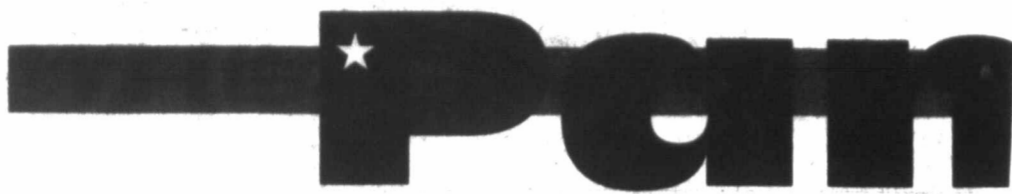


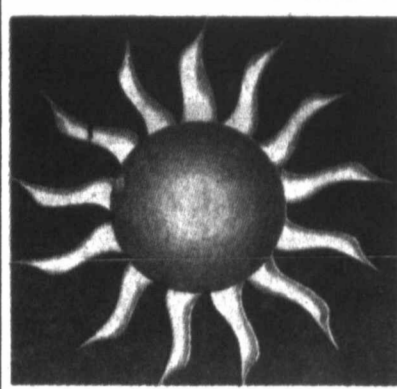
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**WICHITA FALLS (AP)** — A scout has accused a Boy Scout executive of fondling him while the two spent the night at a house earlier this month, court documents show.

The Quanah scout said Andrew McElhannon, 24, molested him after the two met through the Boy Scouts. McElhannon was charged Monday with indecency with a child and is free on \$30,000 bond.

McElhannon was suspended over the weekend, said Ron Boller, an executive with the Northwest Texas Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Boller didn't know whether the alleged victim was a Cub Scout or a Boy Scout.

An investigation is continuing, Quanah Police Chief Guy Smith said.

McElhannon, himself an Eagle Scout, worked with boys in 10 counties south and west of Wichita Falls.

Quanah is about 60 miles northwest of Wichita Falls.

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Two 17-year-olds, indicted for capital murder after a former astronaut's son and a city employee were found drowned in the trunk of a submerged car, will face the prospect of lethal injection if convicted.

Prosecutors said Tuesday they will seek the death penalty against Derrick Williams of Round Rock and Ahmad McAdoo of Lubbock after a carjacking spree ended in the abduction and murder of Juan Cotera, 25, and Brandon Shaw, 20.

Shaw, a University of Texas architecture student, was the son of former astronaut Brewster Shaw Jr.

Cotera, a city employee, was the son of an architect known for his efforts to revitalize low-income East Austin.

Their bodies were found July 2 in the trunk of a 1982 Volvo owned by Shaw's parents. The car was pulled from Town Lake, a part of the Colorado River that runs through Austin just south of downtown.

Williams and McAdoo each were indicted by a grand jury on two counts of capital murder, a crime that can result in either life in prison or the death penalty.

• Lyda J. Gilchrist, 92, charter member Bible Church, active member Republican Party.

• Ida Jewel Howard, 88, homemaker, member of First Baptist Church, Pasadena.

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(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

The piece entitled, "The Intruders" exemplifies Jerome Tiger's distinctive pastel, water based art style and is part of new traveling art exhibit by the late Native American artist. It can be viewed at the White Deer Land Museum beginning Saturday.

## Native American artist's work will go on display

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Staff Writer

The White Deer Land Museum is opening a new art exhibit this week by the late Native American artist, Jerome Tiger. The traveling exhibit is part of a local collection by Dare and Betty Locke of Pampa.

The Tiger exhibit will be featured in the Art Gallery of the Holland Wing on Friday, August 30, at 7 p.m. — the same night as the museum dinner and Cuyler Street dance.

Most of the limited editions in the travel-

ing Tiger exhibit have never been shown together before. They are the product of many collection years of Indian artifacts in the Dare and Betty Locke Collection of Indian Art.

"The Lockes have been interested in the Jerome Tiger paintings for many years. The museum is fortunate to be able to show a collection of this quality to the people of this area," museum director Anne Davidson said.

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## 50th reunion readied for Oct.

The Pampa High School "Class of '47 will have its 50th Class reunion Homecoming weekend — Oct. 3, 4, and 5.

Class members are planning to ride in the parade, attend the pep rally and have a "Western Evening" at Stokes Barn, six miles east of Pampa on Friday night. The North Fork Band will play. There will be carriage rides and pictures.

Saturday morning there will be a brunch at the Country Club and the afternoon will be spent at the football game. That evening, class pictures will be taken and there will be a banquet at the Country Club.

A farewell breakfast is planned for Sunday morning at the Coronado Inn.

The following people are "missing" from the class of 1947: Lawrence Baines, Ronald Bump, Jo Ann Codlin, Jennine Conyers, Bettye Davis, Shirley Easter, Doris Flood, Ethel Gilbert, Charles Hamriak, Isaac Hurial, Norma June Johnson, Warren Janes, Mary Lou Lane, Peggy McCathern, Peggy McDonald, Weldon Mitchell, Ellen Ann Prather, Polly Sanders,

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(Pampa News Photo by Miranda Bailey)

Six-foot-tall A.J. Taylor, the only senior at Pampa Academy this year, reveals his take on life.

## PEDC budget gets approval despite worry over revenue

By LAURA HALEY  
Staff Writer

Despite concern over the dwindling amount of revenue, city commissioners adopted Tuesday evening the 1997-98 operating budget of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

The budget included a \$330,000 amendment for moving incentives to be given to Millsap Construction Services Inc. The construction company announced last week that it intended to relocate to Pampa.

With the relocation, the company will provide at least 60 new jobs to Pampa residents. Millsap Construction had been asked by many of its customers, based in the panhandle, to relocate to the area. Pampa's economic corporation got involved after it was contacted by a representative of Millsap Construction. Other cities vying for the business were Amarillo and Borger.

Through incentives offering a \$300,000 forgivable loan for purchase or construction of a facility and payment of up to 10 percent interest for three years on a \$300,000 loan secured through banking institutions, Pampa won the battle over the two larger cities.

But, the \$330,000 total budget amendment for the PEDC's 1997-98 budget had some city commissioners questioning future funding.

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## Commission ok's new city budget

By LAURA HALEY  
Staff Writer

After opening the commission meeting for a public hearing, the city commissioners adopted the 1997-98 fiscal year budget with operating expenses of \$13 million.

The ordinance for the budget was approved at the first reading, but allows for any changes between this passing and the second reading of the ordinance.

City Commissioner Jeff Andrews voiced concerns about the deletion of projects, such as the street seal-coating program, from next year's budget. In addition, a request in the amount of \$2,500 from the parks department has been received to provide irrigation and landscaping along a median in front of the Pampa Community Youth Services building. It was recently discovered that the strip of land belonged to the city and it should be responsible for maintaining the area.

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## Teen's outlook stays focused on bright side

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Staff Writer

Call him Bozo or A.J. — your choice.

"My aunt called me Bozo when I was born, so when she calls, I say, 'Hi, it's Bozo.'"

Or Avery Joel.

Mmm, maybe A.J.'s better. Either way, you're dealing with a clown.

"Yeah, I'm a class clown," he said.

Actually, A.J. Taylor, the only senior at the Pampa Academy of Christian Education, participated in a statewide Accelerated Christian Education competition last year as a... clown. That's right, a clown. And he won an award for it, too.

The "Clown Act" competition is an event where students are required to dress up as clowns and write and perform a skit that employs a scriptural foundation.

"Sure I was a clown in class, but I never thought I

could really be a real clown," A.J. said.

His teachers knew better. He also received awards for many other academic categories at the event.

But aside from clowning around, making Forrest Gump impressions (before Forrest Gump ever was) and having a "noise for everything," A.J. seems to take advantage of life.

"The way I look at it, if you go through life not

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**A.J. Taylor, the only senior at the Pampa Academy of Christian Education, participated in a Texas Accelerated Christian Education competition last year as a... clown.**

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# Daily Record

## Obituaries

**LYDA J. GILCHRIST**  
NEW HARTFORD - Lyda J. Gilchrist, 92, a former Pampa resident died Saturday, Aug. 23, 1997, at Presbyterian Home. Memorial services will be held in Bible Church of Pampa at a later time. Burial will be in Prairie View Cemetery at Tonkawa, Okla. Burial will be under the direction of Friedel, Williams, Coriale and Edmunds Funeral Home of New Hartford.

Mrs. Gilchrist was born June 18, 1905, at Red Rock in Oklahoma Territory. She was a Pampa resident from 1925 until moving to New Hartford in 1995. She was a charter member of Bible Church and was active in the Republican Party in Texas.

Survivors include two sons, Robert K. Gilchrist of Whitesboro and Carl Gilchrist of Arcadia, Calif.; a sister, Auretta Denton of Blackwell, Okla.; three half-brothers, Henry Bellman and George Bellman, both of Billings, Okla., and Randall Bellman of Yukon, Okla.; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning St., Pampa, TX 7906.

### IDA JEWEL HOWARD

Ida Jewel Howard, 88, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1997. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Howard was born Jan. 17, 1909, at Eldon, Mo. She married Walter O. Howard on July 21, 1923, at Beggs, Okla.; he died March 27, 1975. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Hawaii in 1973. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Pasadena.

Survivors include three sons, Paul Howard of Pampa, Kenneth Howard of Odessa and W.A. "Bud" Howard of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a sister, Clara Cunningham of Oklahoma City; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

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## Calendar of events

### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Narcotics Anonymous, a new non-profit group to aid people having problems with the use of narcotics, will have meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1121 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-6260 or 669-2665.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anheuser-Busch of Pampa			
Wheat	1.28		
Milo	1.26		
Corn	1.49		
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of completion			
Occidental	23.88	St.	30.16
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion			
Magellan	34.24		
Puritan	30.96		
The following show N.Y. Stock Market quotations as furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa			
Ames	14.75	up 1/8	
Amgen	21.00	up 1/8	
Cable	17.00	up 1/8	
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## Police report

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Burglary was reported at 2225 N. Hobart Street. An unattended death was reported at 1800 Dogwood Street.

Theft was reported at 401 Jupiter Street

### Arrests

Breck Benjamin Beckner, 25, 2001 Mary Ellen, was arrested on charges of issuance by check. Tomarbysshe Lamon Embers, 32, 1141 Huff, was arrested on charges of a capias pro fine warrant and released after bail was made.

## Sheriff's Office

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Bridgette A. Segovia, 34, Berger, was arrested on charges of hindering a secured creditor. David Andrew White, 32, 730 Perry, was arrested on charges of violating probation and driving with an expired drivers license in Randall

## Accidents

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

A hit and run accident was reported at 3022 Perryton in the private parking lot of 1 Medical Plaza. A 1996 white Pontiac Grand Am, owned by Bobby Glenn Stevens, was struck in the left rear tail light. No citations were issued.

## Ambulance

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

8:18 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Dogwood on a medical call and no patients were transported.

9:37 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of N. Wells on a medical call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

10:06 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center for a one patient transfer to Baptist St. Anthony's West.

11:48 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Sloan on a medical call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

7:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Foster on a possible trauma and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

7:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center for a one patient transfer to a local nursing home.

11:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Hughes on a medical call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

## Fires

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

1:41 p.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to the 100 block of South Cuyler on a gas odor.

11:54 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 440 Hughes on a medical assist call.

## DISPLAY

They are dedicated to introducing and providing Indian Art to the people of the Panhandle and the South Plains. They said:

Jerome Tiger's career spanned more than 50 years. He was born in 1947 to a working-class family, growing up in Tulsa and Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Tiger became an end-of-the-line worker in an early job but he died in 1977 from an accidental fall that wound at the age of 29.

The background of the lives and minutiae of culture is important to the understanding of the paintings of Jerome Tiger.

People are often startled after being introduced to his art because it is very different from other Native American art. It is a very delicate medium, but he painted with the Indian art tradition, but extended it to a new dimension, according to

Davidson. He never used paints in the raw; he muted his colors with white but claimed that he changed his style in 1966. Whether he did or not, it was a style that has not been duplicated.

He worked in nearly every medium, water colors, tempera, ink, colored pencils, pencil, etc.

In "The Life and Art of Jerome Tiger," authors Peggy Tiger and Molly Babcock wrote, "Tiger, in his brief career, not only reached great heights in art, but his devotion to Indian art pointed the way for other Indian artists who followed."

The collection will be shown in Pampa for the first time Saturday, August 30. However, the painting will also be on display for a limited time at regular museum hours, Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday - Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Some of Tiger's work is currently on display at the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

## REUNION

Debra Sheedy, Clyde Smith, Minnie and Ingrid Mary Louise Snyder, June Southwick, Billie Ann Stafford, Barbara Vaughn, Laura Ann Warner, Betty Jo Ward, Polly Ward, Gwen Preshin, Debra Sheedy, Ann Spencer Bearden, Elma Barthelme Smith, Joyce Oswald, Warren Adams, Director, Zita

Kennedy Neusch, Gwinette Killingsworth Tubbs, Charles Snow, Alverna Miller Cobb, Betty Cavaker, Sullivan, Juanita Wood, and J.P. Langford.

Please call if you know any of these people, or for more information contact Angela Duncan Spearman, 669-3905, June Richey Robbins, 665-8888, or Betty Harris Schaffer, 669-7531.

## Man gets probation for setting fires

PLAINVIEW, Texas, AP - A Lubbock accountant has received 11 years' probation after pleading guilty to setting four brush fires in neighboring Hale County, though he could face more arson charges at his hometown.

Jerry Wayne Adams, 36, was arrested following months of juniper brush and fence fires throughout the Lubbock area.

For the most part, the fires ceased after his arrest in July.

Adams entered his plea Monday and was to be released from jail this week.

Rod Hobson, Adams' attorney, expects a similar scenario to play out in Lubbock.

"I think eventually we will have something similar in Lubbock County, but he hasn't been charged yet," Hobson said. "They haven't bothered anything yet."

Lt. Mike Kemp of the Lubbock Fire Marshal's Office said the fires there remain under investigation.

In accordance with the plea agreement, Adams also must pay a \$2,500 fine, undergo psychological counseling and wear an electronic monitor.

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## PEDC

Because the life of the PEDC is only established through the year 2002, additional incentive packages using the 1/2-cent sales tax revenue could soon be depleted. Commission Robert Dixon addressed this question to Lew Mollenkamp, executive director of the PEDC, and Lewis Meers, president of the PEDC board of directors.

"We're looking at enough prospects where we can deplete revenue for the next five years," answered Meers.

Mollenkamp added, "We've been extremely successful at finding people to talk to us."

In an attempt to save on some of the sales tax revenue for future projects, Mollenkamp said the PEDC is considering offering other types of incentives to prospective companies.

Although not willing to disclose them, Mollenkamp did point out some of these options will save on resources "so that our money goes far-

ther." Dixon, although questioning the funding situation, recognized the contributions of the PEDC in relocating and expanding businesses in Pampa. "Well, that's what it's for," he said. "That's what we've voted on to do."

All commissioners expressed hope that citizens will consider extending the life of the economic district past 2002. A new law, specifically introduced into Texas legislature on behalf of the City of Pampa, allows voters to go back to the polls and keep the economic district operating with the 1/2-cent sales tax.

Ten years, noted Mayor Bob Neslage, is a relatively short time-span for economic development.

"Economic development is still at an experimental stage in Pampa," he said. "We don't have any other options, we have to promote Pampa. No one's going to come in and do it for us."

Mollenkamp agreed and added, "Economic development is a team effort."

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## BUDGET

Kerry Thorp, representing the youth services, also asked for the parks department to help beautify the strip of land by placing trees in the median. Although trees are available, it would cost approximately \$2,500 for an irrigation system to be placed in the area to keep the trees alive.

City Manager Bob Eskridge noted that the proposed budget does cut some projects, such as seal coating, and does not allow for the park's department request.

"It's certainly going to be a problem," he said. "There's certainly a need for it [the street seal-coating program]."

Despite this need, the program has been funded in the past through remaining bond money. Any long-term street improvements, added Eskridge, would probably have to be funded through another bond issue.

Other items approved by city commissioners included:

- an ordinance setting the ad valorem tax at .6367

cents per every \$100 valuation of property;

- a disbursement to Four R Industrial Supply in the amount of \$332.94 (Commissioner Faustina Curry abstained from the vote);
- a disbursement to Pampa Concrete Inc. in the amount of \$447 (Mayor Bob Neslage abstained from the vote);
- a bid to G.W. James in the amount of \$11,929 for the completion of the joint city-county Davis Street Strip Paving Project;
- a bid for 941 S. Nelson, a delinquent tax property, in the amount of \$1,050;
- a donation of delinquent tax property, at 428 Elm Street, to Macedonia Baptist Church;
- and, the consent agenda. Items on the consent agenda included the minutes at the Aug. 12 regular meeting and Aug. 19 special work session, an ordinance repealing a crosswalk in spaces now used for parking at the high school, a resolution allowing Southwestern's new tariff for Grain Elevator Service to be used within the city and July 31 disbursements in the amount of \$900,304.

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## TEEN

happy 95 percent of the time - then your wasting your life," he said.

Pretty philosophical. He has some other interesting and enlightening viewpoints, too.

For instance, what's difficult about being a teenager?

"The hardest thing about being a teenager is having people look down on you because you're a teenager. Of course, most teenagers set that up for you," he said.

And if A.J. could switch places with anyone in the universe - past or present - for a day, he said he would be Abraham. . . from the Bible.

"Abraham, because as close as he was to God, his faith in God, whoa, it would blow your mind."

Makes sense. It gives a little insight into why A.J. preached his first sermon a few weeks ago on "Faith and works." But he's not sure that's what he'll be doing for the rest of his life.

He's contemplated several options.

## 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.

**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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# SAT scores:

## Report suggests grade inflation widespread in nation's high schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — American high schoolers' report cards paint a much rosier picture of their academic achievement than do their scores on a major college entrance examination.

The SAT scores from the high school class of 1997, released Tuesday, showed progress in math achievement, with the average of 511 coming close to levels of 25 years ago. But at 505, the verbal score has hardly budged.

The math score, up for the sixth straight year, rose from 508 last year. Scores had fallen below 500 in the late 1970s and early 1980s. The math score was 513 in 1971, and scores were higher before that.

The verbal score was also 505 last year and has risen above that only four times in the last two decades. Scores were 540 and higher in the late 1960s.

Since 1987, however, the percentage of students getting all A's has grown from 28 to 37, while SAT scores have actually fallen for that group. This year's grade average for all SAT takers is 3.22, compared with 3.07 in 1987.

"Educators who give high grades for average performance promote a 'just good enough' attitude that is detrimental to students and society," said Donald M. Stewart, president of the nonprofit College Board, which gives the test.

Added Education Secretary Richard W. Riley, "We need to take a second look at what seems to be a rising pattern of grade inflation."

Teachers have complained about pressures from parents, superintendents and principals to adjust grades, mostly

to stop children from failing. "They don't come out and say change this grade," said Tony Montanaro, a middle school science teacher and president of the East Irondequoit Teachers Association near Rochester, N.Y.

**Critics say the SAT has engaged in its own version of grade inflation, last year adjusting scores for the first time to bring up averages.**

"It is more along the lines of taking a second look at the criteria used for evaluating the students' work."

Critics say the SAT has engaged in its own version of grade inflation, last year adjusting scores for the first time to bring up averages. Scores are also inflated, they say, because of the widespread use of private coaching services to prepare students for the test.

"How does a college know how much a particular applicant's score was boosted because his parents could afford \$600, \$700 or even \$1500 for test preparation?" said Bob Schaeffer, a spokesman for the National Center for Fair & Open Testing in Cambridge, Mass.

The group also argues that the test is biased against girls because of the kinds of questions that are asked.

Although girls have better grades than boys and do better in comparable courses, their SAT scores still lag, Schaeffer said.

Girls scored 503 on the verbal and 494 on the math portion, compared with 507 and 530 for boys.

Gretchen W. Rigol, executive director of admissions and guidance services for the College Board, said girls have higher grade averages because they still take fewer math courses, for which students generally get lower grades.

The exam, the most widely used part of the board's Scholastic Assessment Tests, was taken by 1.1 million high school graduates. They account for 95 percent of college freshmen this year.

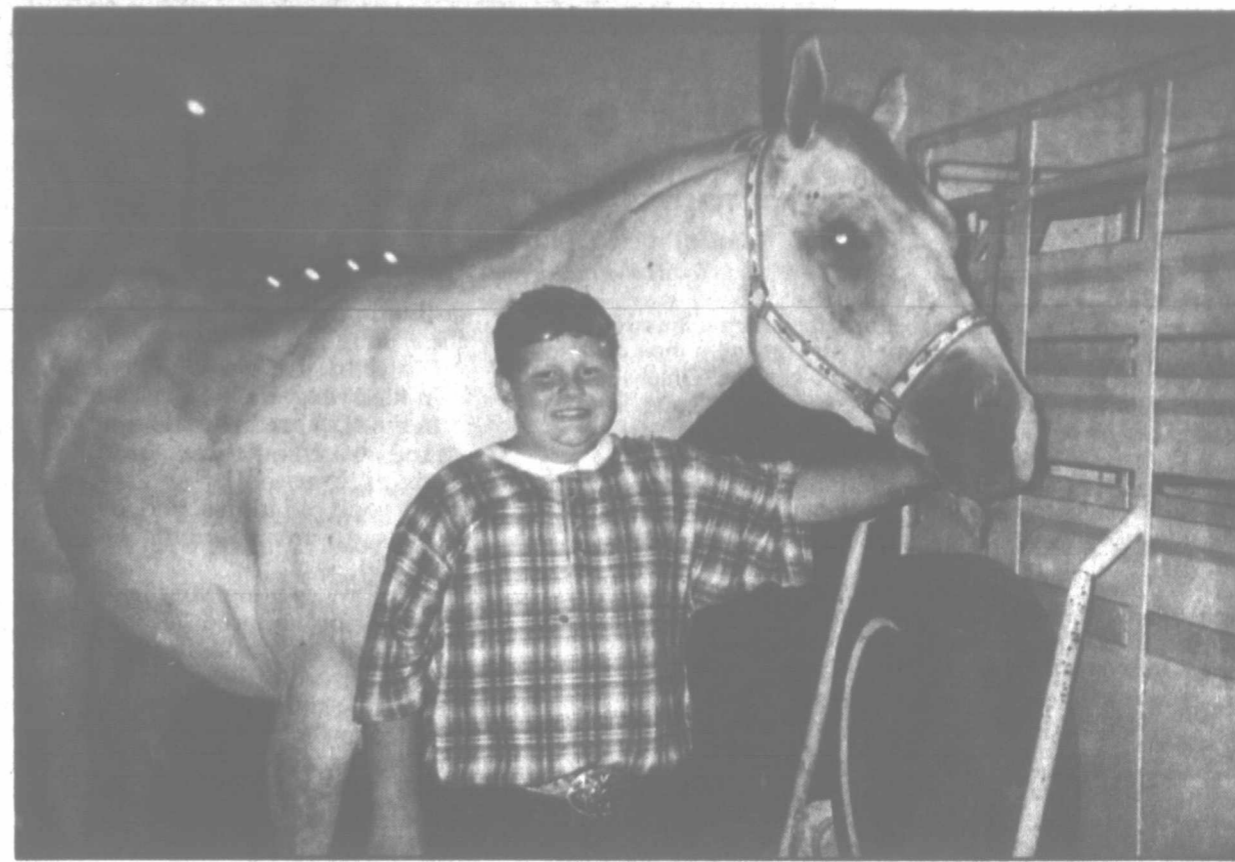
The test is given largely in the Eastern United States.

Analysts said math scores are rising because students are taking more rigorous math and science courses. The same trend was noted in results released earlier this month for the ACT, another entrance examination.

More students also are taking college-level, Advanced Placement courses while in high school, the College Board said. Just over half the nation's high schools offer such classes.

But students also seem to be taking fewer English classes, and more students who speak English as a second language are taking the test, said Faith Schullstrom, executive director of National Council of Teachers of English. She characterized the verbal scores as "stable."

### 'J.J.' competes in 4-H rodeo



(Special photo by Emily Elliott)

"J.J." (the horse) competed in the poles, barrel and flags during the 4-H Rodeo this past Saturday. Ethan Collier, pictured with the horse, helps care for "J.J.", but the horse is owned and ridden by Tristin Reeves (not pictured).

### Mexico calls meeting of U.S. consuls

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico, worried about a U.S. crackdown on illegal immigration along the border, is calling an urgent meeting of its consuls in the targeted area this week to figure out how to protect the rights of Mexicans in the United States.

The treatment of Mexican migrants is a sensitive topic here. Many Mexicans feel that their compatriots — while driving the U.S. economy by taking crucial, low-paying jobs that Americans don't want — face discrimination and harassment from law enforcement officials.

So when the United States announced "Operation Rio Grande," a \$3.5 million plan to put more agents and equipment along the Mexican border in Texas and New Mexico in an attempt to cut down on illegal migration, Mexican officials reacted with indignation.

"Mexico affirms categorically that the migratory phenomenon... should not be confused with criminality, which is what the new 'operation' is doing as it dangerously exacerbates anti-immigrant feelings in certain sectors of the

American population," the foreign ministry said in a statement last week.

The operation began Monday, and on Tuesday night, the Mexican foreign ministry said it had called all of its consuls in the affected areas to a meeting in San Antonio on Thursday and Friday.

The sessions will be at the San Antonio consulate, with Consul General Carlos Sada Solana as host.

"We will meet to analyze the impact of Operation Rio Grande," Sada told the *San Antonio Express-News* for Wednesday editions. "We feel that the actions being taken

might lead to Mexicans taking greater risks and could result in death if they attempt to come to the United States."

The meeting will include the consuls from Brownsville, Laredo, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, McAllen, El Paso, Corpus Christi, Houston and Austin.

The consuls are to formulate a plan "to increase the protection that the Foreign Ministry provides to Mexican migrants, to make sure their rights are protected and to make sure that every one of them and their family members is treated with dignity," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

### Center of attention



(Special Photo by Emily Elliott)

Ashley Price, Keeley Longo, Tristin Reeves and Jamie Ferguson take a break from the 4-H Rodeo activities this past Saturday to give some love and attention to "Junior." "Junior," a Shetland pony, belongs to Reeves.

### SBA offers 8(a) program, orientation in Lubbock

LUBBOCK — The U.S. Small Business Administration will be holding its monthly orientation session for socially and economically disadvantaged business concerns interested in receiving business development assistance through the agency's 8(a) program. The orientation meeting will begin at 2 p.m., Sept. 9, in SBA's Lubbock office, 1611 10th St., Suite 200.

The Minority Enterprise Development Program focuses on developing socially and economically disadvantaged businesses through the use of all the resources available to the SBA and its sister agencies. The objective of the program is to assist eligible companies to develop the skills and infrastructure necessary to thrive in the mainstream economy. In collaboration with other federal agencies, the program offers participants management and technical assistance and access to capital that will help them grow.

Congress has designated Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian Pacific Americans and subcontinent Asian Americans as automatically socially disadvantaged. Persons not members of these groups must prove their disadvantage by a preponderance of the evidence.

More than half of all federal procurement to socially and economically disadvantaged firms is achieved through the SBA's 8(a) program. SBA's Lubbock District awarded over \$5.4 million to approved 8(a) firms during Fiscal Year 1996.

Persons interested in attending this orientation session should call Pete Peterson at (806) 472-7462, ext. 235, or SBA's toll free number, 1-800-676-1005.

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Let Peace Begin With Me

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.

We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

L.W. McCall  
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Associate Publisher/Editor

Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

The Waco Tribune-Herald on religion in the workplace: Divine intervention may be required to keep President Clinton's new religious guidelines for federal workers out of court.

Clinton's guidelines on God in the workplace was intended to help federal managers deal with their employees' religious beliefs. He said the guidelines should serve as "the source of harmony."

Folks so inclined should pray that he is right. For the new guidelines to work, everyone will have to exercise tolerance of the different religious beliefs — and lack of religious beliefs — of their fellow government workers.

Even members of the public who deal with federal workers will have to exercise tolerance if the guidelines have any chance of serving as a source of harmony.

Under the new 13-page religious expression guidelines, and with some caveats, government workers will be allowed to put up posters displaying their religious beliefs, wear religious garb, keep religious material on their desks and gather at lunch and during breaks for religious purposes. And government supervisors may invite their employees to attend religious observances.

The guidelines will be fine if all fellow workers and members of the public remain tolerant when they experience expressions of religious beliefs that they do not share.

The examples given by Clinton all referred to mainstream religious beliefs. Examples of permitted religious expression include displaying the Bible or the Koran; wearing a crucifix, a yarmulke or a Muslim hijab; or placing a wreath over the entrance to a government office at Christmas time.

The real test of religious tolerance will come when government employees who hold non-mainstream religious beliefs put up religious posters, pictures or sayings that clash with the beliefs of the majority of federal workers and private citizens.

Much of the nation was settled by people whose non-mainstream religious beliefs were not tolerated in their home lands. America's founders wanted to ensure that all citizens had the right to worship or not worship as they pleased, which was the basis of the Constitution's prohibition against the establishment of religion.

Atheists, agnostics, Scientologists, pantheists, Buddhists, animists, polytheists and all others have the same right to their beliefs as do Americans with mainstream beliefs.

The key to the harmony Clinton seeks is tolerance.

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Ode to Mrs. Tripp, a mentor

Oh, Mrs. Tripp! (not to be confused with old Mrs. Tripp.) I miss her so much. I think about her often.

You know, people say that teachers work incredibly hard. They do so much. They have a lasting impact. And verily I say unto you: This is the absolute truth!

I had Mrs. Tripp in 10th grade for English.

In the 11th grade for newspaper.

In the 12th grade for newspaper, again.

And just like I think about my good friends from high school, just as I reminisce about those good old high school days (five and a half years ago) my thoughts are drawn to Mrs. Tripp.

It's funny spelling Mrs. Tripp.

I never pronounced her name M R S. Tripp. It was more like, Mssssss Tripp!!!!!! And she'd always save the day, especially where breaking newspaper stories were concerned. Her calm, cool mannerisms soothed my wild, ambitious spirit. She was a good teacher, and I'll tell you why.

She was my friend. Needless to say, in high school some major catastrophes happen. Major... at the time. And I remember wallowing in pity and needing guidance. Guess who was there to



Miranda G. Bailey

Pampa News staff writer

listen and not judge and not preach but quietly listen and offer just a few selective words of wisdom — Mrs. Tripp.

She taught me how to diagram sentences. Do you know anyone who likes to diagram sentences? I rather like to diagram sentences, amazingly enough. It's like a puzzle. Kinda fun. Now tell me that's not a major accomplishment for a teacher, teaching students to "rather like" diagramming sentences! Need I say more about... Mrs. Tripp?

Oh, but I will. In the 10th grade, as an assignment I dressed up in a sheet, like a bad extra from a silly Mark Antony/Cleopatra movie and I said

the uh, what-do-ya-call-it, "I come to praise Caesar not to bury him," something-or-other speech in a purposefully thick Texas drawl to amuse my classmates. It worked. So who let me do it? Mrs. Tripp.

I was encouraged to do whatever I could. To go as far as I wanted creatively and educationally. She gave me my own column in the high school paper so everyone could read my stupid stories, not just... Mrs. Tripp.

Well, my last year with Mrs. Tripp I remember so much, and yet nothing.

Her husband was very sick, and she accidentally got pregnant the same year, a year that I sensed was a very difficult year for her.

But she still let me help uncover a story that eventually got the principal fired.

She found time to proofread my essays for college and write a few recommendations, too.

Along with her, I cursed the other school for winning the best newspaper award!

And I still cried in HER room when MY life wasn't going the way I thought it should.

As I fondly look back in life, to the very best times in my school life, it was in that room. In Mrs. Tripp's.



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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 27, the 239th day of 1997. There are 126 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 27, 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa erupted; the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

On this date: In 1770, the German philosopher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel was born in Stuttgart.

In 1859, Colonel Edwin L. Drake drilled the first successful oil well in the United States near Titusville, Penn.

In 1892, fire seriously damaged New York City's original Metropolitan Opera House, located

at Broadway and 39th Street.

In 1908, Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, was born near Stonewall, Texas.

In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In 1945, American troops began landing in Japan following the surrender of the Japanese government in World War II.

In 1962, the United States launched the Mariner 2 space probe, which flew past Venus the following December.

In 1967, Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, was found dead in his London flat from an overdose of sleeping pills.

In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten was killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion;

the Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility.

Ten years ago: A Soviet Foreign Ministry official said his country was studying a proposal by West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl to dismantle his country's 72 aging Pershing IA missiles if the superpowers destroyed all their intermediate-range weapons.

Five years ago: President Bush ordered federal troops to Florida for emergency relief in the wake of Hurricane Andrew.

One year ago: First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton addressed the Democratic convention in Chicago, forcefully making her husband's case for re-election while rebutting her Republican critics. California Gov. Pete Wilson signed an executive order aimed at halting state benefits to illegal immigrants. Actor Greg

Morris ("Mission: Impossible") was found dead at his Las Vegas home; he was 61.

Today's Birthdays: Nobel Peace laureate Mother Teresa is 87. Cajun-country singer Jimmy C. Newman is 70. Actor Tommy Sands is 60. Bluegrass singer-musician J.D. Crowe is 60. Musician Daryl Dragon (The Captain and Tennille) is 55. Actress Tuesday Weld is 54. Actress Marianne Sagebrecht is 52. Actress Barbara Bach is 50. Ex-porn star Harry Reems ("Deep Throat") is 50. Country musician Jeff Cook (Alabama) is 48. Actor Paul Reubens is 45. Singer Willy DeVille is 44. Rock musician Alex Lifeson (Rush) is 44. Actress Diana Scarwid is 42. Rap musician Bobo (Cypress Hill) is 29. Rock musician Tony Kanal (No Doubt) is 27. Actress Sarah Chalke ("Roseanne") is 21.

Fast track barely chugging along ...

Walter R. Mears  
AP Special correspondent

It's going to take some fast talking to get the kind of fast action President Clinton wants from Congress to let him negotiate trade deals that legislators can't amend.

Fast track trade authority, which one Democratic foe describes as "a kind of inside baseball term," has been granted every president since 1974, but Clinton's renewal request faces stiff opposition, left and right.

He wants it approved this year to prepare for talks next spring on a broadening of the North American Free Trade Agreement, toward the Western Hemisphere free trade zone he envisions by 2005.

But opponents argue that NAFTA hasn't produced the benefits promised before it was narrowly approved in 1993, pointing to increased trade deficits with Mexico and Canada and claiming the deal has cost U.S. jobs.

The administration disputes that. But its latest NAFTA appraisal, which shows modest U.S. economic gains, is short of the expansive forecasts issued during the push to get that accord approved.

Clinton has just broadcast the first installment of his campaign to win fast track legislation in the fall, a timetable criticized by some of his congressional supporters for providing too late a start.

The measure hasn't been formally introduced in Congress, although the president has set up a plan to lobby for it. There's to be a White House sendoff for fast track on Sept. 10.

The delay, which has drawn warnings from some advocates of renewal that there won't be time to get it done before Congress adjourns,

stems in part from disagreements over how, and whether, the measure should deal with labor standards and environmental protection by U.S. trading partners.

Liberals want them tied to any trade deals; Republican free-trade advocates, a vital bloc for approval, don't.

Urging fast track approval in a radio talk Saturday, Clinton dealt with that problem only by saying that he "will continue to promote worker rights and responsible environmental policies with our trading partners."

The renewed trade authority has been an administration aim all year, but on hold. Charlene Barshefsky, the U.S. trade representative, advocated it to the Senate Finance Committee on June 4, and got complaints about the delay.

She said the Cabinet recommended the timetable because "fast track will take substantial presidential and vice presidential time" that couldn't be spent on the trade issue during months dominated by budget and tax issues.

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., said at that session that political calculations were behind the delay, suggesting it was to serve Vice President Al Gore's presidential aspirations in 2000.

While the trade issue could be a problem for Gore, since organized labor opposes fast track, waiting wouldn't help. Better to get it passed, and argue that it is working, than to prolong the argument.

Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, the House Democratic leader and a virtually certain rival in the next presidential campaign, opposes the trade measure without labor standards and environmental requirements, and probably will vote against fast track anyway.

With fast track authority, an administration can negotiate trade agreements for expedited congressional action with no amendments allowed, only up or down votes. Without it, no deal would be firm until the House and Senate had acted, since amendments could change what had been bargained and force renegotiation.

Clinton said he would use it "to negotiate tough new trade agreements" that will keep the economy growing. "It will help me to negotiate more open markets with specific countries, especially in Latin America and Asia," he said.

"Our workers and our businesses are the best in the world but they can't compete in the slow lane," Clinton said. He said the power he wants renewed will "keep American prosperity on the fast track."

But then, the opponents can play on the words, too.

"There is fast food, fast talk, fast track," said Sen. Byron L. Dorgan, D-N.D. "It all kind of connotes doing something unusual, not taking time to prepare."

And the argument is only beginning.

Berry's World



Jim Berry © 1997 by NEA, Inc.  
"Hey, Lieutenant, if we march backwards — like this — maybe we'll feel like we're LEAVIN' instead of GOIN' IN."

# Letters to the editor

**To the editor:**  
I am in search of some help, hopefully from your readers. I am a descendant of Dan Mack Nichols. We are tracing our grandfathers family, which is the reason that I am writing your readers. I understand that one of his family descendants was Jack Nichols, son of Arthur Nichols. Hopefully someone will remember this family or know of a way to contact this family.

I am trying to put a family history together for the cousins with as much as I can find out about Dan Mack's family. There is a family reunion this September, and all are anxious to hear what I can tell them about their grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

If you know of this family please contact me as soon as possible. We are very anxious to find our missing family!  
**Connie Sue Hall**  
Bolivar, Mo.

**To the editor:**  
The Lefors Lions Club would like to thank all who helped us with our "Back to School Bash" on Aug. 9. This is our annual fund-raiser for children's glasses and scholarships.

Thank you, Lefors Senior Citizens Club and the Lefors P.T.O. for your participation. Thank you to the North Fork Band headed by Johnny Woodard and Keith Roberson. You were great!

Our special thanks go to "Doppler" Dave Oliver and his Channel 10 news and weather cast and to Chip Chandler and The Amarillo Daily News "Coffee Cup."

Most of all to the people of Lefors — thank you!  
**Billie J. Jones**  
Lefors

**To the editor:**  
We should all thank the employees of UPS who have the courage to stand up to UPS for their contract and part-time labor policies, although UPS seems to be more generous with their working poor than most large corporations.

Most of our large corporations have in house contractors who do most of the maintenance, clean-up and work that is too hard or disagreeable to the company's labor force.

These contractors pay smaller wages, offer no retirement or health care and lay off or hire with no regard to service time or age. These employees and families are our nation's working poor.

These corporations steal these workers' youth and energy without due compensation.

## IRS seeking volunteers to help with income tax assistance program

DALLAS — Texans who are interested in providing a great public service to their communities, and learn a valuable skill as well, are asked to look at the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

The IRS is currently scheduling fall and winter classes to train volunteers on how to help prepare federal income tax returns.

Trained IRS volunteers help people who live in their community prepare simple tax returns and/or set-up free tax assistance sites in local schools, churches, libraries and other community centers. Generally, people who benefit most from the tax help do not speak English, have low to moderate incomes or have special needs and disabilities.

"We're trying to help people who really can't afford to pay someone to prepare their tax return," IRS district director, Bobby Scott said. According to Scott, volunteers are often members of community organizations, retirees, college students and professionals.

Texans interested in becoming a VITA volunteer can call the IRS Taxpayer Education Coordinator at (214) 767-1428 or write: VITA Coordinator, 1100 Commerce, 6610 DAL, Dallas, TX 75242.

They are raping not only the workers, but their families and robbing them of the American dream, while the company gets richer and richer.

Wal-Mart is probably more guilty of this immoral behavior than any other example I am aware of. The Walton family became one of the richest families in the world faster than any of the old fortunes. They were good at what they did and got rich on their employees' miseries.

Our vast number of working poor will have a long-lasting effect on our nation's economy. All these employees will get old without insurance or savings and will have small Social Security Checks. They will still need health care and places to live. They will eventually be on welfare and eligible for all kinds of assistance from state and local resources, or they will die lonely, cold and poor.

We should all stand up and say "No More" to large corporations and demand our share of the American dream as UPS employees have done.  
**Calvin Lacy**  
Pampa

**To the editor:**  
My name is Kirk McDonald, and I graduated from Pampa High School in 1993. I currently live in Kansas City, Mo., and everyday on my lunch hour, I get on the Internet and read *The Pampa News*.

I totally love it. The single best way to check up on life back at home.

My parents still live there, and I go home a couple of times a year still.

I hope that *The Pampa News* continues to have a site on the World Wide Web for people like me to read.

The best things are the news and sports. Now ... if you could convince KGRO and KOMX (Pampa radio stations) to have live audio on their own website, I would be a very happy man.

Good luck with the website ... it's my favorite!  
**Kirk McDonald**  
<KMcdonald@ttacs1.ttu.edu>

**To the editor:**  
I wanted to express my appreciation to you for making the decision not to run *For Better or Worse*.

Thank you for your commitment to family life and to morality.

I know your job isn't easy, and you can never please everyone, but I believe you touched the majority of Pampa, and I want to encourage you to continue to take such stands.

Again ... thank you for your help and your stand.  
**Detrell Monday, pastor**  
Central Baptist Church  
Pampa

**To the editor:**  
This year the Pampa Army Air Field Reunion celebrated its 25th reunion.

We thank all of you who bought ads for the program and also for the dear prizes many of you donated.

Thanks to Freeman's flowers for the beautiful floral arrangement they furnished for our Saturday night banquet.

Words cannot express our thanks and appreciation to Becky Epps for giving our group a trip to beautiful Cottonwood Springs. The delicious meal and entertainment was enjoyed by all.

For all of you who helped or had a part in this year's reunion, we thank you a bunch.

**Tampa Dougless, reunion secretary**  
**Lewis Epps, reunion president**  
**James Baird, reunion vice president**  
**Russell Abbott, reunion 2nd vice president**

**To the editor:**  
I am very disappointed that *The Pampa News* has chosen not to run the cartoon *For Better or Worse* just because the cartoonist has chosen to deal with the topic of people who are gay.

Is *The Pampa News* that insecure that it has to decide for its readership what it should read or not read? Can we not make that choice ourselves, or is Pampa that small-minded that it has to be told what it can read or not read? I think your paper has made a mistake.

Ms. Johnston is only dealing with real life issues that happen to real people in her cartoon. It is a fact of life that a percentage of Americans and Canadians are gay, and it is logical that the cartoons will reflect that percentage. I would hope that *The Pampa News* would reconsider its decision and run the strip again at a later date.  
**Liesa Rice**  
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**To the editor:**  
This letter is to put in print the "thank you" that I gave the editor of *The Pampa News*, Kate Dickson, for the paper's decision not to run the comic strip *For Better Or Worse* for several days this past week. Lynn Johnston's strip introduced a "homosexual character," Lawrence, and discussed his "love life." It is nice to know

that "our paper" is still in touch with Pampa, is still in touch with the moral character of most Pampans.

I was concerned, however, when I was told, "I must be honest and tell you that we only withheld the strip because of financial concerns. Morally speaking, we should have run it." Thinking that I might have misunderstood what was said, I called a pastor/friend of mine who I knew had spoken with the paper also and asked him what he was told. He was told exactly the same thing. I would have hoped to discover that our paper had the same "conservative moral backbone" that most of the community does. However, it was also a blessing to understand clearly how to best communicate with "our paper."

I know that there are communities where the majority feel as most Pampans do, and yet their papers ignore the community in which they try to operate a business. Thank God "our paper," "our editor" (Kate Dickson) and "our publisher" (L.W. McCall) listen to those of us who subscribe to and advertise in *The Pampa News*.

Lest these comments come across and/or be misrepresented by others as "bigotry" or "gay bashing," let me go on record, "I love every homosexual and lesbian." My wife and I once opened our home to Roy, a homosexual in need, so that he would have a place to live and food to eat. At that time, we tried to provide encouragement and lots of human compassion. Our children were very young and provided him with a lot of love, and we tried to do the same. We also worked lovingly to counsel and/or seek out the counseling help Roy needed to find his way back to a life of moral righteousness.

No one hates the sin of "Christian bigotry against homosexuals" more than I do. Anyone professing to be a Christian who hates homosexuals better like hot weather. Hell will be very hot, and

"hatred" will send a person there.

However, loving the homosexual and hating homosexuality are two very different issues. Homosexuality is a sin and will cost a person their eternal home with the Father if repentance does not occur. Romans 1:21-32.

Through my friendship with Roy, I was able to closely examine the "gay" lifestyle and found the Bible to be right on the mark. Only male/female sexual relationships are "natural." Male/male and female/female sexual relationships are considered by God to be "unnatural."

If we are Christians, then we had better love every homosexual and lesbian. If you claim to be a Christian and yet don't love the homosexuals and lesbians, then stop wearing the name of Christ under false pretenses. If you are homosexual or lesbian, please, seek out help so that you can come to know the saving love of Jesus, and we can spend eternity praising the Lamb of God. If you see nothing wrong with the "gay" lifestyle, then I would encourage you to read the story of Sodom and Gomorrah again. Genesis 19.

**Mike Sublett**  
Pampa

**To the editor:**  
I am greatly disappointed that the column of Walter Williams no longer appears in *The Pampa News*. Now I no longer find Mallard Filmore. Now I am wondering about renewing my subscription. I hope you will reconsider your policies.

I have been hesitant to complain, but felt I must. I really

enjoy Pampa and think it is a great place to live.

**Kirt Bell**  
<sonshine@hpnts.net>

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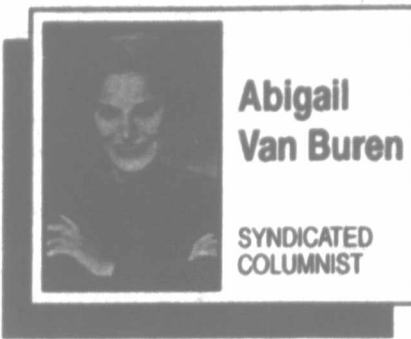
DEAR ABBY: I am writing to you out of sheer frustration. I have just read another account of a young woman, apparently unable to deal with the prospect of parenthood, doing away with her newborn child.

As an adoption attorney, I work with many couples who are desperate to adopt. If the young parents had any idea how easy it would be for them to arrange an adoption, and how many people would thank God for a chance to parent a child, perhaps they would not take the drastic step of abandoning, or killing and disposing of a newborn.

I know in many cases they are ashamed and frightened, and want no one to know of their pregnancy. Please tell them that the consequences of murdering their newborn child are far more frightening and shameful than acknowledging their pregnancy and placing the child for adoption could ever be.

They can call any adoption agency or adoption attorney, and they will be treated with respect and sensitivity. There is no obligation and no cost. (Look under Adoption Services in the Yellow Pages.) If young women would do this, they would answer a family's prayers and assure themselves and their babies a better future. Abandonment is not the answer. Neither is murder. Adoption is.

Thank you for the opportunity to say this. You may use my name.  
LINDA E.F. LACH, ATTORNEY AT LAW, LIHUE, HAWAII



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DEAR LINDA: It is hard to imagine that in the 1990s, a young woman could find herself pregnant, and be so uninformed and fearful of her parents that she would choose not to confide in the people who are supposed to protect and guide her. However, in some families the girls feel they cannot let their parents down by admitting they were sexually active. In other families, the relationship between parents and child is so dysfunctional the girl's fears are real.

I am printing your excellent letter in the hope that every young woman will read it. Although they may never need the information, perhaps they'll have a friend who will, and it will help to save innocent lives.

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a woman who carried an unruly 3-year-old child (kicking and

screaming) out of a store, and no one tried to stop her to find out if the child was her own, or if perhaps someone was trying to abduct the child.

Abby, parents should keep a family picture (mom, dad and children) in their purse or wallet as proof of parentage.

MYRNA FELDMANN, DELANSON, N.Y.

DEAR MYRNA: Thank you for an excellent suggestion. Readers, make a note of this. It's good insurance.

DEAR ABBY: I laughed out loud at your response to "Wondering," whose husband had an affair three years before, but following surgery that left him impotent, he was very attentive to her. You were right on the money when you answered her question about why he had turned over a new leaf with, "Probably because there's not much left under the old one."

"Wondering" needs to wake up to the fact that her husband would still be cheating if he hadn't had the surgery. Now that his fun is over, he's staying closer to home.

My dog stopped jumping the fence after I got him neutered, but I sure wouldn't want to be married to him.

STILL LAUGHING IN SAN DIEGO

## Horoscope

Thursday, Aug. 28, 1997

An impressive career opportunity could develop for you in the year ahead, but it may only be a door opener. What you make of it will depend upon how competently you respond.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** A considerate friend who is usually helpful may resent being imposed upon today. If you try to burden him or her with your problems, it won't work. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Stick with decisions today that you have

taken time to think through entirely. They will be far superior to revisions computed at the last moment.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** It is best not to champion an unpopular cause today, regardless of how intense you feel about it. What is significant to you may be a bore to others.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Fun endeavors with friends today should not be taken seriously. If you get uptight about winning, it'll make everyone else feel uncomfortable.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Keep outsiders out of your domestic squabbles today. You could put a friend in an awkward position if he or she feels required to choose a side.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Do not attempt tasks today where you lack expertise. Striving to do something that requires an extra pair of hands could cause you to bungle the job.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Financial conditions could be a mixed bag for you today. There is a chance

more will go out than comes in, owing to extravagance or poor management.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Timing is important today and it can make or break your arrangements. Do not push and shove when you should be standing still, and vice versa.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Guard against inclinations today to prejudice conditions negatively. If your attitude is dismal, your expectations will be fulfilled.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Treat your checkbook with respect today or else it could wind up with red blemishes at the end of the day. Live within your means.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Where your ego is concerned, you may be too vulnerable today, so try not to take anything too seriously or it could spoil your day.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Today you might let others do your thinking for you. Unfortunately, the counsel offered by friends could be valueless.

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The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore



"Does steel wool come from old black sheep?"



"No, I'm not ordering a pizza for you!"

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## SPORTS

## Notebook

## VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Middle School volleyball teams opened the season last weekend against Dumas.

Results are as follows:  
7th Grade  
Dumas A def. Pampa A, 15-2, 15-3.

Pampa service points: Lindsey Ledbetter 3, Heather Hucks 1, Kristi Farnum 1.

Dumas B def. Pampa B, 15-0, 15-1.

Pampa service points: Tess Kingcade 1.

8th Grade  
Dumas A def. Pampa A, 15-4, 15-4.

Pampa service points: Allison Earl 3, Micki Petty 2, Misti Northcutt 1, Cali Covalt 1, Jennifer Lindsey 1.

Dumas B def. Pampa B, 15-1, 15-7.

Pampa service points: Janelle Powers 2, Sarah Teague 2, Sara Scott 2, Leslie Ward 1, Jessica Burns 1.

The middle school teams host Randall on Thursday. Starting times are 5:30 for the 7th A, 8th B matches and 6:45 for the 8th A, 7th B matches.

## OLYMPICS

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — A shadowy extremist group opposed to Stockholm's bid for the 2004 Olympics claimed responsibility Wednesday for bombing the country's largest stadium.

In a letter received by The Associated Press bureau in London, the group We Who Built Sweden said Monday's bomb at New Ullevi Stadium in Goteborg was to protest Stockholm's bid for the 2004 Olympics.

"Had our previous warning ... been taken seriously in Sweden, this might not have happened," the letter said in English.

The same group previously had claimed responsibility for the Aug. 8 bombing of the Olympic stadium in Stockholm, also in a letter sent to the AP in London.

Wednesday's letter, like the previous one, complained that the cost of hosting the Olympics would be a waste of public money.

"We have a right to act on the behalf of the masses in restoring our country and respect of its hardworking citizens. No man would want his children to go unemployed just so that Stockholm can have the 2004 Olympics," Wednesday's letter said.

"We are well organized and determined. Ask the people of Stockholm if they are willing to see their fair city turned into a war zone," the letter continued.

Stockholm is one of five cities competing to host the 2004 games. The decision is to be made Sept. 5 by the International Olympic Committee.

The group We Who Built Sweden first made itself known last December when it issued threats to bomb major shopping areas.

## FOOTBALL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Oilers weren't counting on having leading tackler Blaine Bishop play Sunday against the Oakland Raiders.

Bishop, the team's leading tackler the past two seasons at strong safety, has held out since training camp started, looking for a multi-year contract. Team officials set a news conference today to address his future with the team.

"Our game plan has gone in. We've gone in as if he's not going to be here and made those adjustments. We just have to wait and see what happens," said coach Jeff Fisher.

If a deal is reached, Fisher said Bishop would play at safety and in some nickel situations. But asked if Bishop would play Sunday if not in practice Wednesday, Fisher said it was "highly unlikely."

A deadline was news to Bishop's agent Mark Mottaz, the Nashville Banner reported Tuesday.

## Cowboys looking for another linebacker

By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
AP Sports Writer.

ADDISON, Texas (AP) — Will the mystery linebacker please sign in?

The Dallas Cowboys cut defensive lineman Leonard Renfro on Tuesday so a linebacker can be signed. The team hasn't indicated who that might be.

"It was a tough decision because the young man did everything we asked," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "He improved himself as a player and I think he may be picked up by another team."

"Leonard raised a lot of eyebrows in camp," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "He impressed us. But we needed an extra roster spot so we can evaluate a sixth linebacker."

The Cowboys are nervous because they are starting a rookie at weakside linebacker in Dexter Coakley out of Appalachian State.

The move was announced while the Cowboys, who have yet to sell out for their Sept. 15 home opener, held their 14th annual luncheon to drum up enthusiasm for the coming season.

The event drew a big crowd despite recent publicity black

eyes including Switzer carrying a loaded gun into an airport and a rape accusation against lineman Nate Newton.

The Cowboys showed a film of last year's season which ended with a playoff loss to Carolina. It was entitled "America's Team Forever."

Switzer told the crowd: "I'm more excited about this season than any since I've been head coach. An atmosphere of confidence exists at Valley Ranch. It's a swagger, a confidence that you believe in yourself."

Switzer "promised ... you will be proud of what you see this Sunday."

Dallas travels to Pittsburgh

for a season-opening meeting with the Steelers.

"Last year we started out 1-3 in September and lost all chance of being at home in the playoffs," Switzer said. "It's tough when you have to travel abroad. We want to turn that 1-3 record around and be playing at home in the playoffs."

Jones, who once said the Cowboys season would be a failure if they didn't win the Super Bowl, wouldn't go that far again.

"If we have a healthy Troy Aikman all year we can compete for a Super Bowl, particularly if we can get to the playoffs with all our firepower,"

Jones said. "We got caught a little short at Carolina and Michael Irvin got hurt."

Jones said there was a possibility Deion Sanders might visit Valley Ranch on Thursday during an off-day with the Cincinnati Reds.

"There's a possibility we could see him," Jones said.

The Cowboys still aren't sure when they'll see Sanders this weekend.

"I assume we'll see him on Sunday," Switzer said. "We'd like for him to return punts but he hasn't done it in awhile. If anyone can do it (with limited practice time) he can do it."

## Owners consider dropping two teams from realignment

By RONALD BLUM  
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In an effort to gain votes for realignment in New York and Chicago, baseball owners have a new plan that would keep the Mets in the National League and the White Sox in the American League.

The Mets and the Cubs have opposed the geographic realignment, arguing their attendance and television ratings would be hurt if they were in the same league as their crosstown rivals.

Under one new scenario being discussed this week, the Mets would become the only NL team in the Eastern time zone and the White Sox would play in the AL South-Midwest.

Still, there is considerable opposition in the NL to radical realignment. For the plan to be approved, acting commissioner Bud Selig will have to gain the approval of Atlanta, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh, who are threatening to use their veto power.

Another plan under discussion would also keep the Braves, Reds and Pirates in the NL, according to The New York Times.

"We have the do-nothing types that would put Phoenix in the NL West and Tampa Bay in the AL West, and then you have the grand realignment people that want to switch 13 teams and take National League baseball out of New York and American League baseball out of Chicago," San Francisco Giants owner Peter Magowan said Tuesday. "Neither one of those things are going to happen, in my opinion."

Owners plan to vote on realignment when they meet in Atlanta from Sept. 16-18. Selig lobbied Cubs president Andy MacPhail on Tuesday at Wrigley Field.

"How does it help the Chicago baseball fan if all the same teams come into Wrigley Field and then

they go play nine miles south?" MacPhail said. "You reduce the number of teams that come through the city from 30 to 23."

Magowan, whose team is building a new ballpark in downtown San Francisco, said he intends to vote against the proposal. Selig and realignment committee chairman John Harrington are pushing the plan, citing a poll commissioned by owners last month.

"To base everything on an 800-person survey? We wouldn't do anything without checking with our own fans on this. We're doing that now, and grand realignment is not favored by our fans," Magowan said.

"Someone might say this might increase the casual fans. I want to know, 'Does it come at the expense of our real fans who are buying tickets for 81 games?' They might be spending \$20,000 apiece with us with tickets and charter seat licenses. I would want to know if it would be acceptable to them."

Sources said the Braves, Reds and Pirates remain firm in their opposition. Mets president Fred Wilpon did not return a telephone call seeking comment.

"It's being rushed through," Magowan said. "It has a lot of good elements to it. But it is something we can consider over the long term. I don't think we should get into a position where we're making life-and-death decisions this quickly. Cincinnati has been in the NL for 115 years. How important is it to the people in Cincinnati to move?"

MacPhail and Magowan did not think NL owners would accept any solution in which the designated hitter would be used in all games instead of just in the AL.

"I don't think our fans are the least bit interested in seeing the designated hitter be part of the National League landscape," MacPhail said. "There doesn't seem to be much of an appetite for it."

## WNBA's first year was big success

By JIM LITKE  
AP Sports Writer

The WNBA's inaugural regular season can be summed up in a few words.

Nobody dunked.  
Plenty of people watched anyway.

After 224 games and perhaps three times that many opportunities, a dunk to call their own was the only height the women didn't hit. And nobody in the audience seemed to miss it.

Stars were born, games were competitive, TV ratings finished very much in line with expectations and the live gate — an average of 9,669 per game — was more than twice what was projected.

"The type of people we expected, came," commissioner Val Ackerman said Tuesday. "It was just that more of them came out than we expected."

The last statement might have been cause for celebration at the WNBA's New York headquarters — but Ackerman wouldn't admit it. She still has more than enough to worry about.

First, there is the league's four-team, single-elimination playoff that begins Thursday evening

with Charlotte at Houston and New York at Phoenix, and then concludes Saturday afternoon. The moment that ends, she goes back to worrying about the future of the women's pro game.

"If there's a downside to all this," Ackerman said, "it's knowing that we can't rest."

Nor should they. Four previous attempts to start up women's pro leagues since the mid-1970's died varying deaths. Both the WNBA and its rival, the American Basketball League, which is already making preparations for a second season, have spent some serious start-up cash betting that the future will be better than the past.

Their confidence is based on several things. Thirty years ago, one in 27 girls played high school sports; today, that number is one in three. In a more immediate vein, the U.S. Olympic squad that took the gold in Atlanta, as well as a number of college teams like UConn, have become proven draws, capable of packing souvenir stands as well as arenas. So much so that Ackerman says — for public consumption, at least — the demand for the women's game is growing fast enough to accommodate two leagues.



(Pampa News photo)

Ashley Price of Pampa competes in the 7-8 year-old division of the goat ribbon race at the Gray County 4-H Youth Rodeo.

## Gray County 4-H Youth Rodeo draws 161 entries

PAMPA — The 21st annual Gray County 4-H Youth Rodeo was held last weekend at the Top O' Texas Arena with a total of 161 contestants competing for prizes ranging from saddles to buckles.

These youth were in competition for a total of three saddles — one in each age group and seven belt buckles which were awarded to the first place winners in the 9-11 and two All-Around Reserve belt buckles — one in the 12-14 age group and one in the 15-18 age group. Saddle blankets were given to the second place winners in the 9-11 age group. Belt Conchoes were given to the third place winners in the 9-11 age group.

A total of 51 ribbons and 12 trophies were awarded to the top Pee Wee winners.

An All-Around saddle were given to the top contestant in the 9-11 age group, 12-14 age group and in the 15-18 age group.

The winners were:  
First — 9-11: Natalie McClung, May, Okla.

Second — 12-14: Julie Dawson, Arnett, Okla.

Third — 15-18: Craig Seely, Lefors, Tex.

Reserve All-Around award buckles were given to the top contestants in the 12-14 and 15-18

age groups. These winners were:

First — 12-14: Marty Eakin, Amarillo, Tex.

Second — 15-18: Lindsay Tidwell, Pampa, Tex.

An All-Around plaque was given to the top contestant in each Pee Wee age group. These winners were:

First — 6 and Under: Kasey Anderson, Amarillo.

Second — 7-8: Cheyenne Noble, Clarendon, Tex.

Event winners were as follows in the 9-11 age group

**Breakaway roping**  
First — Natalie McClung, May, Okla.

**Calf riding**  
First — Cody Jenkins, Pampa, Tex.; Second — Hawk Tucker, Pampa, Tex.

**Barrel racing**  
First — Natalie McClung, May, Okla.

Second — Ashlie Winton, Pampa, Tex.

Third — Taylor Reeves, Pampa, Tex.

**Flag racing**  
First — Tavlen Gregory, Miami, Tex.

Second — Kelsey Deal, Elk City, Okla.

Third — Natalie McClung, May, Okla.

**Pole bending**  
First — Natalie McClung, May,

Okla.

Second — Kelsey Deal, Elk City, Okla.

Third — Ashley Winton, Pampa, Tex.

**Goat tying**  
First — Ashley Winton, Pampa, Tex.

Second — Savannah Smith, Lefors, Tex.

Third — Kelsey Deal, Elk City, Okla.

**Adult-Youth Ribbon Roping**  
First — Savannah Smith, Lefors, Tex.

Second — Jeremy Pritchett, Pampa, Tex.

Third — Jennifer Coats, Pampa, Tex.

Event money winners were as follows in the 12-14 age group for Friday night:

**Breakaway roping**  
First — Julie Dawson, Arnett, Okla.

Second — Josh Donnell, Canyon, Tex.

Third — Montana Farnum, Pampa, Tex.

Fourth — Jalynn Rogers, Elk City, Okla.

**Steer wrestling**  
First — Marty Eakin, Amarillo, Tex.

**Note:** More results will be published in Thursday's Pampa News.

## Braves nip Astros in 10th inning

ATLANTA (AP) — Brad Clontz couldn't wait to get back to Atlanta, and the Braves were glad to see the right-handed reliever after blowing a six-run lead.

Clontz, in the minors at Triple-A Richmond earlier Tuesday, arrived about an hour before the game, then pitched two scoreless innings, stranding a runner at third with no outs in the 10th inning.

When Javy Lopez hit a home run with two outs in the 11th off Billy Wagner for a 7-6 victory over the Houston Astros, Clontz earned the win.

"I left half my stuff in

Richmond," said Clontz, who said he was told at 3:20 p.m. by Richmond manager Bill Dancy that he was booked on a 4:15 p.m. flight to Atlanta.

"I packed one bag, drove 25 minutes to the airport, and was on the plane at 4:10," he said. "You could say I was in a rush to get back to the bigs."

Clontz replaced Mike Bielecki on the roster. Bielecki was placed on the 15-day disabled list earlier Tuesday with a torn right rotator cuff.

Clontz (5-1) pitched out of the bases-loaded, one-out trouble in the 10th by striking out pinch-hit-

ter Tony Pena and Billy Spiers. Earlier in the inning, Clontz got Derek Bell on a weak grounder with no outs and runners at second and third.

"I had an incredible feeling after that third strike to Spiers," Clontz said after the crowd of 37,313 gave him a rousing standing ovation.

"The welcoming back from the fans was special, really special," said the right-hander, who opened the season with Atlanta, but was sent down to Richmond in July. He had an 0.00 ERA in 22 innings with six saves with Atlanta's top farm club.

## Scoreboard

SOFTBALL				Baseball				GOLF				
Fall Softball League Standings				West Division				Texas Open results				
Team	W	L	Conf.	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB	
Men's Open Division 1								Baltimore	83	45	.648	—
B.D.C.I.	5	0	5	0				New York	78	52	.600	6
Brogans Stars	3	2	4	1				Boston	66	67	.496	19 1/2
C.D.T.	4	1	4	1				Toronto	63	67	.485	21
Giles-Baker	3	2	3	2				Detroit	61	70	.466	23 1/2
Fleewood-Lentz	3	2	3	2				<b>Central Division</b>				
Cabot	1	4	1	4				Cleveland	67	61	.523	—
Panther Pizza	0	5	1	4				Milwaukee	66	65	.504	2 1/2
Pampa Athletic Club	1	4	0	5				Chicago	65	66	.496	3 1/2
Division 2								Kansas City	53	75	.414	14
Titan	2	2	3	1				Minnesota	53	77	.408	15
Columbia	1	3	3	1				<b>West Division</b>				
Subway	3	1	3	1				Seattle	74	58	.561	—
Cabot R&D	4	0	3	1				Anaheim	72	60	.545	2
Derrick Dawgs	3	1	2	2				Texas	62	70	.470	12
Celenses	3	1	1	3				Oakland	52	80	.394	22
WT Landscaping	0	4	1	3				<b>Monday's Games</b>				
Easy's Inc.	0	4	0	4				Milwaukee 7, Texas 2				
Mixed Open Division 1								Detroit 7, Minnesota 6, 12 innings				
J&J Motor Co.	4	0	5	0				San Francisco 9, Seattle 8				
Dr. Kelly's	2	2	4	0				Only games scheduled				
Sunset Grill	4	0	4	1				Tuesday's Games				
Subway	2	2	3	2				N.Y. Yankees 18, Oakland 2				
Pampa Machine	1	3	3	2				Kansas City 5, Baltimore 4				
Thomas Automotive	3	1	2	3				Chicago White Sox 8, Toronto 5				
Scotty's	3	1	1	3				Milwaukee 11, Texas 10, 12 innings				
Pampa Realty	1	2	0	5				Minnesota 8, Detroit 2				
Benton's P.H.D.	0	4	0	5				Anaheim 8, Cleveland 7				
Division 2								Seattle 8, Boston 2				
Dobson Cellular	4	0	4	0				Wednesday's Games				
Derrick Dawgs	1	2	3	1				Texas (Oliver 10-10) at Milwaukee (Woodard 3-2), 2:05 p.m.				
Celenses	3	1	3	1				Boston (Sabers 0-1) at Seattle (Fassero 13-7), 6:35 p.m.				
Doubt Wreckers	2	2	2	2				Kansas City (Appier 7-11) at Baltimore (Erickson 15-5), 7:35 p.m.				
Alberston	1	3	1	3				Chicago White Sox (Drabek 10-8) at Toronto (Hentgen 13-8), 7:35 p.m.				
Your Lawn & Garden	2	2	1	2				Detroit (Moehler 8-9) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 4-10), 8:05 p.m.				
Peggy's Place	1	2	1	2				Cleveland (Wright 4-2) at Anaheim (Watson 11-7), 10:35 p.m.				
Trinity Fellowship	0	4	0	3				N.Y. Yankees (Rabu 4-2) at Oakland (Lorraine 2-0), 10:35 p.m.				

## Angels outlast Indians

By ADAM NAZIMOWITZ  
Associated Press Writer

A foul ball turned out to be bigger than a homer for Tim Salmon and the Anaheim Angels.

Salmon, who hit his 26th homer leading off the sixth, hit a foul ball down the right-field line with the score tied 7-7 in the bottom of the ninth and Rickey Henderson at third.

Cleveland first baseman Jim Thome thought he could catch it and hold Henderson at third. What he didn't anticipate was a collision with right fielder Manny Ramirez, which jarred the ball loose after the catch.

That enabled Henderson to score and give Anaheim an 8-7 victory over the Indians on Tuesday night.

"I had an opportunity to throw him out if it was caught, which it

was," Thome said. "But the ball got knocked away and that was the game."

The win kept the Angels two games behind Seattle in the AL West and cut Cleveland's lead to 2 1/2 games over Milwaukee in the Central.

In other AL games, it was New York 18, Oakland 2; Kansas City 5, Baltimore 4; Minnesota 8, Detroit 2; Chicago 8, Toronto 5; Seattle 8, Boston 2; and Milwaukee 11, Texas 10 in 12 innings.

"It was pretty ugly, but a win is beautiful right now," Salmon said. "We need breaks right now."

"I didn't even consider if he dropped it," Salmon said. "I was like, 'Is there any chance we might be tagging up here?'"

Darrell May (1-1) pitched a perfect ninth for his first major league victory.

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## Agassi shows up for Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Andre Agassi finally showed up at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The 1994 U.S. Open winner skipped Monday night's dedication of the new 22,547-seat stadium, missing the greatest lineup of champions ever assembled — 37 of them — who stood on the court to pay tribute to the man whose name adorns the centerpiece of the \$247 million National Tennis Center renovation.

Agassi was there earlier, attending the champions' dinner. But when the others walked from a tent on one side of the facility to the red brick stadium on the other side, Agassi disappeared.

"A situation arose that I needed to make a call," Agassi said after his first-round match Tuesday night. "Quite honestly, it was very disappointing for me not to be there. But sometimes priorities call, and I missed out. I was more disappointed than anybody else."

When asked if he could more specific about the "situation," he curtly answered "No."

But he was there Tuesday night, in his element, on Stadium court with the crowd roaring both for and against him. He won, but he took a little longer than he expected to gain a second-round berth.

After all, Agassi's first-round opponent was Steve Campbell, a right-hander from Detroit who is ranked 130th in the world and received a wild card into the main draw. Cannon fodder, the pundits figured.

They didn't figure on Campbell's heart, nor his quickness, and Agassi needed four sets to win 6-1, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

"You can't really expect to just run over anybody," Agassi said. "The bottom line was I was working him to death because he was

playing to win. Then, after the two sets, I think he kind of realized he wasn't going to win and just stepped it up and started actually making shots.

"He got himself into a position to where the third set got close, got a little tight, and I made a couple errors at the wrong time."

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## Germ showing drug resistance One step from immunity

By TARA MEYER  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — A rare strain of staph germ that appears to be developing resistance to one of medicine's most powerful weapons has shown up in the United States, the government said.

The new strain should not, however, deter people from seeking hospital care, said Dr. William Jarvis, a medical epidemiologist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"The majority of people aren't going to be in danger of getting this," Jarvis said. "The general population should not be fearful that it's going to be rampaging through the community."

A strain of staphylococcus aureus bacteria found in a Michigan man in July showed an intermediate level of resistance to vancomycin — one step from immunity to the drug, the CDC said Thursday. The CDC and the Michigan health department would not identify the man or say where he lives.

The patient, who suffered kidney failure, had been taking vancomycin for about six months for a recurring infection from an abdominal catheter used for kidney dialysis. He is being treated with a combination of drugs, including vancomycin, Jarvis said.

In May, the CDC reported that a 4-month-old Japanese infant developed staph after heart surgery. That strain of staph also showed an intermediate resistance to vancomycin, and the baby was treated with other drugs.

Staph bacteria are the No. 1 cause of hospital infections. They are blamed for about 13 percent of the nation's 2 million hospital infections each year, according to the CDC. Overall, the 2 million infections kill 60,000 to 80,000 people.

The bacteria can collect on clothing, blankets, walls and medical equipment. Hospital workers can pass them on by hand, and they can cling to tubes inserted into the body.

To combat their spread, many hospitals across the country have restricted use of their most potent antibiotics and isolated their sickest patients.

Dr. Robert Haley, chief of epidemiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, said there's no reason hospitals can't eradicate resistant staph.

"These are unique, special strains that can be eradicated," said Haley, former chief of the CDC's hospital infections branch. "There needs to be aggressive surveillance in hospitals. Once you see it, don't let it stay and spread around the hospital until you can't get rid of it."

For patients, the rise of drug-resistant germs means that the medicine they get for their infection may not make them better, forcing doctors to switch to one or more of the 100 antibiotics now on the market.

Penicillin was a wonder drug that killed staph when it became available in 1947. Within a decade, some strains grew resistant, a development attributed to overuse of antibiotics and the failure of some patients to take their medicine properly.

Then came methicillin in the 1960s, then vancomycin, which was so potent it was regarded as the "silver bullet" against staph.

"There's going to be a lot of throwing up of arms with doctors saying now we have to live with this," Haley said. "That is not true. We must fight it vigorously. We are also going to have to be much more stingy with our use of vancomycin."

Pharmaceutical companies are working to develop new antibiotics.

An experimental new antibiotic called Synercid, made by Rhone-Poulenc Rorer, killed the strain found in the Japanese infant. In lab tests, it was effective on the strain of staph in the Michigan man, but tests showed his bacteria would respond to other antibiotics.

Synercid has not been approved yet for general use in the United States.

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Parents should read the label carefully before buying "fat-free" foods for growing children.

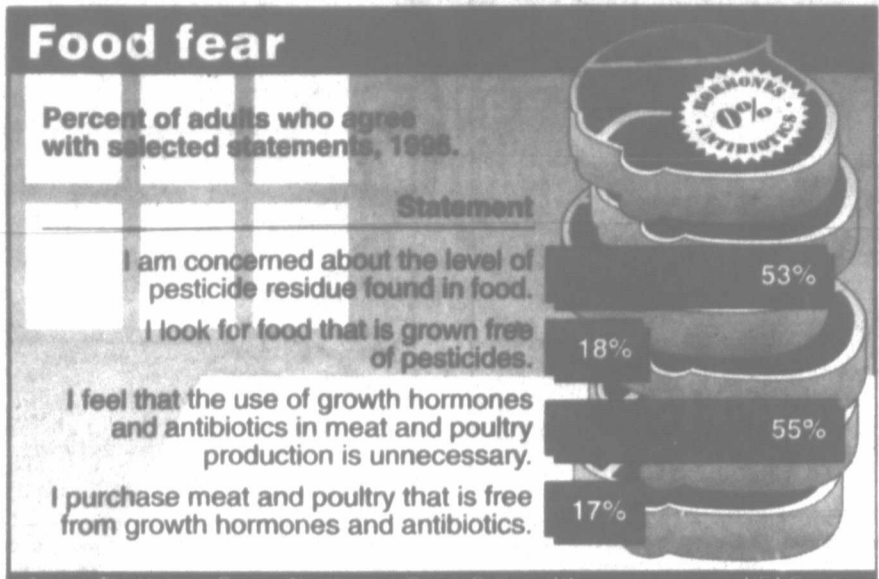
"Sometimes, even though the dietary fat has been reduced, each serving may have a high-calorie level," said Dr. Janice Stuff, at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center. "Children may eat extra servings, which may cause them to gain weight."

Fruits and vegetables are fat-free snacks. Reduced-fat yogurt and skim and two percent milk are also good.

"Children need fat in their diets, especially during growth spurts," said Stuff, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of

Medicine. "The energy fat provides helps them maintain normal bodily functions."

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## Personal watercraft accidents increase 4-fold since 1990

CHICAGO (AP) — The personal watercraft machines that careen over waves are sending more and more people to hospitals with cuts, bruises and broken bones, government researchers said today.

The number of injuries blamed on the speedy machines, commonly known by the brand name Jet Ski, tripled over the first half of the 1990s, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a survey.

In the same five years, the number of machines in the United States tripled.

Much of the safety problem was blamed on the failure of riders to use life jackets or receive sufficient safety training.

"There are no regulations to speak of, no guidelines," said Christine Brache, an epidemiologist who heads the CDC's unintentional injury prevention program.

Injuries related to the machines went from fewer than 3,000 in 1990 to more than 12,000 in 1995, Brache reported in today's edition of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

The number of personal watercraft in use in 1990 was estimated at 241,000; five years later, it was 760,000.

The survey tracked emergency room visits at randomly selected hospitals across the nation. Only non-fatal injuries were recorded, but other studies indicate there were 58 deaths related to the watercraft last year.

A spokesman for Kawasaki Motors Corp. U.S.A., the maker of the Jet Ski brand, said the industry supports requirements that riders use life jackets, attend education programs and be a minimum 16 years old.

"We're prepared to support mandatory education if it isn't just a revenue raiser ... and actually increases safety," spokesman Roger Hagie said.

Personal watercraft are driven by an engine attached to a jet pump with no propeller or outside moving parts. Hagie said he believes nearly 1 million watercraft were in use in 1995.

"Used properly, they're probably safer" than motorboats, said Greg Proteau, spokesman for the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

Safety becomes an issue when riders trail boats to jump their wakes or drive in the dark, Proteau said.

To minimize injuries, Brache said owners should receive instructions in safe operation of the boats, wear life jackets and make sure children use the watercraft only under adult supervision.

## Drug combo tested for ALS treatment

HOUSTON — A drug thought to enhance nerve growth and an approved drug for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis are being tested in combination.

"This is the first study to test the combined results of two drugs on ALS," said Dr. Yadollah Harati, the neurologist conducting the study at Baylor College of Medicine and the Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, involves the progressive breakdown of motor neurons, the nerve cells that control muscular activity. It results in severe muscle weakness and difficulty in speaking, swallowing and breathing.

"In preliminary studies in France, this drug was found to enhance the nerve growth factors already in the body," said Harati, who is chief of neurology at the VAMC. "The medication is taken orally, so it is easy for the patients."

By enhancing the body's nerve growth factors, researchers hope to improve the survival of remaining motor neurons, to prevent further nerve cell degeneration and to promote nerve cell regeneration.

The worldwide study, Harati says, is actually two side-by-side studies. One component allows patients taking the ALS drug riluzole, sold as Rilutek, to remain on it while testing the experimental drug, SR57746A. The other component involves a group of patients testing only the experimental drug.

"Because the effect of riluzole is modest, some patients choose not to take it and some physicians choose not to prescribe it," Harati said. "Patients participating in the study do not need to be taking riluzole."

Twenty-eight centers in North America are involved. The Baylor/VAMC study is the only site in Texas and the surrounding states. Baylor's ALS Center has participated in numerous ALS trials in the past.

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