Saturday's Games

Saturday's Games
St. Louis 5, Chicago Cubs 2
Montreal 8, Colorado 4
San Francisco 10, N.Y. Mets 3
Houston 2, Cincinnati 1, 1st game
Cincinnati 5, Houston 4, 2nd game
Milwaukee 5, Pittsburgh 4, 12 innings
Florida 3, San Diego 0
Philadelphia 6, Arizona 5, 10 innings
Los Angeles 1, Atlanta 0
Sunday's Games
Milwaukee 4, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 13, Chicago Cubs 4

Saturday's Games

Saturday's Games
Seattle 11, Toronto 7
Boston 9, Oakland 3
Detroit 4, Anaheim 1
N.Y. Yankees 8, Baltimore 5
Kansas City 12, Minnesota 4
Texas 16, Chicago White Sox 6
Cleveland 8, Tampa Bay 0
Sunday's Games
Seattle 7, Toronto 5
Boston 5, Oakland 1, 11 innings
Anaheim 14, Detroit 2
Baltimore 10, N.Y. Yankees 5, 11 innings
Tampa Bay 7, Cleveland 3
Chicago White Sox 6, Texas 3
Monday's Games
Kansas City (Reichert 3-3) at Minnesota (Mays 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Detroit (Micki 3-2) at Baltimore (Ponson 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Castillo 3-2) at Minnesota (Redman 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 4-1) at Texas (Davis 2-3), 8:05 p.m.

Bryant's 48 leads Lakers win

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — On Saturday night, Kobe Bryant was by his ailing wife's side in Los Angeles. A few hours later, he was at Arco Arena, inspiring the Lakers with his words before leading them to yet another victory.

Bryant set career playoff bests with 48 points and 16 rebounds Sunday as the Lakers advanced to their second straight Western Conference finals with a 119-113 victory over the Sacramento Kings, sweeping the best-of-seven series.

Bryant's 84 points in the Lakers' two victories in Sacramento helped back words of leadership that drew praise from coach Phil Jackson — as did Bryant's ability to produce two phenomenal performances while his wife was ill.

"It's been an emotional few days for him, but he was fantastic on the court," Jackson said. "He has a lot of poise for a young man his age."

Bryant, who married Vanessa Laine last month after an engagement that began during last season's playoffs, found out hours before tipoff of Friday's Game 3 that she had been taken to an emergency room with a severe pain in her left side.

After being assured by doctors that his wife's life wasn't in danger, Bryant scored 36 points in the Lakers' victory and rushed home, only to find his wife sleeping off her undisclosed malady. After a relaxing day, Bryant returned to Sacramento and finished his two-game virtuoso performance.

"It wasn't a distraction at all," Bryant said. "It puts things in perspective a little bit more. You understand that this is just a game. The love that I have at home with my wife means so much to me. It's important that she stays in good health. It was a scary situation."

In other NBA playoff games, Philadelphia beat Toronto 84-79; and Charlotte beat Milwaukee 85-78.

San Antonio can advance with a victory at home against Dallas on Monday.

Bryant scored 15 points in the fourth quarter as the Lakers, who won their 15th straight since April 1, weathered a strong effort from the Kings and advanced to face the winner of the San Antonio-Dallas series.

"We got hot at the right time and went through the first round and the second round, and the next round is going to be very challenging for us," Shaquille O'Neal said. "It looks like we'll play San Antonio, and they're probably the best team in the league right now."

The Lakers won even without a strong contribution from O'Neal, who fouled out with 3:09 left after getting 25 points and 10 rebounds. Bryant carried Los Angeles to victory in Game 4 of last season's NBA Finals in Indiana after O'Neal fouled out, and he did it again in Sacramento.

"We needed to be challenged like this," Bryant said. "We needed a gut-check. We needed to go into San Antonio feeling like we're playing our best basketball. ... I just wanted to run and push myself to the point of exhaustion."

Bryant carried the Lakers' offensive load with ease and flair, blowing on his hot shooting hand during one particularly impressive second-half stretch of

jumpers and drives. He had 28 points after halftime.

The Lakers got 20 points from Derek Fisher, but they continued to rely on their superstar duo for the bulk of their offense. While O'Neal was limited by a steady stream of defenders and double-teams, Bryant dominated his matchup with Sacramento defensive stopper Doug Christie.

"We finally got things going offensively, but Kobe Bryant was just fantastic," Sacramento coach Rick Adelman said. "He was possessed. Even when he missed shots, he got them back."

Arco Arena, quiet after the Lakers pushed Sacramento to the brink with a victory in Game 3 two days earlier, was at its deafening loudest as the Kings finally played some semblance of the hot-shooting, slick-passing game at which they excel.

Chris Webber, in what was probably his last game with Sacramento, had 21 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists — but he went 8-for-25 from the field and had just two points in the fourth.

"It will probably hit me when I'm in a restaurant or at home tonight," Webber said. "Right now it's like when you hear some bad news and just can't believe it. I know the reality and I don't feel good about it."

City to offer Summer Recreation Program

PAMPA — City of Pampa's Recreation Department will be offering its Summer Recreation Program for all school-aged children, beginning Monday, June 4.

Registration will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 24 and Friday, June 1 at the southeast entrance at Pampa Middle School.

Late registration will be the first day of class at the Pampa Middle School.

Registration forms must be signed by a parent or legal guardian and fees are payable at

registration.
First session - Weekdays, June 4-15
Second session - Weekdays, June 18-June 29
Each class is scheduled for one hour per day, beginning at 8,9,10 and 11 a.m.
Registration fees are \$10 per student for one class and \$5 for each additional class.
All classes will be held at the Pampa Middle School facilities.
For more information, contact the Recreation Office at 669-5770.

Time running out for Colorado's Bourque

DENVER (AP) — Ray Bourque suspects this might be his last chance at winning a Stanley Cup, the only honor that has eluded him in a storied 22-year NHL career.

Bourque went to the Stanley Cup finals twice with the Boston Bruins, in 1988 and '90. Last year, after being traded to Colorado, his Avalanche lost in the seventh game of the Western Conference finals.

"I know I'm running out of time," the 40-year-old Bourque said Sunday.

Colorado took a 1-0 lead into Monday night's Game 2 of the Western Conference final against the St. Louis Blues. And Bourque — perhaps more than anyone else — doesn't want this best-of-seven series to end the way the

conference final did last year, when the Avalanche also lost the seventh game of the conference final the previous year. But Bourque wasn't with the team then.

"I've never won my last game," Bourque said.

"Last year was tough because we got so close, but I was thankful for the opportunity. The year I've spent here — almost a year and a half — has been very enjoyable and a great experience. They're doing everything to try to win it all. It's fun to be a part of that."

Bourque, a 19-time All-Star, was traded to Colorado, a team with Stanley Cup aspirations, on March 6, 2000.

A year ago, the Avalanche adopted a theme of "Win One for

Ray." This year, they have the same goal, but it has been more subdued.

"I think obviously 'Win One for Ray' is 'Win one for everyone,'" coach Bob Hartley said, adding with a laugh, "I'm sure Ray would share it."

"When I came here last year," Bourque said, "everybody recognized the move was made. It was to try to win something I haven't won so far in my career. I think a lot of people, especially in Boston, were really pulling for me. I think it would be a great story."

Another one would be a pairing of Bourque's Avalanche against Mario Lemieux's Pittsburgh Penguins in the Stanley Cup final.

Pole-winner Sharp now focuses on running up front at Indy 500

By STEVE HERMAN
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — It's Scott Sharp's turn to learn the hazards of running up front at Indianapolis.

A starter in six previous Indianapolis 500s without having led a single lap or having finished better than 10th, Sharp will take the green flag on May 27 from the pole position.

Being first to the checkered flag 500 miles later is another matter.

"It's a completely different environment, takes a completely different setup," Sharp said of qualifying well as opposed to finishing well in the race. "It's going to be who picks the right setups, who has a good day, who gets through traffic, who has good pit stops, and it could be anybody's day."

Former winners Arie Luyendyk, Al Unser Jr., Buddy Lazier and Eddie Cheever also were among the first 27 qualifiers Saturday.

But Cheever, Michael Andretti and Buzz Calkins — who were among the slowest in the early lineup — withdrew their cars and re-qualified different cars at faster speeds Sunday, likely ensuring themselves from being bumped on the third and final day of qualifications May 20.

"About mid-afternoon yesterday we knew we were going to be in trouble," Calkins said. "Last night and this morning, when we saw the (good) weather, we said, 'Let's jerk the (qualified) car and get this one in safely.'" The late scramble was a new experience for Andretti, a former CART champion who has led more laps at Indy

than any other non-winner.

"I never went through this before. It's no fun," he said. "It's a high-pressure situation. But we're finally in the show for sure. Yesterday, I thought we were in good shape, but everybody put in some good times. I didn't sleep well last night."

Neither did Cheever.

"The pressure builds. Things kept getting worse," Cheever said. "When you pull out and haven't been bumped, it goes against all logic. But when Michael went out and went 223 (mph), we had no choice."

"But I think we're in the field well."

Sharp, meanwhile, could take a lesson about running up front from some recent pole-winners. Since Luyendyk won from the pole in 1997, the top qualifier at Indy has finished no better than 22nd. In 1998, Billy Boat went out after 111 laps with a bad drive line and finished 23rd; in 1999, Luyendyk again started from the pole and dominated the race before a risky — and unnecessary pass — sent him into the wall and a 22nd-place finish.

Also in 1999, Robby Gordon led much of the late going before he ran out of fuel with just over one lap to go and finished sixth. Last year, Greg Ray started from the pole and led 26 laps before he crashed and finished 33rd — the first driver out of the race.

"I don't look at the record books and try to pick the space you want to start for the best chance to win the race. Where the cars fall is where they fall, as far as qualifying," Sharp said Sunday, when all but one of the 33 starting

spots were filled.

Sharp, who has improved his starting position every race since he qualified 30th in 1995, last year started fifth, ran as high as fourth in the first half of the race and finished 10th.

"I don't feel any pressure. I'm excited for that," he said of his first Indy pole, which he earned with a four-lap average of 226.037 mph. "I want to lead the field. I want to lead into turn one. Once the green flag starts ... you know as a driver what you need to go to, wherever you start."

Ray, the 1999 Indy Racing League series champion, has started an IRL-record 11 races from the pole. He was the second-fastest qualifier Saturday at 225.194, putting him in the middle of the front row between Sharp and Gordon, who qualified on the outside at 224.994.

"My race strategy is to go out, sit back and cruise," Gordon said. "With 75 to 50 laps to go, I'll turn it up. There are a lot of obstacles to get around, and you have to have a little luck."

Other qualifiers on Sunday included Jeret Schroder, Davey Hamilton, Tyce Carlson and rookies Bruno Junqueira and Nicolas Minassian, the third and fourth drivers in the lineup — along with Tony Stewart and Jimmy Vasser — for car owner Chip Ganassi.

Junqueira, at 224.208 mph, was the fastest of seven rookies who qualified Saturday and Sunday.

Also Sunday, Eliseo Salazar had three solid laps above 222 mph but blew an engine on the final lap, and the attempt was called off.

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5-14 CRYPTOQUOTE
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RDB WCK SDEL, STW FW FJ
ABFKR WCIW EKPUDQJ
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INSURANCE

Action Month. Center Coordinator Susan Weldon will present a report to the commission about the agency's contributions and assistance provided to county residents during 2000.

Also to be considered during the meeting is excluding certificate of obligation proceeds from investment diversification limit, adding Julia Wood to treasurer checking accounts, budget

amendments, treasurer's report, payment of bills and salaries, and adding Julia Wood to treasurer checking accounts.

Commissioners will also consider advertising for abatement bids. A representative of Valic is expected to be at the commission meeting to discuss optional deferred compensation retirement.

The meeting will be in the Gray County Courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse.

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Wheeler County Sheriff's Office, Gray County Sheriff's Office, and Southwest Cattle Feeders Association, led to the recovery of stolen property valued at an estimated \$10,000 to \$25,000, Adams said, including a riding lawnmower and a four-wheeler hidden under a pile of hay at a rural Wheeler County residence.

"This is a perfect example of how cooperating agencies sharing information can lead to the recovery of a whole lot of property belonging to a lot of other people," said Col. Terry Young as he presented certificates to the two detectives in recognition of their work.

On April 18, Wheeler County Sheriff's Deputy Joel Finsterwald served a warrant on a sealed grand jury indictment at a residence near Mobeetie. Later that evening, a search of the residence uncovered the items, officers said, many of which have later been identified as having been stolen from residences and businesses throughout the eastern Texas Panhandle.

Conner and Lee said an investigation of a burglary of a Pampa welding business in late March led to the recovery of the stolen property.

"This was definitely a joint effort," Conner said in an earlier interview. "In years past, you never saw this kind of cooperation among agencies."

"It's still an ongoing investigation," he added. "I'm personally not going to call it quits. I'm not going to say it's done until everything is recovered

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and I've got somebody in jail for the crime." After his first two months as a detective in the Criminal Investigation Division (CID), Conner said 75 to 80 percent of his cases are burglaries and robberies.

"I'm working three to five cases at a time and I give them all the same kind of attention," he said. "I'm going to get the property back or get the people reimbursed for the property they've lost."

Sgt. Lee, a veteran police officer, points to his detectives as deserving the credit for breaking the case.

"I'm just doing my job," he said. "I teach them what I know. Give my people the credit."

Representatives from law enforcement agencies throughout the eastern Panhandle and some places in western Oklahoma have begun to meet monthly to discuss cases and compare notes. In the beginning, organizers said that approximately 10 officers attended the meetings but since then the ranks have swelled to include as many as 35 to 40 officers.

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LAWMAKERS

—**CAMPAIGN FINANCE:** Legislation to clean up the way campaign contributions are reported has passed both houses, but a conference committee still is hammering out some differences.

—**MEDICAID:** A plan to make it easier for children to enroll in Medicaid has been caught in the budget web. The House still could hear a Senate bill approved last month, but the legislation is effectively meaningless unless budget writers allocate the \$300 million-plus needed to fund it. Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, who heads a working group studying Medicaid, said the bill is going forward.

—**DEREGULATION:** A bill that would force utility companies to refund some of the billions overcharged to customers is likely dead. Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, passed the bill in the House, but it did not make it through the Senate.

—**SOCIAL PROMOTION:** Temporarily delaying a ban on social promotion, the advancing of students if they aren't academically ready, has passed the House. Senate Education Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, did not allow the bill to move forward in his chamber.

—**CHARTER SCHOOLS:** A two-year ban on

new charter schools made it through the House. The ban likely will die in the Senate, where Bivins has drafted a different proposal that would expand the charter school program.

—**DEATH PENALTY:** A Senate bill giving juries in capital murder cases the option to hand down a life without parole sentence is waiting for debate in the House.

—**PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND:** Efforts to remove full oversight of the \$20 billion Permanent School Fund from the elected State Board of Education stalled in both chambers. Other bills to abolish the elected board or water down its power also have been halted.

—**UIL:** A bill that would allow a handful of private schools to participate in the University Interscholastic League championships is pending in the House. The UIL is the governing body over public school athletic competition and championships. The Senate approved the bill in March.

—**TELEMARKETERS:** Telemarketers are leery of a House bill approved in a Senate committee last week. The bill would set up a "no-call" list that consumers could sign up for to prevent telemarketers from calling them. The bill now goes to the full Senate.

Record cocaine bust: 13 tons

SAN DIEGO (AP) — More than 13 tons of cocaine was found on a fishing boat in the Pacific Ocean, the largest cocaine seizure in U.S. maritime history, The Associated Press has learned.

The ship, a Belize-flagged vessel, was towed Sunday to San Diego, a law enforcement source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The ship had a crew of 10 aboard, all from Russia and Ukraine, the source said.

The crew members were expected to be arraigned early this week in U.S. District Court in San Diego on smuggling charges, the source said.

The vessel was first spotted about 1,500 miles south of San Diego by enforcement officers aboard a U.S. Navy ship. The anti-drug team was suspicious

because the craft did not have operable fishing equipment and was outside normal fishing grounds, the source said.

After days of searching the vessel, authorities from the Coast Guard cutter Active eventually found the cocaine in a secret compartment underneath the fishing hold, the source said.

The ship, which carried a total of 26,800 pounds of cocaine, was believed to be headed toward Central America or Mexico where its cargo would be smuggled over land into the United States, the source said.

The previous record for a cocaine seizure at sea was 24,000 pounds from a ship called the Nataly I in 1995.

YMCA to host 5k run and Fun Walk

AMARILLO — On Saturday, June 2, the Amarillo YMCA, together with 700 other Y's in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico, will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of America's first YMCA by participating in the first-ever YMCA World's Largest Run.

The Amarillo event, including both a 5k run (3.2 miles) and a Fun Walk, will begin at 9 a.m. at the north entrance to the Don Harrington Discovery Center, 1200 Streit Dr., in the Harrington Regional Medical Center.

"Communities in every time zone will be walking and running together in a synchronized national event to commemorate this monumental anniversary," said Cindy Gibson, Downtown YMCA fitness director and event director. Starting times are 8 a.m. Mountain time, 7 a.m. Pacific, 4 a.m. in Hawaii and 10 a.m. Eastern.

"Our hope is that parents and their kids will sign up and participate together as a family," added Gibson. "Sports and physical activities are an ideal opportunity to stay healthy together and connected with each other."

Brochures with entry forms are available at the Downtown Amarillo YMCA. Participants can register one of two ways: 1) by taking or mailing the entry form and fee to the Downtown YMCA at 816 S. Van Buren, Amarillo TX 79101; or by 2) registering online at www.ymca.net World's Largest Run

at the Amarillo site. Entry fees are \$15 for teens and adults for either the 5k run or the Fun Walk if paid by May 18. From May 19 through race-day check-in, the fee will be \$18. For children ages 6-12, the fee is \$5 for either event any time through race day. Children five and younger may participate free of charge if accompanied by an adult.

The first 150 adults and youth ages six and older who register and participate will receive a national, commemorative T-shirt and a prize, Gibson said.

Interested participants from out of town may call the Y at (806) 374-4651 to request a brochure/entry form be sent to them or can mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their request to the Y address above, Attn: Cindy Gibson. Anyone wishing more information or to offer to serve as a volunteer or sponsor for the local event may call Gibson at the same number.

The YMCA World's Largest Run is presented nationally by Finish Line and is co-sponsored by Active.com and Champion.

Proceeds from the Amarillo run and fun walk will benefit local Downtown and North YMCA programs for kids and families such as summer day camp, swimming lessons, youth sports, after-school programs, the Teen Center, family memberships and Indian Guides and Princesses.

Medical marijuana users handed defeat

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court handed medical marijuana users a major defeat Monday, ruling that a federal law classifying the drug as illegal has no exception for ill patients.

The 8-0 decision was a major disappointment to many sufferers of AIDS, cancer, multiple sclerosis and other illnesses. They have said the drug helped enormously in combatting the devastating effects of their diseases.

In other action the court:

—Received a request from lawyers for Terry Nichols, convicted in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people, asking the justices to reconsider his appeal in light of the FBI's failure to give defense lawyers thousands of documents.

—Overturned former baseball player Steve Garvey's \$3 million labor settlement Monday, ruling 8-1 that a lower court usurped the role of an outside arbitrator by awarding Garvey the

money. —Agreed to decide if police may prosecute new crimes with evidence seized from homes of criminals who consented to blanket searches as a condition of probation.

Justice Stephen Breyer did not participate in the marijuana decision because his brother, a federal judge, initially presided over the case.

"In the case of the Controlled Substances Act, the statute reflects a determination that marijuana has no medical benefits worthy of an exception (outside the confines of a government-approved research project)," Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the unanimous court.

Thomas noted the act states marijuana has "no currently accepted medical use."

The federal government triggered the case in 1998, seeking an injunction against the Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative and five other marijuana distributors.

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