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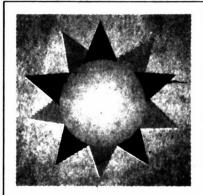
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Chance to win free rodeo tickets

Here's your chance to win free rodeo tickets. Rodeo directors will be on hand to give away tickets tonight at Dver'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 Wednesday night the drawing will be at Black Gold Restaurant.

Death row death by natural cause

HUNTSVILLE (AP) - Aparoled 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.

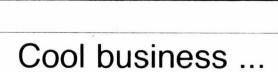
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- homemaker. · Albert Joe Morris, 73,
- Korean War veteran. · Vivian Sirratt, 67, home
- · H.S. Waller, 85, retired farmer.

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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.

Auditor: County should change fiscal year dates

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Gray County Commissioners Court should consider changing the fiscal year period in which the county operates. That's the recommendation of the outside firm who audits the county accounts

Danny Bishop of the auditing firm of Doshier, Pickens & Francis in Amarillo told the commissioners court at its last into a county bank meeting that a change to a fiscal year beginning Oct. 1-Sept. 30 would provide a better match to the operating cycle of the county.

"By this, we mean that it would match the collection cycle of the county's property taxes which begins in October, each year," he said. "This would eliminate the need to deter

the recognition of tax revenues as you currently do. You would also have nine or 10 months of current year's financial information to help determine the next year's budget instead of six or seven (months)." Gray County's current fiscal year period is the calendar year—from Jan. 1-Dec. 31. Bishop said he only knows of two counties in the Texas Panhandle who are on the calendar year fiscal system -- Gray and

Armstrong. He said he had been told there are only 10-12 counties of the 254 in Texas who are on the calendar year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31) fiscal County Judge Richard Peet agreed with Bishop that most of the counties in the state are on the Oct. 1-Sept. 30 fiscal period. He said the state government, federal government, City of Pampa, and Pampa

Independent School District are alkon the Oct. 1-Sept. 30 fiscal cycle as is the Juvenile Probation Office.

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

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

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 second place, Pampa; Jacob Garrett, third place, and Public Service Director Kim Lincycomb will be on hand to go Midland. and Public Service Director Kim Lincycomb 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

Commissioners have discussed several times recently the conditions of city streets that were worsened by the harsh winter. (See **STREET**, Page 3)

Kid Pony Show winners; more action at 7 tonight

The Top O' 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, Eritch. GOAT RIBBON RACE/Boys Group I. Gatlin Taylor, first place, White Deer; Trenton Gardner,

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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,

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)

Compensation plan for exposed Pantex workers will be told

AMARULO, Texas (AP) — Any present or former Pantex employ ee 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

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

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 tound! The Golden Horseshoe,

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

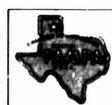
The family wins a box of seats for the rodeo valued at \$150 and they also may ride in the rodeo parade





(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.



Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament July 22-26. For More information call Pampa Chamber @ 669-3241

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 Ladonia, 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

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 block of North Wells. 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 clinened in the 900 block of East Twiford. ician for band and orchestra contests throughout

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 the Pampa Police Department. Springs, Colo., and Diana Parker of Goldsboro, N.C.; six grandchildren; and two great-grand-

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 the 700 block of East Kentucky.

JOVITA O'DELL MARTINEZ

Jovita O'Dell Martinez, 93, of Pampa, died Saturday, July 7, 2001. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley 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 IOE 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 Burkhard 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 p.m. today in Paramount Terrace Christian Church. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery underthe 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 Tulia and Ruth Assiter, Ina Anderson and Eva Richardson, all of Lubbock; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchil-

The family requests memorials be to a favorite

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

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

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

Telephone harrassment was reported in the 1400 block of East Browning. An aggravate assault was reported in the 1100

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

block of Juniper. A robbery was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W.

Telephone harrassment 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

A weedeater was reported stolen in the 500

block of North Hobart. A 24-year-old woman reported being threat-

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

Injury to a child was reported in the 400 block

of North Walls.

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

Sunday, July 8 A compact disc player was reported stolen in

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 odor-

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 arrest-

ed on charges of driving without a driver's 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

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



Texas round up

Legal office to aid El October, helps parents handle distists when they're being bothered Paso's divorced parents is agreements over issues such as child-support and visitation withmodel 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

out having to go back to court. The state Supreme Court hopes to use the office to help people who may be turned away from

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.

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Chevron	Silver	4.27
Coca-Cola44.78 up 0.18	West Texas Crude	27.58

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) 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; 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 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

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

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Weather focus

Tonight, mostly clear with lows 15 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny Guadalupe Mountains. The with highs around 100. South mercury was expected to reach a winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday few degrees higher in further 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 **PAMPA** — Today...Mostly to be in the 70s, with high temsunny with highs around 101. peratures ranging from 95 to the South winds 10 to 20 mph, century mark in most of the state. Highs were expected to be around 70. Southeast winds 5 to in the mid 70s over the

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

were also expected along the tem anchored over Oklahoma.

In the fertile south central Texas region that depends on the Edwards Aguifer, a Texas A&M researcher is wiring up fields with

sensitive infrared thermometers, the system or might not get the 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 Piccinni, an assistant professor at Texas A&M University's research center in

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 yeterinary school in East Texas.

The lawmakers are concerned about a possible shortage of largeanimal 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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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

hour over most of the state. Patchy low clouds peppered the skies from Georgetown to San Antonio, with some cloud

light at less than 10 miles per

cover in the Lower Valley. Conditions continued to be particularly humid in the North Texas region as a result of an Isolated afternoon showers upper level high pressure sysWINN

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Dalhart; Latigo Collins, third place, Alanreed. 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

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 expo-

"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

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

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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

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

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

• 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

· 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.

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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:

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

 Consider on first reading Ordinance No. 1364 amending the 2000/01 revenues, appropriations • Approve resolution appointing a reserve police and transfers. (These are routine yearly budget corrections submitted for approval).

Woman arrested on forgery charges

tion with series of reported forgeries over the past through this month.

reported 22 incidents of checks being written on his today.

tioned by Pampa police officers today in connecbegan Sept. 9, 1999, and apparently continued up

Pampa police detectives were investigating the Ivan Dell Brandt, 35, of Sulphur Springs, Friday circumstances surrounding the case, officers said

A 31-year-old Pampa woman was being ques- bank account. Officers said the reported forgeries

Police search for youthful beer bandits

Pampa convenience store. ently tried to leave the Allsup's convenience store, them

Law enforcement officers were searching for two 1025 W. Wilks, with three 30 packs of beer without youths today in connection with the robbery of a paying for them about 1:30 a.m. Saturday.

Pampa police officers said two young men appar- was pushed out of the way when she tried to stop Tickets are \$12 each.

the circumstances surrounding a conflict between minor damage four men Friday night. Soto told police that about 11 p.m. Friday, the Jesus Soto, 22, 101 S. Nelson, told police that he same two men drove by making threatening gesand a friend, Antonio Strata, 22, 1109 Sandlewood, tures. So to said one of them pointed what appeared

Pampa police officers were today investigating rammed by a car driven by two other men, causing

Officers probe circumstances of conflict

Lefors ISD board meets Tuesday night

were stopped at a stop sign Friday when his car was to be a gun at him.

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 disthe meeting which is open to the public.

LEFORS - School board members here will meet 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

Queens luncheon ticket deadline noon Tuesday

entered the contest.

The deadline is drawing close for purchasing Steakhouse. tickets for Thursday's Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas 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 The 42-year-old store clerk told officers that she N. Ballard. No tickets will be sold at the door.

A steak meal will be catered by Red River speak at the luncheon.

Contestants in the Miss Rodeo Top 'O' Texas Luncheon and Style Show at 11:30 a.m. in the M.K. pageant will be modeling western dresses and entertaining the audience. Each contestant will give a speech on the town or area from which they

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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.

Monday July 9

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 ocolate, alcohol and boys 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 will never hold a good job, because would test positive if the company has random drug testing. I want to quit. Is going to rehab the only way? Or are there other alternatives? Please help me.

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

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 inten-

sive 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 \$7.90 per set (\$9 per set in Canada) to: Dear Abby Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is includ-

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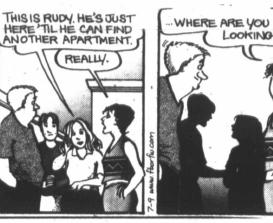


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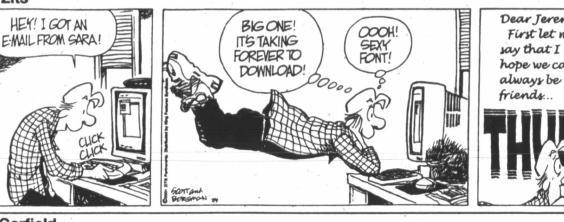
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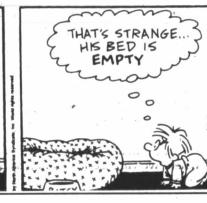






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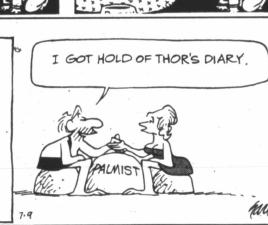




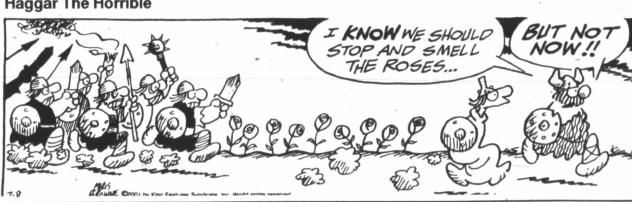








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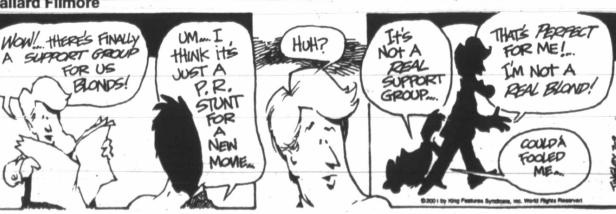


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MEDICAL

Texas Department of Health helping people find trail to fitness

AUSTIN — Within the 267,277 square miles of Texas are: 122 state people may not know where these trails are. 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? Worksite Wellness Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH),

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 Perhaps, says Jennifer Smith, director of the Community and free or at a low cost," said Mary Guzman, who oversees the TDH reg-

Trail Registry, available on-line Texas 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 on 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 twothirds 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

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

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 bone disease that afflicts millions of older director.

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 teers 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, and wrists are especially common. fell by two-thirds in women getting the

make new bone.

has a major drawback: It can be adminis- did those on the placebo. tered only by daily injections. Still, doctors which is similar to insulin injections, and that it is truly better. However, the results of

no serious side effects were seen.

be an effective way to treat osteoporosis in researchers said the largest increase i humans," said Dr. Robert M. Neer of seen with other drugs was 9 percent. treatment ever for osteoporosis, the brittle Massachusetts General Hospital, the study's

paratide, is being developed by Eli Lilly, which financed the study.

Dr. Felicia Cosman of Helen Hayes cent. Hospital in West Haverstraw, N.Y., clinical director of the National Osteoporosis percent of osteoporosis patients might be where in the body by just over half. considered for treatment with the new drug.

glands in the neck. When given to volun- for women with severe osteoporosis, espe- research in which scientists found that rats cially those who are on the best drugs and developed bone cancer when given high lifestill having fractures," she said.

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

The latest study was conducted on 1,637 postmenopausal women who had suffered Other osteoporosis drugs on the market, at least one fracture because of osteoporosis. such as Fosamax, work by slowing the They were randomly assigned to take either studies of the hormone has developed the body's loss of bone. Forteo is the only treat- 20 or 40 micrograms of the hormone or cancer. ment that actually prompts the body the dummy shots. After 18 months of treatment, But unlike the other medicines, Forteo 13 percent more bone in their spines than portion of this. Experts believe it does the

Forteo has not been compared directly to patients quickly master this process, other drugs, so doctors cannot say for sure

this and other studies with the new medi "It's the first demonstration of the concept cine are more impressive than those typicalthat stimulating bone formation is going to ly seen with other drugs. For instance, the researchers said the largest increase in bone

Forteo reduced the occurrence of new vertebral fractures by 65 percent or 69 percent, The medicine, known generically as teridepending on whether women got the high or low dose. Neer said no other drug has reduced it by more than 40 percent to 50 per-

The new drug reduced the risk of multiple spinal fractures by 77 percent or 86 percent, Foundation, estimated that 25 percent to 30 and it lowered the risk of fractures else-

The study was stopped early because of a "It represents a lot of hope for the future cancer scare resulting from other Lilly 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

The entire parathyroid hormone contains women taking the higher dose of drug had 84 amino acids. Forteo is a 34-amino acid same job as the full hormone.

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Gene therapy mouthwash may fight mouth cancer

gene-therapy mouthwash shows promise of warding off oral cancer of Clinical Oncology. by destroying ominous growths before they turn malignant.

The idea is to attack these premalignant 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

that exceeds the current collection

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A patients at a meeting in San Francisco of the American Society mutant genes, and one of the most

does not get absorbed into the mutations. Without a working

mouth, so-called dysplastic lesions, cerous. frequently are a forerunner of in smokers and heavy drinkers.

common, occurring in about half, is "The advantage is that it's a broken p53 gene. This is a tumorwhere we can see it," Cohen said. suppressor gene, and it ordinarily We can get to it, and the therapy kills cells that contain dangerous copy of this gene, the mouth

malignancy, and they are common Anderson Cancer Center in Houston and the University of

Study maps occurrences of autism

CHICAGO (AP) — Autism autism is on the rise. and related disorders in children occur more often than previously reported, according to this latest report, said that canresearch 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 doc-

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

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 reported the results of testing on 10 concern that the incidence of

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White or red patches in the growths can go on to become can-Cohen and colleagues at M.D.

> But Drs. Suniti Chakrabarti and Eric Fombonne, authors of not be concluded from their data. They suggested further

> 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 disor-

> "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."

These cells typically contain 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

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.

is the lack of enough fitness facilities, sidewalks and bicycle lanes.

on-line. People also may add information about trails that are currently listed.

Researchers say pollutants can trigger heart attacks

attacks in at-risk people exposed for even a short time, a study has

772 Boston-area patients about increased 62 percent. four days after their attacks found that the onset of symptoms corre-risks caused by ozone, a chief lated with times of high daily air pollution.

Tiny, invisible particles long have been thought to cause longterm cardiovascular diseases. The new study is the first to examine short-term effects on the heart, said senior author Dr. Murray Mittleman, director of cardiovascular epidemiology at Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical

The study of 489 men and 283 women, conducted from January 1995 to May 1996, defined at-risk people as obese, inactive or those

with a history of heart problems. The results appear in a recent edition of Circulation, a journal of the American Heart Association.

called PM-2.5, for particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers in power plants and industry, as well

Studies in the past five years have linked deaths and hospital admissions to a spike in PM-2.5 attack peaked two hours and 24 tal epidemiology at Harvard.

DALLAS (AP) — High levels of hours after patients were exposed air pollution can trigger heart to increased levels of the particles.

After two hours, risk increased 48 percent in the hours when pollution was the worst, compared to Researchers who interviewed the best hours; after 24 hours, risk

The study also examined health ingredient of smog that's created when air pollutants mix. Ozone has been linked to lung and breathing problems, researchers in this study found no data linking it to heart attacks, Mittleman said.

The study did not address how the particles trigger heart attacks. Other studies have shown that the particles, small enough to bypass the body's defenses and get into the lungs and other tissue, cause inflammation and blood clotting. These symptoms may contribute to heart attacks by blocking flow of blood through the heart, some researchers say.

Still other studies have shown that the particles may create elec-The pollution particles are trical reactions that affect the nervous system.

PM-25 particles are light diameter. They're emitted by cars, enough to travel long distances and infest air that's typically clean. as fireplaces and wood-burning Air conditioning helps to filter it out of the indoors.

"The best advice is to avoid outdoor activity on hot, hazy days," said study co-author Douglas levels. In the study, risk for heart Dockery, professor of environmen-

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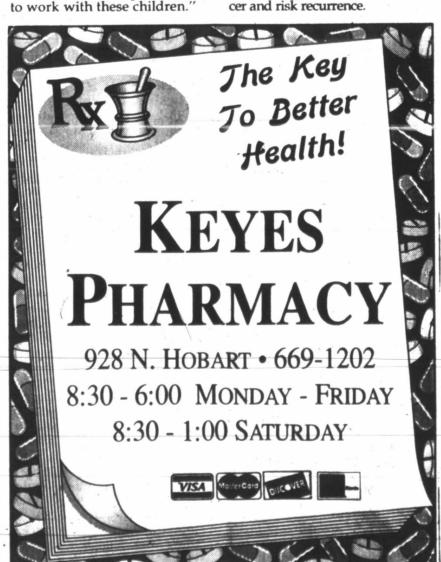
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AUTO RACING

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, Airton Dare, 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 edi-

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 Mariners.

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 relieger Jeff Nelson replaced Yankees closer Mariano Rivera, Cameron replaced Tampa Bay outfielder Greg Vaughn, who strained his right ham-

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 booed 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.

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

Quarterback Tristan Brown led the Pampa offense. He scored on a one-vard 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.

Pampa Babe Ruth teams post victories

fourth inning sealed a victory double and triple. Doughty for the Pampa Babe Ruth 14- and Jason Brown also had 15 year-old All-Stars as they multi-hit games. walloped Dumas 14-1 Saturday in the West Texas Pampa were Craig, Moore, in the West Texas State 13-State Tournament.

Tyler Doughty struck out 9 and Zack Hucks. batters and allowed only 1 hit Johnny Moore relieved Barnes in the outfield and have been more lopsided than Doughty in the fifth and final Craig at catcher. Craig didn't it was as the local All-Stars inning, striking out 2 of the allow any passed balls behind banged out 18 hits, but left 11 last 3 batters.

Catcher Hunter Craig ended throw to nab a Dumas runner trying to steal second base.

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

Jed Martin led all hitters,

DUMAS — Nine runs in the going 3 for 3 with a single,

Mateo Campos, Derek Lewis year-old Tournament.

Pampa's defensive standto pick up the mound win. outs were Brown and Ryan third inning. The score could the plate.

In the second game, ished with 9 hits. Catcher Hunter Craig ended the game as he made a perfect 10-0 to join Pampa in the win- were Braydon Barker, Trevor Plainview run-ruled Dumas ner's bracket.

Plainview going against doubles. Lockney. Pampa defeated Teichm Tulia, but no score was available at press time.

RANDALL — Pampa All-Stars defeated Canyon 18-11 Rounding out the hitting for in first-round action Saturday

Pampa had to rally for the win after trailing 9-3 in the runners on base. Canyon fin-

Day and Jared Moler Play continued in the win- with 3 hits in 5 times at bat.

ner's bracket Sunday with Weston Teichmann and Ryan Pampa meeting Tulia and Hansen each had a pair of

Teichmann came on in relief in the second inning to pick up the pitching win. He struck out 5 Canyon bat- to fly up with Boch next to me, it the NL.

Randall-Dumas winner at 6 onship game.

tonight with the winner Pampa play the North advancing to the champi-

Padres pound Rangers, 11-2

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 "We played well all week," runs to help Woody Williams Nevin said. "Hopefully, this is 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 manthe NL staff for Tuesday's All-

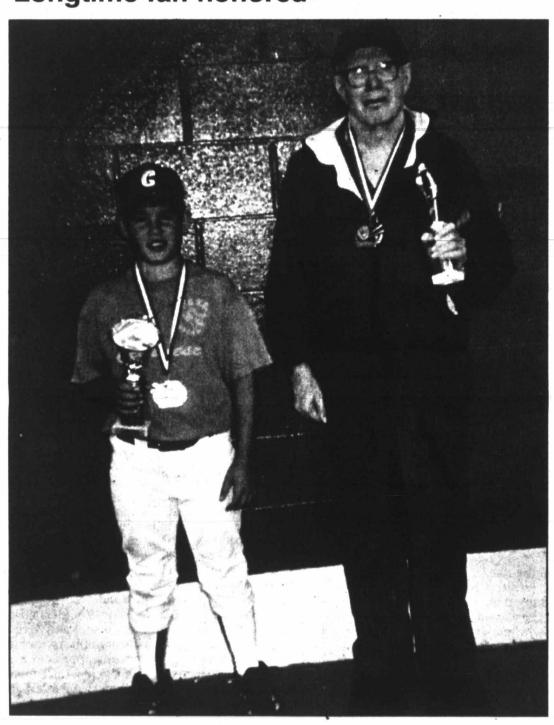
SAN DIEGO (AP) - Phil wouldn't have been too fun," Nevin said.

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

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 Allager Bruce Bochy, who will be on Star debut, and Gwynn, who's retiring at the end of the season, his 20th with the Padres, will be "If we'd have lost, and having a special non-playing guest of

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 Nicólet's birdie on the first playoff hole gave him the Pampa Country Club Men's Championship over the

weekend. McFatridge finished second behind Nicolet in the championshlp

Sue Winborn won the women's title.

> **Pampa Country** Club Championship

Men

Championship Flight 1. Dan Nicolet 139 (won playoff); 2. Doug McFatridge 139. Low net: Doug McFatridge 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

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

1. Johnnie Marx; 2. Cathy flight. Day; 3. Sheila McFatridge. McFatridge also won low net. Low net: Sheila McFatridge.

> 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 sec- is the worst part of my ond place, behind Bruce game," said Nelson, who Fleischer, on the money list.

The victory gave Nelson his second successful championship defense in three

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

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 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 "The last two years when thing is that I made it coming I've come here, I have hit it

Ivanisevis wins Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Wimbledon's most improbable chaminto the net. pions 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 hands. player to win a Wimbledon singles Becker did it in 1985

tation simply to play and no man down her teen-age opponent. 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 Henin, a 19-year-old Belgian in her and cried as he embraced his father in first Wimbledon final.

from being a Wimbledon runner-up Dish," so named because its silver face for the third time in 1998 to being is embossed with an image of Venus, ranked 125th in the world entering the the goddess of love, and other mythotournament — he fell on his back and logical figures. 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 lot," said Henin, 7 inches shorter and hugged his father and other support-

"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 tied the game, leaving him two points minutes to complete it Sunday. 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 next serve.

His 27th ace, and a 40-30 lead, foland 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 then reached back for one last big about practice.

Goran Ivanisevic became one of Rafter could only hit it harmlessly

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

She had just won \$647,500 in a very title without being seeded. Boris unladylike fashion. She ripped serves at 118 mph. She rushed the net at high Ivanisevic needed a wild-card invi- speed. And she mercilessly wore

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

As a light mist moistened Williams' The moment Ivanisevic knew he beaming face, the Duchess of Kent had climaxed his long climb back - handed her "The Venus Rosewater

Williams raised the championship prize and curtsied as the crowd

cheered. She may never let go.

"I think she can win Wimbledon a 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, secondseeded 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 back to take the advantage, then Rafter rain Saturday. They needed just 18

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 his second serve to tie it. He wiped his Clinton watched Venus at the U.S. face, then asked for the same ball for Open, where she won her second Grand Slam title two months after wirming Wimbledon. Clinton was here lowed seconds later. One more point 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 firstround loss at the French Open on May same ball back. He hit it into the net, 28 and Wimbledon - and isn't crazy

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

By HOWARD FENDRICH **AP Sports Writer**

The Seattle Mariners finished yet another game and by putting yet another player on the AL roster for the All-Star game.

Tampa Bay Devil Rays entered the break with a defeat and also Mets 1. lost their lone All-Star selection.

By beating the Los Angeles 6-4 in the only NL game. Dodgers 9-2 Sunday behind In Los Angeles, Sele a 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

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 secondmost 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 Jordan led off the fifth inning he was ejected in the first inning.

Baltimore 4.

Also, it was Minnesota 7, Chipper Jones also homered. the season's first half by winning Cincinnati 1; Houston 14, Kansas Blue Jays 9, Expos 3 City 5; Chicago White Sox 9,

Milwaukee beat San Francisco

In Los Angeles, Sele allowed Tigers 9, Cubs 6 Aaron Sele's latest strong start, two runs on five hits. He also infield hit and squeezed home a

> "We were trying to make quality pitches and let our defense work," Sele said. "Our defense year long.

Seattle, which outscored the five tries at Jacobs Field. Dodgers 23-4 in the three-game Phillies 5, Orioles 4 series, went ahead for good

squeeze bunt. Marlins 6, Devil Rays 1

Ryan Dempster (10-8) tied a

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

Braves 8, Red Sox 0

Jordan was 4-for-4 with a homer with a season-high run total.

and two RBIs at Fenway Park. Glavine (7-5) was 0-2 with four straight games. no-decisions in his previous six

9, Chicago Cubs 6; St. Louis 4, with his 11th homer, off Tomo Cleveland 3; Philadelphia 5, Ohka (2-4), to give the Braves a 1-0 lead. Andruw Jones and

Carlos Delgado hit his 24th Pittsburgh 2; Anaheim 11, homer, Raul Mondesi drove in Colorado 3; Oakland 2, Arizona three runs and rookie Cesar Just as appropriately, the 1; San Diego 11, Texas 2; and Izturis had three hits to back New York Yankees 4, New York Chris Michalak (6-6) for host Toronto.

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

Juan Encarnacion drove in scored a run after getting an 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 has been our biggest strength all inning off John Rocker (2-2) as St. Louis won for the first time in

Travis Lee's second winning Sunday by scoring twice in the homer in three games, a threesecond off Jeff Williams (2-1) on run shot off Buddy Groom (1-3) doubles by Ed Sprague and with two outs in the ninth David Bell, and Sele's suicide inning, carried Philadelphia at Baltimore.

Twins 7, Reds 1

Brad Radke threw his fifth Marlins record for wins before complete game of the season, the All-Star break, allowing four and Matt Lawton had four hits hits in eight innings to snap vis- as Minnesota completed a threeiting Florida's four-game losing game sweep at home. Radke 10-4) allowed three hits, retired Dempster retired 12 of his last his final 20 batters, and did not walk anyone for the fourth con-

Astros 14, Royals 5

After a 36-minute first inning Tom Glavine tossed seven that included two ejections, three shutout innings to win for the hit batters and an injury, visiting first time since June 3, and Brian Houston won at Kansas City

The Royals have lost seven

Ron Villone (2-3) replaced Astros starter Scott Elarton after

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

(AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. fig- in February. ures someday, Hollywood asphalt.

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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," have been a better winner."

since Earnhardt's fatal crash in nuts in the grass. For a second, the drafting help that is so Earnhardt really did have the can only help NASCAR. This nobody else."

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. the last lap of the Daytona 500 it seemed to be an eerie reprise vital at Daytona — it took best car all week.

Phoenix 66, Washington 52

five-month odyssey — start- can't think of a better script to Daytona 500 in 1998.

Instead, as fate would have Michael Waltrip. He's the driver who got the push from Earnhardt Jr. at the finish of third and protected them both there were six laps left. before his crash.

air, then took a swan dive into plate racing. Surely not — not at the arms of his waiting crew.

of his father's 'own raucous Earnhardt only 1 1/2 laps to It showed during Friday by the Earnhardt name. "I think that's perfect," dri- infield celebration after a stir- overcome all six cars.

Bob Tway 68-74-67-71— 280 Cameron Beckman 71-72-66-71— 280

Daytona and ending with his track that took his father away lives - more so than any unheard-of strategy for this roared its approval. own victory on the very same from him. To have him be able other place in the world, where restric- Come the race, nothing makeshift monument outside to honor him with the victory Waltrip said. "We weren't tor plates on the carburetors changed. Earnhardt pulled to Turn 4; the overwhelming roar If so, the writers need not is pretty cool. I wish I would more emotional than normal, hold speeds down, and dri- the front on lap 27, and led that filled the track when bother adding any dramatic have been the one shoving we were just normal—as nor-vers who leave the pack with-most of the rest of the way him across the line. I almost mal as we could be since we out a partner often lose a staggering 116 of the 160 lost our friend."

> it, that honor fell to teammate surely would have loved what he saw had he been there to al dominance left room for Earnhardt said. "I was just witness the final laps.

the Daytona 500, while the following a late yellow flag. elder Earnhardt hung back in When the green came out,

Waltrip was the first to reach dominating all night. Still, the Benson, who led after the catch back up.' Dale Jarrett said, echoing the Earnhardt Jr. in the infield, moves he made to regain the restart, but wound up finishthoughts of almost everyone where he jumped out of the lead seemed more like the ing 13th. "But it's OK. It was nance can make for monoto- Earnhardt said. "So it's a good in the garage. "There couldn't car and thrust his arms in the movies than real restrictor-

Darting in and out of the it done." Daytona, in the first race back Before that, he spun dough- pack alone — racing without

dozens of spots before they laps. That friend, The Intimidator, get back in line.

Junior was in seventh place Earnhardt's victory really was and keep the RPMs up on the too good to be true.

on the outside and make that lengths ahead, and it would Earnhardt's car had been kind of time up," said Johnny take them a lap and a half to

night's Happy Hour practice, might make a movie out of his ver Rusty Wallace said. "I ring breakthrough at the Sure, it was bold and excit- where he put on a show, going sea of red, white and black ing with his father's death at play than to come back to the "This place is part of our It was also a practically never letting up as the crowd dreds of flowers, pictures and

'My car was the best car Naturally, that kind of unrehere, I think you all saw that," skeptics who wondered if trying to stay in the right line car. It seemed like I could get "You don't go by yourself out there, three or four car

He conceded such domi-

Whatever the reason, It figures that Junior's win car. That was for the fans and

sport is, after all, still smitten

That was obvious from the to the front of a long line and that filled the stands; the hunmessages strewn around a Junior crossed the finish line.

The loss of his dad in February focused much of the attention on Earnhardt, a 26year-old who is still getting comfortable in the role of fan favorite and patriarch. Going winless so far this

year didn't help anything.

"You start to feel a little pressure that you won't win for them and give them a reason to root for you," good that Junior won. I know nous racing. Still, it was hard feeling. That's why I pulled he wanted to win, and he got to be bored on this special down on the front straightaway and jumped out of the

Hoch wins Western Open in a thriller

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Like any mer. And let's face it, spending shooting under-par rounds." weeks following dad around golf

of the Western Open, Cameron back. was right there to give his father a high-five. Yeah, old dad can still pull off some tricks.

Just look what he did later on. Scott Hoch made a 1 1/2-foot ground Sunday. putt on the 18th to beat Davis Love III by one stroke for his 10th career for Love to make even the slightest win. He also set tournament and course records with a 21-under 267 total, and his 8-under 64 was the low round of the week.

"My family being here, that's the most special," said Hoch, who walked off the 18th green in triumph surrounded by his wife and here."

Chamblee finished eight strokes back at 275. Tiger Woods was never a factor, shooting a 71 that baseball bat, but he couldn't move left him 13 strokes back in a tie for

With a tie for 12th in the U.S. Open and a tie for 16th in the tion. Buick Classic, Woods has finished that's happened since 1998.

17-year-old boy, Cameron Hoch break 90 out there," he said. "I has a lot going on during the sum-struggled today, yes, but I am still

Phil Mickelson, who started the corporate tents. courses isn't quite as cool as it day just five strokes back, plummeted off the leaderboard with a Love said. "Just jumped at it a lit-But when Scott Hoch made a quadruple bogey on the par-4 No. tle bit and tried to maybe get a litbirdie putt early in the final round 3. He shot a 76 to finish 16 strokes Love had been rock solid all

week, leading after the second and third rounds and looking like he wasn't going to give up any

But Hoch hung close, waiting of mistakes.

"My game plan was to stick with him, close as I could, just get within shouting distance and maybe he'd get tired and hit some poor shots," Hoch said. "I think that's what happened."

Love made a mistake on the two children. "I appreciate them long par-4 16th, sending his secbeing out because I do play much ond shot into some deep rough better when the family is out downhill from the green. But Hoch \$648,000 and gave him a Mike Weir and Brandel 12-foot birdie putt stopped about a

Hoch swung his putter like a ings tapped in, he closed his eyes and tain's picks. tipped his head back in frustra-

But Love made another mistake out of the top 10 in his last three on 18, and this time, Hoch jumped tournaments. It's the first time on it. Hoch teed off first, putting a perfect shot in the middle of the Minn.

"It's not like I am struggling to fairway about 180 yards from the green.

Love teed off — and launched his drive so far left it almost hit the

"I don't know what happened," tle more out of it. I don't know. That was definitely my worst swing of the day."

He recovered to reach the green with his third shot, but his 12-foot putt for par lost speed as it reached the hole and slid by on the left

As the crowd groaned, Love bent his knees and frowned. That meant Hoch just had to make his putt, and the Western

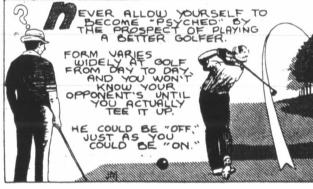
Open title was his. "I said let's just stay in the moment, don't look ahead," Hoch said. "When it went in, it just felt

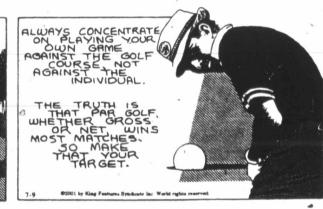
great. This is special." The victory, the second of the year for the 45-year-old, earned Hoch didn't take advantage, as his career-high \$2,504,686 for the season. It also moved him from 16th to seventh in the Ryder Cup stand-

The top 10 get automatic bids, it any farther along. When he and Curtis Strange has two cap-

Hoch's 267 total is the lowest in the 99-year history of the Western Open. The previous overall low was 20-under 268, set by Sam Snead in 1949 at Keller in St. Paul,

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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

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

time to chill out. Tonight: Work late. CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Use diplomacy with someone

in your day-to-day life. Work could

send someone on the warpath. Maintain

responsibilities, and give a testy friend

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.

*** 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 imagina-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Remain level and forthright with others. ing things that works. Soften some of your words and brashness. As a result, a partner helps you. Tonight: Happy at CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Get together with a loved one. AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Tonight: Your treat.

*** The moon spotlights you,

Tennis player Arthur Ashe (1943), tennis player Virginia Wade (1945), singer Arlo Guthrie (1947)