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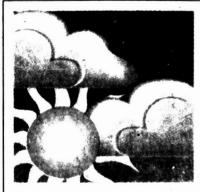
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No ticket matches Saturday numbers

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twiceweekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$4 million

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 3-4-15-16-29-51

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$6 million

• Roberta Appleton, 80, former chief deputy for the County Clerk's office.

- El Dean Begert, 67, business owner.
- Opal E. Burton, 90, homemaker.
- maker.Hughie Troy Purvis, 79, former water supervisor for

City of Pampa.

• Dr. Jack Zachry, 88, retired optometrist.

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Grant made for public radio equipment

The Board of Trustees of the David D. and Nona S. Payne Foundation, Inc. has approved a grant of \$15,000 to High Plains Public Radio.

The award is specified to be used to construct a new 100,000 watt noncommercial FM transmitter which will extend the broadcast area of the radio station into the northeast Texas Panhandle area.

The grant from the Pampa based foundation will be used for the purchase of the required broadcast equipment, including construction of an 800 foot tower to be located approximately 25 miles south and west of Perryton.

The project has a total budget of

The project has a total budget of \$712,000, and more than 90% of that total has been raised, according to Skip Mancini, Project Director. "The David and Nona Payne Foundation award is so important because it puts us into the final 10% of funds to be raised to complete the project," Mancini recently told representatives of six area fundraising groups.

The board of David D. and Nona S. Payne Foundation, Inc. has approved a \$15,000 gift

The committees are in Spearman, Perryton, Canadian, Miami, Pampa, and Borger, and have been engaged in a capital campaign that began in mid-January.

Campaign that began in inite-january.

Campaign co-ordinators hope to complete the fund raising portion of the project during the month of May, in order to stay on a projected timeline of providing on-air service by early 2002.

The capital campaign committees are requesting funds from individuals and businesses, as well as other local foundation and corporate sources, in the coverage area. Contributions to the capital campaign are tax deductible, can be pledged over a period of time, and will

include a first-year membership to High Plains Public Radio.

Area residents can hear a sample of HPPR programming on CD and pick-up information on the planned station at local libraries and chamber of commerce building in the service area. They can also listen to actual broadcasts at 94.9 and 91.3 FM when in the immediate Amarillo area.

Brochures, coverage maps and other information about the project can also be received by contacting High Plains Public Radio and the Texas Public Radio Project at 1-800-678-7444.

The new station will provide service to Oklahoma Panhandle and Amarillo.

approximately 106,000 residents of nine counties of the Northeast Texas Panhandle including Carson, Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Roberts, Ochiltree, and Wheeler counties.

Programming will include in-depth news, classical, jazz and folk music, and coverage of regional events and issues. It will broadcast 24 hours a day at 89.5 FM from the centrally located tower.

High Plains Public Radio is a non-commercial service, supported largely by listener memberships. It is a full member of National Public Radio, and carries award winning news and entertainment programs such as All Things Considered, Morning Edition and a Prairie Home Companion.

High Plains Public Radio currently serves Western Kansas, portions of Southeastern Colorado and the Oklahoma Panhandle and Amarillo.

Jury selection begins in drug trial of two men

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Jury selection began today in the trial of a 30-year-old Lefors man accused of possession of a controlled substance.

Kerry Lavne Zeek, 30, of Lefors, and Frank Pechacek, 33, of Amarillo, were arrested Aug. 23, after a routine traffic stop resulted in Pampa police officers finding what appeared to be methampheta-

Officer David Conner stopped the 1996 red Honda Accord with California license plates about 12:30 a.m. for a traffic violation, officers said.

After gaining consent to search the car, Officer Conner said he saw a pink plastic bag on the console between the driver, Pechacek, and

Later tests indicated that the contents of the bag contained methamphetamine, authorities said.

Conner said Pampa's drug-sniffing dog, Nick, found a black bag on the floor board of the driver's side which contained about four grams of what appeared to be methamphetamine and a breath mint container with five one-gram bags of what appeared to be methamphetamine.

(See JURY, Page 8)

Lawman's frustration leads to two arrests, stolen auto recovery

A local brand inspector's frustration over his inability to pass a bad driver led – not to road rage – but to the discovery of a stolen vehicle and two arrests.

Shortly after 5 p.m. Thursday, Brand Inspector Kelly Rushing tried

to pass a charcoal-gray Jeep on Texas 152 just east of Skellytown, but the vehicle kept weaving to the right and left. "I got suspicious when I couldn't pass the guys," Rushing said, so

"I got suspicious when I couldn't pass the guys," Rushing said, so he called in the vehicle's license plate numbers.

As it turned out, the license check revealed the 1990 Jeep Wrangler had been reported stolen from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Rushing kept an eye on the Jeep while he called the Gray County

Deputy Morse Burroughs responded to the call, heading west on he highway toward the Gray-Carson county lines.

Sheriff's Office and asked for back-up.

the highway toward the Gray-Carson county lines.

He found the Jeep pulled to the side of the road just inside the (See LAWMAN'S, Page 8)

Academic recognition

Pampa Independent School District (PISD) board of education recognized 11 Pampa High School students who advanced to UIL Regional Academic competition recently.

PISD Superintendent Dawson Orr and Pampa High School (PHS) Principal John Kendall presented the students with certificates of achievement during the Academic Spotlight at the April board meeting.

High school students qualifying for regional UIL academic competition include Adrian Alva, prose; Marcie Bennett; feature writing; Stephanie Blankenship, calculator applications; Lance Burton, informative speaking; Kira Chumbley, calculator applications; Adam Fox, computer applications; Kristina Hartman, persuasive speaking; Anson Henthorn, calculator applications; Melissa Lawrence, feature writing; Chris Shaffer, current events and science; and Tim Williams,

editorial writing.

Tonya Lewis, Academic Coordinator, said approximately 40 PHS students attended the Super Conference in Denton. The local high school was also well represented at two invitational UIL academic meets, she said, adding that student contestants brought home 16 medals from each of the invitational meets.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

The Rev. Bob Epperson family has returned to some semblance of normality since the fate-ful crash on July 14, 2000. Shown here with their dog "Cowboy," from left: Tabitha, Debra, Bob, and Jonathan.

The road back ... Wreck leaves its marks

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

Driving over the railroad tracks at Kingsmill, west of Pampa, is the last thing the Rev. Bob Epperson remembers before his life changed forever on July 14, 2000.

The next thing the Assembly of God minister remembers is realizing the Plymouth Voyager minivan he is driving is sliding sideways down U.S. 60 near the grain elevator at Kingsmill.

U.S. 60 near the grain elevator at Kingsmill. His wife Debra, sitting in the front passenger seat, also recalls the van sliding sideways down

the highway.
"The way we were going, I knew it was fixing

to roll," she said.

"God, we need some help," she prayed as panic threatened to overwhelm her, then followed her prayer with, "My life is in your

Suddenly, the van righted and slid to a stop. DPS troopers later told her that if the van had rolled, in all likelihood someone would have died.

"I remember hitting my head on my best friend's head," their daughter Tabitha, 12, said. "I remember hearing someone screaming, 'God help me! God save us!' I believe it was from Cuyler."

Cuyler Faught, 12, and his sister, Tabitha "Tabby" Whittington, 13, as well as the Epperson's son Jonathan, 14, all were passen-



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Bob Epperson works hard lifting weights to increase the muscle tone in his leg during regular physical therapy sessions.

gers in the van.

When stormy weather thwarted their plans to go to Family Night at M.K. Brown Swimming Pool in Pampa, the Skellytown couple decided (See WRECK, Page 2)



May 2 - CARSON & BARNES 5 RING CIRCUS Wednesday, May 2 @ 4:30 & 7:30 at Recreation Park. One day only - 2 performances - 4:30 pm & 7:30 pm. Purchase tickets at the Chamber of Commerce office, Culberson-Stowers, Firstbank Southwest, or United Supermarket. Call the Chamber Office @ 669-3241 for more information.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BEGERT, El Dean — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel,

Obituaries

ROBERTA APPLETON

Roberta Appleton, 80, of Pampa, died Sunday, April 29, 2001, in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside rites are courtesy of the Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral

Mrs. Appleton was born Sept. 26, 1920, in Hobart, Okla. She graduated from Kiowa County Junior College in 1939. She married Paul Appleton on October 7, 1940, in Rocky, Oklahoma.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1948, moving from Plainview. She worked for Gray County and Hale County as a chief deputy for the County Clerk's Office. She also worked for Cabot Corp. as a legal secretary and as a secretary for Beacon Supply.

She was a member of the Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star where she received a 25year service award, and where she served as past worthy matron. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Business & Professional Sunday School Class for over 50 years

Survivors include her husband, Paul of the home; one daughter, Angela; and one grandson, Michael. She was preceded in death by her twin brother, Robert Lee Lambert.

EL DEAN BEGERT AMARILLO - El Dean Begert. 67, died Saturday, April 28, 2001, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Mr. John T. Hood, a family member, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Begert was born on Oct. 1, 1933, in Jester, Okla. He was a resident of Pampa from 1946 until 1963 when he moved to Amarillo. He was a 1952 graduate of Pampa High School, attended West Texas State University and served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

He owned and operated Filter Green, Stereo World and Vacuum World. He married Sherry Ellen Hood on May 29, 1958,

in Clovis, N.M. He was preceded in death by his father, Sam

Begert. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry Begert, of the home; a daughter, D'Ann Begert Gonzales of Pampa; his mother, Edna Begert Trask of Pampa; and three grandchildren, Anthony Gonzales and Andrew Gonzales, both of Amarillo, and Cristan Gonzales of Pampa.

OPAL E. BURTON

Opal E. Burton, 90, a former Darrouzett resident, died Saturday, April 28, 2001, at Coronado Health Center in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday in Darrouzett United Methodist Church. Interment will be in Darrouzett Cemetery under the direction of Good Samaritan Funeral Service of Booker.

Mrs. Burton was born Sept. 6, 1910, at Thomas, Okla., to H.W. and Edna Roberts Forney. She resided in Leedey, Okla., and Harmon, Okla., prior to moving to Darrouzett in 1938.

Survivors include two daughters, Joyce Swope of Pampa and Zell Webster of Wichita, Kan.; a son, Joe Burton of Pampa; a brother, Maurice Forney of Thomas; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a great-grandchild

HUGHIE TROY PURVIS Hughie Troy Purvis, 79, of Pampa, died Saturday, April 28, 2001. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Paul Nachtigall, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral

Directors of Pampa. Mr. Purvis was born Sept. 17, 1921, at Edgewood, Texas. He had been a Pampa resident since 1946 and married Waulita Parks in 1989 at Pampa. He was a rig operator with Windsor Well Service for 13 years prior to working as water supervisor for the City of Pampa for 12 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving as a combat engineer during World War II, and was a member of Highland Baptist Church

Survivors include his wife, Waulita, of the home; a daughter, Sharon Poore of Alabama; a son, Kenneth Purvis of Lefors; three sisters, Geneva Gafford of Lubbock, Eva Cooper of Wichita, Kan., and Thelma Ward of Depew, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Lung Association

DR. JACK ZACHRY

Dr. Jack Zachry, 88, of Pampa, died Saturday, April 28, 2001, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor, and the Rev. Jim Perkins, pastor of First Baptist Church of Panhandle, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Dr. Zachry was born July 14, 1912, in Fannin

County, Texas. He married Nell Brandenburg on Jan. 28, 1936, in Fort Worth. She preceded him in death in 1989. He later married Dorothy Buzzard on Sept. 25, 1995, in Panhandle. He began practicing optometry in February of 1939 in Fort Worth. He moved to Pampa in 1941 where he practiced optometry until his

retirement in 1988. In the 1950s, he was instrumental in establishing the School of Optometry at the University of Houston. He was a member of the First Baptist Church where he was a deacon and a member of the Everyman's Sunday School Class. He was a

member of the American Optometric Association for 52 years. He was one of three committee members who built the First Baptist Church cabin at

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of the home, a daughter, Dianne Meaker of Panhandle; a stepdaughter, Andrea R. Buzzard of Santa Fe, N.M.; stepson, Mark N. Buzzard of Pampa; a granddaughter, Lauri Minton of Amarillo; a grandson, Meryl Meaker of Panhandle; two stepgrandsons, Ross Buzzard of Pampa and Matt Buzzard of Baton Rouge, La.; a stepgranddaughter, Beth Buzzard of Baton Rouge; and two great-grandchildren; Kristin Wood and Colton Wood, both of Panhandle.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Building Fund, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065; to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or to a favorite charity.

Police report

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

Thursday, April 26

The right rear windown of a Ford van was reported broken out in the 600 block of North Doucette. A 29-year-old woman lodged a stalking com-

plaint in the 1600 block of Somerville. About \$350 worth of stereo equipment was reported taken from a car in the 1000 block of East Kingsmill.

Friday, April 27 A burglary was reported in the 600 block of

A 17-year-old boy from Miami reported being hit twice in the face in the 1400 block of North Hobart. A mail box was reported damaged in the 1900

block of Lynn. About \$700 in tools and stereo equipment was reported taken from a car in the 100 block of

North Hobart. Saturday, April 28

Two juveniles were taken into custody after being accused of taking a \$2.29 bottle of Coca-Cola from the Allsup's in the 1900 block of North

Two beers were reported taken from the Allsup's in the 1900 block of North Hobart. About \$2,500 in camping gear, fishing gear and

tools was reported taken from a residence in the 400 block of North Banks. A phone threat was reported in the 900 block of

South Sumner. A 1969 Cadillac was reported in the 1100 block of South Wilcox.

The passenger window of a 1992 Chevrolet pickup was broken out in the 200 block of West

Foster. About \$19 in gas was taken from the Allsup's at

A smoke bomb was dropped through a mail slot at a home in the 600 block of Powell causing about \$2,000 damage to the carpet.

A cell phone found in the 900 block of East Twiford was turned into the Pampa Police Department. An 88-year-old man in the 1500 block of

Kentucky reported \$25 had been taken from his A domestic assault was reported in 1000 block

of North Sumner. A missing child was reported in the 1100 block

of South Finley. The child later returned home. Sunday, April 29 Juveniles were reported throwing water bal-

loons at cars in the 2300 block of North Roesewood.

A sexual assault was reported on a 16-year-old girl in the 1000 block of South Banks.

Monday, April 30

Phone harrassement was reported in the 1000 block of East Browning.

TARPLEY MUSIC CO.



Sheriff's Office

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

Saturday, April 28 Johnny Dale Aufleger, 25, 709 Zimmers, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Luis Carlos Solis, no age given, 413 Pitts, was arrested by Pampa police officers on traffic warrants.

Sunday, April 30

Sylvia Maria Ramirez, 24, 1344 Garland, was arrested by Pampa police officers on a warrant out of Wheeler County charging her with theft by

Fires

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

Saturday, April 28 7:11 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a trash fire in the 1300 block of

Terrace. Sunday, April 29

1:09 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision, a half mile west of Texas 152.

Stocks

Due to computer problems, today's stock repor was not available from the source.

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WRECK to take their children and a

church member's two grandchildren to Braum's for ice cream.

After a fun time filled with laughter, the happy group had loaded into the van shortly before 9 p.m. to return Cuyler and Tabby to their grandmother's home in White Deer.

Nine months later, Bob can't recollect what happened in those moments between going over the railroad track and the minivan sliding to a stop near the Kingsmill elevator.

Texas DPS reports show that the minivan appeared to have lost a wheel causing it to swerve into the path of an 18-wheel semi-tractor trailer rig driven by Jerry Lynn Deaver of Stinnett.

The impact of the crash smashed the front of the van and sheered off part of the left side.

After the van stopped, Bob realized both his arms were broken. He couldn't move his legs. They were pinned in the wreckage. As everyone assessed their situation, Debra called 9-1-1 on a cell phone.

"I throbbed all over," Bob said. "I remember being fascinated by a piece of plastic sticking in my right knee. When the firemen got out the Jaws of Life, I said, 'What

are you doing with that?'
"They said, 'We're going to have to cut you out of here,' and I said, 'Okay, just don't cut off my leg,' and about that time, I heard it go 'KLINK'.'

Firefighters used the Jaws to cut the emergency brake pedal. Bob's leg had become impaled by the brake somehow in the crash. To transport the injured man, emergency workers had to separate the brake pedal from the vehicle, but leave the metal in his leg until a doctor could remove it.

Bob and Cuyler suffered the most serious injuries in the accident. Cuyler, who had been sitting behind the driver's seat, had put on his seatbelt at Bob's inststence just before the van went over the railroad tracks. At the moment of impact, he was turned around in the seatbelt talking to the girls in the far back of the van.

Had Cuyler been facing forward, he probably would have died, the family said. The back of his head took the brunt of the impact. A facial wound of that severity could have been fatal, they said.

Seeing Cuyler's wound caused his sister Tabby to become hysterical. Tabitha started going into shock at the sight. "I remember I said at one time,

"I can't take much more of this," said Debra, whose ankle was smashed in the wreck.

Unable to move because of his injuries, Bob screamed at the boy behind him, "Cuyler! Cuyler answer me!" After what seemed an eternity, he heard Cuyler answer, "God help me."

With such extensive head injuries, emergency workers at piece of his brain had to be

Accidents

to yield at a stop sign.

Ambulance

ending at 7 a.m. today.

and transported one to PRMC.

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the scene feared the boy would removed and his skull reattached, not survive anyway. They called the family said, Cuyler now leads

Lifestar from Amarillo to trans- a normal life. port him to Northwest Texas Hospital's trauma team in the He tells me his favorite class is hope he could be saved.

Jonathan's injuries were rela- Cuyler's favorite pasttime while tively minor, as were Tabitha's visiting at Christmas was to honk and Tabby's. They were all three the horn on Bob's wheelchair and treated at Pampa Regional tease Tabitha. Medical Center and released. port of friends, neighbors, the

Debra and Bob shared an ambulance ride to the Amarillo hospital where Cuyler had been therapists, and the members of flown. After assessing the extent Bob's church, Cornerstone of Bob's injuries - all four limbs Christian at White Deer, for helphad been smashed - he was transported by helicopter to a Lubbock

"I got a \$4,000 ride in a heli-take a pain pill, but he's proud copter to Lubbock and I didn't that he can get around with one even get to look out the win- crutch. Soon he'll be able to walk dows," he quipped. Humor like this and a strong returned to his job at Xerox and

faith has sustained Bob and his started providing full services at family through the past nine his church this month. months since the wreck. Three months would pass

before Bob left Lubbock. He said. remembers little of the early weeks he spent in the hospital. "The first Wednesday I was remind her. Jonathan's knee still there they say I preached a ser-

mon to John Murdock," he said, smiling. Murdock, who had just conducted a Wednesday night service as pastor of Christian Life

Assembly in Lubbock, told him, "that's the second driest sermon ones that spared our lives that I've heard tonight." After Debra had healed nothing but bless us. We may not enough, she and the children understand. We just go out every moved to an apartment in

Lubbock to be closer to their husband and father. Jonathan spent the night at the Tabitha added. hospital to help his father who had casts on both arms and both

They sneaked in his favorite foods - like lasagna. Once they brought in their Chihuahua, Tiny, in a pet carrier covered with a

A nurse walking past the room, commented, "Are you barking at

"Yes!" Bob replied. She walked in and discovered the little dog curled up next to her owner's neck.

"I never saw anything. I didn't see anything," the nurse muttered as she left the room.

Although he's maintained a positive attitude, he admits that the road to recovery has been dif-

"More than once they've come in and found me in tears, when I got bad news from the doctor, when they said my arm wasn't healing correctly and I'd have to have another surgery, when they said my leg was healing crooked and it would never be as strong as it was before," he said.

Today Bob continues to undergo extensive physical therapy for his injuries. The scars left by the wreck and the resulting surgeries are evident.

Cuyler's recovery has been miraculous. Although a small

Carson County Sheriff's Office

reported the following **arre**sts for the week of April 23-29. Dela Cruz Coronel, 24, Borger,

"He's back at school full time.

lunch," Bob said, adding that

Debra and Bob credit the sup-

staff at the hospitals, physical

ing the family through the past

Every now and then Bob has to

with a cane, he thinks. He's

"I'm down to treatments once a

Tabitha has small scars on her

Bob looks forward to a full

"Whatever the doctors say, I

take it with a grain of salt," Bob

explained. "My future is not in

their hands. They weren't the

night. God did. And He has done

morning and say 'God, what have you got for us today?"

Carson Sheriff

"I hope it's not another wreck,"

lip, forehead, and near one ear to

bothers him some.

recovery in time, he said.

week at the chiropractor," Debra

few months.

was arrested for assault (family violence). Demarco Wilcoxson, 26, Atlanta, Ga., was arre**st**ed on a

warrant out of Shelby County, Gabriel John, 42, Mesa, Ariz., was arrested on possession of

marijuana more than 5 lb., less than 50 lb. Robert Chance, 33, Guymon, Okla., was arrested for posses-

sion of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana less than 2 oz. Rhonda Redman, 35, Guymon, Okla., was arrested sion of a controlled substance

and possession of marijuana less than 2 oz. Noemi White, 33, Borger, was arrested on Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) traffic war-

Chantal Wood, Waynesville, Mo., was arrested on a theft by check charge out of

Pulski County, Mo. Carrie Brownlow, 19, White Deer, was arrested for criminal trespass.

Arne Pirkanen, 46, San

Bernadino, Calif., was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. Kevin McGregor, Panhandle, was arrested for dri-

ving while intoxicated and escape from arrest. Robert Langford, Panhandle, was arrested on DPS

traffic warrants.

City Briefs

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NOTE OUR New Summer Time Schedule thru May, June 1:03 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 west of and July: Closed Mon. & Tues., Open Wed.-Sat. 9-5 p.m. Fireside 5:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Reid and

Weather focus the west

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents

Friday, April 27

A 1983 Oldsmobile driven by Gena Wylene Bookout, 31, 1136

Terrace, was in collision with a cyclist, Sierra Sieber, 4, of 1229 E.

Foster, about 7 p.m. Friday in the 1200 block of East Foster. Sieber suf-

fered minor injuries. Bookout was cited for driving without a valid

Sunday, April 29

A 1997 Chevrolet pickup driven by Kisten Michelle Beesley, 20,

1224 Foster, was in collision with a 1998 Buick driven by Maria D.

Terrazas, 25, 1040 S. Dwight, about 3:15 p.m. Sunday at the intersec-

tion of Perryton Parkway and Duncan. Beesley was cited for failure

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period

Saturday, April 28

11:50 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Zimmers

 $2:20\ p.m.$ - A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Duncan

Sunday, April 29

and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

driver's license and without insurance.

PAMPA - Today, partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, a less than 20 percent chance of evening showers and thunderstorms. Otherwise partly cloudy. Lows in the middle 50s. South

winds 5 to 10 mph. STATEWIDE — Tuesday, party sunny with highs near 90. South winds increasing to 15 to 20 mph with some higher gusts. A dry week looms for much of

level storm system developing in

Early-morning temperatures in the Lone Star State ranged from the 50s to 70s.

Extremes were 54 degrees at Guadalupe Pass and College Station and 72 at Port Aransas. Other readings were 64 at Lubbock.

oped over the Panhandle, South Plains and Trans Pecos.

Some isolated showers devel-

Patchy fog formed along the Coastal Plains. Winds were generally souther-

ly to southeasterly at 5 to 20 mph, with gusts in the west to 30 from the upper 50s to lower 70s. Texas in advance of an upper-

mph. Skies were cloudy over much of West Texas and partly cloudy over the remainder of the state.

A chance of showers or thunderstorms was forecast from the eastern Panhandle through the South Plains and into the Trans Pecos and Big Bend.

More patchy fog was expected in South Texas.

Highs through Wednesday should range from the lower to mid-80s, except for 70s in the mountains and mid-90s to 102 along the Big Bend.

Overnight lows were expected

By JOE

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MEDICAL

States regroup to take on West Nile virus

By JOEL STASHENKO **Associated Press Writer**

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ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — It is spring, and an epidemiologist's thoughts turn to the West Nile virus — the germ that arrived in this country two years ago, imperiling lives and causing alarm along the East

This year public health officials say they are prepared to deal with the mosquito-borne virus. Their plans include less pesticide spraying and more education. More efforts to eradicate larvae, and to deprive mosquitoes of places to breed; less testing of dead birds.

the virus — already detected in New it is significant." Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia — to spread southward and westward.

"It will get into places like Florida, Georgia, Texas and Mississippi," said John Roehrig, chief of the arbovirus diseases branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC will spend \$16 million to track the virus, and will test as far west as

The tracking of the disease is much more sophisticated than it was in the first two years of its spread, and authorities young are not at high risk. say this gives them an advantage as they face the summer of 2001.

"We have good surveillance data now which we didn't have before," said Ralph Timperi, director of the Massachusetts Kristine Smith. State Laboratory Institute. "With New York and New Jersey as well as something that we have to stay on top of.

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Regardless of what they do, they expect targeting human risk, and knowing when

In 1999, there were 62 confirmed cases of encephalitis traced to the West Nile virus and seven deaths. Last year, there were 14 confirmed cases and one death.

Most of those infected with the virus suffer from flulike conditions; authorities believe most cases are so mild that those infected never imagine that they have had the disease that led some people to shut themselves inside their homes during the

The disease can be fatal for some older people or those with weakened immune systems. But it appears that contrary to Onondaga County. what was originally believed, the very

"We are not about to say that West Nile is something that we can ignore or that people should dismiss it," said New York State Health Department spokeswoman

"It can be a serious health concern. It is Massachusetts, we have gotten better at But it is not something that people have to outbreaks.

lose sleep over. It is not something that people should lock their windows and all its cities and towns. In Connecticut, doors and stay inside all summer over."

New York has put together a master 91 places around the state. plan to combat West Nile. It includes:

most apt to breed through geographic "mapping" of stagnant water and low-

-Extensive and early applications of larvicide to those areas. There are plans to the disease. use Bti, a bacteria that feeds on developing mosquitoes.

paign to caution people about the need to eliminate areas where mosquitoes might breed - spare tires, clogged gutters, stagnant bird feeders and the like - and how they can use insect repellants and proper clothing to avoid infection.

-Sending only a fraction of the dead crows found locally to the state laborato- in grants to county West Nile coordinary for verification that the birds were tors to cover the costs of equipment, supkilled by the virus. While crows remain plies and training. an excellent indicator of the virus' presence, the 7,000 birds sent to Albany last year for diagnosis overwhelmed the week than to wait for a month, said Dr. Lloyd Novick, health commissioner in

Other states have similar plans. New state's 62 counties and New York City. Hampshire, expecting a heavy mosquito season after a record amount of snow this winter, plans more education for elderly residents through senior citizens centers and Meals on Wheels programs. New ersey is targeting tire dumps and other likely breeding grounds for clean up, and is adding staff for testing and reporting

Rhode Island will provide larvicide to officials plan to put out mosquito traps in

In Maryland, officials say they are Determining where mosquitoes are undecided about whether to spray pesticides in areas where infected birds are found. That was the practice last year, and some communities feared that the poisons presented more health risks than did

New York officials have decided to go ahead with wide-scale spraying only in -Running a public education cam- cases where an outbreak of West Nile virus is under way or is likely. Connecticut also recommends less spraying this year.

> All of these measures are costly. New Jersey plans to spend \$4.5 million, including a \$2 million federal grant; Pennsylvania has distributed \$3.3 million

New York, the state with the highest number of West Nile cases, also has the costliest plans to combat the disease. It capacity of state laboratories to test them. has applied to the CDC for a \$10 million Better to get limited test results back in a grant to use for surveillance and a public education program. The administration of Gov. George Pataki also intends to offer \$22 million in matching grants to the

> But the money is caught up in the state's yearly battle over its budget. Public health officials worry that unless they get an emergency appropriation to deal with West Nile, they will lag in their efforts to control the disease.

> "Mosquitoes don't wait until the budget process is over to begin to breed," Novick said.

> > University of North Carolina

cardiologist and chief science

officer of the American Heart

Association. "It will certainly

The study was conducted by

Hong Kong researchers and was

published in the New England

Scientists have known for sev-

Helicobacter pylori (pronounced

LOR-ee), causes many ulcers,

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Francis Chan, who led the

study at Chinese University, said

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Heart bypass surgery saps brain power

By JANET McCONNAUGHEY **Associated Press Writer**

Many patients who undergo heart bypass surgery suffer a significant and long-lasting loss of brain power, a study sug-

Doctors have known that people often lose some of their mental sharpness immediately after a heart operation, but many seemed to recover fairly quickly. The new study, however, found that this recovery is short-lived.

The study looked at 261 patients who were on a heartlung machine during bypass surgery. It found that five years after the operation, 40 percent showed a 20 percent drop in mental ability. That loss is similar to what a person normally goes through between the ages of 40 and 60.

Doctors do not know for sure why this mental loss happens, or even whether the operation causes it. For example, it might be that people whose arteries need to be replaced already have damaged blood vessels in their brains as well. The loss might also have something to do with being put on a heartlung machine, which circulates blood through the patient's

body during surgery. An estimated 400,000 people a year are put on heart-lung machines for a bypass operation in the United States. The findings suggest that 160,000 of them risk losing some of their mental ability.

Dr. Mark F. Newman, who led the study published in a recent New England Journal of Medicine, noted that many patients in the Duke University study might not have lived five years without the operation.

"Now it's a matter of finetuning" the operation "to improve the quality of life as well as the length of life," he

Moreover, the people who eral years that a bacterium, lost mental ground in this study might have lost brain pow faster anyway, said Dr. Irving L. Kron, chief of cardiac and thoracic surgery at the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

"It may be that the stress of the operation brings things out or pushes things along that were there to start with," Kron said.

Newman said other research appears to indicate that there are fewer problems with the brain after bypass operations done without the heart-lung machine.

Participants in the latest study took tests in memory, attention, concentration and manual dexterity five times: before the operation, when they left the hospital, and six weeks, six months and five years later.

Fifty-six percent did significantly worse when they were released from the hospital than when they were admitted.

Nearly half of those people were back up to pre-operation levels when tested six months after the operation. At the fiveyear mark, most were back down to the levels measured when they were leaving the

TDH cautions spring cleaners to beware of Hantavirus

LUBBOCK — Springtime means spring cleaning, as thousands of Texas residents prepare to clean up their homes, garages, barns and tool sheds. But as you begin spring cleaning, you should take precautions to prevent exposure to han-

According to Dr. James Alexander, zoonosis veterinarian with the Texas Department of Health (TDM), hantaviruses are the agents of a potentially fatal disease known as hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS). Since 1993, the disease has killed five of the 15 people in Texas who developed HPS.

"People may become exposed to the virus when dust that has been contaminated by rodent droppings and urine is stirred up during the annual rite of spring-cleaning," said Alexander. "If rodents have been present in an enclosed space that is to be cleaned, wear rubber gloves, eye protection and a good quality mask to prevent inhaling contami-

Prior to initiating the cleaning process, open any windows and doors in the room to allow the air to circulate through the room. Spray the area with a solution of one part bleach in ten parts of water or another disinfectant that will kill viruses. If rodent carcasses or nest materials are found, spray them down with the disinfectant, too. Allow the disinfectant to remain on the surfaces for at least 30 minutes.

To keep the amount of dust to a minimum, spray the disinfectant a second time just prior to beginning the cleaning process and before removing any nesting materials or car-

In addition, some specific housekeeping measures can help control rodent activity in and outside of the home.

-Inside. Keep the kitchen clean and store food and trash in containers with tight lids. Rodent-proof the house by plugging openings around pipes with steel wool and sealing cracks in the walls and floors.

-Outside. Eliminate possible nesting materials by clearing brush from around the foundation. Elevate hay, woodpiles and garbage cans, and place them away from the house. Pet food bowls should be picked up as soon as the animal finishes eating, and pet food should be stored in

"The best way to prevent HPS is to avoid contact with rodents and to avoid inhaling dust that might be contaminated with rodent saliva, urine or droppings," Alexander said. "You can greatly reduce your risk of exposure to HPS by taking just a few simple precautions."

However, Alexander advises that if a person develops flulike symptoms after cleaning a rodent infested area, a physician should be contacted and the possibility of HPS should

Hantavirus is most commonly carried by rodents like the deer mouse, the hispid cotton rat, the western harvest mouse, the white-footed mouse and the rice rat. The common house mouse is not known to be a carrier.

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Antibiotics may kill damaging ulcer germ

By JEFF DONN **Associated Press Writer**

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Daily aspirin is widely pre- chronic, more expensive medicascribed to prevent blood clots in tion," said Dr. Sidney Smith, a people with heart disease. But Researchers have discovered a aspirin can cause bleeding new way to cut down on bleed- ulcers. Many such patients must ing ulcers suffered by some heart take daily doses of an acid-cut-

Taking antibiotics for a week to The antibiotics kill a common knock out the germ could be a germ that appears to trigger or cheaper and more convenient

Eating peanuts while nursing may cause peanut allergies

who breast-feed after eating

the Journal of the American up to six hours later. The mothers' Medical Association demonstrat- infants were not studied. ed that peanut protein is present in breast milk.

Babies are more prone to develchildren because of their immature immune systems. It is generally thought that avoiding particularly potent foods such as peanuts until at least age 3 will help prevent susceptible children pling of peanut products, Vadas from ever developing an allergy, or at least will make the allergic reaction more mild.

Dr. Peter Vadas, who led the study as director of allergy and up the antibodies that help trigclinical immunology at the University of Toronto, said ry of allergies should avoid eating occur during breast-feeding. peanuts while nursing.

gies are rare, experts think peanut peanuts.

WINNING POINTS

CHICAGO (AP) — Women allergies are on the rise.

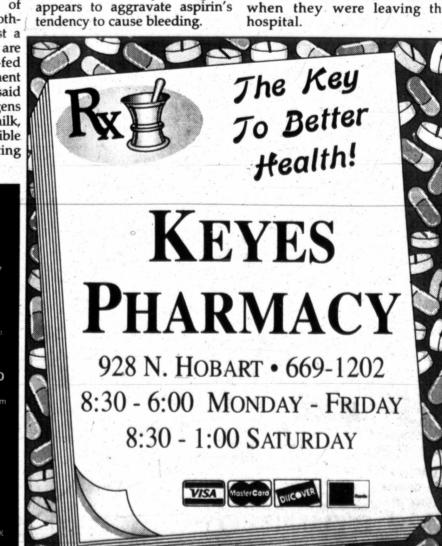
The researchers analyzed breast peanuts can cause peanut aller- milk from 23 nursing women gies in their children, research after they had eaten a half-cup of peanuts. Peanut protein was A study published recently in found in samples from 11 women

Co-author Dr. Wesley Burks of Arkansas Children's Hospital said the findings explain allergic reacoping food allergies than older tions such as hives that have occurred in nursing infants whose mothers had eaten peanuts.

About 80 percent of susceptible children develop an allergic reaction after their first known samsaid. But typically for an allergic reaction to occur, the body must have previously been exposed to the allergen and had time to build ger allergy symptoms.

The study suggests that in some women who have a family histo- cases the initial exposure may

The American Academy of An estimated 1.6 million Pediatrics encourages new moth-Americans, including 1 in 100 ers to breast-feed for at least a preschool-age children, are aller- year and says food allergies are gic to peanuts, the researchers more common in formula-fed said. Reactions can range from babies. But in a policy statement hives to life-threatening anaphy- last summer, the academy said laxis, which may involve sudden that because potential allergens low blood pressure, extreme have been found in breast milk, swelling and difficulty breathing. nursing mothers of susceptible While deaths from food aller- infants should avoid eating





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Veterans of Merchant Marine Should Enjoy Hard-Won Status

DEAR ABBY: World War II mariners, who suffered the highest casualty rate of any of the branches of service while they delivered troops, tanks, airplanes and fuel to every theater of war, were belatedly awarded veteran status in 1988 and in 1998.

Thus far, only 95,000 out of a quarter-million eligible mariners, or their survivors, have applied for veteran status. Application procedures can be found at www.USMM.org/update.html or by sending a business-size selfaddressed, stamped (55 cents) envelope to AMMV: WWII, P.O. Box 2361, Berkeley, CA 94702.

This is important because men and women who served in the U.S. Merchant Marines and the U.S. Army Transport Service may be eligible for medical care and prescriptions through the Veterans Administration. At the very least, they can tell their grandchildren they are "veterans of World War II," and can get a flag for their coffin and a grave marker.

Mariners from the Korean, Vietnam, Gulf wars, and the U.S. Maritime Service, the official WWII Merchant Marine training organization, should contact AMMV: OTHER, at the above address, so that they, too, can join together in applying for veteran status. DANIEL HORODYSKY.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS

DEAR DANIEL: I am pleased hat these unsung heroes are now able to receive benefits, as they should have been in the first place. Better late than

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing the letter from "Karen in Virginia," who after years of suffering was finally diagnosed as having endometriosis. After reading your column, I visited the Web site you mentioned (www.killercramps.org). Many of the symptoms were familiar to me, so I took the quiz and discovered that was probably my problem, too.

I talked to my mother about it and learned that both she and my grandmother had endometriosis, so made an appointment with my gynecologist. The doctor recommended that in the very near future I undergo a procedure to have the tissue removed.

Had I not read about it in your column, I never would have known how serious endometriosis can be. Because of that column, I won't have to endure more years of pain. you again, Abby. Sign me ... GRATEFUL IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR GRATEFUL: I was surprised at the number of women who suffer from this problem. More than half a million women visited the Endometriosis Association Web site after reading Karen's letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Karen in Virginia" wrote about the pain and suffering of endometriesis. It is also important to note that this debilitating disease can cause infertility.

Women with endometriosis who wish to have children need special care from their OB-GYN and must take steps early to preserve their fertility. These women should not wait until they are ready to start their families before seeking medical help.

RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association has information and educational materials for women with endometriosis who are planning to have children. For more information, patients can visit the RESOLVE Web site at www.resolve.org or call the RESOLVE helpline at 617-623-0744. JOAN C. BOWEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEAR JOAN: I hope you're prepared for an onslaught of inquiries - because you're going to get them.

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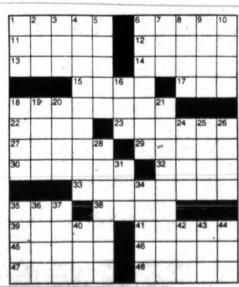
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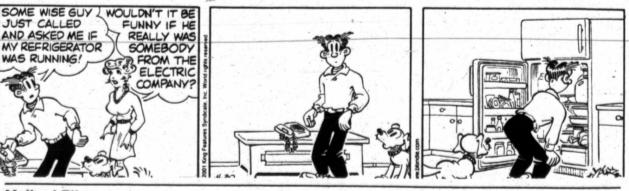
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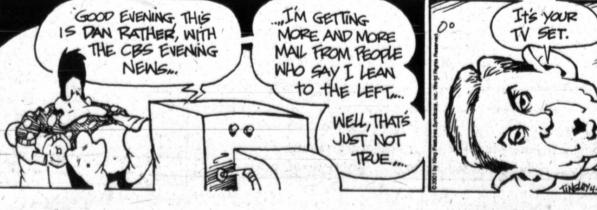




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SPORTS

Notebook **GOLF**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -Rosie Jones birdied the first playoff hole in the Kathy Ireland Championship to beat South Korea's Mi Hyun Kim and become the first American to win this year on the LPGA Tour.

Jones, who birdied the final hole of regulation to force the playoff, did it again on the same hole to claim the \$135,000 winner's check. Jones closed with a 3-under 67 and Kim shot a 66 for 12under 268 totals.

It was the 41-year-old player's 11th career victory and ended a streak of 10 straight tour wins by international players, the longest stretch without an American winner in LPGA history.

AUTO RACING

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — With drivers worried they could pass out at speeds of more than 230 mph, CART took the extraordinary step of calling off its inaugural race at Texas Motor Speedway.

Some drivers were dizzy and disoriented after practicing for the Firestone Firehawk 600. CART medical officials found G forces were almost twice as high as normal on the high-banked track.

After meeting with the drivers, CART postponed the race just before it was scheduled to begin.

This was the first safety related postponement by CART since 1985, when tire concerns delayed a race at International Michigan Speedway for six days.

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HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston Astros were hoping this year would be different from last season. Not so far.

The Astros lost an 11-5 decision to the Florida Marlins on Sunday, the eighth loss in 12 games for slumping Houston.

"Had we pitched better, it would have a different game," said Houston manager Larry Dierker, whose team was beaten two out of three by Florida. "But had we hit better, it might have been different too.

"The problem is we're just not pitching anywhere near like a championship team. I guess that's obvious. If we don't pitch any better than this, we're not going to win many games.'

Pitching was the problem last year when the three-time Central Division champions fell to 72-90. This year, with the addition of starter Kent Bottenfield, relievers Doug Brocail and Nelson Cruz coming over in a trade and closer Billy Wagner again healthy after season-ending surgery last year, the Astros thought their pitching would be much improved.

Instead, the team ERA has fallen to 5.09, creeping dangerously close to last year when it was 5.42 and worst in the NL.

Shane Reynolds, once the ace of the staff, is coming off knee surgery and has not pitched well. His ERA ballooned to 10.54 with Sunday's dismal 2 1-3 inning outing.

"I was terrible," Reynolds said. "I'm just going to try and keep working and figure out what's wrong. Everyone knows I will work hard.

"My knee and arm feel great. That has nothing to do with it. I'm just making bad pitches, consistently bad pitches. I can't say I know why or I wouldn't be doing

That's similar to the problem Jose Lima has had. Lima pitched in relief for the first time since 1997 on Sunday after he started the season with an 8.61 ERA in five

starts. "It feels weird to pitch relief," Lima said. "But at least I got my work in. I think if I can keep the ball down, I'll be OK."

Pampa beats Bulldogs in season finale

PAMPA — It was sweet revenge for the Pampa Harvesters in their final baseball game of the 2001 season.

Pampa came from behind to beat Borger 8-6 Saturday at Harvester Field. The win avenged an 11-1 setback to Borger in their first District 3-4A meeting on April 7.

Borger jumped out to a 4-0 advantage at the end of two innings, but Pampa chipped away at the lead. Kyle Keith's run-scoring triple tied the score at 4-4 and Shawn Strate's RBI single put the Harvesters ahead in the fourth inning.

Pampa displayed some power hitting against Borger pitcher Matt Green, who had shut down the Harvesters in the first game.

Wes Martin drilled a two-run homer over the left field fence in the third inning to draw Pampa within one, 4-3, after three innings. Travis Lancaster hit a solo shot over the center field fence. Lancaster's home run gave Pampa a 7-4 lead after five innings.

The winning pitcher was Max Simon, who gave up four hits while striking out nine and walking three. Adam Jones picked up a save, relieving Simon in the sixth. He gave up one hit while striking out five and walking one.

Pampa collected 10 hits off Green, who went the distance for the Bulldogs. Martin had a tworun homer and an RBI double, Keith an RBI triple and RBI single, Strate a double and RBI single; Lancaster a solo homer and double. Adam Wright and Adam Jones each had a sin-

Michael Galloway knocked in a run on a groundball error.

Pampa's four seniors (Travis Lancaster, Kyle Keith, Adam Wright and Shawn Strate) performed a rarity in their final game. They combined to hit for the cycle with Lancaster's home run, Keith's triple, Strate's double and Wright's

Doug Hardin, Brooks Tabor and Green each had doubles for Borger.

The Harvesters finished in fourth place in the final district standings with a 6-8 record. For the season, Pampa was 12-19.

Borger closed at 4-10 in district for a fifth-place finish. The Bulldogs were 7-19 overall.

Derby hopeful tries to resurrect promise

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A P Valentine, so promising as a 2-year-old, has kept trainer Nick Zito guessing with some inconsistent performances on his way to the Kentucky Derby.

In February, the bay colt made his 3-year-old debut and finished third in an allowance race. Then he won at Hialeah before tossing in a clunker at the Blue Grass Stakes, finishing fifth behind winner Millenium Wind on April 14.

"I don't know what it was, but something wasn't right," Zito said. "Something happened the day before, the day after, the hour before."

Jockey Corey Nakatani reassured Zito, telling him that A P Valentine simply couldn't handle the Keeneland track.

Now A P Valentine is back at Churchill Downs, where he's had trouble before. In November, he finished last among 14 horses in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile and came out of the race with bucked shins.

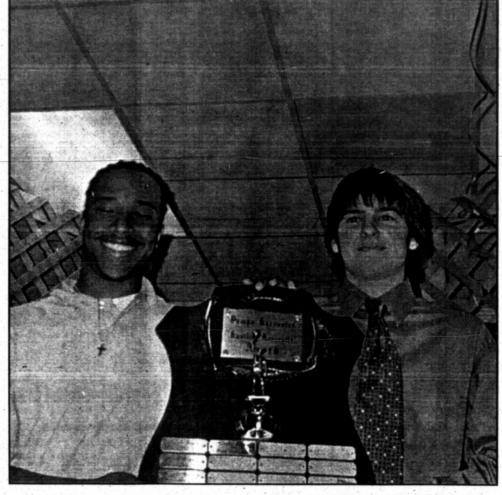
That race marked the end of a 2-year-old season that had begun so promisingly. After an impressive victory in the Grade I Champagne Stakes, A P Valentine was syndicated for \$15 million and talked up as an Eclipse Award win-

But the Breeders' Cup debacle cost him the award and left Zito and co-owner Rick Pitino rethinking their Triple Crown plans.

A P Valentine returned to training and showed progress. Zito's faith was renewed with the colt's victory in an optional claiming race safe on a fielder's choice, but was Blake Nusser was the leading hit-March 24 at Hialeah. A P Valentine set a track record for 1 1-16 miles.

"I think this horse is getting good at the right, time," Nakatani said.

Hustling Harvesters



Pampa seniors Tanner Hucks (right) and Gary Alexander shared the Hustling Harvester award in basketball this season. They were recognized along with their teammates at the PHS basketball banquet last week.

Glo-Valve downs Cabot in Optimist League play

enroute to a 20-5 win over Cabot favor after one inning. Corporation Friday in an Optimist In the Glo-Valve second inning, Cal Ripken 11-12 League contest.

and Robbie Dixon also pitched for park homer. Glo-Valve. Ferrell permitted two two runs on one hit.

home run, led Glo-Valve's hitting. Craig Crowell knocked in five runs with a double and a triple, Bobby Clark stroked three hits in Glo-Valve's 16-hit attack.

Glo-Valve came out strong in the first inning. With one out, Ferrell singled and Dixon walked. Sikes hammered his first double to score Ferrell. Clark followed with a tworun single and continued all the way to third when the ball got past the outfielder. He scored on an infield hit by Jonathan Carr.

was hit by a pitch. Shane Davis was remained undefeated. ing, but Brady Eakin doubled to left by scoring twice.

PAMPA — Glo-Valve sent 18 bat- field bringing Gowin in. Eakin ters sent 18 batters to the plate in the scored on a single by Alex Torres to from an 0-2 series deficit since the fifth inning, scoring 13 of them make the score 4-2 in Glo-Valve's

Johnson narrowed the score to 6-3 Jonathan Carr picked up the win, with a rocket shot home run that allowing one run and two hits while slammed into the scoreboard. Ferrell pitching two innings. He struck out got the run back for Glo-Valve in the the postseason like they did early in two and walked one. Brett Ferrell top of the fourth with his inside-the- the regular season, before injuries

In the top of the fifth inning, Gloruns and two hits in two innings. He Valve was unstoppable as the first struck out four and hit one batter. 14 batters reached base safely. Sikes The result is a four-game postseason Dixon struck out one and walked contributed two doubles to the rally. winning streak and a penalty kill four in one inning. He surrendered Clark had two singles and Jonathan that's yet to allow a power-play goal Carr had a single and was safe on an in eight games. St. Louis has stopped Ferrell, with five hits including error. Crowell contributed his dou- 34 straight chances, including six in two triples and an inside-the-park ble and triple. Aaron Carr walked and was safe on an error. Garrett Eggleston reached base on an error acquisition who set up Reasoner's and LeKeith Towles walked and Sikes had three doubles and Jarron scored. Ferrell made a triple and single. Dixon also tripled. When the dust cleared, 13 runs scored to put the game out of reach.

> Cabot refused to give up or go quietly. In the bottom of the fifth, Davis Louis' goals in the opener. and Johnson walked and both moved up on a wild pitch and Belfour's leg. scored on a single by Eakin, who was Cabot's leading hitter with a single and three RBI.

In the nightcap, Jake Diggs outdueled Tyler Hall and Colby Copeland than in the opener, but he weathered Cabot answered with two runs on of Celanese Corporation 3-1 as an early storm and came within 52 the bottom of the first. Cody Gowin Triangle Well Servicing Company

forced at second by Bradley ter for Triangle with a double and Johnson. Johnson was caught steal- single. Diggs aided his own cause

Stars fall to Blues

DALLAS (AP) - The St. Louis Blues have a good thing going against the Dallas Stars. They get two early goals, then spend the rest of the game protecting the lead.

So far, that formula has put the Blues halfway to the conference finals for the first time since 1986.

Marty Reasoner scored on St. Louis' first shot and Scott Young scored on the third, then Roman Turek stopped Dallas' first 28 shots as the Blues won 2-1 Sunday night to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven, second-round series.

Young's goal put St. Louis ahead by two goals midway through the first period. Reasoner put the Blues up by two goals 3:30 into the second period of the opener.

St. Louis has yet to trail this series. The Blues have led after every period and have been up by two goals for about 85 of the 120 minutes.

"We had another strong start and held on at the end," coach Joel Quenneville said. "We talked before the game, 'Hey, don't be satisfied with getting one win here. Be ready to start the game.' I like how we began and we did some good things early."

Now the series shifts to St. Louis for games on Tuesday and Thursday nights. If the Blues win both, they would dethrone the two-time Western Conference champs.

Health and history is on St. Louis'

Mike Modano, Dallas' leading playoff scorer, missed Game 2 and is listed as day-to-day. Another center, Shaun Van Allen, was hospitalized after taking a puck to his mouth in the first period and forward John MacLean cut his face in the third.

The Stars also haven't come back franchise's first postseason series back in 1968. The Blues are 9-for-9 alltime when going up 2-0.

"This is all about Game 3," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We have to win Game 3."

The Blues are starting to dominate knocked them from the top of the NHL standings.

Their lineup is healthy again and newcomers have blended in nicely. each game against Dallas.

"We have to stay at an even keel," said Keith Tkachuk, a trade-deadline tap-in goal by drawing Dallas goalie Ed Belfour out of position. "We know they're going to come out hard the next game."

A mistake by Stars defenseman Darryl Sydor led to the first goal; Sydor also was to blame on two of St.

Young's goal banged in off

You can say we've given them five goals," Stars captain Derian Hatcher said. "They had to make plays to get

them, but we helped." Dallas made Turek work harder seconds of his first career postseason shutout.

"It would've been nice," said Turek, who improved to 5-0-2 against his former team. "But the win tonight and in both games, it's an unbelievable feeling.

NASCAR disputes claim about Earnhardt's belt

ed a rescuer's claim that Dale Earnhardt's seatbelt was intact when the racer crashed into a wall and died at the Daytona 500.

Tommy Propst, an Orange County firefighter and emergency medical technician who was one of the first on the scene after the accident, said in an interview with the Orlando Sentinel that he struggled to pull open the seatbelt buckle before finally releasing

NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr., however, said Sunday that the separated belt was not found until the morning after the Feb. 18 crash, adding that Winston Cup Series director Gary Nelson was the person who made the discovery.

"It (the seatbelt) was laying down there near the

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - NASCAR officials disput- door on the inside," France said. "The car was covered and guarded — we put a cover on it, impounded it and locked it up. The medical examiner came over the next morning to take some photographs, and that's when Gary saw the piece of the belt in the

> Nelson also disputed Propst's claim, saying that a female rescue worker was the only one to go inside the car immediately following the crash.

Propst told the newspaper he had to pull hard on the seatbelt to get it loose and that it was in one piece at the time. Propst also said no NASCAR officials have asked him about his experience that day.

The racing organization has refused to display the seatbelt and is conducting its own investigation by unidentified experts that is expected to continue throughout the summer.

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Danny Hathcoat (above) and Kenny Hathcoat placed first at a Top Of Texas Bassmasters tournament held earlier this month at Baylor-Childress Lakes. Their catch weighed in at 21.58 pounds.

Scoreboard

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Houston (Bottenfield 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Walker 0-0),

Milwaukee (Haynes 2-2) at Atlanta (Millwood 1-2), 7:35 p.m. San Diego (Tollberg 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 3-0),

American League

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Saturday's Games Anaheim 4, Toronto 1 Kansas City 8, Boston 2 Tampa Bay 7, Detroit 3 Cleveland 7, Texas 3 Baltimore 5, Minnesota 2 Seattle 8, Chicago White Sox 5 Sunday's Games Toronto 2, Anaheim 0 Cleveland 9, Texas 2 Kansas City 11, Boston 8, 11 innings Detroit 6, Tampa Bay 1 N.Y. Yankees 3, Oakland 1 Arizona (Schilling 3-0) at Montreal (Reames 2-1), 7:05 Minnesota 4, Baltimore 0

Chicago White Sox 2, Seattle 1, 14 innings

Kansas City (Suppan 1-3) at Toronto (Hamilton 1-0), Tampa Bay (Wilson 1-2) at Baltimore (Roberts 3-0),

7:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 3-2) at Minnesota (Radke 4-0), 8:05 p.m. Tuesday's Games Tampa Bay (Rekar 0-3) at Baltimore (Johnson'1-2),

N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 1-3) at Minnesota (Milton 3-1). Detroit (Sparks 1-2) at Texas (Rogers 1-2), 8:05 p.m. Cleveland (Finley 1-2) at Kansas City (Suzuki 2-1), 8:05 p.m. Boston (Martinez 2-0) at Seattle (Halama 2-1), 10:05

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> BASKETBALL **NBA Playoff Daily Glance**

By The Associated Press

All Times EDT **First Round** (Best-of-5) Friday, April 27 Charlotte 94, Miami 79, Charlotte wins series 3-0 Saturday, April 28 Philadelphia 92, Indiana 87, Philadelphia leads series

Dallas 94, Utah 91, Utah leads series 2-1 Minnesota 93, San Antonio 84, San Antonio leads Orlando 121, Milwaukee 116, OT, Milwaukee leads

Sunday, April 29 New York 97, Toronto 89, New York leads series 2-1 Sacramento 104, Phoenix 96, Sacramento leads

L.A. Lakers 99, Portland 86, L.A. Lakers wins series

Monday, April 30 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 1 Milwaukee at Orlando, 7 p.m. Utah at Dallas, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2 New York at Toronto, 8 p.m. Philadelphia at Indiana, 9 p.m.

Sacramento at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Milwaukee's Jenkins keeps homer streak going

By JOSH DUBOW **AP Sports Writer**

new bat to keep his incredible homer stretch going.

Jenkins hit two home runs, tying a major league record with five in two games and leading the Milwaukee Brewers to a 10-0 win Houston 5; San Diego 6, Pittsburgh over the Montreal Expos on 1; and Arizona 7, Atlanta 5. Sunday.

ger broke his bat when he grounded out in his final at-bat.

That bat was good to me the last couple days," Jenkins said.

That's an understatement. runs and six RBIs on Saturday at the first inning and a solo shot in the sixth to become the 22nd player to hit five in two games and the first NL player in 10 years to do it.

Barry Larkin hit five on June 27-28, 1991. Manny Ramirez was the most recent AL player to do it, connecting for five homers Sept. 15-16,

"I don't know how to explain it," Jenkins said. "But we're playing Cardinals 12, Mets 1 Geoff Jenkins will need to find a with some confidence right now." In other NL games, it was St. Cincinnati 7; Chicago 11, San Francisco 2; Los Angeles 4, Philadelphia 1; Florida 11,

Jenkins also had a two-run dou-Unfortunately, the Brewers slug- ble and an RBI single to match career highs with four hits and six RBIs. He also scored three times. lenkins has more than doubled

his production in two days. He had only four homers and 11 RBIs lenkins, who had three home in his first 22 games of the year. "He's hitting everything on the

Miller Park, hit a two-run homer in screws," Brewer starter Jamey Wright said. "I've never seen anything like it. It's incredible." Wright (3-2) pitched a two-hitter

for his first career shutout, striking out seven and walking four.

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Saturday's Games

Houston 6, Florida 4

Atlanta 3. Arizona 1 San Diego 8, Pittsburgh 1

Cincinnati 9, Colorado 4

Sunday's Games Milwaukee 10, Montreal 0

St. Louis 12, N.Y. Mets 1

Colorado 14, Cincinnati 7

San Diego 6, Pittsburgh 1 Arizona 7, Atlanta 5

Monday's Games

Tuesday's Games

Florida 11, Houston 5

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Milwaukee 8, Montreal 4 N.Y. Mets 6, St. Louis 5, 11 innings

San Francisco 5, Chicago Cubs 0

Chicago Cubs 11, San Francisco 2

Houston (Elarton 3-2) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 0-4),

St. Louis (Benes 1-1) at Florida (Grilli 2-2), 7:05 p.m.

Los Angeles 7, Philadelphia 6

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Central Division

Darryl Kile (4-2) threw eight strong innings and had two hits, Louis 12, New York 1; Colorado 14, including a two-run double off Glendon Rusch (1-1) for St. Louis. The Mets, who beat the

Cardinals in the NLCS last fall, have dropped five of six and are in last place in the NL East after completing a 3-6 road trip.

New York catcher Mike Piazza was ejected and left fielder Benny Agbayani committed three errors in the first four innings. Rockies 14, Reds 7

Larry Walker's two-run double and Colorado salvaged the finale of a three-game series. Walker drove in three runs and

Neifi Perez had three hits and The Reds, who put Ken Griffey

Ir. on the DL Sunday because of a The only hits off Wright were a left hamstring injury, had won single by Montreal starter Javier nine straight games on the road Vazquez (2-3) in the third inning and five straight overall.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

up the works, just when you thought the only change your response. Whether path was clear. Use your resources and with buddies or office friends, indulge in energy to clear out this problem quickly a favorite sport or pastime. You need before it grows. Continue saying no to an emotional or financial risk. Tonight: Think summer. Think bathing suit. Think exercise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) your lives. Tonight: Make it a requirement that whatever you do is fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Don't feed into another's frenment that whatever you do is fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) through alternatives as you illuminate night alone. recent conversations with unique insight. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Tonight: Have munchies and catch up on *** Revel in the possibilities at a friend's news.

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chaos when frustrated. Direct your energies at work toward accomplishment. You might opt to put in an extra hour or Have a phone visit.

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** * A friend or associate could gum you cannot change this person. You can exercise. Tonight: Grab a late dinner. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ** Take your time when making

decisions, especially if you feel unusually stressed. Avoid fast reactions. Instead, ** * Work from home if possible, or do something to alleviate pressure and to take the day off. Those in charge could buy yourself some time. Carefully check be unusually cantankerous. Stay out of out an offer from a family member or wants, rather than simply saying "no."

zy. In some way, this person could be **** No sign can handle double manipulating you. Success and fulfillmessages or mixed messages like the ment come through groups and meetings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) multifaceted Twin. You understand that Others might challenge your creativity. all is true and none is true, depending on Don't react; simply explain where you the perspective. Help someone sort are coming from. Tonight: You need a

work. Accept an offer that could make others more aware of you. If it makes * Work through a partner's opin- you more comfortable, spend money on ions, with an eye to finding solutions. Success comes through work and a meet-

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* * * * Expressing your more erudite two, with an eye to overtime. Tonight: thoughts makes an impression on those

who can understand. To have more universal appeal, simplify your language and make your ideas palatable to more which is nothing new. Yet a partner people. Your willingness to strive for reacts over and over again. Realize that goals sets you apart. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) * * * Deal with partners and others

with whom you might have financial involvement. Reveal your own take on what is going on with various financial options. Use common sense when others can't. Recognize how many depend on your assessments. Tonight: Watch a great movie with a loved one or a pal. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Think about what someone trouble by being invisible. Allow a partTonight: Nap, then decide.

Tension builds around home or around some judgments you are making. Friends point you in the right direction. Give up being stubborn, and you'll gain. Don't miss a meeting or invitation. Tonight:

Begin with a friend.

* Something that unsettles you could keep breaking into your thoughts at work. Might you be better off taking a few minutes or an hour to handle this problem? Bosses make heavy demands. though you want to meet them. Clear away obstacles and allow greater focus. Tonight: Head home first, then decide.

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WTAMU senior social work majors (from left) Amy Dwyer, Karen Gordy, Emily Among volunteers helping out were (from left) Irene Tinajero. Dusty Herrera. Hickmott and Meredith Owen coordinated the recent Head Start Playground Beautification Project which saw 30 community members volunteer their time cleaning, weeding and planting. Plans call for the event to become an annual work day.

Carrie Hubbard and Daniel Abernathy. Others who helped included David Caldwell who planted the trees and Steve Phillips who manned the tractor. Donors included Watson's Garden Center and Pizza Hut in Pampa. Amarillo's K-Marts and Home Depot also made donations.

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JURY

Officers said they also found an unloaded Italian-made .22-caliber pistol and drug paraphernalia in a bag on the floor board of the pas-

Judge Steven Emmert this morning swore in Perryton attorney David Scott as assistant district attorney for this case.

Judge Emmert also granted a number of motions in a pretrial hearing today limiting in court the introduction of evidence of prior legal violations and acts by Zeek.

Other motions by the defense pertaining to the punishment phase of the trial, should there be one, will be heard later.

Defense attorney James Fling complained that he was still receiving amended versions of witness lists and questioned what the witnesses would testify to.

District Attorney Rick Roach said the latest list contained the name of a man who would not testify until the punishment phase of the trial and would then testify only in a limited capacity.

Prospective jurors were being questioned late this morning Roach and Fling.

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LAWMAN'S

Officers estimated the street value of the drug at between \$2,000 Gray County line, he said. The occupants had apparently stopped "to relieve" themselves.

Burroughs arrested Darrell Gordon Congdon, 48, listed as a transient, and John Phillip McLaughlin, 41, of Colorado Springs, on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Burroughs said two empty bottles of cheap vodka and a half-empty bottle of vodka were found in the Jeep following the arrests.

Congdon and McLaughlin remained in Gray County Jail this morning in lieu of \$5,000 bond each set by Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman. Judge Curfman also set a \$2,500 bond for Congdon on charges of

driving while intoxicated and failure to appear out of Wheeler The Jeep, reported stolen on April 11 by the owner Larry Reynolds

of Colorado Springs, was impounded. Reynolds is on the way to Pampa to reclaim his vehicle, officials said this morning.
Officials said they learned the Jeep had been reportedly involved in

an accident on April 14, but no damage to the vehicle was evident.

Texas round up

Mayor's race heats up in Crawford

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — For years, local elections in this onestoplight town have been held with little fanfare. Candidates had no debates, posted few campaign signs and often

ran unopposed. In fact, city elections weren't even held some years because nobody wanted to run for office. But because Crawford is now considered home to the "Western

White House" — President Bush's 1,600-acre ranch, which is 7 miles from downtown — folks say this year's mayoral race is more significant and is spurring more interest.

"We've gained national attention, so the citizens are more concerned about how our city is viewed by others," said Cindy Vannatta, vice president of the Greater Crawford Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, which recently hosted a candidates

Voters on Saturday will elect a mayor and two of the five City Council members. For the first time in years, all incumbents have

Some in town are predicting a bigger voter turnout, Vannatta said. A little more than a fourth of the town's 700 residents usually vote in city elections, according to city records.

Thousands to participate in military exercises

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Army commanders are gearing up for multiple military exercises at Fort Bliss over more than two weeks that will involve tens of thousands of reservists from five states and

The exercises, including a tactical air-defense operation called Roving Sands and a live-fire and aerial gunnery operation, are expected to bring millions of dollars into the far West Texas region.

About 2,000 Army reservists from units in New York, Florida, Arkansas, Texas and Washington will participate in the first exercise, Rio Bravo 2001, from Saturday through May 19 on about 720 square miles of McGregor Range.

Reservists will work with combat engineers and members of Fort Bliss' 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade on offensive and defensive smoke-generation tactics; chemical decontamination; and nuclear,

biological and chemical reconnaissance More than \$2 million has been budgeted by the Army's Forces Command for the training, said Col. Glenn Eddins, commander of the 460th Chemical Brigade from North Little Rock, Ark., which helped organize the event.

Council member seeks separate road audit

HOUSTON (AP) - An outside auditor must review city crews' claims to have performed thousands of pothole repairs that were never done, a councilman says.

Mayor Lee Brown's recent announcement that Department of Public Works and Engineering Department officials would audit per-formance of their own agency does not go far enough, according to council member Chris Bell.

The councilman, who is challenging Brown for mayor this fall, stood in front of a botched pothole repair, calling the problems a case of the "fox guarding the hen house" and adding that the public's confidence in the city would be better served if an independent auditor looked at the public works department.

The pothole scandal should prompt the city to consider managed

competition for its maintenance duties as municipal budget battles begin, Bell said. He said infrastructure maintenance such as pothole filling, water and sewer line repairs and ditch cleaning would be ideal candidates for managed competition.

The city, under managed competition, would compete against pri-

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