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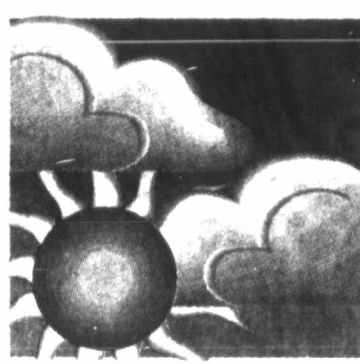
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PAMPA — When school bells ring Aug. 13, school buses will be running to bring pupils to Pampa ISD schools. Students must live two miles from the school they attend in order to ride the bus. All bus stops for all schools are at the same locations and pick-up times as last year. For more information, call 669-4995.

LEFORS — Lefors High School students will register Thursday. The seniors will register from 9 to 10 a.m., the juniors from 10 to 11 a.m., the sophomores from 1 to 2 p.m. and the freshmen from 2 to 3 p.m. For more information call 835-2533.

PASADENA (AP) — Citizens' groups have been told they can't proceed with an environmental lawsuit that sought fines, repairs and temporary closure of Crown Central Petroleum's refinery in Pasadena.

U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore ruled Monday that the Clean Air Act prohibits litigation by citizens' groups when a state regulatory agency has initiated court action to ensure compliance.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has an ongoing administrative case against Crown. The agency has ordered the company to implement corrective action.

- Ronald Dean Giesler Sr., 58, pipe fitter for Brown and Root for 22 years.
- Delbert O. Murray, 83, former sawmill employee.
- David L. "Dave" Smith, 51, former employee of Hoechst-Celanese, Cabot Corporation and was a sanitation inspector for the city.

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National night out...



Musicians, police officers and homemade ice cream were some of the ingredients that made up the National Night Out party in the 1000 block of McCullough. Several blocks took part last night in the effort to get neighbors better acquainted with each other and learn how they can help watch out for crime in their neighborhoods.

(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

College bound? New state skills test required

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

High school and newly-enrolled college students going to any state university or college for the first time this fall will not be able to go to class regardless of current enrollment status until they take the Texas Academic Skills Program test under new Texas legislation.

Joe Kyle Reeve, dean of Pampa's Clarendon College center, said the college is providing two days of "quick TASP" testing later this month to ease the burden of the recent ruling now affecting fall student enrollment.

Students previously were allowed to take nine hours before being required to take the TASP, he

said.

The five-hour test measures student aptitudes in reading, writing and math for state evaluation purposes, according to Reeve.

"And they don't have to pass it, but they just have to take it," Reeve said of the test.

The "quick" TASP testing Clarendon is providing to students on Aug. 22 and 28 is still the same length, but the results will be available to students in 48-hours according to National Evaluation Systems, the company which evaluates the scores.

"They're saying they'll have a two-day turn around," said Reeve of the agency which generally takes four-to-six weeks to return the graded tests.

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Police nab 2 suspects in robbery

AMARILLO -- Two Childress men were in Potter County jail today awaiting arraignment before a federal magistrate in connection with a bank robbery Tuesday morning in Hedley.

Donley County officials said two men walked into the Community Bank in Hedley soon after it opened Tuesday morning and demanded money.

They told bank officials they were armed with a knife and a bomb. The bomb turned out to be railroad flares, Donley County Sheriff Jimmy Thompson said.

The men, identified as Jeff Nickell, 31, and Chris Henson, 26, both of Childress, were arrested in Hall County, shortly after 11 a.m. Tuesday about five miles south of Lakeview.

Thompson said Texas Game Warden Gary Self stopped the duo in a white 1981 Chevrolet shortly after a description of a getaway car was broadcast.

Sheriff Thompson said officers, including Texas Ranger Gary Henderson of Pampa, found several thousand dollars in the car.

Nickell and Henson were taken into custody by FBI agents and taken to Amarillo where they are expected to be arraigned today.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

The Pampa Fire Department has a new weapon to help keep the area safe. The new booster will be very useful with grass and car fires although it can be used anywhere. The unit has an 800-gallon water tank and can use two "sweepers" to spray water down from the bumpers, and a nozzle mounted on the front of the truck can be operated from inside the cab. The unit will replace a 24-year-old truck. Operator Mike Reese and Captain Jay Henson are testing the truck's capabilities.

City population drops but sales tax receipts rise

Oil bust sent many packing

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Pampa is losing people, but the ones that remain are generating more money.

While population numbers have dropped an estimated one percent in the last five years for Pampa, sales tax revenues have increased almost 12 percent.

U.S. Census Bureau figures indicate that Pampa lost almost 2,000 residents in about the last 30 years, almost 10 percent of the city's population. The biggest drop was in the 1980s when oil boom turned to bust.

Pampa's population remained fairly level from 1970 to 1980. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Pampa had a population of 21,726 in 1970. That number dropped slightly to 21,396 in the 1980 Census.

While the drop from 1970 to 1980 was only about 1.5 percent, the drop in the 1990 census, according to Karen Babcock with

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the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, who tracks panhandle census numbers, was more dramatic. The population of Pampa dropped below the 20,000 mark in 1990, to 19,959, a loss of 1,437 residents or almost seven percent of the 1980 population. The estimated population on Jan. 1, 1997 was 19,760. Between 1970 and 1997, the census bureau estimates that 1,966 people left Pampa, or slightly more than nine percent of the 1970 population.

Gray County's population, however, showed an interesting

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Borger Air Show Friday, Saturday

The Borger Chamber of Commerce "Airfare '98" is scheduled for this Friday and Saturday. The Chamber announced it will be the biggest show they've held.

Among the scheduled events will be military demonstrations, aerobatics performances, displays and plane rides for the general public.

The Chamber announced that the featured attraction this year will be a Lockheed Constellation. The Constellation was the main airliner used by TWA in the late 50's and 60's. This particular plane was made in 1959.

Also scheduled to appear are an air force B-1 Bomber, a Stealth Fighter and an F-16 Fighter, all giving demonstrations Friday night. Plane rides will begin at 4:30 p.m. and flight demonstra

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Daily Record

Obituaries

RONALD DEAN GIESLER SR.
PASADENA — Ronald Dean Giesler Sr., 58, died Monday, Aug. 3, 1998. Services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Rector Funeral Home Chapel in Amarillo with Jimmy Beggs, associate of Caprock Fellowship Church, officiating. Cremation was to follow following the service.
Mr. Giesler was born at Pampa and was raised in Amarillo and McLean. He married Virginia Lee Bounds in 1963 at Amarillo. He was a pipe fitter for Brown and Root for 22 years. He had been a Pasadena resident since 1968.
Survivors include his wife, Virginia; three daughters, Deana Brawley of Everett, Wash., and Tammy Lee Cook and Karen Fluckiger, both of Pasadena; a son, Ronald Dean Giesler Jr., of Deer Park; two sisters, Martina Giesler of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Denise Ashby of Las Cruces, N.M.; and 11 grandchildren.
The family will be at 807 S. Highland and requests memorials be to Alta Vista Baptist Church of Pasadena.

DELBERT O. MURRAY

McLEAN — Delbert O. Murray, 83, died Monday, Aug. 3, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in McLean United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.
Mr. Murray was born at Raton, N.M. He married Loyce Landers in 1940 at Raton. He was a boiler fireman at a sawmill in Oregon for many years.
Survivors include his wife, Loyce; two sons, Bart Murray of Baker City, Ore., and Rogers Murray of Boring, Ore.; and a sister, Mildred Marnell of El Monte, Calif.
The family will receive visitors from 4-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home in McLean and requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

DAVID L. 'DAVE' SMITH

David L. "Dave" Smith, 51, of Pampa, died Aug. 4, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. J.C. Burt, pastor of Barrett Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
Mr. Smith was born Sept. 12, 1946, at Kansas City, Mo. He married Donna Briggie on Nov. 5, 1976, at Green Valley, Mo. The couple came to Pampa in 1977. He was a draftsman for Hoechst-Celanesse and Cabot Corporation for six years and was a solid waste sanitation inspector for the City of Pampa for the past 15 years. He was active with the Boy Scouts of America for many years.
He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Margaret Smith, in 1994.
Survivors include his wife, Donna, of the home; two daughters, Elaine Taylor of Tulsa, Okla., and Amy Grace of Belton, Mo.; four sons, Jessie Smith and James Smith, both of the home, David Smith and Chris Smith, both of Belton; his father, Jack Smith of Green Valley; a brother, Dan Smith of Green Valley; and five grandchildren.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.38	
Milo	3.31	
Corn	3.76	
Soybeans	5.08	

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

Occidental	21 11/16	up 3/16
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Magellan	104.03	
Puritan	20.51	

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

Amoco	40 5/16	up 1/4
Arco	64 7/8	up 9/16
Cabot	25 7/8	up 7/16
Cabot O&G	15 7/8	dn 9/16
Chevron	77 15/16	dn 3/8
Coca-Cola	80 1/16	up 1/16
Columbia/HCA	26 3/16	dn 11/16
Enron	50 5/16	up 5/16
Halliburton	33 1/4	up 9/16
IRI	6 15/16	up 1/8
KNE	48 3/4	up 1/4
Kerr McGee	49	up 3/8
Limited	26 5/16	dn 1/8
McDonald's	62 3/4	up 1/4
Mobil	65 1/8	dn 1/16
New Atmos	29 9/16	dn 1/8
NCE	42 3/4	dn 5/16
Penney's	55 3/4	dn 1 1/4
Phillips	42 1/16	dn 9/16
Pioneer Nat. Res.	17 5/16	up 3/8
SLB	57 3/8	up 3/16
Tenneco	36 3/16	up 1/16
Texasco	57 3/8	dn 7/8
Ultramar	26 1/2	dn 1/8
Wal-Mart	58 3/8	NC
Williams	30 7/16	up 1/2
New York Gold		288.10
Silver		5.37
West Texas Crude		13.78

Police report

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

Tuesday, August 4
Charles Lee Ballew, 37, 1031 N. Sumner, was arrested on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
John Daniel Driggers, 20, 1135 Varnon, was arrested on warrants.
Judith Ann Johnson, 516 Carr, 42, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, no liability insurance, and being parked facing traffic.
Tyson Evan Enterline, 17, 1808 N. Wells, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance.
Assault was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon.
Theft by check was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, August 4
Eva Lee Gonzales, 26, Hereford, was arrested on warrants.
Misty Lee Miller, 18, 1228 Dwight, was arrested on charges of probation violation.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, August 4
6:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Evergreen and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Clarification

In regard to the picture of Pampa's first baby shown in the Friday, July 31, edition, children on the running board are (from left, underneath the steering wheel) the two Davis children, Kathryn Vincent Steele and finally Avis Heiskell.

Calendar of events

- TOASTMASTERS**
The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furr's Cafeteria.
- WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM**
The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.
- EMMAUS REUNION**
Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 669-3426 or 669-9226.
- PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD**
Regular meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Visitors welcome. For more information, please call 669-0568 or 665-4718.

Emergency numbers

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

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reversal in the 1997 estimate. While the county population dropped from 26,949 in 1970 to 26,386 in 1980 to 23,967 in 1990, the estimate for 1997 was 24,817.
The population projection by the U.S. Census Bureau for Gray County at the turn of the century, however, was 22,421.
The drop in population has shown up in utility connections in Pampa for the last five to 10 years. According to John Horst with the City of Pampa Finance Department, as of June, there were 8,598 water connections in the city. That's up 11 over May, but down 38 from the same time last year. In June, 1997, there were 8,636 water connections.
That's down slightly from the 9,015 water connections in the city in June, 1989.
The trend from 1989 through 1998 was generally down. From the 9,015 water connections in 1989, the number of water connections dropped to below the 9,000 mark for the first time in 1990, to 8,937. The drop of 78 connections was repeated in 1991, as the number of connections was reported at 8,859. The number of water connections increased by six in 1992, as the number went up to 8,865, and then went up another 39 in 1993, to 8,904. However, the numbers spiraled downward for the next two years, from 8,813 in 1994 to 8,658 in 1995, before they showed a rise of 65 in 1996 to

8,723. Since then the numbers dropped one percent in 1997 to 8,636 and almost a half percent in 1998 to 8,598.
"From 1989, the city has lost 417 water connections, or 4.62 percent of the 1989 amount," Horst said.
An interesting side light to the drop in water connections is that the consumption of water has dropped more than the number of connections on a percentage basis. While the city has lost 306 water connections since 1993, or slightly more than three percent of the connections, water usage has dropped 345,265 thousand gallons, or almost 35 percent.
Water connections dropped four of the last five years. But while utility connections dropped, sales tax revenue has risen.
In fiscal year 1993, sales tax revenues for the City of Pampa totaled \$624,153.28. That total rose to \$701,129.16 for fiscal year 1997. According to the state comptroller's office, that is a rise of \$76,975.88, or an increase of over 12 percent in the last five years.
The rise in sales tax revenues, however, while trending up has had its ups and downs. Sales tax revenues rose from \$624,153.28 in 1993 to \$659,707.68 in 1994. In fiscal year 1995 sales tax revenues dropped slightly to \$639,496.01 but bounced back in 1996 to \$672,773.19. Fiscal year 1997, was the first year that sales tax revenues topped the \$700,000 mark for Pampa.

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tions will begin at 5:30 p.m.
Saturday the gates will open and plane rides will begin at 9 a.m. with air performances scheduled to begin at 11:00. The gates will close at 4 p.m. that afternoon.

Several foreign fighters will perform and some World War II planes will be on display.
Advance tickets are \$5.00 for a two day pass and may be purchased at Cybernet, Hoagies, Dyers Restaurant or Texas Rose Restaurant. Individual days tickets are \$5.00 at the gate. Children's tickets for those under 12 are free with the purchase of an adult advance pass.

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COLLEGE

Reeve said he was not only concerned that students enrolled for college this fall know about the approaching testing times, but that high school students who take college courses for dual credit know they must take the test as well.

The cost of the test is \$29 and students must bring two forms of identification — one with a picture. Clarendon will only accept check or money orders. No cash will be accepted, said Reeve.
The TASP testing this month will begin at 7:45 a.m. on both Saturday Aug. 22 and Friday Aug. 28. Call 806-665-8801 for more information.

Suspected polygamist marries niece, facing incest charges

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A suspected polygamist accused of marrying his 16-year-old niece was charged with incest as the sheriff promised to crack down on those who violate the state's ban on plural marriages.
David Kingston was arrested Tuesday on two counts of incest and one of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor and released on \$10,000 bail.
His niece told authorities she was Kingston's 15th wife.

The girl, who turned 16 on Monday and was identified only by her initials, is believed by authorities to have been secretly married last October in a union arranged by her father.
The father, John Daniel Kingston, already is charged with beating his daughter for running away from the match.
The girl went to police after an alleged beating May 24 by her father.
Salt Lake County Sheriff Aaron Kennard said he believes there are others who have been victimized by polygamous relationships, but the difference in this case is that the girl is willing to testify.
"This is the first time that an individual has felt strong enough and been willing to testify against a

family member to put this to rest," Kennard said. "She has been ready to get out of this group and is ready, willing and able to testify."
Kennard says he's willing to investigate anyone who violates the state's constitutional ban on polygamy.
"Polygamy is a tough crime to prosecute," Kennard said. "I don't have in place a strong polygamy squad like we do a vice squad, a narcotics squad, burglary or robbery, but I will not turn my back on any crime, including polygamy."
Kennard said an investigation continues into whether Kingston would be charged with violating a section of the state's constitution, which specifically prohibits polygamy.
Plural marriage was brought West by the Mormons 151 years ago but renounced by the church in 1890 as part of the agreement that allowed Utah to become a state six years later. Polygamy has persisted among religious splinter groups, but it hasn't been prosecuted in more than 45 years.
Experts estimate there are some 25,000 to 30,000 polygamists in the West. The Kingston clan is among the best-known of the groups that practice polygamy.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Today's high is expected to be 84 and the low will be 63 with a north wind between 5 and 15 mph. A 20 percent chance of rain is projected both today and this evening. Tomorrow's high will be in the mid-80s. Yesterday's high was 63. Moisture measured 50 inch.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, partly cloudy with a less than 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the upper 50s. Northeast wind 5-10 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy with a less than 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the lower 80s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast 5 to 15 mph during the afternoon. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, becoming partly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Thursday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High in the 80s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans

Pecos — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Thursday, becoming partly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms. High in the mid 80s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s to near 70. Thursday, becoming partly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms. High in the upper 80s to near 90. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy with widely scattered thunderstorms. High near 90. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 60 mountains to mid 70s along the Rio Grande. Thursday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High in the upper 70s mountains to near 102 along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Heat advisory south central portion today.

Afternoon heat index values near 105 degrees. Tonight and Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Low 71 to 77. High 90 to 96.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms this evening mainly south. Showers and storms diminishing overnight becoming generally fair late. Lows 40s to mid 50s mountains and northwest, mid 50s to the 60s elsewhere. Thursday, partly cloudy. Scattered afternoon and early nighttime thunderstorms, most numerous across the west and north. Highs upper 60s to near 80 mountains, mostly 80s at the lower elevations. Lows mostly 40s mountains and northwest to the 50s and low 60s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Thursday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High in the mid to upper 80s. Lows in the mid to upper 60s.

Human testing expected on anti-addiction drug

NEW YORK (AP) — Human testing is expected to begin this fall on a drug that appears to block cocaine addiction in laboratory animals and might have promise for use against other addictions.

Scientists from the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory held a news conference today to describe their tests of the ability of gamma vinyl-GABA, or GVG, to curb cocaine cravings in rodents and monkeys.
The drug could be an improvement over methadone, the most commonly used antidote to cocaine addiction in three decades, said Dr. Jonathan Brodie, a New York University psychiatry professor who collaborated on the federally funded research.
While methadone is itself addictive, the new drug is not. "This is like if you craved candy and you went to a candy store to get it, only now the cupboards are bare — so you stop going to the candy store," Brodie said.
The scientists said they believe the drug has the potential to also curb addiction to substances such as nicotine, heroin and amphetamines.
"If this can do for humans what it did for ani-

mals, we may have opened the door for addicts around the world to kick their habit," said Stephen Dewey, a brain-science expert at Brookhaven and lead author of the report.

The drug, now used for treatment of epilepsy in Europe and Canada, is marketed by Hoechst Marion Roussel, a unit of Hoechst AG in Germany.
Brookhaven researchers became interested in it because it reduces the level of a brain chemical called dopamine, which causes the "high" feelings from drugs.
Cocaine appears to increase dopamine production. But lab animals given GVG in addition to cocaine retained normal levels of dopamine.
Tests on human volunteers would begin as soon as the Food and Drug Administration approves the GVG for use in the United States. Final FDA approval is expected in October, according to Brookhaven.
Results of the Brookhaven work, sponsored by the Department of Energy's research department and the National Institute of Mental Health, were released today by the journal Synapse.

Early trading sees Dow up

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average bounced higher this morning after an early 75-point slide, hinting at a rebound from Tuesday's 300-point plunge.
At noon on Wall Street, the Dow was up 82.13 at 8,569.44 as bargain hunters nibbled at some popular blue-chip stocks that have been hit hard by the market's sudden downturn.
The Standard & Poor's 500 was up 11.73 at 1,883.85, and the Nasdaq composite index was up 16.36 at 1,802.00, but the broad market continued to struggle.

City briefs

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Penney to close furniture warehouse

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — J.C. Penney Co. will close its furniture warehouse and outlet store in Arlington by the end of October as part of a national consolidation.
About 60 workers in the operation will lose their jobs, Diane Prunty, office manager of the facility, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.
Penney also will close a furnishing distribution center in Toledo, Ohio.

Warehouses will continue operating in Illinois, California and Pennsylvania. Penney also plans to open a national distribution facility this year in north Fort Worth.

Penney had closed two other regional furniture distribution centers in 1997 and earlier this year, Penney announced it would close 75 stores and lay off about 4,900 people.

Chamber Gold Coats



Marking new ownership of Sweet Repeats at 115 N. Cuyler are gold coats (top) Ken Rheams, Lyndon Field, Mary McDaniel, co-owner Sandy Willis, co-owner Linda West, gold coats Daisy Bennett, Bob Marx and Kayla Pursley.

(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowart)

Lovett Memorial Library Staff Picks for August 1998

"Flawed Giant Lyndon Johnson and His Times" by Robert Dallek
The concluding volume in Dallek's acclaimed biography gives readers a compelling account of Lyndon Johnson's presidential years.

"A triumphant portrait of Lyndon Johnson as rich and oversized as the nation that shaped him." —Doris Kearns Goodwin states.

"American Dreams" by John Jakes
The author of the Kent Family Chronicles continues the fascinating story of the Crown family dynasty in Chicago. Moving from 1906 to 1917, American Dreams brings to life a brash young nation taking its place on an international stage as the children of the German-immigrant Crown family prepare themselves for the excitement of a new century.

"On The Occasion of My Last Afternoon" by Kaye Gibbons
The author offers a moving portrayal of a strong-willed, 19th Century southern belle named Anna Garnet, the daughter of a plantation owner who ventures into subjects not considered women's business. Her gradual recognition of the inhumanity of slavery does not prevent her from working tirelessly in a Confederate military hospital during the Civil War. After the war she moves north, embarking on a 20 year odyssey in search of peace, undergoing a miraculous change of heart that transforms her life into something extraordinary as the century draws to a close.

"Finders Keepers" by Fern Michaels
The author introduces a young woman adopted into wealth out of a past shrouded in mystery. When she reaches 19, Jessie Roland decides to eschew her family's wealth and leave Charleston for Washington, D.C., where she marries a senator's son, with tragic consequences. Haunted by dreams of lost happiness, and longing for the early life she can only dimly remember, Jessie embarks on a long journey to find the one place she can truly call home.

"The Pied Piper" by Ridley Pearson
Called "the best thriller writer alive," Pearson introduces his fans to the Pied Piper, a bogeyman who steals children in the night in cities across the country. Police lieutenant Lou Boldt is the first investigator to prove that more than a single madman is responsible, showing that they are the work of a well-financed network. When the FBI becomes involved, Boldt worries that the feds will take the long route and innocents will die. With the author's trademark expertise, Boldt's heart-pounding pursuit is rendered in breathless detail.

"Full Dress Gray" by Lucian Truscott
In the New York Times bestseller "Dress Gray," rebellious cadet Ry Slaughter nearly destroyed West Point when he exposed and solved the murder of a gay cadet in 1969. Now, Slaughter has been promoted to lieutenant general and appointed superintendent of the military academy. It's cause for congratulation — and the occasion for a sequel that promises to become another blockbuster.

"The Eleventh Commandment" by Jeffrey Archer
The internationally best-selling author presents a powerhouse thriller of global politics and international intrigue. Just days before his retirement, the CIA's most deadly weapon, Connor Fitzgerald, comes across an enemy he cannot handle, his new boss, a female director of the CIA.

- Other New Fiction**
- Cornwell — "Point of Origin"
 - Crider — "Death by Accident"
 - Glancy — "Flutie"
 - Fielding — "Bridget Jones's Diary"
 - Turner — "These Is My Words"
 - Wells — "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood"
 - Block — "Tanner on Ice"
 - Reaves — "Voodoo Child"
 - Truman — "Murder at the Watergate"
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Ranch to Rail program reports loss

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

AMARILLO — The average steer in this year's Ranch to Rail North's program lost \$58.85.

The range in average returns varied from a \$38.88 profit to a \$240.27 per head loss. Fourteen percent of the ranches had a positive net return. Profitable entries were characterized by high rates of gain, low medicine costs and high grading, lean carcasses. Ranches that had large negative returns generally had a death loss or received substantial carcass discounts.

"These figures do not include trucking cost to ship the steers from the ranch of origin to the

feedyard due to lack of access to all records to determine that figure," says Ted McCollum, the program coordinator for the program in the northern part of the state. "They also do not reflect interest on steer value or an opportunity value."

These factors and others need to be considered when determining profitability, he says.

Some 1,019 entries from 103 ranches went on feed in October, 1997, at Randall County Feed Yard south of Amarillo. The first group went to the packing plant on March 24, after 154 days on feed. The last of them went to slaughter on May 26, after 215 days on feed.

The steers were eartagged,

weighed and processed on arrival, and each steer was assigned a value based upon local market conditions by Federal-State Livestock Market News Service as a basis for calculating theoretical breakevens and the financial outcome of the program. The steers were sorted into ten feeding groups based upon weight, frame, flesh condition and biological type. Management factors such as processing, medical treatment and rations were the same as other cattle in the feedyard. Individuals were slaughtered when they reached the weight and condition regarded as acceptable by the feedyard manager.

The cattle were sold on a car-

cass basis with premiums and discounts for various quality grades, yield grades and carcass weights. Feed, processing and medicine costs were financed by the feedyard. All expenses were deducted from the carcass income and proceeds were sent to the owner along with detailed performance, carcass and financial summary reports.

As with his preliminary report as the cattle began moving to market, weather played an important role early in the program as blizzards moved through the area from October to December.

The off-truck arrival weight and sale weight, that is, a final weight less a four percent pencil shrink, were used to determine gain, McCollum says.

The average arrival weight was 629 pounds and average sale weight was 1,119 pounds. The steers were on feed for an average of 189 days. The average daily gain for all steers was 2.59 pounds while the range varied from 1.45 to 3.32 pounds. Twelve percent of the cattle gained over 3.0 pounds per day while 34 percent gained 2.5 pounds per day or less.

"Most of the low rates of gain were due to death loss since total sale weight minus total off-truck weight divided by total head days was the method used to calculate the performance of each ranch group," McCollum reports.

Feed consumption for each steer was determined by dividing total pen consumption by total head days for the pen and each steer was assigned its prorated share based upon its days on feed.

Power Weekend geared for Pampa's youth

Power Weekend '98 is slated for 6 p.m. Friday for middle school grades 6-8 and for 6 p.m. Saturday for high school grades 9-12 at 1301 N. Banks, north of Albertson's in the big tent. There will be free hamburgers, chips, cokes (7up, Coke, DP), plus sand volleyball and basketball.

Power Weekend '98 is an event unlike any other. It is designed to meet the needs of middle school and high school age young people. It is based on Romans 1:16. As Paul wrote to the church at Rome he made one thing abundantly clear when he wrote: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

That is our goal for this Power Weekend '98-to help the young people stand strong in the midst of all that is happening in our world.

Power Weekend '98, although originating from Highland Baptist Church, is not a "Baptist" event. Young people from all walks of life are invited. This is not a Baptist thing, it is a JESUS thing.

We have two world champion powerlifters who will give demonstrations and testimonies concerning the work of God in their lives. A band called "Just Add Water" will be playing before, during and after each service. A music minister will be leading in choruses during the services and a young man who speaks to many young people concerning life will be sharing. Each one will be coming for one express purpose and that is to exemplify the power of God.

There is no cost at all though youth. Power Weekend '98 T-shirts will be available for \$5.

Power Weekend '98 is a breath of fresh air in the midst of the life that has been carved out for and by many young people. There have been many businesses and companies give their support to this endeavor. It is a weekend that will change the way young people look at life and each other.

SBA disaster loans now available

Is your business having trouble paying bills because of the recently declared disaster for the entire state of Texas? If you answered yes, you may be able to get a low-interest, long-term loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration. These loans are for small businesses that cannot meet normal operating expenses through other sources.

The drought which occurred June 1, 1997, through July 8, 1998, and continuing; and flooding, hail and high winds which occurred May 25-26, 1998 have hurt area farmers and ranchers. The ripple effect of their losses has now harmed businesses depending on the farmers and ranchers for much of their trade.

If your business is hurting, you can now apply for a federal loan. For an application or more information call the SBA toll-free at 800-366-6303 or 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. In addition, nurseries harmed by the drought can also apply.

These loans are for businesses in all Texas counties affected by drought which occurred June 1, 1997, through July 8, 1998, and continuing. You have until March 23, 1999, to file for the economic injury disaster loan.

New stamp to benefit breast cancer

The United States Postal Service has issued a Breast Cancer Research semi postal stamp. The stamp will enable the Postal Service to contribute a portion of net proceeds above the cost of postage to two government agencies conducting cancer research.

The Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act, enacted by congress in 1997, enables the United States Postal Service to make available this special stamp offered at a special rate of first class postage. It will provide the public with an opportunity to make a contribution to fund breast cancer research.

The Breast Cancer Research stamp is a self-adhesive stamp that will sell for 40 cents or \$8 per sheet of 20 stamps. Although the stamp cost 40 cents, it is valid for postage only in the amount of the current first class rate (32 cents).

The new stamp is available to day at the Pampa Post Office and

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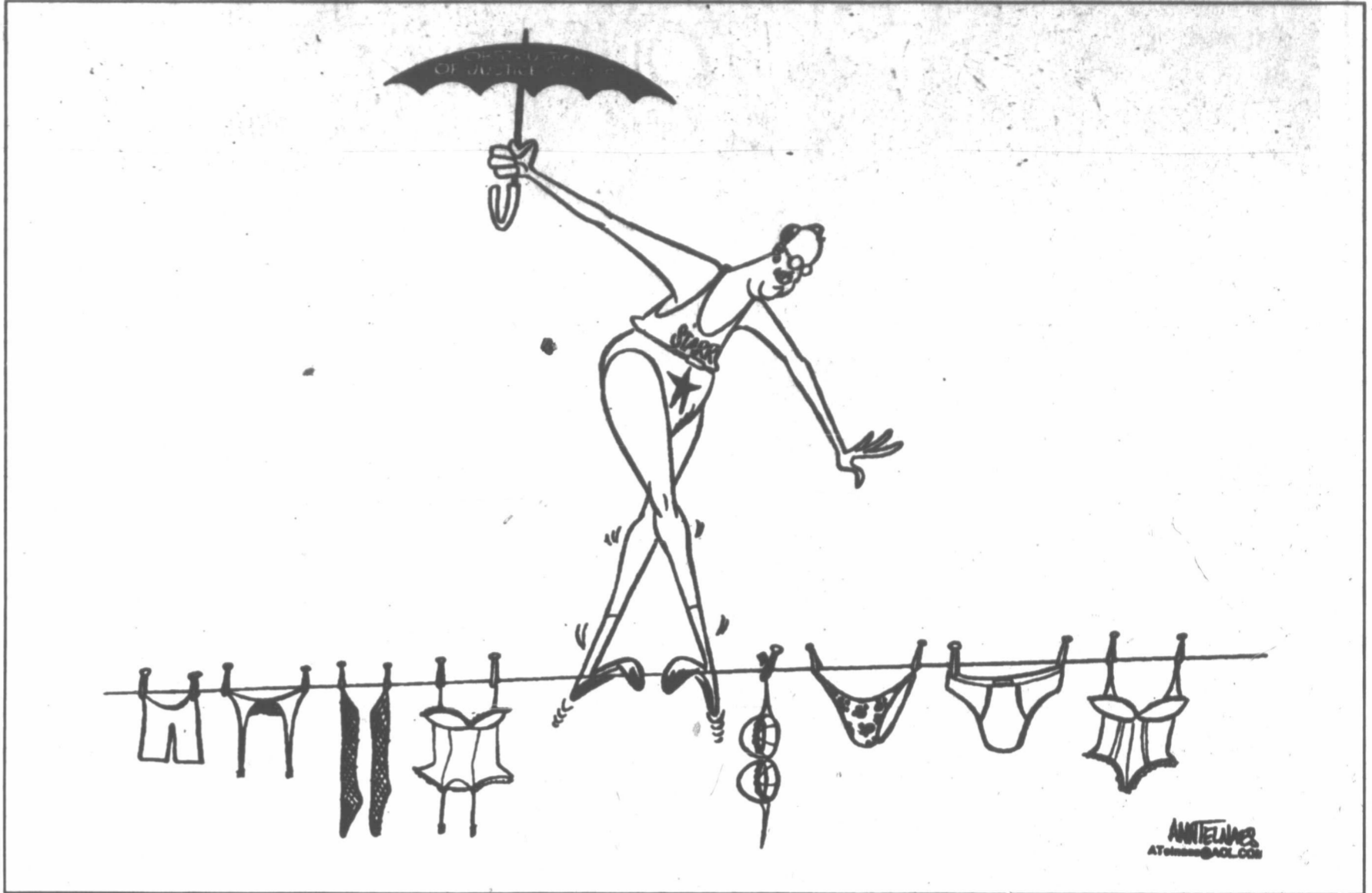
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Inside the
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Rep. Mac Thornberry

Slain Capitol police officers were heroes, made ultimate sacrifice ...

I think it goes without saying that most Americans feel a tremendous sense of loss as a result of the shootings at the Capitol. These were clearly good men who were killed. They were heroes, who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives to save others.

In the weeks ahead, some people will try to use this tragedy to push for their own favorite cause. I think we have to be careful. We live in a free and open society - few of us would have it any other way. And while there may be some structural changes that could be made at the Capitol to further improve the building's security, the fact remains that in a society such as ours there may always be dangerous people who pose a threat to others.

New laws will never completely eliminate this threat. Nor will more metal detectors in our doors. Which is why our last, best line of defense remains the men and women who protect us every day - the police.

It's easy to take them for granted, and it's easy to forget that they're there. But day in and day out, they put their lives on the line making sure we're safe. Before the Capitol shooting, 79 police officers had been killed in the line of duty nationwide this year. Add the names of Officers Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson, and that number is now over 80.

For these fallen officers and the families they've left behind, we should all say a prayer. For those still in the line of fire - whether it's guarding our Capitol or patrolling our streets, we should ask God to watch over them, and give thanks that they are there.

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'Obligations to the truth' ...

Presidential press secretary Mike McCurry is resigning, and he leaves a mournful press corps behind. No White House spokesman has ever been so charming and witty in striving to keep the American people ignorant. None has ever stonewalled with such placid geniality, day in and day out. He was the perfect press secretary for Bill Clinton: both savvy, smooth-talking politicians unburdened by a rigorous devotion to the truth.

The news coverage of the recent announcement by President Clinton read like bulletins from the Official Mike McCurry Fan Club. White House reporters, including some very good ones, have developed affection for him despite his persistent lack of cooperation on the Monica Lewinsky scandal, which happens to be one of the central matters facing the president.

I don't blame them for this fondness. They're only human. If I had to deal with McCurry every day, I'd probably like him. Even on TV, he's hard to dislike - just as Jack Nicholson's film characters are hard to dislike no matter how rotten they are. That's one reason I would much rather write about Washington matters from Chicago than Washington: The distance keeps personal relations from coloring my feelings about people who should be evaluated by their public performance.

McCurry's public performance has been deplorable. He said the press secretary's "first and foremost obligation is to the truth and the American people," which took a lot of nerve. Earlier this year, he described his approach to the Lewinsky matter as "telling the truth slowly," even at the cost of keeping the public in the dark. In fact, he practically boasted that he was doing his best to stay uninformed about



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what actually happened between Clinton and Lewinsky.

His true mission, it became clear, was protecting the president, whether he deserved protecting or not. The only duty McCurry seems to feel to the truth is not engaging in flat-out lies.

My sole experience with him was last January, shortly after the Lewinsky allegations broke. The president was out in the hinterlands talking about Social Security, and the White House press office called to arrange a telephone conference call with several editorial writers from the provincial press so McCurry could tell us about his boss's visionary plan for saving the system. I was delegated by my editor to participate.

This took place shortly after Hillary Rodham Clinton had gone on the "Today" show to defend her husband and claimed that he would love to answer all questions about his relationship with Lewinsky but that a gag order in the Paula Jones case prevented him from doing so - even though lawyers following the case said that wasn't so.

After a lengthy discussion of Social Security, the questions turned to subjects less welcome to McCurry, and I asked if the first lady wasn't being misleading about the gag order. He

replied indignantly, "Absolutely not." But when I asked what language in the gag order supported her claim, he said he didn't know because he had never seen it. What's more, he said he could not provide a copy and didn't even know if it was a public document.

The gag order was, in fact, a matter of public record, but here was McCurry refusing to even inform himself minimally about its contents - which didn't stop him from defending Hillary Clinton's flagrantly dishonest interpretation of it. Given McCurry's approach, it's hard to believe that in 1975, Gerald Ford's press secretary Gerald terHorst resigned partly because the president had not kept him informed about important matters. McCurry apparently would be angry only if the president did tell him something.

Sympathy may be felt for McCurry because, as CBS News correspondent Bill Plante put it, he is in "an impossible job." Find out too much about the Lewinsky business, and he might end up answering questions from Kenneth Starr in front of a grand jury.

But no one forced him to accept an impossible job. The decent thing for McCurry to do once Clinton decided to stonewall - at the beginning, keep in mind, he promised to tell the whole story - was quit. That would have honored his obligation to "the truth and the American people."

But if McCurry had really felt such a duty, he would never have gone to work in the first place for Bill Clinton, who had a rich history of lying long before anyone had ever heard of Monica Lewinsky. McCurry is not a dishonest man, but he faithfully served as the official spokesman for a habitually dishonest president - a job that does not become admirable just because he did it so well.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Aug. 5, the 217th day of 1998. There are 148 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 5, 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her

Los Angeles home; her death was ruled a "probable suicide" from an overdose of sleeping pills.
On this date:
In 1861, the federal government levied an income tax for the first time.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Adm. David G. Farragut is said to have given his famous order, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" as he led his fleet against Confederate ships in Mobile Bay, Ala.

In 1884, the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty was laid on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor.
In 1914, the first electric traffic lights were installed, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Making the military more like us

Secretary of Defense William Cohen announced recently that the military's standards on adultery were too harsh and ought to be reformed. Under the new Cohen standard, adultery will remain a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, but it will be prosecuted only when it interferes with the smooth functioning of a military unit or disrupts morale.

In an approving editorial, The New York Times declared: "The mores and values of military life are by necessity somewhat different from those of the civilian world. But the gap cannot be so great as to create a sense that the military is completely out of step with life outside."

Or with life at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, eh? Even if there were a good case to be made for softening the military's anti-adultery rules, this administration ought to be ashamed to raise the matter. The snickers this new policy evokes are already audible around the world.

"Seems like they want the White House Intern policy in the Army, Navy and Marines, too. Ho ho," observed one Clinton-watcher. Or perhaps the president, recalling his pleading in the Paula Jones case, really believes he is on active duty in the military by virtue of being commander in chief and worries that Ken Starr might prosecute him for adultery, as well as perjury. (The president's lawyers floated the argument that the commander in chief should be immune from civil suits under the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act, which protects active duty servicemen from civil suits.)
The military services each treat adultery in



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their own fashion, and there has been some grumbling that officers are treated more leniently than enlisted men. Still, the new policy has met resistance, most vehemently from the Marine Corps. "Semper Fidelis" (always faithful) is not just a slogan," Col. Stuart Wagner told The New York Times.

If the military's harsh approach toward infidelity is out of step with civilian life, so much the worse for civilian life. But the military also has different priorities. Adultery by its very nature represents a threat to morale and discipline. Two-thirds of the members of the military are married. Wives and husbands (female soldiers exist, though one may still hold the line at combat) provide support and security that make their spouses better soldiers.

Particularly in the age of a sex-integrated military, spouses need to know that adultery is treated as a serious crime. Under current rules, adultery can lead to dishonorable discharge, in which the guilty party loses all pensions and other benefits. Under the Cohen standard, it would lead only to a bad-conduct discharge, with no loss of benefits.

Adultery is forbidden for some of the same reasons that fraternization is - to prevent even the appearance of unfairness or favoritism. When a commander has the lives of his men (and, alas, women) in his hands, his subordinates must trust that his orders are given without fear or favor. If your commanding officer orders you to take the next hill, you must trust that he is doing so for sound military reasons, and not because he is sleeping with your wife and would like to see an end of you.

Still, the Pentagon may be fighting a rear-guard action in a battle already lost. What Cohen cannot see is that loose sexual mores are already shredding morale and discipline in the military. The sexual-harassment problem, about which the Pentagon professes to be concerned, could not exist in a society that still valued virginity among women and honor among men.

To alter the rules about adultery now, in the face of embarrassing scandals like that of 1st Lt. Kelly Flinn and Gen. Joseph Ralston, sends a signal that lying and betrayal are regarded by the military just as they are by civilians, as peccadilloes, not character flaws.

The truth is that in civilian life, we no longer believe in character at all. If people behave badly, we never blame bad character. We blame a bad environment, genes or addiction. The military was the last holdout for standards of honor and self-command - and the military's abandonment of these will be a loss that reverberates beyond the services themselves.

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5	25,025	35,613	2,086	2,968	482	685
6	28,665	40,793	2,389	3,400	552	785
7	32,305	45,973	2,693	3,832	622	885
8	35,945	51,153	2,996	4,263	692	984
9	39,585	56,333	3,300	4,695	762	1,084
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Officials install \$700,000 worth of fans for inmates

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas prison officials are installing \$700,000 worth of box fans for inmates and guards after a rash of heat-related illnesses, including the deaths of two convicts.

Eleven other inmates and 10 prison employees have suffered heat illnesses in addition to two prisoners who died from heat stroke since late May, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The problems are unprecedented in a system where most units are not air-conditioned.

"The heat in some of these units is really brutal," said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Fitzgerald. "Heat rises, so you can imagine how hot it is on the third level of some of those cell runs."

Officials have bought 1,884 large box fans to distribute to 105 prisons and state jails. Most of the fans

had arrived by last Friday, the newspaper said.

The authorities added that the fans are being paid for with prison commissary profits and not tax dollars. The prison system has more than 143,000 convicts and 45,000 employees.

Spokesman Larry Todd said the fan purchase is one of several changes ordered in recent weeks to combat the continuing heat wave.

"We're putting fans on the cell runs, in the dorms, dining halls, recreation areas — any place we can keep the air moving and bring the temperatures down," Todd said.

"We've also modified our work schedules in the fields and are allowing inmates to wear gym shorts and T-shirts instead of their regular uniforms in dayrooms and rec areas to make things cooler."

Among Texas prisons, only medical units and a few other areas are air conditioned. Todd said water misters have been installed in parts of some units. Prisoners are being allowed extra showers and lights are being kept off during the day.

Still, two convicts have succumbed to the heat. Archie White, 48, died June 29 at an Abilene hospital after riding for about two hours on a prison bus without air conditioning as he was moved between units. A month earlier, Alfred Wilder, 27, died at a Crosbyton hospital after collapsing in a prison recreation yard while playing basketball.

White was serving a 28-year sentence for burglary and drug possession. Wilder was serving 15 years for burglary and several drug-related offenses. There were no heat-related deaths at Texas prisons last year.

Fate of O'Keeffe's house in court

SANTA FE (AP) — The Presbyterian Church (USA) has asked a judge to bar the sale of artist Georgia O'Keeffe's house near Ghost Ranch to a Texas philanthropist who wants to restore it.

A church a news release said Presbyterian officials had the impression that sculptor Juan Hamilton, to whom O'Keeffe had bequeathed the house, disregarded a prior agreement granting the church first option to buy it should he ever wish to sell.

Attorneys for the church petitioned Friday for a restraining order in state district court seeking to bar Hamilton from selling the house to Anne Marion.

A message was left seeking comment with Hamilton's Santa Fe attorneys. Hamilton has said he can't comment on the real estate talks but called the situation "unfortunate."

Hamilton has a \$3 million offer from Marion to buy the O'Keeffe house. Marion, who with husband John founded The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and Study Center in Santa Fe, has said she wants to preserve the house for use by art scholars.

"We're just in a holding pattern at the moment," John Marion said. "Either we're going to come to a meeting of minds, or they're going to own a house they're going to have to figure out how to pay for."

Mrs. Marion has said she's concerned the church might not be able to afford the high cost of stabilizing and restoring O'Keeffe's house, which she has estimated at \$500,000.

She said she's been in discussions with Presbyterian officials for two weeks.

According to an independent publication called The

Presbyterian Layman, O'Keeffe's house and land were recently appraised at \$750,000, and the Marions offered the church \$250,000 in exchange for its purchase option.

Mrs. Marion has said the money would come from her family's Burnett Foundation, which also donated much of the money to build the O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe.

A spokesman for the Fort Worth-based Burnett Foundation declined comment Tuesday.

The church owns Ghost Ranch and its conference center near Abiquiu.

O'Keeffe had spent her summers at the Ghost Ranch house starting in 1934. Ultimately the artist persuaded owner Arthur Pack to sell it to her in 1940. O'Keeffe, who died in 1986, did much of her work in and around the place.

Business highlights...

GM to cut 1,000 jobs, reorganize

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. will eliminate up to 1,000 jobs and make other changes expected to save up to \$300 million a year in a major reorganization of its North American sales, service and marketing operation.

The reorganization will change the way the automaker's field staff works with its 8,100 dealers by creating regional sales, service and marketing teams to replace duplicate teams at each of five GM vehicle divisions.

It is part of the No. 1 automaker's continuing effort to cut costs by streamlining its corporate bureaucracy. The announcement comes one day after the company said it plans to sell off its Delphi Automotive Systems parts subsidiary by late next year.

Amazon.com announces purchases

NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon.com shook the Internet community by announcing two separate acquisitions that some suggested could turn the No. 1 electronic seller of books into the Wal-Mart of the Web, directing surfers to a shopping cart full of household items.

While Amazon.com executives downplayed the suggestion, Wall Street was intrigued, sending the company's shares soaring on a day the stock market got pummeled.

Prompting the excitement among investors already passionate about Internet stocks was Amazon.com's announcement it planned to issue new stock to buy PlanetAll, a provider of online "address books," and Jungle Corp., which offers one-stop electronic shopping services.

Bill allows more to join credit unions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress passed a bill that would allow more people to join credit unions, undoing a Supreme Court ruling that had restricted membership.

President Clinton said after the voice vote in the House that he would sign the measure, even though it lacks a key provision requiring credit unions to abide by fair-lending rules that banks already must follow. The Senate had overwhelmingly approved the bill last week.

Those community lending rules, long championed by Democrats and attacked by conservative Republicans, require banks to serve low-income people and minorities in their communities.

Tobacco settlement talks at impasse

NEW YORK (AP) — Negotiations for a national tobacco settlement are at an impasse and no direct talks are expected before next week between cigarette makers and state prosecutors suing over the costs of treating smoking-related illnesses.

Negotiations haven't completely broke off, but "we've reached a point where we've run out of ideas on some significant issues," North Carolina State Attorney General Mike Easley

said Tuesday. "I'd say impasse is probably a better word for it."

Both sides met for four days last week in New York, with some progress reported by state attorneys general. Talks had been expected to resume Tuesday but were called off because "we don't have any new information to share," he said.

Ford sales down 4% in June

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. reported its U.S. sales fell 4 percent in July, but its total should be enough to put the No. 2 domestic automaker well ahead of strike-slowed General Motors Corp. for the first time since 1970.

Ford said Tuesday that continuing strong demand for its pickups and sport utility vehicles helped boost light truck sales 6 percent over the year-ago level, but that was not enough to offset a 17 percent decline in car sales.

Ford attributed the decline to a 27 percent drop in less-profitable sales to rental and business fleets. Total retail sales were up slightly. GM is scheduled to report its July sales Wednesday.

Microsoft goes to court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft is fighting government efforts to obtain the blueprints for Windows software and spend two days interviewing chairman Bill Gates about the federal antitrust case.

In papers filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, the company called those blueprints the "software equivalent to the formula for Coca-Cola." It called the government request for two days with Gates an "unfair and misguided imposition on Mr. Gates' time."

The Justice Department and 20 states suing Microsoft complained in court papers last week that Microsoft won't turn over the blueprints without "oppressive" restrictions and that it refuses to offer Gates for more than eight hours of interviews next week. The legal wrangling focuses on the collection of evidence and testimony expected to be used during the September trial.

Governors worry about Asian crisis

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Revenues are high. Unemployment is low. Surpluses are a happy reality in most state budgets. Yet the nation's governors are worried that Asia's financial crisis will choke their economies.

That was the focus of discussion on the final day of a National Governors' Association conference, as state executives explored a potential dark lining in their otherwise bright economic outlooks.

The day's keynote speaker, Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, said Asia's financial troubles are having "a very substantial impact" on all world economies. Governors whose states depend on exports to Asia should be most alarmed, Summers said, urging them to lobby Congress on behalf of the International Monetary Fund, which tries to rescue struggling economies.

1998 Property Tax Rates in GRAY COUNTY

This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for GRAY COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	\$3,856,196	\$603,654
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$3,856,196	\$603,654
Last year's tax base	\$1,019,887,640	\$1,009,455,518
Last year's total tax rate	0.387100/\$100	0.059800/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on last property)	\$3,850,473	\$602,147
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,042,460,899	\$1,032,188,853
This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.369363/\$100	0.058336/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.427699/\$100	
This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on last property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate)	\$3,850,473	\$602,201
This year's adjusted tax base	\$1,042,460,899	\$1,032,188,853
This year's effective operating rate	0.369364/\$100	0.058342/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.398913/\$100	0.063009/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.398913/\$100	0.063009/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.461922/\$100	

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
MAINTENANCE & OPERATION	
GENERAL FUND	\$1,103,222
ROAD FUND	\$70,563

Schedule B: 1998 Debt Service
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid From Property Taxes	Other Amounts To Be Paid	Total Payment
NONE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at GRAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 200 N. RUSSELL, PAMPA, TEXAS.

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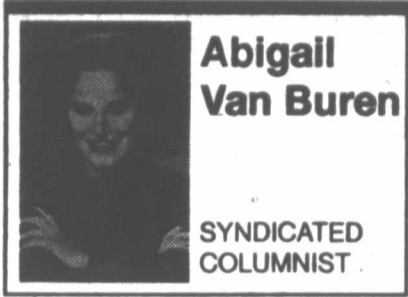
Baby Shower Hostess Finds Her Pool Of Guests Runs Dry

DEAR ABBY: My friend, who is pregnant with her second child, has asked me to give her a baby shower. I don't have a problem entertaining for her, but this is her second pregnancy in two years — and everyone I've invited refused to attend.

Friends I've talked to think a baby shower is only for the first baby or for babies spaced apart by five to 10 years. Perhaps I would get a better guest response if I didn't invite the same women who were invited to the first baby shower.

Abby, what is the limit for baby showers? How many years between babies, and what is the responsibility of the baby shower hostess?

BABY SHOWER HOSTESS IN MAINE



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: In response to the gentleman who was married for 54 years and never received a gift from his wife, it is sad that he thinks he is expected to buy her gifts and she feels she has a right to receive them.

My husband and I have been married for 26 years. We have been rich and we have been poor. The gifts we remember the best were those we gave each other when we were poor. We had to be inventive on a budget.

He would go to my favorite beauty salon and buy me inexpensive trial sizes of the little luxuries I would no longer buy myself. They cost less than \$10, but they are priceless in my memories.

I gave him one red rose from my yard, a trial size of his favorite candy, a note scented with his favorite perfume telling him a special meal was waiting for him at home in the candlelight. This, too, costs less than \$10, but he still brags about it to his friends.

My husband tells me I am wearing his favorite outfit when I am in a sweater and old jeans. I bring him his coffee every morning. We say "I love you" every morning and every night. We kiss goodbye every day, and no night falls without a good-night kiss. These are our gifts to each other. They cost nothing, but they provide an eternity of loving memories.

My heart goes out to the couple; my recommendation is for them to sit down and talk about all the wonderful reasons they are still together. Forget the old hurts on holidays and start over. It's the little, everyday touches that count — and they cost nothing.

CAROL LEDGU, PHOENIX

DEAR CAROL: I agree. The most meaningful gifts are the ones that come from the heart, offered with love. Furthermore, they always seem to "fit" because they are personally tailored to the needs of the recipient.

To order "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

THURSDAY, AUG. 6, 1998
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ When your sleep is disturbed and you have wild dreams, it might be wise to start keeping a journal. You cannot underestimate your creativity. Good news comes from your intuitive actions. Handle those in charge by using your sixth sense. Tonight: Where the crowd is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Establish groundwork now. Make calls, and explore different ideas. Get an early start before others crowd your work space. You're approaching a long-sought-after goal, and faster than you know. Friends surround you. Handle a boss appropriately. Tonight: A must show.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Getting close to someone could mean clipping your wings. Is that what you want? You might be more into the symbolism of a close relationship than the reality. Buy a card to express your love. A boss finally defers to you. Financial gain is more than possible. Tonight: Make weekend plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Express your feelings. Be less concerned with others' reactions. You can't control them anyway, nor

would you want to. Open up to a different perception. You don't have to get locked into a rigid pattern or restrictive thinking. Tonight: A partner has something special for you!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Get as much done as possible. Your imagination leads you down interesting paths. You want to share your dream life only with a trusted partner. Making money is easy. Be careful not to put a friend on a pedestal. Focus on the reality of the situation. Tonight: Start the weekend now!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Ingenuity marks your decisions. No question about it, you see events and people a lot differently. Follow the push toward socializing, meetings and commitment to a cause. A special friend supports you in these changes. Tonight: Finish whatever work is incomplete.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Share your excitement about work with those whom you care. Sort through the difference between money and accomplishments. You see the difference between a user and a friend. Let your imagination go with a child. Tonight: With favorite people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Wade through news that keeps coming in. You have a decision to make. Let ingenuity help you find the answer for you, which might not be obvious. Your seductiveness has impact. Recognize that an admirer might care a lot more than you. Tonight: An easy night at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Monetary soundness is your personal responsibility, not someone else's. Sort through someone's financial plans, then make decisions on your own. You can be sure this person talks a good game. Family backs you. Your intuition is more on target than you realize. Tonight: Take off on an adventure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Reach out for others, and seek information. Friends are only too happy to share their thoughts and feelings. You might not want to hear all that you do. Maintain a sense of humor. Keep communications open. Take a lucky hunch and run with it. Tonight: Spend money to make money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Co-workers and active participants in your daily life are clearly there for you. You might not want to share some ideas yet; you're still mulling them over. Follow your intuition financially, as long as it doesn't involve a heavy expenditure. Tonight: Enjoy being inspired.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Use the daytime to further a cause close to your heart. Romance tickles those with a youthful outlook. It takes as much feeling to hate as to love; they are flip sides of the same coin. Count on your charisma. Don't delude yourself about reality. Tonight: Mystery works!

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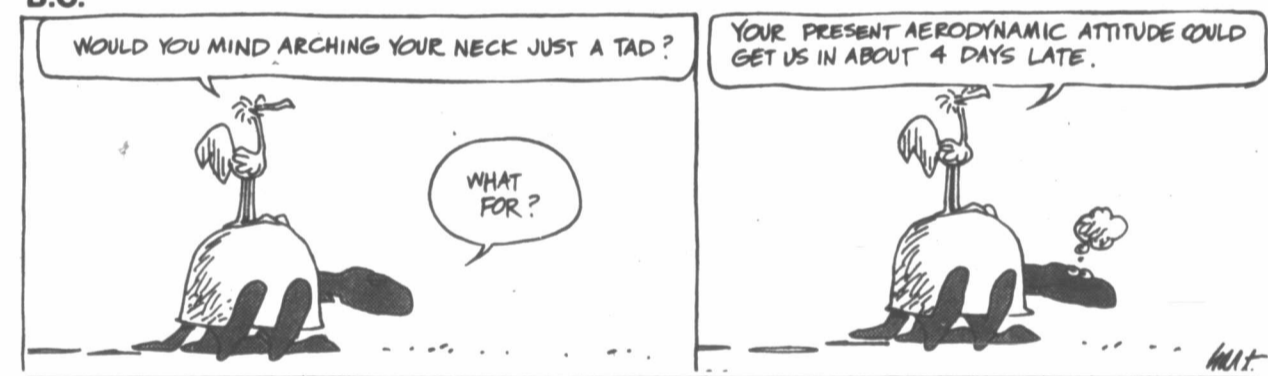
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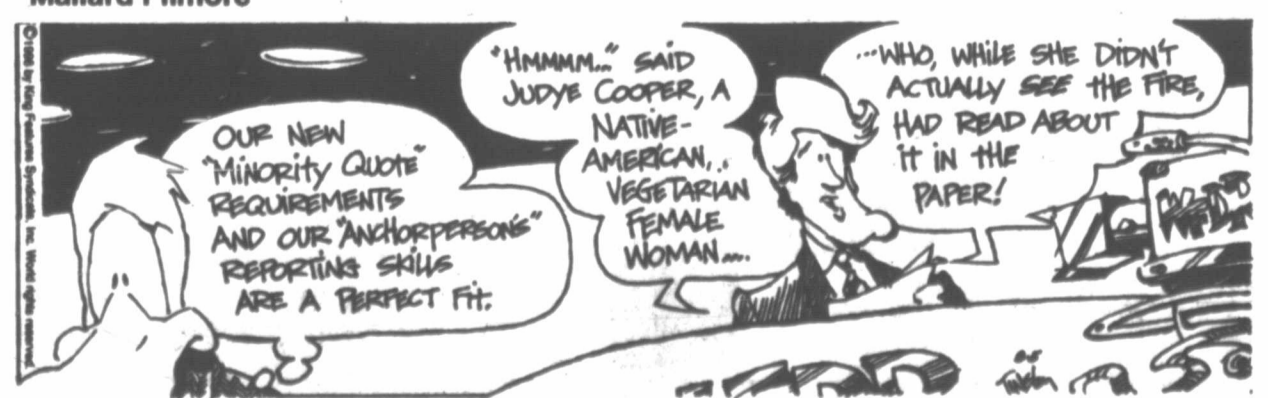
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Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

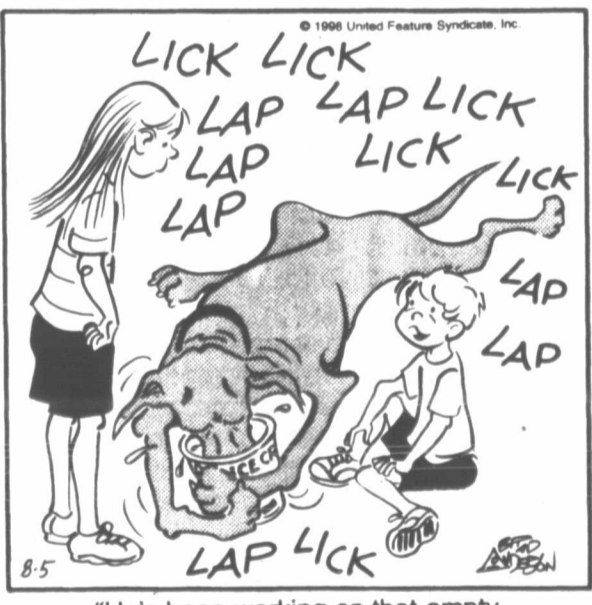
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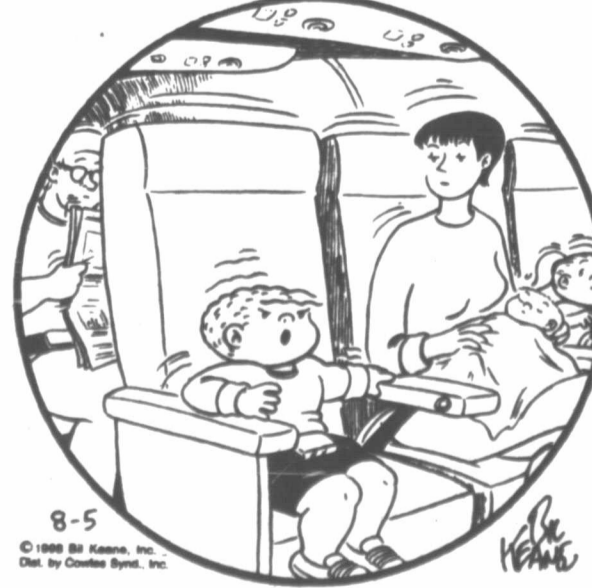
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Marmaduke



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SPORTS

Notebook

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Middle School coaches will be issuing football equipment Friday, Aug. 7 in the PMS boys' gym.

Equipment will be issued to 8th graders from 9 to 11:30 and 7th graders from 1 to 3:30.

If the players have a conflict on these dates, equipment will be issued to them the first day of school.

HONOLULU (AP) — The football champion of the reduced Western Athletic Conference won't have a bowl game in which to play.

With the conference still reeling from the defection of eight of its 16 members, Holiday Bowl directors exercised a contract clause ending their affiliation with the WAC.

San Diego State is one of the schools defecting from the WAC after this season and the San Diego-based Holiday Bowl feared local interest would decline.

"It hasn't been a good year for the WAC," said Karl Benson, league commissioner. "It was an out for them. They can terminate the agreement and they are not required to renegotiate."

From 1978 through 1995, the WAC champion played a Big 10 team in the Holiday Bowl in San Diego. After 1995, the WAC champion played either in the Holiday Bowl or in the Cotton Bowl under a six-year agreement involving the Pac-10 and Big 12.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — David Stern's least favorite arbitrator will handle one more case, and it's a big one.

John Feerick, whose ruling in the Latrell Sprewell case was practically mocked by Stern, announced Tuesday that he has jurisdiction to hear a grievance filed on behalf of some 220 NBA players with guaranteed contracts who are not being paid during the lockout.

The issue is being contested in federal court, too, but the hearing before Feerick will take place first.

"The important thing is that the NBA owners will not be able to delay this case through the court system, but instead will have to plead their case expeditiously before the arbitrator," union director Billy Hunter said. "The players very much want to get back to playing ball, and we welcome any developments that will speed up the process."

The union filed the grievance just a few hours before the lockout commenced at midnight June 30 — an important time factor that Feerick pointed out in his two-page decision.

The grievance is based on the contention that the NBA and its member teams committed an "anticipatory breach of contract" by announcing their intention June 29 that they would not pay salaries due under guaranteed contracts.

"I find that I have jurisdiction and that the dispute is arbitrable. In so finding, however, I express no view of the merits of the underlying dispute," Feerick wrote.

Kenny Anderson of the Boston Celtics was the first player to miss a paycheck. His contract calls for him to receive his entire salary of \$5.8 million on July 1.

Formal collective bargaining talks between the NBA and the union are scheduled to resume Thursday — the first talks since June 22 — as the lockout enters its sixth week.

The union plans to hold steadfast to its position, despite an ESPN SportsZone report to the contrary, citing an unnamed player source, that it will not accept any deal that includes a weakening or phase-out of the so-called Larry Bird exception — the rule that allows teams to exceed the salary cap to retain their own free agents.

Texas Tech given additional year probation

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech starting tailback Ricky Williams feared the worst.

After two months of waiting for the NCAA's decision on whether the school's self-imposed sanctions for rampant rules violations were enough, Williams envisioned a year or more of an NCAA ban on televised Texas Tech games. Or even worse — a ban from postseason play.

But after the NCAA announced Tuesday that it would only add a fourth year of probation to Tech's self-imposed three-year penalty and add several minor scholarship cuts to the list of cuts Tech already made, Williams said the school can put the dark chapter of uncertainty behind it and get ready for another season of Big 12 football.

"The important thing for us is that the guys who go out on the field will have the chance to win and have their win mean something," Williams said. "Who wants to play for consolation points. It's not really right for guys who didn't commit the mistakes to have to pay with their entire career."

Tech coaches were also relieved to have the NCAA's decision in hand, but did express concern about recruiting in the future.

Head football coach Spike Dykes said his staff will have to be at the top of its game in recruiting for the next few years because of the scholarship losses.

"It will be a little harder to recruit with scholarship cuts, but we still can compete," Dykes said. "We just have to make sure that the guys we do have can

play football. With fewer scholarships, there really won't be any room for people who can't play."

Senior split end Donnie Hart said the team needs to focus on creating its own destiny.

"We need to not look so much at what is being done to us and decide what we're going to do," Hart said. "We know that if we play hard this year with the class we have, that will draw in others even without all of the scholarships. We need to focus on doing well and playing football."

Tech took its biggest hit with the scholarship cuts, which limit the school's ability to lure top athletes.

The NCAA is taking away 18 football scholarships over three years; the school had volunteered to give up 14 over two years. The men's basketball team will lose

seven over three years, one more than the school suggested.

Tech offered to lose 7 1/2 baseball scholarships through 2002, but the NCAA increased that by three.

The women's basketball team would have lost one scholarship under the school's recommendations. The NCAA is taking away another one in 1999-2000.

Men's track, golf and women's basketball were hit with lighter scholarship self-imposed sanctions.

Tech also forfeited every victory in which an ineligible athlete participated in those six sports as well as men's tennis and women's volleyball.

In addition to the scholarship cuts, the men's basketball team also forfeited its two NCAA tournament victories in 1995 and said

it would repay the NCAA the approximately \$100,000 it earned. The NCAA ruled Tuesday that 90 percent of any future revenues Tech receives because of the tournament victories must also be turned over to the NCAA.

Tech's football team also voluntarily withdrew from 1997 postseason play, a move that cost the school \$1.75 million in Big 12 bowl revenue and forced the athletic department to slash its budget by 15 percent across the board this fiscal year.

The sanctions stem from rules infractions that date back to 1990, including four teams giving away too much scholarship money, at least 76 athletes being allowed to play even though they were ineligible, and some players receiving free bail from a booster.

Astros tame Marlins, 9-5

MIAMI (AP) — For the Houston Astros, a victory in Miami is unusual. For Shane Reynolds, it's unprecedented.

Reynolds pitched six innings Tuesday night for the first victory of his seven-year career at Pro Player Stadium, leading Houston past the Florida Marlins 9-5.

The right-hander had been 0-5 previous in Miami. He allowed three runs, all in the first inning, and lowered his ERA at Pro Player Stadium from 10.27 to 9.10.

"It's nice to see him get over this hurdle," manager Larry Dierker said. "I know that's a monkey off his back."

The Astros improved to 9-20 at Miami. They gave up a season-high 11 runs in a sloppy loss to the Marlins on Monday.

"We've had an easier time in Atlanta than we've had here," Dierker said. "For some reason, this has been one of those places where we feel like we're lucky when we win, and Shane feels the same way."

Reynolds (13-7) started slowly, squandering a 2-0 lead when he allowed four hits and three runs in the first. Then came five consecutive scoreless innings.

"I was going for unlucky win No. 13 right here, of all places," he said. "It does feel nice to get a win here."

Reynolds benefited from good defense and good fortune. The Marlins hit six lineouts, including three that Houston turned into double plays.

"We hit the ball real good," manager Jim Leyland said. "We could have scored 10 runs tonight. But we didn't."

Third baseman Bill Spiers and second baseman Craig Biggio made diving stops of liners to rob Florida. First baseman Jeff Bagwell twice caught liners and then doubled a runner off first.

"We had some big plays defensively," Spiers said. "When you have balls hit right at you, there's a lot of luck involved. It's part of the game."

Houston collected 13 hits, and every starter except Reynolds had at least one.

"With our offense and defense, as a starting pitcher, if you stay in there long enough, you're going to give yourself a chance to win," Reynolds said.

Golf scramble



(Pampa News photo)

Buster Kelley helped his team win third place in the Nicklaus Division at the recent Rotary Club scramble held at Hidden Hills. The Pampa public course will also be the site of the Lions Club Day-Night Scramble on Friday.

Storm damages track

ENNIS, Texas (AP) — A thunderstorm accompanied by winds estimated at 60-80 mph caused an estimated \$100,000 damage to the Texas Motorplex.

The drag racing facility itself suffered no structural damage from Monday night's storm.

But significant damage was reported to buildings in the

pit area and food court located just outside the quarter-mile race surface and its surrounding grandstands.

Ennis is about 35 miles south of Dallas.

Elon Werner, a spokesman for Texas Motorplex, said repairs will be made in time for the track's premier event, the NHRA Revell Nationals on Oct. 22-25.

Palmer captures discus, shot put wins at Nationals

ORONO, Maine — The bigger the meet, the better Pampa's Wendell Palmer seems to perform.

While competing in the 1998 USF Outdoor Masters Championships, Palmer won both the discus throw (173-3) and the shot put (44-113/4) in the 65-69 age group. He placed third in the hammer throw (127-5).

During the meet, Palmer saw one of his national records fall. Joe Keshmiri of Reno, Nevada threw the discus 191-8 in the 60-64 age group to break Palmer's mark of 189-0 set in 1992.

The athletes were also judged in an age-grade category. Age-

grade is computed percentages to see what an athlete's performance would be in his prime.

Palmer's age-graded mark was 95.41 percent, which was tops in the shot put. Second-place went to Leonard Olson of Pontelle, Pa., who was graded at 89.54 percent.

Palmer was also No. 1 in the discus at 94.64 percent. Olson was also second at 82.63 percent.

In the hammer, Palmer was ranked third at 73.92 percent. Finishing ahead of Palmer were Olson, 77.54 percent, and Joseph Chadbourne 82.12 percent.

Former Tascosa coach Bill Carter also competed in the meet. Jeep Webb of Borger was one of the officials.

Rangers hold off Jays

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Todd Stottlemyre didn't pay much attention to the American League when he was with St. Louis, so he had no idea he would be backed by baseball's most productive lineup when he was traded to Texas.

It hasn't taken him longer to figure it out.

The Rangers gave Stottlemyre a 10-3 cushion before eventually holding off Carlos Delgado and the Toronto Blue Jays 11-9 on Tuesday night. In three games with Texas, Stottlemyre has seen his teammates score 31 runs.

"The way we're scoring runs and swinging the bats is a lot of fun to watch," said Stottlemyre (1-0), who ended a personal four-game losing streak by allowing two earned runs in 5 2-3 innings.

Every Rangers starter scored once and reserve Luis Alcega got in on the act. Only Todd Zeile scored twice.

Lee Stevens continued his recent hot streak by going 3-for-3 with three RBIs. Ivan Rodriguez and Tom Goodwin each drove in two runs, as did Royce Clayton, who was acquired Friday along with Stottlemyre.

"Right now, we've got a good offensive lineup," manager

Johnny Oates said. "We can produce a big inning, even with two outs as we did tonight."

That was the fifth, when the Rangers scored seven runs off Chris Carpenter (6-6), although all were unearned because of an error by second baseman Craig Grebeck while covering first base on a sacrifice bunt early in the rally.

Delgado drove in four runs with three home runs, tying the team record. After striking out his first two at-bats, he homered to right field in the fifth, left field in the seventh and center field in the eighth.

"I was just trying to hit the ball and I got some good hitting counts," said Delgado, the seventh Blue Jay to hit three homers in a game and just the third to homer in back-to-back-to-back at-bats.

Toronto's comeback bid fell short, however, when John Wetteland got the last four outs for his 29th save. He has retired the last 13 batters he's faced, striking out eight of them.

Stottlemyre hadn't pitched in 10 days because of the trade and nagging injuries in his back and side. He was pleased, but not over impressed by his work, which included eight strikeouts, six hits and four walks.

New high school football season is here

High school football players hit the practice field this week across the Lone Star state. Here at home the Harvesters will have three-day workouts set for 9, 1 and 6 today through Friday.

Pampa teams have scrimmages scheduled later this month. On Aug. 20, starting at 7 p.m., the Harvesters go against Borger in Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium.

The Pampa-Borger scrimmage will be a tuneup for the real thing when the two teams meet Nov. 7 at Bulldog Stadium.

On Aug. 22, both Pampa junior varsity and freshmen teams take on Borger at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., respectively, in Borger.

On Thursday, Aug. 25, Frenship comes here for varsity, junior varsity and freshmen scrimmages. Starting times are 4 for the freshmen and 6 for the varsity.

Pampa's 1998 opener is on a Thursday, Sept. 3 at Lubbock against the Estacado Matadors. Keep in mind the Harvesters are in a new district this season...3-4A instead of 1-4A as in the past. Pampa's opponents will be Palo Duro, Caprock, Hereford, Dumas and Borger. The only new team is Palo Duro. Former district rivals Canyon and Randall are in 1-4A with Plainview, Frenship, Levelland and Estacado.



L.D. Strate

Sports Editor

In case you missed it: Former Texas Tech golf coach Tommy Wilson shot 72 to win medalist honors at the 1998 Tri-State Senior Tournament at Pampa Country Club.

He slipped to a pair of 80s in the next two rounds to finish tied for 10th with Pampa's Carroll Langley in the championship flight.

Both players have made bids to win Tri-State titles in the past. Wilson was runnerup to Tri-State champion Eddie Duenkel of Pampa a year ago. Langley tied Duenkel for medalist in '97. A prior commitment prevented Duenkel from playing this year.

Amarillo golfer Jim Holmes created more Tri-State trivia with his victory this year. Grandfather B.F.

Holmes from Shamrock won the inaugural Tri-State title in 1935. He won again in 1937 and came close to winning a third time in 1948 with a second-place finish.

There are many ironies on life's highway. Some are subtle, some are swift.

While vacationing last week in New Mexico, we traveled through the little town of Roy. Earlier, I had purchased a newspaper in Springer and had just turned to the sports section as we arrived in Roy's city limits. I was reading about the induction of Tommy McDonald into the Pro Football Hall of Fame as we drove down main street. The article said McDonald hails from Roy.

Staff writer Dave Bowser passed these tidbits along: *Only in America...are there handicap parking spaces in front of a skating rink. Only in America...can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.*

Flashback, 1973: Richard McCampbell scored three touchdowns and led all rushers with 82 yards on 15 carries as Pampa defeated Canyon, 27-7. McCampbell, Jesse Hunnicutt, Jody Johnson and Carson Watt each had pass interceptions.

WT Buffs announce baseball signings

CANYON — West Texas A&M University head baseball coach Todd Howey announced the signing of nine additional freshmen and two junior college players to play for the Buffs in 1998-99.

The newest freshmen include Brent Bullard (p-ss-3b), Amarillo High; Kevin Clark (2b-3b), Lubbock Roosevelt; Bryant Cook (of), Grand Prairie; Nathan Cunningham (inf-p), Arlington; David Fazio (1b), Carrollton; Casey Hagameier (of-p-inf), Amarillo High; Lance McMillan (inf-p), Plainview; Matthew Wade (p), Randall High and Darrell Wallace (p), Rowlett. They will be joined by Zach Barnard (3b), Lubbock Monterey; David Vasquez (of), Lubbock Coronado, and Wilson Wicks

(2b), Lubbock Coronado, who signed earlier this summer.

In addition to early signing Drew Daniel (soph. pitcher, Amarillo Randall) and New Mexico Junior College junior college transfers Dennom Sullivan (jr., 3b-p), Bedford and Western Oklahoma State College) and Ronnie White (jr., c), Parker, Colo. and Otero Junior College, will add collegiate experience to the team.

"This is a quality recruiting class that will hopefully put us at the next level," Howey said. "It is a young recruiting class that can come in and help right now, all while providing depth to an experienced squad."

The Buffs, 28-24 last season, return five starting non-pitchers for 1999. WT has five returning lettermen as pitchers.

Bears sign former Texas Tech running back Bam Morris to one-year deal

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. (AP) — The Chicago Bears needed some backfield help and Bam Morris needed another chance.

Both needs were met Tuesday when the Bears signed Morris to a one-year contract. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Morris, 26, was suspended twice by the NFL for violating the league's substance abuse policy and spent 89 days in jail this year in Rockwall, Texas, for violating his probation for marijuana possession.

Morris was a high school star in his hometown of Cooper, Texas, about 80 miles northeast of Dallas, then became a college star at Texas Tech. After winning the Doak Walker Award as the nation's top collegiate running back in 1993, he entered the NFL and starred with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

He helped lead the Steelers to the Super Bowl in 1996 and was the game's leading rusher. He was released months later after his legal troubles began.

He originally was arrested near Rockwall, 25 miles east of Dallas, on March 22, 1996, when a state trooper found six pounds of marijuana in the trunk of his Mercedes-Benz. He pleaded guilty three months later to possession of marijuana and prosecutors dropped a more serious charge of cocaine possession.

He was placed on six years' probation, fined \$7,000 and ordered to perform 200 hours of community service.

He ended up having to serve jail time after missing seven meetings with his probation officer from July 1996 to August 1997. The NFL suspension also was used against him.

Morris is the brother of former Bears wide receiver Ron Morris.

Comets clout Starzz, 77-57

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — After Cynthia Cooper struggled with her inside game against Utah's Margo Dydek, she decided to go outside.

The strategy worked, as Cooper was 6-of-13 on 3-pointers and finished with 32 points as the Houston Comets beat the Starzz 77-57 Tuesday night and clinched the WNBA Western Conference title.

"We felt like with Margo we couldn't get to the hole, so we had to shoot the outside shot because Margo's so tough in there blocking shots and intimidating you," said Houston coach Van Chancellor, of the 7-foot, 2-inch Dydek.

The defending WNBA champi-

ons trailed 14-10 before Cooper, the league's MVP last season and its top scorer this year with a 22.3 average, scored her first point.

"I'd been frustrated the past few games not playing the way that I feel I'm capable of playing," Cooper said. "I wanted to come out tonight and just relax. I figured that sooner or later it would come to me."

It did, as Cooper scored 18 of Houston's 20 points in a 6:14 span that put the Comets (22-2) ahead 30-26.

Kim Perrot had 12 points for Houston, while Janeth Arcain added 11.

Margo Dydek led Utah (7-16) with 20 points and Dena Head added 10.

BASEBALL														
National League					American League									
At A Glance														
By The Associated Press														
All Times EDT														
East Division														
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L					
Atlanta	75	38	.664	—	New York	80	28	.741	—					
New York	59	51	.536	14 1/2	Boston	66	45	.595	15 1/2					
Philadelphia	55	56	.495	19	Baltimore	57	55	.509	25					
Montreal	45	68	.398	30	Toronto	58	57	.496	26 1/2					
Florida	40	74	.351	35 1/2	Tampa Bay	43	67	.391	38					
Central Division														
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L					
Houston	68	45	.602	—	Cleveland	62	50	.554	—					
Chicago	64	50	.561	4 1/2	Minnesota	51	59	.464	10					
Milwaukee	57	56	.504	11	Kansas City	50	61	.450	11 1/2					
St. Louis	52	60	.464	15 1/2	Chicago	49	62	.441	12 1/2					
Pittsburgh	51	62	.451	17	Detroit	46	64	.418	15					
Cincinnati	50	63	.442	18	West Division									
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L					
San Diego	73	40	.646	—	Texas	60	51	.541	—					
San Francisco	61	52	.540	12	Anaheim	60	52	.536	1/2					
Los Angeles	58	55	.513	15	Seattle	50	62	.446	10 1/2					
Colorado	50	63	.442	23	Oakland	50	63	.442	11					
Arizona	42	71	.372	31	Monday's Games									
National League														
San Francisco 6, Philadelphia 1	Montreal 6, San Diego 1	Florida 11, Houston 3	Colorado 7, Pittsburgh 2	Los Angeles 8, N.Y. Mets 5	Arizona 6, Chicago Cubs 5	Milwaukee 6, St. Louis 5	Only games scheduled	Tuesday's Games	Chicago Cubs 2, Arizona 0					
Montreal 5, Los Angeles 4, 10 innings	Atlanta 4, Cincinnati 2	Pittsburgh 13, Colorado 5	St. Louis 2, Milwaukee 1	N.Y. Mets 7, San Francisco 6, 10 innings	Houston 9, Florida 5	San Diego 3, Philadelphia 1	Wednesday's Games	Houston (Hampton 9-5) at Florida (Sanchez 4-8), 1:05 p.m.	San Francisco (Ortiz 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Jonah 7-8), 7:40 p.m.					
Cincinnati (Tomko 10-7) at Atlanta (Neagle 11-9), 7:40 p.m.	St. Louis (Mercker 7-8) at Milwaukee (Juden 7-10), 8:05 p.m.	Philadelphia (Schilling 10-10) at San Diego (Brown 13-3), 8:35 p.m.	Thursday's Games	San Francisco (Hershiser 8-8) at N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 4-6), 12:10 p.m.	Colorado (Thompson 5-8) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 6-8), 1:35 p.m.	Los Angeles (Perez 7-10) at Montreal (Powell 0-1), 1:35 p.m.	Philadelphia (Porter 6-2) at San Diego (Langston 4-4), 5:05 p.m.	Cincinnati (Fleming 6-11) at Atlanta (Maddux 14-5), 7:40 p.m.	Only games scheduled					
American League														
New York 80, Tampa Bay 1	Boston 66, Seattle 15 1/2	Baltimore 57, Toronto 25	Toronto 58, Tampa Bay 38	Cleveland 62, Minnesota 10	Kansas City 50, Chicago 11 1/2	Chicago 49, Detroit 12 1/2	Detroit 46, Texas 15	Texas 60, Seattle 1/2	Anaheim 60, Oakland 10 1/2					
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"This is based upon the assumption that all steers had equal access to feed, McCollum says.

Steers of similar size and type were placed in the same pen to help assure equal access. Steers that gained faster had a more desirable feed cost of gain since feed cost was divided by net gain to calculate feed cost of gain. The average feed cost of gain was \$56.10 per cwt. The range varied from \$43 to \$109 per cwt.

Total cost of gain per cwt. averaged \$62.69 and ranged from \$50 to \$131. Cattle with low total costs of gain were characterized by high rates of gain and low or no medicine costs.

The steers were sold on a carcass basis to IBP in Amarillo or Excel in Friona, McCollum says. "Steers were sold in seven marketing groups and prices were established each week based upon current market demands," he says.

Choice Yield Grade 3 served as the basis with premiums for Yield Grades 1 and 2 and discounts for Select and Standard, Yield Grades 4 and 5. Yield Grades 2 and 3 were split into A and B groups with 2A ranging from 2.0 to 2.49 and 2B from 2.50 to 2.99.

The dates on which the cattle were marketed influenced the prices received. The lowest prices were for steers marketed on April 8 (168 days on feed) and the highest prices were received for those marketed on April 22 (182 days on feed).

"The spread between the quality grades was very low this year," McCollum says.

The Choice:Select spread was only one to two dollars per cwt. and the discount between Select and Standard was three dollars per cwt. Dark cutters, Yield Grade 4's, over-weight and under-weight carcasses received substantial discounts. "This really sends the economic message that outliers are not wanted in the industry," McCollum says.

Carcass weights averaged 741 pounds and ranged from 477 to 922 pounds. Carcasses that weighed less than 550 or greater than 950 were discounted. Eighty-five percent of the carcasses were in the weight range 650 to 850 pounds which is generally regarded as being acceptable by the industry, McCollum said.

Twenty eight percent of the carcasses graded Choice, 52 percent were Select and 13 percent graded Standard. Seven percent were dark cutters and were not assigned a quality grade.

Dark cutters are caused by depletion of muscle glycogen due to stress, McCollum explains.

"This generally is associated with excitable cattle and weather changes," he says.

The percent Choice was lower than generally anticipated for steers on feed for this length of time. More days on feed may have achieved higher grading carcasses, but the cattle were marketed as soon as they were considered ready due to high feed costs and feed cost of gain, McCollum says.

Eighty-seven percent of the carcasses were Yield Grades 1 and 2 and received a premium over the 17 percent that were Yield Grade 3s. One percent were Yield Grade 4 that received discounts for being overly fat.

"Fat is one of the major factors that influences yield grade," McCollum says.

Average fat thickness over the ribeye this year was 0.37 inches. The range was from 0.08 to 1.0 inches. Some of the extremely fat carcasses were the result of overfeeding and the genetic predisposition to accumulate fat.

"Carcasses that are extremely lean often do not possess adequate marbling and are more prone to produce cuts that are tough due to cold shortening," McCollum says.

Carcasses with 0.20 to 0.45 inches of external fat are more optimal, he says.

Ribeye area, a primary indicator of carcass muscularity and lean meat yield, this year averaged 13.5 square inches. The range varied from 8.6 to 19.4 square inches.

Extremes in ribeye size present problems in fabricating cuts, McCollum says. Ribeyes that range from 11 to 16.5 square inches generally have more utility in the beef industry.

Ribeye area is greatly influenced by carcass weight since heavier carcasses tend to have larger ribeyes, McCollum says.

Ribeye area per 100 pounds of hot carcass weight provides a measure of relative muscling. The average this year was 1.83 square inches per cwt. while the range was 1.13 to 3.11 square inches per cwt.

Higher values indicate increased muscling, but production related factors such as calving ease necessitate not selecting for extreme muscling, McCollum warns.

"Those with over 2.2 square inches per cwt. probably have more muscling than necessary and those less than 1.8 square inches per cwt. could benefit from increased muscularity to enhance lean meat yield," he says.

Railers accounted for a total loss of \$2,202.15, McCollum says. This includes their initial value, processing cost, feed and other expenses incurred prior to sale.

Steers that were sold prematurely due to poor performance or in order to salvage their value due to conditions such as chronic bloat or water belly are referred to as railers or realizers. Six head were railed (0.6 percent) at an average loss of \$367.03.

Sixteen steers died for a 1.6 percent death loss with an economic impact of \$9,893.99.

Most of the deaths were due to pneumonia and occurred in the first month on feed.

"This indicates they didn't have adequate resistance to viruses and bacteria upon arrival," McCollum says.

The health status of steers in the feedyard had a major impact on performance and profit, he says. The average medicine cost above processing was \$7.02 per head. The range varied from zero to \$32.73 per head. Twenty one percent of the ranches incurred no medicine expenses and an additional 49 percent had an average of \$10 or less while seven percent of the cattle had average medicine costs over \$20 per head.

Healthy steers had an average of \$70.16 more favorable return, McCollum says.

Steers that got sick averaged 620 pounds upon arrival at the feed yard. To recoup that difference in net return, he says, they would have to have been priced \$11.32 less per cwt. when placed on feed.

Medicine costs averaged \$25.99 for the sick steers which is a significant factor since 28 percent of the calves required treatment for respiratory disease. The remaining difference of \$44.17, a range of from \$70.16 to \$25.99, was due to reduced performance, increased feed cost of gain, higher interest expense and lower quality grades.

"Cost of gain for sick steers was 13 percent higher, and they produced half as many Choice carcasses and had more Standard Grade carcasses," McCollum says. This points to a need to for a sound health management plan, he says.

"By implementing a sound vaccination program at the ranch of origin, you are adding value to your product, helping increase the consistency and predictability of your calves, and you are providing them the opportunity to express their genetic potential," McCollum says.

This variability in health is built into the calf market, he says.

"Buyers factor this into what they are willing to pay since they buy calves as a commodity," he says. "There are cattle feeding operations that are willing to pay relatively more for properly immunized, properly backgrounded cattle of good quality."

The amount they can justify is dictated by the increase in value it benefits them and the volume of similar cattle available to be able to manage them as a unit, he says.

Extremes in net return, health costs, performance factors and carcass parameters among the Ranch to Rail entries reflect the variability that exists in the beef industry, McCollum says.

"Reduction of these variables and production of a product that meets the needs of all segments of the beef industry must be each producers goal," he says. "Ranchers need to assess their operations and implement cost effective management factors and adjust the genetics of their herd to make sure they are on target."

Value-based marketing at all levels of the industry is rapidly becoming a reality, and those that know what constitutes value and have a product that meets those demands will be competitive in the market place.

Hutchison supports disaster relief measure

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate recently passed emergency legislation co-sponsored by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison that allows drought-stricken farmers to receive their transition subsidy payments earlier than scheduled. The measure was approved unanimously.

"At this late hour, as we are leaving for a month, do not fail to let us have this relief," Senator Hutchison urged her Senate colleagues before the vote to pass the measure.

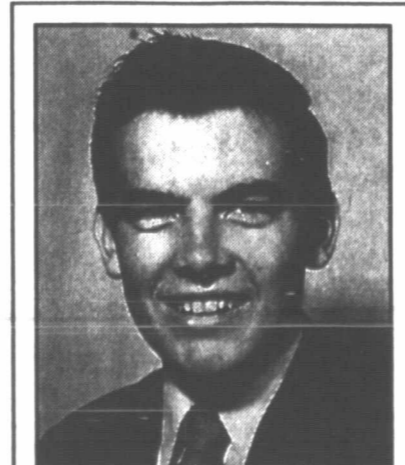
After the measure passed she said, "I am vastly relieved this bill was enacted so swiftly. The Senate was about to recess and the situation on Texas farms and ranches is desperate."

"This bill is, literally, a matter of survival for many hard-pressed farmers and ranchers," the Senator said. "It is a linchpin of several initiatives we are working on to provide the agriculture sector with some relief from this year's devastating heat and drought."

The bill, the Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act, gives farmers the opportunity to receive their Agricultural Market Transition Act subsidy payments for fiscal year 1999 after Oct. 1 of this year instead of in January and September, 1999 as scheduled. Rather than receiving two payments in 1999, farmers who are already hurting could elect to get their entire subsidy

anytime after Oct. 1, 1998. "This allows farmers to use their payments as collateral for loans, or to buy seed for next year, or to pay their living expenses because the drought killed this year's crops," the Senator said.

The measure does not affect the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act or the farm budget because funds already have been set aside for the transition subsidy payments scheduled to be made in 1999.



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Starr calling key members of White House legal team before grand jury

WASHINGTON (AP) — Making the most of his latest court victories, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr is calling key members of the White House legal team before a grand jury. Administration officials fear he may even summon the chief counsel to the president.

Legal strategist Lanny Brewer testified Tuesday, striding into the courthouse only two hours after Chief Justice William Rehnquist refused an administration request to block his testimony. But he ended his day before the presiding judge, along with his personal attorney and Starr's aides, indicating there was a dispute immediately over his testimony.

Brewer could return today, when former White House aide Harold Ickes also could appear.

And on Capitol Hill today, the investigation of a possible presidential affair and cover-up could be discussed during a meeting between the president and House Democrats.

Chief U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson, the U.S. Court of Appeals and now the Supreme Court all have previously declined to block the White House lawyers' testimony, including that of Clinton confidant Bruce Lindsey, a deputy White House counsel.

But the administration might be trying to build a

record for a possible Supreme Court case later on, to uphold the attorney-client principle.

The appeals court ruled that while an attorney-client privilege exists between government lawyers and their government clients, there is a higher obligation to cooperate with a criminal investigation.

The administration said it feels so strongly about preserving attorney-client confidentiality that it will push to have the high court hear the case months after the White House lawyers' testimony. Lindsey, who is under subpoena, is recuperating from back surgery.

"This is a very important principle that we will continue to pursue," White House spokesman Barry Toiv said.

Toiv said the White House concern was not about "one or more people testifying" but rather "the ability of not just this president but more importantly future presidents to have the benefit of the attorney-client privilege, which is a bedrock of our legal system."

In its legal papers trying to block the testimony, the White House made clear it fears that more of its lawyers, possibly even chief counsel Charles Ruff, will be summoned. "We anticipate that additional subpoenas will soon follow," the administration told the Supreme Court.

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