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Upcoming election allows at-large vote

Voters living anywhere in the city limits of Pampa are eligible to vote in the May 4 City Commission election Saturday at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, said City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers. The poll opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 7 p.m.

While Commissioners represent wards, they are elected by an at-large or citywide vote, Jeffers said.

"For some reason there is some confusion about this. As long as you live in the city and are registered to vote you can vote in both races," she explained.

Meanwhile, voters can cast ballots early by voting until 5 p.m. Tuesday in Room 205 at City Hall, Jeffers said. At 5 p.m. Tuesday, early voting closes.

Through Friday, 170 Pampans had cast early votes in the two contests.

In Ward 2, incumbent Jeff Andrews is challenged by Tanita Olson and in Ward 4, incumbent Faustina Curry is challenged by Shirley Nicholson.

There is no PISD school board race this year as the incumbents were not contested.

Incumbents Jay Johnson, Joe Martinez, and John Curry were declared elected by the PISD board at the April meeting.

They are to be installed at the May meeting of the school board.

DEATHS
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Interest high in area races

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Area voters will be going to the polls Saturday, May 4, to decide who will represent them on city council and the public school boards. Voting will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday and conclude at 7 p.m.

Skellytown City Council

In the small town of Skellytown, 14 candidates are seeking three seats on the city council.

Guy McKissick, Kelly McKissick-Tull, Kelly E. Tull, Bobby Golden, Lann Harlan, Claude Hooks Jr., Thresa Hinds, Chad Johnson, Jerry Farmer, Sharron Boyd, Dennis Bosley, Cammie Woodward and Charles Harper will all be listed on the ballot.

One candidate, Susan Johnson,

withdrew from the race. Wanda Riggie is seeking a position by write-in balloting.

One candidate, Jim Dennis, has filed for an unexpired term on the council.

Lefors ISD

Eight candidates seek two positions on the Lefors Independent School District board of trustees in Saturday's election.

Incumbent Bobby Stephens wants to retain his seat on the board of trustees while Richard Harkcom, a former board member who resigned several months ago, is wanting back on the board.

Also seeking a three-year position

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on that board are Molly Turpin, Stephanie Brooks, Doug Reeves, Sandra Parish, Bruce Withers and Kevin Burrows.

Lefors City Council

Lefors City Council has two positions open. Both incumbents, Shane Johnson and Craig Harkcom, are asking the voters to return them to the council. Also wanting a seat on the city council are Jane Purvis, Mike Steele and Angie Denton.

McLean ISD

Five candidates will be on the ballot seeking two positions to be filled. Seeking a position on the board are Steve Bowlin, Frank Worsham, Linda Sylertt, Ronnie Ferguson and Ella Mae

Reyna.

The two incumbents, Billy Ward and Don Dorsey, are not opting for re-election.

McLean City Council

In the McLean City Council race, five candidates are seeking three available positions. The incumbents — Joe Creed Lamb, Jim McDonald and Doyle Lee — all hope to be returned to office. Mindy Reeves and Daniel Eggers have also tossed their hats in the ring for the position.

White Deer ISD

In the White Deer Independent School District, both incumbents on the school board face opposition. Candidates from both White Deer and Skellytown have filed for the open positions on the board.

(See RACES, Page 3)

Rabies drive begins May 3rd

Pampa's annual rabies drive is almost here, and local officials are asking Pampa residents to mark their calendars.

Significance of the drive is heightened this year due to a record-setting 17 rabies cases found inside the Pampa city limits in 2001.

Each year, local veterinarians designate three days, usually the first weekend in May, to inoculate the local domestic animals against rabies at a reduced price.

The 2002 event is scheduled for Friday, May 3, Saturday, May 4, and Monday, May 6.

All three local veterinarians — Easley Animal Hospital, Gray County Veterinary Clinic and Roysse Animal Hospital — are participating in the drive in an attempt to keep rabies from spreading throughout the community.

Domestic animals are required by Texas law to be vaccinated for rabies annually to prevent the deadly disease.

All rabid animals found inside the city limits last year were skunks. However, some family pets were required to be euthanized because they came in contact with the rabid animals and had not been vaccinated against the disease.

The last reported case of rabies in Pampa was identified in early March. A dead skunk was found in a residential yard with three dogs.

After sending the skunk's head to Austin and receiving (See RABIES, Page 3)

Been playin' long?



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Samuel and Daniel Hudson, 14-month-old sons of Josie and Logan Hudson, discuss the finer points of horticulture while on an outing in Central Park today. The twins were enjoying warm spring time temperatures today that are expected to last through mid-week. High temperatures are expected to be in the 80s the first part of the week. A cool front by the end of the week is expected to drop temperatures back into the mid-70 degree range.

Speeding costs rally racers time and money

Some racers participating in the Gumball Rally 3000 — a four day race from New York to California — lost time in Gray County Sunday afternoon when troopers stopped four of them for speeding.

Driving cars including a Ferrari, a Shelby, a Ford Explorer chase vehicle, and a BMW, the drivers, all from England, were brought to the Gray County Jail for a hearing before Justice of Peace Joe Martinez.

Sheriff's Lt. Randy Langwell said all the men posted their fines in cash and were allowed to go. He said a cameraman accompanied them.

All of those stopped were driving more than 100 mph and was logged at 124 mph on Interstate 40. At least one driver said he had been stopped previously in another state.

DPS Trooper Ron Shank said more of those competing (See RALLY, Page 3)

White Deer fire destroys five vehicles

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

WHITE DEER — An early morning fire Monday inflicted heavy damage on a detached garage and carport at a White Deer residence. Destroyed were a new fifth wheel travel trailer, a boat, and three vehicles at the residence at 801 Horseburg.

White Deer Marshall Tam Terry said the call came in to the fire department at 1 a.m. and the fire was brought under control around 2:30 a.m.

He said four units from the White

Deer Volunteer Fire Department and three units from the Panhandle Volunteer Fire Department fought the blaze at the residence of Terry and Lori Harrah.

Terry said the fire began in a detached double-car garage and spread to a carport housing the travel trailer and boat.

"Damage was also done to the west side of the exterior of the home," he said, "and the home received smoke damage."

"That travel trailer was brand new," said Terry. "It was really a nice one."

White Deer Fire Marshall Myron

Bilgri said Panhandle Volunteer Fire Department was called in to fight the blaze. He said approximately 15 firefighters from both departments worked on extinguishing the fire.

"I'm leaning towards an electrical fire starting in the garage as the cause at this time," Bilgri said this morning.

"However, we are still investigating. "Damage was fairly high," he said. "Two Volkswagens and a Porsche were also destroyed."

Investigation into the cause of the fire is continuing, said Bilgri. He said no foul play is suspected.

Taxes — Pay now or pay later

Tomorrow, April 30, is the last day for delinquent taxpayers to respond to a "notice of intent to sue" letter sent out April 7.

More than 100 "notice of intent to sue" letters have been mailed to those who owe delinquent property taxes, saying that if they don't respond by April 30 they will be sued.

Persons and businesses who owe these taxes can expect to be sued in May if they don't take care of the problem, said Mark Flowers, an attorney with the law firm of Lineberger Goggan Blair Pena & Sampson, LLP.

"We would prefer not to sue anyone," Flowers said, "but if those property owners do not pay their delinquency, or set up a payment agree-

ment with the tax office we will sue them in May."

The law firm estimates that more than half of those receiving the letters will take care of their taxes before Tuesday's deadline.

For the others, he said the next thing they will see is a notice that suit has been filed.

"That's the unfortunate thing," said Flowers. "A lawsuit means they will also owe several hundred dollars in court costs and title research fees, and ultimately they could lose their property or business to foreclosure."

The tax office is in the Hughes Building, 408 W. Kingsmill, Suite 196A. The mailing address is P.O. Box 382, Pampa, TX 79066.

Police chase ends in crash

A car that was fleeing from police early Sunday morning crashed in the 600 block of Starkweather sending its driver to Pampa Regional Medical Center where he was treated and released to police.

Charged with evading, driving while intoxicated — second offense and possession of marijuana under two ounces was Rickie Eugene Cates, 39, of 600 N. Banks.

Cates was arrested by Officer Chad Johnson after an unsuccessful attempt to stop Gates for driving erratically in the 300 block of West Brown, said Police Col. Terry Young.

Cates did stop momentarily, Young said, but when the officer stepped from the squad car, the 2000 Toyota Camry

Cates was driving drove away.

According to the accident report, Cates was northbound in the 600 block of North Starkweather when he lost control, ran off the roadway and struck a fence. The car continued, then struck a tree and a parked car which was knocked into another fence.

Also arrested was a passenger in the car, Evelyn Lemons, 42, 1025 S. Christy, who was charged with possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Young said the marijuana was found when officers inventoried the car after the accident.

Cates has been released from jail on \$7,000 bond and Lemons remained behind bars this morning in lieu of \$2,000 bond, a jail spokesman said.

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STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.52
Milo	3.06
Corn	3.42
Soybeans	3.77

The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Occidental	28.45	-0.15
Fidelity Mageln	96.24	-1.26
Puritan	17.56	-0.09

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

BP	49.76	+0.26
Celanese	21.13	+0.85
Cabot Corp	29.46	-0.53
Cabot Oil Gas	24.84	-0.11
Coca Cola	54.11	-0.34
VLO	45.55	-0.39
Halliburton	17.25	-0.23
Triad Hospitals	41.81	-0.19
NOI	26.38	-0.49
KMI	47.73	-0.23
XCEL	24.86	-0.14
Kerr McGee	59.58	-0.89
Limited	19.11	+0.36
Williams	19.26	-0.66
McDonalds	28.30	+0.07
Exxon Mobil	39.87	-0.13
Atmos	23.84	-0.01
Pioneer Nat	23.59	-0.23
Penney's	21.90	+0.44
Phillips	59.58	-0.25
Schlumberger	56.00	-0.81
Tenneco	5.25	-0.15
CVX	85.26	+0.66
Wal-Mart	56.58	+0.78
OKE	20.50	-0.40
New York Gold	311.35	
Silver	4.62	
West Texas Crude	27.11	

FIRE

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

Saturday, April 27
6:41 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a small grass fire in the 300 block of Carr. Fire Marshal Gary Stevens continues to investigate the fire behind a bus barn for Central Baptist Church.

Sunday, April 28
3:17 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a service call in the 1700 block of North Coffee.
7:10 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a wood fire in the 2100 block of North Dwight. Fire Marshal Gary Stevens continues to investigate the cause of the fire in a pile of wood stacked in a backyard where an old storage building was being torn down.

POLICE

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

Tuesday, April 2
A 16-foot box trailer and contents including tools and plumbing and electrical parts was reported stolen in the 1100 block of East Harvester.

Saturday, April 13
The theft of a cell phone was reported in the 100 block of South Russell.

Tuesday, April 23
A pair of shoes was reported stolen by juveniles at Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler.

Thursday, April 25
A missing person was reported in the 1200 block of South Christy.

Friday, April 26
Criminal mischief/aggravated assault with a weapon was taken in the 1800 block of North Banks where four tires were flattened, a windshield broken and the victim was hit on the arm with a baseball bat.
Subway, 2141 N. Hobart, reported \$100 missing from a bank deposit bag.
Evading arrest and public intoxication was reported in the 700 block of North Faulkner.

Saturday, April 27
Evading with a vehicle and driving while intoxicated/subsequent offense was reported in the 300 block of East Brown.
An attempted burglary was reported in the 1000 block of Twiford where a back door was opened; nothing taken.
A \$12 gas drive off was reported at Taylor Mart, 1342 North Hobart.
Telephone harassment was reported in the 1200 block of North Garland.
Evelyn J. Lemons, 42, 1025 S. Christy, possession of marijuana under two ounces.
Yvette Johnson, 40, 1123 Mary Ellen, arrested on a warrant for no insurance.
Rickie Eugene Gates, 39, 600 N. Banks, driving while intoxicated/subsequent offense, evading and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Sunday, April 28
Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of North Houston where a window was broken out of a building.
A \$300 bicycle was taken from the 700 block of East 14th.
A domestic assault involving juveniles was reported in the 2300 block of North Rosewood. No injuries.
A domestic assault was reported in the 900 block of East Kentucky. No injuries.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Garland where \$900 in damages resulted when orange paint was thrown on a vehicle.
Julie Swanson, 36, 833 S. Ballard, arrested on warrants for no driver's license and no insurance.
Roberto Anguiano, 22, 128 S. Sumner, driving while intoxicated/second offense, no driver's license, no liability insurance and operating a motor vehicle without license registration.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service made the following calls during the 96-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, April 26
4:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility in the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).
8:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of North Hobart; no transport.
10:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of East Harvester and transported one to PRMC.
12:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Christy and transported one to PRMC.

Saturday, April 27
8:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of North Hobart; no transport.
11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of East Harvester and transported one to PRMC.
10:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Christy and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, April 28
12:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Banks and transported one to PRMC.
12:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported one to PRMC.
1:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Yeager and transported one to PRMC.
2:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Evergreen; no transport.
5:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Sumner and transported one to PRMC.
7:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Lynn and transported one to PRMC.
3:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of West Harvester and transported one to PRMC.
4:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist-St. Anthony West (BSAW) in Amarillo.

OBITUARIES

GORDON PAUL WILLIAMS
1933-2002

ARKANSAS CITY, Ark. — Gordon Paul Williams, 68, died Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at Via Christi Medical Center - St. Francis Campus of Wichita, Ark. Services were to be at 2 p.m., today in Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home with Jackie Voegel and Ronald Reed officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery under the direction of Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home of Arkansas City.

Mr. Williams was born April 26, 1933, at Pauls Valley, Okla., to Henry Ranie and Faye A. Brown Williams. He grew up and attended school at Collinsville, Okla.

He served in the National Guard and was called into active duty with the U.S. Army in 1950.

He married Alyce Maude Wenner on Nov. 27, 1950, at Tulsa, Okla. The couple moved to Arkansas City in 1963.

He worked for General Electric Jet Engine

Maintenance Facility at Strother Field as a machinist for 10 years and co-owned WNW Mowing Service for 14 years.

He was a member of Blessing Heights Church of God for several years prior to joining New Hope Assembly of God Church. He also held membership in IUE local 1004.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a son, Gordon P. Williams, Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Alyce, of the home; a son, Guy Ranie Williams of Burden; two daughters, Dana Lynn and Orna Faye Williams, both of Arkansas City; a brother, Joe Henry Williams of Danville, Ill.; nine grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made in care of Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home to American Heart Association and the Purdue House of Wichita.

DENNIS J. WOSNITZKY
1922-2002

HEREFORD — Dennis J. Wosnitzky, 80, died Friday, April 26, 2002. Graveside services were to be at 1 p.m., today in Memorial Park Cemetery at Amarillo with the Rev. Terry Cosby officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mr. Wosnitzky was born Jan. 27, 1922, at Sealy, Texas, to Frank and Antonie Wosnitzky. He grew up and graduated from Sealy schools. He served with the FBI in 1941-42 and worked for Continental Grain for 40 years in Houston, Plainview and Hereford, retiring in 1986.

He was a member of Czech Bretheran

Church of Sealy, American Legion and Hereford Senior Citizens.

He was a World War II veteran, serving from Nov. 26, 1943 until his discharge on May 18, 1946.

He married Betty West on Sept. 9, 1953, at Clovis, N.M.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a step-mother, Albina; and a brother, Lawrence.

Survivors include his wife, Betty, of Hereford; a daughter, Denise Sprouse of Lefors; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is partly sunny with highs around 85 and northeast winds 10 to 20 mph becoming southeast. Tonight should be partly cloudy with lows around 55. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 88. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 54. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs around 77. Wednesday evening, partly cloudy. Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-40s. Highs in the lower 70s. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-40s. Highs in the mid-70s. Saturday and Sunday, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs around 80.

STATEWIDE

Fog shrouded parts of North Texas early Monday as considerable high cloudiness moved across western sections of the state. Early-morning temperatures ranged from

the mid-50s in the northwest Panhandle and Marfa Plateau to the lower 70s in the Edwards Plateau.

Extremes varied from 55 degrees at Dalhart to 73 at Dryden, the National Weather Service said.

Other readings included 77 at Childress.

Winds were light and variable across the region at less than 10 mph.

Elsewhere, winds were southeasterly to southwesterly at 5 to 15 mph.

More periods of high cloudiness were expected through Tuesday.

An upper-level disturbance could move across the northern half of the state by early Wednesday, bringing a chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Highs through Tuesday will mainly hover in the 80s across the panhandle, with 90s elsewhere, except near 105 along the Big Bend of the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight will be in the 50s and 60s, except near 70 in the Concho Valley.

Opening statements begin in Rodriguez trial

MOUNT VERNON, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors said they will use Michael Rodriguez's own words to show he murdered an Irving police officer while robbing a sporting goods store.

Aubrey Hawkins was shot 11 times and run over twice after investigating the Christmas Eve 2000 robbery. Rodriguez fired one of at least five guns aimed at the officer, said prosecutor Toby Shook. "He will even admit pulling officer Hawkins from his police car and throwing him to the ground after he was shot," Shook said.

Rodriguez' lawyers successfully lobbied for a change of venue to East Texas. Two earlier cases in Dallas received heavy media attention.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty against Rodriguez, who was among seven men who escaped from a South Texas prison and led authorities on a nationwide manhunt before their Colorado capture.

Defense attorney Mike Charlton said Rodriguez was

"low in the scale of authority" in the gang and never planned to kill the officer. "In the panic of the situation, Mr. Rodriguez discharged his gun, but not with the intent to kill."

The officer's widow was the first witness called by the state. Lori Hawkins told of having dinner with her husband and son from a previous marriage shortly before the officer was called to the robbery. Several hours later, the Irving police chief came to her door. "I knew he was dead," she said tearfully.

State District Judge Vic Cunningham, who moved the trial to East Texas, made the unusual move of publicly naming the eight women and four men selected for the jury panel. Participants in the trial are barred from talking about the case outside the courtroom.

The panel includes a machinist, bookkeeper, retirees, former Texas Department of Corrections manager, truck drivers and a nurse. Four jurors work at the Mount Vernon

Independent School District.

Charlton and defense attorney Gary Taylor were hired by Rodriguez's family.

Hawkins was shot 11 times and run over with a vehicle in the parking lot of an Oshman's Sporting Goods store while trying to stop a robbery by the gang, who escaped from the Connally Unit in South Texas on Dec. 13, 2000.

The inmates stole \$70,000 in cash and a large cache of weapons from the Irving store.

Rodriguez was serving a life sentence for capital murder in San Antonio when he escaped. He was convicted of paying a man \$2,000 to kill his wife so he could collect \$400,000 in life insurance.

Rodriguez's wife was shot in the head in July 1992 after she came home from a movie.

Investigators said the defendant's father, Raul Rodriguez, helped pay for the escapees' getaway vehicle, which was delivered by family friend Patsy Gomez, 41.

Many abusive families exploit law

DALLAS (AP) — State regulators say thousands of child abuse investigations are closed each year, not because accusations were unfounded but because families move, leaving no forwarding address.

Tracking child abuse cases is a problem because abusive families know they can exploit weaknesses in the system.

Across the state, 6,724 cases were closed in 2000 for lack of a forwarding address, according to Child Protective Services, the agency charged with investigating abuse cases. More than 1,500 of those child-abuse investigations are in North Texas each year.

But Texas cannot afford to ignore the problem anymore, according to professionals and child welfare advocates.

A recent example, regulators say, is the 1999 abuse investigation into a family whose two children were accused this month of killing their brother. The case developed after the family moved from Garland to Lewisville.

Investigators say a 10-year-old boy and 15-year-old girl worked together to suffocate and stab their 6-year-old brother in Lewisville on April 15. The two were held early Monday on juvenile murder charges in

the Denton County Juvenile Detention Center.

An incomplete investigation had been started in 1999 after a report that the girl, then 11, had been emotionally abused at home.

"We really don't know, but had CPS been able to fully perform that investigation in 1999, we might well have had a different outcome here," Dr. Barbara Rila, a Dallas psychologist who treats children who have killed, told The Dallas Morning News in Monday's editions.

Investigators have said the girl confessed to killing her younger brother and led police to his body, buried under two feet of mud in the creek bank behind her family's Lewisville home. The 10-year-old confessed to holding his brother down, police said.

Lewisville parents Michael and Rita Carr have declined to comment on their son's death or the criminal cases involving their other two children.

Investigators say that 25 percent of the 28,165 completed investigations of suspected abuse in North Texas in 2000 resulted in confirmed abuse. That year, about six percent of investigations — or 1,630 — were closed because a family moved.

City Briefs

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With agreement, Bush seeks new ideas for peace

CRAWFORD (AP) — One hurdle to Mideast peace cleared, President Bush watched for Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to take steps to end anti-Israel violence. He invited other leaders in the region "to bare their soul" with ideas for permanently resolving the crisis.

Bush will meet with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon at the White House in the next two weeks. The meeting, their fifth, is part of what the president cast Sunday as an open invitation to Mideast leaders to consult on next steps now that Israel and Arafat have agreed to a U.S. plan for ending the Israeli siege of Arafat's Palestinian Authority headquarters in Ramallah.

The deal, brokered in a flurry of weekend telephone calls among U.S., Israeli, Palestinian and Saudi officials, was Bush's first triumph after weeks of frustrated diplomacy and months of criticism for being disengaged from the Mideast crisis.

Bush, who spoke by telephone with Sharon and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah as

the Ramallah agreement came together on Sunday, sounded eager for input on the broader picture.

"I welcome people from that part of the world to come and bare their soul and discuss their plans for peace," he said.

But he suggested that Arafat, with whom he has never met, was not yet among them.

"He hasn't earned my respect yet. He must earn my respect by leading," Bush said at a news conference heralding the pact that frees the Palestinian leader from house arrest and pulls Israeli troops out of Ramallah.

The president said he now wants to see Arafat take decisive steps to "condemn and thwart terrorist activities."

Sharon's next meeting with Bush is likely to take place the week of May 6, White House spokesman Sean McCormick said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, who, by telephoning Arafat on Sunday, played a key role in selling him on the Ramallah arrangement, is

ready to return to the region if a cease-fire appears within reach.

But two stubborn obstacles to any short-term truce lingered — the violent standoff at Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity and Israel's refusal to permit United Nations fact-finders into the Palestinian refugee camp of Jenin to investigate claims of an Israeli massacre of civilians there.

Bush brushed them aside Sunday, saying the United Nations will sort out Jenin. And in Bethlehem, he said, "I believe we're making good progress toward ending that part of the Israeli incursion, and hopefully it will get done soon."

Hours after he spoke, however, dozens of Israeli tanks and armored vehicles entered the West Bank city of Hebron, witnesses said. Israel Radio said the object of the incursion was to arrest militants, not to occupy the city.

As he works with Saudi Arabia to defuse the Israel-Palestinian conflict and begin talks on a

long-term Mideast peace, Bush also is emphasizing his humanitarian interest in aiding Palestinian innocents.

"My heart grieves for a people who have no hope," he said. "... A lot of Palestinians who wonder whether or not life is worth living. And we've got, as a world, to help them understand there is a positive life ahead for (them) and their children."

Such compassionate emphasis served to convey to the Arab world that Bush is committed to helping rebuild devastated Palestinian areas and remains sympathetic to their aspirations for an independent state of their own.

Work continued "on multiple levels" to produce with the Saudis a plan on how to proceed in the Middle East, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

In five hours of talks at the president's Texas ranch last week, Bush and Abdullah failed to resolve differences on the eight-point peace plan the Saudi crown prince brought to the visit.

Deadly twisters rip through Maryland

LA PLATA, Md. (AP) — Tornado-ravaged cities from Missouri to Maryland picked up the pieces Monday after an unusually wide and potent swath of thunderstorms plowed across the eastern half of the nation, killing at least six people.

Maryland was hit especially hard Sunday evening, with a tornado causing at least three deaths and 93 injuries in two counties south of the nation's capital. A twister caused serious damage to at least a 10-mile stretch of this town of about 6,500.

"They're banged up and shocked, and they're frightened," Civista Medical Center chief executive Chris Stefanides said of the injured. "I don't think they've ever really seen anything like this before."

Jack Cahalan, a spokesman with the Maryland Emergency Management Administration, said Monday that 12 people were critically injured and 81 others had minor to serious injuries.

One of those killed was 74-year-old Margaret Albey of Prince Frederick. Her husband, George, was critically injured, said Calvert County sheriff's Sgt. Rick Thomas.

"The house is gone," Thomas said of the Albeys' home. "It's moved probably 80 yards down and into a ravine. They were in the house and trapped in the rubble."

A curfew was set in La Plata to keep people off the streets, and all public schools in Charles County were closed, officials said. About 6,500 customers in the area were without power early Monday.

Thunderstorms struck states throughout the Tennessee and Ohio valleys on Sunday before continuing east to Maryland. The northern edge of the system brought heavy snow to Wisconsin and Minnesota.

In Missouri, a tornado packing wind of up to 180 mph and roughly two football fields wide plowed through the small town of Marble Hill, hurling a 12-year-old boy 50 yards to his death. At least 16 people were injured and several homes were destroyed.

"It took several houses completely away. Blown to sticks — nothing left but the subfloor," Marble Hill Police Sgt. Dennis Willis said.

The boy, Billy Hoover, was on a sleepover with friends when the tornado touched down. Two of his friends in the house walked away, as did two other occupants, but the house was left in ruins, Bollinger County Sheriff Terry Wiseman said.

"That was my first tornado, and if I don't see another one, that'd be fine," said Bollinger County Sheriff coroner Charles Hutchings.

The tornado also tossed vehicles, razed buildings and twisted tractor-trailers before the storms raced eastward.

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RALLY

were stopped for speeding in the Clarendon area on Highway 287 which he quoted racers as saying was "their main route."

Langwell said the racers were to stop in Santa Fe Sunday night, Las Vegas tonight and drive on to Los Angeles Tuesday.

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RACES

Place 6 incumbent Joe D. Freeman of White Deer is challenged by Scot Owens of Skellytown.

Place 7 incumbent Linda Hawley of White Deer is challenged by two candidates. Ed Kinsey of White Deer and Andra Rea Canaday of Skellytown are seeking the Place 7 position.

White Deer City Council and Grandview-Hopkins School will not have elections as there was no opposition for the open positions.

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RABIES

the positive diagnosis, one of the dogs was euthanized because it had not been vaccinated.

The other two dogs had been vaccinated.

Israeli troops moving into Hebron after both sides accept U.S. plan to end siege

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Israeli forces took over this city early Monday, killing nine Palestinians, just hours after Israel's Cabinet reluctantly agreed to a U.S. proposal to release Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat from his monthlong confinement and allow him to travel freely.

Israel said Arafat was now free to leave his headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah. However, Israeli tanks continued to surround Arafat's compound Monday, and Palestinian officials said Israel told them Arafat could travel only after six wanted Palestinians had been moved from his headquarters to a prison in the town of Jericho. The prisoner transfer was expected in a day or two, they said.

Israel gave its consent to ending Arafat's confinement with the understanding that the United States, in turn, would stand by Israel's side in an increasingly tense showdown with the United Nations over a fact-finding mission to the Jenin refugee camp, government officials said.

At another flashpoint, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, a Palestinian militiaman was killed by Israeli sniper fire Monday when he walked into a courtyard, the army said. Three monks later carried the body out of the compound. The church, built over Jesus' traditional birth grotto, has been under Israeli siege for a month, with more than 200 armed Palestinians holed up inside.

In Washington, a U.S. official said an end to the Bethlehem standoff might be imminent, but provided no details. An Israeli diplomat said the emerging deal would give wanted gunmen a choice of exile or prosecution by Israel. However, Palestinian negotiator Salah Taameri insisted Tuesday that exile or trial was not an option.

Israeli forces entered the West Bank city of Hebron at about 4:30 a.m., with tanks and armored personnel carriers driving in from all directions.

Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said troops arrested 17 Palestinians in Hebron, including several high on Israel's wanted list, and found two suitcases filled with explosives, as well as a car bomb ready for detonation.

Ben-Eliezer said troops wouldn't stay long. "We went there to hit that infrastructure (of terror groups) and to get out quickly," he said.

Nine Palestinians, including six civilians, were killed by Israeli fire, Palestinian witnesses said. In the bloodiest incident, a missile fired from an Israeli helicopter hit a one-story house, killing a gunman and four civilians. Two more civilians who rushed to the scene to try to help were killed by helicopter fire, witnesses said.

In downtown Hebron, Israeli troops lined up dozens of Palestinian men against a wall, handcuffing and blindfolding them. Several of the men knelt on the pavement,

as Israeli troops stood guard. In previous incursions, Israel detained large numbers of people for questioning, and released most after several days.

The Israeli defense minister also said he expected to pull troops out of Ramallah within a few days, once the six wanted men had been moved, and hoped the Bethlehem standoff would be resolved soon.

"We are in the last stage of the entire operation," Ben-Eliezer said.

The Hebron incursion came in retaliation for a weekend attack on the nearby Jewish settlement of Adora, in which four Israelis, including a 5-year-old girl, were killed. The militant Islamic group Hamas claimed responsibility for that attack.

Arafat's monthlong confinement drew to a close after Israel on Sunday agreed to a U.S.-proposed arrangement for the six wanted men inside the compound — the four assassins of Israeli Cabinet Minister Rehavam Zeevi, the leader of the four men's political faction and an Arafat aide suspected of arms smuggling.

Under the plan, the six would be transferred to Jericho, where their imprisonment would be supervised by U.S. and British officials, said Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo. The minister said the six would be moved from Ramallah to Jericho in the next 48 hours.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Wife Can't Recognize The Signs Of Husband's Emotional Abuse

DEAR ABBY: Two different professional counselors have told me my husband is emotionally abusive. I just don't see it.

In 25 years of marriage, we've hardly ever fought. The reason? I always let him have his way to avoid conflict. He makes everything out to be "my fault," and I've always assumed that he's right.

Sometimes I'm afraid to have a confrontation with him, but it's not because he has ever hit me. He says he loves me and I believe him. Does this sound like emotional abuse to you, Abby? I would be grateful for your opinion.

SAD AND CONFUSED
IN SAN PEDRO, CALIF.

DEAR SAD AND CONFUSED: What you describe is emotional abuse on your husband's part and lack of self-esteem on yours. Your coping method has been refusal to defend yourself — or accepting undeserved blame.

I hate to put you on the spot, but I'm willing to bet you have done many things right during the marriage, for which you deserved to be praised. Ask yourself, "Why did my husband keep silent?"

DEAR ABBY: My purse was stolen yesterday. I lost my money, three credit cards and my check-

book. I immediately called the bank and credit card companies to report what happened. However, at 2 o'clock this morning, I woke up in a panic. I realized that whoever has my checkbook now knows my driver's license and Social Security numbers! My bank had recommended I use two-part checks because they no longer return canceled checks.

Abby, please warn your readers that after they have written their two-part check, to remove the top one from the checkbook before adding their driver's license and Social Security numbers. I now feel I am a target for identity fraud.

FEELING VULNERABLE
IN KNOXVILLE

DEAR FEELING VULNERABLE: I'm pleased to pass along your important warning. You're right; you are at risk. Hold a good thought, but in addition to notifying your bank and credit card companies, inform the credit bureaus about your loss — and keep a close check on your monthly bank and credit card statements in case you are also a victim of identity theft. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Ready to Go It Alone in Mississippi," from the bride-to-be who had no brothers or female family members to walk her down the aisle.

When my wife and I were married, we had a situation in which her father would be present at our wedding, but we didn't want him to give her away.

Understanding that together we were stepping into our new married life, we decided that we would escort each other down the aisle.

Waiting for my bride to emerge near the back of the church, and seeing her more beautiful than any woman I had ever dreamed of, took my breath away. We enjoyed a few quiet moments together as I caught my breath, wiped away my tears, and told my precious love how beautiful she was. Then we walked arm in arm down the aisle, and we haven't looked back since!

STILL ARM IN ARM
IN MISSOURI

DEAR ARM IN ARM: May you always be as happy as you were that memorable day.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 12 German sub
- 13 Do runway work
- 14 Depart
- 15 Hawk
- 17 Skirt edge
- 18 Surpasses by a narrow margin
- 22 Actress Taylor
- 23 Orb
- 27 Put up
- 29 Passover meal
- 30 Knocked down
- 32 Unseen problem
- 33 Suffer from a conk on the head
- 35 Yak it up
- 38 Threesome
- 39 Suspect's story
- 41 Pesky swarm
- 45 Koran faith
- 46 TV, radio, etc.
- 47 "48 HRS" star
- 48 Good quality



Saturday's answer

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- 44 Used a chair

Marmaduke



"Hey, boss...tell Marmaduke this isn't my day off, he won't believe me."

The Family Circus



"I can't pull it off, Daddy. Is this one of those child-proof caps?"

B.C.



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Wildwood



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BOXING

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SPORTS

Pitching staff coming through for Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — With two of their biggest bats out and others struggling, the Texas Rangers are getting a lift from their pitching.

Ishmael Valdes (2-3) pitched six solid innings and new closer Hideki Irabu earned his fifth save in the Rangers' 2-1 win over Bartolo Colon and the Cleveland Indians on Sunday night.

"Valdes threw well and the bullpen has done a good job these last couple of weeks," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said.

Especially Irabu, who had four straight saves as the Rangers took two-of-three games from both the Indians and Toronto Blue Jays. He has converted five of six chances since taking over the closer role

from John Rocker almost two weeks ago.

"Anytime you have a guy who can come in and hold the lead in the ninth inning, it solidifies the rest of the roles," Narron said.

Colon (3-3) pitched a five-hitter for his second complete game this season and the 13th of his career. He struck out nine and walked one.

After the Rangers went ahead 2-1 on Calvin Murray's triple and Frank Catalanotto's RBI groundout in the third, Colon retired 10 straight batters.

But like his team, Colon has struggled since a strong start. The right-hander has lost three straight starts and Cleveland has lost 11 of 13 after jumping out to an 11-1 record.

"Bartolo pitched great and kept us in the game. Our offense just didn't do a whole lot," Indians first baseman Jim Thome said. "We'll go back home and hopefully get it going."

With All-Stars Juan Gonzalez and catcher Ivan Rodriguez on the disabled list, the Rangers are batting just .256 as a team, down from .275 last season. But their ERA is also down, more than a full run, from a majors-worst 5.71 last season to 4.69 this year.

Valdes escaped a 31-pitch first inning by giving up just one run. He pitched through the sixth — throwing 116 pitches — before giving way to the bullpen, which has a 1.82 ERA (six earned runs) in the last nine games.

Rocker, who faced just one batter in each of his two previous outings, got out of a jam in the seventh. After he walked Matt Lawton and gave up a single to Omar Vizquel, Lawton was thrown out trying to steal third and Thome struck out.

Seanez pitched a perfect eighth to set up Irabu, who allowed only a two-out single to Earl Snyder in his first major league at-bat.

Murray's triple in the third dropped as outfielders Brady Anderson and Milton Bradley collided in left-center. Anderson pulled up short with Bradley coming toward him, and the ball fell between the two right before they ran into each other.

"At the last second I saw him dive and I kind of flinched a little," Anderson said. "If he

wasn't there, I could have caught it, and if I wasn't there, he could have caught it."

Cleveland led 1-0 after back-to-back doubles by Lawton and Vizquel to start the game.

Texas got the run back in the bottom of the first when Catalanotto walked and later scored on Alex Rodriguez's sacrifice fly. Colon had allowed a first-inning run once in his previous 26 starts.

Notes: Rusty Greer was just 3-for-29 in his career against Colon before singles in each of his first two at-bats. ... Rodriguez drove his third straight run without benefit of a hit. He had RBIs on a sac fly and a groundout Saturday. ... Carl Everett has struck out in nine of 15 career at-bats against Colon.

NOTEBOOK

BOXING

HOUSTON (AP) — Andy Roddick outslugged Pete Sampras to successfully defend his title in the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship, rolling to a 7-6 (9), 6-3 victory.

Later, Roddick teamed with Mardy Fish to beat Jan-Michael Gambill and Graydon Oliver 6-4, 6-4 for the doubles title. Roddick became the only player on the ATP tour this year to win both singles and doubles titles in the same tournament.

GOLF

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Rocco Mediate, holding his nerves together while battling 30 mph wind gusts, shot a 1-under 71 for a three-stroke victory over Mark Calcavecchia in the Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic.

Mediate had a 16-under 272 total for his fifth victory on the PGA Tour and first since the 2000 Buick Open. He also won at Forest Oaks Country Club in 1993, beating Steve Elkington in a playoff.

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands (AP) — Sergio Garcia won the Spanish Open for his first victory on native soil, closing with a 1-over 73 for a four-stroke victory over Italy's Emanuele Canonica.

Garcia, who also won PGA Tour's season-opening Mercedes Championship, had a 13-under 275 total.

BASKETBALL

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Trail Blazers offered a useful lesson to those teams left in the NBA playoffs: Shutting down Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant is not enough.

The Lakers trailed by two points, and the Portland braced for Bryant to take the final shot. Bryant drove and passed to the corner to Robert Horry.

He sank a 3-pointer and Los Angeles won 92-91 Sunday, eliminating the Blazers in three games.

The Lakers will play the winner of the San Antonio-Seattle series.

In other games Sunday, Philadelphia avoided elimination at home by defeating Boston 108-103 behind Allen Iverson's 42 points; and Dirk Nowitzki scored 39 points as Dallas won at Minnesota 115-102, sweeping the Timberwolves.

Two teams with 2-1 leads will try to advance Monday night: The Detroit Pistons attempt to oust the Raptors in Toronto, and the Sacramento Kings go for the win at Utah.

The Blazers largely succeeded in stopping O'Neal by throwing multiple defenders at him to deny the entry pass. He was just 1-of-5 entering the fourth quarter, but he responded by making 4-of-6 in the period.

He also had seven assists and was 11-of-16 from the line.

Harvesters advance to post-season play

BORGER — The Pampa Harvesters are headed for the Class 4A baseball playoffs.

Pampa topped Borger 6-3 Saturday to capture the No. 3 playoff seed on the final day of District 3-4A action at Huber Park.

Pampa pitcher Adam Jones held the Bulldogs scoreless for six innings, allowing just two hits while striking out nine and walking four. Borger attempted a comeback in the final inning, but reliever Randy Tice got Jerod Ackerman on a grounder for the final out after the Bulldogs had scored three runs.

Pampa scored single runs in the first and third innings, two in the fourth, and single runs in the sixth and seventh.

Tice had a pair of singles and scored three runs for the

Harvesters. Knocking in runs were Michael Galloway (RBI triple), Tyson Moree (RBI single) and Jered Snelgrooes (RBI single).

Pampa's defense came through to stifle Borger scoring attempts. Tice from center field threw out a runner going to third in the first inning, and Snelgrooes at third base started a fifth-inning double play on a groundball.

Ryan Zemanek had a double while Evan Miller and Kyle Francis each had a base hit for the Harvesters.

Aaron Bertell had a pair of singles to lead the Bulldogs at the plate.

The Bulldogs used a trio of pitchers with starter Kevin Mihm taking the loss.

Pampa finished with a 7-7 record in district and 12-13 for the season.



(Courtesy photo)

Seniors on the Harvester baseball team this season are (front row, from left) manager Alisha Furnish, Randy Tice and Charlie Craig; (back row, from left) Evan Miller, Kyle Francis, Adam Jones, Wes Martin and Michael Galloway.

Johnson captures first Winston Cup victory

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson's parents watched their son's first Winston Cup victory on TV from their home in Concord, N.C.

Rick Hendrick and Jeff Gordon, co-owners of the rookie's car, were at California Speedway and acting like proud parents. Their protege held off Kurt Busch on Sunday to win the NAPA Auto Parts 500 in only his 13th Winston Cup start.

"Jeff and I thought he was such a good talent," said Hendrick, whose team also fields Chevrolets for Gordon, Terry Labonte and Jerry Nadeau. "He didn't have a sponsor, didn't know what the team was going to look like. We just knew he was a young boy with a lot of talent."

Hendrick also brought Gordon, now a four-time series champion and winner of 58 races, to NASCAR's top stock car series.

"When you see them, you just try to take advantage of it," he said. "I never dreamed we'd do this well this quick."

Gordon lost a lap because of an unscheduled pit stop and finished 16th. This was the 18th race in a row without a victory for the defending series champ.

Still, he trotted breathlessly to the victory celebration.

"I didn't know that

Jimmie had won," Gordon said. "I went from being real mad about my day to being really happy and excited for Jimmie."

Once he realized Johnson had won, Gordon pulled alongside to bump the side of the No. 48 Chevy in salute and give a big thumbs-up.

"When the right chemistry gets put together, it doesn't matter how many races you've got under your belt," Gordon said.

Johnson, whose previous best was third last month in Atlanta, admitted he was surprised to win so soon.

"Heck, yeah," he said. "You always think you've got enough ability to win, but you never know until you get out there and do it."

Johnson was so excited he overdid the celebration, smoking his tires and spinning the car on the track and through the grass until he blew the engine and transmission.

Johnson lived in El Cajon, about 100 miles from the track, before his family moved to North Carolina.

"This is unbelievable," he said. "I know my mom and dad are sitting at home going crazy and wishing they were here."

Johnson beat Busch by about six car-lengths on the 2-mile oval. Much of the credit goes to crew chief Chad Knaus, who gambled

on a fuel-only pit stop near the end. Knaus earned his first win in only his second full season as a crew chief.

"It paid off," he said. "I was going to get sick to my stomach and throw up after I made the call, but it worked out well."

His driver didn't question the gamble.

"I smiled because I knew what it was going to do for us," Johnson said. "It was going to put us out in front. I was just hoping that Kurt wasn't going to do the same thing."

Busch had the best car in the first half of the 250-lap race, building a lead of 15 seconds before a caution flag on lap 141 tightened the race.

After that, it was a battle among Busch, former series champion Dale Jarrett, Ricky Rudd and Johnson.

Pampa girls place at track regionals

SAN ANGELO — Pampa's Angela Phillips and Teryn Stowers both placed at the Region 1-4A girls track meet last weekend.

Phillips, a senior, was fifth in the shot put with a 40-11 3/4ths throw.

Cassandra Lee of Fort Worth Wyatt had a 45-7 throw to win the event.

Stowers, a junior, placed fifth in the triple jump at 36-7 1/4.

Lubbock, Estacado's

Jarrett was out front on lap 229 when Kevin Harvick and Dale Earnhardt Jr. wrecked in the fourth turn, bringing out the final caution.

The left rear tire on Harvick's car blew as he raced through turn three. As the car veered down the banked track, Earnhardt's car slammed into the driver side, sending both into the concrete wall.

Harvick was not injured, but Earnhardt bruised his right ankle and left the infield medical center on crutches. He was to have the swollen ankle checked Monday in North Carolina.

Most of the lead lap cars took advantage of the caution to pit, but Bill Elliott stayed on the track and was just ahead of Johnson for the restart on lap 237. Johnson's car shot past Elliott's Dodge

in the first turn and stayed out front.

Busch, driving a Ford, moved past Elliott and Rudd and grabbed the runner-up spot on lap 247. He couldn't catch Johnson, who crossed the finish line 0.620 seconds ahead.

Rudd was third, followed by Elliott, Busch's teammate Mark Martin, Jarrett, series leader Sterling Marlin and 2001 California winner Rusty Wallace.

Busch wore a straw hat after the race in honor of team owner Jack Roush, who is recovering from an April 19 plane crash. Busch could hardly believe Johnson beat him without taking tires.

"You never expect to get beat by fuel only," he said. "We just didn't have the right position at the right time."

Shatoya Hill was the winner with a jump of 39-3 1/2.

Phillips was District 3-4A's discus champion, but failed to place in that event at regionals. She was second in the shot at district.

Stowers took second in the triple jump at district.

Pampa's regional qualifiers in the boys division were Tanner Dyer (110 hurdles) and Matthew Crow (400).

The top two finishers in each event advance to the

state meet May 10-11 in Austin.

Pampa area athletes competing in Saturday's final events are as follows:

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Fernandomania returns to LA

By The Associated Press

The Los Angeles Dodgers haven't seen this kind of start since Fernandomania 21 years ago.

Kazuhisa Ishii became the first Dodgers rookie to win his first five decisions since Fernando Valenzuela in 1981, beating the Chicago Cubs 5-4 Sunday in the first game of a doubleheader sweep.

"I don't recall having won five in a row before," said Ishii, who made 244 appearances in a 10-season Japanese league career. "But my personal records are not what's important."

Ishii (5-0) allowed one run and three hits in seven innings, striking out eight. He is off to the best start for a Dodgers rookie starter since Valenzuela began 8-0 in 1981.

He's not the only Dodger pitching well. After Odalis Perez pitched a one-hitter in the series opener, Andy Ashby finished the three-game sweep by allowing one hit in eight scoreless innings of Los Angeles' 4-1 win in Sunday's nightcap.

"It's not about 'I want to pitch better than this guy,'" Ashby said. "I want to see everybody in here do well."

In other NL games, it was: Colorado 4, Philadelphia 2; Houston 7, Atlanta 1; Arizona 5, Florida 4; San Francisco 5, Cincinnati 4; New York 9, Milwaukee 6; and Montreal 5, St. Louis 2. Pittsburgh and San

Diego split a doubleheader, with the Pirates winning the opener at home 3-2 and losing the second game 7-2.

Los Angeles has won 10 of 13, while the Cubs fell to 8-15, including 4-10 at home. Chicago had just five runs and 10 hits in the series.

"It all looks a lot worse when you're not hitting," Cubs manager Don Baylor said. "We're trying to give the pitcher some kind of run early to help him relax."

Brian Jordan hit a three-run homer in the ninth, and Mark Grudzielanek and Chad Kreuter added RBIs for the Dodgers in the opener.

Juan Cruz (0-5) allowed two runs in six innings of the opener, but remained winless despite a 2.33 ERA. Jason Bere (1-3) lost the second game for Chicago.

Rockies 4, Phillies 2
Jason Jennings (2-2) allowed four hits in even shutout innings and Todd Helton hit a two-run homer off Randy Wolf (1-1) and Colorado improved to 3-0 under new manager Clint Hurdle.

Philadelphia has lost five straight and nine of 10, including going homerless in the three games at Coors Field.

Pirates 3, Padres 2
Padres 7, Pirates 2

Brian Giles hit a go-ahead triple off Alan Embree (2-1) in the seventh as Pittsburgh rallied from a 2-0 deficit in the opener.

San Diego's Ben Howard — the lone survivor of the Feb. 15 highway accident that killed

Padres outfielder Mike Darr and minor leaguer Duane Johnson — made his major league debut and allowed one run and four hits in five innings.

Scott Sauerbeck (1-0) pitched 1 2-3 innings, and Mike Williams got his 10th save, stranding the potential tying run on third.

Brian Tollberg (1-3), in danger of being demoted to the minors, held Pittsburgh to two runs in six-plus innings of the second game and San Diego scored five runs in the third against Jimmy Anderson (2-3).

Ryan Klesko drove in five runs in the doubleheader.

Astros 7, Braves 1

Carlos Hernandez (2-0) allowed four hits in seven shutout innings and struck out six, and visiting Houston took a 6-1 lead with a four-run eighth off reliever Mike Remlinger.

Atlanta's Chipper Jones left after the seventh with a sprained right thumb. He collided with catcher Brad Ausmus in a play at the plate that ended the third.

Albie Lopez (1-2) allowed two runs in 5 1-3 innings.

Diamondbacks 5, Marlins 4

Curt Schilling (5-1) struck out 13 in seven innings, allowing four runs and six hits at Florida.

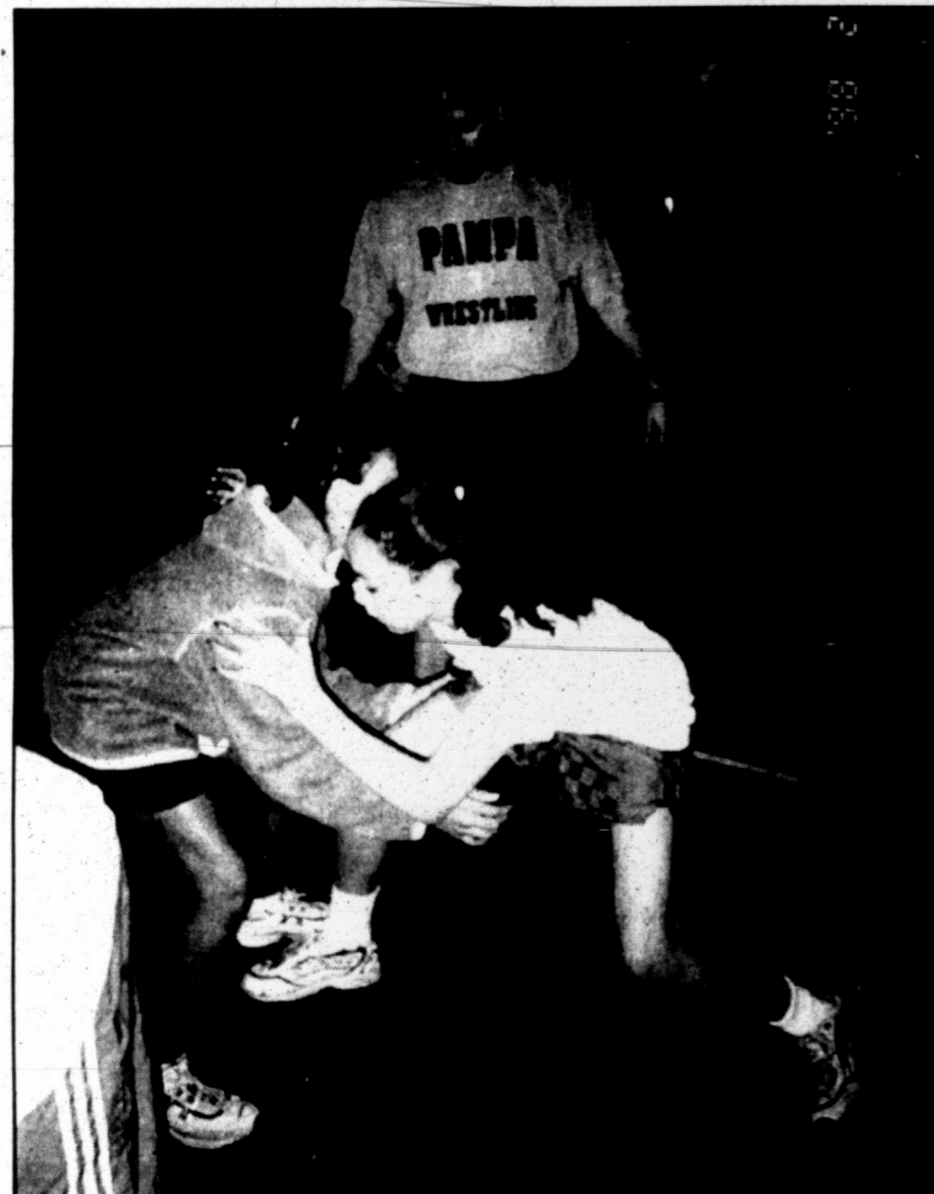
Steve Finley, Damian Miller and Mark Grace hit consecutive two-out solo home runs against rookie Josh Beckett (0-2) in the sixth as Arizona rallied from a 3-2 deficit.

Byung-Hyun Kim got four outs for his fifth save.

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BASEBALL						American League					
National League						At A Glance					
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East Division						East Division					
Montreal	W	L	Pct	GB		Boston	W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	15	10	.600	—		New York	16	10	.615	1 1/2	
Florida	12	13	.480	—		Baltimore	11	13	.458	5 1/2	
Atlanta	12	14	.462	3 1/2		Tampa Bay	9	13	.409	6 1/2	
Philadelphia	8	17	.320	7		Toronto	8	15	.348	8	
Central Division						Central Division					
Cincinnati	W	L	Pct	GB		Chicago	W	L	Pct	GB	
Pittsburgh	15	9	.625	—		Chicago	15	10	.600	—	
St. Louis	14	9	.609	1/2		Minnesota	14	11	.560	1	
Houston	12	13	.480	3 1/2		Cleveland	13	12	.520	2	
Chicago	11	13	.458	4		Kansas City	7	15	.318	6 1/2	
Milwaukee	8	15	.348	6 1/2		Detroit	7	16	.304	7	
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Colorado	9	16	.360	7							

Wrestling moves



(Courtesy photo)

Coach Justin Turner shows middle school students Nikki Gardner and Veronica Vela a few wrestling techniques. Turner, the high school wrestling coach, teaches physical education classes at the middle school.

Mavericks move on in playoffs

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Don Nelson thought the Dallas Mavericks were vulnerable, and it didn't matter that his team was on the verge of a sweep.

The Dallas coach can relax, for now. The Mavericks beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 115-102 Sunday, advancing to the second round of the playoffs after three straight victories.

"People will look at it and think it was easy," Nelson said. "I don't look at it that way. I approached that if we lost today, we'd lose the series."

Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 of his 39 points before halftime and Michael Finley had 13 of his 30 in the third quarter to carry Dallas.

Steve Nash added 25 points and 11 assists for Dallas, which shot 13-for-24 from 3-point range and advanced to the second round for the second consecutive year. The Mavericks will play the winner of the Utah-Sacramento series.

"We're trying to go all the way this year," Nowitzki said. "We're deep enough and talented enough, so why not?"

The Timberwolves are not about to disagree.

"They've got a dangerous team," coach Flip Saunders said.

Kevin Garnett had 22 points and 17 rebounds, and Wally Szczerbiak and Anthony Peeler each scored 20 points for the Timberwolves, who made

their sixth straight first-round exit from the playoffs.

The Mavericks, after winning the first two in Dallas, withstood a 22-7 run by Minnesota to start the fourth quarter behind a deafening Target Center crowd of 18,795.

Up by 18 starting the fourth, Dallas suddenly went cold as Minnesota drew to 104-101 on a free throw by Garnett with under three minutes to go.

But Eduardo Najera's rebound and putback after a timeout put the Mavericks back up by five, and Szczerbiak's 3-point attempt rimmed out with 2:00 to go.

Nash sank a 3 on the other end to make it 109-101, and Peeler's pass went right to Finley in the lane on the next possession.

"We want early shots," Nowitzki said. "For us, that's money. We're at our best when we run."

Nowitzki had 17 rebounds and shot 11-for-17 from the field and 14-for-16 from the line. He scored 100 points in the series.

"He's a matchup nightmare," said Szczerbiak, who did a decent job defending Finley but, like the rest of his teammates, could only shake his head at some of the shots the Mavericks made.

Chauncey Billups, who scored 16 points, made an open 3-pointer with 3:48 left in the third to bring Minnesota to 85-77, but then Finley scored eight points during a

12-0 run by Dallas to give the Mavericks their biggest lead at 97-77 just before the end of the quarter.

The Wolves fell behind by as many as 19 in the first half. They climbed back when Garnett sat after picking up his third foul with 6:09 left in the half. Minnesota went on a 15-5 run to cut the lead to six before Dallas bumped it back to 67-57 at halftime.

Instead of getting beat on the fast break as they did in Game 2, the Timberwolves were hurt by turnovers and misses on short shots and free throws. They shot only 68 percent from the line.

"We weren't as relaxed," Saunders said. "That's not going to cut it."

Notes: Minnesota F Joe Smith, who played sparingly as a reserve for Minnesota in the first two games, started his first playoff game in two years and scored five points in 18 minutes. ... Minnesota's Gary Trent entered late in the first quarter and was fouled hard by Greg Buckner. Trent deliberately bumped shoulders with Buckner on his way to the foul line, prompting Buckner to walk over and put a finger in Trent's chest. Trent was later called for a flagrant foul in the second quarter when he clobbered Finley in the lane. ... Dallas scored 45 points in a quarter last year once during its second-round series with San Antonio. ... Garnett had three points in the fourth on 1-for-5 shooting.

Hearings start on skating scandal

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — The French judge at the center of the Olympic figure skating scandal complained Monday that she was the victim of an "organized massacre."

The International Skating Union opened hearings into the dispute Monday amid legal wrangling and the likelihood the case will drag on for some time. A lawyer described the opening session of the hearings as "intense."

Judge Marie-Reine Le Gougne and French skating boss Didier Gailhaguet were called before the council to answer charges they manipulated the result of the pairs' competition at the Salt Lake City Games.

Le Gougne was suspended indefinitely by the ISU for alleged misconduct after initially declaring she was instructed by Gailhaguet to vote for the victorious Russian pair ahead of the Canadians.

Le Gougne later retracted the accusation against Gailhaguet, saying she was in emotional distress at the time and had been harassed by ISU officials into making false claims against him.

Gailhaguet has denied any wrongdoing.

ISU president Ottavio Cinquanta said Monday he hopes the hearings will pre-

vent further scandals and help reform the sport.

"We want to resolve the grave matter of Salt Lake City once and for all," he told The Associated Press. "But we also think the consequences of the hearing can have a positive effect for the whole sport."

Cinquanta said he expects the council to deliver its verdict by Tuesday evening. Until then, all parties in the case were asked to observe a confidentiality agreement.

"It's going very professionally, very respectfully," Cinquanta said after Monday morning's three-hour session. "The general atmosphere is good."

Max Miller, one of Le Gougne's American attorneys, declined to discuss details of the meeting. But when asked to describe the atmosphere, he replied, "intense."

Le Gougne and Gailhaguet appeared separately before the council.

Le Gougne, wearing a blue pinstriped pants suit, declined to comment after coming out of the conference room.

In an interview in Monday's edition of the French sports paper L'Equipe, she claimed the case was stacked against her.

"It's a one-way hearing, an organized massacre," Le Gougne said.

Horoscope

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2002
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) **★★★★** Reach out for others. Start up a more-than-needed chat. Not everything is as it seems to be. In fact, with some perspective, a little research and some discussion, your view changes. Take charge of this project. Tonight: Willingly put in the extra hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **★★★★** Laugh, as you suddenly see the fog lift on a money matter. Discuss money with another who understands you and your long-term desires. Do nothing halfway right now. Unexpected news heads your way. Deal with those in authority. Tonight: Hop on the Internet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **★★★★** Mercury moves into your sign, empowering you. You feel better than you have in a while. You verbalize your feelings far more clearly at this point. Others who have been challenging you ease up. Schedule important discussions in the late afternoon. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **★★★★** Head in to work and try to cut some of the inner conversations you are having. Be more nurturing to those around you. Listen more to a beloved friend. Let this person run with the ball

for now. You don't need to interfere. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **★★★★** A friend whispers in your ear. You'll hear important pieces of information more often in the next few weeks. Use your creativity when dealing with others. Don't take an opposite point of view, but also don't agree unless you're sure. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **★★★★** A boss makes more inquiries and surprises you. Just because he or she has assumed a low profile for a while doesn't mean this will continue. In fact, you could find your associates to be unusually verbal. Deal with your family and home life with more imagination. Tonight: Play away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **★★★★** You hear news from someone at a distance. Don't listen to this person, especially if he or she is known for indulging in gossip. Evaluate news and verify facts. Deal with work quietly, perhaps with the door closed. Success will greet you. Tonight: Get into a project with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **★★★★** A partner finally expresses his or her opinions. What works for this person could surprise you. Not everything is as simple as you would like it to be. Keep moving forward, dealing with facts. Schedule a discussion later in the day, when you're more relaxed. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **★★★★** Your smile and positive ways finally bring the results you want. Nothing happens quite as you thought, but you adapt well. Financial matters play into your decisions. Think in terms of gains and new directions. Tonight: Pay bills first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **★★★★** What you hear could have you rethinking a key day-to-day matter. Not everything occurs as you would like. Use your instincts with a money matter. You get a second wind as the day gets older. Flow with the moment. Tonight: Keep smiling.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **★★★★** Your friends gather around you. A child or loved one finally chooses to loosen up. You have reason to smile from ear to ear. Discuss your feelings, as well. You could be surprised by what goes on. Carefully consider your options over the next few days. Tonight: Take some time for yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **★★★★** A boss pushes, and you have no choice but to respond. Another gives you feedback that could involve your family and home. Listen, but don't take anything for certain until you have the check or a written agreement. Tonight: Celebrate.

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