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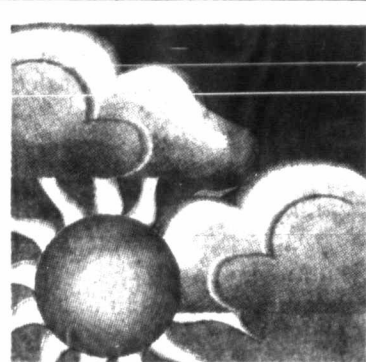
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Today's high in the upper-90s. For weather details see page 2.

PAMPA — The PHS Class of 1989 will be having an organizational meeting for their 10-year class reunion next Thursday, Aug. 13, at 7 p.m.

Any classmate interested in helping with reunion plans is welcome to attend. For a time and location call 665-0626 or Dustin Miller at 665-4918.

PAMPA — Austin Elementary will have a "Meet Your Teacher" hour on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 04-17-22-29-34-37.

Estimated jackpot: \$14 million.

Number matching six of six: none.

Matching five of six: 118. Prize: \$1,568.

Matching four of six: 7,143. Prize: \$93.

Matching three of six: 128,109. Prize: \$3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: \$17 million.

- Jewel Vise Holloman, 96, homemaker.
- A.V. Lowrie, 87, former Wheeler resident.
- Hazel B. Phillips, 79, homemaker.

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Sisters from Prayer Town led services Friday evening at the Cross of the Plains in Groom. The prayer meeting, organized by the Rev. Mark Stripling of Pampa's New Life Assembly of God Church, was to pray for relief from drought conditions that have plagued the area. About three dozen showed up for the rally.

City to vote on ambulance, police reserve programs

The Pampa City Commission will vote on a new contract for ambulance service and appoint a new member to the Parks and Recreation Board at tomorrow night's meeting.

Rural/Metro is offering the city a contract that is almost identical to the one that exists now with a 15 percent raise in rates, according to Pampa City Manager Bob Eskridge.

The contract will run for two years and will automatically renew for two one-year terms unless either party sends a notice to cancel 90 days before the contract renews.

Several people have applied for appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board, which has an opening due to the retirement of Kathy Gist

recently. The Commission will meet in closed session to discuss the candidates before making their choice known.

Commissioners will also hear from Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris about a Police Reserve Program. The reserves will consist of certified officers who will be required to work a certain number of hours and be insured by the city. But reserve officers will only act as a supplement to the regular force. This item was on the last meeting agenda but was postponed due to time constraints.

The City Commission will meet for their work session Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 4 p.m. for the work session and at 6 p.m. for the regular session.

Chautauqua event festivities set for Labor Day in Central Park

The 17th annual Chautauqua event in Pampa's Central Park on Labor Day, September 7, will begin at 9 a.m. with free stage activities and continue through 5 p.m.

The 5K and Fun Runs will kick off the day's events that begin with a pancake breakfast at 7 a.m.

Food booths are limited to non-profit organizations, with returning organizations entitled to their food product again this

year, according to Charlene Morris, food chairman. Arts and crafts salesman who donate an item from their booth for the PFAA raffle will have the 10% of total sales waived.

Items should be donated by 9 a.m. on Labor Day. Arts and crafts will be headed by Sandra Boales. Activities for all ages will be available throughout the park. Each year new features are presented on the stage in keeping with the purpose of Chautauqua, to present new

and educational ideas, especially in the arts.

The event is sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts in keeping with the traditions of the original Chautauqua begun in Chautauqua, New York in 1878 and continuing there today. Traveling Chautauquas, which were 5-day tent shows, were brought to Pampa as late as 1930, at that time as a benefit for the Pampa Library.

Food, arts and crafts and See CHAUTAUQUA, Page 2

Local web sites casualties in internet dispute

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Some Pampa residents who use the internet recently found themselves unable to reach some of the community's most popular web sites.

Pampa Cyber-Net, owned by Doug Locke, put up a page on his site announcing that people who sign on to the internet through CentraMedia Inc. would not be able to access his server or any of the web-pages on that server.

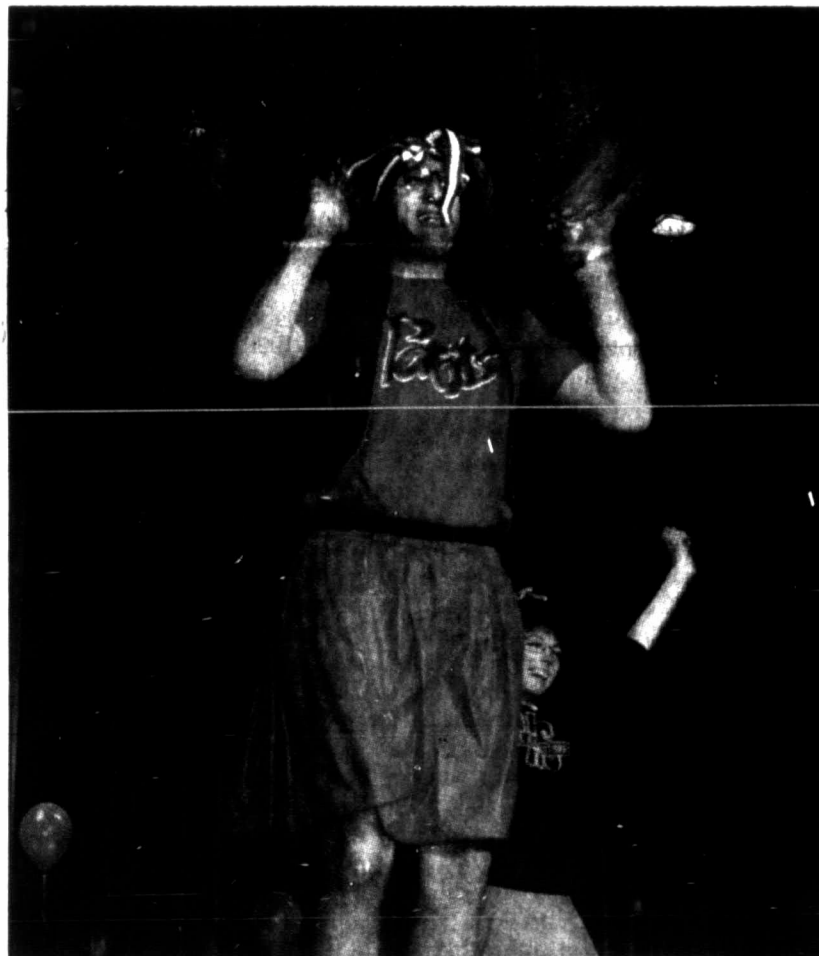
Among the commercial web sites Cyber-Net hosts are the City of Pampa, the Pampa Police Department and Crime Stoppers. It is also the host for the Pampa News web site.

The message on the page, which has now been taken down, stated that Locke believed someone at CentraMedia had attempted to break into his system. Locke's note also stated that the only reason for such a break-in attempt would be to view membership files or to do damage to the system.

When asked about the block, Locke said, "The actions that we took were solely to protect our computer equipment and allow our customers to continue to access the internet. Based on the signs I saw at the time, it appeared to be a concerted attempt to break into our computers and cause damage."

Michael Trimble, president of CentraMedia, said he had to be careful what he said about the charge because the company had a lawyer reviewing the situation.

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Pampa Middle School Principal Tim Powers was one of several staff members to dress up as a cheerleader for a teacher orientation at Pampa High School this morning.

Gov. Bush suspends law for drought; coming to town

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush has ordered the temporary suspension of a Texas law which is hindering the ability of Texas farmers and ranchers to haul hay to feed livestock.

The Texas Transportation Code requires anyone hauling hay beyond 150 miles of his or her home to get a commercial license. The governor's executive order waives that requirement for 90 days effective Aug. 5.

The Texas Disaster Act allows the governor to suspend any regulatory statute that prevents, hinders or

delays the response from a disaster.

"The drought has been devastating for many Texas farmers and ranchers," said Bush. "I hope this action will help farmers and ranchers weather this crisis and get feed to their livestock."

Bush is coming to Pampa Friday, Aug. 14, to attend a community reception in the M.K. Brown room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 North Ballard at 2:40 p.m.

The public is welcome to come greet the governor at Friday's reception.

Shopper's delivery area expands

The Pampa News shopper guide, a Tuesday supplement delivered to non-newspaper subscribers, will begin being delivered to residents in Perryton and Canadian in early September.

The circulation expansion of the shopper will double its exposure, according to Pampa News Publisher L.W. McCall.

"We're trying to expand the market for Pampa and area merchants in areas not covered right now," said McCall.

The shopper is now delivered each Tuesday to Pampa residents who do not receive the newspaper, and will tentatively be delivered in Perryton and Canadian beginning Sept. 8.



Chris Shaffer welcomes the summer morning with music as he practices a marching routine with the Pampa High School band in preparation for the beginning of schools. The melodic notes of his French horn echoed across the band's practice field next to Harvester Stadium last week while the PHS football team started practice next door on the dew wet grass during the hot sultry mornings.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HOLLOMAN, Jewel Vise — 2:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Wheeler.
LOWRIE, A.V. — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Wellington.
PHILLIPS, Hazel B. — 10 a.m., Priest Park Church of God, Pampa.

Obituaries

G.A. DARLING
G.A. Darling, 83, of Pampa died Saturday, August 8, 1998. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. John Valdez officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Darling was born in Nowata, Okla. in 1915. He married Vera Johnson in 1934. He worked as a roustabout for Texaco for 32 years, retiring as head roustabout in 1977.

Mr. Darling was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and Frank Keim Council of Knights of Columbus and Pampa VFW Post #1657. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II serving as a chief shipfitter with the 96th battalion of the Seabees.

Survivors include his wife, Vera; two daughters, Glenda Suzanne Sikes of Amarillo and Cindy Carr of Fritch; four sons, Tommy R. Darling of Grand Prairie, Donald P. Darling of Fort Worth, Danny Darling of Nashville, Tenn., and Pat Darling of Pampa; 17 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, B.R. and Nellie Darling, and by 2 brother, Morris and Paul Darling.

The family request that memorials be made to Hospice of the Panhandle, P.O. Box 2795, Pampa, TX 69066-2795.

JEWEL VISE HOLLOMAN

WHEELER — Jewel Vise Holloman, 96, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 1998. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery at Wellington under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Holloman was born March 5, 1902, at Henderson, Texas, to John and Dora Vise. She married Jennings Bryan Holloman in 1920 at Wellington; he died in 1963. She lived in Taylor, Texas, from 1949 until moving to Wheeler in 1972. She was a member of First Baptist Church and was an avid hospital volunteer in Taylor.

Survivors include a daughter, Jean Pollack of Glen Arm, Md.; a sister, Opal Harper of Lubbock; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Wheeler Public Library.

A.V. LOWRIE

WELLINGTON — A.V. Lowrie, 87, a former Wheeler resident, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Brian Adams officiating assisted by Charley Uselton, nephew of the deceased. Burial will be in North Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

Mr. Lowrie was born in Wheeler and attended Wheeler schools. He married Erma Lee Gunstream in 1936 at Dodson. He had been a longtime Wellington resident and was a farmer. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and Pinkston Sunday School Class.

He was a 50-year member of Order of the Eastern Star serving as Master Mason, Deputy Grand Master, Royal Arch Mason, Royal and Select Mason and was a member of Commandery, Knights Templar and all of York Rite.

Survivors include his wife, Erma; a daughter, Donna Knight of Quanah; a sister, Alice Faye Wilkins of Amarillo; a brother, Joe Lowrie of Crosbyton; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist, Wellington Cemetery Association or the Masonic Lodge Building.

MARY J. PARKS

KIOWA, Kan. — Mary J. Parks, 78, mother of a Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 1998. Vigil services were Sunday in St. John the Apostle Catholic Church. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in St. Boniface Catholic Church at Sharon with the Rev. Anthony Sullentrop officiating. Burial will be in St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery at Sharon under the direction of Fisher Funeral Home of Kiowa.

Mrs. Parks was born at Sharon. She had been a Kiowa resident since 1950. She married Alvin H. Parks in 1957 at Kiowa. She was a clerk and a caregiver. She was a member of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church and the Altar Society.

She was preceded in death by two stepsons, Alvin Lee and Jerry Parks; and a stepdaughter, Patricia.

Survivors include her husband, Alvin; a daughter, Anita Patterson of Pampa; two stepdaughters, Kay Woods of Sherman and Neva Hammock of Alvin; three sisters, Agnes Norwood of Perryton, Leona Blurton of Medicine Lodge and Elizabeth Blurton of Sharon; two grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and 16 stepgreat-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. John's Catholic Church or to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.

HAZEL B. PHILLIPS

Hazel B. Phillips, 79, Saturday, Aug. 8, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Priest Park Church of God with the Rev. Melvin E. Harris officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Phillips was born Aug. 21, 1918, at



Hardesty, Okla. She attended high school in Pampa and Miami. She married Izah Phillips on Aug. 22, 1936, at Miami. She had been a Pampa resident since 1942. She was a homemaker and a member of Priest Park Church of God, Senior Ladies Class and Ladies Ministry.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Wayland McPherson, in 1997, and Carryn Goodner, in 1966; and a great-grandson, Cameron McPherson, in 1994.

Survivors include her husband, Izah, of the home; three daughters, Martha Organ of Pampa, June Basham Phoenix, Ariz., and Carolyn Goodner of Guthrie, Okla.; a son, Joe Phillips of Pampa; two sisters, Alice Jacobs of Manteca, Calif., and Helen Ernst of Amarillo; three brothers, Clyde Cooper of Tennessee, Clarence Cooper of Carlsbad, N.M., and Johnny Cooper of Bell Gardens, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Priest Park Church of God.

Fires

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

Saturday, August 8

10:20 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 600 block of W. Brown on a trash fire.

4:21 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 412 N. Roberta on a medical assist.

Sunday, August 9

8:41 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 2211 Hamilton on a medical.

8:58 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to 100 N. Warren on a dumpster fire.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, August 8

Manuel Garcia, 43, 1109 Sandlewood, was arrested on charges of domestic assault causing bodily injury.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, August 8

Wayneta Britton, 40, 2600 Hobart, was arrested on charges of failure to change address and displaying suspended license.

James Darryl Burney, 41, 629 N. Dwight, was arrested on charges of no insurance, no drivers license, failure to appear, and warrants.

Joseph Walter Barton, 57, 804 N. West, was arrested on charges of no valid drivers license, and unregistered motor vehicle.

Sheri D. Stewart, 29, 416 Lowery, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and having a person under 15 w/o seat belt.

Hit and run was reported in the 400 block of N. Ballard.

Aggravated Assault was reported in the 700 block of W. Foster.

Criminal Trespass was reported in the 700 block of Scott.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, August 7

Both drivers were cited in an accident involving a 1989 Caravan driven by Cynthia Rose Stubbs, 33, Lefors, who was cited for no Texas drivers license in her possession when she tried to pass on the right of a 1987 Cutlass driven by Lorita Kay Smith, 49, 2233 N. Simmers, who was cited for expired registration. Smith was stopped to make a left-hand turn at 22nd and Hobart. A passenger in the car Debra Lorita Smith, 20 reported possible injuries.

A citation for backing without safety was issued to Paula Ruth Puckett, 38, 1042 S. Faulkner, after she backed her 1980 Ranger into the legally parked Accord owned by Angela Brooks, 1009 Kiowa. No injuries were reported.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	2.41	Chevron	77	dn 3/8
Milo	3.30	Coca-Cola	79 1/8	dn 9/16
Corn	3.75	Columbia/HCA	25 7/16	dn 1/16
Soybeans	4.88	Eaton	49 1/8	dn 5/8
		Halliburton	33 3/16	dn 5/16
		IRI	6 15/16	dn 5/16
		KNE	49 15/16	dn 5/16
		Kerr McGee	47 15/16	dn 5/8
		Limited	27 1/4	up 1/2
		McDonald's	62 11/16	up 1/916
		MOBI	64 7/8	dn 1/8
		New Atmos	30 5/16	dn 3/16
		NCE	42 11/16	dn 5/16
		Penney's	57 3/8	up 1/8
		Phillips	42 1/4	dn 3/8
		Pioneer Nat. Res	17 13/16	dn 3/8
		SLB	57 3/16	dn 1/18
		Tenneco	34 7/8	dn 5/16
		Texaco	56 7/8	dn 1/4
		Ultramart	26 7/16	dn 9/16
		Wal-Mart	62	dn 7/8
		Williams	30 3/16	up 3/16
		New York Gold	286.00	
		Arco	66 3/8	dn 15/16
		Cabot	26 11/16	up 1/8
		Cabot O&G	15 7/8	dn 3/16
		West Texas Crude	13.84	

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

Occidental 22 1/8 dn 5/16
Magellan 106.01 dn 5/16
Puritan 20.59

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa
Amoco 40 5/16 dn 13/16
Arco 66 3/8 dn 15/16
Cabot 26 11/16 up 1/8
Cabot O&G 15 7/8 dn 3/16

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Internet

"I can categorically tell you that it's false," said Trimble.

He said his lawyer had been in touch with Cyber-Net about the charge, and some Cyber-Net advertising which Trimble claims is false and misleading.

Trimble said he can think of only one action that one of his partners, Jim Sealy, took that might be the cause of Locke's concern.

"Jim told me he had done a port scan. I'm not sure what that is, but I think what he was doing was identifying ports, which is done all the time. In fact I'm pretty sure Doug has done it to us. But there is nothing remotely improper or illegal about it," Trimble said.

Locke said he has "pinged" modems, which would just check to see if a modem is busy, which he said might be called a port scan. But, he added, it was

different than scanning the ports on the computer, which could be destructive to the system. Locke said he has never done that, and wouldn't call "pinging" a computer the same things as port scan.

After complaints about not being able to reach sites, Cyber-Net removed the blocks so residents can reach all Pampa sites — although Locke said he has added security measures to help protect his system.

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Chautauqua

game booths charging fees should mail their \$25 registration fee to Pampa Fine Arts-Chautauqua, P.O. Box 818, Pampa, 79066-0818. For further information, call 665-0343.

Early reservation is helpful for publicity and overall planning. All profit from Chautauqua goes to city park improvement.

Additional chairmen for this year's Chautauqua include Berinda Turcotte, children's activities; Susie Wilkinson, exhibits and displays; and Loralee Cooley, stage entertainment.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

PAMPA CHESS CLUB

The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at the Coronado Inn at 7 p.m. We offer casual but competitive games against players of all ages and strengths, free instruction by expert chess players, and a free chess club newsletter. Nonmembers and novices are very welcome! For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

CHILDREN'S THEATER CLASSES

The Gem Theater will be holding Fall acting classes for children ages 6-12 at 4:30 p.m. at the Gem Theater. The cost of the course is \$45 and will be limited to 15 children. For more information or any questions call Dr. Carale Manning-Hill at 944-5383.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER FOR WOMEN

Tralee Crisis Center for Women is offering an in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings will be Tuesday's from 11 a.m.-12 noon and on Thursday's from 7-8 p.m. For more information call (806) 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

A free 4 week seminar, what to expect, process of grief, living with the memories, needs when you are grieving, what now. August 4, 11, 18, 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, RSVP by August 3.

LOCAL FORECAST

Today's high should be in the upper 90s, with partly cloudy skies and a 10-15 mph wind out of the south-southwest. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms is also projected. The overnight low should be in the upper 60s with partly cloudy skies and a 5-10 mph wind out of the south-southeast. A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms is forecast. Tomorrow's anticipated high is in the mid-90s with partly cloudy

Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, fair. Lows in the lower 70s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Tuesday night, fair. Lows 70-75. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 60-70. Tuesday, partly cloudy with isolated afternoon thunderstorms. Highs 90-95. Tuesday night, partly cloudy with isolated evening thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, isolated evening thunderstorms, otherwise fair. Lows mid 50s Marfa Plateau to around 70 along the Rio Grande. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s mountains to near 100 along the Rio Grande. Tuesday night, partly cloudy with isolated evening thunderstorms. Lows near 60 mountains to lower 70s along the Rio Grande.

Tuesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 100 inland to lower 90s coast. Tuesday night, fair. Lows in the mid 70s inland to lower 80s coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, clear. Lows in the 70s to near 80. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s coast to the upper 90s to near 100. Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the 70s to near 80. Deep South Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 80 coast to the upper 70s inland. Tuesday, partly cloudy and continued hot. Highs near 90 coast to the upper 90s inland, near 105 inland west. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows near 80 coast to the upper 70s inland.

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skies and a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Tomorrow's low is projected in the upper-60s. Sunday's overnight low was 72; the overall high was 98.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s. East wind 5-15 mph. Areal coverage of rain, 40 percent. Tuesday, becoming partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High around 90. East wind 10-15 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows 60 northwest to 75 southeast. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs 85-95. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, fair. Lows 65-70. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Concho

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms north central and east. Lows 72 to 80. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms south central and west, a chance of thunderstorms elsewhere. Highs 93 northeast to 104 south central.
SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s. Tuesday, brief morning low clouds, becoming mostly sunny. Very hot with highs near 100. Tuesday night, partly cloudy with isolated showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Heat advisory in effect. Tonight, fair. Lows in the mid 70s inland to lower 80s coast.

BORDER STATES
NEW MEXICO — Tonight, partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms north and widely scattered evening thunderstorms south. Becoming fair skies south by midnight. Lows in the 40s and 50s mountains with upper 50s to near 70s elsewhere. near 100 lower elevations.
OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High in the upper 90s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Extended forecast, Wednesday through Friday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows mainly in the 70s and highs in the 90s.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

HOBBY SHOP - Close-out select group of fabric paints, paint on 1 of our wearable canvas pieces at 25% off. Also new shipment Lanyard & Pony beads of all colors. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE opening evenings beginning Aug. 11th from 5-8 p.m. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

REMEMBER ROLANDA'S Silk Flowers & Gifts for unique & affordable Birthday gifts. Adv.

MARTIAL ARTS Classes starting at Clarendon College, call Gale 665-8554. Adv.

IT'S TIME to apply Fertilome Lindane for bores, Merit grub control & Fertilome Southwest Greenmaker fertilizer. Watson's Garden Center, 125 N. Somerville. Adv.

KING SZ. bed \$65 & full sz. bed \$25. 669-6707. Adv.

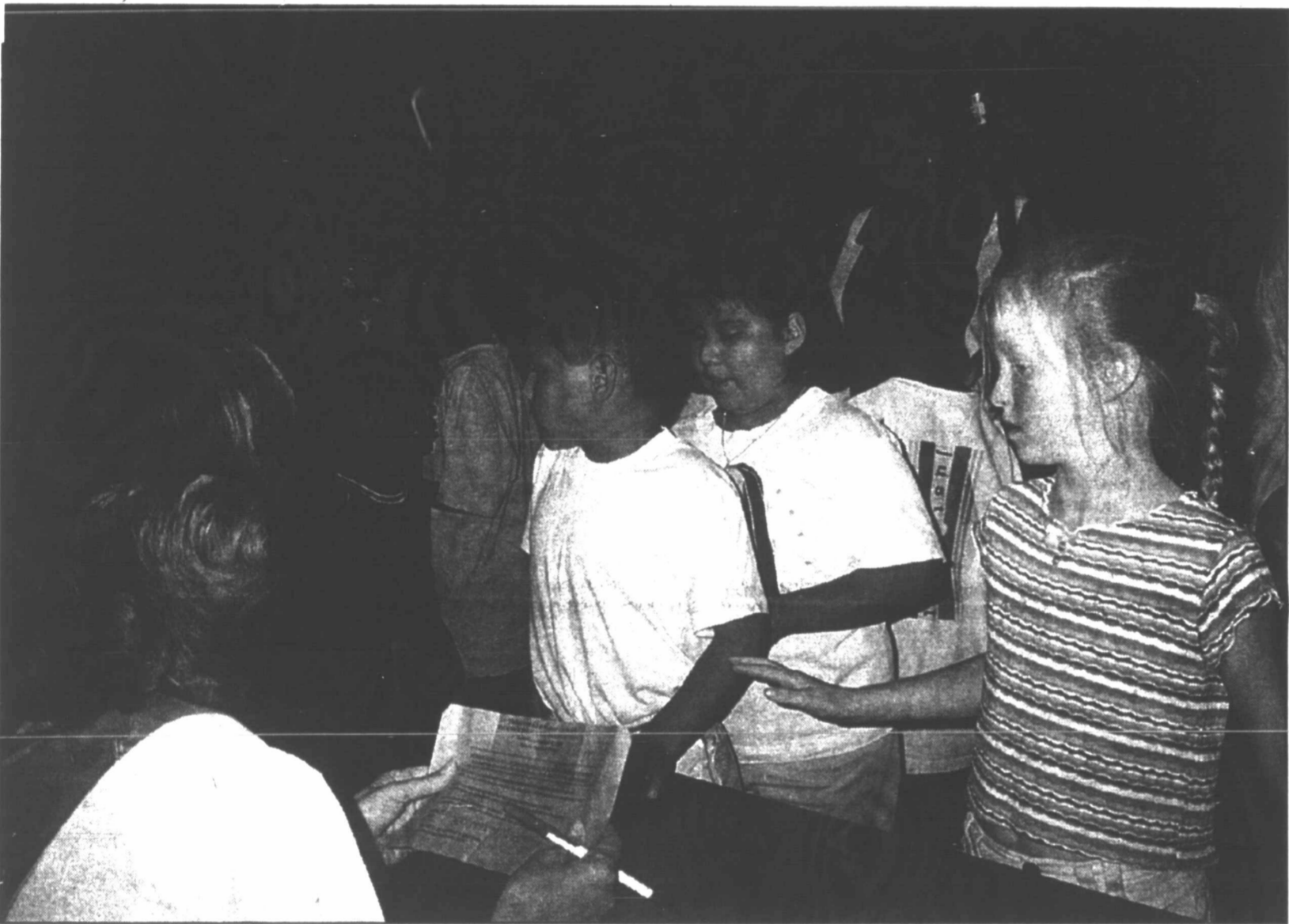
LOST IN Lamar school area, small gray Poodle, female. Reward. 665-1749. Adv.

SHORT-CUTS Hair Salon welcomes Irene Jones to our crew! 1712 N. Hobart, 669-7131. Adv.

1/2 PRICE Sale on whiskey barrels, pots, saucers & select stauary. Savings on miniature fountains & pond spitters. Watson's Garden Center, 125 N. Somerville. Adv.

SOCCER COMBO Deals. Cleats, ball & shin guards at one low price. Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv.

School supplies



(Pampa News photos by Alecia Hall)

More than 400 children registered to receive free back-to-school supplies this year through Trinity Fellowship Church's "Back-to-School Outreach." Saturday, the children and their parents came to M.K. Brown Auditorium for a morning of Biblically based music and drama entertainment before picking up the supplies.

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #2061 MC Burnett T-6, 1340' from North & East line, Sec. 61,5,I&GN (BHL: 330' from North & West Sec. line) TVD 4500'. Horizontal Sidetrack

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1R Hessey, 467' from South & East line, Sec. 4,H, A.W. Wallace, PD 2550'.

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #7 Billy Jarvis & Sons, Inc., 660' from South & 1200' from West line, J. Fanning Survey, PD 11850'.

HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT & NORTH HUTCHINSON Krider) Jones Energy, Ltd., #1 Myrtle Holt '51', 2340' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 51,5-T,T&NO (BHL: 490' from South & 625' from West Sec. line) PD 4000'. Horizontal Sidetrack

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & HODGES Middle Morrow) J.M. Huber Corp., #40-2 Minnie Hodges, 1428' from South & 1560' from East line, Sec. 40,43,H&TC, PD 10300'.

Applications to Plug-Back

HUTCHINSON (ARRINGTON Morrow) Arrington CJM, Inc., West Turkey Track, for the following wells:

#10, 625' from North & 2425' from East line, Sec. 4,H,H&GN, PD 7820'.

#34, 300' from South & 1000' from West line, Sec. 5,H,H&GN, PD 7755'.

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #8080 Vernon M. Flowers, 467' from North & West line, Sec. 80,B-1,H&GN, PD 12200'.

Amended Intentions to Drill

WHEELER (WHEELER PAN Hunton) Brigham Oil & Gas, L.P., #1 Weise '28', 1867' from South & 1919' from East line, Sec. 28,A-8,H&GN (BHL: 1253' from South & 2342' from East Sec. line) PD 15800'. Amended to show correct BHL

Oil Well Completion

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #101 Herring 'A', E. Almaguie Survey, elev. 3248 kb, spud 5-12-98, drlg. compl 5-16-98, tested 7-28-98, pumped 2 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + 43 bbls. water, GOR 37000, TD 3367', PBTD 3323' —

Plugged Wells

CARSON (PANHANDLE) L&C Leasing, Inc., #1 Two Bar Ranch, Sec. 93,4,I&GN, spud unknown plugged 6-25-98, TD 3' (oil) — Form 1 filed in All-American Oil & Gas

CARSON (PANHANDLE) Richmond Petroleum, Inc., Ware 'A', Sec. 83,4,I&GN (oil) — Form 1 in Hufo Production, for the following wells:

#8304, spud unknown, plugged 4-3-98, TD 3678' —

#8306, spud unknown, plugged 5-20-98, TD 3616' —

CARSON (PANHANDLE) Trojan Oil & Gas, Inc., Burnett '68', Sec. 68,5,I&GN (oil) — Form 1 filed in R&J Production, for the following wells:

#1, spud 7-26-79, plugged 10-28-97, TD 3150' —

#2, spud 7-17-79, plugged 10-22-97, TD 3225' —

#3, spud 7-12-79, plugged 10-13-97, TD 3250' —

#4, spud 1-4-81, plugged 10-20-97, TD 3267' —

#5, spud 12-19-80, plugged 10-29-97, TD 3224' —

CARSON (PANHANDLE) Trojan Oil & Gas, Inc., Burnett '87', Sec. 87,5,I&GN (oil) — Form 1 filed in Ranger Petroleum, for the following wells:

#1087, spud 4-29-81, plugged 10-10-97, TD 3159' —

#2087, spud 5-16-81, plugged 10-8-97, TD 3059' —

CARSON (PANHANDLE) Trojan Oil & Gas, Inc., Wayne, Sec. 77,4,I&GN (oil) — Form 1 filed in Ranger Petroleum, for the following wells:

#1, spud 8-25-82, plugged 11-3-97, TD 3099' —

#2, spud 8-18-82, plugged 11-4-97, TD 3100' —

#3, spud unknown, plugged 11-12-97, TD 3095' —

#4, spud 10-28-83, plugged 11-11-97, TD 3106' —

#8, spud 11-1-83, plugged 11-19-97, TD 3100' —

#11, spud 11-12-83, plugged 11-18-97, TD 3095' —

#13, spud unknown, plugged 10-31-97, TD 3400' —

#14, spud unknown, plugged 11-5-97, TD 3172' —

#15, spud unknown, plugged 11-6-97, TD 3100' —

#16, spud 10-26-83, plugged 11-10-97, TD 3100' —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E&P, Inc., M.B. Davis, Sec. 8,1,ACH&B (oil) — Form 1 filed in The Texas Co., for the following wells:

#23, spud 12-5-54, plugged 7-1-98, TD 2326' —

#51, spud 2-18-95, plugged 6-25-98, TD 2950' —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Trojan Oil & Gas, Inc., #1 Peeler, Sec. 173,3,I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 10-6-97, TD 3609' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Argonaut Energy

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Melvin Anisman Oil Co., #A-1 Killough, Sec. 1,Y,M&C, spud 9-2-76, plugged 7-3-98, TD 3145' (disposal) — Form 1 filed in Willard Oil Co.

TFB supports drought relief measures

AUSTIN — The president of the state's largest general farm organization is applauding a plan by John Sharp, comptroller of Public Accounts, that would have the state pay for controlling boll weevils in the state's economically essential cotton crop. Bob Stallman, a rice producer from Columbus and president of the Texas Farm Bureau, said the proposal is one of several steps that could be taken to help agriculture, which is reeling from the effects of the second major drought in three years.

Stallman has appealed to lawmakers on both the state and federal levels to help Texas agricultural producers weather the storm of the current drought.

The Sharp plan would dedicate funds from the state surplus to fund the boll weevil eradication plan. Boll weevils are an increasing threat to the state's cotton crop, which is a billion dollar crop in most years.

Stallman congratulated Sharp on the proposal saying, "Louisiana has recently enacted a proposal to fund their state's eradication program, and this proposal, if enacted by the legislature, will help Texas remain the nation's top cotton producing state."

Both Stallman and Sharp testified before a joint hearing of the Texas House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Finance Committee recently. The testimony of both focused on the devastating effects of the 1998 drought.

Direct losses to the state's farmers and ranchers total \$1.75 billion as of Aug. 5 and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service estimates overall economic losses statewide at \$4.9 billion. That's close to the \$1.9 billion and \$5 billion in losses, respectively, from the drought of 1996.

Top O' Texas Crisis Pregnancy Center to offer Evangelism Training

Top O' Texas Crisis Pregnancy Center will offer Evangelism Training from 7-9 p.m. Aug. 21 and from 9 a.m.-12 noon Aug. 22 at Trinity Fellowship Church. Lori DeVillez, state coordinator/outreach director for The Heidi Group, will conduct the training.

DeVillez began her career helping women with crisis pregnancies by answering a call to volunteer at a local CPC in Evansville, Ind., in 1992. With a degree in psychology from the University of Southern Indiana and a background in social work, public administration and missiology, DeVillez has been involved in the pro-life field serving women in Indiana and currently in Texas.

In Evansville, she worked for the Women's Health Center from 1992-94 before serving as director of New Life Pregnancy Services from 1994-97.

The training is open to individuals and groups alike. For more information, call Angela King, executive director of Top O' Texas Crisis Pregnancy Center, at 669-3705 or 669-2229.

"I personally know of producers who are leaving agriculture and I am fearful that we are close to losing a large number due to this year's drought, which follows on the heels of several years of bad weather coupled with this year's extremely low prices for our major commodities in Texas," Stallman testified.

He also urged state lawmakers to support a drought assistance plan offered by State Sen. Steve Ogden of Bryan. Stallman praised Ogden for a "constructive and positive plan." While conceding that Ogden's plan is not a "cure-all," Stallman said it sends the important message that the agriculture industry is vital to the state. Ogden's proposal calls for a one-time reimbursement to farmers and ranchers of up to \$10,000 or two times the 1998 property tax bill on effected ag value lands — whichever is lower — for feed, seed and fertilizer.

Stallman presented seven recommendations proposed by TFB to deal with issues that threaten the state's agricultural sector. Specifically, he asked that the Legislature: 1) instruct state banking regulators to recognize the drought impact and to allow banks to extend credit based on payment history of producers impacted by the 1996-98 droughts; 2) provide additional funding in the new biennium for market development for cattle, cotton and grain; 3) provide assistance for the boll weevil eradication program to keep the Texas cotton industry competitive with other states; 4) support the development of a more accurate test and improved testing procedures for detecting aflatoxin in corn; 5) consider ways to get feed to livestock producers such as emergency feed programs or assistance in moving and shipping hay; 6) provide additional funding for agricultural research, earmarked for water conservation and development of drought tolerant crops; and 7) provide funding for cost share assistance for agricultural water conservation measures.

On the federal level, Stallman wrote a letter recently to Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, both Texas senators and all U.S. House members from Texas urging "priority assistance to all producers affected by the drought."

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SPC expands Internet courses

LEVELLAND — Nine college courses will be offered this fall via the Internet at South Plains College, tripling the number SPC first offered when it began its long distance educational venture into cyberspace last fall.

Two of the classes will be offered for the first time by the SPC Lubbock campus, and a course in law enforcement has been added to the Internet roster on the SPC Levelland campus.

Internet classes will be offered in Composition I and II, Technical Writing, World Regional Geography, American Government, Organization, History of the United States to 1876 and Introduction to Criminal Justice, all on the Levelland campus, and Introduction to Computers and Basic Programming on the Lubbock campus.

"We are very excited to be able to expand our Internet offerings this fall and to offer Internet courses at the SPC Lubbock campus for the first time," said Dr. Taylor.

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1st Run - Stereo
Ever After (PG-13)
Daily 2:05, 7:05, 9:25
Coming Soon - Snake Eyes

Admirer of Dying Man Wants To Know How to Say Goodbye

DEAR ABBY: What do I send to someone who knows that he has only six weeks to live? My sister's father-in-law has liver cancer, and after a hard six-month battle, he is going to lose.

The family has established an open-door policy to come and say goodbye to him, but he is so beloved by so many people that they have started to turn people away. I want to say goodbye to him, but there are people closer to him who want to see him one last time.

I don't want to be tacky. I only want him to know how much he means to me, and that I'm not avoiding him in his final hours. Any advice would be appreciated.

CHRISTINE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CHRISTINE: Send him a "thinking of you" card with a short note recalling a pleasant memory that you shared together. Tell him you love and admire him and are praying for him. Although he may be too ill to read, someone will read it to him.

DEAR ABBY: I am on the board of a religious institution. An unusual problem has come to my attention.

One of our most active members is extremely overweight. When he sits on our folding chairs and chapel chairs, he invariably bends them down, making them uncomfortable and almost unusable.

Abby, we can't afford to replace a



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

chair each time he comes to church, but neither can we afford to offend a deeply religious brother. What can we do to resolve this problem?

CHURCH ELDER

DEAR CHURCH ELDER: He's probably just as uncomfortable sitting in those chairs as you are watching him. Go to a Goodwill, Salvation Army or other thrift store and get him an armchair. (He'll most likely thank you for it.) Or consider labeling one chair as his only and make sure he always sits in the same one.

DEAR ABBY: I couldn't resist responding to the letter from "Snapping Away," who wanted people to give her film because she always takes pictures and gives everyone copies. We have a snap-happy person in our family, too. She always has a camera handy. Other family members have cameras and would like to take pictures once in a while, but after Snap Happy has tested everyone's patience with, "One, two,

three, look at me, I'm taking your picture," the other cameras are usually left in their cases.

This constant picture-taking has brought groans of mild protest from the family, but since she loves to take pictures, keep photo albums and share prints, we humor her.

Our Snap Happy is 80 years old, legally blind, can't see what she is taking a picture of or see the prints, but we are still lining up while she happily snaps away.

Picture-happy people don't realize there is no polite way to refuse the pictures they are giving away. If someone requests that pictures be taken and prints given to them, then reimbursement is in order, but those who don't necessarily want the pictures don't owe her. These photographers should pass prints around and let those who want them write their names on the back so she (or he) will know who wants what. Then those who want pictures can pay their share of the expenses.

STILL SMILING FOR OUR SNAP HAPPY IN ARKANSAS

DEAR STILL SMILING: That seems fair to me. Thank you for commenting on that letter from a different perspective.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

from. Concern about your image is important, and actions also speak professionally. Understanding the mix remains instrumental to your success. Tonight: Take center stage. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Reach out for others. Don't stand on ceremony with a partner who is confused. Gain perspective by walking in his shoes. Discussion and empathy bond the two of you. Allow greater understanding and creativity in your personal relationships. Tonight: Go for change. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Handle finances, and explore investment options. You need to enhance your earning potential. An associate gives you strong, deliberate feedback. Your ideas about real estate change. Think carefully, despite someone else's nudging. Tonight: Accommodate a good friend. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** People like your fun ideas. But as easy as it is to get involved in the moment, don't forget your key obligations. Another approach finally breaks down the barriers between you and someone dear. Spice up a special friendship. Tonight: Go along with someone else's plans. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Dig into work, and follow through on what you need. No one can get the job done as well as you. Determine what is important. Consider a change or restructuring of finances and your employment situation. A home office might be the perfect answer. Tonight: Work late. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Take action on a personal matter that you have been putting off. Though you don't have all the answers, follow your intuition to find out what works for you. If something feels uncomfortable, back off. Reach out for others, and initiate talks. Tonight: Let yourself be naughty. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Take care of personal matters first. After exploring options with a roommate or family member, you transform your point of view. No longer should you remain stuck. Finances are not exactly what they seem. You have pulled the money wild card. Tonight: Balance your checkbook. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Others see you far differently than you are. Unpredictability marks your behavior and tends to color others' thinking. This can be an asset as well as a liability. Your communications define you and open you up. Listen to feedback. Tonight: Let a friend coax you. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Take charge of your finances. You gain key insights that allow you more control over your funds. You need to scrutinize what is shared on the sly. Understand that a boss wishes to help, not hinder, you. Security needs to be a primary concern. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

BORN TODAY
Actress Arlene Dahl (1928), wrestler Hulk Hogan (1953), musician Joe Jackson (1955)

Horoscope

TUESDAY, AUG. 11, 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)
***** You know you are unstoppable; you are full of vigor, energy and excitement. Determine priorities with care. Intuition serves you, especially in various forms of communication. The unexpected occurs (as always) with a turbulent friend. Tonight: Do what most pleases you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** One-to-one relating opens doors that you hadn't been able to unlock previously. A little vulnerability goes a long way with a specific partner. Once again, the boss pops up with unusual requests. Use your sense of humor to flow through changes. Tonight: Togetherness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Aim for what you want, then take the first step. A friendship is key in making a necessary change. This adjustment might affect your perspective. Walk in an associate's shoes; you need to understand his motivations and desires. Tonight: An unexpected invitation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Take the lead while you are in the limelight. A partner clearly lets you know where he is coming

Crossword Puzzle

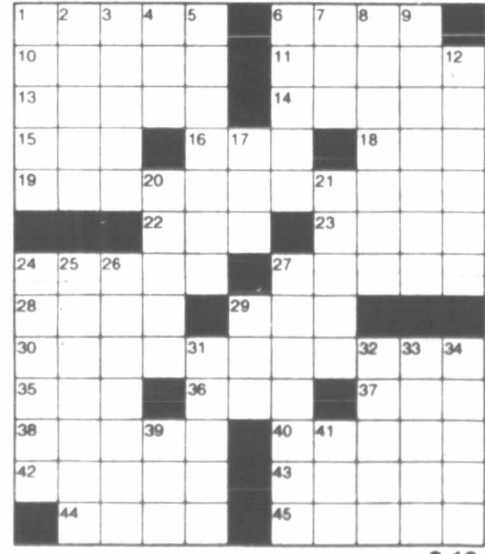
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27 1984 Matthew Modine film
28 The gamut
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20 Public square
21 Singer Baker
24 Grassy plains
25 Fill with mist
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27 Pompous talk
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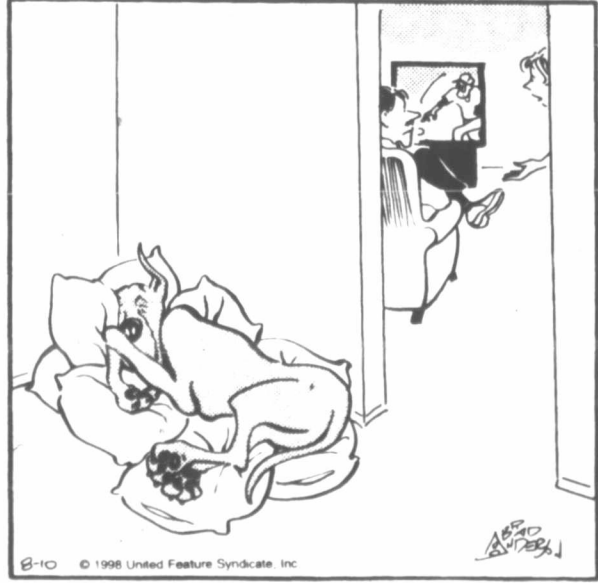
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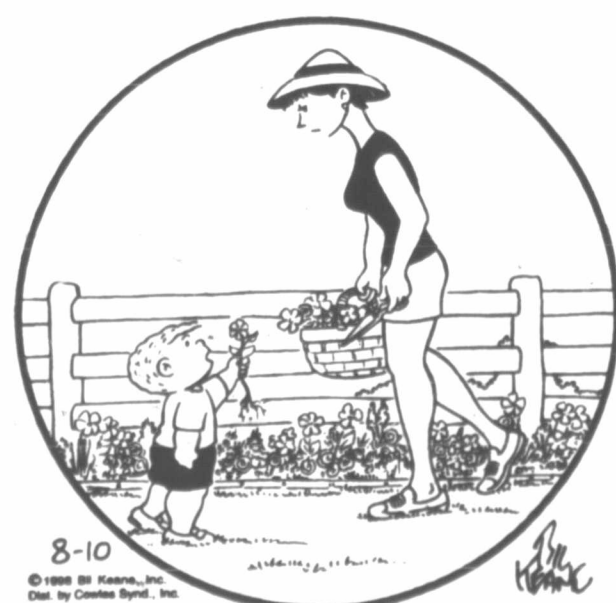
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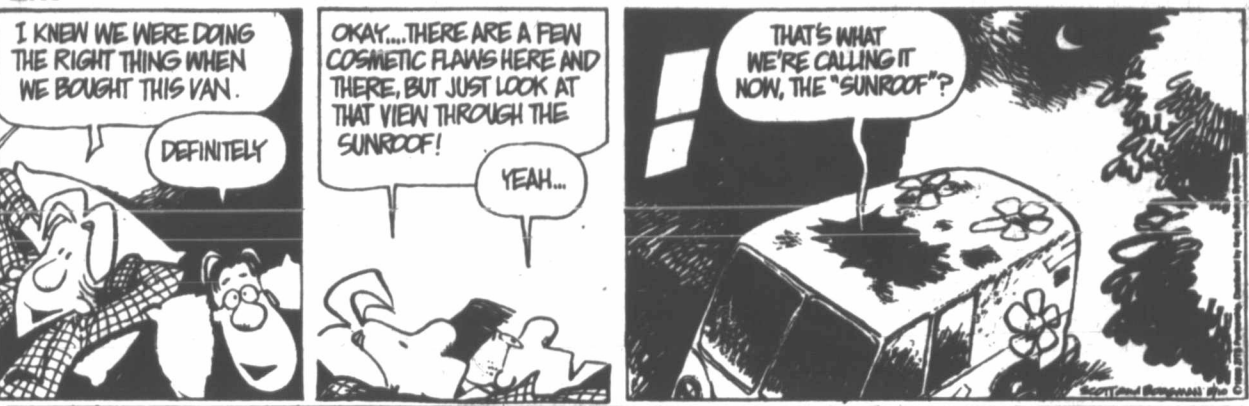


"Is this one ready to be picked yet?"

For Better or For Worse



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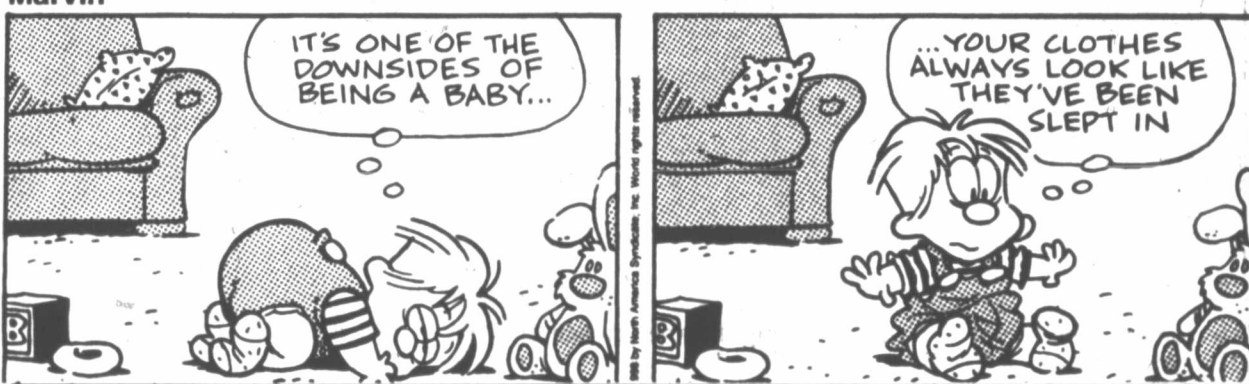
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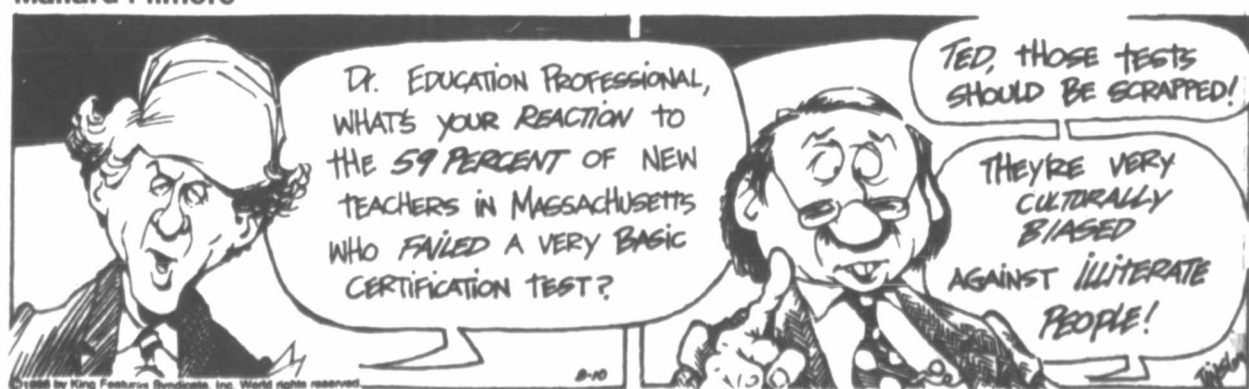
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Blondie



Mallard Filmore



Top readers



Members of the Summer School ESL class at Lamar Elementary were also in the Lovett Library's top 10 readers for the summer program: (top row left-right) Michaela Flores, top reader with over 1,900 minutes, Cristal Silva, Fabiola Soria, (second row) Daisy Portillo, Daniella Molina, and Cristian Ortega.

Key committee member pushing contempt citation against Attorney General Reno

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key House committee chairman says he will push for a floor vote of a contempt citation against Attorney General Janet Reno if she "continues to be recalcitrant" in dealing with a campaign finance investigation.

The Republican-led Government Reform and Oversight Committee voted along party lines Thursday to cite Reno with contempt for failing to turn over papers in the panel's investigation. On Sunday, the chairman, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., repeated his threat to bring the charges to the House floor.

"If she chooses to appoint an independent counsel, we'll be happy with that," he said on "Fox News Sunday." "But we'll just have to see about the contempt citation, because she's been so recalcitrant."

"I believe if she continues to be recalcitrant, that we will bring it to the floor, and we will pass it," he said.

The contempt citation was drawn up after Reno resisted a committee subpoena ordering her to turn over reports recommending that she seek an independent counsel to investigate political fund raising in the 1996 election.

"The Congress has a right to know why Mr. LaBella and why Mr. Freeh said the mandatory provisions of the law have already been passed, and she still rejects an independent counsel," Burton said.

He referred to separate confidential recommendations by FBI Director Louis Freeh and Charles LaBella, former head of the Justice Department's campaign finance task force, that Reno seek an independent counsel.

"We need to know why there's such a big divergence of opinion between the ... main investigators in this investigation, and the attorney general who appears to be trying to protect the president," Burton added.

Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., maintained that Reno merely wanted some time to review the materials.

"You can't get more contemptuous, more partisan or more vulgar than Dan Burton as he describes the president of the United States and the goal of his objection," Rangel said on CNN's "Late Edition." "The attorney general is a very responsible person."

Reno said last she would not succumb to congressional pressure to turn over the papers, calling it "a form of political tampering that no prosecutor in America can accept."

"I simply have to draw the line and stand up for what I believe to be a very important principle," Reno said after the vote Thursday. "Prosecutions in America must be free of political influence."

Reno has said she expects to make a decision on seeking an independent counsel within three weeks. She canceled a planned trip to Alaska beginning today.

Meanwhile Sunday, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said that if the attorney general does not seek appointment of an independent counsel, she should consider quitting.

Jury awards total of \$130,000; Exxon to pay \$35,000

THIBODAUX, La. (AP) — Grand Bois residents had hoped to win millions of dollars to pay for health problems they say they have suffered since Exxon Corp. dumped oil field waste at a disposal site near their community.

But a state grand jury Sunday awarded the first of 10 residents to go to trial much less — \$130,000, and all but \$5,000 of that for emotional distress — leaving the future of their efforts uncertain.

Attorneys for 301 Grand Bois residents who sued Irving, Texas-based Exxon and dump site operator Campbell Wells Corp. said they will have to decide whether to continue with the other 290 lawsuits. The residents cases were to be tried 10 at a time.

Some residents said they want-

ed to talk with their attorneys before deciding what to do. But others were standing firm.

"It's not over," said Joycelin Dominique.

"We're not stopping. We're already working on the next case. We can't stop. It would be like giving up on our lives," Collette Friloux said.

Both women were among the even Grand Bois residents who got nothing under Sunday's verdict, which came after eight hours of weekend deliberations. The \$130,000 went to three residents and a trucker who said she became ill while driving through Grand Bois as the first of 210,000 gallons of Exxon waste was being dumped in March 1994.

The three residents, whose testimony was the most affecting, were awarded a total of \$120,000, half to Nora Bonin and \$30,000

each to Anna Matherne and Lyles Verdin. Trucker Vergie Fulmer was awarded \$10,000.

And Exxon must pay only \$35,000 of the total awarded in this trial. Campbell Wells was found responsible for 75 percent of the damages to Grand Bois residents and half of the damage to Ms. Fulmer. However, it and its successor company settled Friday with all 301 plaintiffs. Details of the settlement were sealed.

The packed courtroom was silent as Judge Bruce Simpson's law clerk read the verdicts, answering "No" to question after question: Was Exxon negligent in its handling and disposal of the waste from Alabama? Did Exxon hurt Collette Friloux? Joycelin Dominique? Timothy Billiot?

Some Grand Bois residents

stared straight at the jurors, others at walls. Some slumped in their seats or put their heads in their hands. As the string of nos stretched out, some left.

Not until the last question — Did the oil field waste hurt this plaintiff? This one? — and not even then until the last three names, were the answers "yes."

Nora Bonin, who broke down in tears during testimony about her uncontrollable diarrhea and other symptoms, was awarded \$60,000.

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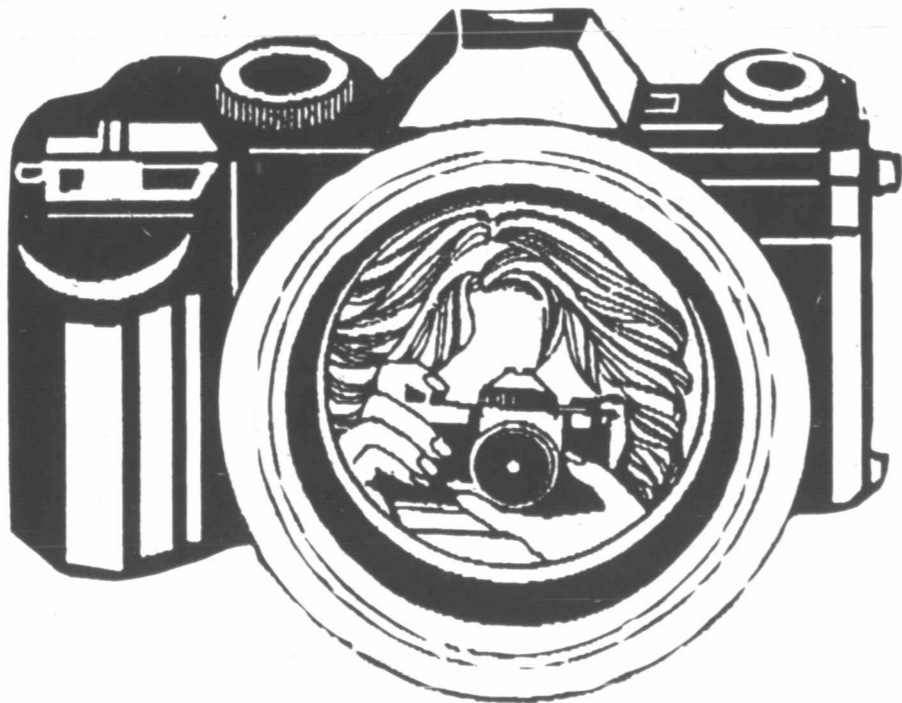
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SPORTS

Notebook

GOLF
PAMPA — The 19th annual Bonnie & Clyde Tournament was held last weekend at the Pampa Country Club course. Results are as follows:
First Flight
 1. Craig Davis-Laura Kindle 116.1; 2. Kelly Everson-Sue Winborn 119.0; 3. Gerald Rasco-Joyce Rasco 119.4; 4. Rick Cox-Ida Goad 125.2.
Second Flight
 1. Ben Davis-Debbie Davis 122.6; 2. Tommy Hill-Nita Hill 123.6; 3. Mike Hargus-Debbie Hargus 126.4; 4. Stephen Mills-Charlene Mills 127.8.
Third flight
 1. Robert Jefferson-Judy Jefferson 114.2; 2. Rick Haggard-Emily Haggard 117.4; 3. Kevin Walcher-Barbara Neiden 126.2; 4. Charles Jett-Patsy Jett 126.6 (won scorecard playoff).
Fourth Flight
 1. Tyler Collins-Ila Collins 116.2; 2. Darrell Howard-Barbara Howard 124.4; 3. Geary Mahan-Linda Mahan 125.2; 4. Max DuBose-Fran DuBose 126.4.

Joyce Rasco had a hole-in-one Friday on the No. 5, 150-yard hole. She used a 5-iron for her first career hole-in-one. Witnesses were Gerald Rasco of Pampa, Carolyn Snyder of Amarillo and Jerry Snyder of Amarillo.

BASEBALL
DETROIT (AP) — Russ Davis hit two homers and Alex Rodriguez continued his torrid hitting at Tiger Stadium as the Seattle Mariners beat Detroit 9-3 Saturday.
 Rob Ducey and Edgar Martinez also homered for the Mariners, who have won three straight and five of their last six. Detroit has lost five straight and nine of 11.
 Ken Griffey Jr. went 1-for-5 with an RBI single as the designated hitter but went homerless for the eighth straight game.
 Rodriguez went 2-for-4 and is batting .429 (9-21) at Tiger Stadium this year.
 Ken Cloude (7-7) won his third straight despite falling behind 2-0 after two innings. He allowed three runs on eight hits with seven strikeouts in 6 2-3 innings.

BASKETBALL
DEERFIELD, ILL. (AP) — Tim Floyd is preparing to coach a team with no players at the moment, planning for a season that might not be played.
 It has been two weeks since he joined the Chicago Bulls, but because of the NBA lockout and Michael Jordan's indecision, Floyd remains in a kind of executive limbo. He has moved into Phil Jackson's old office, but most of his belongings are still boxed and stacked in a hallway outside. That extra bit of chaos, however, makes Floyd believable when he says he is prepared to vacate the coach's suite at a moment's notice.

Johnson-fueled Astros excite Houston fans

HOUSTON (AP) — Though the Houston Astros acquired Randy Johnson to pitch them to the World Series, he might also turn the city's notoriously fickle baseball fans into major league devotees.
 If the nation's fourth-largest city is to become a true baseball town, the time is now.
 "I think it's really special," said Kevin Caley, a longtime Astros fan. "I think they've got a chance to do something this time."
 Caley wasn't among the regular-season record crowd of 52,069 who watched Johnson make his home debut Friday night, but he plans to be among the hordes who return for the left-hander's start against Milwaukee Wednesday.
 The Astros were averaging

about 27,000 before Friday night — not bad for a team that averaged only 23,236 last year to watch the playoff-bound team. The Central Division leaders hope the National League's most potent offense and a competent pitching staff can maintain interest when Johnson's not on the mound.
 The timing couldn't be better. This ceased being a football town when the Oilers fled to Tennessee after the 1996 NFL season; the Rockets won over Houston with NBA titles in 1994 and '95, but a lockout threatens to test fan loyalties.
 That leaves the Astros, who faltered at the box office after the 1994 strike snuffed out a promising season. With a \$250 million retractable roof stadium set

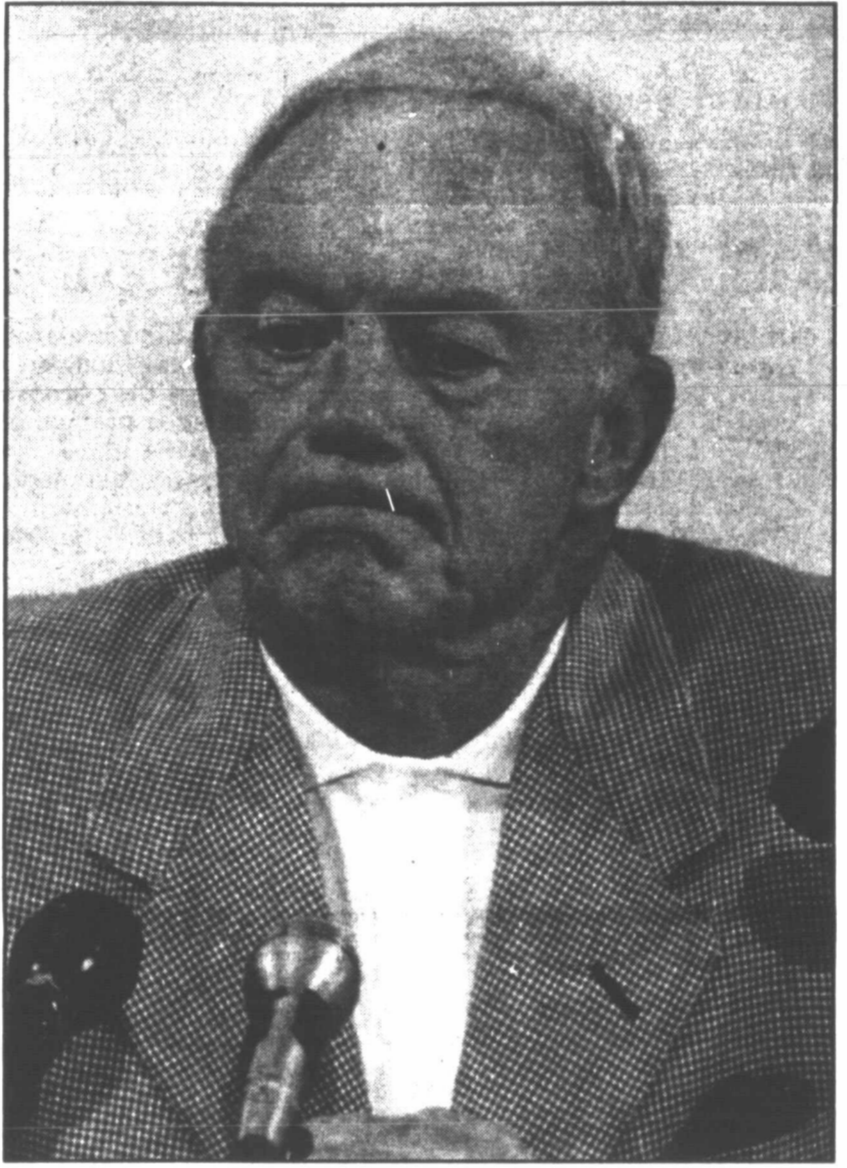
open in 2000, the 37-year-old franchise is poised to receive more fans.
 The pregame crowd that huddled along the first-base line to watch Johnson warm up before his five-hitter against the Philadelphia Phillies was testament to the city's newfound enthusiasm.
 "Now, I know what a lot of rock stars feel like," he said after receiving a standing ovation before Houston's 9-0 win. Johnson is 2-0 with 20 strikeouts and a 1.13 ERA in his two Astros starts.
 Manager Larry Dierker has spent most of his life associated with the franchise, beginning as an 18-year-old Houston Colt .45 pitcher in 1964. He's seen plenty of empty seats during his time as

player, broadcaster and coach.
 "It's usually the other team having part of the attraction," Dierker said.
 It was the visitors — the Atlanta Braves — who were responsible for the previous attendance record of 51,526 on May 15. The record before that dated to June 22, 1966, when Los Angeles Dodgers ace Sandy Koufax drew 50,908.
 The Astros energized Houston with playoff appearances, in 1980, '86 and '97. But the first trip got lost in the Oilers' "Luv Ya Blue" era of Earl Campbell, and the second occurred while Houston was preoccupied with the oil bust.
 As he surveyed the huge crowd streaming into the Astrodome Friday to watch the

new Astros' star, the architect of the July 31 Johnson trade smiled.
 "Hopefully, this will be one of many nights like this," said general manager Gerry Hunsicker, who sent three prospects to the Seattle Mariners for Johnson. "I think having crowds like this will fire everybody up."
 While it's possible Johnson, a free agent at the end of the season, will take his 97 mph fastball elsewhere, Houston fans are hopeful he'll stick around to send the Astrodome out in style next season.
 "I don't know him as a person," said Kevin Knowlton, who brought his two children to Friday's game, "but you'd think he'd appreciate 50,000 fans showing up for his first start."

Cowboys' owner still handling damage control

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — It was supposed to be the best day of training camp for the Dallas Cowboys: family night.
 Two air-conditioned buses brought family and friends from Dallas to Wichita Falls for an evening with the players after practice. There was barbecue and music and a family atmosphere, just like coach Chan Gailey saw when he was an assistant in Pittsburgh and hoped to duplicate with his new team.
 But later that night something went wrong in the dorm rooms at Midwestern State University — something that would show the new coach where Gailey's authority ends and how much control owner Jerry Jones still wields over the Cowboys.
 The details are sketchy, but this much is known: Guard Everett McIver's neck was cut, deeply enough to keep him out of the preseason opener a few nights later and nearly a week of practice.



Jerry Jones left hanging several unanswered questions about the dormitory episode.

Jones, who hired Calvin Hill last year to help clean up the club's public image, decreed little would be said about the matter.
 He allowed Gailey to say there had been "horseplay" and that McIver, a free agent from Miami, didn't start it.
 The handling of the matter went against what Jones promised at the February news conference announcing the hiring of Gailey. In addition to saying "Chan is the man," Jones vowed: "Chan is here to coach, discipline, and organize. He has my backing to do things a coach traditionally does. There's no road around Chan to me. Everything goes through Chan."
 While spin doctoring an off-field problem isn't necessarily

something a coach traditionally does, that was the case in Dallas when Jimmy Johnson was the coach.
 Johnson was the ultimate source of Cowboys information,

a fact that angered Jones and led to their breakup. When Barry Switzer replaced Johnson, he allowed his old pal Jones take over the spotlight as he craved.
 But Switzer's inability to discipline his players or himself, along with the team's slide from Super Bowl champion to 6-10 and out of the playoffs two years later, led to his forced resignation in January.
 When Gailey got the job, Jones went out of his way to say the newcomer would be his own man — thus, not controlled by the owner. Most observers took a wait-and-see approach.
 Well, after waiting, it appears we're now seeing.
 Gailey had to awkwardly fend off questions about what started the "horseplay" and who else was involved.
 "We're handling it in-house," Gailey would say sternly.
 "I don't have any further comment," Gailey would say time and again.
 Asked if the shelf life of the story surprised him, Gailey said five days after the incident, "That's up to you," meaning the media.
 "We've said all we're going to say about this," Jones would say, leaving unanswered 20 or more questions about an injured player who had signed a five-year, \$9.5 million contract.
 McIver would say nothing about it.
 The Fort Worth Star-Telegram later identified Michael Irvin, who has had his brushes with the law, as one of the culprits in an incident involving scissors.
 "Leave it alone, man," Irvin would say.
 Then Dallas television station WFAA identified linebacker Dexter Coakley and defensive end Kavika Pittman as part of the dormitory roughhousing. No comment from them either.
 The story won't die for Gailey, a disciplinarian who has brought

back a work ethic to the Cowboys after Switzer seemed to let it slide.
 The handling of the incident raises many specific questions, but it answers a much more general one — whether Gailey or Jones is running the team.
 "There is no question he (Jones) is the boss," Gailey told The Associated Press several days before the incident. "He owns the team. He's the general manager, and he wants to be involved. He hired me to run a part of his business."
 So far, players have taken to Gailey, his new offense and his passion for doing things correctly on the playing field. Veterans have even accepted his penalty laps for making miscues.
 "Coach is a silent killer," said offensive lineman Erik Williams. "He doesn't say much. But when he does, his words carry a big impact."
 "I love his work ethic," said quarterback Troy Aikman. "He's serious about getting things done right."
 It means a lot to the players to have a coach who works as hard as they do. It means a lot to them not to have a coach who gets caught carrying a gun through an airline terminal, as did Gailey's predecessor Barry Switzer.
 But can Gailey have control over a team which still has its rogue incidents when he doesn't have the authority to give full disclosure on what happened?
 It must be clear to Gailey now that his authority is on the 100 yards of the football field.
 The owner will handle damage control on everything else, including failed family nights.

Texas Tech officials reform compliance efforts

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — For the past decade, Texas Tech football players had huddled with athletic personnel and muddled through NCAA rules manuals, trying to figure out if their grades were good enough for them to suit up for the season.
 The result: widespread confusion; players with grade point averages under 1.0; and, ultimately,

several years of NCAA scholarship sanctions.
 Now, Tech has followed a national trend in creating a compliance department charged with monitoring the school's recruiting practices and helping ensure all players are eligible.
 Tech officials say the new department and software it has at its disposal will prevent a recurrence of the violations that led to the run-in with the NCAA.
 "I think it can be said that things were out of hand and a big part of the problem was that the athletic department was handling too much," said Steve Uryasz, associate athletic director for student services at Tech.
 "We know that we have to keep our books in order and we now have the right people in the right places to keep this school out of trouble."
 On Tuesday, the NCAA placed Tech on a fourth year of probation and took away extra scholarships from the football, baseball and men's and women's basketball teams, but did not ban post-season play or television coverage. NCAA officials also applauded the stiff penalties the school imposed on itself in April and added only slightly to them.
 For a school plagued with problems that officials say often were caused by ignorance of the rules, the stakes have never been higher. If Tech violates NCAA rules while serving its four-year probation, the school would be eligible for the "death penalty," a suspension of some of its athletic programs.
 The Southern Methodist football program was crippled for

nearly a decade after receiving the death penalty and being forced to sit out the 1987 season. On their own, the Mustangs then sat out the 1988 as well. SMU was 18-67-3 in eight seasons before going 6-5 last year.
 Bob Oliver, director of membership services for the NCAA, said almost every major university has added some sort of education and watchdog personnel over the past 10 years.
 "There is no law that makes schools hire compliance officers, but there is also no law that says there has to be a dean of a college, either," Oliver said. "Compliance officers must come under the prerogative of what the institution thinks is necessary. What is clear is that the rules require a great deal of attention to make sure everybody understands them."
 Tech has hired former NCAA official Shane Lyons to head its compliance department along with an assistant and several others who will monitor various aspects of the eligibility certification system.
 It's Uryasz's responsibility to see that athletes and coaches are educated about the NCAA eligibility rules.
 "My task is to not only make sure to the best of my ability that the rules are being followed, but to actually help athletes make sure they know how that translates into what they need to do each semester," Uryasz said.
 "It's not quite as easy as many people think. Not only are there rules about the GPA a student must keep up to be eligible, there are also rules that require athletes to complete a certain percentage

of their degree before each semester."
 Uryasz has designed computer software that can calculate from raw data whether a player is eligible.
 Tech also has shifted the final

decision of whether a student may play to the registrar's office.
 "We've put a great deal of power back in the hands of those who have the best ability to make sure the right thing is done," Uryasz said.

National League					American League				
East Division					East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Atlanta	79	39	.689	—	New York	84	29	.743	—
New York	62	53	.539	15 1/2	Boston	68	47	.591	17
Philadelphia	56	60	.483	22	Baltimore	60	56	.517	25 1/2
Montreal	49	69	.415	30	Toronto	58	59	.496	28
Florida	41	76	.350	37 1/2	Tampa Bay	45	69	.395	39 1/2
Central Division					West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Houston	71	46	.607	—	San Diego	76	41	.650	—
Chicago	64	54	.542	7 1/2	San Francisco	62	56	.525	14 1/2
Milwaukee	58	59	.496	13	Los Angeles	60	58	.508	16 1/2
St. Louis	56	60	.483	14 1/2	Colorado	53	65	.449	23 1/2
Cincinnati	53	65	.449	18 1/2	Arizona	44	73	.376	32
Pittsburgh	52	66	.441	19 1/2	Sunday's Games				
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	Montreal 8, Arizona 2				
San Diego	76	41	.650	—	Milwaukee 4, Cincinnati 3				
San Francisco	62	56	.525	14 1/2	St. Louis 2, Chicago Cubs 1				
Los Angeles	60	58	.508	16 1/2	Houston 11, Philadelphia 2				
Colorado	53	65	.449	23 1/2	Colorado 11, N.Y. Mets 4				
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Scientists: Not enough evidence tamoxifen prevents breast cancer

By EMMA ROSS
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Contradicting U.S. findings, British scientists who conducted the longest-running study of tamoxifen have concluded there is not enough evidence the drug prevents breast cancer, according to research published Friday.

Although scientists agree tamoxifen fights the recurrence of breast cancer in women who already have had surgery, they are divided over whether it prevents the disease from occurring in the first place.

Part of the caution over use of the drug relates to its side effects, which include doubling the risk of getting uterine cancer and tripling the risk of developing a blood clot in the lungs, a potentially fatal disorder.

A U.S. National Cancer Institute study released in April said tamoxifen reduced the chances of breast cancer in high-risk women by 45 percent. It abandoned its trial of 13,388 women early to give every woman involved the option of taking the drug.

But researchers from the Royal Marsden Hospital in London, in a smaller but longer-running study, found the incidence of breast cancer among 2,494 women with a family history of the disease was the same regardless of whether they took the drug.

A separate study following 5,408 women for four years, conducted by the European Institute of Oncology in Milan, Italy, came to a similar conclusion. Both studies were published in *The Lancet*, a British medical journal.

"There are significant numbers of women requesting to take tamoxifen since the American study and I have grave concerns

about the widespread use of it in healthy women," said Dr. Trevor Powles, leader of the British study.

Tamoxifen is known as an "anti-estrogen" because it blocks the

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effects of the hormone in some tissues and retards growth of cancer cells that depend upon estrogen.

Powles said the U.S. study results, which followed women for an average of three years, could mean tamoxifen was merely treating existing undetectable tumors rather than preventing new ones and it is unclear how effective the drug would have been if the study had continued for several more years.

In addition, he said, women who later develop tumors could be worse off if their cancer was resistant to tamoxifen, the most widely used drug for the treatment of the disease.

At the time the U.S. study was abandoned, the British scientists

accused the National Cancer Institute of acting prematurely, and perhaps raising false hopes.

Powles said his study, which followed women for an average of eight years, does not conclude that tamoxifen does not prevent breast cancer, only that there is insufficient evidence to say it does.

After six years in the trial, 34 of the women on tamoxifen developed breast cancer, compared with 36 women on a placebo, the study said.

"We still believe tamoxifen will prevent a large number of women from getting breast cancer, but it will take 10 years of follow-up to see a real prevention," Powles said.

Barnett Kramer, deputy director of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., said the British and Italian studies do not shake his confidence in the findings of the U.S. study.

"We are extremely confident, because of the number of women involved, that the data stands, and the chance that our results occurred by chance were 1 in 10,000," he said.

He said the inclusion of women taking hormone replacement therapy in the British study also skewed the results because it adds estrogen, which can blunt the effect of tamoxifen.

Powles countered that even discounting the women on hormone replacement therapy, there was no significant difference in the cancer rate.

In a separate commentary in *The Lancet*, Kathleen Pritchard of the University of Toronto in Canada said the differences in the European and U.S. findings may reflect the fact that more women participated in the American study, that they were older and that the risk factors taken into account were different.

Doctors perform surgery on fetus, successfully treat spinal bifida

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Little Noah, smaller than the palm of his doctor's hand, was headed for a life in which he could never walk or control his urine and bowel movements.

After only 20 weeks in his mother's womb, doctors could see that Noah Kipfmiller's backbone had not closed. His spinal cord was partially deformed and nerve bundles were protruding from his back.

The only hope was to let doctors operate on the fetus while it remained in the mother's womb.

That was over four months ago. Now, 2-month-old Noah is kicking his little legs in the air.

For the first time, doctors said, they performed successful fetal surgery on a spina bifida child at 23 weeks into the gestation period.

This one case could pave the way for a normal life for the estimated 1,500 babies born in this country each year with spina bifida, they said.

"It feels good to know my baby can help others," Melissa Kipfmiller of Bay City, Mich., said as she watched Noah, her first child, wiggle his toes. Earlier in the day, she had sat in the hospital nursery watching him do the same thing.

"I couldn't help but compare him to the other babies. And he didn't seem to be moving any

slower than the other ones," she said. "For some reason, I knew all along this was going to work out."

Five of the seven babies who have undergone the open-womb operation have survived and have shown improved prognoses. The other two babies have not been delivered yet, according to Dr. Joseph Bruner, director of fetal diagnosis and therapy at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

Excluding Noah, those surgeries were conducted significantly later in the pregnancy — at 28 weeks. Conducting the surgery sooner can reduce the chance of spinal damage, he said.

"This has not been scientifically proven to be beneficial, but I've seen things come and go, and heard a lot of promises, and it's obvious to me this is the real thing," said Bruner, who conducted most of those spina bifida surgeries. "Patients may now have the opportunity of having this surgery done earlier in hope of a better outcome and more options."

Those options mean parents considering termination could choose to have surgery first in hopes of a good outcome, said Dr. N. Scott Adzick, who conducted Noah's surgery at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

One risk that comes with the

surgery is premature birth. Noah was born two months premature at 2 pounds, 7 ounces. But he developed well, and now weighs 4 pounds and appears healthy, Adzick said.

Open fetal surgery is still relatively rare and reserved for simple anatomic defects that are life-threatening. But although spina bifida is not life-threatening and many children live normal lives, this case warranted the treatment, Adzick said.

"This family did not want to end their pregnancy. They were going to take care of their child, either way, so they decided to give the baby the best possible chances," he said.

As far as Noah's bladder and bowel control, Adzick won't know anything for sure until he is potty-trained. When Noah reaches 10 pounds, he will return to Philadelphia to complete the closure of his spine. During the fetal surgery, the skin around the defect was too thin to use to completely close the spine.

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Vanderbilt University Medical Center are the only two facilities that have performed fetal surgery on spina bifida children, said Bruner, who was scheduled to conduct two more surgeries over the course of the summer.

Researchers say body's 'biochemical memory' may hamper virus fights

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Killer T cells generated by the immune system to fight a virus appear to have difficulty adjusting to new strains, highlighting the difficulty in trying to cure infections that change over time, new research shows.

Immunologists have dubbed this reaction "original sin." A Swiss study published in the journal *Nature* shows how it could complicate the immune system's fight against HIV, hepatitis C and other infections.

It could also help explain why vaccines to effectively fight AIDS-causing HIV and other viruses have proven difficult to develop, researchers said.

If the original sin reaction is common, it could provide viruses with a means of escaping from the search-and-destroy white blood cells, known as killer T cells, generated by the immune system, molecular biologist Andrew J. McMichael of Oxford University said in commentary to the study.

"It could explain the complexity of (killer T cells) to HIV and its variants," he said. "It might even make the infection worse."

Immunologists borrowed the original sin phrase to describe the body's initial response to the influenza virus. It generated antibodies specific to that infection in order to fight it.

But when the person was exposed to a new

strain of the flu virus, the body still would muster antibodies specific to the original strain. Researchers making flu vaccines recognized this pitfall and had to adjust their designs.

In the Swiss study, researchers at University Hospital in Zurich wanted to see if original sin extended to killer T cells, which are among the body's strongest defender cells.

They infected mice with a particular meningitis virus, prompting the animals' immune systems to develop specific cytotoxic T lymphocytes — the killer Ts — in response.

When they were infected with a mutant strain of the virus, the animals generated more of the original killer T cells. The immune systems did not generate new ones specifically for the second infection.

This may explain why some viruses, including HIV, are initially kept in check by the immune system, but eventually develop mutant strains that fool the body.

Molecular biologists are less certain of how this original sin occurs for killer T cells. Several theories are being examined, they said, but it appears that the viruses are taking advantage of the immune cells' very strong biochemical memory for the original infection.

"Adaptability is a dominant feature of the normal immune response," researchers Paul Klenerman and Rolf Zinkernagel reported. "But highly mutable viruses may, in a finely tailored way, be testing its limits."

Protein linked to nerve cell death

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The discovery of a protein that acts as a catalyst for the rapid destruction of nerve cells could lead to treatments to slow Alzheimer's disease and help cancer patients, researchers say.

Mark P. Mattson, a professor at the University of Kentucky's Sanders-Brown Research Center on Aging, announced Monday that he and fellow researcher Qing Guo found high levels of the protein "Par-4" in the brain nerve cells of Alzheimer's patients.

Depending on the part of the brain examined, Alzheimer's patients were found to have from four to 18 times the level of Par-4 compared to those without the disease.

Tests showed that preventing the genetic creation of the pro-

tein made the nerve cells more likely to survive, said Mattson, whose findings were published in the August issue of the journal *Nature Medicine*.

In Alzheimer's, where nerve cell death is the cause of the disease, blocking Par-4 could slow the disease's advance, and could also have application to other neurodegenerative disorders such as Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease and Lou Gehrig's disease, he said.

Any Par-4-based therapies for Alzheimer's would not be a cure for the degenerative disease but a way of slowing or preventing the death of irreplaceable nerve cells that are crucial to learning and memory, Mattson said. He added that such therapies are at least five to 10 years away.

Rudy Tanzi, an associate pro-

fessor of neurology at Harvard, called the research promising, but said Par-4 is only one of a series of proteins involved in nerve cell death.

"It's not clear yet exactly which proteins in the cell death pathway are the best target" for Alzheimer's therapies, Tanzi said. "I would hope for the cause of Alzheimer's research that Par-4 turns out to be a better target than others, since so much progress now has been made."

In the United States, Alzheimer's disease affects around 4 million adults, most of them over 65. Experts say more than 100,000 deaths are attributed to the disease each year, making it the fourth-leading cause of death in the United States.



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