

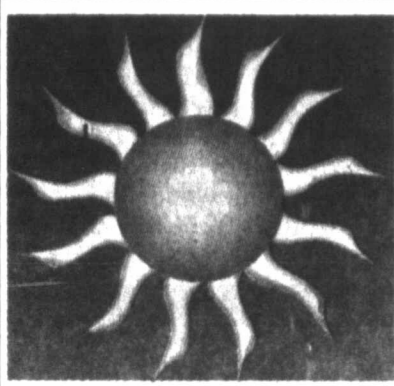
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Low tonight mid-60s.  
High tomorrow mid-90s.  
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**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — Two Texas Department of Transportation contract employees doing pavement work on Interstate 10 were killed Tuesday by a hit-and-run driver, police said.

A black Nissan pickup truck swerved over barrier cones erected on the highway and struck the workers about 3:30 a.m. before speeding away, said police spokeswoman Sandy Perez.

A Nissan pickup was stopped several miles away, and its driver was being questioned, police said.

One of the workers died at the scene and the other was rushed to University Hospital, where he also died, Ms. Perez said.

They were employed by Neumatic Paving Co. of Oklahoma and both were from Oklahoma, said Roger Leal, spokesman for the TXDOT. Their names were not immediately released.

The men were helping to resurface the westbound lanes of the interstate when the accident occurred.

**DALLAS (AP)** — A man has been sentenced to life in prison for murder in the fatal stabbing of his estranged wife last year.

The jury took one hour Monday to pass sentence on Paul Niel Smith, 31. He had been convicted Friday of stabbing Gina Ann Smith, 33, more than two dozen times on May 16, 1996. She was killed in her Richardson apartment, which she had rented to flee the abusive relationship.

Smith must serve at least 30 years before he becomes eligible for parole.

- Robert W. "Bobby" Carter, 49, former manager Pampa Country Club.
- Sandra K. Scott, 42, homemaker.

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**Quite frankly...**

With all the hue and cry over E. coli bacteria and fast food restaurants, would you eat a hamburger today?

## Some streets open; work ongoing

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Staff Writer

Residents relying on 23rd Street will need to find a new way to get to where they're going for the next couple of months.

Construction began on the street yesterday as part of the finishing plans to complete the \$3.2 million Street Rehabilitation Project that was voted into effect for the City of Pampa several years ago.

A bond election held in 1991-1992 was the beginning of the city's street improvement project which is now expected to be completed by next summer or early next

fall, according to Richard Morris, the city's director of public works.

Although the project was hoped to be finish by this summer, weather — and particularly the heavy rainfall this summer — has had a negative impact on the construction process.

Previous construction work on Ballard Street, for example, was delayed by seven weeks due to the rain this year.

The project was split into two phases, Morris said. The first phase which involved strip paving five miles of streets in the southeast part of the city was completed in about a year and a half.

The current "phase two" portion of the project will improve 10 miles of streets when completed.

The majority of this phase is complete. Duncan, Ballard, Harvester, Starkweather, Foster, Kingsmill, Sumner, Cuyler, Russell and Frost streets have been completed.

As soon as the east Kentucky Avenue is finished, there will be three more streets to finish: 23rd Street, east and west Francis Street and the east part of Browning.

Morris did not project a completion date for 23rd Street, although he said the "very best done on a street this far, in terms of time, is nine weeks."

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## Man pleads guilty to cocaine charge Gets 4-year prison term

A 24-year-old El Paso man was in the Gray County jail today awaiting transfer to a Texas Department of Corrections prison after pleading guilty to drug charges.

Jorge Luis Cordero was sentenced Monday by 31st District Judge M. Kent Sims to a four-year prison term.

Cordero was arrested in the early morning hours of Oct. 16, 1996, following a search warrant raid at Cordero's residence at the rear of 315 S. Ballard.

More than two grams of cocaine and \$1,634.90 in cash was seized in the raid, according to District Attorney John Mann. The cash was believed to be drug-related currency.

The case, Mann said, was investigated by the Pampa Police Department, the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force and the 31st District Attorney's office of Gray County.

## Phone franchise contract renewal pared to one year

By LAURA HALEY  
Staff Writer

A franchise agreement between the City of Pampa and Southwestern Bell was only extended for one year due a change in legislation, which allows for more competition among local phone service providers.

In recent years, both the federal and state governments have passed legislation that would end the monopolization of local telephone services. The legislation has withstood many court battles and, earlier this month, had a slight affect on the City of Pampa.

The five-year franchise agreement between the city and Southwestern Bell was only extended to one year because of all the changes, said Gary Stevens, with Amarillo's Southwestern Bell office. This, he said, was done to protect the interest of the city and the telephone company.

"There's a lot of changes and turmoil in the industry and competition," said Stevens.

Currently, Southwestern Bell

**"There's a lot of changes and turmoil in the industry and competition."**

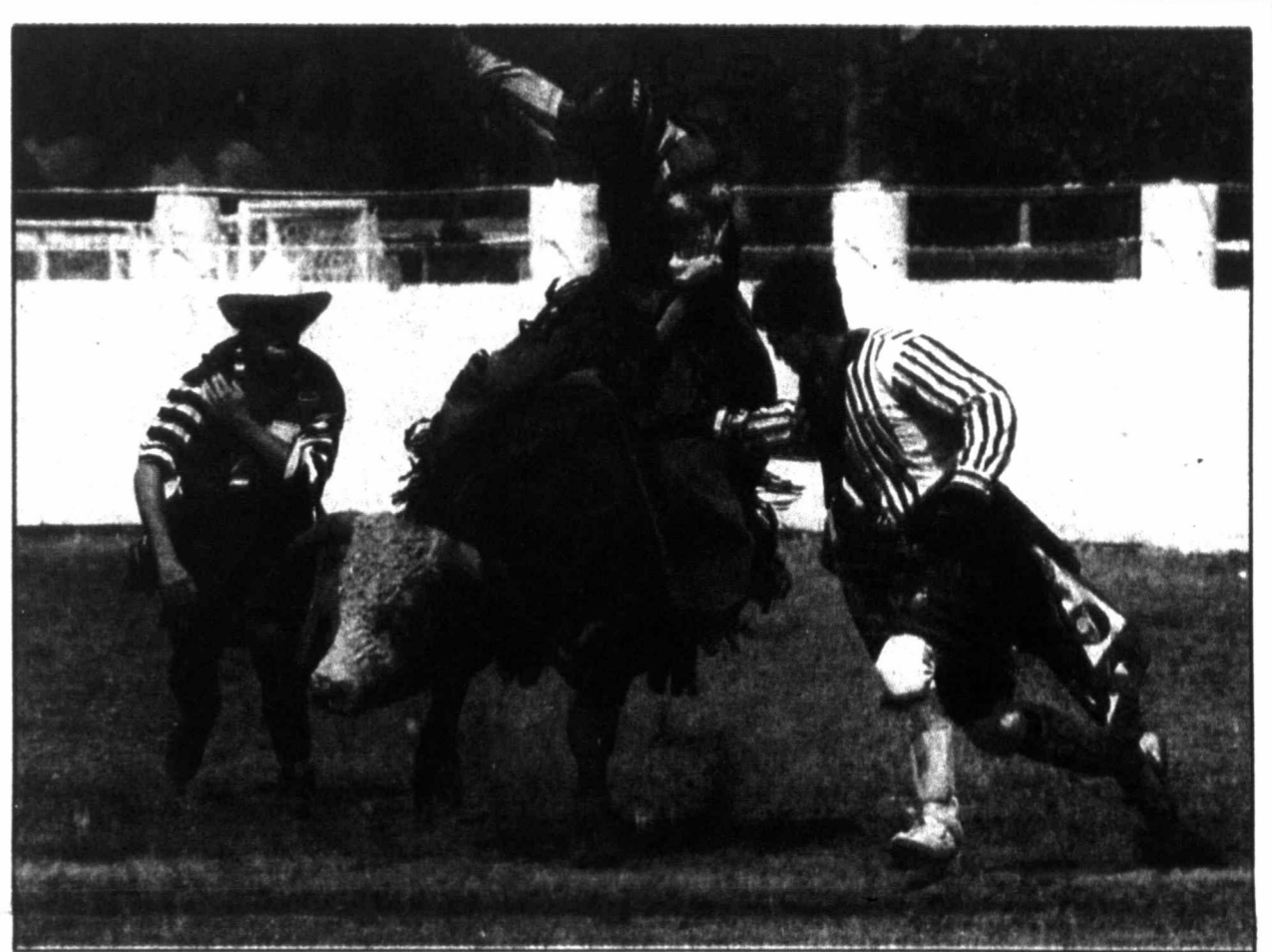
— Gary Stevens  
Southwestern Bell

uses city easements to connect their phone lines to customers. They pay the city of Pampa \$144,000 per year for this service. In the past, both parties settled upon this agreed amount, but that could change in the future, said Stevens.

New laws require cities to give an equal opportunity to other companies wishing to establish local phone service to an area. In addition, phone companies, such as Southwestern Bell, are also required to resell its phone lines to these companies at a reduced rate.

But, with the potential for competition, the larger, established phone companies are rethinking the agreements with cities.

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(Special photos) Bullfighters Jon Lee (left) and Tyler Simpkins (right) help a contestant during the Boys Ranch Rodeo's bull riding event.

## It's not clowning around..

By David Bowser  
Staff writer

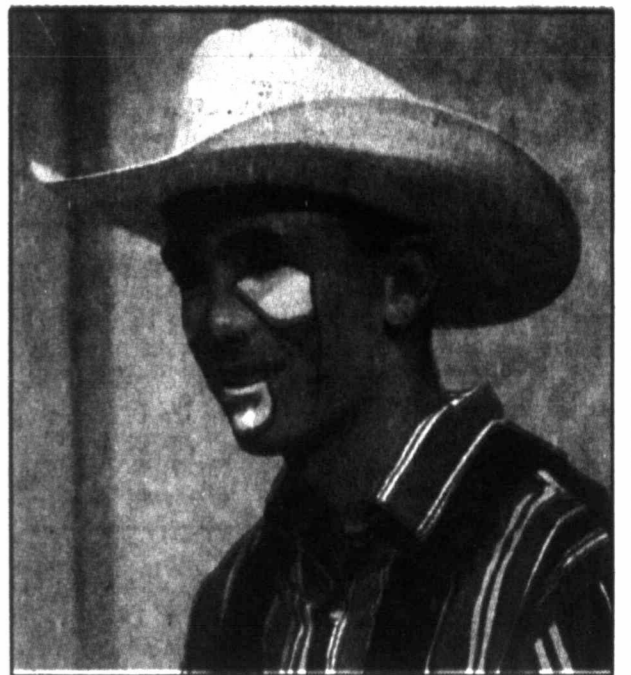
**BOYS RANCH** — Don't call Tyler Simpkins a clown.

Despite the painted face and baggy clothes, the 16-year-old Simpkins is a guardian angel.

"I'm a bullfighter," Simpkins said. "It's a common mistake (being called a clown), but I take my job very seriously. We do entertain, but we're out there to fight bulls and save cowboys. A bullfighter is a guardian angel."

Simpkins likes bullfighting so much that he plans on making it a career. He has won several top bullfighting prizes and has earned the distinction of being recognized as a Wrangler bullfighter. He will be working the arena this weekend at the annual Boys Ranch Rodeo.

Scheduled for Sunday and Monday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, the 53rd annual Cal Farley's Boys

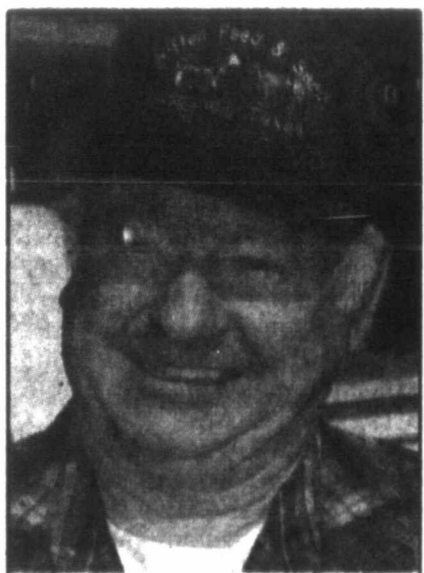


**Tyler Simpkins**

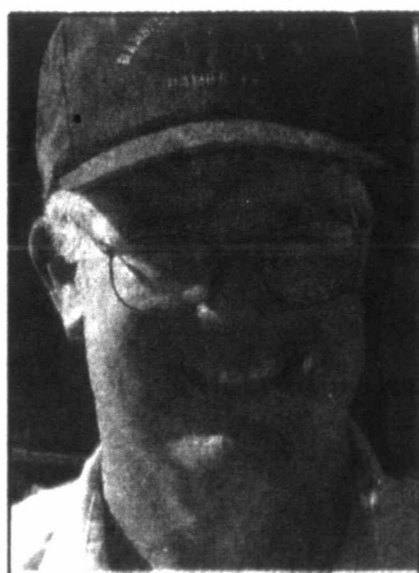
Ranch Rodeo is held every Labor Day at Boys Ranch, 36 miles northwest of Amarillo on FM 1061.

The youth living at Boys Ranch, Girlstown USA and Cal Farley's Family Program compete in the rodeo or work the many jobs that make the rodeo possible. The annual event also serves as a reunion for those who return to Boy Ranch with their families.

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"I eat beef every day. I don't raise chicken."  
— Jim Eakin



"I eat beef. I might not eat ground beef."  
— Lewis Davis



"I'd be careful, but I'd eat one."  
— Alfred Parker



"I've had second thoughts about it, for sure."  
— Alicia Calfy



"Probably not right for now, no."  
— Amy Cross

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

SCOTT, Sandra K. — 2 p.m., Brown Funeral Directors Chapel of the Fountains, Borger.

## Obituaries

### ROBERT W. 'BOBBY' CARTER

Robert W. "Bobby" Carter, 49, of Pampa, died Saturday, Aug. 23, 1997, at Galveston. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Leif Hasskarl, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing.

Mr. Carter was born April 6, 1948, at Ellsworth, Kan. He had been a Pampa resident since 1957, moving from Independence, Kan. He was a 1966 Pampa High School graduate and formerly managed the Pampa Country Club. He was currently a resident of Whitney, Texas. He was a decorated, disabled U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam War. He was a Lutheran.

Survivors include his wife, Sondra, of the home; four daughters, Stacey Carter and Gina Wilburn, both of Houston, Meagan Carter of Whitney and Christine Gilliland of San Diego, Calif.; two sons, Shawn Carter of Amarillo and Joseph B. Carter of Whitney; his mother and stepfather, Velma and Richard Burkart of Pampa; his father and stepmother, E.B. and Betty Carter of Pampa; two brothers, Mike Carter of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mark Carter of Tulsa, Okla.; a sister, Sharon Valdez of Austin; and four grandchildren.

### SANDRA K. SCOTT

BORGER — Sandra K. Scott, 42, a former Shamrock resident, died Sunday, Aug. 24, 1997, at Fritch. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Brown's Chapel of the Fountains with Sammy O'Dell, elder and lay pastor of Worldwide Church of God of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Scott was a native of Shamrock. She married Edwin Thomas "Tommy" Scott on Oct. 20, 1970, at Pampa. She had been a Borger resident for eleven years and was a homemaker and member of Worldwide Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde Vick, in 1993, and Mary Vick, in 1990; and by a brother, Shelby Clyde Vick in 1969.

Survivors include her husband, Tommy; two sons, Edwin Scott, Jr., of Borger and Timothy Scott of Dexter, N.M.; five sisters, Bonnie Gutierrez of Fritch, Carolyn Sue Purvis of Depew, Okla., Juanita Smith of Pampa, Helen Pool of Hobbs, N.M., and Mary Shrum of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three brothers, Melvin Vick of Fritch, Jesse Vick of Hobbs and Johnny Vick of Pampa, and five grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle.

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Assault was reported at 218 N. Russell Street. An information report was taken at 201 W. Kingsmill Street.

### Arrests

Susan Caraway, 36, Coffee Street, was arrested on charges of no insurance and failure to appear.

## Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Shannon Hughes, 25, 1032 Varnon, was sentenced to 20 days for the original charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Robert Lee Curtis, 46, 708 Doucette, was arrested on charges of bond surrender in Donley and Gray counties.

## Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 25

A motor vehicle accident occurred at 500 18th Street and 1800 Chestnut involving a 1987 red Chevy Trail Master driven by Darby Jacob Schale, 1605 Fir, and a 1994 blue Chevy 1500 driven by Jeffrey Henderson, 1933 Fir. Schale was issued a citation.

A motor vehicle accident occurred at 1100 E. Browning when bicyclist Kaysi Nicole Parker, 1404 E. Browning, struck a 1993 maroon Ford Taurus driven by Jimmy Alton Willet, Rt. 1 Box 1H. No citations were issued.

## Ambulance

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

### MONDAY, AUGUST 25

12:44 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center on an transport call to Columbia Medical Center.

1:00 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th Street on a medical call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

1:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport a patient to a local nursing center.

7:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of W. Browning for a motor vehicle accident and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

2:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of S. West on a fire assist call and no injuries were reported.

4:09 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Varnon.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 25

7:55 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to a grease fire at 1200 Hamilton.

10:01 p.m. - One person and three units responded to a controlled burn at W. 23rd Street.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

2:53 a.m. - Three units and eight personnel responded to a wood pile burn at 200 Southwest.

## Emergency numbers

- Ambulance.....911
- Crime Stoppers.....669-2222
- Energas.....665-5777
- Fire.....911
- Police (emergency).....911
- Police (non-emergency).....669-5700
- SFS.....669-7432
- Water.....669-5830

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## CLOWNING

Since 1939, when Cal Farley found a place at Old Tascosa where troubled youth would have a second chance for success, more than 5,000 boys and girls have called the ranch home.

"Some travel long distances to attend the rodeo and alumni reunion," according to Cathy Lexa, a spokesman for the ranch. "Many of the alumni who were involved in the rodeo remember how impor-

tant it was to have a crowd on hand to recognize their achievements. Now these former ranchers, along with other visitors, cheer on the new generation of young people at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and its affiliates."

The rodeo begins at 2:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday. Barbecue plates are available for four dollars beginning at 11:30 a.m. Reserved bleacher seats are four dollars. General admission is three dollars for adults and one dollar for children 6-12. For more information call 806-372-2341.

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## FRANCHISE

"In the smaller communities, we're not aware of any competition and don't expect any in the very, very near future," said Stevens.

Competition for local phone services, however, has already hit the major metropolitan areas such as Houston and Dallas. Because of the eventual growth of competition into the smaller and rural areas, Southwestern Bell is already taking precautions.

The one-year extended agreement with the City of Pampa was approved two weeks ago with some

minor changes.

First, the city must give notice to Southwestern Bell if any other applications for local telephone service are received. Second, the rate paid to the city is based on the number of phone lines actually in use by Southwestern Bell rather than a flat fee. Although the dollar amount has not changed, it could if other providers are allowed into the city, said Stevens. These providers would also be charged a specific amount, which would be based on the number of phone lines they were using.

These options, said Stevens, allows for increased competition but also protects the interests of Southwestern Bell.

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## STREET

"If we have a dry winter, we may get a lot finished," he said.

Rain and overwatered lawns have created problems for the construction crews this summer, Morris said.

"Besides wasting water, overwatered lawns are hard on construction and it makes the construction last longer," he said.

Currently, Kentucky Street is open from Hobart to Price Road, although some clean-up and minimal patching remains to be done.

However, Kentucky Street, east from Hobart to Russell, is still under construction. Concrete curbs, required to allow the placement of line sub grades, were completed on Saturday. But the rest of the concrete curb and valleys will be completed when the line sub grade is finished. Contractor E.D. Baker plans to place lines on the north half of Kentucky on Wednesday.

## Female postal workers protest alleged harassment, discrimination

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — About 75 female U.S. Postal Service employees marched, chanted and donned gas masks at the city's main post office to protest a "toxic work environment" they claim includes sexual harassment.

The postal workers, joined in the demonstration Monday by members of the National Organization for Women, called for the ouster of Victor Duran Jr., district manager for customer services and sales.

"We are here because we have continual harassment, and when we complain, there is continual retaliation," said Kathy Davis, who identified herself as the city's only female postal station manager. Duran declined comment through Stephen Seewoester, a U.S. Postal Service communications specialist who was in San Antonio from Dallas on Monday.

A dozen women have filed more than 100 complaints with the Postal Service's internal Equal Employment Opportunity office.

The women allege sexual discrimination in promotions and career opportunities; sexual harass-

ment, some involving pornographic materials and lewd comments; retaliation for filing complaints; theft of personal property; and an abusive system of promotions and punishments.

"It's a system where you have to swear personal loyalty to win favors. I was advised I'd have to kiss the ring to get ahead. We have to eliminate this 'patron' system and clean house," said marcher Veronica Flores, coordinator for Postal Service projects with Mexico.

Postal Service investigators looked into the alleged problems in San Antonio in March and prepared an internal report. Sabrina C. Arellano, an attorney representing some of the women, said the report has not been made available to her.

The San Antonio district covers 495 post offices from Waco to Brownsville and El Paso to Victoria.

Duran was appointed to head the district in 1992 but was removed in 1995 by Southwest area vice president Charles Kernan in Dallas. He returned as a manager after filing a complaint alleging discrimination against Hispanics.

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, clear with a low in the mid 60s. South wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny and hot. High 90 to 95. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph. The overnight low was 66.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

**WEST TEXAS** — Panhandle — Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the mid 60s. South wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High 90 to 95. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, fair. Lows 60-65. Wednesday, sunny. Highs 90-95. Wednesday night, fair. Lows lower to mid 60s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, clear. Lows mid 60s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs mid 90s. Wednesday night, fair. Lows mid 60s to near 70. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, fair. Lows near 65. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs near 95. Wednesday night, fair. Lows 65-70. Far West Texas

— Tonight, fair. Lows in the mid to upper 60s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, clear. Lows mid 50s to mid 70s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs 85 to near 110. Wednesday night, clear. Lows mid 50s to mid 70s.

**NORTH TEXAS** — Tonight, clear with a low 66 to 71. Wednesday, mostly sunny with a high 91 to 96.

**SOUTH TEXAS** — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, clear. Lows in the lower 70s, mid 60s Hill Country. Wednesday, partly cloudy and hot. Highs in the mid 90s east and upper 90s to near 100 west. Wednesday night, clear. Lows in the lower 70s, upper 60s Hill Country. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, clear. Lows near 70 inland to near 80 coast. Wednesday, partly cloudy and hot. Highs in the lower 90s inland to near 90 coast. Wednesday night, clear. Lows

near 70 inland to near 80 coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s coast to the lower 70s inland. Wednesday, partly cloudy and hot. Highs near 90 coast to the mid 90s inland, near 100 Rio Grande plains. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 70s coast to the mid 70s inland.

### BORDER STATES

**NEW MEXICO** — Tonight through Wednesday night, partly cloudy with scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms west and north, most numerous north. Fair skies southeast. Lows upper 30s to 50s mountains with 60s elsewhere. Highs Wednesday 70s and 80s mountains with upper 80s to near 100 lower elevations east and south.

**OKLAHOMA** — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s to lower 70s. Wednesday and Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 90s. Lows in the mid 60s to lower 70s.

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## Calendar of events

### TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Are you or someone you know in an abusive relationship? Tralee Crisis Center is offering a women's support group Wednesdays at 5p.m. All inquiries will be kept confidential. For information, call 669-1131.

## Stocks

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

Wheat	2.40	up .02
Milo	1.40	up .02
Corn	1.10	up .02

The following show the prices at which these securities could be traded at the time of compilation.

Occidental	21.10	down .02
Phillips	21.10	down .02
Magellan	19.21	down .02
Puritan	19.74	down .02

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

Amoco	28.92	up .016
Arco	24.12	down .016
Cabot	26.11	up .08
Cabot OAG	21.58	up .04

## ZPG survey finds Illinois city best place to rear youth

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cities in Illinois, Kansas and California are "Kid-Friendly" and lead a Zero Population Growth survey released today on the best places to raise children.

Naperville, Ill., about 30 miles southwest of Chicago, is the No. 1 city in which to raise a child, according to Zero Population Growth, a Washington, D.C.-based lobbying group that advocates lower birth rates worldwide.

The group's Children's Environmental Index, based on a survey of 219 cities with populations over 100,000, examined infant mortality, unemployment, health, economics, crime, environment and education.

Overland Park, Kan., was second, followed by Irvine, Calif., Plano, Texas, Fargo, N.D., Madison, Wis., Sterling Heights, Mich., Ann Arbor, Mich., Livonia, Mich., and Sioux Falls, S.D.

Zero Population Growth came to Los Angeles, and enlisted "3rd Rock From the Sun" TV star Joey Gordon Levitt, to announce results of the country's most "Kid-Friendly" cities survey. Los Angeles

ranked 201 out of 219. The worst city in which to raise a child was Gary, Ind., which placed 219th. Detroit, Newark, N.J., St. Louis, Hartford, Conn., and San Bernardino, Calif., were also at the bottom of the list.

The survey takes a "hard look at what's going right and wrong in our cities today and pinpoints, often in very stark terms, the problems we need to tackle and the successes we need to recognize" to deliver a better tomorrow for our kids," the group's executive director Peter H. Kostmayer said.

Indicators that boosted No. 3 Irvine's mark were its low percentage of children in poverty, at 3.6 percent, and a median family income of \$64,000, said Tim Cline, spokesman for Zero Population Growth.

"It's a spectacular, beautiful place," Cline said. Councilman Greg Smith is raising two sons in Irvine.

"Many of us feel that this is the No. 1 place to raise kids," Smith said.

## City briefs

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**EMERGENCY JAIL Release.** 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv.

**LANZERA SOCCER Shoes.** New shipment. T Shirts & More. 111 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

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**STUDIO APARTMENTS** avail. Meredith House, Assisted Living. 665-5668. Adv.

**SOFTBALL SALE!** For every 3 softballs bought get 1 free! Make us an offer on any baseball or softball bat. 20% off all gloves and bat bags. Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv.

**HUGE SALE - up to 75% off** on collectibles, stationary, gift items! Sales ends Saturday. We will be closed Saturday noon thru Labor Day. Celebrations. 1617 N. Hobart, 665-3100. Adv.

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**EARLY ADVERTISING** Deadlines this week, in The Pampa News. Questions call 669-2525. Adv.

**PENCIL BAGS - PMS,** Travis, Austin & PHS, just arrived, T-Shirts & More and Scottie's Main Street Grill. Adv.

**YEAR END Close-Out,** Air Conditioners, all prices reduced. Frank's True Value, 626 S. Cuyler, 665-4995. Adv.

**MALONE APPLIANCE** Serv. - Closed for vacation Aug. 28 thru Sept. 7. Adv.

**ANNUAL GARAGE Sale** starts Thursday Noon thru Saturday Noon. Pottery, select group of chemicals & plants, decorative lawn items, seeds, wind chimes and more. Watson's Feed & Garden, Hwy. 60 East. Adv.

**FINAL MARK Down** all Spring, Summer & selected Fall up to 70% off. All Spring & Summer shoes including Brighton 1/2 price. Sale ends Sat., Aug. 30th, downtown 669-1091. Adv.

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# ACT I auditions to start Sept. 2

ACT I (Area Community Theater, Inc.) will begin its 1997-98 season with the popular comedy "The Man Who Came To Dinner" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman.

Auditions will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 2 and Thursday, Sept. 4 in the ACT I Theater in the Pampa Mall (come through the back entrance). Director for the show is Rochell Lacy.

According to Lacy, this show is great for both experienced performers and those who want to participate but don't want to handle a major role. Overall, the cast includes 15 men (some with no dialogue) and nine women.

Some of the characters are in one or two short scenes in only one act. Others, such as the butler and the maid, have limited dialogue, but appear throughout the entire three acts. The time period will be set about 1939, and crew members will also be needed to help with costumes, sets, props and sound effects. Cast members will also help with crews.

The story is about Sheridan Whiteside, a popular but arrogant radio personality, having dined at the home of the Stanleys, slips on their doorstep, breaking his hip.

A tumultuous six weeks of confinement follows. The Stanley living room is monopolized by the irascible invalid, ex-convicts are invited to meals, eccentric celebrities visit, and transatlantic calls bring a large phone bill. The arrival of strange gifts from his friends destroys domestic tranquility. When his secretary Maggie falls in love with the reporter, Bert Jefferson, Whiteside summons a glamorous actress, Lorraine, to break up the romance. He also encourages the Stanley's daughter to elope with a labor agitator and their son to leave home to follow his dreams as a magazine photographer.

Whiteside proceeds to do his Christmas Eve broadcast from the living room with the young choir boys singing "Silent Night" as chaos breaks around them before the problems are resolved. (Or are they?)

Lacy urges newcomers and ACT I Veterans alike to be part of this fun-filled production. Performances are scheduled for the weekends of November 7 and 8, and November 14 and 15.

## Consumers taking closer look at beef

DALLAS (AP) — Consumers are looking a little closer at meat these days following another E. coli outbreak and cattle ranchers are hoping Americans' love of beef will last through this latest contamination scare.

Mad cow disease, which hasn't been reported in the United States, previous warnings about E. coli and years of hearing nutritionists warn against too much red meat have many shying away from beef already.

"I was in the grocery store the other day and didn't buy any hamburger. I thought why not just wait awhile," said Cameron Tyler of Boulder, Colo.

A poll conducted for Newsweek magazine last week as the E. coli outbreak was getting wide attention found that 41 percent of those polled less likely to purchase hamburger at grocery stores, and 54 percent less likely to buy hamburgers at fast-food restaurants.

Many cattle ranchers agree that the highly publicized outbreaks could wind up diminishing American's appetite for beef.

"The stigma is always a concern," said Texas rancher Chance Thompson, a past president of the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association. "But I feel like the American people are smart enough to realize these are very isolated incidents."

During an E. coli outbreak in 1993 that sickened more than 500 hamburger eaters and killed three children, consumers turned their backs on beef. Consumption boomed out at 61.6 pounds per person, according to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The beef industry, which has

struggled to hold its market share over pork and poultry in recent years, has become highly sensitive to reports of contamination and is hopeful the same thing won't happen this time around.

Reaction has been less this time around. Livestock futures on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange hovered around 69.85 cents a pound before the USDA's recall on Aug. 18, when they plummeted to 66.42 cents a pound. The prices have been creeping back upward since.

"I think that consumers are used to hearing about once a week about a food scare. We've heard, 'don't eat chicken, don't drink water, don't eat strawberries, don't eat apples,'" said Lisa Williams, a spokesman for the Texas Beef Council. "Of course we're concerned about the recent E. coli outbreak, but we think consumers are starting to understand."

The Newsweek poll of 501 adults was taken Friday and has a margin of error of plus or minus five percentage points. It found that 51 percent of respondents in recent days had decided to avoid certain foods or were being more careful about handling and preparing food.

Some consumers say they've heard so many warnings about their food they've tuned them out, deciding to enjoy a meal and take their chances.

"I've been around a long time, and people have banned everything at some point. When I want a hamburger, I'm going to order it. I just don't let it bother me," said Charlie Hurwitz, 85, a retired New York banker, who ate two plain hamburgers for lunch on Monday.

## Getting an early start

Six-month-old Jessica Susane Cowan doesn't have to wait until her first birthday to dive into a chocolate cake. It was all part of the fun at her aunt's (Raeanna Cowan) recent birthday party. Jessica is the daughter of Gabriel and Caryn Cowan. All are from Pampa.

(special photo)



## Miami school board meeting Aug. 28 in administration office

MIAMI — Hearings on tax rates and the budget are among agenda items to be heard during a special meeting of the Miami Independent School District Board of Education.

The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 28, in the school administration office.

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- Approval of the 1997-98 budget
- Approval of student transfers.

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EVER STRIVING FOR THE TOP O' TEXAS  
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This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

Valley Morning Star (Harlingen) on border shooting:  
It might well be that Marine Cpl. Clemente Banuelos was just doing his job on May 20. The trouble was, it was a job he, as a military man, should not have been doing.

A Del Rio grand jury decided not to bring an indictment against Banuelos for the fatal shooting of Esquiel Hernandez Jr., an 18-year-old high school student with no criminal record. Military authorities have said Hernandez, who was tending goats and did have a .22 rifle, had fired shots and was preparing to fire again at three camouflaged Marines when Banuelos killed him.

Texas Rangers and local prosecutors who investigated the shooting have disputed that account. An autopsy report suggests that Hernandez was not facing Banuelos when he was shot. The grand jury apparently believed the military's version.

Whatever the specifics turn out to be, such a tragedy was virtually inevitable. Banuelos was part of a border-area drug surveillance mission when he encountered Hernandez.

Such missions have been suspended pending a review. They should be ended.

The essential mission of military forces is to be prepared to fight wars — to kill or neutralize as efficiently as possible people determined to be the enemy. That's not the same as the mission of law enforcement. Each requires different skills and different attitudes.

That, along with political dangers inherent when military people are deployed against U.S. citizens rather than foreign enemies, is the main reason that for most of its history the United States has not permitted military units to engage in domestic law enforcement.

The killing of Esquiel Hernandez underlines the wisdom of the historic policy. The administration, after this review, should announce that henceforth military personnel will not be used to aid, supplement or displace domestic law enforcement.

Thought for today

"It was better, he thought, to fail in attempting exquisite things than to succeed in the department of the utterly contemptible."

Arthur Machen,  
The Hill of Dreams

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"FIRST A COLLISION... THEN A COMPUTER MALFUNCTION... OH, WELL, THINGS CAN'T GET ANY WORSE... RIGHT, YURI?... YURI?..."

Who gave the King a bad rap?

By BEN WATTENBERG AND DANIEL WATTENBERG

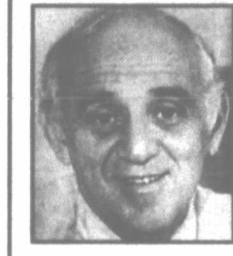
Elvis Presley died 20 years ago at the age of 42. By rock 'n' roll standards, it has not been a good death.

Almost without exception, rock idols who lived fast and died young — Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, John Lennon — were sanctified in pious mythologies that grew around them after their deaths. In these legends, the overindulgence in drugs that marked their lives and (Lennon excepted) hastened their deaths was an experience essential to their creative achievements, even if personally debilitating.

But Elvis was cheated of his apotheosis. Instead, he was debunked, exposed, mocked. In death, the Presley legend took a beating. A crude memoir of his life as a Graceland shut-in by disaffected hangers-on shot up the best-seller list just after his death. Later, Albert Goldman's best-selling biographical portrait of Elvis as a twisted cracker who parodied black blues influenced public perceptions, while remaining controversial. The revelation of his secret meeting with Richard Nixon in 1970 further stigmatized him in elite cultural quarters as a reactionary cheeseball.

After 20 years of posthumous demythologizing, there was little left of the Presley legend but fat jokes — and Elvis sightings. Too bad they were usually of the bloated Southern grotesque addicted to amphetamines, barbiturates, law-enforcement badges and fried peanut-butter-and-banana sandwiches. The man who dominated American popular music in the 1950s had the misfortune to be defined in terms of his relationship to the counterculture of the 1960s.

More than any other man, Elvis Presley has been assigned ultimate paternity for the children of the '60s. "He introduced the beat to everything and changed everything — music, language, clothes; it's a whole new social revolution — the '60s come from it," said composer Leonard Bernstein. "Before Elvis, there was nothing," the decade's most rep-



Ben Wattenberg

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resentative child, John Lennon, once said.

But Elvis repudiated his progeny. Religious, anti-communist, unconflicted capitalist to the end, he neither aligned himself with the Woodstock generation's politics nor joined their countercultural party. The more Woodstock's middle-class children dressed down to look deprived, the more ostentatiously this Depression-era striver from a Tupelo shotgun shack costumed himself in sequins and gems. He even used the wrong drugs — amphetamines and barbiturates instead of "consciousness-expanding" hallucinogens — acid, mushrooms, pot. More significantly, he did not record music intended to be listened to on drugs.

The repudiated children of the '60s never forgave Elvis. Showtime's recent *Elvis Meets Nixon* illustrated the Woodstock generation's resentment of Elvis. The otherwise forgettable dramatization of Presley's visit to Nixon giggles at Elvis as an anachronism who sat out the '60s. Back from military service in 1960, "Elvis was about to become a cultural dinosaur," narrator Dick Cavett says in his smug voice-over. "As the Beatles, Vietnam, the civil-rights struggles and psychedelia overtake America, Elvis remains in a time warp."

In terms of the '60s generation's cherished myths about itself, maybe Elvis was a dinosaur. But in his own context — the segregated mid-South in the mid-'50s — he was a buzz bomb: Before anyone had heard the explosion, he had demolished racial segregation in the popular music market.

Today in history

By The Associated Press  
Today is Tuesday, Aug. 26, the 238th day of 1997. There are 127 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women the right to vote, was declared in effect.

On this date:  
In 55 B.C., Roman forces under Julius Caesar invaded Britain.

In 1847, Liberia was proclaimed an independent republic.

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began erupting with increasingly large explosions.

In 1957, the Soviet Union announced it had successfully tested an intercontinental ballistic missile.

In 1961, the official International Hockey Hall of Fame opened in Toronto.

In 1964, President Johnson was

nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1972, the summer Olympic games opened in Munich, West Germany.

— the first man to fly solo, nonstop across the Atlantic — died at his home in Hawaii at the age of 72.

In 1978, Cardinal Albino Luciani of Venice was elected the 264th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church fol-

lowing the death of Paul VI. The new pontiff took the name John Paul I.

Five years ago: A federal judge declared a mistrial in the Iran-Contra cover-up trial of former CIA spy chief Clair George (George was convicted of perjury in a retrial, but was then pardoned by President Bush). The United States, Britain and France imposed a no-fly zone over the southern one-third of Iraq aimed at protecting Iraqi Shiite Muslims.

Berry's World



"Here it is. Rule #634 — You may drop the ball out onto the fairway any time you want. No penalty."

Stepping lightly as a childless woman

Nancy and I were walking down the streets of her Connecticut suburb. She was pushing her one-year-old's stroller; I was guiding her three-year-old's scooter. We had been with the kids all day, building sand castles at the beach and toting them to garage sales, and now we were gossiping about our friends and wondering who among them would have children. That was when I dropped my bomb, or rather what I thought was my bomb. I told Nancy I didn't want kids.

"I could see that," said Nancy, without missing a beat. "Actually, I'm surprised that so many people want to have kids. I mean, Mark and I knew we've always wanted them, but you really have to give up a lot. It's definitely not for everyone."

I felt immediately ashamed that I had worried about Nancy's reaction to my feelings about having children. Of course, she wouldn't be offended. Why should she be? Nancy knows that I genuinely like and enjoy her kids, so why did I think I had to shelter her from my feelings about having children of my own?

I'm not sure, exactly, but I know a lot of other childless women who have the same compulsion. My friend Sarah, for example, is always careful to conceal her mixed feelings about motherhood. "People who are really laid back in general can get very defensive about their kids," says Sarah. "It's a really delicate issue, so I just try to stay away from it."

Another friend, Sandi, says she is always being



Sara Eckel

assured that she should not despair her chance at motherhood. "People are always telling me 'You still have time,' and I sort of meekly say 'Oh thanks.' I never tell them what I'm really thinking — that I don't really want kids."

Part of the reason my friends and I hide our ambivalence about procreation comes from the fact that none of us feels our decision is set in stone. I, for one, fully reserve the right to change my mind. But I also think there's something else at work. Ever since women started fighting to expand our options beyond marriage and motherhood there has been the idea in this culture that the women who decide to focus on their careers are the natural enemies of those who opt to concentrate on their families and that the two groups offend each other by our very existence.

But far from being opponents, we should be allies. After all, we need each other. One of the rea-

sons that my friend Sandi is assumed to want children is because she spends so much time with them. As a writer, Sunday school teacher and power aunt, her words and deeds are filled with children. "I still feel guilty," she says. "Because there are so many who need attention." Then, in almost the same breath, she said she felt guilty for not wanting her own.

"But Sandi," I said, "if you had your own kids, you wouldn't have the time to spend with other people's."

"That's true," said Sandi. "I hadn't thought of that."

The fact that someone as thoughtful as Sandi could be blind to her very significant contributions to children says a lot about the sharp lines we draw between parents and nonparents. I think about the time I was admiring the two-year-old daughter of a co-worker. "See," said my boss. "You like kids."

Yes, I do like kids. I love kids. And I feel lucky to have so many of my friends' children in my life. But to me, the very difficult task of rearing kids is not one I feel up to. And far from being insulting to parents, I think that my decision to forego motherhood should be seen as exactly the opposite. After all, when I tell my friends who are accountants and lawyers that I could never do what they do, they don't take it as a put down. They take it the way I mean it to be: an acknowledgment that their job is very hard, that it requires skills and qualities that not everyone has, that not just anyone can do it.

## Book: Public schools popular with richer students

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Public universities are attracting more and more affluent students, the result of what researchers say is a perceived increase in quality and a cheaper price tag.

But with more seats being taken by the rich and tuition rates rising, many poorer students are heading to less expensive community colleges where their chances of graduating with a four-year degree are less, said the authors of *The Student Aid Game*, a book to be published in November.

"The idea was always that you would create these great institutions that would then be accessible to anybody who had the motivation and talent to go," said co-author Michael McPherson, president of the private Macalester College in St. Paul.

"That kind of fundamental promise of higher education is really being thrown into question."

Ivy League schools such as Harvard and Princeton still pack in the well-to-do. But smaller liberal arts schools are increasingly losing their full-paying customers to public universities, the book said.

McPherson and co-author Morton Schapiro, an economist at the University of Southern California, found that 38 percent of college freshmen from the richest families enrolled in public schools in 1994, compared with 31 percent in 1980. Those families earned more than \$200,000 a year.

For upper-middle income families — those who earned between \$100,000 and \$200,000 — freshman enrollment at public schools rose to 48 percent in 1994 from 42 percent in 1980.

The changing trend means states end up subsidizing wealthier students, the authors said. On average, a state subsidizes each student by about \$12,000 a year, no matter how much their parents earn.

Consumers also are making less of a distinction in the quality of public and private educations, partly because of the acceptance of well-publicized "best-buy" guides, McPherson said.

For example, *Money* magazine's annual college ratings due out next month rank the University of Florida 80 places above Dartmouth as a best buy.

David and Linda Mona, an Edina, Minn., couple who own a public relations firm and several other businesses, let their two sons decide whether to go to public or private schools.

## Bear attack!

### Fatal bear attack spawns complex custody battle

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — A bear attack that left two people dead has produced a wrenching epilogue — a complex custody fight over one victim's surviving children.

Patti McConnell was on her way from Paris, Texas, with her son and daughter to start a new life in Alaska when she was killed by a black bear during a stay at Liard Hot Springs, in northern British Columbia near the Yukon border.

Ray Kitchen, of Fort Nelson, was also killed after tackling the bear as it mauled McConnell, who was shielding her son Kelly. The boy remains hospitalized, recovering from his injuries.

Kelly, 13, and his half-sister, Kristin, 7, are temporary wards of the British Columbia government while their relatives go to family court over custody.

Kelly appears to be the subject of a triangular tug-of-love among two sets of grandparents and a couple who befriended him.

"This is not the time nor the place to fight for custody," said a tearful Lisa Ramirez, one of Patti's sisters, who flew here from Texas with their mother, Jan Reed, the day after the attack.

"It's a travesty. It's cruel. We want to go home and grieve and bury our sister."

Kelly, who lost his father to leukemia when he was 6, was taken into temporary custody along with Kristin by the Ministry of Children and Families.

Kristin has been allowed to remain with Reed and her aunts. But the children cannot return home to the United States until after a custody hearing, which was scheduled today.

The ministry, which has conducted interviews and background checks, is expected to back off from any custody issue involving Kristin. But Kelly's future is more complicated.

Representatives from as many as four parties were expected at the court hearing: the ministry; Reed, who has filed for permanent custody in British Columbia and Texas courts; Kelly's paternal grandparents from Wisconsin, who've hired a Vancouver lawyer; and a Texas couple who've acted as "mentors" to Kelly for three years.

"I don't want any hostility," Reed said Monday of the potential feud over the boy. "We just want the judge to let us go home to settle it there. My granddaughter (Kristin) has already missed two weeks of school."

"What a sad story," said Stephen Hamilton, Reed's lawyer. "What we're all hoping is that both children will soon be going back to Texas so they can heal from this tragedy."

## Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority to offer SOS parenting class

AMARILLO — The staff at Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Child and Adolescent Services will be offering a six week parenting class, "SOS! Help for Parents," beginning Sept. 16. The classes will be conducted from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday evenings at First Presbyterian Church, 1100 S. Harrison, Amarillo, according to Gene Ann Grant, Family and Community education director.

"SOS Help for Parents" is written by Lynn Clark, Ph.D., and is for parents who have children ages 2-12. Dr. Clark is a clinical psychologist and a professor of psychology at Western Kentucky University. He has extensive professional experience in working with families, has used the SOS program with his own children and is a noted author.

The class is designed to help parents learn ways to become more self-confident and effective in their parenting style. This behavioral approach to child rearing and discipline is very useful in understanding children and helping them to change. Behavioral discipline offers specific methods, skills, procedures and strategies for parents to use in getting improved behavior from their children.

The cost of the class is \$5; the cost of the book is \$10. Child and Adolescent staff Jon Nichols, BA, and Brandi Ward, LSW, will be the instructors. Classes are open to the public and are recommended for parents, grandparents, professionals, childcare workers — anyone who lives and/or works with children. Childcare is unavailable. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (806) 354-2191.

The mission of the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Child and Adolescent Services is to provide an accessible array of quality psychosocial services to children and to their families with an emphasis on family preservation. This non-profit agency serves children and adolescents ages 2-17 who have some form of behavioral, emotional or mental disorder.

## Columbia caregivers



(Special photo)

Four Columbia employees have recently been named Columbia Caregiver Award recipients. Featured above are: (front row) Christine Pereira, RN Quality Research Management; Toni Silva, RN Intensive Care/Heart Cath; Charlotte Whatley, HHA Homecare-Clarendon Branch; (back row) Tom Corley, Columbia Division vice president; James Smith, Plant Engineering; Phil Young, CEO Columbia Medical Center of Pampa. The recipients were chosen based on exemplary care given, either directly or indirectly, to Columbia patients.

## World briefs

### U.S. delegation urges more monitoring of North Korean aid

BEIJING (AP) — Two U.S. officials who spent a week touring North Korea say the hunger-stricken country must allow more monitoring of food aid to assure foreign donors their shipments are getting to people in need.

Several aid agencies are concerned that the few employees allowed into the country are not enough to prevent food donations from going to the military or the politically elite.

"We didn't see any diversions, but there are loopholes, and they could be closed with more monitors," said Amos Hochstein, a staff member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on International Relations.

The U.N. World Food Program, one of the coordinating agencies, has only seven employees in North Korea.

Hochstein and Mark Kirk, chief counsel for the House committee, spent a week in North Korea visiting hospitals, nurseries, kindergartens, a few homes and one collective farm. They spoke to reporters after their return to Beijing on Monday.

### Mother Teresa celebrates 87th birthday

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Mother Teresa turned 87 today to the cheers and applause of hundreds of school children and aid workers who gathered at the headquarters of the charity organization she founded in Calcutta's slums.

"It's a great feeling to have witnessed 50 years of Indian independence," Mother Teresa told

the well-wishers, speaking from a balcony of the Missionaries of Charity order.

The Albanian-born nun assured the crowd that she was in good health. She stepped down as head of the order this year after a heart attack, lung infection and kidney problems.

Mother Teresa, who won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her service to the poor, started the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta soon after Indian won independence from Britain in 1947.

The order has since grown to include more than 500 orphanages, soup kitchens and other projects all over the world.

### De Klerk quits politics; presided over end of apartheid

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Former President F.W. de Klerk, the pragmatic reformer who negotiated the end to apartheid, resigned today as

head of his troubled National Party and quit politics.

De Klerk announced his resignation after a meeting of the former ruling party's executive committee, the Federal Council, saying new leadership would invigorate the former ruling party in advance of 1999 elections.

Party officials said de Klerk would stay on until a new leader is chosen on Sept. 9.

President Nelson Mandela, who shared the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize with De Klerk for ending white rule, said today he hoped South Africans would remember how de Klerk helped bring about the peaceful transformation of the country.

When he became president in 1989, De Klerk was widely viewed as a moderate expected to protect the apartheid system his party created.

Instead, he declared soon after taking office that "white domination will have to disappear, oth-

erwise there will never be peace in South Africa."

### Mother and daughter reunited after a half-century

JERUSALEM (AP) — Tsila Levin was a toddler in 1948 when she was snatched from her parents, Yemenite Jewish immigrants, and was raised by adoptive parents in a nearby Israeli communal farm.

Levin was never told of her origin. Her biological mother, Margalit Umassi, who spoke little Hebrew at the time, was simply told by clinic staff at her immigrants' transit camp that the infant had disappeared.

Half a century later, mother and daughter were reunited.

Levin, who now lives in Sacramento, Calif., had been searching for her family for years, and after pictures of her were published in Israeli newspapers, Umassi came forward. On Monday, DNA tests proved Levin is Umassi's daughter.

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Charles Goodnight play performed by the 1997 Summer Youth Arts drama class at the Square House Museum. From right to left: Shawn Whitehead of Panhandle, Emily Jeffries and Chance Keith, both of Pampa, Cassie Daniels of Skellytown, Emily Elliott of Pampa, Katherine Gray of Panhandle, Cheyanne Keith of Pampa and Sara Labus of Panhandle.

## Summer fun, learning: Square House Museum's Summer Youth Arts program scores an 'A'

PANHANDLE — The Square House Museum in Panhandle has been offering some kind of art education during the summer months since its opening in 1967. The Summer Youth Arts program has been in its current form since 1983, funded in part each year with a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts. Other funding is provided by area social clubs, private foundations and a small materials fee. TCA has already approved partial funding for the SYA program in 1998.

The program is offered during the month of July. Classes are usually held for one hour each day for four days, and each week a different series of classes are offered.

This summer, 350 students attended 25 different classes; 19 were offered at the Museum in Panhandle, and six were offered in White Deer. The students ranged in age from preschool through junior high. Students attending the classes came from Panhandle, White Deer, Skellytown, Borger and Pampa. All classes are taught

by volunteer instructors, and 20 participated in this summer's program.

The 1997 curriculum included courses in the performing arts (e.g., singing, drama), the visual arts (e.g., painting, photography, pottery), and all manner of crafts (e.g., decoupage, embroidery, T-shirt design, cake decorating, leatherworking, woodworking).

A popular course for preschoolers, called "Young at Art," provides an introduction to several different artistic

techniques. A demonstration of stone tool making was provided by expert flintknapper Ed Day.

At the end of the program, families attended a "show-off night," where class projects were on display and entertainment was provided by the singing and drama classes. The singing class performed several numbers in sing language. The play, about the life of Charles Goodnight, was written and directed by SYA coordinator, Sheryl Oliver.

## Amarillo mail carrier gets top award

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texas mailman has been named hero of the year by the nation's letter carriers for rescuing a crippled woman trapped in a burning house.

Kevin C. Decker of Amarillo was named "National Hero of the Year" by the National Association of Letter Carriers. The award will be presented next month at ceremonies in Washington.

Decker was delivering mail on Aug. 23, 1996, when he smelled smoke and realized that the home of one of his postal customers, Annette Jones, was burning.

After fighting off a large dog in the yard, Decker kicked in the front door, stumbled through smoke and located Ms. Jones, a quadriplegic in a wheelchair, and dragged her out of the house.

Also honored by the mail carriers were three regional heroes and one local branch. —Husband-wife mail carriers

James F. and Deborah A. Frederick of Meriden, Conn., who spotted flames coming from a nine-unit apartment building Dec. 19, 1996. They called firefighters, alerted residents to flee, and with fellow mail carrier Joe Damiata rechecked the building to make sure everyone was out.

—Coley Hudson Jr. of Toledo, Ohio, who, seeing a 3-year-old child in a runaway car in a parking lot on Oct. 19, 1996, chased down the car, jumped in and brought it to a stop just before

the car would have drifted into traffic.

—Donald J. Doyle of Riverside, Calif., who rescued two teen-age girls being attacked by a large dog in Hemet on Jan. 25, 1996.

—Letter carriers branch 466 in Lafayette, Ind., was honored for a 41-year tradition of answering letters to Santa, arranging for local service groups to assist people in hardship and often taking care of hard-to-fill wishes themselves.

## Judge hearing parental consent law arguments

By RENAE MERLE  
Associated Press Writer

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Ms. Pavlica testified Monday in a lawsuit that Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas, Inc. brought against the department, challenging the parental consent requirement.

The provision, which goes into effect Sept. 1, was one of hundreds attached to the state's 800-page budget signed into law by Gov. George W. Bush earlier this year.

State District Judge Scott McCown said he would rule on the case by Friday. He questioned the validity of the agency's plan to circumvent the provision in state law.

"It does not seem that the federal government would go for this," he said.

Ms. Pavlica also said that even with a tracking system, the agency is concerned the provision could endanger \$94 million in family planning money from the federal government. The federal government prohibits requiring parental consent for the use of family-planning money.

The only funds directly affected by the state law are state funds matched by federal Medicaid money, she said. Of \$267,000 in state and federal money spent on minors' prescription drugs in fiscal year 1996, the state kicked in \$27,000, she said.

Besides creating a tracking system — that could cost "hundreds of thousands of dollars" — to ensure that no state funds were routed to minors, the state would have to find other federal money to make up the difference, Ms. Pavlica said. She said the Health Department is still trying to decide where the money would come from.

"We are trying to do all this without jeopardizing federal funds," she said.

McCown questioned where the Health Department would find the alternative funding.

"If you rob Peter, you got to pay Paul," McCown said. "What's not going to get done at the end of the day?"

Planned Parenthood criticized the law and the Health Department's alternative funding structure.

Even with the new plan, federal funds are at risk, said Martha Dickie, attorney for Planned Parenthood.

David Duggins, also an attorney for Planned Parenthood, argued that the provision was illegal because it was attached to the state budget and not subject to public debate.

"This is about the prerogative of the state to decide how to use tax money," said DeDe Wilburn, assistant attorney general representing the department. "The Legislature, in the interest of parental rights, has decided that state funds cannot be used for prescription drugs without parental consent."

State Sen. Steve Ogden, who pushed through the provision, said he was disappointed with the Health Department's handling of the case. "I thought that the Department of Health was sabotaging the case," he said. "They didn't protect the state's interest like they should have."

He said Ms. Pavlica should not have testified about the possible administrative costs.

"It could not cost that much," said Ogden, R-Bryan. "If it does, we need to take a close look at the Health Department."

Ogden added that the real question is whether the state has the right to decide where it spends its money.

"Planned Parenthood is attacking the Legislature's fundamental right to set public policy," he said.

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## Police keep family's vehicle as evidence

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — A mother of three has been without transportation for two years, but authorities say they can't return the family car until her husband's alleged killer goes to trial.

"At the time the police said I would have it back when they were through with it," said Latesha Ladilik, adding she lost her job because she has no car. "I guess they're not through with it."

Officials said they need the car to solve the slaying of Chester Ladilik, who was shot and killed in the driver's seat of the 1981 Buick. Police have charged a man allegedly jealous of Ladilik's friendship with his girlfriend.

"The car is the crime scene in this murder case, and we may have to do some testing on it," said Ed Lane, the assistant district attorney handling the case.

The car has been impounded as authorities try to build a case against Christopher Deshon Ledesma, accused of shooting Ladilik on Oct. 8, 1995.

Now, Ms. Ladilik and her children — Dominique, 5; Devontay, 4; and Eric 3 — must rely on buses and their own feet.

A bus ride costs the family \$5 roundtrip, but buses only run in her area from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., often not late enough to get the family home, she said.

Getting their car back from police would fix many of the family's problems, she said.

"They just tell me they can't release it," she said.

Until the car is returned, Ms. Ladilik said she'll continue to rely on buses and pay for rides that sometimes never materialize.

"You've got to depend on other people, and sometimes they're not dependable," Ms. Ladilik said.

## Offended judge sues radio personality Imus

NEW YORK (AP) — A state Supreme Court judge wants more than \$50,000 from radio and TV personality Don Imus, claiming he was libeled by a stream of on-air insults.

Imus called Harold J. Rothwax, a 66-year-old judge, a "senile old dirt bag," a "drunk," "Judge Scuzwax," and "an embittered old fool enjoying the fruits of a failed and not-all-too-distinguished judicial career."

The harangue caused the judge "embarrassment, ridicule and disgrace," Rothwax said in a lawsuit filed Monday.

The high-decibel talk show host lit into the judge on the air last September, when Rothwax refused to let Deirdre Coleman, Imus' wife, off a jury. He continued the public pounding even after Rothwax finally agreed to dismiss Coleman.

Imus' lawyer, Richard Blumenthal, said the judge has no grounds to sue because he is a public figure.

Imus told The New York Times he thought the judge was taking his comments on the nationally syndicated "Imus in the Morning" show too seriously.

"(Rothwax) seems like a nice old guy," he said. "I don't know what the problem is."

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## Top pension funds in U.S., 1995:

California Public Employees	\$82,820,000,000
General Motors	\$72,000,000,000
New York State and Local	\$71,458,000,000
California State Teachers	\$68,343,000,000
AT&T	\$57,097,000,000
New York State Teachers	\$49,463,000,000
Florida State Board	\$47,726,000,000
Texas Teacher Retirement System	\$46,054,000,000
New York City Retirement	\$41,679,000,000
New Jersey Division of Investment	\$40,974,000,000
General Electric	\$40,000,000,000
IBM	\$39,159,000,000

## Other Texas public employee funds:

Texas Employees Retirement System	\$12,257,000,000
Texas Municipal Employees	\$5,024,000,000

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Pension and Investments.

## Texas today

## Astronauts will be able to vote from space

HOUSTON (AP) — Software that will be used in November to allow astronaut David Wolf to vote from the Russian space station Mir has been satisfactorily tested, according to NASA and Texas state officials.

The test was carried out Monday under the supervision of NASA personnel and Texas Secretary of State Tony Garza.

It involves the use of a laptop computer and an election ballot that is on a diskette.

The Texas Legislature enacted a change in state election law in May to allow astronauts to cast absentee ballots from space.

The previous law said ballots had to be mailed in — an obvious problem when you're somewhere the U.S. Postal Service doesn't go.

## GTECH will fight to keep lottery contract

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery Commission has defended its right to end a contract with GTECH and issue a request for proposals to take over the lottery operations now handled by the embattled agency.

The Lottery Commission asked for proposals, beginning the bidding process, after months of questions about how GTECH does business.

In response, GTECH has protested the bidding and Monday informed the Lottery Commission it will compete to keep its contract to run the state lottery if it fails to derail the bidding process.

Lottery Commission Executive Director Lawrence Littwin on Monday ruled against GTECH's protest of the rebidding process, which included a direct attack on Littwin himself.

The company, which can ask the full commission to review Littwin's decision, complained about his work for a GTECH competitor.

## Scout executive charged with indecency with child

QUANAH, Texas (AP) — A Boy Scout executive accused of indecency with a child has been suspended from his job and scouting membership, a scout executive says.

Andrew McElhannon, 24, posted \$30,000 bond Monday following an arraignment on the charge, according to Hardeman County Sheriff Randy Akers.

Quanah Police Chief Guy Smith said McElhannon surrendered about 4 p.m. Friday at Texas Department of Public Safety headquarters in Wichita Falls and spent the weekend in the Hardeman County Jail.

McElhannon, himself an Eagle Scout, worked with boys in 10 North Texas counties and was based in Wichita Falls.

Smith wouldn't say if any Boy Scouts were involved in the alleged molestation which allegedly occurred over a long period of time and was reported to police at Quanah on Aug. 9.

## Agents take to the river as Operation Rio Grande begins

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Border Patrol agents have taken to the banks of the Rio Grande in force as part of a new initiative aimed at curbing illegal immigration along the Texas border.

Beginning at daybreak Monday, about 30 agents were dispatched to a 2 1/2-mile stretch of river south of downtown Brownsville, signaling the launching of Operation Rio Grande.

Ten green-and-white Border Patrol trucks, positioned just one-eighth of a mile apart, lined the river's edge as other units prowled the winding embankment in search of would-be crossers.

Amid the row of trucks, utility workers install led portable and permanent flood lights that, come nightfall, illuminated usually darkened paths that shroud river bandits and illegal aliens.

The rush of activity created an imposing sight along a stretch of river normally patrolled by just three Border Patrol units daily.

## Hicks Muse to buy SFX Broadcasting's radio assets for \$1.2 billion

NEW YORK (AP) — Hicks Muse Tate & Furst Inc., already a sizable force in the media business, is paying \$1.2 billion in cash for the radio stations owned by SFX Broadcasting Inc.

The Dallas-based buyout firm is making the purchase with its Capstar Broadcasting Corp. affiliate, which already owns more radio stations than anyone else with 243. SFX's 71 stations will give Capstar 314 radio outlets.

Analysts estimated the deal that was announced Monday will make Capstar the third-biggest radio group in terms of revenue behind Westinghouse Electric Corp.'s CBS unit and the planned Chancellor-Evergreen Media combination expected to occur next month.

The SFX acquisition underscores the consolidation frenzy that has engulfed the radio industry since an overhaul of telecommunications

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## Odds and ends...

## Grumpy the snake goes to final reward

FALLON, Nev. (AP) — After a month of living on mice, a 9-foot pet python on the lam has succumbed to the grim reaper. It was harvest time.

Grumpy the snake slithered out of the house when a friend of owner Scott Tabar didn't properly secure the top on the cage. After several weeks, Tabar figured his scaly pet was dead.

But it apparently made itself at home in an alfalfa field next door. That is, until the combine moved in on Friday.

"My neighbor came over and told me," Tabar said. "I am relieved that at least this whole thing is over, but I'm sad he ended up getting killed."

"It was nice to know that he was able to survive," he said. "I just wish I could have found him before the mower did, but I'm sure my neighbors are happy to know that he's been found."

## Perfect for war — perfect for pizza

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — The all-terrain, 15-foot-long boxy vehicle can drive through 2 1/2 feet of water or scale an 18-inch loading dock.

Perfect for war — or delivering pizza.

"If it floods in Palo Alto, we're still going to be able to deliver," said Chuck Hammers, whose Pizza A Go Go drivers make their rounds in Hummers, a civilian version of the Humvee military transport.

"They're a blast to drive," said employee Tim Silva, who drives an \$85,000 jet-black 1995 model on his pizza rounds. "You could go anywhere in them."

The company's two Hummers also do double-duty as rolling advertisements for Pizza A Go Go.

"It really turns heads when it goes by. It's a great investment. Everyone knows us by the Hummer. It's like driving a billboard 16 hours a day," Hammers said.

AM General Corp., began selling the vehicles in 1992 after the Humvee gained fame during the Gulf War. Last year, some 1,400 Hummers — the cheapest of which goes for just under \$53,000 — were sold.

Although delivering pizzas on the streets of Palo Alto hasn't yet pushed the Hummer to its limits, Silva joked that if traffic were backed up he could always drive over someone's front lawn to get to his destination.

## Bark can be worse than bite

FOND DU LAC, Wis. (AP) — The humane society is learning that a dog's bark can be worse than its bite where the neighbors are concerned.

The society has become the target of complaints for weeks over barking from kennels behind its animal shelter, police Lt. Jack Radue said. The society could be fined \$140 after getting a ticket last weekend.

Shelter officials have tried to keep the dogs from barking at each

laws last year freed companies to own more radio stations in a market.

Owners are trying to take advantage of their expertise in running radio stations by acquiring clusters of radio outlets in multiple markets, saving money by centralizing administrative functions and gaining clout with advertisers.

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## Audit critical of General Services Commission

AUSTIN (AP) — For the second time in five years, the state agency that serves as the business office for Texas government has been cited for a lack of direction and for routinely circumventing statutes and sound business practices, according to a critical state audit.

In 1996, the General Services Commission managed \$460 million in new construction projects, controlled the purchasing of \$789 million in materials and oversaw 1,441 leases with an annual cost of \$112 million in connection with 700 state entities.

But a report released Monday by the Office of the State Auditor said the agency suffers from "an overall lack of accountability" that has "resulted in routine circumvention of statutory requirements."

The audit said the agency regularly made "pricing and procurement decisions based on incomplete and inconsistent information" and maintained "practices that limit the effectiveness and efficiency of services provided to external agencies."

General Services Commission Executive Director Tom Treadway was out of the office Monday and unavailable to comment, according to a person who answered the phone at the agency.

other by erecting plastic webbing between kennels, assistant kennel manager Joan Schumde said.

But the dogs eat the plastic. And the webbing doesn't work anyway because the barking heats up when people are around.

## Three-inch fingernails attention grabber

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Robin Bonner has gone to great lengths to attract attention on the New Jersey Turnpike.

The toll taker gets stares, comments and repeat customers for her 3-inch, elaborately painted fingernails.

"Truck drivers come through and say, 'While I was coming down the hill I was trying to see where you were so I could come through your booth and see what design you have,'" Ms. Bonner said.

Ms. Bonner, who has taken tolls on the turnpike for 18 years, constantly varies her nails' color and design. They were pale green last week.

A handful of drivers have complained, including a motorist who said Ms. Bonner dropped a coin and another who feared she could scratch someone.

Her bosses aren't worried.

"It would appear she's sufficiently skillful in handling the patrons and can also enjoy her fingernails," said Edward Gross, executive director of the Turnpike Authority.

Ms. Bonner said someone at work has asked her to whittle down her fingernails, but she's not even getting a trim.

"It's a choice, a personal choice," she said. "I know I can't make the world happy."

## Ex-coach given prison sentence for sexual assault

DALLAS (AP) — A former high school basketball coach has been sentenced to two 15-year prison sentences for fondling a 16-year-old girl and taking nude pictures of her.

On Monday, Alex Gillum pleaded guilty to sexual assault on a child, sexual performance by a child and witness tampering.

Gillum, 58, will be allowed to concurrently serve 15-year sentences for the assault and sexual performance charges. He also was fined \$10,000 for each charge and was given two years probation for witness tampering.

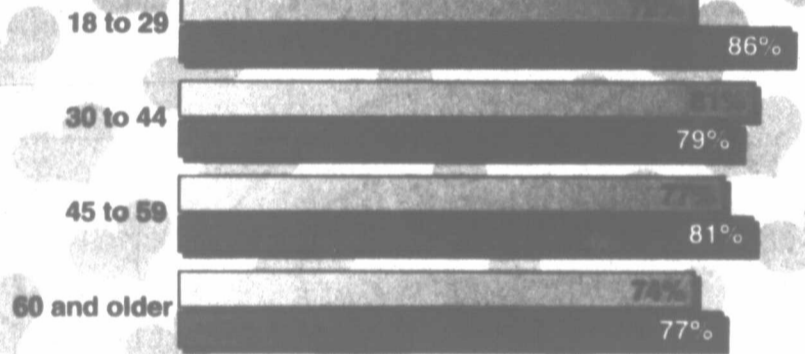
Gillum was accused of luring the teen to a hotel room during spring break and convincing her to pose nude for pictures. After the teen went to police, Gillum was accused of attempting to bribe her to stop cooperating with authorities.

Gillum, a 24-year veteran of the Dallas School District, resigned from Roosevelt High School in the wake of the allegations last spring.

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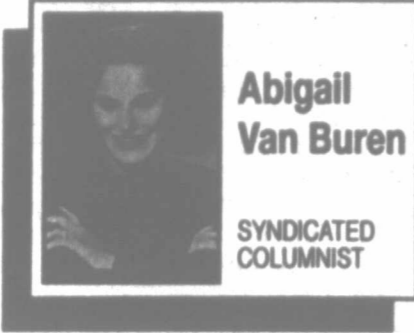
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I'd like to offer a huge thank-you to the Websters for taking such good care of Laura Marie, and for guiding her and raising her. Her mother died last July of lung cancer, and I am heartbroken that I could not know her.



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## Horoscope

Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1997

Strive to become more involved with social organizations in the year ahead. They will provide personal fulfillment and also help you build your repertoire of helpful contacts.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You are apt to be restless today, so try to team up with a friend who is as equally energetic. Neither one of you will enjoy being a loner. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Try to channel your efforts toward a single worthwhile objective today. Aim high;

your performance will improve when you push yourself.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Today you might use newly acquired knowledge to your benefit. It will help you appreciate the fact that it pays to be a good listener.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Do not settle for undesirable terms in an agreement today. Call the other guy's bluff and then walk if you don't get a satisfactory deal.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You will need to provide the motivation in a partnership arrangement today. Your counterpart will supply the back-up you might need.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You will be cognizant of your opportunities today. You will have to be imaginative and energetic if you hope to claim them.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Someone you thought has never noticed you might put this erroneous assumption to rest today when he or she starts showering you with atten-

tion.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Friends who have you in their corner today will feel lucky. They will know you are there to infuse them with fresh courage and strength.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your imagination could be keener than usual today, especially if you focus on something new that has recently captured your attention.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You will be prepared to work for what you want today, and you'll have excellent prospects for getting even more than anticipated.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Your attitude is apt to be very easygoing today. However, once the gauntlet is thrown down, the Galahad in you will emerge.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Use the indirect approach today to achieve your purpose. Do nothing that is devious, but don't be too obvious about your objective.

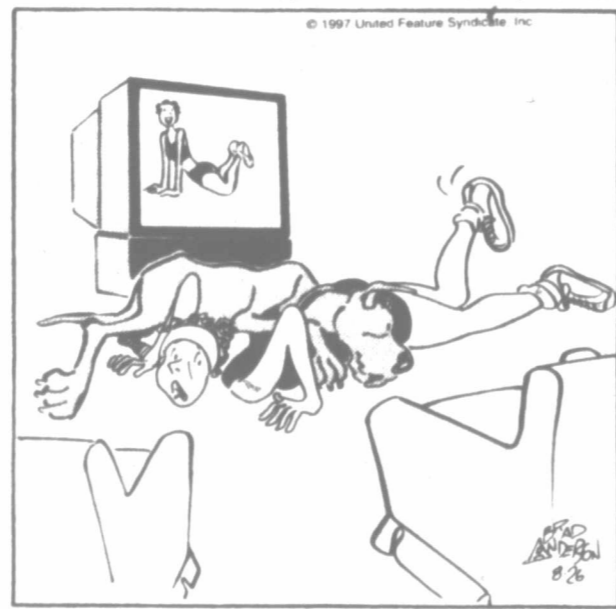
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"Marmaduke! I'm exercising, not sleeping!"

### The Family Circus



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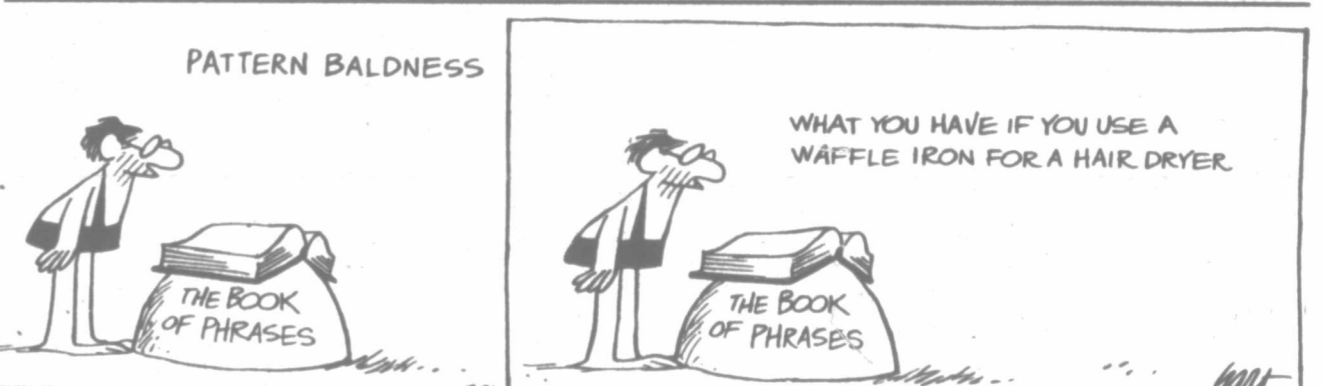
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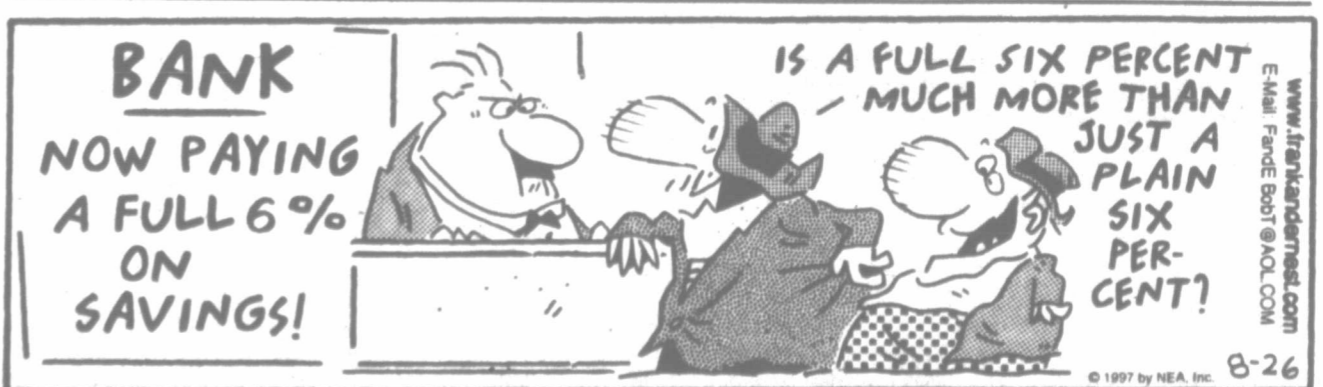
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## Notebook

### SOCCER

**PAMPA** — Parents of Pampa varsity girls' soccer team members will meet at 7:30 Tuesday night in the PHS auditorium.

The upcoming season will be among the items to be discussed.

### RODEO

**ORCHARD** — Three-time world champion saddle bronc rider Dan Mortensen of Manhattan, Mont., overtook calf roper and steer roper Cody Ohl of Orchard, Texas, in the Crown Royal World All-around Cowboy Standings.

This season, Mortensen, who rode bulls in college, earned \$4,555 while riding only five PRCA bulls to qualify for the all-around cowboy race. He has already earned \$118,711 in saddle bronc riding.

Once Mortensen earned \$1,743 for splitting the bull riding title at the Moses Lake (Wash.) Round-Up, Aug. 14-16, he surpassed the \$3,000 needed to qualify for the all-around race.

"The all-around title, in my eyes, is probably the most prestigious award that the PRCA gives," Mortensen said. "As far as being a rodeo cowboy goes, it's the ultimate goal to win the all-around world championship. But right now I've got to concentrate on the saddle bronc riding, because if I win it (the all-around championship), that's what's going to carry me there."

The crowd at the \$49,836 113th Annual World's Largest Continuous Payson PRCA Rodeo, Aug. 15-17 in Payson, Ariz., saw a reunion of sorts when Jake Barnes of Cave Creek, Ariz., and Allen Bach of Toltec, Ariz., teamed up to rope together once again.

Barnes, a seven-time world champion team roping header and Bach, a three-time world champion team roping heeler, roped together at the National Finals Rodeo from 1980-82 and have teamed up together on and off for much of 1997.

In Payson, Barnes and Bach roped two steers in 11.2 seconds to win the event and earn \$1,820 each.

Other winners in Payson were Ty Saulsberry (Magdalena, N.M.), all-around cowboy (calf roping and steer wrestling), \$1,218; Scott Jamison (Mesa, Ariz.), bareback riding, 80 points on Honeycutt Rodeo's Ragged Eagle, \$2,848; Steve Dollarhide (Wikeup, Ariz.), saddle bronc riding, 79 points on Honeycutt Rodeo's The Rock, \$1,468; Shane Hatch (Fruitland, N.M.), calf roping, 17.9 seconds in two rounds, \$2,437; Robbin Peterson (Checotah, Okla.), steer wrestling, 9.2 seconds in two rounds, \$2,314; Matt Fenhaus (Cache, Okla.), bull riding, 82 points on Honeycutt Rodeo's Hombre, \$1,798; and Sherry Cervi (Midland, Texas), barrel racing, 16.55 seconds, \$874.

### FOOTBALL

**ASHBURN, Va. (AP)** — Michael Westbrook gave an apology. What he didn't offer was an explanation.

Speaking publicly for the first time since he beat up teammate Stephen Davis during a practice six days earlier, the Washington Redskins receiver made a short statement Monday at the back door of Redskins Park.

"I thought it was very important that I came out here to say an apology to Redskins fans, the owner, my teammates, because it's a great embarrassment for the way I reacted out there on the field," Westbrook said.

## Astros, Braves meet again in crucial series

**ATLANTA (AP)** — It won't be just another crucial August series when the Atlanta Braves begin a three-game set with the Houston Astros tonight.

If both teams can maintain leads in their respective divisions, the next three nights also will provide a tantalizing glimpse at the first round of the playoffs.

"It's not really a playoff series. It's far too early to call it that," said Tom Glavine, who pitches tonight for Atlanta against Houston's Shane Reynolds. "It's an important series both clubs. Our lead is a little shaky and Houston's lead is even shakier."

For now, both teams must be more concerned with what's ahead. The Florida Marlins trailed

Atlanta by only 4 1/4 games in the NL East, while the Astros' lead in the Central had dropped to just three games over the streaking Pittsburgh Pirates.

"I wouldn't call it a playoff preview," Atlanta shortstop Jeff Blauser said. "We're not there and neither are they. There's 32-33 games left. A lot can happen."

Maybe it's the familiarity of both teams that prevents them from getting too pumped up about gaining an upper hand in August when there could be a more critical best-of-5 meeting in five weeks.

"With a team like the Astros, it doesn't matter," Braves first baseman Fred McGriff said. "Basically, they have the same guys they've had since I've been in the National League: Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio,

Derek Bell. We've seen these guys a lot over the years."

"It may be a bigger series for them," said third baseman Chipper Jones, who made a critical error Sunday in a 6-4 loss to Cincinnati that ended the Braves' four-game winning streak. "Their lead's only three over the Pirates. We need to keep winning too, putting pressure on the Marlins. Four games can evaporate mighty quick."

The Braves have been in a miserable hitting slump most of the month, but their starting pitching has prevented a prolonged skid. The Big Four — Glavine, Greg Maddux, John Smoltz and Denny Neagle — have a combined record of 8-3 with a 2.04 ERA in August.

Glavine (11-6), Maddux (17-3) and Neagle (17-3) will start

against the Astros, who were swept by Atlanta in a two-game series at the Astrodome last week. For the season, the Braves hold a 5-3 edge.

"We've had some success with them, and I have more success against Houston than a lot of other clubs," said Glavine, who will start Tuesday night against Shane Reynolds (6-8). "But they'll play you close. They're a scrappy bunch with good contact hitters, improved pitching and reliable defense."

The Astros have lost six of 10 after showing signs of running away in the Central. Bagwell is having another MVP-type season (34 homers, 108 RBIs) and Darryl Kile (17-3, 2.28) is a top contender for the Cy Young Award. Kile will start the final game of

the series against Neagle.

"I like a lot of hits in a game, but if I were a fan I'd sure watch Thursday's matchup," Blauser said. "That's two guys with a Cy Young chance. Kile's having a great year. When hitters talk about nasty pitchers, they mention Maddux, (Florida's Kevin) Brown and Kile. But you're hearing more and more talk about Denny. He's had a nasty year."

One thing that's almost certain in the Braves-Astros series: every game will be close. Of the eight meetings this season, five were decided by one run and the others by two.

"There's excellent pitching on both sides," Jones said. "We'll probably have low-scoring, one-run games, like we had over there last week."

## Cavalier concerned with conditioning after first scrimmage

By L.D. STRATE  
Sports Editor

**PAMPA** — Harvester head coach Dennis Cavalier will be taking a harder look at his team's endurance level after Pampa's first scrimmage of the season against Borger last weekend.

"I didn't feel like our conditioning was what it should be. We ran out of gas and gave up two touchdowns in the latter part of the scrimmage," Cavalier said. "Some of that was due to techniques, but it was also conditioning. It's something that's going to be emphasized this week."

But Cavalier pointed out that was what scrimmages were for — to find team strengths and weaknesses.

"We try and recognize the good and bad parts and go from there," he added. "A scrimmage is a learning experience. We take what we've learned and try and improve upon it."

Cavalier saw some pleasant surprises, especially on defense. "We had some players look better than I expected. Stephen Price at defensive tackle stood out and Shawn Harris played well at defensive end. At times Brandon Hill at defensive end played well," Cavalier noted.

In the secondary, defensive back Jarred Bowles and strong safety Gabe Wilbon drew accolades from Cavalier.

"Bowles made some nice plays and Wilbon showed promise his first time out. He's a senior and this is his first year in football," Cavalier said.

Pampa's offense sputtered much of the scrimmage, causing Cavalier some concern.

"We didn't consistently move the ball. It looked like we just lost confidence in what we were doing," Cavalier said. "We went back to some of our bad blocking habits."

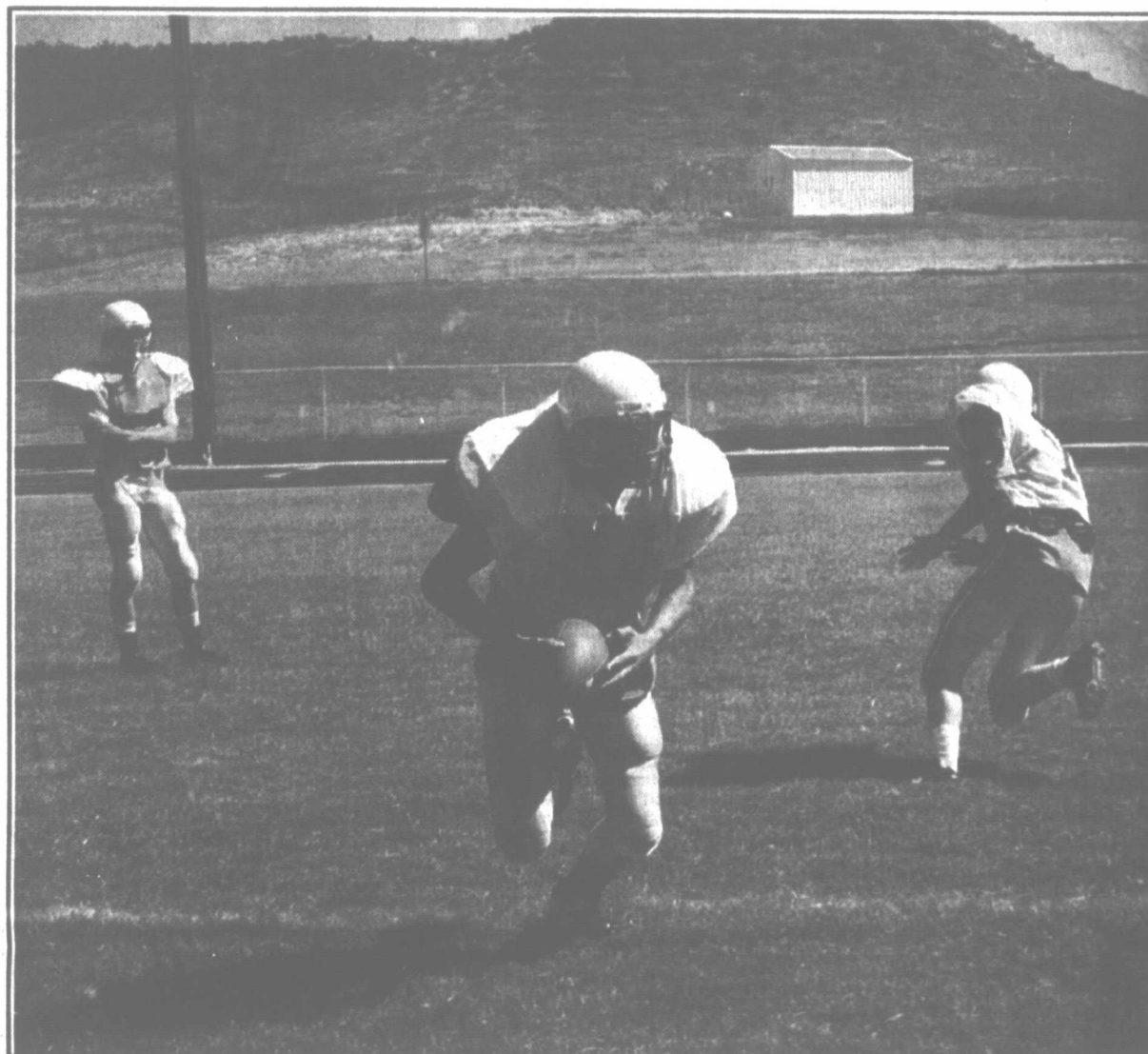
Tackle J.T. Hamilton, the only returning senior lineman with varsity experience, and tight end Josh Franklin looked good, Cavalier said.

Cavalier is looking for better things from quarterback Josh Blackmon and tailback Ronnie Proby.

"They both did well at this point, but I need them to be excellent," Cavalier said.

The Harvesters travel to Highland Park High School for a 7 p.m. scrimmage Thursday against Amarillo Tascosa. Pampa and Tascosa junior varsity teams scrimmage at 4 p.m. Thursday at Tascosa.

## Miami workout



Miami back Marshall Flowers takes off on a option play during a recent workout. The Warriors open the 1997 football season Sept. 5 against Follett.

## Pampa girls entered in Wichita Falls tourney

**PAMPA** — The Pampa High girls' volleyball team is entered in the Wichita Falls Invitational this weekend. The Lady Harvesters meet Wichita Falls Hirschi at 9:15 a.m. Saturday in first-round action.

Pampa finished the Lubbock Tournament last weekend with an 11-15, 15-8, 12-15 loss to El Paso Irvin.

"Our serving hurt us early, but we were able to pick it up and do better later on. We need to focus more on our offensive digs and serve receiving. We were only 59 percent in defensive digs and 81 percent in serve receiving," said Pampa head

coach Sandra Thornton.

Keili Earl was had 11 kills and was 21 of 23 in hitting for the Lady Harvesters. Lisa Kirkpatrick followed with 7 kills and was 15 of 16 in hitting.

In blocking, Lisa Dwight had 5 solo blocks and 9 assists while Tiffany McCullough had 8 solo blocks and 8 assists.

On the service line, April Lopez was 24 of 24 with 2 aces; Kimberly Clark 6 of 6, 1 ace and Heather Petty 9 of 9.

Pampa's junior varsity competed in the Hereford Tournament last weekend and defeated Randall for third place.

## Giants break losing streak

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Brian Johnson hit a two-run homer and Shawn Estes beat New York for the third time this season Monday night, leading the San Francisco Giants to a 7-1 win over the Mets.

The Giants broke a season-high three-game losing streak. The Mets lost for the 11th time in 16 games.

Estes (17-4) allowed six hits and one run in 6 2-3 innings, walking three and striking out seven, with three wild pitches.

He also went 2-for-3 and scored a run.

Jose Vizcaino singled with two outs in the second off Bobby Jones (13-8) and Johnson followed with an opposite-field homer to right-center.

Glenallen Hill hit a 452-foot, two-run homer in the eighth inning to put San Francisco ahead 6-1.

Roberto Hernandez and Rod Beck pitched hitless relief over the final 2 1-3 innings.

## Cowboys make room for Sanders

By CHARLES RICHARDS  
Associated Press Writer

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — Vinson Smith left the Dallas Cowboys after picking up a Super Bowl ring in 1992. He's back this year, and he's already impressed coach Barry Switzer.

Smith's stellar play in the team's final exhibition game convinced the team to release second-year linebacker Alan Campos on Monday in order to free up room on the 53-man roster for Deion Sanders.

Switzer had planned on going with six linebackers, but Smith's performance proved Dallas could get along with five.

"He showed that he's a (middle) linebacker. He can play strong, he can play (weak)," Switzer said. "If we get an injury, he can plug in all those places."

Campos, a fifth-round draft pick in 1996 from Louisville, played in all but one regular-season game last year and in one playoff game. In his only extended action, he had one solo tackle and three assists against Washington.

Smith, who played for Dallas from 1990-92, signed with the Cowboys this summer as a free agent after playing for the Chicago Bears. He said he doesn't mind being asked to back up all three linebacker spots.

"I've been through so much it really doesn't matter," he said.

"When they need me to fill in someplace, I will be ready."

The Cowboys open the season Sunday in Pittsburgh. Smith said the Dallas defense will have its hands full trying to contain quarterback Kordell Stewart.

"You're talking about probably THE most talented overall player in the league," Smith said. "He has the ability to make things happen instantly, no matter what position he's playing. He makes things happen so fast, you have to be prepared."

If the Cowboys are looking for more help at linebacker, there is an interesting option to consider: Kevin Greene, who led the NFL in sacks last year but was released Sunday by the Carolina Panthers after a prolonged hold, out over his contract. Dallas would probably have trouble fitting Greene under its salary cap, but team vice president Stephen Jones said the Cowboys are interested.

"We're always looking at depth," Switzer said. "We're always making decisions. We'll probably maybe bring somebody in to work out. We will continually do that, but I can't give you any names right now."

Switzer said he's expecting Sanders, still playing baseball with the Cincinnati Reds, to be with the Cowboys on Sunday.

But Switzer said he has to prepare for the possibility Sanders won't be with the Cowboys.

He said coaches are trying to get Wendell Davis and Kevin Mathis ready for duty in the secondary.

"Everyone relies on Superman to come up, but maybe his cape's still in the laundry. You know, maybe he's not ready to play," Switzer said. "I don't have any indication anything is wrong with him. I expect him to jump out of the phone booth in Pittsburgh. But we've got to prepare for Deion not being there."

Switzer said the team had a good practice Monday. He specifically mentioned the work of offensive guard Nate Newton, who has been sidelined with injuries.

"He's not there yet, but he's trying to get some conditioning with pads on and some full-speed pass rush," Switzer said. "He won most of them, got beat a couple of times."

Clay Shiver, a 6-foot-2, 294-pound second-year player out of Florida State, has won the starting job at center, Switzer said.

Shiver won an endorsement from quarterback Troy Aikman. "Clay's going to be fine. He's a very athletic guy, a lot in the same mold as Mark Stepnoski — not overly big, but athletic and very agile," Aikman said. "I think the guys up front feel comfortable playing with him, and I certainly feel comfortable having him in front of me."

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### BASEBALL

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East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	60	.50	.815
Florida	75	54	581
New York	70	60	538
Montreal	64	65	496
Philadelphia	47	80	365

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	69	61	.531
Pittsburgh	67	65	508
St. Louis	57	71	454
Cincinnati	58	71	450
Chicago	53	78	405

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	73	59	.553
San Francisco	72	59	550
Colorado	62	70	470
San Diego	62	70	470

Sunday's Games  
Cincinnati 8, Atlanta 4, 10 innings  
Pittsburgh 9, San Francisco 6  
Los Angeles 5, Philadelphia 1  
San Diego 3, N.Y. Mets 2  
Chicago Cubs 12, Montreal 3  
Houston 3, Colorado 1  
Florida 7, St. Louis 1

Monday's Games  
Cincinnati 7, Colorado 6, 1st game  
Cincinnati 6, Colorado 4, 2nd game  
Los Angeles 8, Pittsburgh 2, 1st game  
Pittsburgh 4, Los Angeles 3, 2nd game  
Philadelphia 10, San Diego 1, 1st game  
Philadelphia 6, San Diego 4, 2nd game  
San Francisco 7, N.Y. Mets 1  
Chicago Cubs 3, Florida 1  
Montreal 2, St. Louis 1  
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games  
San Diego (Hitchcock 9-7) at Philadelphia (Gracia 0-0), 7:35 p.m.  
Los Angeles (Park 13-6) at Pittsburgh (Silva 0-0), 7:35 p.m.  
San Francisco (Alvarez 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 10-7), 7:40 p.m.  
Houston (Reynolds 6-8) at Atlanta (Glavin 11-8), 7:40 p.m.  
Florida (Hernandez 7-0) at Chicago Cubs (Batista 0-1), 8:05 p.m.  
Montreal (Johnson 1-3) at St. Louis (Osborne 2-6), 8:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Carrara 0-1) at Colorado (Bailey 10-10), 9:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games  
San Diego (Hamilton 10-4) at Philadelphia (Schilling 13-10), 1:05 p.m.  
Los Angeles (Reyes 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Cooke 9-12), 1:35 p.m.  
San Francisco (Ruetter 9-6) at N.Y. Mets (Istinghausen 0-0), 1:40 p.m.  
Florida (Brown 12-8) at Chicago Cubs (Clark 10-7), 2:20 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Remlinger 6-5) at Colorado (Thomson 5-8), 3:05 p.m.  
Houston (Holt 8-9) at Atlanta (Maddux 17-3), 7:40 p.m.  
Montreal (Hermanson 8-5) at St. Louis (Morris 9-8), 8:05 p.m.

American League  
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East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	83	44	.654
New York	77	52	597
Boston	66	66	500
Toronto	63	66	488
Detroit	61	69	469

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	67	60	.528
Milwaukee	65	65	500
Chicago	64	66	492
Kansas City	52	75	409
Minnesota	52	77	403

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	73	58	.557
Anaheim	71	60	542
Texas	62	69	473
Oakland	52	79	397

Sunday's Games  
Baltimore 5, Minnesota 1  
Milwaukee 6, Detroit 0  
Toronto 11, Kansas City 8, 13 innings  
Boston 3, Anaheim 2  
Oakland 4, Cleveland 1  
Seattle 5, N.Y. Yankees 3  
Chicago White Sox 3, Texas 1

Monday's Games  
Milwaukee 7, Texas 2  
Detroit 7, Minnesota 6, 12 innings  
Boston 9, Seattle 8  
Only games scheduled

### TUESDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 14-7) at Oakland (Quist 2-3), 3:15 p.m.  
Kansas City (Rusch 5-9) at Baltimore (Key 14-7), 7:35 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 9-13) at Toronto (Williams 7-11), 7:35 p.m.  
Texas (Santana 3-5) at Milwaukee (Eldred 11-12), 8:05 p.m.  
Detroit (Thompson 11-9) at Minnesota (Robertson 7-11), 8:05 p.m.  
Cleveland (Nagy 12-9) at Anaheim (Springer 8-6), 10:05 p.m.  
Boston (Avery 6-4) at Seattle (Moyer 13-4), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games  
Texas (Oliver 10-10) at Milwaukee (Woodard 3-2), 2:05 p.m.  
Boston (Saberhagen 0-1) at Seattle (Fassero 13-7), 6:35 p.m.  
Kansas City (Rosado 8-10) at Baltimore (Khriva 2-0), 7:35 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Drabek 10-8) at Toronto (Hentgen 13-8), 7:35 p.m.  
Detroit (Moshier 8-9) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 4-10), 8:05 p.m.  
Cleveland (Wright 4-2) at Anaheim (Watson 11-7), 10:35 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Iraha 4-2) at Oakland (Lorraine 2-0), 10:35 p.m.

### SOCCER

Major League Soccer  
At A Glance  
By The Associated Press  
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Eastern Conference

W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
D.C.	16	9	3	42	54
Tampa Bay	14	11	3	36	43
Columbus	11	14	2	29	33
New England	12	13	4	28	29
N.Y.-NJ	8	15	1	22	29

Western Conference

W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
Kansas City	18	7	7	40	49
Colorado	13	12	2	35	42
Dallas	12	13	3	30	43
Los Angeles	10	14	2	26	34
San Jose	10	16	3	24	48

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for shootout win and zero points for loss.  
Monday's Game  
No games scheduled  
Tuesday's Games  
No games scheduled  
Wednesday's Games  
New England at Washington D.C., 7:30 p.m.

### BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball Association  
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Semifinals  
Thursday, Aug. 28  
Charlotte at Houston, 7:30 p.m. (LIVE)  
New York at Phoenix, 9:40 p.m. (ESPN)

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Saturday, Aug. 30  
TBA, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)

### TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Sports Transactions  
By The Associated Press  
BASEBALL  
American League  
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Sent RHP Bartolo Colon to Buffalo of the American Association. Recalled OF Bruce Aven from Buffalo.

### Chautauqua t-shirt



Ryan Barnes and Johnny Story display the 1997 Chautauqua Fun Run and 5K t-shirt. The race is scheduled to begin Labor Day at 8 a.m. Registration begins at 6:30 the day of the race. Interested persons can pre-register by Wednesday and save on the entry fee. Entry forms are available at The Pampa News or at the Columbia Medical Center information desk.

## Jaguars going with two QBs, none with much experience

By DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Sports Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jacksonville linebacker Eddie Robinson didn't hesitate when asked what he would do if the opposing quarterback was making his first start, and the backup had never played an NFL regular-season game.

"I'd blitz them every play, without a doubt," he said, breaking into a mischievous grin.

Then he looked across the Jaguars' locker room to the stalls occupied by Rob Johnson and newly acquired quarterback Steve Matthews, and it was no longer a laughing matter.

After signing playoff-tested

Mark Brunell to a \$315 million contract and then watching him go down with torn knee ligaments, the Jaguars now have this pecking order at quarterback when they open the season Sunday at Baltimore.

Johnson, who never had a chance to run the offense, has looked promising after Brunell's injury. He completed 72 percent of his passes for 506 yards and six touchdowns, and finished the preseason with a 142.9 pass efficiency rating.

Sure, the Jaguars haven't missed a beat with Johnson at the helm. But in his two years with the Jaguars, Johnson has played in only one game that counted — if you can call it that — throwing seven passes during mop-up duty in a 44-0 loss to Detroit his rookie season.

"The pace will pick up a little bit this week," McCardell said. "They'll show him some different things. But he's been here long enough. He's very confident in himself and we're confident in him. I don't expect the intensity from him to back down."

Coughlin wasn't even planning to look around the league for quarterbacks until Brunell got hurt against the New York

## Selig and Harrington: Realignment vote will take place no matter what

By RONALD BLUM  
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Even though there's opposition, acting commissioner Bud Selig will call for a vote on the sport's radical realignment plan when owners meet next month.

Following a realignment committee conference call Monday, committee chairman John Harrington admitted there is opposition in the NL from Atlanta, Cincinnati, the Chicago Cubs, the New York Mets and Pittsburgh. San Diego and San Francisco also are seen as possible no votes, but Harrington said their opposition was less staunch.

"We're still moving ahead with the geographic realignment," Harrington said in a telephone interview. "That's not saying we might not change. It's really the best for the game. It may not be the best for a few clubs. But when you measure the advantages of the scheduling for geographic realignment, it's remarkable how advantageous it is. So you start chipping away at it."

Selig, who is strongly in favor of the plan, said he was attempting to change enough votes to gain approval.

"Each club has legitimate concerns, and we're dealing with those concerns," Selig said. "I'm always an optimist. I was through revenue sharing, interleague play, three divisions and a wild card. So we're talking to each club and trying to find out what we can do."

Owners will consider the plan when they meet in Atlanta on Sept. 16-18. Under the proposal, the leagues would realign to:

- AL East — Baltimore, Boston, Montreal, New York Mets, New York Yankees, Philadelphia, Toronto;
- AL South-Midwest — Atlanta, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Florida, Tampa Bay and Pittsburgh;
- NL Central — Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, Houston, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Minnesota, St. Louis and Texas;
- NL West — Anaheim, Arizona, Colorado, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, San Diego and Seattle.

No team can be forced to change leagues against their will. For the plan to pass, the Braves, Mets, Pirates and Reds would have to change their position.

"A number of clubs have veto power. We'll just have to see if they want to exercise it," said

## Brewers beat Rangers for third straight win

MILWAUKEE (AP) — When reliever Joel Adamson got the call for a starting assignment, he was only too happy to answer it.

Adamson, a late replacement because Bryce Florie has a strained right shoulder, pitched the Milwaukee Brewers to a 7-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night. Adamson (4-2) matched his career high with seven strikeouts while holding the Rangers to four hits and two runs in six innings.

"It's something you can't think about. You just have to think that you're getting another opportunity to start," Adamson said of the pressure of one-day's notice to start. "Every time they give me an opportunity to prove myself I'm grateful for the chance. Totally. I'm definitely happy about it."

Milwaukee manager Phil Garner was happy, too, after Adamson helped the Brewers to

## Sampras wins first-round match in U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — The fireworks were over by the time Pete Sampras took center court.

Before Sampras appeared, past champions graced the court, a plaque proclaiming the new Arthur Ashe Stadium was unveiled and Whitney Houston sang.

As the last note of Houston's song drifted into the darkness, rockets raced across the sky, punctuating the hour-long ceremony at the \$254 million facility.

Even Sampras, seeking his third straight and fifth career U.S. Open title, didn't stand a chance of overshadowing that lineup, especially since he was playing a qualifier,

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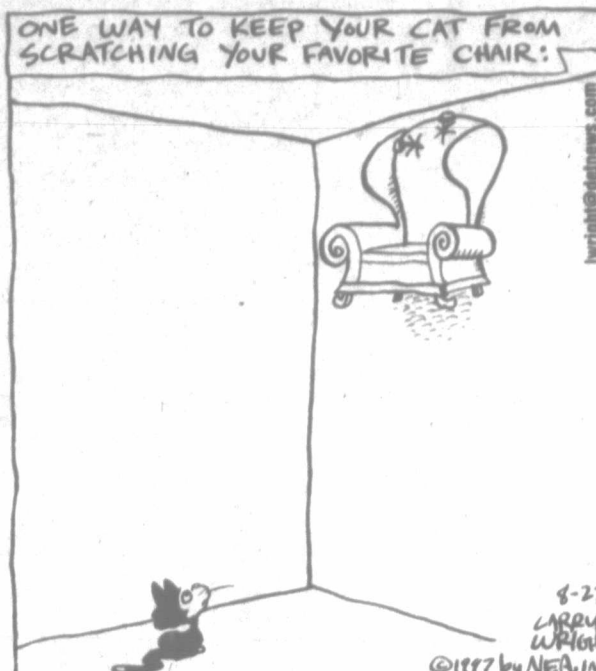
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# Tobacco settlement:

## Florida deal takes some heat off tobacco industry as Congress prepares to act

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Florida's \$11 billion tobacco settlement does more for cigarette makers than end a troublesome lawsuit: it averts the specter of damaging headlines from Florida courts just as Congress takes up the broader national tobacco deal next month.

For the state, Monday's tobacco settlement serves as an insurance policy. Florida gets \$11.3 billion over 25 years and it will be allowed to ban tobacco billboards and much other outdoor advertising even if Congress never passes a national tobacco deal.

And if Congress does pass federal tobacco legislation, Florida still gets its money - the estimated amount it would receive anyway under the national deal. In addition, Florida, like every other state, also would follow the broader, nationwide tobacco policy set by Congress.

Knowing that, Florida officials said it still was important that they reach a separate tobacco settlement.

"We wanted acknowledgement of the havoc they (tobacco companies) had caused in the past and some indication that would change in the future," Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles said Monday. "There is a debt long past-due for big tobacco to pay."

But some were skeptical about the settlement's impact on tobacco companies. One critic noted that tobacco companies' stock prices rose Monday after the announcement.

"Any time something like this happens ... and their stock goes up, I think you have to look at it in a very wide perspective," former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said today on ABC's *Good Morning America*. "Tobacco gained a lot by not having to go through a court procedure."

Congress returns from an August recess next week, and will begin debating a comprehensive deal that promises to eliminate 38 more state lawsuits by setting sweeping nationwide tobacco policy.

Tobacco companies paid \$3.6 billion in July to settle a suit brought by Mississippi, but they made no other concessions.

While Florida's deal was broader, the proposed \$368 billion national pact still would go even further. Tobacco companies would agree to more severe advertising curbs and to pay up to \$2 billion a year in fines if teenage smoking doesn't drop. In return, tobacco companies would

ed potentially damaging evidence it didn't get to use in court - such as Philip Morris chief Geoffrey Bible's deposition that smoking "might have" killed 100,000 Americans - that could influence other lawsuits. That pressure adds to Tierney's belief that tobacco companies won't walk away if Clinton insists that the national pact be strengthened.

Continuing state settlements

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win protection from future lawsuits, restrictions on how strictly the government could control nicotine and get to deduct all settlement payments from their taxes.

Critics say the proposed national deal is too lenient, and President Clinton will unveil his planned changes sometime after he returns Sept. 7 from vacation.

But Congress is unlikely to act before another state tobacco lawsuit - in Texas - goes to trial late next month. Cigarette makers are expected to cut a deal there too.

That they gave more to Florida than to Mississippi means they've got to give more to Texas than to Florida," said James Tierney, a consultant to the suing states.

He noted that Florida extract-

means "our leverage is stronger, theirs is inherently weaker," Tierney said.

Not everybody agrees. Privately, the tobacco industry insists it will fight in Congress some of the changes that Clinton is considering, including stronger government nicotine control and harsher penalties for teen smoking.

Congress should take enough time to thoroughly consider needed changes, argued deal critics like Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass.

"Clearly a pattern is beginning to emerge where the tobacco industry would rather settle than take a chance in court," Meehan said. "The fact that Florida has settled should not give the pending global settlement undue momentum in Congress."

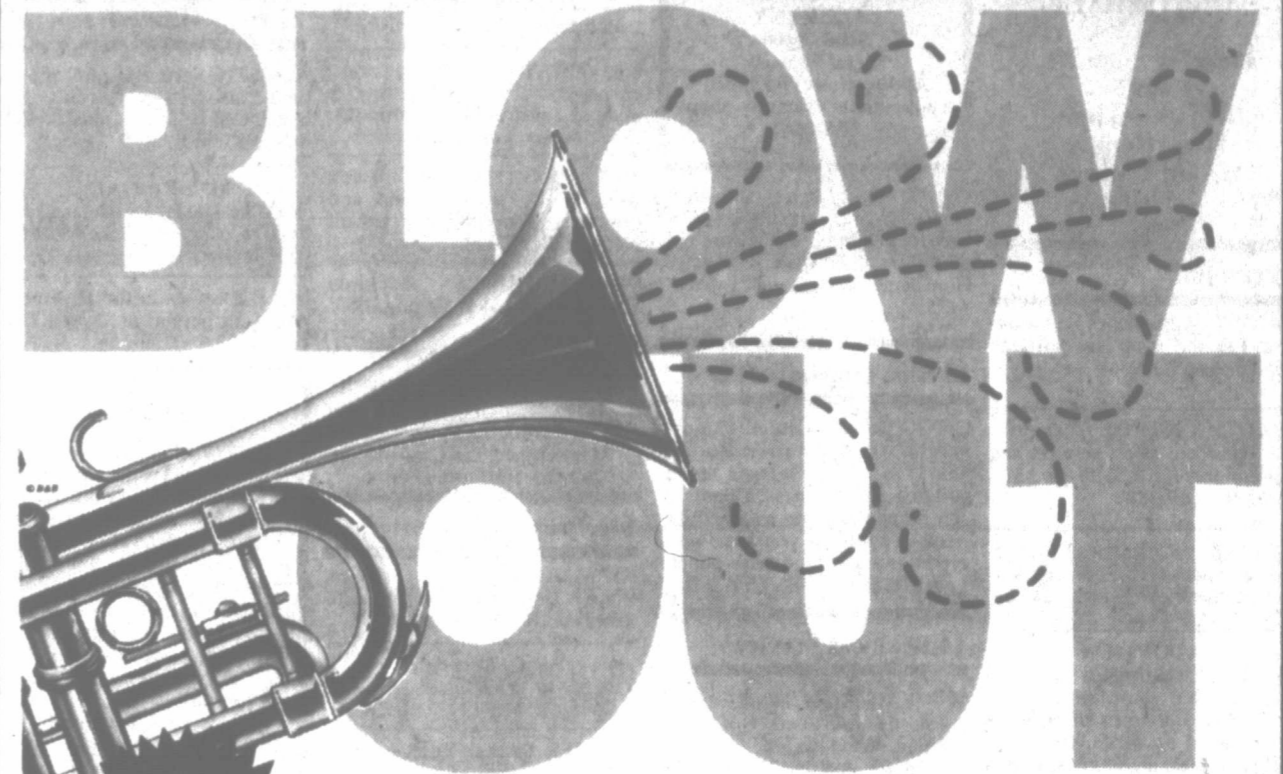
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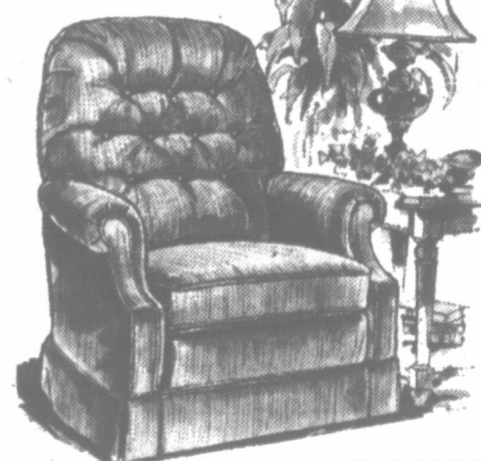


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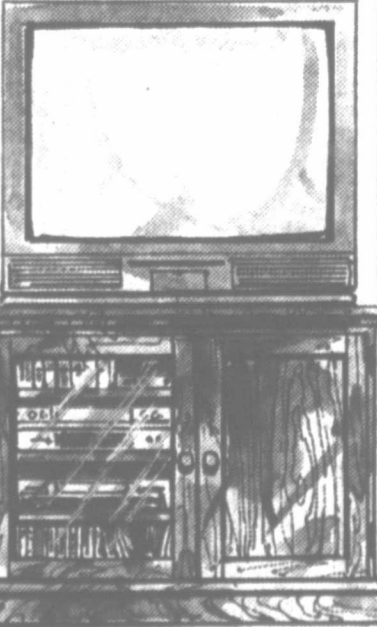
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