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LOCAL

PAMPA -- Telephone service in Pampa, McLean, Lefors, Gray County and other area cities and counties was disrupted today when a cable was cut near Skellytown.

Ken Hall, director of the Office of Emergency Management, said today that long distance service and 911 service was interrupted about 8 a.m. today.

Phone company representatives said this morning that they hoped to have service restored by noon today.

Hall said that until service is restored, anyone requiring emergency services should call 669-5720.

PAMPA -- Due to technical difficulties, The Pampa News will not be able to run color and will have only a limited ability to run photographs for the next few days.

Publisher L.W. McCall said today that a computer glitch Friday disrupted the newspaper's production capabilities.

McCall said he hoped the system would be back in full operation within a week, but it might take longer.

PAMPA -- Canadian River Municipal Water Authority will be holding a ground breaking ceremony for the water authority's Conjunctive Use Groundwater Supply Project on March 22.

The ground breaking ceremony will be held at Pump Station 21 which is 12 miles north of Pampa.

Pampa is a member city of the CRMWA and representing the city on the board are Jerry Carlson and William Hallerberg.

DEATHS

E.W. "Bill" Music, 77, Pampa resident.

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Midnight foot chase results in arrest of Pampa man

A Pampa police officer was on crutches today following a foot chase that put a Pampa man in jail.

Erick Tremayn Crain, 26, 1005 Huff Road, was arrested early Sunday morning after officers chased him down an alley behind his home.

Officer Tony Wooley suffered a torn ligament in his right leg during the chase.

Crain was in Gray County jail

today after being arrested shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday on outstanding warrants charging him with a variety of crimes ranging from traffic violations to deadly conduct. Additional charges of evading arrest, possession of a controlled substance and resisting arrest were expected to be filed today along with two counts of assaulting a peace officer.

Authorities said officers were called to Huff Road about mid-

night because of a complaint concerning loud music. One officer saw Crain standing in his front yard and knew that there were warrants out for his arrest.

Two officers reportedly tried to arrest Crain when they said he twisted away from the grasp of one policeman and took a swing at him. Authorities said the other officer tried to grab Crain and was pushed into a parked truck. Crain then reportedly ran

toward the back of the house.

Officer Cory Powell pulled his patrol car around to block Crain's path, officers said. Police said Crain ran into the patrol car before he was wrestled to the ground and handcuffed.

Crain was treated for a cracked rib and injured elbow at Pampa Medical Center before being taken to Gray County jail.

Crain was arrested on nine warrants. A Gray County war-

rant charged him with evading arrest and deadly conduct. Pampa warrants charged him with driving without a valid driver's license, failure to appear. Amarillo warrants charged him with no state inspection sticker, no liability insurance and speeding. A warrant out of Upshur County charged him with violation of probation. A Department of Public Safety warrant charged him with speeding.



Lewis Davis, a local volunteer, views pictures from previous Relay for Life events through the years. (Courtesy photo by Kathy Gist)

Local volunteers plan Relay for Life

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Local volunteers with the American Cancer Society are doing more than just talk about cancer. They are acting.

Plans were finalized Friday during the rally for the Fifth Annual Pampa Relay for Life to be held June 9 and 10.

Relay for Life is about communities that take up the fight against cancer. While the Relay for Life raises funds to fight the disease, any and all cancer survivors may register to walk in the first lap.

The first lap is known as the Survivors Lap. Kathy Gist, a local volunteer, said a cancer survivor is anyone who has ever had a cancer diagnosis and is alive today. The diagnosis may have been 20 years ago or yesterday, she said.

A family-oriented team event, there are several ways to get involved with Relay. Teams consist of 10-15 members, with one

person staying on the track while others participate in fun activities.

Captains will begin putting teams together of either runners or walkers for the event. Anyone wanting to become involved should contact Pam Dalton at 665-0356 or the American Cancer Society.

The entire community is urged to become involved with the Pampa Relay for Life. Teams may come from friends, families, businesses, clubs, organizations, churches and neighborhoods.

Entertainment and other activities will be planned throughout the event for families, friends and co-workers. Music and other activities are also planned during the two-day event.

The Gray/Roberts unit of the American Cancer Society provided 136 local patients with 620 services at an estimated dollar value of \$15,316. Services provided include equipment, loans, gift items, transporta-

(See Relay for Life, Page 2)

Pampa Day Care gets computer equipment

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa's Community Day Care was recently a recipient of donated computer equipment.

Government agencies united together to donate used computers to over 100 different communities and organizations throughout the state of Texas in order for them to achieve a higher standard of living for their residents.

The statewide program will provide computer hardware to various non-profit and community based organizations, especially in rural Texas.

The Hassle-Free Community Initiative is a way for government agencies to improve the accessibility of various services for customers. This type of partnering reflects the new focus in cooperation between various government agencies, Resource Conservation and Development Councils and local non-profit groups in their areas.

Often rural areas are not able to take full advantage of government benefits because they lack the basic infrastructure to receive these services. Rural areas throughout the state now will be able to acquire informa-

tion about educational programs, governmental services, and ultimately, achieve a higher standard of living.

The statewide computer initiative includes participation by Health and Human Services, Health Care Finance Agency and Indian Health Service, Small Business Administration and Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Interested groups and organizations may obtain information from their local office of USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for the RC&D office in their community.

Injured Pampa skier improves

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Local teenager Montana Farnum is doing better, reports Lee Ann Winton. Winton returned Sunday from a weekend visit with Montana and his mom, Deborah Farnum, at University Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M.

Farnum has been a patient at the New Mexico facility since he was injured in a skiing accident Feb. 6 on the Red River, N. M., slopes while on a trip with several Pampa residents.

Winton said Montana is currently undergoing physical and occupational therapies at the New Mexico hospital and is continuing to make progress. She said doctors are now estimating he may be discharged on March 8, but will probably have to stay in Albuquerque to undergo treatment on an outpatient basis.

"Each day is a continuing improvement," said Winton. She said he has had two excursions

out of the hospital: once to Baskin-Robbins and the other to get a hamburger.

Winton also reported the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association is planning to hold an auction at their rodeo to be held in Amarillo this spring with all proceeds going toward the Farnum family. All members Tri-State members are contributing an item for the rodeo. Montana is an active rodeo participant.

A fund has been established for the family at NBC bank for anyone who would like to contribute. Anyone desiring to send some items to the family may take them by Lee Ann's Grooming at 535 N. Nelson.

Montana celebrated his 17th birthday eleven days after his accident.

Cards and letters may be mailed to him at the Carrie Tingley Rehabilitation Center, Attn: Montana Farnum, Room 172A, 1127 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, N.M. 87102-1715.

Pampa man injured in weekend fight

Pampa police were questioning a man today in connection with a weekend fight.

A Pampa man was injured about 9:30 p.m. Friday after a fight spread from a local bar to the 100 block of West Craven.

John Castillo Jr., 45, 218 W. Craven, was reportedly struck in the head with a beer bottle, police said. Castillo suffered a large serious cut to the left side of his head, according to investigating officers.

Castillo was rushed to Pampa Regional Medical Center Friday night. Castillo was released following medical attention. Medical center officials could not give details because computers were down this morning.

Police today were questioning a man in connection with the fight, but no arrest has been made, authorities said this morning.

Aggravated assault with injuries is a third-degree felony.

Outpost for sale

ELY, Nev. (AP) -- Want to get out of the city and own a business in the remotest of places in Nevada?

If so, Joe and Rory McKnight have a deal for you. They're offering to sell their Schellbourne Station north of here for \$224,900.

The business features a bar, restaurant and store in a building that originated more than a century ago as a livery stable in the nearby Cherry Creek mining town.

But prospective buyers had better be prepared for isolation because the business is located "pretty far out there" near the Utah line, Mrs. McKnight warned.

The nearest town is Ely, 40 miles away. "An outpost is a good description. We are isolated," Joe McKnight told the Reno Gazette-Journal on Friday.

"It's great if somebody wants to drop out and make a living," added Ros Fayette, owner of Wendover Realty.com, which is advertising the 15-acre property.

The business includes a motel, RV park and gas pumps. The bar features a lot of memorabilia, including equipment from the first transcontinental telegraph.

The McKnights, who bought the business in 1996, want to stay in the Ely area but are tired of the demands of the station.

"We get people at 3 in the morning wanting gas when we're closed," Mrs. McKnight said. "We've had people show up with gunshot wounds. We've had families stranded in blizzards."



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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

EDWARDS, Mittie L. Nunn — 2 p.m., Hudson-Phillips Funeral Home Chapel, Holdenville, Okla.
MUSIC, E.W. "Bill" — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. Graveside services, 2:30 p.m., Doxey Cemetery, Sayre, Okla.

Obituaries

MITTIE L. NUNN EDWARDS
CALVIN, Okla. — Mittie L. Nunn Edwards, 87, mother of Pampa residents, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2000, at McAlester Regional Hospital in McAlester, Okla. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Hudson-Phillips Funeral Home Chapel in Holdenville, Okla., with the Rev. Scott Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Calvin Cemetery under the direction of Hudson-Phillips Funeral Home of Holdenville.

Mrs. Edwards was born Nov. 5, 1912, at Lexington, Okla., to Oscar M. and Mamie Peel Nunn. She grew up in Oklahoma in the Chickasha, Lexington and Blanchard areas, attending public schools. She married John H. Edwards on Feb. 22, 1932, at Chickasha; he died Feb. 13, 1991. The couple lived in the Calvin area since 1932 where she belonged to Crossroads Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include three children, Coy and Sue Edwards of Holdenville, Okla., and Murel and Claire Ann Edwards and Wanda and Bob Cloud, all of Pampa; a sister, Bonnie Carroll of Scottsville, Ky.; four grandchildren, Steve and Brenda Edwards of Holdenville, Jerry Edwards of Lane, Okla., Terri and Jim Mills of Big Sandy, and John and Mary Ann Edwards of Fort Belvoir, Va.; seven great-grandchildren, Jennifer Edwards, Amber Edwards, Hunter Edwards, Sara Bryce, Ryan Mills, Ross Mills and Kylee Edwards; and numerous nieces and nephews.

WENDELL "BUD" HENDRICKSON
CLOVIS, N.M. — Wendell "Bud" Hendrickson, 74, father of an Allison resident, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2000. Memorial services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Kingswood United Methodist Church with Dr. Mark Scott officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Muffley Funeral Home.

Mr. Hendrickson was born at Midwest, Wyo. He graduated from Hobbs High School at Hobbs, N.M., and held a bachelor's degree from Eastern New Mexico University and a master's degree from the University of Guam. He married Margaret J. Walton in 1943 at Shawnee, Okla.

He was a teacher and coach at Jal, N.M., Cloudcroft, N.M., and Guam and served as Gallup High School principal and as superintendent of personnel for both Gallup and McKinley County Schools. He retired and moved to Clovis in 1986.

He was president of Curry County Association of Educators Retired as well as state president of New Mexico Association of Educators Retired. He belonged to The Golden Apple Team, Noon Day Lions Club and United Methodist Church.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corp veteran, serving from 1943-45.

He was preceded in death by a great-grandchild, Britani Espinoza.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Jan McKay of Clovis and Lesa DiPomazio of Casa Grande, Ariz.; a son, Michael L. Hendrickson of Allison; a sister, Gwen Hallam of Kemp; 19 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Kingswood United Methodist Church; or to Johnson Sunday School Class in care of Kingswood United Methodist Church.

E.W. "BILL" MUSIC
E.W. "Bill" Music, 77, of Pampa, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2000. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Bob Hudson, pastor of Bible Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Doxey Cemetery at Sayre, Okla. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Music was born Sept. 19, 1922, at Elk City, Okla. He married Frankie Hysmith on Dec. 11, 1965, at Wheeler. He had been a Pampa resident since 1969. He worked for Fish Engineering and Construction and was a plumber for Malcolm Hinkle for several years and Thompson Plumbing in Elk City, Okla.

He belonged to Bible Baptist Church.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Leroy Music; and by a daughter, Vickie Lynn Goddard.

Survivors include his wife, Frankie, of the home; three daughters, Ruth Ann Music of Kansas City, Mo., and Alice Marie Short and Tina Sue Hoskins, both of Pampa; three sons, Michael Warren Music of Kansas City, Gary Wayne Music of Anchorage, Alaska, and Jerry Lee Music of Pampa; three sisters, Sally Catherine Jones and Wanda Jean Sausman, both of Pampa, and Margaret Mae Hunt of Elk City, Okla.; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

W.E. "BILL" THOMAS
OLTON — W.E. "Bill" Thomas, 88, a former Mobeettie resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000. Services were Saturday in Northside Church of Christ with Bryan Patterson officiating. Burial will be in Olton Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Olton.

Mr. Thomas was born at Bowie. He attended Mobeettie schools. He married Oveta Jordan in 1938 at Clovis, N.M.; she died in 1997. He had been an Olton resident since 1945, moving from San Diego, Calif. A farmer, insurance agent and real estate agent, Mr. Thomas owned-operated Farmers Tax Service, retiring in 1990.

During the 1960s, he served several terms as mayor of Olton and belonged to Northside Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Lonnie Thomas of Houston; and a grandchild.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the fol-

lowing arrests and incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Feb. 25
Nicole Gordon Brandy, 18, 1400 N. Somerville, was arrested on the charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Jerrica Suzanne Mote, 17, Rt 1 Box 150f, was arrested on the charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Aggravated assault with injuries was reported in the 100 block of West Craven. A 45-year-old man was injured after being struck in the head with a beer bottle. (See related story, pg. 1)

Saturday, Feb. 26
Tariq Sahir, 17, 1109 Huff, was arrested about 1 a.m. in the 100 block of South Hobart, accused of driving without a valid driver's license, not having a front license plate on his vehicle and possessing drug paraphernalia.

Andrew Lee Cook, 17, 2709 Navajo, was arrested shortly after midnight Saturday in the 200 block of North Nelson on a warrant charging him with disorderly conduct. He is also accused of displaying a driver's license that was not his and of possessing drug paraphernalia.

A Buick Century was broken in to at the Taylor Mart on Ballard and Browning. A window was broken, but nothing was reported stolen.

Sunday, Feb. 27
Errick Tremayn Crain, 26, 1005 Huff Road, was arrested shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday in the 1000 block of Huff Road on warrants charging him with evading arrest, deadly conduct, failure to appear, no insurance, no inspection sticker, speeding and violation of probation.

Jose Cervantes Puentes, 41, was arrested about 10 a.m. Sunday in the 500 block of South Barnes after being accused of assault.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North West. "Eggs and toothpaste were applied to car," according to the offense report.

A domestic assault was reported in the 500 block of South Barnes. The 50-year-old female victim had red welts around her neck. Pampa Police Department officers arrested a suspect.

A domestic assault was reported in the 1100 block of South Barnes. The 49-year-old female victim had a bruise on her left forearm. No arrest was made.

Allsup at 140 S. Starkweather reported the theft of \$16.59 in unleaded gasoline.

A domestic assault with injuries was reported in the 1000 block of South Dwight. The 55-year-old female victim was bitten on her left forearm by a juvenile offender. The juvenile was arrested.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Feb. 25
Sara Christine Boggs, 21, Higgins, Texas, was arrested on a Reeves Co. theft by check warrant.

Saturday, Feb. 26
Michael C. Simpson, 25, 424 N. Dwight, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

Sunday, Feb. 27
Felix F. Gonzalez, 29, 1200 S. Hobart, was arrested on the charge of domestic assault.

Jesus Villegas, 20, 1032 E. Francis, was arrested on the charge of minor in possession.

Adam Scoggins, 20, Rt 2 Box 15, was arrested on the charge of minor in possession.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department released the following accident reports Monday, Feb. 28.

Friday, Feb. 25
Kevin Ray Johnson, 36, Lowered Natural Dam, Ariz., was cited for stopped on roadway on a grade, and **Ronald Dee Gragg**, 44, Shamrock, was cited for failure to control speed after a collision between two semi's that occurred at 1:11 a.m. in the 800 block of South Hobart. Johnson, driving a Kenworth T600 and towing a Fruehauf trailer, stopped to turn into a private drive when he was rear-ended by Gragg, driving a International Series 60 and towing a Trailmaster Tanker, according to the report. Investigating officer James Powell reported no injuries.

Saturday, Feb. 26
Thomas Newton Bates, 75, 1033 Christine, was cited for running a red light. Bates, driving a Cadillac deVille, was eastbound in the 900 block of West Kentucky when he entered the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart and collided with a northbound Ford Contour, driven by John Carroll Holloway, 55, Dallas. No injuries were reported.

Sunday, Feb. 27
Kenneth Roy Banks, 63, 739 East Albert, driving a Chevrolet 1500 pickup, was backing out of a private parking lot when he backed into a parked Chevrolet Silverado pickup owned by Leon Peeler Norman, no age given, 1322 East Kingsmill. The accident occurred in the 600 block of South Cuyler.

Ambulance

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

Friday, Feb. 25
 10:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Summer; no one transported.

10:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East Kingsmill and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Huff Road and transported one to PRMC.

8:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East Kingsmill and transported one to PRMC.

9:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of East Craven and transported one to PRMC.

Saturday, Feb. 26
 10:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Frederic and transported one to PRMC.

1:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Wells and transported one to PRMC.

Relay for Life

tion, educational and support programs.

To ease the impact of cancer on patients and their families, service and rehabilitation programs are provided, as well as patient and family education, and support programs.

One service the ACS provides is the Road to Recovery program which provides drivers to take patients to their treatments in Amarillo.

Reach to Recovery provides volunteers who have been treated for breast cancer who visit and counsel with the patients before and after the surgery.

Home medical equipment is available, and the ACS covers the amount not paid by insurance or Medicare. For patients without resources, equipment is available for temporary use.

Gift items such as ostomy supplies, blue pads, comfort pillows, wigs and other miscellaneous are also provided by ACS. The society's guestroom service provides temporary housing for patients traveling 60 miles or more.

Support services also include dialogue designed to help patients and their families better understand and learn to live with cancer. Look Good, Feel Better provides information to women undergoing cancer treatment to help them feel more comfortable

with the changes in their appearance. Gist said every 24 hours 3,400 Americans are diagnosed with cancer. She said while 1,500 lost their battle, 1,900 are cured.

The American Cancer Society is a leader in cancer research, funding 29 Nobel Prize winners.

Gist said cancer touches everyone, whether it be personally, a member of their family, or a friend. The Relay for Life is a unique way to raise money, honor survivors and raise awareness of the disease.

She said cancer can and will be beaten, stating "If you don't fight, we can't win."

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Sunday, Feb. 27
 12:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Huff and transported one to PRMC.
 1:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Russell and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Feb. 26
 3:50 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to a malfunctioning alarm at the Lovett Memorial Library.

3:54 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to a grass fire in a backyard in the 400 block of Hughes.

5:20 p.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to a vehicle accident at the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky. No injuries were reported.

Sunday, Feb. 27
 6:18 p.m. — Two units and six personnel

responded to a smoke scare west of the city. The smoke was determined to have originated from a controlled burn in Carson Co..

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		Coca-Cola... 48 13/16		up 1/8	
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Soybeans	4.07	NC	4 9/16	up	3/16
		KMI	26 11/16	up	1/16
		Kerr McGee	40 7/16	dn	5/16
		Limited	30 7/8	up	3/4
		McDonald's	31 1/2	up	1/2
		Exxon Mobil	71 1/8	up	1/16
		New Amos	16	up	3/16
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Lubbock man's body found in N.M. gravel pit

LOVINGTON, N.M. (AP) — A body found in a Lea County gravel pit has been identified as that of a Lubbock, Texas, man missing since Jan. 17.

The Office of the Medical Investigator in Albuquerque determined that Mark Allen Alexander, 38, died of massive head trauma caused by a blunt instrument, the Lea County

Sheriff's Department said. Lubbock police are heading the investigation. Alexander was last seen in the Texas city last month.

Officers found Alexander's body, bound with duct tape and chains, wrapped in a tarp in 2 feet of water at Caprock Sand and Gravel Co.'s pit south of N.M. 529 in southwestern Lea County.

An oilfield worker who went to the pit to service a pump jack noticed the tarp near the bank and called authorities Friday. Hobbs firefighters in wet suits waded into the water to retrieve the body.

There was no indication on when Alexander died or how long his body had been in the gravel pit.

Personal income rises in January faster than spending

By JEANNINE AVERSA
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' personal income zoomed ahead in January to its strongest pace in three months.

The Commerce Department reported today that personal income, which includes wages, interest and government benefits, increased by a solid 0.7 percent last month.

On Wall Street today, the Dow Jones blue-chip-stock average was rebounding from a 514-point combined loss Thursday and Friday, gaining 115 points at late morning. The broader Nasdaq index was down 95 points. Yields on 30-year Treasury bonds rose to 6.19 percent from Friday's 6.14 percent.

January's income growth was not only the strongest since October but also marked the first time since that month that income outpaced spending growth.

The government said a number of factors boosted income last month including cost-of-living adjustments to Social Security payments and other government benefits programs; pay raises for federal workers and military personnel; and federal subsidy payments to farmers.

Spending rose 0.5 percent in January, its slowest pace since October, but slightly higher than the gain many analysts were predicting.

With plentiful jobs, rising incomes and stock market gains, Americans have been feeling wealthy and in the

mood to spend. In December, income grew by a modest 0.3 percent, while spending increased by a sizable 1.1 percent.

The personal savings rate rose to 1.4 percent in January, following a monthly record low of 1 percent in December. December's savings rate was even worse than the 1.5 percent all-time low the government originally estimated one month ago.

That's not as bad as it seems because the calculation doesn't take into account gains realized from such things as rising stocks and higher real estate values for homes.

The Federal Reserve has increased interest rates four times since June to slow the super-charged economy and keep inflation from escalating. While those actions raised borrowing costs for consumers and businesses, the higher rates still haven't significantly slowed the economy, which grew by a breakneck 6.9

percent rate in the last three months of 1999.

Given that, many analysts believe the Fed will boost rates again in March and in May.

Today's report shows that Americans' wages grew by a sizable 0.8 percent in January, following a solid 0.7 percent gain the month before. And farm proprietors' income rose by 1.3 percent in January after a sharp plunge in December.

Spending on nondurable goods fell by 0.4 percent in January, reflecting in part consumers pulling back after hoarding groceries, drug-store-type goods and other items in December to prepare for possible problems related to the Year 2000 computer changeover. In December, spending on nondurable goods rose by a sizable 2 percent.

For durable goods spending increased by a brisk 0.7 percent in January, following a 1.2 percent gain the month before.

City Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA — It will be windy and warmer today.

The high today should be 75 degrees with partly cloudy skies. The wind will be from 20 to 30 mph and gusting out of the south.

The wind will switch to the northwest this evening through Tuesday. It will blow from 25 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph.

The low tonight should be 42 degrees.

The high Tuesday will be 63. Sunday's high was 71 degrees.

The overnight low was 45. STATEWIDE — Wind advisories were posted across parts of Texas today, with a midweek

chance of rain predicted as warm, moist air was pumped inland from the Gulf of Mexico ahead of an advancing low-pressure system.

Afternoon temperatures were expected to be above normal, with 70s in North Texas.

Temperatures overnight had only dropped into the upper 40s to lower 50s in most of the northern region.

Extremes ranged from 36 degrees at Dalhart and Marfa to 55 at both Fort Stockton and San Angelo and lower 60s along the coast.

Winds were southerly and southeasterly at 5 to 20 mph across most of the state. Abilene reported a southwest wind at 18

mph, with gusts to 24 mph. Other wind gusts were 25 mph at Fort Stockton and 21 mph at Amarillo.

The National Weather Service predicted windy conditions through Tuesday, with afternoon highs in the lower to middle 70s.

Upper-level moisture moving from the southwest was producing partly cloudy skies over most of the region, with conditions expected through Tuesday. Temperatures were in the 40s and 50s with a south to west wind at 10 to 20 mph and gusty at times.

It should be windy through Tuesday, with highs mostly in the mid-60s and 70s to 90s in the Big Bend.

Amtrak hopes expanded service will boost bottom line

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amtrak, charting a course of expansion rather than cuts, aims to become financially viable by serving new passenger markets and filling a niche in the time-sensitive delivery business.

The railroad's new "network growth strategy" will be unveiled officially Tuesday, although portions were disclosed in recent days.

The plan would expand or improve service in 21 states, add 11 route segments and increase train frequency on three routes. It also would boost by 10 percent the number of station-to-station links and bring trains to the areas of 4 million potential new passengers.

"This is a very different approach to the business, a growth-oriented approach as opposed to a nickel-and-dime-yourself-to-death approach," said Amtrak President George Warrington.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, chairwoman of a Senate subcommittee overseeing Amtrak, praised the corporation's new strategy.

"It's very creative and innovative," she said. "I can't say enough about the new leadership at Amtrak. They're thinking outside the box, and that is what Amtrak needed."

Amtrak projects that the changes, when fully implemented, will generate \$229 million in new annual revenue and cause a net gain of \$65 million in 2003. The timing is crucial for Amtrak. Under legislation passed in 1997, it has until the end of fiscal year 2002 to wean itself from federal operating subsidies or face possible liquidation.

The railroad now operates a 22,000-mile system that serves more than 500 communities in 45 states.

The changes do not require approval by Congress. But in order to implement them, Amtrak will have to strike deals with various freight railroads whose tracks it uses.

Under the plan, Amtrak trains will begin stopping in Des Moines and Iowa City, Iowa; Rockford, Ill.; Vicksburg, Miss.; Monroe and Shreveport, La.; Lake Geneva and Janesville, Wis.; and destinations on the Atlantic Coast of Florida including Daytona Beach, Cape Canaveral and Fort Pierce.

Also, people as far north as Boston will be able to board a train and travel to Florida without having to transfer in New York. Gamblers will find more trains to take them to Shreveport's casinos. Riders can board in Michigan, sleep as their train dashes through Canada and wake up in upstate New York, on the way to New York City.

There are losers as well.

By taking a northern route through more heavily populated cities in Texas, the Sunset Limited train will no longer stop in Del Rio, Alpine and Sanderson.

Similarly, the International will stop in Ann Arbor and Dearborn, Mich., but no longer serve five other Michigan cities — East Lansing, Durand, Flint, Lapeer and Port Huron.

Warrington said the plan reflects a hard lesson Amtrak learned in the mid-1990s: Cuts in service bring numerous complaints and fewer financial savings than expected.

"We've tried in the past to shrink, and all we've done is irritate people, reduce service and profits and ridership. And that's no way to run a railroad," said Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, chairman of Amtrak's governing board. "The board is committed to building a national railroad system, and this is a giant step forward to doing it."

Illustrative of Amtrak's new philosophy is its treatment of the Sunset Limited, a money-loser that threads its way along the southern United States from Jacksonville, Fla., to Los Angeles.

The growth strategy says that eliminating the Sunset Limited would save \$8 million in costs but deprive Amtrak of \$9.5 million in fares from passengers and fees from deliveries that rely on that line to connect to other routes.

Warrington said the report indicates that adjustments, not wholesale changes, are needed to strengthen Amtrak, which was created in 1971 following the demise of passenger service by major railroads.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON
Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call Diane Wells at 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is extending clinic hours in Pampa. The clinic is now open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A. Special evening hours until 6 p.m. are available by appointment. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Lovett Memorial Library's Spring Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. The program, which includes crafts and stories, is

open to all children 18 months to 5-years-old. Story hours are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

BROWN BAG LECTURES
Dr. Jerry Lane, Clarendon College-Pampa Center, will present a series of topics during the noon hour every Thursday through March 23. Topics include: Couple Communication, Feb. 24; Time Management, March 2; Dealing with Anger in the Family, March 9; and Expressing and Communicating Feelings and Emotions, March 23. The public is cordially invited to bring a lunch and attend one or more of the sessions.

DEDICATION CEREMONY
Dedication ceremonies for M.K. Brown Academic Center will be from 2:30-4:30 p.m., Sunday, March 5 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center campus, 1607 W. Kentucky. Tours of the building are planned during the open house. The public is cordially invited to attend.

CZECH SAUSAGE DINNER
St. Ann's Catholic Church will hold its ninth annual Czech Sausage Dinner from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, March 5 in the Parish Family Center, 38th and Conner Dr., Amarillo. Cost: Adults, \$7, children 6 and up, \$3.50, children 5 and under, free. Czech sausage, sauerkraut, bread, parsley potatoes, cobbler and all the trimmings will be served. Activities will include a drawing, a country store, arts and crafts, music and games.

Extension Service to host cattle performance analysis workshop

AMARILLO — The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will host "Beef Cattle Standardized Performance Analysis Workshop" March 23-24 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center. The workshop will be the first in a six-part series to help ranch operators evaluate their financial and production strengths and weaknesses. Other SPA events are scheduled around the state through June.

The workshops are limited to 15 ranches. Cost of the program is \$150. The registration deadline for Amarillo is March 1. For operators repeating the course, the fee is \$100 and includes the cost of software, education materials and meals.

Each ranch will be set up with a personal SPA technician to identify ways to improve production and reduce costs. The data needed for the analysis will include details on the 1999 calf crop. All information will be kept confidential.

Most ranchers, given the chance, want to compare their Knights of Columbus to hold annual feast

The local Frank Keim Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its 48th annual Polish Sausage Dinner from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. March 5 at the new hall located at 318 N. Cuyler. Polish sausage, Polish coleslaw, red beans, potato salad, barbecue sauce, apricots, dessert and tea or coffee will be served. Take-out plates and bulk sales on all items will be available.

The secret recipe for the Polish sausage was brought to this country from Poland over 130 years ago by the great-grandparents of two council members. The recipes are kept locked up from year to year and are only used in preparation for the annual dinner. The Knights of Columbus do not prepare the sausage themselves but it is made according to strict specifications. Often several "taste-testings" are done to insure the proper quality of the sausage before it is served.

Advance tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 6-12. Children five and under eat free. Tickets will cost \$7 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased from Dan McGrath, 665-3569, or from Jim Lummus, 669-0468. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the council's many charitable activities.

Governors scramble for slice of Internet pie

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an accelerating effort to tap into the new economy, governors are investing billions of state dollars in programs and ventures ranging from online car registration to seed money for Internet startups.

At a gathering devoted to the challenges of the digital age, the nation's governors are rushing to catch up to the private sector.

"We know where we want to go. But how do we get there?" said Arizona Gov. Jane Hull.

The state leaders heard over the weekend from a parade of software and corporate executives, professors and commentators at the winter meeting of the National Governors' Association. Some governors shared stories of their successes.

"Some get it, some don't," said Eric Schmidt, head of software manufacturer Novell Inc., who spoke Sunday about technology's place in global competition. But in a world where "the fastest learner wins," things can change fast, he said.

In her state-of-the-state address this year, New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman proposed spending \$165 million for technological initiatives ranging from new training for welfare recipients to Internet incubators that help launch new companies.

"You can't just let it happen," she said. "You've got to be driving it."

She is not alone. Almost all the governors have laid out spending initiatives emphasizing

new technology. South Carolina's Jim Hodges wants \$500,000 to add a chief technology officer to his cabinet; California's Gray Davis proposed \$75 million for research at public universities to focus on the next generation of technologies; George Ryan of Illinois hopes to spend \$1.9 billion on education programs, government services and venture capital investments.

In part, the spending proposals result from the booming economy itself and the record revenues flowing into the states. They also are the governmental version of Wall Street's fascination with the e-world.

The governors' gathering mixed policy and how-to lessons: expanding broadband access, launching state Web sites, reinventing postsecondary education, managing the reams of government information.

One model is Washington state, home to giant Microsoft and for two years ranked the top "Digital State" by the Progress and Freedom Foundation and No. 4 in the Progressive Policy Institute's "New Economy Index."

Businesses in Washington can calculate and pay taxes online through a program provided free by the state. Similar ideas — from taxes to car registration to social services benefits — are being considered or put in place nationwide.

"How long will people wait in line at your driver's license bureau if they can buy the whole bloody car online?" New York Times

columnist Thomas Friedman asked the governors. "If the United States of America doesn't become as efficient as America Online, government will become irrelevant."

Obstacles do remain, particularly the same questions of privacy and security that recently plagued the nation's biggest e-businesses. For government agencies that maintain sensitive personal information, the question is crucial.

"Some hacker who had a lot of fun hacking into an e-commerce site (will say) it'll be even more fun hacking into the police department and posting the names of all the johns arrested for soliciting a prostitute," said Jeff Eisenach, president of the Progress and Freedom Foundation, a group that once helped fund Newt Gingrich's college classes.

Privacy problems weren't ignored, but economic issues dominated for the governors. Sales tax on the Internet remains unresolved. Economic development is a top priority.

"Government is always the last to catch up," said Illinois' Ryan. "If we don't invest now, we're going to be behind."

The four-day NGA meeting began with a stern warning: The report on the new economy concluded that states must aggressively refashion their governments if they want to continue to compete.

The NGA chairman, Utah Gov. Michael Leavitt, laid it out starkly: "States can fight the changes and die, accept them and survive, or lead and prosper."

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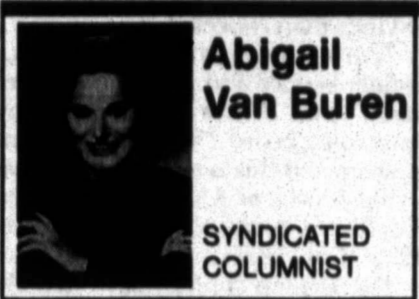
DEAR ABBY: I was a mother of two young children and a happily married woman until I got involved with a married former flame. Years ago I was crazy about him, but he didn't feel the same about me so I went on with my life. When our paths crossed several months ago, neither one of us thought we'd be unfaithful to our spouses, but we couldn't stay away, and I fell totally in love with him again. We both agreed we are soul mates, but unfortunately it wasn't meant to be.

The affair has now ended, and I am having a hard time going on with my life. I don't feel the same about my husband — who is a wonderful husband and father. I feel so lucky I didn't get caught and lose everything. I want my happiness with my life back. I know if I hadn't crossed that line I wouldn't be in this mess. I'm afraid to go to counseling, as it may draw attention from my husband — but I don't know how to cope and let go of those feelings of love for the other man.

Can people really fall back in love after having an affair? What can I do to get on with my life? I am trying to be strong one day at a time.

SORRY NOW
IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR SORRY NOW: Take the chance and get counseling. It will help you assess what made you so vulnerable to the affair, and to take stock of what's important in your mar-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

riage. Yes, it is possible for couples to "fall in love again." And one of the strongest motivators is recognizing the reasons they needed each other in the first place.

DEAR ABBY: You advised a reader who signed herself "Stacking the Odds in Oregon" to contact Al-Anon and inquire about an intervention program for her mother. I have been an Al-Anon member for more than eight years and would like to set the record straight because Al-Anon has changed my life.

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contributions.

Al-Anon is a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics.

Because of Al-Anon, my life is filled with joy, friendship, hope and love, where once there was only sadness, loneliness, despair and anger. Please, Abby, let your readers know that if they are affected by another person's drinking, Al-Anon may help. We're in the phone book.

AL-ANONYMOUS
IN TARZANA, CALIF.

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Thank you for writing to remind me that if people need intervention for someone with an alcohol or drug problem, it must be arranged with the institution in which the patient will be detoxed or rehabilitated — not Al-Anon! I needed the reminder, and I want only to steer my readers in the right direction.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

TUESDAY, FEB. 29, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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)

Take charge. Others admire your leadership and perseverance. Explain your views about money carefully so they will be understood. As a result, agreement comes naturally. Implement plans, but honor your natural energy limits. Tonight: Leave work as soon as you can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Key people in your life feed you information that forces your hand. Explore alternatives. Do your own research. Your work reveals solutions that help you decide. Others willingly respond to your ideas, seeing them as the best course to victory. Tonight: Don't let fatigue get to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Accepting new responsibilities helps you be politically correct. Check in with others, not as a group, but individually. Answers come your way that bring support and a sense of togetherness. Tonight: A friend just might be jealous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You are capable of showing your hard shell if pushed. Though you want others to naturally agree with you, and process decisions to that end, a blowout could be inevitable with someone you put on a pedestal. Tonight: Let

another know where you are coming from.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

All work and no play isn't what the doctor ordered, yet you seem destined to follow that course. Associates provide important feedback; you feel others' support. Be careful about office gossip. Another might intentionally try to aggravate you. Tonight: Head to the gym.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your mind could be fixed on faraway places, or even a special friend, but it certainly isn't on the here and now. Popularity soars. Understand more of what others want. A personal discussion could be volatile. Take an overview. Tonight: Add some romance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Build on established ground. Listen to another's feedback, even if you don't like it. Get into work; clear as much away as you can. Consider changes that enhance your personal and professional lives. Talk to an associate. Tonight: Make nice at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Reach out for another; listen to a loved one. A relationship sizzles. Capitalize on the romantic nature of the day. Ask for what you want. Work out frustration through exercise, not arguing. You get good results. Tonight: Flirt your way through dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Indulge, and make the most of what is going on. Seek anchoring, relax and remain sure of yourself. Pace yourself at work to achieve on a high level. Be careful with funds. Stay clear about how far you can go. Be especially wary of a risk. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your charisma soars, allowing you to beam in what you want. You could easily become disoriented if you get into a power struggle with a family member. You are coming from an anchored place. Others are highly responsive. Tonight: Just ask.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Follow your instincts. Think about what you want. You are unusually "on" with money matters. Follow through. Give up playing the rebel for a day, and be conservative about your funds and family. Make security your highest priority. Tonight: A little mystery goes a long way!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You are capable of getting exactly what you want. Network and put your best foot forward professionally. You have an unusual way of looking at a friend, but refrain from telling all. Communication could become stifled if you let shyness hold you back. Take a leap of faith. Tonight: Where the gang is.

BORN TODAY

Actor Antonio Sabato Jr. (1972), actor Joss Ackland (1928), actor Alex Rocco (1936)

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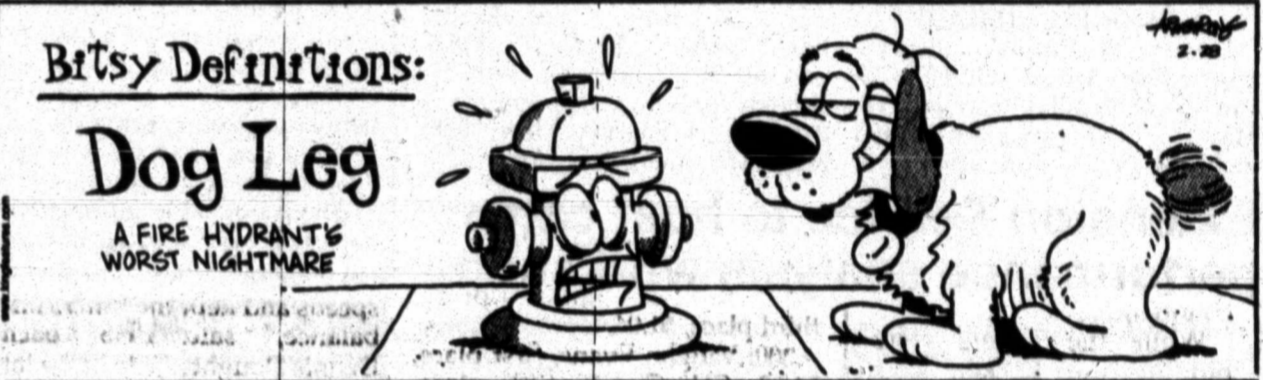
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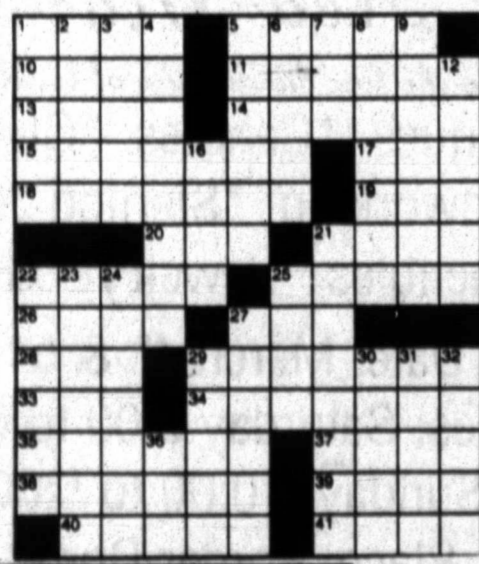


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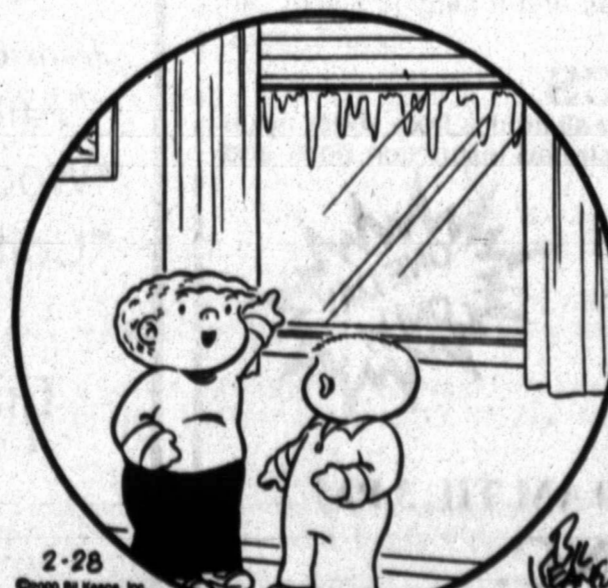
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FOOTBALL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington acquired the third overall pick from San Francisco on Saturday, giving the Redskins two of the top three selections in April's draft.

The 49ers received the 12th and 24th overall picks, plus a fourth-round selection and a fifth-round pick.

BOSTON (AP) — Receiver Troy Brown agreed with New England on a reported five-year contract. Brown caught 36 passes for 471 yards and returned eight kickoffs for a 33.9-yard average.

The Patriots' official Web site said Sunday that tight end Eric Bjornson signed after five seasons with the Cowboys.

BASKETBALL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant is known for his explosiveness and creativity on offense. Lately, he's become a defensive stopper as well.

Bryant scored 18 of his 31 points in the first 10 minutes, and put the clamps on high-scoring Houston rookie Steve Francis as the Los Angeles Lakers took control early in beating the slumping Houston Rockets 101-85 Sunday.

The Lakers hit the road to play the Portland Trail Blazers on Tuesday night. Both teams bring 11-game winning streaks into the game, and both have 45-11 records — best in the NBA by far.

"We're in a groove right now, we're in a rhythm," Bryant said. "It's important to go up there with a game like this, it's good for our momentum, good for our confidence."

While the Lakers were blitzing the Rockets, the Blazers were beating Utah 101-92 for their 16th straight win at the Rose Garden, where they're 23-3 this season.

"We'll just go up there doing what we've been doing, let the chips fall where they may," Bryant said. OK The 31 points equaled a season-high for Bryant, who made 13 of 18 shots and also had four rebounds and six assists.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson preferred to talk about Bryant's defense on Francis and said he needed more of the same against Portland point guard Damon Stoudamire.

"Kobe did a great job on Francis on defense," Jackson said. "We need that kind of effort from him on Stoudamire."

The 6-foot-7 Bryant, who blanked Allen Iverson, the NBA's leading scorer, in the second half of an 87-84 Los Angeles victory over Philadelphia on Feb. 20, said he enjoyed guarding the opposition's speedy guards.

"It's fun chasing those little guys around," he said. "I have just as much energy as they do, if not more."

Now 21 and in his fourth NBA season, Bryant said he's always worked hard on defense, but opponents would beat him because of experience.

"That's no longer the case. Now, I feel very comfortable in isolations and pick-and-roll situations," he said.

About defending Francis, Bryant said, "I was up to the challenge. He is really quick off the dribble. We just had to make sure that he didn't get into the middle and create for other people."

Averaging 17.5 points and 6.9 assists, Francis was held to six points — all in the second half — and four assists in 36 minutes. He missed his first nine shots, wound up 2-of-11 and committed seven turnovers.

"Every time I touched the ball, it seemed like there was Kobe. He did a good job, but there were two guys on me every time I touched the ball."

PHS girls win ABC track title

FRENSHIP — A year ago, the Pampa girls track team went through the season unbeaten going into regionals. The Lady Harvesters are traveling the same road again as they easily won the ABC Relays last weekend.

Pampa finished the meet with 235 points. Levelland was a distant-second with 117.

Pampa results are as follows:

Shot: Angela Phillips, first place, 34-11.

Discus: Angela Phillips, fifth place, 100-3; Diana Sola, sixth place, 99-4.

High jump: Emily Hartman, first place, 5-1; Chelsea McCullough, second place, 5-0.

Long jump: Vaughn Evans, first place, 16-4 1/2; Chasity Nachtigall, sixth place, 15-4 3/4.

Triple jump: Ashleigh Patton, first place, 36-5 3/4; Teryn Stowers, fourth place, 33-0 1/2; Chelsea McCullough, sixth place, 32-7 1/2.

3200 relay: First place (Beth Lee, Samantha Hurst, Rebecca Fatheree and Melissa Orr), 10:07.59.

3200: Rebecca Fatheree, first place, 12:22.25; Vanessa Orr, second place, 12:34.72; Samantha Hurst, fourth place, 13:01.91.

400 relay: First place (Kristen Stowers, Joy Young, Cali Covalt and Vaughn Evans), 50.49.

800: Beth Lee, first place, 2:25.32; Vanessa Orr, third place, 2:32.22; T'Andra Orr, fourth place, 2:36.52.

100 hurdles: Tandi Morton, first place, 15.17.

100: Joy Young, fourth place, 12.83; Teryn Stowers, sixth place, 13.82.

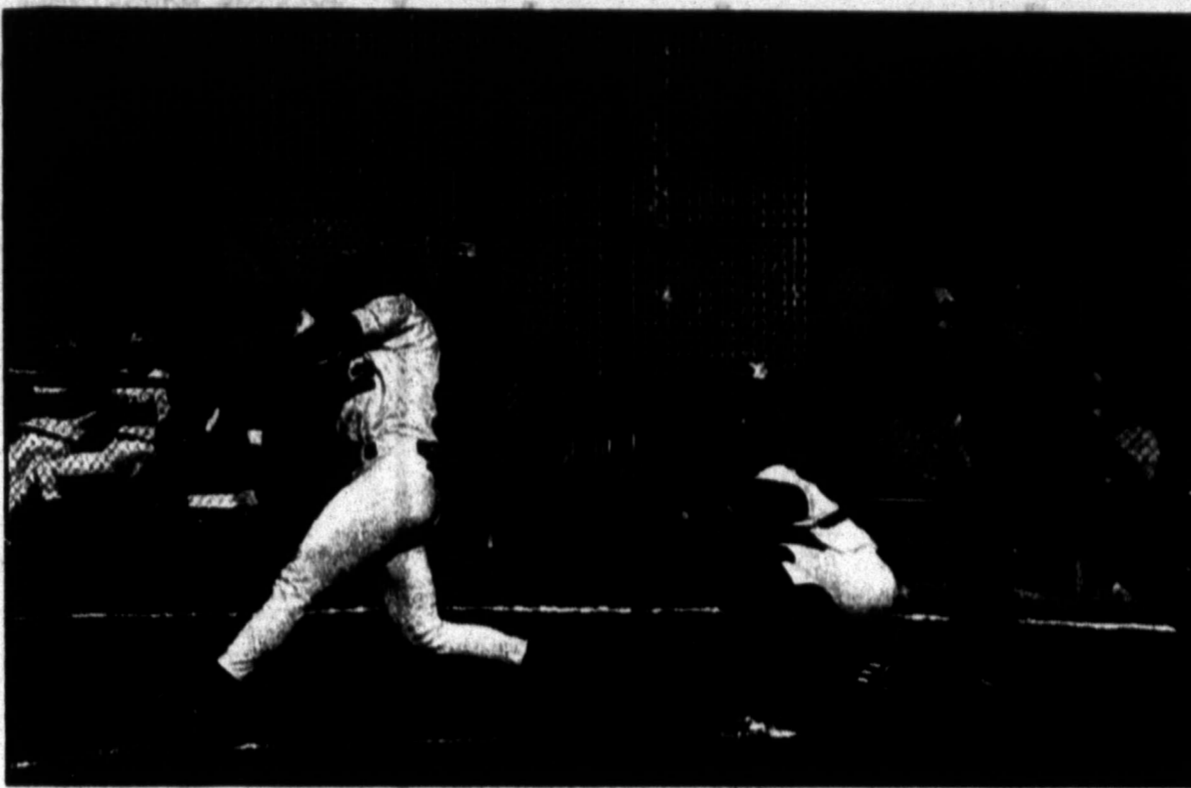
800 relay: First place (Kristen Stowers, Joy Young, Cali Covalt and Vaughn Evans) 1:46.33.

400: Kristen Stowers, first place, 61.39; Randa Morris, second place, 64.65.

300 hurdles: Tandi Morton, third place, 51.04.

200: Vaughn Evans, first place, 26.03; Cali Covalt, fifth place, 28.08.

1600: Beth Lee, first place, 5:31.40; Samantha Hurst, second place, 5:38.40; Rebecca Fatheree, third place, 5:39.39.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Greg Lindsey hits a three-run homer against River Road in the season baseball opener last Thursday. The game was called on account of darkness with the score tied at 6-6. Lindsey hit another three-run homer Saturday as Pampa beat Plainview 14-1.

Harvesters rout Plainview

PAMPA — Pampa powered its way past Plainview 14-1 in high school baseball action Saturday at Harvester Field.

The game ended with the 10-run rule after five innings.

Greg Lindsey ignited Pampa with a 3-run homer in the first inning. Lindsey had also hit a 3-run homer in the first in Pampa's 6-6 tie with River Road last Thursday.

Kaleb Snelgrooves had a home run and triple while Randy Tice had a double and triple for the Harvesters.

The Harvesters totaled 11 hits for the contest.

Sophomore lefthander Adam Jones picked up the mound win, allowing only three hits in five innings.

"Jones had excellent control. He moved the ball around in the strike zone, changed speeds and kept the hitters off-balance," said PHS coach Dennis Doughty. "He had a lot of help defensively."

Centerfielder Russell Robben was the game's outstanding defensive player, Doughty said.

"The kids played an exceptionally good game, both on offense and defense. They did everything right. It was one of the best-played games I've seen a Pampa team play in a long time," Doughty added.

Pampa is 1-0-1 while Plainview is 0-2 for the season. Pampa hosts Amarillo High at today.

BASEBALL

who has 129 homers the last two seasons and an NL MVP award.

Martinez looked great in Fort Myers, Fla. Pitching batting practice for the first time, the Boston ace threw 40 pitches, about 35 for strikes.

Said the AL Cy Young winner: "I threw all my pitches, all of them good."

Curt Schilling, however, had to cancel a throwing session for the Philadelphia Phillies because of stiffness in his right arm.

Schilling, coming off shoulder surgery in the offseason, is on his own program this spring. The Phillies had expected their ace to be sidelined until at least mid-May.

"This is a good example of why we don't have a timetable for him," Phillies manager Terry Francona said. "I wish he'd have shown up and felt great, but I think this is normal. This is part of the deal."

Sosa checked into the Cubs' complex more than a week later than most of the regulars.

"Miss me, baby?" the slugger said to anyone within earshot.

Sosa pronounced himself healthy after a bout with the flu, offered assurances he's "still hungry" after two straight years of 60-plus homers and said he's ready to steal more bases if that's what new manager Don Baylor wants.

"I feel like a rookie. I'm never satisfied and I always want to go to the next level. This is the year I have to go out and put everything together. We have new coaches, new faces and a new manager."

Sosa, given permission to arrive two days past the mandatory Feb. 25 reporting deadline after getting the flu

two weeks ago, joined right in from the outset.

In batting practice against regular pitchers Matt Karchner and Rodney Myers, Sosa faced 20 pitches. He hit just one ball fair and broke three bats, one of which he took to the pen and handed to 3-year-old Lucas Miller as cameras clicked.

Later during regular batting practice against minor league pitching coordinator Lester Strode, Sosa gave a large sunspangled gathering of fans what they came to see, hitting 13 homers in 31 swings.

"I was a little tired on the first day. I'm not going to lie to you," Sosa said.

Baylor and Sosa hugged minutes after the star player entered the clubhouse. Baylor has made it a point that he wants Sosa to steal more bases and be a more complete outfielder.

"You hit 66 homers and I don't think you will have any problems with the guy," Baylor said. "I think we are both after the same thing. That's why I feel there will not be a problem with a guy who plays every day. And the magnitude of Sosa. He's really that awesome. He's the best pitcher in the game."

The news was not so good for Toronto catcher Darrin Fletcher. He was scheduled for arthroscopic surgery on his right knee today and will miss 10-14 days of spring training.

Fletcher is expected to be ready for the start of the season. He hit .291 with 18 home runs and 80 RBIs last year.

"It is something likened to getting an oil change," Fletcher said. "It's something that has been nagging me all winter and is nagging me a little bit now. So I will just go on Monday afternoon, clip it and be done with it. Hopefully I won't miss too much of spring training and be ready for the year."

Stars tie Colorado

DALLAS (AP) — Only 16 goalies in NHL history have recorded 300 victories, and two of them — Colorado's Patrick Roy and Dallas' Ed Belfour — put on a clinic in a 1-1 tie.

Belfour made 24 saves and Roy stopped 18 Sunday night as Roy's bid to match Jacques Plante's 434 career victories, second on the career list behind Terry Sawchuk's 447, was denied.

Roy has a career record of 433-261-102. Belfour is 302-191-80.

"Belfour and Roy are two of the top goalies in the league, so that's the kind of game you'd expect," said Dallas' Mike Modano, who scored the tying goal late in the second period on a power play. "Right now everybody's looking for playoff position. Everybody's looking toward the end of the regular season to get momentum going into the playoffs."

If the season ended on Sunday night, the Stars would be the second seed in the Western Conference and would face the Avalanche in the first round. Colorado and San Jose are tied for the seventh playoff spot with 67 points.

MESA, ARIZ. (AP)

Sammy Sosa got right into the swing, and Pedro Martinez was already in a groove.

Sosa was all smiles when he showed up at spring training for the Chicago Cubs on Sunday. Later, the slugger launched 13 drives over the fence at Mesa, Ariz.

"This is a new millennium and a new year and I can't sit down and relax because I had two great years," said Sosa,

UNT player in critical condition

DALLAS (AP) — A University of North Texas lineman was still in critical condition today after surgery for a neurological injury that followed his collapse during the team's first spring scrimmage in Denton.

Shawn Kramer, 20, played the opening series Saturday with the first-team offense. The 6-foot-5, 270-pound junior didn't seem to take a hard hit, teammates said, but he collapsed after reaching the sidelines.

"On the play before, I looked at his face and he was red. I just thought it was from being in the heat of the battle," senior running back Ja'Quay Wilburn told

the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "We got to the sideline and his eyes just closed. It was like he was asleep."

"Nobody really saw it," senior offensive lineman Andrew Lott said. "He walked off under his own power, then he sat down on the bench and started talking. All of a sudden, he just passed out."

Kramer, a junior college transfer, was taken by helicopter to Methodist Medical Center of Dallas. He was moved to the hospital's Neuro Critical Care wing after surgery.

Hospital spokesman Sam Lopez said he could not specify whether Kramer suffered a head, neck or spinal injury.

Optimist signups set for April 4-5

PAMPA — Optimist baseball and softball season is just around the corner. Sign-ups and tryouts are scheduled for April 4-6 at Optimist Park, according to Monte Covalt, Optimist President.

"All players will need to sign up," Covalt said. "If a player needs to tryout, that will be explained during the sign-ups. We like for players to attend at least two of three tryout sessions so that the coaches can get a good look at them. Everybody will be assigned to a team. The plan is for everybody to play in every game."

"Some of our leagues will begin drafting on April 6 with the rest holding their drafts on April 7," said Optimist Vice-President Jeff Skinner. "Our earliest day to begin practice in all leagues will be April 10."

Skinner continued: "The Commissioners of each league will determine the season's schedule, but we expect games to begin in most leagues during the week of April 24. We are going to have the official Opening Day on May 6 this year."

The Optimist baseball and softball programs are open to boys and girls from ages 5 to 15.

"Their playing age is determined by how they are on July 31, 2000. The season normally ends about July 1," Skinner said.

"The girls softball program is affiliated with Little League," explained Kevin Davis, another Optimist Vice-President and the President of the Pampa Babe Ruth League. "The older boys will play Babe Ruth baseball. The younger boys will be associated with the Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth Baseball for the first time this year. It was formerly known as the Bambino Division."

Last year, 620 boys and girls played Optimist baseball and softball, an increase of 150 from the year before.

"We had three teams from Miami and three from Lefors," Covalt said. "We are hoping to have players from White Deer and Skellytown this year as well. Our program is growing. We anticipate over 700 players will be involved this year. We would like for all young people in our area to be a part of it."

Covalt said Miami and Lefors teams last year practiced in their communities and played some of their games in Pampa.

"We played half of Miami's games in the 7-8-910 leagues in Miami," added Covalt. This was a fun experience for the Pampa players to get in to play in another ballpark besides ours. The Optimist Board has developed a new rule allowing players from other communities to either have their own teams, go through the draft just like everyone else or be assigned to teams in groups to make transportation easier for parents if they would like to be grouped together," Covalt further explained. "We're making Optimist baseball and softball even more 'kid-friendly.'"

Volleyball, 1981: Pampa defeated Caprock 15-4, 15-11 in a district match.

Gayle Hurst led a strong service attack while Sweet Simmons and Carla Rogers controlled the net for the Lady Harvesters.

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Purdue, Ohio State take advantage of opening in Big Ten basketball race

By The Associated Press

Purdue and Ohio State took advantage of the opening Michigan State gave them. One day after the Spartans lost to Indiana to throw open the Big Ten title race, Purdue and Ohio State kept pace by winning their final home games of the regular season.

Mike Robinson scored 20 points Sunday as the 21st-ranked Boilermakers capitalized on Penn State's season-high 25 turnovers to beat the Nittany Lions 88-71.

Purdue (21-7, 12-3) won its eighth straight game and took a half-game lead over Michigan State and Ohio State. The Boilermakers can clinch a share of the regular-season title Tuesday night with a win at Indiana.

"We have put together a run that has put us in contention for a (conference) winner," Robinson said. "We need to keep playing hard and get good production off the bench."

The Buckeyes are also in the race after beating Illinois 64-51 behind 21 points from Michael Redd. Ohio State can clinch at least a tie for the title by winning at Penn State on Wednesday and at Minnesota on Saturday.

"The thing I like is that it's in our hands now," Ohio State coach Jim O'Brien said. "If we're good enough to do it on the road, we deserve it. And if we don't, we have nobody to blame but ourselves. We've just got to win two more games."

In other games involving ranked teams, it was No. 3 Cincinnati 68, Louisville 59; No. 9 Florida 88, No. 11 Auburn 59; and No. 13 Syracuse 67, Georgetown 52.

Brian Cardinal and Carson Cunningham each had 12 for Purdue, reserve Greg McQuay

had 11 and Jaraan Cornell 10. "They are as deep as a Michigan State or any of the other teams that are in the top (of the Big Ten)," Penn State coach Jerry Dunn said.

Joe Crispin scored 22 points for Penn State (13-12, 5-9). No. 6 Ohio St. 64, Illinois 51. Scoonie Penn scored 14 points, Brian Brown added 12 and George Reese had 11 for the Buckeyes.

"Our defense is very good right now," said Brown, who held Cory Bradford to 14 points on 5-of-15 shooting from the field. "If our offense can play well, we're tough to beat. The second half, we played so good on offense."

Illinois (18-8, 10-5) had won seven in a row and nine of its previous 10.

No. 3 Cincinnati 68, Louisville 59.

Kenyon Martin scored 24 points and set the tone as host Cincinnati dominated the first half and held on for the victory. Martin had 14 points and 10 rebounds in the first half, when Cincinnati (26-2, 14-0 Conference USA) went ahead by 18 points.

After Louisville closed within nine points with 3:48 left, Martin scored Cincinnati's final eight points to preserve the win.

Nate Johnson led Louisville (17-10, 8-6) with 17 points, and Quintin Bailey had 16.

No. 9 Florida 88, No. 11 Auburn 59.

Donnell Harvey had 15 points and 12 rebounds as Florida beat Auburn, which was playing without leading scorer Chris Porter, who was sent home for possible dealings with a sports agent.

Another freshman, Brett Nelson, had 14 points as the Gators (22-5, 11-3 Southeastern Conference) took a one-game lead in the SEC East and put themselves in position to win

the SEC for the first time since 1989.

Auburn (21-6, 9-5) can't be thinking about such goals anymore.

School officials sent Porter, the player largely responsible for the team's turnaround, back to Auburn late Saturday and said they would try to resolve the matter quickly.

No. 13 Syracuse 67, Georgetown 52.

Jason Hart had 15 points, seven assists and seven rebounds as Syracuse closed out its home schedule with a victory over Georgetown.

Syracuse (23-3, 12-2 Big East) remained just ahead of St. John's in the Big East and concludes its regular season with road games this week at Notre Dame and Connecticut.

Barring a reversal of fortune in the upcoming Big East tournament, Georgetown (15-12, 5-9) likely will be headed to the NIT for the third straight year.

Fort Elliott beats Springlake-Earth

AMARILLO — Fort Elliott held off Springlake-Earth for a 56-50 win last weekend in a Class 1A boys' playoff game at Highland Park gymnasium.

The Cougars advance to play Rankin in the regional quarterfinals Tuesday night in Lubbock Monterey.

Three players, led by Clay Zybacz's 18 points, scored in double figures for Fort Elliott. Court Smith added 17 points and Nathan Heffley 14.

Quade Furr was the leading scorer for Springlake-Earth with 18 points.

Richard Rowe had 7 points and Kade Zybacz 2 for the Cougars.

Fort Elliott improved to 25-1 for the season while Springlake-Earth is 14-15.

Scoreboard

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CENTRAL DIVISION									
Centaurus 78, Loyola, Md. 69	Duquesne 70, Virginia Tech 60	Lafayette 74, Bucknell 59	Maine 78, Boston U. 64	Marist 70, Siena 67	Niagara 75, St. Peter's 71	Syracuse 67, Georgetown 52	Xavier 71, La Salle 60	SOUTH	
MIDWEST DIVISION									
Clemson 68, N.C. State 63	Florida 88, Auburn 59	Wake Forest 76, Georgia Tech 64	SUNDAY'S GAMES						
Cincinnati 68, Louisville 59	Iowa 71, Minnesota 59	Ohio St. 64, Illinois 51	Purdue 88, Penn St. 71	Gonzaga 70, San Francisco 64	Isho 64, Cal Poly-SLO 78	PRO BASKETBALL			
National Basketball Association									
At A Glance									
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All Times EST									
EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
Miami	35	20	636	—					
New York	34	20	630	1/2					
Philadelphia	30	25	545	5					
Orlando	25	31	448	10 1/2					
Boston	23	33	418	12					
New Jersey	22	33	400	13					
Washington	18	40	286	19 1/2					
Central Division									
Indiana	35	17	691	—					
Charlotte	30	24	557	1/2					
Toronto	29	25	537	1/2					
Detroit	28	27	509	10					
Milwaukee	28	29	491	11					
Atlanta	22	31	415	16					
Cleveland	22	33	400	18					
Chicago	12	42	222	25 1/2					
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Midwest Division									
San Antonio	35	20	643	—					
Utah	34	20	630	1					
Minnesota	32	23	582	3 1/2					
Denver	25	30	456	10 1/2					
Dallas	23	31	426	12					
Houston	21	35	375	18					
Vancouver	18	37	327	17 1/2					
Pacific Division									
Portland	48	11	804	—					
L.A. Lakers	45	11	804	—					
Phoenix	34	21	618	15 1/2					
Seattle	34	21	607	11					
Sacramento	31	24	564	13 1/2					
Golden State	15	40	273	29 1/2					
L.A. Clippers	12	46	211	33 1/2					
Saturday's Games									
Indiana 104, Golden State 88	Miami 88, Washington 83	New Jersey 104, Charlotte 85	Dallas 96, Denver 96	Vancouver 102, Sacramento 90	L.A. Clippers 78, Atlanta 77	Sunday's Games			
Toronto 103, Phoenix 102	Milwaukee 102, Orlando 96	New York 89, Philadelphia 86	Portland 101, Utah 82	Minnesota 102, San Antonio 97	L.A. Lakers 101, Houston 80	Monday's Games			
Dallas at Boston, 7 p.m.	Seattle at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.	New York at Miami, 8 p.m.	New Jersey at Orlando, 8 p.m.	Atlanta at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.	Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.	Tuesday's Games			
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Weekend Sports Transactions									
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BASEBALL									
American League									
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Joaquin Benoit, RHP David Elder and 3B Jason Grabowski.									
National League									
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with INF Lou Collier, LHP Horacio Estrada and OF Lyle Mouton on one-year contracts.									
BASKETBALL									
National Basketball Association									
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Signed G Jeff McInnis to a 10-day contract and F Pete Chiari to a second 10-day contract. Placed F Brian Skinner on the injured list.									
MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Activated F Darvin Ham from the injured list. Placed F J.R. Reid on the injured list.									
VANCOUVER GRIZZLIES—Activated F Chinn Ekezie from the injured list. Placed C Bryant Reeves on the injured list.									
FOOTBALL									
National Football League									
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Jon Fabris assistant coach.									
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Re-signed QB Kelly Holcomb. Signed QB Gus Orsten.									
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Agreed to terms with WR Troy Brown on a five-year contract. Signed TE Eric Blomman.									
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed C Cory Rayment to a two-year contract. Acquired the No. 3 overall draft pick from the San Francisco 49ers for the 12th, 24th, 118th and 149th overall picks in the 2000 draft.									
HOCKEY									
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At A Glance									
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EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
New Jersey	W	L	TRT	Pts	GF	GA			
Philadelphia	37	19	7	5	85	105	150		
Pittsburgh	33	17	11	1	78	182	140		
Pittsburgh	26	29	7	6	85	198	178		
N.Y. Rangers	28	29	3	3	84	180	180		
N.Y. Islanders	17	38	7	1	42	140	203		
Northeast Division									
Toronto	W	L	TRT	Pts	GF	GA			
Ottawa	33	22	3	3	79	195	185		
Calgary	30	22	2	1	83	214	156		
Buffalo	25	29	2	2	61	155	162		
Montreal	25	30	7	3	60	140	146		
Boston	19	27	4	5	59	158	178		
Southeast Division									
Florida	W	L	TRT	Pts	GF	GA			
Washington	34	24	4	5	77	188	151		
Washington	31	21	10	1	73	165	149		
Carolina	26	28	9	0	61	158	172		
Tampa Bay	15	39	7	6	43	157	229		
Atlanta	12	43	4	4	34	134	227		
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Central Division									
St. Louis	W	L	TRT	Pts	GF	GA			
St. Louis	40	16	0	0	86	192	128		
St. Louis	38	20	1	1	83	214	156		
Nashville	22	34	5	5	55	181	187		
Chicago	22	33	7	2	53	180	190		
Northwest Division									
Edmonton	W	L	TRT	Pts	GF	GA			
Edmonton	24	25	5	7	180	189	189		
Colorado	26	28	10	1	67	173	167		
Calgary	26	30	7	5	64	162	192		
Vancouver	21	30	11	6	59	161	183		
Pacific Division									
Dallas	W	L	TRT	Pts	GF	GA			
Dallas	34	23	6	3	77	154	138		

Sports legends-in-the-making

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

The next Nicklaus got beat. The Air Apparent won. Sports need stars, and legends-in-the-making Tiger Woods and Vince Carter gave their games some serious candlepower Sunday.

Woods got waxed 4 and 3 by Darren Clarke in the final of the World Match Play Championship. But he remained must-see TV throughout, a handle Woods has deserved for the last six months. And so golf's audience likely will swell just a little bit more next week, to see somebody else try to stand up to Tiger.

Earlier, on another channel, Carter made his national network debut in a Toronto Raptors game — in this country, anyway. It couldn't have gone off much better for a league in need of some buzz. With comedian Chris Rock and actor Samuel L. Jackson in the house, Carter dropped 51 points on the visiting Phoenix Suns in Toronto's 103-102 win.

The sky-walking antics that Carter used to thrill fans during All-Star weekend were very

much in evidence. But so was a jump shot and a dazzling array of spin moves along the baseline, raising hopes that Carter might be able to put a team and a league on his back and carry them to the front of the sports class, back where the NBA sat before Michael Jordan left. In that sense, even Carter's opponents are pulling for him.

"It was a good coming-out party," Suns guard Jason Kidd said.

"We wanted to limit his easy shots, and we did that, but he hit his shots," Phoenix' Cliff Robinson said. "He's more than a dunker."

Carter is a lot of things, and from a league standpoint, nearly all of them are good. He's an extraordinary talent with a quick, wide smile and a flair for the dramatic. He's not afraid of work. He says the right things and downplays the comparisons to Jordan, but the similarities go beyond the same college, the same haircut and the endorsements.

After he'd made mince meat of the guys assigned to cover him, Carter tried not to show them up. Not publicly, anyway.

"I didn't want to show it, but

inside I was like a little kid," Carter said. "I looked over at my mom and thought she was going to flip out of her seat."

Mom could be excused for doing that last week, though, when Sports Illustrated put Carter on the cover. Inside the magazine, friends and foes alike predicted a breakout performance like Sunday's torching of Phoenix was just around the corner.

Raptors coach Butch Carter predicted that his star (no relation) was only 60 percent of the player he would be soon. Miami guard Tim Hardaway argued that in a league filled with brilliant young players, it's what you don't see Carter sporting — braids, tattoos and a bad attitude — that make him the easy sell.

Topping it off, former NBA star and current CBA poobah Isiah Thomas was quoted saying all Carter lacked to "be Michael all over again" was a publicity carpet-bombing campaign like the one Nike staged for Jordan.

Two weeks ago, that didn't seem far-fetched. Carter won an exhilarating dunk contest on All-Star Saturday and drew 30 percent more viewers than the year before.

UConn stays No. 1; Tennessee, Georgia are tied for second

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
AP Sports Writer

Connecticut continued its season-long run at No. 1 today in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, and Georgia pulled into a tie with Tennessee for second.

There also were some developments at the lower end of the list. Michigan made the poll for the first time at No. 22, Stanford returned at No. 25 and UCLA dropped out after being as high as fourth early in the season.

Connecticut (26-1) received 35 first-place votes — its highest total in the last four weeks — after adding two more Big East foes to its victory count. The Huskies overwhelmed West Virginia 100-28, then handed Notre Dame its first conference loss, 77-59.

UConn, which will be seeded No. 1 in the Big East tournament, had 1,089 points in the voting by a national media panel.

Georgia (28-2) and Tennessee (25-3) each had 1,030 points to share the No. 2 spot, with

Georgia getting seven first-place votes and Tennessee two. The Lady Bulldogs also received more first-place votes each of the three previous weeks, but Tennessee was coming out ahead in total points.

Louisiana Tech (23-2) held at No. 4 with 984 points, Penn State moved up one spot to fifth and Notre Dame slipped from fifth to sixth. No. 7 Texas Tech and No. 8 Rutgers stayed where they were last week, UC Santa Barbara climbed one place to ninth and LSU moved up two spots to 10th.

Two decisive victories sent Iowa State from 13th to 11th, while Auburn and Duke tied for 12th. Auburn was down one spot and Duke fell three places after losing to North Carolina.

Old Dominion was 14th and North Carolina State 15th. Then it was Virginia, Mississippi State, Purdue, Boston College and Arizona.

Oklahoma, Michigan, Tulane, Marquette and Stanford held the final five places.

Michigan, the only Big Ten team that had never been ranked, entered the poll with

an eight-game winning streak. The late surge pulled the Wolverines (21-6) into a second-place finish in the league behind Penn State.

Stanford (18-6), ranked a total of five weeks at various points in the season, returned to the Top 25 after beating Washington State and Washington at home.

The Cardinal were last ranked the week of Feb. 7. They dropped out the following week after losing at Oregon, their only loss in the last eight games.

UCLA, thought to be a Final Four contender at the beginning of the season, was slowed by injuries early and just never got going. The Bruins (15-9), 22nd last week, lost to Oregon by 17 and to Oregon State by 20 and were voted out, ending a string of 36 straight appearances in the poll.

Another team that has been in and out of the poll, Kansas, dropped out after losing to Missouri and Oklahoma. The Jayhawks (19-8) returned at No. 25 last week after upsetting Iowa State.

Clarke supprises Woods to capture Match Play Championship

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Darren Clarke hardly seemed the type to be at La Costa playing Tiger Woods for \$1 million. Overweight and underhyped, smoking a cigar between shots, he looked more like he belonged on a stool in the neighborhood pub.

Only the night before, he had to be told his Match Play Championship final against Woods was 36 holes, not 18 as he had thought.

Yet there he was on Sunday, chugging down the fairway after another perfectly placed tee shot. There he was, keeping the pressure on Woods with iron shots struggled close to the pins.

And there he was, accepting a handshake from Woods on the 33rd hole of the day after doing what everyone else failed to do all week — beat the world's best play-

er in the format he plays best.

"He did to Tiger Woods what Tiger Woods does to everybody else," swing guru Butch Harmon said.

The most unlikely looking challenger to Woods might have been the one least intimidated by the best golfer in the world.

It was Clarke keeping the pressure on Woods, who could do little as Clarke made four birdies in five holes during the front nine of the afternoon round to turn an even match into a rout.

This time, Woods sputtered when he tried to mount one of his famous comebacks, and Clarke became the first full-time European Tour player to win on U.S. soil since Lee Westwood won in New Orleans in 1998.

"Darren just flat outplayed me," Woods said. "He played beautiful-ly."

The fans who turned out for what they thought would be another Woods' coronation at La Costa found that out early.

Even when Woods nearly acid the par-3 third hole to go up quickly, Clarke never seemed intimidated. He came out with five front-nine birdies to start the morning match and missed only one fairway all day.

Woods, meanwhile, was making mistakes he didn't make all week. Staying even after the first 18, he played only 1-under the rest of the way.

"To play as well as that under the circumstances today, against the best player in the world, is certainly very gratifying," Clarke said.

Clarke cam e-into the tournament ranked 19th in the world, and he spent much of the winter working hard on his game under

the tutelage of Harmon, who has coached Woods since he was 16.

The week before, both players worked with Harmon in Las Vegas. Before Sunday's final, Harmon was on the practice range working on Woods' swing when Clarke yelled over to him.

"Don't bother coming over here, I'm hitting it perfect," he told Harmon.

The remark was half in jest, but Clarke had it right. He drilled his drives down the middle of the fairway and put his irons close. When he needed to make big putts, he drained them.

He was playing so well, he skipped the driving range, where Woods spent the 45 minutes between rounds. He went up to the clubhouse instead and had a nice lunch.

"He was too tired," Harmon said. "He didn't want to go to the

range because he would have had to walk back up that hill again."

Woods, meanwhile, couldn't find the swing he wanted. He mis-fired while trying to get back in the match, leaving a sand shot in the bunker on No. 12, and Clarke finally closed him out with a two-putt par on the 15th hole.

"I was just trying to find my golf swing," Woods said. "I did a lot of it with smoke and mirrors today, with a lot of my hands and timing it well, and made a lot of putts in the morning just to keep myself in the ballgame."

Still, the two were even until Clarke rolled in a birdie putt on No. 4 in the afternoon round, the beginning of a Tiger-like run of four birdies in five holes that put him 4-up as he walked off the eighth green.

Clarke, though, figured Woods had one more run left in him.

"I was expecting Tiger to do a couple of special things and have a go at me," he said. "I wasn't relaxing any."

He won't be doing much relaxing in the near future, either. Clarke was headed to play in the Dubai Desert Classic, and promised Harmon that he would also dust off the gym equipment in his garage to take off some pounds added over the winter.

The added pounds don't come close to the added confidence of beating the top 64 players in the world after a non%lear career that included only five European tour wins.

"Confidence-wise, this will be the greatest thing that ever happened to him," Harmon said. "I saw a Darren Clarke I've never seen before. I knew he was capable of it. I just never saw him put it together."

Flag boycott impacting South Carolina

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — While the Confederate flag continues to fly high above South Carolina's Statehouse, Alphonso Brown is seeing business at his Gullah Tours dry up.

"Please bring it down," he says, echoing many in the state's tourism industry hit by a continuing NAACP boycott.

Industry officials estimate South Carolina has lost almost \$7 million in cancellations of conventions and meetings. That's just a fraction of the state's \$7 billion tourism economy, but the figure doesn't include groups that won't consider coming at all.

The boycott, which took effect Jan. 1, is now being honored by some big names, including the New York Knicks basketball team and the American Bar Association.

"The bottom line is the publicity is simply very embarrassing," says Ashby Ward, president of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. "It's painting South Carolina as something we are not."

The flag was raised atop the Statehouse dome in Columbia in 1962 to commemorate the Civil War's centennial, though critics suggest it was also to protest desegregation.

Along with other groups, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People wants it down, saying it stands for racism and slavery. Those who want it to remain say it honors Southern heritage.

The Legislature, which gave only itself the power to lower the flag, is struggling to find a solution, along with Gov. Jim Hodges.

Meanwhile, Brown, whose Gullah Tours offers bus tours of Charleston with a black perspective, estimates his business is off 10 percent. Usually, he said, every year brings an increase.

"I don't know whether it's been down because it's been a slow month, but I can't remember it ever being this slow," said Brown, one of a handful of blacks who own tourism businesses locally.

During winter, he said, about 70 percent of his customers are white — largely college professors and teachers. "And those are the ones who would support the boycott," he said.

Spring also looks to be tough. Last week, the Knicks announced they won't return in April for their playoff training camp, which they've held at the College of Charleston for the past nine years.

An April meeting of the American Bar Association that was to bring in 350 people also has been scrubbed there. And Bill Jones, who leads the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Co., says his group won't perform at the state's Spoleto Festival U.S.A. in late May unless the flag is down by then.

Festival General Manager Nigel Redden said no other artists have threatened to withdraw, but almost two dozen patrons have written to say they would not attend this year because of the flag.

Even motorcyclists attending the annual Memorial Day Bike Festival at predominantly black Atlantic Beach plan to camp out and cook their own food this year to avoid spending money locally.

Area store owners who retail popular Confederate merchandise find themselves in the middle of the controversy. But many say they'll take potentially offensive items off shelves permanently during the bike fest, which attracts about 100,000 people.

"I don't want any black person to feel like they are not welcome," said Fanny Ohayon, an employee at Pacific Beachwear.

Altura, Exxon leading oil, gas producers in 1999

AUSTIN — The final 1999 Railroad Commission statistics show Altura Energy LTD to be the top oil producer and Exxon Corp. as the top gas producer in Texas last year, according to RRC officials Michael Williams, Charles Matthews and Tony Garza.

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Other companies in the top 10 included: Texaco E&P Inc., 44,290 barrels per day, third; Marathon Oil Co., 43,017 bpd, fourth; Mobil Producing TX.&N.M. Inc., 36,595 bpd, fifth; Amerada Hess Corp., 32,070 bpd, sixth; Chevron U.S.A. Inc., 31,501 bpd, seventh; Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc., 29,889 bpd, eighth; Union Oil Co. of California, 20,497 bpd, ninth; and Apache Corp., 19,552 bpd, 10th.

Exxon Corp. was the top Texas gas producer for the period, averaging 778,138 mcf per day which represented 6.094 percent of total state production. Conoco Inc. was second, averaging 764,621 mcf per day, or 5.989 percent of all gas produced in the state.

Other companies included: Union Pacific Resources Co., 644,757 mcf, third; Coastal Oil & Gas Corp., 512,727 mcf, fourth; EDG Resources, Inc., 406,123 mcf, fifth; Texaco E&P Inc., 359,162 mcf, sixth; Chevron U.S.A., Inc., 354,213 mcf, seventh; Phillips Petroleum Co., 336,182 mcf, eighth; Mobil Producing

TX.&N.M. Inc. 312,832 mcf, ninth; and Shell Western E&P Inc., 303,900 mcf, 10th.

West Texas A&M graduate student to deliver performance thesis

CANYON — Kathy McIntire, a graduate student in speech communication from Andrews, has compiled a selection of classroom stories into "Encouraging the Heart: A Performance Thesis of the Stories of the Public School Teacher" which she will present in an open-to-the-public performance at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 in the Intimate Theatre of the Fine Arts Building on the West Texas A&M University campus.

A 17-year-old student shares his personal struggle with suicidal thoughts during a health class. His story helps the class understand and empathize, according to the high school health teacher who was teaching a section on death and dying.

"Storytelling is a powerful connection for students and teachers," McIntire said. "It can provide a link to the material that doesn't seem to come out of a textbook."

According to McIntire, more than 50,000

Texas teachers are not certified in the material they are teaching.

"Storytelling is one way teachers can stay motivated," McIntire said. "We know many are teaching in areas they aren't qualified. They don't get paid well, and thousands are dropping out every year. One way we can encourage teachers is by allowing them to tell their stories and help make sense of what they do. I want to encourage the hearts of teachers by helping them realize they are making a difference."

McIntire conducted interviews with 10 teachers from elementary schools, middle schools, high schools and one teacher in the prison system in preparation for the thesis.

"Having been a classroom teacher for nine years, I knew there would be some unique examples," she said.

McIntire's performance thesis is a first at WT. Traditionally students complete a written thesis as the final hurdle to graduation.

"Almost every time I teach the graduate course in storytelling there are a few students who mention they would like to do a performance thesis," Dr. Trudy Hanson, associate professor of speech communication, said. "Kathy is the first student to complete the plan to present a performance thesis."

It is a common route for music and dance majors, who traditionally present a performance, Hanson said. McIntire's performance thesis also includes a written document that explains her focus and performing technique, as well as a script of the performance.

"Storytelling is an art," Hanson said. "Kathy is pioneering the idea for our students."

McIntire said the performance is ideal for adults involved in the education system such as teens, teachers, retirees, parents and administrators.

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Caribbean: Silence over AIDS hard to break

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands (AP) — It was a meeting to express solidarity with AIDS victims, and not a single AIDS victim showed up.

At the most far-reaching AIDS event ever organized in the Caribbean — with simultaneous meetings on five islands — the nearly empty hotel conference room in Charlotte Amalie was a stark reminder of exactly what organizers want to end: the denial and stigmatization of AIDS.

"That's what we're talking about: denial — the fear of being 'outed' with AIDS," said Dale Garee, 54, a Virgin Islander who has lost friends and relatives to the disease. "There's a whole concept here: That these people choose this and they deserve to get AIDS."

He was among five people — none of them suffering from the disease or the HIV virus — who turned up at the "affinity" meeting for AIDS victims — one of the last events at the two-day conference organized by the U.S. National Institutes of Health in hopes of stirring debate and awareness about the long-taboo subject.

Peggy McEvoy, the top United Nations official on AIDS in the

Caribbean, said the number infected with the HIV virus in the region likely exceeds 500,000 and could reach 700,000 — double the previously reported figure.

"It is definitely an epidemic, and in the Caribbean we have the second largest (infection) incidence in the world after Africa," she said. Some 2,300 health officials, AIDS activists and victims met here and in Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and the Bahamas as part of the conference, which was a high-profile departure for a region unused to open talk of sex and its consequences.

Experts at the conference called for government action to improve reporting and treatment — as well as changing societal factors from homophobia to ignorance that help spread the disease and deepen the suffering it causes.

A pastor at the failed affinity meeting acknowledged that many islanders, including relatives, would cut ties with an AIDS victim due to unfounded fears of contracting the incurable disease by being touched, scratched, breathed on, or even sharing a swimming pool. Baptist Rev. Will Woods said that while no members of his congre-

gation had admitted to having AIDS, he knew some did.

"The community is so small," said the conservatively dressed cleric. "If someone who was married said he had AIDS, everyone would think he was fooling around, or homosexual or taking drugs through a needle."

Some of that might even be true: experts at the conference cited infidelity by men who don't use condoms as a key factor in the growing spread of AIDS to women in the Caribbean. They also cited chauvinistic attitudes that approved of male infidelity and homophobia that encouraged homosexuals to marry women while hiding their male love relationships.

"Married women (here) don't have the negotiating power within a marriage to insist on a condom," said McEvoy, Team Leader for the Caribbean program for Geneva-based UNAIDS, which handles AIDS policy issues, education and research. "Their husbands would kick them out."

A third of reported AIDS cases in the Caribbean are among women and the percentage seems likely to grow, according to the Ministry of Health in Trinidad and Tobago. It reported last year that seven out of eight youths being infected between the ages of 10 and 19 are female.

Sex tourism, fueled in part by poverty, was seen as another major factor.

"The islands with tourism are the ones that don't want to talk about it very much," McEvoy said. "There's a tremendous amount of sexual activity involved with tourism. There's a lot of fear that if tourists are aware they're not going to come."

One dire statistic presented — from a survey of nearly 9,000 schoolchildren in four English-speaking Caribbean islands — has 42 percent experiencing sex before the age of 10. The figure rises to 62 percent by age 12. That survey, conducted by the Washington-based Organization of American States' Pan American Health Organization, could reflect a high rate of child molestation.

One AIDS patient who attended the conference in Jamaica said the first step to prevention was eradicating unfounded fears.

"The fear in most quarters is very unrealistic: the belief that it is transmitted by kissing, touching, by just sharing a bed," said Ainsley Reid, director of the support group Jamaica Network of Seropositives.

Health briefs

Women should think twice before binge drinking

HOUSTON — Women in their child-bearing years might want to think twice before going out and binge drinking.

"Binge drinking, or consuming four or more drinks in one sitting, during the early weeks of pregnancy can be damaging to the unborn child," said Dr. Sherry Sellers, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Sellers says brain cell formation and multiplication occurs between the eighth and sixteenth weeks of pregnancy. Studies have shown that drinking more than two ounces of alcohol a day or binge drinking can cause decreased intelligence, unusual facial features, attention problems and hyperactivity in some children.

In addition, drinking too much alcohol during pregnancy can cause Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, one of the leading causes of mental retardation in newborns.

Study uses radiation, gene therapy to treat prostate cancer

HOUSTON — A new study involving radiation treatment and gene therapy offers hope to men suffering from prostate cancer.

Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital in Houston have taken a gene from a herpes virus, combined it with a common cold virus, and injected it directly into the cancer cells, where it produced the enzyme thymidine kinase.

"Thymidine kinase combined with the drug valacyclovir forms a toxic substance," says lead investigator Dr. Brian Butler, chief of radiology oncology at Baylor and the medical director of the radiation therapy department at Methodist. "In other words, the radiation is killing the cancer cell at the same time the gene therapy is killing the cancer cell."

Butler says a study in mice showed this type of gene therapy prevented tumors from traveling through the blood stream to other parts of the body. He believes this type of therapy might one day replace chemotherapy treatment.

Beef can be part of healthy diet

HOUSTON — You don't have to say bye-bye to beef to maintain a heart-healthy diet.

"We've found that it's okay to include meat in your diet as long as it is lean," said Lynne Scott, director of the Diet Modification Clinic at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

To be considered lean, three ounces of cooked meat should have less than nine grams of fat. Scott suggests choosing cuts that have most of the fat trimmed. Cuts with the word "loin," such as tenderloin, top loin and sirloin, are usually leaner choices. The grade of meat is also important. "Select" is the leanest grade, followed by "choice" and "prime," which is the highest in fat.

In addition, it's important to grill, broil or roast the meat. Do not use fat, like butter or shortening, when cooking and trim any visible fat.

Bone marrow may help doctors gauge survival chances in breast cancer

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

Looking for malignant cells in the bone marrow of women undergoing breast cancer surgery may help doctors better predict patients' chances of survival, according to a study in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

Doctors now assess a patient's odds by two means: gauging the size of the tumor, and removing and examining some of the lymph nodes in the armpit for signs the cancer has spread.

The new study conducted in Germany raises the possibility that the bone marrow is an even better predictor of the chances of a relapse or a cure.

Used together, the three methods could help doctors decide with more precision which patients should get aggressive chemotherapy after surgery.

"This is the second large study to suggest that bone marrow is an important predictor," said Dr. Michael Osborne, director of the Strang-Cornell Breast Center in New York and the first researcher credited with the discovery. "It may have significant potential to improve breast cancer treatment."

Typically, chemotherapy is given after surgery to patients who are thought to have a high risk of a relapse. That usually means women who had large tumors or whose cancer has spread to adjacent lymph nodes.

Yet, the lymph nodes are not an especially reliable predictor. In 20 percent to 30 percent of patients with cancer-free nodes, breast cancer re-emerges elsewhere in the

Dr. Robert Wieder, a cancer specialist at New Jersey Medical School in Newark, called the study a landmark but said more research is needed to learn whether chemotherapy will save the lives of women who have cancer in their bone marrow but not their lymph nodes.

body within a decade. And 40 percent of those with cancerous lymph nodes are fine 10 years later.

The latest work was conducted by Dr. Wolfgang Janni and others from Ludwig Maximilians University in Munich. They followed 552 women with breast cancer.

After four years, those whose cancer had spread to the bone marrow by the time of breast surgery were 4.2 times more likely to have died or to have a relapse than those who had no cancer cells in their marrow. Women whose cancer had spread to lymph nodes were 2.9 times as likely to have died or relapsed as those with healthy lymph nodes.

Osborne is nearing the end of a 10-year follow-up — the point at which breast cancer patients are considered unlikely to have a relapse — on a few hundred patients from his original study. He said if those results and another large, lengthy study under way confirm the German group's findings, doctors will have another means of tailoring treatment.

The German researchers withdrew bone marrow from the hips of 743 anesthetized patients with suspected breast or gynecological cancer at the same time as surgery to remove a tumor.

Of 552 women who had malignant breast tumors, 36 percent had cancer cells in their marrow, compared with 1 percent of those with benign tumors. Among the 199 women who had cancer cells in their marrow, 25 percent died during the study, compared with only 6 percent of those with cancer-free marrow.

Dr. Robert Wieder, a cancer specialist at New Jersey Medical School in Newark, called the study a landmark but said more research is needed to learn whether chemotherapy will save the lives of women who have cancer in their bone marrow but not their lymph nodes.

Dr. Larry Norton, chief of medical oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, said it is premature to start taking bone marrow — a painful procedure — from all breast cancer patients.

Norton noted that hundreds of possible predictors of whether cancer will return or kill have been proposed over the last 15 years.

"Most don't pan out," Norton said. "What makes this one little more interesting is it corroborates the work of others."

In an editorial in the journal, Dr. Barbara Smith of Massachusetts General Hospital said that knowing the status of the lymph nodes and marrow also could help doctors spare some patients the side effects of chemotherapy by finding those at lowest risk of the cancer spreading.

University researchers mate human cells with circuitry

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Don't look for the Six Million Dollar Man just yet, but researchers say they have found a way to mate human cells with circuitry in a "bionic chip" that could play a key role in medicine and genetic engineering.

The tiny device — smaller and thinner than a strand of hair — combines a healthy human cell with an electronic circuitry chip. By controlling the chip with a computer, scientists say they can control the activity of the cell.

The computer sends electrical impulses to the cell-chip, triggering the cell's membrane pores to open and activating the cell. Scientists hope they can manufacture cell-chips in large numbers and insert them into the body to replace or correct diseased tissues.

The cell-chip also gives them greater control over the difficult process of gene therapy because they can more precisely open the cell's pores, said lead researcher Boris Rubinsky.

"We've brought engineering essentially into the field of biology," said Rubinsky, a professor of mechanical engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, which funded his research. "We can introduce DNA, extract proteins, administer medicines — all without bothering other cells that might be around."

The cell-chip, profiled in the March issue of the journal Biomedical Microdevices, rests on a long-known phenomenon: Cell membranes become permeable when exposed to certain voltages.

Scientists for years have been conducting genetic research in a time-consuming trial-and-error process of bombarding cells with electricity in an attempt to introduce foreign substances such as new drug treatments or genetic material.

Researchers hope eventually they can develop cell-chips tuned for the precise voltage needed to activate different bodily tissues, from muscle to bone to brain. That way, cell-chips could be applied by the thousands to correct a variety of health problems.

"In the past, any electricity applied to the cell was like hitting it with a hammer in the hopes that something would happen, or it would open for us. Now, we know just how to make it work," Rubinsky said.

Mauro Ferrari, director of the Biomedical Engineering Center at Ohio State University, called Rubinsky's invention a "potentially useful laboratory tool in the early stages of development."

"The method for opening cells has been around a long time, but this makes it more exact and easier to do in large throws," Ferrari said.

"It seems to me that we have a way to go before you'd see a bionic man," he said, but the ability to program cells quickly could accelerate genetic research.

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