

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

KARR, Bertie A. — 1 p.m., Minton/Chatwell Memorial Chapel, Borger.
MONTGOMERY, Anne — 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Littlefield.

Obituaries

ANNE MONTGOMERY

LITTLEFIELD — Anne Montgomery, 76, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. George C. Price Jr. officiating and Mike Westbrooke of Crescent Park Church of Christ assisting. Burial will be in Littlefield Memorial Park under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home.

Mrs. Montgomery was born in Northampton, England. She married Joe Montgomery in 1944 at Northampton; he died in 2000. She had been a Littlefield resident since 1962, moving from Floydada.

She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church of Littlefield.

Survivors include two sons, Mike Montgomery of Muleshoe; two daughters, Diane Lavake of White Deer and Cyndi Peel of Del Rio; a brother, Jim French of Northampton; three sisters, Lily Smith, Mildred Shapcott and Edna Patton, all of Northampton; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society or to Hospice of Lubbock.

ROBERT JAMES SAILOR

Robert J. Sailor, 72, of Pampa died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

CECIL CLAY SEANEY

McLEAN — Cecil Clay Seaney, 73, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001. Services were Saturday in McLean United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Seaney as born July 9, 1927, at Silverton, to George W. and Agnes Seaney. He had been a McLean area resident for 30 years and was a long-time cowboy and a cattleman. He married Anita Henley on Dec. 17, 1966, at Miami.

He was a U.S. Navy Air Corp veteran, serving during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Anita, of the home; a daughter, Susie Wynn of Booker; two sons, Jim Seaney of Roy, N.M., and David Seaney of Fort Worth; a sister, Donny Garrison of Silverton; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Methodist Church of McLean.

LEO SIMPSON

AMARILLO — Leo Simpson, 91, of Amarillo, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. today in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Field, of Southeast Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of N.S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Miss Simpson was born and raised at Lockney, moving to Amarillo in the late 1940s. She retired as a self-employed seamstress in 1996. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include three nephews, Jerry Simpson of Pampa, Bob Hadley of Amarillo and John Eral Simpson of Tulla; and a niece, Perry Hoot of Dallas.

Fires

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

Saturday, Feb. 17

2:10 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 800 block of South Sumner.

5:28 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 700 block of Magnolia.

Sunday, Feb. 18

7:07 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a citizen complaint in the 1200 block of South Faulkner. Some children had reportedly started a fire in their club house. The fire was out on arrival. The children told firefighters they had not started the fire, but someone else may have started it.

Sheriff's Office

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

Saturday, Feb. 17

Fred Henry Pitt, 42, McLean, was arrested on a violation of probation for driving with an invalid license.

Steve C. Organ, age and address not listed, was arrested by the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission (TABC) and GCSO for possession of marijuana and public intoxication.

Sunday, Feb. 18

Christopher Fowler, 18, 306 Canadian, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for driving while intoxicated - first offense.

Jason Ray Lance, 23, Christianburg, Va., was arrested for failure to appear, unsafe speed.

Mary Luz Martinez, 29, 425 Yeager, was arrested for failure to appear, burglary of a habitation, and burglary of a habitation warrants out of Nueces County.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-9-20-32-38-40
Estimated jackpot: \$23 (M) million.
Number matching six of six: zero
Matching five of six: 89 Prize: \$2,346
Matching four of six: 4,974 Prize: \$104
Matching three of six: 101,777 Prize: \$5

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Calvin Lee Menefield, 39, 421 N. Wells, was arrested for public intoxication in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Aaron Eugene Young, 31, 716 S. Graham, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon against a witness.

Assault by threats was reported in the 900 block of Cinderella.

A representative of Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart, reported theft of \$10.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Criminal trespass was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks.

Sunday, Feb. 18

Terry Wayne Carpenter, 36, 1601 W. Somerville #206, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of Graham. A water bed, table and four chairs, stereo, TV, and a small boat, all of unknown value, was reported stolen from a residence.

A representative for Taylor Mart, 1340 N. Hobart, reported someone left without paying for \$5.01 of gasoline.

A representative of Best Western Motel, 2831 N. Peryton Pkwy., reported \$65 of property was taken and an undisclosed amount of damage done to the motel.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1700 block of Coffee. The window of a vehicle was reportedly broken. Damage amount was not listed.

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Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Feb. 15

10:29 p.m. — A 1997 GMC 1500 pickup driven by Judith Ann Johnson, 44, 516 Carr, collided with an Energas gas meter in the 400 block of Carr. Damage to the gas meter was estimated at \$500. Johnson was arrested for driving while intoxicated, and cited for failure to meet requirements upon striking a fixed object. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, Feb. 17

2:08 a.m. — A 2001 Ford F150 pickup driven by Michael Leon Hinds, 18, 1138 S. Christy, collided with an illegally parked 1993 Ford F250 pickup owned by WB Supply Co., 200 N. Price Road, in the 1000 block of South Farley. The two vehicles continued forward and struck a legally parked 1995 Ford F250 pickup owned by Kenneth Davis, 1033 Farley. Hinds was arrested for driving while intoxicated - a minor and cited for no proof of financial responsibility. Hinds reportedly suffered non-incapacitating injuries in the collisions.

Ambulance

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

Saturday, Feb. 17

7:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to five miles west on Highway 60 at National Oil Well and transported one to PRMC.

8:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Brown and transported one to PRMC.

8:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Duncan and transported one to PRMC.

8:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Williston; no transport.

10:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

11:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported one to PRMC.

12:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

2:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Sumner and transported one to PRMC.

8:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of North Christine and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, Feb. 18

1:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

Carson Co. Sheriff

Carson County Sheriff's Office released the following jail intake report for Feb. 5-Feb. 18.

Randy Powell, 31, Elk City, Okla., public intoxication and criminal mischief.

David Medrano, 24, Elk City, Okla., public intoxication.

James Burney, 44, Amarillo, driving while intoxicated / second offense.

Geranimo Gutierrez, 29, Skellytown, assault - family violence.

Earne Wright, 21, Wichita, Kan., possession of controlled substance over 4 oz., less than 200 oz.

Calvin Smith, 22, Wichita, Kan., possession of controlled substance over 4 oz., less than 200 oz.

Orville Chapman, 46, Muskogee, Okla., possession of controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Ben Zorn, 21, Amarillo, possession of a controlled substance.

Carra Rose, 42, McAlaster, Okla., driving while intoxicated / third offense.

Raymond Cross, 40, Dorchester, Mass., possession of marijuana over 50 pounds, less than 2,000 pounds.

Wayne Clarke, 32, St. Albans, New York, possession of marijuana over 50 pounds, less than 2,000 pounds.

Jeffery Hunt, 38, White Deer, criminal trespass and resisting arrest.

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CONSTABLE

"I think this is going overboard at taxpayers' expense," said Peet.

County Commissioner Precinct 4 James Hefley asked how much would be left in the budget for remainder of current year if the items were paid out of that budget. Morris said it would be \$382. County Commissioner Gerald Wright asked if there would be enough for required workshops during the year. Lockridge said his training sessions will be on the local level.

County Commissioner Precinct 2 Jim Greene asked Lockridge, "Is it going to get you in a jam for next year?" Lockridge said no. Greene said, "I don't see what else we (county commissioners court) can do but pay it."

"I think we should keep in mind the other two constables' budget, too," said Peet, "and that we are doing an injustice in use of taxpayer dollars. I thought we were beginning a bicycle patrol when I saw the arm and knee pads listed. I don't see the necessity for the items."

Peet asked Constable Frank Sparling who was at the meeting if he would need the items. "It just depends on the situation. I don't need them."

The items were approved for payment by the commissioners court on a 3-2 vote. Hefley, Wright and Greene voted in favor while Peet and Wheelley voted against.

Several bills have been introduced in the current Texas Legislature which would allow the abolishment of the office of constable. One of the bills would allow any commissioners court to hold an election on whether the office of constable should be abolished. The constable duties are expected to be transferred to sheriff departments if the office is eliminated.

Other bills have been filed to eliminate the constable position in specific counties. Gray County has not been specifically mentioned in any bills.

Peet also quizzed Sparling about a \$400 bill for undershirts and winter underclothing. Sparling said the new type of underclothing goes with the body temperature keeping the wearer much warmer than more traditional winter underclothing.

He was wearing the shirt as he displayed it to the county commission and said the fabric is not nearly as cumbersome as the traditional type. Sparling

said he had the new clothing during the last snow storm and was much warmer during the eight hours of straight patrolling than he had been during the December storm when he had the traditional, clothing. He also said it was much easier to get in and out of his vehicle with the new clothing.

Wheelley said he certainly understood the need for clothing to make people warmer who were working out in that weather. "I don't understand the taxpayers keeping you warm though," said Wheelley. "We had road crews who were out clearing roads during those storms, too, and the county didn't furnish warmer under clothing," he said.

He questioned why the item was listed as uniform expense. Sparling said it was part of his uniform.

Judge Peet said the underclothing is not part of uniform as it is not identifying equipment.

"Where does this stop," Peet said. "Does it come back to the county? We don't provide these items for the sheriff's department personnel and they're out there working in the cold weather, too."

Greene said Sparling was elected by the people just like the county commissioners and county judge. "If he stays within his budget, he should spend it on what he decides. The elected office holders should set their budget like we (commissioners court) do."

"If what you say is correct, why is the commissioners court required to approve the bills," said Peet. "We are elected to have oversight and monitor taxpayer dollars."

Hefley said he could see both sides of that issue. He also asked Sparling why he didn't wear a uniform shirt when patrolling I-40. Sparling said he wore his badge.

Peet said he thought the constable was going overboard on what the county should be expected to pay.

Wheelley asked if the commission approved those articles at budget time, and said his thought was the clothing allowance was for uniforms. "Where does it stop?", he said, "Who are we going to clothe and who not?"

Morris suggested to the commission the county establish a policy and outline it in the employee policy manual. Hefley said he thought the issue should be addressed in the manual.

"I think we are going overboard if we okay payment for these things," said Peet.

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SEARCH

search is near Sanford located close to Lake Meredith in the rugged Canadian River Breaks. "Searchers on horses and 4-wheel drive vehicles have joined the search," he said. "Approximately 55 people are on the ground searching."

"We are continuing to get leads. We've had four this morning which are good, strong leads, and are following up on them," said Beighle. "We follow up on all leads."

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ASSAULTS

and Terry Wayne Carpenter, 36, 1601 W. Somerville, No. 206, became involved in an argument over Carpenter allegedly parking nearby and watching the house at about 1 a.m. Sunday.

After the two argued, Carpenter reportedly drove into the yard and struck Brookshire with his vehicle. Carpenter received minor injuries, accord-

Hutchinson County Sheriff Guy Rowh said his agency has provided the DPS with a sheriff department vehicle to be used in the search at the 6666 Ranch.

"We've been asking oil field pumpers as well as cowboys to be aware when they're out in fields and pastures," said Rowh. "Those people know this country real well."

Rowh said the heavy foliage in the area and the rugged river break areas are hindering the search for the small helicopter.

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ing to the police report. Carpenter told police he drove into the yard after Brookshire had struck his windshield twice with a baseball bat, said Deputy Chief Terry Young.

Police arrested Carpenter for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawfully carrying a weapon. He was released from Gray County Jail after making bond, according to Gray County Sheriff's Office records.

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REPORT

bat. It said that 15 to 18 combat Marines "may be the limit." If that criticism is true, it would tend to undercut one reason the Marines cite for favoring the Osprey over helicopters such as the UH-60 Black Hawk, which is designed to carry 11 combat-loaded troops.

The GAO prepared its review for a panel convened by the Pentagon to assess the Osprey program after the two most

recent crashes: one in April in Marana, Ariz., that killed 19 Marines and a December crash near New River, N.C., that killed four and grounded all Ospreys.

In addition to the panel's continuing inquiry, there is a nearly completed investigation into the causes of the December crash.

A separate investigation is being conducted into allegations a senior officer in a North Carolina squadron ordered crews to falsify maintenance records to improve the aircraft's

performance rating. The Marines have bought 10 production-level V-22s, manufactured as the Corps and its industry partners — Bell Helicopter Textron of Fort Worth and Boeing Helicopters of Ridley Township, Pa. — sought approval from the Pentagon for a full acquisition.

The Marines planned to buy 360 Ospreys at an estimated cost of \$57 million apiece. A decision on whether to move to full-scale production was set for December but was delayed after the North Carolina crash and now awaits results of the Pentagon panel's review.

Clinton's brother arrested for investigation of DWI

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former President Clinton's half brother was arrested for investigation of drunken driving after he was spotted driving erratically through a local beach town, police said.

The arrest comes less than a month after the former president pardoned his younger brother, Roger, 44, for a drug offense from 1985.

Clinton was arrested early Saturday in downtown Hermosa Beach, 18 miles south of Los Angeles, Officer Paul Wolcott said. An unidentified male passenger was not arrested, Wolcott said.

An officer saw Clinton's sport utility vehicle hit a curb while making a right-hand turn, stop beyond the limit at two stop signs and straddle the center dividing line, Wolcott said.

After several blocks, the officer stopped Clinton and smelled alcohol on his breath, Wolcott said.

Clinton failed a balance and coordination test and was taken to the city jail for a breath test. Police said his blood-alcohol level met or exceeded .08 percent, the legal limit. They did not immediately release a specific figure.

Wolcott said Clinton did not receive any special treatment. "It was very standard procedure. He was treated as anyone would be treated. He was cooperative," Wolcott said.

Clinton said he had been drinking at a local bar, police said.

Weather focus

PAMPA — This afternoon, partly cloudy with highs around 70. West to southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with lows around 40. South to southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Tuesday, partly sunny with highs in the lower 70s. West to northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Yesterday's high was 57; the overnight low 37.

STATEWIDE — A warming trend is in store for Texans to begin the week, but a cold front following on its heels was expected to return temperatures to more seasonable levels.

Highs in the upper 70s and 80s were forecast Monday, the National Weather Service said.

Meanwhile, early-morning lows mostly ranged from the 30s to 40s, with some 50s along the coast. It was 35 degrees at Childress and Junction, 36 at Paris and 46 at Waco and Abilene, with 47 degrees at El Paso and 54 in Galveston.

Fog shrouded parts of Central and South Texas, with visibilities of less than one mile in San Marcos, New Braunfels and Corpus Christi.

Winds were variable at speeds of less than 15 mph in most areas, with southerly

breezes at up to 20 mph in the west.

Low cloudiness was building over the Hill Country and Coastal Bend.

A cold front was expected to enter the Panhandle on Tuesday, keeping temperatures in the 50s.

Daytime highs were expected from the mid-60s over in the Panhandle and South Plains to upper 80s along the Rio Grande and near 90 in the Big Bend valleys.

Lows overnight through Tuesday should range from the 30s in the southwestern mountains to 40s to 50s elsewhere.

City Briefs

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Calendar of events

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

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON
Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-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 sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this spring beginning Jan. 9. 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 669-5780.

PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION
Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson at 6650 0356.

RED CROSS CLASSES
Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross will offer CPR/First Aid Classes from 5-9 p.m. Jan. 24 and 25 and again from 3-7 p.m. Feb. 21 and 22 at the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A fee will be charged to all participants and is available by calling the ARC office at 669-7121. Registration is required.

PHS SCHOLARSHIPS
Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

CLASS OF 1961
Pampa High School Class of 1961 will hold its 40th class reunion this year. Anyone interested in helping plan and organize the event should contact Zip Swaney at 665-5532.

SGT RETIREES CLUB
Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22 at the Senior Citizens Center.

CROWN OF TEXAS HOSPICE
Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a bereavement Sunshine Lunch from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21 at Texas Rose Steakhouse. Strictly "Dutch treat," the luncheon serves as a social time for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. For reservations or for more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

PPQG
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at Pampa Senior Citizen's Center, 500 W. Francis. The program will be a trunk show of stained glass projects in fabric by Cheryl Ashbaugh of Guyton, Okla. For more information, call (806) 779-2115. Visitors are welcome.

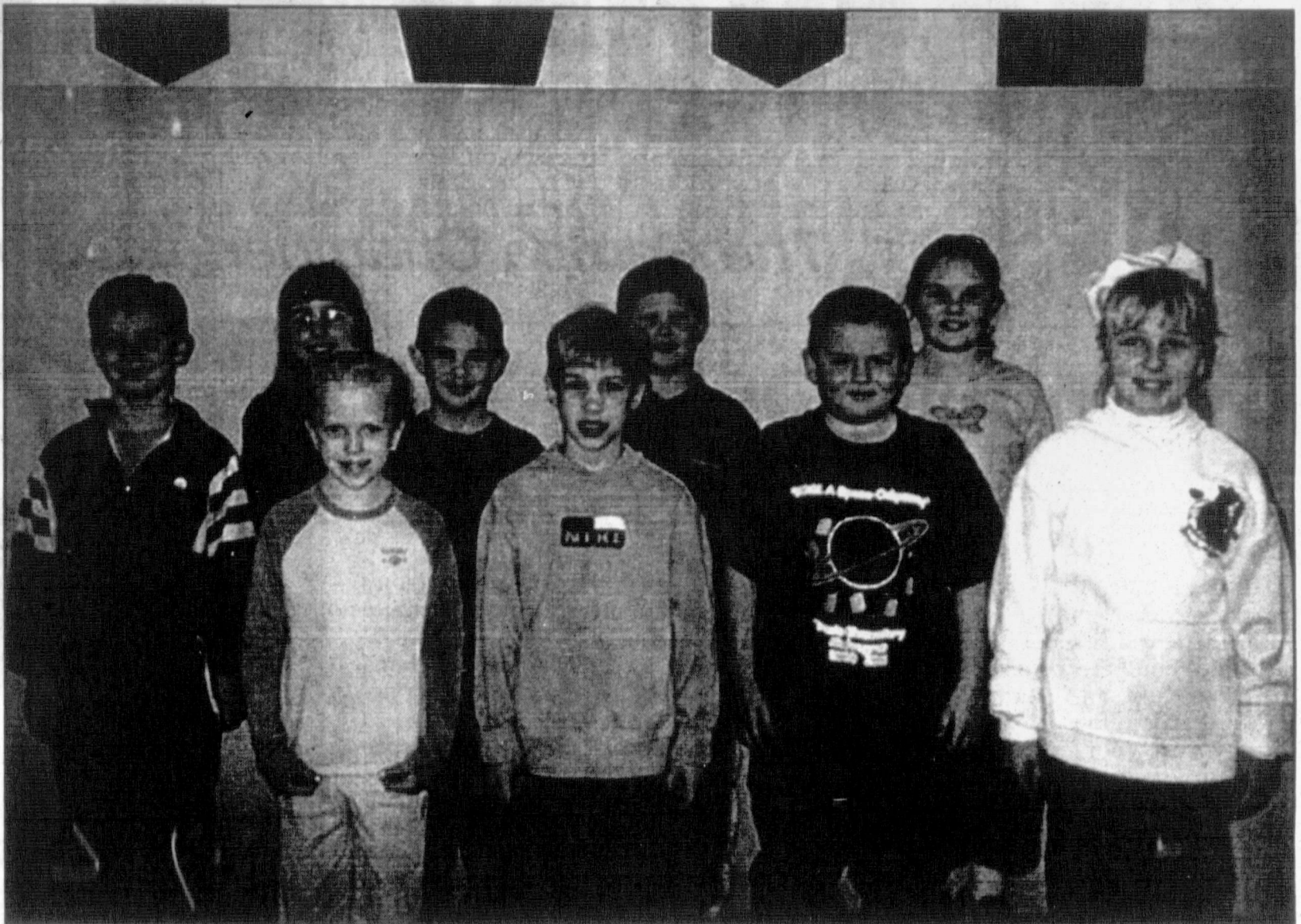
AFP MEETING
The Texas Plains Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, formerly the National Society of Fund Raising Professionals, will hold its first meeting at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 22 in the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center, Exhibition Hall, 1314 S. Polk, Amarillo. The meeting is open to the public and will feature speaker Doug Herron, a nationally recognized nonprofit expert. Lunch will be available and reservations may be made by contacting Ashley Allison at (806) 376-4521. To learn more about AFP, professionals are encouraged to log-on to www.nsfre.org on the Internet or contact the Nonprofit Services Center in Amarillo at 376-4521.

MS SUPPORT GROUP
A support group for people suffering from Multiple Sclerosis will meet at 12 noon, Friday, Feb. 23 at FirstBank Southwest, 300 W. Kingsmill, for a brown bag lunch. Gail Lindsey, program director for the panhandle chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, will discuss the most recent research regarding treatment. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT MS or (806) 468-7500. For information on how to participate in the annual MS WALK or other upcoming fundraisers, call 1-800-FIGHT MS or (806) 468-7500.

PDHG MEETING
Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 in Amarillo for anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts. For meeting location or for more information, call Becky Martin at (806) 358-2765.

TSTC TECH DAY
TSTC Sweetwater campus will host a Spring Junior/Senior Technology Day March 2. Visitors will tour the campus and the various technology programs. High school juniors and seniors, parents, teachers and counselors are invited. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$3 per person. Reservations are required. For more information, call (915) 235-7300 or 1-800-592-8784 by Feb. 23.

Travis Elementary Science Fair winners



(Special photos)

Travis Elementary School recently announced its Science Fair winners. Above: (Back row, left-right) Rachal Nunn, Kayla Kidd, Andrew Roy; (middle row) Brody Russell, Jad McGuire, Julie Crossman; (front row) Stephanie Hassell, Ally Garner and Joshua Humphrey, fifth grade winners.

No retirement announcements yet, but predictions abound

WASHINGTON (AP) — Maybe Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist will leave first. After nearly 30 years on the court, about half as chief justice, he has dealt with almost any constitutional issue imaginable and built a conservative legacy.

Also, the 76-year-old Rehnquist might figure that leaving now affords the best opportunity for a conservative president and Republican-led Senate to replace him.

Perhaps Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, also a Republican, will quit and retire in Arizona. O'Connor, 70, also has made her mark in 20 years on the court and reportedly has told friends she's ready to travel and play golf.

Or possibly the oldest member of the court, 80-year-old Justice John Paul Stevens, will stop commuting between Washington and Florida and retire in the South.

Probably no one other than the justices and their families really knows if any of those retirement scenarios are in the works, but it seems nearly every lawyer or law professor who keeps tabs on the Supreme Court has a theory.

Justices serve for life or until they choose to retire, and none of the current nine has announced any intention of leaving. They return to business Tuesday, heading for the home stretch of the term that ends in June.

All are in reasonably good health, active on the bench and off, and seem to enjoy their jobs.

Still, for political and actuarial reasons, Rehnquist, O'Connor and Stevens are counted as the most likely to retire, possibly as soon as this year.

"All three of them are at a point where they've served their country for a long time now, they've completed their bodies of work in a way that a lot of the other, younger justices have not," said John Yoo, a constitutional scholar at the University of California at Berkeley.

Over the last 100 years, the average age for a retirement was 71, after serving 14 years on the bench, Yoo noted. Rehnquist, O'Connor and Stevens will be at or past those benchmarks by the close of the current term in June.

The exit of any one of them could alter the court's familiar, fractious 5-4 ideological split, although the departure of O'Connor or Stevens would likely provoke the fiercest nomination battles, lawyers said.

Rehnquist, O'Connor and Stevens were all named to the bench by Republican presidents, but have evolved into a strong conservative, a center-right swing vote and a moderate-to-liberal jurist, respectively.

"They are aware of the distinct role they play on the court, and it's something I'm sure they're thinking about," said Georgetown University law professor Richard Lazarus.

Lazarus said concern over ideological balance would not be uppermost in a retirement-minded justice's thoughts, but added that the justices are surely keeping an eye on the political calendar.

For the institutional good of the court, any justice contem-

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plating retirement wants to see the seat filled as soon as possible, Lazarus said, and they know confirmation battles are toughest in election years.

Rehnquist is the longest-serving member of the court. He was nominated by Richard Nixon in 1972, after political service in the Justice Department. He was nominated for chief justice by Ronald Reagan in 1986.

President Bush would be best able to replace Rehnquist with a similar conservative while he has an assured majority in the Senate, lawyers said.

The Senate, which votes on the confirmation of Supreme Court justices, is split 50-50, with Vice President Dick Cheney the tiebreaker.

Historically, the party in power in the White House loses seats in midterm elections. Death or retirement in the Senate could alter that balance even before the 2002 elections.

The same political calculus applies to O'Connor.

O'Connor became the first woman on the court when Ronald Reagan chose her in 1981. Lawyers who know her say she is comfortable with her record and her place in history, and eager to spend more time relaxing with her husband, who has had recent health problems.

O'Connor is said to have become upset at a friend's party on election night, when the news media initially predicted Bush had lost the decisive vote in Florida.

A Republican politician before she became a judge, O'Connor reportedly was dismayed at the thought that she would have to choose between retiring under a Democrat or staying at least another four years.

With Bush in the White House, it is Stevens who actually faces the difficult political or ideological choice. Although considered a middle-of-the-road Republican when named to the court by Gerald Ford in 1975, Stevens has become a stalwart of the court's liberal side.

He disagrees with Bush on several key issues, including abortion rights, and his exit now would almost surely mean a rightward shift on the court.

Stevens might prefer to stay on the court through the 2002 midterm elections, in hopes of a Democratic majority in the Senate. Without a GOP majority, Bush could opt to replace Stevens with a moderate who would have better chances of confirmation.

"But remember, he'd be 82," then, Yoo said. "He might actually just retire because it's time, putting aside any strategic issues."

Intentions to Drill
GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #3 Hibler, 800' from most Southerly/South line & 600' from West line, Sec. 37,R, A.Rowe Survey, PD 3000'.
GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #3 Hibler 'A', 500' from most Southerly/South line & 1600' from East line, Sec. 66,R,D&P, PD 3000'.
GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #2 Hudgins 'A', 2110' from North & 1000' from East line, Sec. 5,30,H&GN, PD 2750'.
GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #3 Willis, 1760' from North & 1710' from East line, Sec. 8,30,H&GN, PD 2750'.
HEMPHILL (NORTH HOWE RANCH Upper Morrow) Burlington Resources Oil & Gas, #9 Gene Howe, 467' from North & West line, Sec. 5,1,G&M, PD 12700'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Samson Lone Star Ltd., Partnership, #1-4 Payne 'A', 467' from North & West line, Sec. 124,C,G&M, PD 11000'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & VIKING Upper Morrow) Devon Energy Production Co., #1 Williams '24', 760' from North & 540' from East line, Sec. 24,Re,R&E, PD 16200'. Rule 37

Applications to Plug-Back
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HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) EnerVest Operating, L.L.C., #6028 George 'B', 1050' from North & 2275' from East line, Sec. 28,1,I&GN, PD 11150'.
Application to Re-Enter
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Mon Corp., #8A Wm. Jackson, 330' from North & 990' from East line, Sec. 90,B-2,H&GN, PD 3220'.
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GRAY (WILDCAT) Ricks Exploration, Inc., #1 Moore, 1900' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 1,S, John Stamp, PD 5000' (BHL: 1975' from South & 467' from East Sec. line) Amended to change well location & add BHL
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LIPS Cleveland) Alpar Resources, Inc., #4A Courson-Lips '156', 900' from North & 660' from East line, Sec. 156,13,T&NO, PD 8200'. Amended to change well location
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Two Texans killed skiing in one week

MESCALERO, N.M. (AP) — A Texas man has been killed on the slopes at Ski Apache, the second ski fatality at the resort this month.

Doke Hobbs, 35, of Midland, Texas, hit a tree Saturday on an intermediate run at Ski Apache, authorities said.

On Feb. 11, Jeffery Nance, 33, of Baytown, Texas, also was killed when he hit a tree on an expert run at Ski Apache in New Mexico.

"Both involved skiing out of control and leaving the trail and hitting a tree," Ski Apache general manager Roy Parker said Monday. "In both cases, that's the common denominator."

"Unfortunately, for first time in history, we've had two deaths in one year," Parker said.

The southern New Mexico ski resort near Ruidoso is operated by the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

Lincoln County sheriff's deputies handled the investigations, a dispatcher said Sunday.

Hobbs was at the resort with family and friends and was coming off an intermediate trail known as Meadows Trail when he lost control, lost a ski and hit a tree, sheriff's Sgt. Jackie Raines said Monday.

Raines said that in the first accident, Nance came off one ski trail onto another and tried to go back to the first trail. Nance "was just skiing too fast and lost his ski and hit a tree," Raines said.

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Spotlight on Pampa

by

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Spotlight... Titan Specialties, LTD

Daily we hear the echoes of those preaching gloom and doom for Pampa. Unfortunately this sends a negative ripple throughout the community that in turn becomes an economic anchor. Rather than wallow in pessimism and self-pity, cast your eyes westward and view the positive side of things.

You've seen the lights of Celanese, Cabot Carbon Black, National Oil Well and a host of smaller firms. These are valuable engines of our local economy that deserve your loyal support. While you're looking, check out a manufacturing firm that's been part of the local economy since 1966. Some have called it, "The best kept secret in Pampa".

Titan Specialties, Ltd. is part of The Titan Group with local employment of 115 to 120 people. Within this group are machinist, inspectors, saw operators, forklift operators, welders, instrument technicians, purchasing professionals, shipping professionals, computer technicians, accountants, design engineers, drafting professionals, laser operators plus many more occupations working daily just west of Pampa. Yes, here in Pampa.

The Titan Group consists of Titan Specialties, Ltd. locally and Titan Completion Products, Ltd. in Mansfield, Texas. Titan Specialties, Ltd. is a niche

business utilizing the latest technology to design, manufacture and distribute electronic logging instruments, perforating guns and a variety of related items typically used by oil and gas well servicing firms.

Titan Specialties, Ltd. supplies products wherever oil and gas wells are found in the US, including the Gulf of Mexico. This is accomplished, in part, with five (5) Titan warehouse locations. Additionally, you'll find Titan products worldwide where oil and gas activity is present.

Titan Completion Products, Ltd. of Mansfield, Texas is involved in the manufacture of Commercial Shaped Charges. These charges are a modern commercial adaptation of armor piercing Bazooka Gun ammunition of World War II. The shaped charges are the ammunition for Titan's perforating guns. Employment at Titan Completion Products, Ltd. is presently 35 to 40 people and growing.

It's great to generate 115/120 full-time, good paying jobs for Pampa. This activity brings outside money into the local economy where it turns over 6 to 8 times. It's also wonderful to provide encouragement to the "doomers" and "gloomers" that many good things are happening in Pampa! Let's encourage the engines of our local economy.



Winner of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee Valentine's Day Contest - Monica Hutchinson, seated, with her husband Ethan, who wrote the winning letter. Joining them are Retail Committee Chairman Bob Marx, standing center, Kathy Cota, right, and DIDI Kirkland. Gifts were donated by Roberta's Flowers, All It's Charm, Rheam's Diamond, Freeman's Flowers, Celebrations, The Petal Pusher, Texas Rose Steakhouse, Best Kept Secrets, Accustom Scent and Hughey House Bed and Breakfast.

CofC Tourism committee has several plans in works

Dear Members,
One of our goals is to keep you abreast of our Tourism Committee's activities and progress. The committee members are working intensely on several projects designed to increase tourism in Pampa and the surrounding area.

- Tourism is the second or third leading industry in the state of Texas. Pampa, Gray County, and surrounding counties have great, but unrecognized, tourism assets:
 - Historic gold-rush wagon train roads, and early exploration trails.
 - Red River War battle and camp sites.
 - Early ranching, railroad, and oil field locations.
 - Woody Guthrie and Route 66 sites.
 - World War II and post war activities.
 - Opportunities in Sports Tourism (hunting and sports tournaments).
 - Nature Tourism (birding and outdoor activities).
 - Retail Tourism (antique, crafts, and specialty shops).

However, we have not taken advantage of what we have to offer. Perhaps this is because until the past several years we have

not had to look for other sources of income. The Tourism Committee of the Chamber is currently developing a detailed effort to add this overlooked industry to our area's economy. This is being done as a part of the "Texas Branded for Tourism" program of the Tourism Division of the State Department of Economic Development.

We have completed an assets inventory and deficiencies action plan, are developing an assets photo library, and are also working on a study of possible events to attract people to our area. In the near future, we will be reviewing out tourism literature, events calendar, community profile, and hospitality training. As a last step, we will develop our marketing plan including advertising, and web-site development.

Our goal in the Tourism Committee is to develop our assets and attract visitors thereby adding jobs and economic benefit to Pampa and the surrounding area.

The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee
Co-Chairs John Forister and Charles Henry

Upcoming meetings ...

February 20: The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon will be held in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building at 11:45 a.m. Call for reservations at 669-3241.

February 27: Tourism Committee will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 2 p.m.

March 6: Membership Committee will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 12 noon (Dutch Treat Lunch).

March 7: Retail Committee will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa

Community Building at 8:30 a.m.

March 13: Executive Board will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 10:30 a.m.

March 15: Board of Directors will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 10:30 a.m.

March 19: Top O' Texan Gold Coat Meeting will be at the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building at 11:45 a.m.

All Chamber of Commerce members are welcome to attend any or all meetings.

Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce February Luncheon will be Tuesday, February 20th, in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. The luncheon will be catered by Hoagies Deli and sponsored by Sears. The speaker will be Tom Saunders of Williams Energy Service. Topic will be Demand and Supply of Natural Gas.

New members welcomed ...

- Britkare - 800 N. Sumner - Directors are Renee Stewart and Melissa Britten - Home Medical Care.
- Keyes Pharmacy - 928 N. Hobart - Owner is Merlin Rose - Pharmacy.

Make Plans for the **Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet** to be held on April 10, 2001 at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium at 7 p.m. The Guest Speaker will be Texas Tech Lady's Red Raiders Basketball Coach Marsha Sharp. Call for reservations at 669-3241.

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Healthbeat: Pill bottles 'talk' so elderly don't miss fine print

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The man squints at his medication, but his dimming vision can't make out even whether he picked up the Coumadin or Celebrex. So he aims a gadget the size of a deck of cards at the bottle, and a computerized voice begins reading his prescription instructions.

Call them talking drugs: If pilot testing goes well at two Chicago hospitals, blind and elderly Americans could soon begin buying prescriptions with "smart labels" that read aloud the potentially lifesaving fine print.

Millions of Americans have eyesight so bad they can't read newspaper type, and thus struggle with medication bottles that put the drug's name, dosage and important safety warnings in even smaller print.

It's a problem that's only going to worsen as the aging population booms.

Inability to read pill bottles can lead to very dangerous mistakes: taking the wrong pill at the wrong time; or the wrong dose; or missing the warning not to drink alcohol or take various over-the-counter drugs with the prescription. Or even when to call a doctor about side effects.

Enter ScripTalk. Beam a small voice synthesizer at a prescription bottle with a special computer chip embedded into the label. The wireless technology translates the printed label into speech, literally reading aloud the pill instructions.

Manufacturer En-Vision America Inc. of Normal, Ill., hopes to begin selling ScripTalk this summer. First, vision-impaired veterans at Chicago's Hines Veterans Administration Hospital are pilot-testing the gadget to learn how helpful it truly is — and nearby Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center soon begins a separate study to see if ScripTalk could reduce medication errors.

Women as likely to survive heart attacks despite less treatment

By STEPHANIE NANO
Associated Press Writer

Women are just as likely as men to survive heart attacks, even though they typically are treated somewhat less aggressively, a study found.

Many studies in recent years have documented that men are more likely than women to get state-of-the-art treatment for their heart attacks. Those studies generally did not answer whether the extra treatment makes a difference.

The new research determined that men are slightly more likely to get most necessary drugs. In the end this does not seem to give men a significantly better chance of surviving, at least for the first month after their heart attacks.

Although the results are encouraging, the gender differences are still a concern, said Dr. Leighton Chan of the University of Washington School of Medicine, one of the researchers.

"I wouldn't necessarily say the issue is a dead one," Chan said. "I think our study still supports the fact that early identification of a heart attack in women is probably not done as well as it is in men."

Heart attacks are the leading cause of death for both men and women, although Chan noted, "We think of the 55-year-old overweight guy who has been eating cheeseburgers who clutches his heart."

Other research has shown that doctors may miss heart attacks in women for a variety of reasons. For one thing, women are less likely to suffer crushing chest pain.

The study, published in New England Journal of Medicine, looked at 138,956 Medicare patients who had heart attacks in 1994 or 1995. Unlike previous studies, this one screened out patients for whom the treatments were not considered appropriate.

The women studied were significantly older than the men, were

more likely to wait to seek treatment and also waited longer for an electrocardiogram once they arrived at the hospital.

Among other findings: —Women were 7 percent less likely than men to receive clot-dissolving drugs within the first hour of treatment and 3 percent less likely to get the drugs during their hospital stay.

—Women were 6 percent less likely to get aspirin within the first day in the hospital.

—Women had fewer catheterizations to determine whether they needed angioplasty or a heart bypass operation to clear blocked arteries, and that disparity increased with age. Those in the youngest group, ages 65 to 69, were 6 percent less likely to have the procedure. That increased to 25 percent for the oldest group of women, those 85 or older.

—For two standard heart attack medicines, women received the same or slightly better treatment than men. They were as likely as men to be prescribed beta blocker drugs, which reduce the heart's workload, and 5 percent more likely to get ACE inhibitors.

Dr. Nanette K. Wenger of the Emory University School of Medicine noted that previous studies have shown major differences in treatment and outcome for men and women.

One surprise in the study was that women were 26 percent more likely to have do-not-resuscitate orders stipulating that no extraordinary measures be used to prolong their lives. Chan could not explain this difference.

Pacifiers with honey pose problems for babies

HOUSTON — Sweetening your baby's pacifier with honey may seem like a good idea, but it is a practice that should be avoided, said Dr. Kathleen Motil, a gastroenterology and nutrition specialist at Texas Children's Hospital.

"The American Dietetic Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics caution parents to avoid giving honey to babies in any form up until the age of 1," Motil said. "Honey, especially raw, can harbor spores of a toxic bacteria."

These spores are harmless for adults and older children; however, they can cause botulism, a severe foodborne illness that can be fatal, in babies younger than 12 months, Motil noted.

In addition, sucking on a sweetened pacifier also promotes tooth decay, Motil added.

Affixing I.D. tag to helmets aids in emergencies

HOUSTON — The benefits of wearing a helmet are well-documented for a variety of activities, such as bike and scooter riding, inline skating and skate boarding.

Now, helmets offer another advantage — identifying the wearer. Identification tags can provide vital information such as:

- The child's name, address and phone number.
- Name and phone number of emergency contact.
- Physician name and phone number.
- Signature of wearer or parent/guardian for consent to treat.
- Medical history, medications and allergies.

"Many helmet wearers, including children, do not have personal identification with them," said Dr. Alexander Injac with Texas Children's Pediatric Associates. "Adhering a tag with personal and medical information to the inside of the helmet could prove invaluable if the wearer were in an accident and needed immediate medical care."

Simple strategy aids communication with pediatrician

HOUSTON — Speaking with your child's pediatrician can be disappointing at times, but improving communication is surprisingly simple, said Dr. Rebecca Kirkland, medical director of ambulatory services at Texas Children's Hospital.

"Pediatric studies indicate that patients' parents who participate more fully in relationships with physicians demonstrate greater long-term control of certain chronic illnesses," Kirkland said. "In other words, parents who ask more questions and show they are more inclined to receive information actually get a greater number of positive comments or encouragement from the doctor."

- Kirkland offers these guidelines:
- Compile a list of questions to bring to the appointment.
 - Develop goals for the visit.
 - Determine how much can be covered in one meeting and schedule a follow-up visit if necessary.
 - Share with the doctor what is expected or desired.
 - At the end of the appointment, revisit the list and determine if another appointment is needed.

Some young athletes make the team at any cost

HOUSTON — Young athletes are using nutritional supplements to improve their performance or appearance without knowing if there will be adverse effects on their bodies, said Dr. Joseph Chorley, a pediatric sports medicine specialist at Texas Children's Hospital.

Body- and performance-enhancing supplements like Creatine and Ephedra have been popular with adult athletes for years, but now they are being used by young athletes.

Chorley urges users to be extremely cautious, particularly during the developmental years.

"The lack of federal regulations and data to prove supplement are safe and effective in young users should be red flags to parents and athletes," Chorley said. "Proceed with care."

Scooter injuries on the rise

HOUSTON — Scooters may provide quick and easy transportation, but in the past year, more than 9,000 children have been injured in

scooter-related accidents.

Dr. William Phillips, chief of pediatric orthopedics and scoliosis at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, says children need to wear appropriate safety gear to avoid injury. He offers the following recommendations from the National Safe Kids Coalition.

Equip your child with a helmet, wrist guards, elbow and knee pads. Do not let them go barefoot.

Be sure protective gear fits properly and does not interfere with your child's movement, vision or hearing.

Children ages 8 and younger should not use scooters without close adult supervision.

Check the scooter for hazards or defects, and remind your child to steer clear of traffic and rough roads.

Childhood eye care should begin in the first months of life

HOUSTON — It is never too soon for parents to learn the basics of childhood eye care.

It is common for most newborns to experience some drifting or misalignment of the eyes, said Dr. Kathryn Brady-McCreery, a pediatric ophthalmologist at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. However, by the time infants reach 3 months, they should be able to fix on parents' faces with both eyes aligned straight ahead and follow the parents' movements.

"If the baby cannot do this, there might be a visual problem or ocular misalignment, which can include 'lazy eye,' strabismus (a child's eyes turn in, out, up or down) or amblyopia," said Brady-McCreery. "Parents who notice any of these problems should contact an ophthalmologist right away."

Get ready for flu season

HOUSTON — As we forge into flu season, parents may find themselves faced with a common pediatric illness — gastroenteritis (vomiting and diarrhea).

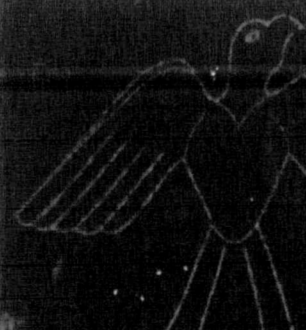
It is vital to keep children well hydrated during bouts of vomiting and diarrhea, said Dr. Mark Gilger, a gastroenterologist and nutrition specialist at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

"The best fluids for your child are oral rehydration solutions, such as Pedialyte or Rehydralyte, to replace the minerals and electrolytes that are lost during the illness," he said.

It is important to maintain adequate nutrition, but select foods carefully.

"Offer foods that are low in concentrated sweets and fat and avoid excessively salty foods and caffeinated products," Golger said. "If you are breast feeding or your child is on formula continue feeding your child during the illness."

If your child shows signs of dehydration, such as a marked decrease in urination, crying without tears or appears to be extremely thirsty (i.e., dry mouth and lips), contact your pediatrician immediately.



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Husband Must Hang Tough With Neighbor Who Hangs Out



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: My husband likes to spend time in our garage working on projects, cleaning his boat, etc. Our problem is that almost every time he's out there, a married female neighbor comes over to "hang out" with him. It used to be she'd come over only when I was at work, but lately she comes knocking on our door even when I'm home, wanting him to go outside to converse with her.

When I answer the door, she asks for him and won't tell me what she wants. Sometimes her whole family comes over, which includes her two "monster" children and her husband. They stay till all hours and have even gotten drunk in our driveway. My husband is not interested in this woman, Abby. In fact, he's becoming more and more annoyed with her. If he's working in the garage and sees her starting across the street, he'll close the garage door and hurry into the house.

He doesn't seem to be able to discourage this woman from coming over every time he is outside. Jealousy is not the problem, although I am becoming increasingly angry about it. She does the same thing to another married man across the street. He, too, is getting fed up with her.

I would like to solve this problem by addressing our neighbor face-to-face. Have you any advice on what I could say to her without causing a rift? Since we live across the street from each other, I do not want any animosity.

HAD ENOUGH OF THE NEIGHBOR LADY

DEAR HAD ENOUGH: Your neighbor never learned the importance of proper boundaries, and I have a hunch she won't listen if you attempt to tell her. Your husband can't hide from her — that's no solution. He must be the one to tell her that he wants to devote his full attention to his projects, and therefore she must give him his privacy.

DEAR ABBY: The wife of an elderly neighbor recently died. She was the one who did the driving, but since her death, the husband has been driving himself. I have seen him drive, and believe me, he should not be behind the wheel of a car at all. He is all over the road and drives much too fast. More than once, I have seen his car in the driveway with fender damage. I called the Department of Motor Vehicles. They told me they have no mechanism by which you can

anonymously complain and have a person retested. It has to come from a family member or physician. He has no family that I know of, and I'm not comfortable confronting him. I would feel terrible if he was in an accident and injured himself, or worse, someone else, which is bound to happen sooner or later. Do you have a suggestion? WORRIED IN ATLANTIC CITY

DEAR WORRIED: Don't confront him. Do ask him if he knows the name of a good doctor, and pray that he refers you to his. Then telephone or write the doctor and tell him or her exactly what you have told me.

Another thought: It is possible that your neighbor is driving erratically because he is simply out of practice, his wife having been the designated driver for so long. If that's the case, AARP offers an excellent refresher course for senior drivers. Consider suggesting it to him as light-heartedly as you can.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

Spending your time on cultural enrichment can be extremely enjoyable. How about taking a break to browse an art gallery or museum? Tonight: Time for a gamble.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Go easy on those who have less energy, but use yours to its full advantage. Working alone might produce better results. Get in touch with your creative side. Writing can bring out your best. Call on a Sagittarian if you must have help. Tonight: Lose yourself in a good book.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Don't make promises you can't keep. Wait until next week to reassess your position. For now, polish your communication skills; something you have done needs to be reworked. A hobby can provide enjoyment and can keep you from acting prematurely. Tonight: Exercise those muscles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Someone might upset your plans. Work with a group in a leadership capacity. Most will accept you. Although you always want everyone's appreciation, you might have to be content with a majority vote. Express your innate ingenuity and creativity. Tonight: Think things through before taking action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** With a little ingenuity, you can avoid trouble. Consider others' ideas. Check dates carefully if you are planning a party or outing. Though you want to include everyone, it might not be possible. Trim your guest list. Tonight: It might not be a traditional date night, but go for it anyway.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Work on your ideas until they are not so far-fetched. Bide your time. Wait for a better opportunity for presentation.

***** Solve your problems creatively. Further education can open doors. Study something you really like. Your enthusiasm runs high with the right subject matter. Success beckons, especially with interpersonal relationships. Tonight: Your second choice works better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Avoid routine. Doing something out of the ordinary suits your mood. Though you are usually cautious, a risky activity might be appealing. At the end of the day, you'll be pleased to say, "I did it and I'm glad." Consider a new sport or hobby. Tonight: Reflect on your accomplishments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Something or someone needs to be shaken up. Things cannot continue the same way. Spend some time thinking about a new approach. Ideas will come if you open your mind. Allow several days before you implement changes. Tonight: Work on a practical or concrete project.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Trust your instincts or an answer from last night's dream. Your spirituality demands a new arena for expression. Don't despair if others cannot embrace your beliefs. Take comfort in the knowledge that you are following your path. Tonight: Break from routine.

BORN TODAY Actor Sidney Poitier (1927), heiress Patty Hearst (1954), actress Sandy Duncan (1946)

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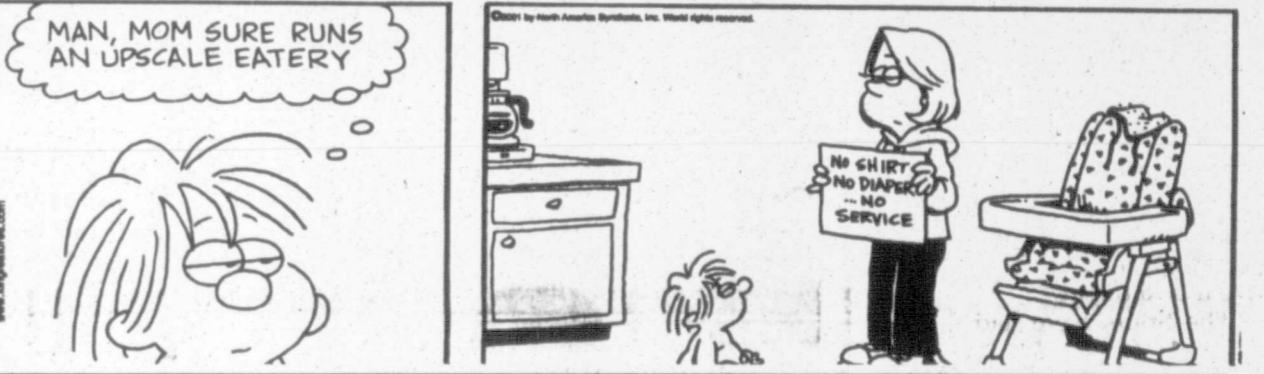
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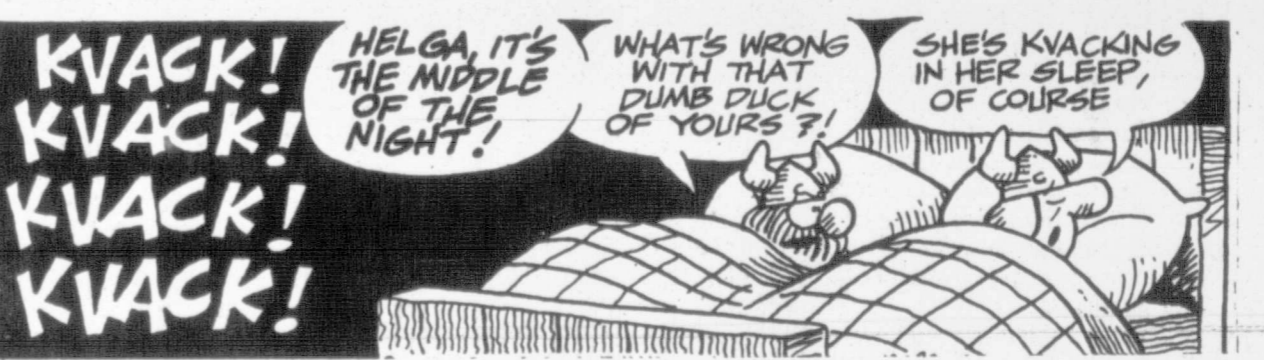
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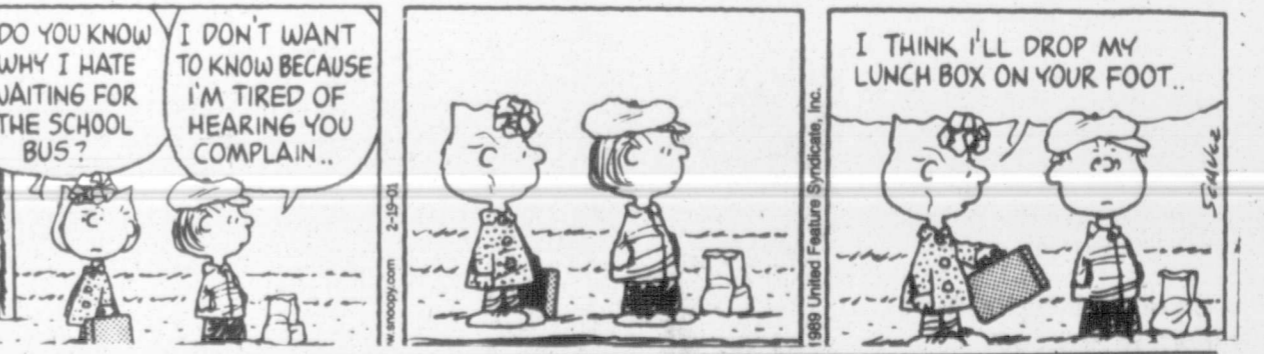
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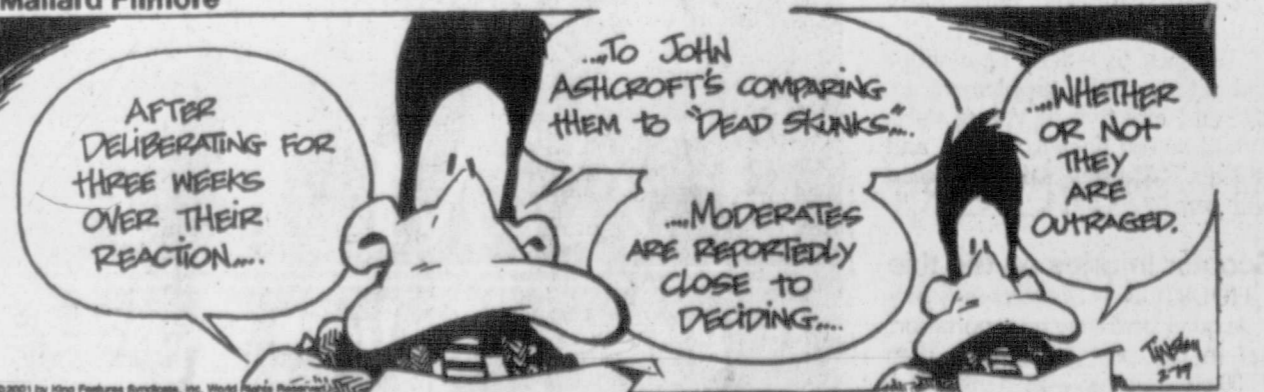
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Horoscope

TUESDAY, FEB. 20, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Success comes when you attack your work. What you hope for can become a reality. If you have been waiting for the perfect time to present an idea, you won't have to wait much longer. Plan your strategy for a raise. Tonight: Practice your golf swing so you can win this spring.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Although most people will accept your viewpoint, there might be one hold-out. Use tact and diplomacy. Allow discussion. A perfect solution needs time to percolate. Participate in an athletic activity while networking. Tonight: Take the lead socially.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Think before you speak. Conversations might be muddled. Using patience can bring the results you want. Just because you have a talent with words doesn't mean you have to say them all at once. What instantly comes to mind might be better left unsaid. Tonight: Turn off the phone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Work on your ideas until they are not so far-fetched. Bide your time. Wait for a better opportunity for presentation.

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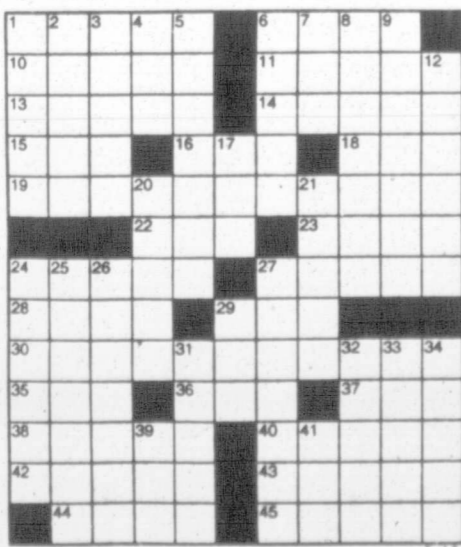
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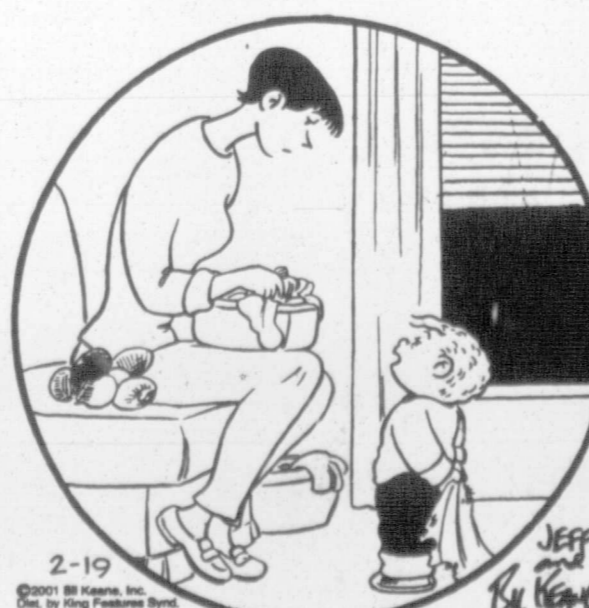
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Marmaduke



"Sorry to disappoint you, but I went shopping for shoes, not food."

The Family Circus



"I'm sleepy, so you can tell me to go to bed if you want."

SPORTS

Notebook

GOLF

PLAINVIEW — The Pampa boys golf team entered the Plainview Invitational last weekend and finished 10th with a two-round total of 695.

Mitch Schilling led Pampa with a 171, shooting a 78 his final round. Other Pampa scores were Daniel Williams (173), Brad Stucker (174), Patrick Dunigan (177) and Evan Ladd (193).

Frenship's 611 won the tournament.

TENNIS

MARSEILLE, France (AP) — Yevgeny Kafelnikov celebrated his 27th birthday by defeating France's Sebastien Grosjean 7-6 (5), 6-2 to win the Marseille Open.

The second-seeded Russian won his first title of the year and 23rd of his career.

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Martina Hingis beat France's Sandine Testud 6-3, 6-2 to win the Qatar Open.

The top-ranked Swiss star broke Testud four times in a match that lasted just one hour. Hingis has beaten Testud all 14 times the two have played.

BASKETBALL

TORONTO (AP) — Tim Duncan thinks the San Antonio Spurs are shaping into a championship-caliber team.

"I feel we're probably a better team than the year that we won," said Duncan, who helped lead the Spurs to the NBA title in 1999. "We have the experience, we have the youth. I'm starting to play a lot better, and if it all comes together at the right time we'll be a threat."

The Spurs have had it all together for the last month, losing only once in their last 13 games after Sunday's 92-74 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Duncan has led the Spurs, who have won four straight, in scoring the past 17 games after a 20-point performance against the Raptors.

"We're a lot more aggressive defensively and we're a lot better team right now than we were earlier in the year," said Duncan, who also had 13 rebounds and five blocks. "We're not giving too many open looks."

Vince Carter, who has a sore right calf, had one of his worst games of the season shooting 3-for-12 for six points.

"We made a point to go at him early and keep a hand in his face," said Duncan, who helped the Spurs build a 16-point first-quarter lead.

Carter was walking with a slight limp in the dressing room after the game.

"My leg was hurting more than anything, but that's not an excuse," said Carter, who was injured against Miami on Thursday. "It was just a struggle throughout the whole game."

The Spurs outrebounded the Raptors 47-39 and outscored them 48-30 from the lane.

David Robinson had 14 points and 10 rebounds, Derek Anderson 16 points and Samaki Walker 10 points.

"Toronto had one of those that we all have two or three times a year," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Nothing could go right and it was just a bad combination for them."

Morris Peterson had a team-high 14 points for the Raptors, who have lost two in a row. Mark Jackson had nine assists to pull him within eight of Isiah Thomas for fourth on the NBA's career list. Antonio Davis had 11 points and eight rebounds.

"Their big guys are playing well and when you put yourself in a hole like that, it is hard to fight back," Peterson said.

The 6-foot-9 Davis had trouble matching up with the 7-foot Duncan. The Spurs center blocked Davis three times and scored nine points in the first quarter.

Earnhardt's death shocks NASCAR, fans

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Intimidator. Old Ironhead. Tough and unyielding, a winner on the racetrack and often sarcastic and calculating off of it.

Even people who knew nothing about racing knew Dale Earnhardt's craggy, mustachioed face and his reputation as a driver never afraid to bang fenders or shake his fist at a rival.

Despite those traits and his rough appearance — or maybe because of them — Earnhardt was a key figure in the explosive growth of NASCAR during the past 20 years from a regional sport into a mainstream America powerhouse.

That's what made his death in Sunday's Daytona 500 so shocking.

"This is incredible, just incredible," driver Jeremy Mayfield said. "You figure he'll bounce right back. Your first thought is, 'Hey, he'll probably come back next week at Rockingham and beat us all.'"

As word of the fatal, last-lap wreck spread, fans cried and the big flag in the middle of Daytona International Speedway's vast infield waved forlornly at half-staff.

The death of Earnhardt — still a championship contender at 49 — was the biggest blow to auto racing since the 1994 crash that killed Formula One star Ayrton Senna.

Earnhardt's death was a particularly devastating blow for NASCAR after a 2000 season in which three of its young stars were killed in separate accidents, including one in Texas.

On the day NASCAR began a new era with the return of Dodge after a 16-year absence and the beginning of a six-year, \$2.8 billion TV contract, its biggest draw was suddenly gone.

Earnhardt was the first driver killed in the Daytona 500, which began in 1959. Six drivers have died of injuries from wrecks dur-

ing practice or qualifying races for the 500.

Neil Bonnett, one of Earnhardt's best friends, was killed in 1994. Rodney Orr died in a wreck three days later, also in practice, and was the last Winston Cup driver killed at the track until Earnhardt's crash.

Earnhardt died perhaps because of an uncharacteristic decision to let his son and the newest driver on his own team fight it out for the victory while he protected their flank.

pital who also works for the speed-

way. The crash began when the back left corner of Earnhardt's famed black No. 3 Chevrolet bumped with Sterling Marlin's Dodge.

Earnhardt's car fishtailed slightly and briefly slid to its left, down toward the infield, before suddenly swinging back to the right and cutting across traffic at a sharp angle. He hit the wall headfirst and Ken Schrader's yellow Pontiac crashed into the passenger side of his car.

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— driver Jeremy Mayfield

Earnhardt crashed on the last turn of the last lap vying for third place at the front of a tight five-car pack. In front of him, Michael Waltrip held off Dale Earnhardt Jr. for what should have been the biggest moment in the short history of Dale Earnhardt Inc.

Earnhardt had to be cut from his battered car and was taken to Halifax Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead of head injuries.

Safety personnel tried furiously to save him, three EMS workers leaning into the car, working on Earnhardt, and two firefighters ripping off the roof to get him out.

"He had what I felt were life-ending type injuries at the time of impact and nothing could be done for him," said Dr. Steve Bohannon, an emergency physician at the hos-

pital who also works for the speedway. With Earnhardt's Chevy already smoking and shredding at the front, Schrader's car stayed lodged into its side, forming a T. The cars careened again off the wall, plowing into the final turn and sliding to a stop.

Both cars ended up in smoking heaps on the infield grass.

"I guess someone got into Dale because Dale got into me and then we went up," the uninjured Schrader said. "We hit pretty hard and Dale hit harder."

The accident removed all the luster from a glittering race that kept the record crowd of 195,000 spectators on their feet most of the afternoon.

Nearly two hours after the race, NASCAR president Mike Helton, his voice breaking with emotion, walked into the infield media cen-

ter with the unbelievable news.

"This is undoubtedly one of the toughest announcements I have ever personally had to make. We've lost Dale Earnhardt," Helton said.

Earnhardt was a seven-time Winston Cup champion, and his 76 victories were the most among active drivers. He continued to race for longtime friend and boss Richard Childress while starting his own team, which expanded to three cars with the addition of Waltrip this year. His other drivers were Earnhardt Jr. and Steve Park.

The elder Earnhardt's death was a particularly devastating blow for NASCAR after a 2000 season in which three of its young stars were killed in separate accidents.

Adam Petty, the fourth generation of stock car racing's most famous family, and Kenny Irwin died in crashes two months apart at New Hampshire International Speedway. Tony Roper was killed later in October in a crash during a truck race at Texas Motor Speedway. All three died of the same type of head injuries that apparently killed Earnhardt.

Since those deaths, safety has become a major issue, with a debate over possible rules changes and the use of new safety equipment.

Earnhardt wore an old-fashioned open-faced helmet and shunned some of NASCAR's other basic safety innovations. He didn't like the restrictor plates NASCAR used to slow speeds at its fastest tracks, where he was a master. He also refused to wear a Head And Neck Safety (HANS) brace that recently has been touted as a way to help prevent serious head injuries.

Bohannon said Earnhardt probably died of head injuries, particularly to the base of the skull.

"I know the full-face helmet wouldn't have made a difference,"

Bohannon said. "I don't know if the HANS device would have helped. I suspect not."

The crash, however, didn't look that serious at first. Most of the fans' attention at the time was on the fight for the checkered flag between Waltrip and Earnhardt Jr.

With two- and three-wide racing and constantly changing positions, there was a far more dangerous-looking wreck 26 laps earlier. The 19-car accident sent Tony Stewart's Pontiac flying through the air over the roof of another car. Stewart also was taken to the hospital, where he was treated for a concussion.

Earnhardt's death completely overshadowed the victory by Waltrip, his first in 15 years and 463 races on Winston Cup circuit.

At first, Waltrip, the younger brother of retired three-time champion Darrell Waltrip, was jubilant, scrambling from his car in Victory Lane and shouting in a raspy voice: "This is the Daytona 500, and I won it! I won the Daytona 500! I can't believe it!"

But he was somber as it became apparent that his new boss, who gave him a chance to race with the best equipment of his career, was badly injured.

"The only reason I won this race is Dale Earnhardt," Waltrip said.

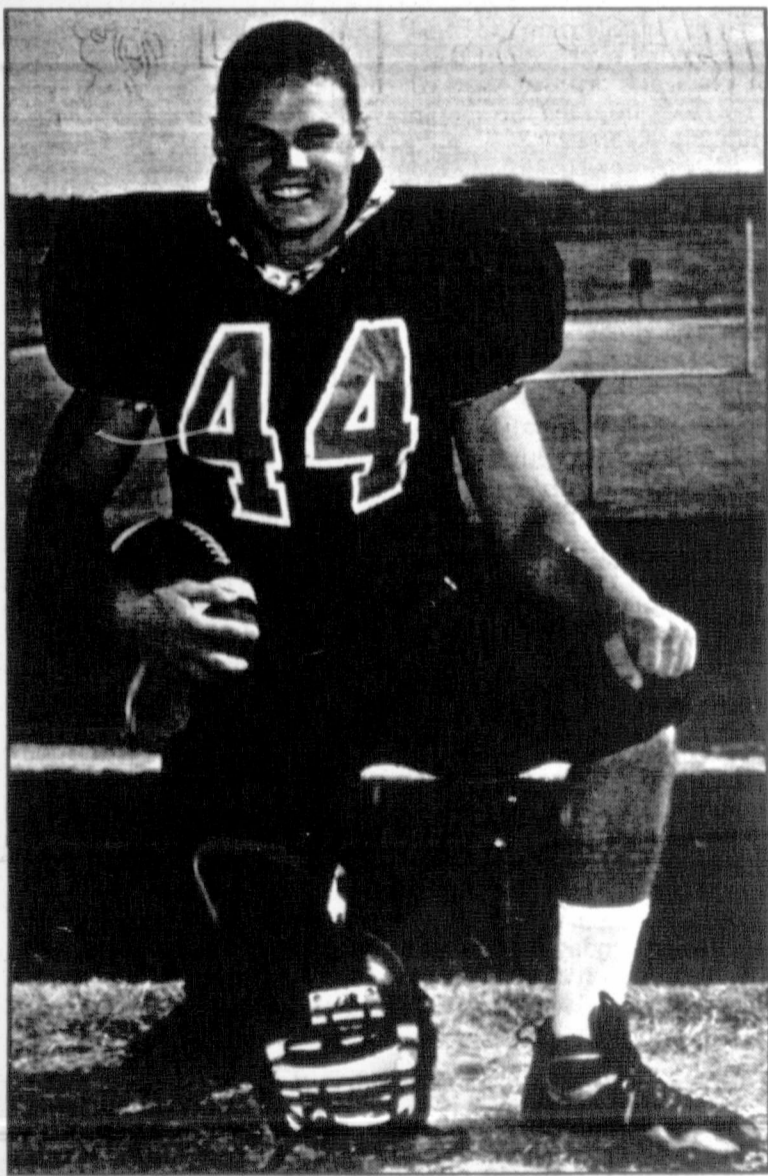
Waltrip took the lead 16 laps from the end of the 200-lap race and stayed in front.

Thanks to the aerodynamic package that NASCAR came up with to promote better racing after last year's yawner at Daytona, the 43rd version of the stock car Super Bowl produced 49 lead changes among 14 drivers.

Last year, there were just nine lead changes and virtually no real racing.

The excitement was back this year — so was the danger. And now the sport has been left without one of its greats.

Stanford signee



(Special photo)

Capp Culver of Canadian has signed a football letter-of-intent to Stanford University. The 6-2, 215-pound Culver was an all-state linebacker for the Wildcats. Culver was also a running back and was named first-team all-district at that position. His senior season, Culver had 159 tackles, seven sacks and three fumble recoveries. He helped lead the Wildcats to the area round of the playoffs in 2000 and the state semi-finals in 1999.

Rangers' Oates came close to quitting

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers manager Johnny Oates mulled over the team's miserable end to its 91-loss season for four days before deciding to act.

Oates said he called his general manager, Doug Melvin.

"I told (Melvin) that I thought it was best that he make a change," Oates told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Monday's editions. "He said, 'Think about it.'"

Those three words, Oates said, bought him time.

"I was really struggling at the end of the year," he said Sunday after the Rangers' second workout of the spring at Port Charlotte, Fla. "I wasn't sure I wanted to continue managing. I knew that the last month of last year I didn't help this ballclub at all."

"I didn't think it was fair to Tom Hicks or to Doug Melvin if I came to spring training in the same state of mind that I'd spent the last month of last season," said Oates. "One of two things had to happen: Either I was

going to have to walk away from the game or something was going to have to change within me."

Oates, the most successful manager in Rangers' history with three Western Division titles, said he had spent the last month of the season unsure he wanted to continue managing.

"I got a sense that he was frustrated with the season," said Melvin, adding that the pitching coach Dick Bosman's firing "bothered him a lot and the way that was perceived."

Cyclones move toward title

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The time has come to ice the champagne at Iowa State.

Larry Eustachy's team, in the absence of 2000 Big 12 player-of-the-year Marcus Fizer, was supposed to move politely to the back of the Big 12 pack and let Kansas resume its rightful place in the front.

But a 79-71 victory Saturday gave the then-No. 7 Cyclones a two-game sweep of the fading Jayhawks and made them just about uncatchable in the regular season race. At 22-3 overall and 10-2 in the league with four games left, they hold a two-game lead over Missouri, Texas and Kansas, who are all 8-4.

The loss dropped Kansas from No. 6 to No. 11 in this week's Associated Press poll, while Iowa State moved up a notch to No. 6.

Oklahoma (20-5, 9-4) may be the only viable threat to a second straight Big 12 title for the Cyclones. The Sooners, who lost 100-80 at Iowa State on Jan. 6, are in second place at 9-4 after beating Baylor 82-60 Saturday.

But they fell three spots in the new AP poll, from No. 13 to No. 16.

"Everybody in this locker room wanted to win the conference so bad. I think it's impossible now," Kansas guard Kirk Hinrich said.

Elsewhere as the Big 12's regular season began to wind down, Texas beat Oklahoma State 80-69 in overtime; Missouri got 26 points from once-suspended Clarence Gilbert and beat Texas A&M 97-90.

And Nebraska's Kimani Ffriend, held scoreless by Colorado two weeks ago, had a career-best 24 points in an 87-82 victory over the Buffs.

On Sunday, Kansas State broke a seven-game losing streak, handily beating Texas Tech 73-54 behind Kelvin Howell's career-high 21 points.

After Kirk Hinrich's 3-pointer sliced Iowa State's halftime lead to just one point over Kansas, Eustachy tore into his team.

"You should have seen him," said Cyclone senior Paul Shirley. "He just went ballistic, and rightfully so."

"I was really, really frustrated with this team at halftime," Eustachy said. "I thought a lot of coaching was going in one ear and out the other."

Remaining for the Cyclones are home games against Texas Tech and Nebraska and trips to Kansas State and Texas. The Sooners are at Missouri Monday night, then close out with home games against Colorado and Oklahoma State. Texas is at Baylor and Texas Tech and home against Iowa State and Missouri.

Missouri would appear to face the toughest schedule among the contenders. After hosting Oklahoma Monday night, the Tigers are home against Baylor and on the road at Texas and Kansas.

It doesn't matter, says Kansas coach Roy Williams.

"Everybody is playing for second," said Williams. "That's

hard for me to say because at Kansas we don't play for second. I don't think anybody is in (the race) except Iowa State. They'd have to stumble badly."

At Stillwater, Oklahoma State experienced its first defeat ever inside reconfigured Gallagher-Iba Arena. Maurice Baker scored 26 points but fouled out with 5:16 left in overtime.

"It seems like after he goes out their offense kind of shuts down," said Texas guard Darren Kelly. "They were scrambling for somebody to try to make a play for them."

Texas' Chris Owens had 24 points and 12 rebounds and frequently outmaneuvered Andre Williams, the seventh-leading shot-blocker in Oklahoma State history.

Texas A&M rallied within two points in the late going but Missouri still came away with an important road win. Gilbert, Brian Grawler and Wesley Stokes combined for 17 assists and only three turnovers.

"This is the team that I wanted," Missouri coach Quinn Snyder said.

"It's the team that they've wanted. For the last three weeks they've been working to become this team. Today, we started finding what you can do when you play together."

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Durant romps to Hope win

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — The longer Tiger Woods has dominated on the PGA Tour, the lower the scores have gotten. Only now, it's not Woods shooting them.

Joe Durant became the latest to set a tour scoring record Sunday, breaking the 90-hole scoring mark with a 36-under-par performance that gave him a four-shot win in the Bob Hope Classic.

Woods may not have shot the score, but he got some of the credit.

"He (Woods) has taken the scoring to another level and the excitement to another level," Durant said. "It made all of us kind of realize, hey, we have to step up a notch to try to compete with him."

Durant followed Mark Calcavecchia's record-setting 256 total in the Phoenix Open last month with a final-round 65 for a 324 total for 90 holes that broke Tom Kite's mark of 325, set in 1993.

It was enough for a relatively stress-free win over Paul Stankowski, who shot a 63 but was only able to make up two shots on the leader.

"I was just fortunate that I got in my mind that I had to shoot low today and I went out and did it," Durant said. "I don't want to say I played conservatively, but I didn't take stupid chances. But when I had the opportunity, I

went after it."

Playing on perfectly manicured desert courses in ideal weather, Durant seized control of the tournament with a 61 in his second round and never looked back.

If he had, he would have seen a lot of other low scores, including a 61 on Sunday by Robert Gamez that had a chance with two holes left of being a 59.

It's not a coincidence, Stankowski said.

"I think we're seeing some of the fruits of Tiger Woods being on tour," Stankowski said. "Tiger has obviously raised the bar. But I think it is just a matter of time before guys start catching up to what he's doing."

Stankowski missed a 3-footer for birdie on the 17th hole that might have put some pressure on Durant. But at the same time, Durant was making birdie on 16 and followed it with another birdie on 17 to put him under Kite's scoring mark.

About the only mistake Durant made in a day that saw him make seven birdies and 11 pars was leaving an 8-footer for birdie on the final hole short and to the right.

"I think I just wanted to get it over with," he said.

It was a far cry from eight years ago, when Durant was struggling on mini-tours and quit playing to sell insurance. He didn't do well there, either, failing to

sell a policy, and credits his wife with resurrecting his golf career.

She told him to stop thinking negatively, and it has worked to some extent. Still, Durant admits to have some negative thoughts the night before the final round when he held a five-shot lead.

"I just didn't want to come back here today and talk about how I blew a five-shot lead," Durant said. "That was on my mind last night."

Durant has a reputation as one of the best ball strikers on tour, and spent much of the offseason working on his short game. That paid off in a tournament where he had never even made the cut before.

"This almost means more to me than my first tournament because I feel like after I won, things did not work out like I wanted," Durant said. "I feel like I've gone full circle now and I'm back where my game should be."

About the only excitement on the final day for the quiet crowd came when Gamez nearly made a double eagle at No. 6, his 15th hole, and had a chance to shoot 59 with birdies on his last two holes. He left an 8-footer short on his 17th hole, though, then barely missed a long birdie putt on his final hole for a 61.

"I never thought of 59," said Gamez, who won twice when he came out on tour but is not exempt this year. "I just wanted to visualize one shot at a time."

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL				
Sunday's Major College Basketball Scores				
By The Associated Press				
EAST				
Bucknell 71, Colgate 60	Cornell 74, Rider 69	Fairleigh Dickinson 59, Long Island U. 58	Marist 80, St. Peter's 66	Niagara 69, Loyola, Md. 67, OT
Siena 81, Iona 79	St. Joseph's 88, Fordham 78	SOUTH		
Clemson 75, North Carolina 65	Florida 88, Tennessee 82	MIDWEST		
Detroit 75, Cleveland St. 63	Drake 81, Illinois St. 78	Kansas St. 73, Texas Tech 54	Marquette 66, Cincinnati 63, OT	Michigan St. 94, Iowa 70
Seton Hall 74, Notre Dame 64	Wisconsin 59, Northwestern 37	FAR WEST		
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Pacific Division				
Portland 37, 16 .698 —	Sacramento 33, 17 .660 2 1/2	L.A. Lakers 33, 18 .647 3	Phoenix 30, 21 .588 6	Seattle 28, 26 .519 9 1/2
L.A. Clippers 16, 38 .296 21 1/2	Golden State 15, 37 .288 21 1/2	Saturday's Games		
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Indiana 110, L.A. Lakers 109	Oriando 96, New York 88	Washington 101, Denver 98	Atlanta 98, Golden State 91	Monday's Games
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.	L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.	San Antonio at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.	Boston at Utah, 9 p.m.	Tuesday's Games
Vancouver at Washington, 7 p.m.	Golden State at Toronto, 7 p.m.	Phoenix at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.	Miami at New York, 8 p.m.	L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 8 p.m.
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Weekend Sports Transactions				
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BASEBALL				
American League				
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms				

with LHP B.J. Ryan, LHP John Parrish, RHP Jay Spurgeon and RHP Juan Guzman on one-year contracts. Named Larry Himes special assistant to the vice president of baseball operations.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Extended the contract of Jerry Manuel, manager, through the 2004 season with a club option for 2005.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Promoted assistant general manager Kim Ng to vice president and assistant general manager.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jesus Colome on a one-year contract.

National League

MONTREAL EXPOS—Agreed to terms with LHP Matt Blank, RHP Donnie Bridges, INF Scott Hodges, OF Terry Jones, INF Henry Mateo, RHP Troy Mattes, INF Talmadge Nunnari, RHP Teddy Rose and RHP T.J. Tucker.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

SACRAMENTO KINGS—Signed F Art Long to a 10-day contract. Placed G-F Nick Anderson on the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Named Steve Fairchild running backs coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled G Jean-Marc Pelletier from Cincinnati of the IHL. Placed F Darren Langdon on injured reserve.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Recalled LW Jody Shelley from Syracuse of the AHL.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Loaned D Philippe Boucher to Manitoba of the IHL. Assigned G Steve Passmore to Chicago of the IHL.

MINNESOTA WILD—Recalled C Pavel Patera from Cleveland of the IHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Placed RW Alexander Mogilyan on injured reserve, retroactive to Feb. 8. Recalled F Pierre Dagenais and RW Jim Bilek from Albany of the AHL. Assigned D Willie Mitchell to Albany.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Fired Bobby Smith, general manager. Named Cliff Fletcher executive vice president and general manager, Pat Conacher assistant coach, and Dave Draper vice-president of scouting and player personnel.

Discovering Sonoma Ranch

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — The roadrunners, dove and quail are the perks. It's the rolling bluegrass fairways and undulating bent grass greens meandering through the southern New Mexico desert that make Sonoma Ranch a must-play golf course.

Located on the east side of Las Cruces, the 7,000-yard course is one of the state's newest public courses. It opened last May, billed as a lookalike for some of the pricey and plush courses found in neighboring Arizona.

"Our theory has been to take a little bit of Scottsdale and move it to Las Cruces," says Jeff Miller, executive vice president of Fore Star Golf, the Fort Worth, Texas-based corporation that owns Sonoma Ranch and six other courses in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Kansas.

It's a piece of Scottsdale at a more wallet-friendly price. Green fees range from \$20 Monday through Thursday to \$27 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Seniors (age 55 and up) can play for \$15 on Monday and Tuesday. The fee for a cart is \$10. Those fees are comparable to fees at the New Mexico State University course, which also is open to the public.

"This is pretty much what you get in Scottsdale for \$100," Miller said. Players at Sonoma also get some great views. The jagged peaks of the Organ Mountains

lie to the east and typical New Mexico wildlife — from roadrunners to dove and an occasional coyote — abound in the mesquite and brush-covered desert.

Vicente Arias and several other golfers from El Paso make the 35-to-40 minute drive up to play Sonoma Ranch practically every week. Arias said the group decided to check out the course when it opened and got hooked on it.

"The setting, the scenery and the set up of the course are all great," Arias said.

Meredith O'Connell, 47, took up the game about three months ago. She and her husband John — retired from the Army — moved to Las Cruces from Springfield, Va., last year.

"It's a challenging course, a lot more than some of the others in the area," she said. "Plus, from very hole you've got a great view of the (Organ) mountains."

Miller said about 50 percent of Sonoma's players are from El Paso.

"If you live on the west side of El Paso or in the Sunland Park area, you can be here as quickly as you can at Painted Dunes (a course on the east side of El Paso)," Miller said.

Dale Voloshin, project manager for the course's construction, said the 140-acres on which Sonoma was built were a golf layout waiting to happen.

"It was almost ideal terrain for a golf course," Voloshin said

in a telephone interview from his office in San Juan Capistrano, Calif. "It had enough topography to make it interesting and we didn't move a lot of dirt. We used the existing character of the site."

"Mother Nature did the majority of the work here," Miller adds. "We made sure we kept a lot of the natural desert vegetation."

Sonoma Ranch also is somewhat of a pioneer in the use of new grasses for golf courses.

When the course was built, the rough was covered with traditional rye grass sod. Miller and his staff decided it was taking a lot of water to keep it going and during the winter replaced the rye with buffalo gama grass, a strain that requires much less water and maintenance.

"It cost us \$100,000 to take out the (rye) turf, but we did it to save a lot of water," Miller said. "The buffalo grass survives with seven inches of rainfall a year. Even in the middle of a drought, we can water once a week and the grass will survive. Once you get it established, you don't have to worry about it."

According to the National Weather Service, the Las Cruces area gets an average of about 6.61 inches of rainfall per year.

Miller says the best feature about the course is its greens, which have remained in excellent condition since the course opened.

Clemson does in Carolina

By The Associated Press

Clemson was on an eight-game losing streak, the last of which was the Tigers' worst loss in 45 years, and held last place in the Atlantic Coast Conference with one league win.

North Carolina came in ranked No. 1 in the country, having won its last 18 games and was sitting atop the ACC with a perfect record.

Who didn't see this one coming? Will Solomon scored 26 points Sunday to lead Clemson to a 75-65 victory, its first over a No. 1 team in 21 years, and one that knocked the Tar Heels from the top spot in the rankings to No. 2.

"I knew sooner or later we would grab a big one," Clemson coach Larry Shyatt said after the Tigers (11-14, 2-10) beat a No. 1 team for the second time in school history. The other was an 87-82 win over Duke on Jan. 9, 1980, also at Littlejohn Coliseum.

The Tar Heels (21-3, 11-1) cut a 59-49 deficit to 64-62 with 2:32 left, but a reverse layup by Chris Hobbs and a 3-pointer by freshman Tony Stockman with 44 seconds left gave Clemson a 69-62 lead.

"It didn't surprise me he took it and it didn't surprise me he made it," Shyatt said of Stockman, who had 16 points. "But I was relieved when it went in."

Edward Scott then made four free throws in the last minute and the Tigers held on as North Carolina missed several 3-point attempts.

In other games involving ranked teams Sunday, it was: No. 4 Duke 91, St. John's 59; No. 5 Michigan State 94, Iowa 70; No. 7

Florida 88, No. 22 Tennessee 82; Seton Hall 74, No. 18 Notre Dame 64; No. 19 Wisconsin 59, Northwestern 37; and No. 23 St. Joseph's 88, Fordham 78.

Brendan Haywood, Joseph Forte and Jason Capel each scored 16 points for the Tar Heels, who were coming off an eight-day layoff and shot just 39 percent, including 1-for-14 from 3-point range in the second half.

"Solomon was able to get it going in the second half, and he is tough to stop when he gets hot," said North Carolina coach Matt Doherty, who had never lost to Clemson as a player (10-0) with the Tar Heels or as a coach (1-0).

Shyatt called a timeout with 4.4 seconds left.

"Why not enjoy it for 30 or 60 seconds," said Shyatt, whose team was coming off an 85-51 loss to North Carolina State.

No. 4 Duke 91, St. John's 59
Jason Williams had 26 points, seven rebounds and six assists and Shane Battier had 18 points, eight rebounds and seven blocked shots for the Blue Devils (23-3), who bounced back from their loss to Virginia.

Anthony Glover had 23 points for the Red Storm (13-11), who have lost five of seven and suffered their worst loss at Madison Square Garden since a 106-71 loss to St. Bonaventure on March 15, 1960.

No. 5 Michigan St. 94, Iowa 70
Jason Richardson had 21 points and seven steals and the Spartans (20-3, 9-3 Big Ten) extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 42 games and reached the 20-win mark for the fourth straight season.

Dean Oliver scored 14 points for Iowa (17-7, 6-6), which has lost four straight and dropped out of

the poll from 25th.

No. 7 Florida 88, No. 22 Tennessee 82
Brett Nelson scored 25 points and Teddy Dupay added 22 for the Gators (18-5, 8-4 Southeastern Conference), who won in the Thompson-Boling Arena for the first time since 1997. Florida has won three straight and seven of eight, including an 81-67 win over Tennessee on Jan. 30.

Vincent Yarbrough had 20 points and 13 rebounds for the Volunteers (18-8, 5-7), who have lost four straight for the first time under coach Jerry Green.

Seton Hall 74, No. 18 Notre Dame 64
Eddie Griffin scored 24 points for the Pirates (13-10, 4-8), who snapped a five-game losing streak and got its first Big East road win of the season.

Troy Murphy had 24 points and 16 rebounds for the Fighting Irish (17-6, 9-3), who had an eight-game winning streak as they shot a season-low 32 percent, including 2-for-23 from 3-point range.

No. 19 Wisconsin 59, Northwestern 37
Roy Boone had 17 points and nine rebounds for the Badgers (16-7, 7-5 Big Ten), who led 46-18 midway through the second half.

Jitim Young had 14 points for the visiting Wildcats 9-17, 1-12), who shot 20.8 percent (11-of-53) and made four of its first 37 shots from the field.

No. 23 St. Joseph's 88, Fordham 78
Marvin O'Connor scored 20 points for the Hawks (21-4, 11-1 Atlantic 10), who have won seven straight, 15 of 16 and are off to their best start since 1985-86. The latest win put them in the Top 25 for the first time since the final poll of the 1996-97 season.

Hall of Famer slugger Eddie Mathews is dead at 69

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Hall of Famer Eddie Mathews left a legacy that included so much more than 512 home runs and a reputation as a great third baseman.

His powerful swing was noticed by Ty Cobb, who called it perfect, and Sports Illustrated, which put him on the cover of its first issue in 1954.

The slugger teamed with Hank Aaron to give the Braves a historic home run punch and Milwaukee its only World Series championship. He was the only person to play for the Braves in Boston, Milwaukee and Atlanta.

Mathews died in his sleep Sunday at Scripps La Jolla hospital. He was 69 and had been hospitalized since Sept. 3, when his wife took him to the emergency room after he had trouble breathing.

"He worked so hard to get better," Judy Mathews said. "He just gave out."

Mathews died of complications of pneumonia, said his son, Eddie Jr., an anesthesiologist at Waukesha (Wis.) Memorial Hospital. Mathews also had congestive heart failure, although that didn't play a significant role in his death, his son said.

Mathews often batted ahead of Aaron, the cleanup hitter in the Braves' lineup, and they combined to hit 863 homers from 1954-66, the highest total for teammates in major league history. Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig teamed for 859 with the New York Yankees.

"He could hit them just as well as I could," Aaron, the career home run leader, said Sunday night. "I was there to shake his hand quite a few times when he crossed home plate."

"He was a better hitter than a lot of people gave him credit for," Aaron added. "He was a good fielder and ran the bases very well, too. He was a great teammate, and a great family man."

Mathews had been in fragile health since being seriously hurt in an accident while on a Caribbean cruise in December 1996.

When Mathews stepped off a boat taking passengers to shore, the boat moved back and he fell into the water. He was crushed three times between the boat and pier, shattering his pelvis.

Doctors believed he had a mild heart attack after that, and he came down with pneumonia while hospitalized in Miami, his

wife said a few weeks after the accident.

"That was a big setback," Eddie Jr. said Sunday. "I don't think he physically recovered from that completely."

Mathews played in three World Series, winning two championships, and 10 All-Star games. Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1978, he had lived in Del Mar, north of San Diego, for several years.

Mathews' plaque at Cooperstown paid tribute to his power. At his induction ceremony, he playfully credited his mother with making him a pull hitter.

"My mother used to pitch to me and my father would shag balls," he said then. "If I hit one up the middle, close to my mother, I'd have some extra chores to do."

Since Mathews couldn't attend the closing ceremonies at County Stadium in Milwaukee last September, Commissioner Bud Selig, who grew up in Milwaukee rooting for the Braves, arranged for Mathews to watch on television.

"Eddie Mathews was my hero," New York Yankees manager Joe Torre, who played with Mathews from 1960-66, said during last

year's postseason. "He was captain and I always called him that."

"He never backed off, never was tentative," Torre said.

When Mathews played, few hitters in baseball were feared more.

He was among only 16 players to hit 500 homers, reaching the mark on July 14, 1967, with a shot off Juan Marichal while playing for Houston at Candlestick Park. At the time, Mathews became only the third player to reach the 500 mark.

Mathews was one of only five players to hit an extra-inning, game-ending home run in the World Series.

In Game 4 of the 1957 World Series, Mathews homered in the bottom of the 10th inning to beat the New York Yankees. Mathews scored the only run in a Game 5 victory.

In Game 7, he hit a two-run double to put the Braves ahead. Then with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the ninth, Mathews made a backhanded stop on Moose Skowron's hard grounder down the line and stepped on third base to finish off a 5-0 win at Yankee Stadium.

The Braves made it back to the World Series the next year, but

blew a 3-1 lead and lost to the Yankees.

Mathews, whose No. 41 was retired by the Braves, managed Atlanta for some of the 1972 season, all of '73 and part of '74. He was the manager when Aaron broke Babe Ruth's career home run record.

Mathews led the NL with 47 homers in 1953 in the Braves' first year after moving from Boston to Milwaukee, and again with 46 in 1959.

He hit 30-plus homers for nine straight years, and posted five 100-plus RBI seasons.

A few years before he appeared on Sports Illustrated's first cover, the teen-age Mathews caught the eye of an aging Cobb, then baseball's career hits leader.

"I've only known three or four perfect swings in my life," Cobb was quoted as saying. "This lad has one of them."

Mathews hit .271 with 1,453 RBIs and 2,315 hits from 1952-68 with the Braves, Houston and Detroit. He was tied with Ernie Banks for 13th on the career homers list.

In his final year, Mathews played sparingly with Detroit. He was on the World Series roster and

went 1-for-3 as the Tigers beat St. Louis in seven games.

Edwin Lee Mathews was born on Oct. 13, 1931, in Texarkana, Texas, and grew up in Santa Barbara, Calif. He turned down more money from the Brooklyn Dodgers to join the Boston Braves in 1949, signing his contract on the night he graduated from high school.

He hit 25 homers in 1952, the Braves' only season in Boston, and also became the first rookie hit three home runs in a game.

In 1953, Mathews won the NL homer title and hit Milwaukee's first grand slam. Aaron joined the Braves in 1954, creating a powerful combination.

Mathews stayed with the Braves when they moved to Atlanta for the 1966 season. He was traded to Houston on New Year's Eve and sent to Detroit in August 1967.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by sons Eddie Jr. and John, daughter Stephanie Widule and stepdaughter Sarah Doyle.

A funeral, limited to family and friends, will be held in Santa Barbara, with a memorial at another time. Dates have not been set for either.

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Mall of America weekend urchins under eye of patrolling parents

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — Thousands of teens roaming the Mall of America on weekend nights used to be a problem — before mom and dad began patrolling the congested corridors.

The team of about 30 parents, who call themselves the Mighty Moms and Dedicated Dads, don green baseball caps and identification tags, power up their walkie-talkies and fan out among the more than 100,000 people ambulating the city of commerce.

"Hey, fellas? Excuse me — fellas!" Lyn Jones called to three boys, none older than 15, one weekend night. Her tone is friendly but commanding as she flies toward the trio, unfazed by their baggy pants and juvenile swagger. A triangle of white baseball caps wheels around.

"Do you boys know about our parental escort

policy?" she asks. They do not. She explains that after 6 o'clock on weekends, no one under 16 is allowed to roam the mall without an adult escort.

They do not roll their eyes or huff. "We didn't know," the oldest says. Their mom is shopping somewhere in the mall, carrying a cellphone. "You're going to have to call your mom and have her pick you up," Jones replies. "Don't worry. You're not in trouble."

At 4.2 million square feet, the Mall of America becomes Minnesota's third-largest population center at peak activity.

Teeming with unsupervised teens after opening in 1992, the mall's corridors used to be a tough place on weekends. Juvenile arrests for fighting regularly reached double digits.

Three people were wounded in 1993 when a juvenile fired shots in a dispute over a jacket. In 1996, a tourist who stood in the path of a foot-fuse caught a glimpse down the barrel of a pistol wielded by a teen, though no one was hurt.

One year, police arrested nearly 400 teen-agers. The mall's marketing slogan, "There's a place for fun in your life," was twisted by snickering locals into, "There's a place to run for your life."

Mobs of teens would clog areas, swearing, skimming and driving out anyone in their path, said Gail Stein, owner of the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory.

"Before, to be honest, it was like being in a war zone," Stein said. "We had customers ducking in here, just looking for safety."

Five years ago, Mall of America brass decided to put a tourniquet on the deluge of disruptive teens by recruiting parents to help keep the peace. The parents are paid for the work.

If violence erupts, city police and mall security take over. With the Mighty Moms and Dedicated Dads around, things rarely get that out of hand. These are no granite-faced security guards. They're parents.

The biggest threat in the mall these days is a bump from a careless stroller-pusher.

"We used to get calls from people who said they wouldn't come down here anymore," mall spokeswoman Maureen Cahill said. "There were literally thousands of unsupervised kids. Now it's a completely different place, and the families are back."



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