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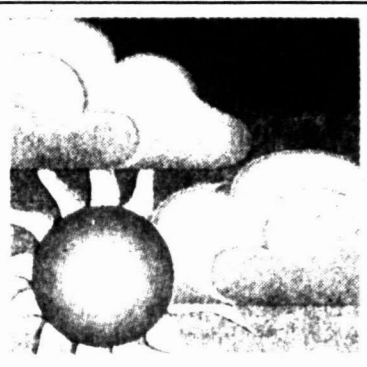
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PISD hears from school safety experts

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Parents of Pampa Independent School District students can be assured the local school district personnel are interested in protecting their children.

Pampa ISD administrators are concerned about providing the safest school facilities as well as protective and secure learning atmosphere for the students in Pampa's public school system, and they are doing something about it.

PISD officials responded to school violence across the country by bringing two experts regarding safety in the schools to Pampa to conduct a safety seminar for school personnel. Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris also participated in the seminar.

Approximately 75 staff members representing administration, counselors, school secretaries, and maintenance

Administrators are actively seeking any additional improvements which can be implemented for the safety of the students in the Pampa schools when school opens in August.

attended the two-day seminar lead by Dave Williams, a teacher turned law enforcement officer from South Texas, and Rene Pastusek, a drug intervention specialist from Castleberry ISD.

Leslie Gershmel, who is the coordinator of safety and drug free school issues in the local school district, said the seminar related to all areas of safety within the school district.

"We are doing a lot of good things," said Gershmel, commenting about the school's current safety procedures. "Of course, we can always improve."

School safety is a major concern throughout the country following the

Columbine High School shooting tragedy during the spring. Students, parents, teachers, community leaders and law enforcement in Pampa and across the nation have been working to seek solutions to problems before problems magnify.

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Gershmel said the seminar was very positive. She said each of the campuses is working to develop a safety plan which will be in place in case of a disaster.

Gershmel said the plan will include all areas regarding safety, which include severe weather such as snow, ice, tornado or floods. Fires will also be included in the training. The issue of school violence will be included.

Gershmel, who is a counselor at Pampa High, said meetings are being planned for the community and parents as a result of the seminar. She said the school district wants to have open communications with the community to reduce any fears which may be in the community and to receive.

She said the school wants input from students, parents and teachers concerning any safety issues.

Information from the seminar has been provided to faculty members at teacher in-service meetings being held throughout the summer. Additional safety issues will be discussed at the August in-service meetings prior to the opening of school on Aug. 13.

Man, 46, boy, 8 burned in mishap

Gary Smiley, 46, was in stable condition at University Medical Center's Burn Unit in Lubbock this morning, according to a spokeswoman at the medical facility.

Meanwhile, a spokesman at the Gray County Sheriff's department said he was made aware this morning of the incident briefly during shift change but had no specifics.

While details were sketchy today, Smiley was airlifted Sunday night by Lifestar from Pampa Regional Medical Center. He had first been taken to the local hospital by Rural Metro Ambulance Service for injuries he received at Dillman Farms south of Pampa earlier in the evening.

A second Rural Metro Ambulance transported an 8-year-old boy to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for injuries he received in the same incident about 10 p.m. last night. His name and complete details were not available at press time.

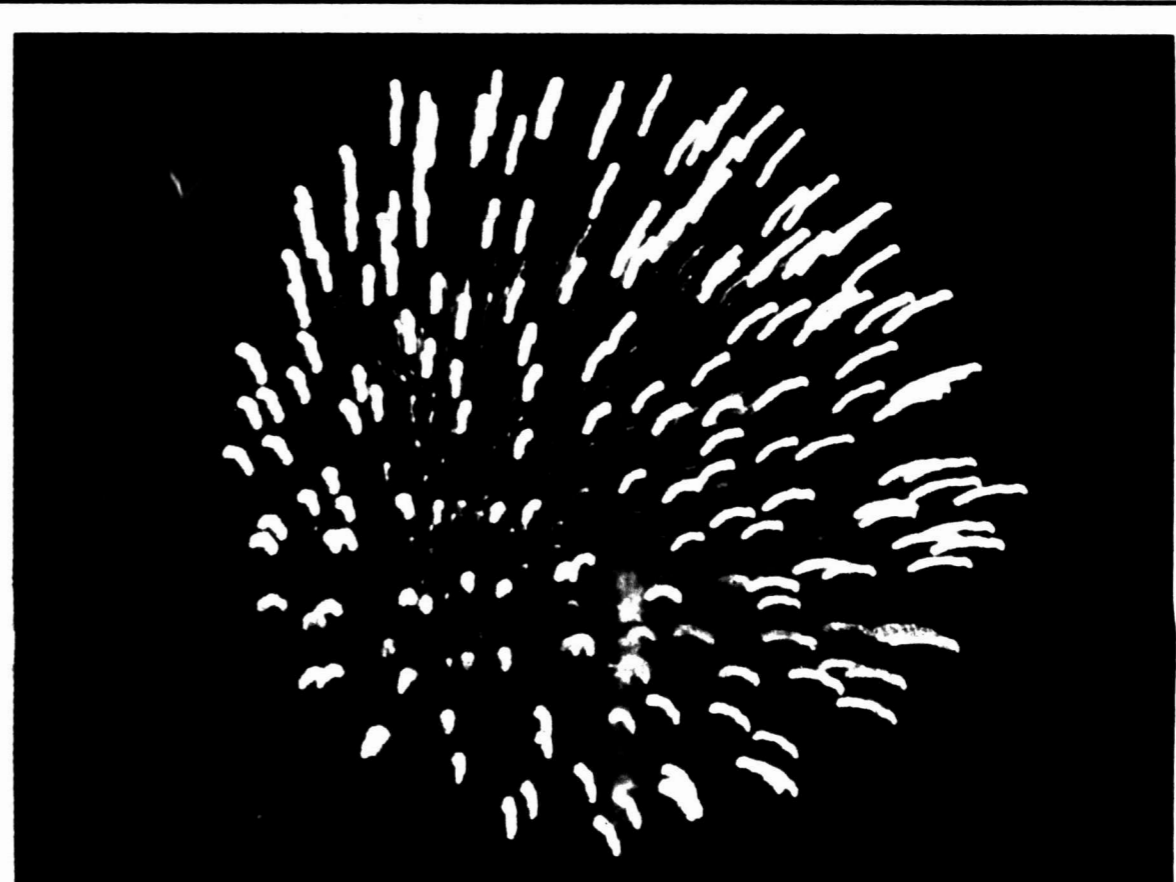
Golden Horseshoe contest this week

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is sponsoring the Golden Horseshoe Treasure Hunt in conjunction with the Top O' Texas Rodeo to be held July 15, 16 and 17. A "Golden Horseshoe" has been hidden in the area and clues will be given each day that will help locate the horseshoe.

The lucky person who finds the horseshoe will receive a box seat to all three performances of the 53rd Annual Top O' Texas Rodeo. The box seat is valued at \$150. The winner will also be able to ride in the Saturday, July 17, rodeo parade.

The clues will be placed in selected grocery stores in Pampa this year and participants can only get the clues by going into that store. The kind of store will be listed each day in the newspaper and on the radio. The name of that store will be listed the next day along with the kind of store for the current day's clue. No clues will be given in the paper or on the radio. Merchants have been asked not to give any information over the telephone.

Additional information concerning the Top O' Texas Rodeo or the Golden Horseshoe Hunt by contacting Jane Jacobs at the rodeo office, 669-0434.



Last night's fireworks to celebrate Independence Day were enjoyed by a large crowd at Recreation Park.

Texans celebrate the 4th

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Scattered rain around the state couldn't deter Texans from enjoying Independence Day with backyard barbecues, civic celebrations and, of course, fireworks.

In the North Dallas suburb of Plano, a fireworks show thrilled hundreds of spectators. The pyrotechnics were accompanied by patriotic music played over loud speakers. Organizers said the show's grand finale included more than 500 fireworks shells ignited over a matter of minutes.

Along the coast, by Port Arthur's Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge, a 20-minute fireworks display dazzled hundreds of spectators who lined the sea wall after dark Sunday.

Tugboats chugged nearby and blew their horns as the light bursts reflected on the water.

About 70,000 people turned out for downtown Austin's annual fireworks show and party.

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It's not exactly the calvary like that joined by his Swiss grandfather but grandson Joel Finsterwald, a Wheeler County deputy and rancher, has his way of helping people, too.

Grandson follows in ways of Swiss granddad's legacy

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHEELER — It's been more than a century since Abraham Finsterwald arrived here to make this land safe for settlement. Today, his grandson is still keeping the place safe, although he's wearing a different uniform.

Abraham Finsterwald left his native Switzerland to come to the United States in 1882. Unemployed, he found that the U.S. Army would house him, feed him and pay him \$13 a month. He joined the cavalry and was sent to Missouri for training. From there, he posted with the Fifth Cavalry to Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas.

One of the reasons Finsterwald left Switzerland was because of universal military service.

Everybody had to serve in the national army. In later years, he told friends that he didn't mind joining the U.S. Cavalry. That was his choice. In his home land, he didn't have that choice.

I left Switzerland in order to evade army service and came to America and soon landed in the army for a five-year term, he would later tell friends.

He would add that he was very glad to join the army.

"Anything was better than starving," Finsterwald told family and friends in his later years.

In the fall of 1887, with only a few months left of his five-year enlistment, Finsterwald was assigned to Fort Elliott in what is now Wheeler County. It was here that he decided to settle.

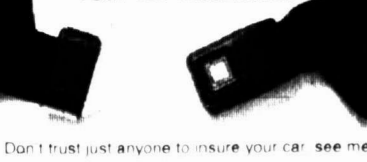
It was here that he met a girl whose family had come from a small village in Switzerland not far from where he was born.

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- Dorothy Brown, 66, homemaker.
- Lizzie Caldwell, 74, homemaker, caretaker.
- Charles H. Cox, 67, retired engineer.
- Kenneth Ray Rowton, 41, farm laborer.
- Maud Whiteley, 92, homemaker.

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Services tomorrow

ROBERSON, Joe Frank, Sr. — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
ROSS, Anna Mae — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
WHITELY, Maud — 2 p.m. Hobart Baptist Church, Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Obituaries

Dorothy Brown
 Dorothy Brown, 66, died, July 4, 1999. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Brown was born Jan. 6, 1933, in Childress and moved to Pampa in 1952. She was a past member of the Oklahoma St. Church of Christ and was currently a member of the McCullough St. Church of Christ.

Survivors include four daughters, Barbara Hughes of Oklahoma City; Vivian Brown and Joyce Brown, both of Pampa; and Donna Brown of Arlington; two sons, Lynn Brown and Kenneth Adkins, both of Pampa; three sisters, Willie Owens and Hazel Cole, both of Denver, Colo.; and Rachel Brown of Altus, Okla.; four brother, Nathaniel Brown of Bristow, Okla.; W. B. Brown of Denver; J. D. Brown of Garland; and William Brown, Jr. of Amarillo; 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Lizzie Caldwell
SHAMROCK — Lizzie Caldwell, 74, died Wednesday, June 30, 1999. Services were Sunday at the Church of God in Shamrock with Joe Stulir, pastor, and Rev. Gary Thomas of Amarillo, officiating. Interment was in Shamrock Cemetery.

Mrs. Caldwell was born Oct. 11, 1924, in Blossom. She married George Caldwell March 8, 1958, in Wheeler County. Mr. Caldwell preceded her in death in 1984.

Mrs. Caldwell has lived in Shamrock for the past 50 years. During that time she was a homemaker and caretaker for all the children in the area. She was also willing to help anyone at any time. Mrs. Caldwell was a member of the St. James Baptist Church. She is also preceded in death by both parents and two brothers.

Survivors include one son, Willie G. Caldwell of Pampa; one daughter, Anna White of Shamrock; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Douglas Reasoner and one sister, Maxine Harrison, both of Paris.

Charles H. Cox
 Charles H. Cox, 67, died July 4, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Rev. Earl Maddux, Baptist minister from Del City, Okla., and Rev. Paul Nachtigall, minister of Highland Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



He was born June 9, 1932, in Megargel. He moved to Pampa in 1934 from Kellerville, and also resided in Lefors. He married Betty J. Austin on April 21, 1951, in Clovis, N. M. She preceded him in death on Aug. 5, 1995.

Mr. Cox was an engineer for Cabot Corp. for 37 years, retiring in Jan., 1988. He was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church for 33 years, a member of the Friendship Baptist Church for four years and was currently a member and deacon of Highland Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Deborah Keeton of Fritch; one son David Cox of Pampa; his mother, Iris Blanche Cox of Pampa; two sisters, Dorothy Gallimore of Pampa and Helen McDonald of Amarillo; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his only brother, Kenneth D. Cox, in 1991.

Kenneth Ray Rowton
WHEELER — Kenneth Ray Rowton, 41, died July 3. Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Monday in the Wheeler Cemetery. Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Rowton was born June 10, 1958, in Mena, Ark. to David D. and Mozella Rowton. He was a farm laborer and moved to Wheeler from Tullia a few months ago. He had lived and worked in the Tullia and Dimmitt area for several years.

Survivors: four brothers, Edward Rowton of Littlefield; Richard Van Rowton of Lubbock; David Rowton, Jr. of Amarillo; Johnny Ray Rowton of Clovis, N. M.; three sister, Mary Ann Helms of Sayre, Okla.; Betty Ann Rowton of Memphis, and Brenda Butler of Corpus Christi.

Maud Whiteley
 Maud Whiteley, 92, died Friday July 2, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hobart Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Fox, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Whiteley was born on April 3, 1907, in Starks, Louis. She married Warren Whiteley on May 6, 1945, in Erick, Okla. She was a resident of Pampa from 1950 until 1997 when she moved to Amarillo. She was a homemaker and a member of Hobart Baptist Church in Pampa.

Survivors include her husband, Warren Whiteley of the home; one son, Gary Whiteley of Amarillo; one sister, Nora Thompson of Beaumont, and two grandchildren.

Emergency numbers

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Energas	665-5777
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 arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 3
 Esley Dalfennia Fields, 24, 533 Harlem, was arrested for participation in riot on JP 1 warrant.
 William David Graves, 58, transient, was arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

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 Rene Nieto, 23, 1307 N. Coffee, was arrested on charges of running a stop sign and driving with license suspended.
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Clayton M. Johnson, 33, 1441 Charles, on three warrants.
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Sheriff's Office

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Jeesus Manuel Perea, 906 Wilcox, age unknown, was arrested on three municipal warrants.

Tommy Burrow Hext, 32, 117 N. Sumner, was arrested for public intoxication.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending today.

Saturday, July 3
 9:07 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Naida and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:56 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Sumner and transported one to PRMC.

11:35 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Mary Ellen for lifting assistance.

12:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Russell and transported one to PRMC.

3:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Sumner; no transport.

4:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

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4:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of East Frederic and transported one to PRMC.

10:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Varnon and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, July 4
 3:35 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of East Brown; no patient was transported.

1:11 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Coffee and transported one to PRMC.

3:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital and transported one to a local nursing facility.

9:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to South Highway 70 and transported one to PRMC.

10:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded 10-15 miles south on Highway 70 and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

Fires

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

Saturday, July 3
 10:56 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 500 block of North Sumner on a medical assist.

11:11 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1200 block of S. Barnes on a trash fire.

Sunday, July 4
 12:20 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to Short and Starkweather on a grass fire.

7:41 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to Recreation Park on a standby for the fireworks display.

9:52 — One unit and two personnel responded to Schneider and Crawford on a grass fire.

10:01 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire at Tignor and McCullough.

10:25 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a grass fire at the Recreation Park.

10:36 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a standby at Panhandle Regional Medical Center for a patient transfer to University Medical Center Burn Unit in Lubbock by Life Star Helicopter.

8:51 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire at 100 S. Dwight.

11:17 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire at Loop 171.

11:37 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire at Ram and Wells.

11:38 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire at Gray 5 and Gray East.

11:52 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire at W. Highway 152.

Suspect is shooting spree kills himself, FBI reports

SALEM, Ill. (AP) — A white supremacist who targeted minorities during a deadly Fourth of July weekend shooting spree is dead, according to the FBI.

Benjamin Nathaniel Smith, 21, shot himself as he fled from police during a high-speed chase Sunday after carjacking a van in rural Marion County, Ill., said Doug Garrison, an FBI spokesman in Indianapolis.

Authorities believe Smith began his drive-by killing spree in Chicago on Friday, when a black former college basketball coach was fatally shot and six Orthodox Jews were wounded.

The shooter also fired at Asians and blacks in two Illinois cities on Saturday and fatally shot a Korean man Sunday outside a church in Bloomington, Ind., police said.

Chicago police spokesman Pat Camden told WMAQ radio in Chicago that Smith shot himself in the chin as he tried to outrace police, sending the van crashing onto the side of the road. He died a short time later at Salem Public Hospital.

"It looks like our guy," Garrison said, adding that the FBI must double-check the fingerprints of the body with those of Smith's to make sure. An autopsy was planned today in Centralia, Ill.

Two guns found with Smith were consistent with the shootings and the body had a tattoo on

the chest that said "Sabbath Breaker" — which Smith was said to have sported, Bloomington Police Chief Jim Kennedy said.

Marion County, Ill., Sheriff's Department Dispatcher Jason Smith said the suspect abandoned his blue Taurus and carjacked a minivan about 9:30 p.m. Sunday at a truck stop in Ina, a town about 33 miles south of Salem.

A short time later, a sheriff's deputy spotted the minivan and followed it to Salem, the dispatcher said. Illinois State Police Master Sgt. John Lewis said he didn't know what happened to the owner of the minivan or if anyone was in the vehicle when it was carjacked.

Richard Ross, a trucking company dispatcher from Kell, Ill., was driving into Salem about 10 p.m. Sunday when he came across the accident scene.

"I thought somebody had been watching the fireworks and had gone off the road and had been involved in a wreck," said Ross, who returned to the accident scene this morning after learning about the events leading up to the crash.

Smith was a member of the World Church of the Creator, a white supremacist organization, and distributed anti-minority and anti-Semitic literature while a student at Indiana University.

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TEXANS

phony concert, featuring patriotic marches and the score from "Star Wars: Episode One — The Phantom Menace."

And it wouldn't be the Fourth of July without Willie Nelson's picnic in Luckenbach.

More than 35 musical acts, including Ray Price and Asleep at the Wheel, joined Nelson for the all-day Hill Country concert.

Diana Perry, who answered the phone at the town's "post office/beer joint" Sunday night, said performers, including Nelson, had taken the stage throughout the day.

Ms. Perry said periodic rain hadn't stopped the music, and the crowd doubled as the event moved into the afternoon hours.

"There's over 12,000 people here now — it's jammed," Ms. Perry said late Sunday night, speaking loudly over the roar of the crowd.

Thousands also honored the nation's birthday by focusing on the meaning of America's freedom.

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GRANDSON

far from Villigen, where Finsterwald had grown up.

They married and Finsterwald bought a quarter section of land for three dollars an acre close to Mobeetie, a town that had grown up near the fort. A year later, he sold the quarter section to his brother-in-law and bought the section where his grandson now lives.

Today, his grandson, Joel Finsterwald lives on the old home place with his wife Debbie and their four kids, Caleb, Lyndi, Lezli and Becca. The land has been broken up among Abraham's heirs, but much of it still remains in the family. In addition to his holdings, Joel leases a lot of the original ranch and still runs cattle on the land where his grandfather settled.

A relative from Switzerland, Peter Finsterwald, who has visited Wheeler a couple of times told Joel and Debbie that he could understand how the house was built into the side of a hill and why the trees were planted.

"He thinks Abraham made this a little piece of Switzerland in the Texas Panhandle," Debbie says.

Through the Swiss part of the family, Joel has been able to connect with various elements of his heritage.

Abraham Finsterwald and his bride, Sophia Schnell, initially lived in a dugout along a spring fed stream that led into Sweetwater Creek.

Finsterwald, the carpenter, built a house, a shop and a bunk house.

"I remember mother telling me that when Abraham and Sophia were living in the dugout, he was building fence for Perry Lefors," Joel says. "He

Gene Howard of Port Arthur dressed like actor John Wayne and read patriotic poems for Sunday evening's celebration.

In El Paso, residents of both sides of the border gathered for mariachis, neighborhood parades and picnics.

The Independence Day celebration symbolizes the fusion of cultures in El Paso, said Roberto Villarreal, chairman of the political science department at University of Texas at El Paso.

"Different ethnicities are very loyal to the American system, but they celebrities."

Carlos and Araceli Gonzales of Irving celebrated by welcoming a star-spangled addition to their family Sunday.

Paulina Alexis Gonzales was born in the morning at a Plano hospital. Mrs. Gonzales, 25, said she had no idea her baby, a week overdue, would be born on the Fourth of July.

"She weighed 10 pounds, three ounces. I thought I was going to explode — like a firecracker," she exclaimed.

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go to Lefors and build fence all during the week and leave her here and come back on weekends. She'd tell mother stories about looking out and seeing the Indians passing by north of the house."

After Milton and Katie, Joel's parents, were married, she moved into the home and took care of Abraham until his death 18 years later.

Abraham told Katie that the only regret he had was that he never got to see his mother again after he left Switzerland when he was 20 years old.

As Abraham Finsterwald built his ranch, he often worked as a carpenter to keep the operation going.

Today, his grandson has taken a different tack. When he's not working cattle, fixing fence or repairing a windmill, he can usually be found patrolling the county roads as a Wheeler County deputy.

His uniform is not the one worn by his grandfather when Abraham Finsterwald first came to this country, but the purpose is not all that different. They each provide safety and security for the local populace.

There have been Finsterwalds in Villigen, Switzerland, since 1453, almost 40 years before Columbus sailed for the New World. They've been in Wheeler County only since 1887, but Joel says the Texas part of the family plans on staying at least that long in the panhandle.

Holiday deaths

AUSTIN (AP) — The death toll continued to rise over the Fourth of July weekend as 29 people died in 21 crashes along Texas roads.

State troopers counting the fatalities said totals were current as of 3 p.m. Sunday.

The Department of Public Safety had estimated as many as 31 people could die in wrecks between 6 p.m. Friday and midnight Sunday.

The accidents so far have been in 16 counties. The wrecks also resulted in 14 injuries.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy today with a high of 90-95 and south winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a less than 20 percent chance of rain with a low of 65-70 and south winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high of 85-90 and east-southeast winds at 5-15 mph. The overnight low was 69.

PANHANDLE — Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the middle 60s. Southwest wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, becoming mostly cloudy and hot as warm with a high in the upper 80s. East to southeast wind 5-15 mph.

STATEWIDE — A weak tropical depression threatened to

bring more thunderstorms to far West Texas today, but prospects for rain in the rest of the state were slimmer.

Patchy areas of fog developed in South Texas today.

Early-morning temperatures were in the high 60s to low 80s statewide. Readings included 68 degrees at Junction and Midland, 75 at El Paso and 81 at Rockport.

Highs on the Fourth of July ranged from the upper 80s to mid-90s. It was 96 at Waco, 81 at Harlingen and 82 at McAllen.

Winds were mainly southeasterly to southerly at 5 to 20 mph, with gusts in the vicinity of storms and in the far west.

In South Texas, remnants of showers and thunderstorms were dissipating, with only light

rain in the Del Rio area.

The tropical wave was moving west-northwesterly through the state, limiting rain chances mainly to those areas along the coast from Victoria to High Island.

High temperatures through Tuesday should climb into the low to mid-90s throughout much of Southeast Texas, with upper 80s expected near the coast and near 103 degrees along the Rio Grande.

Overnight lows were anticipated from the upper 60s to the lower 70s, including the Big Bend to far West Texas.

Small craft should exercise caution in coastal waters from the Rio Grande to Baffin Bay, with scattered showers and thunderstorms.

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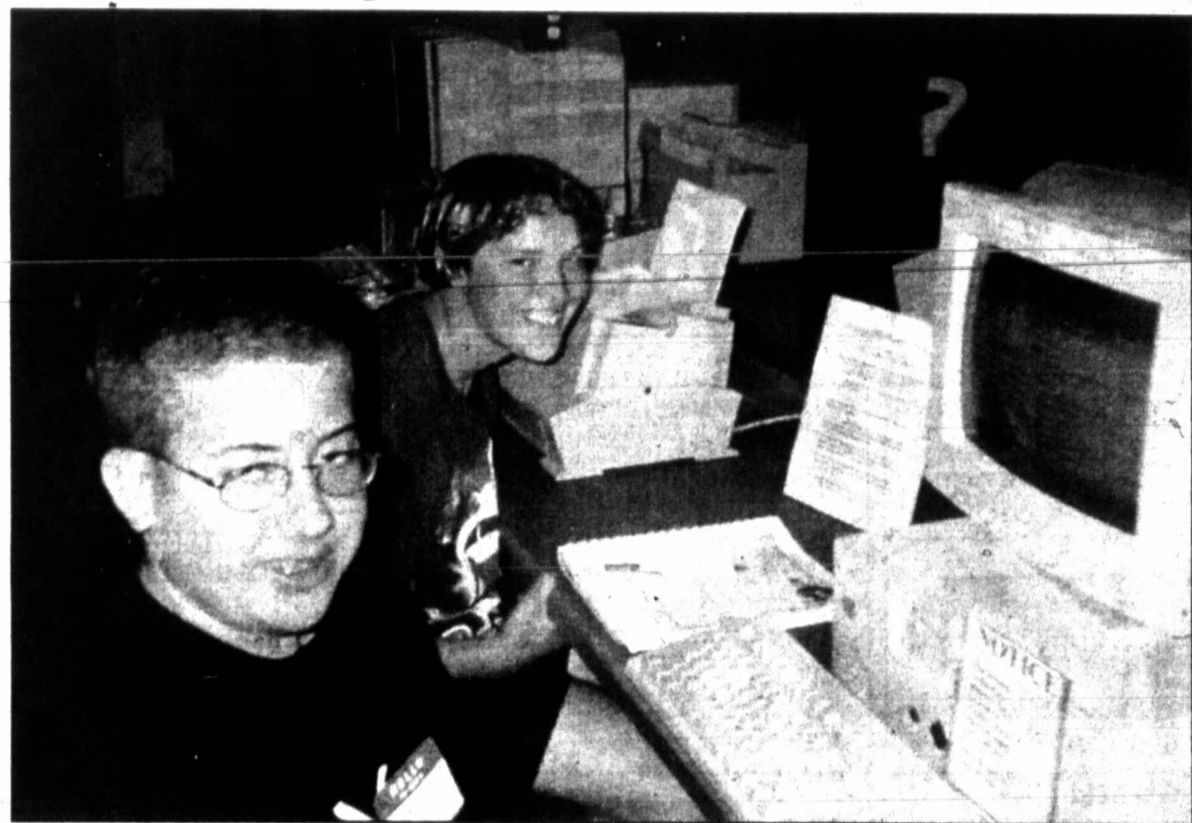
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Trivia Tracking



(Special photos) Participating in the Superintendent Enrichment Program "Trivia Tracking: Session II" for incoming freshmen at Pampa High School were (top) Jonathan Kilhoffer and Tamra Henthorn who used the Internet to do research. Eric Scroggins (middle) and David Thacker used the Internet to plan a trip to Hawaii while (bottom) Justin Haddock and Alex Slaybaugh looked up reference material to solve a mystery.

PGCD to hold precipitation enhancement meetings

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District has slated six district-wide informational meetings on precipitation enhancement. The meetings are not only being held to inform the public on the possibilities of precipitation enhancement but each will also provide a time for the public to voice opinions and ideas on the matter.

George Bomar, senior technical specialist with the Water Quantity Division of the Texas National Resource Conservation Commission in Austin, and Scott Holland, manager of Irion Co. Underground Conservation District and secretary of West Texas Weather Modification Association, will be on hand to discuss the possibilities of the program as well as answer questions from the audience.

A list of the meetings are as follows:

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call 665-6000.

PAMPA CHESS CLUB

The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at Yummy's Pizza in the Pampa Mall at 7:30 p.m. We offer casual yet competitive games, free instruction, and a quarterly newsletter. For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

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 FOR WOMEN

Tralee Crisis Center for Women is offering an in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings will be Tuesday's from 11 a.m.-12 noon and on Thursday's from 7-8 p.m. For more information call (806) 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

The Lovett Memorial Library is presenting a Pre-School Story Hour every Tuesday at 10 a.m. This story hour is for children ages 18 months to 5 years old. If you have any questions, call Shanla Brookshire at 669-5780. This schedule will be subject to change pending the move of the library back to 111 N. Houston.

SHRINE CLUB

Shrine Club will meet at 6 p.m. July 9 at the Sportman's Club on South Barnes. Participants should bring a covered dish. Entertainment will be provided by Top Hat Singers.

USS LONG BEACH REUNION

USS Long Beach Reunion Association will hold its 1999 reunion Sept. 15-19 at Pensacola, Fla. Participants will be staying at the Holiday Inn Bay Beach, 51 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561-9990. For reservations, call (850) 932-2214. For more information, contact Don Shade at P.O. Box 69, Clymer, NY 14724-0069, (716) 569-2314, or e-mail LBCGN9@aol.com.

—7 a.m., July 12, Mel's Diner, Wheeler. Breakfast will be served courtesy of CPA of Wheeler. RSVP by 12 noon July 9 to Don King, Wheeler County Extension agent, (806) 826-5243;
 —7 p.m., July 12, Armstrong County Activity Center, Claude. Coffee, cokes and snacks will be provided;
 —8 a.m., July 13, Bairfield Activity Center, Clarendon College, Clarendon. Donuts and coffee will be served.
 —6:30 p.m., July 13, Wanna Be Famous Cafe, Miami. PCA of Pampa and Canadian will sponsor the meal. RSVP the

Soil Conservation Service by July 9, (806) 868-3531 (if no answer, leave a message);
 —7 a.m., July 14, Gray County Extension Service Annex Building, Pampa. Donuts and coffee will be served;
 —7:30 p.m., July 14, War Memorial Building, Panhandle. Coffee, cokes and snacks will be provided.
 PGWCD urges area farmers, ranchers and residents to participate in at least one of these meetings. For more information, contact the District Office at (806) 883-2501 or 1-800-320-3536.

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Aquatic, wildlife museum announces McNutt exhibit

FRITCH — Lake Meredith Aquatic and Wildlife Museum is currently exhibiting the work of freelance photographer Gary L. McNutt throughout the month of July. McNutt's photographs frequently appear in state and national magazines such as "Texas Highways," "Texas Fish & Game" and "Bowhunter Magazine." McNutt is a lifelong resident of the Texas Panhandle and has made Fritch his home the last 20 years while traveling extensively in the Western United States and Canada. His appreciation for nature and the great outdoors shows in the vivid

images he collects on film which are sometimes humorous. McNutt and wife Donna enjoy camping, hiking and photographing the National Parks

and Wilderness areas from the Texas Gulf Coast to Alaska. The museum's summer hours are from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

CINEMA

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The General's Daughter (R)
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Austin Powers II (PG-13)
 Nightly At 9:15 Only

Big Daddy (PG-13)
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Large-Print Menus a Bright Idea For Senior Restaurant Patrons

DEAR ABBY: I recently went to visit my widowed, elderly father in Florida. Like many elderly, his eyesight is not what it once was. He suffers from macular degeneration and has trouble reading small print. What disturbed me so was the fact that he could no longer go to restaurants because he couldn't read the menu.

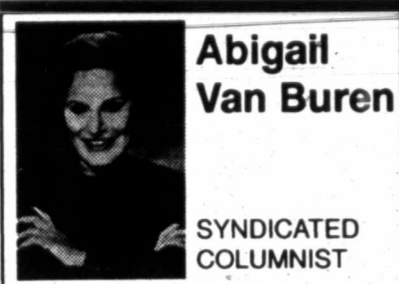
Why don't restaurants print menus in large print? I'm not suggesting that all of their menus be that way, only to have some on hand for people who would like them.

Abby, my father is not alone — his friends are not going to restaurants either. They're embarrassed. I asked him why they don't ask the restaurants to provide large-print menus. He said they would laugh at him. I felt awful.

Please, Abby, be the voice of the elderly once again. These people have a lot of spendable cash, and it wouldn't hurt the restaurants to cater to this large group of people. We're all going to be there one day.

A word to the restaurant association would be appreciated by many. MILDRED, A LOVING AND CONCERNED DAUGHTER IN ILLINOIS

DEAR MILDRED: I'm pleased to pass the word along, but a person doesn't have to be elderly to have trouble reading small print; being over the age of 40 is usually enough. Large-print menus are an excellent



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

suggestion — and while I'm at it, a clever restaurateur should be willing to keep a few pairs of reading glasses on hand as well as a couple of flashlights in case the ambient lighting isn't enough.

DEAR ABBY: Our 15-year-old daughter is grounded. My husband gave the punishment of one week off the phone, which I felt was appropriate. After one day of no phone calls, she asked to get on the Internet to check her e-mail. Her dad said no, because the Internet requires a phone line so that's considered the punishment.

I told him I did not agree. I feel that if he takes away the Internet that it is considered another punishment. Rather than argue, we decided to let you decide, and both of us will abide by your decision for future disciplinary action.

OAK HILL, W.VA., MOM
DEAR WEST VIRGINIA MOM: I vote with your husband. The

purpose of the punishment was to give your daughter a week of "quiet time" to rethink the actions that led to her being disciplined in the first place.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to share this information with your readers so they may start this great act of charity at their places of worship.

At our church, many of the children bring nonperishable food from home and put it into big baskets on the altar while the collection baskets are passed around. The food is then distributed to local food banks. The children enjoy doing it, and they learn the meaning of sharing and helping others in need.

KIM IN SAVAGE, MINN.

DEAR KIM: That is an idea worth emulating — and thank you for it. I'm sure that many churches, in many denominations, will find it worth considering.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 1999
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** You might feel pressured to cover all bases. You'll get a lot done as long as you discern what is high-priority. Be willing to toss out what isn't effective or supportive of you. Break old patterns; venture in a new direction. Unexpected news pops up. Tonight: Do your own thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
** Take a step back. Think carefully before you proceed any further. Review calls, messages and appointments. Because of unusual developments at work, you might opt to rearrange your schedule. Emphasize efficiency. Eliminate what isn't needed. Tonight: Take a nap.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Realize that there are limits to money and resources. Pressure to do what you want could become absolutely too demanding, financially. Be willing to put your foot down and enforce limits. A little self-discipline helps you make a lot of personal progress. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** You simply do not agree with another. How important is it for you to

see eye-to-eye? Work is demanding, impelling you to perform. A partner's wonderful idea helps you with your work and makes you even more efficient. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Negativity could cause you to sabotage yourself. You may feel that another is testing your limits, but you're the one who must draw the line. Unexpected news arrives. Be ready to deal with others. Flow with the moment. Tonight: Look past the obvious to find a solution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Change plans and direct your energies elsewhere. You find out just how demanding a partner can be. Be realistic about your expectations. Greet the unexpected positively. Events will turn in your favor. Tonight: Explore the mysteries of the universe (or whatever else intrigues you).

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Defer to others. Understand your limitations. What seemed impossible can now happen because of a sudden flash of insight. A child or loved one feeds you many ideas. Creativity surges. A boss pressures you. Opt to vanish into your own mental world. Tonight: Accept an impromptu invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Maintain your work ethic. Don't let news break your concentration. Your imagination knows no limits. Know what you want and expect from a co-worker. Discussing goals is important. Persuade a family member to work with you, not against you. Tonight: Clear your desk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Say what you mean and mean

what you say. A partner challenges you down to your very basics. You can come up with a creative response to just about any query. Stop and think about what is really happening. Do something just for you. Tonight: Go with the unexpected.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** You might feel like a partner is limiting your potential and/or threatening your power base. Recognize limits when dealing with others. Build more secure foundations. Family needs to come first. Be willing to take a risk for someone close to you. Tonight: Mentally prepare yourself for an important conversation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** Your unpredictability generally serves you well, but sometimes it diverts your attention from your duties. Today, you lose sight of priorities. Nevertheless, a new direction or an important conversation proves to be rewarding. Just remember that you still need to work! Tonight: Let the good times happen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Intuition helps you with work and money. A flirtation distracts you from building strong blocks to security. Separate fun from responsibilities. Build a nest egg. Refuse to spend unnecessarily. No risk is advisable right now! Tonight: Pay bills.

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Sidewalk eatery
- 5 Zeus's wife
- 9 Confronted
- 10 Turn aside
- 12 Furious
- 13 Tropical fruit
- 14 Rat or mouse
- 16 Ump's call
- 17 Glided
- 18 Quail groups
- 21 British brew
- 22 Bar needs
- 23 Oscar's roommate
- 24 "Calm down!"
- 26 Crow cry
- 29 French caps
- 30 Scarlett's home
- 31 Exist
- 32 Shortly
- 34 Southern lass
- 37 Wipe clean
- 38 Painter's stand
- 39 Copier need
- 40 Pipe problem
- 41 Baseball's Musial

BAIT SWIGS
ELLSIE CANAL
ALONG AGATE
NIL OHM WOE
SEDATE CART
DEVIL RAYS
ASPEN
CRIMEBOSS
FOOL RAN OUT
LOB SST MIR
ALIVE ELATE
SINOW SALON
HOSTS BIRD

Saturday's answer

19 Way to go
20 Puzzle
22 Turn to liquid
23 Enemy pig
24 Breakfast choice
25 Threat starter
26 Bath-house
27 Out of bed
28 Lake fill
29 Movie
30 Predicting deck
33 Catches
35 Thompson of TV
36 Moose's kin

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"Hey! The tablecloth is not a napkin!"

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Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



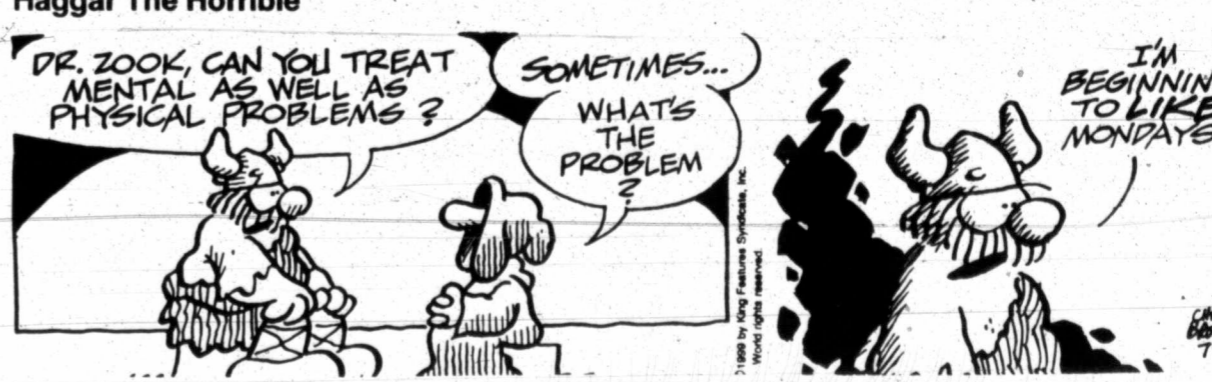
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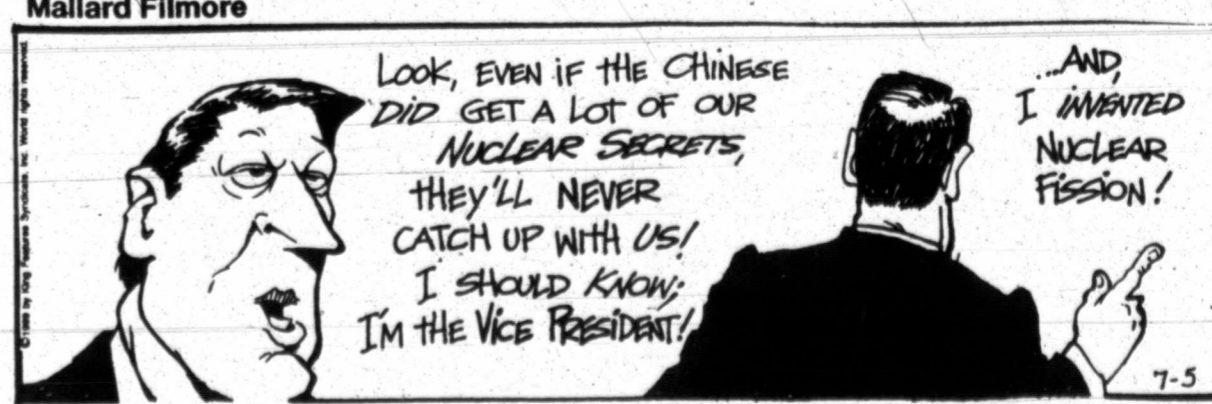
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Blondie



Mallard Filmore



MEDICAL

Women should lead bone-preserving lifestyles

AUSTIN — It only takes one osteoporosis-induced fracture to shatter a woman's independence. Fifty percent of elderly women who have hip fractures lose their ability to walk independently — for life. Up to 33 percent become completely dependent on a caregiver. And that's just among the women who survive. More than 50,000 people die each year from hip fractures and other fractures caused by this bone-weakening disease.

The death and disability caused by osteoporosis can be prevented, but many women think that once they reach a certain age, it's too late to protect themselves. That's not true — it's never too late to prevent or slow down the effects of osteoporosis. The physicians of Texas Medical Association urge you to take care of your bones by following some important osteoporosis prevention guidelines. No matter your age, you can follow these guidelines and preserve your independence and health for years to come.

Osteoporosis is the condition resulting from an excessive loss of bone mass, causing brittle bones that fracture easily. When a woman has osteoporosis, even a minor fall can be devastating. All women are at some risk for the condition as they become older, but some women are more at risk

than others. If you have a low-calcium diet, have a vitamin D deficiency, have gone through

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menopause and aren't taking estrogen, aren't having menstrual periods, smoke or drink excessively, are bedridden, don't exercise, are Caucasian or Asian, are thin and petite, or have a relative with osteoporosis, you are at greater risk. Also, certain medications, such as steroid medicines, can cause osteoporosis. Ask your physician if the medications you are taking could increase your osteoporosis risk.

Luckily, the earlier a woman starts living a bone-preserving lifestyle, the more protected she is from the disease. Teenagers and young women are in the best position to protect themselves, for during those years, the body builds more bone than it

loses. Young women acquire 98 percent of their skeletal mass by age 20. So it is crucial that they fol-

low these guidelines:
—Young women ages 11 to 24 need to consume 1,200 to 1,500 milligrams of calcium a day, and women in their later 20s and 30s need a minimum of 100 milligrams daily, according to the National Institutes of Health. For reference, a glass of skim milk has 302 milligrams, a cup of plain yogurt has 415 milligrams, and an ounce of cheddar cheese has 204 milligrams.

—Women's bodies also need vitamin D to absorb calcium — 400 international units (IU) daily. You can get this amount from being in the sun (but not too long — that's not good for your skin!) Also, you can get vitamin D from fortified foods and milk or from a multivitamin.

—Women of all ages need to participate regularly in weight-bearing exercise such as walking, jogging or weightlifting. These activities strengthen your bones as well as your muscles.

—It's important to limit alcohol intake, which can slow bone building. And don't smoke — smoking weakens your bones.

—Even if you are past the age of attaining peak bone mass, you still can take steps to lessen the risk of osteoporosis. Consuming adequate calcium is vital to helping slow the bone loss that occurs as we age. Women, from their mid-twenties until age 64, need at least 1,000 milligrams of calcium a day, and 1,200-1,500 milligrams a day if they are pregnant, breast-feeding or have gone through menopause.

Of course, the best sources of calcium are milk

products such as cheese, low-fat yogurt, skim milk and ice cream. But you also can get calcium from beans, tofu, collard greens, kale, turnip greens, bokchoy, broccoli, certain kinds of fish and almonds.

If you are unable to attain sufficient calcium through your diet, supplements can help, but remember that not all supplements are created equal. Some supplements must be taken with food; some without. Some must be taken at particular times of the day. Also, your body only can absorb 400 to 500 milligrams of calcium at a time, so taking more than that in one dose is unnecessary. Check with your doctor to find out what supplement is right for you.

Getting adequate vitamin D is especially important for elderly women, who may not spend as much time outdoors. Women who get little sunlight should make sure to eat vitamin D-enriched foods or take a supplement.

For postmenopausal women who are not on estrogen replacement therapy, the risk of osteoporosis increases greatly. Estrogen has a protective effect for bone, decreasing the amount of bone loss. Without estrogen replacement, a woman can lose two to five percent of her bone mass each year during the first five to seven years of menopause. So if you are going through menopause, consult your physician about estrogen replacement therapy and its benefits.

Why spend your later years worrying about fractures and losing your independence? Do what you can now to prevent osteoporosis. By taking care of yourself, you can look the future straight in the eye and not break.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

Genetic embryo test gives sickle cell-carrying parents healthy babies

CHICAGO (AP) — Parents who carry the gene for sickle cell anemia can now ensure their children will be free of the disease by using test-tube fertilization and having the embryos genetically analyzed before they are implanted.

The procedure allows parents to use an embryo free of the devastating gene, guaranteeing they will not pass on the disease.

Without the genetic diagnosis, children of two sickle cell carriers have a 25 percent chance of developing the disease and a 50 percent chance of being a carrier.

The technique is already used to prevent other hereditary disorders such as cystic fibrosis and Tay-Sachs disease.

It was successfully applied to sickle cell carriers for the first time last year. Two embryos screened through the process are now healthy twins free of sickle cell disease and the gene defect that causes it, according to researchers.

They reported their findings in a recent issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Previously, parents who were sickle cell carriers had to wait until 10 weeks into pregnancy for a test to indicate whether their fetus inherited the defect and

would develop sickle cell anemia. The disease can be passed on only if both parents are carriers.

"Up to now, couples who had affected fetuses could only deal with it by having an induced abortion," said Dr. Zev Rosenwaks, the study's principal investigator. Rosenwaks directs the Center for Reproductive Medicine and Infertility at Cornell University's Weill Medical College, which collaborated with Dr. Mark Hughes of Wayne State University in Detroit on developing the test.

Sickle cell anemia, which mostly affects blacks, is one of the most common inherited genetic disorders. One in 625 black children is afflicted.

The life-shortening disease results from an abnormality in hemoglobin, the oxygen-carrying pigment in blood. The defect distorts red cells into the shape of sickles.

Symptoms start as early as six months after birth and include fatigue, headaches, organ damage, seizures and strokes. Sickle cell anemia also increases a person's vulnerability to infections. No cure has been found.

The technique the researchers

used is called pre-implantation genetic diagnosis, or PGD. It allows researchers to study genetic traits in embryos even when they are made up of only six to eight cells.

The procedure has been used for about 10 years in parents with gene traits for similarly inherited disorders, such as cystic fibrosis, Tay-Sachs disease and thalassemia, which also involves hemoglobin.

"We've done at least 12 different diseases," said Dr. Charles M. Strom, medical director of the Reproductive Genetics Institute at Illinois Masonic Hospital in Chicago. He was not involved in this study.

Strom said his institute also used PGD to prevent sickle cell disease in a baby born last October.

The technique is expensive and performed at only a few medical facilities. In vitro fertilization costs \$8,000 to \$12,000 per attempt, and the PGD test is \$2,000.

Dr. Oswaldo Castro, director of the Sickle Cell Disease Center at Howard University in Washington, said he is opposed to using PGD to select embryos because it means other embryos are passed over. Some are destroyed, and others are frozen for possible future implantation.

Studies show grafts effective for ruptured aorta

By BRIGITTE GREENBERG
Associated Press Writer

When the main artery that carries blood from the heart tears, the victim is more likely to survive if doctors patch the hole rather than try to sew it closed or treat it with drugs, according to studies in a recent New England Journal of Medicine.

The research represents the first look at whether a stent — a wire-mesh tube that is inserted into the artery in a non-surgical procedure — is more effective than surgery or drugs.

Each year in the United States, up to 5,500 people suffer from what is known as an aortic dissection, a tear in the aorta that can get larger. A burst aorta, if left untreated, is usually fatal.

Surgery and drugs are the standard treatments, but they have high

rates of failure and can themselves result in death.

The study by Dr. Christoph Nienaber and colleagues at University Hospital Eppendorf in Hamburg, Germany, looked at 12 patients who received stents and 12 who had surgery.

Surgery involves sewing the tear closed. To insert a stent, doctors thread a catheter — a long, flexible

tube — into the artery and push the stent into place.

Among those who received stents, there were no deaths or serious complications, such as stroke, paralysis in the legs, or a blood clot that travels to the lungs. Among those who had surgery, four died as a result of the operation itself and five suffered serious complications within the following year.



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Help Your Heart Recipes

This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day — not for each food or recipe.

Southwestern Turkey Wraps

<p>3 ounces fat-free or light cream cheese, softened</p> <p>2 tablespoons low-sodium salsa*</p> <p>2 tablespoons sliced green onion</p> <p>1 teaspoon Dijon mustard</p> <p>4 8-inch nonfat or low-fat flour tortillas**</p>	<p>1½ cups shredded lettuce</p> <p>6 ounces very thinly sliced or finely chopped roasted turkey breast, skin and all visible fat removed</p> <p>¼ cup shredded nonfat or reduced-fat Cheddar cheese</p> <p>4 strips red bell pepper, about ¼ inch wide</p>
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In a small bowl, combine cream cheese, salsa, green onion, and mustard, stirring well.

To assemble, spread 2 tablespoons mixture over each tortilla. Layer ½ cup lettuce, one-fourth of the turkey, 1 tablespoon Cheddar, and 1 red pepper strip over cream cheese mixture. Roll to enclose filling.

Wrap tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate for several hours or until serving time. Cut each tortilla roll into fourths.

Serves 4.

*Select a salsa that contains no fat and has the lowest sodium value.
**Nonfat and low-fat flour tortillas can be high in sodium. Select the ones with the lowest sodium value or substitute corn tortillas.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving					
177 kcal	Calories	38 mg	Cholesterol	0 g	Saturated Fat
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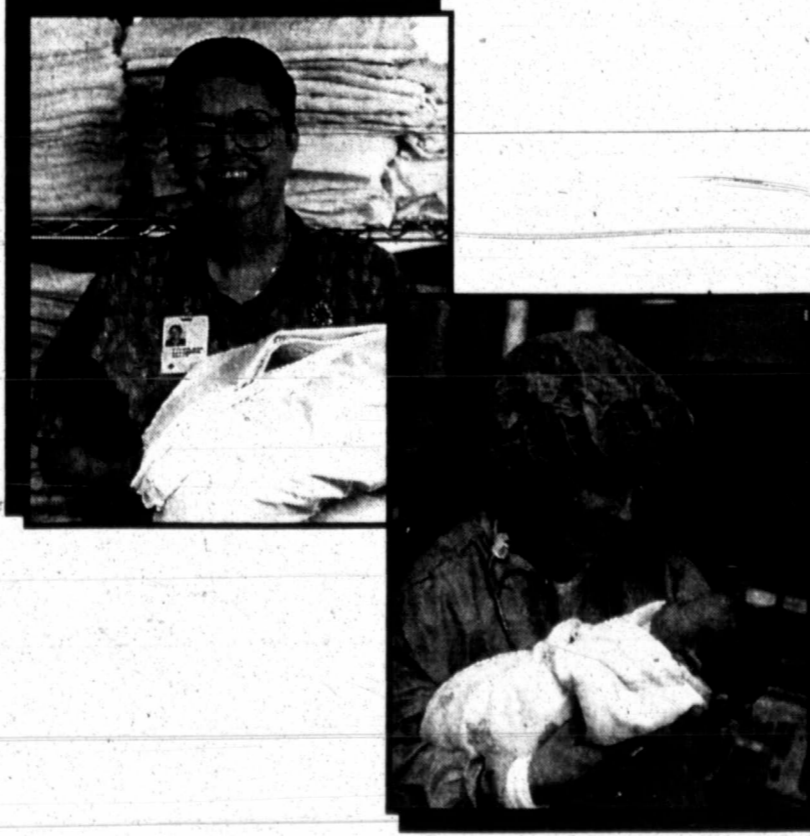
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Softball

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be entering the following leagues for Fall Softball: Men's Open, Women's Open and Mixed Open.

Entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is already sanctioned). The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 10 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

Entry deadline is July 9 at 5 p.m. and there will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on July 15 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin on July 19, for Men's Open and Women's Open and July 20, for Mixed Open.

Roster forms, fact sheets and rules are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. 1st Street between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Fall Softball League, contact the Recreation Office at 9-5770 during business hours.

Baseball

NEW YORK (AP) — While Joe Torre is honoring Juan Gonzalez's request to skip the All-Star game, he doesn't agree with the decision by the Texas Rangers' outfielder.

Gonzalez, angry that manager Ken Griffey Jr. and Cleveland's Manny Ramirez and Kenny Lofton are ahead of him in voting for the AL's three starting spots, said he would be a starter or not at all.

Final fan voting totals for the starters will be announced Friday, and reserves for both leagues on Wednesday.

"I respect the fans, but if they don't vote me, then I don't want to play," Gonzalez said Friday before the Rangers' game against Seattle.

Torre said he had intended to start Gonzalez, who began the season with 23 homers and 76 RBIs, third in the AL in both categories.

"He deserved to be there," Torre, manager of the AL team at Boston's Fenway Park, said Friday. "I was told by the league office they had been in touch with the Rangers, and they asked if he should be chosen. Instead of being chosen and not going, I asked he not be chosen."

At the end of last week, Griffey had 13 votes and was trailed by Gonzalez (12), Ramirez (11) and Lofton (9).

David Justice (7), Griffey Jr. (6) and Justice (5) were next at 6, 5 and 4 votes.

"It's a popularity contest," Torre said. "It's a matter of which ballparks vote."

"He shouldn't be upset by the process because the process is the ballparks."

Halama leads Mariners past Rangers 6-0

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — When the Seattle Mariners traded Randy Johnson to the Houston Astros last year, John Halama was an afterthought.

Now the player-to-be-named-later has become the man in Seattle.

Seattle traded Johnson, its long-time ace, on July 15, 1998, in exchange for Freddy Garcia and Carlos Guillen.

Halama was not added to the deal until later. Halama scattered six hits for his first career shutout and seventh consecutive win to lead the Seattle Mariners to a 6-0 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday night.

Halama (7-2) struck out four, walked two and allowed just one runner past second base for his first career complete game and fifth consecutive win since being moved from the bullpen on May 25.

"He was a player all along,"

said Mariners manager Lou Piniella. "We knew what we were getting when last season was over."

Piniella expected Halama to be a starter, but put him in the bullpen to start the season because he had too many left-handed starters. Seattle opened the season with left-handers Jamie Moyer, Jeff Fassero and Butch Henry in the rotation, leaving none in the bullpen.

Halama got spot starts against Minnesota and Baltimore at the end of May and pitched well enough to stick.

"I pitched well enough in those games that they kept sending me out," said Halama, who could not remember ever throwing a complete game shutout at any level in the pros. "I feel more comfortable (starting) because it's something I've been doing."

Now Piniella may never take him out of the rotation.

"In retrospect, it (starting him

in the bullpen) worked out well because he got a chance to acclimate himself to the league and the hitters," Piniella said. "He's cemented his spot in the rotation."

It was the first complete game shutout by a Mariners pitcher since Jamie Moyer on Sept. 17, 1998 — a span of 90 games. Texas had not allowed a complete-game shutout since the Yankees' David Wells did it on Aug. 21, 1998.

Halama has held opponents to three runs or fewer in seven of eight starts and has lasted past the sixth inning seven times. He hasn't lost since an April 23 relief appearance against Tampa Bay.

After cruising through the first 8 2-3 innings, Halama gave up a double to Rafael Palmeiro, walked Todd Zeile and hit Roberto Kelly with a pitch before getting Lee Stevens to ground out to second to end the game.

"He gave us a good dose of our

own medicine," said Rangers manager Johnny Oates. "He doesn't give you much to hit the ball very hard. You have to tip your hat to him."

Seattle scored four runs on five consecutive hits in the first inning off Texas starter Mike Morgan (9-6).

Alex Rodriguez had a run-scoring single and Edgar Martinez followed with a three-run homer to left, his 12th of the season.

Ken Griffey Jr., 3-for-5, drove in a run with an infield single in the second inning.

Morgan allowed five runs — four earned — on nine hits in three innings to end his three-game winning streak. It was the first time he allowed more than four runs since May 23 against Baltimore.

"We've talked all year about location and Mike struggled with that tonight," Oates said. "You like to have a guy like that who has about 10 miles per hour dif-

ference from his fastball to his off-speed pitch. Tonight, he had only about a 6 mile per hour difference."

Brian Hunter hit a solo homer off reliever Danny Kolb in the fourth inning.

Kolb was optioned to Triple-A Oklahoma after Sunday's game to make room for right-hander Esteban Loaiza.

Loaiza had been out since July 16 after breaking his hand when it was slammed in a car door.

Notes: Sunday's crowd of 47,204 was the largest ever at the Ballpark in Arlington, surpassing the old record of 46,934 set on July 4, 1997. ... Zeile's single in the second inning extended his hit streak to 13 games. ... Rangers relievers Danny Kolb and Danny Patterson retired 12 consecutive batters from the sixth through the ninth innings. Patterson retired all nine that he faced with four strikeouts. ... Ken Griffey Jr. was 7-for-13 in the three-game series.

U.S. women edge Brazil 2-0 in World Cup action

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — As the ball floated temptingly toward the U.S. net, the huge crowd collectively gasped. American players turned and stared at the one woman who could save them.

And Briana Scurry did just that.

"Never a doubt," defender Kate Sobrero said after Scurry made the first of several spectacular saves Sunday, preserving the United States' 2-0 victory over Brazil and earning a berth in the Women's World Cup final against China. "We know that if we need it, Bri is going to be there."

The Americans needed it before 73,123 on the Fourth of July, when their usual offensive fireworks often turned into duds. Scurry tipped that shot by Brazil's Nene from 35 yards just over the crossbar early in the second half. Later, Scurry barely got a hand on Nene's kick in the 56th minute and made a sprawling two-handed stop on Pretinha in the 83rd.

So while the attack generally sputtered as the grind of playing two games in less than three full days affected both sides, Scurry stood firm for her 52nd career shutout and third of the tournament.

"Any game where I can do my part and get my team in the final of the Women's World Cup is my best game," said Scurry, who also backstopped the Americans to a 1996 Olympic gold medal, then streaked through the streets of Athens, Ga. — for a few seconds — in celebration. "I definitely think today was my best effort in five years of playing with the team."

But she might need another such display in Saturday's final at the Rose Bowl. China routed Norway, the defending champion, 5-0 in the other semifinal in Foxboro, Mass., and has looked like the best team in the field throughout the tournament.

Meanwhile, the United States has been inconsistent. Against Brazil, which U.S. coach Tony DiCicco once again called "the most improved team in our sport," there was little flow.

"I think fatigue probably played a part," said U.S. star Mia Hamm, who created a few scoring opportunities and was fouled in the penalty area, setting up Michelle Akers' 80th-minute penalty kick goal. "Both teams are pretty emotional, attacking teams. We both had our surges where we would be in their end for 15 or 20 minutes, then they would be near our goal."

But every time the Brazilians got close, Scurry was too good. "It's hard to keep them under wraps," Scurry said. "Brazil's going to get their chances no matter how well you play defensively."

"I just know that when the shots go up, I have to be there. I feel I really helped our team out to win today."

For once, the Americans got going quickly, thanks to a misplay by Brazil keeper Maravilha.

Julie Foudy's long cross went directly to the goalie. But as she leaped for it, the ball went off her hands into the air and Cindy Parlow headed it home in the fifth minute.

"We've been behind in some games and had to come back," Parlow said. "This time, we concentrated on not falling behind and it made things a lot easier for us to play our game."

Still, it was tight until Carla Overbeck's goal kick was headed downfield by Akers to Hamm, who broke into the penalty area. She was nudged by Brazil captain Elaine and went down. Referee Katriona Elovirta signaled the penalty kick.

Akers supplied the worst kind of punishment for Brazil, sending the ball into the right side of the net for a 2-0 edge.

It was over, and the Americans could celebrate their second trip to the World Cup final in the three times the event has been held.

Pittsburgh's Kendall out for season

Jason Kendall went into shock, his right ankle shattered. Players shielded their eyes, avoiding a bone sticking out of his skin.

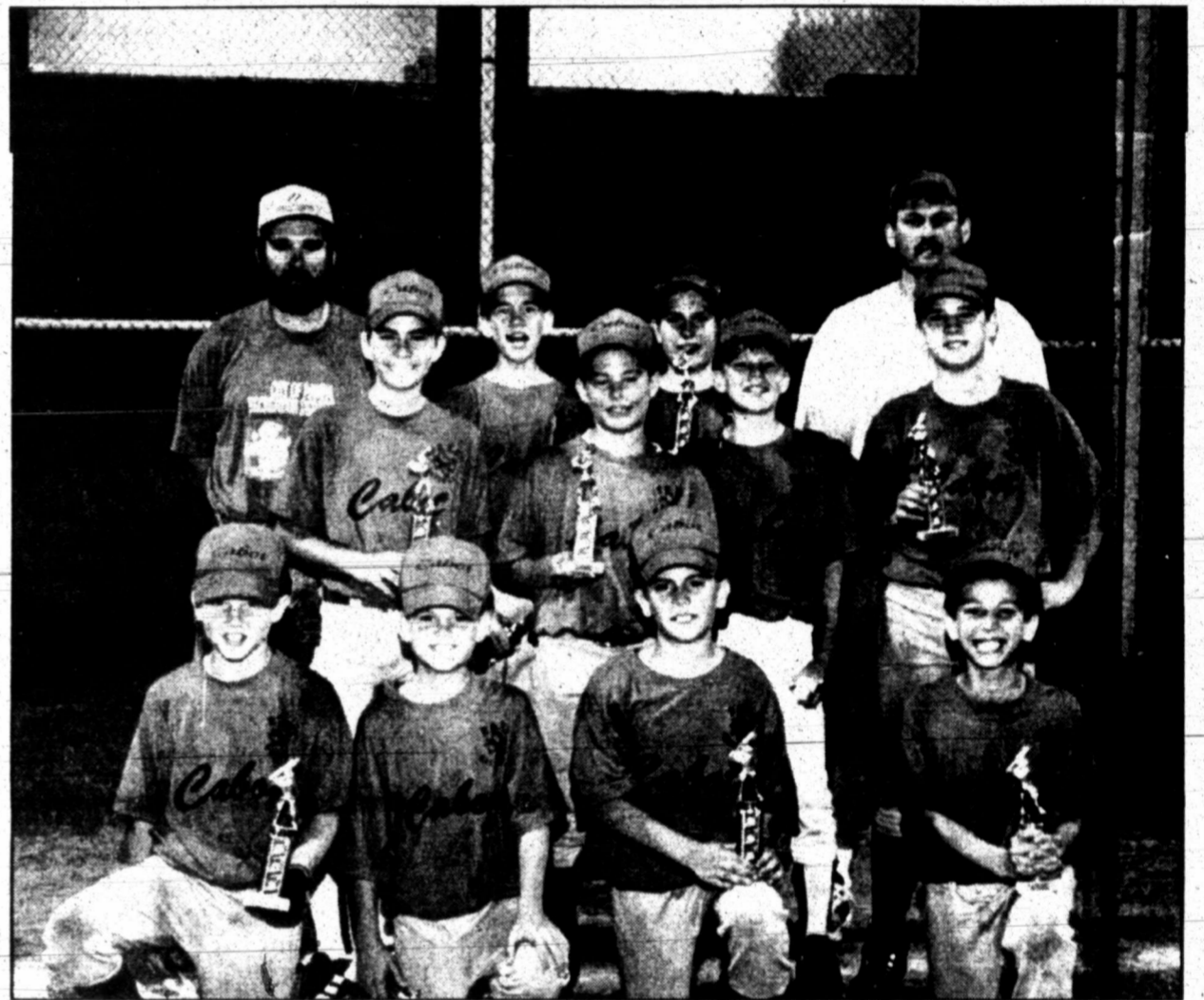
In a grotesque scene that brought back disturbing images of injuries to Joe Theismann and Robin Ventura, Kendall fractured and dislocated his right ankle in a baserunning accident Sunday.

Kendall was sidelined for the season, and some wondered whether Pittsburgh's All-Star catcher would ever be the same.

"It's one of the most gruesome things I've ever seen," Milwaukee first baseman Mark Loretta said.

Kendall was thrown out trying to bunt in the fifth inning, and his right foot landed awkwardly on the side of the bag. He took several more steps before collapsing onto the turf at Three Rivers Stadium, and went into shock right away.

"I think everybody on this team was in shock, too," Pirates reserve catcher Keith Osik said



Cabot Corporation was the runner-up in this year's Major Bambino City Tournament. Pictured are (l-r): top row; Coach Kevin Davis, Adam Brown, Aaron Hunt and coach Steve Kuhn; middle row; Cody Lee, Grant Stucki, Taylor Fatheree and Tyler Doughty; bottom row; Keenan Davis, Zach Ammons, Heath Miller and Billy Hightower. Not pictured is Dustin Kuhn.

Koch's double opens door for Pak to win record playoff

By RUSTY MILLER
AP Sports Writer

SYLVANIA, Ohio (AP) — Carin Koch opened the door and five other players stepped in. Only Se Ri Pak could slam it shut.

Koch's double-bogey on the 72nd hole paved the way for Pak to hit a 12-foot uphill birdie putt on the first playoff hole that ended the first six-player playoff in LPGA history.

A winner of the Jamie Farr Classic by nine shots a year ago, Pak was the last of six players to putt on the first playoff hole Sunday.

From below the hole, she rolled the ball into the heart of the cup to collect the \$135,000 first-place check and her second victory of the season.

"I hit it firm, I hit it on right line, I hit it with right break, then, 'Whoom' — into the hole," she said.

Pak was joined in the playoff by Koch, Karrie Webb, Mardi Lunn, Sherri Steinhauer and Kelli Kuehne — who had left the course, ate dinner and was at her hotel.

They played No. 18, a 532-yard, par-5 hole, in a sudden-death sixsome that took match play to an extreme.

After the first three players putted, Koch and then Kuehne barely missed birdie putts.

As Pak's shot nestled in the cup, the large gallery surrounding the green and lining the fairway at the top of a large hill overlooking the hole roared its approval.

There have been three previous five-player playoffs, the last in 1981.

Pak, who pulled into the tie with a birdie at the 16th, shot a final-round of even-par 71 to make the playoff at 8-under 276.

The round was played in high humidity and temperatures approaching 100 degrees.

There would have been no playoff if Koch had even bogeyed the last hole.

The 28-year-old Swede, seeking her first LPGA victory, led by two shots coming to the 72nd hole.

Her drive found a stand of pine trees left of the fairway and she hit trees on her next two shots.

Now 105 yards short of the green, she hit a 9 iron over the green, then fluffed her chip to the fringe.

When she two-putted from 17 feet, it seemed everybody on the leaderboard was back in the hunt.

"I did everything bad on one hole," she said.

"It's hard. I didn't know what was going on. I didn't look at the scoreboard. When I looked, it was coming up with different players' names. I thought maybe I was tied."

Lunn, playing in the group immediately behind Koch, said she was in the middle of her backswing on the last hole when she heard the crowd moan as Koch's double-bogey was posted on the leaderboard.

Before catching a flight to Sweden, Koch added, "I was mad because I let everyone come into the playoff. I made some stupid mistakes."

Kuehne almost did, too. After shooting a 66 early in the day, she and her fiance went out

for a chicken dinner. They returned to the course and saw that Kuehne still trailed by two strokes as Koch prepared to play No. 18.

So they left. While talking on her phone in her hotel parking lot, Kuehne noticed she had a message. When she checked it, it was an LPGA official frantically telling her she was in the playoff.

"I drive like 90 mph coming here. OK, it's my first playoff and I'm not even going to be here for the tee off!" the second-year player said.

"But it was good for me because I didn't have the time or the chance to be nervous."

Lunn, who had led each of the first two rounds, Webb and Steinhauer each shot 70, while Koch had a 69.

As she approached the 72nd green, Webb said she thought hitting her 8-footer for birdie would give her second place. Then she realized what had happened to Koch.

"I wasn't prepared to make the putt to win," she said. "It changed my mindset."

Steinhauer said the playoff was charged with electricity. "It was pretty exciting," she said. "You could tell the people really enjoyed what was going on."

A year ago, Pak shot an LPGA-record 61 in the second round and finished at 261 for the lowest 72-hole total in tour history, winning by nine strokes.

She enjoyed her most recent win more. "It was more fun," she said. "Very tough every hole. Tension."

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Baby-boomers big opportunity for autopsy techs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Vidal Herrera's van says a lot about the man.

"1-800-Autopsy" is emblazoned on the side. The vanity plate reads "YSPOTUA" — that's autopsy spelled backward. And his license plate frame offers this advice: "Autopsy techs do it with more rigor mortis."

Herrera is a freelance — and very mobile — autopsy specialist, charging \$2,000 for his services, and a little more if he digs up the corpse.

And in true entrepreneurial spirit, he's preparing for the bulge of baby boomers about to usher in what he calls a golden age of death: The man who is known as the rolling El Muerto ("The Dead One" in Spanish) is franchising his services nationally.

"There's 1-800-DENTIST and 1-800-FLOWERS, why not 1-800-AUTOPSY?" asked the 47-year-old owner of Los Angeles-based Autopsy/Post Services.

The former coroner's investigator arranges private autopsies on bodies from all over the world. He hires a freelance pathologist and assists with the grim work himself.

His catalogue of services includes DNA analysis, tissue procurement, medical photography as well as trial, television and movie consulting. Herrera even helped out the most notorious TV medical examiner show — "Quincy, M.E."

A big part of his business involves retrieving brains and joints from bodies donated for medical research. He also recycles hearing aids, pacemakers and prostheses for use in Third World countries. They can't be reused in the United States.

Herrera opened shop 11 years ago, concerned about the drop in autopsies amid cuts in hospital staff and health services. Postmortems are performed on 7 percent of hospital deaths, down from 42 percent in 1965, according to the Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

Herrera, who worked 20 years with the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office, suspects that deaths caused by foul play or malpractice go undetected because of the nationwide decline in autopsies. In fact, he said, a quarter of all cases he does are misdiagnosed.

Contract autopsies like those Herrera offers are on the increase nationwide, and his fee is \$1,500 less than the county coroner's office would charge for a private autopsy. Herrera expects to perform at least 800 this year and is about to sell franchises for \$30,000 each — which doesn't include \$45,000 in equipment — in 72 American cities and 16 countries.

"We believe, and state in our motto, 'Mortis praesidium et vocem dare necesse est' — the deceased must be protected and given a voice," he said. "We fulfill that goal by allowing otherwise hidden information to come to light, even though the deceased can no longer speak for themselves."

Saws, scalpels, specimen bottles and an Igloo ice chest for transporting organs are the tools of his trade. The Chevrolet van also has a fax machine and a cellular telephone.

"I'm always ready to do an autopsy," he said, adding that he works seven days a week, 23 1/2 hours a day. "We need 30 minutes meditation a day."

One of Herrera's biggest supporters is Johnnie L. Cochran Jr., the attorney who helped defend O.J. Simpson. "Without fail, the autopsies and reports conducted by their independent pathologists have been extremely well prepared and thorough," Cochran said in a letter of recommendation.

Plummeting numbers of autopsies and the aging of Baby Boomers mean Herrera's business is set to expand. Census figures show that 79 million people age 65 or older will live in the United States by 2050, up 150 percent from 1990.

"This is a recession-proof business," he said.

Some Texas teachers fear raises may not come

DALLAS (AP) — Some public school teachers fear that \$3,000 pay raises approved by the state won't come through and administrators who've heard that same concern say they're working to fulfill the promise.

Districts could use the money earmarked by the Texas Legislature in lieu of scheduled raises or spend the funds on other items, the employees say.

"We've heard rumors of that from teachers," Larry Shaw, executive director of United Educators Association, told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions. "But administrators know good and well that there's no wiggle room."

Debbie Cabrera, the Irving school district's finance director, said administrators have heard similar talk. But she said teachers are entitled to the \$3,000 in addition to raises called for under established pay schedules.

"It's our understanding, from everything we've read, that it was the Legislature's intent," she said.

If a teacher is scheduled to get a \$500 raise based on seniority based on a set pay schedule, for example, the total pay increase would be \$3,500, said Omar Garcia, director of the Texas Education Agency division of state funding. "If they were scheduled to advance a step (increase), then they advance."

However, many districts are now trying to figure out what they're required to do.

"We're still — in conjunction with most of our neighbors — analyzing the law and making sure we comply with what the law requires us to do," said Mark Hyatt, assistant superintendent for support services at Carrollton-Farmers Branch.

The statewide raise from lawmakers, hammered out this spring, would boost Texas' ranking on teacher pay to 26th, a national survey by the Texas Federation of Teachers shows.

A national survey showed that in 1997-98, Texas ranked 36th with an average teacher salary of \$33,537.

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In case of Y2K chaos, upscale family goes to rustic lifestyle

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (AP) — How concerned is Jamie O'Rourke about the Y2K computer bug?

Enough to sell his million-dollar home near Nashville with its pool and tennis courts, pack up his wife and children, and move into a double-wide trailer on 350 acres near the Alabama state line.

Enough to start stockpiling supplies and have his children learn to farm so the family can raise food if none is available elsewhere.

Enough to ignore those who say what he is doing seems crazy.

O'Rourke, a successful businessman, believes it's possible that computer problems will be so widespread on Jan. 1 that power grids will fail throughout the country.

That would mean no running water for many people, no way to keep food fresh or frozen, no ATMs dispensing cash. Grocery store shelves would be cleaned out within days. And that could cause panic, he said.

"I think you have a very real potential for anarchy and chaos, which we've seen in our times. Watts. The L.A. riots. When the Chicago Bulls win. It doesn't take much," said O'Rourke, 47.

No one is sure how serious any problems related to the Y2K bug may be. The glitch could occur if computers originally programmed to recognize only the last two digits of a year assume it is 1900 instead of 2000. Utilities, government agencies and businesses are spending billions to test and prepare their computers for New Year's Day.

While O'Rourke agrees the worst-case scenario of failed electric grids leading to anarchy is farfetched, he isn't taking any chances.

"The question becomes, what can you assume? And in the final analysis, I think that you cannot assume the power will be on," he said. "Therefore, in order to prepare, you have to assume it's going to be off. That's where I am."

So O'Rourke, his wife, Cyd, and eight of their nine children, ages 4 to 21, moved from their 9,000-square-foot home in Brentwood, about 15 miles south of Nashville, to a 2,000-square-foot mobile home. The couple's eldest daughter lives with her husband in Oklahoma City.

The location of their new home — which O'Rourke does not want publicized — is so out of the way he still sometimes gets lost trying to find it. The family's closest neighbors are Amish.

Not long after moving in, O'Rourke's younger children spent a morning happily gathering hens' eggs in a blue wire basket and washing them at the sink. The family couldn't cook them: They hadn't unpacked the frying pan yet.

Five tractor-trailers out back contained family belongings, and the beige double-wide was packed with furnishings and boxes. A playpen was stuffed with clothes. A picnic table served as the dining room table.

Mrs. O'Rourke said her friends joke that she's like Eva Gabor from the old "Green Acres" TV comedy about urban sophisticates taking up a rustic life.

Even within the family, the decision seemed strange at first, her husband said.

"In the beginning, some of the older children said, 'What's going on?' But as we've discussed it as a family, I think they've realized this is what we should do," O'Rourke said. "Now, if we voted whether to move to a farm, and Y2K were not an issue, they would probably have been against it."

The move now completed, 15-year-old Michael said it was a big change. But, he added, "I actually like this place."

Daniel, 11, said it's hard leaving his friends, but "it's kind of fun learning new things," like how the trailer's plumbing works and how fresh cow's milk tastes. "Better than store-bought."

Caroline, 6, likes milking the family's three cows, gathering eggs and catching butterflies.

To help prepare for the move, daughter Shawn, 21, moved back from Phoenix last year and spent a week with Daniel working on a farm in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. She set up the O'Rourke farm, buying and caring for the livestock and planting the family's vegetable gardens. At one point during the transition, the mansion's tennis court became an impromptu home for their first brood of chickens.

Shawn said she never expected to spend her time "wringing the necks of chickens," but the new life has its pluses. She met her new husband while learning to can vegetables near the O'Rourkes' new home. They live in a trailer on the farm while they build a house there.

How did all of this change come about?

It got started a little more than a year ago when friends mentioned the millennium bug to O'Rourke, and at first he did not understand.

"I said, 'Well, if it's a computer problem, I have computer people and ... they'll let me know,'" said O'Rourke, who employs 30 at his Brentwood office and another 100 at a plant in Mexico. His company, Kidpower, makes swimming pool floats, glow-in-the-dark flying discs and other toys.

"And that's kind of where I left it," he said, until last summer when some of his customers — Wal-Mart, Kmart, Target and Toys R Us — sent letters asking whether his company would be Y2K compliant. His bank asked, too.

He read more about Y2K and started paying close attention when "credible" people like Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan talked about it.

Then he found that some people he knew were stockpiling food and buying wood stoves, just in case. He was disappointed they hadn't told him but understood why.

"They didn't want to be thought of as foolish or extremist," O'Rourke said.

Nor does O'Rourke, but he's speaking out anyway.

"The guy who walks into this thing saying there won't be any problems worries me more," said Tim Wilson, publisher of the Y2K News Magazine, noting that O'Rourke is not alone in taking the extreme step of moving his home.

When O'Rourke decided to move his family from their home of 12 years and settle on the rural property, he set aside part of the land for friends worried about Y2K, selling them five-acre parcels at cost.

The O'Rourkes bought a five-bedroom trailer because he didn't want to sink a lot of cash and time into building a house. They got a wood stove and dug a well that is pumped manually. They bought long-burning candles, enough food to make it until the next harvest, and non-hybrid seeds to ensure their plants continue reproducing if no new seeds are around to buy. They bought a diesel-fueled generator, to be backed up by a windmill and a solar power system.

"We can do some heroic things in January, but they won't mean much compared to the semi-heroic things we do today to encourage people to be prepared, just in case," O'Rourke said.

He hasn't forgotten his employees. Kidpower, which has had its computers retrofitted and tested, will shut down from Dec. 20 until at least Jan. 20. Before then, workers will get their bonuses and the opportunity to cash in vacation time.

The last few months have been a strain, O'Rourke acknowledges, but he speaks proudly of how his family has adjusted. Even if nothing happens on Jan. 1, he said the move has been worth it.

"We'll all get our Eagle Scout badges, as it were," he said.

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