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PAMPA — Celebration of Lights will sponsor a pancake breakfast fund-raiser from 6-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Chaney's Cafe, 716 W. Foster.

Celebration of Lights will continue the annual tradition of the lighted park from late November through December.

The event welcomes thousands of visitors to Pampa during the holiday season, according to program organizers.

GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS — Applications are being accepted until March 22, 2000, for places on the ballot for G-HISD school board.

All terms are three years' duration.

The positions now held by Charles Bowers, Ted Hutto, and Joe Smith will be expiring. Applicants should contact the G-HISD office for an application.

The trustee election is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2000.

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Former President Bush was released today from a hospital where he spent the night after feeling lightheaded at a business conference.

Bush, 75, said he planned to fly to Houston, where he will be hospitalized to have his medication adjusted. After he fell ill Thursday, he was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, a form of irregular heartbeat.

"I was tired," he said at Naples Community Hospital. "I broke out in a sweat. I didn't think anything was wrong."

Bush was given intravenous blood thinners and other medication.

Since leaving office in 1993, Bush has largely stayed out of the spotlight, but he has done some campaigning for his son's presidential bid. He has remained vigorous, making headlines in March 1997 when, at age 72, he made a successful parachute jump. He repeated the feat last June, a few days shy of his 75th birthday.

Billy Hoover, 64, former Pampa resident.

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County commission discusses insurance

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Gray County Commissioners discussed questions county employees are having concerning their new insurance policy.

As the county is self-insured with the carrier being IMS of Amarillo, County Treasurer Scott Hahn told the commission some employees and dependents are concerned about prescriptions which are not covered under the new plan and local doctors who are not in the insurance network.

He reported one dependent recently visited a local doctor and did not know the doctor was not a network provider until she had seen the doctor.

He said a network physician requires $500 deductible by the covered party instead of the $250 for a network physician. He also said the payment by the insured parties is 30 percent of the bill with the insurance paying 70 percent compared to network payment of of 90 percent and 10 percent by the insured.

County Commissioner James Hefley said a member of his family saw a doctor who was listed in the booklet as a network provider but learned that at the time of the doctor's visit the physician was no longer a network physician. He said although he questioned it, he is responsible for the payment to the doctor.

Hefley said individuals should check their booklets for insurance information and verify with the physicians if they are network.

Commissioner Precinct 3 Gerald Wright said the employees should inform themselves of their coverage. Hefley added, "If we use the insurance, we have to take responsibility."

Judge Richard Peet said other businesses have restrictions and rules on insurance coverage provided to their employees.

No action was taken on the insurance prescription questions as Hahn has not heard back from the company. It was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioners approver bills in the amount of $114,954.

Line item budget transfers were approved at the Perry Lefors Airport and Gray County Sheriff's Office.

At the airport, $1,200 was amended from airport field expense to contract labor. County Auditor Elaine Morris said the contract labor was not listed as a line item in the current budget.

In the sheriff's department, $186 was transferred from general liability administration to general liability jail.

Kinder Morgan bought out by Oklahoma gas company

By Keith Anderson
Staff writer

Some 75 employees of Kinder Morgen met Thursday at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building to find out how the recent buy out of Kinder Morgen operations in Gray County will affect them.

Employees heard from officials from Kinder Morgen and ONEOK of Oklahoma.

Kinder Morgen (NYSE: KMI) announced Feb. 8 that it had entered into a "definitive agreement" with ONEOK. ONEOK (NYSE: OKE) purchased KMI's natural gas gathering and processing businesses in Oklahoma, Kansas, and West Texas. In addition, ONEOK agreed to purchase KMI's marketing and trading business, as well as "certain storage and transmission pipelines in the mid-continent region."

ONEOK will pay KMI approximately $114 million plus "an amount equal to net working capital at closing," and ONEOK will assume the operating lease associated with the Bushton, Kan., gas processing plant. ONEOK will also assume the long term capacity commitments on the Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America and on Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission.

"When we combine these assets with our existing assets and those to be added with the Dynegy transaction announced last week we will be able to take advantage of operating synergies," ONEOK President and Chief Operating Officer said in a press release.

What Gray County residents want to know, though, is if any jobs will be lost.

"Are there going to be any people out there without a job? I don't know. No decisions have been made," ONEOK Vice President of Corporate Communication Weldon Watson said, "We don't want to get people's hopes up, and we don't want to scare people."

KMI employees were asked to fill out applications and interview with the new company.

"We're looking at everything out there [in Carson, Gray, and Hemphill Counties]," Watson said.

KMI said that the divestiture was made so that KMI could get back to basics.

"The sale was a result of Kinder Morgan's decision to return the company back to basics and divest some areas of our business," Kinder Morgan Media Relations Manager Jonna Busack said.

Kinder Morgan was founded in 1936 as Kansas Pipeline and Gas Company. The company purchased gas reserves in the 1950s and 1960s in major production areas in Kansas, Oklahoma and northeastern Colorado. In 1982 the company changed its name to KN Energy, and got on the NYSE.

In January of 1998, KN Energy acquired MidCon Corp, which doubled the revenues and quadrupled the assets of the company.

In 1998 KN Energy entered the natural gas-fired power generation business by acquiring an interest in Colorado-based Thermo Companies.

With the completion of a merger in October 7, 1999, Kinder Morgan, became "one of the largest midstream energy companies in America, operating more than 30,000 miles of natural gas and products pipelines in 26 states," according to the KMI press release.

ONEOK, Inc., is "an integrated natural gas company involved in production, processing, gathering, storage and transmission in the mid-continent areas of the United States. The company's natural gas marketing operations provide service to customers in 25 states.

The company is also the largest natural gas distributor in Kansas and Oklahoma, operation as Kansas Gas Service and Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, serving more than 1.4 million customers," according to the ONEOK press release.

KMI has headquarters in Houston, Texas, Lakewood, Colo., and Lombard, Ill. ONEOK is headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dynegy Midstream Services is headquartered in Houston, Texas.

severe storms bring needed moisture

There appears to be little damage, according to officials today, from a line of severe thunderstorms that moved through the eastern Texas Panhandle late Thursday.

A tornado destroyed a building in Lipscomb County near the Oklahoma state line. Most of the rest of the damage was caused by high winds and hail. The storms, however, brought some badly needed rain to the area.

Pampa reported high winds that are expected to continue through today, but the city received only 0.03 of an inch of rain.

Mostly, officials in Lipscomb, Hemphill and Wheeler Counties said today they got much needed moisture.

"The wind blew," said Sharon Keener with the Hemphill County Sheriff's office. "We got just a few sprinkles."

She said they also got some hail, but it was smaller than pea-size.

Follett took a beating with large baseball-sized hail overnight.

Jay Johnston with the Lipscomb County Sheriff's office said the heaviest damage due to hail was reported about four miles south of Follett.

The most severe part of the storm moved across the northern portion of Lipscomb County.

"We caught the edge of it," Johnston said from the Sheriff's office in the town of Lipscomb this morning. "Follett got the big stuff."

Johnston said there were some reports of an inch to an inch and a third of rain falling in various parts of the county.

"Higgins got about a half inch," Johnston said.

Dallas Hardin of Miami said Roberts County residents were hoping for a good soaking rain but received very little in the way of moisture.

Roberts County Deputy Brad Benge shortly before 7 p.m. Thursday reported a tornado about five mile northeast of Miami. Officials said today it was in open country and apparently did little or no damage.

"We got some wonderfully needed rain," Wheeler County Sherjff Jimmy Adams said today.

He said much of the county received between 0.16 and 0.25 inches of rain.

"Some areas got more," he said. "Some got a little less, but we'll take all we can get."

Adams said the rain was badly needed because of recent drought conditions.

"You know it's bad when a metal roof absorbed the rain," Adams quipped.

While there were reports of pea to dime-sized hail across the county, Adams said he hasn't had reports of any damage.

"When you don't have any grass or wheat, there's not much to hurt," he said.

The only drawback to the rain they got, Adams said, is that high winds today will most likely dry out the soil again by noon.

Shamrock reported 0.60 of an inch of rain as the storm line moved through late Thursday.

"We had lots and lots of lightning and lots of wind," said Belinda Daniels with the Shamrock Police Department, "but nothing damaging."

There was some pea-sized hail reported at Shamrock, but north of Shamrock, near the community of Twitty, there were reports of golf ball-sized hail.

Daniels said that for the most part, the Shamrock area got a good soaking rain.

"Yesterday, before it came in," said Daniels, "it was gorgeous. It smelled wonderful. I just hope we get some more."

Ain't high tech great

Due to technical difficulties, *The Pampa News* will be unable to run either color or photographs in today's edition.

Pampa News officials were trying to correct the problem at noon today; however, newspaper's technical staff said it was unlikely that the paper would be able to print color or photographs until early next week.

Officials with the paper said a computer glitch over night interrupted internal production capabilities.

The newspaper's technical staff was called in early today and were able to restore part of the system.

Working with technical support and computer consultants, however, the technical staff was unable to restore the complete system by press time today.

Deputy shot during traffic stop

NEW BOSTON, Texas (AP) — A Bowie County sheriff's deputy shot three times during a traffic stop on Interstate 30 was in stable condition today after undergoing surgery.

Doctors at Christus St. Michael's Healthcare Center in Texarkana performed surgery on Deputy Bobby Dupree, 32, Thursday night to repair damage to his liver, small intestine and kidneys. Dupree's condition was upgraded from critical to stable this morning.

Pampa students make up most of All-Region Jazz Band

Ten Pampa youths will be in the All-Region Jazz Band at their concert in Amarillo Saturday night.

Members of Pampa High School Jazz Band recently auditioned for Region I Area Jazz Band.

The competition was open to schools of all classifications from across the panhandle.

PHS band students named to the 18-member All-Region band are: Brad Stucker and Reece Watson, alto saxophone; Josh Ellis, tenor saxophone; Ryan Bradley, baritone saxophone; Wesley Warren, trombone; Jonathan Brockington, Chance Williamson, Amanda Lee and Amanda Dyson, trumpet, and John Johnson, percussion.

The All-Region Jazz Band will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at Amarillo High School.

Doug Storey, professor of music at West Texas A&M University, is conductor and clinician for the group.

Boat, Travel and Recreation Show to be held March 25th from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. -- Be watching for further details.

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Daily Record

Obituaries

BILLY HOOVER

DE KALB – Billy Hoover, 64, a former Pampa resident, died Feb. 15, 2000, of cancer. Memorial services will be scheduled at a later time.

Mr. Hoover was born Oct. 2, 1935, at Deport, Texas. He lived at Pampa for 31 years where he was foreman over the landfill. He coached Little League baseball in Pampa for 15 years and was a well known musician. He retired from the City of Pampa and moved to Mount Pleasant and finally to a farm near De Kalb.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Dorothy Hoover, of De Kalb; a daughter, Carolyn Gage of Pampa; his mother, Glady Limbock of Hail Center; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to P.O. Box 74, De Kalb, TX 75559.

RUSSELL ROBERT PUGH

RUNAWAY BAY – Russell Robert Pugh, 79, a former Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000, at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Runaway Bay Community Church with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating.

Mr. Pugh was born June 2, 1920, at Bartlesville, Okla. He married Elsie Opal Whitsell in 1949 at Pampa; she died April 29, 1991. He had been a resident of Runaway Bay for 25 years and was a retired heavy machinery mechanic for City Service.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corp veteran, serving during World War II.

He belonged to Masonic Lodge.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Anita Davis; a granddaughter, Sharon Everson; a sister, Alveda Perkins; and six brothers, Lester Pugh, Ralph Pugh, Raymond Pugh, Wilbur Pugh, Irvin Pugh and Virgil Pugh.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty J. Isaacs of Carrollton and Daline Stott of London, England; a brother, Lorran Pugh of Owasso, Okla.; two sisters, Freda Gilmore of McAlister, Okla., and Bonnie Santourian of Los Angeles, Calif.; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Feb. 24

Jackie Lynn Vaughn, 40, Vernon, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while intoxicated second offense breath test refused, and resisting arrest.

A theft was reported in the 100 block of North Starkweather.

A 12-speed Huffy mountain bicycle, valued at $125, was reported stolen in the 100 block of North Sumner.

A driver's license with the name Maria Herrera Rivas was found in the 1200 block of Williston.

A Walmart employee discount card, a social security card, an ID card, and $80 cash were reported lost in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Forgery that occurred from March 17 to March 19 of 1999 was reported.

Friday, Feb. 25

Theresa Ann Munoz, 29, no address given, was arrested on two capias traffic warrants.

Zachary L. Mears, 20, 2508 Christine, was arrested on a warrant stemming from a charge of theft by check. Mears was also charged with no driver's license, and no insurance.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Feb. 24

11:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Cinderella and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to East Hwy 60 and transported one to Amarillo.

11:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of West Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

Friday, Feb. 25

1:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Russell and transported one to PRMC.

1:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hwy 60 at Hwy 70; no one transported.

1:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Frost and transported one to PRMC.

5:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of North Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.14
Milo	2.88
Corn	3.33
Soybeans	4.15

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

Occidental	16 3/16	dn 1/4
Fidelity Magelin		dn 0.25
Puritan		dn 0.15

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

Amoco	44 9/16	up 15/16
Arco	67 5/16	up 3
Cabot	23 3/16	up 7/16
Cabot O&G	14 7/8	up 7/16
Chevron	72 5/16	up 7/8
Coca-Cola	49 1/2	dn 5/16
Columbia/HCA	20 1/16	dn 7/16
Enron	66 3/16	up 5/8
Halliburton	34 7/8	dn 9/16
IRI	4 13/16	up 1/16
KMI	25 15/16	dn 3/16
Kerr McGee	41 3/4	dn 1/4
Limited	30	up 13/16
McDonald's	31 9/16	up 3/16
Exon Mobil	74 5/16	up 1 1/2
New Atmos	15 15/16	dn 1/16
NCE	26 1/16	dn 11/16
Penney's	16	dn 3/16
Phillips	36 3/4	up 1/2
Pioneer Nat.	7 11/16	dn 1/16
SLB	68 3/4	up 5/16
Tenneco	7 7/8	0
Texaco	45 1/2	up 13/16
Ultramar	22 5/8	up 3/8
Wal-Mart	44 7/8	dn 3
Williams	40 1/8	dn 5/8
New York Gold		298.60
Silver		5.15
West Texas Crude		30.32

Correction

The price for 12 pak cans of Coca Cola, Dr. Pepper and Sprite should be 2/$5.

Economy racing ahead at strongest pace in years

By JEANNINE AVERSA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy, propelled by hardy consumer spending, surged ahead at a breakneck 6.9 percent annual rate during the final three months of 1999 — the strongest pace in more than three years.

The Commerce Department said today that the big advance in the gross domestic product was even stronger than the 5.8 percent fourth-quarter rate the government previously estimated one month ago.

Today's revised estimate matched a 6.9 percent earlier this week

Financial markets showed little reaction to the GDP report. The blue-chip lost 25 points in the first hour of trading while the broader Nasdaq gained 20. Bond prices were largely unchanged.

The economy's fourth-quarter growth sprinted past the 5.7 percent rate of increase recorded in the third quarter of 1999.

A number of factors contributed: robust consumer and government spending and a strong buildup in inventories held by businesses added to growth, while the swelling U.S. trade deficit continued to subtract from it.

The Federal Reserve has bumped up interest rates four times since June to slow the red-hot economy and keep inflation under control.

Economists said today's report makes it all but certain that the central bank will boost rates again on March 21 and probably again in May, given that the economy continues to grow faster than the Fed's preferred speed limit in the 3 percent range. That's believed to be the growth rate that can be sustained without sparking inflation.

An inflation gauge tied to GDP rose at an annual rate of 2.5 percent in the fourth quarter, the same as previously estimated and higher than the 1.8 percent rate in the third quarter.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress last week that the central bank favors this gauge, called the personal consumption expenditure chain-type price index, over the better-known Consumer Price Index.

Many economists believe the economy will show slower growth in the first three months of 2000 and pointed to another report today as a sign of that happening. Existing-home sales fell by 10.7 percent in January — the biggest plunge since April 1995 — to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.59 million units, reflecting the toll of higher mortgage rates, the National Association of Realtors said.

The booming U.S. economy has been powered by consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity.

The government said today that consumer spending rose at an annual rate of 5.9 percent in the fourth quarter, stronger than previously thought and more brisk than the 4.9 percent rate posted in the previous quarter.

Plentiful jobs, stock market gains and rising incomes have made Americans feel wealthy and put them in the mood to spend.

All that spending pulled the nation's savings rate to a record quarterly low of 1.8 percent in the fourth quarter, slightly lower than previously estimated and a worse showing on savings than the 2.1 percent rate in the third quarter.

Businesses, confident that consumers will keep spending, increased their stockpiles to $68.7 billion, higher than originally estimated and up from $38 billion in the third quarter.

And, business investment rose at an annual rate of 2.5 percent, the same as previously thought, but down from the 10.9 percent rate in the third quarter.

Government spending grew by a brisk 9.2 percent in the fourth quarter, slightly larger than first estimated and higher than the 4.5 percent rate in the third quarter.

The U.S. trade deficit continued to be a drag on economic growth. Imports grew at a 10 percent rate in the fourth quarter, down from a 14.9 percent rate in the third quarter. Exports rose at a 8.7 percent rate, stronger than previously estimated, but down from a 11.5 percent rate posted in the third quarter.

Even though overseas' demand for U.S. products is picking up, U.S. manufacturers continue to feel the lingering effects of the global financial crisis that struck in 1997 and severely depressed foreign demand for U.S. goods.

All the changes show the economy growing at an annual rate of $150.3 billion in the fourth quarter of 1999, pushing the country's total output of goods and services to $9.05 trillion, after adjusting for inflation.

Cable industry, television makers agree on standard

By KALPANA SRINIVASAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — By next year, consumers should be able to buy digital TV sets that work with their cable systems, removing a key hurdle slowing adoption of the new technology.

An agreement between television makers and cable operator ends an impasse over technical standards that let digital sets communicate with digital cable boxes. The industries expect cable customers should be able to buy cable-ready digital sets within 18 months. About two-thirds of Americans get their television signals via cable.

"With these agreements, many more consumers will soon be able to access the wonders of digital television through cable," said Gary Shapiro, president of the Consumer Electronics Association. "This is yet another giant step forward in the transition to DTV."

Digital television allows broadcasters to squeeze more video and data into existing channel space, offering sharper pictures, more channels, stock quotes or other data transmitted to home computers.

The agreement includes specifications to ensure consumers can get their cable signals on digital sets, said Robert Sachs, head of the National Cable Television Association.

He said the pact should prevent the need for government intervention, but regulators at the Federal Communications Commission said they still may need to step in if two key disputes remained unresolved.

The nation's broadcasting lobby balked at the agreement, saying that it leaves outstanding issues, including the definition of what constitutes a cable-ready receiver.

"This is only a piece of the solution, and represents a transparent attempt by both cable operators and TV manufacturers to avoid an FCC rule desperately needed by consumers," said Dennis Wharton, spokesman for the National Association of Broadcasters.

The first high-definition televisions began selling in late 1998, and more than 100 TV stations reaching 50 percent of the American people now offer the option of receiving high-quality digital TV signals. But the pictures are eroded through cable converters to quality not much better than traditional analog TVs. Cable TV customers with digital TV sets always have the option of using rabbit ears to receive broadcasters' digital channels.

Appeals court turns down lawsuit against Texas Tech

AUSTIN (AP) — An appeals court on Friday refused to rule on a lawsuit meant to stop Texas Tech University from researching fire ant habits by inflicting the stinging insects on pregnant deer, noting the project was completed several months ago.

Animal rights activists had complained the experiments were bizarre and unnecessary.

The research was started in 1997 and activist Donald Barnes sued last April to stop the study, saying it involved cruel treatment of animals.

Barnes also claimed he had been personally injured by the distress he endured as a result of the pain and suffering of the deer.

The lawsuit was dismissed by a district court judge in June and the research was completed by the end of July. By September, the deer had been transferred to Texas A&M University.

The 3rd District Court of Appeals refused to rule on the case because the research was finished. The court also said there was no evidence the university plans to repeat or extend the study.

Clinton administration being less strict with Iraqi sanctions

By BARRY SCHWEID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is taking a less strict stand on "gray area" exports to Iraq in an effort to provide more humanitarian help to the people in the hard-pressed Arab nation, U.S. officials said today.

"We want to go at it with a scalpel instead of a sledgehammer," an official said, referring to the U.S. role in the United Nations committee that oversees sanctions against President Saddam Hussein's government

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, insisted that overall U.S. policy toward Iraq had not changed. The idea, the official said, still was to deny the Iraqi leader items that would assist him in a weapons program without stopping exports that might help extract oil that Iraq is permitted to sell for humanitarian purposes. Proceeds must be used for food and medicine.

For example, the official said, chlorine, which could be used in water purification, would now be cleared for export to Iraq.

The U.S. sanctions policy is not being changed and "dual-use" items will still be kept out of Iraq's hands, a second U.S. official told The Associated Press.

"Gray area" items may be cleared for export, provided they are monitored and found not to be militarily useful, the official said.

The sanctions, imposed in 1990 during the Persian Gulf war that liberated Kuwait from Iraqi annexation, were subsequently eased to permit Iraq to sell $5.2 billion worth of oil every six months provided the revenue is used to assist the Iraqi people.

Even with oil prices soaring, Saddam deliberately and cynically does not take advantage of the quota, the official said.

Other nations have urged the United States to ease up on Iraq in light of reports of the worsening plight of the Iraqi people. U.S. officials have accused Saddam of denying available help to his own people and not exporting all the oil permitted under past easing of sanctions.

The Washington Post reported the easing of restrictions today, saying it would apply to machinery, oil industry spare parts, pesticides and other industrial products.

U.S. officials agreed this week to release an $80 million electrical repair contract on condition that U.N. workers verify that the parts are used as intended, the Post said.

The United States has frequently exercised its right as a member of the Security Council to block Iraq from acquiring "dual-use" items such as pesticide sprayers, which can be used for biological warfare as well as for helping farmers to grow food. Britain, France and other U.S. allies are concerned restrictions on such technology have undermined efforts to ease suffering in Iraq.

Earlier this month several congressmen asked President Clinton to ease the sanctions on Iraq, insisting children were suffering needlessly and Hussein's regime was benefiting from the measures.

Making a similar complaint, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator for Iraq, Hans von Sponeck, quit this month.

Under U.N. resolutions, sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait cannot be lifted until U.N. inspectors determine that Iraq's weapons of mass destruction have been eliminated.

City Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Gusty winds are expected to continue today with cooler temperatures.

Winds are expected to gust to 45 mph today as high temperatures drop back from Thursday's 75 degrees to the mid-50s today.

Tonight should be clear with a low of 30 degrees.

Last night's low was 43 degrees.

Saturday should be partly sunny with a high about 65 degrees. The winds will subside somewhat. The will be from the west at 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night should be mostly clear.

STATEWIDE -- Thunderstorms rolled across Texas early today, giving parts of the state a second dose of rainfall in less than a week.

North Texas had windy, warm conditions this morning. Temperatures were in the 60s to near 70 degrees on a southerly breeze gusting between 20-30 mph, the National Weather Service said. A gust of 32 mph was reported at Wichita Falls.

Cooler, drier air swept into West Texas behind a weak cold front. Winds had shifted to the west at 10-25 mph. Temperatures were in the 50s and 60s.

Warm, muggy air continued to blow from 15-25 mph over South Texas. Temperature extremes ranged from 65 at Junction to 73 at Harlingen.

The threat of widely scattered showers and storms continued this afternoon for southern and eastern areas, but skies across the rest of the state should clear out. Highs will reach the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Clouds and showers could persist over central and southern parts of the state on Saturday, with partly sunny skies elsewhere. Highs will reach the 60s and 70s before dipping into the 40s, 50s and 60s overnight.

Another chance of rainfall was forecast early next week for North Texas.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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Pampa Area Singles will hold a potluck dinner and dance Feb. 26 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the dance will be from 8-11 p.m. Entertainment will be by Mike Porter. Cost is $5 per person. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

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States have 7 billion poll of unspent money for welfare, group says

WASHINGTON (AP) — A coalition of anti-poverty groups said states are hoarding $7 billion in unspent federal funds earmarked to help poor Americans and called on governors to see to it that the money is used to assist low-income families.

Seventeen states each have accumulated more than $100 million in unspent federal funds from 1997 to 1999. Other states have tens of millions of dollars they haven't spent, a study by the National Campaign for Jobs and Income showed.

California had the most, with $1.6 billion. New York had the second highest amount — $1.1 billion — and Ohio was third, with nearly $734 million. Forty-five states and the District of Columbia had surpluses, the report showed.

The group's study, released today ahead of a weekend meeting of the National Governors Association, added up state funds that had not yet been committed to anti-poverty programs and funds that were earmarked for programs but not yet spent.

State welfare officials disputed the $7 billion figure and said the actual amount of money not yet committed to poverty programs — $2.5 billion out of $48 billion total — shows that states are spending most of their funds and putting a little aside in case welfare rolls rise.

The surplus funds are a result of a dramatic decrease in the number of Americans on welfare, a phenomenon caused by a robust economy and strict new federal rules. Though welfare rolls are down, federal block grants for states' anti-poverty programs have remained constant at $16 billion a year.

Under the 1996 law that overhauled the federal welfare system, states have wide discretion to design their own anti-poverty programs and use the money for cash assistance programs and to help people who moved from welfare to work.

There are no deadlines for spending the money or rules about giving back unspent funds, although some members of Congress introduced a give-back bill last year.

Officials at the National Campaign for Jobs and Income, a coalition of 60 state and local anti-poverty groups, accused states of stockpiling their federal money amid persistent poverty. They blamed too-strict eligibility requirements that keep some people from qualifying for programs and say states are not doing enough to get funds to needy families.

They also complained that a handful of states were diverting the money to pay for tax cuts or other state programs.

"It's a disgrace that these funds are sitting idle or being ill-spent at a time when millions of families aren't sharing in our nation's prosperity," said Peter Edelman, a Georgetown University law professor who left the Clinton administration to protest the 1996 welfare law.

William Waldman, executive director of the American Public Human Services Association, said the surpluses exist because states were cautious about spending the grants and wanted to keep some money aside in case the economy turns sour and welfare cases rise.

"It's not bad public policy to keep a little back for a rainy day," Waldman said.

At least six states — Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, New York, Texas and Wisconsin — have used their unspent funds to pay for tax cuts and other state programs, the report said.

For example, Wisconsin used federal funds in place of state funds for its earned income tax credit program. Kansas used federal welfare funds for its child welfare system.

The practice, which is not believed to be widespread, is allowed as long as the money is used to help low-income families, said Michael Kharfen, spokesman at the Department of Health and Human Services, which administers the block grant program to states.

"They can't use the funds for repairing roads or building schools or general budget needs," said Kharfen.

Edelman said the practice is troubling because it takes funds away from welfare programs.

"There's plenty of important useful things to spend the money on," he said.

Judge orders Dallas County constable from office

DALLAS (AP) — A judge has ordered Dallas County Constable Aurelio Castillo removed from office while the constable appeals his felony conviction for accepting an illegal corporate campaign donation.

Castillo's attorneys immediately filed a writ of mandamus — a special kind of appeal — to stop the constable's removal. However, they were unable to have their case heard by 5th Court of Appeals justices before Friday.

So state District Judge Harold Entz's order Thursday remains in effect unless reversed by an appeals court.

"It seems to me, if he tries to resist that, the judge could hold him in contempt," prosecutor Clark Birdsall said. "To me, it's final. The order says 'immediately.' "

In his first public comments since his trial last week, Castillo maintained his innocence, thanked his family and supporters and urged voters to support him in next month's Democratic primary because he had done nothing wrong.

Asked about Entz's ruling, he said: "I'm going to fight that. I'm not stepping down. I'm going to keep going forward."

John Read, one of Castillo's attorneys, criticized Entz's decision as political but expected.

RRC announces top producers

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, Railroad Commissioners Michael Williams, Charles R. Matthews and Tony Garza announced recently.

Altura Energy led all oil producers for the period with an average daily production of 157,706 barrels, some 14.150 percent of all oil produced in the state. Exxon Corp. took second place with an average daily production rate of 62,918 barrels, some 5.645 percent of total state production.

Other companies in the top ten include: Texaco E&P Inc., 44,290 barrels per day, third; Marathon Oil Co., 43,017 bpd, fourth; Mobil Producing TX. and 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 producers 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 include: Union Pacific Resources Co., 644,757 mcf, third; Coastal Oil and 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. and N.M. Inc., 312,832 mcf, hinth; and Shell Western E&P Inc., 303,900 mcf, 10th.

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RELIGION

Prayer should be a time of communion, refreshment

By Dave Schlewitz

Jordan Unit Chaplain

Why it is that parents and others dropping off young people at the Pampa High School will not pull to the curb when they drop off students? Ever notice? They will stop right in the middle of the lane, holding up traffic behind them. Then the young people get out, kiss their parents goodbye, pick up their books, close the door and saunter across the street. This is unsafe and very discourteous to other traffic. Get a life! Pull over to the side of the street next to the curb if you are letting kids out! It's an accident waiting to happen. If we could change this, it might make everyone much safer.

Speaking of letting our kids off, the Bible presents a very unique idea in that God delivered His Son, Jesus Christ for each of us on the Cross of Calvary. Unlike us, Christ never committed any wrongdoing, nor did He break any law. Unlike us, He gave his life for all of us. And God the Father forsook Christ when He was nailed to the Cross.

"Unique?! You say, "I've beard that all my life!" Well, it is unique in ... Well, write me and let me know of another parent who gave their son for a bunch of other people who didn't even want him, didn't think they needed him? Get my drift? Very, very unique. The Bible says, "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

"Hoo, hoo, ha, ha, hee, hee!!" I can hear you laughing now. "That is just a fairy tale." Well, now. There you've gone and said it. I do appreciate your honesty. This is just minister's musings so I can't take a lot of time to defend Christianity. Don't really need to. The motive of God in sending His Son is pure and powerful. He surely can speak for Himself. The question is will you pull over to the curb and listen?

Sheehan has faith-filled desire to bring Christ to the people

By FRAN PRESLEY
Texarkana Gazette

TEXARKANA, Texas — When Archbishop Michael Sheehan was a youth growing up in Texarkana, he used to drop by St. Michael Hospital's chapel to pray in summertime. He says he enjoyed sitting in the cool, quiet chapel in the presence of the Lord.

"And the other side of that was that it was the only cool place in town!" he added, laughing. "With the humidity and heat of Texarkana summers, that chapel over there at St. Michael's was a very cool respite.

"I kind of think part of my calling to be a priest, my vocation, happened there in that cool place."

Young Michael may have dreamed about becoming a parish priest, but he could not have imagined that one day he would be the spiritual leader of 300,000 Catholics.

His brother once said that all Michael ever wanted to be was a parish priest. But much more was in store for him; he rose fast in the hierarchy of the Catholic Church.

In 1983 he became the youngest bishop in the United States, asked by the pope to lead a brand new diocese in Lubbock, Texas.

Ten years later, the pope called on him again, this time to bring healing to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M., reeling from a sex scandal that had caught the attention of the media nationwide.

A few months after taking over the Santa Fe archdiocese, the pope made Sheehan an archbishop, the spiritual leader of 300,000 Catholics in the states of Arizona and New Mexico.

The archbishop returned to Texarkana recently to help his home church, Sacred Heart Catholic, celebrate its 125th anniversary.

Sheehan gives credit to his parents, his home church and his teachers at Sacred Heart Academy for fostering and encouraging his love for God, the church and people.

He explained his priestly calling in simple words: "I loved the church and I loved people, and I wanted to give my life in the service of people in the name of Jesus."

Martin Patterson Jr., a boyhood friend of Sheehan's, noticed Sheehan's warmth for people back when they were young.

"He was very outgoing as a boy," Patterson said. "He always had a big smile on his face when he saw you, even if he'd just seen you the day before."

Sheehan and his family lived on Guam Street in Wake Village, and Patterson recalled, "I spent many a weekend at his house, and he was always ready for adventure."

One of the boys' adventures proved a bit risky. The two were about 11 years old when they found an old boat by the side of a lake in Wake Village. They decided to go out on the lake in the boat.

A distance from the shore, they pretended they were stranded on a desert island.

"The lake was covered with what we called seaweed," Patterson said. "We filled the boat with it-and the boat sank! We had to swim to shore."

Sheehan's family had moved to Texarkana in 1945 when he was 5 years old. His mother's family, the Jarboes, owned the Texarkana Stockyards, and both his parents worked there. Sheehan was the third of four children.

He studied at Sacred Heart Academy from the second through the 10th grade. He said, "I got a very good foundation from the Ursuline Sisters in Texarkana. I owe them big for the good training they gave me."

During his years at Sacred Heart Church, Sheehan served as an altar boy, working closely with the various priests and growing more sure of his vocation each year.

Patterson, also an altar boy, laughed as he recalled: "Michael was serving at the altar with me. The water and the wine were in cruets. We never could figure out the water stopper from the wine stopper so we would taste the stoppers. That way, we always put the right stopper on the right cruet!"

Patterson's mother could see the boys from her vantage point at the organ, and Patterson said, "That would embarrass my mother."

Sheehan described his boyhood years in Texarkana as very happy ones.

During high school, Sheehan operated his own lawn-mowing business. He bought his own lawn mower at Sears Roebuck and paid it out himself.

"In the summertime I had a job of cutting 25 lawns," he recalled. "I learned a lot from having my own business.

"I learned how to work-and it was fun! I enjoyed it. And I learned that you had to finish the job and you had no one else to do it but you. I learned how to be responsible."

Sheehan was sure of his vocation by the time he finished 10th grade, so his family sent him to Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, where he finished high school and college.

He stood out among the seminary students and was sent to Rome, Italy, to study theology.

"That was special," said Texarkana friend Sarah Patterson recently. "He was outstanding. Not all seminary students are sent to Rome."

Sheehan said of his time in Rome, "It was a wonderful opportunity to get a bigger picture of the world, because my classmates studying for the priesthood were all from various countries around the world."

Sheehan completed his studies in 1965. He was ordained in Rome and celebrated his first Mass at his home church in Texarkana.

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Archdiocese offers Internet service

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Call it virtual preaching. A Catholic archdiocese in southern Brazil has found a novel way of spreading the faith:

Free Internet service.

The idea began when a group of lay Catholics and priests in Porto Alegre, 700 miles southwest of Rio de Janeiro, teamed up with a handful of companies eager to expand their marketing strategies.

Thus was born Catolico, "the provider with a social mission." It offers an Internet connection, e-mail and customer support services to users of any denomination, with no strings attached.

"The objective is to reveal the Catholic faith," said Irineu Brand, a priest in Porto Alegre. "We have an interest in being known."

Competition in the religious market is fierce in Brazil, the world's largest Roman Catholic country. In recent decades, millions of Catholics have switched to fast-growing Protestant evangelical religions.

At Catolico's Web site, visitors can donate money to an orphanage, volunteer for community service, find out when the next Mass is at a local church or learn how to say the rosary. They can click on an ad and buy a computer or a T-shirt, pick an Amazon.com book or bank online.

Catolico doesn't carry ads for cigarettes, alcohol, birth control or astrological charts. But users have access to any Web page on the World Wide Web, including pornographic sites.

"We don't have any type of control," said Adao Oliveira, a computer technician and service coordinator for Catolico. He said Catolico's goal is to evangelize and not to censor. "We plant the seed. If they get it, they get it."

The response has been overwhelming, Oliveira said. His staff gets 1,000 e-mails a day from people who want to volunteer or ask questions, and has even received a couple of messages from Rome congratulating Catolico on its achievement.

Within two weeks after Catolico was launched on Jan. 14, more than 10,000 Brazilians had signed up. That was more than Oliveira expected for the first month, and there weren't enough phone lines available to meet the demand. Technicians created a waiting list.

Numerous companies also have approached the group wanting to place their ads close to images of Jesus, Brand added.

The Porto Alegre archdiocese, with 170 parishes, claims to be the first religious institution to offer the free service. It seemed a logical next step in the church's use of mass media to spread the faith. And it fit right in with the pope's recent appeal for churches to embrace the new waves of communication.

The novelty took Brazil's Catholic Church hierarchy by surprise. Luis Cesar Cordoba, a computer scientist at the National Conference of Brazilian Bishops in Brasilia, the nation's capital, said he was unaware that the church offered such services. Catholics in Brasilia still pay for Internet access, he said.

Not for long, said Oliveira.

Catolico's next goal is to offer free service to other major Brazilian cities by the end of March. It already has 1,000 registered users outside its home state of Rio Grande do Sul, he added.

Catolico is unusual because religious organizations rarely are at the forefront of technological advancements, said Nevio Fiorin, a coordinator at the Brazilian Institute of Religious Studies in Rio de Janeiro.

"Churches tend to follow the movement hesitantly," he said. "In this case, they are pioneers."

Fiorin cautioned that only Brazil's upper and middle classes have access to the Internet. To reach the poor, face-to-face contact still will be necessary.

From the Back Pew...

God often preaches in silence through great literary works

There's a little book I return to over and over. It is named "Telling the Truth: The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy and Fairy Tale" by Frederick Buechner. Those who've read my column for more than a couple of years will recognize this title as a favorite of mine. When I get dry inside, I pick it up and inevitably get a quick spiritual refreshment from the gospel message, Buechner-style.

Buechner writes like I wish I could. He is funny, poignant and replays the old, old story without cliche or repetition. The gospel as he tells it is utterly fresh.

Perhaps Buechner plays into my preference for seeing God through literature.

"Telling the Truth" is filled with references to God as He appears, or at least aspects of His character, appear in literature. Furthermore, that Buechner is moved by the humanity of King Lear, the improbability of the children's adventure in The Chronicles of Narnia or the absurdity of the goofy wizard in "The Wizard of Oz" prompts me to look harder for truth expressed in art.

Once upon a time in a Bible study, the book we were using to guide the study recounted an anecdote about a woman living in communist Russia who'd become an outspoken Christian in a nation whose Bibles had been destroyed.

According to her, she became a Christian after reading one of the mighty tomes of Dostoyevsky which somehow had escaped the notice of communist censors. She saw God in the story and wooed by the grace of the Holy Spirit, she found the sustenance she'd sought. She did not know the four spiritual laws, the Roman road to salvation nor could she recite John 3:16. She found God in a thick book.

That story has stuck with me. God preached in silence through the words of characters, the twists of plot and unexpected graces. Perhaps that's why Buechner holds such an attraction for me. He points to great literature as prompts for our study of mankind, the character of God and, as in the case of the poetry of Jesuit Gerard Manley Hopkins, a worshipful response.

CHURCH BRIEFS

St. Ann's Catholic Church in Amarillo 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. Cost: Adults, $7, children 6 and up, $3.50. children 5 and under, free.

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will host a catfish dinner beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. Catfish filets, green tossed salad, French fries and iced tea will be served while supplies last. The Rev. I.L. Patrick and the congregation of Macedonia Baptist cordially invite the public to attend. Donations will be accepted. To make an order, call 665-4926.

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer an eight-week course, "The Bible as Literature," with Linda Haynes from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays starting Feb. 29. Cost of the class is $25. For more information, call 665-8801.

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Financee's Drinking Problem Puts Wedding Plans on Hold



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SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: For more than a year, I have been troubled by my fiancee's drinking. (I'll call her Julia.) Last week, Julia admitted to me that she is addicted to alcohol.

She continues to push me to set a wedding date. It has become a major issue for her because most of her friends are married, and she feels humiliated about being single. We have set tentative wedding dates in the past, but then have scrubbed them.

I am less worried about the date of the wedding than I am about Julia's drinking problem. I love her dearly, and with my encouragement she has gone to counseling, but I believe she has a long way to go.

She pushed me for a date again tonight. When I told her I wanted to discuss it with her in person rather than over the phone, she hung up on me. I'm sure that she had been drinking. She gets a "buzz" two or three nights a week and is a different person under those circumstances.

This would be the second marriage for both of us. I am 53; Julia is 48. We both have grown children.

I don't think I've handled this very well, and I'm not sure what to do. However, I don't want to spend the rest of my life with a partner who abuses alcohol.

CONFUSED IN SAVANNAH

DEAR CONFUSED: I would say you are wise to delay setting a wedding date until your fiancee has been sober for at least six months. Encourage Julia to continue counseling and to attend AA meetings. You can gain insight into the situation by contacting Al-Anon, a program for friends and family of alcoholics. Consult your phone book for the location of your nearest chapter.

Alcoholism is a sickness, and I hope Julia wins the battle, but if she doesn't, don't feel guilty if you decide to get on with your life without her.

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Horoscope

SUNDAY, FEB. 27, 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)
★★★★★ You might feel like you are playing the lead in a slapstick comedy. Much chaos is loose. Keep your sense of humor, with full knowledge that this too shall pass. Friends happily join you once you get plans straight. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.
This week: You make a visit to the pressure cooker this week, alternating among high visibility, anger and frustration. Finally, you revamp a project.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Frustration with a partner could have you throwing your hands in the air. Actually, none of this is as serious as it seems. Use your instincts to help settle a confusing situation. Bring friends and family together. A loved one appreciates your togetherness. Tonight: Mellow out.
This week: Another triggers your need to explore mentally or physically. What happens this week could change your direction. Aim for what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Staying grounded takes talent. You are busy, out and about visiting with friends and loved ones. However, you might not be sure about what you want to do for the long term. Friends clearly want you with them. Make that additional effort. Tonight: Where the fun is.
This week: Others have more impact on you than you might like. Disappointed by a friend, you could react with a strong an overly serious partner rain on your parade. Tonight: Visit over dinner.
This week: Tell it like it is, but don't be surprised by another's reactions. You can clear up confusion with a heartfelt talk. Push creativity to its limits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Expenses are over the edge; put a stop to this. Study other ways to get to the same place. Listen to another's point of view, though you easily might not agree. Get into an extra project. Clear out what you must to get a good start on the work week. Tonight: Pay bills.
This week: Expenses get way out of whack, but you are determined to handle it, no matter what it takes. Learning how to say no to yourself as well as to others remains key.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others mean well, but they still manage to muddy up your plans. Don't let that happen. Visit with a dear friend. Do something you both love. Let go of worry. Welcoming good times draws others toward you. Don't get uptight about another's choice. Tonight: Fatigue is about the only thing that can slow you down.
This week: Dance to your own tune, but don't be surprised if others give you flak! Don't worry; they envy your sense of rhythm! Nevertheless, you could end up paying the piper.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Take some time to think about family, property and an investment. You might not be realistic about what you want here. Another means well but still manages to drag you down. Decide what is right for you. Don't do anything halfway. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.
This week: On Monday, think. The remainder of the week, you are a force to reckon with. You might need to explain yourself one too many times for your liking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your smile brings tranquillity when others feel uptight. Problems surround family and a special hope. Don't decision. Take the high road.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Getting a project done takes more than your share of talent. Listen to another. Be sensible about suggestions you receive. You like what you hear from a close friend, who has a great idea for your work and day-to-day life. Kiss negativity goodbye. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.
This week: Plunge into the work week quickly. Soon, nearly every form of distraction appears. You could have some sharp words for another. Think diplomacy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Maintain your sense of humor when dealing with a loved one. Another could be overly possessive. Make quality time for him, but explain where you are coming from in a way that can be heard. Others seek you out. Accept a last-minute invitation. Tonight: Exploring a new spot.
This week: Examine work-related problems, with an eye to deleting them from existence. You can do it! Use the same attitude concerning health matters.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Choices can be overwhelming. You might not know exactly what to do or if you are being honest with yourself. You might not want to do anything at all! Express what you want. Others respond and are happy to go along with your plans. Tonight: Stay close to home.
This week: Trying to keep everything cool on the homefront proves to be quite the challenge. Children and loved ones create uproar. Work? Maybe you will get to some by Thursday.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Reach out for others. Adjust plans when there appears to be some difference of opinion. Ultimately, none of this is a big deal. Simply enjoy yourself with a loved one and/or a child. Don't let worry so much. Rooting out a problem becomes a long-term project. Don't lose your focus. Stay clear about what you want. Tonight: Where the gang is.
This week: Expect a lot of ups and downs. Good news — the week begins on an upper and ends that way, too. Forget the in-between!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Maintain a high profile. Know what you want. Spend some money, if necessary, to get what is important to you. A loved one could prove to be challenging, at best. Don't try to change his mind; instead, do your own thing. Bring others together. You are a force to reckon with. Tonight: Don't make it a late night.
This week: You say it loud and clear on Wednesday. Does anyone hear you? You will think so, but Thursday might provide evidence to the contrary.

Crossword Puzzle

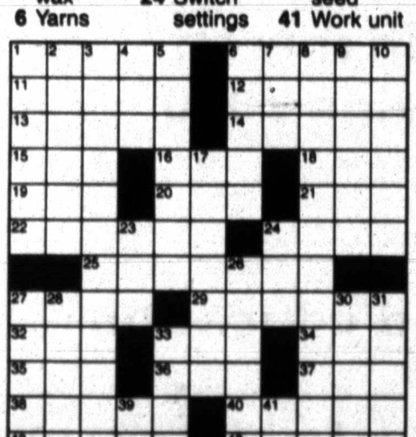
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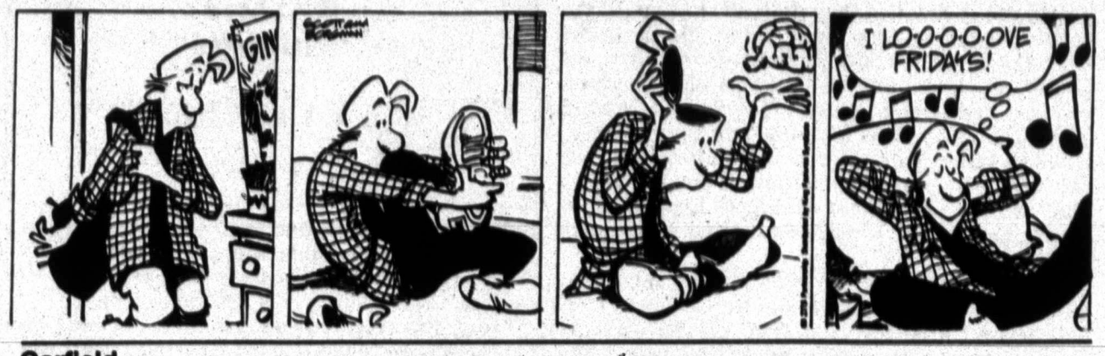


"Right, Mommy! How do we get all the churches to ring their bells?"

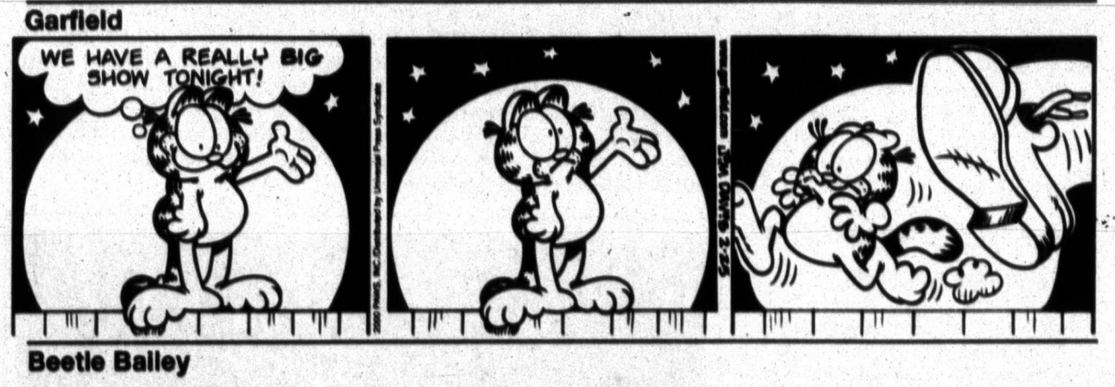
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BASKETBALL

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — One field goal in the final six minutes turned out to be enough for the San Antonio Spurs to open a three-game road trip with a victory.

Terry Porter salvaged what looked like a busted play and swished a 22-footer with three-tenths of a second left, giving the Spurs a 72-70 victory over the Charlotte Hornets on Thursday night.

The basket capped a game in which San Antonio's Tim Duncan struggled and Charlotte capitalized on the Spurs' fourth-quarter offensive woes to rally from a 10-point deficit and tie it with 21 seconds left.

Porter said the winning play was not designed for him, but he had little choice but to try to put up a shot after Duncan got surrounded in the paint.

"I was the second or third option," Porter said. "They did a good job of denying him the ball, and they threw it out to me and I just tried to create a shot."

David Wesley, whose 3-pointer made it 70-all, was guarding Porter closely on the winning shot.

"It felt good. I couldn't really say it was in until I saw it drop, but it felt good when I let it go," Porter said. "It's always a thrill for an athlete to have a chance to have the ball in his hands and put the dagger, so to speak, in his opponent's heart."

Duncan, listed as questionable with a lower abdominal strain, started his 186th consecutive game and played 39 minutes, but he was far from his usual dominating inside presence.

He missed nine consecutive field-goal attempts in the first half on the way to a 6-for-23 outing. Duncan still wound up with 15 points and 12 rebounds, and David Robinson had 16 points and 10 rebounds as the Spurs won for the first time in six road games this season against Central Division teams.

"I really didn't know what to expect until I went up and down the floor a couple times," Duncan said. "Things didn't go right for me, but we won the game, so that's all that matters."

Duncan was more interested in talking about the 36-year-old Porter, a 15-year NBA veteran who keeps coming up with big plays. Duncan, 23, laughed when asked how much longer he thinks Porter can play in the league.

"What is he, like 82 now?" Duncan said. "At least eight more years."

Charlotte's Derrick Coleman had 19 points and a season-high 20 rebounds, and Wesley had a pair of steals in the final minute to fuel the Hornets' rally.

San Antonio harassed the Hornets into 36-percent shooting and their lowest point total of the season. The Spurs shot 39 percent.

"It wasn't a beautiful game," Charlotte coach Paul Silas said. "It's tough to go inside against their big lineup. They block shots and their perimeter doesn't have to worry about giving help."

San Antonio never trailed in the second half and pushed its lead as high as 69-59 on Robinson's 9-foot jumper with 6:01 remaining.

But the Spurs missed their next six field-goal attempts and turned it over twice, clearing the way for a Charlotte rally. Wesley's steal set up a layup by Coleman that cut the Hornets' deficit to 70-67 with 44 seconds left.

Wesley stripped the ball from Avery Johnson with 32 seconds to go, leading to the tying basket.

The Hornets were unable to get off a shot after Porter's jumper.

Notes: San Antonio missed 18 of 23 field-goal attempts in the first quarter and scored 10 points, record low for an opening quarter by a Charlotte opponent.

Pampa gymnasts score points at Oklahoma meet

CLINTON, Okla. — Team members from Gymnastics of Pampa participated in the Olympic Gold Invitational recently in Clinton, Okla.

Level 7 gymnast Alyssa Bromwell scored well on all four events and finished eighth in the All Around with a 35.575. She placed fourth on balance beam 9.075, fifth on uneven bars 9.05, ninth on floor exercise, 8.8 and eighth on vault 8.65 in the 12 year olds and up.

Morgan Meharg also competed in Level 7 in the 12 year and up division. She finished ninth in the All Around with a 33.825. On floor exercise, she was fifth with a 9.025 on bars, sixth with a 9.0 on vault, ninth 8.55 on beam, and she finished in ninth place.

Pampa Level 6's were led by Lacie Long, who won the first place trophy in the 11-12 year old All Around where she scored a 32.075. She also won first place on vault 8.55, floor exercise 8.225 and uneven bars 7.8. She earned second place on balance beam with a 7.5.

Kendall Stokes finished in third place in the 11-12 year old Level 6 All Around with a 29.75. She won third place on all four events — vault 8.25, floor 7.65, beam 7.1 and bars 6.75.

In Level 5 competition Brittany Warminski finished second in All Around in the 10 year olds with a 22.525. She won gold on beam 9.1 and floor 9.025. She finished second on bars 7.885 and on vault 7.55.

First-time Level 5 competitor Kelby Doughty performed very well in the 8-9 year old division. She won fifth place in the All Around with a respectable 29.025. She was fourth on floor exercise 7.825, and uneven bars 7.65 and earned fifth on vault 7.25 and balance beam 6.3.

Brittany Klein led Pampa's Level 4 gymnasts with a 32.825 All Around for third place in the eight year olds. She won silver medals on beam 8.45, bars 8.3, and vault 7.4 and bronze on floor 8.675.

In the 11 year olds, Brandi Holden earned fourth in All Around with a 32.675. She tied for first place on balance beam with an 8.9 and earned fourth on floor 8.775 and on bars 7.8. She finished sixth on vault with a 7.2.

Keisha Crowell took the gold in the 9-year old division in floor exercise with a 9.0. She won silver on beam 8.4, bronze on vault 7.6 and sixth place on bars 7.55. She finished third in the All Around with a 32.55.

Pampa, River Road battle to 6-6 deadlock

PAMPA — Pampa and River Road battled to a 6-6 tie in a high school baseball opener Tuesday at Harvester Field. The game was called after eight innings on account of darkness.

"We played very good defense and I was pleased with the way we hit the ball. The only thing we did wrong was not being able to put them away," said Pampa head coach Dennis Doughty. "We had River Road down 6-2 and we just couldn't get any more runs across the plate."

Kaleb Snelgrooes had a good day at the plate and Greg Lindsey had a home run and double, said Doughty.

Brent Coffee and Lindsey saw action on the mound for the Harvesters.

"It was really a tremendous pitching performance by Brent," Doughty said. "He struck out 10 in six innings. He could have finished the game, but this early in the season we're limiting the number of pitches to 80. Greg came in and did a good job. He gave up a couple of runs, but he shut them down pretty good."

Catcher Justin Barnes turned in a steady job behind the plate and left fielder Jesse Francis made a spectacular diving catch on a flyball in the eighth inning.

"River Road has a good team. They're going to be a factor on down the road," added Doughty.

Pampa hosts Plainview at 1 p.m. Saturday. Another game is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Monday at Harvester Field when the Amarillo High Sandies come to town.

Fresno State delivers double-blow to No. 12 Tulsa

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Fresno State coach Jerry Tarkanian thought that beating No. 12 Tulsa once was a wonderful thing. He never thought he could beat the Golden Hurricane twice.

That's what the Bulldogs did, shocking Tulsa's players, coaches and fans, who hadn't seen their team lose at home this season.

"I felt like for us to get a win here was a miracle," Tarkanian said Thursday night. "It looked like they were going to blow us out, but our guys hung in there."

Fresno State's 73-72 victory on Courtney Alexander's jumper with 30 seconds remaining was a double blow to Tulsa (25-3, 10-2 Western Athletic Conference).

Last month, the Bulldogs (18-9, 8-3) did the same thing, defeating Tulsa 75-73 to end a 13-game winning streak. The only other game the Golden Hurricane lost was 60-59 to crosstown rival Oral Roberts.

"When we had control of the game, we did so many silly things to let them stay in the game," Tulsa coach Bill Self said. "Down the stretch, we played out of character."

The Hurricane had a chance to win in the final seconds, but Eric Coley failed to tip the ball in as it rolled around the rim on Greg Harrington's missed shot.

"I don't know how it didn't go in," Self said.

In other games involving ranked teams, No. 1 Stanford routed Washington State 89-52, No. 8 Temple stopped St. Bonaventure 75-58 and No. 21 Purdue beat Michigan 78-75.

Alexander, the nation's leading scorer at 25.2 points per game, scored 25 points for Fresno, including 4-of-8 on 3-pointers.

Melvin Ely added 14 points for the Bulldogs, while Terrance Roberson and Demetrius Porter each had 11.

David Shelton led Tulsa with 17 points. Harrington scored 16 and Tony Heard had 14, including 4-of-6 3-pointers.

"This is a tough one to swallow," Shelton said. "They hit shots, and when you hit shots, you win games. We won't forget about this one."

Fresno State, after trailing most of the first half, came back when Travis DeManby made two free throws to start an 11-0 run that tied the game at 62 with 5:48 remaining.

Heard returned with a 3-pointer that started a 7-0 run that put Tulsa ahead 69-62 with less than four minutes left.

A basket by Alexander and a 3-pointer by Porter brought Fresno State within one with 58 seconds left. Harrington turned over the ball at 45.3 seconds, setting up Alexander's game-winner.

The Hurricane started the game with four 3-pointers in four minutes, including three by Heard, and had a 37-30 lead at halftime.

At the beginning of the second half, Tulsa made three straight 3-pointers, including two by Hill, before Fresno came back.

"The sun will come out tomorrow," Self said. "By Saturday, they won't be thinking about this game."

No. 1 Stanford 89, Washington St. 52

Casey Jacobsen made seven 3-pointers and scored 23 points as No. 1 Stanford won easily at Washington State.

Mark Madsen added 20 points for the Cardinal (23-1, 12-1 Pac-10), which shot 82 percent from the field in the second half (18-of-22) to win its 11th in a row.

The Cougars (5-18, 0-14) have lost 15 straight under new coach Paul Graham, the school's worst conference record ever. The Cougars, beaten 63-38 at Stanford on Jan. 29, have lost eight in a row to the Cardinal.

Stanford, which entered the game shooting 39 percent from 3-point range, was 13-of-24 (54 percent) on 3-pointers, including 7-of-9 by Jacobsen.

Mike Bush had 18 points and Chris Crosby 12 for Washington State.

No. 8 Temple 75, St. Bonaventure 58

Quincy Wadley scored 17 points and Lynn Greer added 14 as Temple (21-4, 12-1 Atlantic 10) followed its upset win over then-No. 1 Cincinnati by winning its 12th straight.

The Owls, who have won 20 in a row at home, trailed only once and led by 21 in the second half. Patricio Prato and David Messiah-Capers each scored 12 points for St. Bonaventure (16-8, 8-5).

No. 21 Purdue 78, Michigan 75

Brian Cardinal scored 20 points as visiting Purdue (20-7, 11-3 Big Ten) won its seventh straight.

Freshmen Jamal Crawford, the leading scorer on the Wolverines (13-11, 4-9), was suspended for eight more games by the NCAA for trying to make himself eligible for the NBA draft while still in high school — and after signing a letter of intent to play for Michigan.

Michigan freshman LaVell Blanchard left with an injured right knee just 28 seconds in.

Canadiens deal Devils overtime loss

MONTREAL (AP) — Benoit Brunet played the waiting game to perfection at the expense of the New Jersey Devils.

Brunet scored on a power play 58 seconds into overtime as the Montreal Canadiens extended their season-high winning streak to seven games with a 3-2 victory Thursday night.

After the puck deflected high into the air, Brunet allowed it to drop just below the crossbar before batting it past goalie Martin Brodeur. A lengthy video review followed to determine if Brunet played the puck with a high stick.

"It's easy to say now, but I waited — I don't know if I waited long enough — and I think my stick was lower than the crossbar when I made contact," Brunet said. "But you're never sure in the thick of the action."

In other NHL games Thursday night, Philadelphia beat Pittsburgh 4-3 in overtime, Tampa Bay edged Ottawa 5-4 and Florida beat Carolina 4-2.

Saku Koivu set up the winner for Montreal with a shot that caromed off Brodeur's stick as the Canadiens attacked following a penalty to Randy McKay with nine seconds left in the third period.

"Koivu made a spin-o-rama, I went down, it hit the paddle of my stick and went straight up," Brodeur said. "The next thing you know, I heard the puck hit a stick and it went right by me.

"I guess it was really, really close, and when you're in a different building, the close calls are always going to go to the home team. But we put ourselves into a jam, having to kill a penalty in overtime."

The Canadiens, 13-4-2 since Jan. 11, moved into 10th place in the Eastern Conference — just a point behind Buffalo and two behind the New York Rangers in the tight race for eight playoff spots. New Jersey, tied for the overall NHL lead, has lost three straight and is winless in four games.

Montreal's Jeff Hackett made 21 saves for his sixth straight victory. The Canadiens have allowed just five goals in those six games.

Montreal's Sergei Zholtok scored his 20th goal of the season midway through the third period to tie it at 2. Zholtok, who assisted on Martin Rucinsky's power-play goal late in the second period, beat Brodeur from the slot.

"It was a solid, solid effort," Zholtok said. "It was a really emotional game for us. The fans were on our side and helped us create the momentum to tie it and win it in OT.

"I'm really proud about the character the team is showing in coming back. That's a huge two points."

Petr Sykora gave New Jersey a 2-1 lead on a power play 6:51 into the third with his 18th goal of the season.

New Jersey's Sergei Nemchinov opened the scoring at 4:29 of the second period, and Rucinsky tied it with his 19th goal with 32 seconds left in the period.

Flyers 4, Penguins 3, OT

Luke Richardson scored with 8.8 seconds left in overtime to give Philadelphia its 12th straight home victory over Pittsburgh.

Todd White and Andy Delmore scored their first NHL goals for Philadelphia, and Mark Recchi added a goal to help the Flyers improve to 4-0-1 in their last five games.

Matthew Barnaby, Jan Hrdina and Alexei Kovalev scored for Pittsburgh.

Lightning 5, Senators 4

Mike Johnson scored two goals and added an assist in Tampa Bay's home victory over Ottawa.

Nils Ekman, Steve Martins and Mike Sillinger also scored, and Zac Bierk made 33 saves in his second start of the season.

Vaclav Prospal had two goals for Ottawa, and Wade Redden and former Lightning captain Rob Zamuner also scored.

Panthers 4, Hurricanes 2

Ray Whitney scored with 9:41 left as Florida won at Carolina to end a season-high three-game losing streak.

Paul Laus, Ryan Johnson and Rob Niedermayer also scored for the Panthers, and Mike Vernon made 27 saves. Paul Coffey and Jeff O'Neill scored for Carolina.

Rodman draws controversy like a magnet

DALLAS (AP) — Dennis Rodman is turning out to be everything the Dallas Mavericks expected and everything they feared.

Although Rodman has brought bigger crowds, a higher profile and more toughness, he's also been a magnet for fouls, ejections and controversy.

Rodman was tossed in the fourth quarter of a 92-85 loss to the Utah Jazz on Thursday night, marking his second ejection in five games. He was suspended one game for lingering after his previous ejection, and he could be punished again, considering he hung around even longer this time.

"The referees have got to understand, people are not here to see them," Rodman said. "I do my thing. I don't take any cheap blows. I try to help the team win. I can't do that if I'm getting kicked out. It's unfair to me."

Since joining the Mavericks, Rodman has:

—More technical fouls (four) than baskets (three),

—Averaged 15 rebounds, but scored just 10 points,

—Drawn sellout crowds to two of three home games, but Dallas is 1-4 with him in the lineup. The Mavs had won seven of eight before he joined, and they won the game he missed while suspended.

"It's ridiculous. Just let Dennis Rodman play," said Rodman, whose only point against Utah was on a free throw with his eyes closed. "I'e was uneventful until early in the third quarter when Rodman picked up his first technical for arguing an official's call. He and Malone were later assessed a double foul when they got tangled up and both went sprawling to the court away from the action.

The ball was nowhere near them again in the fourth quarter when Rodman was whistled for tripping Malone. His griping over that call led to his ejection, and he remained on the court to continue complaining.

Once teammates and coaches finally convinced Rodman to leave the court, the action away from the action continued as his traditional jersey-toss into the stands triggered a courtside fight between the team doctor and a fan.

"Dennis always has a knack of keeping the attention focused on him, even when he's walking down the street," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said.

The Jazz knew what to expect from Rodman — and how to handle it.

"We didn't pay any attention to him," guard Jeff Hornacek said. "When you as players can avoid paying any attention to him, then it has no affect. It will affect their team more than it will ours."

Bryon Russell led the Jazz with 25 points and Malone had 18 points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

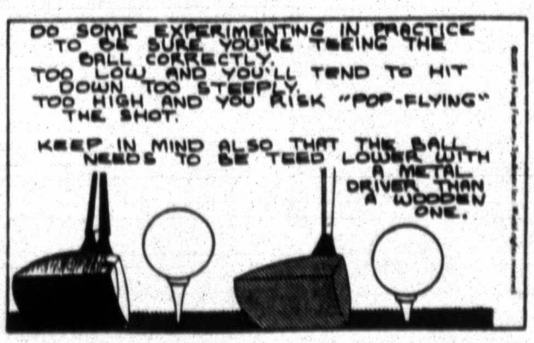
Dallas' starters scored just 32 points, led by Finley's 14. Cedric Ceballos had 26 points and Erick Strickland 16.

Notes: This was Utah's 12th straight win over Dallas since February 1997. ... Robert Pack returned from a 28-game absence caused by a sprained ankle. He started for Dallas and scored five points.

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It may be over for Strawberry

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

The first time he got busted, everybody was willing to look the other way. The next time, they took sides. All those times since and nothing really has changed.

You either love Darryl Strawberry because he's strong, or hate him for being weak. You either pray that he hasn't run out of courage, or hope he's finally run out of chances. You either want to see him in Yankee pinstripes one more time, or in prison garb forever.

About the only thing everybody can agree on is that Strawberry's got a hunger he will do anything to sate. The last time, it turns out, was just last month. It seems every time things in his life begin to fall into place, Strawberry goes looking for his fix of chaos.

"I'm really struggling to beat this. I don't know what's going to happen."

— Darryl Strawberry

His wife is five months' pregnant with their third child.

He was on the best team in baseball, coming off a World Series win. The retirement of Chili Davis meant steady work at designated hitter. His probation was going smoothly, his creditors were quiet for the moment, a $750,000 paycheck awaited.

None of it mattered.

"I didn't want to be a burden, but I'm going through an ordeal right now," Strawberry said Wednesday at Legends Field in Tampa, Fla.

This was just after baseball commissioner Bud Selig ordered him off the practice field and into baseball limbo. Strawberry has already been sidelined five times by drug and alcohol problems. He has already been suspended twice.

"I'm really struggling to try to beat this," he said. "I don't know what's going to happen."

On his way out of the clubhouse, Strawberry quietly let slip to teammate Bernie Williams that he was thinking of retiring.

On Thursday, Selig put off for at least one more day deciding on how to punish Strawberry for a positive cocaine test Jan. 19.

But if the commissioner, as rumored, goes ahead and slaps him with a season-long suspension, then they are talking about one and the same thing.

A month shy of his 38th birthday, Strawberry might have finally stumbled into a solution that his friends and foes can support:

He doesn't need baseball, certainly not at the moment, maybe never again.

The quality that spoke best about Strawberry was the loyalty he inspired from teammates. No matter how many times he let them down, they kept propping him up. All that did was set him up for the next fall. Even they realize now that something has to change.

"Even if he never plays baseball again, we want him to stay on the right path," Tino Martinez said. "I told him straight up, 'Stay with it. You have to fight through this.' Darryl's not trying to be a rebel or bad guy. He just can't kick this."

For most of his baseball life, Strawberry had no trouble fooling friends into thinking he could beat anything.

He climbed all the way back to the bigs from Class A Northern League baseball. He beat cancer. There was more than just bravado and talent there, something about Strawberry that made even Yankee boss George Steinbrenner protective to a fault.

"I'm going to stand by him and see that he rights his life," Steinbrenner said. "If it's in baseball, fine. If it's outside of baseball, fine. But that's up to Bud."

Steinbrenner, too, spoke Wednesday at Legends Field, not long after wading among his troops during calisthenics and momentarily wrapping a protective arm around Strawberry. It was a familiar photo op, but it ended a little bit differently from the last few.

For all the warmth Strawberry still generates, Steinbrenner is a cold-hearted businessman.

He knows the recovery rate is not good and that the odds on his personal reclamation project making it back after yet one more suspension are even worse.

Steve Howe managed to hoodwink baseball into letting him back into the game seven times. Strawberry is too old for that now.

And so a moment later, when asked whether his commitment to Strawberry was unshakable, Steinbrenner replied, "No."

The Boss knows most of Strawberry's good days are behind him. So does just about everybody else. One measure of how far he's fallen this time is that the people who matter most to him already talk about him in the past tense.

"He had such enormous talent and that beautiful fluid swing," said David Cone, one of his best friends. "A real presence."

Not at the moment. And maybe never again.

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Scoreboard

HOCKEY

Western Professional Hockey League At A Glance
By The Associated Press
Eastern Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Shreveport	34	13	6	74	215	145
Monroe	31	18	5	67	186	163
Lake Charles	30	20	3	63	204	176
Arkansas	23	20	9	55	200	221
Tupelo	19	24	10	48	175	224
Alexandria	17	29	9	43	161	232

Central Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Central Texas	39	12	2	80	208	124
Austin	33	18	3	69	221	193
Fort Worth	25	23	4	54	179	191
Corpus Christi	23	20	8	54	215	224
x-Waco	11	14	2	24	86	107
x-Abilene	8	16	4	16	70	115

Western Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
New Mexico	38	14	3	79	244	176
Lubbock	34	17	3	71	245	197
El Paso	28	21	5	61	221	205
Odessa	25	24	5	55	200	216
San Angelo	20	31	3	43	168	227
Amarillo	18	31	5	41	173	235

x-suspended operations

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss. Shootout losses are separate from losses.

Thursday's Games
Amarillo 5, San Angelo 1
Austin 5, Alexandria 4, SO
El Paso 6, Lubbock 3
Friday's Games
Austin at Arkansas
Tupelo at Corpus Christi
Amarillo at San Angelo
El Paso at Lubbock
Central Texas at New Mexico
Lake Charles at Odessa
Alexandria at Shreveport
Monroe at Fort Worth
Saturday's Games
Austin at Monroe
Shreveport at Arkansas
Lake Charles at San Angelo
Corpus Christi at Alexandria
Central Texas at El Paso
Lubbock at New Mexico
Amarillo at Odessa
Tupelo at Fort Worth
Sunday's Games
Fort Worth at Corpus Christi
Tupelo at Shreveport
Arkansas at Lake Charles
Central Texas at Lubbock

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	33	20	.623	—
New York	32	20	.615	1/2
Philadelphia	29	24	.547	4
Orlando	25	29	.463	8 1/2
Boston	23	31	.426	10 1/2
New Jersey	21	33	.389	12 1/2
Washington	16	39	.291	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	37	17	.685	—
Charlotte	30	23	.566	6 1/2
Toronto	28	24	.538	8
Milwaukee	27	28	.491	10 1/2
Detroit	26	27	.491	10 1/2
Atlanta	21	30	.412	14 1/2
Cleveland	22	32	.407	15
Chicago	12	40	.231	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	35	19	.648	—
Utah	33	19	.635	1
Minnesota	30	23	.566	4 1/2
Denver	25	29	.463	10
Dallas	22	31	.415	12 1/2
Houston	21	34	.382	14 1/2
Vancouver	17	37	.315	18

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	44	11	.800	—
L.A. Lakers	43	11	.796	1/2
Phoenix	34	19	.642	9
Seattle	34	21	.618	10
Sacramento	31	23	.574	12 1/2
Golden State	15	38	.283	28
L.A. Clippers	11	45	.196	33 1/2

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia 94, L.A. Clippers 78
Indiana 118, Detroit 111
L.A. Lakers 116, Cleveland 98
Toronto 99, New York 88
Miami 99, New Jersey 85
Golden State 91, Milwaukee 86
Atlanta 100, Sacramento 94
Thursday's Games
Phoenix 92, Washington 83
Indiana 100, Chicago 83
San Antonio 72, Charlotte 70
Minnesota 116, L.A. Clippers 91
Denver 106, Houston 97
Utah 92, Dallas 85
Boston 101, Vancouver 77
Portland 111, Orlando 92
Friday's Games
Minnesota at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at New York, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Utah, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Phoenix at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 2:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 3 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 3 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 5:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Rocker decision due next week

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Sometime next week, John Rocker should find out when he can pitch again for the Atlanta Braves.

His teammates are tired of waiting.

"I just want this thing settled," Tom Glavine said Thursday night, "one way or the other."

Arbitrator Shyam Das met Wednesday night in New York with representatives of the players association and management, according to a source speaking on condition of anonymity. There was no indication what occurred, but both sides left with the impression that a decision is expected next week.

Das discussed the case with union chief Donald Fehr and management lawyer Rob Manfred.

Rocker and the players association have asked Das to overturn the suspension, which covers all 45 days of spring training and the first 28 days of the regular season.

Commissioner Bud Selig imposed the punishment Jan. 31 for Rocker's offensive comments against gays, homosexuals and foreigners.

Fehr and Manfred declined comment.

"The matter is being considered by the arbitration panel," Fehr said. "Nothing more can or will be said until that process runs its course. And I can't tell when that's expected to be."

Two weeks ago, Das held a two-day hearing on the appeal that included testimony from both Selig and Rocker.

Minus Rocker, the Braves have been working out for a week at their spring training complex near Orlando. Several teammates have said they are willing to forgive the outspoken reliever if he apologizes.

"We don't have to be buddies," said Braves first baseman Randall Simon, who believes he was a prominent target in Rocker's tirade. "Anybody can make a mistake."

Still, it's clear Rocker will be viewed warily in a clubhouse that includes plenty of Latin and minority players. Catcher Eddie Perez, a native of Venezuela, said he hopes the penalty "stays the same."

At the arbitrator's hearing, Selig testified on the rationale of his decision, and the commissioner was questioned by union lawyer Gene Orza on what precedents were considered. Das also heard from Braves president Stan Kasten, an Atlanta city councilman and former major league pitcher Scott Sanderson, who testified on the effects of shortened spring training.

Rocker, heckled by Mets and Yankees fans during the pennant race and postseason last year, told Sports Illustrated in December he would never play for a New York team because he didn't want to ride a subway train "next to some queer with AIDS." He also mocked foreigners and called a Latin teammate a "fat monkey." Simon, a black native of Curacao, said that comment was directed at him.

Selig responded by suspending Rocker, fining him $20,000 and ordering sensitivity training. The players association, successful at overturning or shortening many suspensions, then filed a grievance.

The union believes speech shouldn't be punished, even if it's offensive.

Only one minor deal made as trade deadline passes in baseball

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

On the slowest NBA trading deadline day in 13 years, only one minor deal was made between Orlando and Atlanta. A three-way trade that would have sent Los Angeles Clippers forward Maurice Taylor to the New York Knicks fell through.

Thursday's lone trade sent guard Anthony Johnson from the Hawks to the Magic for a conditional second-round draft pick.

The deal that was scuttled, for reasons that were unclear, would have sent Taylor to the Knicks, John Wallace from New York to Vancouver and Othella Harrington from the Grizzlies to the Clippers, several league sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press.

Taylor was so upset that the deal fell through that he initially refused to get off the team bus when the Clippers arrived at the Target Center in Minneapolis for their game against the Timberwolves.

Taylor, who has said he won't re-sign with the Clippers when he becomes a free agent next summer, eventually relented and played in the game.

Not since 1987, when Ben Poquette was the only player traded (going from Cleveland to Chicago), had there been so slow of a deadline day.

"I thought there would at least be a couple of salary cap related deals," Seattle SuperSonics general manager Wally Walker said.

In recent years, there were five trades involving 18 players in 1999, four trades involving 13 players in 1998 and six trades involving 15 players in 1997.

This has been an exceptionally slow season for trades, with only two completed during the season — the three-way trade sending Toni Kukoc to Philadelphia, Larry Hughes to Golden State and John Starks to Chicago; and the deal that sent Dale Ellis from Milwaukee to Charlotte. Another deal, Danny Fortson from Boston to Toronto for Alvin Williams and Sean Marks, was nullified when Williams failed his physical.

The Clippers were trying to trade Taylor because they feared losing him and getting nothing in return when he becomes a free agent after the season.

The 6-foot-9 power forward is the leading scorer for the Clippers, averaging 17.3 points.

Taylor's agent, David Falk, has said he will demand the maximum allowable salary for his client when he becomes a free agent. On Tuesday night, Falk said he would not agree to a sign-and-trade deal over the summer — even if the Clippers failed to trade Taylor by the deadline.

Falk did not return a call Thursday night.

If the Knicks had acquired Taylor, they would have acquired his so-called Larry Bird rights and would have been able to exceed the salary cap even more than they already have to retain him.

Harrington was traded from Houston to Vancouver last summer and has been unhappy playing in Canada. Wallace signed with the Knicks last summer as a free agent after playing the previous two seasons in Toronto.

Another trade that never came off — even though it was still alive less than an hour before the 6 p.m. EST deadline — involved center Ike Austin going from Washington to Detroit for the rights to Bison Dele, the free-spirited center who walked away from tens of millions of guaranteed dollars when he decided to retire last summer at age 30.

Wizards president of basketball operations Michael Jordan had been eager to make a deal, but like most everyone else around the league instead found himself sitting tight with the same players.

"It's gotten to the point where three-way trades are more common than 1-on-1 trades," Magic general manager John Gabriel said.

Orlando had been trying to find a taker for forward Derek Strong in order to clear enough salary cap space to be able to offer maximum salary deals to upcoming free agents Grant Hill and Tim Duncan.

The Magic now will have to either work out a sign-and-trade deal or renounce their rights to guard Ron Mercer if they still plan to offer maximum salaries to two high-tier free agents this summer.

Johnson, in his third NBA season, averaged 2.4 points and 1.6 assists in 38 games for the Hawks. He will be the third-string point guard in Orlando behind Darrell Armstrong and Chucky Atkins.

Johnson was originally drafted in the second round, 40th overall, by the Sacramento Kings.

Van Exel leads Nuggets past Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — Denver coach Dan Issel figures that Nick Van Exel is the key to the Denver Nuggets.

"Nick was terrific. When he plays like that, we are a very good basketball team," Issel said after Van Exel scored 21 of his 23 points in the first half, leading Denver to a 106-97 victory over the Houston Rockets on Thursday night.

It was Denver's fourth victory in six games and snapped a seven-game losing streak at the Compaq Center. Houston has lost four straight.

"We got a big lead early, so I just wanted to put them away so I wouldn't have to play in the fourth quarter," Van Exel said. "We got a lot of stops, and it really helped to uptempo the game."

Issel agreed with Van Exel's analysis.

"We played with a lot of energy. We got our running game going early and it helped us get a lot of easy shots," Issel said.

Van Exel also had 11 assists to record his 14th double-double of the season.

Van Exel hit nine of 17 shots from the field in the first half as the Nuggets rolled to a 61-37 lead. The Rockets got no closer than nine points in the second half.

Cuttino Mobley led Houston with 24 points, followed by Shandon Anderson with 14. George McCloud had 17 points and Tariq Abdul-Wahad 14 for Denver.

Rookie Steve Francis, Houston's leading scorer this season, was held scoreless for the first time in his professional career and was ejected from the game with 3:09 left in the third period after a flagrant foul. He fouled Abdul-Wahad hard as he drove to the basket.

"I just tried to contain Francis the best I could. All you can do is try to guard him and hope he misses his shots," Van Exel said. "He got into early foul trouble, and that took him out of his game."

Francis suffered a chipped tooth and cut his lower lip, requiring several stitches. Abdul-Wahad suffered a lacerated left elbow on the play.

"Those things are so hard to call. You never want to see anyone get hurt," Houston Coach Rudy Tomjanovich said.

"It looked to me like Steve made an attempt to block the shot, but his momentum moved him into the player. I'm glad that Tariq isn't hurt. It looks to me like Steve got the worst of it."


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ORDINANCE NO. 1346

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS, AMENDING SEC. 15.5-26(b) AND SEC. 16.5-110 OF CHAPTER 16.5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE SIZE OF POLITICAL SIGNS AND TIME FRAME FOR REMOVAL; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS:

Section 1.

That Sec. 16.5-26(b) of Chapter 16.5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pampa, Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"(b) Temporary political signs concerning candidates for public office and ballot issues and not exceeding thirty-two (32) sqaure feet in area. Such signs shall be erected no earlier than sixty (60) days prior to an election or referendum and removed no later than seven (7) days after the election or referendum."

Section 2.

That Sec. 16.5-111 of Chapter 16.5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pampa, Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 16.5-111. Removal.Political signs shall be removed by the property owner within seven (7) days following the election or activity for which such sign was intended."

Section 3.

This ordinance shall be published as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED on its first reading this 22nd day of February, 2000.

PASSED AND APPROVED on its second and final reading and ordered published this the 223rd day of February, 2000.

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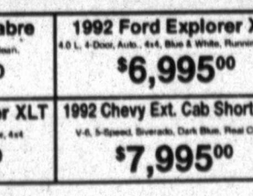
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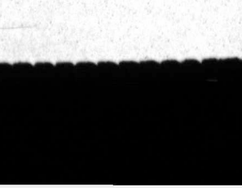
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SHEEHAN

His first assignment was to serve as assistant pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler. Among other duties, he taught in a Catholic high school.

"I was as happy as I could be, working hard and enjoying serving God and the people," he said. "Of course, as a priest you give up wife and children in order to be committed to the Lord full time. That's a bit of a sacrifice, but it is one I gladly made in order to serve God as a priest."

He also served a church in Dallas before being called back to Rome to earn a doctorate in canon law at Lateran University. He completed his doctoral work in 1971.

Then Sheehan was sent to Washington, D.C., to serve as assistant general secretary for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the U.S. Catholic Conference. In Washington, he worked directly under future cardinal Joseph Bernadin, who became a friend and major influence in his life.

"He taught me so many things that I use every day of my life," Sheehan said.

"For example, the idea of collaboration, of working with others. He taught me that you can't do everything yourself; you have to get the ideas of other people and work with them so that you'll have the best answer to the problems that we face, the best ways to go about solving them.

"After the Vatican Council in the early "60s, there was the great desire to involve the laypeople in things instead of the priest doing everything. I learned a lot from Joseph Bernadin about the involvement of the laypeople and the collaborative decision-making that the church needed so badly."

After five years of working with Bernadin in Washington, Sheehan went to Dallas to head Holy Trinity Seminary and train men to become priests.

Sheehan said priests must have a deep, faith-filled desire to serve God and people.

"Faith-filled desire," he emphasized. "We're not businessmen. We're not gurus. We're faith-filled men who have a great compassion for the people we serve, to bring Christ to them. I think that's critical."

When he was 42, Sheehan became the pastor of a 2,000-family parish in a Dallas suburb. Fluent in Spanish-as well as other languages-Sheehan celebrated Mass and preached in Spanish at the heavily Hispanic parish.

"I loved that parish very much," he said.

But after only one year there, the pope made him a bishop and tapped him to lead a newly formed diocese in the Lubbock, Texas, area. He was 43.

Laughing, Sheehan recalled what Archbishop Lagi, the pope's representative, said when Sheehan was installed bishop: "You people here in Lubbock have the youngest bishop in the country."

Sheehan continued, "And after the ceremony was over, one of the older bishops came up to me and said, "Mike, don't worry about being the youngest bishop in the United States; time will take care of that real quick.'

"Which it did."

Sheehan spent 10 years as leader of the new diocese, making sure its foundation was solid. "They were very happy years. I loved the people very much. It was wonderful to serve them."

In 1993, the pope gave Sheehan his most challenging assignment yet: to lead a deeply troubled archdiocese back into health and wholeness.

In April that year, Sheehan was made acting head of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. The previous archbishop had resigned because of sex scandals. The archdiocese was also in financial trouble.

A few months later, the pope appointed Sheehan archbishop.

And as the archbishop, Sheehan has restored peace and order to the archdiocese and to the 300,000 registered Catholics under his spiritual leadership.

He took over his duties with a common-sense approach.

"No matter what worries and crises I had to face as the new archbishop of Santa Fe, I knew they would not be solved by working 20 hours a day," he said.

"They are solved by someone who has a balanced life: giving his whole heart and soul to the church but not in an inordinate, frenzied way. You're no good to anybody dead.

"Like Pope John XXIII, who had enough troubles to worry about, directing the church. He said he would work hard every day and at the end of the day he would go to bed and he would say, "Lord, it's Your church. You take care of it. I've got to go to sleep now.'"

After six years of service to the Santa Fe archdiocese, Sheehan said he enjoys all his duties. However, he admitted his least pleasant responsibility is working with the finances.

As administrative overseer, a major responsibility is working with financial leaders in the archdiocese. Under his leadership, the archdiocese has been cleared of debt.

Sheehan's greatest enjoyment comes when he is with the flock.

"I love visiting the parishes, being with the people in the parishes, where you try to give people hope and lift them up with the words of God and give them a sense of their spiritual life," he said.

"But I can't be every Catholic's pastor in the same way I would be if I were pastor of just one particular parish. We have 92 parishes and about 250 smaller mission churches that have Mass on a regular level. So my main duty is to try to shepherd the pastors, to work with the priests."

Sheehan also serves as coordinator and overseer of the four bishops in his archdiocese.

"And then, of course, I am always trying to go out on weekends to parishes, to visit the people and to have Mass in the parishes with the people."

When Sheehan first went to Santa Fe, he had completed 10 years as bishop. At that time, he told the Texarkana Gazette: "The most important thing I have gleaned in those 10 years is that we live in a very secular, materialistic world, but the people are hungry for God and spiritual values."

He has not changed his mind. He said recently, "Despite all the high-tech developments we have now, they are not enough to satisfy the hungers of the human heart."

Marriages and families are in trouble with half the marriages ending in divorce, Sheehan said. Violence, children killing children, people trapped in addictions-all are shocking realities in today's society.

"If our society is going to survive, we're going to have to return to the spiritual values. People need to return to their spiritual roots in our religious traditions-our churches and our synagogues. We need to be nourished by our faith."

Sheehan said that returning to one's spiritual roots also means turning away from sinful lifestyles condoned in today's society. Church leaders have a responsibility before God to teach their flocks right from wrong.

"I have been a bishop 16 years now," Sheehan said, "and I have become more aware of my teaching role as a bishop."

As a part of his teaching role, Sheehan issues pastoral letters to be read in all the churches in his archdiocese. A recent letter attracted so much attention, the newspapers picked it up.

"I issued a pastoral letter on cohabitation, the phenomenon of a man and a woman living together without marriage, without commitment," he said.

"I wrote that this is not the answer to people's lives and that cohabitation is sinful, it's a scandal, and if you are doing it you should stop and ask God's forgiveness. Pretty much in clear words like that.

"I was amazed at the positive response I got. It was read in all the churches, and the Albuquerque Journal heard about it and did a front-page story on it."

Of course, Sheehan also got criticism, but most of the response was positive, he said. "I had parents to tell me that this helped them in their teaching of their children."

Recently, a young couple who had been living together without marriage told Sheehan, "Your letter was a wake-up call to us that we had to get back to God, and so we went to our priest and got some instructions and then we got married."

The newly married couple then re-entered the church.

"For me as a bishop and priest, that gives me the greatest joy of my life, when I can see the Lord using me for his good," Sheehan said.

So Sheehan teaches at every opportunity, spreading God's message of love and forgiveness of sin. He speaks at large conferences, writes editorials for newspapers and teaches in parishes through sermons and pastoral letters.

He said, "I don't have any pretensions about being anything special. I am just grateful to God to be able to serve him."

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Egypt awaits Pope John Paul II on first leg of biblical journey

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Under scenes depicting Christ's life and his family's sojourn in Egypt, workers raced to prepare for Pope John Paul II on his own journey to retrace some of the most epic passages from the Bible.

The three-day visit, scheduled to begin today, has taken on dual dimensions: a highly personal pilgrimage for the elderly pontiff and also an opportunity to promote closer dialogue with Muslims and try to overcome old rifts with Orthodox Christians.

"We never could have imagined that we would have the pope under our roof," said Samir Yassa, who designed the cathedral where John Paul plans to meet Friday with Orthodox and Coptic clergymen in a display of their shared roots. "A brother is returning to a land where Christ walked."

At the New Cathedral of Our Lady of Egypt — opened just two months ago — crews polished the oak doors and put fresh paint on walls and a 26-foot cross to be erected next to Islamic-style quilted cloth tarpaulins shading the entrance.

A murals and towering stained glass windows represent images of the baby Jesus and his parents, Mary and Joseph, fleeing to Egypt to escape the marauding King Herod. The tale is central to the traditions of the Orthodox Copts, caretakers of one of the earliest forms of Christianity and the Church of the vast majority of Egypt's 6.4 million Christians — about 10 percent of the population.

"This is a true blessing," said Father Farag, the top Coptic cleric in a Cairo neighborhood that includes a site where Copts believe the Holy Family temporarily resided.

Egypt's small Roman Catholic community — estimated at about 220,000 — also feels strong links to the Holy Family's exile story although the embellished Coptic version of miracles and vivid events does not appear in the Bible.

John Paul, making his first visit to Egypt and the 90th foreign trip of his 22-year papacy, insists his agenda is "purely religious, not political." But all gestures by the 79-year-old pontiff have the potential to reverberate through the volatile mix of beliefs across the Middle East.

In Cairo, the pope plans a Mass and meetings with Coptic Orthodox Pope Shenouda III and Sheik Mohammed Sayed Tantawi, one of the most influential Muslim clerics in Egypt.

Clashes in January between Muslims and Copts in southern Egypt left 23 people dead. The pope could use his influence to press for reconciliation.

Tantawi is also an important catalyst for dialogue between Muslims and Christians. As chief cleric of Al-Azhar University, a venerable seat of learning throughout the Muslim world, Tantawi carries influence that stretches far outside Egypt's borders.

The stalled Middle East peace process could also get an indirect boost from the pope's presence in mostly Muslim Egypt, said Samir Morcos, associate general secretary of the Middle East Council of Churches.

"This could help bring more support for Arabs in the process," he said. "This could help move things along."

The pope angered Israeli officials earlier this month by describing Israel's control of Jerusalem as "morally and legally unacceptable."

On Saturday, the pope is scheduled to travel to the St. Catherine monastery, a nearly 1,500-year-old Greek Orthodox outpost in the shadow of Mount Sinai, where Scripture says God presented Moses with the Ten Commandments.

The desert range, about 150 miles southeast of Cairo, is the first of the major biblical sites on the pope's itinerary for his millennium pilgrimage. Next month, he plans to visit Bethlehem and Jerusalem as part of a tour of Israel and Palestinian territories.

The tour was to have begun with a controversial stop in Ur, an ancient city believed to be the birthplace of Abraham, in present-day Iraq. But the Iraq trip fell through when Baghdad balked.

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