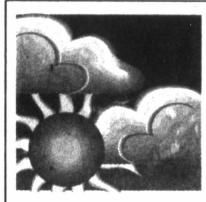
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Low tonight 58. High tomorrow mid 70s. For weather details see Page 2.

PAMPA — The Texas Department of Health will offer immunizations this month on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays — Sept. 3 and Sept. 17.

Health department officials will be on-hand at the Columbia Family Health Center, 600 W. Kentucky, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. to issue the immunizations. The clinics are offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases such as polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, and mumps (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B).

The Texas Department of Health is charging to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The fee charged is based on family income and size and the ability to pay.

PAMPA - A driver safety course will be in Pampa Saturday, Sept. 13. The class will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clarendon College Pampa Center, 900 N. Frost. The cost of the course is

Upon completion of the course, participants will be eligible for a 10 percent discount on their liability insurance for three years and dismissal of a traffic violation. All dismissals of traffic violations must be approved by the appropriate Justice of the Peace.

This course is offered by Clarendon College and the USA Training Company Inc. For more information, please contact Clarendon College Pampa Center at (806) 665-

• Helen Bentley, 59, former

bank employee. • Odessa Fern Edwards, 65, homemaker.

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Editorial4

Official backing for prison sought

By LAURA HALEY Staff Writer

Although a final decision has not yet been rendered, community leaders hope the city, county and economic district will join together to bid for one of four new Texas Youth Commission facilities

"There is tremendous financial benefit and other benefits to the area for winning this competition," said Lew Mollenkamp, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

If the city, county and economic district band together, that will bring the number of entities vying for a youth prison facility to 221. As of last week, 220 cities and counties across the state had submitted letters of intent for the bidding process, said

Community leaders in Pampa met Friday afternoon to decide whether they will throw their hat into the

those attending the meeting were Mollenkamp, Mayor Bob Neslage, County Judge Richard Peet, City Manager Bob Eskridge, and Lewis Meers, president of the PEDC board of directors. One other city council and PEDC representative also attended the meeting.

The main concern — whether enough resources and incentives are available to submit a lucrative bid package — was the only issue addressed at the meet-

It was decided, with the entities joining together, that Pampa did have a chance. However, before that chance can be taken, the measures must first be approved by elected officials of each entity.

This is going to have to be a strong team effort on part of the PEDC, city and county to have a competitive package," said Mollenkamp in a phone interview this morning.

In an effort to encourage involvement from the nity leaders have until Oct. 3 to submit a bid package.

ring as a potential site for one of the facilities. Among county, Mollenkamp, Judge Peet, Meers and Mayor Neslage met with commissioners this morning, seeking their approval.

> The city commission and economic district's board of directors will also be approached within the next two weeks for approval of the project.

"We're moving ahead to start gathering information we need and what's required and get the community support needed," said Mollenkamp.

And, once community support is granted, area leaders will be ready to move ahead and begin discussing incentives and services to offer in the bid package.

A letter of intent must be sent by the Sept. 12 deadline. It does not, however, commit the city. So, it is likely the letter will be submitted even if the leaders do not have final approval from all of the governing boards by the deadline, said Mollenkamp.

Once entered into the bidding process, the commu-

Horse theft

to fire ants

1,030 new

Texas laws

go into effect

AUSTIN (AP) — The 1997

John Bender, communications

director of the Texas House, said

a total of 1,030 new laws passed

during the legislative session

that ended June 2 took effect

The laws cover everything

from saving water to destroying

fire ants; from separating kids

from tobacco to matching them

Texas Legislature may be gone,

but its decisions are hardly for-

Outdoor festival deemed a success

By LAURA HALEY **Staff Writer**

It is over and Charlene Morriss is breathing a sigh of

Planning one of the largest outdoor events in Pampa is quite a handful. And, this year's Chautauqua chairwoman believes she handled the event rather well.

"I thought it was a success," she said. "It went really great." In an effort to return to the educational theme of original

Chautauqua events, a few things changed for the one-day celebration this year. First, there were a lot more

educational booths, said Morriss. Among those displaying under this category were Citizens on Patrol, Pampa Police Department, Gray County Sheriff's Office, Pampa Parks and Recreation Department, Texas National Guard, Region 16 Educational Services Center, and Ron Hendricks, who had a computer software demonstra-

at the National Cowboy Symposium and

Gill, of Miami, will perform in Banquet

As many as 20,000 spectators and partici-

pants are expected to converge on Lubbock

beginning Thursday. The ninth annual cow-

boy symposium, the largest in the nation,

The annual symposium and chuckwagon

cookoff last year drew people from almost 30

begins Monday and runs through Sunday.

Room One between 11 a.m. and noon, Friday,

Celebration in Lubbock this week

at the Lubbock Civic Center.



Braced for an afternoon of sunshine at Chautauqua, four-month-old twins Abbie and Hannah Brainard absorb their laudatory public attention as their parents Swasey and Stacie Brainard guide their carriage through the adoring throngs.

Sarah Gill will be one of the featured poets—states and eight nations.

Handmade and hand-painted crafts were also available and 27 groups/individuals provided entertainment throughout the

Miami 'cowgirl poet' to perform

Alvin Davis, chairman of the symposium,

While concurrent performances fill the five

expects at least that many people to visit the

event this year with its six stages and 200

stages inside and the outdoor stage, saddle

equipment, western art, jewelry, furniture,

decorative items, boots, hats, western cloth-

ing, books, horsedrawn vehicles, bits, spurs,

and tapes and CDs of western music and

Davis said there will be more than 100 cow-

poetry will be for sale.

The festival usually draws a good crowd to Central Park every year, although exact attendance throughout the years has never been determined, said

"I thought it was a good crowd," she said.

boy and cowgirl poets, 75 western musicians,

40 story tellers and two style shows in addi-

tion to panel discussions and special presen-

tations. Among the special presentations are a

series of horse training demonstrations by

Craig Cameron, a performance by the 4th

Cavalry reinactment group, Native American

will have a tent set up for horse-shoeing

demonstrations. A Texas Rangers camp will

be set up by the Texas Old Guns reinactment

The Texas Professional Farriers Association

dances and a pen of Longhorn cattle.

Festival exhibitors in this year's event came from Amarillo, Oklahoma and other Texas towns, said Morriss.

with adoptive parents; from getting tougher on sex offenders to making it easier for low-income folks to get mortgages. The legislation receiving the

Monday.

most attention during the 140day lawmaking session got a jump on the rest of the new laws. That's the \$1 billion reduction in local school property taxes. It was authorized in a constitutional amendment approved by voters on Aug. 9.

Some highlights of the new

STATE BUDGET

Another Sept. 1 means another new state budget. Lawmakers approved spending \$86.2 billion over the next two years. That total includes an increase of \$5.5 billion in state money, a 6.8 percent boost over the past twoyear budget.

SEX OFFENDERS

The Legislature got tough on sex offenders.

Heading the list is a "two strikes and you're out" law. It automatically sentences a person to life in prison if convicted of certain sex offenses two times. The convict will have to serve at least 35 years, after which parole

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Quite frankly...

What are your thoughts about Princess Diana's death?



pushed her that far.



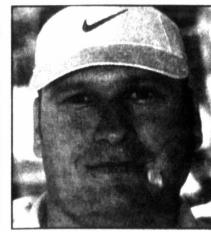
really sad reporters was a person who did- ... She should have been her life.



Shauna Munsell: I'm Madeline Graves: She Brooke Parks: It's sad. n't mind sharing her allowed to enjoy her prilife with the public. It's vacy. I think the press sad that it jepardized ought to spotlight what she did for humanity not what she did for herself.



Beth Johnson: I think the press should have sad...The press mistreatleft her alone.



Steve Sanders: I'm ed her. There's a time and place to leave people alone...I guess that's the price of fame, but you got to give them space.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BENTLEY, Helen — 10 a.m., Blackburn-Shaw Memorial Chapel, Amarillo. Graveside services, patient was taken to Columbia Medical Center 11:30 a.m., Panhandle Cemetery, Panhandle.

Obituaries

HELEN BENTLEY

McKINNEY - Helen Bentley, 59, sister of a Groom resident, died Sunday, Aug. 31, 1997. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Blackburn-Shaw Memorial Chapel in Amarillo with Kent Watson, of Claude Church of Christ, officiating. Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Panhandle Cemetery at **Panhandle**

Mrs. Bentley was born at Dell, Ark. She had lived at Pantex Village and graduated from high school at Panhandle in 1955. She married Gene Bentley in 1955 at Pantex Village.

She was a bank teller at several different banks in Texas for 28 years and had lived in various parts of the state. She had been a McKinney resident for the past three years, moving from Harligen. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Harligen.

Survivors include her husband. Gene three daughters, Penny Zhine of Garland, Terry Bentley of Dallas and Sheri Bentley of Lubbock, a son, Timothy E. Bentley of Grapevine, two sisters, Rosa Riggs of Amarillo and Anita Baker of Abilene; a brother, James Cummings of Groom, and four grandchildren.

ODESSA FERN EDWARDS

AMARILLO - Odessa Fern Edwards, 65, died Sunday, Aug. 31, 1997. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in East Amarillo Church of Christ with the Cecil Burch, minister, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean. Burial will be under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home of Amarillo.



Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents for the 24-hour period ending at

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

An accident was reported at the intersection of 900 W. Wilks and 800 S. Hobart involving a 1993 red Toyota driven by David Hopson, 532 Roberta, and another vehicle that left the scene.

An accident was reported at the intersection of 400 22nd Ave and 2200 N. Hamilton involving a 1991 Ford driven by William Suttle, 2134 Beech, and a 1981 blue Toyota Celica driven by Melissa Gindorf, 2339 Cherokee. Suttle was issued a citation for failing to yield to the right of way at an

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Central Park on a standby

12:35 p.m. - A mobile ICL unit responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart on a medical

call. No one was transported 1:20 p.m — A made e A. L. and responded to

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the 600 block of North Christy on a medical call. No patient was transported.

10:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to 16 miles north on Highway 70 on a trauma. One Emergency Room.

11:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient to Highway 60 west for mutual aid and

Police

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

An information report was taken at the 2100 block of N. Banks

Gas was stolen and reported at 309 N. Hobart. Theft was reported in the 1200 block of harles totaling \$195

A report of burglary report was taken at the 300 block of S. Gray.

A report of theft was taken at the 2100 block

An unattended death was reported at the Coronado Health care Center at 1504 W.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 A report of theft was made in the 1200 block

of Darby. Criminal Mischief was reported at the Cuyler

Street bridge. Theft was reported at 1124 Seneca Street. Theft of gas was reported at 1900 N. Hobart.

Criminal Mischief was reported at 914

Fires

Christine Street

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:42 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to 2520 Christine on an odor investigation.

Sheriff

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 James Allen Seller, Rt. 1 Box 135-0, 23, was

arrested on charges of a DWI complaint. Roger Dale Alexander, unlisted address, was arrested on charges including running a stop sign and violating a promise to appear.

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Are you or someone you know in an abusive relationship? Tralee Crisis Center is offering a women's support group Wednesdays at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All inquiries will be kept confidential. For information call 669-1131.

Stocks

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TB study gives hope a vaccine will be effective

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the TB germ's genetic structure are not the random. sis organism were associated with antibiotic use. ones seen when cells divide and reproduce. Musser. The changes make the organism resistant to the and his team found few spontaneous mutations, antibiotics. That raises the need for a vaccine, since

within the genes they analyzed Every gene we sequence is essentially identical sis is waning

The study, appearing in the Proceedings of the ... That's good news for scientists working to devel-National Academy of Sience bound antibiotics op a vaccine against TB. Although relatively rare in used to attack mycobacterium taberculosis, the bac- the United States, at least one-third of the world's

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According to the study, 95 percent of genetic Unlike HIV and other organisms, the changes in changes identified in the structure of the tuberculo-

the effectiveness of antibiotics in treating tuberculo-

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(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Wilson Elementary Principal Tom Linsey greets parents and children on the first day of school today. Due to construction, elementary students did not start to school as early as middle and high school youngsters did.

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LAWS

will be an option if two-thirds of the parole board

Another law will dramatically increase the number of sex offenders required to register with law enforcement authorities after release from custody. Texas already has 17,600 registered sex offenders living in neighborhoods, with 22,000 more behind bars. At least 4,000 will be released over the next four years, Attorney General Dan Morales has said.

Now, registration will be required by those convicted as far back as 1970. Offenders who receive probation - estimated to be 90 percent of those caught also must register, Morales said.

A third law creates new procedures for sex offenders placed on probation. It allows extension of probation from a maximum of 10 years to a maximum of 20 years and creates intensive supervision of parolees.

CRIME VICTIMS The maximum amount of compensation crime victims may receive from the state victims' fund is doubling. Victims who suffer catastrophic injuries causing permanent and total disability may be awarded \$100,000, up from \$50,000. Other victims will see the limit raised to \$50,000 from \$25,000. "Victims of crime need and deserve all of the emotional and financial support that we can give them," Morales said.

DRÜNKEN DRIVING Teen-age drinkers will feel the effects of another new law. It becomes illegal for people under 21 to drive with any amount of alcohol in their blood system. Underage drinkers who drive will lose their licenses for 60 days on the first offense, 120 days on the second offense and six months on the third and sub-

They also will face criminal charges punishable by up to 40 hours of community service and \$500 in fines for the first offense, with up to six months in jail and a \$2,000 fine for third and subsequent offenses. **SMOKING**

Lawmakers also got tougher on teen-age smokers, strengthening efforts to keep kids from tobacco.

A new law prohibits minors from possessing tobacco, requires education and awareness programs for minors caught with tobacco, charges retailers a fee to cover costs of enforcement and education, prohibits the distribution of free samples or coupons, restricts

outdoor tobacco advertising within 1,000 feet of a church or school, and requires sellers to ask for photo ID to verify proof of age of tobacco buyers.

NURSING HOMES

The Legislature turned its attention to nursing homes as well. One of several new laws will set minimum standards for the quality of care and quality of life in nursing homes, along with residents' rights and other new standards. **ADOPTION**

Based on recommendations from the Governor's Committee to Promote Adoption, legislators pproved a bill designed to protect parental rights of fathers while speeding up adoptions for children whose fathers are unwilling to assume responsibility for them.

CHILD CARE

Criminal and child abuse histories will be checked under the new law being applied to those who are paid to provide home child care for three or fewer children who aren't relatives. Sponsoring Rep. Sherri Greenberg, D-Austin, said, "Since the state already conducts background checks on public school teachers, Big Brother-Big Sister volunteers and others, it only makes sense to have background checks on those who take care of small children.

For the first time, Texas has a water plan.

Se

This new law addresses policy on drought response

management, water management, marketing, water transfers, surface and groundwater supplies, financial assistance to local governments and small communit assistance. It requires detailed data to pinpoint where and how much water the state has in an effort to develop ways to conserve and maximize future use. **HMOs**

The Texas Legislature broke new ground nationally as it approved several laws governing managed medical care.

Heading the list is a law making Texas the first state to allow managed-care organizations to be sued for medical malpractice if their decisions to delay or deny treatment harm a patient.

Another law expands HMO patient protection, puts into law existing state rules on the managed-care plans and transfers oversight of quality of care from the Texas Department of Health to the Department of

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, becoming cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light rain or drizzle. Low of 58. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday, cloudy and cool with a 50 percent chance of fog and light rain or drizzle. High mid-70s. Northeast

to east wind 10-20 mph. REGIONAL FORECAST WEST TEXAS — Panhandle Tonight, becoming cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light rain or drizzle. Low in the upper 50s. Northeast wind 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday, cloudy and cool with a 50 percent chance of light rain or drizzle. High 70 to 75. Northeast to east wind 10-20 mph. South Plains/Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows 55-65. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and cooler with a chance of showers. Highs 75-80. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, partly cloudy. Becoming mostly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms north. Lows in the 60s. Wednesday, partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Cooler with highs in the 80s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms after midnight. Lows 65-70. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance showers or thunderstorms. Cooler with highs 80-85. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows upper 50s to lower 60s. Far West Texas - Tonight, fair Lows in the lower to mid obs.

Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs

from the lower 80s to near 90.

Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend

Area — Tonight, partly cloudy.

Lows mid 50s to mid 70s.

Highs mid 70s to around 102. Wednesday night, partly to mostly cloudy. Lows 50-70.

increasing cloudiness north with a slight chance of thunderstorms slight chance of evening thunderstorms. Lows 68 to 73. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and cooler with a chance of rain and thunderstorms. Highs 85 north to

 Tuesday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of mainly evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s, mid 60s 90s south central. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — lower elevations southwest. Tuesday night, partly cloudy storms. Highs in the 90s inland to lower 80s.

Wednesday, mostly cloudy. upper 80s coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains Tuesday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of mainly NORTH TEXAS - Tonight, evening showers or thunderstorms inland west. Lows in the 70s. Wednesday, partly to mostly late. Partly cloudy south with a cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 90 coast to the 90s inland.

BORDER STATES NEW MEXICO - Tonight, mostly cloudy east with a chance for showers and thunderstorms. SOUTH TEXAS - Hill Partly cloudy central and west Country and South Central Texas with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms central. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with mid 50s and 60s lower elevations. Wednesday, considerable cloudi-Hill Country. Wednesday, ness east and partly cloudy west. increasing clouds with a chance. A chance for showers or thunderof showers or thunderstorms. storms, mainly central and east. Highs in the 80s Hill Country to Cooler east. Highs 70s and 80s mountains and east, mostly 90s

OKLAHOMA - Tonight, with a slight chance of showers mostly cloudy. A slight chance of or thunderstorms. Lows in the showers and thunderstorms Red lower 70s inland to near 80 coast. River valley. Lows in the 60s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a Wednesday, mostly cloudy and chance of showers or thunder- cooler. Highs from the mid 70s to

City briefs

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

AUDITIONS 7 p.m. Tues. Sept. 2 and Thurs. Sept. 4, Act. 1. starting at \$6.95. Hurry while Large cast, major & minor roles. Info. 669-2009. Adv.

YEAR END Close-Out, Air Living, 665-5668. Adv. Conditioners, all prices reduced. Trank's True Value, 665-5582. Adv. 626 S. Cuyler, 665-4995. Adv.

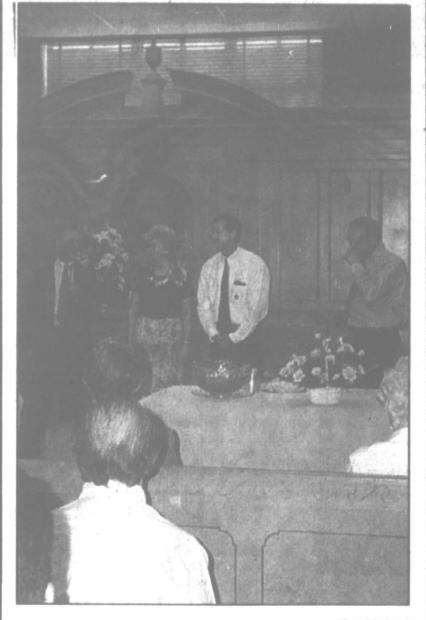
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theater, Pampa Mall. Comedy. supply lasts. Frank's True Value, 626 S. Cuyler, 665-4995. Adv. STUDIO APARTMENTS

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Autry reception



District Court judges Lee Waters and Kent Sims honors Jeane Roper Autry for her 20-plus years of service in Gray County's Adult Probation Department. Also pictured is new Director of Adult Probation Joe Riley. The reception for Autry was held Monday and hosted by the two judges. Members of the community and coworkers gathered to wish Autrey well.

Mexico's new democracy challenge for president

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Ernesto Zedillo boasted of bringing fuller democracy to Mexico. Starting Monday, he now has to live with

Election reforms backed by Zedillo helped produce Mexico's opposition-controlled Congress since the end of the revolution in 1917. That legislature, which formally opened its session Monday, is likely to spend the last half of Zedillo's six-year term attacking his poli-

"He will have to make a virtue of necessity" in dealing with a rambunctious Congress, historian Lorenzo Meyer said. "Given his doctrinaire belief in free-market policies, it won't be easy for

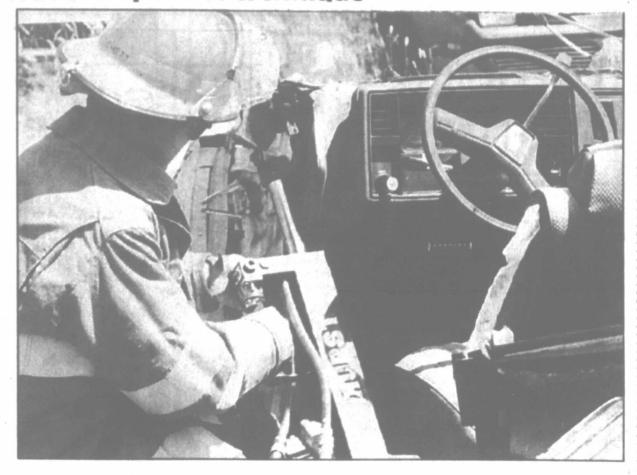
The July 6 election was both a historic setback for Zedillo's party and a triumph of reforms the president said answered "the long-held desire of many generations to live in a full democra-

Zedillo's Institutional Revolutionary Party lost the Mexico City mayoral and city council races. It also lost the absolute majority in Congress it had held since the party's birth

In the wake of the vote, Zedillo looked to the positive.

"I have confidence that the elections of July 6 begin a new stage in our political life, a stage in which we have overcome bittèrness and division," said the president, who has no experience with a divided legislature.

Firemen perfect technique



Firefighter Ricky Stout uses specialized tools to push forward the dash of an automobile at Bob Douthit wrecking service Wednesday afternoon. The Pampa Fire Department uses the dilapidated vehicles to practices their technique for removing victims from a wrecked automobile.

Three killed, one wounded in Juarez shooting CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) shootings. Investigators were had attributed the earlier attack to

- An entertainment strip near the interviewing witnesses Monday. Juarez Bull Ring has been the scene of another massacre.

Three people were killed and another was wounded Sunday when at least one gunman opened fire with an automatic weapon as the patrons left Geronimo's Bar & Grill, Chihuahua State Police spokesman Ernesto Garcia said Monday. He discounted reports of a fourth homicide.

The establishment is next door to another restaurant where six people were massacred four weeks

Police were trying to confirm the identities of the victims, who were

shot about 8:40 p.m., Garcia said. Police said officers have found a white Ford Crown Victoria witnesses said was linked to the

Coronado Shopping Center

Showtimes - Call 660-7141

CINEMA

Police gave no motive for the attack at Geronimo's, which is

restaurant, scene of an Aug. 3 masyet linking this to the Max-Fim," Garcia said. "We don't have any

trafficking."

professional hit men. Two men are awaiting trial in that shooting. However, no arrests have been

located next-door to the Max-Fim made in two other recent acts of violence in Juarez: the Aug. 23 slayings of four doctors and the "We don't have any information abductions of seven men two weeks ago.

Officials suspect the previous information linking this to drug crimes may be related to a struggle among drug-traffickers for power In the Max-Fim attack, four men in the wake of the July 4 death of armed with AK-47's stormed the drug lord Amado Carrillo Fuentes, club and killed six people and reputed chief of the Juarez drug wounded three others. Authorities cartel.



Pampa woman breaks national shooting records at NRA contest

Editor's note: This story is being repeated because it failed to run in its entirety in the Monday, Sept. 1 issue of The Pampa News.

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY Staff Writer

said in a high pitched voice.

Could this small, sweet woman be her? Pampa's own recordbreaking shooter?

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And when Kresha McAdoo shot her guns off last week, it was she who shot down a women's national record at the National Rifle Association (NRA) competition in Raton, N.M.

Vice-president of the Pampa Rifle and Pistol Club, Kresha brought 17 awards home from the national competition in addition to breaking a national women's record and scoring first place in the "Smallbore Hunter's Pistol Championship Aggregate" competition.

According to Kresha, shooting is "a family thing."

She said that she's been shooting since she was a child. Her parents used to take her and her be a much more serious sport.

Donna Kresha's mom, Nunamaker, holds the women's record for shooting chickens, while many of the awards Kresha and turkeys.

Not real ones! Pretend ones — silhouette tar- NRA.

Three other members of Pampa's doesn't allow it, she said. Rifle and Pistol Club also placed Doug Abbott.

Kresha explained that the local woman shooting? "Hi, come on in," she sweetly organization, which meets week-

group of shooters within the However, the Pampa wind just

"We all tend to shoot better at at the competition, including competitions in other locations,"

> she said What do people think about a

"They love it, " she said. "And



family hobby has turned out to breaking NRA records right here stick with it. in Pampa.

Pampa isn't the easiest thing to do. band, among other things, as

members are always surprised to derful guns as Christmas prereceived this year had to do with hear that none of Pampa's club sents. shooting pigs, rams, chickens members are of the "master

twin brothers out to shoot cans. Iy, has NRA sanctioned events it really is a lot of fun ... I've been when they were kids. But the allowing members to work on doing it so long, I might as well

> Kresha credits her parents as But breaking shooting records in being her coaches, and her hus-Kresha said that competition being the person to buy her won-

> > "He doesn't shoot," she said. an elite, qualifying But she proudly showed off the grips her husband had made for her pistol.

"My hands are too small," she That doesn't seem to be a prob-

Concentration, however, can

Kresha said that concentration is key to becoming a good shooter. . . of targets, of course. "Safety is priority; it's number

one on everyone's list." Just like Kresha is number one on a few lists of her own.

"I hold the pig-long record, shooting 61 in a row," she shyly

Wow. Now you know whose path to stay out of in Pampa.



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FOI Update

More officials in state show disregard for law

HOUSTON (AP) - The state law designed to guarantee the public access to records of its government has flaws that leave it open to abuse, public watchdogs say.

The Houston Chronicle, in a report published Sunday, said the law has been ignored by some officials and used as a stalling tactic to keep

from releasing records. One example was the case of a public hospital in Amarillo that was put up for sale last year. Members of the hospital district's board of managers obtained bids from four private companies.

The board signed a contract with one bidder and a special election was called seeking voter approval. As the referendum approached, the board refused a request by the Amarillo Globe-News newspaper for the rejected offers.

Instead, the board asked the Texas attorney general for an opinion on whether the bids were public documents under the Texas Public Information Act.

'We're stalling for time," a board member admitted to Cathy Martindale, Globe-News editor. "We need to renegotiate these things and we know that filing for an AG's opinion will buy us the time we

It did. The opinion was rendered - and the rejected bids were released to the paper - a week after voters approved the sale.

That board member just said what a lot of officials in government know, but most of them don't come right out and say," Ms. Martindale said. "Officials get attorney general's opinions all the time

The Public Information Act - commonly called by its original name, the Open Records Act - is designed to ensure the public's access to government records.

But the law, enacted in 1973, is like a threadbare crazy quilt. Advocates of open government say it occasionally is cleaned and patched up in the Legislature, only to be trampled or tossed aside by officials who consider it a nuisance.

Custodians of the records defend their reluctance to release some information, and they note that many disputes arise from honest disagreements about the law rather than a desire to flout it.

They cite legitimate privacy concerns, as well as a lack of time and resources needed to gather and dispense material that is requested often in large amounts – by organizations, news agencies, political consultants and individuals.

One group frequently at odds with open-government forces is the Texas Municipal League, which represents city officeholders and

Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, a perennial carrier of open-government legislation, says the TML is among the "very formidable lobbies" that traditionally resist such bills.

The TML's officials maintain that they are unfairly portrayed by news media and open-government advocates as enemies of access

"I've been called worse," said TML executive director Frank Sturzl. "If you don't like a bill – if you don't like every single aspect, every single section, every punctuation mark of a bill that is lobbied for by the press – you are an enemy of open government," he said. "That's the way they portray you, but that's their right. "In our portrayal to our member cities, we portray (the media) in a

different way, too." He says the news media have staked out such a self-serving and

subjective position on open-government legislation that "they can't possibly report fairly" on the subject.

But taking a stand is the nature of lobbying, said Dolph Tillotson, editor and publisher of the Galveston County Daily News, who often was at odds with Sturzl's group during the 1997 Legislature. "How can you fight for your interests if you don't stake out a posi-

tion?" he asked

Tillotson is co-chairman of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association-Texas Press Association Legislative Advisory Committee, which spotted legislation that stood to affect open records and open meetings. Roy McQueen, publisher of the Snyder Daily News, also chaired the

Almost every time we're dealing with an open-government issue in the Texas Legislature, we look up and across the aisle opposing us is the Texas Municipal League," Tillotson said.

We do have a real clear position on this, and I hope that TML and everybody else is real clear on this," he said.

"We believe that the records that are compiled and stored and become part of the record of the government of Texas don't belong to TML, don't belong to even the elected officials. They belong to the people of Texas. Hell, yeah, we've got a real clear position and we hope everybody understands that."

A request for documents under the Public Information Act can eas-

ily get stalled through the law's own devices. The law has 24 exemptions. If an official believes requested documents should be withheld because of an exemption or a possible conflict with privacy laws or other statutes, the agency has 10 working days to seek an opinion from the attorney general's office, which has 60 working days to respond.

The hitch is that many officials seek those rulings knowing full well that the documents in question are public records, said Paul Watler, a Dallas lawyer and president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

'As a practical matter, a little bit of delay – even days or a couple of weeks - can be just as useful to them as completely withholding information," Watler said.

"I can't remember a time when there's been so much blatant disregard for requests of what are clearly public records," said Joel White, of the Houston firm of Ogden, Gibson, White & Broocks.

In 1995, legislators required the attorney general's office to issue opinions within 60 working days. That has helped to curtail, but not end, attempts at deliberate stalls, say Watler and other watchdogs.

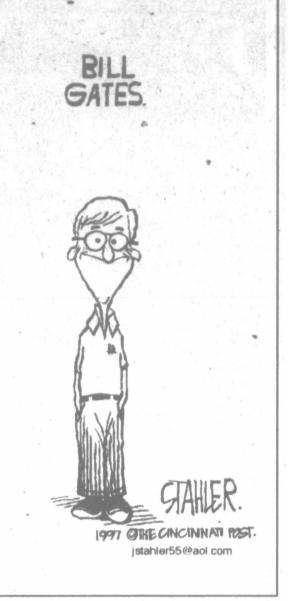
Political consultants, Watler said, can swamp agencies with records requests in efforts to dig up negative information on oppo-

'Many of those requests have merit, but many are the result of politicians and candidates using the records law as bait to go on fish-

Open-government advocates say the public's right to know has been compromised by legislative assaults in addition to court rulings. "Access to public information is limited, number one, because the Legislature continues to pass too many exemptions to (open-government) laws; and, number two, because public officials have this mindset in which they treat public information like it's their personal property," said Houston lawyer Rob Wiley.







Glass is now three-quarters full

Ben

Wattenberg

Ben Wattenberg is the

author of Values Matter

Most and is the host of

the public television pro-

For about 35 years, I have been a counter-cyclical optimist. While most everyone was saying, look how bad it's getting, I made a living saying, no, most measurable aspects of the human condition are improving

(Counter-cyclicality is an old problem with me. Growing up in the Bronx, home of the Yankees, I was a Brooklyn Dodgers fan, and paid dearly for

But now everything is perfect. The Wall Street types say the economy is unbelievably, implausibly perfect. (Even the mini-busts don't seem to last long.) Crime and welfare are way down. _because that would be gloating, and I am not a American soldiers aren't fighting anywhere. Democracy is spreading around the world.

against the grain when everyone else is also cootakes things far too far. ing? I see five-and-a-half choices, some of them interrelated. Stay with me on this.

the details. I will not say, "I always said the say, "The world will succumb to global warming will not say, "I always said America will prevail start having babies.) (sooner or later) in the Cold War" (while many nerve, and some liberals were saying it's about It Can Go Wrong, It Will Go Wrong. As Casey time.) I will not say, "I always said crime and Stengel used to say, that is a true fact. But there is

gram Think Tank.

gloater (often). I could say It's Even Better Than You Think. For So what's a CCO to do? How can an optimist be example: Look, no riots this summer. But that

I could - eek! - switch and become a countercyclical pessimist. I could say, "This won't last, I could say I Told You So. Because I do not look at the dark clouds on the horizon no larger intend to take this path, I will not bore you with than a man's fist, but swelling rapidly." I could economy was doing better than the pessimoans if we all don't start gathering our own roots and were saying." (Now confirmed by data showing berries." But I don't believe that. (Except that miscalculations in the Consumer Price Index.) I Europe and Japan are in real trouble unless they

I could remind all who will listen never to forneo-cons were saying America has lost its get Murphy's Law. The text of ML announces: If welfare would turn around if we got tough an even more powerful law: Murphy's Law

ascendant at this time. (Progress Trumps Inevitable Ineptitude.)

There is a fifth choice: Murphy's Law Amended Again. This folk statue holds that even though ML is overridden by MLA, there will be people with vested interests who make the case that there are hidden demons out there. In good times like these it takes a while for such goblin-mongers to surface, but, trust me, they will arrive. (Special Interests Fight The Perception of

(Think Teamsters. They argued that part-time workers at UPS, most of them part-time by choice and about half of them college students, making \$11 an hour with a full complement of benefits, were proof that "working people" were cruelly shortchanged. And who are the working people in Teamster-talk? Are they the 10 percent of the private labor force in unions, sweating profusely while the rest of us sip claret in our smoking jackets and clip coupons?)

So I will ride out the public acknowledgment of good times knowing that MLAA will prevail. That leaves me with my own half-a-choice, 5 1/2. Sooner or later, I can once again be anti-MLAA, that is, a counter-cyclical optimist. Do you follow me?

That leaves out only one thought, which supersedes even anti-MLAA. The measurable aspects of the human condition are indeed better than ever before. We live longer. We are healthier. All that is very important. But we don't fly to the again." I will not say, "I always said the Amended. The essence of MLA stipulates that moon on gossamer wings. Personally, life is still Democratic Party could eventually change its even as everything that can go wrong is going too tragic. And most people are at least a little bit ways." (We shall see about that. No one's per- wrong, the tide of measurable human progress is nuts. That comes with the territory. Even counterfect.) I will not say any of those things here so powerful that the track of our species remains cyclical optimists ought not maintain otherwise.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of 1997. There are 120 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally War II.

On this date:

homes but only a few lives.

In 1789, the U.S. Treasury Department was established.

In 1864, during the Civil War, forces occupied Atlanta.

In 1901, Vice President Theodore about Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak Newfoundland. softly and carry a big stick," in a Ten years ago: West German pilot

into the Florida Keys, claiming 423

In 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam an independent republic. In 1963, Alabama Gov. George C. surrendered in ceremonies aboard Wallace prevented the integration the USS Missouri, ending World of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state troop-

In 1666, the Great Fire of London In 1963, The CBS Evening News broke out, claiming thousands of was lengthened from 15 to 30 min-

> In 1969, North Vietnamese president Ho Chi Minh died.

In 1985, it was announced that a Union Gen. William T. Sherman's U.S.-French expedition had located the wreckage of the Titanic 560 miles

speech at the Minnesota State Fair. Mathias Rust, who flew a private

trail, President Bush announced Rhythm-and-blues singer Rosalind nearly \$2 billion in new aid for U.S. Ashford (Martha & the Vandellas) sale that would largely benefit Football Hall-of-Famer Terry students to finance tax cuts for the 42.

the Philippine government signed (The Mavericks) is 38. Actor Keanu a pact formally ending a 26-year Reeves is 33. Actress Salma Hayek insurgency that killed more than is 29. Rhythm-and-blues singer K-120,000 people.

Today's Birthdays: Author-con- Thompson is 23.

In 1935, a hurricane slammed plane from Helsinki, Finland, to servationist Cleveland Amory is 80. Moscow's Red Square, went on Former Sen. Alan K. Simpson, Rtrial in the Soviet capital. Rust, who Wyo., is 66. Former Baseball was convicted and given a four- Commissioner Peter Ueberroth is year sentence, was released Aug. 3, 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Gooden (The Impressions) is 58. Five years ago: On the campaign Singer Jimmy Clanton is 57. farmers and a \$6 billion jet fighter is 54. Singer Joe Simon is 54. Texas. Democrat Bill Clinton, Bradshaw is 49. Actor Mark meanwhile, charged that Bush Harmon is 46. Tennis player Jimmy would shortchange middle-class Connors is 45. Actress Linda Purl is Rock musician Jerry Augustyniak (10,000 Maniacs) is One year ago: Muslim rebels and 39. Country musician Paul Deakin Ci (Jodeci) is 28. Singer Tony

Challenges of the post-feminist age

All her life, my friend Julie has defined herself against her mother. "She wanted me to get married and have babies, because that's what she did," says Julie, who recalls the day when, as a teenager, she told her mother that she wanted to go to law school. "She asked me what I would do when my husband has to pay off my loans, and I said 'Well I'm not going to get married' and that was that.' But now, at 31, Julie sees the limitations of

this reasoning. "The problem is, you get trapped. I feel like I'm not making my own decisions but I'm just reacting. So does that an engagement ring, her husband's name, and make me any better? Am I really freer than my a big white dress - defined who she was to mother was?' That's the challenge of being a woman in the

post-feminist age: How do you cut through all he various controversies surrounding ask me, but they shouldn't assume anything." women's lives and simply make your decisions? How do you keep personal choices from being perceived as political statements? And why does everything have to be so loaded?

Amy found that her decision not to wear one was met with myriad comments from friends and family. "I'm not really a jewelry person and there just seemed like better things we always put a political spin on it.

the opposite lens. She found that her tradition- her in a different way. al wedding - complete with the acquisition of But this is the kind of thinking that women, never really be free.



Eckel

many onlookers. "People would say, 'Oh, you're traditional,' when I kind of felt that that was none of their business. Not that they can't

Of course, sometimes the decisions we make are political. Amy admits that she didn't like the idea of wearing something that essentially says "taken" when her fiancee wore no such Take the engagement ring issue. My friend marker. "But it doesn't bother me if other mies and it gets men - who, after all, are still women do."

And that, of course, is the key: to not be bothered by what other women do. Which isn't always easy. I confess that when I hear could do with \$10,000," she says. "But people that a friend or acquaintance has decided to take her husband's name, I do feel a slight Rebecca, on the other hand, saw things from sting of disappointment - it does make me see

on all sides of the political spectrum, need to get away from. The culture wars are waged on the premise that so-called "traditional" and "new" women somehow threaten each other, that the two cannot exist in harmony. Some women blame feminism for all the

confusion, but to me that's like blaming the invention of the automobile for the fact that you get stuck in traffic sometimes. True, we probably wouldn't be in this jam if we were still driving horses and buggies, but I for one am glad we have cars.

To me, the real problem has been the divideand-conquer mentality of our culture. Serious debate over women's issues in this country has become nearly impossible because the politicians and the media prefer to stage catfights - in which feminist and antifeminist women snipe at each other, both accusing the other side of being the enemy of "real" women. The tactic is an effective one, as it sends the message that we are our worst enepretty much in control of every major corporation and government institution - completely off the hook

We need to learn to ignore all the babble about how women should and should not behave. But before we can do that, we must stop judging each other. Because until we learn to respect each other's choices, we will

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Championship competition



Faustine Curry sits atop her horse Bugsy McGown and poses with trainer Susan Clune of Edmond, Okla., after a top ten finish in the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show in Fort Worth.

Music department encourages community participation

campus.

Strecker, music department chair. This past will be meeting from 6:30-9 p.m. on Tuesday 2056, ext. 728.

Frank Phillips College music department and traveled to New York to perform at Building with Enid Hays, adjunct music will be practicing from 6:30-9 p.m. begin- Carnegie Hall. The public is encouraged to instructor, directing. Again, the public is ning Sept. 8 in the Fine Arts Building on join this wonderful community organiza- invited to come and join. tion. There are openings in all sections.

The choir will be directed by Judy In addition, the FPC Chamber Orchestra department at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-

BORGER - The Community Choir of year, the choir had more than 40 members evenings beginning Sept. 9 in the Fine Arts

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Largest black denomination weighs fate of embattled leader

DENVER (AP) - The humbled president of the nation's largest black denomination sought forgiveness as other ministers pressed for his resignation Monday over alleged personal and financial

The board of the 8.5-million-member National Baptist Convention U.S.A. was to meet late Monday to take up allegations the Rev. Henry Lyons of St. Petersburg, Fla., used church accounts to buy expensive jewelry, a Mercedes-Benz and a \$700,000 home with a woman other than his wife.

On Sunday night, a contrite Lyons bowed his head and thanked supporters at a packed prayer meeting where speakers praised him for admitting mistakes in his handling of church funds. He denied criminal wrongdoing.

"I think it's going to be the greatest hour for spiritual redemption in the history of the Christian church," said the Rev. Acen Phillips of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Denver, a church vice president and Lyons supporter.

However, a coalition representing 350 churches announced plans Monday to fight for Lyons' ouster, even if the 200-member governing board allows him to stay on. The mechanism for overriding the board is unclear.

"As Christians, we are taught to love everybody and forgive," said the Rev. John J. Barfield of Phillippian Baptist Church in Philadelphia, spokesman for the Coalition for a Better Convention. "At the same time, we cannot carry out and conduct business as

Behind-the-scenes negotiations between church leaders and Lyons took place throughout the day Monday. A source close to the talks who spoke on condition of anonymity said the discussions involved Lyons remaining as president through the annual meeting, then resigning. The Rev. S.C. Cureton of South Carolina, a church vice president who is second-in-command, would take over the top spot until new elections could be held.

Lyons, 55, was elected three years ago on a reform slate that promised to open the group's financial records to its members and move it in the politically active direction the Rev. Martin Luther King envisioned nearly four decades ago.

Lyons started off strong by establishing a close relationship with President Clinton, reducing church debt and helping form an economic development corporation for black churches.

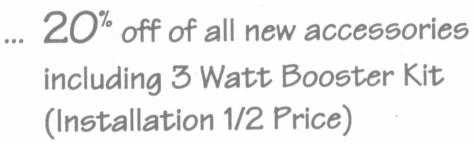
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Woman Fears Small Slip Will Let Big Secret Out Of The Bag

DEAR ABBY: I did a careless thing and I don't know what to do next. My mother and I have kept a big secret (I will not divulge the secret) within the family since I was a small child.

This secret has involved numerous lies to outsiders. I asked Mother for permission to discuss the secret with my psychiatrist, and she agreed. We were both comfortable with this, knowing that psychiatrists cannot reveal what their patients discuss.

I did not ask for permission to discuss it with my support group. However, I did discuss it - and now I'm worried that one of the other members of the group will mention it to someone outside, and my indiscretion will come back to haunt me.

Mother does not know I did this. She and I are extremely close and I know she senses my nervousness. My question: Should I confess to Mother and clear my conscience, or should I pretend that nothing happened? This is tearing me up inside. feel physically ill and I'm extremely depressed. My mother has been through enough and I don't want to hurt her, but I cannot forget what I have done

FEELING GUILTY

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: It is unlikely that your secret will be discussed outside your therapy group, where generally, confidentiality is required. Dis-

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yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your

Abigail Van Buren

COLUMNIST cuss your fears with your psychiatrist, and ask him or her to make an announcement reiterating confidentiality at the next group session. Since you feel that your mother would be upset by your disclosure, say

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yourself, and let it go.

DEAR ABBY: I was baffled by your response to "Stressed Out in Whitehall, Pa.," who wrote to you concerning a piano that her sister had given her seven years before

nothing to her. Then forgive

and now wanted returned. You practically ignored the piano issue, which was the point of the woman's letter, advising her to return it and then went on to give her an abundance of information about the chronic fatigue syndrome she mentioned she was suffering from.

Although I'm sure "Stressed Out" appreciated your concern for her health, she wrote to you about the piano. Why should she, immedi-

10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not lock

yourself into a tight schedule today. Spur-

of-the-moment developments that come

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Advan-

tageous developments are in the offing

for you in this cycle, but they might not

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today,

if you find yourself focused on a particular

ditions that affect your career or finances

Keep an open mind.

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chummy in the year ahead could help or her mind as well. Try to open commu-

learn firsthand the benefits of construc- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Con-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something could improve today Be prepared to cap-

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source. It could be related to an endeavor AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will

you have launched recently. Virgo, treat be restless today if you aren't involved in

Astro-Graph predictions for the year tion and intelligence. Seek creative out-

1758. Murray Hill Station. New York, NY negotiating a commercial arrangement

Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you're today.

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from left field could be quite beneficial.

ately upon her sister's request, return a piano that was given to her and that she had kept for seven

You excused the sister's rude actions by stating that she may have been unaware of "Stressed Out's" illness. Regardless of her health, if she still plays the piano and derives pleasure from it, I see no reason why she should give it up. The piano was given to her, and her sister will just have to learn to deal

A FELLOW PIANIST IN HILLSBOROUGH, CALIF.

DEAR FELLOW PIANIST: "Stressed Out" said her sister "insists that she told me seven years ago that she was giving me the piano with the stipulation that if one of her children or grandchildren should decide some time in the future that they wanted to play, I would return it."

As a fellow pianist, you certainly must be aware that a good piano is a big-ticket item. Rather than create ill will on the part of her sister, her niece and her grandniece - as well as to keep peace in the family - I advised her to return the disputed piano. I stand by my answer.

today, don't tip your hand prematurely.

Wait until it is time to close, then play

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your luck is

still holding in developments that require

a collective effort. Continue to enlist a

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Put your

innovative talents to work for you today.

An objective that can't be achieved by

traditional methods can be attained if

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Worthwhile

information could be passed onto you

today by a friend with whom you'll be

involved socially. It could stem from a few

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be on the

lookout for unusual opportunities today

that could provide additional earnings for

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though you

may have your mind set upon doing

something a specific way, don't discount

bright alternatives that pop into your head

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you from an untapped source.

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you're resourceful.

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A COFFEE TABLE, 2 LAMPS

LOOK, SIS- I NEED A CAR MORE THAN YOU DOL

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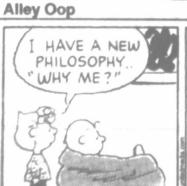




"All summer I was in orbit.

Now my worry is re-entry."





Peanuts











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The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest

Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

Notebook

FOOTBALL

PAMPA - The Pampa Harvesters open the 1997 season on Saturday against the Lubbock Estacado Matadors. Gametime is 2 p.m. at Lubbock's Lowrey Field.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) Jeromy Burnitz had three hits, including a two-run double, and the Milwaukee Brewers sent the NL Centralleading Houston Astros to their fifth straight loss, 3-2.

The Brewers improved their interleague record to 7-6 and remained 3 1/2 games behind Cleveland in the AL Central. Houston fell to 3-10 in interleague play with Monday's loss, but stayed 2 1/2 games ahead of Pittsburgh.

Joel Adamson (5-2) pitched five innings and allowed four hits for the win. He walked one and struck out two.

Jones earned his 30th save, the fifth time he's reached the mark in his career. He last did it in 1992 when he had 36 saves for Houston.

Chris Holt (8-10) lasted seven innings, giving up three runs on seven hits and four walks.

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RUIDOSO DOWNS, N.M. (AP) — Trainer Donna McArthur knew she had a fast racehorse in Corona Cash, but before she could take her to the track, McArthur had to find out what made the filly happy.

"She didn't like to be in a stall," said McArthur. "And to be a superior athlete, you have to get plenty of rest and you have to eat. She didn't do that at first."

Eventually, McArthur figured out that Corona Cash preferred to get as much sunlight and fresh air as she could while stabled at Los Alamitos in California. The solution was an open-aired

"Once we smoothed out her quirks, she's been nothing but a dream," said McArthur.

A dream horse that Monday beat some of the fastest 2-year-olds in the country in the 39th running of the \$1.6 million All American Futurity Ruidoso Downs.

GENERAL

DALLAS (AP) — Nate Newton of the Dallas Cowboys testified for more than an hour today before a grand jury looking into accusations that the player raped his former girlfriend.

Newton was the second witness called today.

"It was a very traumatic experience," said Newton's lawyer, Howard Shapiro. "He wishes he was anywhere else in the world right now.'

Last week, the 31-year-old woman who accused Newton of raping her in her mobile home on June 15 testified before the panel, which will decide whether to indict Newton.

Shapiro noted that the 35year-old offensive lineman has not been charged with a crime and has said Newton denies the allegations.

"I don't like anyone having to go through the criminal process when I believe they shouldn't be here," Shapiro

Shapiro said he had documents and scientific evidence to present. He declined to say whether that evidence was an analysis of an answering machine tape of a purported

woman and Newton. "He didn't commit a crime," he said. "It's alleged he forced her to participate in a sexual act and there was no force used."

conversation between the

The unidentified woman's attorney, David Cole, had said he gave prosecutors a tape of a recorded telephone conversation in which Newton seemingly acknowledges to the woman that some type of misconduct took place.

Borger's Phillips claims Top O' Texas title

Sports Editor

BORGER — Pampa's Phil Everson and Borger's Les Phillips will be teammates on the North Texas State golf team this fall. But Monday they were rivals in a two-man battle in the final round for the Top O' Texas cham- 69-70-69-280; 4. Clint Deeds 72pionship.

Phillips won out, turning a third-round, 5-under par 66 into a three-stroke victory at the Pampa Country Club course. Phillips — who was trailing Amarillo's James Bischof by one stroke and leading Everson by one after the first two rounds starting taking command after consecutive birdies on No. 2 and 3 of the third round. With six birdies on the back nine, Phillips gained a four-stroke advantage going into the last 18 holes. Everson had a third-round 69.

"That third round was definitely the difference. I was able to putt real well and hit some wedge shots that helped me out," Phillips said. "I just hung on in the last round, waiting for Phil to catch me."

Nobody caught Phillips, who finished with a 71 and an 8under-par total of 276. His 66 226; John Kaplan 78-78-70-226; was the low round of the tournament. Everson was second at 279 Frank McCullough 70-77-80and finished the day with a 1under par 70. Andrew Maloney of Roswell, N. M. was third at

Clint Deeds, the 1986 TOT winner, was fourth at 281. Bischof, who won the tournament in 1992, finished fifth at 282. Both shot 69's the fourth and final

President's fligh

Hart Warren Top O' Texas Tournament Final results Championship flight

1. Les Phillips 69-70-66-71 276; 2. Phil Everson 68-72-69-70 279; 3. Andrew Maloney 72-69-71-69-281; 5. James Bischof 70-68-75-69-282; 6. Kyle Kelting 69-75-69-71—284; 7. Steve Rogers 70-73-72-72—287; 8. Cory Smith 70-73-70-75—288; 9. (tie) Bob Freeman 72-72-73-73—290; Rex Hughes 69-75-72-74-290; 11. Doug McFatridge 76-69-73-73-291; 12. (tie) Jay New 71-76-71-74—292; Cory Reneau 72-71-71-78-292; 14. Dan Nicolet 70-75-75-73-293; 15. Jason Jeter 73-73-76-73-295; 16. (tie) Nick Hughes 71-72-77-76—296; Barry Terrell 71-77-77-71--296; 18. Reddell 74-74-72-78-298; 19. Everitt Dobson 74-73-79-299.

President's flight

1. Tom Rowe 71-71-76—218; 2 David Fatheree 75-73-72-220; Brian Bim 71-75-76-222; 4. Roy Don Stephens 70-76-77-223; 5 Craig Davis 75-73-76-224; 6. (tie) Don Carlos Bryan 76-73-77-226; Eddie Duenkel 76-75-75-Hank Jordan 78-75-73-226; 10. 227; 11. (tie) Mike Smith 74-75-79—228; Bob Hitt 79-77-72—228 Keith Teague 75-78-75-228; 14 (tie) Steve Lusk 76-79-77-232; Dario Garza 83-73-76-232; 16. John Champlin 80-76-77-233; 17. (tie) Ben Saied 76-80-78-234; Scott White 79-72-83-234; 19. Derik Dalton 78-78-83-239.

First flight winners: 1. Cody Allison 76; 2. Kelly Everson 79; Tom Rowe had a three-round Consolation: Roger David 76.



From left to right are Mickey Piersall, Pampa Country Club golf pro, Hart Warren, former Pampa County Club pro and Les Phillips of Borger, the 1997 Hart Warren Top O' Texas Tournament champion.

Second flight winners: 1. Grant Chase 79; 2. Leroy Morris 80; Bridges 87; Consolation; Troy Johnson 74; 2. 2. Pat Hallren 78; Consolation: Bryan Ross 77.

Third flight winners: 1. Ralph Mackie 80; 2. Neal Koelting 81; Baker 77; 2. Bob Phillips 82; Consolation: Eddy Kelley 79. Consolation: Dale Sillivent 85. Dalrymple 79; 2. Butch Buck 80;

Consolation: Sid Brass 77.

Consolation: Dennis Roark 81. Sixth flight winners: 1. Dwight

Seventh flight winners: 1. Fourth flight winners: 1. Mike Robert Knowles 82; 2. Greg Allen 86; Consolation: Doug Ware 81.

West 87

Ninth flight winners: 1. Chuck Thompson 89; 2. Larry Freeman 92; Consolation: Tyler Collins

Tenth flight winners: 1 Randy Hall 89; 2. Mike Tice 96; onsolation: Sid Brass 77. Eighth flight winners: 1. Consolation: Jim Bob Hulsey Fifth flight winners: 1. Dwight Durward Dunlap 84; 2. Bill 89.

U.S. Tennis Open will have new champion

By BOB GREENE **AP Sports Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — The new stadium will have a new cham- their will on the other. Yet at

Chang winning it now," said U.S. Open tennis championships.

Both Chang and Agassi hoped to move a step closer to that goal today in their fourth-round matches. Chang met Frenchman Korda called it. Cedric Pioline this afternoon, and Agassi will face 13th-seeded Patrick Rafter of Australia in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Africa's Wayne Ferreira took on vice winner. Sweden's Magnus Larsson.

fill two semifinal spots today, with second-seeded Monica in the afternoon and Venus Williams playing Sandrine Testud of France at night.

Sampras won the last two again when he captured that set. men's singles crowns at Louis Armstrong Stadium in the National Tennis Center. Petr Korda on Monday made sure he time in the new 23,000-seat Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The 15th-seeded left-hander from the Czech Republic pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the year's final Grand Slam tournament, knocking off the topseeded and No. 1-ranked Sampras 6-7 (1-7), 7-5, 7-6 (7-2), 3-6, 7-6 (7-3).

"I had my chances, but he's always played me tough," Sampras said of Korda, remembering a tough five-setter the two played at Wimbledon. "I give him credit. I mean, he raised his level when he had to." And Korda had to.

Sampras fired 58 winners, including 24 aces. And when he Draper 6-3, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (8-6). went up 3-0 in the final set, he 18th consecutive U.S Open

match. Korda had other plans. the net and to the other side. stopped Spain's Magui Serna 6-That was my only strategy," 0, 6-3 and No. 10 Arantxa Korda said. "But when Pete is Sanchez Vicario ended Rachel serving hard, well, it's very diffi- McQuillan's run of upsets, beatcult to hit the ball over the net. ing the Australian 6-1, 6-2.

That is really what happened in the fourth and the beginning of the fifth set."

Neither player could enforce times, each seemed to be on the "I see Andre Agassi or Michael verge of doing just that. But an ace by Sampras or rifle-shot of a Pete Sampras, who for the first forehand was answered just as time since 1994 will not be play- emphatically by one of Korda's ing on the second Sunday of the cross-court backhands that unerringly found the inside of a sideline.

A match that was delayed twice by rain came down to the final-set tiebreaker — roulette,

Sampras started the tiebreaker with a weak forehand into the net, then fell behind 4-0 when tonight's final match in the new Korda ripped a backhand crosscourt pass. The last of Sampras' Two other men's quarterfinal aces made it 4-1, but Korda came berths were to be decided today right back with an ace of his as No. 7 Sergi Bruguera faced own, his 15th. A few points later, No. 10 Marcelo Rios and South Korda closed it out with a ser-

After he looked at his wife and The women were scheduled to friends in his courtside box, Korda celebrated with a scissorkick leap. He didn't quite reach Seles playing No. 11 Irina Spirlea the height nor the style with which he first displayed the celebratory move midway throught he third-set tiebreaker, then

Korda's victory, his first in six matches over Sampras since the 1993 Grand Slam Cup, ended Sampras' bid for a third Grand didn't make it three in a row, this Slam tournament title this year — he won the Australian Open and Wimbledon — and the 11th major of his career, which would have put him one behind career leader Roy Emerson.

> "It kind of reminded me of my match against Alex Corretja last year," Sampras said. "I ended up winning that and winning the tournament. This time I lost. Maybe what goes around comes around.'

> In other men's matches Monday, Richard Krajicek beat No. 12 Felix Mantilla 7-5, 6-3, 6-4; Greg Rusedski beat Daniel Vacek 7-6 (7-2), 6-2, 6-2; and Jonas Bjorkman stopped Scott

In women's fourth-round appeared ready to capture his matches, No. 1 Martina Hingis defeated Florencia Labat 6-0, 6-2; No. 3 Jana Novotna downed No. 12 Mary Joe Fernandez 7-5, 6-4; "I'm trying to hit the ball over No. 6 Lindsay Davenport

Lady Harvesters capture Wichita Falls volleyball championship again

PAMPA — For the second consecutive year, the Pampa Lady Harvesters have won the Wichita Falls Invitational Volleyball Tournament. The trophy Saturday with a 15-2, 15-3 win over Wichita Falls Hirschi in

the first round, a 15-7, 15-11 victoing of Chillicothe in the championship match. Junior hitter Lisa Dwight was 26 Falls. of 31 in hitting for the day, with 18 kills, and was named the tourna-

Seniors Tiffany McCullough and All-Tournament

46 of 46 from the service line with 38 points and 9 aces and was 58 of 60 setting with 27 assists.

Coach Sandra Thornton said: "I was most pleased with our overall lowed by a match with Hugoton, Harvesters brought home the big improvement. These teams were Kan. not powerful, but kept the ball in play and we played our game and executed well. In Lubbock, we ry over Wichita Falls High in the self-destructed with unforced semifinals and a 15-5, 15-0 thrasherrors such as overpasses, missed serves and hitting mistakes and we did not do that in Wichita

In addition to those named the all-tournament team, Katy ment Most Valuable Player. Cavalier was 20 of 30 hitting with 12 kills, senior Keili Earl was 20 of April Lopez joined Dwight on the 23 hitting with 7 kills, senior Team. Deidre Crawford was 16 of 17 McCullough was 24 of 25 hitting serving with 10 points and Lisa with 11 kills and led the Lady Kirkpatrick was 11 of 14 digging Harvesters in blocks. Lopez was and 16 of 16 passing.

The Lady Harvester varsity and JV will participate in a triangular match tonight in Perryton, playing the host Rangerettes at 6 p.m., fol-

PAMPA - Pampa defeated Canyon, 15-7, 10-15, 15-5, in an 8th grade B team volleyball match last

Janelle Powers led Pampa with 9

service points. Pampa lost the A team match, 15-17, 15-2, 11-15. Misti Northcutt had 12 points for Pampa.

7th grade results

Canyon def. Pampa, 15-5, 15-6. Pampa points: Sarah Porter B Team Canyon def. Pampa, 15-5, 15-6. Pampa points: Brittany Brazile 3. Stefani Goldsmith 3.

Packers post 'ugly' victory

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Super Bowl champions were out of sync, sloppy and susceptible on offense and defense.

Luckily for the Green Bay Packers, none of that seeped over to their maligned special teams.

Bill Schroeder had 160 return yards and set up all three of rookie Ryan Longwell's field goals in the Packers' 38-24 victory over the Chicago Bears on Monday

But the champs lost two more starters to knee injuries — cornerback Craig Newsome, who will be out for the season, and tight end Mark Chmura, expected to be out 4-6 weeks.

They join Edgar Bennett, the starting running back, already gone for the season with a knee injured in the exhibition opener.

"I know exactly how they feel," said Packers flanker Robert Brooks, who had a touchdown catch in his return from reconstructive knee surgery. "They just have to stay positive.

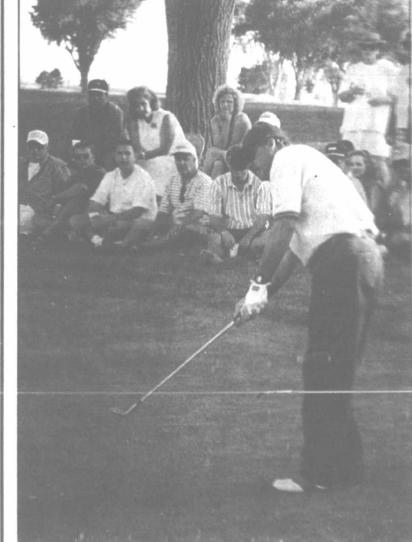
But the Packers find themselves reaching into their depth chart yet again.

"What's new?" two-time MVP Brett Favre said. "It seems like it happens to us all the time.

Last year, the Packers lost Chmura, Brooks and wideout Antonio Freeman midway through their Super Bowl run, although Freeman and Chmura returned.

"We found a way to overcome it and I hope we can overcome this," Favre said.

Coming home



Former Pampan Clint Deeds, now living in Amarillo, chips to the No. 18 green Monday during the Top O' Texas Tournament at the Pampa Country Club course. Deeds was the former groundskeeper at the PCC course and won the tournament in 1986.

Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

DALLAS (AP) - Kansas' Patrick Brown who became the third linebacker in NCAA history to return two interceptions for touch-downs in a single game, was named the Big 12 Conference defensive player of the week

Oklahoma State quarterback Tony Lindsay, who came off the bench Saturday to complete eleven of 15 passes for 104 yards and no interceptions, was named offensive player of the week, the conference said. Brown, a 5-11, 210-pound junior from

Westerville, Ohio, picked off two passes and scored on runbabks of 53 and 21 yards as the Jayhawks beat Alabama-Birmingham 24-0 Thursday. He also had a hand in six

Lindsay, a 6-2, 190-pound redshirt freshman from Denver, also rushed 12 times for 42 yards and a touchdown in a 21-14 victory over lowa State.

The Big 12 specialty player of the week was Oklahoma State punter Jason Davis. The 6-0, 220-pound senior from Kerrville, Texas, booted six punts against lowa State for a total of 311 yards. Davis averaged a league-best 51.8 yards.

HOUSTON (AP) - Selected comments from the Big 12 North coaches during their weekly conference call on Monday: KANSAS (1-0, 0-0)

Next game: vs. Texas Christian Sept. 6 Texas Christian got a chance to see Kansas' 24-0 victory over Alabama-Birmingham, but the Jayhawks don't have the same advantage, since the Horned Frogs are playing their season opener.

But it all balances out, Kansas coach Terry

"We're kind of going in blind because TCU has a new defensive coordinator and they haven't played a game," Allen said. "But I think it balances out. We had a chance to get some first game jitters out of the way. On the other hand, they get a chance to take a look at what we are doing on offense and

- KANSAS STATE (0-0, 0-0) Next game: vs. Northern Illinois Sept. 6 Coach Bill Snyder knew Monday his starting quarterback for Saturday's season opener against Northern Illinois, but he's wouldn't reveal the secret until Tuesday after he informs the candidates.

Snyder is expected to choose among Michael Bishop, a transfer from Blinn (Texas) Junior College, sophomores Jonathan Beasley or Adam Helm to replace Matt Kavanagh.

There is a great deal of equality there," Snyder said. "Midway through last week we knew it would be a tougher decision than we'd anticipated. I knew I had to make a decision, and we wouldn't take it up to game

"I'm pleased with all the youngsters involved in the process. They all have to make progress right now. I'm more concerned about that than who'll be the starter." MIS-

Next game: vs. Eastern Michigan Sept. 6 After reviewing his suspensions of four players last week, coach Larry Smith reinstated two of the players, wide receiver Harold Piercy and nose tackle Donnell Jones. Smith let the suspensions remain on wide receiver Ricky Ross and fullback Nathan

"Last Saturday, I received new information, and I re-evaluated the four suspensions and lifted two of them," Smith said. "They deal with violations of team policy and regula

Smith said he wasn't hasty in making his original decisions. I go strictly on information I receive, and the information I had clearly pointed to four sus-pensions," he said. "I have to make deciions on the information I have, and if I feel

I have enough, which I felt I did, I will act Next game: vs. Wyoming Sept. 6 Coach Dan McCarney was disappointed in losing the opener to Oklahoma State but more disappointed with the running game of the Cyclone, which averaged 237 yards per

me last season. "We have a good foundation and tradition of being able to run the ball, but Oldahoma State did a great job of disrupting our offen-sive line and schemes," McCarney said. "We have new starters in our offensive line and their defense has really improved over last season. They just did a great job of

shutting down our running gam
—— COLORADO (0-0,0-0) Next game: vs. Colorado State Sept. 6 Coach Rick Neuheisel wants the Buffaloes to be a better running team. How much they'll use the run against Colorado State is

I think the flow of the game, as well as the elements, will dictate how much we use the two-back," Neuheisel said. "We've got guys we call fullbacks, and we'll find out soon enough if they really are."

NEBRASKA (1-0,0-0)

Next game: vs. Central Florida Sept. 13

Coach Tom Osborne felt the No. 6 ranked Cornhuskers worked out first game kinks in a romp over Akron. "We generally played well for a game like that," Osborne said. "What concerns you is to play up to your capabilities, and for a first we did reasonably well in that

SOCCER

Major League Soccer At A Glance **All Times EDT** Eastern Conference

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,	New England	12	15	4	28	31	45
	NY-NJ	9	15	1	25	32	41
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'NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for shootout win and zero points for loss Saturday's Games Columbus 2, Los Angeles 0 unday's Games Dallas 4, Colorado 1 D.C. 2, Kansas City 0 Thursday, September 4 New York-New Jersey at Los Angeles, 11

Mets blank Jays

Isringhausen took a two-hitter

into the seventh inning for his

second win and John Olreud

homered off his former team

Monday, leading the New York

Mets to a 3-0 win over the

Isringhausen was making his

second start for the Mets since

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NEW YORK (AP) - Jason

Pete Rose Jr. gets a hit in his major league debut, but Reds lose to Royals

CINCINNATI (AP) — Pete Mike Remlinger (6-7) walked Rose Jr. got a hit in his major- Johnny Damon and Jed Hansen league debut, winning his to start the inning and Bell single father's applause, but couldn't to cut it to 3-2. reach Jermaine Dye's tie-breaking double as the Kansas City Royals rallied for a 7-4 victory innings. Monday over the Cincinnati

With his father, baseball's alltime hits leader, watching from the stands, the 27-year-old Rose struck out in his first at-bat and then singled the second time up. He went 1-for-3 with a walk.

Pete Rose, who tops baseball's all-time hits list with 4,256, held up his index finger to celebrate his son's first major-league hit. Rose also applauded, along with the crowd of 31,920, when his son made a backhand stop on Jay Bell's grounder down the thirdbase line and threw him out in struck out six. the fourth.

Rose Ir. dove but had no last December after playing eight chance to stop Dye's RBI double seasons in Toronto, hit his 17th down the line in the sixth, the homer in the fourth off Pat final blow in a three-run inning Hentgen (14-9) to give New York that put the Royals ahead 4-3. a 1-0 lead.

Phillies down Yanks

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -Curt Schilling struck out a career-high 16 while Hideki Irabu - and Yankees owner George Steinbrenner - left early Monday as the Philadelphia Phillies beat New York 5-1

·A crowd of 50,869, the largest at Veterans Stadium to see the Phillies since 1995, saw Philadelphia win for the sixth time in eight games. The Yankees have lost four of five.

Schilling (14-10), who pitched eight innings on the humid afternoon, raised his major league-leading strikeout total to 279. He also set a team record for strikeouts by a right-hander, passing Jim Bunning's 268 in

The 16 strikeouts tied for the third-most by a Phillies pitcher, and were the most since Steve Carlton fanned 16 in 1982. Chris Short fanned 18 in 15 innings in 1965 and Art Mahaffey had 17 in 1961.

Schilling walked none and allowed seven hits.

Irabu (4-3) was chased before getting an out in the fourth inning, allowing all five runs and nine hits. Rookie Toný Barron led off with a home run, the 12th given up by Irabu in just 38 2-3 innings.

Tailgate parties come to an end for Oilers' fans

sun came up Sunday morning.

It was the first day of the rest of Houston's NFL life. And all around town, football fans were trying to the Oilers, who defeated the Oakland Raiders 24-21 Sunday in their first regular season game in Tennessee.

For some, it was a gloomy and dark day, even though the sunlight was shining bright over the Astrodome roof early in the day, sending glistening rays off the stadium that the Oilers called home for

bright sun, but compared to other opening days in the NFL, it looked stark and deserted.

There were no pregame shows blaring over a loudspeaker. No tailgate parties. No Oilers.

Only the traffic from a nearby Astrodome-area event raced past the parking lot that once teemed with Columbia-blue pompons and

proud-as-punch football fans.

running smoothly outside the aisles high-fiving fans all the way. Astrodome would be a disappoint-

The gates to what once was the cope with the first day of life without Oilers' players entrance, through which walked the likes of Kenny Houston, Elvin Bethea, Billy "White Shoes" Johnson and Earl Campbell, were chained and locked.

If only those Astrodome walls could talk.

Perhaps they would tell of how strange it was for a city steeped in NFL football tradition to now find itself pulled in so many directions The old place sparkled under the and looking for a team to call its own.

> Perhaps the Astrodome walls would talk about being heartbroken but still faithful on the first day of NFL life without the Oilers, much like longtime Oilers season-ticket er lifelong fan unwilling to forgive holder Gene Ezzell.

Ezzell spent the day at home with his family, watching the — now, take a deep breath — Tennessee Oilers on television. He cheered as always but longed for the times when he cele-

HOUSTON - Sure enough, the Did anyone ever think that traffic ning up and down the Astrodome Drayton, Bud blame them all. They

"I used to get home from a game," Ezzell said, "and my hands would be swollen from high-fiving so many people. I still can't even say Tennessee Oilers; I just say Oilers. It was my life."

Maybe the Astrodome walls would be angry at anyone who had anything to do with the Oilers' move to Tennessee, where they will play in Memphis for two seasons before moving into their permanent Nashville home.

Perhaps the walls would talk Adams as true villains, the way they were described by Bob Innis, anothand forget.

"I used to never miss a game," noon watching the NFL - but not tude. the Oilers — at a local sports bar. "Now, I'm not watching them any-The turnstiles weren't clicking. brated Oilers touchdowns by run-more. I hope they lose. Mayor Bob, they were here, I liked them."

forgot about the fans and what that team meant to Houston. They just looked out for themselves."

Or maybe the Astrodome walls simply would be indifferent and disinterested, which seemed to be the predominant tone at sports bars and restaurants and around the Astrodome on Sunday afternoon, when the Tennessee Oilers faced off against the Raiders.

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Near the corner of Old Spanish Trail and Kirby at about 11:30 a.m., half an hour before kickoff, Lisa and Jeremy Gay were standing at a bus about Mayor Bob Lanier, stop on the way to lunch. For years Astrodome USA owner Drayton on the NFL's opening day in McLane Jr. and Oilers owner Bud Houston, life in that area outside the Astrodome was chaos — police officers directing traffic, Oilers fans racing to the gates and a certain eager anticipation hanging in the air.

But the Gays were feeling only said Innis, who spent Sunday after- the hot sun and a who-cares atti-

"I haven't thought about the Oilers," Jeremy Gay said. "When

Rice has knee surgery, likely lost for the year

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) rest of the year because of a knee season," Mariucci said. injury in the season opener.

Rice, an offensive cornerstone of the San Francisco 49ers, underwent surgery Monday and could be sidelined for up to six months. Until now, he had never missed a game because of injury in his 12 seasons

"Not only is Jerry Rice one of the great performers on out footleaders," coach Steve Mariucci going to have to pick up the pieces with somebody else."

Mariucci said an MRI showed that Rice tore the anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments in his left knee as well as cartilage when he was tackled during the second quarter of San Francisco's 13-6 loss at Tampa Bay on Sunday.

Team physician Dr. Michael

"The prognosis is he'll be out who had burst into the 49ers' for his durability and success. Jerry Rice, the NFL's greatest four to six months and it is backfield. receiver, probably will miss the unlikely he will return for this

> Rice, the NFL career leader in touchdowns, receptions and receiving yardage, is an 11-time Pro Bowler.

The injury will end his streak of 189 straight regular-season, nonstrike games. He has played 176 games in a row with at least one reception.

ball team but he's one of our saw Steve Young go down again with a concussion. He returned said. "That we will miss. We're to play and was listed as probable for Sunday's game at St.

> Young said the prospect of playing without Rice would be difficult for the 49ers.

"It's going to test our mettle," Young said. "It's going to test who we are, top to bottom. We'll be able to watch it, you'll be able to see how we do on the test."

Rice was hurt on a running Dillingham was operating on play, a reverse late in the second Rice while Mariucci spoke at a quarter. After taking a handoff news conference. The possibility from running back Garrison remains that another operation Hearst, Rice ran to his left but er he does come back." will be needed to complete the was intercepted by Tampa Bay defensive tackle Warren Sapp.

Sapp grabbed Rice, getting a hold of his facemask, and pulled after the game the tug on the facemask was inadvertent.

many other hard shots, stayed down on the turf in agony for some five minutes before being helped off the field by doctors In the same game, the 49ers and trainers. He returned to the going to get hurt." sidelines on crutches and in street clothes to watch the rest of the

> On the plane ride home, Mariucci said Rice vowed he would be back, applying the same zeal to his rehabilitation as kept him in remarkable shape and injury-free for so many same things."

OK,"" Mariucci said. return. "Regardless of how long I'm reserved on this football whenev-

off-season conditioning program without him "

"It was clearly the most spectacular run," said teammate Brent Jones. "I'm not putting him him down awkwardly. Sapp was out of the game next week, but to penalized on the play and said me what he's done is much more amazing than Cal Ripken.

"In professional football, to be Rice, who had weathered so a marked man for all those years, guys making late hits on him and be able to do what he has done, yeah there's a side of me that thought Jerry Rice was just never

Terrell Owens, a second-year pro, will step in for Rice. Mariucci said he hopes he can continue to run a full-complement of plays for the new man.

"Terrell Ówens will run what Rice ran but we don't expect him he did to offseason workouts that to be Jerry Rice," he said. "We're going to run pretty much the And he said the team was

"He said, 'Coach, it's going to already looking forward to Rice's

"You know he will rehab and going to be out, I'll be back.' And recover as quick as anybody," he will. He's got a roster spot Mariucci said. "You know he doesn't want to go out on that note. It was a tough blow but we Rice has credited a rigorous have to move on and get it done

Environmental leaders tour devastated goose habitat

Kevin Appier (8-11) gave up six hits and five runs in five MEMPHIS — Environmental leaders, elected officials, researchers and media from the U.S. and Canada recently toured areas of the arctic tundra that have been devestated by out - of control snow goose populations.

> The tours were organized by members of the Arctic Goose habitat Working Group (AWHWG), a committee of experts from the U.S. and Canada that was formed to study the problem in 1996. Participants saw first-hand the extent of the damage at La Perouse bay, a small inlet of Hudson Bay that is home to a large snow goose breeding colony. A panel of researchers including Dr. Robert Rockwell of the American Museum of Natural History, Dr. Robert Jefferies from the University of Toronto, Dr. Don Rusch of the University if Wisconsin, and others shared

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information about the overpopulation problems gleaned from years of study.

"In many places, the fragile salt marxh that the birds feed on ins completely gone," says Dr. Bruce Batt, chief biologist for Ducks Unlimited (DU) and chairman of AWHWG. "What used to be an area of lush, green vegetation is now a virtual biological destert fo snow geese. This is the most dramatic evidence of the snow geese overpopulation problem, but it occurs in such remote areas that most people would never see it."

"It is important to build a consesus in the environmental community that somehting must be done to addresss the problem," says Dr. Batt, "and the best way to do that is to show these leaders fiarst-hand the extent of the

Experts estimate that, because of changes in agricultural practices on the birds' southern wintering grounds and other factors, snow goose populations in the central United States have tripled since the 1960s. Such high numbers are more than their arctic breeding habitat can handle.

The AGHWG has made recommendations to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Canadian Wildlife Service on how snow goose populations might best be brought under control. Proposed measures include extending hunting seasons, easing restrictions on some hunting methods.

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Foreign exchange students



Pampa High School AFS exchange students for 1997-98 are Julia Peters, left, of Germany, and Vincent Simoneau of Quebec, Canada. Peters' host family is the Ronnie Parsley family and Simoneau is hosted by the Mike Sublett family. The AFS students were introduced at the Chautaugua state at noon in Central Park.

Crime compensation:

Attorney General Dan Morales announces aid to crime victims to double this month

mum amount of compensation concerned about." to be awarded to a crime victim
The legislation increasing the meetings with law enforce-

fering catastrophic injuries Texas Legislature. resulting in total and perma-\$50,000 from \$25,000.

give them," Morales said. "For tributions are accepted. an emergency reserve for vicother direction on behalf of the for costs associated with travel and food for victims.

Texas Attorney General Dan innocent victims of crime. It is or lost wages related to receiv-Morales announced the mini- their rights and needs we are ing medical treatment or hav-

doubled with the beginning of amounts was proposed by ment. Payments for child care the new state fiscal year Sept. 1. Morales and was sponsored by and loss of support also were The maximum award has Rep. Allen Hightower and by expandeu. been increased to \$10,000 from Sen. John Whitmire. It passed \$50,000 for victims of crime suf- during the 1997 session of the tims, not just those who die, are

nent disability. The cap for General administers the Texas state or out of the country are other victims was increased to Crime Victims' Compensation now eligible, as well as peace "Victims of crime need and comes from state and federal whose employment includes deserve all of the emotional and criminals. Parolees also pay the duty to protect the public. financial support that we can into the fund and private con-

far too long government has Benefits available from the tims of mass violence and terbeen overly concerned about fund also were expanded. rorism. The reserve would prothe rights of criminals. We are Victims and qualified family vide emergency relief and assispushing the pendulum in the members may be reimbursed tance such as housing, travel

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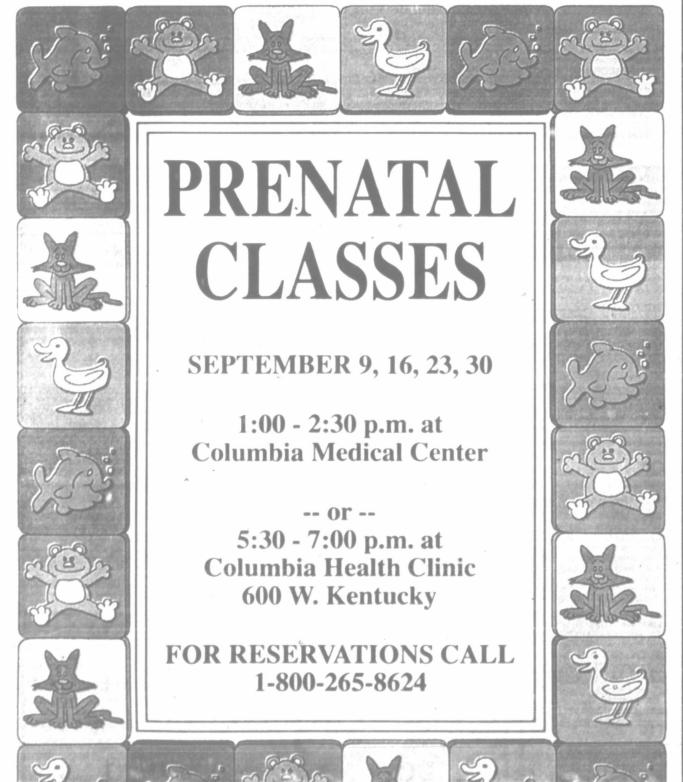
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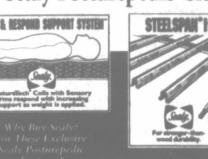




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