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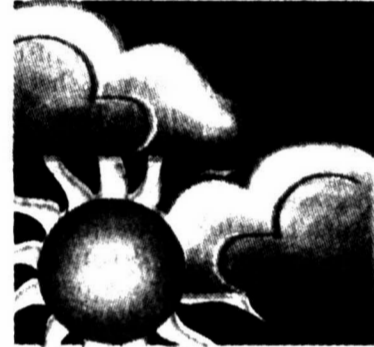
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One ticket correctly
matched all six numbers
drawn Wednesday night for
the twice-weekly Lotto Texas
game, state lottery officials
said.

The ticket was worth an
estimated \$6 million.

The ticket was sold in
Arlington.

The numbers drawn
Wednesday night from a field
of 50 were: 4-5-20-27-40-50

Saturday night's drawing
will be worth an estimated \$4
million.

HOUSTON (AP) — Big
trucks would be banned from
the left lane of a busy Houston
freeway under an ordinance
moving toward city council
approval.

The roadway restriction,
affecting trucks with three or
more axles, would be the first
of its kind in Texas.

The ban would effect the big
rigs traveling along a section
of Interstate 10 on the east
side of the city from 6 a.m. to
8 p.m. The road was chosen
because of heavy truck traffic
and a history of accidents.
Penalty for violating the ordi-
nance, likely to be approved
next month, would be \$200.

A truckers' union was
among supporters as it was
discussed Wednesday by
council members.

"I think we have a commit-
ment to safety like everyone
else," said Lionel Kelly of
Local 988, which represents
5,000 truckers.

Thirty-one deaths, about 14
percent of all Houston traffic
fatalities last year, occurred in
big-rig accidents. The normal
rate is about 5 percent, police
say.

- Reba Jo Fagan Eubanks, 71, former Cabot employee.
- Mary Elizabeth McBride, 84, former school secretary.
- Ruth Pitman, 90, former employee of Golden Plains Hospital, Borger.

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Proof ends: Sober doesn't take stand

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Both the prosecution and
defense rested at noon today in
the intoxication manslaughter
trial of Justin David Sober in 31st
District Court here.

District Judge Steven Emmert
told jurors they will consider the
court's charge and hear closing
arguments this afternoon.

Sober is charged with intoxica-
tion manslaughter - second
degree, a felony which carries a
sentence of 2-to-20 years impris-
onment and/or a \$10,000 fine. A
grand jury indictment says that
Sober was driving his C71
extended-cab pickup on May 30,
1999 when the vehicle traveled
through the intersection of Loop
171 and Texas 273, causing the
death of Stacey Kaye Sehorn and

At 5:30 a.m. on May 30, 1999, Justin Sober's blood alcohol level was .18 percent, according to James Thomas, DPS criminalist, .08 percent over the legal limit (at that time) of .1 percent. Authorities were notified of the wreck about 2:45 a.m., according to previous testimony.

severely injuring Nakisha
Horton and Shawn Reames. The
accident occurred less than two
days after Sehorn had graduated
from Pampa High School.

Two of the survivors of the
wreck, Horton and Reames, took
the witness stand. Horton testi-
fied late Thursday and Reames
early today.

Horton told jurors she had
only one clear memory of May
30, 1999 — the few seconds

before impact.

"I remember sitting sideways
in the front seat talking to Stacey
(Sehorn) and Shawn (Reames)
when I remember something
alarming me. I don't know what
it was, but something alarmed
me. I remember turning around
and throwing my left foot on the
dash, kinda to brace myself, and
I remember yelling something at
Justin," she said. "If anyone else
was in (the pickup) I don't

remember them."

Horton said that, in her memo-
ry, she was sitting in the front
passenger seat, Sehorn was sit-
ting in the back in the middle
and Reames sat directly behind
Horton.

"I remember looking to my left
and yelling at Justin," she said.

"I remember the first impact,
but nothing after that. I probably
won't remember anything after
that because I was knocked out,"
she added.

Horton's next memory, she
said, was of waking up at SCCL,
a rehabilitation hospital in
Amarillo, approximately five
weeks after the wreck. She had
suffered severe head injuries, a
crushed femur, cracked hip and
"other internal injuries I'm not
sure of," she said.

(See TRIAL, Page 2)



Stacey Sehorn died in the
crash near Pampa last year
on her PHS graduation
weekend.

It's luau time!



(Special photo)

Mrs. Hendricks' and Mrs. Vinson's third grade students at Austin Elementary School recently participated in a Hawaiian Luau. Above are (left-right) Alex Torres, Jeremy Busse, John Luke Covalt, Cole Guyer, Kylee Wariner, Katelin Wall, Tabbitha Courter and Manda White. Hendricks and Vinson were assisted by music teacher Wanetta Hill, physical education teacher Kelly Porter and music aide Alisa Orr. Following the presentation, the students returned to their classrooms for a feast.

PEDC extends loan to custom bow firm

A local company has been allowed to stretch out its Pampa Economic Development Commission loan for two extra years and the firm must add four full time jobs over the next two years.

Bill Forman, owner of Great Plains Tradition Bow Company, met with PEDC members Tuesday to outline his needs and plans for the company which makes custom-made bows and has international sales.

In 1998 the PEDC approved a \$100,000 loan guarantee for the company which, to date, has drawn \$80,000 of the loan made through National Bank of Commerce, said Susan Triplehorn, PEDC executive director.

The PEDC approved the drawing of another \$7,000 and extended the loan from its original five years to seven years.

The vote was unanimous with the exception of board member Jerry Foote who abstained due to his employment by NBC bank.

If Great Plains does not meet the employment requirement, it will be required to pay back a \$10,000 interest write down it was given in addition to the loan guarantee, Triplehorn said.

DOE: Pantex did not have to report to state

AMARILLO, (AP) — State regulators should rescind an enforcement notice issued to the Pantex nuclear weapons plant in Texas because such notification is not legally required, according to the Department of Energy.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission had cited the plant for groundwater violations the state says it wasn't properly notified of.

But in an April 13 letter to the state agency, the DOE said Pantex

(See PANTEX, Page 2)

Engineer says Pickens may be right, water is 'oil' of future

By PAM EASTON
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A com-
pany that conducted a water supply
study for oilman T. Boone Pickens
said Wednesday that Pickens might
be onto something when he says
water is the oil of the future.

Pickens' Mesa Water Inc., hired
HDR Engineering, a Dallas architec-
tural and engineering firm, to deter-
mine if Pickens' goal of serving the
needs of cities by pumping water from
under West Texas ranchlands is
economically feasible.

Glenn Pearson said his company's
study over the past seven months
"demonstrates to the state of Texas
and the people of the state of Texas
that this project is doable."

That's what Pickens said he'll tell
regional water planning groups and
municipalities when he begins meet-
ing with them early next month.

He's developed five delivery routes,
which target cities such as San Antonio,
El Paso, Dallas

Pickens has set out to convince his neighbors in Roberts, Ochiltree, Lipscomb and Hemphill counties to sell their water rights to him and continue ranching their land. So far, he said, he has accumulated more than 100,000 acres of water rights. He says he needs 100,000 more to make his plan work.

and Fort Worth.

Many of the details of his plan still
need to be ironed out and are depend-
ent upon which cities decide to take
part in the proposal, Pickens said.

"Everybody is positive if you have
water," Pickens said. "If you are call-
ing them and talking to them about
water, they are positive, because every-
body west of (Interstate) 35 needs
water. They say if you have water,
we would like to talk to you."

Pickens has already sent his engi-
neering report to the state's 16 regional
water planning (See WATER, Page 2)

PHS sets Vespers, graduation date

Pampa High School Class of 2000
Graduation exercises will be at 8 p.m.
May 26 in McNeely Field House.
Vespers will be at 4 p.m. May 21 in
First Baptist Church.

The field house will be open at 7 p.m.

Admission will be granted to ticket
holders only. Students will get seven
tickets. Air-conditioned library and
classrooms will be open to the public
with close-circuit TV in each one. (No
tickets necessary for library or class-
rooms.)



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Calendar of events

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

THEE PLACE
Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

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

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY
Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

PRMC GARAGE SALE
Pampa Regional Medical Center teams will be sponsoring a car wash/Garage Sale Saturday, May 13 in the old BBC building next to Sirloin Stockade. To donate items for the garage sale, call the hospital at 663-5509. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

HEAD START
Head Start applications for enrollment will be available May 19 at Lamar Elementary School. The program is open to children who will be 4-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2000. Acceptance in the program is based upon: 1) family income guidelines; 2) public assistance; 3) child with documented disability; 4) foster child. The following documentation must be provided: child's birth certificate; 2-months income verification or tax return; immunization records; Social Security numbers; documentation of disability (if applicable); proof of public assistance, i.e. food stamp card, TANF benefits, Medicaid; and health insurance card (if applicable).

TOP O' TEXAS RWC
Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will hold its monthly luncheon from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. May 24 at Furr's Cafeteria in Pampa. The luncheon is open to anyone who would like to attend.

PPQG
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. May 25 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. The program "Borders" will be presented by Elaine Johnson. For more information, call (806) 779-2115. Visitors are welcome.

CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS
Top O' Texas CattleWomen scholarships are available for the fall semester for qualifying college junior, senior or graduate students. Applicants should come from a ranching family and should plan to pursue a career associated with the beef industry. This scholarship is one of several made through Ivomec Generations of Excellence program sponsored by Merial and administered by the Texas Cattle Women. The local organization covers the following counties: Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hutchison, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler. For more information, an application or rules write: Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096; or call (806) 826-3572. The deadline is June 15.

YOUNG RANCHER'S SCHOLARSHIP
Top O' Texas CattleWomen is seeking applicants for the Ivomec Generations of Excellence Program's Young Rancher's Scholarship to Texas A&M's Beef Cattle Short Course slated Aug. 7-9. Deadline for applications is June 15.

SKELLYTOWN FUND-RAISER
Skellytown Volunteer Fire Department will present "The Shelia

Helton Country Music Show" at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 20, at Skellytown Elementary School. Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$7.50 at the door. For more information, call (806) 848-2478.

FREE ASTHMA SCREENING
Allergy A.R.T.S., Constantine Saadeh, M.D. and The American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology will sponsor a free asthma screening from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. May 20 in Center Court of West Gate Mall, Amarillo. The screening is being conducted in conjunction with Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month. For more information, call (806) 353-7000.

SPJST RALLY
The newly formed SPJST Lodge 215, South Plains, will host "Power and the Promise" Membership Rally at 6 p.m. May 20 in the Life Enrichment Center at Tahoka. The rally will include computerized presentations by SPJST state personnel and is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call (806) 998-4979. SPJST, a member of the National Fraternal Congress, is a fraternal

benefit society dedicated to providing stable financial services and improving the quality of life in the communities its members live and work.

PRMC VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
Sign-up for the summer Junior Volunteer Program at Pampa Regional Medical Center is currently under way this month after school at the Volunteer Front Lobby desk at PRMC. Students must be 13 or older. An application must be completed and returned to Nancy Paronto, coordinator of volunteers at the hospital, complete with parents' or guardian's written permission on form. Participants will be notified of all-day orientation in June. Normal schedules during the summer are four to eight hours per week. Learn about health care, accounting, business office, human resource office, dietary department, material management, medical surgical unit, skilled bed unit, information services desk and outpatient desk. Older students may want to try emergency department, surgery department and pharmacy department. For more information, call 663-5577.

Pampa Garden Club



Pampa Garden Club recently installed the following officers for the upcoming club year: Thelma Bray, parliamentarian; Ruth Barrett standing in for Edie Hudson, treasurer; Alice Grey standing in for Dale Grayum, secretary; Cynthia Mann, vice president; Clara Quarry, president; and Bonnie Wood.

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Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center dancers recently competed in Dance Showcase competition in Yukon, Okla. Above are contest winners (front row, l-r) Staci Clay, Jamie Clay, Jenna Munsell, Kristen Hagg, Audrey Dunn, (back row, l-r) Kaylee Keith, Kaylie Brewer, Meagan Clark, Myca Vinson and Lauren Denney.

Madeline Graves dancers participate in Dance Showcase

Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center dancers, under the direction of Madeline Graves and Shauna Munsell, recently competed in Dance Showcase competition in Yukon, Okla.

The dancers placed as follows:

Age Division, 7-8-year-olds: Jenna Munsell, first place, Modeling, Star Showcase Award in Modeling, and first place, Solo Dance.

Age Division, 11-12-year-olds: Lauren Denney, second place, Modeling, and third place, Solo Dance; Myca Vinson, first place, Modeling and Star Showcase Award in Modeling, Overall winner - \$100, and third (tie), Solo Dance; Audrey Dunn, regional finalist, Solo Dance; Kaylee Keith, second place, Solo Dance, and Overall High Score in junior division. Dunn and Kristen Hagg took first and third overall high score in the duet competition.

Age Division, 14-year-olds: Staci Clay, second place, Senior Solo Competition, and seventh overall high score.

Age Division, 15-16-year-olds: Kaylie Brewer, first place, Solo Competition.

Age Division, 17-19-year-olds: Katherine Fry, first place, Modeling; Star Showcase Award; Overall winner - \$100; Jamie Clay, first place, Solo Competition; Fry, first place, Solo Competition.

In the group competition, Brewer, Meagan Clark, Jamie Clay, Stacie Clay, Denney, Dunn, Hagg and Keith were second place winners.

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House GOP pushing repeal of telephone tax, estate tax

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fresh from a unanimous vote to get rid of a 102-year-old telephone tax, the House Ways and Means Committee is turning its attention to Republican legislation to gradually repeal the estate tax — a measure that has substantial Democratic support.

The leading version of the estate tax bill, sponsored by Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., has attracted 237 co-sponsors, including 44 Democrats. The committee is scheduled to vote on the bill next week.

"Death by itself should not trigger a tax," said Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas.

The bill would be patterned after a provision in last year's \$792 billion tax bill that was vetoed by President Clinton, Dunn said. To reduce the cost, estate taxes would be reduced gradually in the first five years and then cut more dramatically in later years. Details were to be announced today.

Democrats, including members of the Clinton administration, frequently attack estate tax cuts as primarily benefiting the rich, but Dunn said a coalition including farmers, small business people and environ-

mental groups concerned about land conservation are supporting its repeal.

Rep. Eva Clayton, D-N.C., is among 10 members of the Congressional Black Caucus who are co-sponsoring the bill.

"The very rich are not paying it because they know how to get around it," Clayton said. "This tax disproportionately falls on the people who can't adjust their accounts ahead of time."

Meanwhile, the Ways and Means Committee voted unanimously Wednesday to repeal over three years the 3 percent telephone excise tax imposed originally to finance the Spanish-American War.

Bipartisan support for the bill, which the full House is likely to pass next week, was tempered by a letter from Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers expressing support for the concept but warning that its five-year, \$20 billion cost must be considered in an overall budget and spending blueprint.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said the only reason the 102-year-old tax has survived so long is that "it is awfully hard to stop Washington bureaucrats from taking tax dollars from hardworking taxpayers," even

as federal budget surpluses continue to swell.

"We will move forward to repeal the Spanish-American War tax because it is plain common sense," Hastert said.

Under the bill, the 3 percent tax would be reduced to 2 percent 30 days after it becomes law. It would drop to 1 percent on Oct. 1, 2001, and would be fully repealed on Oct. 1, 2002.

The tax has been repealed on two previous occasions but was brought back in different forms to pay for World War I, World War II and then increased to help fund the Vietnam War. It was made permanent in 1990, with the money going into the general treasury.

Despite President Clinton's misgivings, repealing the telephone tax appears to be gaining unstoppable momentum in Congress similar to unanimous repeal of the Social Security earnings limit passed earlier this year. Both issues have been around for years but have never before been moved without unrelated, more controversial amendments.

"I think it's appropriate and I hope that it's done soon," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

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Comptroller distributes \$277.2 million in sales tax rebates

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently delivered \$277.2 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,104 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 4.2 percent increase over the \$265.9 million allocated to cities and counties in May 1999. Year-to-date sales tax rebates are up 7.8 percent, compared to 1999.

Comptroller Rylander sent sales tax rebates totaling \$256.9 million to Texas cities, 4.6 percent higher than last May's payments of \$245.4 million. Rebates of \$20.3 million to Texas counties were down 0.8 percent compared to allocations of \$20.5 million in May 1999.

In addition to city and county sales tax rebates, the state's six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments received \$99.2 million. Another \$8.9 million went to 49 special purpose districts.

May sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in March and reported to the Comptroller in April.

For details of May sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the "Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Report" on the Comptroller's web site at <www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html>.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, June 9.

May is Elder Abuse Prevention Month

More than 35,000 adults were victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation in Texas last year, according to statistics from Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. The agency's Adult Protective Services completed 54,478 investigations involving suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation of adults. Of these, 35,291 were confirmed.

Many of these citizens are dependent on others for their care and this makes them susceptible to abusive or neglectful treatment. Three out of four cases involve neglect, usually self-neglect. The person may live in unsanitary conditions or without heat or running water. Some individuals need assistance with meals and other activities of daily living.

Caseworkers for Adult Protective Services try to arrange services to reduce or eliminate the abusive or neglectful situation. Competent clients have the right to refuse services, but caseworkers can seek a court order to protect personal health and safety of a citizen who is

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PHS Choral Department holds annual banquet

■ The Concert Choir, Concert Men's Choir, Concert Women's Choir and Mixed Choir all earned the prestigious Sweepstakes award at UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest. The Women's Choir earned a first division in sight-reading.

The Pampa High School Choral Department recently held its annual spring banquet. Twenty-four students made District, 19 students made Region, eight students made Area and five made State in the Texas Music Educators Association's All-State process. Over 100 students earned first division medals at the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest.

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The Show Choir and Mixed Choir each received an Outstanding rating at the Greater Southwest Music Festival. The Women's Choir received a first division rating. The Mixed Choir also won best in their division.

The Concert Choir, Concert Men's Choir and Concert Women's Choir each earned a first division rating and runner up for best in class at the Director's Choice Festival in Houston.

The following special awards, chosen by their peers, were presented: Julian George, Outstanding Mixed Choir Member; Amy Robbins,



The Pampa High School Choral Department recently held its annual spring banquet. Among students honored at the banquet were (left-right) Julian George, Tiffany Bruce, Courtney Lang, Dillon Hill, Patrick Parsons and Amy Robbins.

Outstanding Women's Choir Member; Courtney Lang, Outstanding Show Choir Member; Patrick Parsons, Hugh Sanders Achievement Award for Outstanding Senior Boy; and Tiffany Bruce, Hugh Sanders Achievement Award for Outstanding Senior Girl.

Recipients of the Nona S. Payne Foundation Scholarships, in the amount \$1,000 each, were Dillon Hill and Bruce.

Hill received the American Choral Director's National Student Award, the highest honor awarded by the choral department.

The PHS Choir will hold its annual variety show at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18 in M.K. Brown Auditorium. Admission is \$2. The show will feature vocal solos, instrumentals and dance numbers.

The performers and acts will include: Josh Gibson and Tiffany Bruce - "Looking through Your Eyes" Jacob Lewis - "What a Wonderful World" Melea Jouett and Tiffany Bruce - "That's the Way It Is" Hayle Garrison - "Dream a Little Dream"

Sammie Parsley - "My Heart Will Go On"
Lance Burton, Ryan Black, Heath Bentley, Danny Kirkpatrick, Adam Parks and Tristan Perry - "N-Sinks"
Melea Jouett - "Little Bird"
Celeste Stowers - "Don't Rain on My Parade"
Ashley Knipp - "One Moment in Time"
Rebekah Warner - "I Turn to You" and "I've Had the Time of My Life" (dance)
Courtney Lang, Dillon Hill and Chris Crow - "Moonlight Sonata" (dance with guitar and piano)
Ashlee Hunt - "Hero"
Dillon Hill - "Somebody Love Me"
Dillon Hill and Meredith Hendricks - "All I Ask of You"
Meredith Hendricks - "Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again"
Clay Britton - "Place Called Grace"
Rhianna Anglin - "That'll Be the Day"
Patrick Parsons - "Who Am I"
Clay Britton and Mandi West - "Beauty and the Beast"
Kristen Stephens - "Sing, Sing, Sing" (dance)
Ashley Kiper - "Adonai"
Denise Mackie - "On My Own"
Kayla Conner and Jeanie Palmateer - "I'm Your Angel"
Charity Godwin - "Safe"
Chris Crow - "Far from Here"
Cory Bigham - "Fingerprints of God"
Traci Shelton and Courtney Lang - "Marry the Man Today"
Traci Shelton - "Psalm 23"
Josh Gibson, Nathaniel Hill, Kyle Keith and Patrick Parsons - "If You Could Only See"
Tyler Hudson and Patrick Parsons - "Beatdown" (drum duo)

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Bart the Bear, featured in several movies, dies at 23 from cancer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A 1,500-pound, 9 1/2-foot grizzly bear who appeared in more than a dozen films, including "The Edge" with Anthony Hopkins, has died from cancer at age 23.

Bart the Bear was just five pounds when he was born at a Baltimore zoo. He was adopted by film-industry animal trainers Doug and Lynne Seus and taken to their wildlife ranch near Heber City, 30 miles southeast of Salt Lake City.

Diagnosed with cancer in October 1998, Bart underwent surgery twice to remove tumors from his right paw. But the cancer reappeared, sapping his strength and appetite, and he refused to take his pain medication.

Bart was euthanized May 10 and buried on the Seus' farm.

The massive bear made his first film appearance in 1980's "Windwalker." He went on to be featured in several more films, including "The Edge," a 1996 movie featuring Hopkins as a millionaire

marooned in the Alaska wilderness by a plane crash.

"Tony Hopkins was absolutely brilliant with Bart," said Lynne Seus. "He acknowledged and respected him like a fellow actor. He would spend hours just looking at Bart and admiring him. He did so many of his own scenes with Bart."

Bart also appeared with John Candy in "The Great Outdoors" and Brad Pitt in "Legends of the Fall."

Besides appearing in films, he was a "spokesbear" for the Seus' Vital Ground Foundation, which buys wildlife habitat along the Rocky Mountain front and on Kodiak Island, Alaska.

The average life expectancy of a grizzly is 28.

On the Net:
The Vital Ground Foundation:
<http://www.vitalground.org>

The Donald says Marla's plan to auction ring is 'tacky'

NEW YORK (AP) — Marla Maples apparently has decided a diamond isn't forever, much to Donald Trump's dismay.

The developer is flabbergasted that his ex-wife has decided to auction off the diamond engagement ring he gave her.

"It seems pretty tacky to me. It's really ridiculous," Trump said in today's New York Post.

The auction is set for June 2, said Joseph DuMouchelle, the Detroit auctioneer handling the sale. Bidding is to begin around \$80,000, and the ring is expected to sell for between \$100,000 and

\$150,000, he said.

The ring by Harry Winston features a 7.45-carat emerald-cut diamond and 16 graduated, straight baguette-cut diamonds. Trump gave it to Maples in the early 1990s, after they began dating while he was still married to his previous wife, Ivana Trump.

Trump and Maples married in late 1993, after she gave birth to their daughter, Tiffany. They were divorced in 1997.

A spokeswoman for Maples did not return the newspaper's calls seeking comment.

Report: pilot suffered heart attack after realizing steering column locked

HOUSTON (AP) — The pilot of a plane that crashed at Hobby Airport shortly after takeoff suffered an apparent heart attack after discovering that a pin used to lock its steering column was inadvertently left in place, an attorney says. Six men were killed.

The National Transportation Safety Board had been investigating whether the twin-engine plane went down last week because a pin used to lock its steering column was inadvertently left in place.

The Harris County medical examiner's office confirmed that pilot Kent John Chatagnier of Austin suffered a heart attack, aviation attorney Harry Noe told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions.

Noe, regional vice president of the NTSB Bar Association, suspects that a "mental lapse" by Chatagnier to remove the gust-lock pin from the plane's control column during preflight checks

caused the crash.

Chatagnier, 64, died in Friday's crash along with three school district officials and two other men.

"I suspect the predicament he found himself in at 200-300 feet gave him the heart attack," Noe told the Chronicle.

The NTSB said that, with the pin in place, the pilot of the Beechcraft Baron 55 could not control the plane's climb or descent.

"Can you imagine the amazement when he realized the predicament he was in?" Noe asked.

He added that the medical examiner's office could not determine whether the heart attack or the impact of the crash killed Chatagnier.

The NTSB investigators found the gust-lock pin still in place after the crash. Pilots place the pin in a parked plane's control column to prevent strong winds from moving a parked craft's ailerons and elevators.

Television station reports Darlie Routier's boys' bodies exhumed

DALLAS (AP) — The bodies of the two slain sons of death row inmate Darlie Routier have been exhumed as her attorneys fight for a new trial.

Dallas television station KDFW reported Wednesday that the bodies of Damon Routier, 5, and Devon Routier, 6, were dug up recently in a rural cemetery in Rockwall County.

Dewayne Cain, owner of the Resthaven Cemetery, told the television station the bodies were dug up about two months ago.

The bodies were not removed from the cemetery, Cain said.

Citing unidentified sources, the station said the bodies were exhumed to get their fingerprints and possibly rule them out as the source of the unidentified fingerprints at the murder scene.

Routier, of Rowlett, was convicted by a Kerr County jury in February 1997 of capital murder for the death of Damon and sentenced to death.

Routier has contended that an intruder dressed in black broke into her residence in the northeast Dallas suburb of Rowlett and fatally stabbed her sons.

In their appeal, Routier's attorneys argued that original court transcripts of the trial were rife with errors — as many as 33,000 — and that court reporter Sandy Halsey said she could not find an audio tape needed to reconstruct 53 pages of her transcript in the Routier's capital murder trial.

Prosecutors said the transcript errors were too minor to warrant a new trial.

Her appeal is being considered by the Texas Criminal Court of Appeals.

5 feet of flagpole separate S.C. House, Senate on Confederate flag resolution

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — State lawmakers must now decide whether they can agree on the length of a flagpole as they work toward a final version of a plan to lower the Confederate flag from atop the Statehouse.

The Senate on Wednesday approved most of the changes made by the House to a bill that would move the flag to a monument to Confederate war dead on Statehouse grounds.

The Senate originally wanted the flag flown from a 20-foot pole at the monument; the House changed it to 30 feet after a lengthy debate last week. The latest version splits the difference at 25 feet.

House Speaker David Wilkins said he would have preferred that the Senate leave the House bill untouched, "but I do not think those changes are unreasonable."

He expects the House will consider the revisions

on Tuesday.

Some senators fear there could be another House floor fight.

"What we are doing is rolling the dice for five feet," said state Sen. Greg Ryberg, a Republican.

If the House rebuffed the changes, the bill could be dead for the year, he said.

Moving the flag from the dome to the memorial was considered a compromise by lawmakers who have been trying for years to bring the flag down.

South Carolina is the only state that flies the Confederate flag above its Statehouse, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been leading a tourism boycott of the state.

Supporters say it's an important part of the state's heritage; opponents say it represents slavery and racism.

NTSB wants more truck rest stops

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Transportation Safety Board, in an effort to help truck drivers get more rest while on the road, called Wednesday for an end to the ban on private development of rest areas on some interstate highways.

The NTSB concluded there are not enough truck parking spaces available in some parts of the country, especially near urban areas and in parts of the Northeast and the South.

"Fatigue is one of the silent killers on our highways," said NTSB Chairman Jim Hall, contending the parking space shortage has forced drivers to park on highway shoulders or to keep driving when they are tired, posing a risk to themselves and others.

The NTSB recommended that the Federal Highway Administration, which is conducting its own study of the problem, ask Congress to drop a

federal ban on private development of rest areas on some highways.

That would mean private truck stops, commonly found near highway exits, could potentially be built right on interstates.

NATSO, an association that represents travel plazas and private truck stops, opposes lifting the ban, Scot E. Imus, vice president of government affairs, said in an interview.

He said rest areas along interstate highways would keep truck drivers from pulling off to visit the roughly 1,500 private truck stops in the United States.

"In the long term, we'd go out of business," Imus said. "There's no way we could compete."

Imus said his organization does not believe there is a shortage of parking spaces. He said if there were, more private operators would take advantage of the tight market.

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Wife Objects to Husband Who Mixes Business With Affection

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a CEO of a large company. He does business with many other companies and travels all over the country. We are both 65 years old.

He has made it a practice to hug and kiss — on the mouth — all the female CEOs and associates he does business with. I'm not comfortable with this because I think it is unprofessional. (He's had several affairs in the past.)

He calls them "honey," "darling," etc. — they are the age of our daughter (40).

I want him to stop this practice. Do you think I am being small and narrow-minded at this stage of the "game"?

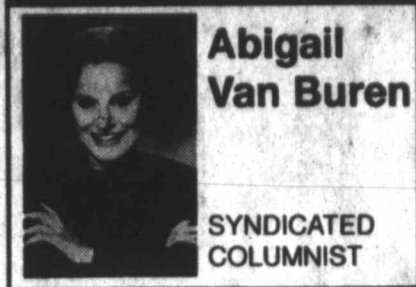
CONCERNED IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR CONCERNED: Considering his past infidelities, I don't think you are being small and narrow-minded.

Calling these women "honey" and "darling" may seem affectionate to him, but it indicates a lack of respect for them as adult women.

Tell him that as the CEO, he is in a position of power, and if he makes inappropriate remarks or advances to women, he could be slapped with a sexual harassment lawsuit — or just slapped, period.

DEAR ABBY: I was shocked that



Abigail Van Buren

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you agreed with "Diane in Scappoose, Ore.," who wrote that children in shopping carts should be put into the automobile before the groceries.

With all the car-jackings going on, the last thing you should do is put your children in the car first. I attended a briefing given by the police department, and one of the things they say you should never do is put your children in the car before the groceries. It takes only a second for a car-jacker to demand your keys and jump in and drive off.

Groceries can be replaced — children cannot. The best thing to do is keep the cart beside you while you load the groceries.

LIZ IN DELAWARE

DEAR LIZ: You weren't the only reader who informed me that I goofed when I put "the grocery cart" before the "horse."

Parents, please make sure that the grocery cart doesn't roll away with your child in it while you load the groceries into your car. And when you

are finished, please remember to secure your children in a car seat or safety belt.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I had a very small church wedding. She refused to consummate our marriage for nearly two months and wouldn't tell me the reason why. It was not because she was afraid to have sex, because she was not a virgin when we married. When she finally gave in, I could hardly keep up with her.

Our wedding anniversary is coming up soon. On what date should we celebrate our anniversary? The date we were married in church, or the date our marriage was consummated?

WANTS TO CELEBRATE

DEAR WANTS TO CELEBRATE: The date on the marriage certificate would be fine in most cases, but in your case, celebrate on the date that means the most to you.

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ You could easily blow your fuse. Others seem to know exactly what to say to trigger you: Your temper flares. Revise your perspective and clear the air. Be ready to make the first call. Your principles and way of thinking are tested. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ What you think might not have anything to do with what is going on. Frustration with others marks your decisions. You might not know what to do about a money demand. Another gives you powerful feedback, whether you like it or not. Tonight: Deal with a partner effectively.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ Without realizing it, you could be on the warpath. You are verbal and incisive, and you could be seen as sarcastic. Though you might be angry or upset with another, using diplomacy might be the smart thing to do. Tonight: Be where others are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ You have a lot of thoughts, frustration and anger to deal with. Going to work and concentrating on one item at a time proves to be remedial. However, you do need to confront your inner con-

licts and settle internal uproar. Tonight: Run errands, then go to the gym.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ You could view a situation quite differently than a friend does. Others seem to be on your case, or they at least want your attention. Even admirers are direct, sarcastic or bordering on aggressiveness. Go within. Use your creativity here. Tonight: Have a good time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ You feel pressured, and this isn't in your head! Emphasis is on your domestic life, even though work proves to be demanding as well. A boss makes his thoughts and needs crystal-clear. Be willing to be flexible, but stay centered. Tonight: Home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ You're unstoppable. Your nervous energy plays out when dealing with another. Try not to be combative or difficult. You absorb information quickly. Do research on the Web. Make calls. Find an expert if need be. Tonight: Take off as soon as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ You might still be digging yourself out of the muck. Understanding what is going on proves to be difficult and touchy. Hold on to your wallet. Don't make commitments in the present climate. Another inspires you to center. Listen. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ You are full of energy, and you'll need it to deal with others who can be confronting and difficult at times. Change your point of view. Take action rather than postponing it. Refuse to get into a battle of wits. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Take your time. Think rather than react. A co-worker pushes your buttons. You wonder how and why. You simply don't have the control you want. Keep it together, and don't get triggered. You will not see eye to eye with others. Tonight: Do your own thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Speak your mind, loud and clear. Opt for more creative ways of saying what you think. Allow greater flexibility. Don't be rigid; ultimately, you'll only hurt yourself. Zero in on your long-term goals and desires. Friends play a significant role. Tonight: When in doubt, be with a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Take charge and take action. You have endless resources. Center, take a walk, and figure out where you are coming from. Be more diligent with a child or loved one who needs your time. Pressure builds because of what you have to do. Honestly, isn't there something you could eliminate? Tonight: Do as much as you can on the phone.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

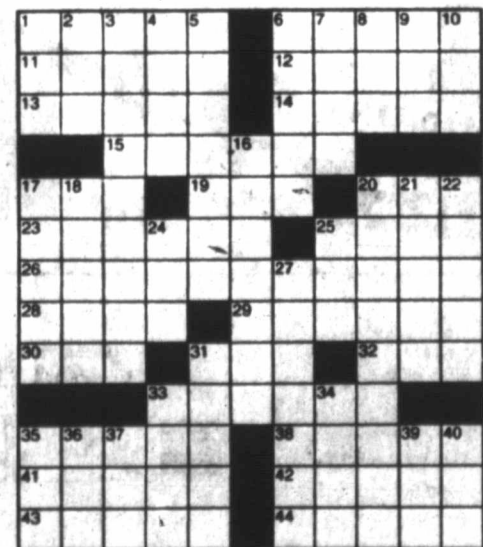
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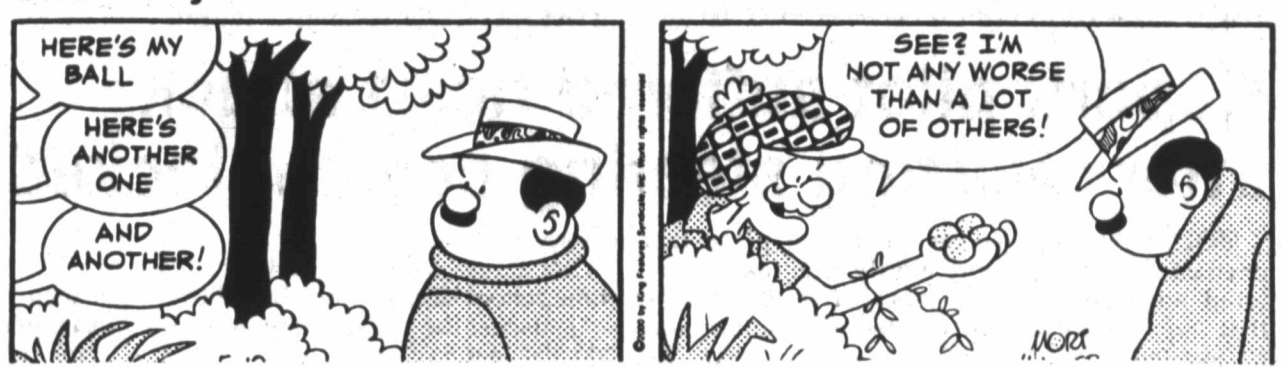
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SPORTS

Pampa boxers look good at Oklahoma meet

Notebook

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for summer softball: Men's Open, Women's Open, Mixed Open, and Men's Masters (over 35).

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is currently sanctioned). The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open and Men's Masters, and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

The entry deadline is June 16 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on June 21 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin the week of June 26.

Roster Forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For questions or more information on the Summer Softball leagues, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 during business hours.

BASEBALL

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Having their ace on the mound proved to be no advantage at all for the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Shane Komine, who led the Big 12 in strikeouts (135) and opponent batting average (.196) during the regular season, didn't get past the fifth inning Wednesday in a 12-10 loss to Missouri.

Komine gave up eight hits, including three home runs, and seven runs as the second-seeded Cornhuskers dropped into the loser's bracket.

"Missouri did a good job," he said. "Every mistake I made they took full advantage of and hit it out of the park. I take full responsibility for our loss."

In other games Wednesday, top-seeded Baylor beat Texas A&M 12-3, Oklahoma held off Oklahoma State 9-8 and Texas got six RBIs from Ryan Hubele to beat Texas Tech 8-4.

Landon Brandes homered twice off Komine, including a three-run shot in the first inning, and Nick Wilfong added a solo homer. Mick Weiss and W.T. Hoover also went deep as Missouri (33-22) tied a Big 12 tournament record with five homers.

Missouri advanced to play this afternoon against No. 3 seed Oklahoma.

Nebraska (42-15) was to play Oklahoma State in an elimination game this morning.

Jeff Bajenaru hit a big two-run homer in the sixth inning and worked out of a ninth-inning jam as Oklahoma beat the Cowboys. It was the Sooners' fourth victory in as many tries against OSU this season.

"Execution is the name of the game," OSU coach Tom Holliday said. "Every time you get one on and you get them in like they did, that is a sign of a good ball club."

Bajenaru's 11th home run of the season gave the Sooners (38-19) an 8-5 lead after OSU had scored four times in the top of the inning to get back into the game.

Bajenaru had to work for his 19th save, which set a Big 12 record. A three-base error by right fielder Elliot Joyner put Ryan Budde at third to start the inning. After a walk, Budde scored on a sacrifice bunt by Rob Watson that put the tying run at second.

A groundout moved the runner up before Bajenaru got Jimbo McAuliff on a grounder to short.

Tommy Whiteman's RBI triple was the big hit in a two-run first inning that gave the Sooners early control against Matt Smith (8-7). They added single runs in the second and third and, after OSU (36-21) scored once in the fourth, Oklahoma got two runs in the fifth to make it 6-1.

WOODWARD, Okla. — The Youth Survival Boxing Club of Pampa participated in the Oklahoma Junior Olympic Tournament held last month at the National Guard Armory.

"When we got to the tournament, they informed us that the only team there was the junior olympics champions. We did not want our kids in the ring with them because of their past experiences. Some of these champions had up to 60 bouts and I said, 'No, we're not fighting these guys because we could get slaughtered,'" said Pampa coach J.R. Moreno.

Moreno said the Pampa boxers were disappointed because he wouldn't allow them to fight after driving 120 miles.

"I finally said, okay, but if I see that you're getting hurt in there, I'm going to throw in the towel," he said.

Manden Conklin was the first in the ring for Pampa, weighing in at 60 pounds. His opponent Yon Harvison of McAlester, Okla. was a state champion with 60 fights, but Conklin went all three rounds with him and lost on points.

"Manden wasn't nervous at all. The bell rung and he came to fight," Moreno said. "All three rounds he went toe to toe. Manden has five bouts and he's a promising little fighter."

Brian Maxwell entered the ring against Oklahoma City's Ramon Muniz, a bigger, taller

fighter. Maxwell also lost by points only to an opponent who had 15 previous fights.

Next was southpaw Sergio Silva, who tired in the third round and lost by points to Brandon Odom. Silva had five fights and Odom 12.

With a 2-0 record, Danny Bedoya was Pampa's most experienced fighter. However, his opponent, Junior Olympic champion Robert Arthur of Stillwater, Okla., already had 41 bouts.

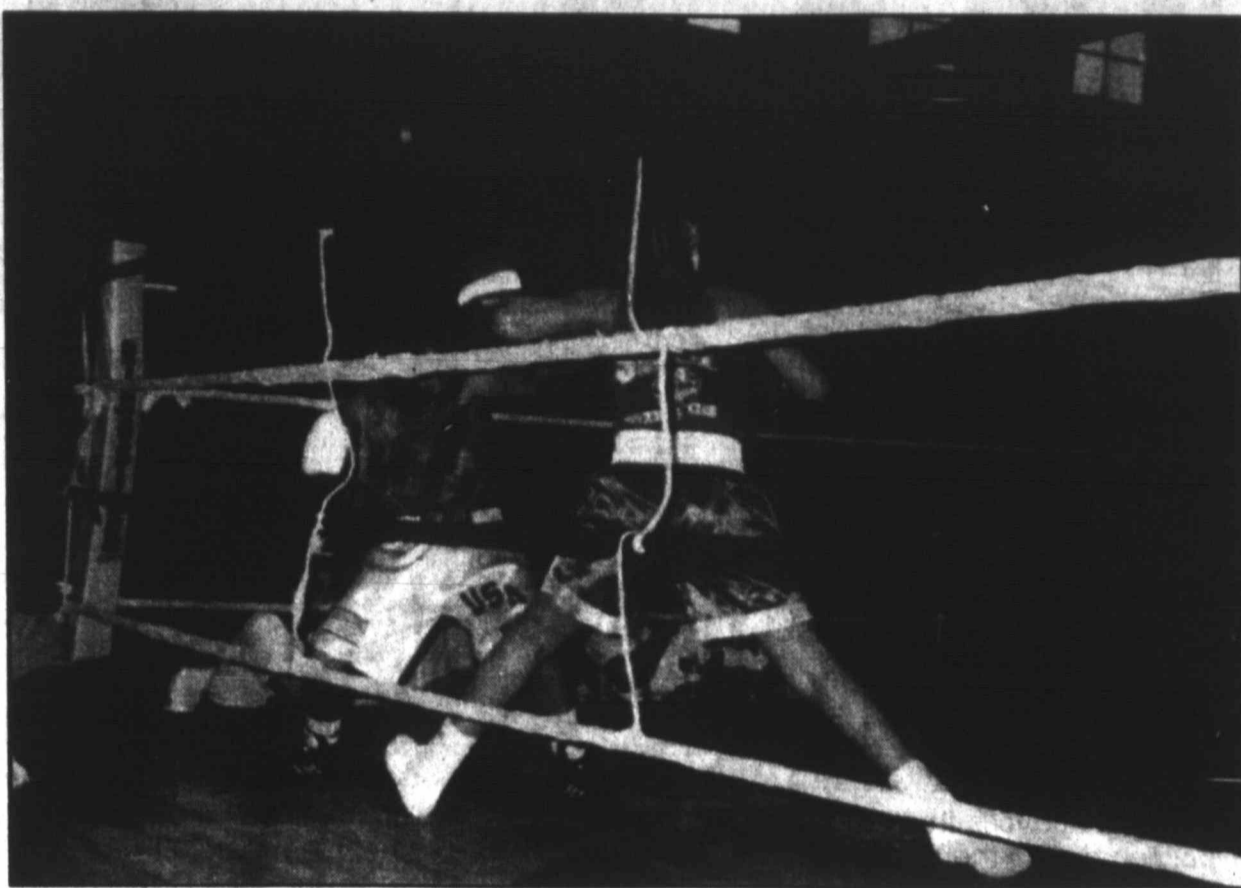
Bedoya, who outscored Arthur in the first round, took a punch on his left side, causing his left arm to go numb. The fight was stopped in the second round.

"We knew Danny could hang with the Olympic champion. Danny said he would return to finish the fight the next time they meet," Moreno said.

Moreno said the Pampa boxers surprised a lot of people at the tournament.

"If these kids would have worked harder and trained more, there's no doubt in my mind they could have won those matches. We're still proud of every one of these kids," Moreno said. "Everyone they fought were Olympic champions. Our kids now know what it takes to become a champion."

Youngsters interested in enrolling in the club should do so now before school is out, Moreno said. The boxing club is



Brian Maxwell (left) of the Youth Survival Club of Pampa ducks a left thrown by Ramon Muniz of Oklahoma City.

located at Horace Mann School.

"We're going to have to limit the number of kids to 15 or 20 until we find some more volunteer coaches," Moreno said.

Persons interested in coaching can contact Moreno at 665-3318.

Moreno is hoping to bring a Golden Gloves Tournament to

Pampa.

"I'd like to bring it here this year. Right now I'm negotiating with officials in Lubbock and Fort Stockton. The deadline is June for getting the tournament," Moreno said.

The tournament would probably be held at the rodeo grounds

or the National Guard Armory. If funds can be raised, the club would like to purchase a boxing ring, Moreno said.

Persons who would like to make donations toward the purchase of a ring and other equipment can contact Moreno for more information.

EP Riverside roster loaded with southpaw pitchers

PAMPA — Pampa batters could be facing nothing but leftys in the Class 4A regional quarterfinals against El Paso Riverside.

Riverside's top three pitchers are all southpaws, starting with Joe Villarreal, who has a 7-1 record and 2.33 earned run average.

He was 3-0 in district. In 21 innings of district play, he struck out 26, walked nine and

allowed seven earned runs. Omar Farcina, the only senior of the group, and Beto Romo could see action against the Harvesters during the best of three series Friday and Saturday in Hobbs, N.M.

Villarreal and Farcina also swing big bats for the Rangers. Villarreal is the team batting leader with a hefty .650 average to go with five home runs. Farcina is hitting .441 and Eric Amador is at .463.

The opening game of the series will be played at 5 p.m. (New Mexico time) Friday at Williams Field on the College of the Southwest campus. The second game is set for 10 a.m. (New Mexico time) on Saturday. A third game if needed will be played 30 minutes after the second game is completed.

Both the Harvesters and Rangers won their respective districts this season. Pampa

(21-7-1) won the district title outright for the first time since the 1991 season.

Riverside (21-6-1) was the only El Paso team to advance past the Area round this year.

"Riverside's strength appears to be pitching," said sports writer Matthew Aguilar of the El Paso Times. "They really don't have any power hitters. They just try and hit 'em where they ain't."

Villarreal was the winning pitcher in Riverside's 6-2 win over Frenship last weekend to clinch the Area best of three series. Riverside had won the opener 9-5, but Frenship bounced back to even things with a 9-5 win the second game.

Pampa routed Pecos 16-1, 16-2 in the last two games of their Area playoffs. Pecos had won the first game 8-6.

Top six



The Top Of Texas Bassmasters held its 1999 Awards Banquet at Furr's Cafeteria. The year's top six anglers were (from left) Steve Stauffacher, Mike Young, Bill Crook, Maxine Stauffacher, Rodger Watson, and Jimmy Corley. Stauffacher was the Angler of the Year and Big Bass went to Kenny Hathcoat, who had a new club record of 9.68 pounds. Members also voted to keep the same officers for this year. Bassmasters meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at SPS, 101 S. Marie. For more information, call Bill Crook at 669-2764 (home) or 661-2252 (office)

Bourque is back for Game 3 against Stars

DENVER (AP) — Eighteen days after going down with a knee injury, Ray Bourque will return for Game 3 of the Colorado Avalanche's Western Conference final series with the Dallas Stars.

Bourque pronounced himself ready to play after a hard practice on Wednesday.

Colorado coach Bob Hartley, who had hinted at Bourque's possible return a day earlier, wasn't available to confirm it. But who would dare argue with a future Hall of Famer who

boasts an NHL-record 403 goals as a defenseman?

Bourque's return for Friday night's game here — where Colorado is 6-0 this postseason — should help the Avalanche compensate for the loss of another valuable defenseman, Adam Foote, who has been ruled out of Game 3. Foote sustained an eye injury in Dallas in Monday night's 3-2 loss to the Stars.

Dallas' victory squared the best-of-seven series at 1-1. A year ago in the conference

finals, Dallas and Colorado also were tied 1-1 after the first two games in Dallas. The Stars won that series in seven games en route to capturing the Stanley Cup.

Bourque, who has missed the last four playoff games with a strained left knee, took contact for the first time in Wednesday's practice.

"It felt good," Bourque said. "I went through practice and it went very well. I'm where I need to be. So it's a go for Friday, and I'm anxious to get going."

Car's reliability is vital during Indianapolis 500

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Speed is only half the story in the Indianapolis 500. Maybe even less than that.

Reliability, as Scott Sharp knows, is a senior partner. Strategy, timely stops for fuel and tires, the weather, sometimes just plain luck also determine who takes the checkered flag and who ends up in the pits or against the wall.

In 1983, a faulty O-ring — a part that cost maybe \$3 — knocked record-setting pole-sitter Teo Fabi out of the race. Last year, Robby Gordon ran out of fuel with less than two laps to go, the ninth straight Indy 500 in which the leader in the late going failed to win.

Sharp was eliminated, in effect, at the beginning.

"Last year was my best qualifying effort," the former Indy Racing League series co-champion said. "We qualified sixth, but we didn't start from that position. We started from the pits."

Sharp, the fastest driver in practice this year, pulled off the track after the second parade lap a year ago and darted into the pits while the field took the green starting flag. There was nothing wrong with his car, just a problem with his radio. He couldn't communicate with his crew.

It took 13 seconds to fix, but by

the time Sharp got back on the track he was in 32nd place, a lap down. He eventually worked his way up to 12th before a transmission problem ended his race after 83 laps for 28th place.

Sharp had the top speed of the week in practice on Tuesday at 223.936 mph, and he and Kelley Racing teammate Mark Dismore were among the quickest at more than 220 during Wednesday's rain-shortened practice.

Qualifications for the May 28 race will be on Saturday and Sunday.

"The team has been working really hard," Sharp said. "It was great to be able to do that and get them pumped up for all the long nights they've been putting in."

Sharp was the eighth-fastest driver in practice last year. He also finished eighth in the Indy Racing League series. Engine problems and a 27th-place finish in the most recent IRL race last month at Las Vegas dropped him to 15th in the current standings.

"The car's pretty good on the long run. Then we decided to see what the car would do," he said of his quick lap earlier this week. "We took a little wing out, thinking we could get in the mid 220s. Then — wow! — I saw it pop up there (on the dash) and we decided to come in. You have to put four of those laps together (to qualify)."

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Gymnastics of Pampa students to present spring recital

Gymnastics of Pampa students will present their "2000 Olympics" Recital on Saturday, May 20th with performances at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend the free performances at the gymnastics facility on Loop 171 north of Pampa.

Participating in the Recitals will be: Holly Gage, Ellen Cambern, Bethney Mosteller, Haley Copeland, Kayla Hughes, Kendall Aiken, Lyndi Whitson, Chelsie Griffin, Chrissy DiTirro, Shelby McCollum, Renee Baggerman, Katie Ledford, Arin Rice, Erika Dodge, Brooke Franks, Ashlee Mixon, Rachel Andrews, Alyssa Wesley, Claire Hopkins, Savannah Mertz, Keenan Hughes, Jaci McMurry, Taylor Bolton, Hannah Owens, Brandon Gage, Savannah Hulsey, Lexi Miller, Erika DeWitt, Meagan Crawford, Ashley Wheeler, Morgan Reagan, Brittany Reagan, Ashley Lang, Crystal Garcia, Cecilia Garcia, Christian Martinez, Victoria Campbell, Paige Alvey, Kristen Dunn, Kamie Doughty, Lauren Jacoby, Jade Skinner, Marli Street, Hannah Hopkins, Claire Boyd, Kayla Taylor, Kimberly

Ward, Olivia Chairez, Tabby Courter, Beth Guzman, Ashlyn Paronto, Taylor Dalton, MacKenzie Parks, Mattie Eldridge, Taylor Ranney, Maci Sparkman.

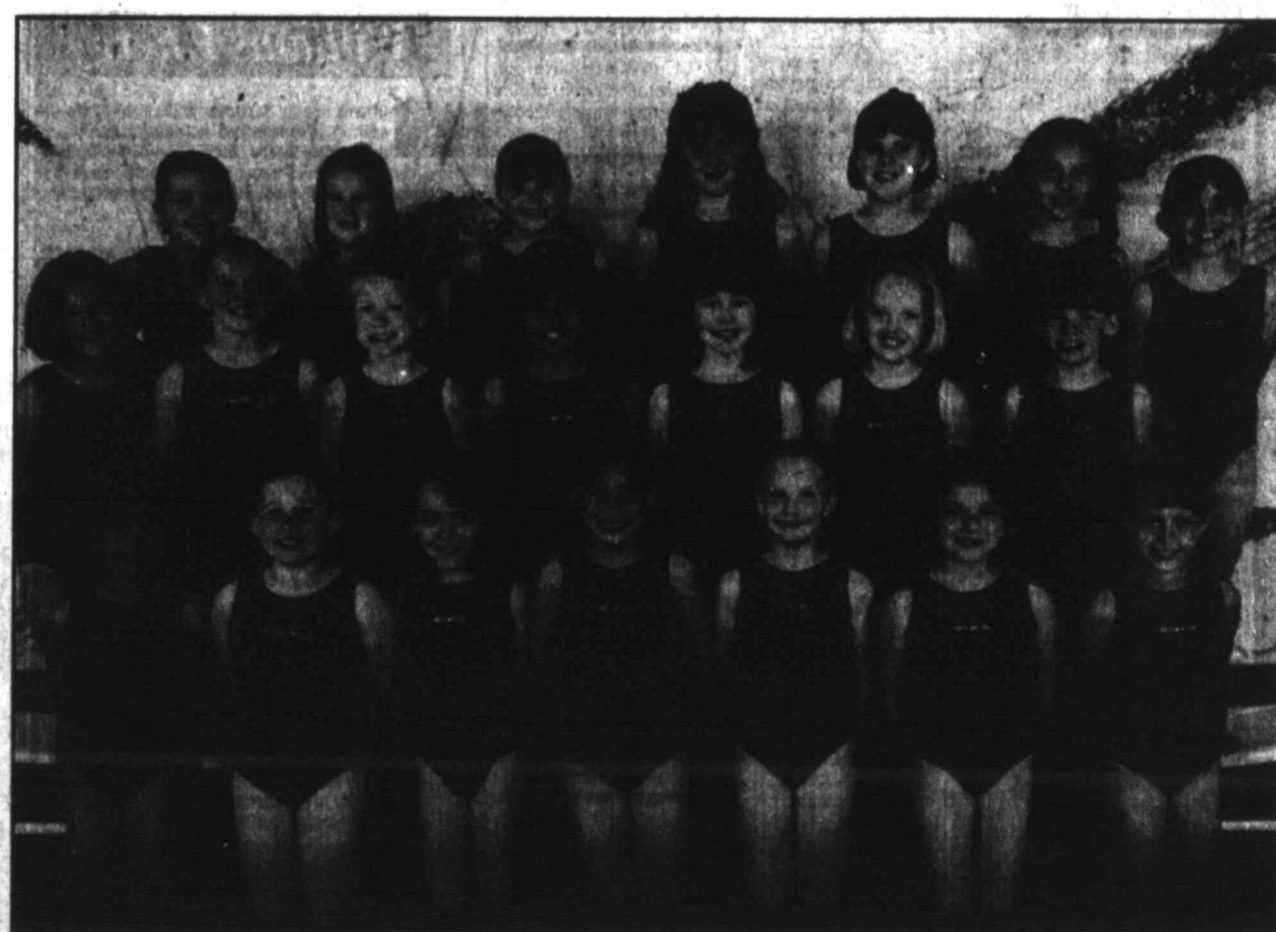
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(Special photos)

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Texas Wildlife Fisheries, Lake Meredith NRA release walleye fingerlings into lake

FRITCH — Texas Parks and Wildlife Fisheries biologists and Lake Meredith National Recreation Area personnel cooperated to release 300,000 walleye fingerlings into Lake Meredith recently.

The 6-week-old walleye fingerlings were reared at Possum Kingdom State Fish Hatchery from eggs obtained from Colorado hatcheries. The initial walleye stocked in Lake Meredith were from Spirit Lake, Iowa, where in larger walleyes grow to 8-10 pounds. The Colorado walleye obtain a larger size and eggs are frequently obtained from females weighing over 12 pounds. By adding these new genes, both National Park Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife resource management staff hope to improve the average size of walleye in Lake Meredith. The stocking program is funded by Sport Fish Restoration money, which is obtained from an excise tax on fishing related equipment.

Superintendent John Benjamin said, "We are very pleased that our cooperative relationship with Texas Parks and Wildlife allows us to participate in these stocking programs. The

same cooperative agreement helps us stock rainbow trout in the Stilling Basin in Spring Canyon below Sanford Dam. Texas Parks and Wildlife fully funded this release. Park Resource Management Specialist Mike Davin assisted with the physical release of the fish. We hope that three years from now, we'll have a substantial number of harvestable walleye from the survivors of this release. Perhaps on the these fingerlings will grow up to be the new state record walleye. The current Texas champion walleye was caught in Lake Meredith by Hank McWilliams, Jr., on February 26, 1990. That walleye weighed in at 11.88 pounds and was 31 and three-quarters inches long. This stocking will help Lake Meredith retain its position as the best walleye fishery in the State of Texas. Our lake is one of the few lakes in Texas far enough north to even support walleye, and this new genetic stock will help the fishery get even better. We and Texas Parks and Wildlife are constantly working to improve conditions for boaters, fishermen, and recreational users of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area."

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