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Faustina Curry, left, and Ray Boring are sworn in by City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers after their election to the Pampa City Commission on May 15.

Auditor praises city's financial department

By DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

Pampa City Commission in their final meeting this month heard an auditor praise the city's financial department, canvassed votes from the Robbins said. May 15, city elections and swore in the win ning candidates, adopted a resolution in appreciation of public service by former Ward 2 Commissioner Jeff Andrews, then broke for

punch and cookies at a reception for Andrews. They also went into executive session to discuss a lease on the old U.S. Bus building, but took no action.

The commissioners were scheduled to hear a report on the Emergency Medical Services Task Force at their Tuesday afternoon meeting in connection with ambulance service, but until the commission's next meeting, saving it (see related story below). would be at least today before the task force

By DAVID BOWSER

STAFF WRITER

year should be much easier.

required changes in account-

city books this year should be

much easier.

Comprehensive

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been stressful, said Pampa's Government

place, he said closing out the and adjustment.

Compliance with

GASB rule causes

delay in city audit

The last three years have caused by GASB 34.

director of finance, but next Standard Board rule 34, a

John Horst, city finance accounting rules for cities,

director, has struggled with counties and school systems

ing systems for the last three at least 10 years." Horsi said

years, but with everything in Even then, it's taken time

Financial Report, the annual vate industry so investors can

audit of city finances, is a cou more easily evaluate the finan-

ple of months late. Horst said. cial condition of governmental

but next year, it should be entities issuing bonds

report again this year, the

change in the required

"It's been in the works for

The reason for the change,

Horst said, is to prepare gov-

State school systems com-

(See RULF, Page 3).

2002-2003 ernmental finance sheets in a

Annual way that comparable to pri-

The delay in the report was

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would have anything to report. He indicated that the task city-county task force was negotiating with one emergency medical services company for ambulance service.

The task force has done an excellent job."

Commissioners also heard the 2002 2003Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by auditor Gary Brown of Brown, Graham and Company. Brown praised the city's financial department, noting that for the 2001-2002 fiscal year, they were awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. Brown said that they should qualify again even though the 2002-2003 fiscal year included Mayor Lonnie Robbins postponed the report sweeping changes in accounting procedures

See CITY, Page 3)

Middle School gets new name, mascot, colors

Greg Brown in his first time to ors will be green and gold. meet with the Pampa Superintendent Independent School District's Haenisch told the board he Board of Education Tuesday. had conducted an informal

local accountant Charles Buzzard's results from the May 15 school board election, confirming that Brown won the Place 7 seat with 296 votes. His opponents. Ken Cargill Willie and Nickleberry. received 250

and 141 votes. Greg Brown respectively

Joe Martinez was re-elected to ling the name from Patriots, Place 6 on the board with a but did not want the junior total of 522 votes.

After taking the oath of Harvesters, like the high office. Brown participated in school, or even Little the election of officers. Harvesters, which is similar to Martinez was elected as presi- the name of the high school's dent for a second term. Lance newspaper. DeFever is vice president and be secretary.

Martinez recognized outgo-board. ing board member. Bill Jones. years of service on the board. As a result of board action—found the same concern.

Tuesday, Pampa Middle School's name has been moving up to become a changed to Pampa Junior

By DEE DEE LARAMORE High School. The board also decided to change the school mascot from Patriots to A myriad of issues faced. Shockers and the school col-

First, the board accepted survey of the community,

teachers and students regarding the changes. He encountered little opposition, he said. except for a few who were concerned that making the changes would already cashstrapped dis-

Many supported changhigh mascot to be the

"As one student said to me. Charles Smith, who was 'You become a Harvester, It's absent from the meeting, will something you work your way toward." Haenisch told the

Martinez said he had also with a plaque recognizing his talked to citizens and students regarding the changes and he

"It's like a badge of honor, (See SCHOOL, Page 3)

Project ChildSafe donates gunlocks



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Chuck Thurston, right, program representative with Project ChildSafe, a nationwide firearm safety program, presents 1,700 cable-style gun locks to Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland Tuesday, Pampa Police Department also received 1,300 locks, which come in two sizes. The locks include instructions and a set of two keys, which will not work any other lock, Thurston said. The locks are free to anyone who asks for them. No information is asked or gathered by either law enforcement agency concerning those who ask for the locks, and individuals may take more than one lock. The locks are available at the sheriff's and police departments.





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Syble McConnell, 82, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McConnell was born Oct. 8, 1921, in Arpala, Okla. She had been a longtime resident of Tulsa, Okla., before moving to McAlester, Okla., in 1968. She resided in McAlester from 1968 until moving to Pampa in 2002.

She married Woodrow McConnell on June 29, 1946, in Grayson County, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1962

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of McAlester. She was a member of the VFW

Pauline Mullins, 94, of McLean, died Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2:30 Charles Ray Mullins in 1986; 12 brothers and p.m. Saturday in Hillcrest Cemetery with Pastor Gary Griffin, of First Assembly of God Church of McLean, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Eldorado, Okla., to James and Katie Sullivan. She was a welder during the Depression and

Ladies Auxiliary in both McAlester and Pampa Survivors include one daughter, Johnnie Marx and husband Bob of Pampa; one brother, Sid Warren of Bouvard, N.C.; three sisters, Lavina Hughes of Ozark, Mo., and Wynemia Thompson and Anna Joyce Ferguson, both of McAlester, Okla. She was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065, or the Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

PAULINE MULLINS

worked in retail at Montgomery Wards.

She was preceded in death by her husband, sisters; and a great-granddaughter, Amanda Sue Barton.

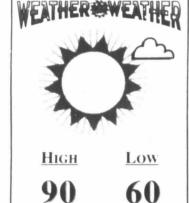
Survivors include a daughter, Paula Morse of McLean; three adopted children; two grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Mrs. Mullins was born March 25, 1910, at Hospice of Amarillo. Visitation is scheduled from 9 to 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday at the funeral home

WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies, highs around 90 and west winds 15 to 25 mph. Tonight should fall on partly cloudy skies, lows in the lower 60s and southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Thursday should be mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the northeast 10 to 20 mph after midnight.



Friday, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning.

Highs around 90. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Saturday, partly cloudy Breezy. Highs around 90. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Sunday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 80s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Memorial Day, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

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Judge denies class action suit

FORT WORTH. Texas (AP) A North Texas judge has refused to open medical and psychological records for 4,000 adoptions dating to 1975.

A Fort Worth couple and their adoptive daughter had accused the Gladney Center for Adoption of violating state law by not releasing to adoptive parents hundreds of documents of medical information on their children's birth families. A state district judge said Tuesday that doing so would open a "Pandora's Box" on matters many families prefer to remain closed.

In response to the lawsuit by Lee and Carolyn Williams of Fort Worth and their adoptive daughter Tammarah. Gladney's attorneys argued that many of the birth mothers simply don't want the information released because they were promised confidentiality years ago. The lawsuit asked for records from 1975 to 1989.

State District Judge Bonnie Sudderth said the issues surrounding each adoption are "so highly individualized, intensely personal and emotionally charged" that the cases could not be handled as a group

class would also carry with it a significant risk of opening up a Pandora's Box on matters which at least some in the proposed class would prefer to remain closed," Sudderth wrote in the ruling.

Officials of Fort Worthbased Gladney, one of the nation's leading adoption agencies, said in court that state laws require them to maintain the, confidentiality of the records, and that recent laws opening some records don't apply to adoptions handled years ago.

They have a vault of information that is available, and we have sick babies, and we're the ones living with them." Carolyn Williams told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Wednesday's editions. "I'm really disappointed in the justice system.

She adopted her daughter in 1982. Now 21, Tammarah has experienced several psychological and medical problems, including depression, attentiondeficit disorder, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus.

An attorney representing Gladney said Sudderth's ruling is not surprising under the state's laws regarding class

"Certifying this proposed action, which set up rigorous prerequisites before individual claims can be grouped together.

> "Making a determination on a class certification is a serious undertaking," attorney Susan Schwartz said. "The plaintiff has not met those burdens."

The Williams family doesn't plan to appeal Sudderth's ruling, said Lenny Vitullo, one of their attorneys. However, he said he and other lawyers expect to pursue efforts by other adoptive children and parents to open the

'We're going to keep after them," Vitullo said. "We're not going to give up until they agree to provide them.

Attorneys for Williamses, by seeking classaction certification, said they were trying to prevent other families from having to fight a long legal battle to get certain medical records from Gladney.

In 2000, the family also filed an individual lawsuit accusing the adoption agency of negligence and fraudulent concealment of the medical history of Tammarah's birth mother. The daughter has dropped her individual claim against Gladney

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Sunday, May 23

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 800 block of South Banks. Lost were a purse and contents, a set of keys and a cell phone. Amount of loss is unknown.

Monday, May 24

Criminal mischief was reported by the City of Pampa Parks Department. A park bench in Prairie Village Park sustained damage estimated at \$115.

Criminal mischief to a mailbox was reported in the

500 block of North Hobart.

Estimated damage was \$20. A suicide attempt was reported in the 1900 block of

North Wells. A commitment to Big Spring State Hospital was

Tuesday, May 25

reported.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 100 block of North Sumner. Entry was made by breaking a window. Several items of furniture were taken, along with some jewelry, two televisions, a stereo, a videocassette recorder and a DVD player. Estimated amount of loss is unknown at this time.

Assault was reported in

the 500 block of North Cuyler, No injuries were reported.

Criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 1900 block of Chestnut. A window on a vehicle was cracked, for estimated damage of \$100.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Taken was \$10 worth of gasoline.

Jeremy Thompson, 27, Canadian, was arrested in the 300 block of West Brown for

reckless driving. Wednesday, May 26 Possession of a controlled substance was reported near

the 1200 block of Alcock.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, May 25

11:49 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West; nursing facility. Amarillo.

12:37 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Cuyler and transported a

patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 1:34 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Baten prison unit and transported a patient(s) to PRMC

2:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to BSA and transported a patient(s) to a local

9:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Nelson and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, May 25

1:55 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a LifeStar medical helicopter standby at One Medical Plaza.

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SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Tuesday, May 25

Stella Roach Jewett, 74, 333 N. Wells, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Wednesday, May 19

9:10 p.m. - A 1998 GMC Yukon, driven by Jose Carlos Torres, 40, 1081 Varnon Drive, and a 1999 Ford F150, driven by Kenneth Wayne Pester, 25, 321 N. Gray, collided in the 600 block of North Hobart Street. Adam Ross Slater, 21, 2221 N. Wells #A7, a passenger in Torres' vehicle, was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural/Metro Ambulance Service with possible injuries. Torres was cited for failure to control speed.

Commissioner retires under cloud

AUSTIN (AP) — The commissioner of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services is retiring, less than a week after a report found serious deficiencies in the state's elderly care program.

Thomas Chapmond, who oversees the elderly care program, said Tuesday he will retire when he becomes eligible on Oct. 31.

"It was a difficult decision for me to make, but I feel the time is right," he said.

A spokesman for the department would not say if last week's report influenced Chapmond's decision to retire. In the preliminary report, the Texas

Health and Human Services Commission found "serious deficiencies in virtually all aspects" of the Adult Protective Services program. The agency investigates allegations of

abuse and neglect against children, the elderly and people with disabilities; provides foster care and adoption; and regulates child care.

"If supervisors and caseworkers believe the culture and philosophy of APS has been appropriate, then I would think there would not be a place for them in a reorganized and restructured APS," said Terry Hammond, an El Paso attorney who has represented some of the elderly left by APS to live in squalid and dangerous conditions.

"I think part of the investigation has to be to determine who has been responsible for the adoption of policies and procedures and the training of personnel that would allow this kind of system to exist."

Gov. Rick Perry ordered the review of 200 El Paso cases and APS policies statewide after El Paso County Probate Judge Max Higgs sent him reports in April on El Paso cases where APS did not remove people from horrible living condi-

In one case, APS workers found a disoriented 84-year-old Fort Worth woman living in a house lacking power and water but filled with cat feces. In Harlingen, APS declined to intervene after an 82-year-old woman was found living in a filthy, ratinfested home.

Conditions improved for both after relatives intervened, but judges overseeing APS cases across Texas told The Associated Press that such stories aren't

Final results of the review will be compiled before a Nov. 1 deadline mandated in Perry's executive order.

Jerry Boswell, president of the Citizens Commission on Human Rights in Texas, called the announcement "appropriate."

"We've had zero-accountability for patient safety and financial integrity," Boswell said. "As head of the agency, the buck stops there."

Boswell said the move will open the door to new leadership and "some real reforms within that agency."

Texas city attracts Russian consulate

nation's fourth largest city will become the new home for a Russian consulate because of its concentration of energy and aerospace companies, say officials from the former Soviet

Russia, one of the world's biggest oil producers with large natural 'gas reserves, plans to locate its fourth consulate general in Houston in mid-June

bloc nation.

office staff.

"This is our goal, to enhance

business between the United States and Russia," Consul General Nikolay Sofinskiy told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions. "Taking the energy profiles of Houston and Russia, this is important. Aerospace is also important. Our cosmonauts train here."

Besides NASA's Johnson

HOUSTON (AP) — The with six diplomats and an Space Center, where all U.S. astronauts are trained for space flight, 19 Fortune 500 companies are headquartered in Houston, according to the magazine's April issue. Houston comes in second to New York, which has 40 Fortune 500 corporate headquarters. Chicago and Atlanta are tied for third place with 12 each, said David McCollum of the Greater Houston Partnership.

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Former Pampa City Commissioner Jeff Andrews, left, receives a framed copy of a proclamation commending him for his public service from Mayor Lonny Robbins during ceremonies in the city commission chambers Tuesday afternoon.

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The commission went into executive session to discuss a lease agreement McCarty-Hull for the old U.S. Bus building at 822 E. Foster, but took no action.

The city leased most of the building to the company for warehouse space, but is negotiating with them to lease back several thousand square feet of the building to be use for a business incubator that will be run by West Texas A&M University's Small Business Center.

Canvassing the votes cast in this month's city elections, Mayor Lonny Robbins said 1,275 votes were cast. Ray Boring, who ran unopposed for the Ward 2 position, 558 votes. Incumbent Faustina Curry, running in the Ward 4 race. garnered 427 votes to the 290 votes of her opponent, Shirley

City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers administered the oath of office to the duo.

Boring had been appointed to replace incumbent Jeff Andrews earlier this year after Andrews elected to step

In a resolution adopted by the commission Tuesday night, Andrews was commended for his 10 years of public service on the city commission.

A reception for Andrews was held in the city commission chambers immediately following the commission meeting.

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approved a choir trip to New York City in early May 2005.

, Mays said he is organizing Harvester," he explained. a Carnegie Hall performance The name will be changed for the choir in conjunction immediately. Cost to change with Amarillo College and three signs will be minimal, possibly two other local high Haenisch reported. The school's choirs. Other plans mosaic tile in the hallway for the trip include auditionwill be left as is and the maring to sing the "Star ble memorial will retain the Spangled Banner" at a New Pampa Middle School name on it, he said, "to keep the Uniforms for athletics will

SCHOOL

Patriot tradition alive.'

cost of paint, also.

be changed on the regular

schedule. Walls, etc., will be

repainted on the regular

maintenance schedule. The

school booster club has

New band uniforms will

not be necessary. The band

director has decided to go to

a uniform of khaki pants and

a shirt the student will pur-

chase. Choir dresses are

already scheduled to be replaced next school year.

The small board room at

Carver Center was filled to

capacity, overflowing into

the hallway, with students

and parents. As part of the

Campus Spotlight, Pampa

High School featured three

state-award winning groups,

the Technology Students

Association, led by Rod

Wichert; DECA students and

teacher Donna Crowe; and

Pampa High School Band

directed by Bruce Collins.

Three PHS musicians on bas-

soon, clarinet, and flute, per-

formed "Trio in C Major" by

Also recognized in the

Academic Spotlight were

numerous students who had

won elementary school sci-

ence fairs and participated at

the regional level, and top

PHS Choir Director Fred

Mays and Assistant Director

Wanetta Hill, the board

After a presentation by

performing readers.

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pledged to help pay for the policy committee and incorporates their recommenda-

strict criteria for teachers

who would be eligible for the annual appraisal waiver.

The board also approved an education aide exemption policy that will help educational aides who seek teaching certification.

Bids were accepted for custodial supplies, winter athletics and copy paper. However, at board member York Mets of Yankees game Jay Johnson's request, the and possibly at St. Patrick's district will ask for new bids Cathedral. Cost of the trip is for a 2004 Suburban that will estimated at \$750 to \$850, he include side air bags and a trailer hitch package.

Board members unani- 1 In other action the board mously accepted the revised accepted contracts with less-than-annual appraisal Region XVI and heard policy. Haenisch said the pol-reports on a bulk supply icy had been reviewed by a agreement with Region XVI, private law firm, the Texas a short budget report, and a Association of School Boards TAKS report. Look for legal team, and the TASB details of the TAKS scores in Thursday's edition. Stacey Neese was hired as a teacher tions. The policy outlines for the 2004-2005 school



(Pampa News photo)

Board President Joe Martinez, left, presents outgoing board member Bill Jones with a plaque recognizing his years of service to the Pampa Independent School District Board of Education at the school board meeting Tuesday.

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changes could be extensive.

RULE

year, but then school systems across the state were pretty well standardized any-

Counties this year are going through a similar change in accounting proce-

The problem with the change for cities, Horst said, is that many communities have their own accounting methods, and depending upon Horst said of the accounting the size of the community, the software program.

Larger cities in the state, such as Dallas and Fort Worth, had to complete the change over earlier than

"The deadlines were based on revenues," Horst said.

Horst said Pampa bought computer software to help then it had to be modified and there was a learning curve.

"It helped tremendously,"

But, as with all computer systems, there were bugs that had to be worked out.

With the software in place and city employees now familiar with it, Horst said, closing out the city's book for next year's audit should be much easier.

"Next year," he said, "will with the transition, but even go more smoothly. We've completed all changes.'

Horst added he loesn't want to have to go through such a change over in systems

Intelligence: Terror operatives may be planning major attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — remain in the country, the offi-Homeland Security Secretary cial said. Tom Ridge said Wednesday conventions.

ity of attacks on the United oration. States," Ridge said.

of a news conference later by Wednesday Attorney General John Ashcroft and FBI said of potential terrorists on U.S. soil: "It's our job, obviously, to try to identify who they are and apprehend them."

Ashcroft and Mueller were expected to draw new attention to photos of several suspected al-Qaida operatives the FBI has been pursuing for months. They include Adnan G. El Shukrijumah, a Saudi native who once lived in Florida, and Aafia Siddiqui, a woman from Pakistan who studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

A federal law enforcement official, speaking Wednesday on condition of anonymity, said there was no new information indicating those individuals were in the United States. Ratcheting up publicity about them could lead investigators to some of their associates who

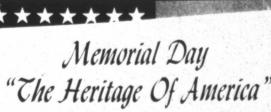
new information indicates ter- law enforcement officials said Ridge said. "There's not a conrorists are planning an attack on Tuesday that new intelligence sensus within the administra-America, possibly connected to indicates a group of terrorists tion that we need to raise the high-profile upcoming events already deployed inside the threat level. ... We do not need such as the dedication of a new United States is preparing to to raise the threat level to World War II monument, eco- launch a major attack this sum- increase security. Right now, nomic summit and political mer. This information was there's no need to put the entire described by a senior counterf country on a (elevated) nation-"I can confirm that we have errorism official on condition al alert." seen for the past several weeks of anonymity as extremely a continuous stream of report- credible and backed by an include a time, place or method ing that talks about the possibil- unusually high level of corrob- of attack but is among the most

Appearing on morning tele- NBC's "Today" show, said attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the vision news shows in advance there are no current plans to lift the national alert status from said yellow, where it has stood since January. That's the midlevel drumbeat of information that Director Robert Mueller, Ridge alert level on a five-step warn- they are going to attack and hit

"First of all, every day we take a look at the overall threat U.S. counterterrorism and reporting that we receive."

The intelligence does not disturbing received by the gov-Ridge, interviewed on ernment since the al-Qaida senior counterterrorism official

"There is clearly a steady us hard," the official said.



In Honor Of Our Departed Veterans. Memory Gardens of Pampa, 23rd & Price Road Will Make Available Free American Flags For Our Veterans' Graves. Counselors Will Be On Duty To Assist Families With Location And Placement Of Flags On Friday, May 28th - Monday, May 31st, 2004. Enter Drawing For Memorial Granite Bench.



You're Invited to a Conversation with

U.S. Representative **Mac Thornberry**

Friday, May 28th 9:00am - 10:00am The Coffee Shop 220 N. Cuyler Street Pampa

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National Academic Scholarship Source Guide. This annual guide, made available through the National Academic Funding Advisory, provides information on financial aid processes, scholarship tips, "10 Essential Steps to Scholarship Success," key resources and web sites for additional funding information and ways to identify relevant scholarship sources. To receive the NAFA College Financial Aid publication including a listing of important academic funding programs, send a #10 SASE, along with \$2 to cover handling, to NAFA, 188 Summer NH 03801

National Arbor Day Foundation. The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering "What Tree is That?," a 72-page tree identification guide book. The book is free of charge and may be obtained by sending your

name and address to: "What Tree is That?," The National Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410. available Also is "Conservation Trees" booklet with colorful photos and illustrations and easy-tounderstand descriptions to help people plant and care for trees. To obtain a booklet, send name and address to: Conservation Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

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PETFINDER.COM. Petfinder.com; the Internet's largest and oldest virtual animal shelter, is available to those seeking to adopt a pet. The Internet service includes a multitude of shelters in Texas and nationwide. The website allows users to search by kind of animal, breed, gender, size and age. Results of the search are ranked in proximity to the user's zip code.

PIE. Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families for foreign exchange students. The students, age 15-18, have spending money and carry accident and health insurance. PIE reps match students with host families through an informal in-home meeting. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-631-1818.

PRS. Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services conducts a monthly informational meeting for individuals interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at its office (6200 I-40 West) in Amarillo. Contact Darla Ingram at (806) 354-6230 for more details.

CCPC scholarship



(Courtesy photo)

Joe Kyle Reeve, dean of Clarendon College-Pampa Center, recently presented Jera Skinner with a scholarship in the amount of \$500 from CCPC's Pampa Center Foundation. Scholarship applications for the fall semester are currently available at CCPC, 1601 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-8801.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

ROGER MILLER STORY

The Roger Miller Museum Board will present "Dang Me -The Roger Miller Story" at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 28 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 30, in the newly renovated grade school auditorium in Erick, Okla. The play will highlight the life of hometown boy, Roger Miller, and will be held in conjunction with Erick's alumni reunion Memorial Day weekend. Tickets are currently available for purchase for \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. For more information, call (580) 526-3332.

> CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

Sixth Annual Communitywide Garage Sale in McLean and Alanreed is

planned for Saturday, May 29 in both communities. Twentyfour families in McLean and six families in Alanreed will participate. Free maps will be available the morning of the event at McLean Post Office, Texaco Country Corner, Charlotte's Gifts, Puckett's Grocery Store, Wagon Wheel Restaurant and Taylor Mart. In Alanreed, the sale will be held at the community gym.

LECTURE SERIES

Harrington House Connoisseur Lecture Series will begin Tuesday, June 1 at Harrington House in Amarillo. "Couture Designers: Mrs. Harrington's Collection" will be showcased. Two identical lectures will be offered at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. with each limited to 10 people. The series will be offered the first Tuesday of each month June through October. Regular hours of the house will not be scheduled on this day. For more information or for reservations (required), call (806) 374-5490.

ERICK SALE

The city of Erick, Okla., is planning a citywide garage sale Saturday, June 5. A list of the sales will be available at C&K Quickstop, Pucketts Grocery and Currell's.

ACT

The next ACT Assessment test will be administered nationwide Saturday, June 12. College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions exam by May 4, the postmark deadline. The late postmark deadline is May 21 and includes an extra fee. For more information, contact your high school counselor or go on-line to www.act.org.

Jurors are being asked to

their deliberations.

cannot consider charges.

If Nichols is convicted, the trial would move into a penalty phase where jurors would decide whether he should face the death penalty or life in

Nichols, 49, already is serving a federal life sentence for involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy in the deaths of eight federal law enforcement officials in the bombing. He is accused of 161 counts of

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) first-degree murder in state

Tuesday, the defense poked at holes in the bombing investigation and argued that prosecutors haven't proven Nichols helped Timothy McVeigh bomb the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Defense attorney Barbara in the April 19, 1995, blast.

Prosecutor Lou Keel said nesses. Jurors will be in his closing arguments that Nichols did more to gather bomb components and plan the bombing than-McVeigh, who was executed in June 2001. The government says Nichols bought the explosive ammonium nitrate fertilizer used in the bomb and stole detonation cord, blasting caps

Bergman reminded jurors of dozens of witnesses who testified they saw McVeigh with others, including a stocky, dark-haired man depicted in an FBI sketch and known only as John Doe No. 2, in the weeks before the bombing. Witnesses said the others did not resemble

Jury deliberations start in OKC bombing trial

 Jurors began deliberating Wednesday in the state murder trial of Terry Nichols, who could face the death penalty if convicted of the Oklahoma City bombing.

"The most important work is beginning," Judge Steven Taylor told jury members before they headed to a room to begin their work. "The work of actually deciding this case is left with you ladies and gentleman."

consider two starkly different versions of Terry Nichols' role in the Oklahoma City bombing. The defense says he was manipulated, while prosecutors describe a mastermind.

The start of deliberations capped a two-month state murder trial that included testimony from about 250 witsequestered for the duration of

They can either find Nichols guilty or not guilty of first-degree murder. Taylor ruled last week that the jury lesser

court for the deaths of the other victims plus a fetus whose mother was killed in the blast.

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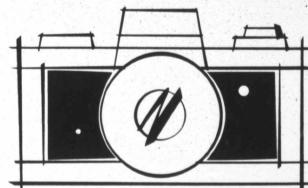
Bergman said McVeigh was aided by others who set up Nichols to take the blame for the deaths of 168 people killed

"This is a case about manipulation, betrayal and overreaching," Bergman said. "People who are still unknown assisted Timothy McVeigh."

and other explosives.

Nichols.

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Caribbean storms: Floods kill at least 360

By PETER PRENGAMAN ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JIMANI, Dominican Republic (AP) The caskets of dozens of children lined this town's streets after floods swept away whole villages and sent desperate families into the darkness and mud in a frantic search for loved ones. At least 360 were dead and hundreds missing.

Trucks dumped more than 100 bodies into a mass grave outside of Jimani, a town of about 10,000 on the Haitian border, on Tuesday. Sobbing families, meanwhile, waited for the tiny caskets of their children to be buried in cemeteries.

Heavy rains caused the Solie River to burst its banks, washing away three neighborhoods of wooden shacks built by Haitian migrants working in this Dominican town. Many residents were still asleep when the torrent of mud swept through the town before daybreak on Monday.

"We can't find her anywhere!" cried Norma Cuevas, 32, as she desperately searched for her 63-year-old mother. She was among dozens of people clawing through mud with their bare hands Tuesday in a search for relatives.

An Associated Press reporter counted at least 180 bodies on the Dominican side of Hispaniola island by Tuesday afternoon. Another 100 or so had been buried in a mass grave, according to Lt. Virgilio Mejia, of the Dominican National Rescue Commission.

Haiti's Interior Ministry said there were 83 confirm d deaths on the Haitian side but the to was steadily rising as rescue workers and family members pulled corpses from the mud. More than 250

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were unaccounted for in the Dominican Republic and 62 were missing in Haiti. mostly in the town of Fond Verrette, near

"I've looked at the bodies in the morgue and couldn't recognize any of them," said Jude Joseph, 30, who came from Haiti's capital of Port-au-Prince to sell rice at a border market and visit relatives in Bobmita, La Cuarenta and Barrio El Tanque, the neighborhoods that van-

More than 100 troops from the U.S.led multinational force in Haiti flew to Fond Verrette, ferrying bottled water, medical supplies and food, according to U.S. Marines Lt. Col. Dave Lapan, a spokesman for the multinational force. Troops were expected to return on Wednesday and would coordinate with

Although only one body had been recovered in Fond Verrette, Haitian officials said nearly 60 people were missing there and many were feared dead, Lapan said.

The U.S.-led 3,600-member multinational task force was sent to stabilize Haiti after rebels ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide on Feb. 29. The force is to be replaced by a U.N. force that begins arriving on June 1.

About six miles outside of Jimani, emergency workers in surgical masks and white gloves watched as trucks dumped scores of corpses into a 15-foot ditch. No relatives were present for the burials.

Some of the dead on the Dominican side were believed to be family members of Haitian workers living there illegally and afraid to claim the bodies, officials

The Dominican government had issued an alert Sunday, warning that rivers may swell with the rains. But Jimani — more than 100 miles west of the Dominican capital of Santo Domingo has only limited access to radio broad-

People whose houses were still standing Tuesday scooped water from their living rooms. Chairs and mattresses floated in deep pools of water and dark clouds threatened more rain. Hundreds of houses were destroyed on both sides of the

As rescue workers and families pulled bodies from the mud, medical teams draped work areas with mosquito netting. The insects can carry parasites that cause malaria and dengue fever. Some people were also being given tetanus shots.

Many roads in both countries were still impassable.

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U.S. top energy official announces plan to ease threat of 'dirty bombs'

By SUSANNA LOOF ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — U.S. Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham announced a \$450 million plan Wednesday to rid the world of the "dirty bomb" threat by keeping nuclear materials out of terrorist hands.

Abraham said the Global Threat Reduction Initiative would remove and secure highrisk nuclear materials that pose a menace to the international community.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, concerns have grown that terrorists might be trying to acquire material for a so-called "dirty bomb."

Abraham said the objective was to collect, secure and dispose of dangerous radioactive materials from around the world.

"Where 100 years ago authorities had to worry about the anarchist placing a bomb in the downtown square, now we must worry about the terrorist who places that bomb in the square, but packed with radiological material," Abraham told an International Atomic Energy Agency conference on nuclear safety

Abraham said the new global program would reduce the proliferation threat by cutting off access to materials and equipment by "whatever the most appropriate circumstance may be, as quickly and expeditiously as possible."

By handling problems that require attention anywhere in the world, he said, officials will ensure that nuclear and radiological materials and equipment "will not fall into the hands of those with evil inten-

A dirty bomb uses conventional explosives to spread radiation over several city blocks. It has no atomic chain reaction and requires no highly enriched uranium or plutonium. Both materials are normally kept under tight security, so they are difficult to obtain.

Instead, the radioactive component is of lower-grade isotopes, such as those used in medicine or research. If a dirty bomb were to be detonated, the radiation release probably would be small.

IAEA Director-General Mohamed ElBaradei described Abraham's plan as "a major initiative to adjust the nonproliferation regime" by strengththe Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

"This is clearly a key in our

fight to control proliferation to protect ourselves from nuclear terrorists," ElBaradei said. "We need to re-examine our rules of the game. We need to adjust our defenses ... The first line of defense is having adequate protection of nuclear material.

On Tuesday, the United States provided Greek police and border officials with radiation detection equipment to help guard the Aug. 13-29 Athens Olympics against a nuclear or "dirty" bomb.

Abraham said his first prior ity is to bring back to the United States some 330 tons of Russian-origin, highly enriched uranium by the end of

More than 220 tons have been eliminated so far. All Russian spent fuel would be recovered by 2010.

"It has become clear that an even more comprehensive and urgently focused effort is needed to respond to emerging and evolving threats," Abraham said. "Moreover, we are prepared to spend the resources necessary to guarantee suc-

"But we will need more funds, and heightened international cooperation, to finish the job," he said.

The IAEA conference was examining how to better secure nuclear and radiological materials at atomic research reactors and other facilities worldwide.

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Report: War on terror adding to human rights crisis

LONDON (AP) — The vision and bereft of princi-U.S.-led war on terror has produced the most sustained attack on human rights and international law in 50 years, Amnesty International said in its annual report Wednesday.

Irene Khan, secretary general of the human rights and made the world a more group, condemned terrorist dangerous place." assaults by groups such as al-Qaida, saying they posed a war on terror continued to be innocent and put us all at threat to security around the world.

But she criticized the response of the U.S.-led "coalition of the willing," saying its powerful governments were ignoring international laws by sacrificing human rights in the "blind pursuit" of security.

"The global security agenda promoted by the U.S. administration is bankrupt of

ple," Khan said in a statement. "Violating rights at home, turning a blind eye to abuses abroad, and using preemptive military force where and when it chooses have damaged justice and freedom,

waged using indiscriminate risk," Khan said. and disproportionate means.

dreds of foreign nationals who remain in indefinite detention without charge or trial in U.S. custody at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. It also details alleged unlawful killings of civilians by coalition troops in Iraq and allegations of abuse of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. soldiers.

The recent publication of

"By failing to protect the the 572 people arrested in rights of those who may be anti-terror raids in Britain guilty, governments endanger since Sept. 11, 2001 have Amnesty said the U.S.-led the rights of those who are

The report criticized sever-The report cites the hun- al governments, including those of Spain, France and Uzbekistan, which it said have introduced "regressive" anti-terrorist legislation and restrictions on freedom since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

> Britain was singled out for holding 14 foreign nationals under anti-terrorism laws that

> photographs of U.S. troops torturing and humiliating Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad was met with international condemna-

African, Latin Americans at World Bank meeting concerned with poverty

— In an apparent swipe at the United States, African and Latin American leaders meeting in China on Wednesday urged rich countries to fight terrorism by sharing wealth, not through military intervention.

The three-day World Bank gathering in Shanghai is focused on finding ways to make better use of the scarce resources spent on poverty relief in a world where some 2.8 billion people live on less than \$2 a day.

The United States wasn't mentioned directly but was clearly the target when Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa said "anger will not yield to military interventions."

The most basic right of all humanity is three decent meals a day, said Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

"Hunger is actually the worst weapon of mass destruction. It claims millions of victims each year," Silva said. "There will be no peace without development and no development without social justice."

Developing nations need more debt relief, better access to world markets for their commodity exports and a larger

SHANGHAI, China (AP) share of resources if economic growth is to benefit all, Mkapa

> In Tanzania, 35 percent of and 19 percent food-poor. Recent plunges in coffee prices mean that "many families that ty now do," Mkapa said.

"Democracy and open markets are only judged by what they deliver, not what they promise," he added.

Silva reiterated calls from Brazil and other developing over \$300. nations for industrialized countries to end agricultural subsidies and barriers to exports from developing nations that he said put farmers in poor countries at a disadvan-

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get \$2 subsidies a day while half the world survives on even

less than that," he said. Chinese Premier Wen the population is considered Jiabao, as host of the conferpoor in terms of basic needs ence, pledged more aid for other developing nations and noted China's own goal of eliminating within the next had never known abject pover- decade the poverty that still afflicts 29 million of its own

people. While urban incomes in China now average about \$1,000 a year, in the countryside incomes still average just

Wen reiterated a recent pledge by Beijing of \$30 billion to the Asian Development Bank to help some of its poorest neighbors - China's first donation to a multilateral institution after many years as a



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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

HUSBAND'S 'BOYS' NIGHT OUT' STIRS BAD MEMORIES FOR WIFE

time dealing with an upcoming event. My husband, "Rob," and our nephews are planning a night out visiting the local all-nude strip clubs. I walked into the room just as one nephew was inviting him. Abby, he jumped at the chance! When I asked what they were talking about, Rob said, "Nothing," and changed the subject.

I don't want him to go. This isn't a new occurrence in our more-than-30year marriage. After we were married that it would be easier for him to disseven years. Rob came home from burse the money that she wanted us work and told me he wanted to be with other women. The men he worked with all had girlfriends on the side and were always talking about how great it was, and my husband thought he was missing something. Since Rob's sister and young son were living with us at the time, I moved out. Every day he called me at work to see how I was, and on the third day he called, crying, and begged me to come home. He had decided I was what he really wanted.

Twelve years later, Rob had a stress breakdown. While he was in the hospital he confessed that he'd had a threeyear affair with a woman he worked TER IN PENNSYLVANIA with and had paid for her to have an abortion. He said it was over and promised there would be no more women. It was his idea, not mine. I never mentioned the subject again. Now this.

Abby, I'm having a lot of trouble dealing with this. The "boys' night out" is in three weeks. I have decided to tell Rob that I wish he wouldn't go -- not can't go -- and leave the decision up to him. Am I just a jealous wife, or something that could be done when insecure, or unreasonable? --WOUNDED IN NEW YORK

DEAR WOUNDED: I'd say you're insecure with good reason. Your husband's history of fidelity and stability is poor, and it didn't help matters that when you asked what the men were talking about, he was evasive. You do not appear to be

DEAR ABBY: I'm having a hard jealous. It would not be unreasonable to air your feelings about his behavior, past and present, when you tell him you wish he wouldn't go. Considering his past, the request is understandable.

> DEAR ABBY: While my mother lay on her deathbed, my stepfather of 17 years had her sign a new will, leaving everything to him. She was heavily sedated at the time, but he explained kids to have if he were in charge.

> He remarried one year after Mother died and dropped us like hot potatoes. It has been a while since I contacted him, but my family had financial difficulties, so I called to ask about the money. His reply, "Tough luck."

He had promised my mother, my siblings and me that he would take care of us. We're not talking about a few bucks, Abby, we're talking about a half-million dollars!

I pray he reads this and thinks hard about what he did. Please help. I have no other recourse . -- HURT DAUGH-

DEAR DAUGHTER: Have you spoken to a lawyer about this? I did. Here's what my legal expert had to

"As a matter of law, yes, there could be some recourse. However, we don't know how much time has elapsed since the mother died and the stepfather remarried. If the new will was done on the reliance of the promise he made, there MAY be he dies.'

So, my advice to you and your siblings is to consult an attorney who specializes in planning estates.

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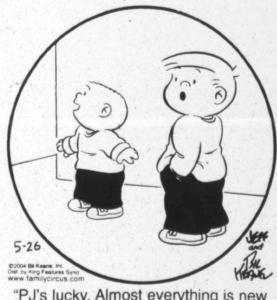
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PAMPA — Clifton Supply improved its record to 6-0 in the Pampa Optimist Club Pitching Machine League. They defeated NBC Bank by the score of 11-0, then won a hard-fought contest against Dobson Cellular 13-10.

On Monday night, Clifton defeated Thompson Parts 12-2.

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TENNIS

PARIS (AP) — In her first Grand Slam singles match in 10 years, Martina Navratilova lost to Gisela Dulko 6-1, 6-3 at the French Open.

The 47-year-old Navratilova was one of 12 past major champions in action around Roland Garros — and the only one who lost.

Serena Williams, Venus Williams, Mary Pierce and Conchita Martinez won in straight sets, and Jennifer Capriati won 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 over Yulia Beygelzimer.

No. 1-ranked Roger Federer had a straight-sets victory to open his bid to become the first man in a dozen years to win the season's first two majors. Juan Carlos Ferrero, who didn't decide until Monday to defend his first Slam title, took a painkilling injection for bruised ribs about 30 minutes before going out and beating Tommy Haas. Fellow French Open winners Gustavo Kuerten and Albert Costa advanced, too, as did U.S. Open champions Marat Safin and Lleyton Hewitt.

TENNIS

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Matias Marin's service ace clinched the match victory and gave Baylor its first national team championship in any sport.

Baylor beat UCLA 4-0 Tuesday night, in a match that lasted just an hour and 58 minutes, for the NCAA men's tennis championship. The Bears (32-2) surrendered just one point and posted five shutouts in their six NCAA tournament matches.

The Bears are the first Big 12 men's tennis team to win a national championship. The championship appearance was the first for Baylor since the 1948 basketball team lost to Kentucky in the NCAA final,

"This is the top of the pyramid for us over the course of the season," said coach Matt Knoll, who also celebrated his wedding anniversary Tuesday.

Flashback

1982: Grant Gamblin scored 18 points and Mike Been 16 to lead the Spurs by the Celtics 38-26 in the Pampa Optimist

Basketball League. Kevin Bunton had 13 points for the Celtics.

BCS officials close to making decision

TV, majority of public favor fifth bowl game

PONTE BEACH, Fla.(AP) - With a few weeks left to make a decision that will shape the future of college football, Bowl Championship Series officials are narrowing their options for adding a million-dollar package.

Tranghese said opinions among the six major BCS conferences and the bowls

VERDA are changing frequently between models that would add a week to the season and those that would simply add a fifth game and leave the structure relatively unchanged.

"I couldn't handicap it," fifth-game to their multi- Tranghese said Tuesday in an interview with The BCS chairman Mike Associated Press. "I could tell you exactly what everyone's position was of last week, and I could tell

you that I think a lot of positions are changing. They've got to go back, got to study it, got to talk to their membership.

What Tranghese does know is that models involving adding a week to the season are still meeting resistance from school presidents.

"I think it depends on how much value we can extract out of the models,' Tranghese said. "TV wants a playoff. They've been told 'No.' Absent that, they want a plus-one."

to televise the BCS for by TV and the public but seven years, ending with least likely to pass, would the 2005 season.

ter chance to make the the fifth bowl.

championship game would pit the end of the regular season. in a second game at the site of one of the current BCS bowls,

Another model, widely before.

ABC paid \$525 million considered the one favored take Nos. 1 vs. 2 after the The fifth game is being first four BCS games were added to give schools from played and pit them in a smaller conferences a bet- title game the next week in

The biggest advantage of Under one model, the a championship game a week later is that it would the first and second-ranked create a Super Bowl-like teams in the BCS standings at week of hype and would stand alone as the biggest college game of the year.

The disadvantage is that the Fiesta, Rose, Orange or it would diminish the games being played the week

Former Cowboys safety feels snubbed by Pro **Football Hall of Fame**

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — over Harris, Hayes and Wright to After being passed over for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame for the 20th straight year, former Dallas Cowboys safety Cliff Harris finally let his frustration show.

"I will have to say I was much more disappointed than I expected," Harris said during a trip to his hometown of Hot Springs for his annual golf tournament for the Fellowship of Christian

Harris' expectations for making the Hall of Fame were raised this year when he made it to the final 15 and by conducting several interviews with Dallas media in anticipation of his selection.

"When I first made it to the final 15, 1 felt that was a goal in itself. But when I didn't make it, I felt like I was watching the Olympics in the stands," he said. "There you sit in admiration of what the athletes are doing, but you want to be out there competing with them. I don't want to be a participant. I want to win it."

Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway and Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders made the Hall in Canton, Ohio, on their first attempt in January. The veterans committee passed

UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP)

Tina Thompson and Sheryl

Swoopes each scored 17 points

and Michelle Snow played solid

defense inside to lead the

Houston Comets to a 68-57 vic-

tory over the Connecticut Sun on

The 6-foot-5 Snow had 11

points and eight rebounds for

Houston (2-2) and her broad

wingspan made it tough for any

Connecticut player trying to

2) with 21 points, going 6-of-8

from 3-point range. Nykesha

Sales and Asjha Jones each

Katie Douglas led the Sun (0-

Tuesday night.

drive the lane.

choose offensive tackle Bob Brown and Minnesota Vikings defensive lineman Carl Eller.

Harris, who made the Pro Bowl six times and was a fourtime All-Pro, said there may be a bias among selection voters against the Cowboy's teams of the 1970s because they lost Super Bowls X and XIII to the fourtime champion Pittsburgh Steelers, even though both games were close and even though those. Dallas teams did win two titles.

The most indelible image of those encounters may have been a juggling catch by the Steelers Lynn Swann in Super Bowl X. Harris had leveled quarterback Terry Bradshaw on the play, but it was too late. Swann caught the 53-yard pass to set up the goahead score in Pittsburgh's 21-17

But Harris blames Super Bowl XIII in 1979; a 35-31 Steelers victory.

"Super Bowl XIII, as it turned out, was one of the games, from the perspective of that decade. that influenced things," he said. "All people remember is Super Bowl XIII.

Twelve of those Steelers made it into the Hall, while only seven

added 14 points for Connecticut

Sun 38-33 and had a 26-18 edge

halftime, the Comets blew it

open early in the second half

with a 16-2 run fueled by eight

career-high 35 points in

Houston's 68-62 loss to New

left in the first half to start a 7-0

run and give the Comets a 22-

10 lead, their largest of the

Thompson was coming off a

She hit a 3-pointer with 14:00

in scoring in the paint.

points from Swoopes.

York on Sunday.

Houston outrebounded the

Leading by four points at

Comets speed by Sun, 68-57,

in Women's NBA contest

Kevin Hunt, Duncan, Fraser & Bridges coach, talks to his team during a recent game at Optimist Park. DFB, Chase battle to 5-5 tie in Ripken 11-12 league tilt

and Duncan, Fraser & Bridges battled to the final pitch Monday night, ending in a 5-5 tie at Optimist Park.

the top of the first after Corbin Clifton singled with two outs, and Braden Hunt doubled to left field. Hunt took third when DFB tried to nail Clifton at the plate. Hunt scored on a single by Garrett Ericson.

In the top of the second, DFB scored when Austin Beck was hit by a pitch and took second on a wild pitch. Beck scored from third when Clifton grounded out to second base.

In the bottom of the third. Chase got on the board when Canyon Dougherty reached on an error and Joseph Mechelay singled. Both Dougherty and Mechelay scored on bases-loaded walks to make the score 3-2 after three innings.

fourth. Chase tied the game at 3-3. Dwight Hamlin stole third and came home walked and Dougherty singled him to second. Mechelay hit a line drive DFB scored two runs in into right center field that scored Hamlin, but a perfect throw from center fielder Zach Organ to pitcher Garrett Ericson to catcher Corbin Clifton nabbed Mechelay at the plate for the two hitters to end the game third out.

In the top of the fifth, Chase took the lead. Shane Smith reached on an error and Craig Connor blasted a double to right center field. but once again the DFB defense came through in a big way when Smith was gunned out trying to score. Connor eventually scored on a wild pitch to give Chase a 4-3 lead.

In the top of the sixth, League. Clifton had a one-out single and stole second on a wild pitch.

Hunt doubled to right In the bottom of the center, scoring Clifton and United Way Agency.

on a wild pitch to give DFB a 5-4 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, Joseph Mechelay drew a one-out walk and Smith had a triple to right field that scored Mechelay. After an intentional walk,

Hunt struck out the final at 5-5.

For DFB. Garrett Erickson pitched 4-1/3rd innings, giving up four runs on six hits while striking out six, walking seven, and hitting one batter. Braden Hunt pitched 1-2/3rds innings, giving up one run on hit while striking out four and walking two.

DFB's record is now 7-2-1 in the 11-12 Cal Ripken

DFB and Glo-Valve square off Wednesday night at 5:45 p.m.

The Optimist Club is a

Equine disease in West Texas causes worry about the Breeders' Cup

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — There is a remote possibility that the Breeders' Cup could be moved from Lone Star Park because of an outbreak of a contagious equine disease 500 miles from the site of the race.

The disease, vesicular stomatitis, has been found in three horses on a farm near Balmorhea in far West Texas. The rarely fatal viral disease causes blisters to form in the animal's mouth and on teats or hooves. It can affect horses, cattle, pigs, and occasionally sheep, goats and deer.

Kentucky's state veterinarian has indefinitely banned all Texas livestock from entering the state because of the out-

The Breeders' Cup, scheduled for Oct. 30; is a group of eight races with \$14 million in purses held on one day for thoroughbreds from North America and Europe. The race is estimated to have an economic impact of more than \$30 million on the area.

D.G. Van Clief Jr., president of the Breeders' Cup, said the chance of moving the event "looks extremely remote."

"We're not involved in any planning process to move the event," Van Clief said. "We're planning for a successful Breeders' Cup at Lone Star."

He said in a story on the Daily Racing Form Web site on Monday that if the vesicular stomatitis situation hasn't changed by the middle of July,

formal negotiations about changing the location would

But officials said Tuesday there is no timetable.

"I can't set any deadlines, Breeders' Cup spokesman Jim Gluckson told The Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Wednesday's editions, the day after the newspaper reported the possibility of moving the race.

Corey Johnsen, president of Lone Star Park, said speculation of a change of venue at this point would be an overre-

"We're going to monitor the situation and do a thorough investigation on every horse currently stabled at Lone Star and every horse that travels to Lone Star," Johnsen said.

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Atlanta (Ru.Ortiz 4-4) at Montreal (L.Hernandez 3-3), 7:05 Philadelphia (Myers 3-2) at N.Y. Mets (Ginter 1-0), 7:10 p.m. Florida (Phelps 0-0) at Cincinnati (Van Poppel 2-1), 7:10

Chicago Cubs (Maddux 3-3) at Houston (Pettitte 4-1), 8:05 Los Angeles (Od.Perez 2-3) at Milwaukee (Capuano 1-2),

Pittsburgh (Benson 3-3) at St. Louis (Marquis 3-3), 8:10 p.m. San Diego (Eaton 1-4) at Colorado (Jennings 2-5), 9:05 p.m. Arizona (Daigle 2-2) at San Francisco (Rueter 1-4), 10:05

Thursday's Games Florida (Penny 5-2) at Cincinnati (Harang 4-1), 12:35 p.m. Los Angeles (Weaver 3-5) at Milwaukee (Sheets 4-3), 1:05

Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 1-3) at St. Louis (Suppan 3-4), 1:10 San Diego (Germano 1-0) at Colorado (Cook 0-0), 3.05 p.m.

Atlanta (Wright 2-5) at Philadelphia (Millwood 4-2), 7:05

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Lightning went into their first Stanley Cup finals game relaxed and in control. They will go into their second with more than a little apprehension and a greater sense of urgency to beat the ever-surprising Calgary Flames.

Remarkable what watching Jarome Iginla up close for an evening can do to a team's poise and confidence.

The Lightning seemed mesmerized as Iginla disrupted their playoffs-leading power play and scored a pivotal goal during Calgary's 4-1 victory in Game 1 Tuesday

That the Flames won on the road wasn't stunning, because they are 9-2 with five consecutive victories there. What the Lightning couldn't have expected was how Calgary would control them on the very ice where they scored the biggest victory in team history three nights before, beating Philadelphia 2-1 in the Eastern Conference finals.

Or how Iginla, a player they normally see only once a season, can take over a game even when he doesn't have the puck or seems to be out of a play.

Flames win Stanley Cup opener "He had everything going," coach Darryl Sutter said.

Just as the Lightning seemingly did in a raucous, noisy, filled-to-the-brim arena until Martin Gelinas' fluky goal on Calgary's first shot in a finals game since 1989 went in with barely three minutes gone. Then Iginla scored short-handed in the second period.

Suddenly, the Lightning learned how Calgary also surprised favored Detroit and San Jose by winning the first game of those series on visiting ice.

"We were pretty good on the road all season," Calgary defenseman Steve Montador said. "And I know we'll play better when we go back home (for Game 3)."

Right now, the Lightning are focused only on Thursday's Game 2, one captain Dave Andreychuk is calling a must-win. Of course, when a player has spent 22 seasons in the league waiting to hoist the Cup as Andreychuk has, any finals game is just such a game.

"They are looking to win both these games and go back to Calgary up 2-0," Andreychuk said. "We have to be aware of that. We have to know that we need a better start.'

Texas, Nebraska play first-round game

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Before Texas won the last two Big 12 tournaments, Nebraska had been the champion three straight years. Now they're an unlikely pairing in a first-round game.

Texas (48-11) again won the league's regular season title and is No. 1 in the major polls. The Longhorns will be in the NCAA tournament, likely as a host team next week.

Nebraska had to survive losing seven straight conference series, going 11-16 overall after a 24-5 start, to earn the eighth and final spot in the tournament that starts Wednesday.

"The frustrating thing is we have a veteran, experienced team. A lot of these kids have been through this," Cornhuskers coach Mike Anderson said. "Unfortunately, we just haven't gotten the results throughout this year. berth.

At some point, we'd like to think that the experience is going to pay off."

It's now or never for Nebraska, the only Big 12 team with a better overall record than Texas since 1999 and an NCAA tournament team each year during that span. The two teams play in the final game of the tournament's opening

In the two-bracket setup, Oklahoma State (33-22) and Texas A&M (39-17) play on the same side as Texas-Nebraska. In the other half, Texas Tech (38-17) plays Baylor (27-29) and Oklahoma (36-20) takes on Missouri (34-20-

The bracket winners play Sunday for the tournament title and automatic NCAA

Bryant, O'Neal each score 22; Lakes take 2-1 lead over Timberwolves

look to score in the first half against the Minnesota case. Timberwolves.

man," he said, drawing laughter from the assembled media.

Bryant referred to the lateseason game in Sacramento when, in a similar situation. his motives were questioned.

Nobody was questioning them Tuesday night.

Bryant scored all 22 of his points in the second half, and Shaquille O'Neal survived Minnesota's Hack-a-Shaq tactics for 22 points, 17 rebounds and four blocked shots in the Lakers' 100-89 victory over the Timberwolves for a 2-1 Western lead in the Conference finals.

Game 4 in the best-ofseven series will be Thursday night. Earlier that day, Bryant

LOS ANGELES (AP) — is scheduled for a court Kobe Bryant had to smile appearance in Eagle, Colo., when asked why he didn't when a trial date is expected to be set on his sexual assault

Saturday.

tried in the first half. Bryant and I knew he would fight went 5-of-10, including two 3-pointers, and made 10 of 11 from the foul line.

Bryant missed the only shot he attempted in the first half April 4 in Sacramento. and finished with eight points in a 102-85 loss. His shot selection had been criticized after he went 23-of-72 in his previous three games, and some thought he was sending his teammates and coaches a message.

That seems like forever ago as the Lakers bear down on a possible fourth championship in five years.

on the very first shot he took," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "He was flexing his knee after he took that shot. I knew The series returns to he was a little bit upset or "I'm sabotaging the game, Minnesota for Game 5 on unsettled by it. I didn't try to force the action on him; we After missing both shots he were good enough offensively through it.

Monday's Game

Toronto 6, Anaheim 5, 10 innings

Tuesday's Games

Boston 12, Oakland 2

Seattle 5. Cleveland 4, 12 innings

N.Y. Yankees 11. Baltimore 3

Tampa Bay 6, Minnesota 1

Texas 7, Chicago White Sox 4

Kansas City 4, Detroit 3

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 5-4) at Baltimore (Lopez 3-2), 7:05

Minnesota (Greisinger 1-3) at Tampa Bay (Bell 0-1), 7:15

Texas (Benoit 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 5-3), 8:05.

Thursday's Games

Detroit (Robertson 3-3) at Kansas City (B.Anderson 1-6),

Minnesota (Silva 5-2) at Tampa Bay (Standridge 0-0), 2:15

Anaheim (Washburn 7-1) at Toronto (Halladay 4-4), 7:05 p.m. Seattle (Meche 1-4) at Cleveland (Westbrook 3-2), 7:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (K.Brown 5-1) at Baltimore (Ponson 3-4), 7:05

Texas (Drese 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 4-1), 8:05

Oakland (Mulder 5-2) at Boston (Arroyo 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

Detroit (Knotts 1-0) at Kansas City (May 1-6), 8:10 p.m.

Anaheim (Colon 4-3) at Toronto (Hentgen 2-3), 7:05 p.m.

Oakland (Redman 3-2) at Boston (Lowe 3-4), 7:05 p.m. Seattle (Moyer 2-2) at Cleveland (Sabathia 2-2), 7:05 p.m.

> Gary Payton scored 14 points and Devean George added eight in the first half to pick up the slack. Payton finished with 18 points and nine assists; George added 12 points; and Karl Malone had 11 points, six rebounds and

> "You've just got to sit back and survey the situation," Malone said of Bryant's reticence to shoot in the first half.

"They did a good job defensively," Bryant said. "They were just crowding me and trapping me every time I

"I thought he hurt himself came off a pick and roll or survived it," Jackson said. when I was in transition.

> "We were playing so well as a team — we had a nice lead. There's no reason for me to try to push through it or force shots.'

The Lakers led 44-35 at while, were 12-for-14. halftime, but with Wally Szczerbiak outscoring them the Timberwolves moved within two points late in the third quarter.

The Lakers responded with a 19-7 run for an 85-72 lead midway through the final period. Szczerbiak scored to make it an 11-point game before Bryant made two 3pointers to put the Lakers on top 91-74.

The Timberwolves surged in the waning minutes, getting as close as seven points, but the 17-point deficit was too

much to overcome. "It turned into a free throw

shooting exhibition and we

the Lakers 17-for-26 from the foul line in the fourth quarter. Overall, O'Neal was 8-of-22 and his team was 25-of-43. The Timberwolves, mean-

"They shot triple the free line 15," O'Neal replied.

O'Neal was 6-for-12 and "We'll foul Shaq 50 times,

throws we did," Szczerbiak

if that's what it takes," Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders said.

"If he fouls me 40 times, I'd probably only go to the

Rangers defeat White Sox

Rogers isn't afraid to get in a jam because he is confident he can pitch his way out.

Rogers won his third straight start, tying for the major league lead with his seventh win, and the Texas Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 7-4 Tuesday night.

Rogers (7-2) allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings, struck out six and walked one. The 39-year-old left-hander, off to his best start since 1995, joined

CHICAGO (AP) — Kenny Houston's Roger Clemens, Anaheim's Jarrod Washburn and Cincinnati's Paul Wilson as the only seven-game winners in the major leagues.

> Rogers pitched out of his biggest jam in the fifth inning. With two outs and runners at the corners, Rogers got Magglio Ordonez to

> "That was a tough out to get," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "That's probably the key out in the game

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 27, 2004:

Stay close to home this year. Avoid being too adventurous, as bosses and those you deal with in your community could be unpredictable at best and unsettling at worst. You are happiest in your own back yard, though you might opt to change your "digs" this year. Some might buy new ones; others will remodel. You will expand and add more room. You might also add to your household. If you are single, you might be delighted by the person who enters your life at the winter holidays. Could this person be it? Only you know for sure. If you are attached, your bond will warm up naturally with a newfound closeness. VIRGO gets you organized.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Optimism starts your workday but will be quickly challenged. You might take another's comment personally, or you might receive an uncomfortable insight. Be direct with a friend or associate concerning finances. A suggestion won't work for you. Tonight:

Relax your body and mind. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Your ingenuity comes out in your work or daily life. A friend might shake your foundation or disappoint you. Don't lend money right now. Discussions at work might have a vague tone. Use your creativity. Tonight: Start playing as if it is the weekend

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You feel good about yourself

and a personal matter. Don't let an at hand. Meetings and groups bring authority figure or an exterior event shake you up. You know what you are doing. Schedule a brainstorming session for later in the day. Answers come forward. Tonight: Make it easy. Remember, your home is your castle. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Verbalize what you want in the morning. Make calls, return messages and clear your desk. Unexpected news or gossip might take some time to regroup from. You can do it. Depend on yourself right now and not others. Tonight: Swap war stories with a pal. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Finances dominate your thoughts. Still, don't allow anyone to interfere right now. You know what you need and want. An associate could become disruptive or difficult. Others are downright flaky. As they say, the ball is in your court. Tonight: Balance your checkbook first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You are in a position of power today, though you might doub. it, as others are so difficult, reactive or flaky. Remember, you're in charge of your life. Laughter surrounds those who have a good perspective on life. Swing with the moment. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Know when to cut out and change gears. You might not be able to make the difference you would like to make. Listen to a child or loved one, but remember that the message you are getting could be distorted. Tonight: Hide away

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** As you like to discuss various options, you'll come up with many ideas related and unrelated to the topic success. A child or loved one could be a bit put off. Let your creativity flow. Tonight: You are the party

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Good news starts your work-

day, be it that the boss is in a good mood or you closed a business deal. You feel as if you are on the verge of a pay raise or promotion. Unexpected actions from a family member might startle you. Tonight: Out late, again. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Once more, you are called upon to take an overview. You also don't hesitate to find experts. When you do your research, you're right-on. Knee-jerk responses to others might be counterproductive right now. Tonight: Don't over-spend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** You could upset others as well as yourself. Don't take a money risk right now, even if you believe you can afford it. Others who are more affluent than you might not understand your hesitancy. Take one step at a time Tonight: Be with your best friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ** Read the Aquarius message for information. Don't take any risks right now. Play it cool. In fact, let others seek you out, and you'll get the results you want. Others seem more than willing to do their share. Accept an invitation. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

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Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (1923), actor Vincent Price (1911), actor Todd Bridges (1965)

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Griffey, Bonds homer in wins

By The Associated Press

After Ken Griffey Jr. homered against Florida, he gave the Marlins a glare that spoke for itself.

Griffey homered for the third time in three games, then glared into Florida's dugout as he rounded the bases on his 492nd career home run Tuesday night. The three-run shot sent the Cincinnati Reds to their seventh straight victory, 5-2 over the Marlins.

For the third time in five days, an opposing manager chose to intentionally walk Sean Casey, the NL's leading hitter, to get to Griffey with a game on the line.

"Junior has a tendency to respond well to criticism and controversy and challenges," said shortstop Barry Larkin, who also homered. "Walking the guy in front of him is definitely a challenge."

Criffey didn't speak with reporters after the game.

Josh Beckett (4-4) said he didn't see the scowl that followed the homer, which broke a 1-1 tie. Beckett said he didn't care "if he's a Hall of Famer or not. I don't think I'll forget it. I don't know what he's staring at."

In other games, it was San Francisco 4, Arizona 1; Houston 5, Chicago 0; New York 5, Philadelphia 0; Los Angeles 5, Milwaukee 3; San Diego 11, Colorado 6; and Montreal 3, Atlanta 1. Pittsburgh's game at St. Louis was washed out.

At Cincinnati, Paul Wilson (7-0) beat Florida for the first time in nine career appearances, allowing one run and seven hits in seven innings. Todd Jones got three outs for his first save.

Cincinnati has the NL's best record at 27-18 after winning 10 of its last 11

Giants 4, Diamondbacks 1

Barry Bonds hit his first home run since April 29, his 11th of the season and 669th of his career. Edgardo Alfonzo also homered off Casey Fossum (0-2) at San Francisco, and the Giants won their fourth

Jason Schmidt (5-2) won his fifth successive decision, allowing four hits in eight-plus innings. Matt Herges got two outs for his 13th save, completing a five-

Astros 5, Cubs 0

Roy Oswalt (3-3) allowed three hits and struck out eight in seven innings to win for the first time since April 16 and stop Houston's five-game losing streak.

Lance Berkman and Orlando Palmeiro homered for Houston, which moved within a half-game of the second-place Cubs. behind surprising Cincinnati.

Carlos Zambrano (4-2) gave up four runs and eight hits in five innings for visiting Chicago.

Mets 5, Phillies 0

Steve Trachsel (5-3) allowed four hits in 6 2-3 innings at Shea Stadium as New York won its fourth straight.

Mike Piazza homered off Eric Milton (5-1) and drove in two runs, and Cliff Floyd added a two-run double for the Mets (23-22), who moved above .500 for the first time since April 15.

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Both Bush, Kerry claim **Idaho primary contests**

BOISE, Idaho (AP) -President George Bush and his presumptive November challenger, Democratic Sen. John Kerry, easily won their party primaries in Idaho on Tuesday, three GOP Congressmen — two of whom ran unopposed — easily won renomination.

Republican Rep. Butch-Otter had 81 percent in trouncing token challenger Jim Pratt, a farmer, to secure nomination for a third two-year term, according to partial results.

Republican U.S. Sen. Michael Crapo won renomination, virtually guaranteeing himself a second six-year term, since Democrats declined to file a challenger. It was the first Senate seat the party has failed to put a candidate up for.

Otter also has no November opposition at the moment since Democratic businesswoman Naomi Preston announced her withdrawal for personal reasons earlier this

The party hopes to find a replacement by mid-June, although party leaders realize any challenger at this point would be a long shot.

Idaho's other GOP congressman, Michael Simpson, was unopposed for renomination and was heavily favored to win a fourth term this fall over former Democratic state Sen. Lin Whitworth of Inkom.

Partial results showed that Kerry, who claimed most of the state's nominating delegates in the February caucuses, polled 84 percent in the nonbinding popularity contest. "None of those listed" was polling 5 percent while Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich, New York activist Al Sharpton and perennial candidate Lyndon LaRouche split the rest.

Bush claimed 93 percent of the vote but 7 percent of the Republican primary voters opted for "None of those listed" in what some saw as a

Group claims brand-name drug prices rising much faster than other inflation

Changes in Medicare will do little to shield older Americans from drug prices that are going up much faster than inflation, say two groups pressing for lower drug prices.

AARP and the consumer group Families USA released separate studies Tuesday that show prices for brand-name prescription medicines rose at more than three times the rate of overall inflation last year and that the rate of increase has accelerated in recent years.

They said the widening gap between drug prices and general inflation is diminishing the purchasing power of older Americans who receive increases in Social Security based on the Consumer Price Index. The index is the government's most closely watched inflation measure.

Medicare legislation last year that created a drug discount card that goes into effect next week and prescription drug insurance that starts in 2006. The group argued the bill shortchanged consumers and rewarded insurers and drug makers. The 35 million-member AARP gave the bill its blessing, widely viewed as a key reason it was approved.

Now, both groups assert that the new law lacks provisions to alter the trend of rising pharmaceutical prices. They want drug imports legalized and the government to have the authority to negotiate Medicare prices with drug makers.

"If the price of drugs keeps going up faster than inflation, it will become more and more difficult for consumers, especially older consumers, to be pharmaceutical companies to limit price increases to inflation, but the responses have not been encouraging, AARP spokesman Steve Hahn said.

The average price increase for the top 30 brand-name drugs used by older Americans was 6.5 percent last year, the Families USA report said. AARP's study showed an average 6.9 percent price increase for nearly 200 drugs. Inflation in general was 1.9 percent.

Since 2000, the drug prices have risen 27.6 percent, AARP said. General inflation was 9.3 percent for the same period.

Prices increased between 6.9 percent and 9.9 percent last year for the five leading drugs in terms of sales — cholesterol-reducing Lipitor, the thinner Plavix, Families USA fought director AARP also has asked and Celebrex, a pain reliever level.

- the Families USA study

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, which compiles the Consumer Price Index, said prescription prices rose by only 2.5 percent last year, but that measure also includes generic drugs. Stephen Schondelmeyer, a University of Minnesota professor of pharmaceutical economics and an author of the AARP report, said the index was changed in the mid-1990s to minimize drug price increases.

The reports issued Tuesday excluded generic drugs, which make up roughly half of all prescriptions written in the United States, but only about 10 percent of the dollar value, said Schondelmeyer.

Both studies examined wholesale prices, reasoning able to afford them," said Fosamax for osteoporosis, the that fluctuations in those were John Rother, AARP's policy- blood pressure drug Norvasc reflected in costs at the retail

Orders for big-ticket goods, new home sales fall in April

WASHINGTON (AP) -Orders to factories for bigticket goods fell sharply in April after posting a strong gain in the previous month, reflecting the sometimes bumpy recovery navigated by the nation's manufacturers.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that orders for "durables" dropped by 2.9 percent last month, marking the biggest decline since September 2002.

April's slackening in demand for big-ticket goods came after sizable gains in February and March, where orders went up by 3.9 percent and a strong 5.7 percent, respectively.

New-home sales fell by 11.8 percent in April from the month before to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.09 ment said in a second report. The decline, which fol-

lowed a big 9.7 percent jump in March that left sales at a record high pace of 1.24 million units, came as mortgage rates climbed. The average rate on a 30-year mortgage in April was 5.83 percent, up from 5.45 percent in March. Economists predict home sales will slow this year but that the sector, which posted record highs sales in 2003, will remain healthy.

On the manufacturing front, economists were predicting a drop in big-ticket orders for April given the robust demand in March, but they were forecasting a smaller, 0.8 percent decline.

While the larger than expected drop was disappointing, it was viewed as a temporary pause, rather than a harbinger of an unraveling million units, the lowest level of the recovery in the manusince November, the depart- facturing sector.



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