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Supercenter floor down, walls up

Wal-Mart officials host walk-through for city, county representatives

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Supercenter, 28th Avenue and ner. Charles Street.

"I love doing work in towns like

Wal-Mart officials hosted a touz Pampa. You've made us feel at home, walls and roof are in place, but inteand luncheon Wednesday to show I want to thank you for everything rior finishing touches have not been visitors the progress on the building. you've done for us," said Gregg completed. Climate control systems The concrete floor is down and the About 75 visitors and 70 on-site Bradshaw, vice president of Hill & have been installed, and the fuel outer walls are up at the Wal-Mart, workers sat down to a barbeque din- Wilkinson Ltd. General Contractors, island has been built. of Plano.

The concrete foundation and outer

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(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Carol Carter, right, manager of the Pampa Wal Mart, visits with Shelly Cook of Great Plains Abstract and Title Company Wednesday during a tour and luncheon hosted by Wal-Mart at its new Supercenter, 28th Avenue and Charles Street. The new store will open on Oct. 27, and will require 287 new employees in addition to those already working for Wal-Mart, Carter said.



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(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Bryan Criswell, left, and his son Derek Criswell, both of Fritch, were among about 70 workers served at a barbecue luncheon Wednesday at the site of Pampa's new Wal-Mart Supercenter. About 75 visitors were also served during the luncheon...

City awaits word on Lubbock water sale

PGWCD staff work on water rule wording

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Pampa City Manager John Horst is CRMWA's pipeline, is

awaiting a reply from Chester another. But with its Carthel with the City of Lubbock.

has plenty. If everything works out. Pampa has a potential Pampa could add some funds to its surplus and may be city coffers if Lubbock decides it able to turn that extra wants to buy some more water.

Horst said he has talked with selling part of its water Carthel in Lubbock and is waiting to authority allotment. see how interested the South Plains city is in buying water.

they're interested."

Pampa is one of 11 cities that get of its allotment of water

Ogallala Aquifer depletion rate

water from the Canadian River from CRMWA to Lubbock. Municipal Water Authority.

own well field just Lubbock needs water and Pampa south of the city, water into money by

Richard Morris, Pampa's director of Horst "They'll respond," Horst said, "if public works, said

it, but they had to pay us for it tions.

anyway.

Plains city. "That's a possibility," Morris confirmed this week.

that in the past Pampa has sold part cated, Morris said. "We have excess lake allocations

execution is a bit more compli- from wells.

of water," Morris said, "but we don't, "Only for a couple of years," at the current mix rate, have excess Lubbock, toward the southern end of Morris said, "and they never did use Robert County well field alloca-

While drought conditions have Former City Manager Mitch caused Lubbock to search for more Grant had approached water, the same dry conditions have Lubbock earlier this fiscal year lowered the water level in Lake with the idea of again selling. Meredith. As the water levels in the some of Pampa's CRMWA lake become lower, the salinity of the water allotment to the South water goes up. In order to maintain water quality and make up for the loss of quantity of water from the lake, the Canadian River Municipal The idea is simple, but the Water Authority has added water

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WHITE DEER - C.E. Williams

By DAVID BOWSER

Staff Writer

of directors passed a new set of rules following a public hearing. They voted to accept all the new sial one, the one dealing with everybody will buy into."

depletion of water in the eight counties, including Gray County, sensus.

over which they have domain. and his staff are busy writing the district, told the board this week last section of new district water during their monthly meeting here In May, the Panhandle Ground ing he and his staff went back to rated thickness will be recalculated Water Conservation District board square one and reviewed each comment concerning the depletion rule.

"We started completely over," Williams said. "We wanted to come rules except for the most controver- up with a consensus plan that use of the water being pumped

Tuesday, he presented the con- Williams put forth Tuesday calls

Under the proposed new rule, the that might change. Williams, general manager of the district will set the acceptable ly of the saturated thickness in varthat following May's public hear- ious parts of the aquifer. That satuevery five years.

setting up sub-areas within the disfrom the aquifer. The proposal

for 15 sub-areas, although he said

The proposal remains based on decline rate at 1.25 percent annual- the 50-50 rule, 50 percent of the water will remain in storage in the aquifer after 50 years, and a one acre-foot per year production rate.

Williams said that in talking with The proposed rule will require those who made comments at the rules hearing in May, he thinks he trict based on the hydrology and has reached a conceptual agree-

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Obituaries

Jerry Lynn Gallimore, 49

of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 23, 2004, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Michael Patrick Kirby officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gallimore was born July 3, 1955, in Pampa, where he had been a resident most of his life. He married and husband J.R., all of whatley.com.

Jerry Lynn Gallimore, 49, Dorothy Taylor on Sept. 26, Stillwell, Okla., Linda Riggs 1994, in Perryton.

He was employed in the oilfield for over 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Gallimore, of the home; one son, Christopher Lane Gallimore of Pampa; two sisters, Gayle Poole and husband Gene of Canadian and Barbara Diane Gallimore of Pampa; five sisters-in-law, Nancy Gallimore of Lubbock, Donnie Dugger and husband ter

and husband George of Sayre, Okla., and Pat Nelson and husband Chester of Seiling, Okla.; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association, 6605 I-40 West, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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William Henry Shafer, 91

CAMAS, Wash. William Henry Shafer, 91, died Wednesday, July 21, 2004. Services are scheduled at 1 p.m. Friday at Straub's Funeral Home.

Vault interment will be in Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, Wash. Arrangements are under the direction of Straub's Funeral Home in

Mr. Shafer was born Feb. 8, 1913, at Chandler, Okla., to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shafer. He lived at Pampa for 58 years, working as a

gasoline plant operator for an oil refinery for more than 30 years before retiring in 1978.

After retirement, he continued to work, painting houses and maintaining lawns.

He enjoyed pitching horseshoes and reading western novels. Mr. Shafer was a U.S.

Army veteran, serving during World War II. He was preceded in death by Lucille, his wife of 65

years, in 2003.

daughter, Carolyn and P.D. James of Camas; a son, Elzie Lee Teague of Oklahoma City, Okla.; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-greatgrandchildren.

The body will be available for viewing from 9 a.m. until Friday. noon Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.straubsfuneralhome.com.

The family requests memorials be to Liberty Bible Church of the Nazarene, 12401 Salmon Survivors include his Creek, Vancouver, Wash.

Services tomorrow₋

BERTRAM, Lambert "Buck" — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

GALLIMORE, Jerry Lynn — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial

SHAFER, William Henry — 1 p.m., Straub's Funeral Home, Camas, Wash. **SLOAN,** Fred R. Jr. — 11 a.m., Memory Gardens West Mausoleum, Pampa.

Gray County Weather-



This weather picture is the work of Braden Clay, 6.

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy and hot, with a high around 97. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast.

Friday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 40 per-

thunderstorms. cloudy, with a low near 59. East northeast wind around 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. East southeast wind between 10 and 15. mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around cent chance of showers and 81. East southeast wind



around 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. East southeast wind between 10 and 15

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Tuesday, July 20

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 7800 block of North Deane Drive. Jewelry and electronics valued at \$1,000 were taken.

Wednesday, July 21

Amber L. Caviness, 21, 533 Doyle, was arrested in the 800 block of North Wells on a bond surrender for a charge of failure to identify.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Wednesday, July 21

Timothy Joe Broadbent, 24, 714 N. Zimmers, was arrested for driving with an invalid license.

Kenneth Lee Hair, 30, Capri Motel, was arrested for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on a blue warrant for parole revocation concerning a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Raymond Ray Hughes, 21, Berry, Ky., was arrested on a probation violation for a charge of possession of marijuana.

Randy DeWayne Cox, 24, 1033 Huff, was arrested for a probation violation on a charge of possession of marijuana, and for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Fire

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

Thursday, July 22

12:47 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 800 block of North Frost.

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A&M may challenge UT to run Los Alamos

'We haven't

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partnership with the

UT System.'

— Lee Peddicord

A&M vice chancellor

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas and Texas A&M systems may compete for the contract to operate Los Alamos National Laboratory, the federal nuclear weapons lab in New Mexico.

Both university systems have filed formal statements expressing interest in bidding to operate the lab. Neither has made a final decision on whether to bid.

The UT System's interest has been well known since February, when regents decided to explore the possibility.

The Texas A&M System filed a statement with the U.S. Department of Energy last week expressing its interest in Los Alamos, but the department did not post a notice of the filing on its Web site until this week, the Austin American-Statesman = reported Thursday.

Texas A&M already is pursuing the contract to operate the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory in conjunction with three industrial partners.

It's possible that the rival Texas university systems could fashion a joint bid to operate Los Alamos.

"We haven't excluded any possibilities, and we are keen on exploring a partnership with the UT System," said Lee Peddicord, vice chancellor for research and federal relations at the A&M System. "We'd rather it be Longhorns and Aggies."

No talks between the two systems have taken place, but "we have indicated we are interested in holding some discussions with them," Peddicord said.

Randa Safady, vice chancellor for external relations for the UT System, said talks have taken place with a number of potential partners but not with A&M. She said she didn't know whether a collaboration with

the A&M System is something UT would consider and that it would be up to the chancellor and regents.

"Texas A&M and UT institutions have done a lot of collaborative things on the academic side. Athletics is probably the only area where we have never shared a team," she said.

Los Alamos, one of two government nuclear weapons laboratories, has been operated by the University of

California since it was established in 1943 as part of the Manhattan Project, which produced the first atomic bombs.

Problems with security and money management have prompted the federal government to open the contract to competition for the first time.

The two Texas university systems are expected to make final decisions on competing for the contract after the U.S. Energy Department issues a request for proposals spelling out details. That request is expected later this year, said Kevin Schweers, a spokesman for U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas.

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Sept. 11 panel recommends broad intelligence overhaul in final report

WASHINGTON (AP) — government's efforts to intelligence center and high- as well as more unity in ist attacks because it failed to Laden's plot. appreciate the threat posed by mission said Thursday.

In issuing the panel's final upside down." Tom Kean said none of the mended the creation of a new U.S. intelligence apparatus, replace need to know."

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The United States govern- thwart a known threat from level intelligence director to Congress and a smoother ment could not protect its cit- al-Qaida had "disturbed or improve the nation's ability to transition between presidenizens from the Sept. 11 terror- even delayed" Osama bin disrupt future terrorist cies, to ensure "that this attacks.

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turned international order chairman, Lee Hamilton, processing and using that called for "a shift in mind-set information," Hamilton said. report, commission chairman The commission recom- and organization" within the "The need to share must

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"All the water being sent down the pipeline is blended," Morris said. "That complicates it."

What would be involved, Horst said, it essential-

ly a three-way trade. Pampa would trade some of their lake water to Borger for some of their ground water. Borger, Horst said, has a use for some of the lake water. Pampa, in turn, would sell that ground water allotment to Lubbock.

Horst said this week that he has talked with Jim Harder with the City of Borger concerning the proposition.

"If Lubbock's interested," Horst said, "Borger's interested in trying to work something out."

Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA general manager, said he has talked with all three cities and indicated that if all are willing participants, he sees no problem with idea.

hour photo processing, and a fuel island with gasoline and diesel.

"I'm amazed at how big it is," said Gray County Attorney Josh Seabourn.

Bryan Criswell of Fritch, an employee of Howard's Mechanical, said he had turned on the air conditioners on Monday in order to get the building to comfortable temperature for Wednesday's event. Criswell and his son, Derek, are a father-and-son team

den center, general merchandise, one is capable of keeping the big building at 72 degrees if desired, Criswell said.

The garden center in the new store will be larger than the one in the existing store, Carter said, as will the fabrics and crafts, sporting goods, and hardware and paint departments.

Wal-Mart officials estimate another 287 workers will be hired to set up and operate the new Supercenter, Carter said. Of those 287, 70 percent will be full time employees, she said.

As of July 19, there were 161 Pampa Wal-Mart employees, she said.

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Carol Carter, manager of the Pampa Wal-Mart, showed visitors around the huge space, noting where each department of the Supercenter would be located. The store will include a bank, beauty salon, vision center, grill and snack bar, full grocery including a deli who have been working on the new and bakery, a tire and lube center, gar-store's air conditioning system, which

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Williams said of his proposal. "At least enough to move to Susan Once the wording has been Trust

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Frank Heare; mit from Carl and Pat Coffee, Walter Coffee and Hearne; Wyeth J. Osborne; new rules with an initial pro-Venita Richerson; James H. duction permit. Williams said The board denied pending Roberts; Gwen Gill most of the people that had applied for the high impact T.J. production permit have applied and been granted initial production permits.



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Viewpoints

Hooks bring new meaning to painful youth

the generation gap yawns, ever-widening

In fact, "gap" is not the right word to describe the vast quantity of space between the hip, young things of today and me.

Whole galaxies could fill that region of incomprehension. And after reading an on-line article by Reuters recently, I am devoutly thankful that space is there.

Reuters reports that "young people" in the Florida Keys are actually suspending themselves from meat hooks inserted beneath their flesh.

Isn't that interesting? I suppose it is somewhat heartening that the location for this strange pastime is

The older I get the more the seashore, as opposed to the traditional meat locker.

You know, you haven't lived until you've dangled from a couple of meat hooks while hanging out, no pun intended, at the beach. Now, isn't that appealing?

It brings a whole new perspective to fun in the sun, were left don't you think?

How ideal. I can see it as if on a movie screen ... or an alcoholic beverage commercial, whichever you prefer.

The sun, the sand, the surf, the tan good-looking hottie swaying in the air beside me, firmly impaled by his meat hooks. The romance of it all!

I've got goose bumps. Er, no, my mistake.

I'm afraid that was just

my flesh crawling.

It sounds like the perfect idea for a Stephen King novel. Something like "Fishing for Generation ..." let's say "I" for idiot, and for etching said initials into the subtitle: "The night the

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young people on the hook while the tide crept **News Editor** in, bringing them ever

closer to the creatures of the deep ..." Youngsters seem preoccupied today with inflicting pain, not on others which is

bad enough, but on them-

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To be permanently scarred by thine own hand or not to be ... You would think the answer so obvious that posing the question would seem superfluous and silly. Alas, this logic the leaders of tomorrow apparently are not willing to embrace.

And to think, I have spent my entire life in the pursuit of avoiding pain and suffering while these flinty young individuals seem dedicated to finding new, more bizarre methods of intentionally damaging, maiming or otherwise harming their physical beings.

What possible enlighten-

ment could lie at the end of this masochistic rainbow to beguile the youth of today to indulge in such self-destructive behavior? Or is "fun" the attraction?

If so, my fun-factor must be way off beam because hanging by a meat hook at the beach does nothing for me other than elicit a wince and a shudder at the agony implied by such an undertaking, nor does hacking into my skin to satisfy a passing fancy.

I can't help but hark back to simpler times when covering a notebook page with "Jane loves Johnny" (preferably in purple or pink ink) sufficed, but, I suppose, nowadays that's simply too tame?

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 22, the 204th day of 2004. There are 162 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 22, 1933, American aviator Wiley Post completed the first solo flight around the world in seven days, 18 and three-quarter hours.

On this date:

In 1796, Cleveland, Ohio, was founded by General Moses Cleaveland.

In 1916, a bomb went off during a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco, killing 10 people.

In 1934, a man identified as bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater.

In 1937, the Senate rejected President Franklin D. Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Supreme

In 1942, gasoline rationing involving the use of coupons

The truth is all things seen under the form of eternity.

George Santayana Spanish-American Philosopher began along the Atlantic seaboard.

In 1943, American forces led by Gen. George S. Patton captured Palermo, Sicily.

In 1946, Jewish extremists blew up a wing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 90 peo-

In 1975, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to restore the American citizenship of

Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

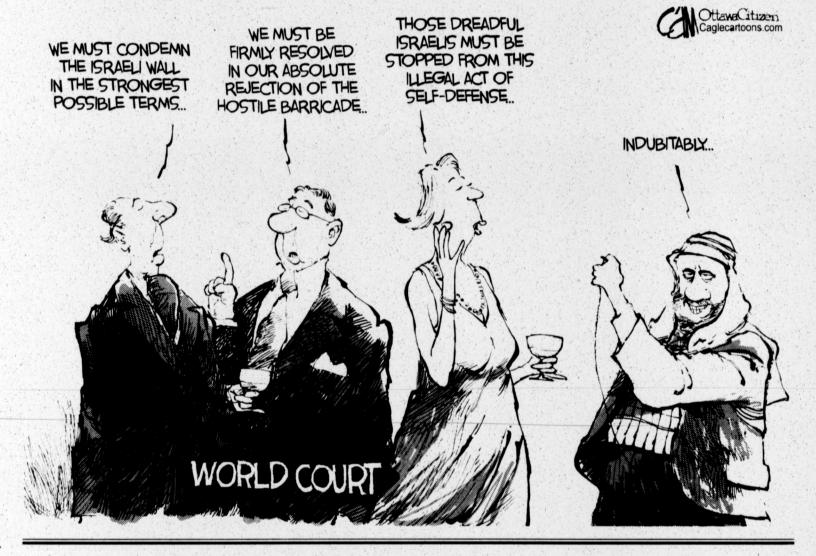
In 1983, Samantha Smith and her parents returned home to Manchester, Maine, after completing a whirlwind tour of the Soviet Union.

In 1995, Susan Smith was convicted by a jury in Union, S.C., of first-degree murder for drowning her two sons. (She was later sentenced to life in prison.)

Ten years ago: O.J. Simpson pleaded innocent to the slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Five years ago: Family members watched mournfully from the deck of a Navy destroyer as the ashes of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, were cast into the sea off Martha's Vineyard, consigned to the depths where they'd died.

One year ago: Saddam Hussein's sons Odai and Qusai were killed when U.S. forces stormed a villa in Mosul, Iraq. Months after her prisoner-of-war ordeal, Pvt. 1st Class Jessica Lynch returned home to a hero's welcome in Elizabeth, W.Va.



Canada's health care isn't free

Let's start out by not quibbling with America's socialthat people should have referral regardless of whether they can pay for it or not and that eral practiit should be free. Before we tioner to buy into this socialist agenda, we might check out just what happens when healthcare services are "free." Let's look at our neighbor to the north - Canada.

The Fraser Institute, a Vancouver, B.C.-based think tank, has done yeoman's work keeping track of Canada's socialized healthcare system. It has just come

out with its 13th annual diagnostic procedures such Denied: ists' false claim that health- that the average time a (CT), magnetic resonance care service is a human right patient waited between imaging (MRI) and ultra-

> from a gen-Walter Williams treatment rose from Columnist 16.5 weeks in 2001-02

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weeks in 2003. Saskatchewan had the longest average waiting time of nearly 30 weeks, while Ontario had the shortest, 14 weeks.

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waiting-list survey. It shows as computer tomography sound.

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times can range from two to 24 weeks.

As reported in a December 2003 story by Kerri Houston for the Frontiers of Freedom "Access

Healthcare System Turns Patients Into Victims," in some instances, patients die on the waiting list because they become too sick to tolerate a procedure. Houston says that hip-replacement patients often end up nonambulatory while waiting an average of 20 weeks for the procedure, and that's after having waited 13 weeks just to see the specialist. The wait to get diagnostic scans followed by the wait for the radiologist to read them just might explain

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Water planning short on supply

Dallas Morning News

on water planning gets short

If you want to see the ripple effects of Austin's failure to deal with school finance, look at the state's water policy. Senate panel hearings on this subject stopped cold turkey in April when lawmakers rushed over to deal with the education mess, where they remain stuck since a special school finance session collapsed 64 days ago...

The Senate water committee should have reconvened by now to find ways to move water from one part of Texas to another so that everyone

that aquifers dry up.

That challenge will require changing the law that Though

known technically as the "rule of capture," some farm-

ranchers sarcastically refer to the law as the "rule of the big straw." He who has the biggest straw slurps the biggest

Increasingly, the big straw belongs to cities and suburbs

The Dallas Morning News has enough but not so much residents. El Paso. Amarillo. San Antonio. Dallas-Fort Worth. It's only natural they look to the Panhandle and governs underground water. other parts of the state with

underground **Texas Thoughts** But Texas

> have a limitless supply; more than

doesn't

25 percent of our aquifers have gone dry. That's partly because we use more groundwater than any state except California.

A good solution would be to amend the rule of capture hunting for water for their to allow landowners to keep

pumping so long as they did not dry up their neighbors' wells. Cities still could buy water from landowners, but not if the pumping harmed other landowners. This kind of checks and balances makes sense: providing for folks now and preserving enough for future genera-

Democratic Sen. Ken Armbrister of Victoria and his team have scheduled a hearing for Aug. 4. That's good. But time's wasting. They need to present a plan to the 2005 Legislature. And that session is only six months away.

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Pampa's 'ambassadors'

In celebration of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, 2004, Pampans were well represented at the White House ceremony on May 27 which brought together more than 200 outstanding members of the Asian/Pacific American community from throughout the United States. Attending the ceremony were, from left, Ambassador Sichan Siv and his wife, Martha Pattillo Siv, a Pampa native; Liz Horton and J.B. Horton, also a native Pampan. J.B. Horton works in the White House Liaison Office at the United States Department of State. Ambassador Siv is a U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Liz Horton is the British Defense Staff Education Coordinator at the British Embassy, Washington, D.C., and Martha Pattillo Siv is a staff member of the World Bank, Washington, DC.

Care

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Cleveland, Ohio, has become Canada's hipreplacement center.

Adding to Canada's medical problems is the exodus of doctors. According to a March 2003 story in Canada (www.canoe.ca), about 10,000 doctors left Canada during the 1990s. Compounding the exodus of doctors is the drop in medical school graduates. According to Houston, Ontario has chosen to turn to nurses to replace its bolting doctors. It's "creating" 369 new positions for nurse practitioners to take up the slack for the doctor shortage.

ices by paying for private enacted Bill 82,

an "Amendment Strengthen Legislation and Protect Patients." On its face, Bill 82 is to "protect patients from inadvertent billing errors. That's. on its

But according to a January 2004 article written by Nadeem

Institute's Forum and titled "Oh to Be a Prisoner," Bill 82 would disallow anyone from paying the clinical fees Some patients avoided for private surgery, where

long waits for medical serv- previously only the patients themselves were forbidden treatment. In 2003, the gov- from doing so. The bill also ernment of British Columbia gives the government the power to

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The problem with a good or service having a zero price is that demand is going to exceed supply."

> Walter Williams Columnist

Esmail for the Fraser out of the Canadian healthcare system and pay for your own surgery.

that doesn't mean it's free or exodus of doctors.

FBI Special Agent Steve

for more than an hour gers, checked identifications ger. and searched overhead luggage racks.

Dan Stessel, a spokesman for Amtrak, said there was "an active police investigation. Until it's wrapped up, we can't comment on it."

their patience.

Taylor said transit police officers came down the aisle of each car, asking to see the identification of each passenger and checking the information with small hand-held computer devices.

brought aboard the train.

on or off the train, and the nearby platform was cordoned off with yellow police tape, Taylor said.

A woman who was

has a zero cost. The problem with a good or service having a zero price is that demand is going to exceed supply. When price isn't allowed to make demand equal supply, other measures must be taken.

One way to distribute the demand over a given supply is through queuing - making people wait. Another way is to have a medical czar who decides who is eligible, under what conditions, for a particular procedure - for n o w example, no hip replacement against or renal dialysis for people Canadian over 70 or no heart transplants for smokers.

I'm wondering just how many Americans would like Canada's long waiting lists, Health care can have a medical czars deciding what zero price to the user, but treatments we get and an

Police question passengers aboard N.J. train NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A tion who needed to get off Kodak, a spokesman for the

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Washington-to-New York the train should speak to agency's Newark office, said Amtrak train was detained authorities. Stessel would not say if tion to investigate, but he Thursday morning while the train or its passengers could not elaborate. police questioned passen- were considered to be in dan-

AP Sports Editor Terry Taylor, who boarded the train in Philadelphia, said the train was held in Newark Penn Station shortly after 8 a.m. and departed at 9:30 a.m. Taylor said no explanation was given; but an announcement thanked passengers for

Police also searched overhead luggage compartments with a metal wand, and at least one police dog was

Police didn't allow anyone

addressing passengers' said anyone with a medical condi-

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Community happenings

. The next Pampa Area Singles Dance will be held from 8-11 p.m., Saturday, July 24, at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. The dance will feature Mike Porter. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol is allowed. For more information, call 665-7059.

· Pampa Lions Club Day/Night Golf Scramble is scheduled at Hidden Hills Golf Course Friday, Aug. 6. Registration for the four-person scramble will kick-off at 5:30 p.m. Only one player per team with a nine or less handicap will be allowed. The entry fee is \$45 and includes a cart, green fees and a "glow ball." Hamburgers and drinks will be provided. For more information, contact David at Hidden Hills, 669-5866.

 Princess Warriors, a support group for women with gynecologic cancer, meets at 5:30 p.m., the first Tuesday

of each month in the Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheater in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673 or (806) 934-2364.

 The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer the "Quit Club" for smokers from 6-7 p.m., the third Monday of each month at various intervals at the center's Quality of Life Center. For more information or to register for the next session, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 214.

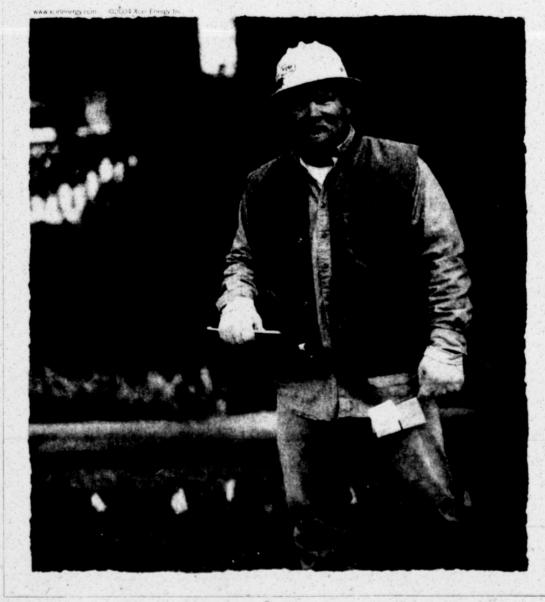
· Crown of Texas Hospice is offering SKY Teens, a monthly bereavement series for teens grades 9-12 who are grieving the death of a loved one, from 5:30-7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at its office at 1000 S. Jefferson in Amarillo. There is no charge for the series. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

In-laws sue Harris over son's death

HOUSTON (AP) - The parents of a man who was fatally run down by his wife in a jealous rage two years ago have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against their daughter-in-law.

Gerald and Mildred Harris - who stood by daughter-in-law Clara Harris in the murder trial - are asking in a lawsuit filed in Harris County district court for a jury trial to determine monetary damages owed them as a result of their son's death. A rift between the couple and Clara Harris developed after her conviction.

Clara Harris, 46, a dentist, was convicted in February 2003 of murder by running over her orthodontist husband, David, with her Mercedes-Benz after finding him with his mistress at a hotel. Sentenced to 20 years in prison, she is serving time at the Mountain View Unit in Gatesville.



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Dear Abby. By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Unwilling Stepmother in New Mexico" told you she "can't stand" her fiance's 3-year-old daughter and knows she will be forced to care for the child because the mother doesn't want her.

"Unwilling" should do all three of them a huge favor and end the relationship. I married a man two years ago, when my sons were 19 and 21. He had no children of his own and assured me he would accept mine unconditionally.

Now I am constantly berated for not "putting him first" or consulting him each and every time I want to spend time with my sons or help them. I'm heartsick that I didn't see this before I married him. He has since told me that he "thought" he could handle it, but I really believe he thought he could make me choose him over my children.

If "Unwilling" has any doubts, she should not go through with the marriage. I am seriously contemplating divorce because I see no other option.

— FOOLED IN TEXAS

DEAR FOOLED: I advised "Unwilling" that unless she can accept her fiance and his daughter as a package deal and learn to love the little girl, that marriage would be a disservice to all of them. Thank you for adding the voice of experience. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Unwilling Stepmother" seems to be more like a child than an adult. When she became serious with her fiance, how could she not realize that his little girl would be a big part dress to a ball. of her life?

"Unwilling" needs serious family counseling, or to get out of there. She also seems to have no clue about child development. Most 3-yearolds have a very self-centered

view of life. They must be lovingly taught to become giving as they grow.

I married a man with two children eight years ago. As part of our marriage vows, I promised to love his children as my own. It wasn't easy, but today I am reaping the rewards of having two wonderful stepchildren and one biological child. I became very ill after the baby was born, and who do you think was always there to help? Yes -- both of my stepchildren. I love them as my own and could not imagine life without them.

"Unwilling Stepmother" is missing the best chance of her life to really care and to make a difference in that child's life.

—DISGUSTED IN CALI-**FORNIA**

DEAR DISGUSTED: You have made some excellent points in your letter. However, for family counseling to work, all parties have to be honest with each other and willing to compromise. "Unwilling" would be the little one's primary caregiver -- and her mind seemed pretty well made up. Her question was whether she should level with her fiance about her feelings and tell him she's leaving -- or wait for him to figure out how she felt and give her her walking papers.

FROM MY COLLEC-TION OF LIMERICKS:

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Dear Shaq, please promise to keep your thoughts to yourself

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If there is one thing I have tried to embed in people's minds over the years it is to be careful of what you say, it may come back to haunt you.

I didn't get the chance to watch the comedy that was the Shaquille O'Neal press conference this past Tuesday, where he was wheeled in aboard an 18-wheeler, given the key to Miami, FL., and made some of the most amazing predictions I think I have ever heard or read. Suffice to say they might in fact have been warnings.

Pomp and circumstance aside, let's take a look at what the great orator had to say during this dog and pony show.

He promised an NBA championship for Miami. More accurately, he said "He" would bring a championship to the city. First off, athletes guaranteeing championships has long lost its luster and allure. Point of fact is this-many would be wise to never utter such nonsense. Isn't basketball something of a team sport? Would it not have been more appropriate for O'Neal to have

suggested he looks forward to being part of may be right. After all, this giant has sat for shadow that day he and his wife have a championship team? To suggest he alone will bring home the hardware should be cause for concern for his new teammates as well as Miami Heat coaches and front office.

While arriving to his coronation, he said he Michael J. hummed Hail to the Chief, a tune normally reserved for the president of the United States. He hummed the ditty because he said he felt like the president. Shaq

obviously is not too smart. The president deals with issues and concerns far beyond O'Neals' comprehension.

But here is where this whole press conference got odd. He at one point referred to himself as "the Millennium Goliath." Well, what I recall of Goliath, he was smitten by a little guy named David who slung a stone and killed the giant dead with a shot to the noggin. Wait, upon further review, Shaq

many games due to a bum toe.

He suggested he plays his best when he weighs 345 pounds. O'Neal noted, "I need my meat. Put a guy in front of me who eats

salad and cucumber and baked chicken all day, I'll kill him." I too am a beef eater. But I have nothing against vegetarians and I certainly have never threatened to kill them. Perhaps this should serve as a warning to the Miami police

department to keep Shaq away from salad bar patrons as they may be in danger.

He described himself as being like toilet paper, toothpaste and other certain amenities when discussing his age. Carrot Top, Lewis Black and some upstart comic somewhere had better jump on this and get rich right now. Hey Shaq, here's your sign.

But here is my favorite. He told those gathered for the glory of standing in his

already bought a house in the Miami area. But rather than leave it at that, he discloses that he likes to run on the beach naked. He said his wife likes it when he does. Listen, Shaq doesn't run any where. He might stroll or even wander a bit. But I doubt other beach front property owners in his new neighborhood will see him running. He added that if people get pictures of him running in his birthday suit along the beach not to sell them to the Enquirer unless he gets 15 percent. I think a picture of him running period would be worth more. Still, why would you make such a statement? If Michael Jackson or Paul Reubens (Pee Wee Herman) ever made such a comment, we as a nation would demand their head on pikes. But for O'Neal to make his odd habits public is fine it seems.

I wonder what camera sales were like in the Miami area following Tuesday's Shaq-

Benson stock up, Rangers roll

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

National League

Forget about Randy Johnson. Kris Benson could be the most attractive pitcher on the trade market.

Benson gave contending teams another reason to want him, throwing eight impressive innings Wednesday night to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 4-3 victory in Atlanta.

In the final year of his contract and unlikely to re-sign with the last-place Pirates, Benson is being scouted by about a half-dozen clubs as the July 31 deadline approaches tonight would like for trades without waivers.

"There's a lot of talk about him going to other places," Braves manager Bobby Cox sinker and a super said. "I can see why. Scouts who saw him tonight would like him an awful lot. He had a great sinker and a super changeup that he threw to lefties a lot.

"He's really turned into a

pitcher." A pitcher is what almost

every team in the playoff Arizona Diamondbacks' ace, is the most dynamic guy out there, but he would first have to waive his no-trade clause.

It appears only a few big-budget teams, including the New York Yankees, are in the hunt. The five-time Cy Young award winner

is making \$16 million this season and has a \$16 million contract for 2005, the last year of his deal.

Benson, the top pick in the 1996 draft, doesn't have nearly the resume Johnson does, but he's 11 years younger and finally seems to be coming into his own after a string of injuries.

Plus, he provides two options. Some teams might be interested in trading for Benson and signing him to a multiyear deal,

others could look to "rent" him for two months and then

let him leave as a free agent. Either way, he won't come cheap.

Pirates general manager Dave Littlefield probably is looking for a major leagueready position player and a top prospect for the right-hander.

"I know it's a business," said Benson, who has won four of his last five decisions. "As much as I would like to stay here and help these guys -Bobby Cox keep winning, I don't know if Manager, Atlanta the GM is going to let me do Braves that.'

In other NL games, it was: Philadelphia 2, Florida 1; race is shopping for these days. Johnson, the Chicago 5, Cincinnati 4; New York 5, Montreal 4; St. Louis 1, Milwaukee 0; Houston 5, Arizona 2; Colorado 6, Los Angeles 5; and San Diego 7, San Francisco

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PAC swimmers, including Colten Sander and Nicki Cole pictured above, are serving notice they are a force to be reckoned with.

Pampa swimmers proving powerful

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

PAC swimmers did very well over the past weekend in Garden City, Kansas, where they took part in the Western Kansas Swim Club Championship. Each finished among the top eight in one or more events. Proud of his team's efforts, Coach Gree Miller says, "We are on our way to reaching our dream of becoming a swimming power once again here in Pampa."

This coming weekend, PAC team members Nicki Cole, Amber Bradford, Telissa Sealy, Lydia West, Kevin Schepp and Thomas Wilson will be Manhattan, KS., to take part in the Division II meet they qualified for earlier in the season.

finishes including first in the 50-meter free summer.

style. Second in the 100-meter breaststroke, 100-meter free style and 100-meter backstroke. And third in the 200-meter individ-

11-year-old Colten Sander placed first in the 50-meter free style and 50-meter breaststroke. He had second place finishes in the 200-me individual medley 100-meter free style and 200-meter free style. He has earned the right to advance to the Division I meet scheduled for Kansas City in two weeks. Coach Miller notes, "This is a great honor for Colten. He is a hard working young man and will have a strong role in changing Pampa swimming.

Miller thanks the PAC organization for its support of Pampa's youth, the parents who travel with and support the swimmers In their last meets in Garden City, KS., and the Pampa community for believing in 13-year-old Nicki Cole notched impressive them and for providing pool use during the

Armstrong leads tour into tough stage

BOURG D'OISANS, Armstrong's U.S. Postal-France (AP) — Lance Armstrong led Tour de France riders up the final Alpine stage Thursday, the most punishing mountain trek so far in the three-week showcase race.

The 32-year-old Texan, inching closer to a record sixth Tour win, and others were to labor up five big climbs, including the grueling Col de la Madeleine, the highest peak in the Tour at a staggering 6,600 feet.

The 17th of 20 stages, a 127.08-mile slog from Bourg d'Oisans to Le Grand-Bornand, features three category 1 climbs but the Col de la Madeleine July 25. is so tough it doesn't even have a rating.

Before the stage began, Spain's Roberto Heras, a former teammate of Armstrong, withdrew from the Tour after struggling Wednesday in a grueling individual time trial.

Heras,

Berry Floor team to become leader of Spanish team Liberty Seguros, was the latest top contender to drop Others included American Tyler Hamilton, Basque rider Iban Mayo and Spain's Haimar Zubeldia.

During Wednesday's time trial, Armstrong was booed, spat at and insulted, but shrugged off hostile sections of the crowd packing the road to win the stage moving another step closer to cycling history.

Armstrong knows some would prefer that he didn't wear the overall leader's yellow jersey in Paris on

"That motivates me more than anything," he said. "It certainly doesn't work against me. I'm not concerned about them."

Armstrong extended his overall lead in winning the 9.6-mile clock race, as hundreds of thousands of fans left snaked up the mountainside, standing perilously close to the riders.

The tense atmosphere, heightened by about 4.9 miles of unfenced roads, reached its peak when some spectators spit at and verbally abused Armstrong.

"It's ugly. But this is bigtime sport," he said. "People are emotional

and excited. It doesn't take away from

my desire to win. I think it puts a little fuel on the fire. Armstrong complained

about some German fans, saying they were "horrible." It was the first time that Tour organizers ran a time

trial on the legendary climb. Armstrong seemingly has the Tour all wrapped up, but typically, he is not thinking

that way. "I try not to. I'm real careful about counting to the number six," he said.

"I'll do that on the final lap on the Champs-Elysées."

Rasheed Wallace to remain in Detroit

DETROIT (AP) — Rasheed Wallace stingy defense one of the best in league hisjoined the Detroit Pistons less than two months before they started the playoffs and their run to the title.

Wallace fit in so well — and the NBA champions can pay him so much — he decided to stick around.

The unrestricted free agent forward has agreed to a five-year contract worth \$57 million, two sources told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

One of the league sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, expected Wallace to sign the deal on Thursday, and speak at a news conference Friday morning at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Wallace's statistics were not always impressive, but his impact almost always was felt after being acquired by Detroit on Feb. 19 for reserves and two first-round

The 6-foot-11, 230-pounder made a

tory and an average offense better.

Wallace, who turns 30 on Sept. 17, averaged 16 points, 6.8 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.8 blocks last season, his ninth in the

The Philadelphia native spent two years at North Carolina before being selected by Washington with the fourth overall pick in the 1995 draft.

Wallace was traded to Portland following his rookie year and spent the next sevenplus seasons with the Trail Blazers. With his contract expiring, Portland traded Wallace to Atlanta, where he stayed for one game before he was dealt to Detroit just before the trading deadline.

In he NBA Finals, Wallace helped Detroit beat the Los Angeles Lakers in five games for its third title, and first since 1990. He also kept his cool.

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Tennessee Titans grant George's request to be released

Tennessee Titans granted Eddie George's request and released the franchise's all-time leading rusher - a move forced by salary cap pressures and perhaps George's declining skills.

The eight-year veteran, who turns 31 in September, rejected the Titans' latest offer and asked for his release

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - The Monday so he would have time to catch on with another team before training camps open next week.

The Titans wanted George back, but at a reduced salary. The team's final offer was \$1.5 million in base salary considerably less than the \$4.25 million he expected to make this sea-

George, who has never missed a start in his career, was popular with Titans fans, but his production slipped in recent years. In 2000, he ran for 1,509 yards, averaging 3.7 yards per carry. Last season his average fell to 3.3 yards per carry as he rushed for



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Hamilton back home in Texas

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Displaying the calm demeanor that helped carry him to a British Open championship, Todd Hamilton arrived home Wednesday for a Texas-sized celebration.

The golfer, wearing a new "Royal Todd" T-shirt and a relaxed grin, was greeted at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport like a conquering hero by about 20 golfing buddies and a stampede of camera crews.

He graciously responded to dozens of questions and even lifted the silver claret out of its large case for a few photos.

"I hope this won't go to my head," Hamilton said. "I think these guys behind me won't let that happen."

Keith Jackson of McKinney said he's already hoping Hamilton can win the British Open a second time. Jackson, among friends greeting the golfer, wore a Tshirt bearing names of Open champs. Hamilton's name was largest.

"We've seen him pound golf balls for hours on end," Jackson said. "There's not a more deserving champion as far as we're concerned,"

The unlikely winner finished regulation play tied with Ernie Els at 10 under and made four pars to win the playoff on

"I let out a big scream," Hamilton said. "It was pretty loud out there. You probably couldn't hear it."

He attended a reception Wednesday evening at his home country club in McKinney, north of Dallas. About 500-600 people were on hand to congratulate Hamilton

"This is really overwhelming to me," said Hamilton, who sat down at a table to sign autographs and have his picture taken with fans. "I dreamt about something like this but I never thought it would happen."



The Pampa Xtreme is, from left to right, front row- Kara Stephens, Kamie Doughty, Katelin Wall, Kelby Doughty, Shelbie Watson and Assistant Manager Drew Facio. Middle row- Ashley Facio, Libby Dyson, Brooklyn Barker, Sammie Pearson and Emilie Troxell. Back row- Manager Bino Facio, Assistant Coaches Drew Watson, Jimmy Barker and Brian Wall. Not pictured- Johanna Carter and Kelsey Watson.

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Wallace was called for just two technicals in the postseason, a total that might have shocked some who followed his career in Portland.

He broke his own NBA record with 41 technical fouls during the 2000-01 season, and was once suspended for seven games for threatening an official after a game. That was the league's longest suspension for something that didn't involve physical contact or substance abuse.

Wallace didn't have any problems with the Pistons. In fact, few athletes in Michigan became popular

as quickly as he did. Wallace almost instantly became adored, a fact heard at home games each time he touched the ball as the crowd shouted: "Sheeeeeed!"

"It feels good when they do that," Wallace said during the NBA Finals.

Pampa Xtreme in World Series By MICHAEL J. STEVENS ment. Manager Bino Facio says, "The sec-

Sports Editor

The Pampa Xtreme U12 girls fast-pitch softball team recently competed in the USSSA West Texas Youth State Tournament in Lubbock, TX. With a 4-2 record the girls came away with second place honors with the team's only losses coming at the hands of tournament champions, Midland's West Texas De-Ja-Vu.

Pampa Xtreme next heads to Hutchinson, KS., July 26, to compete in the USSSA U12 girls West World Series fast-pitch tourna-

ond place win at the state tournament gave Pampa Xtreme the first place ranking in the USSSA U12 Texas West division, giving the team the confidence needed to go into the World Series tournament."

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Wednesday's sports transactions

By The Associated Press BASEBALL

American League BOSTON RED SOX—Placed

INF Pokey Reese on the 15day DL.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with John Hart, general manager, on a one-year contract extension through 2005. National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Recalled RHP Jon Leicester from Iowa of the PCL. Optioned RHP. Francis Beltran to Iowa.

NEW YORK METS—Optioned RHP Dan Wheeler to Norfolk of the IL

BASKETBALL Basketball National

Association **DETROIT PISTONS—Signed** F Ronald Dupree to a two-year

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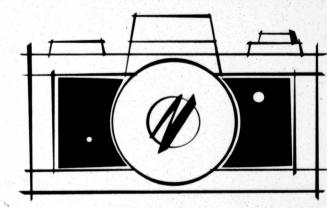
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National Football League **TENNESSEE** TITANS-Released RB Eddie George. WASHINGTON REDSKINS-

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American League

The Boston Red Sox sure could use the pitching the Texas Rangers are getting.

Ryan Drese threw seven innings in another impressive home start, leading Texas to a 3-2 win Wednesday night over AL West rival Anaheim, while Pedro Martinez was hit hard. He gave up a seasonhigh eight runs and lost for the first time since May 16 in Baltimore's 10-5 win over Boston.

Texas leads Oakland by 3 1/2 games in the West, and is six up on the Angels. If the Rangers can keep up their pace — currently, the best record they've had through 92

games — Texas could win the division for the first time since 1999.

contract.

"It's why we are in first. We have the hit-

ters, but we have to pitch," said closer Francisco Cordero, who got his 30th save. "It's been an unbelievable season, not only for me, but the whole team."

In Wednesday's other AL games, it was: New York 10, Toronto 3; Detroit 4, Kansas City 2; Chicago 14, Cleveland 0; Minnesota 12, Tampa Bay 2; and Seattle 6, Oakland 5 in 10 innings.

Luis Rivas hit a three-run homer, Justin Morneau had three hits and an RBI, and Lew Ford homered.

Brad Radke (6-6) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings. Carl Crawford homered for Tampa Bay, which lost for the 11th time in 16 games.

Your happy ways draw many. Try not to put anyone on a pedestal, as he or she can only stumble off, and you will be disappointed. Enjoy the haze and excitement of meeting new people, but listen to what people say about themselves. Your ability to communicate develops to a new level. You choose the right words for the right moment. Use your interpersonal skills. Try not to be so critical of yourself. See what others see. Many will travel; others will open their minds to new ideas. A foreigner could play a big role in your life. If you are single, many would like to change that status. You make the call here. If you are attached, your relationship blooms. Do more together. Flirt with

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)

**** Others have enchanting ideas about what they would like to do, and those ideas include you! Be delighted, but don't start romping until your workday is finished. You will enjoy every moment once you clear your desk. Tonight: Sort through your invitations

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Take it easy and make sure you dot your i's and cross your t's at work. Others seem to be in such a jovial Friday mood that you might become distracted. Take your time with a superior who has many ideas but can be wifty. Tonight: Get some much-needed R and R.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** You might want to think

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July before you leap into a situation in which a risk could be involved. Not all the information you are getting is complete. Ask question, find experts and hop on the Internet. Remember a child or loved one. Tonight: Start the week-

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** You find that someone close has a very different perspective on what is happening. Listen to his or her perceptions. You might need to mull over the issues and consider your security. You come first. Tonight: Happy at

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You need to reach out for others, both professionally and personally. Your call is welcome and delights others. Clear your desk of paperwork and return calls. You network your way out the door. Tonight: You don't have to

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Deal with finances carefully.

Another person might not believe in or think what you do. Get to the bottom of the discrepancy. A friend could be hard on you. Evaluate where you are coming from. Complete work before you walk out the door. Tonight: Treat yourself

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** The Moon in your sign makes you the kingpin or queenpin of the day, wherever you are and whatever you are doing. Your creativity adds much more "pow" to your ideas. Focus on musts first, then start your weekend. Tonight: Skip out the door.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** What you believe is going on might be a lot different from what you originally thought. Lighten up about work and news that could feel a bit weighty. Assume a low profile and

keep your cards close to your chest Tonight: Catch up on sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** You bloom among groups be it at a business meeting or in a social setting. You seem to know what someone is going to say before he or she verbalizes it. Your sensitivity helps an uptight friend or associate. Tonight:

Where the gang is. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You need to command the ship as others seem to slip out the door early or are out to lunch thinking of everything but work. A partner or associate whom you lasso in could be quite upset or uptight. Tonight: A force to be dealt

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Your imagination and intellect merge. Use these traits both at work and at play. You might want to explore a new option at work or for your personal pleasure. Don't ignore your responsibilities. In the long run, this could be a problem. Tonight: Opt for something different PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Take your time dealing with a special person in your life -- in fact, possibly two different people. One might be overly glum, the other a bit demanding. Know what you want before making plans. Relate individually for success. Tonight: Togetherness works

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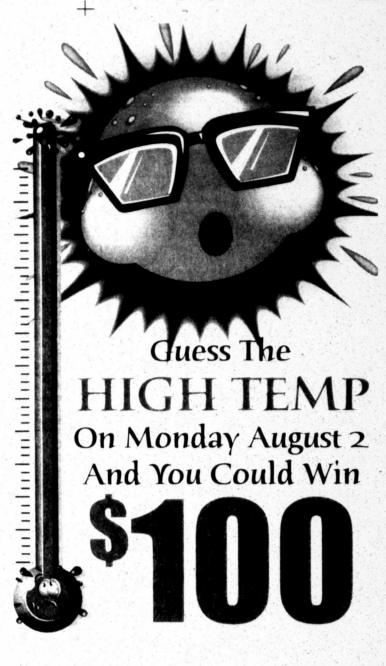
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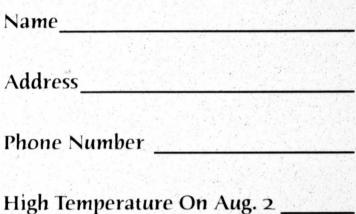
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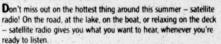
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