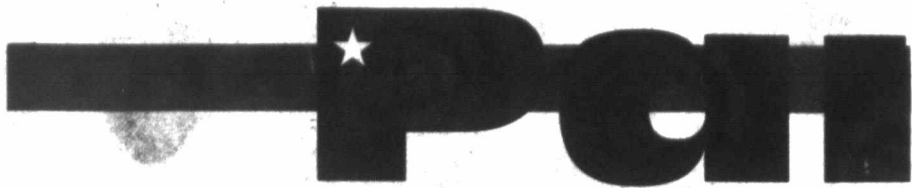


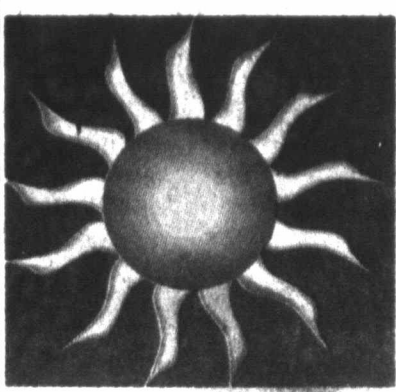
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**PAMPA** — Beginning Sept. 1, the City of Pampa Landfill will begin its winter hours. The landfill will be open from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and will be closed on Sundays.

**PAMPA** — Elementary students will begin classes on Tuesday, September 2. Parents are invited to join their students in school between 8 and 9 a.m. on Tuesday to meet the teachers.

If you need to enroll your child, please go to the neighborhood campus open on Friday, August 29 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**KELLER (AP)** — A volunteer firefighter has been arrested and accused of starting a fire that destroyed a historic wood-frame church that he once attended, authorities say.

Vernon Dwayne Taylor, 26, a captain and co-founder of the all-volunteer North Tarrant County Fire Department, faces federal arson charges.

Mary Taylor, mother of the firefighter, said that he admits setting the fire that gutted the one-story church building and adjacent meeting facility.

Taylor was held without bail late Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.

The church, Harvest Baptist Church of Watauga, is a historic structure, according to Fire Chief Kelly B. King.

"There has to be some reason why he done it. It had to be alcohol," said Mr. Taylor's mother, 55. "Dwayne is real tenderhearted. He grew up going to church. He knows God. He knows God can punish us."

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$8 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 2-12-14-33-34-49

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$13 million.

• Ida Jewel Howard, 88, homemaker.

• Roy Burl McKissick, 82, retired pumping contractor.

• John Edwin Stafford, 73, retired employee of Phillips Petroleum Company.

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# Youth correctional facility... Will Pampa seek it? Verdict coming

By LAURA HALEY  
Staff Writer

So far, 220 cities across the state have entered the bidding war in hopes of acquiring one of the four youth correctional facilities planning to be built in Texas.

As of yet, the City of Pampa is not in that number; a fact that may change by tomorrow afternoon.

Four community leaders, Gray County

**If Pampa is chosen as a site for one of the youth prisons, another 600 jobs will be added when the unit reaches full capacity. With the state paying an estimated \$20 million per year in salaries to employ a 600-bed facility, the facility definitely appears inviting.**

Judge Richard Peet, Pampa City Manager Bob Eskridge, State Rep. Warren Chisum and Lew Mollenkamp, executive director of Pampa's economic development corpo-

ration, visited a similar youth correctional facility earlier this week in Beaumont.

The visit, a fact-finding trip, will be discussed Friday with other city, county and

community officials to determine if Pampa will bring the number of cities submitting bids to 221.

Although the unit visited, referred to as a state school, had approximately 300 beds (the proposed bids are for 660-bed facilities), all four community leaders walked away from the Beaumont youth reformatory with high hopes for the Pampa community.

"I just hope the citizens of Pampa are

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## Practice makes perfect



Pampa firefighters Doug Pritchett, Ricky Stout, and Capt. Paul Mann practice removing the driver's-side door from a vehicle at Bob Douthit Autos on Wednesday, as firefighter Jerry Tomaschik and Rural/Metro paramedic Peggy Coleman watch.

## City makes \$20,000 gift to siren fund

By LAURA HALEY  
Staff Writer

The City of Pampa has outdone all area government entities by donating \$20,000 to the Local Emergency Planning Committee's emergency siren replacement fund.

The donation, funded by a portion of the \$84,000 net proceeds from the joint city-county auction, was approved by city commissioners at their regular meeting Tuesday evening. Commissioners only expected to receive a net revenue of approximately \$40,000 from the auction.

With the event bringing in twice the amount of money expected, members of the commission decided to "spread the good fortune" and allocate the \$20,000 to replace the older sirens with seven new state-of-the-art sirens.

The older sirens would then be donated to the cities of Lefors and McLean. Some would also be placed at various locations throughout Gray County, such as Lake McClellan and the Walnut Creek addition.

Before this can be done, however, the LEPC has been working furiously within the past year to raise the \$200,000 needed for purchase and installation of the new warning system in Pampa.

With only four months left, the Local Emergency Planning Committee still has \$20,300 to raise. The donation by the city and a recent \$500 donation by Rural/Metro Ambulance Service has helped bring that amount down from the \$40,000 goal at the beginning of

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## PHS Drama Club's popularity growing

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Staff Writer

For a while, there were about 10 of them. But now there are 200.

Pampa High School has 200 potential Hollywood-bound, creative, theatre-hungry, drama students learning the ways of

the dramatic world under the direction of their drama teacher, Matthew Gantz.

"This program is getting bigger by the year," said Jeff Sublett, the student Drama Club president.

What is it about the drama club that's "bringing 'em in?" Brooke Petty, a student active-

ly involved, says the program attracts all walks of life.

"I think our program is more diverse," she said.

Petty and Sublett are also the two lead characters in the department's upcoming production of "The Diviners," by Jim Leonard Jr.

"This play won at state last

year," drama teacher Matthew Gantz said.

"The Diviners" is scheduled to run October 23 and 24.

The department puts on 10 plays throughout the year. After this production, Gantz and the Drama department will be putting on "J.B. Story" - a play about Job, "The Odd Couple," "Parallel Lies," and "Cotton Girls" - a play to be directed by student Tanisha Wilbon.

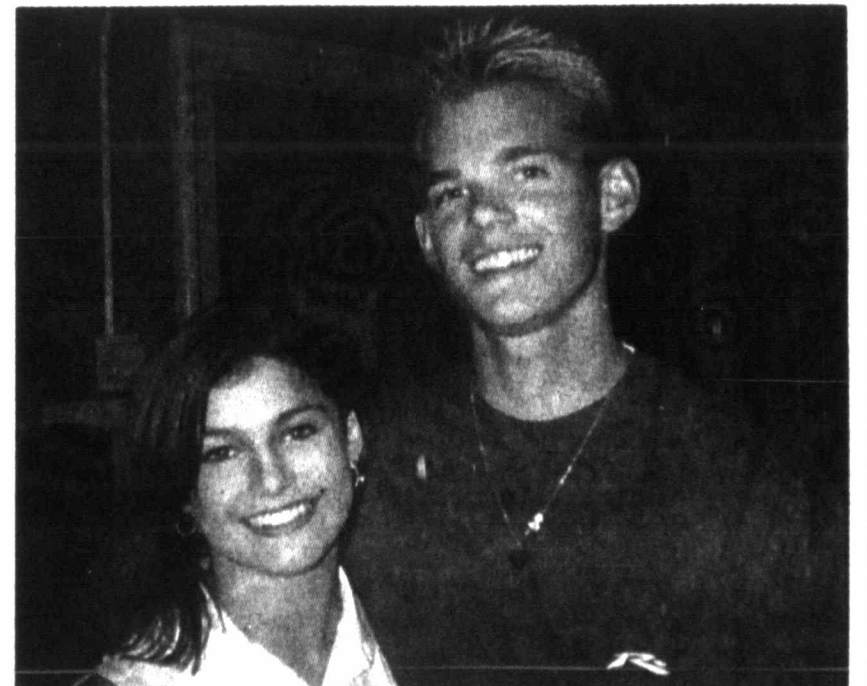
"Richard III," mafia style, will be the grand finale for the year, Gantz said.

The PHS Drama department also allows students to be inducted into the New International Thespian Society, after the completion of 100 hours of work outside the classroom.

This semester, nine students completed the requirements and will be inducted into the thespian society, including: Jeremy Halvaei, Nick Smiles, Steve West, Brooke Petty, Nickie Leggett, Jeff Holman, Jill Daugherty, Ricky Conner, and Heather Brantley.



Last year's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was done in hippie style. (From left) Larie Ingrum, Jeff Sublett, Brooke Petty and Jeremy Halvaei.



Brooke Petty and Jeff Sublett have been cast as the two lead characters in the October 23 and 24 production of "The Diviners."

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**CARTER, Robert W. "Bobby"** — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.  
**HOWARD, Ida Jewel** — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

## Obituaries

### IDA JEWEL HOWARD

Ida Jewel Howard, 88, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1997. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitely Colonial Chapel with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery at Pasadena, Texas, with Dr. Charles Redmond, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pasadena, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely 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.  
 She was preceded in death by a daughter, Violet Buban, on June 17, 1994.

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-grandchildren.

### ROY BURL MCKISSICK

**SKELLYTOWN** — Roy Burl McKissick, 82, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1997, at Pampa. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.  
 Mr. McKissick was born Dec. 17, 1914, at Sallisaw, Okla. He later moved to Haskell, Okla. He married Mary Ellen Hill on Feb. 14, 1942, at Haskell; she died April 29, 1991. He had been a Skellytown resident since 1946.

He worked in area oil fields for Dansinger Company, British American Company and later contracted pumping, retiring in 1994. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the European theater of World War II. He was a staff sergeant and a recipient of the Bronze Star.

He was active in various civic organizations including the Lions Club, the Optimist Club, area Senior Citizens clubs and the local fire department. He was also active in the Church of Christ in Skellytown.

He was preceded in death by a stillborn son in 1947; two brothers, Leonard McKissick, Johnny McKissick, a twin brother, Troy McKissick, in March 1997, and a sister, Edna.

Survivors include two daughters, Karen Utzman of Langhorne, Pa., and Donna Hitt of Herndon, Va.; two sons, Guy McKissick of Skellytown and Ted McKissick of Belton; 10 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 808 Lindberg in Skellytown.

### JOHN EDWIN STAFFORD

John Edwin Stafford, 73, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1997. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church with Dr. Jim Prock, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors.

Mr. Stafford was born Jan. 25, 1924, at Bristow, Okla. He married Loveda Kendrick on Oct. 5, 1943, at San Diego, Calif. He had been a longtime Pampa resident. He worked for Phillips Petroleum for 33 years, retiring in 1985. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II, and of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War. He was also a Boy Scout leader for 25 years.

Survivors include his wife, Loveda, of the home, a daughter, Judy Schwer of Las Vegas, Nev., a son, John Stafford of Pampa, and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association, 8140 N. McPac, Bldg. 1, Suite 130, Austin, TX 78754.

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## Police report

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Criminal Mischief was reported at 201 W. Kingsmill.  
 Theft was reported at 400 N. Ballard Street.  
 Criminal Mischief was reported at 1044 Prairie Street.

A runaway was reported at 1041 S. Banks.

### Arrests

David Henville, 20, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass and assault causing bodily injury.  
 Billy Willingham, 36, 2112 N. Zimmers, was arrested on charges of driving with expired tags and driving without a drivers license, insurance or motor vehicle registration.

## Sheriff's Office

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Zwalyin Marcell Brown, 20, 417 Oklahoma, was arrested on charges of violating probation.  
 Dennis Raggo, 34, South Carolina, was arrested on charges of hindering a secured creditor.  
 Terry Lew Hayes, 37, Borger, was arrested on charges of theft of service, running a stop sign and violating probation.

## Ambulance

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

12:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Lowry on a trauma call and no patients were transported.  
 5:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of W. Foster on a trauma call and no patients were transported.

6:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of N. Christy on a welfare check. No patients were transported.

6:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of S. Russell on a medical emergency and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

9:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Fir on a medical emergency but no patients were transported.

## Fires

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

6:37 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to 120 S. Russell for a lifting assistance call.

No time given - Two units and four personnel responded to 2601 Fir for a medical assistance

## Calendar of events

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check and blood sugar tests offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

## Stocks

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

Wheat	3.35	Chewon	.79	dn 15/16
Milo	4.35	Coca Cola	57.08	dn 1/2
Corn	1.97	Columbia/HCA	31.78	dn 1/8
		Enron	37.5/16	NC
		Halliburton	45 1/2	dn 1 1/16
		Ingersoll Rand	60 13/16	dn 1 5/16
		KSF	.40	dn 3/8
		Kerr McGee	61.5/8	dn 1/2
		Limited	22 13/16	dn 1/8
		MAPS	.80	dn 1/8
		M.Donalds	47.5/8	dn 5/8
		Mobil	23.5/8	dn 1 5/16
		New Atmos	27.5/16	up 1/8
		New Cent. Inc.	40 9/16	dn 5/16
		Pennies	59 1/2	dn 3/8
		Phillips	.47	dn 1
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	37 1/2	dn 1/16
		SLB	76 1/2	dn 1
		Tenneco	43 1/2	NC
		Texas	116 1/8	dn 7/8
		Ultrasam	52 1/16	dn 1/4
		Wal Mart	15 7/16	dn 1/2
		West Texas	326.40	
		Silver	4.75	
		West Texas Crude	19.73	

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## YOUTH

behind it," said Rep. Chisum. "I don't see any reason why they would not [support the project]."  
 Chisum, Peet, Eskridge and Mollenkamp toured the facility, met with the superintendent (the equivalent of warden in an adult facility), former Jefferson County Judge Richard LeBlanc and Mark Stiles, the state representative for Jefferson County. Both LeBlanc and Stiles were instrumental in getting the present youth facility located in the Beaumont area.

The "very positive" excursion left all four Pampans with a little hope and a few ideas.

Hope, said Judge Peet, stems from the fact that the Pampa community could offer the type of services needed for the youth facility. But, he admits, there is much to overcome.

"We are so often forgotten about as being part of the state," said Peet.

But, times are a-changing, and West Texas has become a favorite for the Texas prison industry. Currently, there are approximately 13 adult units in the panhandle, including two in Pampa — the Jordan Unit and Pampa ISF.

The two adult confinement units in Pampa have brought approximately 300 new jobs to the area, a

sorely needed plus after the oil bust of the '80s. If chosen as a site for one of the youth prisons, another 600 jobs will be added to the area when the unit reaches full capacity. With the state paying an estimated \$20 million per year in salaries to employ a 600-bed facility, the facility definitely appears inviting.

"It's something, as far as I'm concerned, that should be considered," said the city manager.

But, considerations are not nearly enough. With such a stiff competitive field, the City of Pampa will have to play to win in this battle. And, it is this aspect of the bidding process that worries community leaders.

In order to attract the attention of the Texas Youth Commission board members, which is comprised of people all of whom live in the southern and eastern parts of the state, some eye-catching incentives will have to be offered with the bid package.

And, "eye-catching" incentives cost money. Exactly how much money will have to be invested and other options will be the topic of discussion at Friday's meeting. Before entering the bidding wars, the city manager pointed out that community leaders must first determine if the resources and finances to offer the needed incentives are available.

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## FUND

this month.

City Commissioner Jeff Andrews poignantly stated the purpose of the project at the Tuesday evening meeting.

"Not only does this project benefit Pampa, it benefits several areas outside the Pampa area," he said.

Citizens in the communities of Lefors and McLean have also contributed to the fund, hoping to improve their own warning systems with the old sirens. The city governments of both entities have also contributed as much as possible.

In fact, the city of McLean contributed \$200 to the fund, in addition to the amounts given by various residents, which is only \$300 short of the contribution given by Gray County commissioners.

Members of Gray County Commissioners Court have not discussed using all portion of its proceeds from the auction to help its residents get an improved warning system.

The LEPC has until December to raise the additional funds needed in order to obtain a \$100,000 donation by the M.K. Brown Foundation. The foundation agreed to the donation on the condition that a matching amount is raised by the organization by the December deadline.

# Area crashes kill four

Panhandle highways turned bloody Wednesday with four people killed and two injured in three separate vehicle crashes on farm-to-market roads.

Jamie Evans, 21, of Hartley, was killed in a head-on collision shortly after 8 a.m. Wednesday at the intersection of FM 998 and FM 2357 two miles south of Hartley.

George Bryant, 42, of Hartley, was in stable condition today at Northwest Texas Hospital with chest injuries suffered in the crash.

Miguel Angel Torress, 21, and Sol Guadalupe Torress, 14, both of Dumas, were killed in what appears to have been a hit and run accident about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in Sherman County.

Donald Robert Masse, 24, of Guymon, Okla., was killed about 6:30 p.m. in a head-on crash on FM 119 about three miles south of Sunray.

Vincent Lee Turner, 45, of Dumas, was in serious condition at Northwest Texas Hospital today with injuries suffered in the head-on collision near Sunray.

Department of Public Safety officers said today that Evans died at the scene of the head-on collision near Hartley. Authorities said she was eastbound, driving a 1995 Mercury two-door, on FM 2357 going into a curve where the highway intersects with FM 998. Bryant, driving a 1994 Ford pickup truck, was southbound on FM 998 at the time of the accident.

Bryant was flown from the scene of the accident to the Amarillo hospital by medical helicopter. Neither

of the occupants were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident.

DPS troopers were investigating today the circumstances surrounding the deaths of Miguel and Sol Torress in Sherman County. Officers said it appeared that Miguel Torress, who was northbound on FM 2232, swerved to miss another vehicle, lost control of his 1986 Buick four-door sedan, over corrected and slid into the bar ditch on the east side of the road. Officers said the car rolled onto its side and the top struck a power pole, killing both occupants. Neither person was wearing a seat belt.

Troopers said today they were awaiting the results of autopsy reports and were still investigating the accident.

Authorities said today that Donald Masse of Guymon died at the scene of the head-on crash about 6:30 p.m. near Sunday. Officers said Vincent Lee Turner, driving a 1992 Chevrolet, appeared to be passing on a curve and apparently did not see Masse's 1985 Honda four-door sedan. Turner was northbound on FM 119. Masse was southbound. Officers said the two vehicles swerved off the road and crashed in the bar ditch on the east side of the highway.

Troopers said the accident was still under investigation, and they were awaiting the results of an autopsy on Masse.

Masse was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash, officers said. Turner was not.

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, clear with a low in the mid 60s. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph. Friday, sunny with a high of 94. Southwest to south wind 10-15 mph. The current weather pattern is expected to continue through the Labor Day weekend. The overnight low was 64.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

**WEST TEXAS** — Panhandle — Tonight, clear with a low 60 to 65. South to southwest wind 5-15 mph. Friday, sunny with a high in the low 90s. Southwest to south wind 10-15 mph. **Low Rolling Plains** — Tonight, fair. Lows 60-70. Friday, sunny. Highs 90-95. **Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos** — Tonight, fair. Lows 65-70. Friday, sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 90s. **Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau** —

Tonight, fair. Lows near 70. Friday, sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. **Far West Texas** — Tonight, clear. Lows in the mid 60s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. **Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area** — Tonight, fair. Lows 55-75. Friday, sunny. Highs in the upper 80s mountains to near 107 along the Rio Grande.

**NORTH TEXAS** — Tonight, fair. Low 67 to 71. Friday, partly cloudy. High 92 to 97.

**SOUTH TEXAS** — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy east, mostly clear west. Lows in the 70s. Friday, partly cloudy east, mostly sunny west. Highs in the mid 90s to near 100. **Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast** — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 80 coast to near 70 inland. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 90s. **Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains** — Tonight,

mostly clear east, partly cloudy west. Lows in the mid and upper 70s. Friday, partly cloudy east, mostly sunny west. Highs near 90 coast to near 100 Rio Grande plains.

### BORDER STATES

**NEW MEXICO** — Tonight, partly cloudy with widely scattered early night thunderstorms northwest half. Mostly fair skies southeast. Lows near 40 to upper 50s mountains with mid 50s to upper 60s lower elevations. Friday, partly cloudy north and west with scattered afternoon and early nighttime thunderstorms. Mostly fair skies southeast. Highs mid 70s to mid 80s mountains with 80s and 90s lower elevations. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with mostly 60s lower elevations.

**OKLAHOMA** — Tonight through Friday, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Highs in the lower to mid 90s.

## City briefs

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# Pantex worker's monthly radiation dose over yearly limit

**AMARILLO (AP)** — Officials are trying to determine why a Pantex nuclear weapons plant worker received a monthly recorded radiation dose higher than the yearly limit set by the plant contractor.

The plant's external dosimetry section reported last July that a weapons worker's monthly dose showed a reading of 960 millirems, the Amarillo Globe-News reported Thursday. The annual worker exposure limit set by contractor Mason & Hanger Corp. is 850 millirems.

The worker, who was not identified, has been moved to nonradiological duties until the investigation is complete, officials said.

A thermoluminescent dosimeter worn by the man recorded the exposures. Plant investigators determined that the device was working properly.

The man was exposed to gamma radiation during stockpile surveillance work on the W-62 weapon, a variant of the Minuteman III missile. Mason & Hanger Corp. spokeswoman Kerry Campbell said.

"For a month, (the reading) is unusually high, but as far as health concerns, there aren't any," Campbell said.

Pantex is the nation's only site for assembly, disassembly and maintenance of nuclear weapons. Workers routinely test the components of active nuclear bombs to ensure they're operating properly.

Other employees performing weapons work nearby received recorded doses of 71 millirems and 46 millirems, based on their badge readings, reports show.

Exposure from natural radiation is about 300 millirems per year, according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. By comparison, an X-ray examination gives off about 20 millirems, and a passenger on a cross-country airline flight can expect 2.5 millirems.

The worker won't return to weapons work until either the issue is resolved or a year has passed, Campbell said.

### Mobeetie reunion

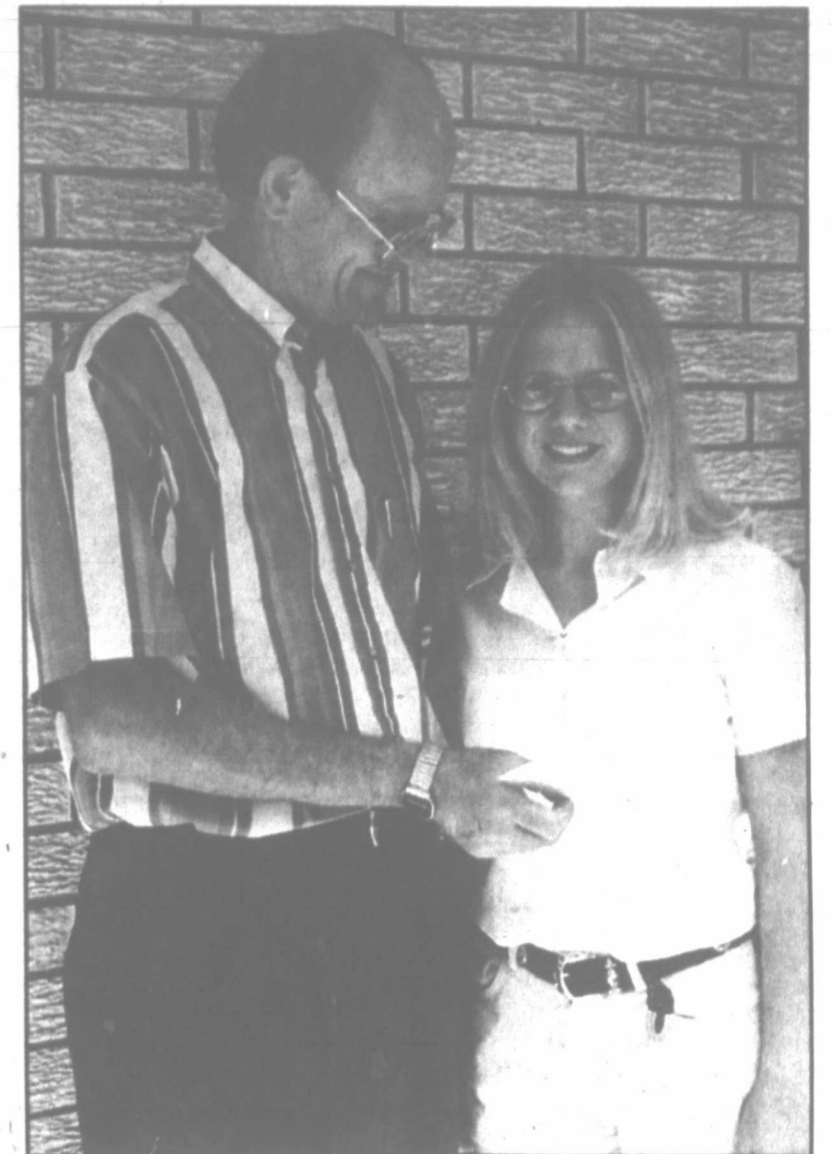
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(Special photo)  
 Mobeetie High School Class of 1947 will have their 50 year reunion on Saturday, August 30, at the Mobeetie Bank Hospitality Room. Friends and family are invited to join in the celebration from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This event is in conjunction with the Old Settlers Reunion on Labor Day. Call Helen Mixon at 669-3429.

### AFS exchange student



(Special photo)  
 John Warner of the Pampa Noon Lions Club presented Laurie Berzanskis a \$200 check from the Pampa AFS Chapter and the Kiwanis Club. Berzanskis, the daughter of Peter and Cheryl Berzanskis, will leave Sept. 4 to study for a year as an AFS exchange student in Palermo, Sicily.

### Feds find fault with Union Pacific

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Many of Union Pacific's safety problems have one simple cause — its employees are exhausted, the Federal Railroad Administration chief says. Sheer fatigue is at the root of many errors, Molitoris said Wednesday. Molitoris met with Union Pacific President Jerry Davis, who said the company plans to hire 1,500 new workers by the year's end to help ease the heavy workload. He added that employees are limited by federal laws to working 12-hour days.

### Former Clinton cabinet official accused of taking illegal gifts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's first agriculture secretary, Mike Espy, stands accused in a criminal indictment of repeatedly lying to investiga-

tors to conceal the fact that he illegally accepted lavish gifts of trips, sports tickets and other favors. The federal grand jury indictment returned Wednesday portrayed Espy as an official who persistently sought and accepted favors from large companies regulated by his agency, including agribusiness giants Tyson Foods Inc. and Sun-Diamond Growers of California.

But Espy's Washington attorney, Reid Weingarten, said independent counsel Donald C. Smaltz had taken "trivial, personal and entirely benign activities and attempted to distort them into criminal acts." Weingarten said he welcomed a trial, but it was uncertain just when that would take place. Smaltz, who has investigated Espy for three years, said he hoped it might commence this fall.

Espy's indictment represents yet another embarrassment for Clinton, whose administration has been hit with a number of ethics scandals. They include that of former Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell — a Clinton friend who served a prison term for bilking his former Arkansas law firm. Former Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary has acknowledged management and accounting miscues in foreign travel spending and recently has become a focus of the investigation into 1996 campaign fundraising abuses. Espy, a former Mississippi Democratic congressman and onetime rising political star, resigned his Cabinet post in late 1994 after Smaltz began his investigation. Espy consistently has denied any wrongdoing, although he has repaid \$7,600 to Tyson and other agribusinesses that gave him gifts, travel reimbursement and sports tickets.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on time for Social Security reform: All those politicians were clapping each other on the back in Washington recently because they had completed a combination of budget-balancing and tax-cutting legislation.

Well, great. Now maybe they can knuckle down to the really tough stuff: Making Social Security, which shelters the old age of 45 million Americans, and Medicare, a boon not only to citizens over age 65 but also their families, as viable and useful in the 21st century as in the latter years of the 20th. No, make that 'more' viable and useful. In the case of Social Security, saving it may actually mean improving it.

So far, the route to a balanced budget has been laid out — thanks to booming tax collections from a strong economy — without having to touch Social Security at all and with adjustments to Medicare that most citizens will not notice.

The nation has about 10 years to decide what it will do with Social Security and begin implementing a new plan. The first of the baby boomers will start retiring in 2009 and 2010, and millions more will follow, until by 2029 the Social Security system will be overloaded. Its surpluses will be a thing of the past, and it will have to start cashing in Treasury IOUs. Goodbye, balanced budget.

The time frame for Medicare is even more scary. Although the balanced-budget deal relieves some pressure, the Part A trust fund (hospital care) will be on the rocks by 2007. And the government's cost for Part B (doctors bills) will continue to rise. Congress and the White House need to start coming up with long-term fixes soon.

They have stashed their hopes in a bipartisan Medicare commission that is to report in 1999. This raises memories of the Bipartisan Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform, which labored mightily and reported in 1995 to no avail, and the more recent Social Security advisory council, which last year produced not one recommendation but rather a list of three choices, all of which were ignored in Washington.

But reform, change, adjustment — whatever we choose to call retooling these huge entitlements — cannot be put off forever.

Only through some combination of privatization (investing erstwhile Social Security funds in the private sector, as is being done successfully in other countries) and higher eligibility age (already rising from 65 to 67, but the change could be accelerated) can the huge retirement system be made available to those now in their 30s and 40s as it is currently available for those in their 60s and older. It should be done without either raising taxes or cutting benefits.

Medicare reform may require going back to a basic idea that has been resisted in the past and was discarded again earlier this year — means-testing. Oddly enough, while the Senate was considering this in June, a poll found that a majority of Americans, and a majority of upper-income seniors, favored making those in higher-income brackets pay more of their Medicare costs. Reform may also mean raising the Medicare eligibility age to match that of Social Security (eventually going to age 67).

The one thing that is certain is that Americans cannot continue to put off the debate, and a decision, on extending the life and vitality of these basic entitlements.

Thought for today

"Individuality is the salt of common life. You may have to live in a crowd, but you do not have to live like it, nor subsist on its food.

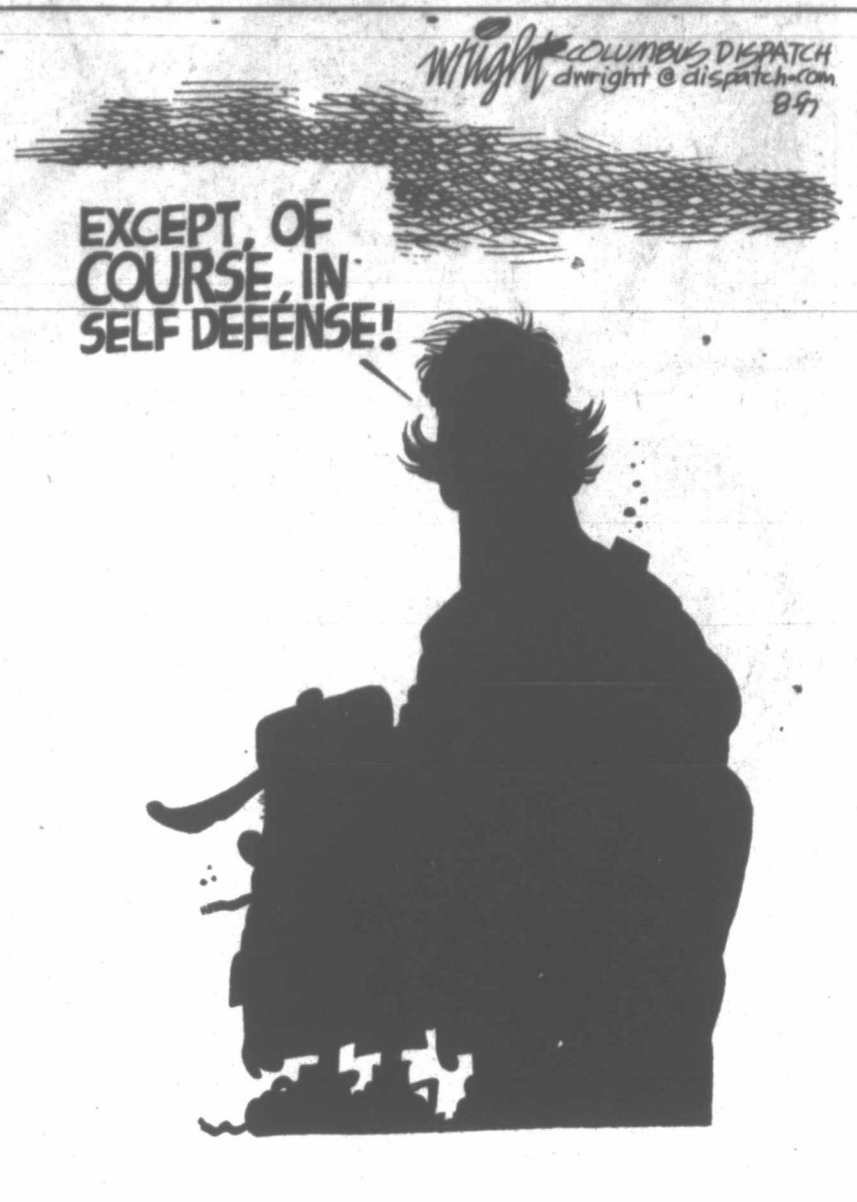
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EEOC squanders its resources

My recent column on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission "virtually unknown to the public" but "one of the most powerful independent bodies in all of government" — generated a surprising number of letters.

Several were from employers who've actually had run-ins with the agency. Others were from readers who either sent along clippings or referred me to news items that reveal the absurd lengths to which the EEOC has often gone in recent years to root out discrimination wherever it appears — at least, in the commission's view — to rear itself.

Now I don't want anyone to get me wrong. I believe the EEOC has an important mission. When employers discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, national origin or disability, then the government ought to bring the full weight of the law against them.

But the five-member commission ought to understand that the EEOC is in a zero-sum situation. The time and resources its 700 or so investigators devote to questionable or downright frivolous cases mean that meritorious cases receive less attention, and are resolved much more slowly, than they otherwise would.

Indeed, the EEOC is currently facing a backlog of more than 100,000 cases, double the 1990 figure. It's not because the nation's employers are discriminating twice as much as they used to. It's because the commission simply doesn't have its priorities straight.

Yes, it goes after the bad actors out there. But it's just as likely to go after innocent parties. And my letters and clippings attest to that.

An executive for Zero Corp., for instance, writes, "I have been fighting with the San Diego



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EEOC since June of 1995 about a person who never ever worked for my company."

As it happens, Zero purchased the machinery and assets of a company that laid off its entire workforce, closed its doors and went out of business. Zero eventually hired some of the defunct company's former employees to work in one of its factories.

But one of the former employees of the out-of-business company was not picked up by Zero. So he filed a discrimination complaint with the EEOC saying that he had been laid off "because he was Mexican." And his complaint named not only his former company, but also Zero, with whom he had absolutely no contact whatsoever.

So Zero's human resources director wrote a letter to the EEOC informing the agency of the circumstances. But, two years later, the EEOC continues to pursue the complaint. No matter what documents Zero provides, proving that the aggrieved worker was never on the company's payroll, the EEOC demands further proof.

And Zero's experience is by no means an aberration. A letter from a manager for the restaurant chain Hooters reminded me that the EEOC

charged the Atlanta-based corporation with sex discrimination two years ago because of its policy of hiring only female waitresses to serve patrons.

Of course, most of the predominantly male clientele who patronize Hooters do so not because of its buffalo wings and selection of beers, but because of its stable of buxom young waitresses in short shorts and tank tops. Apparently, it did not occur to the EEOC that male waiters would look decidedly unattractive in such ensembles.

The EEOC actually released an 80-page report which suggested that Hooters should be forced to pay millions of dollars in back wages to men who had been denied the opportunity to be Hooter guys. After much public ridicule, the EEOC finally dropped its jihad against the restaurant chain last year.

Then there's the letter from a reader who called my attention to an item appearing in the monthly newsletter of the Washington-based Competitive Enterprise Institute. It seems that the EEOC recently filed a claim against Federal Express for a company policy that, according to the agency, violated the Americans With Disabilities Act.

So how did the overnight delivery company discriminate against the disabled? By refusing to hire drivers who don't have sight in both eyes. Apparently, the EEOC doesn't think that good vision should be a prerequisite for individuals who drive for a living.

The disquieting thing about these three discrimination cases is that the EEOC bothered to pursue them in the first place. For while the commission was wasting untold time and tax dollars going after Zero Corp., Hooters and Federal Express, the cases of real discrimination victims were going unattended.

Today in history

By The Associated Press  
Today is Thursday, Aug. 28, the 240th day of 1997. There are 125 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Aug. 28, 1963, 200,000 people participated in a peaceful civil rights rally in Washington, D.C., where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

On this date:  
In 1609, Henry Hudson discovered Delaware Bay.

In 1749, German author Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was born in Frankfurt.

In 1774, Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born saint,

was born in New York City.  
In 1916, Italy's declaration of war against Germany took effect during World War I.

In 1917, 10 suffragists were arrested as they picketed the White House.

In 1922, the first-ever radio commercial aired on station WEAJ in New York City (the 10-minute advertisement was for the Queensboro Realty Company, which had paid a fee of \$100).

In 1947, legendary bullfighter Manolete was mortally wounded by a bull during a fight in Linares, Spain; he died the following day at age 30.

In 1968, police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the streets

of Chicago as the Democratic National Convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for president.

In 1973, more than 520 people died as an earthquake shook central Mexico.

In 1981, John W. Hinckley Jr. pleaded innocent to charges of attempting to kill President Reagan (he was later acquitted by reason of insanity).

Five years ago: The U.S. government mounted two huge relief operations, rushing food and drinking water to hurricane-ravaged Florida while U.S. cargo planes landed in Somalia with tons of food for African famine victims.

One year ago: Democrats nomi-

nated President Clinton for a second term at their national convention in Chicago. The troubled 15-year marriage of Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana officially ended with the issuing of a divorce decree.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-dancer Donald O'Connor is 72. Country singer Billy Grammer is 72. Actor Ben Gazzara is 67. Defense Secretary William S. Cohen is 57. Actor David Soul is 54. Baseball manager Lou Piniella is 54. Singer Wayne Osmond (The Osmonds) is 46. Actor Daniel Stern is 40. Figure skater Scott Hamilton is 39. Actress Emma Samms is 37. Country singer Shania Twain is 32.

Go ahead, ask the Curmudgeon

It's Ask the Curmudgeon time, and what better way to begin a dog-day edition than with queries about the dogs of the media?

Dear Curmudgeon: I see that CBS news anchor Dan Rather is expanding his reach. He is now doing a weekly newspaper column. What is it with swellheads like Hillary Clinton and Hurricane Dan Rather that they think their big names give them a divine right to displace legitimate columnists? —Joe in Washington

Dear Joe: Perchance Dan needs some pocket change. His contract runs through 1999, and he only makes \$5 million a year. I am thinking of retaliating by hiring out as a news reader. I probably should explain your reference to Hurricane Dan. He prides himself on being a "hard news" reporter, while his competitors do "news lite." This prompted a sarcastic rejoinder from NBC's Tom Brokaw: "Whenever there is the first hint of a counterclockwise symbol on a weather map that a hurricane might hit land, Mr. Hard News is down there wrapped around a lamppost."

Dear Curmudgeon: Is it my imagination, or is there a definite media trend toward mushy news? —Bill in Billings

Dear Bill in Billings: As a reader of the Washington Post, the paper that brought down a president, I keep track of the stuff the editors deem of frontpage importance. Two samples: "GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL, AT HOME: People Are Taking Backyard Respite Over Faraway Trips"; and, "RETURN OF THE COLD WAR: In Area Offices, Heated



Joseph Spear

Differences Rage Over Air Conditioner Settings."

Dear Curmudgeon: Is there any truth to the rumor that Sherry Rowlands, the erstwhile prostitute who went public with naughty stories about former presidential consultant Dick Morris, may be getting a talk show? —Rush in Radioland

Dear Rush: Ms. Rowlands hired a literary agent to help her find a publisher for a book about her adventures (working title: "If You Think You Know Morris, You Don't Know Dick"). After she has made her contribution to America's literary heritage, she hopes to do stand-up comedy. And, she says, "I'd like to have my own radio talk show." A romp to riches story, wouldn't you say?

Dear Curmudgeon: I've been hearing about something new in automatic teller machines called "biometric identification" that is allegedly even more fool proof than fingerprints. Can you tell us what it is? —Porter in Portland

Dear Port in Port: When you open the bank account of the future, you will be photographed

and your features digitized. Then when you visit the ATM, its computers will identify you by the freckles on your nose and the furrows in your brow. I hear also they are thinking of marrying biometric ID technology with HMO technology and developing a machine that will accept your deposit, take your blood pressure, swab your ears, give you a flu shot and simultaneously deduct \$250 for services rendered.

Dear Curmudgeon: Is the rumor true that federal employees spend a lot of time playing computer games? —Sal in Salem

Dear Sal in Salem: The most credible studies estimate that the government has 2.5 million computers and that 1.7 million of them are loaded with games. Sen. Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C., who has the approximate credibility of a horseshoe crab, says computer games are costing the taxpayers \$10 billion a year in lost time. Others say the damage is closer to \$40 million. In any case, it's not a figure that's fun to think about while filling out tax returns. Worse: It would cost more than it's worth to purge the machines. I have an idea: Any bureaucrat caught playing a computer game on the taxpayer's time is summarily fired.

Finally, an item from the No Comment file:

Shortly before Pat Robertson agreed to sell half of his Family Channel to Rupert Murdoch, the Parson made this comment on his religious talk show: "God has little obligation at the present time to spare America, because we are polluting the world with our television programs."

**Business of the Quarter**



**The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Retail Trade Committee selected Wayne's Western Wear as the Business of the Quarter. Receiving the award is (front row) Wayne Stribling, owner; Coelene Stover, store manager; and Opal Ray and Missy Sandfur, sales staff. Members of the Retail Trade Committee are Christy Parker, representing Dunlap's, presenting the plaque; (back row) Perry Rogers, Pack 'N Mail; Ed Ringering, Alco; Rick Hall, Hall's Auto Sound; Aubrey Phillips, Dobson Cellular; Ken Rheams, Rheam's Diamond Shop; Martin Riphahn, Pampa Mall; Bob Marx, Nu-Way Cleaning Service; and Darrell Sehorn, KGRO/KOMX.**

**University of Texas law school dismayed at sharp drop in minority admissions**

AUSTIN (AP) — Minority enrollment at the University of Texas law school dropped dramatically this fall, and the dean said school officials are "greatly distressed."

Only four blacks and 26 Mexican-Americans were expected to be among the 468 new law school students who began classes Wednesday, the university reported.

That's down from 31 blacks and 42 Mexican-Americans who were enrolled last year.

"The University of Texas School of Law is greatly distressed by the sharp reduction in the number of Mexican-American and, most dramatically, of African-American students enrolled in the 1997 entering class," said law school dean M. Michael Sharlot.

School officials blamed the drop on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which ruled that UT could no longer use race as a factor in admissions and scholarships. The U.S. Supreme Court allowed that decision to stand last year.

The case — often referred to as "Hopwood" — started in 1992, when four white students sued the Texas law school after not being admitted. Cheryl Hopwood and three others contended the school's affirmative action policy discriminated against them by admitting minorities with lower test scores.

Final enrollment figures won't be known until Sept. 12. But UT said Wednesday that the 1997

law school class of 468 also should include 391 whites, 39 Asian Americans, and eight other minorities — such as American Indians, Puerto Ricans and Cubans.

Both applications and admissions for black and Mexican-American students also plunged this year.

The UT law school received applications from 225 blacks (down from 361 last year) and 306 Mexican Americans (down from 354). Applications from white students dropped from 2,693 to 2,515, and total applications fell from 3,910 to 3,487.

Of the 1,092 students granted admission, 11 were black (down from 65 last year) and 40 were Mexican American (down from 70). Admission of white students rose from 841 last year to 907, while overall admissions were down slightly from 1,105 to 1,092.

Sharlot said that despite the university's forceful defense of affirmative action, the federal appeals court decision has prohibited any consideration of race and ethnicity in admissions.

That hurts UT's competitiveness, he said, because Texas must work under "very different and disadvantageous rules" than other law schools in seeking top students.

"It is particularly sad that UT has been thus restricted," Sharlot said, because the Texas law school has produced more black and Mexican-American lawyers during the past 10 years than any other school in the country.

**Drilling interest evident as high bids increase**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The growing boom in offshore petroleum production, especially in deep water, was evident as high bids to lease federal drilling tracts in the western Gulf of Mexico jumped by 73 percent from a year ago.

The U.S. Minerals Management Service said high bids totaling \$616.2 million were

accepted Wednesday for 804 tracts off the coast of Texas and in deepwater areas off part of the Louisiana coast.

A record total of 1,224 bids for the western Gulf tracts were received. Bidders put up \$939.1 million, the MMS said. A year ago, the western Gulf auction attracted \$356.1 million on 617 tracts.

The record total of winning bids for the western Gulf was \$1.5 billion in 1983, just before a major collapse of natural gas and oil prices.

Petroleum operators have been returning to the Gulf during the past three years, encouraged by higher oil and natural gas prices and federal royalty relief providing more tax breaks

the deeper an offshore well is drilled.

In addition, other coastal areas of the United States are under drilling restrictions that have virtually shut down exploration and production.

Since 1994, the number of deepwater tracts receiving bids in the western Gulf — in 800 meters or more of water — increased from nine to 603 this year.

"Everyone wins," said Robert Stewart, president of the National Ocean Industries Association, an offshore petroleum trade association. "Taxpayers win, consumers win, the industry wins and government wins."

But with the increased drilling, the industry faces a pinch in having enough equipment to explore and develop the tracts, said Paul Kelly, vice president of the Rowan Companies Inc., an offshore contract drilling service.

**Lubbock hospital to either close or sale**

LUBBOCK (AP) — Four years of fewer patients has forced Lubbock's smallest hospital to announce plans to close its doors Oct. 31 if its parent corporation can't find a buyer.

"This is not an easy decision, nor is it one made lightly," South Park chief executive Clint Matthews said Wednesday. "We have been looking at a variety of options over the last year, and unfortunately none has developed."

South Park Hospital, which reported a seven percent occupancy rate at the 98-bed facility last month, stopped accepting new patients Wednesday.

The hospital recently agreed to a \$9.5 million settlement with the family of a woman who died at the hands of a drug-abusing doctor. The decision to close had nothing to do with the lawsuit agreement, officials said.

National health care giant Tenet HealthSystem acquired South Park and 49 other institutions in a January merger. Tenet will host job fairs for the 196 South Park employees who received their 60-day notice Wednesday.

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### Bullock: Bush doing a 'magnificent job'

DALLAS (AP) — Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock says he would be proud to call Republican Gov. George W. Bush "my president."

Bullock also said Wednesday that he agreed to appear as guest speaker at a recent Bush fundraiser out of respect for the "magnificent job" Bush has done as governor. "I was there out of respect for what he's doing and what he has done," said Bullock, the state's highest-ranking Democrat. "And I would be proud to call him my president."

Some Republicans are pressing the son of the former president to run for president in 2000. Asked if the appearance constituted a formal endorsement, Bullock told *The Dallas Morning*

*News*, "My endorsement don't mean anything." Spokesman Joe Cutbirth said likely Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro had no comment on Bullock's appearance at the Bush fund-raiser.

"I think we're going to take a pass on it," Cutbirth said.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said, "Governor Bush is proud and honored to call Governor Bullock his friend. They've worked together to do what is right for Texas."

Bullock and Bush were the featured speakers at the fund-raiser, which brought in nearly \$900,000 for the governor's 1998 re-election campaign.

Bullock's speech was filmed by media consultants for possible use in television commercials.

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#### First and only director of Alamo fired

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Richard Teitz, who had been the first and only director of the Alamo, has been fired in what a member of the Alamo Board of Management called a "regretful" move.

Teitz, who was hired two years ago, was fired Tuesday by the board.

Chairman Mary Carmack confirmed the firing Wednesday, saying that Teitz was "discharged." She would not elaborate.

"We have had a parting of the ways. It's very regretful. We're very sorry this happened," Carmack said. "We do wish him the very best in future endeavors."

The reason for the firing was confidential, she said.

assured Cole County Circuit Judge Byron Kinder that they would comply with his order to produce the documents, and not destroy or alter any of them.

The videotape shows inmates being dragged, kicked, beaten and bitten by a dog and officers cursing and yelling at Missouri inmates at Brazoria County Detention Center on Sept. 18, 1996.

After seeing the videotape two

weeks ago, Missouri Corrections Director Dora Schriro cancelled the state's contract and brought all 415 Missouri inmates home.

On Wednesday, Schriro said officials would investigate prisoners' claims that they suffered beatings worse than those videotaped at the jail, where a private company, Capital Correctional Resources Inc., handled overflow Missouri inmates.

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#### Operation Rio Grande shifts illegal immigration activity

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Three days into a new initiative to control illegal immigration on the Texas border, activity has diminished on a 2 1/2-mile stretch of the Rio Grande garrisoned by Border Patrol agents.

But illegal crossings have shifted up and down river, while an unprecedented number of aliens are sprinting across international bridges into the United States — a practice known as port-running.

The shift in activity was underscored Tuesday night with the sexual assault of a female immigrant just east of the section of river where Border Patrol manpower was heightened under Operation Rio Grande.

Border Patrol officials said Wednesday that such shifts were anticipated and that adjustments were being made to address it.

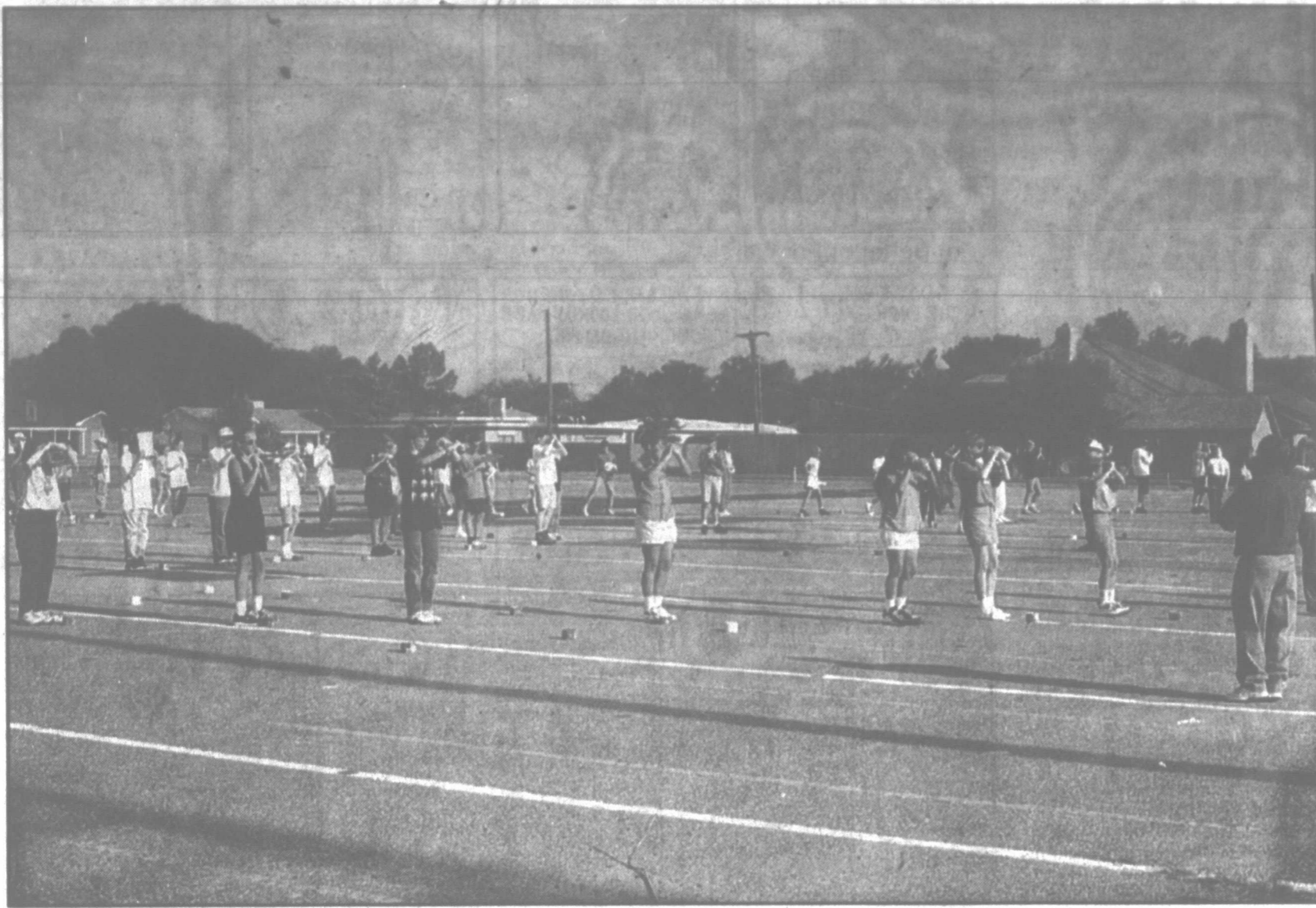
"Things are working exactly the way we had projected them to work," said Brownsville Border Patrol supervisor Herb Monette.

#### Missouri judge order Texas officials to turn over prison documents

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Officials of a Texas county have 10 days to give the Missouri Department of Corrections documents relating to the videotaped abuse of the state's overflow prisoners in leased cells.

On Wednesday, officials of Brazoria County, near Houston,

### Pampa Harvester Band



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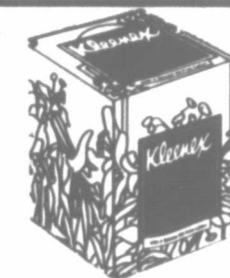


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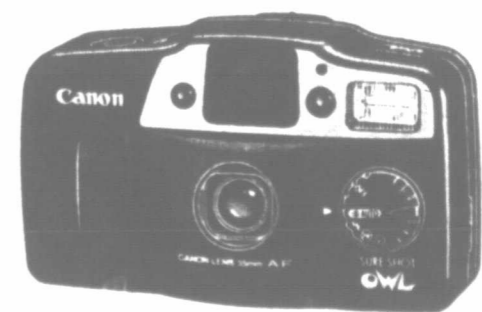
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### Northwest Houston sinking fast

HOUSTON (AP) — Residents on Houston's northwest side are feeling a little low right now, but that sinking feeling has nothing to do with an emotional downswing.

New data shows northwest Houston is now the fastest sinking land in the coastal area. Between 1987 and 1995, some areas have dropped some 1.98 feet.

Houston's had a subsidence, or sinking problem, for years. But officials had been more concerned about the southeast side of Harris County and Galveston.

This new trend affecting the northwest side, revealed in a National Geodetic Survey, is important but not surprising, according to those who track sinking land for the Houston area.

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## Husband's Empty Promise Leaves Wife Full Of Hurt

DEAR ABBY: "Mel" and I married two years ago. He was 67 and retired, a widower after 30-plus years of marriage, with two children and four grandchildren. I'm 54, stopped working when I married him, have three children and one grandchild. Mel and I now live in the same house he lived in with his wife.

Before the wedding I asked Mel if we were going to move. I made it clear that I didn't want to stay in his house. He promised we would move. Bottom line: It's been two years and now he says we're not moving. He's happy in this house, comfortable, etc. I once suggested that he let me change things around the house a little. His response: "What for? Everything is in its place. Besides, we're moving anyway."

What shall I do? He does not see things the way I do because he is not hurting emotionally. I have become very frustrated because even if we talk it out the whole day, he'll conveniently "forget" and not do anything about it. Abby, I'm not getting any younger and if I need to get a job, I should try to get one right now.

One other thing: He thinks money is everything. But I have proven to him that money is not everything to me by signing a prenuptial agreement when I got nothing. However, he always says he will provide for me when he's gone, that I will not go hungry, etc. How can I believe him when he can-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

not even make good on his word regarding moving?

UNHAPPY IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIF.

DEAR UNHAPPY: I am unable to determine from your letter if your husband is "forgetting" because he is selfish or whether it could be the beginning of senile dementia. But I urge you to protect yourself. By all means, find a job. You may need the income. Also, consult an attorney to find out how your husband will provide for you, should anything happen to him, in the aftermath of that prenuptial agreement you signed. I, too, wonder how you can believe his promise to take care of you, since he refuses to follow through about moving.

DEAR ABBY: I thought the letter from Ruth A. Davis of the U.S. State Department regarding con-

sular officers at embassies abroad was both interesting and informative.

Several years ago, my husband and I were in Italy with another couple when our trunk was broken into. Everything was taken — including my friend's purse containing her and her husband's pass-

ports. Needless to say, it caused us untold problems. We had to change our travel plans to include a visit to the U.S. consulate in Milan. Fortunately, the hotel we had stayed at the prior evening had recorded our passport numbers so we were able to call and obtain the much-needed information. Only then could the embassy quickly issue new passports.

We learned a valuable lesson that you might like to pass on to your readers, Abby. Make a copy of your passport before you leave home and carry it with you while abroad, separate from your original passport.

INFORMED TRAVELER, ATLANTA

DEAR INFORMED TRAVELER: Thank you for a helpful reminder. Another worthwhile safety measure: Record the numbers of your traveler's checks and keep them separate from the checks, in case of theft.

## Horoscope

Friday, Aug. 29, 1997

Unexpected, gratifying developments could unfold for you in the year ahead. Do not let events sweep you off your feet. Focus on your opportunities in their proper priority.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Proper organization is essential today if you hope to perform effectively. Strive for ways to control events instead of letting them control you. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Stay away from involvements with friends today in which they can afford to par-

ticipate but you can't. You can have a better time less expensively.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Everyone, including yourself, could be at odds today regarding how an unpleasant family matter should be handled. Pull together, do not pull apart.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** It is best not to launch an endeavor today if you know there are wrinkles that need ironing out. You might not get a second attempt.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** A selfish attitude could prove counterproductive today. Associates will pass your action if they think you're looking out only for No. 1.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** In important negotiations today, if it looks like the other guy is holding all the aces, call up more support from your allies before proceeding.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** You will not work well under pressure today, so don't let things that require your attention pile up on you. Keep on

top of your responsibilities.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** The results might not be positive if you get involved with a friend in a business arrangement today. Do not put the relationship in jeopardy.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Certain demands made upon you today might be severe and unreasonable. Keep a cool head, and all can be managed successfully.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** A failure to pay as much attention as you should to details could generate unnecessary complications today. Do not take small factors for granted.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Should a joint endeavor of yours show poor probabilities for succeeding, it might be wise to consider ways of easing out of the arrangement.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** If you're too headstrong and self-serving today, you may make things more unpleasant for yourself than you will for those who make you angry.

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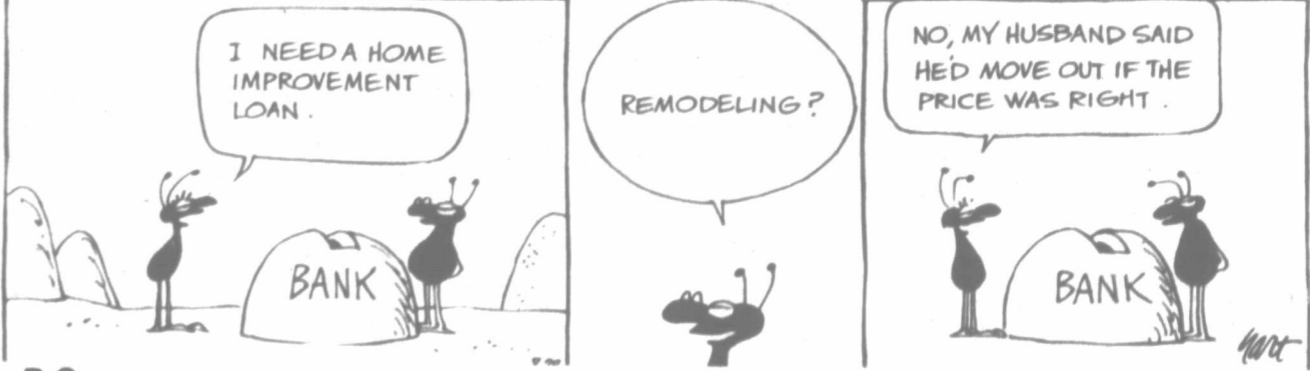
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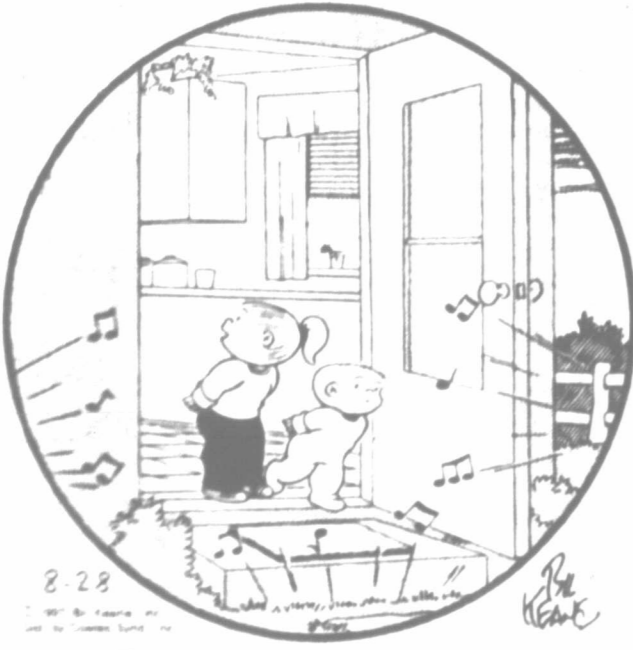
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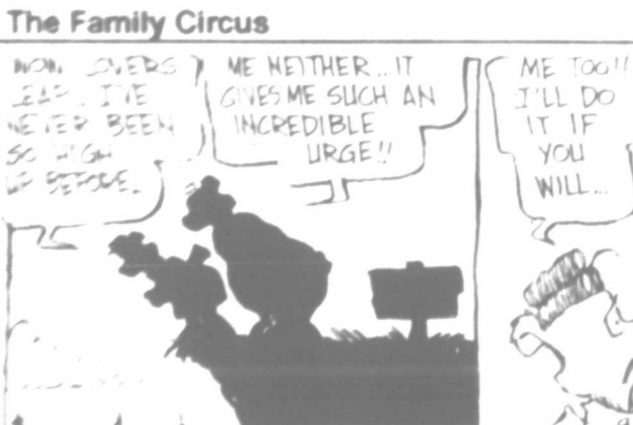
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"The crickets are beginnin' to tune up."



"He can look innocent, but that's as close as he gets to being innocent."



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# SPORTS

## Bagwell's homer lifts Astros past Braves

ATLANTA (AP) — Jeff Bagwell hit a two-out, two-run homer in the 13th inning and the Houston Astros defeated the Atlanta Braves 6-4 Wednesday night, the second straight extra-inning game between the NL division leaders. Bagwell's 35th homer came off Paul Byrd (3-3) after Craig Biggio was hit by a pitch. John Hudek (1-2) picked up the win and Jose Lima got two outs for his second save. The game ended at 12:38 a.m. EDT and included a 30-minute rain delay in the 11th. Trailing 3-1, the Astros scored two runs in the ninth against Braves relief ace Mark Wohlers, who squandered Greg Maddux's chance to become the NL's first 18-

game winner. Then came a wild 11th inning. Derek Bell had an RBI single to give Houston a 4-3 lead before the game was delayed by a sudden rainstorm. In the bottom half, Greg Colbrunn evened the score again with a two-out, full-count double into the left-field corner, scoring Danny Bautista all the way from first base. It was the second consecutive game that Houston made a dramatic comeback, only this time they came out with the win. The Astros rallied from a 6-0 deficit on Tuesday, but lost 7-6 in the 11th on Javy Lopez's homer. Maddux allowed seven hits in eight innings and looked like a

winner when Chipper Jones hit a two-run single in the eighth, giving the Braves a 3-1 lead. But Wohlers couldn't hold the lead in the ninth. Bill Spiers led off with a triple and scored on a sacrifice fly by Brad Ausmus. Chuck Carr followed with a tying homer into the right-field seats, his fourth of the season. Wohlers allowed three hits and a walk in two-thirds of an inning. The Braves' lead in the NL East dropped to 3 1/2 games over the Florida Marlins, who defeated the Cubs 4-3. Houston now has a bigger advantage in the Central — four games over Pittsburgh after the Pirates lost to Los Angeles 9-5. All 10 games between the Braves and Astros this season

have been decided by no more than two runs. The teams would meet in the first round of the playoffs if they hold their current positions. Jones' two-run single gave him 101 RBIs for the season, making him the first Braves third baseman since Eddie Mathews in 1959-60 to have consecutive 100-RBI seasons. The matchup of first-place teams drew only 33,019 to Turner Field — the smallest crowd at the new ballpark since 29,357 turned out for an April 28 game against the Dodgers. Houston starter Chris Holt allowed five hits in 7 1-3 innings and only one of his three runs was earned. Tony Graffanino homered in his

second consecutive game for the Braves, evening the score at 1 in the fifth after Spiers' RBI single the previous inning. Notes: The Braves will recall pitcher Kevin Millwood from Triple-A Richmond to start Saturday's game at Boston. Millwood was 2-3 with a 4.97 ERA during an earlier stint with Atlanta. ... Craig Biggio has played in 351 consecutive games, the second-longest streak among active players to, of course, Cal Ripken. ... Maddux has the lowest ERA over a six-year span of any pitcher since World War II, having compiled a 2.16 since 1992. ... Ryan Klesko, hit 34 homers last season, has gone 101 at-bats since his last homer on July 17.

### Notebook

#### FOOTBALL

**PAMPA** — Friday is the last day for previous Harvester football season ticketholders to buy tickets for the 1997 season. Tickets for the general public go on sale at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the high school athletic office. Pampa's home opener is Sept. 12 against Amarillo High.

#### BASKETBALL

**DALLAS (AP)** — Dallas Mavericks team officials are trying to hold taxpayers hostage as they negotiate for a new arena, three Dallas City Council members say. The council members made their comments at a meeting Wednesday after officials of the National Basketball Association team began meeting with representatives of Dallas suburbs in their quest to get a new arena to replace Reunion Arena. The Mavericks and the Dallas Stars of the National Hockey League want the new arena built so that they will have lucrative luxury sky boxes to sell. The strongest talk came from council member Don Hicks, who said the team owners are "vultures" for wanting the city to pay \$110 million, half of the cost of the team's proposed new arena.

#### GENERAL

**DALLAS (AP)** — Three basketball prospects say they committed to North Texas after its coach told them the school will be playing in Conference USA in two years, The Dallas Morning News has reported. North Texas basketball coach Vic Trilli said, however, that he told the players only that North Texas could move into Conference USA or another conference in the next few years.

"We're telling them we think there's going to be a chance that we're going to be moving in the next two to three years, and our next move is not going to be backward," Trilli said. Amarillo High School guard Wes Allen, Gonzales High School forward Dignald Erskin and Irving Nimitz committed to the school this week after being told the school would play in Conference USA, the newspaper reported Thursday.

#### BASKETBALL

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Rockets forward Sam Mack is hoping to rebound from a tragic boating accident this summer and a foot injury last season to return to the team's lineup. His close friend was killed in the accident in August, but Mack was not injured. Mack played in 52 games last season and was averaging almost 6 points a game when he injured his foot and was benched for the season. He told Houston TV station KRIV that he plans to be back in a Rockets' jersey. "I think that I will be resigned," Mack said. "I don't want to play with anyone else. I've been working hard to show the Rockets I still can play. I've played through pain." Mack said it was tough to watch as his team fought through the playoffs last year, but he hopes they'll be in contention again. "I really wanted to be out there last year during the playoffs, but I was left off the playoff roster because I wasn't 100 percent." Before landing with the Rockets, Mack played for five Continental Basketball Association teams and the NBA's San Antonio Spurs. Mack is a free agent and has played for the Rockets for two years.

### WNBA gives out awards

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Van Chancellor likes to win, and Cynthia Cooper helped him out this season. Cooper, who led the Houston Comets to an 18-10 record, best in the WNBA's first season, was chosen the league's MVP on Wednesday, and Chancellor was selected coach of the year. "When my children were small and we played 'Old Maid,' I played to win," Chancellor said. "It's just the way I am." Chancellor quickly pointed out the main reason he was the coach of the year. "There would be no coach of the year award without Cynthia Cooper," Chancellor said. "She scored, she dished off the ball. She made a lot of other players on this team better."

Cooper, the league's leading scorer and unanimous selection to the all-WNBA team, was the runaway winner of the MVP award, beating Charlotte's Andrea Stinson 370-116 in voting by a national media panel. Los Angeles' Lisa Leslie was third with 109 points and Sacramento's Ruthie Bolton-Hollifield fourth with 107. Chancellor got 26 of the 37 votes for the coaching honor. He led the Comets to the league's best road record (9-5) and tutored a defense that ranked second in the league (65.5 points per game). Cleveland's Linda Hill-MacDonald was runner-up with four votes.

### Muster ousted

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Thomas Muster charged past the net, chased Tim Henman with racket raised and swung at him wildly as Henman ducked with a panicked look into the tunnel. Mean Mr. Muster was only kidding this time, but Henman wasn't taking any chances. On a day when the fifth-seeded Muster denied rumors that he tested positive for drugs, and then found himself getting knocked out of the U.S. Open in the first round, no one could really be sure at that moment how serious his mad dash was. Muster's mission to transform himself from king of clay to master of hard courts ultimately broke down Wednesday when Henman beat him 6-3, 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 6-4. The play that provoked Muster's mock attack came in the only set he won when he was desperately scrambling to stay in the match. Henman tapped a drop volley with Muster at the baseline, and Muster sprinted in to scoop it up. Henman lunged to catch the ball with another forehand volley into an open court, and Muster kept running — around the net and after Henman. Muster's swipe with his racket missed Henman's head by a couple of feet, but the Briton felt the breeze as he ran toward the tunnel. "He's a pretty entertaining guy, on and off the court. I thought it was a bit of fun, a bit of humor," Henman said. "At first I didn't think so. I thought it was the best thing to do to keep running."



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa's Phil Everson will be one of the favorites when the Top O' Texas Tournament tees off Saturday at the Pampa Country Club course. Everson won the City Championship this year and is also the defending Pampa Country Club champion.

### TOT tourney has strong field again

**PAMPA** — The Top O' Texas Tourney tees off Saturday and there are contenders all over the place. Starting with defending champion Dan Nicolet, the championship flight is once again loaded with talented golfers. "It's wide-open. There's a lot of potential out there," said Mickey Piersall, Pampa Country Club pro. Nicolet, of Pampa, won by three strokes over two-time TOT winner Kyle Kelting of Amarillo last year and set a course record with an 8-under par 63 in the first round. Phil Everson, also of Pampa, is another strong contender. "I expect Phil to have a good tournament," Piersall added. "I wouldn't be surprised if he won it. Kelting has been playing very good." Everson won the City Championship for the second consecutive season and is also the reigning Pampa Country Club champion. Other past champions entered are Amarillo players Clint Deeds and James Bischof. Deeds, a former Pampian, won in 1986 while Bischof captured the 1992 crown. "I think like guys like Kelting, Everson and Nicolet would be considered the class of the field. Anybody's who's won it before has a good shot at it," Piersall said. Also entered is Barry Terrell of Pampa, past City Champion and PCC Club Champion; North Texas golfer

#### GOLF

Les Phillips, the 1996 Texas-Oklahoma Junior Champion; Jason Jeter of Cameron University and Steve Rogers of Amarillo. Tee times for the championship flight are 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The final round of the 54-hole tournament will be played Sunday. **McKINNEY (AP)** — Kris Cox of Dallas shot a four-under 68 Wednesday to open a three-stroke lead after two rounds of the Nitro Texas State Open. Cox, whose first-round 66 left him in a three-way tie for first, is at 10-under 134 for the tournament. Christian Chernock of Plano shot a 66 Wednesday and is second at 137. Three players are tied at 138. A total of 71 players — 67 professionals and four amateurs — survived the cut of 2-over 146 and will compete in the final two rounds at Stonebridge Country Club. The champion will take home \$18,000 of the \$103,300 purse. Second-round highlights included holes-in-one by Jess Bonneau of Trinity on the 165-yard 11th hole at the Ranch Country Club and Michael Flynn of Fort Worth on the 190-yard fifth hole at Stonebridge Country Club.

### College picks Manning psyched to get season started

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT AP Football Writer

Your turn, Peyton. Peyton Manning, eager to start his final season, gets that chance Saturday when the Heisman Trophy favorite leads No. 5 Tennessee against Texas Tech before a sellout crowd of more than 102,000 at Neyland Stadium. "It's an exciting time," Manning said. "It's what I've been waiting for for a long time. It seems like the offseason was getting longer and longer and longer. Practices intensify, everybody's got a little skip in their step."

Two other Heisman contenders played in last week's Kickoff Classic, with Syracuse quarterback Donovan McNabb excelling and Wisconsin tailback Ron Dayne falling back in the pack. But Manning, who opted to stay in school rather than turn pro, is college football's brightest star. Last year, the 6-foot-5, 222-pound son of Archie Manning saw his Heisman chances disappear with four first-half interceptions in a 35-29 loss to Florida, but still threw for 3,287 yards and 20 touchdowns in '96. The Volunteers return 14 starters, including wide receiver Marcus Nash, a veteran offensive line and Leonard Little, who opens at middle linebacker. The Red Raiders, meanwhile, saw Byron Hanspard opt for the NFL and are still looking for an I-back to complement quarterback Zebbie Lethridge (1,686 yards, 11 TDs). The depth chart lists four freshmen, with 5-10, 184-pounder Rickey Hunter the early favorite to get the call from coach Spike Dykes. But Dykes' chief concern is dealing with Manning, especially after it was reported Wednesday that cornerback Tony Darden and linebacker Eric

Butler would be suspended for the game because of an ongoing NCAA investigation. "It's a tough chore because Peyton Manning is in a class by himself," Dykes said. "Our defense has to keep up in the game. We can't give up big plays. We have to play consistent." The Red Raiders allowed only 18.6 points per game last season, but will be hard-pressed to sidetrack Manning & Co. ... Texas Tech (plus 22) at No. 5 Tennessee ... TENNESSEE 42-13.

**Southern Mississippi (plus 27 1/2) at No. 2 Florida** Does it really matter who the quarterback is? Doug Johnson will do just fine ... FLORIDA 49-13.

**Akron (plus 56) at No. 6 Nebraska** Is it worth the \$450,000 the Zips receive for getting ziplocked? ... NEBRASKA 63-0.

**Wyoming (plus 29 1/2) at No. 9 Ohio State (Thursday night)** Buckeyes co-QBs Stanley Jackson and Joe Germaine have a field day in spoiling Dana Dimmel's coaching debut ... OHIO STATE 49-10.

**North Carolina State (plus 25) at No. 13 Syracuse** McNabb keeps pace in the Heisman race ... SYRACUSE 42-14.

**No. 14 Miami (minus 14) at Baylor** "Canes coach Butch Davis hopes QB Ryan Clement is the real thing ... MIAMI 31-14.

**Houston (plus 17) at No. 16 Alabama (in Birmingham)** Mike DuBose's coaching debut is a success (if better be) ... ALABAMA 31-10.

Others: WEST VIRGINIA (minus 16) 31, Marshall 24; KENTUCKY (plus 3) 28, Louisville 24; UCLA (plus 1) 33, WASHINGTON STATE 31.

LAST WEEK: 2-0 (straight), 1-1 (spread).

### Lethridge: The quiet leader

**LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)** — When Texas Tech and No. 5 Tennessee meet Saturday, a quarterback already among his school's all-time best at his position will trot into Neyland Stadium to begin his fourth year as a starter. His teams have played in bowl games the last three years and he owns a conference record for most passes without an interception. His teammates respect him so much they've made him a captain three years in a row. Peyton Manning? Nope. He's Zebbie Lethridge, Tech's mobile, strong-armed leader who is being counted on more than ever following the departure of star tailback Byron Hanspard and the rest of the team's depth in the backfield. "Zebbie needs to have a great year, and we have all the confidence in the world in Zebbie," four-year center Jay Pugh said. "We know what he does and he knows what we do." While outsiders haven't always considered Lethridge an elite quarterback, he's admired by his peers and opposing coaches, who named him to the Big 12's second all-conference team last winter. Red Raiders coach Spike Dykes has been driving Lethridge's public relations bandwagon all sum-

mer. "I think, certainly, he will be everything we ever thought he would be this year," Dykes said. "And, I think this, his senior year, all the leadership and all the hard work will pay off. He is the most fierce competitor I have ever coached." When critics point to Lethridge's 48 percent career completion rate, Dykes counters that his quarterback is coached to throw balls away to avoid sacks and interceptions. Dykes often refers to Lethridge's Southwest Conference record of 211 consecutive passes without being picked off. "I think he never quite got the credit he deserves for the things he does that aren't obvious," Dykes said. "He's got some stats that aren't too hot and there's a reason for them. Other coaches recognize that." In reality, it was Hanspard who carried Tech into the postseason the last three years. Now, traditionally lukewarm expectations have been raised and it's up to Lethridge to keep the streak going. "People are not really accepting just going to bowl games any more," Lethridge said. "I guess they expect to win a national championship. That's what I want to do, too."

# Gray County 4-H Youth Rodeo

**PAMPA** — Additional winners from the Gray County 4-H Youth Rodeo last weekend are listed below:

Other event money winners in the 12-14 age group Friday night are as follows:

**Barrel racing**  
 First — Julie Dawson, Amett, Okla.  
 Second — Kally Richardson, Pampa, Tex.  
 Third — Erica Cochran, Pampa, Tex.  
**Ribbon roping**  
 First — Julie Dawson, Amett, Okla.  
 Second — Josh Donnell, Canyon, Tex.  
 Third — Kade Zybach, Briscoe, Tex.  
**Pole bending**  
 First — Kade Zybach, Briscoe, Tex.  
 Second — Kaycee Howe, Stinnett, Tex.  
 Third — Shelby Brown, Wheeler, Tex.  
**Goat tying**  
 First — Julie Dawson, Amett, Okla.  
 Second — Jalynn Rogers, Elk City, Okla.  
 Third — Marty Eakin, Amarillo, Tex.  
**Adult-Youth Ribbon Roping**  
 First — Kaycee Howe, Stinnett, Tex.  
 Event money winners in the 15-18 age group for Friday night are as follows:  
**Bull riding**  
 None  
**Breakaway roping**  
 First — Kyle Zybach, Briscoe, Tex.  
 Second — Craig Seely, Lefors, Tex.  
 Third — David Moore, Goodwell, Okla.  
**Call roping**  
 First — Monty Eakin, Amarillo, Tex.  
 Second — Kyle Zybach, Briscoe, Tex.  
**Barrel racing**  
 First — Lindsay Tidwell, Pampa, Tex.  
 Second — Khrißen Barbee, Tulia, Tex.  
 Third — Kelly Jo Whaley, Miami, Tex.  
 Fourth — Kyle Zybach, Briscoe, Tex.  
**Ribbon roping**  
 First — Monty Eakin, Amarillo, Tex.  
 Second — Grayson Lewis, Pampa, Tex.  
 Third — Craig Seely, Lefors, Tex.  
**Pole bending**  
 First — Lindsay Tidwell, Pampa, Tex.  
 Second — Casey Andreen, Pampa, Tex.  
 Third — Khrißen Barbee, Tulia, Tex.  
 Fourth — Kelly Jo Whaley, Miami, Tex.  
**Goat tying**  
 First — Kembra Malberg, Pampa, Tex.  
 Second — Kyle Zybach, Briscoe, Tex.  
 Third — Craig Seely, Lefors, Tex.  
**Barebacks**  
 1. Jeremy Lewis, Groom, Tex.  
 Event money winners in the 12-14 age group Saturday night are as follows:

**Breakaway roping**  
 First — Marty Eakin, Amarillo, Tex.  
 Second — Kade Zybach, Briscoe, Tex.  
 Third — Sean O'Neal, Pampa, Tex.  
**Steer riding**  
 First — Chase Norton, Sunray, Tex.  
 Second — Marty Eakin, Amarillo, Tex.  
**Barrel racing**  
 First — Julie Dawson, Amett, Okla.  
 Second — Kally Richardson, Pampa, Tex.  
 Third — Kaycee Howe, Stinnett, Tex.  
 Fourth — Kade Zybach, Briscoe, Tex.  
**Ribbon roping**  
 First — Marty Eakin, Amarillo, Tex.  
 Second — Josh Donnell, Canyon, Tex.  
**Pole bending**  
 First — Kally Richardson, Pampa, Tex.  
 Second — Julie Dawson, Amett, Okla.  
 Third — Kaycee Howe, Stinnett, Okla.  
 Fourth — Montana Farnum, Pampa, Tex.  
**Goat tying**  
 First — Julie Dawson, Amett, Okla.  
 Second — Marty Eakin, Amarillo, Tex.  
 Third — Kaycee Howe, Stinnett, Tex.  
**Adult-Youth Ribbon Roping**  
 First — Curtis Pritchett, Pampa, Tex.  
 Second — Kaycee Howe, Stinnett, Tex.

Event money winners in the 15-18 age group Saturday night are as follows:  
**Bull riding**  
 None  
**Breakaway roping**  
 First — Kyle Zybach, Briscoe, Tex.  
 Second — Monty Eakin, Amarillo, Tex.  
**Call roping**  
 First — Monty Eakin, Amarillo, Tex.  
 Second — Zeb Read, Canyon, Tex.  
**Barrel racing**  
 First — Lindsay Tidwell, Pampa, Tex.  
 Second — Jerea Harris, Amarillo, Tex.  
 Third — Khrißen Barbee, Tulia, Tex.  
 Fourth — Kembra Malberg, Pampa, Tex.  
**Ribbon roping**  
 First — Craig Seely, Lefors, Tex.  
 Second — Monty Eakin, Amarillo, Tex.  
 Third — Ike Hanes, McLean, Tex.  
**Pole bending**  
 First — Lindsay Tidwell, Pampa, Tex.  
 Second — Nickie Leggett, Pampa, Tex.  
 Third — Casey Andreen, Pampa, Tex.  
 Fourth — Andrea Whaley, Miami, Tex.  
**Goat tying**  
 First — Jera Harris, Amarillo, Tex.

Event winners in the 7 and 8 Pee Wee age group were as follows:  
**Pole bending**  
 First — Clayton Paige, Amarillo, Tex.; Second — Chelsea Luster, Pampa, Tex.; Third — Hadley Mann, Clarendon, Tex.  
**Barrel race**  
 First — Keeley Longo, Pampa, Tex.  
 Second — Clayton Paige, Amarillo, Tex.  
 Third — Hadley Mann, Clarendon, Tex.  
**Flag race**  
 First — Cody Hanks, Amarillo, Tex.  
 Second — Bridget Craig, Pampa, Tex.  
 Third — Hadley Mann, Clarendon, Tex.  
**Goat ribbon race**  
 First — Cheyenne Noble, Clarendon, Tex.  
 Second — Chelsea Luster, Pampa, Tex.  
 Third — Tanner Cochran, Pampa, Tex.  
**Call riding**  
 First — Cheyenne Noble, Clarendon, Tex.  
 Second — Dakota Gilleland, Pampa, Tex.

# Oliver hurls Rangers past Brewers

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Darren Oliver says he's the same pitcher he was earlier this season. His record shows something else.

Oliver gave up one run in seven innings Wednesday in a 7-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers that ended a three-game losing streak and pushed his record to 11-10. Oliver has won five straight decisions and is 8-1 in his last 11 starts.

"I'm not doing anything different," said Oliver, who gave up six hits, struck out five and walked four. "I'm just going out there and being competitive. I don't think I'm doing anything different.

Rusty Greer, who led off the third inning with his 23rd home run to ignite a three-run outburst that gave the Rangers a 6-1 lead, said the Rangers feel comfortable with Oliver on the mound because of the way he is pitching.

"Hopefully he'll keep doing what he's doing. He's given us quality starts and is throwing the ball well. If we can just score some runs for him, he can do the rest."

Oliver's performance was all the more impressive because it came after Tuesday night's slugfest, when the Brewers won 11-10 in 12 innings and the teams combined for 39 hits.

"That guy on the mound for the other team, he threw pretty well," said Jack Voigt, whose first-inning homer, his seventh, gave the Brewers their only run. After that Oliver and Danny Patterson shut down the Brewers.

The loss dropped them 3 1/2 games behind AL Central-leader Cleveland, and manager Phil Garner was disappointed with his club's lack of desire after a big victory.

"We should have come out with blood in our eyes," he said. But Voigt said the Brewers

have to forget about both games in their off day today. The club returns to interleague play Friday night at home against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

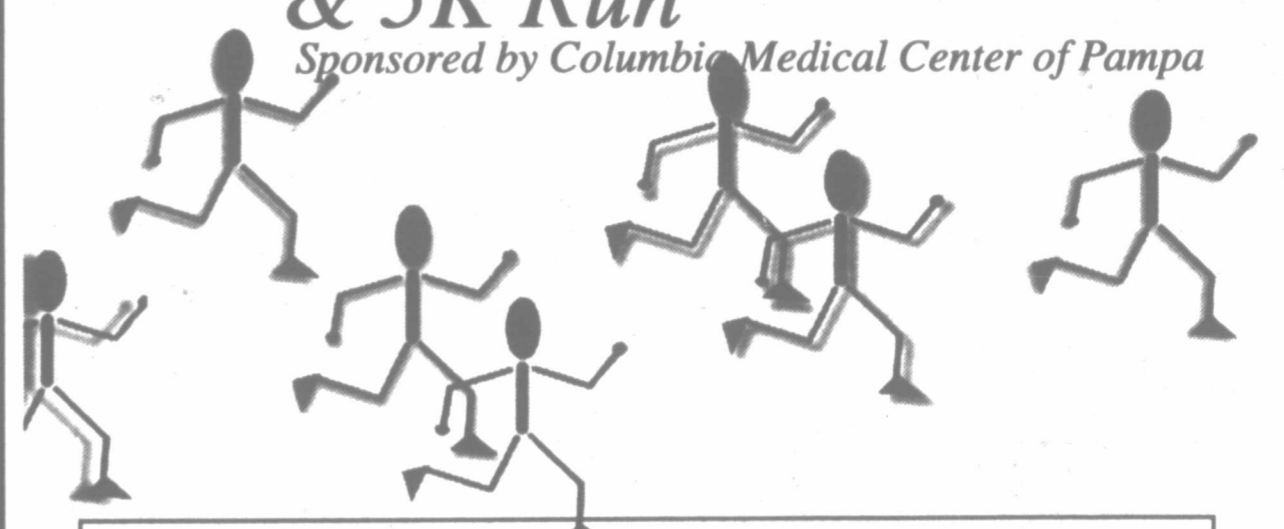
"You can't get too high or low," he said. "We have to win every game we can at this point. The next 10-14 days are big for us."

Steve Woodard (3-3) gave up six runs and eight hits in three-plus innings, leaving because of a strained muscle in his side. It was not known if he will have to be sidelined, but losing him would hurt the Brewers' chances of catching Cleveland for the division title.

Texas took a 3-1 lead in the second on Benji Gil's RBI single and Tom Goodwin's two-run double. Texas added three runs in the third on Greer's 23rd homer, Fernando Tatis' ruff-scoring groundout and Alex Diaz's RBI double.

Jim Leyritz singled in the final run in the seventh.

# Chautauqua Fun Run/Walk & 5K Run 1997



Where: Central Park-Pampa, Texas (corner of Georgia & Mary Ellen)

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## Jordan returns

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Michael Jordan all but demanded the Chicago Bulls be kept together for another run at an NBA title. Of course, he can get away with those kinds of things.

His leverage? The threat of retirement. But Jordan's coming back. And he's commanded another huge salary to lead that bid for a sixth championship of the 1990s.

Money is not the only object — at least not for a man who has been making millions in off-court endorsements for years.

Jordan can now preside over what might be a last running of these Bulls. He agreed to a one-year deal after a quick Las Vegas meeting Tuesday with team chairman Jerry Reinsdorf. His return was announced Wednesday.

"Jerry and I have a special relationship which enables us to work cooperatively. I am committed to Chicago and to winning. So is Jerry," said Jordan, who is in Las Vegas this week to run a fantasy basketball camp.

"I'm delighted and excited to be back again. I look forward to helping bring another NBA championship to Chicago," he said in a statement.

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- 9:20 a.m. Columbia Med. Ctr. Run AWARDS
- 9:30 a.m. Student Storytellers Russell Douglas & Megan North
- 9:40 a.m. Latter Day Saints 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mormon Trek; Heather Sampson, Storyteller
- 10:00 a.m. PFAA Raffle, Announcements
- 10:05 a.m. PHS Folkloric Mexican Dancers
- 10:25 a.m. Student Storyteller Matthew Velasquez
- 10:30 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Line Dancers (lessons during day)
- 10:50 a.m. Student Storytellers Robert Douglas & Scamthia Pereira
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- 12:10 p.m. PHS Show Choir
- 12:40 p.m. PFAA Raffle, Announcements
- 12:45 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Martial Arts, Near Stage
- 1:00 p.m. Colvary Baptist Praise Band
- 1:30 p.m. Chris Crow, Vocalist
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- 1:45 p.m. Kroely Blay, Vocalist, Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Teen
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- 2:20 p.m. Gymnastics Of Pampa
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- 3:10 p.m. "Evis" by Smokey Binion, Jr
- 3:20 p.m. PFAA Announcements
- 3:30 p.m. Musicians Celebrating Woody Guthrie
- 3:30 p.m. Storyteller Loralee Cooley
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# Box office estimates lead to fracas

By JOHN HORN  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Demi Moore's streak of box office blunders may be ending with her latest film, *G.I. Jane*, which finished in first place at the box office this weekend.

But the film's performance was overshadowed by yet another dispute about inflated box office estimates for a rival new release.

The Walt Disney Co. accused New Line Cinema of exaggerating box-office figures, as Disney's *G.I. Jane* and New Line's *Money Talks*, a comedy starring Chris Tucker, fought for the top spot.

"The box office has become a nightmare of the truth," said Phil Barlow, president of Disney's Buena Vista Pictures Distribution. "This has really gotten out of hand."

On Sunday, Disney and New Line both estimated their films took in \$11.1 million to deadlock for first place.

By Monday, it was clear *G.I. Jane*, starring Moore as the first female Navy SEAL, was actually the weekend's top film. But it had already been reported, based on the Sunday projections, that *G.I. Jane* had been tied — not good news for Moore after a string of flops including *Striptease*, *The Juror* and *The Scarlet Letter*.

The Sunday morning numbers are based on a combination of real returns and mathematical projections of what the films will collect during that day. Studios calculate the estimates working with numbers collected Friday and Saturday by Entertainment Data Inc. from theaters across the nation.

BOX OFFICE		
Top weekend movies		
Weekend of Aug. 22-24, 1997		
All dollar figures in millions		
	Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1	<i>G.I. Jane</i> \$11.1, one week, 1,945 screens	\$11.1
2	<i>Money Talks</i> \$10.7, one week, 2,005 screens	\$10.7
3	<i>Air Force One</i> \$143.1, five weeks, 2,824 screens	\$7.9
4	<i>Mimic</i> \$7.8, one week, 2,255 screens	\$7.8
5	<i>Conspiracy Theory</i> \$53.5, three weeks, 2,707 screens	\$7.4
6	<i>Cop Land</i> \$27.4, two weeks, 2,233 screens	\$7.3
7	<i>Event Horizon</i> \$17.8, two weeks, 2,328 screens	\$4.4
8	<i>Leave it to Beaver</i> \$3.3, one week, 1,890 screens	\$3.3
9	<i>George of the Jungle</i> \$90.5, six weeks, 1,909 screens	\$3.1
10	<i>Men in Black</i> \$230.5, eight weeks, 1,835 screens	\$2.9

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. AP

By Monday, up to 90 percent of theaters have reported to Entertainment Data, and the studios deliver their "final" numbers, which are relatively accurate.

Following its Sunday projection of \$11.1 million, New Line on Monday said *Money Talks* actually grossed \$10.65 million. The Sunday estimate from Disney for *G.I. Jane* was almost dead-on — the final number was \$11.09 million.

New Line said *Money Talks* fell from Sunday's \$11.1 million to \$10.65 million because the film's Sunday business slipped 20 percent from Saturday, not 5 percent

to 10 percent as New Line expected. "I wasn't lying. I was estimating," said Al Shapiro, New Line's senior executive vice president of theatrical distribution. "You can't lie about something that hasn't happened yet."

The studios used to report box office figures on Monday, when the numbers were less susceptible to manipulation. The Sunday report came about in part because news organizations wanted the information earlier.

A good finish by a new film is important — and free — publicity.

"If you can market your films, even overseas, by saying it's the No. 1 film, that gives you a lot of clout," said Dave Davis, an entertainment analyst with Houlihan, Lokey Howard & Zukin.

But it's also an invitation to fudge. Disputes similar to the *G.I. Jane* and *Money Talks* flap pop up every few months. Paramount Pictures, for one, was accused of inflating early numbers for *Forrest Gump*.

1. *G.I. Jane*, Disney, \$11.1 million, 1,945 locations, \$5,704 average, \$11.1 million, one week.

2. *Money Talks*, New Line, \$10.7 million, 2,005 locations, \$5,314 average, \$10.7 million, one week.

3. *Air Force One*, Columbia, \$7.9 million, 2,824 locations, \$2,787 average, \$143.1 million, five weeks.

4. *Mimic*, Miramax, \$7.8 million, 2,255 locations, \$3,467 average, \$7.8 million, one week.

5. *Conspiracy Theory*, Warner Bros., \$7.4 million, 2,707 locations, \$2,717 average, \$53.5 million, three weeks.

6. *Cop Land*, Miramax, \$7.3 million, 2,233 locations, \$3,277 average, \$27.4 million, two weeks.

7. *Event Horizon*, Paramount, \$4.4 million, 2,328 locations, \$1,872 average, \$17.8 million, two weeks.

8. *Leave it to Beaver*, Universal, \$3.3 million, 1,890 locations, \$1,730 average, \$3.3 million, one week.

9. *George of the Jungle*, Disney, \$3.1 million, 1,909 locations, \$1,647 average, \$90.5 million, six weeks.

10. *Men in Black*, Columbia, \$2.9 million, 1,835 locations, \$1,570 average, \$230.5 million, eight weeks.

11. *Contact*, Warner Bros., \$2.1 million, 1,272 locations, \$1,659 average, \$92.2 million, seven weeks.

12. *Picture Perfect*, Fox, \$1.61 million, 1,276 locations, \$1,268 average, \$27.4 million, four weeks.

13. *Spaton*, New Line, \$1.56 million, 1,408 locations, \$1,114 average, \$50.3 million, four weeks.

14. *A Smile Like Yours*, Paramount, \$1.2 million, 582 locations, \$1,999 average, \$1.2 million, one week.

15. *Air Bud*, Disney, \$1.1 million, 1,073 locations, \$1,041 average, \$19.2 million, four weeks.

16. *My Best Friend's Wedding*, Tristar, \$1.02 million, 801 locations, \$1,284 average, \$118 million, 10 weeks.

17. *Masterminds*, Triumph, \$1.01 million, 1,186 locations, \$855 average, \$1.01 million, one week.

18. *Con Air*, Disney, \$963,000, 758 locations, 1,271 average, \$97.8 million, 12 weeks.

19. *Def Jam's How to be a Player*, Gramercy, \$898,000, 556 locations, \$1,616 average, \$12 million, three weeks.

20. *Nothing to Lose*, Disney, \$610,000, 549 locations, \$1,111 average, \$41.7 million, six weeks.

## Popular diet pills, fen-phen, suspect

BOSTON (AP) — Dr. Michael Hamilton discovered a heart murmur in one of his fen-phen diet pill patients after the Mayo Clinic reported similar problems.

"I don't know if it was always there, whether I hadn't listened carefully enough that first day, whether the air conditioner noise made it difficult to hear," said Hamilton, an obesity expert at Duke University.

Despite the same uncertainties among other doctors, regulators who discovered dozens more suspicious cases are taking precautions. The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday ordered prescriptions of fen-phen and another popular diet drug, Redux, to warn about possible heart valve damage.

Doctors at the Mayo Clinic reported seven weeks ago that 24 women appeared to develop bad valves after taking fen-phen, the appetite suppressants used by millions to lose weight.

Fen-phen is a combination of the prescription drugs fenfluramine and phentermine. Both drugs are approved by the FDA for short-term use in dieting, although not specifically in combination.

The FDA asked physicians to report any other patients, and that search turned up 58 additional cases among fen-phen users, all but two of them in women. The FDA described its latest findings in today's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.


How many of the cases were actually caused by the medicines is unclear. Some doctors wondered whether newly vigilant physicians might be hearing heart murmurs — the telltale sound of bad valves — that have been there all along.

Manufacturers of the medicines raised the possibility that obesity itself — not drugs to treat the condition — may actually be causing the heart problems.

However, Dr. Michael Friedman, the FDA's acting commissioner, said, "The data seem very persuasive. The association that at first was thought to be tenuous is now much stronger."

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