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Drug dog Nick aids in meth bust

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Police dog Nick went into such a frenzy at a traffic stop when he sniffed a ball of what officers identified as methamphetamine his handler had a hard time controlling him.

As a result, one man is free on bond today while another remained in the Gray County jail this morning after being arrested over the weekend on drug

Steve Organ, 35, 1215 Crawford, is free on bond after being charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Richard Gene Jones, 26, 637 N. Wells, faces the same drug charge. Jones was also being held on municipal warrants charging him with children not secured. failure to appear and not wearing a seat

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt

Officer David Conner said as he and the dog approached the rear of the pickup, Nick jumped into the bed of the truck and then jumped through the open sliding-glass window in the back of the cab. Conner said the dog was so aggressive, he could barely control him.

Curfman set bond for each man at \$25,000 on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

The two men were arrested by Grav County deputies Friday night.

Chief Deputy David Russell said the sheriff's office received a call Friday evening concerning a pickup that was harassing motorists on Texas Highway

Gray County Deputies Cary Rushing and Heath Cates stopped an eastbound

maroon 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jones about 11 p.m. on Texas 152 near Gray County Road 5. The deputies were joined by Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers David O'Brien and Jessie

Pampa Police Officer David Conner and the department's drug-sniffing dog, Nick, were called to the scene, officers said today.

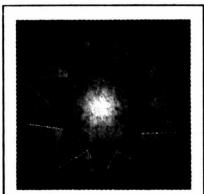
Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said Conner circled the pickup with the dog, and Nick indicated he smelled

Conner said as he and the dog approached the rear of the pickup, Nick jumped into the bed of the truck and then jumped through the open sliding-glass window in the back of the cab. Conner said the dog was so aggressive, he could barely control him.

The drug-sniffing dog reportedly began pawing furiously at the passenger side of the pickup.

Trooper O'Brien and Deputy Cates then searched the pickup, finding a ball of what appeared to be methamphetamine in the passenger's door panel.

Panhandle Regional Drug Trafficking Task Force officers said today the ball weighed about half a pound and was valued at about \$8,000. Officers said that once such an amount of methamphetamine was cut and diluted for sale on the street, it would be worth much more.



High today 92-96 Low tonight 64 For weather details see Page 2

No winner in weekend Lotto

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twiceweekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket would have been worth an estimated \$6 million. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 22-25-35-36-37-50. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$9 million.

Artist-in-residence display set Friday

PAMPA — The high school art and theater arts programs will be working together Friday, Sept. 22. From 5:30-7 p.m., in the cafeteria at PHS, the art department will host an exhibit of artwork by Artist-In-Residence Charles Bell and some of the high school students. The theater department will sponsor an all-school variety show at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. "We have 17 acts this year ranging from dancing, singing and acting ... " said drama teacher Dean Birkes. Admission is \$3 for both students and adults.

· Roger Dale Mahan, 56, heavy equipment operator · William Dale Nix, 85,

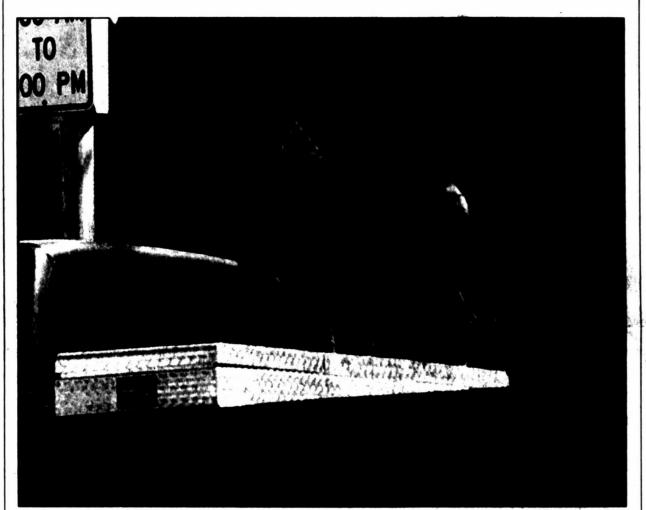
owner-operator Nix Ranch,

Nix Cattle Company. · C. Dale Thut, 73, retired Transamerica Insurance vice

president. Louise Roper Wallace, 84, retired from Fedway.

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Bubba waits, although not patiently, for his master Ronnie Goode to finish lunch Friday in downtown Pampa on Cuyler Street. Bubba, according to Goode, is part Labrador and part German short hair and all dog.

Lefors board reviews TAAS results

LEFORS - Superintendent of the Lefors Independent School District termed the September regularly scheduled meeting a good

Superintendent Allen Law said the school board reviewed TAAS results.

"We were 'Recognized' this year," Law said of the rating system of the state-wide test. "We went over different areas of that and talked about where we want to improve." They added one person to their list of substi-

tute teachers.

The board also accepted an update, known as Update 63, to their polices without changes provided by the Texas Association of School Boards. They added new board members to bank sig-

nature cards and approved billings. Since their Worker's Compensation account had no activity last year, it had to be reopened. "When there's no activity, they automatically

close it," Law said. "That's pretty good." The board also approved the Lion's Club con-

tinuing to sell hamburgers at the football field concession stand.

Beating victims making progress

Woman moved to private room, man able to return to his home

A Pampa woman, severely beaten last week, was moved today from intensive care to a private room in an Amarillo hospital. A man, who also was beaten in a separate attack, was at his home in Pampa today.

Stephanie Lynn Nunley, 26, 345 Miami, was moved to a private room today. Officials said her conditioned had improved.

Porfirio Huerta "J.R." Moreno, 56, 918 N. Gray, returned home. The two suffered extensive head injuries after being beaten Wednesday night at their homes in Pampa.

Michael Anthony Moreno, 27, 345 Miami, was in Gray County jail today in lieu of bonds totalling \$1.25 million in connection with the beatings. Officials identified him as Nunley's boyfriend.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond for Michael Moreno at \$750,000 on a charge of injuring a disabled individual and \$500,000 on a charge of aggravated assault.

Michael Moreno is accused of beating Nunley with a board, then walking to the house of his father, J.R. Moreno, and hitting him in the head with a brick.

A bond hearing is set Wednesday afternoon for Michael Moreno. Authorities said they are trying to deny bond to the 27-year-old.

Fine Arts group sets watercolor workshop

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Local artists may have the opportunity to study under a nationally recognized, award winning artist if enough interest is shown. Jean Weeks is scheduled to hold a three-day watercolor workshop

Oct. 9, 10 and 11 at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. It is sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association. The well-known artist is the wife of former Pampa resident

Preston Weeks. Jean Weeks of Bay City has won many awards including the Texas

Fine Arts Association Award, the Texas Region 10 Best of Show, the Annual State Citation and the Grumbacher Award. She was also granted permission by the French conservators of Claude Monet's home to paint in the master impressionist's now

famous water garden. This is an honor reserved for artists of only the (See ARTIST, Page 2)

City makes committee, board appointments

To volunteer call 669-5750 By DEE DEE LARAMORE

Staff Writer

Pampa City Commissioners recently appointed members to nine city committees and boards for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, yet many spots remain

The city's all-volunteer boards and committees rely on persons from the community to advise Pampa city commissioners on such matters as planning and zoning, traffic, parks and recreation, and

Despite the recent appointments, city officials say many vacancies remain on the various boards and committees.

Following is a list of the city's advisory Hinton, Larry Baker, Hugh Hall, Rhett boards and commissions, the new appointees and the number of vacancies.

Anyone wishing to serve on one of these commissions or boards can contact City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers at 669-5750. Cable Advisory Commission -

Administered by the Community Services Division, this seven-member commission meets bimonthly in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall. The CAC makes recommendations on all cable and microwave television transmissions. Bill Brady, James Lewis and Cheryl Shuck were reappointed to two-year terms. One position is vacant.

Construction Board of Appeals (formerly the Plumbing & Mechanicals Board) - Administered by the Code Enforcement Department, this five-member board meets when called by the chairperson. Five persons were reappointed to two year terms to this board: Matt

DeSpain, and Jack Hamel. Two alternates were named as board members: Bobby Burns and Bill Browning, leaving two

Lovett Memorial Library Board -Administered by the Library, the nine board members meet the second Tuesday every month in the Texas Room of Lovett Memorial Library. The board serves as an advisory body over all matters pertaining to management of the library. It develops library rules and regulations and submits them to the city commission for action. Dr. Ray Hampton, Vanessa Buzzard, Betty Henderson, Debbie Robertson and Harold Taylor have been reappointed for two-year terms. Billy K. Potts was

appointed to serve a one-year term. M.K. Brown Auditorium Board - This nine-member board makes studies and recommendations to the city manager and city commission for operation, bud-

get, use, improvements, rules and policies for the M.K. Brown Auditorium. The board meets once each quarter at the auditorium. Commissioners reappointed Clay Rice and Sandi Crosswhite to the board, and approved Lorilee Cooley as a new member. One vacancy remains.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board The seven members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meet on the fourth Thursday of each month in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall. This boards makes recommendations to the City Commission regarding operation of the city's parks and recreation facilities and programs. The board studies and encourages their development and use, also. An annual report is presented to the commission. Rusty Neef and Kenneth Strickland were reappointed to the board. Five vacancies remain - one one-year term and four two-year terms.

(See APPOINTMENTS, Page 2)



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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

THUT, C. Dale — Memorial services, 3:30 p.m., Glenwood Church of Christ, Tyler.

Obituaries

ROGER DALE MAHAN

BORGER — Roger Dale Mahan, 56, father of a Skellytown resident, died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2000. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Keeler Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Park Cemetery in the Garden of Love under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Mahan was born at Quanah and had been a longtime Borger resident. He was a heavy equipment operator and belonged to Bunavista Baptist Church.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include four daughters, Stephanie Mahan of Fritch, Revelle Mahan of Skellytown and Sharndon Thomas and Brandi Irlas, both of Borger; a son, Roger Alyn Mahan of Borger; three sisters, Ebbie Wells and Donnell Drake, both of Borger, and Linda Ashby of Fritch; and six grand-

WILLIAM DALE NIX

CANADIAN - William Dale Nix, 85, died Friday, Sept. 15, 2000. Memorial services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Cox Chapel of Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas with the Rev. William B. Smith and the Right Rev. Sam B. Hulsey, retired Episcopal bishop of Northwest Texas, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery at Canadian under the direction of Sparkman Hillcrest Funeral Directors of

Mr. Nix was born at Amarillo and graduated from Canadian High School and Texas A&M University, receiving a bachelor of science degree

For over 60 years, he owned-operated Nix Ranch and Nix Cattle Company in Canadian and had served as director of Canadian Production Credit Association, Federal Land Bank of Pampa, Texas Farm Credit Board and Federal Farm Credit Board, serving as chairman in 1981 and 1982. He moved to Dallas in 1978.

He was honored with the Texas Academy of Honor in Agricultural Credit in 1985 and was chairman of Texas A&M College of Agriculture Development Council in 1982-83.

He was a World War II veteran, serving as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Alice Quattlebaum Nix; a son, the Rev. William D. Nix Jr. of Amarillo; three grandchildren; and a greatgrandchild.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Baylor Health Care System Foundation, 3600 Gaston Ave., Suite 100, Dallas, TX 75246; or to American Heart Association.

C. DALE THUT TYLER — C. Dale Thut, 73, died Sunday, Sept. 17, 2000. Memorial services will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Glenwood Church of Christ with Tommy King officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home of Tyler.

Mr. Thut was born Feb. 24, 1927, at Lefors. He graduated from Pampa High School and earned a bachelor of art degree from Texas Tech University in 1950. He married Helen Ayers on Nov. 22, 1950.

He obtained his CPCU designation in 1977.

He retired as resident vice president with Transamerica Insurance Corporation in 1990, after 30 years of service. He had been a Tyler resident since 1990.

He was an elder at King of Prussia Church of Christ in Pennsylvania and Northside Church of Christ in San Antonio. He also belonged to Glenwood Church of Christ and was active in Boy Scouts of America, AARP and Rotary Club, receiving the Paul Harris Fellowship Award.

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

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Cappie Thut; and a brother, Donald

Survivors include his wife, Helen, of Tyler; a daughter, Cathy Thut of Arlington; a son, Richard Thut of Bedford; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

LOUISE ROPER WALLACE

WIMBERLEY — Louise Roper Wallace, 84, a former Mobeetie resident, died Friday, Sept. 15, 2000. Services were to be at 10:30 a.m. today in First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Wimberley Cemetery under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wallace was born at Wellington and moved with her family to the Mobeetie area in 1917. They relocated to Wheeler in 1923 and, in 1933, she graduated from school there. She returned to Mobeetie and later attended Amarillo Junior College

She married Earl Wallace in 1943. She retired

from Fedway and Kline's Retailing. A member of Temple Baptist Church, she belonged to Sunday school and Joy Club and, after moving to Wimberley, joined First Baptist Church, Mary Martha Sunday School Class, PEP

and AARP. Her husband, Earl, preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter, Jean Morris; a stepson, Dickie Wallace; a grandchild; a step-

grandchild; and a great-grandchild.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 48-hour period end-

Saturday, Sept. 16

A driving while intoxicated, no driver's license and failure to stop and render aid were reported about 11:50 a.m. Saturday in the 800 block of S.

Public lewdness was reported n the 700 block of East Denver.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of Christine, 1200 block of Mary Ellen and 1200 block of Duncan.

Simple assaults were reported in the 1100 block of Charles and in the 1200 block of Market. Sunday, Sept. 17

About \$100 in half dollar coins was reported Sunday taken in the 100 block of South Russell. About \$20 in damage was done to a metal fence in the 2300 block of Navajo.

Loud music was reported about 9 a.m. Sunday in the 1100 block of South Dwight.

Possible shots were reported fired about 3:30 a.m. Sunday in the 1100 block of Neel Road.

Sheriff's Office

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

Sunday, Sept. 17 Ronnie Blair Campbell, 54, 433 Hughes, was arrested for silent and abusive calls to 911.

Debra Kay Howard, 44; no address given, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated and on a warrant for non-payment of fines.

Rudilo Betra Rosalez, 39, no address given, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Correction

The Pampa News incorrectly reported in a story regarding the Gray County public tax hearing that Steve Hall is manager of the GH Ranch. He resides in the area but he is not associated with either GH Ranch or Minco Oil and Gas, said Terry Hall. The Pampa News apologizes for any inconvenience the error may have caused.

Fires

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

Saturday, Sept. 16 7:59 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire in the 200 block of South

11:53 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 300 block of South Hobart.

12:38 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 1900 block ofCoffee. The fire was out on arrival. 2:42 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters

responded to a motor vehicle collision at Cuyler

7:51 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a request for lifting assistance in the 900 block of East Francis.

8:30 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a diesel spill at Alcock and Price streets. Less than two gallons was spilled, according to fire reports.

Monday, Sept. 18 2 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a service call in the 2500 block of

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Chevron92 1/4 up 2 1/16	Silver 4.86
Coca-Cola51 7/16 up 5/8	West Texas Crude 35.00

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, Sept. 16

8:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a standby at a trail ride north of Pampa.

9:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Panhandle Surgical Clinic and transported one to a Pampa residence.

11:51 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Hobart and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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ARTIST highest order, said Kay Crouch of the Pampa Fine

Arts Association. Weeks was born and raised on a remote West Texas ranch. She remembers a childhood of long summer days which she filled with make-believe and adventuring. An inquisitive, lively imagination resulted in the young artist.

The well-known artist studied with some of the finest artists, attending art instruction at Houston Museum of Fine Arts School, Louisiana Tech and Robert Woods School of Art in California.

She and her husband, Preston, make their home far from their West Texas roots. The couple makes their home in Bay City in the Gulf Coast area of

Weeks' love of life can be seen in her lively colors as well as her choice of subject matter. She still finds beauty everywhere just as she did as a child.

"I paint the happy, beautiful things," she said. "Almost anything can spark the creative urge—the

curve of a child's cheek, a sidewalk cafe in Paris, flowers in my garden ... my grandchildren playing in the yard." Weeks has traveled extensively throughout the world, and many of the places she has visited and people she has seen have been in

various paintings. She and her husband have two daughters and a

son who live near the couple. For many years Weeks had her own art school and taught seminars. She closed her classes and now paints full time when the growing market for her work left little time for anything else.

The well-known artist's paintings and fine art reproductions are marketed across the United

States and fourteen foreign countries.

Those interested in taking the class offered by Weeks should contact the Pampa Fine Arts Association office at 665-0343. Office hours are from 9 a.m.—12 noon, Monday through Friday. A minimum of ten students must be signed up for the classes to make, said Crouch. Deadline for registration and payment is \$175 is due by Sept. 22.

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APPOINTMENTS

Traffic Commission - Administered by the Police Division, this seven-member board meets in City Hall at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of February, April, June, August, October and December. This commission advises city staff and the city commission on proper and adequate control of traffic and traffic safety on public streets and highways within the city. Doug Locke was reappointed; two vacancies remain.

Pampa Municipal Golf Course Advisory Board - This advisory board studies and makes recommendations to the city manager and city commission for the operation, use, improvements, rules and policies pertaining to Hidden Hills Golf Course. Board members also review the proposed annual budget with the golf course manager and make recommendations to the city manager and commission. Administered by the Community Services Division, the seven-member board meets quarterly at the Pro Shop at Hidden

Board of Adjustments - Administered by the Engineering Department, the six members of this board meet at city hall when called by the chairperson. A quasi-judicial advisory board, any appeal of a Board of Adjustment decision must be made to the court system rather than to the city commission. Cleo Meaker was reappointed to the board. Two alternate positions and one board seat

Planning & Zoning Commission - This commission, administered by the Engineering Department, plans for the future and advises the city commission regarding the orderly growth of the city. Commission members are responsible for the overall planning policy and incorporating it into the Comprehensive Plan. The commission reviews and advises the city commission on such matters as amendments to the subdivision and zoning ordinances; rezoning requests; street, alley and easement matters; and annexation proposals. Annie Swaney, Robert Curry and John Haesle were reappointed to the board. Charles Buzzard was appointed as a new member.

People in the news ...

William Shatner says his grief million in revenue last year for over the death of his third wife the zoo compared with 351,000 last year inspired him to write visitors and \$1.4 million when 'Star Trek Preserver," the best- he arrived in 1978. selling novel released in July.

In the book, Capt. James T. Kirk, the character he played on the wild. When people see a liv-TV and in film, struggles to save his dying wife. "When someone dies, for a

while you want to make some meaning out of a life," Shatner tells the Sept. 23 issue of TV don't stop."

Shatner's drowned in the family's swimming pool in August 1999. The coroner ruled that alcohol and the sedative Valium contributed to the accidental drowning.

"The loss of someone you love is horrible enough. But to do it with the public, with the media at your heels, is almost unendurable," Shatner said.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) -Despite his notoriety as a television figure, Jack Hanna doesn't like to be referred to as a celebrity. The term zookeeper fits him

"I'm still the same Jack Hanna that I was when I started," Hanna, 53, said Friday.

Though Hanna may no longer Columbus Zoo and Aquarium on a day-to-day basis, his role as its ambassador Awards later this month. and director emeritus has never been stronger.

Since Hanna's first appearance on national television 17 years ago as director of the thenlittle known zoo, he has become a regular on "Good Morning America," "The Late Show With David Letterman," and "Larry King Live" — usually accompanied by spider monkeys, baby cougars, hissing cockroaches and other critters.

ances, and many of the animals displays come from sure has helped attract more said.

than 1.2 million visitors and \$30

'Animals in captivity are ambassadors to their cousins in ing creature, they can relate much easier to the problems of endangerment and the need for conservation," he said.

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — World Guide. "You go on a spiritual Wrestling Federation superstar journey. And hopefully, you Chyna says she's proud of her photo spread in the November issue of Playboy "A body like mine has been

rejected for so many years," the muscular wrestler tells the Sept. 23 issue of TV Guide. "Not the ideal beauty. Ugly, masculine. But doing Playboy for me is the pinnacle. And I'm very proud." Chyna says the Playboy

spread is not a "sexual thing." "It was, 'Look at me. Here I am.' Now people love the body. It's about damn time."

Chyna is also featured in the WWF's first workout video, out this month. And her autobiography is due in January.

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Tim McGraw isn't worried about losing Entertainer of the Year honors to his wife — fellow country music sensation Faith Hill — at the Country Music

Either way, the award goes on the mantle.

We're not speaking until it's over," McGraw joked to the Sept. 23 issue of TV Guide.

In August, Hill received eight award nominations, while her husband snagged nods for male vocalist of the year and vocal event of the year for "Let's Make Love," a duet with his

The Entertainer of the Year His zoo connection is always honor "goes to our house if mentioned in his TV appear- either one of us wins. And next year, no one will remember who won it, so when friends come Columbus. The national expo-over, I'll say it's mine," McGraw

We welcome your local news and

photos to share with our readers.

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Handcuffed man dives in river, dies

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A man who was handcuffed and charged with alcohol intoxication tried to escape police custody by jumping into the Ohio River and drowned, authorities said.

Louis Wade Hermann, 24, was pulled from the water just after 12 a.m. Sunday, according to Sgt. Ronel Brown, the department's spokesman.

Hermann had been charged with alcohol intoxication and disorderly conduct after a concert by country music star Collin Raye. After Hermann was handcuffed, police said he ran and jumped into the river.

Police held back a detective who tried to save the man. Detective Bill Keeling, a police spokesman, said a rescue attempt by anyone lacking scuba equipment would have been deadly because of the darkness, the depth of the water and the

A witness who said he was also held back said Hermann was close enough to shore that someone could have rescued

City Briefs

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HEAR INTERNATIONALLY known speaker Jon Randles Oct. 1-4, Central Baptist Church.

NOTICE ROBERT L. Lyle, D.D.S. is no longer associated with The Rufe Jordan Unit in Pampa.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny oday with a high of 92-96 and south winds at 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy with a low of 64 tonight and south-southeast winds at 10-20 mph. Partly sunny tomorrow with a 30 percent chance of rain, a high of 90 and south-southwest winds at 10-20 mph. High yesterday was 91; the overnight low

STATEWIDE — A strong area of high pressure over Texas will bring another week of dry, sunny weather with seasonable high temperatures in the 80s and

Pre-dawn skies Monday were clear across North Texas, with temperatures ranging from 51 degrees at McKinney to 66 at Abilene. Winds were light and

Highs across the region will reach the 80s and 90s before cooling into to upper 50s and middle 60s Monday night. More sun-

80s and 90s. Elsewhere in Texas, conditions early Monday were clear with temperatures generally in the upper 50s to middle 60s. Winds

were from the south at 5 to 10

South Texas will be mostly clear Monday night, but some patchy fog could develop by Tuesday morning. Lows will range from the 60s to the middle

Tuesday will be partly cloudy, with highs approaching 90 across most of the region. Highs shine is expected Tuesday, with will be limited to the middle 80s highs again topping out in the in coastal areas.

West Texas will see sunshine and highs in the 90s Monday before falling into the 50s and 60s under clear skies overnight. Tuesday will be sunny, with

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Jimmy Stover, Cruz Ortega, Timothy Cotner and Martin Alvarado put receipts in the box for "Apples for the Students Plus!" program, a school-community partnership which awards educational equipment to schools collecting store register tapes.

Lamar participating in 'Apples for the Students Plus!'

Lamar Elementary School is currently participating in

that accumulate store register tapes.

During the past several years, "Apples for the Students Plus!" has awarded more than \$250 million in needed classroom learning tools free to participating schools.

Apples Plus coordinator for Lamar, Patti Smith, said, "The list of awards is outstanding. Items we really use such as computers, audio/visual equipment, calculators and sporting goods are always greatly appreciated."

Lamar urges all parents and community members to support this Homeland's "Apples for the Students Plus!" program. This school- invaluable program by sending their Homeland register tapes to community partnership awards educational equipment to schools school with their children or by dropping them off at the school office. Register tapes will be collected through March 24, 2001.

"Our goal is to save enough store receipts to receive computer programs through Apples for the Students Plus!," said Smith. "With the help of parents and community members, we're hoping to meet and possibly exceed our goals."

For more information about Apples for the Students Plus!, or to donate register tapes to Lamar Elementary, contact Misty Jimenez at

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council Center in Amarillo has loved one, from 7-8:30 p.m. Clown will hold his WRCA office is open from 10 a.m.-4 announced a Business beginning Thursday, Sept. 28 at Junior Ranch Rodeo at 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more Luncheon for small, minority BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner in p.m. A Chuckwagon dinner information, call 665-2331.

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call 669-3988. TRALEE CRISIS CENTER tims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call

800-658-2796. PLANNED PARENTHOOD Parenthood Monday-Friday, 408

for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR Lovett Memorial Library will Pampa High School will host sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-

PSC OPEN HOUSE

Pregnancy Support Center, 104 E. Francis, will host a brunch from 9-11 a.m. Sept. 23 in honor. of new staff members Monica Galloway, director, and Sheila Winton, assistant director. The open house is free and the public is invited to attend.

BUSINESS LUNCHEON

and women entrepreneurs will be held from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Clean Air Al-Anon will hold Tuesday, Sept. 19 at Luby's weekly meetings on Tuesdays Cafeteria, 2101 S. Coulter in and Thursdays at noon at 810 Amarillo. David D. Terry, busi-W. 23rd. For more information, ness consultant with West Texas A&M University Small Business Development Center, Tralee Crisis Center will offer will be the guest speaker. For Volunteer Training for people reservations or for more inforinterested in working with vic- mation, call Edmond Esparza at (806) 372-3381.

PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Diane Wells at 669-1131 or 1- The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have of been touched by cancer will Amarillo and the Texas meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 21 in the Panhandle is extending clinic cafeteria of the Pampa Regional hours in Pampa. The clinic is Medical Center, One Medical now open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Plaza. Program for this month's W. meeting will be "Nothing is Kingsmill Ave., #175-A. Special Permanent Except Change." evening hours until 6 p.m. are Refreshments will be served available by appointment. For after the meeting. The public is more information or for an invited. For more information, appointment, call 665-2291. call 665-4742 or 665-2654. For a Planned Parenthood is a not- ride, call Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654. In case of inclement weather, call ahead in case meeting is canceled.

> **COLLEGE NIGHT** "College Night" from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 27 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. High school juniors, seniors and their parents are invited to attend this special event. Representatives from colleges, universities, vocational schools, technical schools and the armed services will be present. For more information, call Billie Lowrey, administrative assistant, PHS,

669-4800, ext. 123. **BSA HOSPICE** SUPPORT GROUP

BSA Hospice will offer "Putting the Pieces Back Together," a grief education and support

AgriPartner Report

Extension Service AgriPartner seedling wheat is 4- to 5-larvae Report for the week of Sept. 11 is per square foot. as follows:

moths continue to be caught in fairly high numbers in area for infestations of these worms. ble to stand loss from these pests. sorghum.

Texas Agricultural The economic threshold in

—A few headworm are being Beet and fall armyworm reported in late maturing sorghum. No reports of infestations exceeding the threshold of pheromone traps. Check wheat 1- to 2-worms per head have been reported. Continue to mon-Seedling wheat is very suscepti- itor for this pest especially in late

group for individuals who Saturday. The Contract Procurement have experienced the death of a demonstration, Pokey Pampa. The program will last for five consecutive weeks and will be facilitated by John Southern, MEd., LPC. To preregister or for more information, contact Janet McCracken, 665-6677.

PAS DANCE

Pampa Area Singles will hold a dance from 8-11 p.m. Sept. 23 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Entertainment will be by Mike Porter. Cost is \$5 per person. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

BSA FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

BSA Hospice Pampa will present its Fall Volunteer Training and Community Education Class from 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 12, at Clarendon College, 1601 W. Kentucky. This comprehensive class is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, want to learn more about hospice care or desire personal growth and enrichment. This program is offered free of charge to the Pampa, Borger and surrounding communities and continuing education unit's will be awarded by CC. For more information or to pre-register, call Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, BSA Hospice Pampa, at (806) 665-6677.

AMARILLO LIBRARY Amarillo Public Library will celebrate the city's Ninth Annual International Week, Oct. 1-8, with many fun events, focusing on France. View 18th century French art in Amarillo Art Museum or meet the French consul at Central Library. For more information or for a list of activities, call (806) 378-3051.

HIGH PLAINS FALL

CLASSIC RANCH RODEO The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association will hold the 2000 High Plains Fall Classic Ranch Rodeo at 7 p.m. nightly, Sept. 29-30. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Twelve teams from New Mexico and Oklahoma will be competing in Ranch Bronc Riding, Ranch Team Penning, Wild Cow Milking, Team Doctoring and Wild Horse Race and a demonstration featuring Buster McLaury is slated at 12:30 p.m.

will be served at 5 p.m. in Recreation Park. Meal prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. During the meal and the Saturday night Rodeo performance, Pokey will auction his world famous 'Custom made" Stick Horses. Advance tickets for the chuckwagon dinner are available at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard, Wayne's Western Wear d The Hamburger Station. owboy breakfast and church will be held at 8 a.m. Sunday and will be sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. For more information, contact the rodeo office at (806) 669-0434.

FIRST BAPTIST **WOMEN'S RETREAT** First Baptist Church "Choices of the Heart" Women's Retreat is slated Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at New Beginnings Retreat Center in Channing with retreat leader Martha Baker. Total cost of the retreat is \$87 (two per room). Twenty-five dollars is due Aug. 25 to reserve a spot. The balance must be paid by Sept. 15. Fees refundable upon request by Sept. 21. To register or for more

information, call 669-1155. IRISH CRAFTFEST Shamrock's Irish Craftfest is slated Oct. 7 and 8. Booths are available for \$30 a piece plus an additional fee if electricity is required. Santa will be present and booths will include everything from candles and Christmas decorations to baked items and much more. For more information, call Shamrock Chamber of Commerce, (806) 256-2501.

CAPROCK CANYONS Caprock Canyons State Park and Caprock Canyons Trailway State Park at Quitaque will conduct nature hikes at 9 a.m., Sept. 2 and 16 as well as "Birding 101" at 9 a.m. Sept. 9 and 23. In addition, a campfire gathering will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 2, a Clarity Tunnel Adventure is slated at 6 p.m. Sept. 9 and "Canyon Ramblings" will begin at 5:45 p.m. Sept. 23. For more infor-

mation, call (806) 455-1492.

HUTCHINSON from South & 330' from West line, Sec. 30,47,H&TC, PD 3300'. 9800'.

> North & 467' from East line, Sec. 3,-,H&GN, PD 12100'. Rule 37 Oil Well Completions Granite Wash) Crest Resources, Inc., #1052 Bryant, Sec. 52, A-7, H&GN, spud 3-30-00, drlg. compl 4-3-00, tested 7-7-00, pumped 33 bbl. of 43

Gas Well Completions (WILDCAT) HEMPHILL Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp., #1 Meek, Sec. 67,M-1,H&GN, spud 5-22-00, drlg. compl 7-1-00, tested 8-28-00, potential 1046 MCF, TD

HEMPHILL (CANADIAN Douglas) Questar E&P Co., #3 '38', Humphreys 38,1,G&M, spud 6-8-00, drlg. compl 7-7-00, tested 8-22-00, potential 5800 MCF, TD

ROBERTS (ALPAR-PEAR-SON Brown Dolomite) Amoco Production Co., #1166 Courson Ranch 'B', Sec. 52,R,AB&M, spud 5-23-00, drlg. compl 6-22-00, tested 8-14-00, potential 2200 MCF, TD

NOTICE

Robert L. Lyle, D.D.S. is no longer associated with The Rufe Jordan Unit in Pampa, Texas.

CASA volunteers help negotiate better lives for children they serve

This article is one in a series of articles 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 2000 "Lead the Way!" fund-raising campaign.

Sally is a precious 3-year-old girl with brown ringlets for hair and big brown eyes. She is a bundle of energy and a ray of sunshine. She also has a new, permanent home, in part due to her CASA of the High Plains volunteer.

> Sally came into the Children's Protective Serv because her m abandoned her woon locating Sally's mother, services were set up by CPS to provide her with the things she needed to develop her parenting skills. Sally was also appointed a CASA volunteer who began to advocate for her best interest

> This CASA volunteer spent many hours talking to family members, visiting with the foster home, talking to counselors and services providers and visiting

with Sally. It quickly became apparent that Sally's mother was not going to be able to care for Sally. The CASA volunteer then began advocating for a permanent placement for Sally so she could begin having stability in her life.

After months of court hearings and team staffings, the CASA volunteer requested that Sally's case be sent to a mediator to bring some type of resolution to the case. The CASA volunteer attended this mediation at which the mother agreed that she was not able to provide for her child and wanted her to be adopted. With this agreement, the mother released her child for adoption.

Within a few months, CASA representatives were sitting in the courtroom with Sally and her new family. It was hard to determine who was more excited, Sally or her three new brothers. Sally will now have a loving and stable home because her CASA volunteer was willing to speak up for what she needed. Sally may not remember her CASA volunteer when she is grown, but that CASA volunteer knows that she had a part in Sally's success.

This volunteer was able to help Sally because you help the United Way. Without the support of United Way, other Sally's will be lost in the court system without an advocate to speak for them. Please help your community by helping these children. Support the United Way.

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#7, spud 10-29-46, plugged 8-30-00, TD 3123' —

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WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Wildcat Cement Co., Mitchell, Sec. 25,13,H&GN — for the following:

#4, spud unknown, plugged 7-8-00, TD 2267' (oil) — Form 1 in Dilley Drlg. Co. #5, spud unknown, plugged

7-15-00, TD 2245' (gas) Form 1 in Dilley Drlg. Co. #6, spud unknown, plugged

7-24-00, TD 2264' (oil) — Form 1 in Dilley Drlg. Co. #7, spud unknown, plugged

Sec. 7-11-00, TD 2280' (oil) -WHEELER (EAST PAN-HANDLE) Wildcat Cement

Co., Sec. 29,17,H&GN, spud unknown (gas) — for the following wells: #1 Ashley, plugged 8-17-00,

#1, David, plugged 8-16-00, TD 1980' -



Spotlight on Panga

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce

Gold Coats



Goldcoats June Beyer, Kerrick Horton, Charlene Morriss and Gladys Vanderpool were on hand to greet wives of the Tri-State Seniors Golfers' as they gathered at the Pampa Country Club for a luncheon and Style Show during the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament in July.

A "COUNTRY FAIR" EVENING ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

Dear Members,

It is Country Fair time again! Please make plans to attend on Saturday, October 14th from 5 p.m. to 12 midnight at the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The Country Fair will again be lots of fun and very exciting. We will provide a wonderful meal of Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Bread and Dessert. In addition, we will have a Silent Auction of over three hundred items and an outstanding Live Auction with at least 20 fabulous items. There will be Bingo and from 9 p.m. to Midnight, a Dance to the music of the band "Insufficient Funds." All of the above for \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Tickets are available from many Chamber members and at the Chamber office at 200 N. Ballard

Also, don't miss a chance to win cash prizes during our drawing which will take place after the Live Auction. The cash prizes are as follows: 1 - \$3, 000, 1 - \$2,000, and 5 - \$1,000 to be given away that evening. You do not have to be present to win, but you do have to purchase a \$100 drawing ticket to be eligible. Keep in mind that many people pool their money with friends to buy tickets. You can purchase your drawing ticket from Chamber members who are selling them, from the Chamber office or at the Country Fair.

This is a fun, exciting and potentially profitable way to support the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend an invitation to Chamber members, and non-members throughout the area to attend a "Country Fair" on the Orient Express. What a great way to spend a Saturday evening in Pampa, Texas.

Sincerely,

Clay Rice President

High Plains Fall Classic WRCA Ranch Rodeo on offing

We are privileged in Pampa to be hosting an and \$3 for children 12 and under. There will also 30th. The High Plains Fall Classic WRCA Ranch Saturday, September 30' beginning at 2:30 p.m. Rodeo is an opportunity for our local and surrounding communities to experience the ideals and work ethic of the working ranch cowboys and their desire to keep our Western heritage alive in such a fast changing world. It is fascinatrequirement of the competition.

The unique events of a Ranch Rodeo include Ranch Bronc Busting, Team Doctoring of Cattle, Wild Cow Milking, Team Penning and a Wild Horse Race. These events require experience, timing, balance, and instinct. Cowboys do not compete for cash but for working gear used in their this year's Ranch Rodeo. Performances will be Jane Jacobs of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association nightly at 7 p.m. and the cost will be \$6 for adults at 669-0434.

exciting new rodeo event on September 29th and be a Junior Ranch Rodeo the afternoon of

In addition, the Top O' Texas Rodeo 'Association will be hosting a Chuck wagon Dinner at 5-00 p.m. on Saturday, September 30th near the entrance to Recreation Park and the Rodeo Arena. Seven Chuck wagons from the Panhandle area will be ing to see highly skilled professional cowboys serving Pan Fried Steak, Beans, Potatoes and and their equally skilled and athletic horses Gravy, Bread and Dessert. Tea will be served by working together in crews to perform each the Rotary Club of Pampa. Prices for the dinner are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

The Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce proudly welcomes all the ranches competing in this years WRCA (Working Ranch Cowboys Association) sanctioned High Plains Fall Classic Ranch Rodeo. We also welcome each of the Chuck wagons as well as all those attending the festiviobs. Local businesses sponsor each event and ties. This annual event has the potential to provide prizes. Cowboys from Texas, Oklahoma, become one of the premier events in our area for and New Mexico ranches will be competing in years to come. For additional information call

Meetings:

September Chamber Meetings:

September 19, The Chamber Monthly Commerce Luncheon will be in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building at 11:45 a.m. Call for reservations 669-

September 21, The Board of Directors will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa

> The lighting decorations along Hobart, Somerville and Cuyler have been generously sponsored by M&H Leasing of Pampa. Additional displays are planned for the near future. Anyone interested in acting as a sponsor is welcome to do so. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce office at 669-3241.

Committee will meet in the community Building at 12 noon. Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at

2 p.m. October 3, The Membership

Committee will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 12 noon. Nona S. Payne Room of the advance \$20 at the door. Pampa Community Building at 8:30 a.m.

October 9, The Top O' Texans meetings.

Community Building at 10:30 a.m. (Gold Coats) will meet in the September 26, The Tourism M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa

> October 10, The Executive Board will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 10:30 a.m. October 14, The Pampa

Chamber of Commerce "Country Fair" will be at the October 4, The Retail M.K. Brown Auditorium at 5 Committee will meet in the p.m. to Midnight. \$15 in

All Chamber members are welcome to attend any or all

Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon Tuesday, September 19, 2000 Speaker - Joe Frank Wheeler - President of the Borger Chamber of Commerce and Borger Economic Development Corporation Caterer: Clint and Sons Smokehouse

Sponsor: Culberson-Stowers, Inc.

Welcome new members

Cinema 4 located in the Coronado Shopping Center, Owner Jim Yates, Manager Darcy Brown, Four screen theater with first run movies. Senior Citizen rates - afternoon, Saturday and Sunday Matinees. Avenues - located at 119 Western St., Owners- Delynn Gordzelik, Pam Ashford and Lori Fulton. Interior design - custom bedding and draperies:

Pathwayz Communications, Inc., President Paul Chapman, Marketing Manager Chris Strickland, offers local and long distance telephone service.

FREEDOM MUSEUM USA, 600 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. North Hobart, Open Tuesday-Saturday, Noon to 4 p.m. Revolutionary War to Bosnia. All branches of service are represent-

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-3988.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more

information, contact 669-7501. VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Wednesday at VICES/WIC Program nutrition

Doors open at 12 noon. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669—0853 or 669-1264.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.

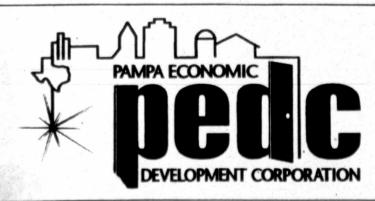
THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chrys Smith at 665-0356.

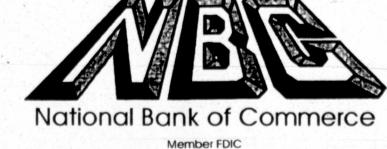
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education classes. Open to the public. For more information call 665-1182

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN **COWBOYS** meet the 4th Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

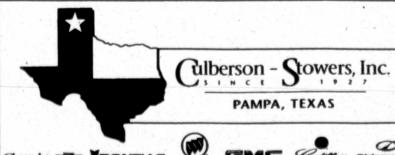
MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS will meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Family Life Center at First Christian Church at 18th and Nelson from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a light meal and then play cards and get aquatinted. Under aged school children can be taken to the First Christian Church Mother's Day out by calling 665-8689. For more information please





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MEDICAL

After years of decline, Caesareans on the rise

By LAURAN NEERGAARD **AP Medical Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) -Caesarean sections started dropping slowly in the early 1990s tions are increasing in first-time

conventional radiation therapy.

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women undergo too many but now they're on the rise

Most puzzling: Why C-sec-

after an outcry that American moms, not just in women who previously had one. And where pregnant women live determines how likely they are to wind up on the operating table C-sections are more common in the South than out West.

Now, with Caesareans inching back up to 22 percent of U.S. births, the nation's leading obstetricians' group is issuing new guidelines to reduce unnecessary C-sections and reserve the surgery for mothers and babies who truly need it.

variation particularly suggests doctors' habits sometimes can overshadow medical need.

"Maybe we've become too an attending obstetrician at Chicago's Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, which is taking new steps to lower C-sections. "We're going back to natof the fetus."

first-time moms whose labor ernment reported this month. takes longer, a big reason for Csections. After all, studies show high of 25 percent in 1988 — but women who have continual care nowhere near the federal goal of from nurses or midwives get a 15 percent C-section rate this often to check how early labor is 1989 and 1996. progressing.

can be life- or health-saving for in Utah, Wisconsin, Colorado, with their doctors. many mothers and babies. Fetal Alaska or Vermont are C-sec-

... avoiding unnecessary C-sections also is important. Women's risk of death, although still small, is three to seven times higher than during vaginal delivery, says the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Not to mention increased pain, longer hospital stays and a higher risk of post-delivery infection.

distress, disorders that make tions. But more than one in four There are many suspects in the baby simply too big or wrongly Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas C-section rise — state-by-state * positioned all are important reasons for C-sections — and hospitals that specialize in high-risk pregnancies will perform more.

But avoiding unnecessary Ctechnical," says Dr. Jean Walker, sections also is important. Women's risk of death, although still small, is three to seven times higher than during vaginal delivery, says the American College of Obstetricians and ural things like walking more Gynecologists. Not to mention often and birthing balls and real- increased pain, longer hospital ly encouraging natural descent stays and a higher risk of postdelivery infection.

To do that, Rush just began a C-sections have risen for three nursing change - back to more years, climbing another 4 pering early labor, especially for percent of live births, the gov-

That's lower than the nation's

Make no mistake: Caesareans Fewer than 17.5 percent of births carefully discuss this option

labor risky for the mother, a births are C-sections in and New Jersey.

Worse, the most dramatic variations in hospitals' C-section rates are among first-time moms with healthy babies in the right birth position, says the ACOG.

Those discrepancies suggest doctors' habits play a big role, says Dr. Roger Freeman of the University of California, Irvine, who chaired the new ACOG guidelines that outline practices and conditions linked to higher C-sections — and urge doctors to check for ways to improve.

Among the list:

-A previous C-section is the continuous, hands-on care dur- cent in 1999 to account for 22 biggest risk factor for having another. If the surgical cut was in the lower abdomen - not the upper — ACOG says most healthy women can try vaginally delivering their next baby as long as a surgeon is standing by fewer C-sections than when year. And it reverses a steady if emergency surgery is needed. busy nurses just pop by every so decline in C-sections between Most low-risk mothers who try can deliver vaginally, says Now look state-by-state: ACOG, encouraging women to

after C-section fell to 23.4 percent last year, down 17 percent since 1996.

-Slow labor is a big reason for C-sections in first-time moms. ACOG cautioned against surgery too early, and Chicago's Walker also stressed patience, saying here that nurses are key. "With younger nurses, I get more phone calls saying, 'Nothing's happening, she needs a C-section," while older nurses are "a little more attentive, more patient" with slow labor.

—ACOG says demanding a painkilling epidural too early, before the cervix is dilated 4-5 centimeters, increases your Csection risk. But this is controversial - Walker urges women to ask for a less potent "walking epidural" that she says doesn't increase the risk.

—For breech, or feet-first, babies. doctors should consider trying to turn the baby headfirst by "external version," pushing on the mother's abdomen before automatically operating, ACOG advised.

While ACOG targets doctors, consumer advocates advise pregnant women to ask about Csection rates when choosing a physician and hospital. Pick one with a lower rate, or who's open to a second opinion for nonemergency surgery, and "it's more likely you're going to avoid an unnecessary C-section," says Public Citizen's Dr. Sidney Wolfe.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Lauran Neergaard covers health and medical issues for The Yet the rate of vaginal births Associated Press in Washington.

the tumor also would have injured healthy tissue. But the Connersville service station worker wasn't without hope. One of his doctors told him about an experimental therapy being test-

ed at the Indiana University School of Medicine. It used precisely aimed high doses of radiation to try to kill tumors while sparing healthy tis-Stamm's doctors said there was a chance the tumor in his right lung

wouldn't spread if he chose no treatment. But the 57-year-old decided

New treatment targets

inoperable lung cancer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — When doctors diagnosed Billy Stamm with

lung cancer, there was more bad news to come. Not only was surgery

out of the question, the odds weren't good that he would respond to

Stamm's frail lungs were so ravaged by years of emphysema, bron-chitis and a two-pack-a-day cigarette habit, that radiation therapy to kill

to give the new therapy a shot.
"I said 'I'm game for just about anything right about now," said Stamm, who was diagnosed in November. "It sounded like something."

worth giving a try. I didn't want to wait and do nothing." In June, Stamm became the seventh patient with inoperable lung cancer to receive the new treatment — stereotactic body radiotherapy — as

part of a clinical trial at the Indianapolis school. The first tests of the new therapy are aimed only at determining the highest radiation level that can safely be given to the 35 or so patients expected to participate.

But the hope is that it will lead to a second clinical trial that will reveal it as a potent treatment for inoperable, early stage lung cancer, accord-

ing to Dr. Mark Williams, the trial's principal investigator.

"We're hoping this can become another option for a patient group that has few options," said Williams, a clinical assistant professor at IU. For lung cancer patients whose disease is in the early stage, the survival prospects between those who undergo surgery to remove tumors and those who can't is stark.

Patients who undergo surgery have a cure rate between 50 to 70 percent. But for patients with inoperable tumors who get conventional radiation instead, the cure rate is only 20 to 30 percent. Considering those numbers, a more effective radiation therapy

would be an important development, said Dr. Robert D. Timmerman, an assistant professor of radiation oncology at the medical school.

Since the therapy was first used to treat a patient in the United States, at IU in 1997, it has extended the predicted lifespans of liver, colon and

breast cancer patients whose cancer had spread, he said. Timmerman, the trial's co-principal investigator, anticipates improved results in the clinical trials because its subjects all have lung

cancer that hasn't spread to other organs.

The new therapy taps into several advanced technologies, including 3-D imaging, radiation beams that can be tailored to the shape of the tumor and a new way to hold patients virtually motionless to target the

A similar approach is used to effectively target brain tumors. But it wasn't easy to transfer that technology beyond the cranium's fixed tissues because tissue in the body's torso tends to shift, Timmerman said. The new therapy solves that problem with a special body frame

n to hold patients extremely still The patient lies on a Styrofoam body pillow that, when the air inside it is vacuumed out, creates a mold of the patient. The pillow is saved and used in subsequent treatments to place the patient in the same position. A device Timmerman likens to an apple press is pressed against the patient's chest to restrict breathing as minute adjustments are made to the body frame before photon radiation is fired at the cancer.

Because positioning each patient for the treatments can take up to an hour, some need sedatives to remain still for so long, Timmerman said. But the long wait is worth it because the cancer can be precisely tar-

While in conventional radiation therapy, radiation can only be focused at areas with diameters of 1.2 to 1.5 inches - threatening healthy tissue — the new therapy can hit targets two-tenths of an inch

That's possible with technology similar to that used to target missiles. During an MRI or CAT scan, coordinates are assigned throughout the patient's body to create a grid system that allows the tumor's location to be known precisely when the patient is in a specific position. Once the tumor is in the crosshairs, it is blasted with radiation from

seven directions. Another innovation permits the radiation beams to be tailored to the tumor's shape. "If we have a tumor shaped like a banana, we can aim the beams into the shape of a banana," Timmerman said.

The same technology allows the highest radiation levels to be focused at the tumor's center, with the intensity falling off rapidly farther out.

The new therapy offers hospital-weary patients another benefit. While patients in conventional radiation therapy receive about 35 separate treatments over a six-week period, the new treatment requires just three treatments over about a 10-day period. To gauge the safety of the therapy's intense radiation, the researchers

are slowly increasing the radiation levels. Patients in the latest group received in a single treatment about six times the radiation of a con-If the therapy works, it will give oncologists a valuable new weapon

because early detection of lung cancer is improving, said Dr. Norman H. Edelman, a scientific consultant for the American Lung Association. "The concept is good and I'll be waiting anxiously to see what their results are," said Edelman, dean of the School of Medicine at State

University of New York at Stony Brook. Stamm, his wife, Millie, and son, Gene, 30, also are awaiting results.

Since his last treatment in late June, Stamm said he is faring well. "I'm feeling good, real good. No sickness or nothing. I think I even feel a little better, but we'll see," he said.

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is not worn properly, it can cause serious back problems in "Many students put too many Houston.

books in their backpacks and should take place over three to rashes usually heal within sev- women suffering from a vagiwear them incorrectly," said Dr. four months, with the goal that eral weeks, but many patients nal hernia lead a more comfort-Stephen Esses, a professor of mom or dad will move into a can develop a debilitating com- able life. orthopedic surgery at Baylor more appropriate environment College of Medicine in within six months to a year." Houston. "Improper positioning of the backpack and bad home discussion takes place, posture can place a great deal of pressure on the spine."

the backpack over one shoul- are having keeping up with the der. Instead, position it just house. This way you will valiabove the small of the spine date their feelings, and make with the weight evenly divided the whole process a more pleasbetween the right and left side. Esses said students, no matter how much they weigh, should not carry more than 30 or 40 pounds on their backs. Keep in mind, younger children are aims to find out if a stronger more susceptible to backpack- dose of the chicken-pox vaccine related injuries because they don't have the well(developed muscles or spinal control of teenagers and adults.

Retirement home deci- associate professor of molecular sion should be 'team' effort

put a parent in a retirement shingles cases occur in people home should be made by the over age 60." entire family.

Ashendorf, a counselor with the

Long before the retirementchildren should begin to pick up on things their parents talk It's important *not* to sling about; such as difficulties they

Shingles, vaccine tested in elderly

HOUSTON — A new study will help prevent shingles. "Shingles is a painful skin and

rve infection caused by the me virus that causes chicken ox," said Dr. Wendy Keitel, an virology and microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine in HOUSTON - The decision to Houston. "More than half of

Although most recover from

"The best way to handle the chicken pox, the virus persists their stuff on tape. situation is for everyone to work in groups of nerve cells near the spinal cord.

Health briefs

Huffington Center on Aging at travel down the nerves to the vaginal hernia Baylor College of Medicine in skin on one side of the body HOUSTON-A new type of Houston. "The discussion causing shingles. Shingles pessary might help many plication called postherpetic "Women with vaginal hernias for months or years.

watching?

HOUSTON-Celebrity fitness are these celebrities really experts in fitness?

Many of these videos are just slick productions that don't appropriately and safely," said Dr. John Cianca, an assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine

much more value for your dollar by spending time with a personal trainer. He or she can cracks. develop a home exercise prothan watching celebrities strut is there.

New device helps The virus can reactivate and women who suffer from

neuralgia, which can cause pain might experience severe aching, pressure and discomfort in the abdomen, which can Are fitness videos worth be aggravated when they cough, strain or take part in daily activities," said Dr. Paul videos might be hot sellers, but Fine, chief of urogynecology at Baylor College of Medicine in

The new pessary is made of plastic that can be left teach people how to exercise inside the vagina for up to 30 days. The old version was made of material that allowed vaginal secretions to get inside the device and, if left in too long, caused hygiene problems for many women. It is recom-Cianca believes you can get mended that women visit their gynecologist so the pessary can be removed and checked for

If fitted properly, a woman gram that will be more effective will not even know the pessary





Sisters Worry Joint Wedding Will Double Trouble for Guests

are both being married next year. Several people have suggested that we make it a double wedding. We are very close and neither one of us is opposed to the idea, but we are worried it will be too expensive for

First, do we send separate invitations? Second, would this be too much of a financial burden for our guests?

TAMPA BRIDE-TO-BE

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: Send only one invitation. Your and your fiance's name should be on it, and your sister's and her fiance's names as well.

A double wedding should not impose an extra financial burden on your guests. In fact, the cost might be less if you consider travel expenses for two separate weddings.

I wish all four of you every happiness on your special day.

DEAR ABBY: I have read many letters about infighting between exspouses. My husband's ex-wife approached me after he and I were married, and told me she felt it would be in the children's best interest for us to be friends.

What a great idea! Since that time, three years ago, she and I have talked, shared feelings, exchanged holiday gifts, been nice to each other in front of the kids, and shown them that it's OK to be

Horoscope

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

**** Though you could be sur-

prised by someone's words, keep asking

questions. Your imagination responds to

another's questions. Don't worry about a

misunderstanding. Just keep talking.

Never refuse to deal with a problem.

Avoid a power play and stay in control.

* * * Deal with a money change and

think through a decision carefully. A

boss gives you significant feedback,

which needs to be listened to. Avoid a

power play as a financial opportunity

knocks on your door. Say yes. Tonight:

*** * Don't let an associate push

your buttons. If you find that you are get-

ting into a power struggle, think through

your options. Look within to see what is

drawing you toward people who are con-

trolling. Opportunity strikes because you

always remain optimistic despite the cir-

cumstances. Make calls and inquiries

yourself. Tonight: Whatever makes you

★★★ Recognize what is happening

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;



friends with and to be nice to someone even though there have been

COLUMNIST

IN ALABAMA

bad times between parents. This has reduced much stress that the kids were experiencing and allows them to tell us how much they love their mother without feeling guilty, embarrassed or nervous. BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

DEAR BTDT: I commend your husband's former wife and you - for your mature decision to set aside personal animosity for the benefit of the children. Many families could learn from your example.

DEAR ABBY: I foolishly left my car unlocked while parked in downtown Boise for the River Festival. Sitting on the front seat was my cell phone and a few CDs. Needless to say, when I returned a few hours later, they were gone.

I immediately called my insurance company to report the theft and was informed that my

gain a lot of information by observing

and not reacting. Realize that everyone

has limits, yourself included. Work

overwhelmed. Say so. Tonight: Take a

★★★★ Center on what is important.

The unexpected occurs with a friend or

partner. Work with the moment and let

opportunities come in. Partners add to

shove when dealing with a loved one

who has difficulty understanding your

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

you, and you hear this loud and

Tonight: Accept the limelight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

drive with a loved one.

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34 Precise

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

your responsiveness and innovation.

* * * Take an overview while others

react. Don't push an away with con-

trolling behavior. K nize your impor-

tance, yet recognize that you also could

be replaced. A child or loved one

delights you. Let this person share ideas

about the long term. Tonight: Take a

want to carry responsibility. Your ability

to adjust and change direction takes you

* Defer to others. They seem to

Marmaduke

deep breath.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

deductible was more than the value of the stolen items. I was in despair. Then a glimmer of inspiration hit -I dialed my cell phone number!

Unfortunately for the morally challenged juvenile who stole my property, his mother was standing next to him when his baggy pants started ringing! Let me tell you, after talking to that woman I would not want to be in that boy's shoes!

My phone and CDs were returned the next morning. She stayed to supervise while her son mowed my lawn and washed my

I understand that for the next couple of months he will not be allowed out of the house without a family member. My greatest hope, however, is that the unfortunate incident helped a mother and son realize that a dangerous path loomed ahead - and that bigger problems in the future were avoid-

STILL CONNECTED IN BOISE DEAR STILL CONNECTED: I'm pleased your story had a happy ending. It's risky to leave tempting articles in a parked car even when it is locked. Better to put them out of sight in the trunk.

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time. Tonight: Togetherness works. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

out for a friend. You make waves demands high productivity. You could be because you can absorb information and you are able to act on it. Follow what seems to be intuition. You might be overwhelmed by what goes on. Step back as an associate pitches in. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

the quality of your day. Push comes to choices. Tonight: Where your friends * * * Bosses demand responses. You Tonight: Off to the gym. come up with them quickly and efficient-

ly. Family doesn't see eye to eye with AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

you because of your creativity and Move on a golden opportunity. Your understanding. Scan new possibilities. career goes in a new direction because of Check out what comes to you as gossip. Where there is smoke, there is usually fire. Handle problems in your unusual, innovative manner. A friend disappoints you. Let him know how you feel. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) * * Another demonstrates caring in a way that you can hear. Rely on a friend and worry less about a difficult boss. Think about changing jobs, and put out feelers. Understand what is possible. Your efficiency counts. Honor security

on a new path. Be willing to exchange TV Host Joan Lunden (1950), entertainideas with a partner. A money challenge er Lesley "Twiggy" Lawson (1949),

* * * The unexpected occurs. Reach

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Handle money and business matters, which are obviously intertwined. You make certain intuitive decisions that others admire. Emphasize work and performance. Your businesslike attitude helps others focus on what is important. Deal with a personal matter.

needs. Tonight: Happy at home.

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intelligent decisions takes research and singer "Mama" Cass Elliot (1943)

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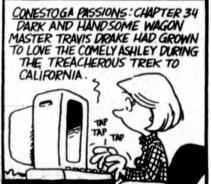
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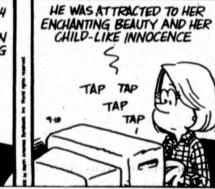
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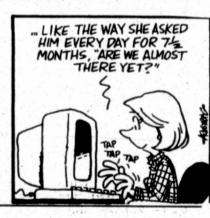
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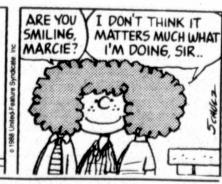
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SPORTS

Notebook

VOLLEYBALL

PLAINVIEW - Pampa freshman Tandi Morton leads Wayland Baptist University volleyball team in service percentage (.931) through eight matches this season.

Lubbock Monterey freshman Amy Smith and Seminole junior Jennifer Worth leads the team in kills with 61. Amarillo High sophomore Kari Gibson is the team leader in digs with

Morton is attending WBU on a volleyball and track scholarship.

FOOTBALL

SAMNORWOOD

Samnorwood slipped by Lefors 44-43 in a six-man football game last Friday

night.
Paul Wright had a hand in Samnorwood even its record at 1-1.

Lefors scored last, on a 28yard run by Caleb Barnes, but the PAT failed, giving the Eagles the non-district win. Barnes was involved in six touchdowns for the Pirates.

Also scoring touchdowns for the Pirates were Andrew Johnson (78-yard interception return) and Eric Keiser (65yard kickoff return).

Joshua Jackson had a conversion kick.

Samnorwood finished with 356 yards in total offense, compared to 295 for Lefors. The Pirates were hurt by three fumbles.

Lefors, 1-1 for the season, hosts Hedley at 7:30 Friday

BRISCOE — Fort Elliott shut down Higgins 48-0 in six-man football action last Friday night.

Nathan Hefley led the Cougar offense with three touchdowns while Wes Hathaway had two scores. Kade Zybach and Richard Rowe each scored a TD.

Hefley finished with 150 yards rushing on five carries and C.J. Bryant added 51 yards on two tries.

Fort Elliott built a 28-0 lead at halftime.

BASEBALL .

HOUSTON (AP) — Scott Elarton isn't thinking about winning 20 games. At least not yet.

"I'll think about 20 if I get to 19." Elarton said after winning his 17th game, 5-3 over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday. "I've been pleasantly surprised by this season. But I'm not going to be disappointed if I don't (win

Elarton (17-6) went eight innings, allowing three runs on seven hits as he picked up his 13th win in his last 17 starts.

"He has pitched like that all year long so it's no surprise every time he does it," Houston manager Larry Dierker said.

"He's been one of our best bright spots this year. He has really blossomed into a great pitcher. When you win 17 games for a team that's been under .500 most of the year that's quite an accomplishment."

Now the question is can he win 20? Elarton is scheduled to get two starts in the last 14 games, but with two days off in that span, he might conceivably get three.

Elarton gave up a single to leadoff hitter Adrian Brown and a two-run homer to Abraham Nunez to start the game, but settled down.

Pittsburgh got its third run in the fourth inning when John Wehner scored from third on an infield grounder by Keith Osik.

"They wouldn't have gotten that third run across if we had blocked the plate a little

better," Dierker said. "I picked up the tempo a little bit," Elarton said. "And started going with more

fastballs in the later innings." **Pirates** were impressed by Elarton, who is

3-0 lifetime against them.

Senior athletes take center stage in Pampa

By L.D. STRATE

Sports Editor

PAMPA — Many of them came from far away, some as far at Pampa's National Weight petitors. Pentathlon on Saturday at the Randy Matson Track & Fleld Complex.

Puerto Ricans Gilberto Gonzalez of San Juan and Luis Velez of Ponce were among 49 age-group male and female athletes entered in the pentathlon, events (shot put, discus, hammer, javelin and weighted throw).

Plagues and medals were presented to the senior athletes at an awards dinner Saturday night in the VFW building.

The competitors ranged in age from 40 to 87. Gonzalez at 87 was not only the oldest athlete competing, but his 2,876 points set a new world record in his age group (85-89).

"Next year If I'm still here, it'll be even easier to win. The older you get, the less people you have to compete against," laughed

Gonzalez started competing in track and field when he was 17.

He became a standout in the decathlon, collecting over 1,200 medals in both Open and Masters meets.
"When I went to a track meet I

wanted to enter every event, not just one or two. I guess that's why I've got so many medals now," he said. "When I was not so old, the sports writers once named me the outstanding athlete of the year in Puerto Rico."

Like Gonzales, the 70-year-old Valez was a track and field champion as a young man, representing his country in the Summer Olympics.

Velez specializes in the hammer throw. In fact, he currently operates a throwing school for youngsters in San Juan.

"That's what I do best (the hammer), Velez said. "That's what I really concentrate on at these meets."

Velez finished fifth overall in his age group Saturday, but his 123-11 hammer throw set a new world record.

Both Velez and Gonzales are military veterans. Velez is a retired army major and Gonzales

during the Korean War.

Gonzales and 85-year-old Betty Jarvis of Tahlequah, Okla. received the Margaret Palmer-White Memorial Award for being 2,500 miles, to take part in the oldest male and female com-

Palmer-White, the mother of Masters champion Wendell Palmer of Pampa, became an overnight celebrity six years ago when she threw the discus at the Sooner State Games in Oklahoma City. At 100 years old, she was the oldest person to ever which consists of five throwing compete in a Masters track and Mrs. Palmerfield meet. White appeared on several t 'evision shows, The Tonight Show and the Donahue Show.

Mrs. Palmer-White died in

1997 at age 102.

Thirteen of the pentathlon competitors were women, including 82-year-old Katharine Gradick, who came all the way from Florida. She felt sure she wouldn't go home without an

"Since I'm in my 80s I figured I wouldn't have any competition. I was right," she laughed. "It was a lot of fun."

USATF National Masters Weight Pentathlon Championships Final Results

Men's 35 Dave Rothenberry, Garland, 2,5,25 points. Men's 40 . Richard Stewart, Ennis, 3,297; 2. Bryan ewart, Aiken, S.C., 2,977

Men's 50 1. Ladislav Pataki, California, 4,818; 2. Jerry Bookin-Weiner, 3,516; 3, Tim Edwards, Commerce City, Co., 3,350; 4. Jack Romansic Long Grove, III., 2,933.

Men's 55

1. Tom Gage, Billings, Mt., 4,805; 2. Ian Percy, Greeley, Co., 4,625; 3. Paul Economides, Albuquerque, N.M., 4,488; 4. Mark Chapman, Cat Spring, Tex., 3,142.

Cat Spring, Tex., 3,142.

Men's 60

1. Bob Humphreys, Camarillo, Calif., 4,258; 2.

Dick Hotchkiss, Grass Valley, Calif., 3,814; 3.

Peter LaBarge, Oak Harbor, Wash., 3,739; 4.

John Cantrell, Pampa, 3,515; 5. Harold Crater, Victoria, 3,103; 6. Jack Kuhns, Felton, Calif., 3,073; 7. Robin Herron, Fort Collins, Co., 2,997; 8.

Don North, 2,932; 9. Gene Prim, Bloomington, Ill., 2,901; 10. Steve Biddinger, Fallon, N.Y., 2,198.

Men's 65

1. Bob Ward, Dallas, 4,939; 2. Wendell Palmer, Pampa, 4,517; 3. Len Olson, Poyntelle, Pa., 4,425; 4. Milton Brady, Laplace, La., 2,859.

Garrahan, Narraenset, Rhode Is., 4,137; 2. Bill Garrahan, Narraenset, Rhode Is., 4,155; 3. Phil Brusca, Maryland Heights, Mo., 3,984; 4. John Poche, Lake Charles, La., 3,287; 5. Luis Velez,

1. Jacob Stein, Louisville, Ky., 2,787. Men's 80
1. Leo Chapman, Clay Center, Kan., 3,100; 2. Armondo Ricciardi, Reno, Nev., 2,484 1. Gilberto Gonzalez, San Juan, PR., 2,761.

Women's 40 1. Carol Finsrud, Lockhart, 4,318; 2. Oneithea Lewis, Bayside, N.Y., 4,215; 3. Cheryl Mellenthin, Cat Spring, Tex., 1,565.

Joan Stratton, Yuma, Ariz., 3,590.

Women's 50 Linda Romansic, Long Grove, III., 1,483

Vanessa Hilliard, St. Petersburg, Fla., 4,328 Georgia Cutler, Eugene, Ore., 3,078; 3.
 Roslyn Katz, Flushing, N.Y., 2,904.

Women's 60

1. Carol Young, Marietta, Ga., 3,695.
Women's 65

1. Erika Messner, Clermont, Fla., 4,439.

1. Charlotte Acton, Longmount, Co., 2,390

Women's 80

1. Katharine Gradick, Marathon Fla., 2,577. Women's 85

1. Betty Jarvis, Tahlequah, Okla., 3,184



Puerto Rican athletes Luis Velez and Gilberto Gonzales display their awards at the Saturday night dinner. received the bronze star for valor Georgia Cutler (inset) of Eugene, Ore. tosses the shot at the meet held earlier in the day.

It was a day of firsts in National Football League

By The Associated Press

It was a day of firsts in the

After nearly five years, several heart-stopping seconds Sunday and a chaotic finish, the Cleveland Browns finally won a home game.

For the first time, both the New York Jets and New York Giants are unbeaten after three games.

The Jacksonville Jaguars had the first shutout in team history. Buffalo, Oakland, Baltimore and Detroit all lost for the first time this season. And Seattle and Green Bay were first-time

Browns 23, Steelers 20

Phil Dawson kicked a 19-yard Pittsburgh couldn't get off a attempts. last-second field-goal attempt. . Jaguars 13, Bengals 0

The expansion Browns (2-1) last season and dropped their beating Cincinnati (0-2) behind against opener Jacksonville.

Pittsburgh had first-and-goal at the 9 with 35 seconds left, but after two running plays, rookie defensive end Courtney Brown sacked Kent Graham for the third time with eight seconds

The Steelers (0-2), who used their timeouts early, tried to line up for a game-tying field goal, but the clock ran out and the Browns and their fans celebrated Cleveland's first home since Dec. 17, 1995, the final

game at Cleveland Stadium. Tim Couch finished 23-of-31 for 316 yards and two TDs. Jerome Bettis rushed for 123 yards and one TD for

Pittsburgh. Jets 27, Bills 14

Vinny Testaverde lofted a 45yard scoring pass to Marcus three games for just the second

first half, and Kevin Williams yards and limited the Lions (2returned a kickoff 97 yards for a 1) to 17 yards rushing. touchdown.

since 1966, moved into first place in the AFC East, while the visiting Bills lost for the first with two victories at home.

Coleman, a starting cornerback, caught his first NFL pass, outleaping four defenders in the back of the end zone. Giants 14, Bears 7

Kerry Collins was 24-of-33 for Jon Kitna hit tight end Itula 249 yards with a 34-yard touch- Mili with a 1-yard touchdown down pass to Ron Dixon as pass with about nine minutes New York wen't 3-0 for the first left, and Kris Heppner added a time since 1994, and Chicago * 45-yard field goal dropped to 0-3.

Tiki Barber's 3-yard TD run ran for 107 yards on 23 carries. late in the third quarter was the Packers 6, Eagles 3 go-ahead score. Barber gained 86 yards on 17 carries, and Ron field goal with 2:45 left and Dayne added 69 yards on 19

Jacksonville (2-1) got its first went 0-8 in their new stadium shutout in franchise history, defensive tackle Gary Walker's

five tackles and two sacks. Mark Brunell was 20-of-32 for 176 yards, including a 21-yard TD pass to Keenan McCardell. **Broncos 33, Raiders 24**

Joe Nedney, cut by Oakland late in the preseason, scored all nine of Denver's second-half

Nedney, signed by Denver to replace injured Jason Elam, kicked field goals of 24, 32, 22 and 21 yards. Sebastian Janikowski,

Oakland's first-round draft pick, kicked a 19-yard field goal, but missed a 49-yarder midway through the fourth quarter. The Broncos (2-1) have a five-game winning streak over the Raiders (2-1).

Buccaneers 31, Lions 10

Tampa Bay, undefeated after Coleman on the final play of the time since 1979, rushed for 120

Shaun King threw a touch-The Jets, 3-0 for the first time down pass and rushed for a score. Warren Sapp had three of Tampa Bay's seven sacks of visiting Bills lost for the first Detroit's Charlie Batch, who time after opening the season thew a 50-yard TD pass to Germane Crowell as time expired in the first half.

Seahawks 20, Saints 10 Ricky Watters gained 105 yands as Seattle (1-1) beat New Orleans (1-2).

New Orleans' Ricky Williams

Ryan Longwell's 38-yard field goal with three seconds left we Green Bay coach Mike erman his first victory. Longwell also made a 37-

two minutes left in the first half. Diego (0-3). Rams 41, 49ers 24

or the third straight game Falcons 15, Panthers 10 this year, and fifth straight dat- Atlanta (2-1), which had just for the Dolphins ing to last season, the Super one takeaway in its first two Baltimore also is 2-1.

Bowl champs had to pull out a games, had two interceptions,

Marshall Faulk rushed for 134 yards and three scores and Kurt Warner threw two touchdown Steve Beuerlein's interception passes and two more intercep-

record 13th straight home Anderson had a 26-yard TD run NFL-record ninth consecutive 22 carries. game and beat the 49ers (0-3) for the third straight time after Vikings 21, Patriots 13 17 straight losses.

Warner was 23-for-34 for 394 yards.

Chiefs 42, Chargers 10

Elvis Grbac threw five touchdown passes, most by a Kansas City quarterback since Hall of Famer Len Dawson against Miami in 1967.

Grbac was 20-of-33 for 235 yards. Rookie Sylvester Morris had three TD catches among his six receptions for 112 yards.

The Chiefs (1-2) had six sacks, yarder with six minutes left in five on starter Moses Moreno the third quarter. Visiting and one of Ryan Leaf. Mike

37 yards to set up Morten Andersen's second field goal The Rams (3-0) won a team- with 4:10 to play. Jamal game, exceeded 30 points for an and finished with 97 yards on

two fumble recoveries and a

Ashley Ambrose returned

safety at Carolina (1-2).

Daunte Culpepper threw for 177 yards and two touchdowns and ran 12 times for 59 yards as Minnesota improved to 3-0 for the third time in five years.

Culpepper threw touchdown passes of 1 yard to Johnny McWilliams and 39 to Matthew Hatchette. Robert Smith' ran 4 yards for the first touchdown. New England fell to 0-3.

Dolphins 19, Ravens 6

Baltimore's Tony Banks, coming off a five-touchdown performance against Jacksonville, Philadelphia (1-2) scored on Dumas had a 56-yard TD inter- was sacked six times, fumbled David Akers' 43-yarder with ception return for visiting San twice and threw an interception on a rainy night in Miami.

Lamar Smith ran for 63 yards on 22 carries and scored twice

Tri-State Rodeo Results

Tri-StateRodeo Association Sunday's Results at Dumas

Bareback: 1. Cody Douglas, tempa, 68; 2. Emett Hall, darillo, 63; 3. Floyd Keesee,

Boys Ranch, 58. Saddle bronc: West Burns, Dalhart 61.

Breakaway roping: 1. Julie Dawson, Canadian, 4.735; 2. Clara Brooks, Canadian, 5.103; 3. Kari Jo Couch, Gruver, 5.914.

2. Joshua Owenby, Vernon, 15.239; 3. Josh Donnell, Canyon, 15.386.

Ribbon roping: 1. Tyler Hargrave, Canyon, 5.933; 2. Jake Mitchell, Gruver, 8.045; 3. Justin Lehman, Vernon, 9.284.

Pole bending: 1. Danielle Irlbeck, Canyon, 22.040; 2. Julie Dawson, Canadian, 22.148; 3. Heidi Ward, Vernon,

22.606. Bull riding: 1. Marty Eakin, Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 16.762.

roping: 1. Joe Amarillo, 76; 2. Cody Atwood, Boggeman, Hereford, 12.940; Pampa, 75; 3. Coley Taylor, Wheeler, 71.

> Goat tying: 1. Emily Smith, Canyon, 8.163; 2. Julie Dawson, Canadian, 8.864.

Team roping: 1. Troy Bryant-Chance Johnston, 8.539; 2. Tyson Holland-Coe Maness, 12.604; 3. Ty Crutchfield-Joe Boggeman, 13.662.

Steer wrestling: 1. Hunter Cure-Williamson, 8.446; 2,

game with a flying leap of faith.
Pitts cartwheeled into the end zone after catching a 15-yard touchdown pass from backup quarterback Chris Lewis with 1:12 to play as Stanford beat No. 5 Texas 27-24 on Saturday night. Stanford led 20-9 with 10 min-

Major left, Texas' **Applewhite** rallied the Longhorns with two touchdown drives. The Cardinal (2-1) then made a frantic four-play, 59-yard drive in just 43 seconds.

It ended when Pitts caught a short sideline pass, broke Joe Walker's tackle at the 10, leaped for the goal line, was flipped into the air by Roderick Babers and landed in the end zone.

"I knew I was flying over him as soon as I got off that one tackle," Pitts said. "Chris made a great throw, and we set up the play perfectly. (The leap) was pretty scary, but I saw (Virginia Tech QB) Michael Vick do it today, so I thought I'd give it a

Texas (1-1) couldn't answer, with Brandon Healy dropping a fourth-down pass from Applewhite with 33 seconds to play. Stanford fans stood and cheered for several minutes after the victory, the school's first over a top-10 team since Sept. 18, 1993, when the Cardinal beat No. 7 Colorado.

"It's an absolutely fantastic run. feeling to beat a team of this cal-

DeRonnie Pitts punctuated an Willingham, who called the vic- play well until the fourth quarup-and-down, back-and-forth tory one of the biggest of his ter. We had some confidence and game with a flying leap of faith. tenure. "It shows the resilience momentum in the fourth quarof our young men to bounce ter, and when we got the big back and not let the past affect play, we really started feeding them.

> With former Stanford golfer Tiger Woods cheering on the many different ways, up and sideline, Lewis led a dramatic down.' comeback in place of starter Randy Fasani, who injured his left knee when he was sacked by Maurice Gordon just seven minutes into the game.

> stymied all evening by an on his second pass of the game inspired Stanford defense, Applewhite connected with B.J. Johnson on a 71-yard touchdown strike with 9:29 to play. to cheer on Lewis, a freshman Applewhite then hit Victor Ike over the middle for a 38-yard school record for career TD passscoring play with 5:44 left to give es. Lewis' previous college expe-Texas a 24-20 lead.

of the bizarre," weeks ago.

said coach Tyrone Applewhite said. "We didn't off that.

"The game was going in so

Fasani appeared to injure his left knee when he was sacked. Lewis immediately keyed a 77yard touchdown drive for the Cardinal's first points, throwing After the Texas offense was a 37-yard TD pass Luke Powell and the fifth of his college career.

Fasani, his knee in a brace, stood on the sideline on crutches who holds the California high rience consisted of three passes "The game definitely had a against Washington State two

White Deer tops Wellington

is off to a 2-0 start after dispos- fumble in the fourth quarter. ing of Wellington 28-6 in high school football action last Friday extra points and passed to Nick

quarterback Matt Bucks' Henderson threw two touch- on 4-yard run by Justin Hunter down passes, one to Kirk Kelp in the fourth quarter. for 9 yards and the other to Nick Ball for 46 yards. Aaron McKean the end of the first half. The

Kelp scored the game's final Rockets had 155.

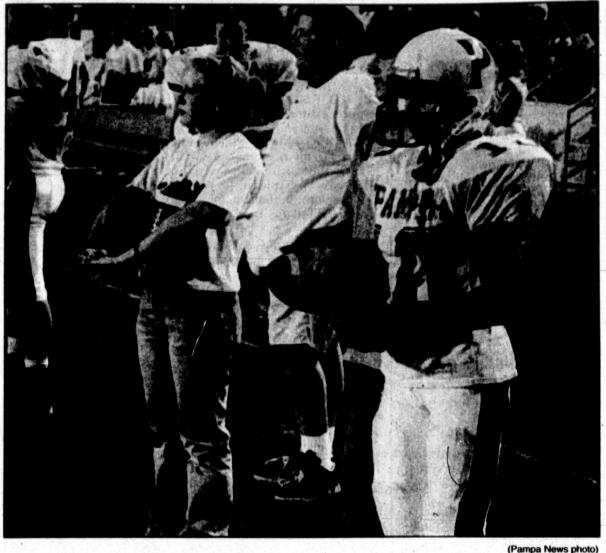
WELLINGTON — White Deer TD on a 36-yard return off a

Henderson also kicked two Knocke for a 2-point conversion.

Wellington's only score came

White Deer held a 15-0 lead at added a touchdown on a 2-yard Bucks finished with 215 yards of total offense while the Sky

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Tim Kettenring (10), Pampa's sophomore kicker, waits on the sidelines for his opportunity Friday night in the Harvesters' 21-10 win over Amarillo High in Dick Bivins Stadium. Kettenring is a perfect 11 of 11 in extra-point conversions and has a 23-yard field goal to his credit. He kicked three extra points against the Sandies.

American swimmers dominate; gymnasts fall short at Olympics

American swimmers Lenny 100-meter breaststroke Krayzelburg and Megan Quann 1:07.05. showed they can beat the world's best. The U.S. men's gymnastic team still can't.

Krayzelburg and Quann each won gold medals for the United States at the Olympic pool Monday.

The gymnasts, trying to medal at a non-boycotted games for the first time since 1932, didn't even come close. They finished fifth, while China cruised to the men's team gold.

The U.S. men won the team title at Los Angeles in 1984, but later, he anchored the Aussie most Eastern bloc nations boycotted those games.

At the aquatic center, the Ukrainian-born Krayzelburg pulled away from Australian Matthew Welsh to win the 100meter backstroke and collect his record time of 53.72 seconds was just .12 off the world mark he set at the same pool last year.

"It's better than anything I've ever done in my life," Krayzelburg said.

Thorpe earned a silver medal to go with two golds he already has won, but he had to be about as glum as the U.S. gymnasts.

Dutchman Pieter van den tion Monday. Hoogenband outswam Thorpe the world record he set the day before with a time of 1:45.35.

thrilled his nation by setting a next with 10 (4-1-5). world mark and winning the 400 freestyle Saturday. Minutes — BOXING: Six fights, six positive for drugs. 400 free relay squad that upset the United States and smashed another world record.

gold or reclaim the record Van American unbeaten streak alive pete. first gold medal. His Olympic having his face plastered across in Australia, Thorpe finished 15 points. second in 1:45.83.

While Thorpe dropped to 2-1 Arayzelburg said. teams in boxing, baseball, soft- er shutout.

Quann, competing in her first ball, women's basketball and Crystl Bu

victories in the early phases of the Olympic tournament. Australian teen sensation Ian their tournaments.

> The United States and Olympic host Australia shared the lead in the medal count with 13 each at the end of competi-

The Americans had 6 gold in the 200-meter freestyle, tying medals, 5 silver and 2 bronze the Aussies 3 gold, 5 silver and 5 bronze. France was close behind The 17-year-old Thorpe had with 12 (4-6-2) and China was

wins for the United States.

Ricardo Rocky Juarez, a 125- International den Hoogenband took from him at the Sydney Games. Both

SOFTBALL: No no-hitter

Crystl Bustos homered twice to the medal podium.

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Olympics at age 17, won the women's volleyball all stayed as the U.S. softball team beat Hartwell was part of a U.S. Samaranch. in unbeaten Monday with easy Cuba 3-0 in the second game of

> Lori Harrigan pitched a solo no-hitter in the Americans' first game, a 6-0 win over Canada.

> - DRUGS: A weightlifter from the drug-tainted Romanian team competed on Monday over the objections of

> the IOC Olympic officials threw the Romanian team out of the Sydney Games on Sunday because two male lifters tested

The squad got a reprieve. The pounder, won his first bout Federation decided to fine the Monday and so did 165-pound Romanian Olympic Committee 61 win over China. Thorpe couldn't win his third boxer Jeff Lacy to keep the and let four "clean" lifters com-

That Marioara gave every front page and TV screen because the Americans were up the women's 116 1/2-pound that.

— CYCLING: For the first in Olympic events, the U.S. for the United States. Just anoth-time in three Olympics, Erin Hartwell won't be making a trip

squad that finished 10th out of 12 in the prelims of the men's 4,000-meter team pursuit. Derek Bouchard-Hall, Mariano Friedick and Tommy Mulkey were the other riders. Britain had the fastest qualifying time,

4.030 seconds. Hartwell won a cycling bronze in Barcelona and a silver medal in Atlanta.

an Olympic record of 4 minutes,

BASKETBALL: Katie Smith drained three 3-pointers on the way to scoring 15 points as the was easy for the U.S. women's U.S. women's basketball team Weightlifting stayed undefeated in the Olympic tournament with a 90-

South Korea, but took the lead the United States is Croatia, on Sunday. After two days of fights were stopped in the third Munteanu a chance to lift midway through the first half round under the mercy rule Monday. She finished seventh in and never trailed Cuba after

> — SAMARANCH: About 350 mourners turned out Monday for a Mass to honor Maria The game was called after seven Teresa Samaranch, wife of IOC innings because the Americans president Juan

Mrs. Samaranch, 67, died shortly after the Sydney Games opened, while her husband was flying home to Spain to be at her side. She had reportedly been ill with cancer for several months.

Australian swimming icon Dawn Fraser, who sat with Samaranch at the opening ceremonies, was among those who attended the Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in downtown Sydney.

 VOLLEYBALL: This one volleyball team.

After upsetting China in the opening match of the Olympic tournament, the Americans beat The U.S. team started slow, as overmatched Kenya 25-16, 25-6, it did in its opening win over 25-16 on Monday. Next up for which also is unbeaten.

> BASEBALL: Jon Rauch struck out 13 and John Cotton had five RBIs as the United States routed South Africa 11-1. Antonio were winning by 10 runs.

Braves turn focus to Mets in crucial series

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

Schilling, Andruw Jones and the Atlanta Braves began focusing on the New York Mets.

Jones homered, tripled and singled Sunday, and Kevin Millwood outpitched Schilling as the Braves beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 7-1 to take a three-game lead over the Mets in into the personal battles here," he NL East.

"We've just got to concentrate on this game," Jones said. "We just have to score some runs off Schilling. We know he's a tough pitcher.

On Monday night, it will be Mike Hampton vs. Greg Maddux twice and doubled, and that was as the Mets and Braves open a three-game series at Turner Field. New York and Atlanta will play each other six times in a span of 11 days.

The Mets lost 5-0 at Montreal and fell back in a bid to catch the Braves. But New York stayed five games ahead of Arizona in the wild card race.

"Seven of our games for the rest of the season are against the Expos and the Phillies, so we've got to get used to that," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "But six of our games are against the Braves, so we'd better get used to that, too.'

In other NL games, St. Louis beat Chicago 4-2, Houston dropped a bases-loaded fly ball downed Pittsburgh 5-3, San Francisco topped San Diego 5-1, Los Angeles defeated Colorado 12-6, Cincinnati beat Milwaukee 8-4 and Philadelphia stopped Florida 6-5.

Millwood (10-11) gave up four hits in seven innings. He beat the hits in seven innings. He beat the when open a three-game series NL record set by Houston (1970) Diamondbacks for the third time Tuesday night at Busch Stadium. and Philadelphia (1989). The

this season and is 4-0 against them lifetime.

Schilling (10-12) dropped his 11 starts since being traded from Philadelphia to Arizona. Schilling allowed two runs in seven innings. The Braves broke the eighth against Arizona's bullpen.

"I don't know that I'm really "We've put ourselves against the wall, and every game now is a must-win. For whatever reason, we're not winning ballgames.'

Expos 5, Mets 0

Vladimir Guerrero homered plenty for Tony Armas Jr. to pitch Montreal over New York.

Guerrero hit his 38th and 39th home runs. Both came against Bobby J. Jones, who was relieved by Bobby M. Jones to begin the

Armas gave up three hits in seven-plus innings, stretching his scoreless streak to 14 innings.

Expos reliever Steve Kline got the last out. A day earlier, he threw his glove in the direction of first-base umpire Ian Lamplugh after being ejected — this time, Lamplugh was the plate umpire and there were no incidents.

Cardinals 4, Cubs 2 Right fielder Sammy Sosa in the eighth and St. Louis won

its seventh in a row. The Cardinals cut their magic number for winning the NL Central to two over Cincinnati. They'll get their chance to clinch their first division title since 1996 when open a three-game series

tory as the Cardinals finished off (1986). their first four-game sweep over After finishing off Curt fifth straight decision. He's 4-6 in the Cubs since 1963. Chicago has lost five straight.

Giants 5, Padres 1 San Francisco trimmed its magic number for winning the it open by scoring five times in NL West to six as Jeff Kent homered and tripled at San Diego. .

> The Giants will try to wrap up the division when they start a seven-game homestand Monday at Pacific Bell Park. They play second-place Arizona four times later in the week.

> Mark Gardner, who missed his previous scheduled start because of fatigue, won his fourth straight decision.

San Francisco won for the 15th in 18 games despite resting Barry Bonds, Bill Mueller, J.T. Snow and Rich Aurilia. Astros 5, Pirates 3

Moises Alou hit his 30th homer, doubled and drove in four runs as Houston sent minors this season. Pittsburgh to its ninth straight

The Pirates' skid is its worst since a nine-game slump in 1985. The Astros completed a fourgame sweep and finished 7-0 against Pittsburgh at Enron Field this season. Scott Elarton gave up a two-

run homer to Abraham Nunez in the first inning, but little else in earning his 17th victory. Reds 8, **Brewers 4** Alex Ochoa hit a three-run homer and pitcher Pete Harnisch

drove in two runs as Cincinnati

won at home. Reliever Dennys Reyes threw the Reds' 91st wild pitch of the year in the ninth inning, tying the

Darryl Kile earned his 19th vic- major league mark is 94 by Texas

to 0-8 in 15 starts since June 22. Dodgers 12, Rockies 6 Luke Prokopec, whose promo-

Milwaukee's John Snyder fell

tion to Los Angeles kept him from pitching for Australia in the Olympics, earned his first major league victory.

Prokopec held Colorado to two runs and five hits in six innings at Dodger Stadium.

Prokopec was the No. 1 starter on Australia's Olympic team. Instead of going to Sydney, the 22-year-old righty was brought up from Double-A San Antonio on Sept. 1 after Carlos Perez was injured.

Phillies 6, Marlins 5

Randy Wolf pitched seven effective innings and Bobby Abreu homered as Philadelphia beat Florida at Veterans Stadium. Six of the Phillies' starting posi-

tion players spent time in the

NL Leaders

BATTING-Helton, Colorado, .376; Alou, Houston, .359; VGuerrero, Montreal, .354; Hammonds, Colorado, Francisco, .335; Vidro, Montreal, .333.

RBI-SSosa, Chicago, 136; Helton, Colorado, 128; Kent, San Francisco, 123; Bagwell, Houston, 122; Giles, Pittsburgh, Florida, 115; VGuerrero, Montreal, 115.

HITS-Helton, Colorado, 202; Vidro, Montreal, 185; VGuerrero, Montreal, 185; SSosa, Chicago, 185; AJones, Atlanta, 183; Kent, San Francisco, 183; NPerez,

HOME RUNS-SSosa, Chicago, 50; Bonds, San Francisco, 47; Bagwell Edmonds, St. Louis, 40; Hidalgo Houston, 39; VGuerrero, Montreal, 39.

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By KATHERINE PFLEGER **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) - More than half the states hire contractors without regular reviews to determine whether the companies are barred from doing business with the federal government for fraud or other violations, an Associated Press review found.

The federal government maintains an Internetaccessible list of companies it will not hire. Fourteen states said their contracting offices do not check the list, 20 other states check only occasionally, and about half a dozen instituted checks as a result of the AP inquiry.

A review of state procurement records in all 50 states found several states that fail to consult the federal list have repeatedly hired contractors that have had run-ins with the government.

In Vermont, two dozen contractors forbidden from working for the federal government have done business with the state, including Earth Waste Systems of Pittsford, Vt., banned from federal contracts in 1998.

The company, which recycles metals and dismantles buildings, emerged from bankruptcy in 1999 and has a contract from the Vermont National Guard for demolition work.

Vermont maintains no central list of its own and believes that problems with barred contractors are not widespread enough to merit one, said Tom Pelham, Vermont's finance commissioner until he left in July.

'Vermont's a small state," Pelham said. "We do have a good competitive bidding process.

Steve Medlin, an accountant for Earth Waste, said he was unaware that his company had been on the federal list.

"If it did happen, then it was more than likely because of the financial difficulties we were going through," Medlin said.

The General Services Administration, the government's landlord and purchasing agent, is responsible for maintaining the list, and federal errors agencies are required to check it before awarding contracts and grants.

About 24,000 companies or individuals are barred who never get care.

from doing business with the government for infractions that range from violation of drug-free workplace laws to embezzlement and contract fraud. The bans can be indefinite or last just a few years.

Although the federal list is accessible on the Internet, some states said their already overworked bureaucracies cannot handle the extra chore.

In Kansas, some government agencies check the list only for Medicaid-related contractors. although almost 300 Kansas-based companies are excluded from federal contracts. During the past few years, state agencies have hired at least seven federally banned companies.

Dan Stanley, the state's secretary of administration, said Kansas probably should consult the federal list. "I think that's something we need to include in our reviews," he said. "It may raise some flags."

Some states say using the list causes complications. States may not trust the federal recommendations or may not have a large enough pool of contractors to exclude companies with past bad

"Much of what comes to us from the federal government I wouldn't trust. They're incompesaid Robert Carl Jr., Rhode Island Administration Department director.

In July, an AP analysis showed that hundreds of companies prosecuted or sued for defrauding the government remain eligible to receive federal business because agencies chose not to ban them. Many had received new federal business.

Joe Giddis, administrator of the Arkansas purchasing office, said his state makes its own judgments on contractor quality.

Because they have run into some problems within another jurisdiction does not mean they are not going to be able to provide Arkansas with the services and commodities that we need," said Giddis, whose office oversees up to 10,000 bidders.

Critics point to unclear cases of banned contractors like South Carolina dentist Charles Hanna, who says he was banned from federal contracting for making \$56 worth of Medicaid billing

'All I see now is private pay patients," Hanna said. "The only people they punish is the people

Bill Gambrell, South Carolina Medicaid Fraud Control Unit director, said Hanna pleaded guilty to four counts of Medicaid fraud in 1996 and paid more than \$8,500 in fines and restitution.

More than a dozen states require vendors to pledges do not weed out contractors who will lie, Louisiana relies on another check - competing contractors who tattle on rivals.

"I don't know if anything is done to verify the banned contractors: http://www.arnet.gov/epls/

accuracy of the application," said Glenn Ducote, Louisiana assistant attorney general. "The whole public bid system kind of depends on competitor

bids. There are literally thousands. Still, some contractors simply play the system. affirm that they have not been prohibited from If they are banned from state government condoing business with a government. When these tracts, they look for federal business, and vice

On the Net: The federal government's list of

Jury to get case of drifter who confessed to killing spree

hands of a jury.

Both sides rested their cases last and ex-convict who has allegedly confessed to killing Kaylene Harris and several other people since the 1980s.

Closing arguments are scheduled for Monday morning, with jury deliberations to follow.

During three days of testimony,

case of a 36-year-old drifter from Sells, watched a videotaped accused of capital murder in the confession and listened to grip-Dec. 31 throat-slashing of a 13-year-old girl soon will be in the old girl who also was attacked by Sells but survived.

The girl, Krystal Surles, said she week in the trial of Tommy Lynn tried to remain still and silent on Sells, a former carnival worker the top of a bunk bed as she watched Sells slit the throat of Kaylene, a family friend she had been visiting. She said Sells then cut her throat, and she waited for him to leave before seeking help.

In a written confession read in

DEL RIO, Texas (AP) — The jurors heard written confessions ing her throat, a combination that could land him on death row.

Sells pleaded guilty to attempted murder for the attack on Krystal but pleaded innocent to capital murder in Kaylene's death. For Sells to be convicted of capital murder, prosecutors must show that he committed a felony while killing.

Although Sells confessed to killing the girl, his attorney, Victor Garcia, worked to show that no physical evidence could prove Kaylene was raped and suggestcourt, Sells admitted to sexually ed that Sells was pressured into assaulting Kaylene before slash- making the admission.

Superintendent Orr named to Education Research Board

AUSTIN — Dawson R. Orr of Pampa was TCER is an independent, nonprofit educationserve through August 2003.

his doctorate at the University of Texas at Austin. governance.

recently appointed to the Texas Center for al research organization established to study Educational Research Board of Trustees. He will major issues affecting all levels of Texas public education. The center's objectives are to design Orr, superintendent of Pampa ISD, is a member and produce original research and provide highof the Texas Association of School Administrators quality information resources for those who and American Association of School make or influence education policy in Texas. Administrators and chair of the TASA Legislative TCER's comprehensive research agenda Committee. He earned his bachelor's and mas- includes teaching and learning, economics of ter's degrees at the University of Alabama and education, education finance and school district

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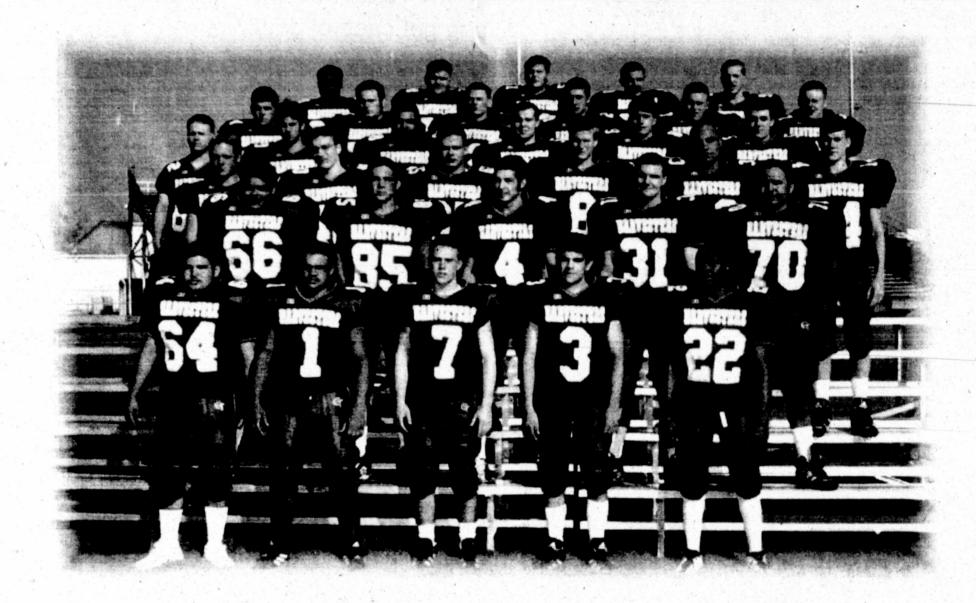
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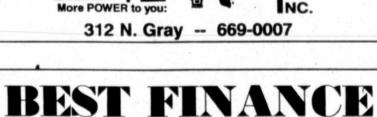
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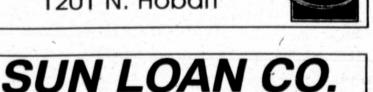
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