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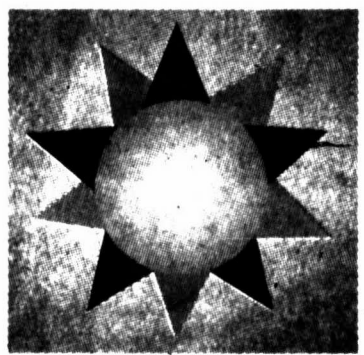
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Chance to win free rodeo tickets

Here's your chance to win free rodeo tickets. Rodeo directors will be on hand to give away tickets tonight at Dyer's Bar-b-que. The winners' names will be drawn between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. from those who have registered there. You don't have to be present to win. On Tuesday night, the giveaway moves to La Familia Mexican Restaurant and on Wednesday night the drawing will be at Black Gold Restaurant.

Death row death by natural cause

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A paroled robber condemned for a shooting spree 15 years ago that left three people dead during a robbery aboard a tugboat in the Houston Ship Channel has died of natural causes in prison, officials said Monday. Carl Napier, 55, was found dead in a cell Sunday at the Stiles Unit near Beaumont where he had been taken last week for medical treatment, said Larry Fitzgerald, spokesman for the TDCJ.

- Earnest Britt, 76, brother of a Pampa resident.
- Orland A. Butler, 87, retired coordinator of music for Lubbock ISD.
- Jovita O'Dell Martinez, 93, homemaker.
- Albert Joe Morris, 73, Korean War veteran.
- Vivian Surratt, 67, homemaker.
- H.S. Waller, 85, retired farmer.

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Cool business ...



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Two young entrepreneurs use umbrellas to shade themselves while selling cool lemonade from a stand they set up at 17th and Charles streets. Thomas Fraser, 10, and Casey Trimble, also 10, say they decided to start the money-making enterprise as a cure for boredom. They had amassed a \$7 profit in less than an hour on this particular afternoon.

Street repairs Tuesday topic

Damaged city streets and how to fund repairs will take center stage when the Pampa City Commission meets Tuesday for its City Hall work session at 5 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 6 p.m.

A resolution to go ahead with repairs with the expectation of reimbursing the expenditures with proceeds of future debt is on the agenda.

Previously, City Manager Bob Eskridge said the street debt could be coupled with a bond issue to make state mandated improvements at the city's water treatment plant.

During the work session, Public Works Director Richard Morris and Public Service Director Kim Lincycumb will be on hand to go over the proposed \$400,000 in street repair plans that call for seal coating, rebuilding some intersections and fog sealing the new streets.

Commissioners have discussed several times recently the conditions of city streets that were worsened by the harsh winter.

(See STREET, Page 3)

Compensation plan for exposed Pantex workers will be told

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Any present or former Pantex employee who was exposed to radiation, beryllium or silica while working at the nuclear plant at Amarillo is being urged to attend a hearing Thursday on a new compensation package for sick workers or their survivors.

Last summer, dozens of Pantex workers told of deaths, cancers and other unexplained illnesses they link to working on atomic weapons.

The Department of Energy says research has shown that 1 to 3 percent of all people exposed to beryllium develop chronic beryllium disease. In machinists closely involved in beryllium operations, the number grows to as high as 14 percent.

(See PANTEX, Page 3)

Golden Horseshoe found!

It's found! The Golden Horseshoe, that is.

Scott and Christa LaRue of Pampa and their daughter Kylan found the horseshoe Saturday under a foot of the green "lizard" that stands beside East Somerville near the city walking trail.

The family wins a box of seats for the rodeo valued at \$150 and they also may ride in the rodeo parade.



Kid Pony Show winners; more action at 7 tonight

The Top Of Texas Rodeo Association announced results of Sunday's performance of the Kid Pony Show as follows:

STICK HORSE RACE/Boys Group I. Tjaeden Swires, first place, Pampa; Cody Deevers, second place, Perryton; Lane Smith, third place, Perryton.

STICK HORSE RACE/Girls Group I. Taylor Bolton, first place, Pampa; Krysten Miller, second place, Pampa; Taylor Prall, third place, Fritch.

GOAT RIBBON RACE/Boys Group I. Gatlin Taylor, first place, White Deer; Trenton Gardner, second place, Pampa; Jacob Garrett, third place, Midland.

GOAT RIBBON RACE/Girls Group I. Krysten Miller, first place, Pampa; Taylor Bolton, second place, Pampa; Kelsey Ham, third place, Fritch.

FLAG RACE/Boys Group II. Latigo Collins, first place, Alanreed; Devin McCarraugh, second place, Perryton; Aaron McKee, third place, Pampa.

FLAG RACE/Girls Group II. Sage Vincent, first

place, Boise City, Okla.; Sadie Watkins, second place, Miami.

GOLFETTE/Boys Group I. Cody Deevers, first place, Perryton; Gage Gillispie, second place, Amarillo; Grant Gillispie, third place, Amarillo.

GOLFETTE/Girls Group I. McKinze Robinson, first place, Canyon; Taylor Prall, second place, Fritch; Kelsey Ham, third place, Fritch.

GOLFETTE/Boys Group II. Strait Daniel, first place, winters; Justin Alan Garrett, second place, Midland.

GOLFETTE/Girls Group II. Megan Prall, first place, Fritch; Janell Parks, second place, Pampa; Lacie Oxley, third place, Pampa.

WALK AND LEAD BARREL RACE/Group I. McKinze Robinson, first place, Canyon; Gage Gillispie, second place, Amarillo; Grant Gillispie, third place, Amarillo.

BARREL RACE/Boys Group I. Gage Gillispie.

(See WINNERS, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Rusty Payne, left, and Coonie Andrus were busy last week constructing the judicial bench for a temporary district courtroom in the Hughes Building while the Gray County Courthouse is undergoing renovation.



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Services tomorrow

WALLER, H.S. — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Floydada Cemetery, Floydada.

Obituaries

EARNEST BRITT

AMARILLO — Earnest Britt, 76, brother of a Pampa resident, died Monday, July 2, 2001. Graveside services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Llano Cemetery with James Mekins officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Warford-Walker Mortuary of Amarillo.

A native of Lodi, Mr. Britt had been an Amarillo resident for 40 years.

Survivors include three sons, Cary Britt and Terry Britt, both of Amarillo, and Gary Britt of Waco; two daughters, Beverly Booker of Amarillo and Ruthie Kemp of Borger; a brother, Ben Britt of Wichita Falls; and a sister, Annie Britt of Pampa.

ORLAND A. BUTLER

LUBBOCK — Orland A. Butler, 87, died Friday, July 6, 2001, at Covenant Medical Center. Graveside services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Resthaven Memorial Park followed at 11 a.m. by services in Westminster Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Paul Cunningham officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Butler was born May 21, 1914, at Leedey, Okla., and graduated from Leedey High School. He held a bachelor of science degree from Southwestern State College at Weatherford, Okla., and a master of arts degree from West Texas State University in Canyon.

He married Frances Stevenson in January 1952 at Pampa.

He had been a Lubbock resident since 1955 where he was band director at O.L. Slaton Junior High School prior to joining the staff of Atkins Junior High as band and orchestra director in 1957. During the 13 years he served at AJH, his students continually won sweepstakes.

In January of 1971, he was appointed coordinator of Music for Lubbock ISD. He retired in 1984 after a total of 46 years with public schools in Oklahoma and Texas.

He attended Westminster Presbyterian Church, serving on the church's Boy Scout Council Troop at one time. He also served a term on the Lubbock Fine Arts Council and belonged to Lubbock Retired Teachers Association, Texas Retired Teachers Association, Texas State Teacher Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, Music Educators National Conference and Phi Beta Mu bandmasters fraternity.

For many years, he was area coordinator and secretary for the band division of the Texas Interscholastic League and, for several years, was coordinator of bands for South Plains Fair Parade. In addition, he was adjudicator and clinician for band and orchestra contests throughout the state.

Survivors include his wife, Frances, of the home; two sons, Dan Butler of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Alan Butler of Atlanta, Ga.; two daughters, Susan Gimare of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Diana Parker of Goldsboro, N.C.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Westminster Presbyterian Church Golden Fund, 3321 33rd St., Lubbock TX 79410; or to South Plains Food Bank, 4610 Locust, Lubbock TX 79404.

JOVITA O'DELL MARTINEZ

JOVITA O'DELL MARTINEZ, 93, of Pampa, died Saturday, July 7, 2001. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Martinez was born Feb. 15, 1908, at Campbellton, Texas. She married Pedro M. Martinez in 1927; he died May 10, 1999. A Pampa resident since 1958, she was a homemaker and a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include five daughters, Mary Sepulveda of Stinnett, Petra Abrego of Fort Worth, Pepper Johnson of Brownwood, Katie Thom of Las Vegas, Nev., and Jovita Rivera of Pampa; two sons, Stanley Martinez of Pampa and Pedro O'Dell Martinez Jr. of Lubbock; 42 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Gaudalupanis in care of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

ALBERT JOE MORRIS

AMARILLO — Albert Joe "Sonny" Morris, 73, died Thursday, July 5, 2001. Graveside services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Llano East Cemetery with Chaplain Mearle E. Swanson officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Morris, a lifelong Amarillo resident, graduated from Amarillo High School and retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean War, was a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and belonged to Pampa Masonic Lodge #966.

Survivors include a daughter, Jan Neal Burkhardt of El Segundo, Calif.; two stepsons, Stuart Stoffle of Pampa and Steven Stoffle of Arlington; a sister, Lois McCune of Amarillo; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

VIVIAN SIRRATT

AMARILLO — Vivian Sirratt, 67, died Friday, July 6, 2001, at Big Spring. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Paramount Terrace Christian Church. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Mrs. Sirratt, a longtime Amarillo resident, was born Oct. 20, 1934, at Pine Bluff, Ark., to Eunice Harvell and C.B. Strahan.

Survivors include a son, Dennis Sirratt of Grand Prairie; a daughter, Penny Sirratt of Amarillo; her mother, Eunice Strahan of Miami; two brothers, James Strahan of Carrollton and Roy Strahan of Miami; and two grandchildren.

Obituaries cont.

H.S. WALLER

FLOYDADA — H.S. Waller, 85, died Sunday, July 8, 2001. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Floydada Cemetery with the Rev. Wendell Horn, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

In 1959, Mr. Waller retired from farming. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Waller; a son, J.E. Waller of Floydada; six sisters, Josephine Switzer of Shamrock, Alene Gilker of Ohio, Vera Thornton of Tulsa and Ruth Assiter, Ina Anderson and Eva Richardson, all of Lubbock; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Police report

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

Saturday, July 7

A 51-year-old man was reportedly threatened in the 600 block of West Brown.

The back window of a 1998 Buick was broken out in the 600 block of Carr.

An assault was reported in the 600 block of Yeager.

A check book was reported lost in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Credit cards were reported found in the 300 block of South Cuyler.

A domestic quarrel was reported in the 800 block of East Murphy.

A power saw was reported stolen in the 500 block of North Wells.

About \$30 in cash was reported taken from a desk drawer in the 800 block of South Hobart.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1400 block of East Browning.

An aggravate assault was reported in the 1100 block of Sandelewood.

An assault with injury was reported in the 1100 block of Juniper.

A robbery was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 2100 block of North Beech.

Two windows were reported broken out at Austin Elementary School.

A television set and video tape recorder were reported taken from a building in the 500 block of North Sumner.

A weed eater was reported stolen in the 500 block of North Hobart.

A 24-year-old woman reported being threatened in the 900 block of East Twiford.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 1400 block of North Banks.

A runaway was reported in the 800 block of East Craven.

A Sulphur Springs man reported forgeries to the Pampa Police Department.

Injury to a child was reported in the 400 block of North Wells.

A television set was reported stolen in the 500 block of South Gray.

Sunday, July 8

A compact disc player was reported stolen in the 700 block of East Kentucky.

Fires

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

Saturday, July 7

12:54 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire caused by fireworks in the 500 block of Harlem. A neighbor had put the fire out with a garden hose by the time firefighters arrived.

9:21 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 600 block of East Browning.

Sunday, July 8

10:52 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of gas odor on Texas 152 west of Pampa. Investigation showed the odor was coming from a bucket filled with gas odorant.

10:11 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 600 block of South Barnes on a medical assist.

11:41 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire in the 700 block of South Ballard. Cause of the fire was not listed.

Monday, July 9

12:43 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire, probably caused by fireworks, in the 800 block of East Craven.

4:54 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a standby for LifeStar helicopter at One Medical Plaza.

Sheriff's Office

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

Saturday, July 7

Ira Don Hicks, 30, Perryton, was arrested on charges of assault, causing bodily injury.

Marc Covalt, 21, rural Gray County, was arrested on charges of driving without a driver's license.

Joe Steven Fleetwood, 36, Borger, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Sunday, July 8

Jonathan Aaron Phelps, 22, 416 N. Purviance, was arrested on traffic warrants.

Dustin Heath Reames, 23, 813 N. Main, was arrested on two charges of issuance of a bad check.

Eric Dale Bennett, 20, 216 N. Houston, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.



An Acme Trucking tractor and its trailer became separated when the trailer came loose and overturned as the truck was turning off Barnes street onto Brown. Spilled was its load of railroad ties. The accident happened shortly after noon Saturday. At right, Officer Heather Ratliff talks with truck driver Bob Brazil.

(Photos by Grover Black)



Texas round up ...

Legal office to aid El Paso's divorced parents in model for state

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court is using El Paso's Domestic Relations Office as a model for the rest of the state as a means to help parents resolve problems related to divorce.

The state court wants to start similar programs throughout the state and to encourage other counties to improve access to justice.

The El Paso office, created last

October, helps parents handle disagreements over issues such as child support and visitation without having to go back to court.

The state Supreme Court hopes to use the office to help people who may be turned away from the system or might not get the help they need because of income.

State Supreme Court justices toured the county office in February when the court visited El Paso to hear oral arguments.

tists when they're being bothered by pests or stressed by drought.

In the fertile south central Texas region that depends on the Edwards Aquifer, a Texas A&M researcher is wiring up fields with sensitive infrared thermometers, modems and cell phone technology that transmits color-coded images into his computer a quarter of a mile away. A colleague is connecting another experimental system that can selectively spray pesticides precisely where they are needed.

"There is tremendous opportunity for cost savings and for water savings, and, when we look at the whole picture with the pesticides, it is very environmentally friendly," said Giovanni Piccini, an assistant professor at Texas A&M University's research center in Uvalde.

The communications are conducted by measuring plant temperatures, which go up and down, depending on whether the plants are happy or not.

New vet school meeting

DALLAS (AP) — Forgive Texas Tech University for not remembering too much about the veterinary school it was supposed to open. After all, it was 30 years ago when the plan was supposed to be put into motion.

In May, several legislators and acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff urged Texas Tech to create a veterinary school in East Texas.

The lawmakers are concerned about a possible shortage of large-animal veterinarians in rural areas and a need to accommodate more qualified applicants. Tech actually had been authorized to create the school in 1971 by what is now the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, but never got the funding from the Legislature.

City Briefs

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Stocks

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

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Milo	3.20	Kerr McGee	64.27	dn 0.61
Corn	3.38	Limited	15.73	up 0.07
Soybeans	4.07	McDonald's	26.57	up 0.02
		Exxon Mobil	86.69	dn 0.11
		New Atmos	23.30	dn 0.10
		NCI	29.16	up 0.26
		NOI	24.30	dn 0.85
		OKF	29.23	up 0.33
		Penny's	24.78	up 0.56
		Phillips	56.94	dn 0.49
		Princo Nat.	16.45	dn 0.57
		SLB	51.75	dn 1.52
		Tenneco	3.41	up 0.06
		Texaco	67.00	dn 0.73
		Ultramar	48.30	dn 0.25
		Wal Mart	47.47	up 0.13
		Williams	33.10	dn 0.61

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

Occidental	26.79	dn 0.35
Fidelity Magell	107.84	dn 0.84
Papitan	18.38	dn 0.18

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

BP Amoco	48.79	up 0.04
Celanese	21.20	up 0.55
Cabot	35.74	up 0.19
Cabot O&G	23.68	dn 0.72
Chevron	89.60	dn 1.40
Coca Cola	44.78	up 0.18

A&M opens field of communication

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Some Texas Crops of corn, cotton and bell pepper plants are becoming high tech.

Agricultural researchers in two water-short areas of Texas are wiring test fields the same technology used in cell phones that let the plants tell scien-

Ambulance

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

Friday, July 6

10:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Hobart; no transport.

12:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to South Highway 70 and transported one to PRMC.

9:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of East Browning and transported one to PRMC.

10:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of North Starkweather and transported one to PRMC.

Saturday, July 7

3:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

6:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported one to PRMC.

12:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Sumner; no transport.

3:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the rodeo grounds for a standby.

10:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of South Barnes.

11:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC with a patient for Lifestar.

Sunday, July 8

1:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Lefors and transported one to PRMC.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today...Mostly sunny with highs around 101. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight, mostly clear with lows around 70. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny with highs around 100. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday night, mostly clear with lows around 70.

Warm and humid nights will give way to hot and humid days for most of the state through Tuesday.

STATEWIDE — Overnight low temperatures were expected to be in the 70s, with high temperatures ranging from 95 to the century mark in most of the state.

Highs were expected to be in the mid 70s over the Guadalupe Mountains. The mercury was expected to reach a few degrees higher in further west.

Forecasters predicted a slight chance of thunderstorms over the mountains and far West Texas through Tuesday.

Isolated afternoon showers were also expected along the

upper coast in South Texas.

Early morning skies were clear on Monday with temperatures ranging from 61 degrees in Marfa to 81 degrees in Del Rio.

Winds were southerly and light at less than 10 miles per hour over most of the state.

Patchy low clouds peppered the skies from Georgetown to San Antonio, with some cloud cover in the Lower Valley.

Conditions continued to be particularly humid in the North Texas region as a result of an upper level high pressure system anchored over Oklahoma.

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BARREL RACE/Girls Group II. Meagan Prall, first place, Fritch; Story Pairsh, second place, Lefors; Sage Vincent, third place, Boise City.

CALF RIDING/Group II. Hayden Guest, first place, Dalhart; Talon Dooley, second place, Sunray; Justin Garrett, third place, Midland.

All contestants were awarded blue participant ribbons. The second performance of the Top O' Texas Association Kid Pony Show will kick-off at 7 p.m. tonight.

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PANTEX

The Department of Labor has scheduled hearings at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday at the Amarillo Civic Center to explain the new compensation package.

A federal law, passed in October, will provide \$150,000 in lump sum compensation and related medical expenses to weapons workers who became seriously ill from exposure to radiation, beryllium or silica.

Compensation also will be available to some survivors who are eligible for benefits under a section of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

Pete Lopez, a 51-year-old production technician, has worked at Pantex for nearly three decades. He now has chronic beryllium disease, an irreversible and sometimes fatal scarring of the lungs.

"For years, we worked on these weapons so our country could be free. Now, we are slaves to these diseases," said Lopez, who said he often feels a dull pain across his chest, rashes and pain in his joints.

Lopez is encouraging others to attend the meeting and get blood tests for possible beryllium exposure.

"I would like to encourage everybody who has worked at the plant or who works at the plant to get tested because we're talking about a dust," he

said. Lopez said a Denver housewife also has chronic beryllium disease apparently linked to dust from her husband's clothes, which he wore at Colorado's Rocky Flats weapons plant.

David Pampa, a Pantex production technician who works with a Pantex beryllium support group, said five Pantex workers have been diagnosed with chronic beryllium disease and 21 more have tested sensitive to the lightweight metal used in nuclear weapons components.

"If you're sensitive at this time, that means your body hasn't reacted or is not reacting to the beryllium," he said. "But maybe five years from now or 10 years from now, the body will go into the chronic beryllium disease."

Pampa said the government should put a Pantex benefits center in Amarillo to help workers or others claiming benefits. The closest benefits center now is in Espanola, N.M.

Duane Smith, a diesel mechanic who is a Pantex Metal Trades Council safety officer, joined in the praise of the work by BWXT, a Pantex contractor, to clean up beryllium dust inside the Pantex plant.

"The facility cleanup is almost complete," he said. "The cleanup is just like doing a good dust job at your house."

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STREET

In an previous meeting, Morris told commissioners if the work is not done the city will "lose" some streets or portions of them.

Also on the agenda:

- Approve resolution appointing a reserve police officer

- Consider on first reading Ordinance No. 1362 granting a non-exclusive franchise to Cable One, Inc.

- Consider on first reading Ordinance No. 1364 amending the 2000/01 revenues, appropriations and transfers. (These are routine yearly budget corrections submitted for approval).

Woman arrested on forgery charges

A 31-year-old Pampa woman was being questioned by Pampa police officers today in connection with series of reported forgeries over the past two years.

Ivan Dell Brandt, 35, of Sulphur Springs, Friday reported 22 incidents of checks being written on his

bank account. Officers said the reported forgeries began Sept. 9, 1999, and apparently continued up through this month.

Pampa police detectives were investigating the circumstances surrounding the case, officers said today.

Police search for youthful beer bandits

Law enforcement officers were searching for two youths today in connection with the robbery of a Pampa convenience store.

Pampa police officers said two young men apparently tried to leave the Allsup's convenience store,

1025 W. Wilks, with three 30 packs of beer without paying for them about 1:30 a.m. Saturday.

The 42-year-old store clerk told officers that she was pushed out of the way when she tried to stop them.

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AUDITOR

"Myself, I would like to see the fiscal year changed," said Peet. "But it's up to the entire commissioners court." The Commissioners Court is composed of Peet and four county commissioners.

Gray County has been on the calendar year fiscal period since Peet took office several years ago, he said. "As far as I know, it's always been done this way," he said.

Other recommendations made during the annual outside audit include the fines collected by the Justices of the Peace be recorded in the fund where road maintenance expenditures are recorded—the Farm-to-Market & Lateral Road Fund. Currently, the JP fines are recorded in the General Fund and probationer fines would be more appropriately recorded in the General Fund.

Bishop said a plan should be implemented to close the JP bank accounts and deposit their collections directly into a county bank account per state statute.

"Currently, all tax revenue is recorded as deferred and brought into revenue three months after collection. Delinquent taxes collected October through December are for past taxes owed and should not be recorded as deferred revenues, but as revenues for the month collected," said Bishop. "Current taxes collected October through December as correctly recorded as deferred revenue. As of Jan. 1, all current taxes recorded as deferred and taxes collected after Jan. 1 should be recorded as regular tax revenue."

Bishop made additional recommendations on partial payments of probationers' fines. "Funds held by the Treasurer for partial payments on probationers' fines should be reconciled to the probation depart-

ment's and clerk's cases," he said. "Excess funds should be disbursed to the state and recorded as income for any county portion."

He strongly recommended the county make an accounting of its assets as he said the county currently does not maintain accounting records for its property and equipment.

"It is the responsibility of the (Commissioners) Court to safeguard the assets of the county," he said. "This would best be accomplished by maintaining a detailed record of these assets which discloses a description, cost, date of acquisition and location of each asset."

"This information would not only provide the Court with a means of control and safeguards, but also the information necessary for insurance reporting, equipment operation and maintenance programs, and capital expenditure programs."

He said an additional recommendation would be for the County Tax Assessor/Collector to reconcile each bank account each month. He said any funds which cannot be reconciled or accounted for should be turned over to the County Treasurer.

Bishop recognized several actions taken on the recommendations made by the auditing firm. They were:

- A General Long-Term Debt Group to account for liabilities of the County which extend beyond the current year has been established.
- The Tax Assessor eliminated unneeded bank accounts.
- The District Attorney setting up separate bank accounts for pending seizures and forfeited seizures, respectively.
- Withholding of social security and Medicare taxes of District Judges' payroll is correct.

Officers probe circumstances of conflict

Pampa police officers were today investigating the circumstances surrounding a conflict between four men Friday night.

Jesus Soto, 22, 101 S. Nelson, told police that he and a friend, Antonio Strata, 22, 1109 Sandlewood, were stopped at a stop sign Friday when his car was

rammed by a car driven by two other men, causing minor damage.

Soto told police that about 11 p.m. Friday, the same two men drove by making threatening gestures. Soto said one of them pointed what appeared to be a gun at him.

Lefors ISD board meets Tuesday night

LEFORS — School board members here will meet in regular session at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 10, in the elementary school library, 160 6th Street.

Items on the Lefors Independent School District's board of education agenda include approval of current bills and reports on the dis-

trict's cash position and tax collections. Board members will also consider personnel and hear a report from Superintendent Allen Law.

An open forum is scheduled at the beginning of the meeting which is open to the public.

Queens luncheon ticket deadline noon Tuesday

The deadline is drawing close for purchasing tickets for Thursday's Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Luncheon and Style Show at 11:30 a.m. in the M.K. Brown room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Tickets must be purchased no later than noon Tuesday and can be bought at the rodeo office at 200 N. Ballard. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are \$12 each.

A steak meal will be catered by Red River

Steakhouse.

Contestants in the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas pageant will be modeling western dresses and entertaining the audience. Each contestant will give a speech on the town or area from which they entered the contest.

Also, Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas, Jodi Seeley, and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen, Ashley Winton, will speak at the luncheon.

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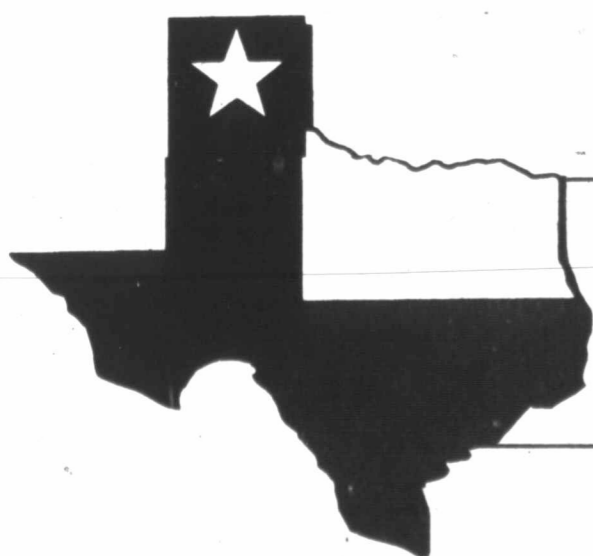
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Shady Slim Should Be Told To Saddle Up And Ride Away

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago, I met and fell desperately in love with a cowboy named "Slim." I believed everything he told me — that he had married only once and was divorced, that he had only one son. Lies, all lies. Slim was still married when he married me. He stole money and property from me, then took off to be with a woman in another state.

Abby, I adored Slim and was very good to him. I supported him, believing that he couldn't work because he was on disability. We never had sex because he told me he had a bad heart and couldn't perform, plus he had personal injuries from being gored by a bull in a rodeo. I bought him everything he needed and wanted — clothes, medicine, you name it.

I took my retirement money and set Slim up in a flea-market business, but he took everything and ran off with another woman — not once, but twice. I guess I wasn't thinking straight because I believed him the second time, only to have him rob me again and leave.

Now he's calling and saying he will do anything to make it work again, but he's still in another state with that woman.

What can I do to get him out of my life and to stop loving him?

NAIVE NELLIE
IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR NELLIE: Recognize that sometimes what we want is not good for us. This can apply to chocolate, alcohol and cowboys named Slim. Distance yourself and stop accepting his phone calls. Also, report him to the police. He is a bigamist and a con artist.

Dear Abby

Is written by
Pauline Phillips and
daughter Jeanne Phillips.

DEAR ABBY: I started smoking marijuana eight years ago. I consider myself a "social smoker." I quit for three years, then went back to using it. I can go for months without it, but always return to getting stoned again. I keep telling myself I have to stop.

If I continue using grass, I know I will never hold a good job, because I would test positive if the company has random drug testing. The way to quit. Is going to rehab the only way? Or are there other alternatives? Please help me.

ALL "SMOKED" OUT

DEAR ALL "SMOKED" OUT: I admire the fact you recognize you have a problem that must be dealt with. Since you haven't been able to break the habit on your own, rehab and drug counseling are indicated to end your psychological addiction. Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a large hospital. Signs are posted everywhere asking people not to use cellular phones inside the facility. Believe it or not, some people ignore the request and use their cell phones anyway. The fact is, cell phones interfere with monitoring equipment in the emergency room, operating rooms, critical and intensive care units, neonatal units, etc.

Abby, please urge your readers to either use a pay phone for their calls, or step outside the hospital to use their cell phone.

CONCERNED HEALTH CARE WORKER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONCERNED: The activity you have described could be life-threatening. If I were a hospital employee who witnessed such a flagrant disregard for the rules, I would notify security and have the person escorted outside.

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

Abby shares her favorite recipes in a two-booklet set. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$7.99 per set (\$9 per set in Canada) to: Dear Abby Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

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AND YOU KEPT ON DATING HER?

SHE WAS THE BEST EDITOR I EVER HAD.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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SO, THIS IS YOUR NEW PLACE!

LEMME FOLD UP THE COUCH, SO YOU CAN SIT DOWN!

THIS IS RUDY. HE'S JUST HERE 'TIL HE CAN FIND ANOTHER APARTMENT.

...WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING?

Zits

HEY! I GOT AN E-MAIL FROM SARA!

CLICK CLICK

BIG ONE! IT'S TAKING FOREVER TO DOWNLOAD!

OOOH! SEXY FONT!

Dear Jeremy, First let me say that I hope we can always be friends...

THUD

Garfield

SPIDERS WERE NOT MEANT TO BE SQUISHED! WE ARE FEELING, LIVING BEINGS! WE ARE—

SOMEBODY GRAB A HOUSE SLIPPER, QUICK!

Beetle Bailey

IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE A PERSON THAT COUNTS

YOU HAVE TO HELP BRING THOSE QUALITIES OUT

SEE ANYTHING COME OUT YET?

NO! NOT!

THAT'S EVEN STRANGER

Marvin

WAKE UP, BITSY, IT'S TIME TO START A NEW WEEK

THAT'S STRANGE... HIS BED IS EMPTY

NO IT'S NOT!

THAT'S EVEN STRANGER

B.C.

YOU ARE A LOVING, PASSIONATE, SENSUAL PERSON.

HOW CAN YOU TELL THAT?

I GOT HOLD OF THOR'S DIARY.

Hagar The Horrible

I KNOW WE SHOULD STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES...

BUT NOT NOW!!

Peanuts

Blondie

WHAT DO YOU SAY WE GO TO THE RAYS BALL GAME TONIGHT?

SURE, DAD, BUT THEY'RE HAVING AN AWFUL SEASON

WHAT TIME DOES THE GAME START TONIGHT?

WHAT TIME CAN YOU GET HERE?

THEY'RE DOING EVEN WORSE THAN YOU THOUGHT!

Mallard Filmore

WOW! THERE'S FINALLY A SUPPORT GROUP FOR US BLONDS!

UM... I THINK IT'S JUST A P.R. STUNT FOR A NEW MOVIE.

HUH?

IT'S NOT A REAL SUPPORT GROUP...

THAT'S PERFECT FOR ME! I'M NOT A REAL BLOND!

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MEDICAL

Texas Department of Health helping people find trail to fitness

AUSTIN — Within the 267,277 square miles of Texas are: 122 state recreation parks with more than 1,000 miles of trails; two national parks; five state forests; four national forests; a national seashore; a biological preserve; and uncounted pathways in cities and rural areas.

So why, then, are more people not out walking, biking, jogging, hiking or just strolling?

Perhaps, says Jennifer Smith, director of the Community and Worksite Wellness Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH),

people may not know where these trails are.

With that thought in mind, two years ago TDH began building a database of trails. From the initial 150 entries, TDH now lists more than 450 trails in 89 counties.

"We want people to be aware of what's available, places that they can be out enjoying nature and getting some physical activity, either free or at a low cost," said Mary Guzman, who oversees the TDH registry.

The Texas Trail Registry, available on-line at www.tdh.state.tx.us/trails/, offers information on public trails by county, from the 25-mile Kiwanis Park Trail in Angelina County to Yoakum County's 1.25-mile Denver City Recreational Trail. Details in the listing include trail name and location, manager, approved activities, estimated difficulty and length, hours, cost, facilities, wheelchair accessibility and scenery.

"We provide exposure to trails already built so they can be used more," Guzman said. "In addition, people may pick up ideas about what kinds of trails they can have in their communities. We have resources to help groups who are considering constructing trails."

The registry gives people a chance to find out about trails in their area or in places they may be visiting. "We want people to commit to physical activity and to have healthier lifestyles to prevent chronic disease," Guzman said. "And we certainly want to make it as easy as possible for them to get started and to keep going."

Visiting San Antonio? The Emilie and Albert Friedrich Wilderness Park Trail offers 4.5 miles for walking, jogging, hiking and nature study in a nature preserve with Hill Country scenery, windmill and hilltop views at a moderate level of difficulty. On South Padre Island, look up the Isla Blanca Trail, an easy two miles with historic statue and marker, wetlands, ships and dolphins.

In Lubbock, look for the Lubbock Lake Landmark Nature Trails for walking, hiking, nature study and wildflowers of the Llano Estacado. Or in North Texas is the eight-mile Denton Branch Rail Trail along an old MKT railroad for walking, jogging, hiking, road and mountain bicycling, nature study or equestrian activities.

Helping communities develop programs and facilities that support and promote a physically active lifestyle is a basic component of the Community and Worksite Wellness Program. Smith points to the need in Texas to get people up, out and moving.

A 1998 physical activity survey by TDH shows that more than two-thirds of adult Texans are not getting at least 20 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity three times a week - the amount of physical activity recommended for greater health benefits. And 32 percent of adult Texans reported a leading reason for not being more physically active is the lack of enough fitness facilities, sidewalks and bicycle lanes.

The Texas Trail Registry is a great place to get started, Guzman said. But the list is by no means complete. Planners, managers or those who use Texas trails may submit trail information to the registry on-line. People also may add information about trails that are currently listed.

All information is confirmed before being put on the site. The only exclusion is a trail that is for motorized vehicles.

Natural bone builder effective against fractures

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Medical Editor

BOSTON (AP) — A natural bone-building hormone appears to be the most effective treatment ever for osteoporosis, the brittle bone disease that afflicts millions of older Americans.

The manufacturer hopes the medicine, called Forteo (for-TAY-oh), will be available by prescription by the end of the year. If so, it is likely to be recommended for victims of moderate to severe osteoporosis, a condition blamed for more than 1.5 million fractures annually in the United States.

The drug is based on the parathyroid hormone, which is ordinarily secreted by tiny glands in the neck. When given to volunteers with osteoporosis, it doubles their normal rate of bone formation.

A study in a recent New England Journal of Medicine shows that it dramatically reduces the risk of broken bones. The risk of spinal fractures, a hallmark of osteoporosis, fell by two-thirds in women getting the medicine.

Other osteoporosis drugs on the market, such as Fosamax, work by slowing the body's loss of bone. Forteo is the only treatment that actually prompts the body to make new bone.

But unlike the other medicines, Forteo has a major drawback: It can be administered only by daily injections. Still, doctors say patients quickly master this process, which is similar to insulin injections, and

no serious side effects were seen.

"It's the first demonstration of the concept that stimulating bone formation is going to be an effective way to treat osteoporosis in humans," said Dr. Robert M. Neer of Massachusetts General Hospital, the study's director.

The medicine, known generically as teriparatide, is being developed by Eli Lilly, which financed the study.

Dr. Felicia Cosman of Helen Hayes Hospital in West Haverstraw, N.Y., clinical director of the National Osteoporosis Foundation, estimated that 25 percent to 30 percent of osteoporosis patients might be considered for treatment with the new drug.

"It represents a lot of hope for the future for women with severe osteoporosis, especially those who are on the best drugs and still having fractures," she said.

The foundation estimates that 10 million Americans — 80 percent of them female — have osteoporosis. Broken vertebrae, hips and wrists are especially common.

The latest study was conducted on 1,637 postmenopausal women who had suffered at least one fracture because of osteoporosis. They were randomly assigned to take either 20 or 40 micrograms of the hormone or dummy shots. After 18 months of treatment, women taking the higher dose of drug had 13 percent more bone in their spines than did those on the placebo.

Forteo has not been compared directly to other drugs, so doctors cannot say for sure that it is truly better. However, the results of

this and other studies with the new medicine are more impressive than those typically seen with other drugs. For instance, the researchers said the largest increase in bone seen with other drugs was 9 percent.

Forteo reduced the occurrence of new vertebral fractures by 65 percent or 69 percent, depending on whether women got the high or low dose. Neer said no other drug has reduced it by more than 40 percent to 50 percent.

The new drug reduced the risk of multiple spinal fractures by 77 percent or 86 percent, and it lowered the risk of fractures elsewhere in the body by just over half.

The study was stopped early because of a cancer scare resulting from other Lilly research in which scientists found that rats developed bone cancer when given high life-long doses of the drug.

However, researchers eventually decided that the results do not suggest a higher cancer risk in people. Among other things, people with naturally high levels of the hormone as a result of overactive parathyroid glands are not especially prone to bone cancer, and none of the women in this or earlier studies of the hormone has developed the cancer.

The entire parathyroid hormone contains 84 amino acids. Forteo is a 34-amino acid portion of this. Experts believe it does the same job as the full hormone.

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Gene therapy mouthwash may fight mouth cancer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A gene-therapy mouthwash shows promise of warding off oral cancer by destroying ominous growths before they turn malignant.

The idea is to attack these pre-malignant patches by unleashing viruses that have been programmed to kill cells that contain cancer-causing genes.

The first study of this approach is still under way, but doctors have said it appears to work in at least some patients, making ominous patches in their mouths disappear completely.

Over the past two decades, scientists have learned that all cancer arises from genetic defects, often a half-dozen or more, that accumulate over a lifetime, causing cells to grow rampantly and spread through the body.

With this insight came the belief that it might be possible to target these bad genes to stop cancer. This approach was once one of the hottest ideas in cancer research. But enthusiasm cooled as scientists came up against roadblocks.

One of the biggest of these was reaching and killing every last cancer cell, when tumors are buried deep within organs or spread widely. Even reaching 80 percent of the cells — a tall order — is not good enough, because the rest keep growing.

So researchers decided that the mouth might be an excellent target for gene therapy, since the problem can be so easily reached. Dr. Ezra Cohen of the University of Chicago reported the results of testing on 10

patients at a meeting in San Francisco of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

"The advantage is that it's where we can see it," Cohen said. "We can get to it, and the therapy does not get absorbed into the body."

White or red patches in the mouth, so-called dysplastic lesions, frequently are a forerunner of malignancy, and they are common in smokers and heavy drinkers.

Study maps occurrences of autism

CHICAGO (AP) — Autism and related disorders in children occur more often than previously reported, according to research from England that echoes other recent studies.

But researchers said they do not know if their results reflect a true rise in the incidence of autism or changes in diagnosis criteria and better recognition of the disorder by parents and doctors.

Rates of autism typically have been reported at 4 to 6 per 10,000 children, though these figures have increased in studies conducted over the past 15 years.

This new study of children in Staffordshire, England — published in the Journal of the American Medical Association — found a rate of 16.8 per 10,000.

Other recent surveys showing a similar trend have stirred concern that the incidence of

autism is on the rise. But Drs. Suniti Chakrabarti and Eric Fombonne, authors of this latest report, said that cannot be concluded from their data. They suggested further study.

Dr. David Holmes, chairman of a panel of advisers for the Autism Society of America, said the number reflects better reporting methods and the inclusion of less severe cases. He said it provides a more accurate picture of the scope of the disorder.

"This is a far more significant health problem" than has been acknowledged, he said. "Children with autism are not given adequate resources and we don't have the adequate number of health professionals to work with these children."

California at San Francisco tested a gene-therapy mouthwash developed by Onyx Pharmaceuticals, which financed the study.

The treatment consists of adenovirus, a kind of cold virus, that lacks a working copy of one gene that ordinarily allows the virus to infect cells with good p53 genes. Without this gene, it should infect only cells with damaged p53 genes. In theory, at least, the crippled virus will enter these precancerous cells and kill them.

The doctors decided to conduct the study after a promising start in one patient, a 28-year-old woman smoker with extensive patches in her mouth. After two brief rounds of treatment, they disappeared. But later they came back, this time as cancer.

So now the doctors are giving patients the flavorless mouthwash once a week for 12 weeks. Those who respond get another 12 weeks of treatment.

So far, the patches have disappeared completely in two of the 10 treated, one of them for nearly six months. They have partially cleared up in two others.

The doctors hope to test the approach in 20 patients. If that goes well, the next step will be experimental treatment in people with especially severe cases of precancerous patches, as well as in those who already have had mouth cancer and risk recurrence.

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AUTO RACING

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — Eddie Cheever Jr. passed Sam Hornish Jr. with slightly more than two laps to go, earning his first Indy Racing League victory of the season in the inaugural Ameristar Casino Indy 200 at the new Kansas Speedway.

It was the third straight second-place finish for Hornish, the IRL points leader. He took the lead on the 191st of 200 laps on the 1 1/2-mile oval, but Cheever regained it approaching the fourth turn on the 198th.

Donnie Beechler was third, followed by Felipe Giaffone, Lazier, Ayrton D'Ávila, Eliseo Salazar, Shigeaki Hattori, Billy Boat and Robby McGehee.

CORRECTION

Coaches for the Pampa 11-12 year-old All-Star baseball team are manager Ron Carr and coaches John Warner and Danny Nusser. Ed Ferrell was incorrectly named as one of the all-star coaches in Sunday's Pampa News edition.

BASEBALL

SEATTLE (AP) — Fans at Safeco Field let out a big cheer when Mike Cameron was announced as the latest addition to the AL All-Star roster, bringing the total of Seattle players to eight.

The more, the merrier. And Cliff Floyd was happy, too. After feuding with NL manager Bobby Valentine, the Florida outfielder was picked Sunday as a replacement for New York Mets pitcher Rick Reed.

"All the stuff is behind us. I'm going to have a blast," Floyd said. "It's a good ending to a bad beginning."

Of course, it does not always go so smoothly. From future Hall of Famer Jimmie Foxx not playing at all to Dave Winfield playing too much, the All-Star game has a history of slights, snubs and squabbles.

AL manager Joe Torre, criticized for picking seven of his own New York Yankees and not enough of the hometown Seattle players, rectified the situation during the weekend.

A day after reliever Jeff Nelson replaced Yankees closer Mariano Rivera, Cameron replaced Tampa Bay outfielder Greg Vaughn, who strained his right hamstring.

Is there a chance that some hard feelings will linger after Tuesday night's game at Safeco Field? Sure.

Cito Gaston can attest to that firsthand. Gaston brought in his own Toronto reliever, Duane Ward, to close out a 9-3 win in the 1993 All-Star game at Baltimore.

Problem was, Orioles pitcher Mike Mussina was warming up in the bullpen at the time and never got into the game. In an odd scene, the crowd at Camden Yards loudly boomed throughout the ninth inning.

Eight years later, Gaston was offering no apologies.

"Mussina knew what was going on. I still don't have a lot to say to him," Gaston, now a Blue Jays coach, said Sunday at SkyDome.

Flashback

1999: Pampa defeated Valleyview 28-8 in a 9th grade football game.

Quarterback Tristan Brown led the Pampa offense. He scored on a one-yard run and threw a 55-yard touchdown pass to Joel Botello.

Derrick Williams scored on an 80-yard run. He also scored on two conversions.

Pampa's defense also scored a TD when Luis Gonzalez recovered a fumble and ran for 15 yards.

Zach Cobb was the outstanding defensive player.

DUMAS — Nine runs in the fourth inning sealed a victory for the Pampa Babe Ruth 14-15 year-old All-Stars as they walloped Dumas 14-1 Saturday in the West Texas State Tournament.

Tyler Doughty struck out 9 batters and allowed only 1 hit to pick up the mound win. Johnny Moore relieved Doughty in the fifth and final inning, striking out 2 of the last 3 batters.

Catcher Hunter Craig ended the game as he made a perfect throw to nab a Dumas runner trying to steal second base.

Pampa pounded out 12 hits in a game shortened by the 10-run rule, 7 going for extra bases, and followed up with smart, aggressive base runner to help their effort.

Jed Martin led all hitters,

going 3 for 3 with a single, double and triple. Doughty and Jason Brown also had multi-hit games.

Rounding out the hitting for Pampa were Craig, Moore, Mateo Campos, Derek Lewis and Zack Hucks.

Pampa's defensive standouts were Brown and Ryan Barnes in the outfield and Craig at catcher. Craig didn't allow any passed balls behind the plate.

In the second game, Plainview run-ruled Dumas 10-0 to join Pampa in the winner's bracket.

Play continued in the winner's bracket Sunday with Pampa meeting Tulia and Plainview going against Lockney. Pampa defeated Tulia, but no score was available at press time.

RANDALL — Pampa All-Stars defeated Canyon 18-11 in first-round action Saturday in the West Texas State 13-year-old Tournament.

Pampa had to rally for the win after trailing 9-3 in the third-inning. The score could have been more lopsided than it was as the local All-Stars banged out 18 hits, but left 11 runners on base. Canyon finished with 9 hits.

Leading Pampa at the plate were Braydon Barker, Trevor Day and Jared Moler with 3 hits in 5 times at bat. Weston Teichmann and Ryan Hansen each had a pair of doubles.

Teichmann came on in relief in the second inning to pick up the pitching win. He struck out 5 Canyon bat-

ters. Pampa play the North Randall-Dumas winner at 6

tonight with the winner advancing to the championship game.

Padres pound Rangers, 11-2

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Phil Nevin is ready for his first All-Star game.

Less than 24 hours after striking out four times, Nevin hit his 21st homer and drove in four runs to help Woody Williams win for the first time in nine starts as the San Diego Padres beat the Texas Rangers 11-2 Sunday.

Nevin had a compelling reason to do well. After the game, he headed to Seattle with Ryan Klesko, Tony Gwynn and manager Bruce Bochy, who will be on the NL staff for Tuesday's All-Star game.

"If we'd have lost, and having to fly up with Bochy next to me, it

wouldn't have been too fun," Nevin said.

The Padres took two of three from the Rangers and have won four out of five series.

"We played well all week," Nevin said. "Hopefully, this is something we can build on and take into the break. First and foremost, we need to get back to .500 before we start looking ahead to things, but we started playing better at home. I think that's a good sign."

Klesko will also make his All-Star debut, and Gwynn, who's retiring at the end of the season, his 20th with the Padres, will be a special non-playing guest of the NL.

Ivanisevic wins Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Goran Ivanisevic became one of Wimbledon's most improbable champions Monday, beating Patrick Rafter in five riveting sets after barely getting into the tournament.

Two points away from defeat, Ivanisevic rallied to beat Rafter 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 2-6, 9-7 and become the second player to win a Wimbledon singles title without being seeded. Boris Becker did it in 1985.

Ivanisevic needed a wild-card invitation simply to play and no man played better. Or with more obvious emotion.

"This was my dream all my life," Ivanisevic said.

Teary-eyed as he served his final points in the last game, Ivanisevic finally won the championship when Rafter returned a serve into the net and cried as he embraced his father in the stands.

The moment Ivanisevic knew he had climaxed his long climb back — from being a Wimbledon runner-up for the third time in 1998 to being ranked 125th in the world entering the tournament — he fell on his back and rolled on his stomach at Centre Court.

Then he stood up, clutched both hands on his head and went to the net where he and Rafter hugged. Ivanisevic, his face contorted as tears fell, then ran into the stands and hugged his father and other supporters.

"When I came here, nobody even talked about me," Ivanisevic said. "Now I'm holding this trophy."

It was very nearly Rafter's, who was runner-up last year to Pete Sampras.

"Someone has to lose, and I'm the loser again," Rafter said.

Rafter led 7-6 and went up 0-30 on Ivanisevic's serve. Ivanisevic fought back to take the advantage, then Rafter tied the game, leaving him two points away from victory for a second time.

Ivanisevic survived with a service winner and his 25th ace of the match. Now the pressure was on Rafter, the Australian who came into the tournament seeded third and is contemplating retirement after this year.

Serving in the next-to-last game, he fell behind 15-30 when he hit a backhand volley long. And when Ivanisevic hit a service return for a crosscourt winner, he had two break points.

He only needed one of them as he hit another forehand winner on Rafter's service. Sensing his moment had come, he pumped his fist and took his final break between games to contemplate how he would fulfill his dream.

He didn't make it easy on himself. Ivanisevic fell behind 15-30 in the last game, then fired a 116 mph ace on his second serve to tie it. He wiped his face, then asked for the same ball for his next serve.

His 27th ace, and a 40-30 lead, followed seconds later. One more point and the championship would be his. Again, he wiped his face as he fought to hold back his tears. He lifted up his socks and licked his upper lip.

Then he double-faulted. Ivanisevic got the advantage when Rafter hit a backhand to the net but, once more, one of tennis' best servers double-faulted, tying the game again.

Then Rafter hit a ball wide from the baseline, and Ivanisevic had his third match point. This time, he knelt where Rafter's ball had landed and crossed himself. Then he kissed the ball.

Rafter tied the game again with a deep backhand lob. And that was his final point.

Ivanisevic faulted, then Rafter hit the second serve into the net. And, once more, Ivanisevic wanted the same ball back. He hit it into the net, then reached back for one last big

serve. Rafter could only hit it harmlessly into the net.

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Venus Williams hopped giddily, like a little girl born with a silver plate in her hands.

She had just won \$647,500 in a very unladylike fashion. She ripped serves at 118 mph. She rushed the net at high speed. And she mercilessly wore down her teen-age opponent.

That all-out style brought her to another Centre Court coronation Sunday as the first woman to win consecutive Wimbledon singles titles since Steffi Graf in 1995-96.

So there she stood after overpowering and towering over 5-foot-6 Justine Henin, a 19-year-old Belgian in her first Wimbledon final.

As a light mist moistened Williams' beaming face, the Duchess of Kent handed her "The Venus Rosewater Dish," so named because its silver face is embossed with an image of Venus, the goddess of love, and other mythological figures.

Williams raised the championship prize and curtsied as the crowd cheered.

She may never let go. "I think she can win Wimbledon a lot," said Henin, 7 inches shorter and plenty of shots behind Williams. The final score was 6-1, 3-6, 6-0.

In Monday's men's final, pushed back one day because of rain, second-seeded Patrick Rafter was to face Goran Ivanisevic, the first wild-card entry to reach a Wimbledon final.

Ivanisevic advanced with a 7-5, 6-7 (6), 0-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 win over Englishman Tim Henman in a match suspended by darkness Friday and rain Saturday. They needed just 18 minutes to complete it Sunday.

Then Williams took the court. Her only struggle on serve came in the eighth game of the second set when she won one point and had a double fault as Henin broke for a 5-3 lead. But in the third set, Williams lost just 10 points in six games.

"In my mind, I'm always the best," she said. "If I walk out on the court (and) I think the next person is better, I've already lost."

For all the fortune she's amassed, Williams was born poor. Her father Richard was the son of a Louisiana sharecropper. She and sister Serena spent their early years in inner city Los Angeles.

But both were rich in physical gifts. Richard borrowed tennis videos from the library to learn how to coach them, and the family moved to Florida when they were young children.

Last September, then President Clinton watched Venus at the U.S. Open, where she won her second Grand Slam title two months after winning Wimbledon. Clinton was here Saturday, but rain pushed the women's final back to Sunday.

"He's a great guy," Richard Williams said. "I saw him yesterday. I wasn't close enough to talk to him, but I'm sure he would have said: 'Good job, Richard.'"

He's been branded a pushy tennis father with an unorthodox teaching style who basks in the spotlight of his daughters' fame.

"It wasn't like I was self-motivated," Venus said earlier in the tournament. "My dad started me. It was his dream before it was mine."

That's changed dramatically, yet her passion for the game seems less intense than most other top players. She's played just eight tournaments this year — none between her first-round loss at the French Open on May 28 and Wimbledon — and isn't crazy about practice.

Longtime fan honored



Floyd Austin (right) longtime Optimist Club baseball fan, was presented with a trophy and medallion during recent award ceremonies. Also pictured with Austin is Jad McGuire, who plays for Celanese in the Cal Ripken 11-12 League.

Nicolet, Winborn capture PCC Club Championships

PAMPA — Dan Nicolet's birdie on the first playoff hole gave him the Pampa Country Club Men's Club Championship over the weekend.

McFtridge finished second behind Nicolet in the championship flight. McFtridge also won low net.

Sue Winborn won the women's title.

Pampa Country Club Championship

Men

Championship Flight
1. Dan Nicolet 139 (won playoff); 2. Doug McFtridge 139. Low net: Doug McFtridge 137; Second low net: Roger David 138.

First Flight
1. Jack Curtis 154; 2. Tim Whipkey 155. Low net: Tim Whipkey and Sam White 143.

Second Flight
1. Ronnie Wood 157; 2. Dennis Roark 160. Low net: Dennis Roark 137.

Third Flight
1. Bob Swope 158; 2. Glen Lentz 171. Low net: Glen Lentz 137.

Women

First Flight

Golf

1. Sue Winborn; 2. LaVonna Dalton; 3. Joyce Swope. Low net: Debbie Hargus.

Second flight
1. Johnnie Marx; 2. Cathy Day; 3. Sheila McFtridge. Low net: Sheila McFtridge.

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ADA, Mich. (AP) — Larry Nelson is climbing fast on the Senior PGA Tour money list.

Nelson shot a 4-under 68 Sunday to win the Farmers Charity Classic by one stroke over Jim Ahern and two strokes over Dana Quigley and Walter Hall. He also won the Senior PGA event here last year.

With the \$210,000 that he won Sunday, Nelson has earned almost \$1.5 million this year and moved into second place, behind Bruce Fleischer, on the money list.

The victory gave Nelson his second successful championship defense in three weeks.

"The last two years when I've come here, I have hit it

very well," Nelson said. "It is easier to manage a golf course like this when you are hitting the ball well."

Nelson, who successfully defended his championship at the FleetBoston Classic June 24, won the tournament here at Egypt Valley Country Club last year.

The two successful title defenses are the only two of Nelson's career, which now includes 15 Senior PGA Tour championships as well as 10 PGA Tour wins.

Nelson, who lives in Marietta, Ga., finished the tournament with a 14-under 202.

He claimed the victory when his par putt on the final hole hesitated on the lip before dropping into the cup.

His long birdie putt went 8 feet past the hole.

"Putting from 35 or 40 feet is the worst part of my game," said Nelson, who now has four Senior victories this year. "For some reason, I am not a very good putter from that distance. I proved that again, but the important thing is that I made it coming back."

Scoreboard

BASEBALL					National League					AT A Glance																
By The Associated Press					All Times EDT					East Division																
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB											
Philadelphia	50	37	.575	—	Philadelphia	49	38	.563	1	Philadelphia	43	45	.488	7 1/2	Philadelphia	37	51	.421	13 1/2							
Atlanta	49	38	.563	1	Atlanta	48	38	.558	3	Atlanta	42	44	.486	9	Atlanta	41	47	.466	10 1/2							
Florida	43	45	.488	7 1/2	Florida	43	43	.500	8	Florida	33	53	.384	18	Florida	39	48	.448	12							
Los Angeles	42	44	.486	9	Los Angeles	42	44	.486	9	Los Angeles	33	53	.384	18	Los Angeles	39	48	.448	12							
San Francisco	38	51	.427	13	San Francisco	38	51	.427	13	San Francisco	33	53	.384	18	San Francisco	39	48	.448	12							
New York	37	51	.421	13 1/2	New York	37	51	.421	13 1/2	New York	33	53	.384	18	New York	39	48	.448	12							
Montreal	37	51	.421	13 1/2	Montreal	37	51	.421	13 1/2	Montreal	33	53	.384	18	Montreal	39	48	.448	12							
Central Division					West Division					Saturday's Games																
Chicago	51	35	.593	—	Chicago	51	35	.593	—	N.Y. Mets 3, N.Y. Yankees 0, 10 innings	Philadelphia 7, St. Louis 6, 10 innings	Toronto 9, Montreal 8, 11 innings	Los Angeles 2, Seattle 1	Milwaukee 13, San Francisco 3	Tampa Bay 4, Florida 3	Boston 3, Atlanta 1	Chicago Cubs 10, Detroit 6	Minnesota 7, Cincinnati 6	Baltimore 4, Philadelphia 3	Chicago White Sox 4, Pittsburgh 1	Anaheim 10, Colorado 3	Houston 10, Kansas City 8	Texas 4, San Diego 3	Oakland 5, Arizona 1		
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St. Louis	43	43	.500	8	St. Louis	43	43	.500	8	Monday's Games	No games scheduled	Tuesday's Game	All-Star Game at Seattle, 8 p.m.													
Milwaukee	42	44	.486	9	Milwaukee	42	44	.486	9	Tuesday's Game	All-Star Game at Seattle, 8 p.m.															
Pittsburgh	33	53	.384	18	Pittsburgh	33	53	.384	18																	
Cincinnati	33	54	.379	18 1/2	Cincinnati	33	54	.379	18 1/2																	
West Division					Saturday's Games					Sunday's Games																
Arizona	51	35	.593	—	Arizona	51	35	.593	—	N.Y. Mets 3, N.Y. Yankees 0, 10 innings	Cleveland 7, St. Louis 6, 10 innings	Toronto 9, Montreal 8, 11 innings	Los Angeles 2, Seattle 1	Milwaukee 13, San Francisco 3	Tampa Bay 4, Florida 3	Boston 3, Atlanta 1	Chicago Cubs 10, Detroit 6	Minnesota 7, Cincinnati 6	Baltimore 4, Philadelphia 3	Chicago White Sox 4, Pittsburgh 1	Anaheim 10, Colorado 3	Houston 10, Kansas City 8	Texas 4, San Diego 3	Oakland 5, Arizona 1		
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Cleveland	12	5	.706	—	Cleveland	12	5	.706	—	Cleveland	12	5	.706	—	Cleveland	12	5	.706	—							
New York	12	5	.706	—	New York	12	5	.706	—	New York	12	5	.706	—	New York	12	5	.706	—							
Miami	7	9	.438	4 1/2	Miami	7	9	.438	4 1/2	Miami	7	9	.438	4 1/2	Miami	7	9	.438	4 1/2							
Charlotte	7	10	.412	5	Charlotte	7	10	.412	5	Charlotte	7	10	.412	5	Charlotte	7	10	.412	5							
Indiana	5	10	.333	6	Indiana	5	10	.333	6	Indiana	5	10	.333	6	Indiana	5	10	.333	6							
Orlando	5	10	.333	6	Orlando	5	10	.333	6	Orlando	5	10	.333	6	Orlando	5	10	.333	6							
Washington	5	11	.312	6 1/2	Washington	5	11	.312	6 1/2	Washington	5	11	.312	6 1/2	Washington	5	11	.312	6 1/2							
Detroit	4	11	.267	7	Detroit	4	11	.267	7	Detroit	4	11	.267	7	Detroit	4	11	.267	7							
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Los Angeles	14	3	.824	—	Los Angeles	14	3	.824	—	Los Angeles	14	3	.824	—	Los Angeles	14	3	.824	—							
Houston	12	3	.800	1	Houston	12	3	.800	1	Houston	12	3	.800	1	Houston	12	3	.800	1							
Sacramento	10	7	.588	4	Sacramento	10	7	.588	4	Sacramento	10	7	.588	4	Sacramento	10	7	.588	4							
Portland	9	7	.563	4 1/2	Portland	9	7	.563	4 1/2	Portland	9	7	.563	4 1/2	Portland	9	7	.563	4 1/2							
Seattle	8	9	.471	6	Seattle	8	9	.471	6	Seattle	8	9	.471	6	Seattle	8	9	.471	6							
Utah	7	8	.467	6	Utah	7	8	.467	6	Utah	7	8	.467	6	Utah	7	8	.467	6							
Phoenix	6	10	.375	7 1/2	Phoenix	6	10	.375	7 1/2	Phoenix	6	10	.375	7 1/2	Phoenix	6	10	.375	7 1/2							
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Davis Lovell	66-67-69-66	268																								
Mike Weir	71-70-67-67	275																								
Brandel Chamblee	69-67-70-69	275																								
Rory Sabbatini	71-68-70-67	276																								
Jerry Kelly	67-73-69-67	276																								
Kevin Sutherland	70-70-69-68	277																								
Dudley Hart	70-70-69-68	277																								
Steve Flesch	71-70-67-69	277																								
Frank Lickliter	70-71-70-67	278																								
Steve Stricker	72-70-68-68	278																								
Vijay Singh	69-70-69-69	278																								
Matt Gogel	69-74-66-69	278																								
Mark Wiebe	65-74-67-72	278																								
Carl Paulson	68-71-72-68	279																								
Bob Estes	70-68-71-70	279																								
Brian Gay	74-68-67-70	279																								
Billy Mayfair	72-70-67-70	279																								
Scott Verplank	69-69-70-71	279																								
David Frost	72-71-70-67	280																								
Kenny Perry	68-74-70-68	280																								
Joe Ogilvie	71-67-73-69	280																								
Justin Leonard	69-72-70-69	280																								
Brad Faxon	68-70-72-70	280																								
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Stephen Ames	72-69-68-71	280																								
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Bob Tway	68-74-67-71	280																								
Cameron Beckman	71-72-66-71	280																								

Mariners enter all-star break with baseball's best record

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Sports Writer

The Seattle Mariners finished the season's first half by winning yet another game and by putting yet another player on the All-Star roster for the All-Star game.

Just as appropriately, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays entered the break with a defeat and also lost their lone All-Star selection.

By beating the Los Angeles Dodgers 9-2 Sunday behind Aaron Sele's latest strong start, the Mariners improved to 63-24 — eight games better than any other major league team.

While Sele (10-1, 3.54 ERA) was left off the All-Star team, eight other Mariners will be in uniform at Safeco Field in Seattle on Tuesday night, the most selections for one team since the Pittsburgh Pirates had eight in 1960.

Outfielder Mike Cameron was chosen Sunday to replace Tampa Bay's Greg Vaughn, who withdrew because of a strained right hamstring. Cameron, 2-for-5 against the Dodgers on Sunday, will be playing in his first All-Star game.

"It's unbelievable to get an opportunity to play before my hometown fans," Cameron said. "It's a great feeling to be part of something with the best players in the game."

Vaughn was injured while running to first base in the first inning of the Devil Rays' 6-1 loss to the Florida Marlins.

Tampa Bay (27-61) matched the 1962 Cubs for the second-most losses at an All-Star break. The 1962 Mets (24-66) hold the record.

In other interleague action Sunday, it was Atlanta 8, Boston 0; Toronto 9, Montreal 3; Detroit

9, Chicago Cubs 6; St. Louis 4, Cleveland 3; Philadelphia 5, Baltimore 4.

Also, it was Minnesota 7, Cincinnati 1; Houston 14, Kansas City 5; Chicago White Sox 9, Pittsburgh 2; Anaheim 11, Colorado 3; Oakland 2, Arizona 1; San Diego 11, Texas 2; and New York Yankees 4, New York Mets 1.

Milwaukee beat San Francisco 6-4 in the only NL game.

In Los Angeles, Sele allowed two runs on five hits. He also scored a run after getting an infield hit and squeezed home a run.

"We were trying to make quality pitches and let our defense work," Sele said. "Our defense has been our biggest strength all year long."

Seattle, which outscored the Dodgers 23-4 in the three-game series, went ahead for good Sunday by scoring twice in the second off Jeff Williams (2-1) on doubles by Ed Sprague and David Bell, and Sele's suicide squeeze bunt.

Marlins 6, Devil Rays 1

Ryan Dempster (10-8) tied a Marlins record for wins before the All-Star break, allowing four hits in eight innings to snap visiting Florida's four-game losing streak.

Dempster retired 12 of his last 13 batters.

Florida scored four runs in the second off Joe Kennedy (3-2).

Braves 8, Red Sox 0

Tom Glavine tossed seven shutout innings to win for the first time since June 3, and Brian Jordan was 4-for-4 with a homer and two RBIs at Fenway Park.

Glavine (7-5) was 0-2 with four no-decisions in his previous six starts.

Jordan led off the fifth inning

with his 11th homer, off Tomo Ohka (2-4), to give the Braves a 1-0 lead. Andruw Jones and Chipper Jones also homered.

Blue Jays 9, Expos 3

Carlos Delgado hit his 24th homer, Raul Mondesi drove in three runs and rookie Cesar Izturis had three hits to back Chris Michalak (6-6) for host Toronto.

Tony Armas Jr. (7-8) lost his third straight start.

Tigers 9, Cubs 6

Juan Encarnacion drove in three runs as Detroit overcame Sammy Sosa's two two-run homers at Comerica Park.

Cardinals 4, Indians 3

Edgar Renteria hit an RBI single with one out in the ninth inning off John Rocker (2-2) as St. Louis won for the first time in five tries at Jacobs Field.

Phillies 5, Orioles 4

Travis Lee's second winning homer in three games, a three-run shot off Buddy Groom (1-3) with two outs in the ninth inning, carried Philadelphia to Baltimore.

Twins 7, Reds 1

Brad Radke threw his fifth complete game of the season, and Matt Lawton had four hits as Minnesota completed a three-game sweep at home. Radke (10-4) allowed three hits, retired his final 20 batters, and did not walk anyone for the fourth consecutive game.

Astros 14, Royals 5

After a 36-minute first inning that included two ejections, three hit batters and an injury, visiting Houston won at Kansas City with a season-high run total.

The Royals have lost seven straight games.

Ron Villone (2-3) replaced Astros starter Scott Elarton after he was ejected in the first inning.

Earnhardt's heroic victory adds to NASCAR's rollicking drama

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. figures someday, Hollywood might make a movie out of his five-month odyssey — starting with his father's death at Daytona and ending with his own victory on the very same asphalt.

If so, the writers need not bother adding any dramatic flourishes.

Earnhardt's triumph Saturday night at the Pepsi 400 was drama better than any fiction writer could fashion. In fact, had it really plucked from a storybook and not the life-and-death world of auto racing, the evening might have been perfect.

"That's a fitting ending," Dale Jarrett said, echoing the thoughts of almost everyone in the garage. "There couldn't have been a better winner."

Surely not — not at Daytona, in the first race back since Earnhardt's fatal crash in

the last lap of the Daytona 500 in February.

"I think that's perfect," driver Rusty Wallace said. "I can't think of a better script to play than to come back to the track that took his father away from him. To have him be able to honor him with the victory is pretty cool. I wish I would have been the one shoving him across the line. I almost was."

Instead, as fate would have it, that honor fell to teammate Michael Waltrip. He's the driver who got the push from Earnhardt Jr. at the finish of the Daytona 500, while the elder Earnhardt hung back in third and protected them both before his crash.

Waltrip was the first to reach Earnhardt Jr. in the infield, where he jumped out of the car and thrust his arms in the air, then took a swan dive into the arms of his waiting crew.

Before that, he spun doughnuts in the grass. For a second,

it seemed to be an eerie reprise of his father's own raucous infield celebration after a stirring breakthrough at the Daytona 500 in 1998.

"This place is part of our lives — more so than any other place in the world," Waltrip said. "We weren't more emotional than normal, we were just normal — as normal as we could be since we lost our friend."

That friend, The Intimidator, surely would have loved what he saw had he been there to witness the final laps.

Junior was in seventh place following a late yellow flag. When the green came out, there were six laps left.

Earnhardt's car had been dominating all night. Still, the moves he made to regain the lead seemed more like the movies than real restrictor-plate racing.

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Horoscope

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Pressure develops from someone whose perspective significantly differs from yours. You could go at each other tooth and nail, or just take time to digest what is happening here. Do some soul-searching before you jump to any conclusions. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Aim for what you want, and do not allow a partner to upset you or drive you in a particular direction. Key into yourself, and make decisions accordingly. Pressure from others can only carry the weight you give it. A meeting provides an excellent networking occasion. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Maintain the status quo, and put a good face to the world, professionally. Not everyone agrees with your perspective. In fact, inadvertently, you could send someone on the warpath. Maintain responsibilities, and give a testy friend time to chill out. Tonight: Work late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Use diplomacy with someone in your day-to-day life. Work could prove to be demanding at times. Do your best to pull back and gain more perspective.

Make calls, and seek out the experts. Your intellectual capacity helps you resolve a problem. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Seek out others, but also be ready for some negativity from someone who is relatively close to you. Don't get into your private War of the Roses; rather, give this person space. Discussion later on will prove to be far more fruitful. Verify another's information. Tonight: An easy chat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Let someone speak out. You might not agree, but then, you can't change this person's mind. Pressure comes from another, though you might not be inclined to bend. Give others space, and they will come forward. Tonight: Say yes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You could start a fight when you least expect it. High energy and anger mark a conversation. To make peace, you might use actions rather than words. You could be surprised by what a little nurturing does. Meanwhile, maintain high performance at work. Tonight: Go for a workout.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Use special care with finances and with love. Your creativity often allows you to find solutions, but it also sometimes plunges you into plenty of trouble. Avoid unnecessary risks. Later on, or in another day or so, research today's idea. Tonight: Let your imagination soar.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You could have a dustup with someone when you least expect it. Remain level and forthright with others, but understand that there is a way of saying things that works. Soften some of your words and brashness. As a result, a partner helps you. Tonight: Happy at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You could put your foot in your mouth. You might not want to discuss your needs, but you are better off doing just that. Give up on defensiveness. Someone will respond to your openness and vulnerability. Give it a try! Tonight: Get together with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You could be sad when you see how destructive a friendship can be or how someone disappoints you. Deal with work. Don't obsess about this problem. Given time and more understanding, you might gain a different perspective. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

The moon spotlights you, although someone might challenge you when you least expect it. The boss demands a high level of productivity and responsibility from you. Avoid getting into problems