

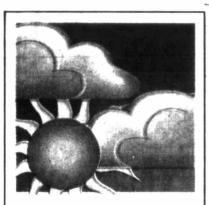
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High today is 88. Low tonight is 65. For weather details see page 2.

PAMPA — Gov. George Bush will be in Pampa Friday, Aug. 14, at the Chamber of Commerce building in the M.K. Brown room, 200 N. Ballard. Bush is scheduled to arrive at 2:40 p.m., and the public is invited to attend.

PAMPA — The PHS Class of 1989 will be having an organizational meeting for their 10-year class reunion 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 — Altrusa is having its annual brunch and style show Sat., Aug. 15 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the M.K. Brown Heritage Room. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door.

PAMPA — The Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame Banquet will be Friday at 7

How well can you hear the sirens? City investigating whether more emergency sirens now needed

Reserve police, dairy cows and the pos- not indoor, as some people assume. sible addition of emergency sirens were discussed at the Pampa City Commission meeting yesterday.

Local Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall spoke to the commission about adding additional emergency sirens to the seven that are already in place.

The sirens now meet standards set by Federal Emergency Management, but some citizens have complained that they can not hear the sirens well.

Hall noted that many of these complaints come from people that had one of the old sirens very close to them which changed with the placement of the new sirens. He also said that the system was meant to be an outdoor warning system, Hall said he has been in contact with

received ideas on how to increase the volume above the minimum by adding three or more sirens. The manufacturer suggested that the city add as many as nine more, Hall said. The commis-

The sirens now meet Emergency Management, but some citizens have complained that they can not hear the sirens well.

sion asked Hall to find out exactly what benefit to the city. three additional sirens would cost and

suggested that in the next few weeks Hall coordinate a drill with Pampa ISD to see the manufacturer of the sirens, and has how well the sirens are heard in the

> schools around town. Police standards set by Federal Chief Charlie Morris approached commissioners yesterday to explain why thought police reserve would be a

He said 5-10 reserve officers will be how effective they would be. They also state certified and could work under the

supervision of one of the full time officers. Morris stated that the reserve officers could help during special events like parades and the rodeo and searches for lost children or alzheimer's patients. He also said the officers could ride with full time officers providing additional security in a two-person unit.

Morris said the use of officers for special detail could save the city money by cutting out some of the overtime that is now paid to full time officers. Reserve officers, he said, would be required to work about 16 hours a month and would have no authority unless called by the agency administrator.

Mayor Bob Neslage said he thought the reserve could also act as a replacement See CITY, Page 2

Surveys will measure youths sexual attitudes and behaviors

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By MIRANDA G. BAILEY **Staff Writer**

Parents got the opportunity earlier this week to review questions on student surveys which will be distributed to Pampa ISD students this year by Worth the Wait — a new federally funded Gray County abstinence education program.

Eric Tooley, a member of Aim for Success — the largest provider of sexual abstinence education in the state --- also spent an hour and a half with parents Monday night at Pampa Middle School demonstrating an example of an abstinence education presentation Pampa children can anticipate seeing in the future. Worth the Wait is a non-profit organization created to address the problems associated with teen sexual activity and its consequences, according to program directors Stacey Ladd, RN, and Beth Kettenring. The purpose of the survey, said Ladd, is to establish a baseline regarding teen attitudes and intentions about abstinence and sexual activity



Eilee Cludt, left, and Melody Youree busy assembling handbooks for incoming Pampa High

School students. Schools across Pampa are busy preparing for the return of students tomor-

p.m. in VFW Post Home. For more information call Mike Porter, 669-6066.

PAMPA — The Circle of Friends Party will be Saturday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the home of Fauncine Mack, north of Pampa on highway 70 at Loop 171. The public is invited! \$25 per couple. For more information call Shannon Buck, 665-7027

• John R. Hill, 57, quarter horse trainer. • Joe Allen Joiner, 56, father of a Pampa resident. • Martha Golden Miller, 78, homemaker. • Doris Marie Odom, 55. coowner of GloValve.

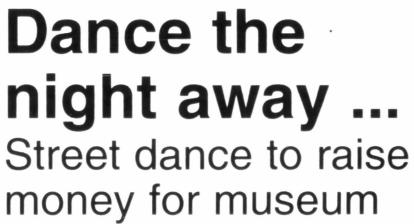
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"Dancing Under the Stars III," a street dance and dinner, is scheduled for Sat., Aug. 29. It is the latest fund-raising effort of the White Deer Land Museum.

row for the 1998-99 academic year.

The event will take place at the museum,116 S. Cuyler, from 7 until 11 p.m. Western swing music will be provided by two area bands, The Magic City Cowboy Band and The Rocking Chair Cowboys

From 7-7:45 p.m. guests will sample salsas and dips made by the foundation and advisory board members followed by a brisket dinner with all the trimmings.

A silent auction of items donated by area artists, crafts people and businesses will be up for bid in the museum's Holland Wing until 9 p.m.



Cost of the entire evening events is \$15. Guests may tour the museum during the evening and see the current exhibit in the Holland Wing, called "Panhandle Wildflowers."

During the past four years, the White Deer Land Museum Foundation's membership drives and special events have helped raise money for the expansion of the museum facilities, educational programs, public exhibits and recognition of donors.

Tickets for "An Evening Under the Stars III" may be purchased by contacting any foundation board member. For more information call the museum at 669-8041.

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"If we survey them, we can follow them over the next three, live,

Ladd presented the survey questions to PISD board members late last month before bringing the questions to parents Monday

'We want your input and your involvement," she said.



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey

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Dunlaps Manager Christy Parker and Ann Winegeart displaying some of the fashions to be modeled this weekend at Altrusa's "Fashions, Food and Fun" brunch at M.K. Brown. The club is holding the show to finance the local service projects to which they contribute.

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six years," she said.

The surveys, which will be filled out anonymously, are being distributed this fall to students in the sixth through 12th grades.

"Under state law, parents may exercise their opt-out right if they do not wish for their children to participate in the survey," said Ladd.

night for community input.

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- Wednesday, August 12, 1998 - THE PAMPA NEWS

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HILL, John R. – 2 p.m., Country Chapel, Wheeler.

JOINER, Joe Allen — 10 a.m., Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel, Amariflo. Holiness **ODOM**, Doris Marie – 2 p.m., Trinity Church, Elk City.

Obituaries

JOHN R. HILL

WHEELER - John R. Hill, 57, died Monday, Aug. 10, 1998, at St. Anthony's Hospice. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Country Chapel with the Rev. Rodney Weatherly officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Hill was born June 16, 1941, at Hereford, Texas, to Allen and Mae Hill. He attended school in Miami and Canadian and graduated from Higgins High School in 1959. He received a degree from Texas Tech University and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He had been a Wheeler resident for over 25 years and was a lifetime breeder and trainer of quarter horses. He was past director of the American Quarter Horse Association of which he was a judge for 12 years, judging both TCRA and Tri-State rodeos. He was a member of the Country Chapel.

He was preceded in death by his father on May 15.1997

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Hill of Wheeler; a daughter, Christina Hill of Amarillo; a son, Will Hill of Westerback, Wash.; his mother Mae of Wheeler; and a sister, Glenda Hill Webber of San Antonio.

JOE ALLEN JOINER

AMARILLO - Joe Allen Joiner, 56, father of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel with Ralph Harmon, elder of Olsen Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery.

Mr. Joiner was born at Amarillo and had been a lifelong Amarillo resident. He was a graduate of Amarillo High School. He was senior vice president of Corporate Printing and Bank Supply. He was a member of the Petroleum Bowling League Raider's team and supported Amarillo Rattlers and Amarillo Dillas. He was a member of Olsen Park Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Survivors include a son, Timmy Joiner of Pampa; his mother, Alma Thomas; a sister, Sue Hurst of Albuquerque, N.M.; three brothers, Danny Joiner, Lynn Huggs and John Joiner, all of Amarillo; and two grandchildren.

The family will be at 5130 S. Crockett and requests memorials be to a favorite charity. The body will not be available for viewing.

MARTHA GOLDEN MILLER

Martha Golden Miller, 78, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 1998. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Police report

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

Tuesday, August 11

Nicholas Lee Brookshire, 18, 816 N. Wells, was arrested on warrants.

Forgery was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart.

Accidents

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

Tuesday, August 11

A citation for failure to yield right of way was issued to Howard Leslie Weatherly, 75, 2117 N Russell, when his 1983 Chevrolet pickup when he struck a 1984 Cougar driven by Ramon Hernandez Jr., 16, 609 N. Russell, in the intersection of Hobart and Somerville. No injuries were reported.

No citations were listed when a 1994 Ford pick up driven by Joshua Heath Franklin, 18, 2410 Fir, rear-ended a 1988 Cadillac driven by Hugo Natividad Pena, 41, 1004 Huff, who was attempt ing to park in the 400 block of W. 23rd. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Tuesday, August 11

12:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Somerville. No one was transported. 2:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hobart

and 21st. No one was transported. Wednesday, August 12

3:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of S. Gray and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

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

Tuesday, August 11

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the area and meet with city lead-

Roden Dairies was offered just over a million dollars in incentives and loans to bring a dairy, bottling plant, and fertilizer plant to Gray County. The operation will hire between 80-90 people diary cows to the area within was also approved. three years. The bottling plant should be able to handle other

dairies that locate in the area as well as Roden's own product,

according to Roden. Later during the regular session, the Roden deal was approved. A 15 percent increase as part of a new two year contract with the city of Pampa and and bring around 3,500 and 4,000 Rural/Metro ambulance service

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Surveys

City ·

pool for the future.

Following this discussion, the

commission took time to discuss

a PEDC offer regarding Roden

Dairy's move from Godley to

Gray County. Among those pre-

sent was Larry Roden, owner of

the Roden Dairy, who came to

Pampa with his wife to look over

Copies of the surveys will be available for parental review at both the middle and high school as well as Carver Center. Parents will also be sent letters before the surveys are administered.

Three initial surveys were put together by Ladd and a Human Sexuality Committee consisting of community and school leaders this summer regarding the survey's content and the programs which will be presented to students in the coming year.

The sixth grade survey has, "softer language," than the survey for seventh and eighth graders. The high school survey varies only in more detail on school activity involvement.

One parent voiced a concern over whether sixth and seventh grade students need to be surveyed at all

"I have a real concern with the sixth graders," Ladd said.

She said she, too, felt it was a young age to begin asking about sexual attitudes. But after researching and visiting with directors of similar state programs, Ladd said she began to understood the necessity in starting early with the abstinence edu-

cation process. Another parent expressed a similar opinion stat-

ing that while it seemed like a young age, it was better to educate the students before it was too late.

Also, said Ladd, in creating a baseline of student sexual attitudes and activity it is crucial to gather data from students over several years. Starting at the sixth grade level, surveys of the same students over a several-year period will more accurately determine the results of the abstinence education.

One parent suggested that while the surveys were to be filled out anonymously, confidentiality could be better served if there was a box for students to put the surveys in without the worry that teachers are reading the surveys.

Ladd fielded other questions concerning the seriousness students would give to the surveys. She said she expects some surveys to come back with deliberately wild answers.

Tooley, who has had several years experience in abstinence education, confirmed that those kinds of surveys are to be expected. But in general, hesaid, it all balances out.

"We are hoping to distribute the surveys in October, after the teachers have been trained," said Ladd.

CBS shutting down production on 'Bryant Gumbel's 'Public Eye'

duction on "Public Eye," the newsmagazine featuring Bryant Gumbel.

The program's staff got official word Tuesday from CBS News president Andrew Heyward that they would lose their jobs before the scheduled Sept. 16 final broadcast. About 40 staffers are affected, said CBS News spokeswoman Sandy Genelius.

The news came as little surprise, since "Public Eye" suffered low ratings during its freshman season and failed to win a slot on CBS' upcoming fall lineup, announced in May.

"You can't keep a staff if you're not on the air, because if you're not on the air, you don't have a budget," Genelius said. She said "Public Eye" still may be back as a

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST partly sunny with a high of 88 and a 50 percent chance of thun- West Texas - Tonight, partly Lows in the mid 70s inland to derstorms. A southeast 5-15 mph cloudy with a slight chance of near 80 coast. Coastal Bend and win is projected. The anticipated overnight low is 65 with a 60 percent chance of rain and storms. A high of 88 is forecast Thursday with a 30 percent 90s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big and hot with isolated to widely chance of afternoon storms and a Bend Area - Tonight, partly scattered mainly afternoon 50 percent chance storms in the cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. evening. The anticipated thunderstorms. Lows from the Highs in the lower 90s coast to overnight low is 65. Tuèsday's high was 87; the low was 67. Nine hundredths if an inch of rainfall was recorded for yesterday morning. **REGIONAL FORECAST** Grande. WEST TEXAS — Panhandle - Tonight, mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Locally heavy rainfall north and partly cloudy south. A possible. Low in the lower 60s. Light and variable wind. Chance ide. Lows 70 to 76. Highs 88 to of rain, 60 percent. Thursday, becoming partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunder- Country and South Central storms. High in the mid 80s. Northeast wind 5-15 mph. Thursday night, mostly cloudy or thunderstorms hills and with a 40 percent chance of northern portions south central night through Thursday night, showers or thunderstorms. Low Texas. Lows in the mid 70s. Rolling Plains — Tonight, mostly Thursday, mostly cloudy with a cloudy with scattered showers chance of showers or thunder- storms, most numerous mounor thunderstorms. Locally heavy storms. Highs in the mid 90s. tains and east. Highs in the 70s rain possible. Lows in the 60s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s to lower 90s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, partly cloudy heat advisory is in effect today with a chance of thunderstorms. for much of southeast Texas and Lows in the mid to upper 60s. the upper coast. Tonight, partly Thursday, mostly cloudy with a cloudy with a slight chance of slight chance of late afternoon showers or thunderstorms. to 94. Thursday night, mostly thunderstorms. Highs in the Lows in the mid 70s inland to cloudy with a good chance of 90s. lower Valley/Edwards Plateau

NEW YORK (AP) - CBS is shutting down pro- midseason replacement, and could draw on a number of "banked" stories the current staff will, leave behind.

> A return would mean hiring a new staff and Gumbel wasn't optimistic. "It's hard to answer the call as a replacement when you don't have a staff," he said this morning.

> The show first aired last September after CBS signed Gumbel, formerly the longtime host of NBC's "Today" show, to a five-year contract that pays him an estimated \$5 million a year.

> Besides the slim possibility of Gumbel returning with "Public Eye," his CBS options include anchoring another startup magazine series or special broadcasts, or a role, also considered unlikely, on the new "60 Minutes II."

"It's a really good question," he said of what he might do next. "But I won't be focusing much attention on it until mid-September. After that, it will consume me.'

Tonight, partly cloudy with a showers or thunderstorms. chance of thunderstorms. Lows Highs in the upper 90s inland to around 70. Thursday, partly lower 90s coast. Thursday night, day's weather should be cloudy with a slight chance of partly cloudy with a chance of

Mrs. Miller was born Jan 8, 1920, at Chillicothe. She had been a Pampa resident since 1932, moving from Chillicothe. She married Monroe Miller on June 3, 1939, at Pampa; he died in 1973. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Merdella Hughes and Dawn Mauldin, both of Pampa; a son, Richard Miller of Bakersfield, Calif.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.

DORIS MARIE ODOM

ELK CITY, Okla. - Doris Marie Odom, 55, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, Aug. 10, 1998,

at Oklahoma City, Okla. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Trinity Holiness Church with the Rev. Don Williams officiating. Burial will be in Blanchard Cemetery under the direction of Binyon Funeral Home of Chickasha, Okla.



Mrs. Odom was born Oct. 11; 1942, at Blanchard, to Johnny and Gladys Williams. She attended Middleburg School and graduated from Dibble High School in 1960. She married Harry Lynn Odom on May 13, 1961, at Middleburg. The couple lived in Midwest City, Chickasha and Fort Smith, Ark., moving to Pampa in 1965. She co-owned Glo Valve, establishing the business in 1968. She had been an Elk City resident since 1990.

She joined the Pampa Desk and Derrick Club in 1979, serving as president in 1982 and as Region V director in 1986. She was president of the International Association of Desk and Derrick in 1996. She was a member of Central Baptist Church of Pampa.

Survivors include her husband, Lynn Odom, of the home; three sons, Greg Odom and Rob Odom, both of Elk City, and Ron Odom of Blanchard; her parents, Gladys and Farrell Williams of Blanchard; two sisters, Glenda Whinery of Paso Robles, Calif., and Brenda Meier of Elk City; two brothers, Darrell Williams and Ray Williams, both of Blanchard; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society.

Emergency numbers

12:55 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to Hobart and Somerville on an automobile accident.

2:45 p.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to 21st and Hobart on an automobile accident.

11:24 p.m. — Three units and nine personnel responded to a structure fire and 1235 S. Sumner

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furrs 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.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES

The Pampa Area Singles Dance is Sat., Aug. 22, at the M.K. Brown Auditorium from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Karaoke Kountry with Dee O'Kelley is the featured entertainment this month. The price is \$5 per person and everyone is being asked to bring finger foods. For more information, call 665-0219.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are	Chevron	up 9/16
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.	Coca-Cola	up 11/16
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Wheat 2.43	Enron	up 3/8
Ailo	Halliburton	up 11/16
orn	IRI	dn 1/16
oybeans 4.95	KNE	up 9/16
4.75	Kerr McGee47 3/16	up 1/8
The following show the prices for	Limited	up 1/8
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	New Atmos	up 1/8
Occidental	NCF 42 13/16	up 3/8
The following show the prices for	Penne,	dn 3/16
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Magellan 105.55	SLB	dn 3/16
Puritan 20.38	Tenneco	dn 1/16
	Texaco	up 5/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N Y. Stock	Ultramar 27 1/4	up 3/4
Market quotations are furnished by	Wal-Mart	up 1 1/4
Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.	Williams 29 5/8	up 7/16
Amoco	New York Gold	283.70
Arco	Silver	5.16
Cabot	West Texas Crude	12.89

thunderstorms. Highs 90-95. Far showers or thunderstorms. showers and thunderstorms. the Rio Grande Plains -Lows around 70. Thursday, part- Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows ly cloudy with a slight chance of near 80 coast to the mid 70s thunderstorms. Highs in the mid inland. Thursday, partly cloudy upper 50s mountains to the mid the mid 90s inland, near 100 Rio 70s along the Rio Grande. Grande plains. Thursday night, Thursday, partly cloudy with a partly cloudy with isolated slight chance of thunderstorms. mainly evening showers or Highs from the mid 80s moun- thunderstorms. Lows near 80 tains to near 100 along the Rio

NORTH TEXAS —Tonight and Thursday, mostly cloudy. chance of thunderstorms areaw-

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated evening showers Thursday night, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast Texas and with mid 50s and 60s at lower Upper Texas Coast — Excessive elevations. Concho near 80 coast. Thursday, partly showers and thunderstorms. cloudy and hot with a chance of Lows around 70.

coast to the upper 70s inland. Deep South Texas — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 80 coast to the mid 70s inland. Thursday, mostly sunny and hot. Highs near 90 coast to the upper 90s inland, near 105 inland west. Thursday night, partly cloudy

with isolated evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows near 80 coast to the mid 70s inland. **BORDER STATES FORECAST NEW MEXICO** — Wednesday variable clouds. Scattered afternoon and nighttime thunderand 80s mountains with upper 70s to mid 90s elsewhere. Lows in the 40s and 50s mountains

OKLAHOMA — Tonight and Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows 65 to 75. Highs 87

City briefs The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement HOBBY SHOP - Close-out SOCCER COMBO Deals. Cleats, ball & shin guards at one low price. Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv. N. Hobart. Adv. AMARILLO'S 1ST Annual Beanie Baby Show, 10-4 p.m. Aug. 15, 16, Sat., Sun., Amarillo meatballs. 716 W. Foster. Adv. starting at Clarendon College, Civic Ctr., adm. \$3, kids under

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DIXIE DOG: Back to school special. Chili dog, tator tots, med. drink \$2.50. 665-4061, 725

CHANEY'S CAFE - Wed. 5-8 p.m. Meatloaf, fried chicken, chicken fried steak, spaghetti &

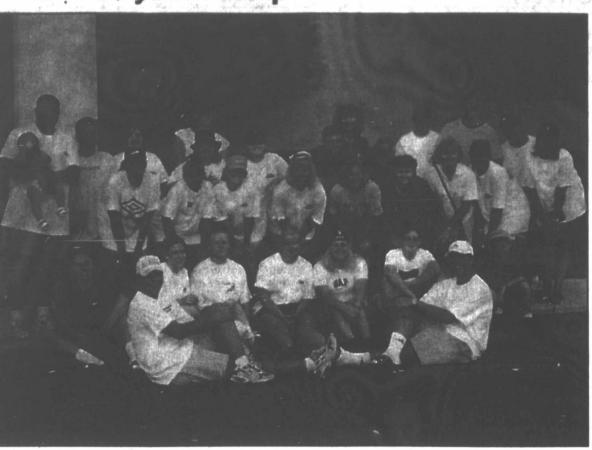
COME IN & sample our new bath soap & try our new line of bath products. While you're there, look at all the new things that we have. Celebrations, 1617 N. Hobart. Adv.

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. MARTIAL ARTS Classes call Gale 665-8554. Adv. 13 free. Adv.

WATERMELONS JUST arrived, big orange meat & Black Diamond, cantaloupe, tomatoes. Epperson's, 2 mi. E. Hwy. 60.

REGISTRATION - JEANNE Willingham Beaux Arts Dance Studio, Mon. 24th & Tues. 25th, 3-6 p.m. (806) 669-6361 or 669-

Briarwood youth camp



(Special photo)

The youth of Briarwood, recently joined about 400 other campers at South Padre Island, for a week of services with youth evangelist Roosevelt Hunter. Back row leftright: Steve Watson, (youth pastor), Savannah Watson, Belinda Watkins, Julie Watson (youth pastor), Thomas Harris, Shelly Hopson, Lesley Clark, Wade Bruce, Jan Clark, Crystal Willoughby, Jeremy Hall, Josh Paulson, Harvey Watson, Stormie Watkins; middle row left to right: Starla Willoughby, Stephanie Willoughby, Lynnsee Hancock, Katie Miller, Season Putman, Karen Putman, Brenda Donaldson, Tammy Martindale; front row left to right: Janson Hancock, Jamison Hancock, Sherri Turner, Amber Doyle, Marcella Turner, Charity Godwin, Bryan Klein, Rick Blain and Chad Long.

Fire restrictions lifted at Meredith

superintendent Meredith Monument, turned green, thereby result- for vegetation to green up.

Camp fires are now permit- ing the campsite. The use of

FRITCH – John Benjamin, ted in the following desig- pallet and construction uperintendent of Lake nated campgrounds: Bugbee, material for fuel requires the National Blue Creek, Recreation Area and Alibates Hollow, Blue West, Harbor as nails and screws prior to Flint Quarries National Bay, Fritch Fortress, Cedar entering the park. Campfires recently Canyon, Sanford-Yake and will be allowed in these announced the fire danger' Spring Canyon. Fires of all areas until fire danger readreadings have decreased in kinds are still banned at ings reach "high" or north and east areas of the McBride Canyon, Plum park due to recent rains. It Creek and Rosita Flats. The has rained enough in these remaining fire bans will be be successful without public areas that vegetation has lifted when it rains enough

ing in a lower fire danger sit- Park officials request visiuation. The west and south tors keep all fires small. areas of the park remain in a Never leave a fire unattendhigh fire danger situation ed and always extinguish a due to insufficient moisture. fire completely before leav-

Chimney removal of all hardware such "extreme" levels.

Wildfire prevention cannot support.

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TxDOT offering grants to qualifying agencies

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AMARILLO - Panhandle area non-profit provide assistance in meeting the trans-

Applications are reviewed by a local panel. The funds will be granted to agencies that serve both rural (under 50,000) and urban (above 50,000) populations. Applications will be accepted through Sept. 15, **1998**.

Amarillo District is calling on private, through TxDOT's Amarillo District office. non-profit agencies to apply for its Federal Contact Bill Harvey, Amarillo District's Transit Administration Section 5310 grant urban transportation planner at (806) 356program. The goal of the program is to 3200 for more information.

agencies may now apply for federal funds portation needs of elderly and/or people to help provide public transportation to with disabilities where public transportathe elderly and people with disabilities. tion services are unavailable, insufficient and inappropriate.

> The Section 16 grant program provides 80 percent of the funds for a selected agency's purchase of a vehicle to transport the elderly and/or people with disabilities. The agency must provide the remaining 20 percent of the funds.

> Applications are reviewed by a local panel. The funds will be granted to agencies that serve both rural (under 50,000) and urban (above 50,000) populations. Applications will be accepted through Sept. 15, 1998.

Applications and instructions for the The Texas Department of Transportation's Section 16 grant program are available



Notice of Effective Tax Rate 1998 Property Tax Rates in Panhandle Ground Water **Conservation District No. 3**

This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3. 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.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$302,705.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$302,705.00
Last year's tax base	\$2,453,036,923.00
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Last year's adjusted taxes	\$302,905.00
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(after subtracting value of new property)	
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Schedule A: **Unencumbered Fund Balances**

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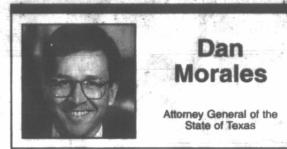
Between 1990 and 1994, youth between 10 and 16 years of age clearly posed a major threat to society, committing 23 percent of the most serious violent and property offenses.

VIEWPOINTS

Offenses like murder, sexual assault, robbery and aggravated assault are not childish pranks. Neither are burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. In 1994, the problem worsened as the number of serious offenses by youth rose to 28 percent.

In an effort to combat juvenile crime, the Office of the Attorney General joined with prosecutors and law enforcement agencies in confidentiality requirements, held parents proposing many revisions to the laws in the Texas Family Code that relate to juvenile crime. In addition, the Juvenile Crime Intervention Division of the Office of the Attorney General is working with other service agencies to help prevent youth from getting into trouble. The Juvenile Crime Intervention Division is working to educate not only teens, but parents, educators and others who work with youth about the many options for assistance that are available.

The 75th Legislature adopted a tough new attitude toward young criminals and enacted broad reforms that took effect in 1995. The Legislature funded more probation officers, doubled the capacity of the juvenile corrections system, and created penalties to match the seri-



of the perpetrators. Other reforms loosened responsible for their children's crimes, and required youthful offenders to pay restitution to their victims.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas police arrested fewer juveniles in 1997. The 2.4 percent decrease in juvenile arrests was the first decline recorded in Texas since 1988. DPS attributed the decrease to demographic shifts, earlier intervention and harsher penalties for juvenile offenders.

Good news? You bet. But will just cracking down solve juvenile crime? Very unlikely.

In an attempt to keep their youth off the criminal path early on, many communities are dealing directly with problem teens – before crimes are committed.

One method being used is a Youth Resource ousness of the crimes and the criminal histories Fair that gives teens and their parents a look at communities.

possibilities for help in their own hometown. The fair can provide an opportunity for one-onone counseling with local agency personnel in a wide variety of areas.

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The idea is to get an entire neighborhood involved in looking at healthy alternatives to violent lifestyles. The emphasis is on providing answers, not just handing out colorful brochures. Local representatives from more than two dozen state agencies are on hand to help with substance abuse or domestic violence counseling or to sign teens up for job training and education programs.

Youth Resource Fairs prove that it doesn't take big bucks to make a difference in a youth's life. Creative use of existing resources and better coordination of efforts can provide new answers for communities in need.

The Juvenile Crime Division of the Office of the Attorney General has joined with other service organizations to coordinate Youth Resource Fairs across the state. Recent fairs were held in Giddings at the State School and in Northeast El Paso.

A Youth Resource Fair is a great reminder that part of a parent's job is to help children explore possibilities. This can be difficult to do when parents are working to keep a family going. Parents need to be aware of just how much help is available to them in their own

Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Friday, Aug. 7, the

219th day of 1998. There are 146 days left in the year. in

Today's Highlight History:

On August 7, 1782, George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and non-commissioned officers.

On this date:

In 1789, the U.S. War Department was established by Congress.

In 1912, the Progressive Party nominated Theodore Roosevelt for president. In 1942, U.S. forces landed at

Guadalcanal, marking the start of the first major allied offensive in the Pacific during World War II.

In 1947, the balsa wood raft Kon-Tiki, which had carried a six-man crew 4,300 miles across the Pacific Ocean, crashed into a reef in a Polynesian archipelago.

Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: The Dallas Morning News on Texas' high-tech work force:

For decades, the oil and agriculture industries provided leaders for Texas. That was largely because their work was right here in Texas, connected to the land and the soil.

Today's global, technology-based economy has changed all that. The state's expansive high-tech companies, typified by the "Telecom Corridor" in Richardson, form the backbone of the modern Texas economy. But for many high-tech innovators, whose businesses often take them all over the world, Texas is only a place to live.

Changing that dynamic, and getting more people from the state's inventive and entrepreneurial technology community involved in solving state and local problems, presents one of Texas' great challenges.

Vin Prothro, who chairs Gov. George W. Bush's Science and Technology Council, has a particular goal for the state's technology community. The Dallas Semiconductor Corp. chairman wants people from within the industry to press Texas legislators during their 1999 session to invest ample funds in the state's community colleges and in high school advanced placement courses. Those reforms would help improve the skills of workers coming into the Texas workforce.

The state's schools indeed provide a natural place for the Texas technology community and the state's civic needs to coincide. That's why some

relationships already exist between large computer companies and Texas colleges.

Still, the gap between the state's universities and its technology community remains sizable, especially when one considers the legion of start-up technology companies spreading out across Texas. The University of Texas at Dallas, for example, sits in the middle of Richardson's Telecom Corridor. It draws strong support from several big technology companies like Texas Industries, Nortel, Ericsson and Electronic Data Systems. But only a few of the corridor's dynamic start-up companies have been big players in the university's life.



That's troubling because UT-Dallas' mission fits naturally with the work of the Telecom Corridor's 550 high-tech companies. UT-Dallas places great emphasis on math and sciences. And it recruits top-tier high school students who can eventually feed into the area's technology companies.

The 1999 Texas Legislature presents an opportunity for UT-Dallas leaders and young, entrepreneurial Telecom Corridor executives to change this situation. They could work together as a team in presenting the school's needs to Texas legislators.

The university needs additional money to recruit more aspiring young faculty members and to offer scholarships to more premier high school seniors. Those professors and students could in turn expand Telecom Corridor's innovative work, just as Stanford and MIT helped fuel a technological explosion in California's Silicon Valley and along Massachusetts' Route 128.

Investing in the work of specialized schools like UT-Dallas would make a real difference in the new Texas economy. So would sizable investments in the state's community colleges and advanced placement courses. This message is one that technological leaders should carry to Austin. Speaking up for Texas schools would allow the high-tech team to become a new force within the state's civic life.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Amtrak:

With more travelers riding its trains, more of those trains leaving and arriving on time and more money than projected coming in, Amtrak is positioned to make a strong case for increased government support.

This week Amtrak reported a 5.8 percent increase in ridership over the corresponding period last year. That same report showed Amtrak's revenues exceeded projections by \$5.5 million and trains adhered to schedules 80 percent of the time.

Those positive indicators have put the four confirmed members of the Amtrak Reform Board in a decidedly upbeat frame of mind. That board is entertaining thoughts of offering cruise-ship quality luxury service on some lines and high-speed lines outside the Northeast Corridor. Texas, California, Florida and the Pacific Northwest were mentioned as possibilities.

Despite such encouraging words from the reform board and the promising statistics that inspired them, Amtrak could face problems in the U.S. Senate. There have been indications that the transportation appropriations subcommittee was preparing a 1999 spending bill that includes no money for Amtrak operations.

Such a funding setback could imperil the viability of some lines, such as the Texas Eagle. The immediate challenge confronting the reform board is to convince the Senate that the demand and the need for rail passenger service is growing but the federal operational subsidies are still needed.

Without operational subsidies now something called Amtrak might achieve self-sufficiency by 2002. But that diminshed entity wouldn't come close to being a truly national rail passenger system

Privileges do not equal rights

The odd thing about post-modem America is that many people have rejected both religion and reason. Superstition and illogical thinking are the chief characteristics of public debate in America.

Pro-abortionists, for example, wish to be called pro-choice, though the child to be aborted is denied both choice and life. They claim a woman has a right to control her own body, but it is not her body that is killed at the abortion firm, representing the man's enemies, suggestclinic. It's her baby's body that ends up in the dump. Abortion is infanticide.

To show you how illogical the law is, a pregnant woman who uses drugs can be charged with child abuse by the criminal justice system, which says it is OK if she hires an abortionist to kill the same child. Laws should at the least be logical. Apparently, killing is not considered abuse. The last government that advocated death as therapy took power in Germany in 1933.

The U.S. Senate has passed a resolution declaring the president of Yugoslavia to be a war criminal. By the time you read this, the House may have done the same.

The question is, Where in the Constitution does it say that American politicians can sit in judgment of foreign heads of state? And how can 535 American politicians, most of whom don't even know what's going on in their own Then why do you think a man who lies and called human regression.

Charley Reese Syndicated columnist

country, determine that a foreign head of state is a war criminal? I suspect that the reason is because some Washington public relations ed it and probably even drafted the resolution, which is, of course, pointless to begin with.

U.S. politicians never declared Pol Pot a war criminal. He murdered one-third to one-half of all Cambodians. They never declared Joe Stalin or Mao Tse-tung war criminals and those two murdered millions. What this shows you, this resolution about Slobodan Milosevic, is what a bunch of low life posturers and demagogues we have in Washington at the present time. Their mouths, as well as their votes, are for rent

But, of course, private character doesn't matter. This claim, put forth to rationalize ant? Those who preach tolerance of homosexu-President Clinton's despicable behavior, is ality are intolerant of people who disagree with childishly absurd. Would you name a pedophile to run a government day-care cen- vulgarity and profanity are intolerant of those ter? Would you elect a serial killer as sheriff? who object to those things. To sum up, it's

cheats on his wife and lies to avoid the draft will tell the truth about public matters? In fact, Clinton has been as unfaithful to the Constitution and to his promises to the voters as he has been to his wife.

Look at the contradiction between professed egalitarianism and group rights. If one group has rights that another doesn't, then you obviously have discrimination and inequality. If all groups have the same rights, then all individuals within the groups have the same rights, and it's pointless to talk about group rights.

As a matter of fact, the basic premise of America is that rights, a gift of God, reside with the individual, not with the group. The Bill of Rights does in fact apply to every individual in the United States regardless of how you might wish to group them.

Today, people mistake privileges for rights. What most groupies clamoring for "rights" really are asking for are special privileges and favors denied other people.

And how about the intolerance of the tolerthem. Those who are tolerant of pornography,

The Clintons: Two against the world

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Inside the White House, it's two against the world. Bill and Hillary, the president and the first lady. More than ever, now that Monica Lewinsky and her mother have agreed to help Ken Starr.

When the news of this first came to the White House, it was plunged into gloom. Two longtime Clinton confidants told this reporter the same thing that day: "There have been dark times around here before, but this is the darkest." And both said the Clintons never before have felt so alone. But both emphasized that, in the words of one, "They're determined to tough it out, fight to the finish and prevail." Prevail meaning finish their term in office.

The Clintons long have been convinced Starr is out to "get" them. He failed in every effort. Then, near the start of this year, came the break about Lewinsky having some kind of relationship with the president. That breathed new life into Starr's investigations. But as long as Lewinsky wasn't talking, Starr was stymied.

Now she is talking. A lot. As a result, the Clinton presidency has been moved into a new and more perilous position. The Clintons know it. Their whole history together as a married couple has been forged in the fires of political heat. But they have never been through heat this hot. They now must make a long march through a scorching valley in the shadow of political death.

Dan Rather Syndicated columnist

Now, Washington is once again filled with whispers of the possibility - the real possibility - of impeachment or resignation. Some of those whispers are in the White House itself.

Among the staff, doubt and fear are spreading like mildew in a damp basement. In this atmosphere, the Clintons know that in important, fundamental ways, they can depend only upon themselves. It's the two of them against the world.

Among those who know them best, it is said that this is the way they view the situation: They must fight on three fronts: legal, political to be absolutely convinced that history will and historical.

Legally, they expect Starr to try for an actual indictment of the president. They believe Starr would also indict the first lady if he thought he could. But against her, he doesn't have enough. So goes the belief. But against Mr. Clinton, Starr - now, that he has Lewinsky talking - has enough to tempt him to go for indictment.

That's why the president's decision about whether he will testify before the grand jury is so important.

Politically, the Clintons are said to be convinced that Starr will submit a voluminous case to the Republican-controlled House of Representatives and will argue that it lays out a "constitutional crisis" worthy of impeachment consideration. No one in the White House, least of all the Clintons, underestimates the ominous potential this has. All in the White House, most of all the Clintons, are furious about this, believing it to be grossly unfair, but they recognize the real and present danger it represents:

If the Democrats should win back control of the House in November's mid-term elections, that could change dramatically the equation in the Clintons' favor. But they can't count on it. The odds against it happening are too long.

On the historical front, the Clintons are said view Starr's case as a political vendetta, bankrolled by wealthy ideological haters of all they have tried to accomplish, and built on shaky evidence of minor, at most, wrongdoing.

Hope, clearly, is the father of this expectation. As the siege tightens and the climactic, decisive battles draw nearer, the Clintons cling to the

Together. Angry. In the last decisive fight to hold together what's left of their dreams, two against the world.

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Uncomfortable Traveler Thinks Hosts Should Visit Guest Room

DEAR ABBY: Since travel season is upon us. I'd like to offer a suggestion as well as seek your advice. For the host and hostess who are having houseguests: Please spend a night in your guestroom to judge its comfort level.

We visit my in-laws in another state twice a year and stay in my husband's childhood room. The sheets are so thin you can read a newspaper through them and the pillows are so musty it is difficult to breathe. The only light in the room is a tiny decorative child's lamp, which does not cast enough light to tell what garments are in the closet, much less to read by. In addition, the closets are jammed with years of accumulation, making it difficult to find a place to put our clothes. It has been this way for years.

When my in-laws stay in our home, I go out of my way to make them feel welcome. I always include small "extras" - new magazines, an alarm clock, extra pillows, fresh soap, a couple of drinking glasses and even fresh flowers on the dresser.

Abby, I appreciate my in-laws' hospitality and do not want to appear ungrateful, but it has reached the point where I dread staying in their home. It is not a matter of money for them or for my husband and me. I would gladly pay to "freshen" the room, if it could be done diplomatically. Any suggestions?

DREADING IT IN THE CAROLINAS



DEAR DREADING IT: Your suggestion to check out the guestroom before guests arrive is a good one. Your mother-inlaw may think that your husband will feel more at home because she has left his boyhood room intact. However, I see nothing wrong with your providing her with a "hostess gift" of new bedding, a folding luggage rack or a new table lamp specifically marked for the guestroom. She should

welcome it.

DEAR ABBY: My son died recently after a long illness, and many mourners stepped past my husband to offer me condolences. It hurt my husband deeply. He's the only father my children have known for the last 11 years, but even his family felt that was my loss, not ours.

Abby, my son and my husband were very close, especially near the end. I think my son felt he could confide his fears to his dad, but must be brave for Mom.

In a world where birth fathers are walking away from their responsibilities, stepdads, foster fathers and adoptive parents are stepping in to shoulder that responsibility. Even though their presence is often resented by the children, these dads continue to love and care for their new families.

Abby, please explain to your readers that even if they don't understand the dynamics of stepfamily relationships, the stepparent shares in the rearing of the child, including loving the child. Condolences or congratulations should be expressed to the stepparent as well as the birth parent.

Thank you for allowing me to share my feelings.

GRIEVING MOTHER IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR GRIEVING MOTHER: Perhaps the mourners didn't mean to be insensitive. I hope your letter will cause them (and others) to reconsider their assumptions about stepparents who do, indeed, deserve more sympathy than your husband received in his time of sorrow.

For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope THURSDAY, AUG. 13, 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) *** Your caring becomes obvious. Don't think that you need to spend a lot to show your feelings. Consolidate, rather than frittering away resources. Confusion surrounds goals, friendship and a loved one. A child isn't telling the whole story. Tonight: Keep costs down. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Your smiles warms and draws others. Contain a certain nega- responsibility and take charge of tivity that you have within. Learn your work life. Tonight: The movies. more constructive and positive ways LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

termination draws others, who wish they had more of your strong constitution. Confusion marks your financial status. Someone is hiding the for someone. Plan a special trip to complete tale. Tonight: Chat online. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You don't have all the answers, so don't turn down someone else's suggestion. Your perspective could vary considerably. A partner is confused, or perhaps you are distorting who this person is. Seek clarity by discussing your perceptions and feelings. Tonight: Work late. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Reveal what is going on. Make inquiries, listen and find out more about an offer. You could be confused about a professional matter. Someone is evading your questions. Choose the high road, but take

*** Focus on work. A task could be burdensome. Good news comes from making a phone call or reaching out visit others. Learning and travel mix. Ask questions, and you could be surprised by what you hear. Tonight: Back to the old grind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You might feel stalemated by a creative project. Discussions are animated and give you positive feedback. Use their support, and let inspiration take over. Focus on potential, rather than obstacles. Look for openings. Use extra care with your finances. Tonight: Intense talks. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

* * * You have a difficult time knowing which way is up. Stay centered; recognize what is important to you. A domestic matter frustrates you. Don't try to create an uproar. De-

For Better or For Worse HONEY, OF COURSE I DON'T WISH YOU WERE GORDON, WHAT MADE SEEM TO HAVE IT ALL THAT'S NOT TRUE, MIKE. RIGHT NOW IT FEELS KE I'M JUST FIDDLING TOBETHER. THEIR LIVES ARE ON TRACK-AND I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO WRITER - A GOOD WRITER. AND SOME AROUND WITH THE YOU ASK ME THAT? KNOBS DAY, THE DOORS ARE IDEA! GOING TO OPEN Zits JEREMY, HEY! LET'S ARE YOU CRAZY? - COOLES GO WANDER YOU SLEEP IT'S AFTER MICH IDEA 400 VI WE'LL BE THE ONLY SHE AWAIT AROUND THE GHBORHOOD ES ON THE STREETS THAT'S THE-DU Garfield GARFIELD. BAGGEP HIM IN BATHROOM **Beetle Bailey** BOY, YOU REALLY WHO'S MAD NOW? UH-OH!! GOOFED THIS GENERAL RUCKUS? AREA HEADQUARTERS? TIME / **REGIONAL COMMAND?**



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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Express your ideas. Someone finds tune time. Tonight: Spontaneity. you most endearing. You'll get a SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) time for yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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to ideas. Your attitude puts off a new friend, who wants to be your ulti- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You exaggerate something. mate priority. Explaining your posi-Loosen up about what you want. tion is futile; wait for a more oppor-

warm reception, once you open up. $\star \star \star \star$ It takes all you have to draw You have been operating under a someone out of his cocoon. He doesn't mixed message. Tonight: Take some see life as you do. You find solace in Work pushes you to the limit. Pace set patterns and in being at home. You might wonder about a change in

ing your desires. Your sense of de- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

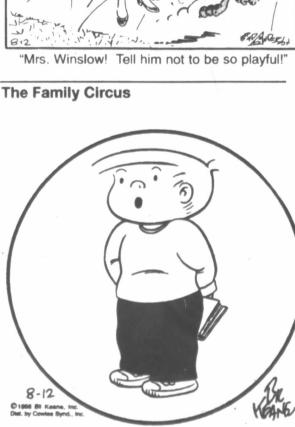
Crossword Puzzle

Marmaduke

 \star \star \star \star \star Conversations have a stilted tone, but they do open up unusual possibilities. Listen to oth-

ers, even though you might not like what they say. Clear out any mental cobwebs, and stay reality-bound. yourself. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

BORN TODAY President of Cuba Fidel Castro (1926), singer Dan Fogelberg (1951), singer Don Ho (1930)



STUMPED? For answers to today's crossword, call 1-900-454-7377!

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"About how many rungs are on the ladder of success?"

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PAMPA - A Meet the Harvesters program is set for 8 p.m. Saturday at Harvester Stadium. The program is sponsored by the Pampa Harvester Booster Club. It will be a get-acquainted time for parents and players. Popsicles will be served.

BOWLING

PAMPA—Pampa Women's Bowling Men's and Associations along with Harvester Lanes will hold a workshop for league presidents and secretaries at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at Harvester Lanes, 1401 S. Hobart.

The workshop will present information on rule changes, review responsibilities of league officers, provide important dates for the coming season and discuss awards and services. Supplies for the new season will also be distributed.

For more information, contact Harvester Lanes at 665-3422 or Carla Schiffman at 665-7751 (home) or 665-0091 (work).

BOXING

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) -New Jersey's state Athletic Control Board is expected to make a decision Friday on whether to award a boxing license to Mike Tyson.

The board scheduled a public meeting for Friday morning. Maureen Sczpanski, spokeswoman for the state Department of Law and Public Safety, said Tuesday a decision is expected during this meeting.

Tyson will attend the meeting, according to his lawyer, Anthony Fusco Jr.

"He will definitely be there," said Fusco. "We're hopeful. We think we made a good presentation."

Tyson, 32, hasn't fought

By MICHAEL A, LUTZ AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — It won't take the Texas among the nation's elite. The Aggies fell from grace in

1996, then rebounded last year

Several A&M players remember the 1996 slide began with a loss to Brigham Young in the Kickoff Classic on Aug. 31.

rough effect on our season," Nebraska loss will help them backfield.

whether they once again belong just grind through the Nguyen said. motions

After struggling to a 6-6 seven teams with 1997 winning record in 1996, A&M bounced records that the Aggies will to go 9-4 and win the Big 12 back by winning its first five play this season and coach R.C." South. on consecutive weeks to Kansas State and Texas Tech, then won their last four regular-season games.

early season Pigskin Classic. Things tailed off from there. This year, the Aggies have Nebraska whipped A&M 54-15 another tough early battle in the Big 12 championship, against Florida State in the then came a 29-23 loss to UCLA in the Cotton Bowl.

"What happened at BYU two Nguyen said lessons the returns on the offensive side. years ago seemed to have had a Aggies learned from the

Aggies once again seeking national limelight

good for us. We know what to mistakes and expect to beat A&M Aggies long to know expect now. We know we can't teams like Florida State,"

> The Seminoles are one of Broyles. good.

"Either we'll match up well or we won't," Slocum said.

A&M will need quick results look. from both offensive and defensive lines. starters in the defensive line

and only guard Semisi Heimuli

The Aggies appear set in the balls for short yardage.

said. "But this year, I think "We made a lot of mistakes Stewart is assisted by three playing Florida State will be and we know we can't make career 1,000-yard running backs (Dante Hall, Sirr Parker and D'Andre Hardeman) and superb blocking back Marc

> Slocum wants more of a passing attack and he expects to get it with receivers Aaron Oliver, the Aggies' season. They Leroy Hodge, Chris Cole and haven't beaten a top 10 team tight end Derrick Spiller. The away from Kyle Field since Aggies also plan to send Parker 1979. wide on occasion for another

"Our receivers have come a ive lines. There are no returning vears," Stewart said. "We've got year ago," Slocum said. "We some good guys and depth. were coming off a disappoint-We've got fast people and a cou- ing season and trying to ple who are big targets to get

Nguyen headlines the linesenior linebacker Dat Nguyen prepare for Florida State. said. "But this year, I think "We made a lot of mistakes Stewart is assisted by three on the defense. The defensive backfield, a pleasant surprise a year ago, returns intact with cornerbacks Jason Webster and Shun Horn and safeties Rich Coady and Brandon Jennings.

A victory over Florida State would be a great kick-start to

"We are much better prepared at this time for a team like regroup. This year we're coming off a championship season."

Pampa team has "3-Peat" in 1998 Streetball Challenge

PAMPA — For the third year in a row, the 3-Peat team of Pampa has gone unbeaten to win the 1998 However, 3-Peat was able to Streetball Challenge held recently rally for the win as Wilbon hit the in Amarillo.

Pampa's team of Gabe Wilbon, Leo Ramirez and Shawn Young slipped by Hickory, 21-19, in this year's/finals. They finished the tournament with a 5-0 record.

over Enign & Tunnell Architects, 16-15, then beat Court Order, 16-10, in second-round action. They were the quarterfinals. 3-Peat rolled by OSIMA, 16-5, in the semifinals to at least two points. set up the championship game against Hickory.

3-Peat came close to forfeiting in the finals when Young suffered a head injury and had to be taken out. However, Young returned after Peat was also 5-0 last year in capbeing treated on the sideline to help turing the championship. lift his team to a hard-fought victo-

winning shot.

The Streetball Challenge has three players on a team and is played on outside courts. There are two divisions, competitive and recreational. The 3-Peat team was 3-Peat opened with a 16-15 win in the competitive division. Teams are placed in divisions according to the height of the players.

awarded a third-round forfeit in all games with the exception of against Gruver, then drew a bye in the finals. There is no time limit in the finals and a team must win by

> Streetball Challenge in 1994, coming away with a 4-1 record. They were 3-2 in 1995 and won their first title in 1996 with an 8-0 record. 3-

Both Ramirez and Young will be PHS seniors. Wilbon will be a ry. "They were ahead the who freshman student game against us. It got to where it Phillips College in Borger.



The 3-Peat basketball team of (I-r) Leo Ramirez, Gabe Wilbon and Shawn

Young won their third consecutive Streetball Challenge this year.

There is a 30-minute time limit

3-Peat started participating in the

since June 1997, when he bit the ears of WBA heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield during a bout in Las Vegas. Nevada regulators revoked his boxing license and said he could reapply after one year.

But he opted to apply for a license in New Jersey instead, hoping for a return to the ring in Atlantic City. Tyson's supporters say Tyson has paid his penalty for the biting incident. but some boxing insiders believe he should have returned to Nevada to repent. During a hearing before reg-

ulators two weeks ago, Tyson lost his temper and cursed after being grilled by state lawyers about the Holyfield incident. But Fusco, his wife and other supporters told the board that Tyson was remorseful for biting Holyfield. Tyson said it will haunt him for the rest of his life.

Critics say Tyson's outburst during the hearing proves he has problems with self-control. Citing Tyson's 1992 rape conviction in Indiana, members of the New Jersey chapter of the National Organization for Women say allowing Tyson to box again in New Jersey would be "an insult to women."

Supporters say Tyson was deeply repentant and that he deserved a second chance.

The board met last Thursday to discuss the matter. Board members would not comment after that meeting.

Some New Jersey lawmakers, meanwhile, have called upon the board to reject Tyson's application.

Two weeks ago, Senate Democratic Leader Richard Codey said approving the license would make New Jersey "the International Embarrassment State.

On Tuesday, that sentiment was echoed by State Sen. William L. Gormley, a powerful lawmaker who represents Atlantic City and whose brother, Gerard, is on the state Athletic Control Board.

"They shouldn't have had the hearing in the first place. He should not be licensed," Gormley said. "The issue is his fitness to be licensed."

Tiger League season close to kicking off

PAMPA — The Pampa from the Optimist Board. **Optimist Club's Tiger Leagu** football season is about to kick Sign-ups for fourth, fifth and sixth graders will take place

days. In the fourth grade division, no player can turn 11 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1998. If a player is 11 years old by the and 6th grade division, no play-er can turn 13 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1998. If a player turns 13 by the Sept. 1 date, that

Aug. 22-23 from 1 to 6 on both

off.

player cannot play Tiger Football unless the Optimist Club gets special permission 8418 or 665-1248.

Sign-ups will take place at the Optimist Club. Players fees is \$55 per player. Each player must be accompanied by a par-ent and have a birth certificate.

.... Tiger League football managers, coaches and committee members are needed this sea-Sept. 1 date, that player will son. The Optimist Club is invit-have to move up to the 5th and ing anyone interested in help-ing with the football program ing with the football program to lend their support. Managers and committee members must be Optimist Club members.

For information, please call David Smith at 669-1417 or 665-6907; Mando Ramirez at 898-

Rangers creep closer to Cleveland

are plenty of intriguing matchups when the Cleveland Indians play the Texas Rangers. Kenny Lofton trying to run on Ivan Rodriguez and Jaret Wright challenging Juan Gonzalez come to mind.

Then there is the Yankee Factor.

The Rangers beat the Indians 2-1 Tuesday night and crept a game closer to Cleveland in the AL. The way the standings are now, that would be the key to playing the New York Yankees in the best-of-5 division series instead of the best-of-7 ALCS.

If the wild-card team comes from the AL East, it would play either the AL Central or AL West winner — whichever has the better record. A fivegame series certainly would give Cleveland, Texas or Anaheim a better shot at

Astros rally in 10th for win over Brewers

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff mugged is a better word. Bagwell couldn't believe what he saw. Phil Garner saw enough.

Bagwell, the Houston first basefrom behind to win for the 35th time this season and for the 20th time on their final at-bat, beating Milwaukee 6-5 victory in 10 innings Tuesday night. It was the Astros' fifth consecutive win.

we could do it again, but it keeps happening for us."

Bagwell and Moises Alou had three hits apiece, including a home run, but the game wasn't decided until Tony Eusebio lined a game-clinching single to left in the 10th. The victory left the Astros a season-high 8 1/2 games ahead of second-place Chicago in the NL Central.

Eusebio pinch hit for Brad Ausmus in the 10th with Richard Hidalgo on third. He lined a hit into the left-field corner, and after touching first to make the game official, Eusebio was mobbed by Berry was sacrificed to second by his teammates. Or perhaps pinch-hitter Tim Bogar before scoreless 10th.

"Everybody was kind of excit- hit.

ed," Eusebio said. "(Ricky) Gutierrez and (Craig) Biggio were man, watched his team come hitting me on the head. It was almost like a fight. But I knew they were just excited."

> when a single by Bill Spiers drove in Sean Berry.

"We keep finding a way to do this," Bagwell said. "I didn't think been on base. He felt Berry had swung at a third strike, but first base umpire Jerry Meals denied the appeal.

> You can call it what you want," Garner said. "And I'm not saying they might not have won anyway. But there's no way Sean Berry should have scored the tying run.

> "I don't think (Meals) knows what a strike is. There were some others that they missed."

Garner, who was ejected by Meals, ran down the line and exchanged words with the umpire, but the call stood and

Spiers delivered his game-tying

"That obviously changed everything, but we had chances early against (Houston starter Sean) Bergman and we didn't put him away," Garner said. "We had The Astros tied it in the ninth a chance to blow it open early and we didn't and they held us where we were and kept plugging away Garner said he felt Berry, who until they had a chance to tie it and then win it. That's what good teams do.'

> Bagwell and Alou tied the score at 4 by homering on consecutive pitches by Bronswell Patrick in the sixth. Alou has 32 homers, including four in his last five games

Marquis Grissom hit an RBI double off Jay Powell to put Milwaukee ahead 5-4 in the seventh. But Bob Wickman walked Berry leading off the ninth, Bogar sacrificed, Craig Biggio was hit by a pitch and Spiers singled. The Astros loaded the bases with one out, but Bagwell struck out and Alou lined out. Mike Magnante (4-5) pitched a

CLEVELAND (AP) — There upsetting the Yankees than a seven-game series.

Hold on, says Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove, before we get ahead of ourselves.

"The last time I heard somebody say they wanted somebody to lose because they wanted to play somebody else, it was the Yankees, and they wanted to play us," Hargrove said, referring to last year's playoffs when Cleveland upset New York in the division series. "We just want to get there, and we'll play whoever's there waiting for us."

Esteban Loaiza, plagued by lack of run support since the Rangers acquired him from Pittsburgh, got his first victory for Texas. The Rangers, without Gonzalez for the second straight game due to a stiff neck, had scored three runs in Loaiza's two losses.

"I don't want to hear him say we don't get him any runs," Texas manager Johnny Oates joked. "We got him two tonight and got him a win."

Gonzalez, who leads the majors with 119 RBIs, did not start for the eighth time in 13 games. Mike Simms, his replacement in the lineup, hit his 12th homer.

"With the pitching and defense we have now, we can win these low scoring games," Oates said. "We couldn't do that earlier in the year."

Loaiza (1-2) must have been wondering. Acquired from Pittsburgh on July 17 for Todd Van Poppel and Warren Morris, Loaiza pitched well, but was 0-2 with a no decision for the Rangers

The right-hander allowed one run and seven hits in 7 1-3 innings, walking one and striking out three. He was working on his second career shutout when Jeff Manto hit a one-out, solo homer in the eighth to cut it

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to 2-1.

"It feels good to get the first win here," Loaiza said. "Everything is great with this club.

Pinch-hitter Mark Whiten followed Manto's homer with an infield single, and Xavier Hernandez relieved. Kenny Lofton, in a 2-for-15 slump, flied out to right, and Omar Vizquel fouled out to end the threat.

John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 32nd save.

Cleveland's sleepwalk through the AL Central continued as the Indians dropped to 27-28 since June 9. Even so, they have picked up 2 1/2 games during that span as every other team is below .500. With Minnesota and the White Sox both losing Tuesday night, Cleveland maintained a 13-game lead.

The Indians' offense continued to struggle without All-Star first baseman Jim Thome, out with a broken hand.

"I think there was something like 275 RBIs missing from both lineups," Oates said.

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David Justice and Lofton, both in danger of dipping below .270, are still badly out of sync. Justice stranded Vizquel at second in the first with a weak grounder to the mound and was 0-for-4. Lofton, 1-for-4 and batting .256 in the second half, grounded into an inning-ending double play in the third.



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Lett sprains knee in scrimmage; Smith shines for Cowboys

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) knee today after the star defensive about him. tackle suffered a sprain during a scrimmage against the New **Orleans Saints.**

Lett was helped off the field during the Saints' first possession. Team officials called it a sprain but said further tests today back in Wichita Falls should reveal the severity of the injury.

Losing Lett would further cripstruggling to put pressure on opposing quarterbacks.

There was some good news dur- Cowboys' 24. ing Tuesday night's scrimmage 28,317 before fans Independence Stadium — Emmitt three plays later. Smith looked something like his former formidable self.

Smith carried six times for 83 yards, including a 54-yard burst, as the Cowboys' first-team offense was happy with the scrimmage. showed improvement.

Smith's big run came on the Cowboys' first sequence, giving Dallas a first down at the Saints' 15. He broke free through the middle and appeared on his way to a the thing. It was about an even touchdown until he was caught from behind by cornerback Tyronne Drakeford.

Despite the run, the Cowboys didn't get into the end zone after marked a return to action for Everett Aikman failed to connect with Billy Davis on third down. Davis appeared to cut the wrong way on work after suffering a deep neck cut his route. Cunningham ended up hitting a 29-yard field goal.

Smith continued to shine on the Cowboys' next possession with the team and started with the first consecutive runs of 6, 10 and 11 team in a pair of 10-play offenyards. An Aikman 13-yard screen sive sequences. pass to Irvin set Dallas up for a 1yard touchdown dive by rookie Tarik Smith.

The performance by Smith follows a dismal exhibition against Clay Shiver — I liked what they Oakland on Saturday. He rushed did. I know they'll have some for 3 yards on four carries against a concerns when they look at the defense that was the NFL's worst in film. But we moved the ball, like rushing and total defense last year. what Emmitt Smith did."

Coach Chan Gailey said Smith's Dallas Cowboys team doctors performance should dispel what were to examine Leon Lett's left everybody had been thinking

"For his sake, I'm glad it hap-pened," Gailey said. "But I knew it was going to happen. I didn't know when, but I knew it was going to happen. For his sake, I'm glad it happened now."

The Saints, whose offense was the NFL's worst last year, also moved the ball well on their first drive with a big assist from Dallas ple a defensive line that already is cornerback Kevin Smith, whose pass interference on the first play set New Orleans up at the

Hobert hit tight end Josh Wilcox at with a 12-yard touchdown pass

> Troy Davis added a 5-yard touchdown late in the scrimmage for New Orleans.

Saints coach Mike Ditka said he

"It was ragged in a lot of areas, but there were some good things on both sides," Ditka said. "I think that's all that Chan and I were trying to see. ... To me, nobody won game, and I think for right now that's good for us if we can play with the Cowboys."

For Dallas, the scrimmage also McIver, the Cowboys' starting right guard who missed two weeks of in a mysterious July 29 incident at a training camp dormitory.

McIver went through drills with

"I kept a big eye on our offen-sive line tonight," said owner Jerry Jones "I really liked what Everett McIver, Flozell Adams,

Oilers remain optimistic

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The record since 1993. Consecutive 8-8 Tennessee Oilers still can't sell out a stadium, even when it's the smallest in the NFL. But the play-

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Woods brings out the best in other golfers

in his last six majors.

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East Division

Mark O'Meara does, and he does Lee Janzen, who won his goals," Janzen said. second U.S. Open title in June at the Olympic Club.

even though he's been shut out he has still had a huge impact on off the course. the 1998 golf season.

has a green jacket and a British rest of us to maybe start thinking with a 65 and then struggled in Open trophy to show for it. So a little higher and setting higher the rain and wind before coming

enough to win his second U.S. with O'Meara and Brian Watts.

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — O'Meara and Janzen, the winners has never been better, and nei- on one, it's definitely going to be Give Tiger Woods some credit, of this year's majors, to see that ther has his attitude, both on and the 3-wood," Woods said. "The

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He showed that in last month's "I think he's challenged the British Open, when he opened back with a final round 66 that Janzen set his goals high left him a stroke out of a playoff

driver really doesn't fit here for me. Some of the points where I'm going to land my ball is probably the narrowest point of fairway with my driver."

While Woods may have to rely more in finesse than distance, steady players like Janzen and O'Meara or straight hitters like England's Lee Westwood figure to have an advantage in PGA. O'Meara played 56 majors without winning one, but is now is in the improbable position of trying to become the first pro since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win three majors in one year.

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The Oilers, who debut Saturday in their third stadium in three years, remained about 10,000 tickets short Tuesday of selling out the 41,000-seat Vanderbilt Stadium for their home exhibition opener against the Washington Redskins.

'Just be patient," said receiver Chris Sanders. "It's all going to work out. We're going to get a lot of people out there, especially when we start winning.

Coach Jeff Fisher said his players haven't talked about the lack of a sellout yet and are concentrating on trying to reach the playoffs.

"The tickets will take care of themselves. They're either going to come, or they're not. If we do our part of it, we believe they'll come and see us," he said.

Poor crowds have plagued the Oilers, who haven't had a winning

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That prompted the Oilers to settle into their new hometown a year before their new 67,000-seat stadium is finished and rent Vanderbilt Stadium.

The Oilers have done everything they can to win new friends. They spent millions in the offseason on free agents like Yancey Thigpen, Jackie Harris and top draft pick Kevin Dyson.

Owner Bud Adams agreed last month to change the nickname to something more Tennessean after this season. The Oilers even broke a six-game preseason losing streak last week.

Yet only the Pittsburgh game Nov. 15 is close to selling out with more than 39,000 tickets sold as of Tuesday.

People have complained they are tapped out from buying personal seat licenses at the new stadium, which give them the permanent right to buy season tickets there. Others cite the Oilers' high ticket prices, among the highest in the NFL at \$48 and \$36.

Woods has not merely re-energized the game of golf. He's done some fellow pros who might have otherwise been content to win a tournament here and there and live comfortably away from the fringes of greatness.

"He just wants to be the greatest player who ever lived," Janzen said Tuesday. "And when you see somebody with those kind of aspirations you think, to do that and I think it always out here at this level. well, I certainly can expect more of myself."

On the eve of the PGA Championship, which starts Thursday at tree-laden Sahalee Country Club, the talk isn't just of Woods and his chances of winning the final major of the year. It's also about the influence his emergence on the golf scene has had on his competitors.

Woods hasn't won a major since running away with the 1997 Masters. He hasn't dominated week-to-week like some predicted. In fact, he's won only one PGA tournament all year.

Open in nine years as a pro. twice at the age of 41.

the Isleworth Country Club in second major. the Orlando, Fla. Both play practice rounds with him regularly.

old budding superstar. "New blood has always tended

will," Woods said. "I think it's great for the game because these guys obviously have a lot of game and they're winning."

impact on the tour to that of Michael Jordan in the NBA.

"When Jordan came into the think that happens in any sport." holes.

While others have learned from Woods, he has also been anyway, and Woods plans to doing some learning himself. keep the driver in the bag Though he has won only once through all 72 holes. But look no further than this year, Woods says his game

Woods chipped in for birdie on O'Meara, who had never won a his 71st hole, then sank a 30-footthe same thing for the games of major in 18 years, suddenly won er on the final hole, offering the first tantalizing glimpse since his Both are neighbors of Woods at Masters win that he could win a

> "I feel very pleased with the progress I've made in the last 14 And both seem reinvigorated months, not only as a player but by the presence of the 22-year- as a person," Woods said. "The biggest thing I've learned is just learning how to play the game

Woods' game might not be exactly suited for the 6,906-yard, par-70 Sahalee course that winds itself through towering trees in Woods likes to compare his this Seattle suburb.

It's the kind of course where drives of between 240 and 280 vards offer the prime landing league right away and was just areas. It's not the kind of course flying everywhere and doing all where Woods can pull out his his things, guys started to raise driver and boom shots to within their games up," Woods said. "I short iron distance on par-5

Sahalee has only two par-5s

"I think that if I'm going to step

Woods himself believes it can be done.

"There's absolutely no reason why he can't win here," Woods said of his close friend.

One thing that does figure to change from the last two major championships is the scoring. While even par won the U.S. Open and put O'Meara and Watts into a playoff for the British Open, it figures to be far back in the field here.

The only variable might be the weather, which has been hot for Seattle standards and could firm up the greens.

"If the greens are soft, I think the winning score will be around eight or nine under," Tom Watson said.



Elway says wife is making nice recovery

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) - contracts and sign free agents. Returning to training camp after a tumultuous week that saw him spend time in Minnesota and South Dakota, John Elway had good news to report, along with a minor complaint.

Speaking to the media for the first time in 11 days, Elway said his wife, Janet, who underwent colon surgery last Thursday at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., "is doing good. She's doing a lot better.'

Elway's other trip — a mission to try to persuade offensive tackle Gary Zimmerman to come out of retirement - was less successful. And he said a newspaper story might have influenced Zimmerman to stay retired.

Elway has restructured his contract again to help the Broncos free up money under the salary cap, The Denver Post said Tuesday.

The restructuring will lower the quarterback's base salary from \$4.05 million to \$300,000 and will free up \$3.75 million to help the Broncos sign their seven draft picks and still have about \$2.5 million left to pay off incentives in players'

It was the second time this year Elway has restructured his contract

out," Shanahan told The Post. "Over the years, John has given us the ability to utilize the cap to its fullest potential. He has always put the

team first and himself second." Elway has restructured his contract many times but this was the first time he had done it twice in the same year. The restructuring will extend Elway's contract from the 2001 season to the 2003 season.

Elway left training camp last week to be with his wife at the hospital, and returned with her to their Denver-area home Sunday. He missed the Broncos' opening preseason game in St. Louis Saturday night.

"It was good that I was there for her," he said. "It felt good to help her go through it because it was a rough time."

chance to watch the Tampa Bay healthy, and really that was my Storm play the San Jose Tiger Sharks in Arena Football. That was the first

time I got to watch a full game."

Asked if her illness put things in perspective, he said, "Yeah. You try to keep it in perspective all the "Once again, John has helped us time, but when something serious Broncos coach Mike like that happens, it brings you my job." back to earth a little bit and makes you start thinking about what's really important.

"Any time you have a loved one who's gone through a serious announced his retirement from the operation like that, it always weighs big. I'm just glad that she came through it with flying colors story not leaked last week that he and she's going to be on the way to good health, being able to enjoy ife a little bit more than she has the last couple of years."

Elway emphasized that his wife "doesn't have Crohn's Disease, which I heard was mentioned. It was a colon problem, but it had nothing to do with Crohn's or anything like that."

When asked if he had secondguessed his decision to play another season in light of his wife's medical problems, Elway said, "The With a laugh, he added, "I had a bottom line is that Janet gets priority. If she had been there for three weeks, I would have been

there for three weeks, making sure she got right because she is the love of my life. She came through with flying colors, so I was able to get back here and continue doing

As for Zimmerman, Broncos owner Pat Bowlen said on Monday that Zimmerman, a seven-time Pro Bowler who Broncos in the off-season, might have come out of retirement had a was coming back.

A week ago, Elway went to Sturgis, S.D., where Zimmerman was attending a motorcycle rally, to lobby for Zimmerman's return.

"I really think that he would have come back," Elway said. "But the premature (newspaper) report that he was coming back was the kind of thing that sent him the other way.

"You have to know Gary. That was an intrusion into his privacy. When someone like Gary feels somebody else made a decision for him without giving him the chance to say it himself, a lot of times people will fall the other way."

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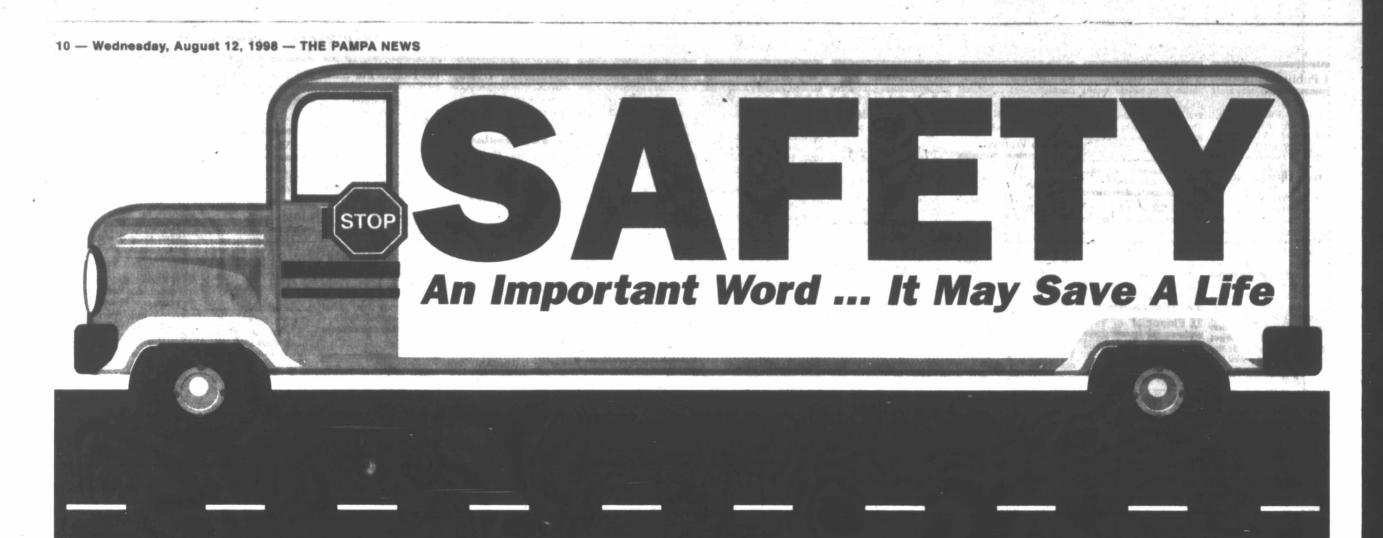
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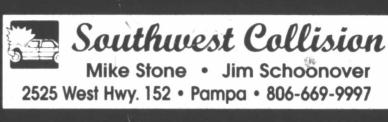


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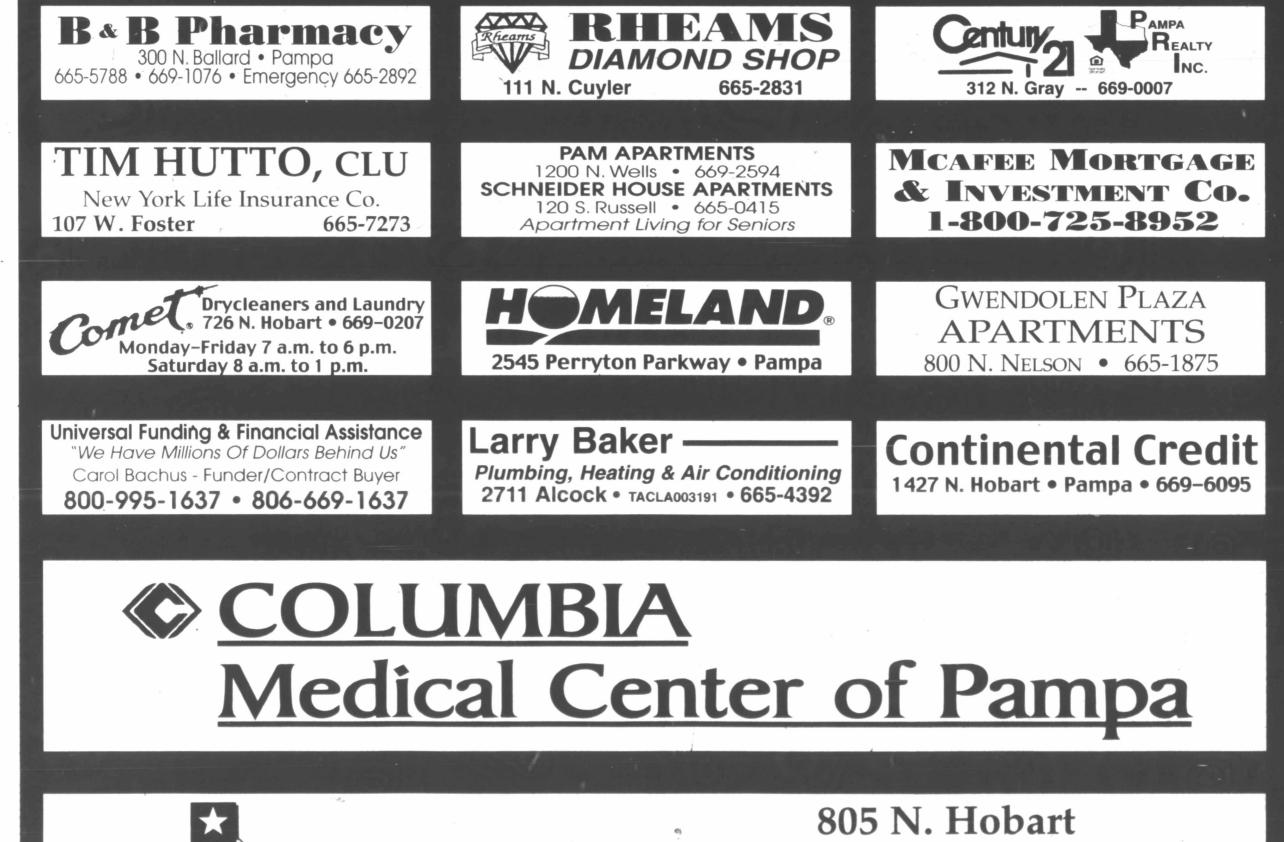


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