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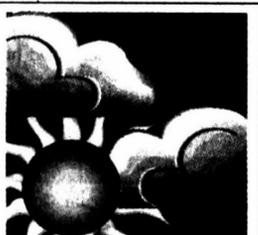
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PAMPA — Eighth grade awards assembly at Pampa Middle School will be held at 1:15 Friday. The assembly should be over shortly before 3 p.m., according to Principal Tim Powers. A reception will be held in the cafeteria immediately following the assembly. All eighth grade students and parents are invited.

PAMPA — The Stylin' Stompers are hosting a fund-raising dance for Pampa Middle School students from 8-11 p.m. May 19 at the Chamber of Commerce to benefit the American Cancer Society. Admission will be \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

PAMPA — Summer school classes in reading and English will be in session for Pampa Middle School students June 5 through June 30. Students who failed classes in those subjects are required to attend the summer sessions, according to PMS Principal Tim Powers. Parents may send their child to summer school even if they passed.

HOUSTON (AP) — The fate of admitted serial killer Angel Maturino Resendiz could come down to which psychoanalysts did a better job of dissecting his state for mind to a jury.

Closing arguments were expected to begin today in the Mexican citizen's capital murder trial for the death of a Houston researcher. The panel then will decide whether he is guilty or innocent by reason of insanity. Maturino Resendiz, 40, would receive either life in prison or lethal injection if found guilty.

- Mary Elizabeth McBride, 84, former school secretary.
- Carol D. Morrison, 75, retired receptionist.
- Margie Pyeatt, 93, church and clubwoman.
- Lura Faye Reames, 82, homemaker.

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Air bag evidence ... Blood not match for defendant Sober

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

DNA evidence taken from the driver's side air bag of a pickup truck involved in a fatal crash does not belong to defendant Justin Sober, a state crime lab report says.

Sober is being tried in 31st District Court here on charges of intoxication manslaughter in connection with the death of Stacey Kaye Sehorn.

Defense attorney Mike Warner twice confronted officers investigating the May 30, 1999 crash with evidence that DNA analysis of blood from the air bag did not belong to Sober.

Warner had also said in the course of the trial that DNA tests of the blood do not match the blood of anyone else found in Sober's pickup after the wreck occurred.

Warner first introduced an enlarged version of the letter from the Texas Department of Public

Safety's crime lab in Lubbock on Tuesday afternoon during cross examination of Trooper John Nelson, lead investigator.

The letter, written by DPS criminalist Angelina Reeves, states that the DNA profile obtained from the air bag was "not consistent with" the DNA profile of Justin Sober and that he was "excluded" as the source of the blood.

Warner had said in the voir dire and in his opening statements to the jury that not only did the DNA not match Sober's, but also did not match any of the persons who were found in Sober's pickup after the wreck. Evidence to support his statements had not been introduced in the trial by press time today.

Trooper Nelson confirmed he had sent the air bag, cut from the pickup's steering wheel, to the crime lab for DNA analysis of the blood and that he knew the results of the analysis.

(See SOBER, Page 2)

Defense attorney Mike Warner had said in the voir dire and in his opening statements to the jury that not only did the DNA not match Sober's, but also did not match any of the persons who were found in Sober's pickup after the wreck. Evidence to support his statements had not been introduced in the trial by press time today.



Defendant Justin Sober is escorted into the courtroom by Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Gary Noblett.

Pickens names possible water delivery routes

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — T. Boone Pickens Mesa Water Inc. says it has already secured more than 100,000 acre feet of water and should be able to cost-effectively serve the needs of cities looking for water — like San Antonio, El Paso, Dallas and Fort Worth.

"We found that we could, in a very cost-effective way, serve the needs of some areas of the state," Mesa consultant Kelly Stevens said. The company, owned by millionaire Amarillo oilman T. Boone Pickens, plans to get the water by pumping it out from under the ranchlands of West Texas.

Mesa Water has identified five possible water delivery routes, which Stevens, of Public Strategies Inc. in Austin, has considered in a yearlong survey. The five routes include:

Now all Pickens has to do is convince some more of his neighbors in Roberts, Ochiltree, Lipscomb and Hemphill counties to take part in his plan.

(See WATER, Page 2)

Pre-K, Head Start registration

Registration for Pre-Kindergarten and Head Start is set for May 19 at Lamar Elementary School, 1234 S. Nelson.

Eligible children are four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2000. Qualifiers include the family meets income guidelines or is on public assistance, or the child has a documented disability or is a foster child.

Parents are asked to bring the child's birth certificate, two month's income verification or tax return, child's immunization record, social security numbers, documentation of child's disability (if applicable), proof of public assistance, and health insurance card (if applicable).

Emergency! (not really)

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Thursday, May 18, the Gray County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will conduct a full-scale training exercise at Pampa Middle School, announced Ken Hall, Emergency Management coordinator.

The exercise, scheduled for 1 p.m., Thursday, involves representatives from local government and industry participating in a simulated hazardous materials transportation accident.

LEPC and Pampa Independent School District

are working together to simulate students being victims of an anhydrous ammonia spill beside Pampa Middle School, Hall explained. Participating students will be transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center or to a shelter set up by the local chapter of the Red Cross, he said.

"We will bring a truck pulling an anhydrous ammonia trailer and another vehicle to the intersection of 23rd and Perryton Parkway and stage them to represent a traffic accident," Hall said. "The local fire department will use a smoke-making machine to simulate a chemical plume."

(See LEPC, Page 2)

Election contest trial May 31

May 31 is the trial date on District Attorney John Mann's allegations that illegalities occurred during the April 11 Republican primary runoff between him winner Rick Roach.

The civil trial was set by Senior Judge John T. Forbis of Childress who is presiding over the matter that will be heard in Miami.

Mann said he has received a letter from the judge confirming the May 31 date.

Meanwhile, Mann said today he has until Friday to file an answer to discovery. Mann filed the election contest May 1, based on

allegations that voters were not able to make it to the polls April 11 because of only one voting box in Lipscomb County; voting boxes were not placed in each of the four county commission precincts in Wheeler and three voters voted illegally due to residency requirements in Roberts County.

The suit also alleges that six persons who voted in the March 14 Democratic Primary were allowed to vote in the April 11 Republican runoff.

Roach won the April 11 run-off with 1,263 votes to Mann's 1,257.

Local GOP bids goodbye to former party chair

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Over barbecue and beneath red, white and blue balloons, Gray County Republicans said goodbye this week to Thomas R. Mechler.

Mechler, former Gray County Republican Chairman who previously turned over the reins to Doug Ware, was the guest of honor along with his wife Becky at a dinner Tuesday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

"We're having a dinner for Tom for all the work he did as county chairman," Ware said as local Republicans crowded in out of an early evening shower. "Tom has served the party for six and a half years," said Laurey

Gilbert. "Under his leadership, key offices have become Republican. He's broken" fundraising records here in Gray County."

Originally from Castroville near San Antonio, Mechler lived briefly in Pampa as a child when his father worked at Cabot.

Later, Mechler's career in the oil and gas industry took him to Alaska where he served as Republican Chairman for a district in the nation's northern most state. While in Alaska, he served as a delegate to the National Republican Convention in 1988.

After Alaska, Mechler earned an MBA from Wharton Business School. Armed with his new degree,

he returned to Pampa in 1992 and immediately went to work in local Republican politics.

"The Republican platform agrees with my personal beliefs," Mechler said as he was surrounded by well-wishers.

"He's worked tirelessly for Republican candidates," Gilbert said. "He's a great guy."

He said he had enjoyed his stay in Pampa.

"I think the people in this area are fantastic," he said. Mechler shrugged off the compliments of those attending Tuesday night's dinner, saying only that the leader often gets the credit for the people who have done the work.

"The people here should get the credit," he said.

Mechler, who his moving to Armstrong County, will chair the 13th Congressional District Caucus at the Republicans state convention in Houston in mid-June.

"That's quite a coup," Gilbert said.

Among the speakers at Tuesday night's dinner were Pat Kennedy, emcee; Rep. Warren Chisum; Susan Wenger of Congressman Mac Thornberry's staff; Doug Ware, Gray County Party Chairman; Sue Hershey, SREC; Judge Brian Quinn, Judge Steve Emmert, and Carolyn Stroud, retired vice chairman.

Rev. I.L. Patrick offered the invocation. Former Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The dinner was hosted by the Gray County Republican Party.



Tom Mechler

Dairy Festival And Business Expo June 17, 2000!!! Parade, Food And Fun!!! For More Details Call The Chamber Office At 669-3241

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

PYEATT, Margie — 10:30 a.m., First Christian Church, Canadian.

Obituaries

MARY ELIZABETH McBRIDE

Mary Elizabeth McBride, 84, of Pampa, died Wednesday, May 17, 2000, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. McBride was born June 14, 1915, at Wichita Falls. She married Lee Roy McBride on June 29, 1935, at Wichita Falls; he died July 18, 1998. She had been a Pampa resident since 1936, moving from Wichita Falls. She was a secretary with Pampa Independent School District for several years and belonged to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Jim McBride of Amarillo and John McBride of Dallas; two sisters, Martha Miles of Wichita Falls and Millie Pavlicek of Hereford; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, 2300 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065; or to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

CAROL D. MORRISON

PLAINVIEW — Carol D. Morrison, 75, sister of a Pampa resident, died Sunday, May 14, 2000. Graveside services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Plainview Cemetery. Burial will be under the direction of Wood-Dunning Funeral Home.

Mrs. Morrison was born at Plainview. She was a receptionist for the Port of Houston, retiring after many years of service.

Survivors include two sons, David Morrison of Baltimore and Danny Morrison of Lufkin; and two brothers, Wendall Wardlow of Pampa and Jimmy Wardlow of Lake Kemp.

MARGIE PYEATT

CANADIAN — Margie Pyeatt, 93, died Monday, May 15, 2000. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in First Christian Church with Roger Smelser, senior minister, and Rex Boyles officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Pyeatt was born at Hamburg, Okla., and moved to Hemphill County as an infant. She married Nelson Clifton Pyeatt in 1925 in Hemphill County; he died in 1975. She was a charter member of Tri-C Home Demonstration Club of Gem and belonged to First Christian Church, 50-Plus Club and Sagebrush Painters. She taught Sunday school at both First Christian Church and Gem Community Church.

She was preceded in death by an infant son in 1927.

Survivors include a daughter, Wilma Eubank of Canadian; five grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch, Canadian, TX 79014.

LURA FAYE REAMES

BORGER — Lura Faye Reames, 82, died Saturday, May 13, 2000, at Rowlett. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Bible Baptist Church with the Rev. Leonard Forsythe, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Garden in Highland Park Cemetery under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Reames was born at Erick, Okla., and had been a Borger resident since 1936. She was a homemaker and belonged to Bible Baptist Church. She also attended Church of Christ with friends. She was active with the Opportunity Center, playing dominos and cards.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Grady Reames, on Feb. 23, 1979; and by two daughters, Shirley Dawson and Phyllis Willis.

Survivors include a daughter, Monica Reames Hindman of Rowlett; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 1410 Burch in Borger.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.38	Coca-Cola	49 1/16	up 1/8
Milo	3.10	Columbia/HCA	28 13/16	dn 7/16
Corn	3.58	Enron	78 3/8	up 1/2
Soybeans	4.54	Halliburton	51 15/16	up 7/16
		IRI	9 3/16	up 3/16
		KMI	30 3/4	up 1/16
		Kerr McGee	58 1/2	dn 5/8
		Limited	48 9/16	dn 1/16
		McDonald's	38 13/16	dn 3/8
		Exxon Mobil	82 1/16	dn 1 3/16
		New Atmos	16 11/16	up 3/16
		NCF	34 7/16	dn 3/8
		OKF	26 3/8	dn 9/16
		Peemey's	17 3/4	dn 5/8
		Phillips	51 3/8	up 1/16
		Pioneer Nat.	12 13/16	up 1/16
		SLB	83 1/2	up 11/16
		Tenneco	8	up 1/8
		Texasco	56 3/4	up 11/32
		Ultramar	26 1/2	up 3/16
		Wal-Mart	56	dn 2
		Williams	39 5/16	dn 5/8
		New York Gold	275 5/8	
		Silver	5 1/8	
		West Texas Crude	30 1/8	

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

Ametec	53 3/8	dn 1/8
Arco	NA	
Cabot	27 1/4	up 3/16
Cabot O&G	21 9/32	dn 11/32
Chevron	90 7/8	dn 1 3/8

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911

Fires

No fires were reported to Pampa Fire Department during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Man pleads guilty to killing minister, son

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — A Longview man has pleaded guilty to killing a minister and his son last fall.

Robert Lee Gordon, 24, entered guilty pleas for the Oct. 14 slayings of the Rev. James Earl Allen, 50, and his 23-year-old son, Kyle Wesley Allen.

Police said the shootings came after an argument

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, May 16

Theft of a wallet was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

An assault by threat was reported at Crawford and Huff Road.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, May 16

8:42 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of East Francis and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:35 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of North Sumner and transported one to PRMC.

12:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

3:33 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Wynne and transported one to PRMC.

9:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

Wednesday, May 17

5:47 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported one to PRMC.

Carson Co. Sheriff

Nine persons were booked into Carson County Jail during the week of May 8 through May 14. Presently 16 persons are incarcerated and 10 prisoners are being held for other jurisdictions.

Arrests

Timothy Miller, 27, Pampa was arrested on Potter County warrants.

Mathew Dominguez, 19, Panhandle, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Catherine Keith, 26, Borger, was arrested on Potter County warrants.

Gregory Needham, 24, Amarillo, was arrested on Potter County probation violation.

Charles Ford, 44, Pampa, was arrested on local traffic warrants.

Berry Bailey, 23, Panhandle, was arrested for theft.

Brent Williamson, 33, Borger, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and display of fictitious vehicle registration.

Julie Bailey, 19, Panhandle, was arrested for theft.

Brian Jones, 25, of Amarillo was arrested for theft and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The Carson County Sheriff's Department reported the following people booked into jail during the week of May 1-7. That week there were 17 people incarcerated for Carson County and nine others were being held for other jurisdictions.

Arrests

Bobby Woods, 37, Panhandle, driving while intoxicated-first.

Douangta Vongkaysone, 36, Amarillo, driving while intoxicated-first.

James Picard, 22, Kensington, Md., possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Jerod McCoid, 22, Panhandle, possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Arthur Jones, 35, Clarendon, DPS traffic warrants.

Jimmy Ramos, 23, Amarillo, possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver - 400 grams.

Darryle Little, 51, Amarillo, driving while intoxicated-first and assault causing bodily injury.

Lynn Venture, 45, Amarillo, possession of drug paraphernalia.

William Gardner, 36, Pampa, driving while intoxicated-first.

Mary Owens, 37, White Deer, driving while intoxicated-first.

Chad Young, 21, Pampa, driving while intoxicated-first and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Harris Lancaster, 39, Amarillo, driving while intoxicated-first.

John Daniels, 37, White Deer, assault causing bodily injury and resisting arrest.

Court report

Marriages

May 1 - May 12, 2000

Frank Edward Chapin and Connie Lynn Steadman

John Emmett Linfor and Mona Ellen Campbell

Verne Roger Cave, Jr., and Patricia Arlene McDonald

Mark M. Smith and Kelly Lynn Smith

Troy Lee Hutchings and Linda Joyce Labombard

Larry Wayne Shaw and Linda Gail Baker

Richard K. Lockhart and Joanna Ostrom

Anthony Lee Day and Gloria Gonzales

Carl Junior Folley and Mary Janice Scroggins

William Franklin Anderson and Ashia Chiffon Phillips

Daniel John Smith and Mika Autumn Gilmore

Michael L. Ervin and Michelle Nicole Gandy

Catherine Mabelle Johnson and Bobby Ray Ingram

Terry Lee Jackson and Andra Marlene Poole

SOBER

Warner asked the trooper if he investigated any further after learning the blood on the air bag did not match Sober's to determine if someone else might have been driving the vehicle.

"With the evidence we had at the time of the accident, with what we had in front of us, we did not pursue any further investigation," Nelson said. "With the totality of the information before me, I believed he was driving that vehicle by the time I went home and went to bed that next day."

Warner introduced the letter a second time during his cross examination of Deputy Morse Burroughs, the first law enforcement on the scene that night.

Burroughs testified he had cut the air bag from the steering wheel with his pocket knife and handed it to Trooper Nelson.

Burroughs told the jury he and Deputy Heath Cates were the first officers to arrive at the scene that night. He found two people standing beside a red and white pickup on the side of the road and saw a third person lying on the shoulder of the road, south of the white line. The person lying down was covered by a sleeping bag and appeared to be unconscious or sleeping, he said.

The deputy said the bystanders told him the person lying down was Justin Sober. He shook his shoulder and called his name for two to three seconds before Sober responded.

Burroughs asked Sober what happened.

"I don't know. I woke up in the ditch," Sober told the deputy.

The night was misty and cool and the bar ditch beside the roadway was muddy and overgrown with grass and weeds, the deputy testified.

"Did you look at his clothing?" District Attorney John Mann asked.

"Yes," Burroughs answered. "There was no grass stains, no mud, nothing like that on his clothing."

Both Mann and Warner reviewed photographs Burroughs had taken at the wreck scene pointing out details such as blood stains, a "spider web" crack to the right side of the front windshield, and beer bottles and debris in the interior of the vehicle.

Under questioning by Warner, Burroughs said he made a conscious decision not to take photographs of the scene until the injured persons were taken care of.

"Is there anything that leads you to believe that Stacey Sehorn was the driver of the vehicle," Mann asked Burroughs just before the deputy was dismissed.

"None," he answered.

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During testimony Tuesday afternoon, Trooper Nelson testified that he regretted not taking photographs of Sober's arms while he was being treated in the emergency room. He also conceded that photographs of the victims as they were found in the vehicle would have been beneficial to the court case.

Nelson served as lead investigator of the fatal wreck. "Since May 30, 1999 has anything occurred to change your mind that Justin Sober was the driver?" Assistant District Attorney Leslie Breeding asked Nelson.

"No," he responded. "I believe that anyone who had the least amount of injuries on their body would undoubtedly have been protected by an air bag."

Much of Nelson's testimony revolved around abrasions he had observed on the inside of Sober's arms while he was being treated in the emergency room. Trooper Nelson testified that he had reached Level III accident investigation training through the DPS which included a significant amount of training on air bags and injuries caused by air bags.

He said the abrasions on Sober's arms were consistent with ones caused by the deployment of an air bag, which he described as being like "life jacket material going across your arm at 200 miles an hour."

Nelson said he had used all of his film at the scene of the accident, so he asked a nurse to be sure and note the abrasions on Sober's medical records.

However, the defense brought out that no record of the abrasions can be found, although numerous other abrasions on Sober's body are recorded.

Dr. Claudio Sanchez of Corpus Christi, a contract physician who was working in the hospital emergency room the night of the wreck, testified to Sober's physical condition when he was brought in about 3:45 a.m. that morning.

Sanchez testified that Sober was completely alert when he arrived at the emergency room. Sanchez's notes from that night showed that Sober was an "unrestrained passenger" in a motor vehicle accident.

"Patient states he does know who the driver was," Sanchez read from his notes, adding that Sober did not say anymore about that.

After approximately three hours, x-rays, brain scan and abdominal scan, Sanchez and a surgeon, Dr. Inola, determined that Sober suffered a concussion, a broken right ankle, abrasions mostly to the right side of his body and abrasions to the forehead and cheek.

Sanchez testified that Sober's blood alcohol was 233.3 milligrams per deciliter. Warner asked him if that was equivalent to .18, but Sanchez would only testify to his test results. The physician did say that the amount was almost three times the legal level of intoxication.

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WATER

—A North Texas Route, providing water to: Pampa, Clarendon,

Childress, Henrietta, Gainesville, Sherman and Decatur before reaching Lake Worth and Lake Lavon.

—A South Texas Route, providing water to: Pampa, Amarillo, Plainview, Lubbock, Lamesa, Big Spring, Sterling City, Carlsbad, San Angelo, Brady, Fredericksburg, Nelson City, Leon Springs, Beckmann and Olga before reaching San Antonio.

—A West Texas Route, providing water to: Pampa, Amarillo, Plainview, Lubbock, Lamesa, Big Spring, Pecos and Sierra Blanca before reaching El Paso.

—A Brazos River Authority Route, possibly serving: Pampa, Clarendon, Childress, Archer City and Graham.

—A Colorado River Route, possibly serving: Pampa, Amarillo, Plainview, Lubbock and Lamesa.

Now all Pickens has to do is convince some more of his neighbors in Roberts, Ochiltree, Lipscomb and Hemphill counties to take part in his plan.

Stevens says Pickens needs to

secure by contract or agreement another 100,000 acre feet of water to make his plan work.

The oilman is offering a one-time payment of \$350 per acre for ranchers water rights if and when deal takes flight. Until that time, Mesa Water will pay \$1 per acre for each option a rancher is willing to offer up.

In addition, the company has pinpointed some possible users of Pickens' newest West Texas commodity, and claims it can compete with water rates currently offered by existing utilities.

But some of the landowners Pickens has contacted aren't so sure of the proposal.

"We haven't decided whether the price is fair or not," rancher George W. Arrington told The Associated Press in April. "I've been in the oil and gas business for 42 years and you know for years and years I've heard the comment that some day water is going to be more valuable than the hydrocarbons."

In fact, Pickens isn't the only oilman trying to scoop up water rights and resell them.

Billionaire brothers Ed and Lee Bass of Fort Worth, who made money in oil and silver, snapped up 45,000 acres of water rights in

Southern California in 1997, intending to sell them to thirsty San Diego residents. They sold their interests to U.S. Filter Corp., for \$250 million and experts say they hope to complete a similar feat in Texas.

The former mayor of McAllen, Othal Brand, also found cash by selling water. He sold the city of Laredo water rights he got for \$780,000 in March.

Pickens admits his deal might be a long shot, but says there is some real interest.

"The \$350 is what we are all interested in," he said last month. "If that can be accomplished, we will increase our property value twofold."

Cost estimates of delivering the water vary according to the route and the number of entities that contract with Mesa, according to the study.

Stevens says Mesa hopes to secure the rest of the necessary water rights to complete its plan and have market agreements in place by year's end so the company can start construction on its first pipeline within the next three years.

City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

CLUB BIARRITZ Grill now open, M-F 5-9:30 p.m., Sat. 6-10 p.m. Membership not required to dine, 665-0225.

COMET PANTS Special dry-cleaning 3 pairs, \$6.50, laundry w/ starch \$10.50.

EARLY ADVERTISING Deadlines for the Holiday in the Pampa News. Have a safe & happy Memorial Day!

GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS ANNUAL Barbeque, Thurs., May 18, 12 noon. 16 mi. south on Hwy. 70, turn west on FM 293, County barn behind school. Bring a covered dish! Everyone is welcome!

LEPC

Students in the Pampa Middle School athletic field will simulate being overcome by the anhydrous ammonia and will be treated accordingly."

Hall said that because anhydrous ammonia is chemical commonly used in this area by farmers, LEPC members felt the exercise presents a scenario that could actually happen. The exercise also gives local government and industry representatives a realistic opportunity to train together and learn how to work together in such an event,

he said.

"Local citizens will find that the area around Pampa Middle School will be cordoned off for the exercise to ensure the safety of the students and others who are participating in the exercise," Hall said.

Traffic lanes on Perryton Parkway will be reduced to one northbound and one southbound lane, he said.

The exercise is expected to last for approximately 90 minutes, Hall said, adding that students participating in the event will be released from school at the normal time.

Spring activity?
Pick up a Community Camera!

Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly sunny and windy today with a high of 95-100 and south-southwest winds at 20-30 mph and gusting higher. Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and a low of 60-65 mph. Partly cloudy and windy tomorrow with a 20 percent chance of rain and a high of 90.

STATEWIDE — Scattered thunderstorms rumbled across Northwest Texas early today as an advancing weather system brought rain back into the state's forecast.

Early-morning temperatures

were mostly in the 60s and 70s statewide. Readings included 69 degrees at Hondo in the Hill Country and 78 at Rockport along the Gulf coast.

The low-pressure system developing over West Texas was colliding with high pressure in the eastern Gulf of Mexico, with winds expected to increase through the day.

The National Weather Service posted a wind advisory for the Texas Panhandle and South Plains and warned of gusts in the Guadalupe and Davis Mountains.

Blowing dust was expected in

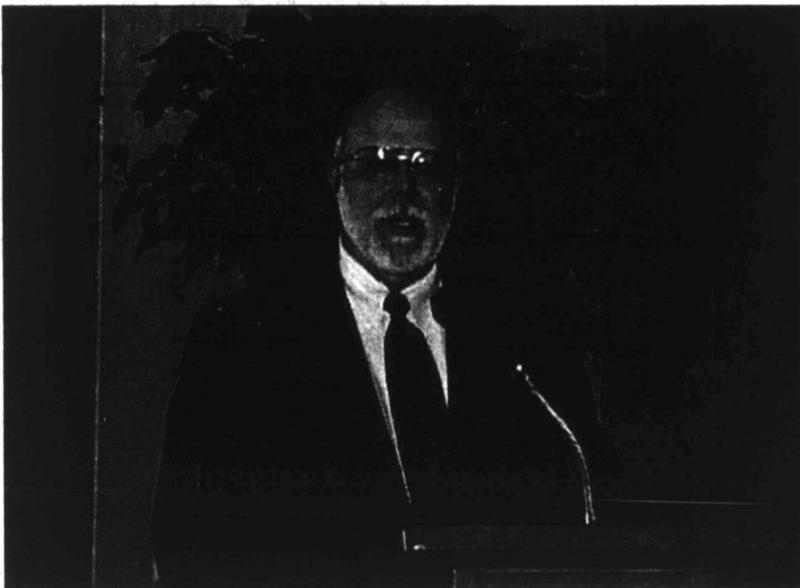
the Permian Basin and upper Trans Pecos.

Gusts early today topped 20 mph. Small craft advisories were posted for the Texas coast.

In South Texas, wind were southerly and southeasterly at 10 to 25 mph with higher gusts.

Highs through Friday were expected from the 70s in the northwest to mid 80s along the coast and near 100 in the far west, with 105 in the Big Bend valleys and along the Rio Grande. Lows overnight should range from the 50s to 70s — lower across the north on Thursday with a cool front's passage.

PRMC Grand Opening



(Special photos)

Pampa Regional Medical Center recently celebrated the Grand Opening of its new Outpatient Center and Women's Center. Attending the invitation-only ribbon cutting were (top, left-right) Jane Steele, chairman of the board of trustees, Mayor Bob Neslage, Mike Munnerlyn, CEO, PRMC, Dr. James Kendall, Dr. Rene Grabato and Denny Shelton; and (middle, l-r) Steele, Neslage, Munnerlyn, Kendall, Grabato, Shelton and Clay Rice. PRMC Chief of Staff Dr. James Kendall, bottom, addressed the gathering.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS
The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furrs Cafeteria.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

CLARENDON COLLEGE
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY
Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharon Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION
High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

MASONIC LODGE #966
Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 will meet for a business meeting and an official visit from the District Education officer at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18 at the lodge, 420 W. Kingsmill.

HEAD START
Head Start applications for enrollment will be available May 19 at Lamar Elementary School. The program is open to children who will be 4-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2000. Acceptance in the program is based upon: 1) family income guidelines; 2) public assistance; 3) child with documented disability; 4) foster child. The following documentation must be provided: child's birth certificate; 2-months income verification or tax return;

immunization records; Social Security numbers; documentation of disability (if applicable); proof of public assistance, i.e. food stamp card, TANF benefits, Medicaid; and health insurance card (if applicable).

PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have been touched by cancer will meet at 7 p.m. May 18 in the cafeteria of the Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. Program for this month's meeting will be "Flexibility Exercises" to be presented by instructor Linda Lamb, a self-taught volunteer who leads classes at First Presbyterian Church.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The public is invited. For more information, call 665-4742 or 665-2654. For a ride, call Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654. In case of inclement weather, call ahead in case meeting is canceled.

FREE ASTHMA SCREENING
Allergy A.R.T.S., Constantine Saadeh, M.D. and The American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology will sponsor a free asthma screening from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. May 20 in Center Court of West Gate Mall, Amarillo. The screening is being conducted in

conjunction with Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month. For more information, call (806) 353-7000.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING CLASS

The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a lifeguard training class Thursday, May 18 through Sunday, May 21. For more information or to register, contact the Red Cross at 669-7121.

GED TESTING
Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

TCPB OPEN HOUSE
Texas Corn Producers Board will hold a grand opening and 20th anniversary celebration from 2-5 p.m. Monday, May 22 at its new building, 4205 North Interstate 27, Lubbock. The ribbon-cutting will be at 3 p.m. Speakers will include Joe Reed, TCPB chairman, and Speaker of the House Pete Laney. Refreshments will be served throughout the ceremony. For more information, call (806) 763-2676.

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DBA announces contest winners

PAMPA — Pampa Downtown Business Association recently announced winners of its Easter Egg Contest and its Mother's Day Coloring Contest. Winners of the Easter Egg Contest are: Destiny Hilton, first place, \$25; Cambree Morena, second place, \$15; Emitea Munguia, third place, \$10; Maleesa Martinez, fourth place, Pokemon cards; and Brittney Clark, fifth place, Pokemon cards. Winners of the coloring contest, K-second grade division, are Candace Reames, \$25, and Tyler Malone, Pokemon cards, both of Travis Elementary, and, third-fifth grade, Lindsey Riley and Dane Howard, both of Austin Elementary.

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Refugee Honors American Mom And Vietnamese Mother, Too

DEAR ABBY: Mother's Day always brings back memories of an incident that happened three years ago.

For the past several years, after attending church on Sunday, my wife and I have stopped for lunch at a Chinese restaurant. We have become acquainted with a young man who works there. He escaped from Vietnam with his family in a rickety old boat when he was very small.

Our daughter, who lives in Dallas, had sent my wife a beautiful Mother's Day corsage to wear to church as an expression of her love. The young waiter exclaimed how beautiful the flower was, and asked if it was for a special occasion. We explained that in the United States, on this particular day children often send their mothers flowers as a token of appreciation, honoring their motherhood. The young man said they did not have this custom in Vietnam, but that he thought it was appropriate.

He left our table, then returned a few minutes later. He stood there looking embarrassed, then hesitantly said: "I think this tradition of honoring your mother on a special day is wonderful. Please allow me to pay for your meal today in honor of my mother, who suffered so many hardships in our small boat when we escaped from our homeland to the internment camp in Singapore."

My wife and I sat in silence for a few moments. Then, with tears in



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

her eyes, my wife told him we would be honored to accept his gracious offer.

Now on the day set aside to honor mothers, we cherish not only the memory of our own mothers, but also the memory of this remarkable Vietnamese mother we have never met.

JIM ISBELL, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

DEAR JIM: Your letter brought tears to my eyes, and I'm sure its inspirational message will move many other readers. Thank you for sharing this lovely memory.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to letters you have printed about handling obscene phone calls. I would like to share one of my experiences, as well.

Several years ago, I had a caller who was saying the most disgusting things over the phone. When I refused to answer, my machine picked up the call, and he continued the obscenities. Finally, I dialed star-

69, and he answered. I asked him if he knew who I was. He replied, "No." I then informed him that I was the woman he had been calling all morning, that his phone number was on my bill, and if he called one more time, I would have him arrested. He never called back.

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DEAR FREE: Three cheers for star-69 - which is a telephone company add-on feature that allows you to dial your last caller. You're a quick thinker.

DERA ABBY: What should we give my son's teachers at the end of the school year? They've been terrific, but I've run out of ideas.

What would you or your readers suggest?

A PARENT IN OREGON

DEAR PARENT: Teachers may already have drawers full of scarves, ties and stationery from previous years, so when in doubt, ask them what they would like. If the classroom has been short on supplies, consider giving them much-needed items such as pencils, construction paper and art supplies.

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Horoscope

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2000

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) ***** You could be overly serious about a money matter or a loved one. Changing your mind could take another's fine art of persuasion - a process you most enjoy! Keep your sense of humor, and don't take yourself too seriously. Tonight: Follow the music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Trust a loved one with your feelings. You don't have to be so defensive. Change gears and directions. Your ability to understand another is greatly enhanced by a conversation. Brainstorm with a boss, and you'll come up with some unusual ideas. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Others seek you out and want to obtain information. You develop a case of lockjaw, however unusual this might be for you! Your commitment to keep a secret ultimately pays off. It might not be important that everyone agrees. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Awareness is important with a co-worker. Inspire him to envision the goal. Once convinced and energized, this person becomes an unbeatable team-

mate. Charge in where others might be "iffy," and you'll get the job done. Tonight: Off to the gym.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You might not want to discuss a business decision. It might be slow to come about, but it is ultimately worthwhile. Know your limits. Allow more unusual, creative thinking to filter through. Another sees an issue quite differently than you do. Tonight: Play the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Build stronger foundations. Your ideas should be checked out. Keeping information close to your chest might feel good, but you also need feedback. Others' suggestions can only enhance your idea. Schedule a trip. Tonight: Mosey on home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Discussions prove to be animated and worthwhile. You might not see eye to eye with a co-worker. Getting past an obstacle proves to be instrumental, and it takes endurance. You have it if you want it. A loved one inspires you. Talk. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Indulge a little, even if a partner proves to be testy or difficult. Realize that another doesn't have to agree with you. Allow your sense of creativity to come through. Another has difficulty revealing what is going on with himself. Tonight: Balance your budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Beam in exactly what you want. Work demands authority and persistence, and both commodities are at your beck and call. Think through a deci-

sion; remain sure of yourself. You'll know who to call and when. Tonight: Use your sixth sense.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Another demands serious thought. At the same time, responsibilities weigh. Remember, you like being in control! Take your time evaluating a decision if you're unsure which way to go. Your intuition works efficiently, especially with finances. Tonight: Do your own thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Aim for what you want, network and bring others together. Your sense of direction makes a big difference professionally. Know what you want on a personal level as well. Touch base with a family member while you understand a lot of what is happening. Tonight: Where the gang is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Take charge while others look to you. Your ability to lead comes out. Stay goal-directed; know what you want. Your intuition gives you unusual insights about a boss or authority figure. State your case, and others will listen. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

BORN TODAY

Tennis player Yannick Noah (1960), Baseball Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson (1946), actor James Stephens (1951)

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 6 Bed board
- 10 Carved gem
- 11 Exhausted needs
- 12 Sci-fi visitor
- 13 Patriot Nathan and family
- 14 "Dog-gone!"
- 15 La Scala setting
- 16 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 17 Sopping wave
- 18 Pallid
- 19 Thorough
- 22 Ohio team
- 23 Paint layer
- 26 Left the tracks
- 29 Seafood choice
- 32 Interstice
- 33 West of Hollywood
- 34 Become talkative
- 36 Works leather
- 37 Track event
- 38 Actor Sal
- 39 Pulls along
- 40 Make law
- 41 Utters
- 42 Crazy

DOWN

- 1 Panicky
- 2 Idle talk
- 3 Ape
- 4 Links
- 5 Hair, at times
- 6 Close up
- 7 Stephen Bochco series
- 8 Fight site
- 9 Actress Cicely
- 11 Breaking wave
- 15 Director Brooks
- 17 Mob men
- 20 Tack on pants, briefly
- 21 "How - love thee?"
- 24 Fact book
- 25 New Jersey city
- 27 Music genre
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- 29 Ribbed
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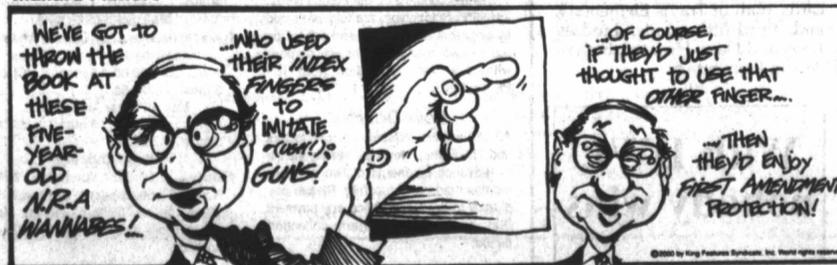
Peanuts



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SPORTS

Pampa goes against EP Riverside in regionals

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SOFTBALL

DUNCAN, Okla. — Entries are being taken for an A.S.A. 14 & under girls' fast pitch tournament Friday through Sunday in Duncan, Okla.

The Oklahoma-Texas Shootout has a \$165 entry fee with a 5-game guarantee. The tournament will be held at Hines Park.

All teams must have proof of A.S.A. sanction.

For information, call 580-255-4800.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Duncan, Fraser & Bridges notched a 15-4 victory over Triangle in 11-12 Major Bambino action Monday.

Matthew Trusty had three base hits to lead DFB. Other top hitters were Braydon Barker double and single; Shane Goldsmith two singles; Chase Harriss one triple and Luke Raber one triple.

Brodie Smith had two singles and Nick Robbins a single for Triangle.

Goldsmith was the winning pitcher. He struck out five, walked seven and gave up four runs on three hits.

Harriss and Raber each had bases-loaded triples to clear the bases for DFB. Chris Peoples had a two-RBI single in the third inning.

Jonathan Marciel made an outstanding play for Triangle when he caught a hard-hit line drive at third base.

CHICAGO (AP) — All that for a baseball cap.

Several Dodgers got into a bench-clearing tussle with Wrigley Field fans Tuesday night after fans stole Chad Kreuter's hat and hit him in the ninth inning of Los Angeles' 6-5 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

When the fight was over, several fans had been hauled out, the game had been delayed almost 10 minutes, there was litter on the field and the Dodgers were in shock at one of the more bizarre events ever at Wrigley Field.

"If you wanted a hat that bad, be polite and ask for one. We'll give it to you. We've got a whole bunch of them," said Todd Hundley, whose game-winning three-run homer was all but forgotten in the mess.

"When you get physical, if you even touch a player, then it's on."

Four fans were arrested; three were charged with disorderly conduct, and one was charged with criminal trespassing, police said. All four were released from jail, and a June 19 court date was set.

"Our security staff is still in the process of sorting things out," Cubs general manager Ed Lynch said.

No wonder. Fights between teams are one thing. But a melee with fans?

"I was just shocked," Gary Sheffield said. "I've never seen anything like that in my 12-year career."

Kreuter, a Dodgers' catcher, was in the bullpen area, which is just over a small, chest-high wall from the fans, when pinch-hitter Julio Zuleta hit an RBI double to cut the Dodgers' lead to 6-5 with one out.

A fan grabbed Kreuter's cap, apparently hit him and then took off running. Kreuter gave chase, and a few of his teammates followed. The rest of the bullpen gathered along the first-base wall and Los Angeles' dugout emptied.

A few more players waded into the crowd, and several Dodgers were seen tussling with fans.

"If somebody pops one of my guys, that's not supposed to happen," Dodgers manager Davey Johnson said. "A couple guys were pretty much intoxicated, big guys. Then the beer started coming down."

Kreuter didn't want to talk about the fight, telling reporters to go talk to Hundley about his home run.

Three-game series will be played in Hobbs, N.M.

PAMPA — When Pampa played El Paso Riverside the last time in an athletic event, it was on the football field. This time around, the two schools will square off on the baseball diamond.

Pampa takes on Riverside in the Class 4A regional quarterfinals Friday and Saturday in Hobbs, N.M. The first game of the three-game series will be held at 5 p.m. Friday (New Mexico time) on Williams Field on the College of the Southwest campus. The second game will be at 10 a.m. Saturday. A third game if necessary will start 30 minutes after the second is completed.

It was in 1998 when the two school clashed in the Area round of the football playoffs. The Harvesters came away with a 35-26 victory.

Pampa brings a 21-7-1 record into the regional round. Riverside also has an impressive record, 21-6-1. The Rangers just finished an intense series with Frenship in the Area playoffs last weekend. Riverside won a 6-5 squeaker in the opener, but Frenship bounced back with a 9-5 win to even things. Riverside won the deciding contest 6-2.

Pampa southpaw Brent Coffee (8-2) could be the scheduled starter in Game One against Riverside, but coach Dennis Doughty remains undecided about who his first-game pitcher will be.

Pitching, hitting and defense have been key components in Pampa's drive to the District 3-4A title. Coffee can add another important element.

"Our focus has been real

good," Coffee said. "We try and focus on everything we're doing. We also get along real well as a team."

The Harvesters were certainly focused in their Area series against Pecos, especially the last two games. After dropping the opener 8-6, the Harvesters came back for lopsided 16-1, 16-2 victories.

In the early going, Pampa left little doubt about the outcome. The Harvesters led 12-0 after two innings of the first game and were ahead 10-0 after two innings of the last tilt.

Every Harvester who played contributed in the two routs. Senior first baseman Cody Shepard led the way with six hits and seven runs-batted-in, and senior righthander Casey Owens started and won both games.

There were no homers, but third baseman Greg Lindsey, catcher Justin Barnes and center fielder Russell Robben had triples. So did Shepard.

Right fielder Randy Tice, the only sophomore starter on the

senior-laden team, had three hits, two RBI and two runs scored. Pinch hitter Carey Knutson had an RBI single and second baseman Kaleb Snelgroves had four

hits and an RBI. Shortstop Jesse Francis and designated hitter Travis Lancaster each had a pair of hits and two RBI.



(Pampa News photo by Lacy Plunk)

Sophomore outfielder Randy Tice had three hits and two RBI in the Pampa wins over Pecos.

Green & Gold scrimmages



(Special photo)

The Pampa Harvesters wrap up their spring football program with a pair of Green and Gold scrimmages Friday night, starting at 6:30 and 7:30 in Harvester Stadium. Advertising the scrimmages are (bottom row, from left) J.J. Roark, Kelleen Ebel and Thomas Long; (top row, from left) Jason Burklow and Jeff Warren.

Hidden Hills holds Pro-Am

PAMPA — Hidden Hills held a pro-am tournament last weekend by Sonic Drive In, Dean's Pharmacy and Culberson Stowers.

Results are as follows:
First place: Chris Mahaney, B. Bozeman, E. Lick and G. Gerber 120.

Second place (three-way tie): Steve Lusk, Larry Etchison, Derek Bigham and Lee Garcia 125; Chad Davis, L. Hasskarl, Steve Williams and Larry Schneider 125; Joel Burleson, John Darby, Elmer Wilson and Howard Wells 125.

Fifth place: Corey Stone, Sam White, Ralph Baker and Willie Nickelberry 126.

Professionals: 1. Emil Hale 69; 2. John Horne 73; 3. (tie) Chad Davis 74; Charlie Nelson 74; Corey Stone 74.

The tournament was sponsored

by Sonic Drive In, Dean's Pharmacy and Culberson Stowers.

GOLF STUDY: According to a recent study, there are not more Americans playing golf. They're just playing more often.

The National Golf Foundation reported that the U.S. golfer population held steady at 26.4 million in 1998, but the number of rounds increased 6 percent to a record 564.1 million.

The report wasn't all good news.

While a record 3.2 million took up the game, an equal number of players quit. The number of junior players is also going down — 2 million in 1999, compared to a high of 2.4 million in 1997, the year Tiger Woods won the Masters.



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Astros lose in 16th

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The rest of the three-game series between the Milwaukee Brewers and Houston Astros will be decided by strong starting pitching — or the weather.

The teams combined to use 15 pitchers Tuesday night before Henry Blanco's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the 16th inning gave the Brewers a 6-5 victory over Houston in a 5-hour, 39-minute game.

"This game is devastating for us," said Houston manager Larry Dierker, who was ejected in the 13th inning by plate umpire Mike Winters. "We don't have anything left for the next couple games. If we could have won it, it would have been an inspirational situation."

"Luckily it's not a day game tomorrow. Hopefully it rains. That would help us a lot if it would. This will be a day tomorrow we'll all pray for rain."

The Milwaukee forecast called for possible showers today.

"It's difficult because you used everybody," Brewers manager Davey Lopes said. "You don't worry about tomorrow until it gets here. If you've got a chance to win a ballgame, you've got to go out and try to win it. Tomorrow, you look for your guy to go long into the game to alleviate that."

Marquis Grissom opened the 16th with an infield single off Chris Holt (1-6), the eighth Astros pitcher and the team's scheduled Thursday starter. After Jose Hernandez struck out, Lyle Mouton singled to right and Grissom moved to third.

Blanco's fly was dropped by Roger Cedeno at the right-field line and Grissom scored to win it for the Brewers, who left 19 on base. Blanco was credited with a sacrifice on his hit, although Cedeno was charged with an error.

Horacio Estrada (2-0), the seventh Brewers pitcher, pitched two innings, allowing two walks and no hits. Holt pitched 1 2-3 innings in the loss.

Houston tagged reliever David Weathers for three consecutive singles to open the eighth to tie it 5-5. Jeff Bagwell led off with a single and moved to third on Ken Caminiti's single. Moises Alou singled home the tying run.

Weathers escaped when Richard Hidalgo bounced into a double play. Mitch Meluskey then walked, but Tim Bogar was retired on a comebacker to the mound.

After Weathers' problems, the Brewers' bullpen was fantastic. Milwaukee got 8 1-3 scoreless innings of work from five pitchers before finally winning.

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T-ball practice



(Special photo)

Assistant coach Donna Gordy pitches to Christian Reeves as the Roadrunners T-ball team practices at Hobart Street Park. Helping to catch is (l-r) Nicholas Reeves, Sheridan Little and Craig Little. The Roadrunners are members of the Kids Club league and the team is sponsored by R.L. Gordy Trucking.

Lakers advance to meet Trail Blazers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant had to chuckle when asked if the Los Angeles Lakers were making a statement in finishing off Phoenix in the Western Conference semifinals.

"I think it's a statement to the city of Los Angeles to just relax," Bryant said after scoring 17 points Tuesday night in an 87-65 runaway victory that sent the Lakers into the conference finals against Portland. "You lose one game, it's not Armageddon."

The Lakers and Trail Blazers, who finished 1-2 in the NBA in regular-season wins with 67 and 59, respectively, open the conference finals Saturday at Staples Center, with Game 2 Monday night before the best-of-seven series shifts to Portland.

The Blazers advanced by eliminating Utah, also in five games. Two days after probably their worst performance of the season, one that prompted Ron Harper to question his team's resolve, the Lakers were in command in snuffing out the Suns.

The 65 points Phoenix scored was its lowest total ever in a playoff game, and six points fewer than it put up in the first half of Sunday's 117-98 win that extended the series to a fifth game.

"You hate to have your worst game of the season in the last game of the season," Suns coach Scott Skiles said. "I feel bad for our guys, they gave me all they had. The Lakers weren't that good, we just couldn't make shots. We lost our composure in the second quarter."

It sure looked that way. The Suns were a beaten team by late in the period, and it showed in their body language after they continued to miss shot after shot, many unopposed.

The Lakers had two 10-0 runs in the quarter on their way to a 49-23 halftime lead. The 23 first-half points tied the playoff record for futility in a half set by Utah in

the second half of a 96-54 loss to Chicago Bulls on June 7, 1998 in the NBA Finals. The 54 points are the playoff record low for a game.

The Suns also tied the playoff record for futility in a second quarter, when they scored nine points to the Lakers' 28.

Phoenix shot 2-of-17 in the second quarter (11.8 percent), and 8-of-37 in the half (21.6 percent).

"This game's a mystery to me," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "The Suns can get 71 points in Sunday's game in a half, and then score (65) in a game. We'd have to say defense won the game."

A defense Harper had said was nonexistent in Phoenix. Harper also wondered about the Lakers' lack of a killer instinct.

"How's that for killer instinct? The fact of the matter is, we take care of business," Bryant said. "The killer instinct came out in a game we had to have."

Shaquille O'Neal had 15 points, 21 rebounds, three assists and three blocked shots for the Lakers despite sitting out the fourth quarter.

"Teamwise, we played an inspiring game," he said. "Personally, I didn't play that well, but my teammates stepped up for me. We played great

defense and were real active with our hands. We came out and took it to them. We got a lead and never lost our focus."

Jackson didn't agree with O'Neal's assessment of his play.

"I thought he was real dominant in the game," Jackson said. "I thought he changed shots, controlled the boards. He played with a little bit of a banged up knee, banged up shin."

O'Neal was injured Sunday, and wore a sleeve on his lower right leg.

It was 16-13 late in the first quarter before the Lakers took off, outscoring the Suns 33-10 during the remainder of the first half. It was 68-40 entering the fourth quarter.

"I think the reason we were so frustrated was because of all the trash-talking they did before the game," said Penny Hardaway, held to eight points after averaging 24.8 in the first four games. "I think that had everybody's adrenaline going, and then not to be able to knock down those shots kind of demoralized us."

The Suns made 23 of 80 shots (28.8 percent), including 4-for-18 from 3-point range.

"We wanted to be more aggressive defensively, run the foul break and get them in foul trouble," said Glen Rice.

McLean to host junior rodeo

McLEAN — McLean on June 24 will be site of one of ten junior rodeos scheduled this summer.

The JRCA (Junior Rodeo Cowboys Association), which was founded in 1998, will have its first rodeo May 13 at Leedey, Okla.

Other rodeos will follow at Hinton, Okla. on May 20; Hammon, Okla. on May 27; Cordell, Okla. on July 1; Clinton, Okla. on July 8; Weatherford on July 29; Sayre, Okla. on Aug. 5; Leedey, Okla. on Aug. 12; Cheyenne, Okla. on Aug. 19.

The season climaxes with the JRCA Finals to be held Sept. 8-10 in Elk City, Okla. Age groups for boys and girls begin with ages 3 & under, 5 & under, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14 and 15-19.

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The House on Tuesday defeated, 250-166, a far-reaching measure that would have made the president a participant in the process earlier to avoid year-end showdowns, put the budget on a two-year cycle and effectively ended the possibility of government shutdowns.

Opponents argued that the bill would shift too

much power to the executive branch, that the two-year budget undermined the ability of Congress to react to economic changes and that the real problem was not in the process but the people.

The proposals, said Rep. David Price, D-N.C., were fixes "for what is mainly a failure of political will and responsibility."

The last major revamping of the budget process was in 1974. Pressure for reform has grown as Congress repeatedly failed to finish its 13 spending bills on time, leading to all-night, closed-door negotiations with the White House to determine billions

of dollars in spending and, on several occasions, government shutdowns.

The main element of the legislation would have changed the nature of the budget resolution Congress draws up every year as an outline for later spending bills. It would have gained the stature of a law that must be signed by the president, forcing earlier negotiations with the president and ideally avoiding the standoffs that occur when the Oct. 1 start of the fiscal year arrives with the White House and Congress still fighting over budget levels.

The biennial budget, offered as an amendment, was defeated 217-201. Supporters argued that finishing the budget and passing the spending bills in the first year of a two-year session would allow lawmakers to spend the second year overseeing programs to make sure they work.

"It makes the budget process more rational, it improves accountability and it strengthens enforcement," said Rules Committee Chairman David Dreier, R-Calif., noting that President Clinton and his Republican predecessors have supported the idea.

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Will Regis ever sleep? New TV schedules released

NEW YORK (AP) — When will Regis Philbin ever sleep? The man who lifted ABC from third to first this television season will add another night of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" to his schedule in the fall.

ABC already broadcasts the game show sensation on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Next fall it will add a Wednesday edition, the network announced Tuesday.

With four prime-time hours of

Philbin, ABC is adding only four new series in the fall. The network canceled the critically acclaimed "Sports Night" and trimmed its newsmagazine schedule from four nights to three.

Meanwhile, the youth-oriented WB network hopes to recover some of its sizzle with a fall schedule that includes two nights of comedies, including a parody of the teen angst dramas it has lived on the last few years.

"Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" has been a ratings juggernaut since its premiere last August. The quiz has astounded TV executives with its staying power, even though its viewership faded somewhat last week with tough May "sweeps" competition.

Heading into the week all television networks announce their fall schedules, guessing what ABC would do with "Millionaire" had become a par-

lor game for rival executives: Would the network cut back on its weekly showings to avoid saturating the market, or would it try to ride the craze even harder?

In the end, ABC heeded the siren call of cash: industry analysts have estimated the show will earn between \$400 million to \$600 million in profits next year.

ABC is adding "Geena," a comedy starring Geena Davis as a career woman thrust into the role of mom by marrying a widower; a medical drama with former "Homicide" star Andre Braugher; and a comedy with Gabriel Byrne.

A year after giving all of its newsmagazines the "20/20" name, ABC said it will use three different names for its news shows in the fall: "Downtown" on Mondays, "Primetime Thursday" and "20/20" on Friday. Diane Sawyer and Charles Gibson are hosts of

Thursday's show, and Barbara Walters is host on Friday.

Like this past season, ABC is starting the drama "Once and Again" on Tuesdays, then moving it to Mondays after the football season so "NYPD Blue" can make a late-season debut in its Tuesday slot.

After several years, ABC is abandoning its "TGIF" schedule of teen-oriented shows on Friday, replacing them with adult fare. The WB is reaching for that mantle, and picked up ABC's most popular Friday show, "Sabrina the Teenage Witch," to air in the same 8 p.m. time slot.

The WB's young comedies on Friday include "Grosse Pointe," which spoofs the behind-the-scenes lives of actors starring in a teen drama.

The network, whose ratings sagged this year, scheduled six comedies on Sunday nights. It picked up the animated show

"The PJs" from Fox and moved "The Jamie Foxx Show," "The Steve Harvey Show" and "For Your Love" to Sundays.

It is introducing a unique time-share arrangement for "Felicity" and "Jack and Jill" on Wednesdays at 9 p.m. Since both dramas lose a large part of their audience for repeats, the WB will air only originals, with "Felicity" in the fall and "Jack and Jill" in the winter.

Jordan Levin, executive vice president of programming, said write-in campaigns helped save shows that were in trouble, including "Felicity," "Popular" and "Roswell." "Roswell" fans sent 6,000 bottles of Tabasco sauce to WB executives.

"My chili has never tasted better," he said.

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Sewage line feeds into town's water line for three months

PINEVILLE, La. (AP) — Residents of about 60 homes drank and bathed in water contaminated by sewage for almost three months because city workers mistakenly connected a sewer line to an underground water pipe.

City officials say health risks were minimal because enough chlorine is put in the water supply to kill most bacteria. But residents of this central Louisiana city are disgusted and angry.

"I get physically ill when I think that I have been bathing, drinking and washing my clothes and dishes in sewage water," Tammy Campbell said.

The filters on Campbell's washing machine, dishwasher and refrigerator ice-maker became clogged with a white stringy substance, which she later learned was used toilet paper.

The water heaters of other residents filled up with what they originally thought was dirt — but

turned out to be excrement.

Pineville Mayor Clarence Fields acknowledged Tuesday that city workers made a mistake in March when they went to a subdivision to fix a burst main, and inadvertently connected the sewer line to the water pipe.

The problem has since been fixed, he said. That doesn't ease Donna Speir's worries. She's pregnant, scheduled to give birth in about two weeks and worries that her unborn baby may have been harmed.

Fields said an upcoming audit of the city public works department could lead to personnel changes.

"We will have to look at the way that we do business in the Public Works Department," he said. "The health and well-being of our citizens comes first."

Grand jury returns indictment in 1963 bombing; suspect jailed

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A longtime suspect in the 1963 bombing of a black Birmingham church was indicted on a murder charge and surrendered today.

The explosion at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church killed four young girls, one of the most shocking racial crimes of the civil rights era.

Thomas Blanton Jr., a onetime member of the Ku Klux Klan, surrendered about 7:30 a.m., said his attorney, David Luker. Luker said he hasn't seen the indictment; the Jefferson County sheriff's department listed the charge as murder.

Blanton, of Birmingham, is one of two living suspects in the bombing. The other, Bobby Frank Cherry, 69, of Mabank, Texas, is out on bond after he was jailed earlier this month in Shelby County on charges he molested a former stepdaughter 29 years ago. He has denied those allega-

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tions. Luker said today Blanton has maintained his innocence in the bombing. Cherry has also denied he was involved in the blast.

Luker said Blanton's indictment, "as it stands right now," is for no bond, but said he plans to apply for bond.

He said to his knowledge, Cherry was not indicted on charges related to the bombing, which has been the subject of a federal grand jury investigation for two years. The special Jefferson County grand jury heard evidence in the case Monday.

Jefferson County District Attorney David Barber did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment. The office of U.S. Attorney Doug Jones also did not immediately return a call.

Church members were gathered for Sunday services on Sept. 15, 1963, when a dynamite bomb planted outside demolished a wall. Killed were 11-year-old Denise McNair and three 14-year-olds: Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson and Addie Mae Collins.

Moderate whites became more vocal in their opposition to segre-

gationist policies in Birmingham following the explosion, which came just months after police used dogs and fire hoses to confront black marchers led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

The initial federal investigation into the bombing resulted in no charges, though the FBI named four men who were Ku Klux Klan members, including Blanton and Cherry, as suspects.

An investigation in the 1970s resulted in the murder conviction of suspect Robert Edward Chambliss, who died in prison in 1985 while serving a life term. The fourth suspect, Herman Cash, is dead.

The case was reopened in 1980 and 1988, without additional charges. It was reopened yet again in 1997.

"We received new information and are pursuing it in every way possible," Attorney General Janet Reno said at the time.

There has been no explanation why the case was moved from federal authorities to the county grand jury. On Monday, as the county grand jury met, Jones and an FBI agent mingled with county prosecutors.

Dangerous mold causes closure of courthouse

DENTON (AP) — The Denton County courthouse has been closed after investigators found the potentially dangerous mold stachybotrys in ceiling tiles.

The Charlie Cole Building is the third building in Denton and the fifth in North Texas where authorities say they have found the green-black fungus, which has been linked to breathing problems and death in infants or small children.

Authorities evacuated 75 minors and a dozens of employees Wednesday after they found the fungus in the ceiling tiles of County Court at Law No. 1. Investigators found no mold in the adult and juvenile probation offices and the juvenile detention area also was clear.

But the building will remain closed until county officials are sure the building is safe.

County officials planned another sweep of the building Thursday. The building was inspected by Aubrey-based Leslie Environmental after five employees wrote the county complaining of headaches, reoccurring coughing, sinus problems, skin irritations and nausea.

County officials said the building was inspected in March 1999 and no dangerous mold was found.

Authorities say they have also found the mold at the Denton City Hall, Central Fire Station in Denton, Dove Elementary School in Grapevine and Bear Creek Elementary School in Euless.

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