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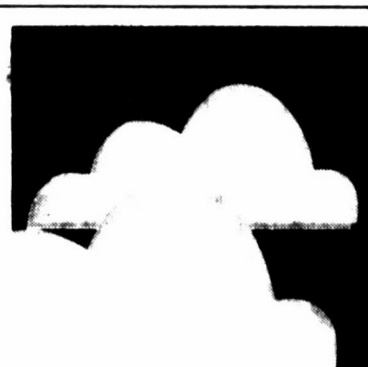
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State law enforcement
officers were investigating
an abandoned luxury sport
utility vehicle found
wrecked south of Pampa
early Sunday morning.

Department of Public
Safety Trooper David
O'Brien was investigating
the circumstances sur-
rounding an abandoned
Chevrolet Tahoe early
Sunday that had been
reported stolen late
Saturday night.

Terry Renea Lemons, 43,
1829 N. Banks, reported a
pewter-colored Chevrolet
Tahoe with tan leather in-
terior missing shortly before
midnight Saturday from
where it was parked at a
Pampa night spot in the
600 block of West Foster.

Authorities said the
truck was found wrecked
south of Pampa and west
of Texas Highway 70.
Officers said the air bags in
the \$38,000 vehicle were
deployed.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results
of the Lotto Texas draw-
ing Saturday night:
Winning numbers
drawn: 7-8-14-15-26-36.

Estimated jackpot: \$4
million.

Number matching six of
six: 0.

Winning ticket(s) sold
in: N/A.

Matching five of six: 54.

Prize: \$1,978.

Matching four of six:
4,039. Prize: \$95.

Matching three of six:
74,288. Prize: \$3.

Next Lotto Texas game:
Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: \$6
million.

• Orville Heiskell, 84, man-
ager of H & J Machine Shop.

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Sunday hail storm pelts Pampa

Tornadoes strike other parts of state

From staff & wire reports

Insurance adjusters were
expected to be busy in Pampa
this week after a storm moved
through over the weekend pelting
the area with hail.

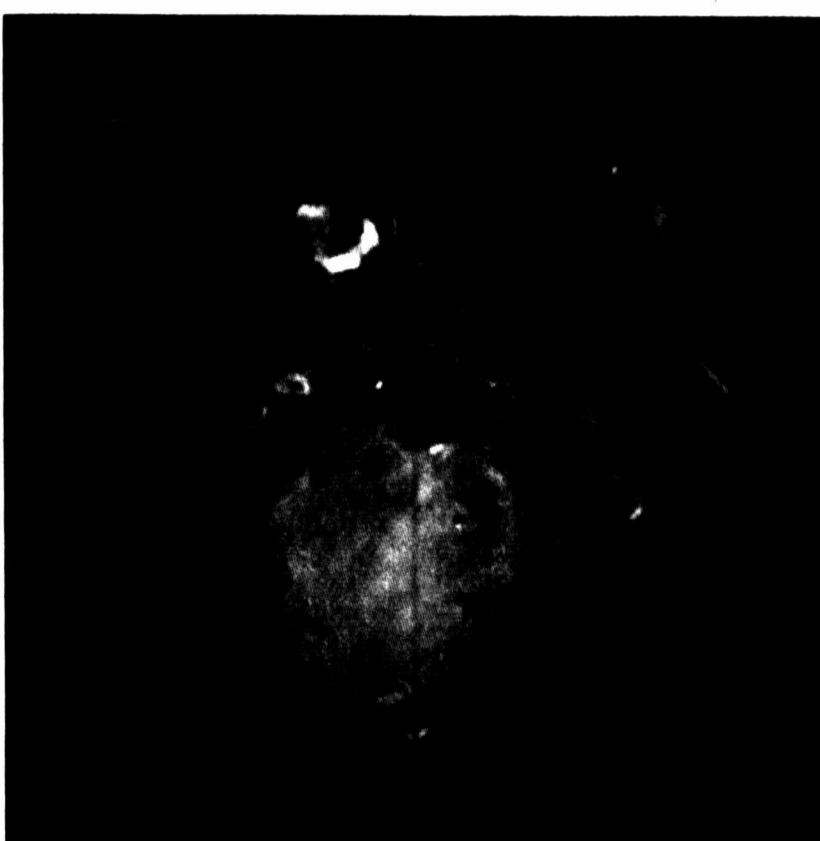
Tennis to golf ball sized hail
beat down on Pampa early
Sunday morning as storms
moved through. Pampa received
0.42 inch of moisture.

Pampa weatherman Darrell
Sehorn said the storms moved
through beginning about 2:30
a.m. Sunday.

"They were at their height
about 3 a.m.," Sehorn said. "It
got a little bit hefty as the thun-
derstorms worked across the
area."

He said he had reports of golf
ball- to baseball-sized hail
stones in the east part of town.
Pea- to marble-sized hail was
reported on the west side of
Pampa.

The severe weather damage
was caused more by hail than by
wind, Sehorn said. He said radar



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
This spiky hail stone, measuring approximately two inches in
diameter, was picked up in the 500 block of Red Deer shortly
after an early morning hail storm Sunday. Hail stones as large
as baseballs were also reported in the east side of the city.

didn't indicate any circulation in
the thunder storm that moved
east across the region into
Oklahoma. There appeared to be
no danger of tornadoes at the
time.

Assembly marks start of 'Shattered Dreams'

By DAVE BOWSER
Staff Writer

LEFORS — Former State Legislator Phil Cates and
Gray County Deputy Sheriff Jim Scott will talk to
Lefors students this afternoon about drinking and
driving.

The special assembly at 2:30 p.m. today in the
Lefors school auditorium will mark the beginning
of the school's Shattered Dreams program, a week-
long series of lectures and demonstrations concern-
ing drinking and driving.

In a special assembly at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, mem-
bers of Alcoholics Anonymous will talk to students.
"They will talk about how accidents involving
alcohol affected them," L.B. Snider with the

Department of Public Safety said today.

Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., survivors of accidents
involving alcohol will speak to Lefors students.

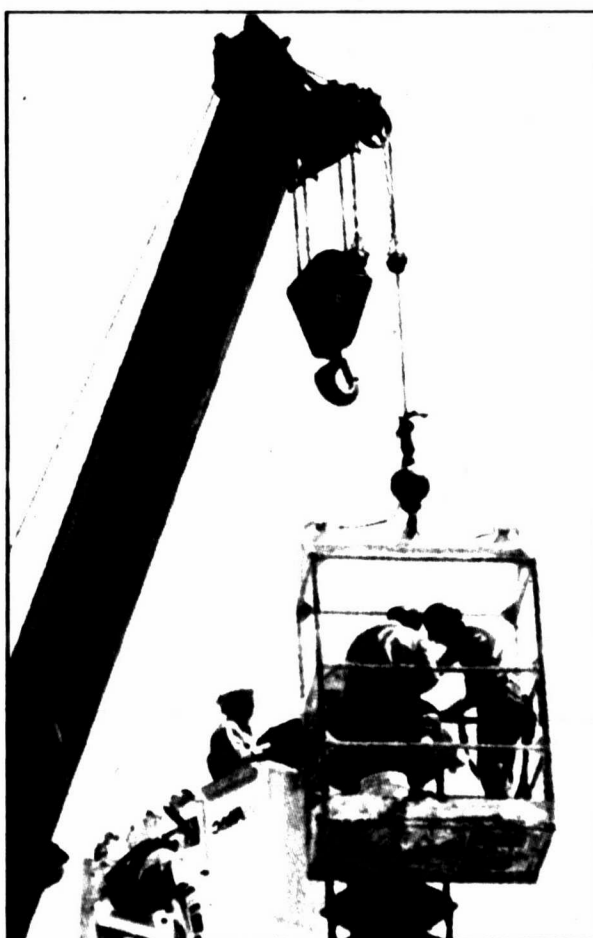
Thursday morning there will be a mock drill out-
side the school to demonstrate what happens at an
accident.

Students will be used to play victims of the staged
accident. The drill will be at 8:30 a.m., according to
Snider, and will be followed by an assembly.

Friday, there will be a final assembly at 8:10 a.m.
Karen Minick, the mother of a Canadian student
who was killed in a wreck east of Pampa with a
drunk driver, will address the students.

The Shattered Dreams program at Lefors school is
being presented by the Department of Public Safety
and the Lefors Volunteer Fire and EMS Department.

Looking ahead



(Pampa News photos by Dave Bowser)
Getting ready for tornado season, the City of Pampa and Southwestern Public Service
replace several broken parts to a warning siren mounted near 23rd and Zimmers. High over-
head, in the photo at right, Bill Hildebrandt and Jody Miller with the City of Pampa work on
the tornado warning siren while Mike Kelsey and Rod Dorsett with SPS attend to the electri-
cal connection. Danny Kohler with the City of Pampa, left photo, holds part of the old siren
components that were struck by lightning. The replacement will have a lightning protection
system, Kohler said.

Early voting ends Tuesday at 5 p.m.

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Tuesday is the last day for Pampa Independent School District
voters to cast ballots during early voting for the one contested
school trustee race in the Saturday, May 6 election.

It's the last day, as well, for area voters in contested school and
city races.

Pampa School Board incumbent, Sue Fatheree, who currently
holds the Place 4 position on the school board, is being chal-
lenged by Nancy A. Coffee. Coffee is a retired school teacher.

Lee Porter, who represents Place 5, is unopposed.

There is no city commission election in the City of Pampa, as
only the incumbents filed for the positions.

Incumbent City Commissioners Jeff Andrews and Faustina
Curry are the incumbents whose positions expire in May. Texas
Election Code provides an election is not required if there is not

(See VOTING, Page 2)

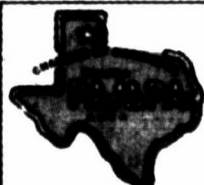
Mobeetie plans summer events

MOBEETIE — The Mobeetie Jail Museum will host two new
events during the summer of
2000. The first event — a 125th
anniversary celebration of the
first permanent Anglo settle-
ment in the panhandle, will
take place at 6 p.m. June 5, fol-
lowed by a barbecue dinner at 7
p.m. The second event will be
the first annual Mobeetie Music
Festival July 28-30. The festival
will feature Western Swing,
Progressive Country, Bluegrass,
and Gospel as well as other
styles of music throughout the
week end and will be held from
6 p.m.-12 midnight Friday and
from 11 a.m.-12 midnight
Saturday. A Sunday morning
church service is also in the of-
fing.

The schedule for performers
has not been completed and all
time slots have not been filled at
this time. Any band that is
interested in performing please
call Joe VanZandt at (806) 845-
2101 or Melba Corcoran at (806)
945-3401. Dances may be sched-
uled as well. R.V. hook-ups are
available for campers for \$10
each night on a first-come basis.
Concessions will be provided

by the Mobeetie Volunteer Fire
Department as a fund-raiser.
The plan is to showcase
Panhandle Regional talent as
much as possible. The Old
Mobeetie Museum Association
is planning the Music Festival
to become an annual event.
On June 5, 1875, Fort Elliott,
first called New Cantonment,
was established on the
Sweetwater Creek, about one
mile from the Jail Museum.
About that same date a buffalo
hunters' "hide town" was
established about two miles
from the fort, then thought to be
just outside of the of the United
States military lease.
This "hide town" was called
Sweetwater City or Sweet Town
and grew to about 150 people in
a short period of time. In 1877,
a new survey revealed that the
town was sitting on the govern-
ment lease and was forced to
relocate to land not included on
the military lease, but was in
fact much nearer to Fort Elliott.
About this time, a civilian post
office was sought by the resi-
dents of the new community.

(See MOBEETIE, Page 2)



Retail Committee Meeting - Wednesday, May 3, 2000
8:30 A.M. At The Chamber Office.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HEISKELL, Orville — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

ORVILLE HEISKELL

Services for Orville Heiskell, 84, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Paul Nachtigall, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mr. Heiskell died Saturday.

Mr. Heiskell was born April 10, 1916 in Pampa. He was a lifetime resident, graduating from Pampa High School in 1934. He married Elizabeth Earp on April 9, 1940 in Pampa. He worked for his family business, Heiskell Drilling Company and managed its subsidiary H & J Machine Shop, retiring in 1956. He had also worked for Cabot Corporation and IRI International Corp., and Lee-Tex Inc. from 1968 to 1975. He was a member of Highland Baptist Church, where he had served as a deacon and past Sunday School superintendent. He was a Boy Scout Troop leader. He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Orville Heiskell, on Dec. 19, 1999.

Survivors include his wife Elizabeth of the home; one daughter, Vicki Ruth Heiskell of Pampa; one son, Teddy Lynn Heiskell of Pampa; one brother, Grover Lee Heiskell Sr. of Sun City, Ariz.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Sheriff's Office

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

Saturday, April 29

Johnny Vernon Scott, 49, 1404 E. Browning, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies about 7 p.m. Saturday on charges of disorderly conduct.

Sunday, April 30

Fernando Neri Martinez, 35, 317 N. Wells, was arrested by Pampa police about 2:30 a.m. Sunday on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Janice Mears, 32, 1043 S. Clark, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers about 2 a.m. Sunday on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Michael Lee Dittberner, 19, 2123 N. Nelson, was arrested by Pampa police about 10 p.m. Sunday on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.07	Corn	3.43
Milo	2.98	Soybeans	4.39

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

Occidental	21 3/8	NC	137.08
Fidelity Magell	137.08	Phonics	18.87
Puritan	18.87		

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

Amoco	50 11/16	du 3/8	NC
Arco	77 3/4	du 3/4	NC
Cabot	26 3/4	du 3/4	NC
Cabot O&G	18 3/4	du 3/16	NC
Chevron	85 5/8	du 1/2	NC

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 72 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, April 29

A compact disk player and several CDs were reported taken from a 1984 Camaro in the 900 block of North Gray. Officers said about \$500 was done to the 184 Camaro. The CD player and CDs were valued at about \$200.

A domestic quarrel was reported about 7 p.m. Saturday in the 1100 block of East Francis.

About \$11 worth of gas was taken about 10:30 p.m. Saturday from a convenience store in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A Chevrolet Tahoe was reported stolen about 11:45 p.m. Saturday from the 600 block of West Foster.

Sunday, April 30

A white Chevrolet pickup was reported stolen about 2:30 a.m. Sunday from the 300 block of Ballard.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 72 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, April 28

Hollie H. Dunn Jr., 55, 424 Doyle, veered off the road about 3:30 p.m. Friday in the 1100 block of Gwendolyn, hitting a storm drain.

Saturday, April 29

A 1998 Plymouth Voyager driven by James Creed Smith, 82, rural Gray County, was in collision with a 1988 Ford F250 pickup driven by Jerrold Eugene Thomas, 77, 1821 Lea, about 3 p.m. Saturday in the 900 block of Alcock. Smith was cited for following too close.

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, April 29

11:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and transported one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

1:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing home and transported one to PRMC.

5:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

8:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Wynn and transported one to PRMC.

8:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Russell and transported one to PRMC.

9:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Denver and transported one to PRMC.

10:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 700 block of Davis and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, April 30

12:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Dwight on a medical assist. No one was transported.

3:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on lifting assistance. No one was transported.

4:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway on a fall. No one was transported.

Monday, May 1

12:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of South Barnes and transported one to PRMC.

6:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Garland and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

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

Saturday, April 29

7:09 a.m. — Standby for Lifestar at Pampa Regional Medical Center. One unit and three firefighters responded.

11:47 a.m. — One unit and one firefighter responded to an unauthorized burn in the 700 block of North Banks.

Sunday, April 30

1 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters were called to a medical assist in the 1000 block of North Dwight.

Powers pledge weapon control

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — In a bid to deflect criticism of their nuclear disarmament records, the five recognized nuclear powers pledged today to completely eliminate their nuclear weapons but gave no timeframe or new plans to actually get rid of their arsenals.

In a joint statement, the United States, Russia, China, France and Britain said they were "unequivocally committed" to fulfilling the goal of a world free of nuclear arms enshrined in the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

The statement was issued at a U.N. conference reviewing the treaty, and was already under criticism from disarmament groups as not going far enough.

The five powers pledged support for international efforts to negotiate a treaty on general disarmament as well as a treaty banning the production of fissile material needed for nuclear warheads.

The statement only covers the original five nuclear powers listed in the treaty and not new nuclear states such as India, Pakistan or Israel.

CONT. FROM PG. 1

Mobeetie

When denied the use of the name of Sweetwater for the new location's post office by the U.S. Postal Service, the Indian scouts at Fort Elliott told the locals that their Indian word for "sweetwater" was "mobeetie."

The relocated town was renamed "Mobeetie" and the post office was established. Under the protection of Fort Elliott, the Panhandle of Texas began to fill with settlers from the east who were looking for new opportunities in land ownership and wealth in the Texas Panhandle that was then safe from marauding Indians and outlaws.

CONT. FROM PG. 1

Voting

a contested race on the ballot.

City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers estimates a savings of \$500 to \$800 in election costs to the taxpayers of the City of Pampa since an election is not being held.

Andrews serves as Ward 2 Commissioner while Curry serves as Ward 4 Commissioner.

Early voting will continue through 5 p.m. Tuesday in PSD Personnel Director Jack Bailey's office, Carver Center Board Conference Room, 321 W. Albert.

Saturday voting in the school board race will be held from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday at M. K. Brown Auditorium.

City police investigate bat assault

Pampa police were today investigating an aggravated assault reported Friday evening.

Jerry Lee Hicks, 34, 816 N. Dwight, said he was attacked by a neighbor with a baseball bat about 6 p.m. Friday.

Officers said Hicks suffered bruises to his right leg and left hand. They said Hicks also suffered cuts to his right leg.

Hicks was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by private vehicle for treatment of his wounds, officers said.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Cloudy and cool today with a high of 60. Winds will be from the north at 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Clear and cool tonight with a low of 42 and east winds at 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday, sunny and warmer with southeast winds at 5 to 15 mph and a high of 72. Today's low was 45. Pampa received .42 inch of rain during the weekend.

STATEWIDE — Thunderstorms that pounded Texas over the weekend are expected to continue through midweek in scattered sections of the state.

Lions Club Sweetheart



(Special photo)

Pampa Lions Club President Teresa Henson, right, congratulates Lee Carmichael, left, as Lions Club Sweetheart for 2000 during a recent meeting of the local civic club. Carmichael, the daughter of Doug and Sara Carmichael of Pampa, was selected sweetheart of the year from 11 monthly sweethearts. Carmichael represented the Pampa Lions at the Lions Club District Convention in Amarillo earlier this month.

Neurologist: Shooter expressed paranoia

By JEFFREY BAIR
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A neurologist who befriended the man arrested in a shooting rampage that killed three immigrants, a Jewish woman and a black man said he often expressed paranoid ideas and sometimes believed he was being followed.

"Some of the things he said were just so outlandish," Dr. George Naruns of St. Petersburg, Fla., said Sunday about Richard Scott Baumhammers, 34.

Police searching the home where Baumhammers lived also found a three-page manifesto indicating he was trying to form a political party opposed to immigration, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported.

The document, which included Baumhammers' signature as "chairman" of The Free Market Party, advocated the rights of European Americans and denounced Third World immigration, according to a prosecution source whom the newspaper didn't name.

Mike Manko, a spokesman for District Attorney Stephen Zappala Jr., said Sunday he had no comment on the Post-Gazette report that Baumhammers had been trying to recruit members for an anti-immigrant party just days before the shooting Friday.

Naruns befriended Baumhammers in an Internet chat group about the eastern European country of Latvia, where Baumhammers' parents were born, and had traveled with him. Naruns said Baumhammers would come across as normal in one conversation and express strange ideas in the next.

He also appeared to have personality problems, including a tendency to brag, that made people uneasy and may have interfered with his attempts to get a job and make friends, Naruns said. But the doctor said he never saw Baumhammers enraged.

"The sad thing is that he could have gotten some counseling or some help, he could have dealt with some of these minor issues before they turned into all of this," Naruns said.

Naruns said he started keeping a "polite distance" from Baumhammers 2 1/2 years ago after he heard from other friends that Baumhammers had been critical of him.

City Briefs

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FENCE REPAIR or build new. Joe Johnson 665-3368.

HOBBY SHOP, 20% off custom frames May 1-6th.

LOST TAN & white pit-bull, about 10 mo. old. Please contact 669-7908 or 665-3810.

MASSAGE THERAPIST Susan Richardson will be in Pampa again on May 5 & 6th so if you would like to make an appt. with her contact Cathy Potter at 669-0013 or Susan at 806-467-4490.

MUST SELL California Go-Ped, \$450. Call 669-3096.

PICKUP & camper for sale, 973 Cinderella, 665-2414

ST. MATTHEW'S Day School enrolling now for 2000-2001, 3 yr. olds, 4 yr. olds, Pre-K, Kindergarten, Day Care. Spaces limited. Come by 727 W. Browning or call 665-0703.

YARD SERVICE. Call for quote, 665-0491 lv. message.

Up to 2 inches of rain fell Sunday night in North Texas while several tornadoes roamed areas to the west, flipping trailer homes and destroying barns. No serious injuries were reported.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms continued to move across the eastern portions of North Texas as well as southern parts of the state.

An area of light rain and isolated showers was occurring over the western two-thirds of the northern Panhandle. This activity was moving south around 10 mph.

Winds were generally variable in direction at less than 10 mph, but 10 to 20 mph in South Texas with higher gusts.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the mid-40s to upper 70s in South Texas.

It was 61 degrees at College Station and Georgetown and 77 at Corpus Christi, Laredo, McAllen, Rockport and Alice.

Rainfall also continued over much of South Central and Southeast Texas.

Showers and thunderstorms should continue over North Texas, with highs in the upper 60s to the mid 80s, with 90s in the south and along the Rio Grande, and lows overnight in the mid 50s to mid 60s.

Hail

The twister hit around 6 p.m., "but we got plenty of warning, got everybody notified," said Sadler. "We got word to them and got them into cellars."

Three twisters were also confirmed by the National Weather Service in neighboring Young County, with one reported to be a half-mile-wide funnel cloud near Olney.

Two tornadoes moved past the town of 3,300 and another touched down in the western part of the county, said Steve Fano, a weather service meteorologist in Fort Worth.

Gary Barnett, deputy chief of the Young County Sheriff's Office, said damage was minor. He said fallen electrical lines blocked routes into the towns.

Three miles east of Oklaunion in eastern Wilbarger County, a farm may have taken a direct hit

from a tornado, according to Wichita Falls Times Record News reports from Vernon.

A mobile home, three barns and a shed were destroyed on the farm, owned by Robert Kimbrew, located on U.S. 287. Kimbrew's brick home was damaged and four grain bins were moved by the high winds.

A car belonging to Kimbrew's farm hand, who lived in the mobile home, was also destroyed in the storm.

Riding out the storm on Kimbrew's farm was a Eulless man who had a narrow escape. Sitting in his car, John V. Burnside watched the barn next to him disintegrate under the force of the storm. The mobile home behind him exploded, sending a six-foot length of two-by-four through his rear window and into the back seat, inches from where he was sitting.

There were broadcast reports of another tornado Sunday

evening five miles southwest of the Jack County town of Bryson, but it was not immediately confirmed by the weather service, Fano said.

Large hail was reported in West Texas. In Coleman, a carport was damaged and power lines were downed by high winds.

Flash flood warnings continued today across North Texas in the storms' wake.

Around 3:15 p.m., National Weather Service spotters saw a funnel cloud four miles west of Paducah in Cottle County, but it apparently never touched ground. No damage was reported. Paducah is about 100 miles west of Wichita Falls.

The heavy weather formed along the leading edge of a warm front that pushed eastward through the state. Along with the tornadoes, the storms dropped golf ball- to tennis ball-sized hail.

Have an event to publicize?
Use the Community Camera

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

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

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

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

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Lovett Memorial Library's Spring Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. The program, which includes crafts and stories, is open to all children 18 months to 5-years-old. Story hours are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

PAMPA ART SHOW

Pampa Art Club will hold its annual Art Show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, May 4 in Lovett Memorial Library auditorium. The exhibit will feature works from 18 current club members as well as former member Sophie Vance. The show will include paintings, hand-painted china, jewelry, one-of-a-kind stationery, paper sculptures, clay art, stained glass creations, pottery, enamel art, hand-made baskets and more. Admission to this special event is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

ST. JUDE'S TRAIL RIDE

This year's 10th annual Saddle Up for St. Jude's trail ride is slated May 6 at the Rocking Chair Ranch west of Pampa. Sign-up will begin at 8 a.m. and the ride will start at 9 a.m. A minimum \$15 fee is necessary to ride as well as an original certificate of negative Coggins dated within the last 12 months. In case of inclement weather, the ride will be postponed until May 13. For more information or for an entry form, call Sharon Williams at (806) 669-0176.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB

Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 10 in the conference room of Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss the "Left Behind" series by Jerry Jenkins and Tim LaHaye. Visitors are welcome.

PSC 'WALK FOR LIFE'

Pregnancy Support Center will hold its annual "Walk For Life" beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at the Pampa High School track. For more information, call 669-2229.

CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College is accepting applications for its Licensed Vocational Nursing Program of the 2000-01 school year. Early applications are encouraged to insure prospective students get a place in the fall class. Students may attend nursing classes on either the Clarendon or the Shamrock campuses. Anatomy and Physiology I and II are being offered at Clarendon, Childress and McLean via interactive television in the first and second summer sessions. For an application, contact CC (806) 874-3571. For more information, call Director Vickie Moore on the CC campus or 1-800-687-9737.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: May 8, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster; May 22, Shepherd's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, Pampa; May 16, Parkview Hospital, 901 S. Sweetwater, Wheeler; and May 3 and 17, Hemphill County Hospital, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian; May 23, Family Care Center, 1010 S. Main, Shamrock. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

Wheeler Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a "Citywide Garage Sale and Car Show" fund-raising/community project Saturday, May 6. For more information, contact the Chamber at (806) 826-3408.

WTAMU 'e CAMP'

West Texas A&M University's "e Camp" for youngsters will

explore the radio, television and film industry. For more information, write, call or e-mail the following: Dr. Leigh Browning, e Camp director, WTAMU Box 60747, Canyon, TX 79016-0207; (806) 651-2412; lbrowning@wtamu.edu.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Shirley Sheldon, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

SCHOOL TO CAREER PROGRAM

Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs, contact the local Texas Workforce Commission or call (512) 470-0918.

AISE

American Intercultural Student Exchange is a non-profit educational foundation seeking local host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 2000-01 school year. The students, which come from 25 countries throughout the world, live with American families and attend local high schools during their 10 month exchange. Host families provide the students with a place to sleep, meals and a family atmosphere. For more information, call 1-800-SIB-LING or visit AISE website, www.aise.com.

MS SOCIETY

The Multiple Sclerosis Society offers a monthly program for people with MS every third Thursday of each month. Some of the topics covered include: "Moving Forward: A Program for People Newly Diagnosed with MS," "When MS Progresses," "Intimacy and MS," "Life after Diagnosis: A Wellness Approach" and much more. A transcript is provided at the site after each program. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT-MS or (806) 468-7500 or contact the National MS website at www.nmss.org and select Educational Programs.

TEXAS LS/AMPHIBIOUS ASSOCIATION

The Texas chapter of LST/Amphibious Association is seeking former amphibious shipmates for its next reunion, April 27-29 at the 11th Street Holiday Inn in Beaumont. For more information, contact R.H. Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948.

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furrs Cafeteria.

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

STORYTELLING

"Storytelling" is slated at 6 p.m. May 6 at West Texas A&M University in the Chuckwagon Outdoor Theater.

LIGHTHOUSE TRAIL DEDICATION

The dedication of the Lighthouse Trail in Palo Duro Canyon State Park will kick-off at 2 p.m. May 7 with a guided nature hike leading to a location below the Lighthouse Formation where a formal cere-

mony will be held at 4 p.m. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

MAYFEST

Mayfest, a Festival of Mind, Body and Spirit, will be held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. May 6 in Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4901 Cornell, Amarillo. Activities will include workshops, entertainment, readers and vendors. Admission is \$3 per person. A percentage of the proceeds will benefit Martha's Home. For more information, contact Sherri Lebow at (806) 463-5533.

DIALOGUE

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. this month (April). For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a four-week "Life After Loss" seminar for those who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one from 5:30-6:30 p.m. April 4, 11, 18 and 25 at Crown of Texas Hospice, 10000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo. To register or for more information, call (806) 353-4306.

SKY CAMP

Crown of Texas Hospice Foundation will present the third season of "SKY Camp," a camp for grieving children, June 30-July 2 in Ceta Canyon Camp and Retreat Center, 40 miles southeast of Amarillo. The camp is free to all participants and will focus on children between 7-17 grieving the death of a loved one. For more information or to make application, call (806) 372-7696 or 1-800-6365. The deadline for application is May 15.

TEACHERS CONSERVATION INSTITUTE

Registration is currently under way for Texas Forestry Association's week-long Teacher's Conservation Institute summer workshop to be held June 25-30, July 9-14 and July 16-21. Teachers will receive a first-hand look at forestry in East Texas by touring forest product mills, a Tree Farm, a logging operation, a nursery and a seed orchard. They will also be trained in Project Learning Tree and Project WILD. The first session is currently full but spaces are still available for the other two sessions. Registration is \$75 and includes all food, lodging and materials for a week. For a free brochure or for more information, call TFA at (409) 632-TREE; e-mail calhoun@tx-forestry.org; or write P.O. Box 1488, Lufkin, TX 75902.

MRS. TEXAS PAGEANT

The 2000 Mrs. Texas Pageant will be May 11-12 at the Holiday Inn Select in Dallas. The pageant is a preliminary to the Mrs. United States Pageant. For more information, call David Aguilar or Gary Young at (214) 339-4788; 2910 E. Perryton Dr., Dallas, TX 75224.

LAMAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Students accepted into the Texas Academy of Leadership in Humanities, a two-year residential honors program at Lamar University in Beaumont, are eligible for full tuition scholarships for up to 15 credit hours per semester. Enrollment is currently underway for the fall 2000 semester. For more information, call (409) 839-2995, fax (409) 839-2991 or e-mail TALH@lamar.edu.

COAF WEBSITE

The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

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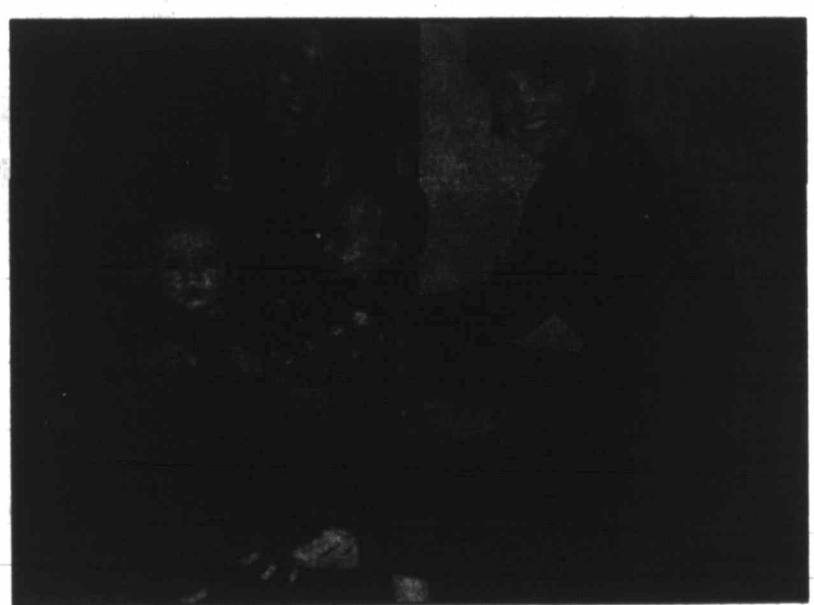


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There's a Place For YOU in the Central Family Relationship Conference May 2-3
Central Baptist Church 665-1631

Big Z Barbecue



Cousins Cody and Cooper — shown here with their mothers Angie Beyer and Jenny Cherry — would like to urge all to attend the Zion Lutheran Church annual Big Z Barbecue and silent auction from 5-7 p.m. May 6 in the church parish hall, 1200 Duncan. The meal will include brisket, sausage, potato salad, coleslaw, beans, homemade bread and cobbler. Tickets will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance from a church member or by calling 669-2774.

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Frogs and bugs and chocolate hugs,
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The funny stories she tells to me.
She's our Angel, a gift from above.

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Pet Adoptathon Is Matchmaker For Orphaned Pets, New Owners

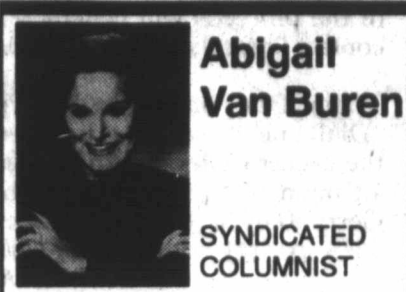
DEAR ABBY: Please tell your animal-loving readers everywhere to mark their calendars. Pet Adoptathon 2000 will take place on May 6 and 7. The first Pet Adoptathon of the new millennium promises to be the biggest, most exciting lifesaving weekend the world has ever experienced. Last year's event was unbelievable — more than 37,000 animals' lives were saved through the hard work and dedication of more than 2,400 animal organizations around the globe.

What began as a local event at North Shore Animal League has flourished into a huge international celebration — the foremost occasion in the 21st century for all animal groups to join forces and find loving homes for more orphaned pets. This year, the league and shelters across the country and around the world are working tirelessly toward one goal — to increase the number of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens placed with loving, caring adopters during Pet Adoptathon 2000.

North Shore Animal League is calling on all animal lovers to start off the century on the right foot and paw. Open your hearts and homes to the innocent animal orphans available for adoption. Their lives depend on it.

J. JOHN STEVENSON,
PRESIDENT, NORTH SHORE
ANIMAL LEAGUE

DEAR JOHN: I'm pleased to help spread the word. Readers,



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED
COLUMNIST

for the name of a participating shelter near you, call the North Shore Animal League's toll-free number: 1-877-236-9725. Many shelters will be open extended hours — some through the night — to help you find that special pet, that perfect furry friend who will give you a lifetime of love and devotion.

That said, I would like to add: Before you rush out to adopt one of these orphan pets, please take a moment to be sure you are ready to make a commitment that will last for many years. Pets are wonderful, but they require proper care and attention, and many require training to be the pleasurable companions you may be seeking.

If you are ready for this responsibility, get to the shelter early and select the pet who was born to be loved by you!

DEAR ABBY: Have you ever heard of a "weight-loss shower"? The premise of the shower is a celebration of weight loss. The individual hosting the shower has lost 30 pounds, and this definitely is cause for celebration.

The "catch" to this shower is that the guests are expected to bring monetary gifts so the hostess can buy a new wardrobe to fit her smaller figure.

I would love to hear what you and your readers think about such a shower.

AMBIGUOUS
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DEAR AMBIGUOUS: Weight loss certainly is a positive reason for supportive family and friends to get together and help the hostess celebrate. However, she has no business hosting her own "shower." Furthermore, I'm taken aback by the idea that guests will be expected to foot the bill for a new wardrobe. If such a shower is successful, what's to stop someone who has put on a few pounds from using a shower to raise money for a wardrobe for his or her fuller figure, or a kitchen shower to replace broken dishes, or a bedding shower because the sheets are getting thin? Readers, care to comment?

you might have a difficult time totally understanding some of it. Tonight: A must show.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Others do the unexpected and are full of surprises. Take the high road when dealing with those who are close to you. You might not always understand everyone, but make the effort to see where their reactions are coming from. Tonight: Tune in to the movies.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** A partner has a lot to tell you, and he wants to share. However, work and daily demands could throw you off kilter. Recognize limitations, especially your own, and honor them. Consider taking a few days off to recharge if need be. Tonight: Relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Let creativity reign. Share your ideas. Your imagination could easily go haywire. Another can be quite reactive, forcing you to think and question what is happening. Be more aware of what you might have done to create this behavior. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** You could be jolted by a responsibility or development on the homefront. You could be easily distracted, but you need to stay focused on work. Handle a problem quickly, then move on. Trust your creativity and ingenuity. Tonight: Work late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Dance to a new tune. Take a leap of faith. Knowing what you want helps keep you anchored and stable. Review decisions carefully, especially if they are made on impulse. Let your more

childlike side out when you're with a loved one. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Understand that you can't control everything and everyone. Loosen up and gain a sense of humor, even if it involves your finances and long-term security. Unexpected financial news needs to be handled. A family member shares his opinions. Tonight: Head on home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Unpredictability works in your favor. Follow through on what is important. Listen to feedback from others. Maybe the message you want to convey isn't getting through. Regroup and do what is necessary. Use your ingenuity to get your views across. Tonight: Where the fun is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** If your inner voice tells you something, listen. Follow through on what might be a very important insight. Your sense of what is going on might be more valid than you know. Pay bills. Recognize another's request for what it is. Seek an expert if need be. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

BORN TODAY
Singer Larry Gatlin (1948), singer Lesley Gore (1946), socialite Bianca Jagger (1945)

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Horoscope

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 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 work well with the unexpected. Make positive changes when you need to. Today you are challenged once more. A sense of fun marks your interactions; be light and easy. Adapt as needed. Others admire your flexibility. Tonight: Where the gang is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Understand a boss's motives; and it will be a lot easier to run with his ideas. The two of you might not always see eye to eye. If you find yourself aggravated or if you need more space, consider a job change. Tonight: Mellow out with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Build trust. Don't question another so much. Unusual ideas come from brainstorming. There might be more than one solution. Consider incorporating different ideas. Stay focused on your long-term goals. A partner adapts more easily to an idea. Tonight: Make a must meeting.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Re-evaluate your goals. Examine what is important professionally. Reorganize your schedule if necessary. Others give you important feedback, but

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Lady Harvesters Hoop Camp will be held June 26-30 at Pampa High School's McNeely Fieldhouse.

There will be two sessions. The first session is for third through fifth grade girls from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The second session is for sixth through eighth grade girls from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The camp will cover defense, shooting, dribbling, passing, post moves and 3 on 3.

Cost is \$70. There is a \$40 non-refundable deposit.

Sign-up dates are May 3 and May 4, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in front of McNeely Fieldhouse.

The camp will be under the direction of Pampa High head girls coach Mark Elms.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Triangle Energy edged past Celanese 9-8 in Cal Ripkin (11-12) League action last weekend at Optimist Park.

Winning pitcher was Ryan Torres, who gave up five runs on four hits while striking out five and walking five. Nick Robbins picked up a save because outstanding defense by Triangle.

Brody Smith had three hits in four times at bat and also scored a run for Triangle.

Tyler Hall had a double and a run scored for Celanese.

TRACK

LEVELLAND — Groom senior Carrie Davis was a one-girl show at last weekend's Region 1-1A track meet.

Davis scored 38 points by herself in leading the Tigertettes to a third-place finish in the girls division. On Friday she won the high jump with an area best of 5-9. Saturday Davis won the triple jump (37-0 1/4) and the 300 hurdles (45.82) and finished second in the 110 hurdles behind Wheeler's Brooke Verden. Verden ran a 15.31 and Davis ran a 15.42.

Laurissa Noack was fifth in the discus and the 400-meter relay was sixth for the Tigertettes.

Wheeler's Lyndi Finsterwald was fourth in the 1600 and Fort Elliott's Kyleigh Trimble was third in the 400.

In the boys division, Wheeler's Justin Chapman was fifth in the 300 hurdles and Miami's Jarell Thomas was sixth in the 400.

GOLF

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. (AP) — Another victory was there for the taking. Karrie Webb knew that better than anyone.

As she stepped off the 18th green, having made an eagle putt that did nothing more than improve her paycheck, Webb shook her head and pondered what might have been her fifth victory of the year on the LPGA Tour.

"I didn't give myself a chance," she said Sunday, settling for a fourth-place finish at Chick-fil-A Charity Championship.

Instead, it was Sophie Gustafson who claimed victory with a 4-foot birdie putt on the final hole, beating Kelly Robbins and Amy Fruhwirth by one shot. Webb was two shots behind Gustafson's 10-under 206.

Webb, who had won four of her five tournaments this year and finished second in the other, began the day three shots off the lead and couldn't make up the deficit, even though most of the top players struggled in near-perfect scoring conditions at Eagle's Landing Country Club.

Pampa ties Canyon for regional track crown

SAN ANGELO — Led by distance runner Beth Lee, hurdler Tandi Morton and shot putter Angela Phillips, Pampa earned a share of the Region 1-4A girls' track and field title with Canyon over the weekend.

Both Pampa and Canyon finished with 68 points each, eight ahead of second-place Everman. It was the sixth regional team title for the Lady Harvesters.

Lee won the 3200 Friday with a personal-best time of 11:03.60, beating her previous best by more than 22 seconds. Lee also earned a trip to the state meet in Austin in the 1600 by placing second with a time of 5:09.27.

Lee earned a bronze medal in the 1600 at last year's state meet.

Morton's 14.90 in the 100 hurdles earned her a first-

place finish and Phillips had a winning throw of 39-9 1/2 in the shot. It was a personal best for Phillips, who won the event on her last throw.

"Angela doesn't get excited very often, but she did after that throw," said Pampa coach Mike Lopez. "Lee had a great meet and so did Tandi."

Earning the state trip along with Lee, Morton and Phillips was LeVonne Evans, who was second in the 200 with a time of 25.14.

The Lady Harvesters picked up points from Emily Hartman, third in the high jump (5-4) and Rebecca Fatheree, fifth in the 1600 (5:22.63).

Hartman's jump was a personal best.

The 800-meter relay team of LeVonne Evans, Joy Young, Cali Covalt and Kristen Stowers placed third (1:43.97).

The same group was sixth in the 400-meter relay.

"We had a miscommunication on the first and second leg in the sprint relay, but things like that are going to

happen," Lopez said.

Pampa's time in the 800-relay was a personal best.

"I thought the girls performed real well. We had some personal bests. The girls

were disappointed on the relay teams, but that's only natural," Lopez added.

The state meet is set for May 12-13 in Austin at the University of Texas.

Harvesters breeze past Borger, 19-5

BORGER — Pampa put the final touches on a District 3-4A championship season with a 19-5 win over Borger on Saturday.

Three home runs, two by Greg Lindsey, powered Pampa's 17-hit attack against the Bulldogs. Russell Robben added the other homer as the Harvesters jumped out to a 13-3 lead after two innings.

Sophomore pitcher Adam Jones notched the win as Pampa won by the 10-run rule after five innings. Jones (4-2)

gave up two hits while striking out seven and walking three in four innings. Lindsey pitched the fifth in relief.

Borger sent three pitchers to the mound in hopes of shutting down the Harvesters.

Starting hurler Kevin McNellis went two innings and took the loss.

Lindsey, Kaleb Snelgrooves and Travis Lancaster all had three hits apiece while Robben and Jesse Francis had two each. Randy Tice, Casey

Owens, Justin Barnes and Carey Knutson chipped in one hit each.

Lindsey and Robben knocked in five runs each.

Justin Akkerman had a home run for Borger.

The Harvesters advance into the playoffs with a 19-6 overall record and 9-1 in district.

The Bulldogs close with a 7-16 and 2-8 record.

Pampa	7	6	3	03-19
Borger	3	0	0	11-5

Spurs have their backs to the wall against Suns

PHOENIX (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs face a situation they never encountered as they steamrolled to the NBA championship a year ago: an elimination game.

Either they beat the Phoenix Suns in Game 4 of their best-of-five first-round series Tuesday night, or they're through.

"We've got a veteran team. We know what's at stake," Mario Elie said Sunday. "Lose and you go home. We're like the NCAA tournament now."

A year ago, the Spurs were 15-2 in the postseason, including a 12-game winning streak. They beat Minnesota 3-1 in the first round, swept the Los Angeles Lakers and Portland Trail Blazers, and then took care of the New York Knicks in five games. They were never close to being eliminated.

But these Spurs are a far different team. Tim Duncan hasn't played at all in the playoffs because of torn cartilage in his left knee. Sean Elliott had a remarkable comeback after a kidney transplant, but he's far from his 1999 form.

Avery Johnson hasn't had a strong series, nor has Elie, who grumbled after coach Gregg Popovich left him on the bench down the stretch in San Antonio's 101-94 loss Saturday in Game 3.

David Robinson, also criticized by Elie for turning his head the wrong way to allow Penny Hardaway to get a crucial layup in the fourth quarter, said he was somewhat glad to hear the fiery Elie let loose a bit.

Elie has been involved in many dramatic playoff moments, one of them at Phoenix's America West Arena, where his last-second 3-pointer sent Houston past the Suns en route to the 1995 NBA title.

"This is his time," Robinson said. "This is playoff time. This is excitement time. The popcorn is popping and the lights are on. It's his time. This is when we really need him to step up and do his thing."

Robinson, coming off a 37-point performance in Game 3, understands Elie's frustration about not being on the court.

"In (Popovich's) defense, he's got to put the guys out there

who are putting points on the board and doing the things that make this team successful," Robinson said. "But the veteran leadership has to be the backbone of what you do. ... I have a lot of confidence in Avery, Mario and Terry Porter. I'd put them out there anytime at the end of the game."

Duncan's status is as uncertain as ever. He said he's feeling better each day, but has no idea if he will play Tuesday.

The decision will be based only on the All-Star's health and will have nothing to do with the Spurs' dire situation, Duncan and Popovich said.

"I want to be on the floor, but I don't want to be on the floor and hurt myself and hurt them not being up to par," Duncan said. "I want to be out there and be able to help the team, not hold us back."

The Suns, meanwhile, plan few changes for Game 4.

Even though the team played better with Kevin Johnson at point guard instead of Randy Livingston, coach Scott Skiles said it was unlikely Johnson would replace Livingston in the starting lineup. And Skiles doesn't expect Jason Kidd, recovering from a broken ankle, to be back until the second round.

"I'm not hung up on the starting lineup and the guys aren't either," Skiles said. "There's a lot bigger issues right now, and that's us winning the game. I don't know that it matters either way. It's something we may talk about or think about, but I would doubt it. More than likely we'll stay the same way."

In the fourth quarter Saturday, Penny Hardaway switched to the point and wrapped up a masterful performance. He had his first playoff triple-double — 17 points, 13 assists and 12 rebounds — while playing all but one minute of the game.

It's been a triumphant playoff series for Hardaway, who has rehabilitated his image after his rocky last few years in Orlando.

"I was in one of the worst positions a player can be in," he said. "I was labeled a selfish player, a coach killer, a complainer, and that was never me. For it all to turn around the way it has, it's just a blessing from God."

Air League participants



Jonathan DeLong (third from right, back row) was the league winner for the boys in the Pampa Air League this year. Other participants who received medals were (front row, from left) Taran Roundy, Michael Nunamaker and Zach DeLong; (back row, from left) Micah West and Dirk Swope.

Rodriguez, Rangers end slumps

BALTIMORE (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez ended his slump, and so did the Texas Rangers.

In both cases, it seemingly was only a matter of time.

Rodriguez broke out of a 2-for-22 drought with two homers and a double as Texas snapped a four-game losing streak by beating the Baltimore Orioles 8-4 Sunday.

Rodriguez, the 1999 AL MVP, was 0-for-2 before hitting a double in the sixth inning, a solo homer in the seventh and a two-run shot in the ninth.

"There's not enough good things you can say about him," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "He's just an unbelievable player."

Rodriguez had just two hits in his previous five games before breaking out in a big way.

"Everybody goes through a slump, but you've just got to keep swinging," he said. "We all played pretty good today. If we keep doing what we did today, it's a good start."

Kenny Rogers (3-3) allowed four runs and nine hits in 7 1/3 innings for the Rangers, who got at least one hit from every starter and

banged out six doubles in winning for only the third time in 13 games.

"A day like today is what I think we envisioned coming out of spring training," Oates said. "I felt that we could score enough runs, that our starting pitching would be a strength and that our bullpen could get people out."

After Rogers departed, Texas relievers Jeff Zimmerman, Mike Venafro and John Wetteland shut down the Orioles without a hit. The Rangers also played solid defense, giving Oates reason to believe that Texas might be on the road to reversing its awful 8-15 start.

"Today is more indicative of what we should be doing on the field," he said.

Mark Lewis drove in two runs for the Orioles, whose nine-game home winning streak came to an end. Baltimore, which held an early 3-0 lead, had not lost at Camden Yards since opening day.

Pat Rapp (3-1) absorbed his first defeat in a Baltimore uniform, allowing five runs on nine hits in 5 2/3 innings.

"Well, I didn't walk anybody," he said. "In the sixth inning I left

some fastballs up and they capitalized on it."

Texas used three doubles in the sixth to score twice and take a 5-3 lead. After Rodriguez doubled, David Segui followed with a double and Gabe Kapler chased Rapp with a liner to the gap in right-center.

"They hit some balls that landed where we weren't standing, and they got back in the game. Then they went ahead and closed it out," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "I've seen Pat pitch better, but I thought he pitched well enough to win."

Baltimore was charged with two errors, three wild pitches and a passed ball.

"We were our own worst enemy today," Hargrove said.

Despite the loss, the Orioles finished the month 14-10. That's a whole lot better than last April, when Baltimore went 6-16.

"We have a lot of things to build on so far," catcher Charles Johnson said. "The mood is a lot different than last year, a lot better. A lot of things were going on last year. We're more settled now."

Brewers shake their losing ways with 4-3 win over Astros

MILWAUKEE (AP) — It took nine innings of solid pitching and one big hit for the Milwaukee Brewers to shake their losing ways.

Sounds simple? For the Brewers, nothing has been easy this year.

After getting pounded by a combined score of 17-3 in the first two games of their series against Houston, the Brewers buckled down on the mound on Sunday. Jason Bere threw six solid innings and David Weathers added two more as Milwaukee took a 3-3 tie into the bottom of the ninth.

Then, with two outs, Jeromy Burnitz emerged from a slump to stroke the game-winning double in Milwaukee's 4-3 victory.

"We obviously needed a timely hit, given the way we've been playing lately," Burnitz said after the Brewers won for just the third time in 13 games. "It feels good to come into a winning clubhouse for a change. It's a nice change of pace."

Marquis Grissom drew a one-out pinch-hit walk and after James Mouton flied out Mark Loretta singled off Houston reliever Doug Henry (0-1). Instead of bringing in closer Billy Wagner to face Burnitz, Houston manager Larry Dierker left Henry in the game.

Burnitz smacked Henry's second pitch high into deep center. Roger Cedeno, playing extremely shallow, was a step too slow as Burnitz's hit bounced on the warning track, sending Grissom home.

"I'm just swinging at everything that's thrown up there. I'm swinging at every forkball in the dirt," said Burnitz, who hasn't homered in 18 games after hitting five in the season's first week. "(Dierker) was probably been watching me swinging the bat lately and figured out that anybody can get me out."

When asked about the decision, Dierker said he was saving Wagner for extra innings that never materialized.

"I think everybody was wondering where Wagner was," Milwaukee manager Davey Lopes said. "I don't know what they were thinking."

Geoff Jenkins tied the game 3-3 in the sixth with a three-run homer. Richard Hidalgo put Houston up in the second with

his own three-run blast, the only significant hit allowed by Bere.

Another strong bullpen outing, this time from Ray King and Weathers, carried the day. Weathers (2-0) has thrown 13 1/3 scoreless innings, lowering his ERA to 0.53.

A day after the teams combined for 23 walks in a 10-3 Astros victory, the stray pitches were directed at the batters instead.

Three batters were hit in a series of retaliations, and the dugouts and bullpens cleared in the sixth inning, though no fights broke out.

Trouble nearly started in the third inning when Bere hit Hidalgo with a pitch squarely between the numbers on his back.

It was Hidalgo's first at-bat since his homer.

In the bottom of the inning, Shane Reynolds, one of the game's best control pitchers, threw behind Loretta on a 2-2 count and then plunked Burnitz.

Two pitches after Jenkins' tying homer three innings later, Reynolds threw a pitch near the head of Charlie Hayes, who stepped toward the mound and exchanged words as both dugouts and bullpens emptied. Reynolds eventually walked Hayes.

"I don't have a problem with somebody coming inside on me, but when you get it up above the shoulder, there's going to be trouble," said Hayes, who was hit in the face by a pitch in

Allenby claims Houston Open

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) — Although he was thousands of miles from Australia, Robert Allenby felt right at home at the Houston Open.

With family and friends cheering him on, Allenby survived four playoff holes and did some desperate scrambling Sunday before he finally ran in a 10-foot putt that gave him his first PGA Tour victory.

His wife and baby were there and so was fellow Australian Stuart Appleby, the 1999 Houston Open winner. Allenby watched Appleby win a year ago, and Appleby returned the favor after missing the 36-hole cut.

"That was really nice," Allenby said. "I watched him play the hole at the 18th last year. And it was, that's what mates are for."

It took plenty of support to get Allenby home with the \$504,000 payday at the \$2.8 million tournament.

He dumped his second shot in the water on the first playoff hole and had to take a drop on the final playoff hole after landing behind a grandstand.

"I must say I'm very relieved in more ways than one to get my first U.S. Tour victory," Allenby said. "I haven't won anything since 1996. It's been a long time between drinks."

Allenby started the final round

with a one-shot lead over Craig Stadler, but the two ended regulation tied at 13-under 275.

"I'm happy with the way I hit some shots in the playoff, but I've been playing well," Stadler said. "So, I'm kind of expecting it. I expect the middle of the fairway, to have an iron to the green."

"I expect a decent shot with my irons because I'm hitting my irons good."

Stadler had a final-round 71 at the 7,108-yard TPC at The Woodlands. His putter did him in the playoff as he missed opportunities for the win on each of the first three holes.

On the final playoff hole, the 421-yard 10th, Allenby hooked his tee shot into a bunker and his second shot went into the grandstands. He took a drop, chipped within 10 feet and made the putt. Stadler, whose second shot was over the green, then missed a putt from about the same distance.

"Out of all the wins I've ever had, it's definitely been the hardest one," Allenby said. "The first one is always the hardest one. So it's a big relief to have that off my shoulders."

Allenby's best previous PGA Tour finish was a tie for second in this year's Phoenix Open. Stadler, who hasn't won since the 1996 Nissan Open, took home \$302,400.

Loren Roberts, with a final-round 69, and Joel Edwards, with a 70, tied for third at 276, one stroke in front of Mark Brooks and Brad Fabel.

The playoff started at the par-4 18th and it looked bad for Allenby when his second shot was short and went into the water, while Stadler was on the green thinking two putts would win the tournament.

Allenby's third shot got him close and he made the par-saving putt while Stadler 3-putted from about 40 feet, leaving his second putt on the lip.

Stadler got his second chance at victory on No. 10 when he hit his second shot within five feet, and this time he pulled it to the left. Allenby held with a par and they returned to No. 18 for the third playoff hole.

This time, Allenby went over the green with his second shot but saved par and Stadler missed a 5-foot birdie putt that would have wrapped it up.

In regulation, Allenby had a one-stroke lead until he bogeyed No. 17 when his chip shot from just off the green went well past the hole.

Stadler settled for a par and a share of the lead.

"I'm looking forward to the next one, hopefully, it's not going to be four years before I win again," Allenby said.

Stars shut down Sharks, 1-0

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The San Jose Sharks are headed home down two games and their best player might miss the rest of the playoffs.

And now, the bad news: Their next goal against Ed Belfour will be their first of their second-round series with the defending champion Dallas Stars.

San Jose, shut out just four times during the regular season, suffered a second consecutive offensive outage Sunday night in a 1-0 loss to the Stars.

The Stanley Cup champions lead the best-of-seven series 2-0 going into Game 3 Tuesday night in San Jose. The Sharks have been told not to expect leading scorer Owen Nolan back in the lineup because of injuries to his foot and/or shoulder.

"We know we can beat this team," said center Vincent Damphousse, referring to a 4-2 record against the Stars this season.

"We need to get some breaks and find a way to beat Belfour. There's no room for mistakes anymore."

The Stars-Sharks contest was the only NHL playoff game played Sunday. Tonight, Toronto is at New Jersey with the series tied 1-1; and Colorado looks to take a 3-0 lead at Detroit.

Belfour is on one of those rolls teams often ride to championships.

He hasn't allowed a goal in 138 minutes, 53 seconds, and has shutouts in three of his six postseason victories. Consecutive playoff shutouts is a first for him, although he has 10 career postseason shutouts.

"I'm feeling strong and focused," Belfour said. "That's the key for me. I'm seeing the puck well and the guys are playing great in front of me."

Belfour was at his best in the final minute Sunday night, when a power play and an empty net gave San Jose a 6-on-4 skating advantage.

In the first 10 seconds, he made a kick save up close and snared a long shot by Gary Suter with his glove, bringing 17,001 fans to their feet with chants of "Ed-die! Ed-die!" He kicked away another shot from Suter with 17 seconds left, then the Sharks' last two attempts went wide of the goal.

The glove save drew rave reviews from teammates.

"Suter's shot went through five or six bodies," said center Mike Modano, who scored the game's lone goal in the first period.

"Eddie made a great save, the save of the game."

"I thought it went in," said Derian Hatcher, who was watching from the penalty box.

"I asked him about it later and he said he saw it all the way."

Modano has scored in six straight games and is playing at such a high level that even his teammates admit they catch themselves watching in awe.

"He pretty much does everything that could be asked of a hockey player," teammate Blake Sloan said. "He's got the whole package."

Modano's goal was set up by a long slap shot from Hull that bounced off goaltender Steve Shields into open ice. Modano beat two Sharks to the puck and fired it past a

diving Shields, who finished with 17 saves.

Without Nolan, the Sharks don't have anyone who can counter Modano.

Nolan scored a San Jose-record 44 goals and 84 points in the regular season, accounting for 20 percent of the team's goals.

He has six of the Sharks' 20 playoff goals. But Nolan missed four of the last five regular-season games with a shoulder injury. Then, in Game 7 of the first round against St. Louis, he was hit in the foot by hard-shooting Al MacInnis' slap shot.

It left him hobbling and ineffective in Game 1.

Doctors told him Saturday night he couldn't play Sunday.

"It's really hard to watch, especially in the playoffs," Nolan said.

"It kills me not to be out there."

Eighth-seeded San Jose upset No. 1 seed St. Louis in the first round by splitting the first two games on the road. This time, the Sharks go home hoping to claw back into the series.

"We didn't play well enough in the first game," forward Mike Ricci said. "We were better in the second. We've got to be even better in Game 3."

Flashback

1954: Gary Griffing scored 17 points and E.J. McIlvain 15 as Pampa defeated Wichita Falls 55-47 in the Class 4A semifinals in Austin.

It was the 55th win in a row for the Harvesters.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
Playoff Daily Glance
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FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-5)

Saturday, April 22
Miami 95, Detroit 85
Phoenix 72, San Antonio 70
Utah 104, Seattle 93
Philadelphia 52, Charlotte 82
Sunday, April 23
New York 82, Toronto 88
Portland 91, Minnesota 88
L.A. Lakers 117, Sacramento 107
Indiana 88, Milwaukee 85
Charlotte 108, Philadelphia 98, OT
Utah 101, Seattle 87
Tuesday, April 25
Miami 84, Detroit 82
San Antonio 85, Phoenix 70
Wednesday, April 26
New York 84, Toronto 83
Portland 86, Minnesota 82
Thursday, April 27
Milwaukee 104, Indiana 91
L.A. Lakers 113, Sacramento 89
Friday, April 28
Philadelphia 87, Charlotte 76, Philadelphia leads series 2-1
Saturday, April 29
Miami 91, Detroit 72, Miami wins series 3-0
Phoenix 101, San Antonio 94, Phoenix leads series 2-1
Seattle 89, Utah 78, Utah leads series 2-1
Indiana 109, Milwaukee 96, Indiana leads series 2-1
Sunday, April 30
New York 87, Toronto 80, New York wins series 3-0
Minnesota 94, Portland 87, Portland leads series 2-1
Sacramento 99, L.A. Lakers 91, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1
Monday, May 1
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 2
Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 3
Utah at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Thursday, May 4
Milwaukee at Indiana, TBA, if necessary
Minnesota at Portland, TBA, if necessary
Philadelphia at Charlotte, TBA, if necessary
Phoenix at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary
Friday, May 5
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary
Seattle at Utah, TBA, if necessary

Chicago 17, 8, 880
Cleveland 13, 9, 618
Kansas City 12, 13, 480
Minnesota 11, 15, 423
Detroit 6, 17, 281
West Division
Seattle 13, 10, 565
Anheim 13, 13, 500
Oakland 12, 13, 480
Texas 9, 15, 375
Saturday's Games
Chicago White Sox 2, Detroit 1
Cleveland 3, Boston 2
Baltimore 9, Texas 4
Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
Oakland 6, Minnesota 2, 10 innings
Seattle 11, Kansas City 3
Anaheim 7, Tampa Bay 6
Sunday's Games
Boston 2, Cleveland 1
N.Y. Yankees 7, Toronto 1
Detroit 4, Chicago White Sox 3, 12 innings
Oakland 8, Minnesota 2
Texas 8, Baltimore 4
Kansas City 8, Seattle 3
Anheim 5, Tampa Bay 2
Monday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 2-2) at Cleveland (Wright 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Nikowski 1-4) at Boston (Fassero 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Oliveras 1-3) at Kansas City (Durbin 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (K.Wells 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Petitte 0-1) at Cleveland (Witt 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Anheim (Schoeneweis 4-0) at Baltimore (Ponson 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Johnson 0-0) at Boston (Rose 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 2-1) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 0-3), 7:15 p.m.
Oakland (Mahay 0-1) at Kansas City (Batista 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 2-0) at Minnesota (Mays 0-3), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Castillo 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 3-1), 8:05 p.m.

Fullmer, Toronto, 9; Lawton, Minnesota, 9; TRIPLES—Platt, Oakland, 3; Cuzman, Minnesota, 3; Hunter, Minnesota, 3; Durham, Chicago, 3; Martinez, New York, 3; Polonia, Detroit, 3; 9 are tied with 2.
HOME RUNS—Dye, Kansas City, 11; JaGiambi, Oakland, 9; Rodriguez, Texas, 9; JoCruz, Toronto, 8; Tbatista, Toronto, 8; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 8; ARodriguez, Seattle, 8; Cdegado, Toronto, 8; Gvaghin, Tampa Bay, 8; RPalmeiro, Texas, 8.
STOLEN BASES—Damon, Kansas City, 11; DeShields, Baltimore, 9; Erstad, Anheim, 8; AKennedy, Anheim, 7; Jeter, New York, 7; McLemore, Seattle, 6; CBeltran, Kansas City, 5; Lawton, Minnesota, 5; RAlomar, Cleveland, 5.
PITCHING (4 Decisions)—Schoeneweis, Anheim, 4-0, 1,000, 3.15; Baldwin, Chicago, 4-0, 1,000, 3.12; PMartinez, Boston, 5-0, 1,000, 1.27; Nelson, New York, 4-0, 1,000, 1.98; Ohermender, New York, 4-1, 800, 3.50; DWells, Toronto, 4-1, 800, 3.44; 5 are tied with 750.
STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 50; CFair, Cleveland, 42; Ohermender, New York, 38; Clemens, New York, 36; Nomo, Detroit, 35; Hudson, Oakland, 32; Mussina, Baltimore, 31.
SAVES—M Rivera, New York, 7; Percival, Anheim, 6; Koch, Toronto, 5; D Lowe, Boston, 5; Irlinghaus, Oakland, 4; Karsay, Cleveland, 4; TBjones, Detroit, 4.

City of Pampa Softball
League Standings
Men's Open
Division One
Team Won Lost
B.D.C.I. 8 0
Celanese 5 3
Dobson Cellular 4 4
Smokers 4 4
Pampa Bulls 4 4
Ferguson Ball Bonds 3 5
Parther Pizza 0 8
Division Two
Team Won Lost
Triangle Well Service 4 0
Derrick Dawgs 3 1
Zachry Construction 2 1
Just About Sports 2 1
Century 21 1 2
Curtis-Crawford 0 2
VFW 0 3
Dawkins Energy 0 3
Men's Church
Team Won Lost
Briarwood Church 4 0
Bible Church 4 0
St. Vincent's 2 2
Calvary Baptist 0 3
Central Baptist 0 3
Trinity Fellowship 0 4
Mixed Open
Division One
Team Won Lost
Pampa Cyber Net 4 0
Subway 3 1
Albertsons 2 2
Finish Line 1 3
Smokin' 0 4
Division Two
Team Won Lost
Hobbs EMC 3 1
B & J Pump 3 1
Stan's Hot Shots 2 2
Moose Lodge 2 2
Carter Sand & Gravel 0 4
Division Three
Team Won Lost
B & J 4 0
First Christian 4 0
Goldkraft Jewelers 4 0
Trinity Fellowship 1 3
Briarwood Mixed 1 3
Celanese 0 4
Standings as of April 28

BASEBALL
National League
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East Division
Team W L Pct. GB
Atlanta 18 6 .750 —
New York 16 10 .615 3
Montreal 14 9 .609 3 1/2
Florida 13 13 .500 6
Philadelphia 7 17 .292 11
Central Division
Team W L Pct. GB
St. Louis 17 8 .680 —
Cincinnati 12 12 .500 4 1/2
Houston 9 14 .391 7
Milwaukee 9 15 .375 7 1/2
Pittsburgh 9 15 .375 7 1/2
Chicago 10 17 .370 7 1/2
West Division
Team W L Pct. GB
Arizona 16 6 .640 —
Los Angeles 14 10 .583 1 1/2
Colorado 11 14 .440 5
San Diego 11 14 .440 5
San Francisco 10 13 .435 5
Saturday's Games
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 5
Houston 10, Milwaukee 3
Arizona 7, Chicago Cubs 4, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 13, Colorado 6
San Francisco 2, Montreal 1
St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 6, 10 innings
Los Angeles 13, Florida 12
Atlanta 7, San Diego 4, 12 innings
Sunday's Games
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St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3
Milwaukee 4, Houston 3
Arizona 6, Chicago Cubs 0
N.Y. Mets 14, Colorado 11
Montreal 4, San Francisco 3
Los Angeles 7, Florida 1
Atlanta 7, San Diego 4
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Houston (Dotel 0-2) at Milwaukee (Woodard 0-3), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 3-1) at Colorado (Jarvis 1-1), 9:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 1-2) at San Diego (Williams 3-1), 10:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Lindwood 2-0) at Los Angeles (Gagne 0-1), 10:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Pulsipher 0-0) at San Francisco (Estes 0-1), 10:15 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Houston (Parrish 1-3) at Philadelphia (Ashby 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Lima 1-4) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Stottmeyer 4-1) at Milwaukee (Haynes 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 0-2) at St. Louis (Ankiel 3-1), 8:10 p.m.
Montreal (Powell 0-1) at Colorado (Karl 0-2), 9:05 p.m.
Florida (Nunez 0-2) at San Diego (Clement 3-0), 10:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Mulholland 3-2) at Los Angeles (Park 3-2), 10:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Rusch 1-1) at San Francisco (Hernandez 0-4), 10:15 p.m.
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Toronto 12 14 .462 4 1/2
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Chicago 17 8 .680 —
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Men's Open
Division One
Team Won Lost
B.D.C.I. 8 0
Celanese 5 3
Dobson Cellular 4 4
Smokers 4 4
Pampa Bulls 4 4
Ferguson Ball Bonds 3 5
Parther Pizza 0 8
Division Two
Team Won Lost
Triangle Well Service 4 0
Derrick Dawgs 3 1
Zachry Construction 2 1
Just About Sports 2 1
Century 21 1 2
Curtis-Crawford 0 2
VFW 0 3
Dawkins Energy 0 3
Men's Church
Team Won Lost
Briarwood Church 4 0
Bible Church 4 0
St. Vincent's 2 2
Calvary Baptist 0 3
Central Baptist 0 3
Trinity Fellowship 0 4
Mixed Open
Division One
Team Won Lost
Pampa Cyber Net 4 0
Subway 3 1
Albertsons 2 2
Finish Line 1 3
Smokin' 0 4
Division Two
Team Won Lost
Hobbs EMC 3 1
B & J Pump 3 1
Stan's Hot Shots 2 2
Moose Lodge 2 2
Carter Sand & Gravel 0 4
Division Three
Team Won Lost
B & J 4 0
First Christian 4 0
Goldkraft Jewelers 4 0
Trinity Fellowship 1 3
Briarwood Mixed 1 3
Celanese 0 4
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National League
At A Glance
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All Times EDT
East Division
Team W L Pct. GB
Atlanta 18 6 .750 —
New York 16 10 .615 3
Montreal 14 9 .609 3 1/2
Florida 13 13 .500 6
Philadelphia 7 17 .292 11
Central Division
Team W L Pct. GB
St. Louis 17 8 .680 —
Cincinnati 12 12 .500 4 1/2
Houston 9 14 .391 7
Milwaukee 9 15 .375 7 1/2
Pittsburgh 9 15 .375 7 1/2
Chicago 10 17 .370 7 1/2
West Division
Team W L Pct. GB
Arizona 16 6 .640 —
Los Angeles 14 10 .583 1 1/2
Colorado 11 14 .440 5
San Diego 11 14 .440 5
San Francisco 10 13 .435 5
Saturday's Games
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 5
Houston 10, Milwaukee 3
Arizona 7, Chicago Cubs 4, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 13, Colorado 6
San Francisco 2, Montreal 1
St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 6, 10 innings
Los Angeles 13, Florida 12
Atlanta 7, San Diego 4, 12 innings
Sunday's Games
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3
Milwaukee 4, Houston 3
Arizona 6, Chicago Cubs 0
N.Y. Mets 14, Colorado 11
Montreal 4, San Francisco 3
Los Angeles 7, Florida 1
Atlanta 7, San Diego 4
Monday's Games
Cincinnati (Neagle 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Dotel 0-2) at Milwaukee (Woodard 0-3), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 3-1) at Colorado (Jarvis 1-1), 9:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 1-2) at San Diego (Williams 3-1), 10:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Lindwood 2-0) at Los Angeles (Gagne 0-1), 10:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Pulsipher 0-0) at San Francisco (Estes 0-1), 10:15 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Houston (Parrish 1-3) at Philadelphia (Ashby 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Lima 1-4) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Stottmeyer 4-1) at Milwaukee (Haynes 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 0-2) at St. Louis (Ankiel 3-1), 8:10 p.m.
Montreal (Powell 0-1) at Colorado (Karl 0-2), 9:05 p.m.
Florida (Nunez 0-2) at San Diego (Clement 3-0), 10:05 p.m.
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New York 15 8 .652 —
Baltimore 14 10 .583 1 1/2
Boston 12 9 .571 2
Toronto 12 14 .462 4 1/2
Tampa Bay 9 15 .375 6 1/2
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Team W L Pct. GB
Chicago 17 8 .680 —
Cleveland 13 9 .618 2
Kansas City 12 13 .480 5
Minnesota 11 15 .423 6 1/2
Detroit 6 17 .261 10
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Seattle 13 10 .565 —
Anheim 13 13 .500 1 1/2
Oakland 12 13 .480 2
Texas 9 15 .375 4 1/2
Saturday's Games
Chicago White Sox 2, Detroit 1
Cleveland 3, Boston 2
Baltimore 9, Texas 4
Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
Oakland 6, Minnesota 2, 10 innings
Seattle 11, Kansas City 3
Anaheim 7, Tampa Bay 6
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Boston 2, Cleveland 1
N.Y. Yankees 7, Toronto 1
Detroit 4, Chicago White Sox 3, 12 innings
Oakland 8, Minnesota 2
Texas 8, Baltimore 4
Kansas City 8, Seattle 3
Anheim 5, Tampa Bay 2
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N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 2-2) at Cleveland (Wright 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Nikowski 1-4) at Boston (Fassero 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Oliveras 1-3) at Kansas City (Durbin 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
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Texas (Helling 2-1) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 0-3), 7:15 p.m.
Oakland (Mahay 0-1) at Kansas City (Batista 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
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Goldkraft Jewelers 4 0
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Baltic scientists celebrate once-in-a-lifetime fossil find

By MICHAEL TARM
Associated Press Writer

TALLINN, Estonia (AP) — Like other paleontologists, Elga Mark-Kurik had long pondered that moment in geological time when the first ancestor to all land vertebrates, including man, stepped from the water and walked onto solid ground.

The 71-year-old never imagined a fossil of that first half-fish, half-animal species may have already been in her collection for more than 40 years.

At a recent forum at London's Natural History Museum, scientists said the 375-million-year-old jawbone Mark-Kurik found in 1953 and a similar fossil found in Latvia in 1964 could be the missing link between fish and animals.

Scientists agree the 25,000 species of land vertebrates, including homo sapiens, all descend from a small group of creatures that were not yet quite land animals and no longer quite fish. Nobody had ever unearthed proof.

The most developed fish, whose fos-

sils are relatively common, date back to about 385 million years; the earliest, clearly land-roving animals are some 365 million years old — leaving a gap of 20 million years between fish and animal.

An article by Mark-Kurik and fellow paleontologists Per Ahlberg of Sweden and Ervins Luksevics of Latvia claims that the Baltic fossils fall within that gap. The article will be published in the August edition of the prestigious British journal Paleontology.

That one of paleontology's Holy Grails may have been discovered in Estonia and Latvia has been celebrated across the two former Soviet Baltic republics and at Tallinn's Institute of Geology where Mark-Kurik works.

Sitting in her office, she proudly pulled the thumb-sized fossil out of a small blue box and gleefully handed it to a reporter.

She said that thanks to repressive Moscow rule, which only ended with the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, it was a fossil find of a lifetime that was unnecessarily delayed.

"These (Baltic) fossils fall bang in the middle of the gap."

— Per Ahlberg, scientist

Mark-Kurik says it was isolation behind the Iron Curtain that kept her and other scientists from recognizing the importance of the fossil she found in an Estonian cave as a graduate student.

For decades, the Soviet regime kept her from traveling abroad to meet colleagues and see other fossil collections, and the KGB closely monitored the rare Western scientist who visited Estonia.

Scientific rules also generally required that research papers be written in Russian, so Western paleontologists couldn't readily glean insights from Mark-Kurik's published works.

"Paleontology is very much a world science," she said. "You must see fossils from around the world and you must exchange information with other scientists to understand what you have. We

couldn't under the Soviets."

After the country regained independence in 1991, Mark-Kurik suddenly had the freedom but not the money to travel.

The turning point came in the mid-'90s, when Mark-Kurik, Ahlberg, Luksevics and a Russian scientist won a grant from NATO to compare ancient rocks and fauna from Scotland and the Baltics.

They weren't trying to find the fish-animal link. But Ahlberg had studied the field in depth and the pieces of the puzzle suddenly fell together during a routine look at the Baltic jaw-bone fossils.

Jaw bones have distinctive, complicated joints and undergo huge changes with evolution; by comparing and contrasting them with other better-known specimens, jaw bones are especially good at revealing traits of their owner.

The Baltic fossils Ahlberg held in his hands had just the right mix of fish and land-vertebrate features that he knew well from other fossil collections, and he understood their significance almost instantly.

"These (Baltic) fossils fall bang in the middle of the gap," he said.

The animal was dubbed *Livonia multitidantia* in Latin after the region where the fossils were found and its unique, five rows of razor-sharp teeth. "I haven't seen anything like it, with multiple rows of teeth," said Jenny Clack, a paleontologist at the University of Cambridge who was not connected to the find. "This find is certainly part of the story of the origin of tetrapods (early land animals). It's the latest twist."

Unanswered questions remain. One is whether it still had fins or already had legs. To find out, Ahlberg said the search will turn to unearthing a whole skeleton.

If it exists, it would likely be here in northern Europe, which, because of the earth's shifting tectonic plates, was at the equator and featured shallow, nutrient-rich tropical waters 400 million years ago.

On the Net: Institute of Geology: <http://gaia.ge/gi/ingl/Welcome1.html>

National Theater of the Deaf breaks the sound barrier

By CHRISTOPHER ZURCHER
Associated Press Writer

CHESTER, Conn. (AP) — The greatest challenge for most live theater companies is getting people to come and see productions.

For the National Theater of the Deaf, patrons must also get past the troupe's name.

"We are actors who happen to be deaf. That's all," explains Bernard Bragg, a founding member of the company. "Many of us feel the same way: that deafness is a way of life, that we are a people having our own language and our own culture."

Unlike most theaters, where the words are spoken by the actors and heard by the audience, the experience of language during NTD productions is both aural and visual.

Watching the actors with this theater

is like getting a "double experience," says Maggie Wagner, a movie actress from New York teaching classes at NTD this semester. "The communication is just as full, if not fuller, than watching regular hearing theater," she says, "because you're receiving information in two parts."

It is the first time Wagner has worked with deaf actors. Their lines, delivered in American Sign Language, are interpreted by hearing actors for members of mostly hearing audiences.

The sign language used in NTD productions is an emotional form of communication, Wagner says.

"It's very balletic. It's different when they're on stage than it is when they're speaking off stage," she says. "It's very lyrical, very flowing, dance-like and not as conversational."

Wagner, a professional actress, assumed it would be difficult to com-

municate certain acting concepts to the deaf actors. Not so, she found.

"A lot of acting training is being able to hear the way someone says something to you," she says. "But the nuances of language are just as profound in deaf actors as they are in hearing actors."

The National Theater of the Deaf — and its subsidiary, the Little Theater of the Deaf — are based in Chester, Conn. They take their productions, staffed with professionally trained actors, both hearing and deaf, to theaters across the country.

"It's the best when kids connect with this as a visual art form and see the language being expressed visually," says Annie Tomasetti, a deaf actor who debuted with the company in 1997.

The company is finishing two years of children's shows, workshops and residencies at colleges. At the same time, it

is working with "Children of a Lesser God" author Mark Medoff on a new show it will take on tour next year.

"Children especially love the interaction," Tomasetti says. "They learn the signs from us, and see a story with a moral."

Tomasetti has bachelor's degrees from Gallaudet University in theater and sign communication. She studied for four years at the National Theater of the Deaf, which is also a theater school, before starting with NTD full-time.

Nikki Kilpatrick, a volunteer for the company since its beginnings in 1967, interpreted Tomasetti's signing for a reporter.

"It's a different way of presenting theater," explained Sara Ridberg. "It gives an added visual dimension that regular theater doesn't have."

Ridberg, in her second year with the company, has degrees in women's stud-

ies and deaf culture. Ridberg and Reggie Meneses interpret for the audience what the actors are signing on stage.

"When an adult sees a show with sign language done in a beautiful way," Ridberg says, "they realize that American Sign Language is an ability that we have that they don't."

The theater also offers a Summertime Storytelling program on the green in Chester. The company sponsors high school drama students and a teacher for a four-week summer program.

Other theaters performing in American Sign Language include the New York Deaf Theater, the Deaf Youth Drama Program in Seattle, Cleveland Sign Stage and Deaf West, a Los Angeles company founded by some of the original members of NTD.

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Healthbeat: Specialists urge more testing for thyroid problems

The bow tie-shaped gland in the front of your neck, just below the Adam's apple, causes an amazing variety of health problems because it produces hormones that regulate metabolism and stimulate almost every type of tissue in the body.

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Feeling a little fatigued? A tad forgetful or depressed? Put on a little weight lately?

They sound like run-of-the-mill complaints, particularly if you have a stressful job or are hitting middle-age.

But those also are some of the frequently overlooked early symptoms of thyroid disease — and a new study estimates 13 million Americans may be undiagnosed.

That's a slightly higher estimate than previously thought, and it comes as some specialists are urging that a simple \$25 thyroid test become a routine part of many adults' doctor visits even if they don't complain of symptoms.

Why? Even mild thyroid problems might cause big consequences: Pregnant women with an underactive thyroid risk having children with lower IQs, and new research shows even a little hypothyroidism can raise cholesterol

levels. Yet thyroid disease is easily treated if people know they have it. How to find out: the TSH blood test.

"We have to get this message out," said Dr. E. Chester Ridgway, the University of Colorado's endocrinology chief. "We've been trying for many years to get primary-care physicians to use the TSH as a part of their screenings," but people don't realize "it's a big problem."

The bow tie-shaped gland in the front of your neck, just below the Adam's apple, causes an amazing variety of health problems because it produces hormones that regulate metabolism and stimulate almost every type of tissue in the body.

For unknown reasons, it can become overactive and speed up certain body functions, or become underactive and slow body functions. Both cause a variety of symptoms once the disease advances enough, what doctors call "overt" thyroid disease.

An underactive thyroid — hypothyroidism — is by far the most common problem. Symptoms are easily mistaken for other conditions: fatigue, weight gain as metabolism slows, depression, forgetfulness, a hoarse voice, mood swings, intolerance to cold.

Symptoms of hyperthyroidism, an overactive gland, are usually more clear: The heart beats fast, sometimes irregularly. Blood pressure rises. Patients sweat easily, feel nervous, sleep poorly. They lose weight without trying, become depressed and confused, develop vision problems or bulging eyes.

Either condition sometimes enlarges the thyroid, so the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists recommends checking your neck.

But you don't have to feel a bump in your neck to have a thyroid problem, stresses Dr. Terry Davies of New York's Mount Sinai School of Medicine, editor of the journal *Thyroid* and a proponent of better TSH testing.

Overt thyroid disease raises people's risk of heart disease, bone-thinning osteoporosis and infertility. The call for more testing comes amid concern that mild, even asymptomatic, thyroid failure could be risky.

Ridgway wrote a recent study in the *Archives of Internal Medicine* that gave TSH tests to 25,000 people attending health fairs in Colorado. Based on those

results, he estimated some 13 million people nationwide may have undiagnosed thyroid disease, mostly hypothyroidism.

While thyroid failure is considered mainly a problem for older women — symptoms often are confused with menopause — Ridgway found the risk actually starts to rise in a woman's mid-30s, and that older men have thyroid problems more often than suspected, too.

Endocrinologists last year began pushing thyroid tests for pregnant women, because a mother's underactive thyroid may impair fetal brain development. One study estimated one in 50 women has hypothyroidism during pregnancy.

In addition, endocrinologists say new mothers suffering postpartum depression need testing to see if thyroid failure is to blame.

Ridgway's other finding: Even mild thyroid failure caused cholesterol to start rising. That supports a recent Dutch study that concluded mild thyroid disease may be associated with heart attacks.

A simple test to detect levels of "thyroid stimulating hormone," or TSH, in the bloodstream diagnoses thyroid disease. The same blood sample used for cholesterol or any other routine health test can be checked for TSH.

Thyroid problems are easily treated, with a daily pill or, for hyperthyroidism, sometimes removing the gland.

"Adults, on their annual

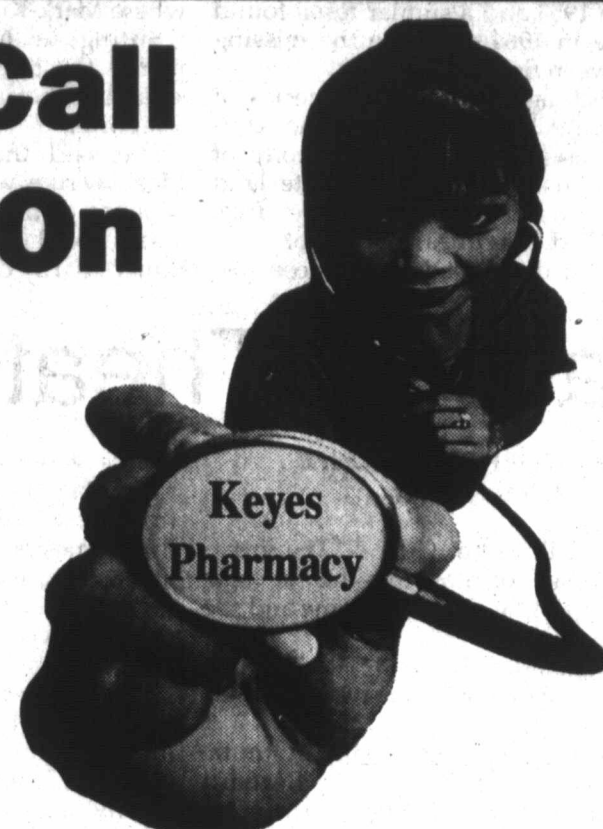
physical exam, would benefit from a TSH test," Ridgway advised. "Particularly women over the age of 35 and anybody over the age of 50 should be screened."

The AACE will hold a symposium in May to encourage testing of more women who

are pregnant or trying to conceive.

Medicare only pays for older Americans' TSH tests if they have thyroid symptoms, something specialists want changed — but Davies and Ridgway stressed the test is cheap, often less than \$25.

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Health briefs

Ground-level ozone can make summer uncomfortable

HOUSTON — Ground-level ozone can make the hot, humid summer months even more uncomfortable.

"Ground-level ozone is a pollutant formed by exhaust from petrochemical plants or automobiles and can damage body tissue," said Dr. Nick Hanania, an assistant professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "We breathe in more air outdoors, so more polluted air gets into our lungs when levels are high."

Sunlight, humidity and heat all contribute to high levels of ground-level ozone. Levels are usually at their highest between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. People affected by the ozone might experience tightness in the chest, shortness of breath, eye irritation and sinus problems.

Lifestyle changes can get rid of heartburn

HOUSTON — Changes in your diet can help prevent heartburn.

"Stomach acid refluxing back into the esophagus causes heartburn," said Dr. Gilchy Ergun, an assistant professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Cutting down or cutting out things like alcohol, spicy and fatty foods, tomato products and caffeine will help decrease the incidence of heartburn."

Prolonged heartburn can cause irritation of the esophagus which could lead to development of scar tissue, internal bleeding and even cancer. If you have problems swallowing, develop chest pain, or begin to lose or vomit blood, Ergun recommends that you seek medical attention immediately.

Early detection key to Alzheimer's disease

HOUSTON — Early detection is the key to diagnosing and treating Alzheimer's disease.

A person in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease might begin to forget things and become disoriented performing what were

once simple tasks," said Dr. Rochelle Doody, an associate professor of neurology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "A person might also develop changes in personality, mood and behavior."

Alzheimer's disease is a degeneration of brain cells that affects a person's memory and thought processes. If someone knows they are in the early stages of the disease, they and their families can better deal with the problem. Symptoms of Alzheimer's disease warrant a trip to the doctor's office.

Healthy eating protects against environmental hazards

HOUSTON — Eating healthy can help protect children against environmental health hazards.

"A healthy child must have an efficient defense mechanism against harmful substances such as toxins, poisons, oxidants, bacteria and viruses," said Dr. Farook Jahoor, an associate professor of pediatrics at the Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Children must eat foods adequate in energy and protein, rich in minerals and sufficient in vita-

mins C, E, A and beta carotene. Jahoor said these much-needed sources can be found in foods such as fruits and vegetables, some cereals, milk, fish and meat. Menopause doesn't have to be difficult.

HOUSTON — Hormone replacement therapy might be the answer for women going through "the change of life."

"Hormone replacement therapy helps women going through menopause better deal with hot flashes, night sweats, insomnia, vaginal dryness and other problems that can make life uncomfortable," said Dr. Ronald Young, an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Hormone therapy helps manage the long-term effects of diminished estrogen as well as reduce the risk of heart disease, colon cancer, age-related macular degeneration and osteoporosis. It can also improve cognitive functions and memory skills.

Side effects might include an increased risk of contracting breast cancer, weight gain, frequent headaches and, on rare occasions, blood clots. However, Young said the positives of hormone replacement therapy far outweigh the negatives.

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