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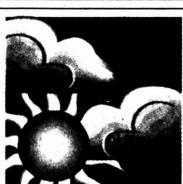
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No ticket(s) correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth an estimated \$7 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 1, 10, 19, 23, 33 and

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$10 million.

CANYON (AP) — A 27-year old West Texas A&M University graduate died early Sunday at a fraternity

Officials have not released any information about what might have killed Wesley Williams, but witnesses said the Amarillo resident was seen drinking before he passed out in the parking lot of the Alpha Tau Omega

Williams was airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy has been ordered, and the Randall County Sheriff's

Department is investigating.
Wynn Smiley, executive director of the Indianapolis-based fraternity, said Williams was not a member of the fraternity.

"According to eyewitnesses, the 27-year-old Williams arrived at an ATO function around midnight with two friends and their own supply of beer," Smiley said. "All guests, if they chose to consume alcohol at the function, brought their own beer."

No obituaries were submitted to *The Pampa News* today.

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Minister hurt, wife, daughter killed

Crash occurred while family returning home

By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher

Pampa minister Terry Jackson was reported to be in stable condition this morning following an Arkansas car crash that claimed the lives of his wife and daughter when their station wagon was hit head on.

Killed about 6 Sunday morning were Patricia Jackson, 49, and Jennifer Jackson, 12, said an Arkansas State Police spokesman. The Jackson home is at 942 Cinderella.

The Jacksons were west bound in their 1988 Mercury Sable station wagon on U.S. Highway 70 east of DeQueen and six miles west of Dierks when a 1993 Ford Ranger pickup truck crested a hill, crossed the center line and hit the station wagon, the ASP spokesman said. The accident remains under investigation.

The driver of the pickup, Jacqualine Sanchez, 25, of Idabell, Okla., was killed as one passenger, Audra Sampson, 32, of Swink, Okla., the spokesman said.

Swink, Okla., the spokesman said.

All four of those killed died at the scene, the spokesman said.

A third person in the pickup, Lucas

Rodriguez, 31, of DeQueen, Ark., was hurt and, like Jackson, was taken to Wadley Regional Medical Center in Texarkana, Texas. Rodriguez was listed as being in serious condition this morning.

Jackson, 47, is the minister of Faith Tabernacle United Pentecostal Church at

610 Naida.
Church member Pat Stucker told *The Pampa News* today the Jacksons have lived in Pampa for about four years after having moved here from Childress where

Jackson pastored a church for seven years.
The Jacksons had gone to Arkansas to visit Jackson's father and get together with family members at the family's "home place," Stucker said.

Jackson's mother had died about a year ago and his father had sold the home place, Stucker said. "They were all getting together there for one last time."

The family was returning to Pampa a day earlier than originally planned when the accident happened, Stucker said. "He wanted to get back to minister to a critically ill member of our church."

Stucker said Jackson suffered from a head injury and had a crushed hand. She (See MINISTER, Page 2)



A recent family photo of Terry Jackson, his wife, Patricia, daughter, Jennifer and sons Jeremy and Jonathon Jackson. The sons, both college students, did not make the trip to Arkansas.

New Citizen's Police Academy to begin Sept. 21

Pampa Police are giving residents a chance to find out how the police work and what citizens can do to help protect themselves.

The Police Department is accepting applications for the first cit-

The Police Department is accepting applications for the first citizens academy in a couple of years, according to Police Chief Charlie Morris. He said previous academies have been big successes.

"We practice community based policing." Morris said. "We feel

"We practice community-based policing," Morris said. "We feel a well informed public is important and this is a good way for police and citizens to become familiar with each other."

Among topics that will be covered are patrol procedures, protective orders, criminal investigations and a tour of the police department.

Police Sgt. Alvin Johnson said the classes will not just be lecture

but will include some role playing, mock crime scenes to investigate and other "hands on" projects.

Besides police officers there will be other speakers and guests including Justice of the Peace Bob Muns, Constable Chris

including Justice of the Peace Bob Muns, Constable Chris Lockridge, members of the Gray County Sheriff's Department and Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall.

Classes will be held each Tuesday for 12 weeks starting Sept. 21

Classes will be held each Tuesday for 12 weeks starting Sept. 21 and participants must be 18 or over. Applications can be picked up at the police department in City Hall or interested parties can call 669-6700 leaving name address and phone number and an application will be mailed.

County oks tax increase, use some budget surplus

By JEFF WEST Staff Writer

After reviewing every department and some soul-searching the Gray County Commissioners Court approved the year 2000 budget and a small tax increase.

The property tax increase raises the effective tax rate from .4276 per \$100 valuation to .4599. The effective tax rate is the rate needed in order to bring in the same amount of money as the year before, according to County Auditor Elaine Morris.

Even with the slight tax hike the county projects it will have to dip into its reserve, estimated at approximately \$1.6 million dollars. Current estimates indicate that approximately half of that will be used by the end of the year. Dropping the amount to less than a two-month reserve. According to County Treasurer Scott Hahn experts recommend a county have a three-month reserve for emergencies.

Morris said last year the original budget estimated using about \$500,000 of the surplus but the county actually ended with a slight increase.

"We always budget conservatively so it's not

The final amount of the budget was \$6,872,303 about \$275,000 above the 1999 budget. One of the primary reasons for the increase is health insurance for employees.

surprising that we end up with more revenue than projected," she said.

The vote to go with the higher effective tax rate was not unanimous with Commissioner Gerald Wright arguing that the county should stay with the current tax rate even though it would drop the reserve to about \$400,000.

"With the condition of the economy right now the people don't need a tax increase," Wright said

Judge Richard Peet said if something major comes along the county might have to borrow money to pay for it. He mentioned the Skinner trial which he said cost between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

(See BUDGET, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Three friends, Duke (left), Darrell Brown and Cutie, out for a stroll at Recreation Park. After a slight cool spell, warmer temperatures are back in today's forecast as a high of 90 is predicted.

Prison ministry hosts job seminar

Managing Editor

Pampa's prison ministry is trying to make a difference in the world. Each week these local volunteers go to the Bill Baten and Rufe Jordan prison units outside Pampa to conduct Bible studies for the inmates who want to attend.

Recently, Greg Camada and Cindy Thyfault, both of Amarillo, came to Pampa to conduct a seminar for 35 inmates at the Baten Unit to teach them what to do to get a job upon release from the prison system, and they were assisted by several members of the local prison ministry organization: Margie Moore, Jo Johnson, Dorothy Barrett, J. B. Walker, Mike Watson and Bob Andersen.

The seminar leaders presented HIRE, which is He Is a Responsible Employee. It covered appropriate dress for an interview, how to complete an application for employment and just what to do when looking for a job.

Canada and Thytault told the seminar participants one of the most important objectives is to find some new friends so they won't get back into the same situation they were in before going to prison.

Andersen said at the close of the seminar one of the inmates gave a testimony which was very heartwarming. "People here in the outside world might not think giving a testimony is a big deal," said Andersen. "Let me tell you something, when you are in prison with a group of unbelievers, it's something if you can hold your head up high. They can take any insult that may come their way," he said.

"During the seminar four of the 35 inmates accepted Christ as their savior," said Andersen. "So you see, our organization is trying to make a difference in the world," said Andersen.

Local church members and volunteers provided food for the inmates.



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Services tomorrow

QUIRK, Tom — Memorial services, 4 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Dumas.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Sept. 4 7:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Montague and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Varnon and transported one to PRMC. 9:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC

and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital. 9:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Somerville and transported one to

Sunday, Sept. 5

2:41 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Wells; no transport. 7 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nurs-

ing facility and transported one to PRMC. 9:16 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC

and transported one to a local nursing facility. 10:49 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported one to PRMC.

1:49 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Varnon and transported one to PRMC.

5:21 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital

7:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Seminole and transported one to PRMC. 8:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Evergreen and transported one to PRMC.

WASHINGTON (AP) — If Republican George W.

Bush wins next year's presidential horserace he

may become the first chief executive ever to be

If the nickname holds, he'll be no FDR or IFK or

LBJ. He'll be portrayed as writing the history of his

Several newspaper columnists and editorial car-

toonists, perhaps with just a dash of sardonic

humor, have attached the 'W' or "double-U" to

George Walker Bush ever since the Texas governor

began showing significant strength in national

Bush was the 41st president. This George Bush

The full name of the first George Bush is George

Herbert Walker Bush, resulting in a string of initials

so long — GHWB — that no one ever tried to wring

Presidential initials have had their day ever since

TR, who actively disliked the nickname "Teddy."

wasn't quite the first president to be identified with

Ulysses Simpson Grant may have started the ini-

But Grant burned the initials into the American

mind when, replying to a Confederate general's note asking his terms for the surrender of Fort

Donelson in Tennessee, he replied: "No terms

except an unconditional and immediate surrender

the nickname, "Unconditional Surrender Grant."

That and his "USG" initials quickly earned him

It also earned him the attention of President

Abraham Lincoln, who at that point of the war

wasn't much used to generals winning battles,

much less being in position to demand anyone's

After USG and TR, presidential initials dropped

TR's trail led Franklin Roosevelt to the New York

out of favor for a while. Then Franklin Delano

Roosevelt began following in his fifth cousin's foot-

state legislature, to service as assistant secretary of

the Navy, to the governorship of New York and to

the White House. He left a paper trail of "FDRs" all

Great Depression and directing U.S. forces in World

War II, the FDR initials loomed so large in history

that all of his immediate White House successors

felt the need of a set of snappy initials of their own.

FDR was followed in Washington by Harry S.

Truman who used the initials HST even though he

didn't have a middle name and the "S" stood for

After Roosevelt's experiences in battling the

tialization of presidential history during the Civil

War, in part because his initials, USG, could also be

read as an acronym for U. S. Government.

blustery Theodore Roosevelt stormed the ramparts

political brand identification out of them.

of the American 20th century as "TR."

part, it's an effort to separate him from George

branded in the public mind with a single initial.

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON

Associated Press Writer

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his initials.

can be accepted.

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unconditional surrender.

steps under the initials FDR.

opinion polls months ago.

Washington yesterday: TR,

FDR, JFK, LBJ, and now W?

Bush, his father. The Connecticut-born George ry in the ETO (European Theater of Operations)

called him Ike.

on his "New Frontier."

Baines Johnson. LBJs all.

members of his immediate family.

The Memoirs of Richard Nixon.

liked his initials.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department made the following arrests and calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Sept. 2 Theft of \$20 and a set of keys taken from an auto at Pampa High School was reported.

Saturday, Sept. 4 Theft of a cell phone taken from an auto was reported in the 1100 block of Frost.

Theft of a bicycle in the 1100 block of West

Wilks was reported. Theft of merchandise valued at \$14 was reported at Albertson's.

Sunday, Sept. 5 A missing person's report was taken in the 500 block of West Montague.

Criminal trespass was reported at Albertson's. A door glass was reported broken in the 300 block of East Tuke.

A vehicle in the 1100 block of Terry Road was reported damaged by keying along one side.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Sept. 4

Christopher M. Henry Jr., 22, Redlands, Calif., arrested by the DPS on a possession of a stolen firearm charge.

Michael Marsh, 42, 619 N. Sumner, arrested one a DPS warrant, possession of drug paraphernalia, expired drivers license and failure to appear. Jose Olivas, 37, Chihuahua, Mexico, arrested for public intoxication.

Sergio Venzoa, 22, Oklahoma City, charged with driving while intoxicated.

Lyndon Baines Johnson used

the LBJ brand on practically

everything, including his ranch

and members of his immediate

family. His wife, the former

Claudia Alta Taylor, was known

to friends as Lady Bird Johnson.

One daughter was Lynda Bird

Johnson. The other, Luci Baines

signed off as DDE even as his friends and voters

DDE, a retired five-star general, was followed in

And then came a president who really, really

Lyndon Baines Johnson used the LBJ brand on

His wife, the former Claudia Alta Taylor, was

After that, three-initial handles took a rest.

Richard Milhous Nixon preferred the simpler,

"RN." He entitled his 1978 autobiography, "RN,

Gerald R. Ford didn't use his initials and friends

called him "Gerry." Jimmy Carter's full name was

James Earl Carter but never pushed the case for

JEC. Ronald Reagan, the next president, used a

formal, has never rested on his initials, although his

middle name might translate to a simple "J.

while, at least in journalistic shorthand.

York Times columnist Maureen Dowd.

much written about of late.'

boots" are "G.W.B."

And Bill Clinton, William Jefferson Clinton to be

But depending on his political staying power, the

As in this sentence written last month by New

W understands that the arc of a presidential

Or, "W's myth (potent because it offers the classic

As for Bush himself, this follower of classic plot

The initials engraved on what Dowd describes as

And his belt buckle spells it all out: "Gov. George

EDITOR'S NOTE: Lawrence L. Knutson (LLK)

lines appears to prefer a three-initial stamp to just

his "custom-made ostrich-leather black cowboy

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"W" of George Bush the younger might last for a

practically everything, including his ranch and

known to friends as Lady Bird Johnson. One daughter was Lynda Bird Johnson. The other, Luci

the Oval office by a former Navy lieutenant. And

John F. Kennedy stamped his own initials — JFK —

Johnson, LBJs all.

MINISTER

said his physical condition "is improving. "He tried to pull his family from the car," she

said. "But they were dead. They were killed instantly.

Stucker said the couple had their seat belts buckled and Jennifer "was asleep in the back seat" when the wreck happened.

Jennifer was a seventh-grade honor student at Pampa Middle School and her mother was active in the church, Stucker said.

"She ministered all the time. She helped many of our older members especially. She'd take them to the store and do other things for them," Stucker said. "And, anyone who bought peanut brittle from our church had probably eaten some she had made."

Stucker said the couple has two other children, Jeremy Jackson, a college student in Houston, and Jonathon Jackson, a college student in Denton.

Arrangements are incomplete. Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Home in Amarillo is in charge of ser-

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

BUDGET

"I hope we don't but what if we had two trials?"

Morris also warned if the Commission kept the 1999 rate it would lower the amount of taxes raised by about \$300,000 and that is the amount of money that would have to be used when setting next years

"We have to approach it from the revenue raised not the rate set," she said.

She said according to property tax code using the effective tax rate is not considered a tax increase. In the end the tax rate was set at the effective rate

on a 4-1 vote with Wright voting against it. The final amount of the budget was \$6,872,303

primary reasons for the increase is health insurance for employees. County Judge Richard Peet said insurance costs are estimated to increase by about 84 percent over last year. The county will be taking bids on insurance and hope that bids they can get a lower rate in the process. Fifty two county employees also received raises,

about \$275,000 above the 1999 budget. One of the

mostly jailers and dispatchers in the Sheriff's Office but also some secretaries and clerks in the courthouse. The raises only accounted for about \$60,000

in additional spending, according to Peet.

Among the items that commissioners ended up cutting were \$36,000 in capital purchases out of Commissioner James Hefley's Precinct 4 budget and \$6,500 for various items out of Commissioner Joe Wheeley's Precinct 1 budget.

Around the nation

Gore lashes out at GOP presidential contenders

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Vice President Al Gore ripped into Republican rivals he said are "buckling" to anti-union pressure and pushing measures that would cripple labor's polit-

He mentioned none by name, but "paycheck protection" has been an issue in Texas, where Gov. George W. Bush is the leading GOP contender. Gore aides distributed complaints from Texas labor leaders about the issue, even as Gore pounded the point at labor rallies.

have put pressure on these candidates and they've buckled to home on fire it," said Gore. "It is designed to bust unions. It's probably the single most notorious unionbusting proposal to come along in years

Seeking to shore up labor backing, Gore hammered the point, even as he was collecting the formal endorsements of still more key Democratic politi-

leaders to use dues of members lift to evacuate 200 U.N. elecfor political purposes. Many Republicans push for proposals that would require individual union members to annually give approval for such use, and dub the issue "paycheck protection."

Car blasts test Israeli prime minister's peace policies

TIBERIAS, Israel (AP) — With the ink on the latest Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement barely dry, Israeli Prime the ground rather than directly Minister Ehud Barak faced the at the refugees. Belo was at real test of his peace policies carrying them out under the ing, the official said on condishadow of explosions and terror. tion of anonymity, but he was

Two car blasts in northern reportedly uninjured. Israeli cities killed three people probably the an Israeli civilian in critical condition. The attacks were most likely aimed at halting the newly revived peace process.

Only hours before, Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat signed a land-for-security pact in which the Palestinians promised to fight terror attacks, the first agreement reached since Barak took office.

lated federal insider-trading rules.

Sunday's explosions alone counter the critics. Democracy were unlikely to stop the peace process. Public anger was mitigated by the fact that no Israelis were killed, and Barak would not likely scrap a deal he pushed through his Cabinet less than an hour before the blasts shook the cities of Tiberias and

But for Israelis, bomb-laden cars speeding toward public squares were a vivid reminder of the terrifying public attacks that have in the past accompanied progress in negotiations.

Militias shoot into Nobel "Some of the anti-labor folks Prize winner's compound in East Timor, set

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — Pro-Indonesian militiamen set fire to the home of an East Timorese Nobel Peace laureate today, and the heads of victims were reportedly displayed on sticks outside the capital in a rampage following the territory's vote for independence.

Days of rioting prompted tens of thousands to flee East Timor, At issue is the ability of union and Australia launched an airtions officials from the island. A top U.N. envoy met in Jakarta with the Indonesian president accusations Indonesian security forces were doing nothing to halt the bloodshed.

Witnesses said the Indonesian military — charged with maintaining order — fired guns to intimidate and chase out journalists and U.N. workers. They also athey were aiming down at the ground rather than directly home at the time of the shoot-

Venezuela's president bombers themselves — and left counters critics, saying democracy not in danger

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Wildly popular at home, but weathering criticism abroad that he might be taking Venezuela toward dictatorship, President Hugo Chavez acknowledges he has an image

The former coup leader is launching a campaign

in Venezuela can't be in danger, he says, because it never really existed. Venezuela "is coming out of

its tomb," Chavez told reporters in Manaos, Brazil, on Saturday after meeting with Brazilian President Fernando Henrique

Old-style politicians "transformed the country into a tyranny," Chavez said. "They robbed, they looted, they humiliated, they massacred the Venezuelan people."

Chavez has ordered the country's embassies to step up efforts to spread the government's viewpoint and has brought in a well-known local reporter who specializes in international news, Walter Martinez, to help deal with the foreign media. Once reserved cabinet members suddenly are loquacious and accessible.

The controversy in Venezuela stems largely from an assembly that was elected in July to write a new constitution. Last month, pro-Chavez assembly declared itself the supreme power of the nation, giving itself power to fire judges and overhaul the justice system.

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Last week, the assembly virtually shut down Congress, provoking a street melee outside the Capitol building between pro- and anti-Chavez demonstrators. About a half-dozen opposition lawmakers climbed over a fence to try to retake their

City Briefs

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OSHA inspection numbers down WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal inspections of Safety and Health Administration conducted

Truman's successor, Dwight David Eisenhower, has reported on Congress, the White House and

American workplaces have been conducted less 33,697 inspections, according the examination of frequently during the Clinton administration than government records by the liberal consumer group at any time since the Occupational Safety and Public Citizen. Health Act was brand new, a study has found.

The Clinton administration responds that it is using its money to target the most egregious first term, with 26,396 and 25,850 inspections offenders, and the agency's budget has been cut in respectively, and in 1972, the year after OSHA was

In 1998, the Labor Department's Occupational logged.

Fewer inspections were conducted in only three previous years: 1995 and 1996, during Clinton's implemented, when 17,164 inspections were

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Sunny today with high of 90 and southeast winds at 5-15 mph. Tonight, clear with a low of 68 and southeast winds at 5-10 mph. Tomorrow, sunny with a high of 94 and southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 82; the overnight low was 62.

STATEWIDE — Forecasters say the rain clouds won't be taking a rest of this Labor Day, thunderstorms blanket much of derstorms. Highs in the mid-80s

the rest of the state.

Insider trading reported at drkoop.com

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — For the second time in less than a month,

Richard Helppie sold shares of the health-care Web site's initial

public offering three days after purchasing them in June, a spokes-

woman said. Last month, another director, ABC television medical

correspondent Nancy Snyderman, acknowledged she violated

Securities & Exchange Commission rules when her husband sold

In addition, company founder and namesake C. Everett Koop, for-

mer U.S. surgeon general, and the company's chief financial officer,

shares of the Austin-based company only a month after the IPO.

drkoop.com Inc. has acknowledged that a company director has vio-

North Texas received muchneeded rainfall on Sunday. The Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport reported .05 inch, ending 56 consecutive days without measurable rain, two days short of the record.

Abilene reported 1.2 inches, Denton received 1.6 inches, and Arlington got .80 inch, causing the Texas Rangers to call off a home game.

The forecast for North Texas as a tropical depression calls for more clouds, along approaches South Texas and with chances for scattered thun-

to mid-90s, with lows in the upper 60s and lower 70s. A tropical depression was

located over the western Gulf of Mexico Monday morning and drifting toward the Mexican Coast south of Brownsville.

The storm should decrease temperatures and boost rain chances in South Texas Monday and Tuesday.

Forecasters say West Texas will see fair to partly cloudy skies through Tuesday with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in most areas. Highs should be in the 80s and 90s, with lows in the 50s to 70s.

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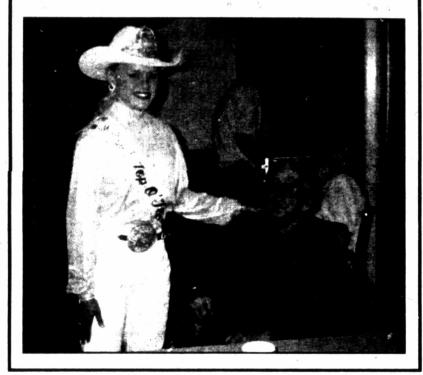
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Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Jamie Reed pays a visit to Pampa Nursing Center's secure care unit where she stops to pose with Bob Klause (above) and George Frost (below).



Kent State dedicating markers to slain students

KENT, Ohio (AP) — The promise of young lives shattered. Tear gas wafting across a place of learning. A nation at its most divided and chaotic.

The deaths of four Kent State University students shot by National Guardsmen during a 1970 Vietnam War protest seemed to crystallize the turmoil of an unsettled and tragic era.

The emotional power of the shootings lingers, even among students who weren't born when they happened. This week, new markers are to be dedicated in the parking lot where the students fell. "It's really an emotional subject," said Kent State senior Kim

Larson, 24, her voice choked. "It's such a shame that it had to happen. Every one of those people had a great future ahead of them.

Republican rivals he said are "buckling" to anti-union pressure and pushing measures that would cripple labor's political clout. They were caring people. To me, it was just a terrible tragedy.

petition signatures last year to press the university to mark the parking spaces where Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer and William Schroeder fell dead.

The memorials are to be dedicated Wednesday.

"I think the spirit of those four students lives today in these Kent State students who fight to keep their memories alive," said 50-yearold Alan Canfora, who was a junior when he was shot in the wrist unions. It's probably the single most notorious union-busting prothat day. He was one of nine who were injured.

Guardsmen were sent to the campus on May 2, 1970, after days of student protests and the burning of the campus Army ROTC building. On May 4, they used tear gas to disperse taunting, rock-throw-

About midday, 28 Guardsmen fired at least 61 shots in a 13-second burst, hitting protesters, bystanders and students walking to class. Some Guardsmen said they felt their lives were in danger.

ing students.

GOP pledge Waco investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) Congress returns this week with Republicans intent on investigating the Waco dispute and asking whether Janet Reno should resign over what one senator said was a Justice Department "in shambles."

On the Democratic side, Sen. Charles Schumer of New York said Sunday he had written GOP committee chairmen asking them to put off hearings until an independent investigator finishes looking into new controversies swirling around the 1993 siege of the Branch Davidian compound.

Schumer, on ABC's "This Week," said hearings would probably descend into partisan squabbling. "My worry is that congressional investigations would bring up a lot of heat and not very much



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Rodeo, fine leather hook bootmaker

DENTON, Texas — Nell the border collie stretches and crawls out he still wears but would take \$50 for, Powell said. from under the work bench and saunters over for an ear-scratching and a scrap of rawhide to chew.

Jim the barber wanders in to garner gossip, snags a cup and joins an old bootmaker who is sitting and sipping coffee while he fills his nose with the rich aroma of leather and glue. Talk is heavy on the side of horse-whispering and bull-speaking, and the price of ostrich hides looms grave.

The man in charge here orchestrating the ear scratching and the saddle-making and the boot-mending and all the bull is Joe Powell. Powell operates one of those businesses that attract about as many kibitzers as customers. In a small storefront in a shopping center off East McKinney Street in Denton, he handcrafts speciality boots, belts, tack and saddles and mends anything made of leather.

In his spare time, he ropes steers. You couldn't melt me and pour me on a bucking horse or bull," he oughbreds to race. says. "I can still hit the ground like always, but I can't get up any

waiting for new soles, tables with lizard hides and silver Conchos and strangely shaped tools and saddle parts, old and new. A battered black cowboy hat with its "howdy ma'am" creases on the front is one Fair. He directs the horse show each year at the Youth Fair, he said.

Reports: General Motors offers some workers lifetime jobs

NEW YORK (AP) — General Motors Corp. has offered a guarantee of lifetime employment to many employees as part of negotiations over a new contract with the United Automobile Workers union, according to published reports.

The union's three-year contracts with the major automakers are due to expire Sept. 14. Under the existing contracts, workers effectively have lifetime employment because the terms bar automakers from allowing employment to fall by more than 5 percent nationally or in any of a dozen regions.

Under GM's proposal, the lifetime offer would cover current workers with more than 10 years experience, Bloomberg News reported

The company's proposal is aimed at addressing workers' job security fears while allowing GM to reduce overall employment more rapidly, The New York Times reported today. Edd Snyder, a GM spokesman, confirmed the contents of the offer, the Times said.

The UAW was expected to pick a focus company whose proposal would offer the union the richest and easiest-to-obtain package of wages and benefits. It would then take that deal and use it as a model in negotiations with the remaining automakers.

GM also proposed a \$500 lump-sum payment plus a 2 percent wage increase for the first year of the contract, a 3 percent wage increase in the second year and a \$1,500 payment in the third year.

The proposal could drive a wedge between workers seeking job security and union leaders who prefer a large membership base, regardless of which workers belong to the union, the Times said,

The contracts with GM, Ford Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG cover 407,000 workers. The UAW hasn't held a national strike during negotiations since 1976. But it has used plant-level strikes as a bargaining tool — the last in 1996 against GM.

Gore lashes out at GOP presidential contenders

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Vice President Al Gore ripped into

hey were caring people. To me, it was just a terrible tragedy."

He mentioned none by name, but "paycheck protection" has been an issue in Texas, where Gov. George W. Bush is the leading GOP contender. Gore aides distributed complaints from Texas labor leaders about the issue, even as Gore pounded the point at

> "Some of the anti-labor folks have put pressure on these candidates and they've buckled to it," said Gore. "It is designed to bust

posal to come along in years. Seeking to shore up labor backing, Gore hammered the point, even as he was collecting the formal endorsements of still more

key Democratic politicians. At issue is the ability of union leaders to use dues of members for political purposes. Many Republicans push for proposals that would require individual union members to annually give approval for such use, and dub the issue "paycheck protection."

"I just line stuff up in here, and people buy it," he said. "They'll buy anything if it's old.

Powell is a hometown Denton boy, born at Flow Hospital, graduated from Denton High. He worked part-time during high school for Weldon Burgoon at his boot and saddle shop, and ran his own leatherwork business from 1972 to 1982. That business and his first marriage ended at the same time.

'It was part of a community property settlement," he said. "She got the property, and I left the community."

In the years that followed, he's been a ranch manager, for a few years running the Mathis Ranch in Argyle for Mrs. Curtis Mathis after her electronics-tycoon husband died in an airplane accident.

He helped build the K-Bar-G Ranch in Argyle from raw land, he said. He has years of experience training quarter horses and thor-

He married Angie 15 years ago and they have a 12-year-old son, Jace. He coaches Jace's Little League baseball team and is happy to The shop is small, but it takes a spell to go through. Leather-sewing announce that Jace so far has shown no tendency toward his own machines are interspersed with rolls of rawhide, shelves of old boots addiction to roping steers.

Cocaine is cheaper and an easier habit to break," he jokes. Recently, he helped run the horse show at the North Texas State

Two years ago, his friend, barber Jim Griffin, was riding his motorcycle in Saint Jo and saw a boot-making school at the Justin company there. He came home and persuaded Powell to attend.

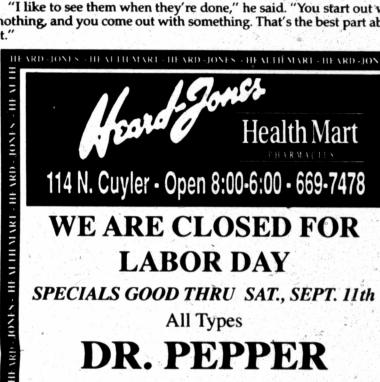
So he learned the fine art of making boots and added that to his other talents that culminated in JP's Boot and Saddle Shop. Griffin soon will benefit from the skills he encouraged his friend to learn. A pair of turquoise and benedictine kangaroo boots sit on the work bench now, with a "G" brand on the front for Griffin and Powell's distinctive signature logo sewn into the back.

Handmade boots are not cheap \$1,500 for a pair in ostrich and they're not drive-through-window fare. If you want a pair, don't put on your socks and sit down at the kitchen table in the shop's front window to wait.

It takes 60 to 70 hours to make a pair, he said, and the waiting list is about a year long.

When you count up the hours and add the cost of the materials, he doesn't make much on a pair of boots, he said. But that's not the rea-

"I like to see them when they're done," he said. "You start out with nothing, and you come out with something. That's the best part about



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For 'morning lark' families early rising is all in the genes, according to researchers

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but people with this

syndrome are not sim-

ply morning people,

Ptacek emphasized.

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID **Associated Press Writer**

that throws some people's body clock out of sync with the rest of the world. They hope finding it will shed light on how to deal with jet-lag,

insomnia and other problems. Researchers at the University of Utah discovered that a syndrome that causes some people to have an abnormal wake-sleep rhythm runs in families, following the same pattern as traits like eye color that depend on a single gene.

Louis Ptacek and colleagues report in a recent edition of the journal Nature Medicine that they found 29 people in three families with the problem, called "familial advanced sleep-phase syndrome" because it shifts the normal wake and sleep pattern forward by three to four hours.

"I think this is a really exciting finding," commented David Earnest of Texas A&M University, who studies the cell biology of the circadian clock that regulates sleep and wake

This is the first time that anyone has identified a genetically inherited trait that involves the expression and control of the circadian rhythm in humans. That's really critical," said Earnest, who was not part of Ptacek's team.

He said scientists have long sought a disease or mutation in humans that is directly associated with an unusual circadian rhythm. They want to learn how that affects mental health and to understand its role in problems such as jet lag and seasonal affective disorder — better known as winter blues — which is common in northern areas.

The people studied by Ptacek's group just can't stay up much later than 8:30 at night and tend to wake up around 5:30 in the

The normal population contains plenty of "morning lark" and "night owl" people who function better at different times of day, Ptacek emphasized.

"This is a situation which is quite comparable to the changes that occur normally in aging humans," Ptacek said. "Most aged humans, starting around age 65 or 70, show these sorts of WASHINGTON (AP) - Scientists are searching for the gene changes, reporting problems sleeping, usually marked by earlier

onset to sleep ... frequent waking in the night. But this is a genetically linked trait, not simply aging, as it appears at an earlier age," Ptacek explained Most creatures seem to operate on a biological clock approximately synchronized to a 24-hour day. This rhythm controls a variety of daily biochemical and behavioral cycles including fluctuations in sleep and wakefulness.

For people with this syndrome the cycle is shorter and the constant conflict between their body clock and coping with the rest of the world leads to their shifted sleep-wake rhythm.

"These aren't diseases per se, and most people just live with this sleep pattern and never see a doctor about it," Ptacek said. Some cope with it fairly well, but it can be disabling for others.

Now that they have determined the syndrome is caused by a single gene, the scientists are working to identify the specific

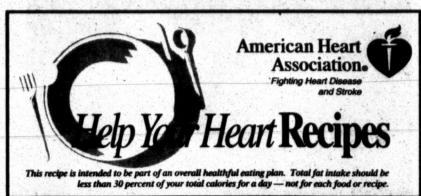
That's important because finding the gene could lead them to the protein it produces to cause the body's time shift - a discovery that could then lead to the development of drugs to treat not only the syndrome, but also jet lag and other conditions.

But, said Ptacek, "we need to understand the normal biology first. Then we can work on altering the clock and helping people who fly or do shift work."

"Presumably, this protein is just one of the gears in the (body) clock. By studying one gear we can get a handle on the other gears around it and we may get an insight about why they have this trait and how the normal clock functions," he said in a telephone interview.

The search for the gene may be arduous.

There are approximately 80,000 genes in the human genome; this is a single one of those 80,000. Think of the genome as a but people with this syndrome are not simply morning people, library with 80,000 books, and we're looking for a spelling error in a single book," he said.



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- tablespoon light margarine,
- Vegetable oil spray tablespoons snipped fresh parsley
- lemon wedges (optional)

Preheat oven to 400° F. Lightly spray a 13 × 9 × 2-inch baking dish with vegetable oil spray. Rinse fish and pat dry with paper

Combine buttermilk, salt, and hot-pepper sauce in a small,

shallow dish. Put cracker crumbs on a plate. Dip fillets in buttermilk mixture, then in crumbs, coating fish evenly. Put fillets in baking dish. Drizzle with margarine and lightly spray

with vegetable oil spray. Bake, uncovered, for 15 to 20 minutes, or until fish flakes easily

when tested with a fork. To serve, sprinkle fish with parsley and garnish with lemon

wedges. Serves 6.

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Contact Lens Council: How old is old enough for contacts?

WASHINGTON — Is your cerning vision correction. child ready for contact lens

wear? How old is "old enough"? responsibility level of the child, very mature 8-year-old. There sidering contacts. Personal wear The Contact Lens Council, a as there are no hard and fast are 14- and 16-year-olds — in and care regimens may depend non-profit organization serving rules with children and lenses," fact, 20-year-olds — that I as an educational resource on says Dr. Barry Weiner, past- wouldn't fit with contacts." vision correction, reports that chairman of the American The CLC stresses the need for these are some of the most fre- Optometric Association's con- an eye care professional to assess a quently asked questions con- tact lens section and CLC board child's vision correction needs

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member. "I've fit a child as and to discuss the child's capabilupon the type of contact prescribed, the nature of the vision problem being corrected and the child's unique eye chemistry.

Regardless of the type of lens one wears, lens care is now easi. er and more convenient than ever before, and has become a possibility for many children. lasic lens care includes cleaning, rinsing, disinfecting and storing to keep lenses clean, comfortable and free from bacteria. The CLC urges parents and children alike to follow specific instructions prescribed by their eye care professionals.

Any parent considering contacts for a child should consult an eye care professional. For more information on contact lenses, contact the Contact Lens Council at 1-800-884-4CLC or on Internet

www.iglobal.com/CLC/.

The CLC is a non-profit organization serving as an educational resource on vision correction for consumers and is devoted to promoting the safe use of contact lenses. Advisory members of the CLC include the American Optometric Contact Association, Lens Association Ophthalmologists and the Contact Lens Society

America.

Briefs

Don't let food-borne bacteria bug your picnic

HOUSTON - Ants aren't the only bugs that can invade your summer outing. E coli, salmo-nella and other food-borne bugs" can also ruin the fun.

To protect your family, Becky Gorham, a registered dietitian with the USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston offers these tips:

Wash raw fruits and vegetables under running water to remove bacteria. Wash hands, cutting boards and utensils with hot water and soap before and after preparing each picnic food.

Refrigerate all prepared foods containers with tight-fitting

Pack insulated ice chests just before leaving home and transport inside the car instead of the trunk. Cover the food inside coolers with blue ice pack with ice on all sides. At the picnic site store coolers in a shady

Use a thermometer, not your eye, to judge when grilled meats are done. Cook poultry to 170 degrees, pork and ground meat to 160 degrees and steaks to 145 degrees.

Boil raw meat marinades before serving with cooked foods.

Keep foods wrapped until just before serving and limit the time they are exposed to sum-

Symptoms of food poisoning can appear anywhere from two to 36 hours after eating and last several days. If you suspect a food-borne illness has been contracted, contact your physician as soon as possible.

Counting fat grams is an easier alternative

HOUSTON-Counting grams is more effective than keeping food records, according to researchers at Baylor College of Medicine.

Dietitians have used the foodrecord rating system for years as a way to determine how much total fat a patient is eating. Food-record rating can as soon as possible and store in take up to an hour and requires the help of a computer data-

But according to Dr. William Insull, professor of medicine and Lipid Research Clinic director, fat-gram counting is a simpler and less time consuming alternative. Study participants used one if the two methods: fat-gram counting or foodrecord rating.

The researchers found no significant differences in dietary adherence in the two groups. However, Insull says counting fat grams is easier to teach to patients and is an effective selfmonitoring tool.

"Patients don't need a computer, they can look at a table of foods," he said. "The new food labels make it even easier to watch your fat intake."







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Why Do Some People Have Doubts About Hypnosis?

Hypnosis is such a misunderstood phenomenon. For centuries it has been affiliated with spiritualism, witchcraft and various other "unexplainable" events. Based on "B" movies, cheap novels and exaggerated claims made by undisciplined persons.

Have shoes, will travel

KOUNTZE, Texas — The thousands of used horseshoes lining the rails of Reagan Hanna's barn are worn and rusty. They evoke an era when the sound of the farrier's anvil rang across pastures and through woods and down dusty streets lined with hitchin' posts.

Despite the appearance of age, these shoes are barely two years old. They are manufactured pieces, spit from a machine shop in assemblyline fashion. Fast. Cheap. Uniform.

The days of hand-forged shoes are almost gone. Only a handful of farriers still prefer to make their own. Blacksmithing is a dying art.

Horseshoeing isn't. It takes more than a certificate from a horseshoeing school to make a farrier, Hanna says. He graduated from the Oklahoma State Horse Shoeing School within a year of graduating from French High School in 1982, but isn't "real proud" of that. He knows it takes thousand of blows on the anvil, hundreds of horses with lifted hooves and a decade of working beside farriers more skilled than him to earn the

title. "Apprenticeship is the way to go. It takes a good 10 years to know the trade. There are very few who do," he says.

Hanna still apprentices out to master farriers. He attends clinics the suppliers offer and watches those with more years of experience than

"One of my customers had a lame horse and wanted another farrier to shoe him. I went to see what he knew. I'd been shoeing horses for 10 years off and on and it took me five minutes of watching him

for silver screen

time when the Internet, video Powers: The Spy Who Shagged rentals and cable and satellite Me." The Mike Myers spy spoof television offer plenty of diver- has grossed about \$205 million. sions, movie theaters were still as

popular as ever this summer. From Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, the take at U.S. theaters was estimated at just less than \$3 billion, shattering the previous high of \$2.6 billion a year

The strong summer showing has helped push ticket sales for the year up 6 percent over last

"We are a culture that likes to

A record 11 movies have taken in more than \$100 million each, and a 12th is expected to join the

1998, movies on average took in president for Paramount. This summer, that average was down to 24 percent, indicating films are

The season started with a bang. Phantom Menace" opened May 19.and became the fastest movie ever to gross \$100 million, hitting that in five days. The 20th Century Fox release has taken in about \$420 million.

Menace," audiences got a preseason warmup with Universal's Memorial Day weekend, Universal slipped in "Notting Hill," the Julia Roberts-Hugh

off," said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal. "We knew we had two big hits."

going to gross \$155 million and 'Notting Hill" collected \$115 mil-

Then things got crowded. Between "Phantom Menace" and current box-office champ "The Sixth Sense" came a rare period when a different movie opened atop the box office in each of nine

"It was so competitive that no matter how good you were, you got knocked out the next weekend by another movie," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks movie attendance.

to figure out how much I didn't know. To do it right, you'll die trying to learn all about this trade."

There's plenty of room at the top of the field, he says, but no room at the bottom.

There are a lot of \$100,000 horses, and they don't let just anybody shoe those horses. I'm building up that trade.

When the 35-year-old farrier isn't rodeoing, shoeing Arabians, pleasure horses, quarter horses or rodeo mounts, he's teaching his current apprentice, 25-year-old Mark Kimball. Kimball's been with Hanna for three months now, but soon will move on to the next farrier in a line that can stretch as long as Kimball's desire to learn.

Several months a year, usually around September, Hanna takes the surplus shoes he collects from friends and turns them into westernthemed furniture and accessories. It began as a way to supplement his income when he was sidelined with back surgery in 1995.

His first piece was a door wreath. He moved on to paper towel and bathroom tissue holders, bootjacks, candelabras and his biggest seller - a horseshoe Christmas tree.

He can't keep enough stock, he says. Everything he makes quickly sells. Most of the things he made the first year went to family members as Christmas presents. Now, he takes special orders and sells via the Internet (www.hannahorseshoeing.com).

"Invention is a cure to a problem," Hanna's wife, Debbie, says. "We were overrun with horseshoes. It eventually became a recycling pro-

It also allowed Hanna to stay home with his youngest son, Connor, now 5. The couple has an older son, Chance, age 10.

Not everyone has a need for ranch-style decorator items, Debbie Hanna says, but most everyone knows someone who likes the look. Their customer base quickly built on recommendations from those who enjoyed having an iron Christmas tree standing by a fireplace on a cold winter night.

Hanna can hardly wait for one of those nights. A blacksmithing forge, like the one attached to the custom-built shoeing shed housed in his Nissan truck, can reach 1200 degrees.

Have shoes, will travel.

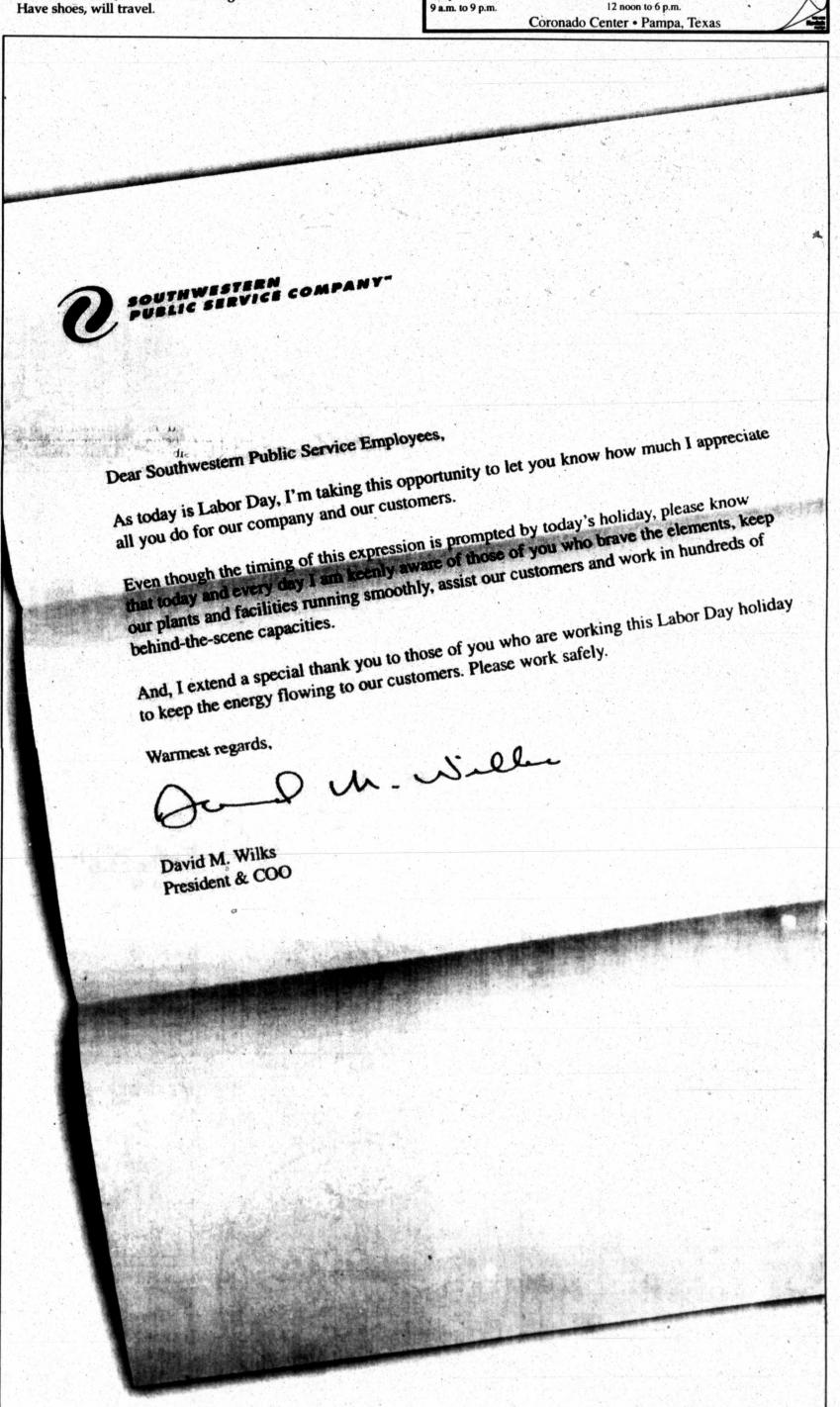
Coca-Cola blames struggling foreign economies for earnings drop

ATLANTA (AP) — Blaming struggling foreign economies that have impeded sales overseas, The Coca-Cola Co. said Friday that third-quarter earnings will fall short of expectations.

The Atlanta-based Coca-Cola predicted earnings per share will be 34 cents to 35 cents this quarter, compared with analysts' predictions of 36 cents.

On top of that, the company said it will reduce earnings by an additional 2 cents to 3 cents a share because of the recall stemming from a health scare linked to Coke in Belgium and France.





Record summer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — At a lowed by New Line's "Austin

year.

get out of the house," said Tom Sherak, head of distribution for 20th Century Fox. "We like to get away from our problems. Movies give us the opportunity for two hours to get out and get away and just let go."

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Not only were the films good enough to keep moviegoers going back for more, but blistering heat over much of the nation also helped send people to airconditioned theaters.

"Star Wars: Episode I — The

Two weeks before "Phantom "The Mummy," an unexpected horror smash. And over

Grant romance. "Star Wars' didn't scare us

Bookending those movies around "Phantom Menace" paid off for Universal. "Mummy" kept

straight weeks.

"Phantom Menace" was fol-

The string of high-grossing wonders also included "Tarzan," "Big Daddy," "Wild, Wild West,"
"The General's Daughter," and "Runaway Bride," Roberts' second comedy of the summer to top \$100 million.

The usual late-summer doldrums, when movie attendance usually trails off, never materialized, largely because of "Sixth Sense" and the surprise hit "The Blair Witch Project.

The low-budget "Blair Witch" is on track to gross about \$140 million. "Sixth Sense," about a boy who communicates with the dead, has been No. 1 the last four weekends and should finish well above \$200 million.

The bawdy teen comedy 'American Pie" also topped the box office in July and should pass \$100 million this fall, making it This summer's films also have the 12th summer film to hit that

There's still a solid slate of 27 percent of their total gross in films for fall and the holidays, the opening weekend, said and 1999 could break the full-Wayne Lewellen, distribution year record of \$6.95 billion set last

"Let the fall begin," said Fox's

Summer's dandy dozen: Top grossing season flicks

The summer's top 12 movies, with box-office grosses as of

1. "Star Wars: Episode I -The Phantom Menace," \$419.4 2. "Austin Powers: The Spy

Who Shagged Me," \$204.2 mil-3. "Tarzan," \$166.5 million.

4. "Big Daddy," \$160.1 million. 5. "The Mummy," \$155 mil-

lion. 6. "The Sixth Sense," \$138.9 million.

7. "The Blair Witch Project," \$128.1 million. 8. "Runaway Bride," \$124.4

million. 9. "Notting Hill," \$114.7 mil-

10. "Wild Wild West," \$111.7 million.

"The General's Daughter," \$101.4 million. 12. "American Pie," \$96.7

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Winner's Share of Limelight Is Stolen by Long-Winded Partner

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DEAR ABBY: I recently watched a country music award given to two men. The first to speak hogged the mike, gabbed about his sick child at home, thanked everyone in the music business and then invited his partner to speak. As the other man approached the mike, the first remembered he hadn't thanked his wife, shouldered his way back in and droned on about how many years they had been together, yadda-yadda-yadda.

The partner looked sad as the music came up and they went to commercial. I felt angry that he wasn't acknowledged and didn't get to say a word or two. It happens so often, I wanted to comment.

At every Oscar, Emmy, Grammy, etc., award ceremony, every double or group award has one windbag who grabs the mike, tells his kids to go to bed and thanks everyone from his kindergarten teacher to his mailman while the others wait patiently until the allotted time runs out. It hurts to see the pained expressions on the faces of the partners whose finest hour is ruined by a selfish, egotistical microphone

Since we know we can't teach them to be considerate and to share, maybe the awards committee could make new rules that would stifle the selfish windbags and eliminate those endlessly long programs.

for saying what a great many members of a captive audience have long been thinking. In the days of vaudeville, a longhandled hook was used to remove lingering performers from the stage.

You deserve a standing ovation

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Frustrated," who was looking for an alternative to a religious wedding ceremony, may I suggest secular Humanist clergy? I am a Humanist minister from

the Humanist Society of Friends whose celebrants, ministers, chaplains, counselors and pastors are all secular Humanists. You can find us throughout the United States and Canada. For details, your readers can call the American Humanist Association toll-free number: (800) 743-6646, or e-mail them at humanism@juno.com.

I have performed nonreligious weddings, funerals and naming ceremonies since 1963, when I first obtained my license from the state

of Ohio to solemnize marriages. My state license is identical to that of any other clergy.

DR. RICK RICKARDS, CLEVELAND

DEAR DR. RICKARDS: Thank you for pointing this out. After I printed that letter, I was flooded with letters from readers telling me that Humanist celebrants function the same way members of traditional clergy do - with one exception: They are nontheists.

Many people also wrote to remind me that Unitarian Universalist ministers are also willing to perform ceremonies without reference to God. The telephone number of the Unitarian Universalist Association is (617) 742-2100. Their Web address is: www.uua.org/main.html.

To all of you who took the time to write, thank you for the

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ** * Reach out for others. Creative and dynamic thought marks your decisions, though others are challenging. Let go; work with present tensions. Be espe-

going on with others. Tonight: Play a favorite CD. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ** Tensions revolve around spendquite possible that another is having a ing, your limits and another's thoughts "bad hair day." Your charisma works about work. You can count on a comagic in difficult situations. Tonight: worker's good intentions. Meanwhile,

cially grateful for a relative or contact at a distance. Detach and observe what is

indulge yourself. Make that special purchase. A child is difficult. Let it pass. ** * Others need you and seek you

will ultimately serve and help you. out. Establish limits, knowing full well Getting your message across could prove what you want and what you can do. to be difficult. Don't give in to gossip. Take the lead at work. Be careful with a touchy family matter. You can't get a relative to agree with you. Popularity peaks, but you are especially apprecia-* Another feels strongly about tive of one special person. Tonight: Out

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

** Build better relationships with those in your day-to-day life, both at work and in your neighborhood. By taking time with these people, you acknowledge all the efforts they make. Communication is stilted; you might not be sure of what you are hearing. Tonight: Relax at home.

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 7, 1999 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

Horoscope

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Unexpected monetary pressure causes you to revise plans. You might feel like another is pushing you beyond your limits. Express caring; another hears you loud and clear. Finding solutions becomes a specialty right now. Others seek your help. Tonight: Do only what you think is fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You can make something than it is. Your mental attitude has everything to do with how you view events. Work on seeing the glass as being half-full as opposed to half-empty. Bosses and those you put your trust in are challenging at best. Tonight: Do something very nice for yourself. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ You know how to talk your way through the worst of problems. Listen carefully to another's feedback and get key information. Your ability to understand what others are feeling helps you work with a difficult situation. Don't take anyone's comments or actions personally. Tonight: Indulge a little!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Expenses could put the kibosh on plans. Though you might be put out by ates your efforts.

recent developments involving a friend, don't make a big deal of it. If you must buy a gift, choose a card and treat another to a special experience instead. Caring is important, not what you give. Tonight: Keep costs down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

* Beam in what you want, but don't count on others. If you blaze your own trail, a boss will come down on you. Listen and evaluate what is said. It is Whatever makes you smile.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You have reason to smile, though Tonight: Let a partner treat you. you might not be up for sharing the news AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) with everyone. In fact, being discreet Confusion surrounds work. Tonight: Curl

up with a good book. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

what is right for you, though you might not agree. You know your goals and long-term desires. Don't let a child or loved one pull the wool over your eyes. Be careful with a touchy associate. Make time for a key meeting. Tonight: Enjoy a special friend.

CORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ** Responsibilities are demanding.

The unexpected occurs at home. You might have mixed feelings about a personal matter. Isn't it time to take action? Another digs in his heels. You could be a bit jolted by news that comes your way. Tonight: Take charge; another appreci-

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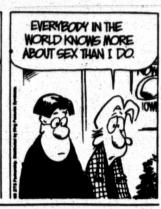


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa shut out Caprock 18-0 in 9th grade football action last week.

Derek Williams scored all three touchdowns for Pampa. Linebackers Michael Pritchett and Jordan Klaus led the defense.

John Braddock looked good at quarterback. Pampa lost the B team game 18-0.

The freshmen's next game is Thursday at Borger.

OLYMPICS

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) -When Dallas 2012 Olympic bid boosters meet with community groups or corporations, the first subject is Salt Lake City's Olympic mess.

International bribery, malfeasance and federal indictments stemming from the biggest scandal in Olympic history might seem a bad way to solicit corporate sponsors and public support.

However, Dallas 2012 com-

mittee chairman Tom Luce and other Dallas Summer Games boosters say Salt Lake's shame is the best thing that could have happened to their Olympic chances.

"With Salt Lake bringing it out in the open, it makes it more straightforward for cities to bid," said Donna Halstead, president of the Dallas Citizens Council.

AUTO RACING

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DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — This time, Jeff Burton didn't need the rain to win at Darlington.

At the TranSouth 400 here in March, Burton's car was a mechanic's nightmare — tire jutting out at a 30-degree angle, no brakes, metal twisted at crazy angles — after he crashed just before rain stopped the race with him in

On Sunday, Burton again led the Southern 500 when officials called the race 97 laps from completion. But even if the skies had cleared and the race had gone green, Burton's Ford would have rumbled forward and pulled away.

"That's the way I saw it from my vantage point," said runner-up Ward Burton, Jeff's older brother.

"I figured no way that could happen to us twice in one year," said Jeff, who won a \$1 million bonus for himself and NASCAR fan Phylis Farmer of Hillsboro, Mo. "I wasn't convinced this one was over."

Jeff Burton, who finished second to Jeff Gordon here the past two years, never let Gordon or anyone else get too far ahead. And when Burton had the chance to blast in front, he streaked to as much as a five-second lead.

"We made a few adjustments to the car halfway through, and boy, it just lit up," Burton said. "I watched Jeff Gordon win a lot of Southern 500s with his head, then when it was time, with his foot."

The victory stopped Gordon's unprecedented streak of four Southern 500 wins and gave Burton a place in the sport's history he had always dreamed about.

Burton's father brought him and his brother down to NASCAR's first and oldest superspeedway as boys to watch racers like Cale Yarborough and Buddy Baker tangle on its tight corners.

read Burton about Darlington's history Saturday night, impressed by the roster of top drivers like David Pearson, Yarborough and Dale Earnhardt who have mastered it. He was part of that group.

"When you win the Southern 500, people have to look at you and your team and say 'Those guys are doing a good job.' It's hard to win here," he said.

The rain almost made it harder. The race was halted for 24 minutes, with Jimmy Spencer ahead of Burton. But Burton took control in the seven laps before NASCAR stopped it again, this time for 80 minutes.

Northeastern State tops A&M-Kingsville

By The Associated Press

Northeastern State's Mike Shockley kicked field goals of 43, 25 and 26 yards to give the Redmen a 9-3 victory over Texas A&M-Kingsville in a battle between preseason contenders for the Lone Star Conference championship.

The Redmen of Tahlequah, Okla., are among the favorites in the North Division and the Javelinas are the pre-season favorite in the South Division.

In other games Saturday, Northern Colorado whipped San Angelo State, 51-14, Southwestern Oklahoma edged Adams State, 17-13, Harding trounced Tarleton State, 44-16, Central Arkansas slipped past West Texas A&M, 27-20, and Ouachita Baptist defeated Henderson State, 34-14.

Stephen F. Austin scored 37 points in the second half of a 51-34 victory over Abilene Christian, California-Davis shut out Texas A&M-Commerce, 36-0, Eastern New Mexico defeated Western New Mexico 33-13, Southern Arkansas edged Southeastern 34-27 Oklahoma, Northwestern Oklahoma blanked East Central Oklahoma, 25-0. Southwest Texas State whipped Midwestern State, 45-3 on Thursday night.

Northern Colorado rolled up 305 yards passing and 391 yards on the ground in an easy victory over Angelo State. The Colorado team intercepted four passes and jumped out to a 37-6 halftime lead. Their defense held the Rams to just

Jamel McQueen caught four passes for 138 yards, including a 70-yard scoring pass, to lead Central Arkansas to the 27-20 victory over West Texas A&M at Canyon. The Bears broke a 14-14 halftime tie and scored twice in the second half.

Antoine Lacy scored on an 85yard run to boost Eastern New Mexico to a 33-13 victory over Western New Mexico. Lacy carried the ball just twice and picked up 100 yards.

McLean wins grid opener

MIAMI - McLean opened its six-man football season Friday night with a 58-16 win over Miami.

Aaron Rice led the McLean scoring assault with six touchdowns. Mike Haynes and Frankie Sparling also had TD runs for the Tigers. Rice scored on runs of 8, 14, 5, 49-50 and 18

The Tigers held a 30-8 lead at halftime.

Miami scored both of its two touchdowns through the air. Lance Patterson threw a 15yard pass to Zach McDowell and Justin Cox threw for 30 yards to J.W. Wilcox.

Sparling kicked five extra points for McLean.

McLean totaled 322 yards of offense while Miami had 236.

McLean plays at Follett on

Titans' cap problems lead to cut of 9-year veteran

By DAVE GOLDBERG **AP Football Writer**

Leaf and don't seem to want them.

But while both survived Sunday's NFL cutdown day, they did it with different attitudes.

"Do I feel like I was given an opportunity? No, I don't," said Druckenmiller, the 49ers' 1997 first-round draft pick, who was one of four quarterbacks kept by San Francisco.

"But does it matter what I think? It really doesn't matter what I think because I'm not the one in charge. It's up to the 49ers.

"I just want an opportunity. If it can't be here, then it's got to be somewhere else."

Coach Steve Mariucci conceded that keeping four quarterbacks was unusual, and hinted that a trade might be in the works that would send Druckenmiller elsewhere while the 49ers stick with Steve Young, Jeff Garcia and Steve Stenstrom.

"I don't know if it's possible to do that the entire season," Mariucci said of keeping four QBs.

"If you end up getting banged up in one position or you have a certain need that you have to fill and you've got a lot of guys sitting watching Steve Young work, then you've got to rethink that whole

Leaf, who has a surgically repaired throwing shoulder that won't allow him to play for half the season, said he wanted to be traded rather than placed on injured reserve. He wasn't, staying on the roster behind Jim Harbaugh and Erik Kramer, while Craig Whelihan, who replaced him last year, was waived.

"It feels like I got drafted again," said Leaf, who had monumental problems both on and off the field after being the second overall pick in the 1998 draft. "Now we get the and you've got the two veteran Baltimore.

quarterbacks there."

Among the other big-name casualties Sunday was Tennessee Jim cornerback Darryll Lewis, who Druckenmiller are peas from the had 25 interceptions in the past same pod — disappointing first-round draft choices whose teams and immediately had a bunch of teams coming after him.

Lewis, a nine-year veteran, was beaten out for the starting job by second-year Samari Rolle and then cut in what looks like a difference of opinion between coach Jeff Fisher and Jeff Diamond, the new team president.

"Nowhere in this did we ever expect not to have Darryll back," Fisher said. "I believe he can still play a number of years, if not as a starter, as a premier third-down nickel back."

Denver made a notable technical cut - John Elway, who officially retired in April, but was kept on the roster as insurance if he changed his mind. The move also saved salary cap money.

Another casualty was 1994 Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam, let go by the Raiders, who kept former New York Giants running back Tyrone Wheatley instead. Wheatley had been cut earlier in the preseason by Miami.

'We gave him a long look, but Wheatley has really caught our eye over the last two weeks, both in practice and games. Special teams play also was a major factor," coach Jon Gruden said.

Seattle placed star wide receiver Joey Galloway, who is holding out, on reserve, although they can activate him when he signs. The Seahawks also announced the retirement of 35-year-old Howard Ballard, a 12-year veteran, who has arthritis in his right knee.

Among the other veterans released Sunday were punter Louie Aguiar of Kansas City; linebacker James Francis, oft-injured offensive tackle Kevin Sargent and center Rod Payne, a thirdround draft pick in 1997, by Cincinnati; eight-year running back Bernie Parmalee by Miami; perfect situation where I come into and kick returner Eric Metcalf by



ber Mary Nelson.

Pruitt, Hughes share first-round lead in Top O' Texas Tournament

Michael Pruitt and Nick Hughes are tied for the lead after the opening round of the Top O' Texas Tournament at the Pampa Country Club.

Pruitt, out of the University of today North Texas, and Hughes, an Oklahoma City University golfer, both shot 66 for a two-shot lead over Goran da Silva, who plays at Oklahoma City with Hughes. ear's tournament.

three-way tie for fourth at 71 (Tandy Prickett and Spike Seals Vinson, Bryan Don Carlos, John along with Skip Warren of 74; 14. (tie) Dan Nicolet, Rex Floyd and Dave Roark 75.

PAMPA — Collegiate golfers Houston and Shaun Creighton. Defending champion Phil Everson of Pampa and the

University of North Texas shot a

The tournament finishes up

Top O' Texas Tournament **Championship Flight** 1. (tie) Michael Pruitt and Nick Hughes had a 6-under par 29 on and Shaun Creighton 71; 7. (tie) the front nine. He placed second Phil Everson, Junior Reyes and McCullough 72; 3. (tie) Roy Don

Hughes 66; 3. Goran da Silva 68; 4. (tie) Skip Warren, Kyle Kelting Bobby Barber 72; 10. (tie) Aaron Stephens, Eddie Duenkel and

Hughes and Ryan Ellis 75; 17. (tie) Keith Block and Lane Dyer; 19. (tie) Freddie Espeircueta and Cory Mahaney 77; 21. (tie) Codie Scott, Danny Greaud and Brian Phillips 78; 24. (tie) Michael Bartley, Michael Casey, Jaron Higgins and David Fatheree 79; 28. (tie) Wayne Harkrider and Neal Ray Davis 81; 30. (tie) Mike

President's Flight 1. Curt Howard 70; 2. Frank Amarillo's Kyle Kelting is in a Sletten and Jerry Lockhart 73; 12. John Sparkman 74; 6. (tie) Mike

Arizona trims Texas Christian 35-31

The safety on their first snap Batteaux keeping the ball or touchdown that put TCU up 23was a bad sign for the Arizona pitching it to LaDanian 7. Wildcats. Another safety on their first drive of the second half seemed like a sure sign this out by the middle of the third out, preventing the Horned wasn't their night.

Then, something clicked.

had been dormant for the first exemplified the attitude shift open for passes of 28 and 16 six quarters of this season when he stepped on Tomlinson yards, then caught the gameerupted for three touchdowns after getting up from a tackle. in a span of 3:46, sending No. 15 Arizona on its way to a 35-31 victory over Texas Christian on Sunday night.

The flurry that turned a 25-7 deficit into a 28-25 lead was only the beginning of the "That was Wildcats' comeback. They also ond half." needed a six-play, 77-yard drive led by quarterback Keith Jones safety put them ahead 25-7 to score the game-winning with 12:21 left in the third quartouchdown with 2:10 left.

"Our team has tremendous heart," said coach Dick Tomey, Jenkins led the comeback with who avoided his first 0-2 start scoring drives of two plays, in 13 years at Arizona. "I'm three plays and one play that proud of the way they fought covered a total of 145 yards. He back from a big deficit. I also had touchdown passes of 38 was impressed with the heart and 59 yards to Northcutt sandthat TCU showed."

The Wildcats were meek in a tight season-opening 41-7 loss at Manumaleuna. Penn State that dropped them from a No. 4 ranking. Another was the go-to guy all night for but it appeared they were head- caught 10 passes for a careered that way with a combination high 257 yards and three touchof their blunders and great downs, which tied a school plays by the Horned Frogs (0-

with a variety of formations, drive because he hadn't played had mistakes. Arizona just got even though most of them since the second quarter, when over theirs."

Tomlinson.

quarter, and as the stops The powerful offense that dence Linebacker Marcus Bell foot-11 speedster was wide He wasn't penalized.

TCU presented some difficult things for us, as option teams do, but the more you see the option, it seems you get better against it," Tomey said. "That was true for us in the sec-

The Horned Frogs' second ter. With 5:33 left in the same period, the Wildcats led 28-25.

Backup quarterback Ortege Brandon end

Northcutt, a 5-foot-11 senior, loss would've been disastrous, both Wildcats quarterbacks. He

Smith was a surprise at quar-

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - ended with quarterback Patrick his second fumble set up the

But having him under center The Wildcats (1-1) figured it allowed Jenkins to go to wide-Frogs from double-covering mounted, so, did their confi- Northcutt. It worked as the 5winner around five defenders and sliced through them for the final 10 yards.

"I was disappointed with our pass coverage at times," TCU coach Dennis Franchione said. "I thought we got too soft at the end of the game."

TCU regained the lead with 13:18 left to play when Chris Kaylakie kicked a 44-yard field goal. He tied the game with a 43-yarder on the previous pos-

The Horned Frogs, who were 1-10 two years ago, then went 7-5 last year with a bowl victory over Southern Cal in Franchione's first season, had one last drive, but it ended with wiched around a 22-yard lob to an incomplete pass behind Mike Scarborough.

On the previous play, the weak-armed Batteaux nearly completed a long pass to a diving Terran Williams, but he couldn't hang on.

"We made too many mistakes," said Tomlinson, who had 170 yards and a touchdown TCU kept Arizona off balance terback on the game-winning on 28 carries. "Both ballclubs

Strange happenings at the U.S. Open

when rain made its first appear- more points, so he retired. ance at the U.S. Open.

was almost tripped up against

them than the players on a day Santoro couldn't wait for two threatened plan of play.

NEW YORK (AP) — The peo- Mary Joe Fernandez until fourth-seeded Monica Seles ple who dry off the courts Fernandez tripped on a wet faced surprising Jennifer might have spent more time on court; and Frenchman Fabrice Capriati to begin today's rain-

No. 7 Serena Williams was By the time the last ball was scheduled against No. 16 hit on the hardcourts of the Conchita Martinez and No. 5 In between the on-off-on-off USTA National Tennis Center Mary Pierce was to face Sabine showers, Arantxa Sanchez- on Sunday night, half the quar- Appelmans in other day matchgave top-seeded terfinal slots in the women's es. Tonight, defending champi-Martina Hingis a tougher match draw were filled. The other four on and second-seeded Lindsay than expected; Venus Williams spots were to be decided today. Davenport plays Julie Halard-Two-time champion and Decugis of France.



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Collegiate coaching debuts good for some, bad for others

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT **AP Football Writer**

As far as coaching debuts go, it their storied rivalry. was a day to remember for some, a day to forget for others.

In the state of South Carolina, fans are dealing with a double dose of reality: Lou Holtz's first game as South Carolina's coach No. 24 North Carolina State; and Tommy Bowden's debut.

"It's disappointing, but it's a start," the 62-year-old Holtz said Big House and it doesn't get Right down to the last second, we felt we could win it."

forced overtime.

rival Colorado State shocked the two games. 14th-ranked Buffaloes 41-14.

tion really hurt us," Barnett said turnovers and allowed nine team ahead 22-19 with 4:08 left. sacks. "They got the momentum and we never really got it back. No. 2 Penn State 70, Akron 24; But there's a lot of football left to play this season."

Ferentz and Hawaii's June Jones 42, Iowa 7; No. 6 Texas A&M 37, went as expected — both lost to Top 25 teams. No. 5 Nebraska beat the Hawkeyes 42-7 and No. 21 Southern California routed No. 10 Georgia Tech 49, Navy 14. Hawaii 62-7, extending the Rainbows' losing streak to 19 games, longest in the nation.

his Bears lost 30-29 at Boston missed an extra point in OT.

And then there was Auburn's Tommy Tuberville, who sweated out his opening game until Ben at No. 25 Arizona State on out his opening game until Ben at No. Leard's 33-yard TD pass with 38 Monday. seconds left lifted the Tigers over I-AA Appalachian State 22-15.

All told, 14 of this year's 20 new I-A coaches were in action No. 2 Penn State 70, Akron 24 Saturday — five won, nine lost.

one of the most exciting games in

Trailing 22-19 with 4:08 to play, the Wolverines staged a final drive that ended in Anthony Thomas' 1-yard TD run with 1:38 to go. Notre Dame (1-1) moved the ball to the Michigan 12, but turned into a soaked 10-0 loss at the clock ran out on quarterback Jarious Jackson and the Marshall survived Death Valley Wolverines celebrated in front of for a 13-10 win over Clemson in an NCAA-record crowd of 111,523.

after the game, played in a dri- much better than that," said Tom ving rainstorm and gusty winds Brady, who was 17 of 24 for 197 caused by Tropical Storm yards, including clutch comple-Dennis. "I'm proud of my team. tions of 15 and 20 yards on the winning drive.

The great Michigan quarter-Clemson did, too, but Chris back controversy seemed to ease Campbell was wide left on a 34- after a poised Brady played the yard field goal attempt with 10 entire second half. The fifth-year seconds left that would have senior started and sophomore sensation Drew Henson played Colorado's Gary Barnett also the second quarter, as planned. received a gut check in Denver. Coach Lloyd Carr says he'll con-In Saturday's biggest stunner, tinue to rotate the two in the next

For the Irish (1-1), Jackson 'We didn't make plays. We threw for a career-best 302 yards, couldn't run the ball. Field posi- ran 12 yards for a TD and hit Jabari Holloway with a fourthafter his Buffs committed six down, 20-yard TD pass to put his

In other Top 25 games, it was: No. 3 Tennessee 42, Wyoming 17; No. 4 Florida 55, Western The debuts of Iowa's Kirk Michigan 55-26; No. 5 Nebraska Louisiana Tech 17; No. 8 Miami 57, Florida A&M 3; No. 9 Wisconsin 49, Murray State 10;

Also, No. 11 Virginia Tech 47, James Madison 0; No. 12 Georgia 38, Utah State 7; No. 17 UCLA 38, Baylor's Kevin Steele had the Boise State 7; No. 18 Arkansas 26, toughest debut, though, when SMU 0; No. 20 Alabama 28, Vanderbilt 17; No. 22 Purdue 47, College after Kyle Atteberry Central Florida 13; and No. 23 Virginia 20, North Carolina 17.

No. 15 Arizona played TCU on

No. 1 Florida State, No. 13 Ohio State and No. 19 Kansas State were idle Saturday.

At State College, Pa., Rashard Joining Tuberville in the win- Casey scored his first two TDs — David Cutcliffe (3-0 over of the Lions (2-0) scored 70 points Northeast for the first time since beating

ence foes, No. 7 Michigan defeat- and three TDs on 25 carries, but ed No. 16 Notre Dame 26-22 in he also fumbled twice in his first game since knee surgery early last season.

Lewis received the game ball and coach Phillip Fulmer told him: "Welcome back, good game and "carry it around for the next couple of days."

No. 4 Florida 55, Western Michigan 26

At Gainesville, Fla., even with a 29-point win, the Gators have a few problems. Doug Johnson threw for four TDs, but Broncos quarterback Tim Lester passed for 405 yards against a defense with all new starters.

At one point, the Gators led only 31-26 early in the third quarter after they fumbled the kickoff and the Broncos scored three plays later. Florida added three TDs before the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach. No. 5 Nebraska 42, Iowa 7

At Iowa City, Iowa, a quarterback tag team hit the Huskers, too. Backup Eric Crouch scored three TDs and starter Bobby Newcombe returned after an ineffective first half to run for two TDs and pass for another.

Elsewhere:

—At Miami, the Hurricanes (2-0) prepped for Penn State on Sept. 18 with a 57-3 rout of I-AA Florida A&M as James Jackson ran for two TDs and Kenny Kelly passed for two.

-At Blacksburg, Va., redshirt freshman Michael Vick had a sensational debut in Virginia Tech's 47-0 rout of James Madison. He ran for three TDs in 1 1/2 quarters before leaving with and injured leg after doing a flip into the end zone to complete a 7-yard TD run. Vick said he expects to play next week.

-At Madison, Wis., Ron Dayne ran for 135 yards and three TDs and sat out the second half in a 49-10 rout of I-AA Murray State. Dayne needs 1,582 yards to pass Ricky Williams' Division I-A career rushing

—At Pasadena, Calif., freshman Cory Paus replaced starter Drew Bennett and threw for 128 yards and a TD to lead UCLA to s 38-7 win over Boise State.

-At Nashville, Tenn., Shaun Alexander scored three TDs, ner's circle were: Miami, Ohio's passing for one, running for but 'Bama needed to rally for a Terry Hoeppner (28-3 over another — and starter Kevin 28-17 win over Vanderbilt. Mississippi's Thompson had two TD passes as Vandy led 17-14 in the fourth quarter before Alexander ran 3 yards for a TD and then caught a 51-yard TD pass from Andrew

Special teams especially rocky

By JAIME ARON **AP Sports Writer**

No matter how many times coaches say special teams are as important as offense and defense, it often takes game-costing breakdowns for players to realize it.

Just ask Baylor or Texas - or Missouri, which only narrowly avoided the mistakes that doomed the Bears and Longhorns.

Baylor missed two extra points, including the gameender in overtime, and saw a blocked punt lead to a Boston College touchdown in a 30-29 loss Saturday.

Missouri had two blocked punts result in touchdowns for Alabama-Birmingham, but the Tigers escaped with a 31-28 victory. The Longhorns weren't as fortunate last weekend when three blocked punts turned into 16 North Carolina State points in a 23-20 loss.

Texas rebounded in a big way Saturday, drilling Stanford 69-17 for the Cardinals' worst loss in

45 games. Elsewhere, No. 5 Nebraska overcame a sloppy first half to whack Iowa 42-7. No. 6 Texas A&M withstood Louisiana Tech's passing attack for a 37-17 victory and Oklahoma State beat Louisiana-Lafayette 24-7 despite losing quarterback Tony Lindsay to a second-quarter knee injury.

Gary Barnett's debut as head coach at Colorado couldn't have been worse as the No. 14 Buffaloes had to score two late touchdowns just to get within 41-14 of Colorado State.

Texas Tech plays Arizona State on Monday night.

Baylor, which lost its last six games last year, was outplayed in coach Kevin Steele's debut but the Bears were still in the game, proof that his can-do attitude is rubbing off on his play-

Baylor went ahead 16-7 with a touchdown shortly before halftime, but failed to take a 10-point lead into the locker room because Kyle Atteberry's extrapoint attempt was blocked. (A

an Atteberry field goal for the roll, but they did in the second Bears' first points.)

In the third quarter, Boston College tied the game at 16 with a touchdown one play after blocking an Atteberry punt. The Eagles failed to go ahead by missing their PAT.

a second overtime following a 1- half." yard touchdown run by ermaine Alfred, until Atteberry hooked his PAT wide left.

Alfred usually holds on kicks, but he was hurt on the touchdown, so backup punter Ryan Chapdelaine went in. Atteberry said that wasn't the problem.

"It was a great snap and a great hold," Atteberry said. "I totally muffed it."

Problems on special teams cost Missouri at least two victories while going 8-4 last season, and the bug almost bit the Tigers again Saturday.

Missouri seemed over the problem when it blocked a punt for a touchdown and a 10-0 lead midway through the first quar-. a score six minutes later.

The Tigers led 24-14 when another blocked punt was returned for a touchdown midway through the fourth quarter, but they held on for the victory.

The star of the game was DeVaughn Black, who had 140 straight on the game-saving

"We were a very sporadic, erratic team," Missouri coach Larry Smith said. "We were good enough to win and that's about it."

Texas found the best remedy for its punting problems: touchdowns.

The Longhorns found the end zone on their first six possessions en route to their blowout win. Things went so well they even got a touchdown on a botched field goal attempt, and they blocked two punts.

We're not the only ones that had first-game punt woes," said Texas coach Mack Brown.

Nebraska's problem was turnovers. Three of them in the first half by quarterback Bobby point attempt was blocked. (A Newcombe prevented the we never really got it back," blocked punt, by the way, led to Cornhuskers from getting on a Barnett said.

half once the Hawkeyes wore

"Our offensive line had been hitting on them, they were starting to get bruised," Nebraska running back Dan Alexander said. "Things started opening up The game seemed headed for that weren't there in the first

Backup quarterback Eric Crouch scored Nebraska's first touchdown and ran for two more in the final period. In between, Newcombe ran for two touchdowns and passed for

Both of them I thought really played well," coach Frank Solich said. "I expected that would be the case. We have two outstanding quarterbacks. They both will be used."

The Cornhuskers remember the passing display Tim Rattay had against them last season, but the Aggies were able to keep the nation's reigning passing leader in check.

Rattay was 45-of-65 for 331 ter, but UAB returned a block for vards with two interceptions, while A&M's Randy McCown was 17-of-28 for a career-high 252 yards. Each threw for two TDs.

Oklahoma State saw Lindsay, its third-year starter, get helped to the dressing room after being hit on the left knee while throwyards on 25 carries, including 10 ing a pass. His status won't be known until Monday.

B.J. Tiger, a third-year sophomore limited to defense and special teams last year, was 6-of-13 for 109 yards and a touchdown. Freshman Ben Bowling played the final 6 1/2 minutes and had an interception returned for a touchdown on his first pass, then directed a nice drive to run out the clock in the closing minutes.

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"We've got to put the right game plan together that takes advantage of both quarterbacks' skills," coach Bob Simmons said.

Colorado State's defense forced six turnovers and sacked Colorado quarterbacks Mike Moschetti and Adam Bledsoe nine times as the Rams ended an eight-game losing streak to the Buffaloes. "They got the momentum and

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Major League Standings San Francisco (L.Hernandez 7-11) at New York (Rogers 3-0), 1:40 p.m. Cincinnati (Guzman 4-2) at Chicago (Bowie

Northwestern; Mississippi's David Cutcliffe (3-0 over of	another — and starter Kevin Thompson had two TD passes as the Lions (2-0) scored 70 points	Vandy led 17-14 in the fourth quarter before Alexander ran 3	National League At A Glance By The Associated Press All Times EDT				San Francisco (L.Hernandez 7-11) at N (Rogers 3-0), 1:40 p.m. Cincinnati (Guzman 4-2) at Chicago (B 4), 2:20 p.m Los Angeles (Valdes 9-12) at Florida (N					
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Comets honor Perrot's memory after clinching title

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HOUSTON (AP) - As the ute to Kim," Cooper told the Burley, who attended the game of this team, it pushed us to play promise to a fallen teammate made this year."

Texas champions. WNBA history, Houston kept strong the memory of point guard Kim Perrot, who died Aug. 19 from a rare form of lung cancer that strikes non-smokers.

After the Comets sealed the 59-47 victory over the New York Liberty, Perrot's picture and the phrase "No. 3 for No. 10" immediately went up on the Compaq Center's jumbo TV

Championship MVP Cynthia Cooper held up Perrot's No. 10 jersey, later donning it and hugging members of Perrot's fami-"I have to say we really want-

ed to win it for Kim. This is in

memory of Kim; this is in trib- in three years," said Willie

Houston Comets cemented crowd. "And this is in tribute to their third WNBA champi- all the sacrifices that you the onship Sunday, they fulfilled a fans and we the players have and continued to build a Stickers and signs reading "3

dynasty in a year dominated by for 10," abounded, and it seemed every fan wore a pin, a The only team to win a title in button or a ribbon in memory of Perrot. "Kim is here, right now, while

we're celebrating," fan Debbie Loya said. Perrot's family was brought

down to the floor to celebrate along with the Comets. "The team, the fans, every-

body did it for her," said Lorreta Perrot, Kim's sister. "Regardless of Kim being gone, in a better place, we're all still family." That family includes thou-

sands of fans for a sport that naysayers had said would never hold the public's atten-"We have not missed a game

with two of her friends. 50 retired city and county

employees who have been to every home game since the Comets started playing in 1997. Another fan who has not

missed a home game, Judy Moore, said this year's championship was all the more sweet because of the adversity the Comets faced.

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harder and overcome," said All three are part of a group of Moore, who wore a Perrot jersey.

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Only games scheduled

second straight day, following Saturday's last-second Game 2 victory by the Liberty on Teresa Weatherspoon's 52-footer at the buzzer.

year rich in championships for Texas teams as the NBA's San Antonio Spurs and NHL's Dallas "With Kim being the backbone Stars both won titles.

WNBA Championship Box

At Houston **NEW YORK(47)** Wicks 5-12 0-0 11, Johnson 4-7 0-0 9, Hampton 2-6 4-5 8, Robinson 2-3-Point Goals-New York 5-15

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Odds and ends

Unbegrable wait over

newborn giant panda in the Western Hemisphere in nearly a decade — is no longer genderless to fans.

Her protective mother, Bai Yun, left the den long enough over the weekend to allow San Diego Zoo biologists to see that the cub is a girl. Officials report she is showing dis-tinct markings, with some dark coloring around her shoulders.

The cub remains nameless, however. The zoo, where the panda was born Aug. 21, has submitted a request to China to name the

Since China owns both the cub and its parents, which are on loan to San Diego, authorities in that country must approve any name. So far, there's been no word from

Cloud, delivered the cub after an artificial insemination from Shi Shi, who is named for the town closest to where he was taken into captivity after being found injured.

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Wrong pet.

A woman who lost her pet iguana thought her prayers had been answered when firefighters swooped in to rescue a lizard stuck in a pear tree.

home the roaming reptile and gave it a good cleaning, she discovered it wasn't her missing Cleopatra.

After all, the real Cleopatra was missing the tips of two toes, her claws were kept trim and she had a scar on her belly. The rescued critter had all its toes, long claws and l an unmarred tummy, Rasar said.

slipped out of her car as she drove down Interstate 640 on Aug. 29. Firefighters rescued a lizard from a 35-foot pear tree at a Fountain City home the next day.

A woman from Fountain City contacted Rasar after hearing about the bittersweet rescue and identified the iguana as her lost

Rasar is scouring the petshops and roadways for Cleopatra. Somebody will find her," she said. "I

ain't never going to give up.

SACO, Mont. (AP) - Moo-ve over Seymour, Wis.

Residents of this tiny town in northern Montana made a meaty attempt Sunday to knock the Wisconsin community out of the Guinness Book of Records.

hamburger meat — made up of the better part of 17 cattle — and took an hour and 40 minutes to fry what they hope will be named the world's largest burger.

The real whopper was served up to 4,000 people who pulled off U.S. Highway 2 at Sleeping Buffalo Resort. On Monday, organizers planned to use the leftovers to make biscuits and gravy for breakfast and dinners of sloppy joes.

Loran Green recalled the moment when

the big idea came to him. He was in the Phillips County Library in nearby Malta, perusing the 1994 edition of the Guinness Book of Records when he came across the entry for the world's largest hamburger, a 5,520-pounder made in

Seymour in 1989. "I thought, 'Heck, we can build one big-

ger than that," he said.

He strolled and strolled and ... TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — When banker Rob Reynolds retired, he decided to take a

Four years, 10 pairs of walking shoes and 11,433 miles later, he ended up right where he started - at Marine View Presbyterian Church in Northeast Tacoma.

O'Connor home following surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — Cardinal John O'Connor celebrated Mass at home as thousands of well-wishers at St. Patrick's Cathedral prayed for his speedy recovery from brain surgery.

spokesman Joe Zwilling said Sunday, a day after the cardinal was released from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Doctors removed a tumor from the surface of his brain during the 11 days he was hospitalized, according to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York.

Church officials would not say whether the Roman Catholic prelate's tumor was malignant. But they said the 79-year-old archbishop of New York would soon undergo radiation therapy, which is often used to prevent aggressive brain tumors from recurring.

Zwilling declined to release any other information on the cardinal's condition or prognosis. He said O'Connor, who became spiritual leader to 2.2 million Catholics in 1984, would spend much of the coming week resting.

about everything, he's in very good and positive spirits."

Sunday to offer prayers for O'Connor.

"I was very saddened," said Suzanne Johnson, 59, of Memphis, Tenn. "He's a wonderful leader in the church, one of the good ones. ... I'll certainly be praying for him.

The 72-year-old walked across and around was interrupted last year by knee and heart prob-Fellowship, a Christian Group that flies missionaries around the world to deliver food and medical sup-

He would have finished sooner, but his journey

America to raise \$50,000 for Mission Aviation lems. Reynolds also underwent open-heart surgery to replace his aortic valve, and he got a knee-replace-

Undaunted, he hit the pavement again in May to finish the final leg of his journey.

Reynolds got a big kiss from his wife, Marge, who accompanied him in a support car, after he strode the last few steps Saturday.

We're tremendously exhilarated we were able to do it," he told a crowd of about 40 who'd gathered

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