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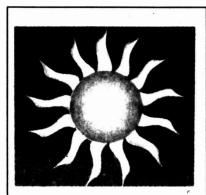
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High today mid 80s Low tonight upper 50s For weather details see Page 2.

LUBBOCK (AP) — It took a jury less than an hour Monday to convict a 29-year-old man of killing his parents.

A defense attorney said Michael Yowell was insane when he shot his father in the head, strangled his mother with a lamp cord and blew up the family home.

Jurors didn't buy the argument. They will decide Tuesday whether Yowell should spend life in prison or receive lethal injection for the May 1998 slayings.

The charred corpses of John Yowell, 55, and Carol Yowell, 53, were strewn amid the rubble of their home after an early morning explosion.

Carol Yowell's mother, 89year-old Viola Davis, also was in the house when her grandson opened a gas valve and took off into the night. The elderly woman died two weeks later of burns and smoke inhalation. That case has not gone to trial.

Prosecutor Matt Powell said Yowell originally planned to shoot both his parents, but his gun broke during the con-

Instead, Yowell attacked his mother with a knife, then wrapped a cord around her neck and strangled her for at least five minutes, Powell said.

Yowell was an alcoholic and a junkie desperate for drug money at the time of the slavings, defense lawyer Jack Stoffregen told the courtroom.

- · Hillmer Koch, 89, farmer, rancher.
- · K.S. 'Tommy' Lee, 75, former district office manager Skelly/Getty Oil Company.
- · Deanna Luverne Mixon, 49, homemaker, Mobeetie City Council member.
- Inez R. Smith, 84, home-

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Southside clean-up day rated a success

32 tons of trash collected Saturday may have dawned

Deputies turning

to anthropologist

for murder clues

Gray County officers are hoping that a forensic anthropologist can

A contractor mowing grass near McLean on Business I-40 (Old

Route 66) discovered the remains of the woman the morning of Aug.

12. He notified the Gray County Sheriff's office that the body was

along a fence line near the highway about a half mile west its inter-

Gray County Sheriff's deputies said the remains were to be sent to

a forensic anthropologist down state this week. They had been taken

to the Texas Tech Medical School by Texas Rangers for examination

The Lubbock anthropologist was able to give officers some help,

deputies said, but was unable to come up with any details that might

Identification, officers said, was difficult because the body was so

Sheriff Don Copeland said the condition of the body prevented

There were no apparent gunshot wounds or other indications of

Initial reports put the woman's age between 20 and 40 years old.

Officers said she was dressed in cutoff blue jeans and size 7 1/2

Reebok tennis shoes. She wore orthopedic inserts in each shoe. Her

blue tank top was up around her neck. No identification was found (See MURDER, Page 2)

help shed light on the identity of a woman whose decayed body was

blustery and cold but it did not dampen the sparits and efforts of volunteers who gathered at Prairie Village Park to start the first Southside Clean-up Project. In all, about 45 volunteers ranging from small children to

teenagers to adults — took part in the effort that was to have concluded at noon, but instead lasted until 4:30 p.m. The volunteers split into two

groups to begin cleaning alleys. One group moved to the Prairie Drive alley and the other worked the Huff Road alley. Working with the volunteers were city crews who ran front

end loaders and trucks and landfill employees worked to make sure all the trash was taken into the landfill and buried.

And what a load it was. The landfill recorded about 32 tons of trash brought in from the effort.

By DAVID BOWSER

found near McLean last summer.

section with Texas Highway 273.

by a pathologist and anthropologist in Lubbock.

help with the identification of the woman.

officials from determining the cause of death.

badly decomposed when it was found.

what might have killed the woman.

Staff Writer

The mix included 10 refrigerators, mattresses. sofas and chairs, limbs and many other appliances and assorted trash.

The mix included 10 refrigerators, 100 mattresses, sofas and chairs, limbs and many other appliances and assorted trash.

Ward IV Commissioner Faustina Curry, who was part of the volunteer group, said there was good support and work from city staff members, "But the real credit for pulling of this clean-up day goes to the residents of Prairie Village and the Southside

(See **SOUTHSIDE**, Page 2)



The changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace in London was witnessed by the Pampa

For The News

(Editor's note: This is the final installment in a series, "the Essence of Europe," about a Pampa

We are beginning the last leg of our trip — we are beaded to Great Britain.

Eddy drives us to the shore of the English Channel at Calais, France. This is where we say goodbye to him and he heads home to Belgium. Wanetta had bought a Harvester T-shirt for Eddy and we all signed the shirt. When we gave it to him, it was all he could do to keep from crying. Eddy had been so much a part of our group -

he laughed with us and at us. He protected us and drove us safely through all kinds of traffic and in all kinds of situations. It was hard to say goodbye to him, we felt we had

We board Vier Waldstattersee, a huge ferry, for the trip across the English Channel. The ferry was at least four stories high and contained several restaurants. We scrambled to find something to eat, got in some shopping and before we knew it we could see the white cliffs of Dover. Jo and Jean told us about the soldiers in World War II knowing that they were safe at home when they

Departing from the ferry, we had to go through Customs at Dover. This process took a long time and we grew hot and tired waiting to be processed (I don't know how many people the ferry held but it was a whole bunch!) Anyway,



Westminster Abbey was one of many London landmarks the group visited

we board our new bus and meet our new bus driver — John.

(See DIARY, Page 5)

Quite frankly... As leaves turn and the air cools, what's your favorite season?



"I love the fall. It's not "I love which ever sea- "I like fall because of too cold. It's not too hot. son it is." It's October."

-- Thurmelda Moore



-- Cheryl Jennings



the baseball playoffs."

-- Tim Hutto



ketball is about to in. I was raised in start."



"I like fall because bas- "I love the season I'm Miami, Fla. and lived in -- Bill Weatherbee Houston for 12 years. This is my first experience with seasons."

-- Sherrie Nicolet



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Services tomorrow

KOCH, Hillmer — 2:30 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Darrouzett.

LEE, K.S. "Tommy" — 11 a.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays, Kan.

MIXON, Deanna Luverne — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Mobeetie.

SMITH, Inez R. — 1:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Silverton.

WALL, Mazie — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Memorial Heights Cemetery, Lefors.

Obituaries

HILLMER KOCH

LIPSCOMB - Hillmer Koch, 89, died Monday, Oct. 4, 1999, at Canadian. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Darrouzett with Bill Griffin, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Lipscomb under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Koch was born June 2, 1910, at Shattuck, Okla., to Jacob and Amalia Peil Koch. He had been a Lipscomb County resident since 1916, moving from Shattuck. He married Charlotte "Lottie" Meller on April 23, 1933, at Lipscomb. He was a farmer and rancher and belonged to Farm Bureau, serving on the Lipscomb board of

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran

Survivors include his wife, Lottie, of Lipscomb; three daughters, Luella Miller of Darrouzett, Diana Born of Lipscomb and Linda Rader of Canadian; four sons, Alfred Koch of Pampa, Ervin Koch of Lipscomb, Merlin Koch of Amarillo and Vernon Koch of Guymon, Okla.; three sisters, Martha Klein of Durham, Kan., Gertrude Hanshu of Darrouzett and Linda Wiederstein of Shattuck; 21 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Darrouzett, Hemphill County Hospice or Edward Abraham Memorial

The body will be available for viewing until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home and from 1 p.m. until service time Wednesday at the church.

K.S. 'TOMMY' LEE HAYS, Kan. - K.S. "Tommy" Lee, 75, died Sunday, Oct. 3, 1999, at Hays Medical Center at Hays. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Michael Suchnicki officiating. Vigil services will be at 7

p.m. today in Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Mr. Lee was born Aug. 27, 1924, at Ardmore, Okla., to Eivan and Annie Bradshaw Lee. He married Peggy J. Presley on July 7, 1951, at Marlow, Okla. He held a degree from the University of Oklahoma at Edmund and was district office manager for Skelly/Getty Oil

Company, working at Murfin Oil Company of Russell for several years. He belonged to St. Joseph Catholic Church of

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark; four

sisters; and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy, of the home; two sons, Shane Lee of Lawrence, Kan., and Dane Lee of Fairway, Kan.; and two grandchil-

The family requests memorials be to Thomas More Prep-Marian High School or Parish Center of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today and from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral

DEANNA LUVERNE MIXON

MOBEETIE – Deanna Luverne Mixon, 49, died Sunday, Oct. 3, 1999, at SunBridge Care Center in Wheeler. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dinzel Leonard officiating. Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Mixon was born March 30, 1950, at Wagner, S.D., to Sylvester and Clara Brookshire Gleich. She had been a Mobeetie resident since 1991, moving from Pampa. She was a homemaker and was serving on the Mobeetie City Council at the time of her death. She was a member of Old Mobeetie Museum Association and attended Church of Christ of Stratford.

She was preceded in death by a stepgreatgranddaughter, Tracy Brooks, in 1999.

Survivors include her husband, Jess Mixon, of Mobeetie; a daughter, Jerry Martinez of Mobeetie; a son, Leonard Mixon of Tishomingo, Okla.; two stepdaughters, Juanell Brooks of Amarillo and Bobbie Burchfield of Minco, Okla.; a half-sister, Denise Whitmire of Oregon; two half-brothers, James Edward Jones of California and Curt Walker of Oregon; three grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and 11 stepgreatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite

INEZ R. SMITH

LUBBOCK - Inez R. Smith, 84, sister of a Canadian resident, died Sunday, Oct. 3, 1999. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in First

Baptist Church at Silverton with the Rev. Edwin Norris officiating. Burial will be in Silverton Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Silverton.

Mrs. Smith was born at Silverton. She married C.L. Smith in 1938 at Camp Wood.

Survivors include her husband, C.L.; a daughter, Sherry Walden of Richardson; two sons, Donnie Smith of Lubbock and Clinton R. Smith of Garland; five sisters, Opal Woods of Cleveland, Ga., Daphine Lytle of Kinta, Okla., Jean Sweat of Silverton, Wanda Morris of Barksdale and Shirlene Vines of Canadian; a brother, Donald Rhea of Auburn, Wash.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, Oct. 4

Ruby McDowell Swenson, 52, 2700 N. Hobart, was cited for failure to yield right of way after she pulled into the intersection at 400 E. Brown and 400 S. Houston, striking a 1990 Buick Electra driven by Bernice Beals Smith, 72, 232 Canadian,

in the right passenger side. Swenson was driving

a 1985 Chevy Camaro. No injuries were reported.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Oct. 4 Curtis Andrew Camp, 26, Pampa, was arrested for probation violation with the original charge deadly conduct. He was also arrested for posses-

Police report

sion of drug paraphernalia.

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

Monday, October 4, 1999

Brent E. Dickinson, 25, Fritch, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct by language, and public intoxica-

James Daniel Ketchum, 40, Pampa, was arrested on two charges of possession of drug para-

Deadly conduct was reported in 1500 block of Burglary of habitation is being investigated in

the 600 block of North Sumner. Possession of Marijuana was reported

600 block of East Fredric.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 900 block of Huff.

Fires

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

Monday, Oct. 4

8:45 a.m.— Two vehicles and six personnel responded to a Fire Prevention Week program at Austin Elementary School, 1900 N. Duncan.

4:27 p.m. — Two engines and six personnel responded to a smoke scare at 409 W. Brown. 6:47 p.m.— Two vehicles and five personnel responded to a fuel fire at FM 750 West.

Stocks

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Police (non-emergency)	
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Water	

Uninsured Texans caught in the middle

SAN BENITO, Texas (AP) — When Teddy Gonzalez gets sick, ignores a persistent shooting Texas leads the country in the her mom, Celia, often plays doc- pain in her own leg and an occator, relying on home remedies sional heart flutter. like Vicks VapoRub or hot lemon drinks to cure some ailments.

ful, bespectacled 10-year-old girl selor to care for her daughter.

Ms. Gonzalez has been without health insurance since her unemployment benefits com-"Sometimes she can't take me husband died and she quit her bined with her daughter's sura lot (to the doctor)," the cheer- job as a substance abuse coun- vivor's benefits - about \$1,400 a

said as she waited with her The mother and daughter are to qualify for Medicaid, but too mother in a hallway at the Garza among the 24.5 percent of Texans little to pay for a private health who have no health insurance. A insurance plan.

Meanwhile, Celia Gonzalez recent Census report showed proportion of people without health coverage.

> The amount of Ms. Gonzalez' month — was too much income

Fritch man jailed on drug charges

A Fritch man was in Gray County jail today on abusive language.

bonds totaling \$2,500 after being charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug para- believed to be drug paraphernalia and a small phernalia, disorderly conduct and public intoxica-

Authorities said Pampa Police Officer Andy Alaniz was called to the 600 block of Frederic early Monday afternoon on what had been reported to be a domestic dispute. Alaniz said he found the other counts. Dickinson, who appeared to be intoxicated, using

Dickinson was arrested about 1:30 p.m. Monday Brent E. Dickinson, 25, was in jail today in lieu of for public intoxication and disorderly conduct. Following the arrest, officers found what they amount of what appeared to be marijuana in Dickinson's 1997 Dodge Ram pickup.

Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond this

morning at \$1,000 on a charge of possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and \$500 on each of

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Southside

Clean-up Committee members. Their dedication and drive made this day a big success."

Special thanks went out from the group to Robert and Judy Ellison who provided refreshments for the volunteers.

While Saturday's effort was a success, it is only the beginning of the project the Committee sees as

an ongoing one to reclaim, clean up and take pride in their neighborhood. The next clean-up day is Oct. 23 at 8 a.m. The area targeted is Barrett Street to Somerville.

"I see real hope in this project as we had good participation and there were many people working in their own yards cleaning them up," Curry said. "We hope that more southside citizens and church groups will commit to this project and keep it

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Murder

on her body. Officers said there were no tattoos or identifying marks on the body.

The Lubbock anthropologist, officers said, indicated that the woman was older than first thought. He said she was probably between 35 and 60 years old. She was between 5-foot-1 and 5-

foot-6. Chief Deputy Jim Scott said she probably weighed between 120 and 140 pounds.

Officers said they have been able to get finger prints and dental impressions from the body but have not been able to match them with records to establish an identity for the woman.

Copeland said the case is being handled as a

FCC chief expressing concern over consumers, quotes

NEW YORK (AP) — In what
The deal would be the largest would be the largest corporate corporate merger ever, eclipsing to date, WorldCom Inc. agreed to pay \$115 billion for Sprint Corp., the nation's No. 3 long distance carrier, the companies announced second biggest long-distance

The nation's top telephone biggest operators of the netregulator immediately warned consumers would benefit from hole nicely. the merger.

The combined company would be called WorldCom, and U.S. long-distance market and offer wireless phone and paging a stronger competitor to AT&T companies excel." Corp., the nation's largest long-

of the Federal Communications "We owed it to our Commission, said WorldCom and Sprint will have opportunity," to make a strong case for Ackerman, chairman and chief approval of the deal.

'American consumers are enjoying the lowest long-dis- long-distance business to comtance rates in history and the plement its local telephone busilowest Internet rates in the ness in nine Southeastern states. world for one reason: competi- Like the other Baby Bells, the tion," Kennard said in Atlanta-based company hopes Washington "Competition has that federal regulators will soon produced a price war in the allow it to offer long-distance long-distance market.

"This merger appears to be a for consumers?

Bernard J. Ebbers, president and chief executive of MCI WorldCom, told reporters in New York, that "we understood from day one it is our burden of proof to show this is pro-competitive." He added, "We look forward to the opportunity of doing that."

MČI WorldCom late Monday sweetened its offer to \$76 per cations company into a powershare in stock, up from \$63, rather than risk losing Sprint to rival BellSouth Corp., which had MCI, beating out foreign rival offered \$72 per share in cash and British stock, or \$100 billion.

Both companies' boards voted to approve the deal Monday evening, and it was formally announced this morning.

In trading this afternoon, Sprint was down 62 1/2 cents at \$60.25 a share on the New York

MCI the pending \$82 billion deal between Exxon Corp. and Mobil

MCI WorldCom is the nation's

company and one of the world's

works that make up the Internet, the companies that they "bear a but has no wireless calling busiheavy burden" to show how ness. Sprint PCS would fill that "The merger with Sprint is particularly timely as wireless communications emerges as a would control 30 percent of the critical component of full-service offerings," said Ebbers.

"Increasingly, wireless will be services and an Internet net- used for Internet access and data work. WorldCom also would be services, two areas in which both In a statement today, BellSouth distance and cable TV company. said talks with Sprint had con-William E. Kennard, chairman cluded without any agreement. MCI and employees to explore this

said Duane

executive officer of BellSouth. BellSouth had sought Sprint's service in its home region.

Even the mightiest telecomsurrender. How can this be good munications companies are racing to grab an edge in technology and geographic reach so they can compete in a market where distinctions between telephones. television, radio and computers are disappearing.

Ebbers, a former basketball coach and motel operator, has proved again to be a master dealmaker. Ebbers, 58, built a small Jackson, Miss. communihouse. Two years ago, he won a bidding war for what was then Telecommunications PLC.

Ebbers will be president and chief executive of the new WorldCom. William T. Esrey, chairman and chief executive of Sprint, will be chairman of WorldCom.

Sprint shareholders will get

Congress passed Telecommunications Act of 1996 to spur competition, but mergers have greatly reduced the number of major players in the industry.

Not counting Sprint-MCI WorldCom, there have been 233 telecom deals this year totaling \$195 billion, according to Thomson Securities Data Co. With today's announcement, this year's total would far surpass the \$220 billion in telecom deals last year.

Principal

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A high school assistant principal was shot in the thigh Monday while confronting a 17-year-old student suspec

William Burke, 61, was hospitalized but was not badly hurt in the shooting at John Bartram High School in southwest Philadelphia, a racially mixed, blue-collar part of town.

Metal detectors had been delivered recently to the 3,100student school but were not yet in operation.

Police said that a teacher suspected the student had a gun and called Burke. Burke told the boy to leave class and go into the hallway, where the two began struggling, police said. A

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny today with a high in the mid 80s and south winds at 10-15 mph. Tonight, clear with a low in the upper 50s and south winds at 15 mph. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high of 85-90 and south winds at 15-25 mph.

PANHANDLE - Tonight, clear with a low 50 to 55. South wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a high in the at Port Isabel. mid 80s. South to southwest wind 15-20 mph with higher gusts. Wednesday night, increasing cloudiness, a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. A low

in the mid 50s. **STATEWIDE** — While storms associated with a tropical depression in Mexico dumped heavy rain today along the Texas

coast, a high-pressure system kept rainfall away from much of the remainder. Mild temperatures were

expected through the weekend. Early-morning temperatures ranged from the middle 40s in the Panhandle through the 50s and lower 60s in the north to lower 70s over the lower Rio and thunderstorms developed Grande Valley.

It was 77 degrees at Junction, 94 at Laredo and Cotulla, and 78

The National Weather Service posted a coastal flood warning from Baffin Bay to the Rio Grande. A coastal flood warning was in effect from the Matagorda ship channel to Baffin Bay, with heavy surf and dangerous cur-

A small craft advisory was in effect for the entire Texas coast. A strong northeasterly flow

between the high-pressure in the north and the tropical depression in the Bay of Campeche, east of Veracruz, Mexico, has created very rough sea conditions along the Texas coast.

Remnants of a weak cool front were also bringing rain to the region. A few scattered showers ahead of the front." Both Brownsville and McAllen reported just over a tenth of an inch of rain.

Only high-level cirrus covered North Texas.

Winds were generally northerly at less than 10 mph.

More fair and mild conditions were expected through Friday.

Daytime highs will be mainly in the 80s, with overnight lows in the 50s and a chance of rain in the deep south.

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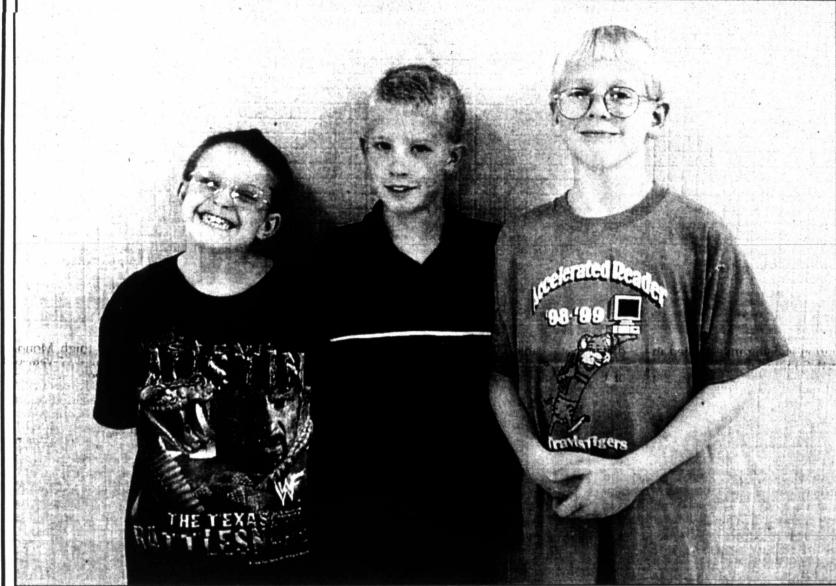
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Perfect TAAS scores





(Pampa News photos by Nancy Young)

Austin Elementary School students who earned a perfect score on their TAAS tests were Kailee Internann, Nicole Hurama, Toby Smith and Landon McNeely. Not pictured but also earning a perfect score was Aaron Pepper. Travis Elementary students, bottom, who earned a perfect score on the TAAS scores were from left, Jake Russell, Brody Russell and Andrew Roy.

United Way funds benefit local Red Cross

This article is one in a series of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 1999 "Caring Hearts Build Hope" fund-raising campaign.

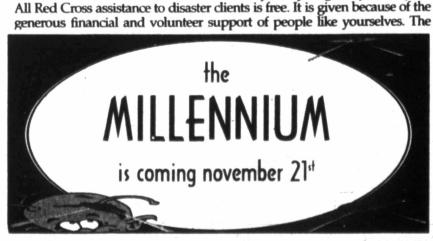
The Gray County American Red Cross is known for doing several activities in our community. With your generous donations through the United Way and through your local chapter, the Red Cross has been able to bring

the community disaster services, health and safety services, and service to military families.

> In its last fiscal year, 10 Gray County and surrounding area families were given emergency disaster assistance. Trained and dedicated volunteers helped with emergency needs such as temporary shelter, food, new clothes and shoes, prescriptions, basic household furnishings — such as beds, linens and kitchen utensils - and occupa-

tional supplies. The American Red Cross

assists those who have no resources of their own to begin their lives again. These services are available 24-hours a day, every single day of the year.



Gray County Chapter also responded to several wildfires. It was there to

provide food and drinks to the firemen.

The Gray County Chapter also serves as the communications link between local citizens and their families in military services, stationed around the world. Red Cross volunteers and staff verify deaths, serious illnesses, financial problems and births. Emergency messages are then relayed through a worldwide communications network to military personnel. In the last fiscal year, 32 services were provided to servicemen and women. Like Disaster Services, this program is available 24-hours a day, and is given without charge to the family or the service person.

Health education programs are a vital part of the American Red Cross mission. A total of 526 people enrolled in first aid and CPR classes while 154 enrolled in Aquatics and Water Safety programs ranging from beginner level swimming to life guarding. Certified volunteer instructors taught these life saving skills for the community at large as well as in workplaces throughout the county.

Every Friday, the Red Cross offers free blood pressures, and blood sugar tests from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. Another available service is a free medical loan closet. There are wheel chairs, potty chairs, crutches, canes and hospital beds just to name a few. Red Cross also accepts donated items to add to its loan

The Gray County American Red Cross relies solely on the United Way and public donations. So, please remember to give to the United Way this campaign season to help continue the much needed services in our own

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VA proposes birth defects benefits legislation

According to Robert Dixon, Veterans County Service Officer for Gray County, the Department of Veterans Affairs is developing legislation that would benefit children with birth defects, which may be related to their mothers' service in Vietnam.

The proposal is part of Secretary West's response to a VA-commissioned report on Vietnam veterans and Agent Orange from the National Academy of Sciences. While the NAS concluded in the report, that there is inadequate/insufficient evidence that children of Vietnam veterans faced an elevated risk of birth defects, Secretary West said an internal VA study completed after the NAS review provided "compelling evidence" associating women's Vietnam service with birth defects.

Women Vietnam veterans were excluded from many birth defect studies reviewed by NAS because of their relatively small number. The results of a VA study of 90 percent of the 4,410 women Vietnam veterans surviving as of Jan. 1, 1992, showed the risks of having a child with certain birth defects were significantly elevated.

Approximately 2.6 million veterans, 7,484 of them women, served within the borders of South Vietnam and in adjacent waters.

VA already provides benefits for spina bifida, a congenital defect of the spine, in children of veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War. The Department also presumes service-connection for chloracne, porphyria cutanea tarda (a liverdisorder), prostate cancer, acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy (nerve impairment), soft-tissue sarcoma, Hodgkin's disease, multiple myeloma, respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx and trachea), and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in Vietnam veterans.

Dioxin is a compound found in certain herbicides, including Agent Orange, used in Vietnam. The law presumes that all military personnel who served in Vietnam and later suffer certain diseases were

exposed to herbicides.

Vietnam veterans who believe they have health problems that may be related to their Vietnam service or exposure to herbicides while serving in Vietnam should contact the nearest VA medical center or regional office, the nearest Texas Veterans Commission office or Veterans County Service Officer. Phone numbers are in the government section of your local directory.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

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

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

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

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN

STAR the Eastern Star, has changed their and Fridays, Sept. 28-Oct. 29 at the meeting nights from the first and Meredith House, 812 W. 25th St. third Tuesdays to the second and For more information, call (806) fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule seven days a week - two meetings a and Tuesday and Thursd 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

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

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY Lovett Memorial Library will offer the Fall 1999 Pre-School Story

Hour beginning at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Sept. 7-Dec. 14. All children between 18 months and 5 years of age are welcome to participate. Stories, crafts and activities are planned. Special programs will be announced. All programs are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

Commercial and portrait photographer, Leo Shuler, is showing some of his award-winning photographs at the White Deer Land Museum, 112. S. Cuyler. Shuler has been a photographer for 35 years and his specialty is portraits and wedding pictures. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission is free. **CROWN OF TEXAS HOSPICE**

Crown of Texas Hospice will present "Hospice - Living Life to the Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of Fullest" from 1-4 p.m., Tuesdays 372-7696 or 1-800-572-6365. This educational series is being offered free as a service to the community. Contact hours are available for nurses and the course is worth 3.0 CEUs for other professionals.

FALL HOME LANDSCAPE **SEMINAR**

Extension Potter County day -noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, Horticulture Committee will sponsor the second annual Fall Landscape Seminar from 9 a.m.-12 noon Oct. 9 at Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West. The seminar will spotlight winter management of home landscape. Guest speakers resulting from peer pressure, sibling will be Dr. Lanny Dreesen, Extension forestry specialist; Dr. Brent Bean, TAEX agronomist; Dr. Carl Patrick, TAEX entomologist; Dr. Leon New, TAEX irrigation specialist; and Kristi Wright, director of Programs, Amarillo Botanical

UW holds check-in luncheon

Latch Key.

United Way reported receiv- will be at 12 noon, Thursday, ing \$118,282 - including Oct. 7 in the large meeting room \$112,000 for Celanese employ- at Pampa Community Building, ees and company matching 200 N. Ballard. For those unable funds - during its recent check- to attend the luncheon, pledge in luncheon. The total is now cards will be accepted at the \$165,240, 48 percent of the goal. local United Way office. The The event was sponsored by agencies sponsoring the Oct. 7 Tralee Crisis Center, American luncheon are Amarillo Council Red Cross and Gray County on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, the Salvation Army and Gray The next check-in luncheon Co. Child Protective Services.

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Inside the **Beltway**

with

Sen. Hutchison

First aid for hospitals could be on the way

Texas' rural hospitals, and all hospitals for that matter, operate on very slim margins yet manage to bring cutting-edge medical care to the communities they serve. But changes in Medicare payments to hospitals have put many institutions in a bind. Others are fighting for their lives.

Rural communities across Texas have felt the impact of hospital closures for more than a decade now. When a rural hospital closes, local residents lose access to routine, preventative care, not to mention emergency services that can save life and limb. Doctors and other highly trained professionals move away. Then people must drive a hundred of miles or more in some cases to get the care city dwellers take for granted. Local economies suffer when jobs are lost. Existing businesses may have to move, and new businesses won't locate in places where health care is unavailable. Hospital closure can be a death knell for struggling towns.

Now the Health Care Finance Administration says it will make cuts in its payments to hospitals that are much greater than what Congress expected in its 1997 Medicare bill. At the same time, hospitals face Y2K costs, higher blood supply costs and higher prescription drugs prices — increases in operating expenses that were not anticipated in 1997.

The biggest single dollar issue facing these institutions is a scheduled reduction in the annual inflation adjustment for standard, inpatient Medicare payments (what hospitals are paid for treating Medicare patients diagnosed with specific illnesses). Until now, Medicare has provided annual increases in payments to make up for increased hospital costs due to inflation. But hospitals are no longer going to receive that annual inflation adjustment.

To address this looming crisis, I am introducing legislation to restore some of the planned rollbacks in Medicare payments to health-care facilities.

This will provide a temporary shot in the arm to hospitals already hard hit by overall Medicare provider reimbursements cuts, and particularly cuts in outpatient services. As hospitals learn to adjust to the new reimbursement system for outpatient services, continuing to receive inflation adjustments might just mean the difference between disaster and survival

Other rescue efforts for hospitals are underway, as well, and I am co-sponsoring a number of bills that have been introduced to strengthen hospitals' financial position. One would limit hospitals' losses under the new outpatient reimbursement system; another would increase the reimbursements made to rural hospitals for seniors in Medicare Choice-Plus

Finally, my successful effort to ensure that Texas' tobacco settlement funds stay in our state and out of the clutches of the federal government has meant that many rural hospital districts are receiving a financial boost. My bill keeping the federal government's hand out of the tobacco settlement cookie jar passed into law as part of a larger emergency spending bill signed by the President in May. As a result, Texas counties are in line to receive more than \$2 billion, including a lump sum payment of \$300 million from the fund this year. A \$1.8 billion permanent trust account also has been established by the state

so that each county will get its share, every year, in perpetuity. Texas hospitals aren't out of the woods yet, by a long way. But I don't believe Congress will stand by and watch them close. First aid is on the way.

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Survey: We will survive 2000

Apparently the world's not going to end on January 1 after all.

At least not if Armageddon believes in majority rules. A survey just out said that six out of 10 Americans polled don't believe there will be any major problems when we enter the new year. Luckily for marketers of panic and gloom and doom 40 percent ain't a bad audi-

There are still books on the shelf about what to do when the entire utility industry collapses and no one can get food. The food thing is one of my favorites because whenever I see the migrant workers picking grapes or other year. oranges or whatever I never noticed them using laptops. I've known a trucker or two and some of them don't even have auto pilot built into those trucks. And while they have scanners at the market I'm guessing that if they wouldn't work store managers would break out a few calculators and Big Chief

So far those books telling everyone how to survive the coming date change aren't even on the discount rack so I guess people are still the books on how to survive the coming stock pick that moment to come. Maybe some of

Jeff West

Pampa News staff

market crash or coming depression or runaway inflation of 1976 or 1984 or almost any

Gold is apparently a good investment for the end of civilization as we know it. At least that's the message from the people who sell gold on TV. As I recall it's also a good investment to fight inflation, depression and foot fungus if the previous ads are true. I'm not sure how gold is going to help if your starving to death in the dark with no

heat. Who can tell if it's real gold in the dark? I haven't heard as much from the religious whack.... I mean the religious zealots who buying them. Of course, they've just replaced think it will be the end of time and God will

them figured out that He may be using the Jewish calendar. I hear there are still some preaching that line however.

My favorite thing I've seen lately kinda jumped up at me the other day as I was pushing a cart through a store in Amarillo. It was a big ol'

four-or-five-foot wide electric sign that labeled itself as a "millennium countdown clock." It showed the number of days, hours, minutes and seconds until the new year. Actually it had a dual purpose with the countdown. It also showed the exact number of hours, minutes and seconds until it became an incredibly useless piece of junk.

Although now that I think about that clock might not be totally useless, maybe it could be programmed to count down until the next end of civilization as we know it" fad starts up. We could then already have books written with just the year and exact cause of the calamity left out until the last second. Whoops, better not say last second, the clock is ticking.

Be good to one another and be good to your-

Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Tuesday, Oct. 5, the 278th day of 1999. There are 87 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 5, 1892, the Dalton Gang, notorious for its train robberies, lost several of its members in an

attempt to rob two banks in Coffeyville, Kan.

On this date: In 1830, Chester Arthur, 21st president of the United States, was

born in Fairfield, Vt. broadcast on radio for the first Sandinista soldiers after the

called for a "quarantine" of aggres-

first Jewish member of the debate, telling Quayle, "Senator, death three fellow students and America) is 35. Actor Guy Pearce nation's highest court, died in you're no Jack Kennedy." wounding five other people at ("L.A. Confidential") is 32.

Washington at age 84.

ered the first televised address from the White House.

In 1953, Earl Warren was sworn in as the 14th chief justice of the tual and temporal leader of Tibet, United States, succeeding Fred M.

In 1962, the Beatles' first hit, 'Love Me Do," was released in the United Kingdom.

In 1969, "Monty Python's Flying Circus" made its debut on BBC-TV. In 1986, American Eugene In 1921, the World Series was Hasenfus was captured by weapons plane he was riding in In 1937, President Roosevelt was shot down over southern Nicaragua.

In 1988, Democrat Lloyd Bentsen

PTL evangelist Jim Bakker of using his television show to defraud followers. The Dalai Lama, the spiriwas named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Five years ago: 48 members of a secret religious doomsday cult were found dead in apparent murder-suicides carried out simultaneously in two Swiss villages; five other bodies were found in a sect apartment in Montreal, Canada.

One year ago: The House Judiciary Committee voted along hardened partisan lines to investigate whether President Clinton should be removed from office. In 1941, former Supreme Court lambasted Republican Dan Quayle Michael Carneal pleaded guilty musician Justice Louis D. Brandeis, the during their vice-presidential but mentally ill to shooting to (Presidents of the United States of

Ten years ago: A jury in Heath High School in West In 1947, President Truman deliv- Charlotte, N.C., convicted former Paducah, Ky. (Carneal was later sentenced to life in prison without the chance of parole for 25 years.)

Today's Birthdays: "Family Circus" cartoonist Bil Keane is 77. Actress Glynis Johns is 76. Comedian Bill Dana is 75. Actress Diane Cilento is 66: Vaclav Havel, ppresident of the Czech Republic, is 63. Country singer Johnny Duncan is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Arlene Smith (The Chantels) is 58. Singer Richard Street is 57. Singer-musician Steve Miller is 56. Actor Jeff Conaway is 49. Actress Karen Allen is 48. Writer-producerdirector Clive Barker is 47. Rock singer and famine-relief organizer Bob Geldof is 45. Rock singer-

Carter's folly soon to bear fruit

One little Y2K surprise for many Americans, ake up and find out the Panama Canal is completely out of American hands and control.

This is a belitted gift of the Jimmy Carter administration, which obligingly signed away America's rights to the canal. The final transfer takes place Dec. 31.

According to Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., and several others, the Panamanian government has contracted with a Chinese company to administer the canal. Those who think the Panama Canal is no longer important may find out if they are right or wrong if we have military trouble with China one day.

The importance of sea transport is one more of the basics of life that has slipped off the American media's radar screen. Nevertheless, despite the big birds the Air Force has, most heavy stuff for military operations still travels by ship. And, if the Panama Canal should not be available, it's a long trip around the South American continent. Avoiding that long sea voyage was the justification for building the canal in the first place.

Reducing the size of the American Navy, which is also being done, makes the canal even more important. While the big carriers can't squeeze through the canal, most of the fleet's



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

Most Americans opposed the Panama Canal give-away, but Carter negotiated the treaty, and the Senate ratified it anyway. I've noticed that, since the 1940s, what the American public thinks has slim-to-no influence on foreign policy, the president or Congress.

The canal is what is known in think-tank jargon as a strategic choke point. The Suez Canal is another. So are the Dardanelles, the narrow strait separating Asia from Europe. It's true that the airplane has made sea routes relatively less important — but only relatively. I don't think the United States, relying entirely on air, could mount any sizable military operation, such as the Gulf War.

There is no point in rehashing the canal giveaway. It's a done deal. The same combination of lack of foresight and backbone that gave it away will make sure it isn't retaken.

Just remember the next time you see him ammering nails on a Habitat for Humanity house that, while he may be a fair-to-middling carpenter, Carter was a lousy president. Carter pardoned Vietnam draft dodgers, gave away the canal, caused the Iranian disaster by pulling support from the shah, stood around with his thumb in his mouth while Fidel Castro instigated the infamous Mariel exodus, actually defended Pol Pot (the murderous dictator of Cambodia) and cut the American military back so much that ships had to meet on the high seas so the ship coming off patrol could transfer its ammunition to the one going on patrol.

In regard to Mariel, where Castro dumped more than 100,000 people into the United States, including criminals and the insane, a former Carter aide cracked that if Carter had been president during the Falklands War, "there would be 600,000 sheep in Miami."

Personally, I don't think we've had a president with a good grasp of strategy since Dwight Eisenhower. Eisenhower was so smart, he easily convinced the Washington press corps that he was a bumbling old man. But behind the scenes, he ran a tight ship. His covert operations succeeded, and his administration created the nuclear deterrent that we still rely on.

Somehow I don't think the next century is going to be called "the American century."

Buchanan is slightly out of step

It is hard to imagine that Pat Buchanan wants to help elect a liberal Democrat to the White House next year by splitting the conservative vote. That would allow another liberal president to appoint three or more liberals to the Supreme Court, to spend decades of the next millennium turning criminals loose to commit more muggings, rapes and murders.

That is surely not what Pat Buchanan wants. Nor is he likely to relish what a resurgence of liberalism in Washington would mean to our military security, our failing schools and the continuing degeneration of American culture.

Buchanan has referred to the possibility of building up the Reform Party as a long run challenger to the Democrats and Republicans. But you have to get through the short run to get to the long run — and the lasting damage done in the short run may be irreparable, even if Buchanan's long run scenario works out.

Pat Buchanan refers to himself as a "nationalist." But nationalists have usually been of two sorts — those trying to create a nation by gaining independence from an imperial power and those trying to impose their nation's will on other nations. Nehru was a nationalist in the first sense and Hitler in the second.

Buchanan is like neither of these. He wants to preserve the United States as a sovereign nation and to restore a sense of its special achievements as a free country and a decent and humane society. He believes that the American government exists to serve the American people, not to engage in global adventures or promote world government. Buchanan is a patriot, not a nationalist.

Unfortunately, patriots are not immune to

Syndicated columnist being very wrong on particular issues, as

Thomas Sowell

Buchanan is painfully wrong on international trade. It is one thing to be against the global adventurism implied in the phrase "new world order" - a phrase left over from the Nazis — and it is something else to be confused about the economics of international

Contrary to what Pat Buchanan, Ross Perot and other opponents of free trade said before the North American Free Trade Agreement was passed, there has been no "giant sucking sound" as American jobs left for Mexico and other countries with lower wages. We have had more jobs created since NAFTA was passed and lower unemployment rates than we have seen in years.

None of this should be surprising to anyone familiar with either economics or history. International trade is not a zero-sum game, where one nation loses what the other gains. place only when both parties benefit. There is no fixed number of jobs to fight over.

When one country becomes more prosperous, it creates more jobs producing the things it can buy with its greater affluence. When two countries become more prosperous by trading with each other, they both create more jobs.

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trade do not depend on whether you have more imports or exports. Countries have prospered with either an import surplus or an export surplus - or have failed to prosper with either one.

As for being a debtor nation, this is an accounting technicality that is completely misleading when applied to international transactions, as if it was like an individual going into hock. The United States has been a debtor nation for most of its history - and it has had the highest standard of living in the world for most of its history.

Every time someone in another country sends his money to the United States, we are automatically in debt to that person, since it is still his money. The more prosperous and safe the American economy is, the more people in other countries want to put their money in American banks and buy stocks in American

Foreigners invested \$12 billion dollars in U.S. businesses in 1980 and more than \$200 billion by 1998. This growing "debt" created more American wealth and more American jobs. This too was not a zero-sum game, since both the American economy and the foreign Like other trade, international trade takes investors gained, because there was a bigger pie to slice.

While Pat Buchanan is out of step with the prevailing views of the Republican Party, neither would he be in the mainstream of the Reform Party. He is a man of words and ideas

some of them ideas much needed to counter dangerous trends in American soci-Nor does it do any good to scare people ety. It is hard to see what he can accomplish as with bogey-man words like "trade deficit" or a politician that is more important than what DIA

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John was a big guy, but had a wonderful voice and accent. Since he sometimes guides tours himself, he knew lots of stories and interesting facts about England. We viewed the beautiful Canterbury Castle at Dover. Winston Churchill had lived here and they are in the process of restoring the ballrooms.

Canterbury is 54 miles south of London and sits on the Stour River. It is one of the oldest cities in Great Britain. The Canterbury Cathedral, considered one of the glories of England, was our next stop. The Cathedral was built in stages, beginning in 597 through the 12th century. The Cathedral is 522-feet long and has two towers that are 235-feet high. Today, this church is the Mother Church of England and the Mother Church of eighty million Anglicans throughout the world. The Archbishop of Canterbury is still a Royal appointment, and is the Head of the Anglican Church.

Time for some shopping. I finally got a Britannia Beanie Baby — yeah! Actually, it wasn't in yet but I paid for it and they shipped it to me. Turns out that I received the Beanie before most of my postcards made it to the United States (and most of them were sent the first part of the

Departing Canterbury, we head for London. Our destination is the Bayswater Inn Hotel, located on Princess Square and not far from Hyde Park.

Hyde Park consists of 590-acres and was opened to the public in the 17th century. One area of the park is called "Speakers Corner" and it used to be home to the Tyburn gallows where condemned prisoners could offer their final words before being publicly hanged. Today, it is called the "Lungs of London" and is famous for the "soap-box" speakers on Sundays. Anybody and everybody can get up on a stool and start talking about whatever they choose. And, everyone seems to attract an audience

As we drive around London Buckingham Castle, Westminster Parliament is in session.

Most of the credit, however, goes to Wanetta Hill. She worked with us for about a year, preparing us for the trip. She was so organized and so motivating and she took very good care of us during the entire trip. She is a jewel and I am so glad that my son and I had the opportunity to travel with Wanetta and each of the individuals on the trip. We count it a privilege to have been a part of this group and to have gotten to know the others better. This was a trip that neither Shawn nor I will ever forget. Ask us to see our pictures — we took 33 rolls of film!

this is our first experience dri- represented there. ving on the "wrong" side of the road. England is the only country Buckingham Palace as we can get that we have encountered that on the bus, so we take out rundrives on the left. This takes a bit ning (literally running) to get in of getting used to when we are place so that we can see the on the bus. But it takes a WHOLE changing of the guard. A band of BUNCH of getting used to when approximately 60-75 musicians This got us into a lot of trouble.

Up early the next morning we begin our guided tour of London block to catch the guards on with the licensed tour guide. We horseback that come from a difstop at Westminster Abbey. This ferent direction. It was quite place is fantastic, it is the tallest Gothic building in the British Isles. It was built in the 10th century by the authority of the Saxon time a few blocks to St. James King Edward. Most people know Westminster Abbey because We are fortunate to catch the Prince Charles and Princess Diana were married here and Diana's funeral was held here. But, there is much more to the cathedral than that. There are many kings and queens buried Palace. inside the church in the House of Kings and the Lady Chapel. Most are buried in marble crypts and on top of the crypt there is a statue of the person lying on top with hands folded and pointed to heaven. So, you can know what the person looked like who is buried inside.

Westminster Abbey contains a Poets Corner and many famous poets including Chaucer and Handel are buried there. There is a memorial to Shakespeare here; tured six interactive rides and however, he is actually buried at 400 of the latest video games. Stratford-on-Avon about 100 miles from London.

this evening, we pass Parliament, housed here, the last time that it are everywhere. The large black was used was in 1953 when taxis are prevalent also. Abbey and the tower of London Queen Elizabeth was crowned. (Tower of Big Ben). Big Ben is The Coronation Chair was made where and the variety is captivatactually a 13-ton chime and was in 1301 and has been used at ing. A lot of people make their built in 1858. The numbers are coronations ever since. This was living doing this and they have each two feet high and they are probably my favorite cathedral, their "spot" staked out each day. illuminated at night when mainly because it is continuously London suffered a disastrous that we went through had very pounds and pence now. Great fire in 1666 which destroyed few pews and had a coldness and Britain is a member of the most of the city. Sir Christopher emptiness about them, even European Economic Community;

Wren (creator of St. Paul's though they were beautiful. But Cathedral) was chiefly responsi- Westminster Abbey just seemed ble for the reconstruction. As the to surround me and made me bus goes around the city at night, feel a part of the history that was

We now drive as close to you are trying to cross the street. in bright red uniforms parade down the street to the palace. Then, we had to run around the impressive and a large crowd change. Then, we ran again, this Palace, home of Prince Charles. changing of the guard here also, although there was only one guard at a time. The teens were able to have their picture taken with the guard at St. James

Now, we have free time and it is time to explore and shop. Our meeting place is Piccadilly Circus, a center where the old meets the new. Most of the buildings are very old and architecturally beautiful, but across the street there are huge Coca-Cola and McDonald's and Sanyo signs that flash like Las Vegas signs. The teens checked out the SegaWorld which was about a seven-story building that fea-

London features the famous red phone booths and the large The coronation throne is double-decker buses — and they

Street entertainment is every-

Shopping in London netted us used — many of the cathedrals a lot of purchases — we are using



was on hand to witness the guard Shawn Strate mimicks a guard at St. James Palace, London, the home of Prince Charles.

however, they have not yet com- least our cab driver speaks time, it wouldn't have been pretmitted to switching over to the EuroDollar in 2002 as have most of the other European countries. In the other countries, when we got a receipt for a purchase, it and would also show the Euro our return flight. equivalent. This is to try to get the people used to the Euro and will be used to peg a value on the day the transition takes place.

The group walks from Piccadilly Circus to our restaurant in the China Town portion of London for Chinese food. This is our final meal together as the St. Louis and Chicago groups will be departing early the next morning. We enjoyed reminiscing about the trip and said our goodbyes and filled out our evaluation forms for EF Tours.

Our last excursion is to The Court to see "Beauty and the Beast." This is London's version of "Broadway." The play was excellent with brilliant costum- better. ing and professional actors and

Our final morning in Europe, we sleep a little later than usual, exceptionally well-run tour. have our breakfast and load the Stefanie was a wonderful guide bus for the final time. We are on and Eddy was the greatest of bus would show the local currency our way to Gatwick Airport for drivers. Our accommodations

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I want to thank EF Tours for an were adequate, if not the stan-Stefanie has been with us dard to which we are used to every step of the way. She has having. Our bus was in top taught us and protected us and shape and the air-conditioning we are grateful to her. Wanetta worked great. Our group got had a Harvester T-shirt for along with the St. Louis and Stefanie and she was most grate- Chicago people very well. If you ever get a chance to travel with EF, I would highly recommend be longer than our flight, to this company that has been in Germany, because we will be business for over 30 years and

Most of the credit, however, prise was that this WAS a wide- with us for about a year, preparson and I had the opportunity to We arrived at Amarillo travel with Wanetta and each of

Killer suspect in new slaying; captured after fatal smashup

Arkansas authorities hope to get on Interstate 44 and tried to hit four miles northwest of the escaped killer Kenneth D. back soon from freedom ended after a traffic ever it took to try to get away," smashup fatal to another driver.

Police say Williams, 20, is also a suspect in the shooting death of the Arkansas man who owned the pickup truck Williams was driving.

investigators to Buffalo, Mo., on the prison from which Williams Monday, where Williams was had fled. During the ensuing being held in the Dallas County chase, the truck briefly went west Jail, according to state police in the eastbound lanes of I-44 and spokesman Bill Sadler. The two then topped 100 mph on twowill begin extradition proceed- lane blacktops. ings to return Williams to Arkansas.

Meanwhile, officials at the Cummins Unit of the state prison the truck's driver, Michael J. system, from which Williams fled on Sunday, were trying to discover how he escaped and why his absence wasn't noticed for sever-

the notoriety he gained when he same maximum-security prison, taunted his victim's family after the Cummins Unit, where being spared the death penalty at Arkansas executes death-row the conclusion of his trial last month in Pine Bluff. Convicted of capital murder for killing a college cheerleader, Williams gloated when the jury recommended noticed, Cecil Boren, 57, had been that he be sentenced to life without parole, instead of execution.

"You thought I was going to die, didn't you?" he asked the family of Dominique Hurd, 19, of Fort Worth, Texas.

cheerleader's father remembered Williams' behavior on Monday.

"He was cold, he had no remorse, he had no feelings for anything," Rick Hurd said. "He turned around and he cursed at us several times. Then one time he just totally turned around and smiled as if, 'I'm going to get away,' and that's exactly what he

did, he got away." In Missouri, Williams was arrested at the end of a chase in

which he traveled the wrong way found dead on his farm about other vehicles.

"He didn't care what he was Missouri, where his 24 hours of doing. He was going to do what-Missouri State Highway Patrol Sgt. Terry Moore said.

Missouri police spotted the stolen truck Monday morning in Lebanon, Mo., about 140 miles southeast of Kansas City and Arkansas State Police sent two more than 300 miles northwest of

> Police said Williams rammed a water delivery truck at the end of notified, Sadler said. the chase, in Urbana, Mo., killing Greenwood, 24, of Springfield, including visiting hours and Mo. Williams then fled on foot from the pickup truck toward a

house, but was arrested in a field. After his Sept. 14 sentencing, Williams' escapade added to Williams was assigned to the prisoners. He escaped at midday Sunday, Correction Department spokeswoman Dina Tyler said.

By the time the escape was

prison, shot in the head and back. His pickup truck was stolen and several guns and credit cards were missing from his home.

Boren was a former Internal Revenue Service agent and a former assistant warden at the Cummins Unit. His past connection to the prison was not likely to have been a factor in his death, police said.

More than 7 1/2 hours elapsed between the times when guards last counted Williams on his way to lunch and when his absence was noted, Tyler said. Another two hours elapsed before officers investigating Boren's death were

Because a number of prison activities are held on Sundays, most religious services, it is difficult to get everyone to stop moving so guards can count the inmates, Tyler said.

She said the prison system had not determined whether any policies need to be changed.

'We have to take our time and figure out what happened to determine what to do next," she said. "It could be that no one remembers where he said he was going (after lunch)."



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Young boy saw father attack mother who died, officer testifies

accused of stabbing his wife to death told police that he witnessed the alleged attack officer testified on Monday.

Capt. Michael Brock said one of the 5- and 6year-old sons of Patrick Timothy Richardson and Mary Williams Richardson told investigators that they saw their father wrap a lamp 911 on Sept. 19.

Brock testified that one of the boys said 'that he saw his father cut his mother."

"He said there was a cord on her neck," Brock said. "He got scissors to help Mama, and Daddy knocked them out of his hand."

Brock, who was the only witness to testify said the boy told police that his father then and wounds to the throat and neck.

DALLAS (AP) — The young son of a man attacked his mother with the scissors. The case will now go to a Dallas County

grand jury after Chief Magistrate Boyd and tried to help his mother, a University Park Patterson ruled there was sufficient evidence

Richardson, 39, was arrested and charged with murder after police reached the home. He is being electronically monitored while he cord around their mother's neck and stab her is free on \$1 million bond. Richardson is with scissors as their 8-year-old sister called under a court order to stay away from his chil-

> Brock also testified that he "personally saw one large cut all the way across the neck." He added that when police and paramedics arrived at the house, Richardson was covered in blood from his knees down.

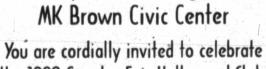
According to a preliminary autopsy report, on Monday in Richardson's examining trial, Mrs. Richardson, 35, died from strangulation

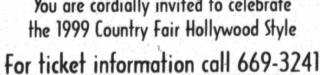
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Time Spent on Fire Drills Is **Small Price to Pay for Safety**

DEAR ABBY: Last October, a quarter of a million families took time out of their busy schedules to plan and practice how they would get out if their homes caught fire. They did this during The Great Escape, the unified North American fire drill held in communities large and small in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week.

Planning ahead can make the difference in surviving a fire. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has been tracking the number of families participating in The Great Escape and the number of lives saved because of their participation. Today, 40 people are alive because they knew what to do when fire broke out. The few minutes these families spent on the Great Escape home fire drill saved their lives.

I wish every family who experienced a home fire was fortunate. Sadly, every year more than 4,000 people die in fires in the United States, and eight out of 10 die in the home - the place most feel safest. Home fire deaths are overwhelmingly preventable. The keys to survival are early warning, and planning and practice for how to escape.

Abby, please remind your readers that a successful home fire escape plan must include working smoke detectors on every level of the home, knowing two ways out from each room, having a meeting place outside where the family will gather, and practicing the plan at least twice a year. Your readers can



Abigail

join in the fun on Wednesday, Oct. 6, when communities across the United States and Canada participate in The Great Escape unified

> GEORGE D. MILLER, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL FIRE

DEAR MR. MILLER: This week is Fire Prevention Week, and I hope my readers will use this week as a reminder to plan and practice their home fire drills. It takes only a few min-

Readers, tomorrow is The Great Escape, a unified fire drill in which you should participate. Please make a commitment to find out about it today from notices in your newspaper or radio, or by calling your local fire department for information, and tomorrow take part in the drill. It may save your life

DEAR ABBY: Please help settle

a family dispute. Recently my brother and his wife visited my family at our summer home in New York state. They presented us with a gift of wine upon their arrival. I selected a favorite bottle of wine from my own small collection and offered it to my guests.

The next afternoon my brother's family departed as scheduled. The following week, I was informed by another family member that my brother had been insulted by my 'greed and inconsideration" for not opening his gift bottle and offering it around. Abby, what's the rule here? Was I a poor host?

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DEAR UNCORKED: No, you were not a poor host. When a house gift is received, whether or not to open it and use it immediately is at the host's discretion. Your brother was ungracious to bad-mouth your hospitality.

drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in 0447. (Postage is included.)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ** Financial blocks will appear if

> *** Take a step back and gain an overview, especially if your inner dia-AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

> * * Ask others for advice. Get feedback, but recognize that a friend has rent options appear to be numerous. Tonight: Do what a partner desires.

them away as you might be tempted to do. Pressure seems to come from all directions. Make and return calls; attend meetings: demonstrate your executive abilities. Delegate whatever work you can. Popularity soars, even if the boss seems dour. Tonight: Where your friends

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aren't happy. You could be overwhelmed by work. Let go of worry. Tonight: Be willing to put in the extra hours needed.

logue pushes you in a direction other than conventional wisdom. Focus on per-Options appear left and right as creativity keeps popping. Tonight: Rent a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

* * * * Others seek you out; don't push

Elisabeth Shue (1963), actress Stephanie Zimbalist (1956)

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utes and it could save lives.

or that of someone you love.

will come. Friends remain pivotal.

Horoscope WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Pressure builds to break patterns and come up with better ideas. A friend reveals another way that delights you. Think before you proceed; many other options will also be presented. Another floods you with moneymaking ideas. Tonight: Get some exercise. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

* * * * Your ingenuity emerges as you crash into an obstacle. Brainstorm with bosses today; solutions reveal that others also have an abundance of ideas. Fortunately, people who possess such creativity surround you. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Don't bury your head in the sand if you are overwhelmed by another or by life's obstacles. Keep at it. Ask for help if necessary. Co-workers chip in and are full of solutions. When feeling burdened or overwhelmed, take a walk Tonight: Happy at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) * * * * * Talk helps you see another's

even if you are frustrated with another. You get what you want by letting every-

larity soars. Tonight: A midweek break.

one air their ideas. Eventually, agreement with others. Consider a job change if you

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you are prone to risking. The message is

quite clear: Take a conservative course. Mobilize information; initiate discussions. Others have a lot to say and share. Choices and pressures easily overwhelm formance; integrate information; stay you. You have a lot of ground to cover away from too much internal reflection. Tonight: Pay bills. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

* * * * You're on a collision course. even if you have good intentions. Think

Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

before you launch into action. Finances take a surprisingly positive turn if you another agenda. Unexpected news brings make the right choices. Others give you a on a whole new perspective. You have a lot of feedback. Make calls to someone lot to ponder. Do some solid thinking you consider an expert. Tonight: Others Check out a real estate matter. Your cur-LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** What happens needs to be kept

hush-hush. Another clearly disagrees with you. Take time to think before you launch into action. Your sense of humor comes out with a child or a new flirtation. A partner offers as much as he can. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ** * * Schedule meetings and bring

others together. A money problem forces are your hand. Make solid choices. You think a family member is rather unstable, but keeping those opinions to yourself is Actress Britt Ekland (1942), actress wise. Others seek you out as your popu-

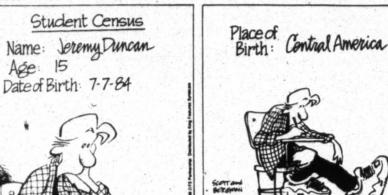
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ** You cause yourself problems perspective. Keep communication active. today. Why not pull back and just follow through on what the boss asks? Remember who is in charge. Network GOT A SHOOT TODAY? I'M DOING A





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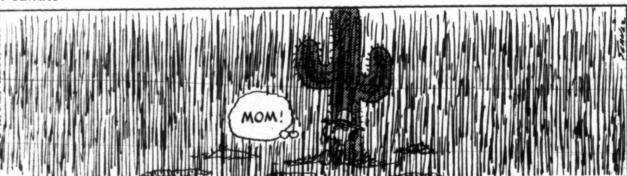




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SPORTS

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SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The City of Recreation Pampa's Department will host the fourth annual Duck Soup Mixed Softball Tournament at Recreation Park on Saturday, Oct. 10.

The tournament is designed to be fun for all teams. In each inning different rules will be used, such as batting with the opposite hand, running the bases backwards, drawing defensive positions from a hat,

The entry fee is \$99.95 per team and the entry deadline is Oct. 8 at 5 p.m. For more information, or to enter a team, call the Recreation Office at 669-

BASKETBALL

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PAMPA Pampa Optimist girls' basketball signups are set for Oct. 11-13 at the Optimist Club. Signups times are from 6:30

p.m. to 8 p.m. each night. Signup fee is \$35. Scholarships are available. The league is for girls in the third through sixth grades. Each team is limited

to a certain number of players and interested girls are urged to sign up as soon as possible.

More coaches are also needed and interested persons should contact Monty Covalt at 669-3615.

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa-Caprock volleyball match will be played at 6 p.m. Friday at McNeely Fieldhouse instead of Saturday. The match was rescheduled because of the football game between the two schools at 1 p.m. Saturday in Amarillo.

Pampa hosts Borger at 6 tonight in a District 3-4A match.

FOOTBALL

PORTALES, N.M. — Burger King Corporation has named Floyd White of Eastern New Mexico University, a Division II College Football Scholar-Athlete.

White, of Pampa, is a senior who has maintained a 3.611 GPA as a Biology Major, while starting as a linebacker for the ENMU football team. In addition to his academic and athletic endeavors, White is also a volunteer, participating in Help One Student to Succeed mentoring program.

In honor of White, Burger King donated \$10,000 to the Eastern New Mexico University general scholarship fund in his name. The award was presented during last weekend's game between Eastern New Mexico University and Abilene Christian University. Each week throughout the 10-week program, Burger King names eight scholar-athlete award winners, two each from Division I and Division II

Last month, White was selected as the Lone Star Conference South Division Player of the Week after the Greyhounds 20-14 win over Oklahoma Northeastern State.

BASEBALL

CINCINNATI (AP) - The New York Mets cleansed their reputation with champagne that was fully aged when it was finally popped.

For one excruciating week, the Mets did nothing but lose games and reinforce their label as a team that folds when the playoffs are on the line.

For one joyous hour Monday night, they finally got their hands on the champagne and alternately sprayed and toasted each other as a playoff team after all.

The Mets clinched the last remaining postseason berth by beating the Cincinnati Reds 5-0 Monday night in a onegame playoff for the NL wild

Their first playoff appearance since 1988 begins tonight in Arizona, where Masato Yoshii (12-8) will face Randy Johnson (17-9) in the opener of the best-of-5 series.

Rangers get another shot at Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — The Texas Indians, when New York fell been to beat us. Now they get the Rangers didn't do anything in the behind 2-1 before winning the chance. And we are ready for it."

Now Texas gets a shot against a best in the American League.

manager Johnny Oates, whose team opens its division series against the Yankees tonight. "Last the decade, it was the team of the century."

That team won an AL-record 114 games in the regular season, swept Texas in the first round of AL championship series and swept San Diego in the World

playoffs against last year's New final three games. Orlando York Yankees, who could legiti- Hernandez, this year's Game 1 mately claim to be the best team starter, won the pivotal fourth game in that series.

"The Yankees had a sense of Yankees team that was simply the invincibility last year," Todd Zeile said. "They were the best team in "I think the main thing is they're the history of the game. They are human this year," said Rangers still a good club, but we are confident playing against them."

The Rangers lacked confidence last year against New York. More year, that was not only a team of importantly, they lacked offense. They brought one of the best

offenses in the game to the playoffs, but scored just one run and hit .141 in the three-game sweep. Overall, New York has won six the playoffs, beat Cleveland in the straight playoff games against Texas since losing the opener of

threatened came against the "Their whole goal this season has

their series in 1996.

The Yankees won 27 of 35 meetings between the two teams before dropping three of the last five this round for the first time in club histhree of the next five as well.

caught up in the past few series or the last three or four years," Oates said. "We're trying to talk about our guys focusing on the opportunity as opposed to the obstacle. Sometimes you start looking at the obstacle and it becomes too big to overcome."

The biggest obstacle for the Rangers will be the Yankees' starting pitching, which held Texas down last year. Manager Joe Torre will send out Hernandez (17-9, "We know they will be ready for 4.12 ERA) in Game 1, followed by The only time they were even us," New York's David Cone said. Andy Pettitte, Roger Clemens and, if necessary, Cone.

That quartet has 13 postseason offensive output with him." wins — 13 more than Texas starters Aaron Sele (18-9, 4.79), Rick Helling and Esteban Loaiza.

"We've all pitched big games, year. To advance beyond the first we all have experience," Cone said. "We feel good about our tory, the Rangers need to win overall depth of pitching. That has been the hallmark of our teams, "It's important for us not to get and it has to be again if we want to move on."

Shutting down the Texas offense won't be as easy this season. The addition of Rafael Palmeiro (.324, 47 HR, 148 RBIs) has added balance and depth to the lineup, which was second in the AL in runs scored this year.

They had four players with at least 100 RBIs, six with at least 20 homers, and led the league with a .293 average.

"It's really made that ballclub a lot more potent," Torre said. "I didn't think they needed that, but they certainly have added to their foot.

But it is not nearly enough to scare the Yankees. They have been waiting for the playoffs to start ever since they arrived at spring training. Now that it is nearly here, they're ready.

"We're the world champs," Torre said. "That's the way people look at us. That doesn't mean we assume we are going to win. We know we have a fight on our

Notes: Yankees OF Shane Spencer, who hit two homers in six at-bats in last year's series against Texas, did not make the roster. INF Clay Bellinger took his place. ... Yankees fifth starter Hideki Irabu will pitch out of the bullpen, while RHP Jason Grimsley did not make the team. ... Texas LHP Jeff Fassero is taking the place of Mike Munoz, who was sidelined after dropping a computer monitor on his

Pampa favored by two TDs over 'Horns

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

PAMPA — The Pampa tennis team travels to Dumas today

The Harvesters are 6-0 in district play and are 12-4 for the

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Boys' Singles

Michael Cornelison (P) def. Nelson Beville 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Ryan Mills (P) def. Riley Hall, 6-7 (7-1), 6-2, 6-1.

Matt Rains (P) def. lan Isaacson, 6-2, 6-3.

Bryce Jordan (P) def. Harrison Hoffman, 6-1, 6-1.

David Philips (P) def. Clay Cosby, 6-1, 6-0.

A.J. Smith (P) def. Clayton Blacksher, 6-0, 6-1.

Girls' Singles

Emily Waters (P) def. Kimberly Scott, 6-1, 6-0.

Emily Curtis (P) def. Ivory Isaacson, 6-3, 6-2.

Helen Orr (P) def. Kyler Ruckerman, 6-3, 6-4.

Ashley Stucki (P) def. Lindsee Goforth, 6-3, 6-2.

Stacie Carter (P) def. Denae Brinkman, 6-4, 6-2.

Brittany Kindle (P) def. Katherine Ivy, 6-3, 6-0.

Boys' Doubles

Cornelison-Jordan (P) def. Beville-Hall, 6-4, 6-3.

Rains-Smith (P) def. Isaacson-Hoffman, 6-0, 6-0.

Kerry Turner-Mills (P) def. Blacksher-Alade, 6-4, 6-1.

Girls' Doubles

Stucki-Michelle Lee (P) def. Brinkman-Finley, 6-2, 6-0.

Waters-Curtis (P) def. Kimberly Scott-Ivory Isaacson, 6-2, 6-1. Orr-Ashlei Jordan (P) def. Goforth-Ivy, 6-2, 6-0.

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old momentum gathered going offense against the Raiders. into the District 3-4A football Barnes caught 5 passes for opener against Caprock. Kickoff off is 1 p.m. Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

a two-game winning streak and are favored by 14 points over 118 yards on 27 carries and Caprock (1-4) by the Harris scored on a 13-yard run.

Harvesters. Pampa has the edge

Caprock has scored 75 points picked off a Randall pass near at and surrendered 168.

coming off an open date while Pampa safety Orlando Madrid Friday night.

and running back Ramon touchdown of the game.

for more District 3-4A action.

season in Team Tennis competition.

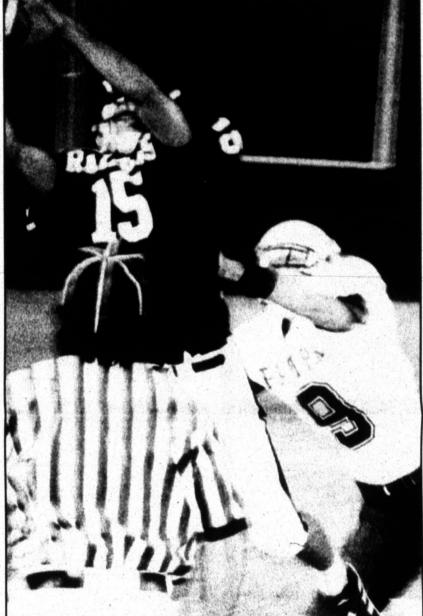
PAMPA — Pampa has got that Martinez, rolled up 346 yards of

Barnes caught 5 passes for 87 yards, including a 48-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Kaleb Snelgrooes. Barnes The Harvesters (3-2) are riding also booted field goals of 37 and 38 yards. Martinez rushed for

The outcome could have easily Despite only one win, the been more one-sided. Barnes Longhorns have some decent and Snelgrooes had combined numbers. Their offense is averag- for another touchdown covering ing 299 yards per game, com- 49 yards, but the play was nullipared to 275 yards for the fied due to an off-sides penalty.

An interception by defensive on defense, allowing 323 yards back Johnny Cortez late in the per game compared to 399 for second quarter could have led to another TD, but that play was Pampa has scored 86 points in also nullified because of a Pampa five games and has allowed 105. holding penalty. Cortez had midfield and had a 12-yard Caprock should be well-rested return to the Pampa 38.

Pampa was putting together a finished off Randall with a 22solid 27-14 win over Randall last yard interception return for a touchdown in the second half. It Pampa's offense, sparked by came with 4:51 left in the third tight end-kicker Justin Barnes quarter and would be the final



Pampa cornerback J.J. Roark (9) goes up against Randall receiver Trevor Babbitt in last week's 27-14 Harvester win. The pass fell incomplete as Babbit tried to make the catch before going out of bounds. Roark has 3 interceptions to rank second individually among District 3-4A teams in that category.

Davis out for year as **Bronco woes continue**

DENVER (AP) - A season- 100 percent and I'll be as good ending injury to 1998 league as new. The type of person I am, MVP Terrell Davis is forcing the my mentality, I'm a workhorse Denver Broncos to adjust their and I just want to get back and backfield, and the changes play with my teammates." might not stop there.

ing replacing starting quarter- a year ago out for the season. back Brian Griese.

something since we're 0-4. Shanahan said. "I said, 'Hey, I Exactly what we're going to do, love you. You've done every-I can't tell you because I don't thing we've asked you to do. know right now," Shanahan Just hang in there.' said Monday. "We'll definitely After becoming look at a few different things to shake the team up and see if we can get back on the right track."

Denver's train wreck of a season took another wrong turn Sunday when Davis tore two ligaments in his right knee while making a tackle after an interception in the first quarter averaged 3.1 yards per rush, 1.7 of a 21-13 loss to the New York yards below his career average.

reconstructive surgery in the Loville, whose last stint as a next 10 days to repair the ante- starter was with San Francisco rior cruciate ligament, the in 1995. medial collateral ligament and cartilage. The recovery time is 4-6 months.

Football." "I know I'll be back to be a soldier."

Davis' injury is the same one Hoping to pull the winless suffered by Atlanta running Broncos out of an unprecedent- back Jamal Anderson in the ed tailspin, Denver coach Mike first week of the season, leaving Shanahan is seriously consider- the NFL's two top rushers from

"Obviously, he's working "We're going to have to do through it right now,"

After becoming the fourth player in NFL history to run for 2,000 yards in a season last year, Davis was faced with the challenge of succeeding without quarterback John Elway, who retired in May.

He had 211 yards on 67 carries in Denver's four games. He

In Davis' absence, the Davis is scheduled to have Broncos will turn to Derek

"I didn't want it this way." Loville said. "I'd rather be 0-6 and have Terrell in there. That's "Right now, my spirits are my man. ... I spoke to him when high," Davis said in an inter- he was getting a little treatview on ABC's "Monday Night ment. He said, 'Hey, you've got

Golf scamble results listed

annual Harvester The Basketball Golf Scramble was held last weekend at Hidden Hills Public Course. Scramble proceeds went to the Pampa High boys basketball program.

Results are as follows:

Sutton Flight

First place: Steve Cox, Sam Maples, Scott Wiseman and Scott Harrellson, 59.

Second place: Bill Hammer, Jerry Stephens, Ken Maples and Martin Stevens, 59.

Third place: Larry Etchison, Mike Hargus, Craig Tanner and Don Alexander, 63.

Fourth place: Steve Williams, Rick Foster, Donny Nail and Bennie Horton, 63.

Leonard Flight First place: Mike Soukup, Mike Crain, Pat Darling and Rick Valingo, 64.

Second place: Jason Marlar, Shawn Fraley, Pat Montoya and David McGill, 64. Third place: Oscar Sargent,

Jerry Davis, Jerry Steed and Bob Young, 66. Fourth place: Bob Julian, Chuong Pham, Doug Earl and Ron Rongillos, 67.

Astros head for Atlanta

HOUSTON (AP) — Everything has gone down to the wire for the Houston Astros this season, so it was fitting that they sat on the runway waiting to know whether they would fly to Arizona or Atlanta to begin the playoffs.

The Astros won their third straight NL Central Division title on the final day of the regular season on Sunday and it wasn't until late Monday night that they learned that regular season nemesis Atlanta would be their first round playoff foe.

Houston wound up with a first-round matchup against the Braves, thanks to the New York Mets' 5-0 win over Cincinnati on Monday night.

"They have more experience but we have enough experience now to feel this is not an overwhelming situation," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "We've scored some runs on them this season but we've kicked the ball around too

The Astros wanted to get in the air as quickly as possible, once their first round opponent was determined.

"We want to get away as quickly as possible," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said before the team left the Astrodome. "This won't bother them. I don't think anything can happen to this club that hasn't already happened."

Dierker anticipates a rugged first round against the Braves, who have won eight consecutive division titles and had baseball's best record this year at 103-59.

"They have the most complete team," Dierker said. "They can out-pitch you or they can out-hit you.

The Astros lost six of seven games to the Braves in the regular season, including three of four in the Astrodome, where Game 3 will be played Friday night.

'We all know how we've fared against the Braves," closer Billy Wagner said. "Their reputation seems to beat us before we get out there. We seem to try to do too much against them.'

Smith, Bills have fun against the Dolphins

MIAMI (AP) — In his 15th NFL season, Bruce Smith still regards the AFC," quarterback Doug Flutie defensive dominance as something said.

turnovers, sacks, third-down stops and jarring hits, and there were plenty Monday night when the Buffalo Bills beat the Miami Dolphins 23-18.

"I had a lot of fun," Smith said. "I ning. had the most fun out there that I've had in a long time."

The Dolphins allowed the fewest points in the NFL last season, but their defense was second best against the Bills. Miami converted only one of 14 third-down situations, and Buffalo forced Dan Marino into three turnovers, including a fumble that Gabe Northern returned 59 yards for a touchdown.

Miami's only touchdown followed a 93-yard kickoff return late in the game. It was the first TD allowed by the Bills in 13 quarters. "Our defense was outstanding,"

coach Wade Phillips said. "Everybody talks about their defense, but ours is playing tremendous."

The Bills reversed a 24-17 loss at Miami in last season's playoffs. After that game, Dolphins coach Jimmy Johnson celebrated in the locker room by stomping on a box of Flutie Flakes.

This time, the Buffalo defense did the stomping.

"We have good players, and we had a great game plan," said linebacker John Holecek, who forced the fumble that resulted in Northern's TD. "The sky's the limit

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The loss by Miami (2-1) left the The perennial Pro Bowl end loves NFL with just three undefeated

> "It's very simple," Johnson said. "If you turn the ball over and don't convert on third downs, you're going to have a tough time win-

> Buffalo took a 23-12 lead on Steve Christie's third field goal with 6:56 left, but Miami's Brock Marion returned the ensuing kickoff to the Buffalo 4. O.J. McDuffie then caught a 9-yard touchdown pass from

The Dolphins got the ball back with 2:59 to go, but Marino threw four consecutive incompletions from the Miami 43. He finished 22for-44 for 251 yards with two interceptions and two sacks, his first of

Marino grudgingly gave credit to the Bills and longtime nemesis

"We're the ones that made the mistakes that really cost us the game," Marino said. "But they're pretty good on defense. No. 78 is pretty good."

Smith made five tackles and attracted frequent double-teaming, freeing teammates on the pass rush.

Late in the first half, Holecek came through free on a third-down blitz and blindsided Marino to jar the ball loose. Northern scooped it up, escaped the grasp of Miami's Cecil Collins and ran untouched for a touchdown.

Holecek returned an interception of Marino 35 yards to set up The Bills (3-1) won their third Christie's final field goal, a 31-

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Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m. OPEN: Carolina, Seattle, Washington

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Texas high school Top 10 poll
(games through Oct. 2)
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Also receiving votes: Crane 16, Breckenridge 11, Commerce 11, Forney 9, Childress 8, Crockett 8, Lake Worth 8, Abilene Wylie 6, Diboll 4, Gainesville 3, La Grange 3, Lindale 3, Giddings 2, Iowa Park 2, China Spring 1, Marlin 1.

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TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Sports Transactions By The Associated Press BASEBALL OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Signed Billy Beane,

general manager, to a three-year contract extension.

National League CHICAGO CUBS-Fired Jim Riggleman, manager; Marty DeMerritt, pitching coach; Tom Gamboa, third-base coach; Dan

Radison, first-base coach; and Dave Bialas, bullpen coach. Retained Jeff Pentland, hitting MILWAUKEE BREWERS-Named Greg Riddoch director of player development. Pacific Coast League
OMAHA GOLDEN SPIKES—Named John Mizerock manager, Scott Leius hitting coach and Rick Mahler pitching coach for the 2000

season.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed F A.J.

Bramlett, G Earl Boykins, C Matt Fish, G Tony

Smith and F Jamel Thomas. GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Signed G

HOUSTON ROCKETS—Re-signed F Charles Barkley to a one-year contract. Waived G Brian Shaw, G Ed Gray and F LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Signed G-F Devean George to a three-year contract. Signed F-C Gerald Jordan and G Garry

ORLANDO MAGIC-Waived G-F Rodrick PHOENIX SUNS—Promoted Bryan Colangelo, general manager, to president.

managing general partner.
SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Signed F Chuck Person and F-C Steve Scheffle VANCOUVER GRIZZLIES—Signed F
Artwain Smith, G Milt Palacio, & Joe
Stephens, F Stephen Jackson and C Rich
King, Waived F J.R. Henderson.
International Basketball Association
ROCHESTER SKEETERS—Named Bernie Glannon general FOOTBALL National Football League NFL—Fined Detroit Lions coach Bobby Ross

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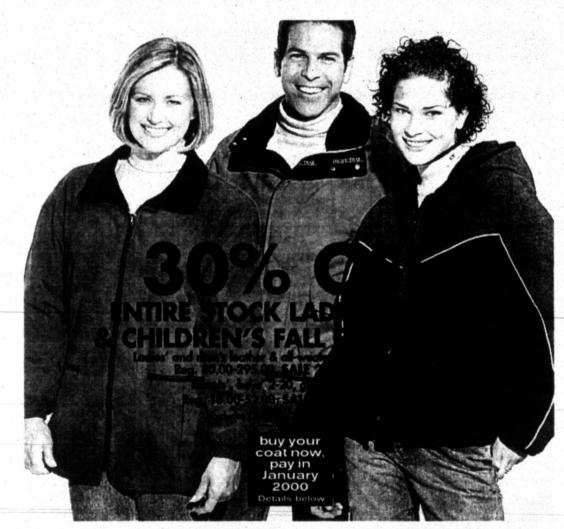
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And according to Dr. William R. Archer, Texas Commissioner of Health, "Ensuring that quality public health services remain constant this year and into the next century has been a challenge for TDH, and one that still is not finished."

Preventing the so-called Y2K computer problem from compromising public health and safety has been a unique project but that task is almost done. The remaining needed technological changes are planned to be com-plete well before the new year.

Dr. Archer explained the basic Y2K problem as follows:

Without modifications and actual replacement, some older computers which help to calculate or manage Medicaid payments, process applications for WIC food vouchers, and other TDH "mission critical" programs and projects might mistake the year 2000 for the year 1900. Their

AUSTIN — The Texas programs use only the last two continue beyond December. digits of a year date in their memconfusion theoretically could

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lead to computer failure or inaccurate data.

Dr. Archer added, "What we next need to achieve regarding Y2K is public understanding and confidence that critical health and medical services throughout Texas will not be disabled by outof-date computers on Jan. 1,

-Medicaid, the state program reimbursing medical providers for care of eligible patients. The Y2K-adapted computer system for Medicaid payments underwent testing and went on-line in July. TDH, the Texas Department of Human Services and the National Heritage Insurance Corporation share responsibility for reimbursements to medical providers. They have coordinated their business continuity plans to TDH trading partners, and local

-Hospitals, TDH's two state ories. The resulting computer hospitals, one in San Antonio and the other in Harlingen. TDH has verified that all of the 183 "embedded" computer systems in its two hospitals will work cor-

rectly in the next century. -Mission-Critical Projects, major programs and projects which are vital to TDH's commitment to protect and enhance public health and safety. Forty-nine of TDH's 54 mission critical systems are now compliant. The final system is a development project to add new features to a system that will work in 2000. Implementation of this project can be delayed as long as necessary without affecting service.

-Embedded systems, devices or equipment which contain some form of date-sensitive microchip, such as a long-range timer or automatic reminder for periodic servicing. Throughout TDH, 96 percent of the agency's mission-critical embedded systems are compatible with Y2K requirements. And business continuity plans have been written for all mission-critical embedded

—Work in progress. All critical systems and adaptations are being verified and audited independently, and audits were to be finished before Sept. 1. TDH information resources and emergency preparedness staffs will work through the end of the year with other state agencies to educate the public about Y2K to prevent fear and dispel rumors. The agency continues to monitor the readiness of other state agencies, ensure that timely payments will health and emergency resources.

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