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PAMPA — Free orientation for The Weigh Down Workshop is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, at Hi-Land Christian Church at 1615 N. Banks. The 12-week Weigh Down Workshop is a Christ centered program that teaches people to replace their devotion to the refrigerator with a deeper, more satisfying devotion to God. For more information call 669-2014 or 669-6700.

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman who said she was raped in her apartment by a security guard has settled a \$15 million lawsuit against the apartment complex owners, a security company and the apartment complex man-

The woman, who as not identified, reached a settle-Monday Pinkerton's Inc. of Dallas, and Bayou Park Village

Security guard Bryan Wayne Gibson was on duty on April 15, 1995, when he entered the woman's apartment without permission. She said he sexually assaulted her, threatened to kill her, beat her and used a knife to cut and slash her.

Gibson signed a written confession and was sentenced to 20 years in prison for burglary and sexual assault.

The lawsuit alleged the defendants failed to properly train and supervise Gibson and failed to provide reasonable safety at the apartment complex.

· Michael Shawn Bunton, 27, cable company assembler.

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"It's no accident

State Farm

insures more



Commission oks reserve officer plan

Ticket scofflaws beware!

Staff Writer

Pampa's City Commission approved two items it hopes will improve law enforcement and have a positive impact on revenue as well.

The commission approved a plan to participate in the Texas Department of Public Safety's Failure to Appear program. That's a program designed to keep those who have outstanding traffic tickets from getting past that have never been

their drivers licenses renewed until payment is made.

Currently, the only thing a local court can do with a driver from out of the area is issue a warrant for his arrest if he fails to appear or pay a ticket. Since serving the warrants is often more expensive than the amount of the fine, many drivers never pay the tickets.

Police Chief Charlie Morris commissioners there are over 200,000 warrants from the

assure that the tickets for Texas residents would eventually have to be paid in order to keep their drivers license. Out of state drivers would not be affected.

Drivers whose names are entered into the system will have to pay the fine plus an additional \$30 fee. The state will get \$20 of the fee and \$6 will go to Omnibase Services which will administer the program for the

Gray County officials have discussed joining the program also.

commission also approved the creation of a police

served. The new system would reserve program. That program will allow up to 10 people to be appointed as reserve officers. Morris said anyone in the program will have to either be licensed as an officer or be eligible to be licensed, having completed approved training. The police department will pay for a uniform and badge for the appointees but side arms and belts will be the responsibility of

the reserve officer. He stresses that reserve officers will not have any police authority and will not be allowed to carry a weapon unless called to duty by the chief

or someone acting for the chief. The reserve officers will not be paid but the city will have to provide insurance for them.

Morris said each reserve will have to give 16 hours a month or. 52 hours a quarter. They can be used for special events such as the rodeo, parades, or other special events. The reserves will also ride with regular officers as backup, providing a higher degree of security.

The chief believes the use of reserves will cut down on overtime for regular officers and thus the savings will pay for the pro-

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4-H signups...



Ashley Price, Keeley Longo, Tristen Reeves and Jamie Perguson are a few of the 4-Hers sure to show up this evening at the annual 4-H enrollment party. Homemade ice cream, volleyball and a night of family fun begins at 7 p.m. in Recreation Park. Children interested in getting involved again this year are being reminded that they must sign up for the new enrollment year.

Energy head visiting Pantex

Plutonium conversion site decision awaited

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

The U.S. Secretary of Energy, in Carson County today to visit the Pantex nuclear weapons plant about 25 miles southwest of Pampa, said he expects to decide on whether or not to locate a plutonium conversion facility in the Texas Panhandle by the ful uses. end of the year.

Secretary of Energy Bill

Richardson said this morning that he is touring nuclear facilities to gain first-hand knowledge of each plants strengths and weaknesses. He said the site visits will be instrumental in his decision later this year on where to locate a facility to convert plutonium from nuclear weapons to more peaceful

"It will have a major impact on my decision which I will make by the end of the year," said Richardson, a former Clovis, N.M., Congressman. "A decision will be made between Pantex and Savannah River. I was in Savannah River vesterday.

Richardson will be at Pantex today before flying on to California and Lawrence Livermore Laboratories. He is to hold a public meeting at 3 p.m. today at the Radisson Hotel in Amarillo. He met with local officials and business leaders this morning. Richardson also met

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'Little ones' special to her

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY **Staff Writer**

Brenda Lyles' love for the little ones radiates from her face.

"I've never worked anywhere but here," Lyles says with a smile

For 19 years Lyles has taught 3 and 4 year olds at St. Matthew's Day School, and this last twentieth milestone year, she had her hands full again with a classroom of pre-

kindergartners. "I had been a stay-at-home mom ... I went back to school and I was a teacher's aide for four years. I kept children in my home — I kept a little girl with cerebral palsy and that helped me to know I could enjoy other people's children like my own," said Lyles.

Life in the preschool world is one of wonderment. Hands-on activities are key to Lyles' curriculum.

"When you're a preschool teacher, you're a pack rat," she

Newspapers, magazines, cereal boxes — she saves lots of things and has those around her doing the same.

The changes she's seen in her students the last two decades have a lot to do with the evolving nature of the family, and information age.

"This class is real hands-on; You'll see worksheets very seldom. We do a lot of science, anything to do with books, and we eat what we read about,"

"I really want my children to love school. They're just like my kids," Lyles added.

The changes she's seen in her students the last two decades have a lot to do with the evolving nature of the family, and the information age.

"Parents look younger and younger ... and we do see a lot of single parent families ... and it seems like every year the kids know more.

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Brenda Lyles has her class gather around during a "dinosaur" demonstration. She pulls toy dinosaurs out of a bag and students, like Katrina Thomas, tell what they know about them.

Carson tax rate lowered

Carson Commissioners Court approved a lower tax rate and a lower budget for the upcoming fiscal

The commission approved a rate of \$.3191 per \$100 valuation. That is down from \$.3228 for the current year. The budget for the upcoming year will drop just under \$206,000 to \$1,847,041. Commissioners then amended the budget raising it \$11,000 to include more money for the law library and to pay for an employee in Justice of the Peace Precinct Two to move from part time to full time status.

The smaller budget is primaridue to the completion of several capital improvement projects this year, according to Carson County Judge Jay Roselius.

He said, "The White Deer Library will be completed, and we had some expense on our Ag barn, and got some equipment for the DPS.

Some of the drop is also due to a change in accounting practice concerning court fines, he said.

In other action, the court discussed requesting more recycled road asphalt from the Texas Department of Transportation.

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Daily Record

Obituaries

MICHAEL SHAWN BUNTON

MESA, Ariz. - Michael Shawn Bunton, 27, died Saturday, Aug. 23, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Bunker's Garden Chapel in Mesa. Local services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mr. Bunton was born at Plainview and grew up in Clovis, N.M., graduating from Clovis High School. He had been a Mesa resident for the past 10 years. He was an assembler for a cable com-

Survivors include his father, Leslie Bunton; his mother and stepfather, Angel and Eddie Davis; six sisters, Dorothy Fay Dunn, Beverly Rena Patton, Sonya Pearl Lewis, Neena Lujuana Bunton, Kelly Lee Bradley and Kerri LaShawn Davis; two brothers, Gerald Reginald Bunton and Leslie Dramane Bunton; and his grandmother, Gladys Pearl Fuller.

Accidents

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

Tuesday, August 25 Connie Renea Kirkland, 28, Canadian, was

cited for failure to yield right of way when the mail truck she was driving collided with a Harley-Davidson motorcycle driven by David Lee Luedecke, 28, 2232 N. Hamilton, at the intersection of Highway 70 and 18th. Luedecke was treated and released at Columbia Medical Center.

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.

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; everyone is being asked to bring finger foods. For information, call 665-0219.

Emergency numbers

| Ambulance | 911 |
|------------------------|----------|
| Crime Stoppers | 669-2222 |
| Energas | |
| Fire | |
| Police (emergency) | 911 |
| Police (non-emergency) | |
| SPS | |
| Water | 669-5830 |

Police report

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

Tuesday, August 25 Rodney Eugene Scott, 23, 1028 Neal, was arrested on charges of evading arrest and resist-

ing arrest. Lawrence Ray Grant, 48, 809 S. Gray, was

arrested on charges of parole warrant. Theft was reported in the 900 block of E.

Assault was reported in the 1000 block of N.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the

100 block of E. Harvester. Assault was reported in the 800 block of

Fighting was reported in the 1200 block of N.

Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Tuesday, August 25

9:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of S. Sumner on a standby. No one was transported

1:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Hobart. No one was transported. 1:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of N. Christy on a fire standby. No one was transported.

1:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of N. Ward 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 25

The following grain quotations are Chevron.

9:16 a.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to a grass fire in the 900 block of S.

12:59 p.m. — Four units and 10 personnel responded to 2526 Christine on a structure fire. 1:08 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1700 block of N. Hobart on an automobile accident.

Stocks

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| Wheat 2.33 | Enron47 3/16 dn 1/16 |
| Milo 3.15 | Halliburton30 1/8 dn 1 9/16 |
| Corn | IRI '4 7/8 dn 5/8 |
| Soybeans 4.87 | KNE44 7/8 dn 5/8 |
| 7.07 | Kerr McGee42 1/8 dn 1 7/8 |
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| which these securities could have | McDonald's65 3/16 dn 1 |
| raded at the time of compilation: | Mobil72 dn 7/8 |
| | New Atmos 29 1/16 up 1/4 |
| Occidental21 1/2 dn 5/16 | NCE44 1/8 dn 1/16 |
| The following show the prices for | Penney's57 1/8 dn 1 1/6 |
| which these mutual funds were bid at | Phillips44 1/2 dn 3/4 |
| he time of compilation: | Pioneer Nat. Res. 16 13/16 dn 1/8 |
| Magellan | SLB52 1/8 dn 2 1/8 |
| Puritan | Tenneco32 1/8 dn 5/16 |
| 20.00 | Texaco58 15/16 dn 1 1/8 |
| The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock | Ultramar25 9/16 dn 11/16 |
| Market quotations are furnished by | Wal-Mart68 3/8 dn 1/8 |
| Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa. | Williams274 dn 1 13/16 |
| Amoco49 9/16 dn 7/16 | New York Gold 282.50 |
| Arco62 13/16 up 9/16 | Silver 5.92 |
| Cabot23 11/16 dn 1/8 | West Texas Crude 13.61 |
| Cabot O&G13 15/16 dn 1/4 | |
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Fuhrman's legacy: LAPD reform

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Detective Mark Fuhrman ing the 1980s leaped into history when he jumped the gate at O.I. Simpson's house and found a bloody glove matching one he had discovered earlier at Nicole Brown

More than four years later, however, Fuhrman's biggest impact on the Los Angeles Police Department remains his "egregious, systemic misconduct," which came to light in the Simpson investigation, according to reports by Chief Bernard Parks

The department's Mark Fuhrman Task Force has identified 23 areas where it can take action to prevent lying, racism, sexual harassment, excessive

force and creating a hostile work environment. Of those, 12 have been addressed and the rest can be taken care of by the end of the year, Parks

Internal Affairs investigators who spent 17 months ments made to McKinny were exaggerations or

reported Tuesday.

The recommendations were developed by

The report called on the LAPD to revise its approach to discipline and recommended more thorough investigation of officer histories.

The statements to McKinny were used to discredit Fuhrman's testimony, a critical part of Simpson's criminal trial.

Fuhrman's use of racist epithets and boasts about police brutality and sexism undermined his credibility. Simpson was acquitted of murder charges, although he was later held liable for the killings in

After Simpson's criminal trial, Fuhrman pleaded no contest to a perjury charge after the tapes proved he lied when he denied on the witness stand that he had used a racial epithet during the previous 10 years. He was sentenced to probation and fined \$200.

Fuhrman later said that racially charged stateresearching Fuhrman and stories he told to writer fabrications created for her screenplay. He has Laura Hart McKinny in a series of interviews dursince retired and moved to Idaho.

Report: Grand jury to get Ramsey case next month

hearing evidence in the JonBenet Ramsey murder case sometime next month, The Denver Post reported today

Police have asked District Attorney Alex Hunter to take the case to a grand jury in hopes of gaining an indictment in the 20-month-old case. Grand juries can compel witness testimony and force evi- umbrella of suspicion." dence to be produced, a power that police and prosecutors do not have.

Hunter has said the time and location of the proceedings will be kept secret. The Post, citing seated on the grand jury earlier this year.

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A grand jury will begin sources close to the investigation, said the 12-per son grand jury likely will hold their sessions at the Boulder County Justice Center.

No suspects have been named since the 6-yearold girl was found beaten and strangled in her family's basement Dec. 26, 1996. Her parents, John and Patsy Ramsey, have maintained their innocence, but investigators consider them "under the

JonBenet's slaying would be the first case to go before the seven women and five men who were

Oklahoma woman claims \$7.6 million jackpot

AUSTIN (AP) — An Oklahoma woman has the \$14 million jackpot from July 18. claimed \$7.6 million from a Lotto Texas jackpot drawing last month.

Hahne of Lawton, Okla., chose the cash option for Wichita Falls

She purchased her ticket — with the numbers 1, The Texas Lottery said Wednesday that Terry 5, 12, 26, 30 and 32 — at a convenience store in

Fire damages vacant home

tained the blaze to the kitchen.

An alarm came in at 12:59 p.m. yesterday and four units and seven firefighters responded to 2526 Christine, three more firefighters were called in as well. They arrived on the scene three minutes after the alarm and found the kitchen in flames.

After cutting off gas and electricity, the back window was broken out and within five minutes the fire was under control, according to Fire Chief Claudie Phillips.

The owners of the house, Melvin and Velma Earl, soon arrived and Earl said he had left the approximately \$10,000. house about 30 minutes before. According to

A fire at a recently vacated house caused moder-ate damage even though Pampa firefighters con-the kitchen. They had moved out of the house about two weeks ago, but a microwave, some blankets, and some empty boxes still remained in the house.

Phillips said the garage, which was not involved in the fire, contained some furniture and other

Phillips said the fire was contained before it got into the attic or the sheet rock in the kitchen, but there was smoke damage throughout the house, and the cabinets in the kitchen were damaged beyond repair. He estimated damage would be

The fire is under investigation.

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with representatives of the academic community and with Congressman Mac Thornberry. Lew Mollenkamp, executive director of Pampa Economic Development Corp., said today that no one from his organization attended the meeting. About a dozen Pampa residents work at the nuclear weapons facility in Carson County.

"Today, I'm just going to see first-hand what happens in the weapons disassembly area," Richardson said. "I'm going to be here all day."

In addition to the plant, Richardson said he wanted input from the communities involved with Pantex which is about 25 miles southwest of

"You want to see the site," he said. "You want to talk to the people. You want to gauge the community. This is why I'm here."

Richardson said his decision on where to place the plutonium conversion facility, which could mean an extended and expanded role for Pantex and an increase in high tech jobs, would be based on national interests.

"The most important criteria is what is most important for national security in the United States," he said. "Where the facility will save money for the taxpayer? What is the best location? Political consideration will be minimal. It's based on science and not politics.

"This is why I think nobody should worry about elections and where larger Congressional districts are. It will be based on what's in the best interest of our national security posture."

Richardson, who is also U.S, Ambassador to the United lations, said the world remains a danger-

"We have to be very vigilant," he said. "The world is still a dangerous place even though the Soviet Union isn't the threat it was. All you have to do is look around at countries like Iraq and North Korea, terrorist bombings and ethnic and tribal warfare in places like Bosnia, and see the threat of nuclear proliferation, and you find that

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Americans, as they were in embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, are targets. We have to be vigilant. We have to keep our stockpile safe. We have to keep our nuclear weapons current. We also have to disassemble some safely as we are doing here at Pantex. We are not in any rush to proclaim a nuclear safe world. It hardly is. You have to look at India and Pakistan. Look what they did. The challenges are different, but to have a good solid nuclear stockpile is very important to our national

Richardson said he doesn't expect to be

Ambassador to the U.N. much longer. "The reason I'm doing both jobs is because our current nominee, Richard Holbrook, has not been confirmed yet," Richardson said. "You don't want to leave that position vacant at a time when we have a lot of difficult crisis at the U.N. with Iraq and the terrorist bombings."

Richardson said he expects Holbrook to be confirmed by the Senate within the next few weeks.

"I am spending over 90 percent of my time as Secretary of Energy," Richardson said. "As soon as Congress comes back, and they confirm Ambassador Holbrook as my successor, I believe there won't be a need for me to have these two assignments"

He said he was very impressed by the local support of the community for Pantex.

"I want people here to know that my decision will be based on what's best for the national interest," Richardson said: "I feel very, very comfortable in this part of the country."

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But the most difficult aspect of teaching, she said, is saying

good-bye at the end of the year. "Knowing I won't see any of these ever again —

it's real hard. It really is." So instead, she savors each moment with them; she hardly ever misses a day of work.

"It just seems like no matter what's going on in your life, they sense how you feel. They always

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have extra hugs for you, and I know if I come, I feel better than if I had stayed home," she said.

Her favorite part of her job is have extra hugs for you, and I know if I come, I'll

reading to the children.

I have fun, too! And I never stop learning. They teach me stuff all the time — and you really get attached to these little kids. I am responsible for these babies ... you realize that you are their role model. You could tell them anything and they would believe it," she said as her eyes welled up

"It makes me cry sometimes because they're just

Weather focus

Partly cloudy today with a high of 92 and a 20-30 percent chance of rain this afternoon and evening. Tonight's low 67. Tomorrow, 20-30 percent chance of afternoon and evening rain. High 92 and the low is prediced for the upper 60s. Yesterday's rainfall measured .25 inches. Yesterday's high was 95; the overnight low 70.

REGIONAL FORECAST 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s. South wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly sunny with a in the 80s mountains to mid 90s 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the lower 90s. South wind 10-20 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thun-hot. High 97 to 102. derstorms. Lows mid 60s to lower 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thun-Highs Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers and and Texas Hill Country, Tonight, thunderstorms. Lows around 70. a chance of showers or thunder-Thursday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs Tonight, partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms. High in the 90s. to 102.

to widely scattered thunderstorms. Lows 70-75. Thursday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs near 90. Far West Texas — Tonight, scattered thunderstorms, otherwise partly cloudy. Lows around 70. chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Thunderstorms more numerous Big Bend. Highs in the 80s mountains to lower 90s Rio Grande. Tonight, mostly cloudy. WEST TEXAS — Panhandle A slight chance of thunder-Tonight, partly cloudy with a storms. Lows in the 60s mountains to mid 70s Rio Grande. Thursday, partly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms. Highs Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, clear with a low 72 to 78. Thursday, partly cloudy and

SOUTH TEXAS Country and South Central Texas — Flash flood watch in effect today western portions of south central Texas and western portions of the Edwards Plateau Rio Grande. Low in the 70s.

Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the 70s inland 80s coast. Thursday, partly cloudy. High in the 90s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains - Tonight, partly cloudy. Low Thursday, partly cloudy. A slight in the 70s inland, 80s coast. Thursday, partly cloudy. High near 90 beaches, around 100 Rio Grande plains, 90s inland coastal bend.

BORDER STATES NEW MEXICO - Tonight,

widely scattered evening thunderstorms ending north and east with a few showers or thunderstorms continuing til late in the southwest. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with mid 50s to 60s at lower elevations. Thursday, partly cloudy. Widely scattered afternoon and early nighttime thunderstorms, most numerous over the mountains. Highs 70s and 80s mountains with 80s to mid 90s elsewhere. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with mid 50s to 60s at lower elevations.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms central and northern Oklahoma. Lows in the 70s. Thursday, partstorms more numerous near the ly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms Concho Thursday, partly cloudy with a north central Oklahoma. Mostly Valley/Edwards Plateau - slight chance of showers or sunny elsewhere. Highs from 97

City briefs

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& guest only. 669-0959. Adv.

or couple. Licensed assisted liv- does the carrier have his/her cards and hole punch? If not, SENIORS, NEED a place to don't pay. Thanks, Circulation walk? Come early or late, Dept.

SUNDAY ROLLERS, give you the Blues Live Band, Bowling League, sign-up meet-Wed. No cover charge. Members ing will be Aug. 30, at 3 p.m. come have fun!! Adv.

REMEMBER WHEN your NAILS - ACRYLIC \$20, Gels \$28. Call at Stacey Kings Row, 665-8181. Adv. CHANEY'S CAFE, Wed. 5-8

p.m. meatloaf, spaghetti & meatsauce, fr. chicken, chicken fr. steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

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AG Edward & Sons, Inc., investment brokers, Richard Russell and Greg Brown and cashier-wire operator, Melissa Elmore were welcomed as new Chamber of Commerce members by Top O' Texans Joe Lowry, M.D., Randy Watson, Katrina Bigham and Jerry Lane. AG Edward & Sons is located at 1224 N. Hobart, Plaza II, Suite II.

DPS official urges caution during holiday

Snider, Public Information Officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety, states, "Many people will celebrate Labor Day weekend traveling to lakes, rodeos and other festive events.' Basic, yet often overlooked safe driving procedures need to be engaged for holiday traveling. These basics are: 1) pretrip planning; 2) a drug free and alert driver; 3) adequate travel time and space development; and 4) correct use of safety belts.

Pretrip planning consists of having the vehicle tuned and in safe condition. A time frame and route schedule should be made and shared with a family member or friend who can contact you if needed, especially for emergency messages. Snider also encourages motorists to have first aid and emergency road kits in vehicles at all times.

The driver needs to be well rested and drug free. Drug free includes alcoholic beverages, over the counter medications, prescribed medications and obviously illegal drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, Medications, whether prescribed or purchased over the counter, which have warnings not to drive should definitely be followed. Drivers should allow time for occasional rest stops as needed, adds Snider.

Adequate travel time and space development deals with

PPHM schedules **Auxiliary Luncheon**

CANYON — Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will hold its Auxiliary Fall Luncheon at 12 noon Sept. 8 in Hazlewood Lecture Hall. The luncheon will include an overview of the museum's upcoming renovation by Walt Davis, museum director.

Tickets are \$8 a piece and may be purchased at the Museum Store. To order by mail, send a check to Marie McNutt at the Panhandle-Historical Museum, Plains WTAMU Box 60967, Canyon, TX 79016. Reservation deadline is Friday, Sept. 4.

The Auxiliary is the volunteer organization for PPHM. Anyone interested in membership and various volunteer opportunities available at the museum is encouraged to attend the luncheon.

5" Week • "1 Movie • Dolby Saving Private Ryan (R) Fri. - Sat. - 7:30 Only Sun. thru Thurs. 7:30 Sat. & Sun. Matinee - 1:30 4th Week • Stereo The Parent Trap (PG) Fri. - Sat. - 7:00 & 9:30 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:10 8" Week - Stereo Armageddon (PG-13) Fri. - Sat. - 7:00 & 9:40 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:10 Held Over 2nd Week - Stereo

There's Something About Mary (R

Fri. & Sat. - 7:05 & 9:25

Sun. thru Thurs. 7:15

Sat. & Sun. Matinees 1:45

developing safe following space. may need to move aside.

people use safety belts incorrect- open.

AUSTIN - Trooper L.B. areas of congested traffic and ly and expose themselves to greater injuries. Lap belts should When the vehicle ahead of you be worn across the hips and the passes a landmark such as a shoulder strap worn over the delineator post or a tree it should shoulder. The DPS has found that take at least two seconds before numerous motorists wear the you reach the same location. shoulder strap under the shoul-Snider advises that drivers der which diminishes the effecshould work to minimize the tiveness of the shoulder strap. In time spent driving alongside cars with separate lap and shoulother vehicles in the event they der straps, motorists need to use both to reduce the risk of being DPS officials have found many ejected through a door jarred

Infant/child safety seats must be secured and preferably in the back seat, especially if the vehicle has dual air bags. Trooper Snider adds that drivers of pickups with children under the age of 12 in the bed area have a maximum speed limit of 35 mph. "Remember, these passengers have little or no means of securing themselves and become human projectiles with hard braking or in collisions."

"Whether we travel by car, truck, boat or even horseback, we need to have a travel plan, have the vehicle in proper working order and have ourselves physically and mentally prepared for eak performance needed for holiday travel," Trooper Snider 4-H camp



Emily Nusser and Barry Brauchi were a team during the lifesaver/toothpick race held recently at the Gray County 4-H Camp at Ceta Canyon. The camp provided special training for leaders, project managers, club members and officers and featured a variety of activities including swimming, balloon volleyball and basketball. The weekend camp was planned by 4-H Council members Jessi Fish, Brauchi, Alan Parker, Sean O'Neal, Cassie Hamilton, D.J. Basham, Lori Stephens and Megan Couts.

TPMHA to host conference

AMARILLO — Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Child and Adolescent Services and Amarillo College Center For Continuing Healthcare Education are hosting "Children With Sexual Behavior Problems" Conference in October. The speaker is Toni Cavanagh Johnson, Ph.D. from South Pasadena, Calif. Johnson is a licensed Clinical Psychologist in private practice. She has been working in the field of child abuse for 20 years as a researcher, trainer and clinician.

For the past 12 years, Dr. Johnson has provided highly specialized treatment for children below the age of 12 with sexual behavior problems. She has published her research on boys and girls who molest other children in Child Abuse and Neglect. The Journal of Interpersonal Violence published her paper on a treatment program for these children.

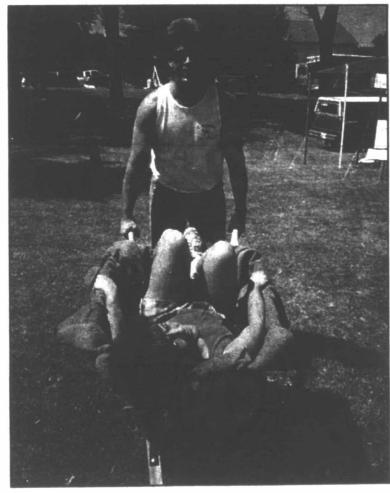
Johnson is the author of the "Child Sexuality Curriculum For Abused Children and Their Parents," "Treatment Exercises for Abused Children and Children With Sexual Behavior Problems and a Sexual and Physical, Emotional Abuse in Out-of-Home Care-Prevention Skills For At Risk Children." She has developed and now markets a game specifically designed for sexually abused and sexually aggressive children and another game for victims of incest. She co-authored a book with Dr. Eliana Gil entitled, "Sexualized Children: The Assessment and Treatment of Sexualized Children and Children Who Molest."

This recognized authority on child abuse has lectured in Australia, New Zealand, South America, Europe, South Africa, England, Ireland, Scotland, Canada and throughout the United States. She provides consultation to protective service workers, mental health professionals, attorneys, the police, probation and the courts in the area of sexual victimization and perpetration.

The conference will be held at Amarillo College Business and Industry Center for professionals on Thursday, Oct. 8 and Friday, Oct. 9 and for parents on Saturday morning, Oct. 10. The fee for professionals for the two-day conference is \$149 and for parents is \$6.

For more information, call Gene Ann Grant, TPMHA Family and Community Education director, at (806) 354-2191.

Chautauqua



Mark and Lesia Unruh participated in the wheelbarrow race held at the annual Chautauqua last year in Central Park. The race was sponsored by Pampa Citizens Police Academy. This year's Chautauqua will be Monday, Sept. 7 in Central Park and will feature a variety of entertainment, exhibits and displays.

Dr. Dobler-Dixon is board certified in ophthalmology providing general eye care as well as specializing in diseases and

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:

Waco Tribune-Herald on school accountability: The controversial decision to improve learning in Texas public schools by demanding accountability is paying dividends at an

accelerated rate. The 1998 rankings recently released by the Texas Education Agency show that the number of Texas school districts named exemplary almost doubled compared to the 1997 rankings.

Statewide, school districts are showing improved rankings as judged by the curriculum-based Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests, school attendance and dropout rates.

Most importantly, the improved rankings mean a boost in learning for those Texas school children who lack basic skills. With the mastery of these skills as a building block, they have the chance to master more complex subject matter, to stay in school through graduation, to continue their education and to experience improved opportunities for more successful and rewarding

The Dallas Morning News on pay raise for Texas teachers:

Maybe, just maybe, the shortage of teachers now facing Texas classrooms will force state legislators and local school trustees to grow more serious about improving teacher compensation packages. If not, Texas educators may simply move to other professions or to other states.

Not because most teachers are greedy. Teachers don't expect Troy Aikman's salary. They do their work partly from a desire to serve children.

But Texas teachers do deserve more than their \$34,000 average salary. Pay attention, Texans: the respected Education Week reports that pay for Texas teachers is mediocre.

Some veteran Dallas classroom teachers even protested their salaries Wednesday. They complained that new Dallas teachers will receive a sharper increase this year than more senior teachers

Eugene Gutierrez, the Dallas school district's acting chief financial officer, responds that 80 percent of Dallas teachers will receive a "much larger" pay hike than a basic 3 percent cost-of-living increase. He says that teachers who've taught five, six, seven years will especially benefit.

According to Mr. Gutierrez, midcareer teachers have suffered under the district's complicated pay schedule. He wants to correct the schedule, which tends to distort salary increases among differ-

That's appropriate. The teacher pay schedule should be more sensible.

But Dallas school trustees still must use this year to start seriously improving teacher salaries, including the pay veteran teachers earn. They need to make Dallas schools competitive with sub-

Achieving that goal will take time. But shortchanging Dallas teachers will only indicate this city doesn't believe Dallas schoolchildren have the same potential as suburban students. (Other reforms also matter, like providing safe classrooms.)

State legislators also should use their 1999 session to improve teacher compensation packages. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, wants to use part of the state's projected \$6.2 billion surplus to create a statewide health

That reform could cost around \$1.2 billion. But Sen. Ratliff notes that not all school districts offer their teachers health coverage, especially in rural districts.

That's one option. So is improving teacher retirement packages. And state legislators could improve teacher salaries by giving districts more than they need to simply cover enrollment growth.

Texas legislators will need to work out the right mix of compensation improvements. But they shouldn't be chintzy. Texas students depend upon their commitment.

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VIEWPOINTS



How important is biology?

The speed with which the University of Virginia Medical Center announced that it would have been impossible for Rebecca Chittum and Callie Marie Johnson to have been accidentally switched at birth approached the speed of light. Robert W. Cantrell, vice president and provost of health sciences at U.-Va., announced as soon as news of the case broke that "We are 99.9 percent sure that it did not happen accidentally.

Cantrell was asked, "What would the possible motive be for such a crime?" No answer.

Hospital officials are blowing smoke for obvious reasons — fear of liability. But the truth is that negligence on someone's part is the likeliest explanation for this error.

If anything strikes a new mother in a maternity ward, it is how much all newborns look alike. Some are bald, and some have hair. Some are swarthy, and some are fair. But otherwise, it is awfully easy to mistake one for another. It probably happens more often than we know.

been switched with another baby at a hospital in Florida. The switch was not discovered until Kimberly was 10 and after the other little girl, who had been born with a heart defect, had died. In that case, there was reason to suspect smoke out the true mother from two contendthat the switch might have been intentional on someone's part. But no proof of wrongdoing ever emerged.

far more tumultuous adolescence than she oth-biology's importance.



Mona Charen

Charen is a nationally syndicated columnist.

erwise might have. Her birth family, the Twiggs, very much wanted her to rejoin her family of origin. But Kim was badly shaken by the idea of leaving the only father she had ever known. After four years of emotionally draining visits to the Twiggs, Kimberly sued for a 'divorce," saying she wanted nothing more to do with them. A court granted her petition.

away from home several times. She fled to a be simple: Just switch back the girls. shelter once, claiming that her father had sexu-The case of Kimberly Mays made headlines a ally molested her from the age of seven (a humans are not orangutans. We can love a child decade ago when it came to light that she had charge she later acknowledged she had invent- that comes to us through adoption just as much ed), and later ran off to the Twiggs' home (from as our "flesh and blood." Nor does biology which she also fled several times.

Solomon's wisdom was proved by his ability to of her own babies over a 19-year period. She ing women, and Moses was floated down the Nile, plucked out by the Pharaoh's daughter and raised at court. But baby switching, as ter-Kimberly, though, appears to have endured a rible as it is, casts light on the whole question of answer that question, they underestimate the

When Paula Johnson (alas, the only surviving mother of the two, Callie's birth parents having been killed in an accident recently) first saw a picture of her birth daughter, she was overcome by the physical resemblance. It seems to be part of our nature to be moved by such things. But while she may feel something like love for Rebecca, the three-year-old who resembles her but is otherwise a stranger, it cannot compare with the bond she must feel with Callie Marie, the child she has raised from birth. (It is another emblem of our time that this switch was revealed for the most '90s of reasons, a suit for child support.)

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The reason cases like this are so wrenching is exactly because human beings are not primarily biologically driven in their loves and attachments. It is the act of nurturing a child, day in and day out, that builds the monumental love But over the next several years, Kimberly ran of parents. If it were otherwise, this case would

Usually biology and care go together. But ensure love. In Philadelphia, a 70-year-old Baby switching is as old as the Bible. woman was just charged with smothering eight had claimed it was crib death.

Some adoptees search for years attempting to find out "who they are." But if they suppose that knowing their biological roots will fully human soul.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 26, the 238th day of 1998. There are 127 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: the U.S. amendment to Constitution, guaranteeing 6-1.

American women the right to vote, was declared in effect. On this date: In 55 B.C., Roman forces under

Julius Caesar invaded Britain. In 1847, Liberia was proclaimed

an independent republic. In 1883, the island volcano

increasingly large explosions.

double-header between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Dodgers at Ebbets Field. The Reds won first, 5-2; the Dodgers, second, In 1957, the Soviet Union

announced it had successfully tested an intercontinental ballistic mis-

In 1961, the official International Hockey Hall of Fame opened in

In 1964, President Johnson was

league baseball games were shown City, N.J. In 1972, the summer Olympics on experimental station W2XBS, a games opened in Munich, West

> Germany In 1974, Charles Lindbergh, the first man to fly solo and nonstop across the Atlantic, died at his home in Hawaii at age 72. In 1978, Cardinal Albino Luciani

of Venice was elected the 264th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church following the death of Paul VI. The new pontiff took the name Pope John Paul I.

Ten years ago: Republican presi-Krakatoa began erupting with nominated for a term of office in his dential nominee George Bush she was later sentenced to life with-increasingly large explosions. own right at the Democratic denounced Democrat Michael out parole.

In 1939, the first televised major National Convention in Atlantic Dukakis' criticism of Reagan administration drug policies as "an insult," one day after the Massachusetts governor called U.S. dealings with Panamanian General Manuel Noriega "criminal."

Five years ago: Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and 14 co-defendants entered innocent pleas in federal court in New York, a day after their indictment on charges of conspiring to wage terrorism against the United States. Landlady Dorothea Puente was convicted in Monterey, Calif., of murdering three of her boardinghouse tenants;

Media's war on Vietnam vets

The media lie about the use of nerve gas in Vietnam is only the latest of a long stung of lies about Vietnam vets in what former Secretary of the Navy James Webb calls "the media's war on Vietnam vets." Webb, by the way, ought to be persuaded to run for president. He's that rare public figure these days who combines intelligence and courage with a high sense of honor. He is hated by the right people — feminists, opportunists, political generals and admirals who sell out their men for their own careers, and the average whining leftist. That is a sterling recommendation.

Webb recently ripped into the subject of the war on Vietnam vets in an article in which he fought has deep roots "in the elite among the old anti-war left whose members not only those who went to Vietnam as either stupid or

When their claim that the Vietnamese communists had benign intentions was refuted by their Stalinist actions, the anti-war left just lied even more. That is the pattern among the riffraff that makes up today's elite. Many of these

Webb lists several lies repeatedly told about



Charley Reese

Reese is a nationally syndicated columnist.

fought by the poor and the minorities forced to go by the draft. Webb says acidly that while the elite ducked out, the middle class showed up. pointed out the hostility toward those who and 12.5 percent were black. Volunteers

accounted for 77 percent of the battle deaths. He upends the lie peddled that Vietnam vetavoided military service but openly derided erans were "overdecorated" by showing the War II and those in Vietnam. Vietnam soldiers were not overdecorated. They earned their medals the oldfashioned way. They fought bravely and often died for them.

Furthermore, Webb exposes the canard that the Vietnam vet was a disgruntled, disilludespicable people occupy high positions in the sioned soldier. In the largest survey ever done they were glad they served their country, 74 percent said they even enjoyed their time in the nalistic aberration many would like to term it." Vietnam veterans and then exposes them. It military, and two out of three said they would was claimed, for example, that the war was go back to Vietnam - even if they knew in ment!

advance what the outcome would be.

The men who fought in Vietnam were as good as the Americans who fought in any other war. What was different for them was that the country they fought for wasn't as good as it had been in the past. Instead of receiving a well-done, they got spit on by lousy leftists other civilians didn't have the guts to confront.

Webb also lashes Hollywood for its uniformly negative picturing of the American soldier in Vietnam. The American fighting men won the war on the ground. Hanoi admitted it lost 1.1 million soldiers dead plus another 300,000 missing in action. That's against 58,000 Of those who died, 86 percent were white American and 254,000 South Vietnamese losses. The war was lost, just as the communists predicted, not in Vietnam but in the American media and on American streets and campuses.

A lot of the anti-war propaganda was fueled contrasts between the medals issued in World by people who pretended to have been in combat in Vietnam. Many of these were fakes. Webb says a new book by B.G. Burkett, "Stolen Valor," looks into 1,700 cases where people distorted or lied about their service in Vietnam.

This book, Webb says, "constitutes a damnation of the major media so great that the CNN-Time story on sarin will take its rightful conmedia, the universities and, of course, governor fithem, a whopping 91 percent in combat said text as a rare moment when the purveyors of dishonesty got caught, rather than as the jour-

Let's start a "Webb for President" move-

Texas shorts

County to pay deputies' legal fees

ANGLETON, Texas (AP) — Brazoria County commissioners have voted to pick up the legal tab for three current and former sheriff's deputies who have been indicted for alleged civil rights violations in

County commissioners made the decision moments by a 3-2 vote Tuesday after voting to pay a Houston lawyer nearly \$250 an hour to defend Sheriff Joe King against a civil lawsuits sparked by a videotaped jail shakedown in 1996.

The videotape showed some inmates being bitten by a police dog and shocked with stun guns. The videotape prompted Missouri penal officials last year to remove the 25 inmates, who had been incarcerated in the Brazoria County Detention Center from September 1996 to

Commissioners did not place a cap on the amount that the county would pay for King's defense. But the deputies will receive no more than \$5,000, The Brazosport Facts reported today.

A lawsuit was filed against the county, King and the three deputies by inmates who alleged they were beaten during their 11-month stay at county detention center.

Volleyball players caged as disciplinary action

CHANNELVIEW, Texas (AP) — A high school girls' volleyball coach has been suspended because she locked eight players in an equipment cage for almost an hour for disobeying her.

Tara Wheeler, who has been at Channelview High School for about six years, has been suspended with pay, superintendent Larry Curry said Tuesday.

The incident occurred on Thursday of last week.

The coach disciplined the girls because she told them to go to the locker room and study while she worked with girls' basketball play-

"They were unsupervised and apparently left the locker room and went out into the hall to get Cokes or something like that," the superintendent said. "As discipline for that, she locked them in the cage in the girls' locker room the following day."

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LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Fearing a flood, Olga Rojero showed up at an emergency shelter a full two days before the Rio Grande was predicted to crest in her Rio Bravo neighborhood.

"We came as soon as they warned us," said the mother of six who showed up at the United D.D. Hachar Elementary School shelter Monday. "I live one block from the river. I was afraid.

Residents of the Rio Bravo and El Cenizo areas, on the outskirts of Laredo, were evacuated Tuesday in anticipation of flooding as a crest of water estimated at up to 40 feet rolled down the Rio Grande to Laredo and neighboring Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

The sister border cities expected flooding sometime today. Remnants of Tropical Storm Charley, already responsible for at least six deaths in Del Rio floods, caused the crest.

On Tuesday, officials on both sides of the border scrambled to prepare their cities.

Houses along Rio Grande washed away in flooding

CIUDAD ACUNA, Mexico (AP) — With muck and sewage up to his ankles, Jesse de Leon Arroya pointed to the rafters.

"It's all gone. Look, look," Arroya said of the missing ceiling of his cinderblock home on the southern bank of the Rio Grande. The river had climbed into a residential area of this Mexican border

town in the early morning hours Monday when nearly 18 inches of rain fell in 24 hours as the remains of Tropical Storm Charley swept in from the Gulf of Mexico. Filthy mattresses laid in the mud outside Arroya's home next to a

cage full of drowned parakeets. Clothes were strewn through the branches of trees along with flotsom from the family's life tossed along the muddy bank of the now-

UT law school admits more minorities in 1998

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas law school has more minorities on campus than a year ago, but fewer than in 1996, when race still was being considered in the admission process.

The Austin American-Statesman reported today that preliminary figures showed at least eight blacks and 30 Hispanics among the 465 first-year students enrolled by early Tuesday afternoon.

Four blacks and 26 Hispanics were enrolled in 1997. There were 31 blacks and 42 Hispanics enrolled in the first-year class in 1996.

UT officials said more black and Hispanic students could be hidden among those 70 students who did not reveal their race on applications. Enrollment numbers will be official in about two weeks, they said.

"It's still an improvement, and were pleased with that," said Mike Sharlot, UT law school dean.

Execution set tonight in Huntsville

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A reputed marijuana smuggler linked to the killings of at least five people, including a woman who was ground up in a tree chipper, was set for execution tonight for gunning September 1997 counted 52 mildown a Dallas-area man who unwittingly interrupted a kidnap

The U.S. Supreme Court was considering a request to review the fessed Diane Park, a social worker case of Genaro Ruiz Camacho, convicted of the fatal shooting of 25-near Seattle and an Internet neoyear-old David Wilburn.

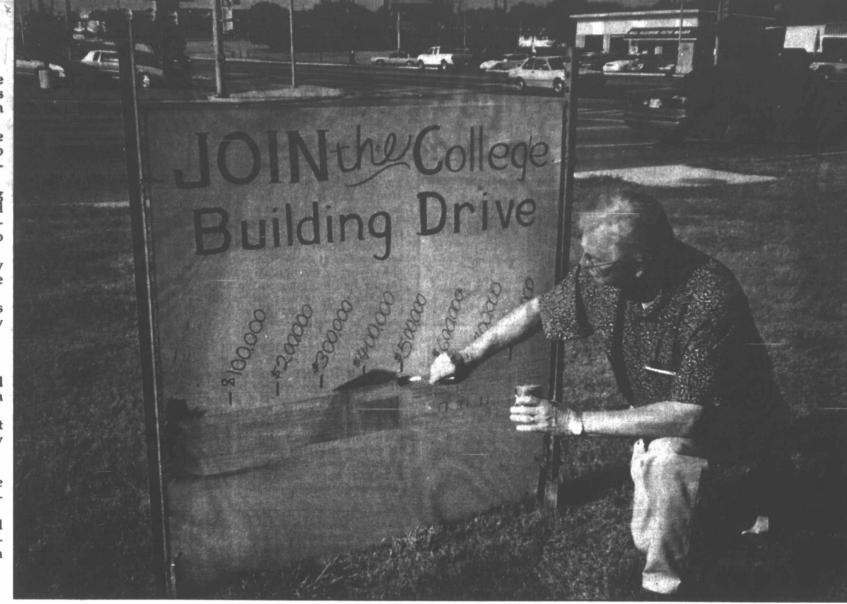
Camacho, 43, from Mercedes in the Rio Grande Valley, also was all the different search engines. I convicted on federal charges in the deaths of a 31-year-old woman

and her 3-year-old son, killed in the 1988 kidnap plot intended to collect a drug debt. They were abducted from the Dallas-area home where Wilburn was killed and taken to Johnston County, Okla., where they were shot, their bodies dumped in a grave and covered with kitty litter.

Jurors at his sentencing were told of at least two other slayings, including that of a 23-year-old Dallas topless dancer, Pamela Miller, whose dismembered body was fed through a tree shredder after a botched drug deal.

"He's a frightening person," Sue Korioth, an assistant Dallas County prosecutor involved with his case, said Tuesday. "I hate for him to have the satisfaction of knowing that, but he is.

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Over the \$500,000 mark! Individuals chairman Loyd Waters paints in another portion for the proposed new Clarendon College-Pampa Center as campaign donations continue to rise in this all-out community effort sponsored by the Pampa Center Foundation. The mark is getting closer to the goal of \$800,000.

ne-third of Americans on

By TED BRIDIS **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than one-third of Americans over 16 use the Internet, an increase of more than 18 million people in nine months, according to a new survey released Tuesday of online

The study by Nielsen Media Research and CommerceNet estimates 70.2 million adult Americans use the Internet, with the largest increases among blacks and American Indians and among young adults and women might be a slight leveling off," over 50 in the nine months through June 1998.

million Americans — almost twice as many men than women — use the Web to make purchases or compare products.

One researcher speculated that new types of products for sale across the Internet are driving electronic commerce, along with falling personal computer prices and technology that's easier to

"A couple years ago, when you went shopping, the primary things you would find online were computers, hardware and software — things for the technoelite," said Loel McPhee, research director at CommerceNet. "Now you can send flowers and all sorts of things.

The 70.2 million figure represents 35 percent of Americans over 16; the same study in lion adult Americans online.

'I'm still pretty new to it," conphyte. "It takes time figuring out

don't know quite all that's out grow until we hit the 50 percent and an increase of 50 percent in there."

Park owns an older computer, but it's not powerful enough to use the Internet and she doesn't want to buy a new one. She's been logging on from her local library during the past year.

The study estimated 40.1 million American men and 30.1 million women use the Internet and said percentage growth among men and women overall during equal. 'Last fall, we thought there

said McPhee. "This isn't the case with the numbers we're seeing

mark."

McPhee predicted 50 percent of using the Internet. adults in America and Canada will use the Internet by late 1999 or early 2000

Detailed figures from Tuesday's study showed the largest gains in Internet use among some minority groups — especially blacks and American Indians — and among young adults and women over 50.

The report estimated 5.6 million the nine-month period was about U.S. blacks use the Internet, an increase of 53 percent from nine months earlier, and 868,000 American Indians online, an increase of 70 percent.

The study also estimated that 44 now. My guess is we'll continue to cent among people ages 16-24, huge gains among the Internet.

the number of women over 50

"It is absolutely mind-boggling," said Kay Kennemer, 58, of Austin, who recently graduated from computer training provided by Green Thumb Inc., a nonprofit group that offers high-tech classes to senior citizens. "I think everything in the world is there."

Kennemer said she uses the Internet to send e-mail across Texas and New Mexico to her children, sister and her 78-yearold mother. She also uses the Web to look up medical information.

She wasn't surprised to hear It also showed gains of 46 per- that women over 50 were making

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The PANHANDLE GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on the proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 4.98 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 1998 in the Panhandle Ground Water office, 201 W. 3rd, White Deer, Texas.

FOR the proposal: John Spearman, Frank Simms, Phillip Smith, Jerry Green, Jim Thompson, Robert A. Clark, Danny Hardcastle

AGAINST the proposal: none **PRESENT** and not voting: none **ABSENT:** Charles Bowers

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

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\$31,553 \$31,444 Average residence homestead value \$0 **\$**0 General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions) \$31,553 \$31,444 Average taxable value 0.012347/\$100 0.012347/\$100 Tax rate \$3.90 (proposed) \$3.88 Tax

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$0.02 or 0.52 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property values, the tax rate would increase by \$0.00 per \$100 of taxable value or 0.00 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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Neighbor Worries About Boy Who Could Be Blockbuster

DEAR ABBY: I have a big prob lem. I'm in my 60s and have lived in this neighborhood for 30 years.

A boy on my block has been causing a lot of trouble. I spoke to his mother, but she doesn't want to hear it. He's the type of kid who starts something and then tells his mother the other person started it. I have seen him throw rocks and break a window, and I also saw him climb into a neighbor's yard and steal a toy. The problem is, I'm the only person who's willing to speak up. The other neighbors are reluctant to deal with the mother because of the way she is.

The boy used to say things to me, but now he comes and stands in front of my house. It is very upsetting that when I'm outside planting my flowers, he's always starting something with me. I don't think I should call the police, because he hasn't hurt me.

This has been going on for four years, Abby. What should I do? I'm afraid if I keep complaining it will sound like I'm picking on the boy. His mother never watches him and he's a big problem. I know in a couple of more years, he'll be someone on the news. Help! WORRIED NEIGHBOR

DEAR WORRIED: Begin by documenting the incidents, and then attempt to open a dialogue with the boy's mother. Perhaps when she sees a list with dates and particulars, she will be more receptive.

Horoscope

THURSDAY, AUG. 27, 1998

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

With your best friend.

someone talk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day

You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

**** Tempers flare, but you are

no stranger to heated situations.

Ingenuity will solve problems. Don't

take a setback personally; go with

the flow. Remember, with every

cloud, there is a silver lining. This

experience is no exception. Tonight:

** You have your hands full, jug-

gling various demands. An erratic

boss once more stuns you with his

actions. You need to think about

your options. Family creates an up-

roar as well. It seems as if everyone

wants a piece of you. Tonight: Let

★★★ Everyone gets tired sometimes;

you are no exception. Take time off,

or use your lunch break to take a

★★★ Financial tension is enormous.

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

If that doesn't get results,

Abigail Van Buren

> SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

contact your local police and ask to speak with a juvenile investigator or counselor. As police departments become more community-oriented in their approach, they are more willing to intervene before a situation becomes a criminal problem. The officer will probably be willing to talk to both the mother and the boy.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I and our sons (aged 13 and 8) spent a week camping with a sister; her husband and 3-year-old daughter. During that week, my kids and I bought her daughter several little gifts, and our youngest son frequently took her along with him to camp activities.

When the week was over, my sister and her husband took our sons with them to drop them off at our father's house, where the boys were to spend the next two weeks. We gave our sister all the food we had left, but on the way when it was time for lunch, she asked our boys if they had money for lunch. When they didn't, she made them go hungry until they got to our father's. How do I know this? When I talked to my sons on the phone after they arrived, they told me what my sister had done.

I got upset with my sister because she made my children feel they were a burden. My sister thinks I'm being petty. We have exchanged some very unfriendly e-mail letters about this. Am I wrong to be upset about the way she treated my sons?

UPSET IN OHIO

DEAR UPSET: No, you are not wrong; your sister's behavior was inexcusable. If it was a matter of money, she should have asked you beforehand to give your sons enough money to cover their lunch. Or, she should have prepared something for them to eat from the leftover groceries.

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your creativity, but avoid all risks. Someone's feelings differ from yours. A partner proves flaky when you attempt to initiate conversations. Tonight: Let go with a fun friend. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

** Pressure escalates, and your while you can. mood is far from pleasant. Think CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) before you leap into action. An associates continues to worry you with *** You are goal-oriented, but it his unpredictable behavior. Go there is major disruption from othwithin, and detach from irritating ers. Keep goals in mind when dealthings. Tonight: Vanish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *★★ Everyone gives you feedback, whether you want it or not. Learn to member that things can swing both express anger in a more effective ways. Tonight: Hook up wit' friends. way. Do not internalize. Your nerves AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) are being stretched as you attempt ** Hold on tight, while you figure to handle all different contingen- out what is going on. You are ex-Keep communications open.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** Hold on to your wallet. Stay on demands, and you need to respond. top of financial matters. Pressure is A partner is out of sorts. Tonight: intense, as you manifest a stubborn Consider hiding out at work. streak. It is your way or no way! Question a decision. Taking risks will only get you into deeper waters. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A friend gets angry. Again, listen. Tonight: Treat yourself nicely

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ** You are steamed and are pushwalk, meditate or relax. You could have a volatile disagreement if you don't get some of the stress out of your life. Work with a change of become your specialty. A boss shows away. Tonight: Take in a movie plans. Tonight: Do what you need to. his anger. Family also proves to be less than supportive. Tonight: Take care of your needs.

You cannot please everyone! Do what SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) is absolutely necessary. Count on ★★ The unexpected occurs with com-

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ing with finances, both yours and theirs. People react strongly. You pull the wild card financially. Re-

cies. Take time to yourself. Tonight: tremely spontaneous, causing even more havoc in a situation that's already out of control. Bosses make

*** You could be making a mounwork, and don't let other matters distract you. Concentration and ing too hard. Think before you leap. physical activity could help carry

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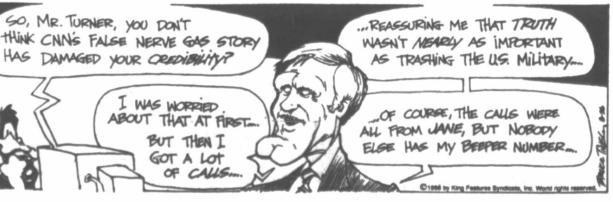
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FOOTBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) The Texas Rangers claimed left-handed pitcher Greg Cadaret off waivers from the Anaheim Angels on Tuesday and will make him a member of the active roster.

The 36-year-old Cadaret was 1-2 with a 4.14 ERA and one save in 39 relief appearances with the Angels. He started the season at Vancouver and was 2-1 in nine games before his contract was purchased by the Angels on May 1.

Cadaret has a career majorleague record of 38-32 with a 3.98 ERA and 14 saves in 445 games with Oakland, the York Yankees, New Cincinnati, Kansas City, Detroit Toronto, and Anaheim.

Texas will make a move to make roster room on Wednesday.

TENNIS

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) Top-seeded Jonas Bjorkman needed only 65 minutes to post an easy 6-2, 6-3 first-round victory over Arnaud Clement in the MFS Pro Tennis Championships.

Second-seeded Kucera was eliminated by Jeff Tarango, 6-2, 6-3; No. 4 seed Michael Chang shook off some first-set problems before beating Andrei Pavel 7-5, 6-2; and Jiri Novak beat No. 7 Andrea Gaudenzi 4-6, 6-1, 6-1. Lionel Roux, Paul Haarhuis, Andrew Ilie, and Galo Blanco also advanced.

FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Bill Bates, the special teams warrior, had held out hope that somehow he might be able to put aside his coaching attire for helmet and pads again this year.

Those wishes dashed once and for all on Tuesday when the Cowboys decided not to activate Bates for the regular season roster.

Dallas could have put 15year veteran Bates on the 60-team roster and beat an NFL deadline for doing so. If the Cowboys had signed Bates to play he would have counted \$325,000 against the salary cap.

Bates is tied with Ed Jones and Mark Tuinei for most seasons as a Cowboy.

Dallas has younger, faster players to play the nickel linebacker, and Cowboys figured they didn't have the luxury of paying Bates for special teams alone.

SOFTBALL

1998 Fall Softball League Standings

| Men's Open | | | |
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| Division One | | | |
| Team | Won | Lost | |
| B.D.C.I. | 6 | 1 | |
| Sid Brass Stars | 4 | 1 | |
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| Brogan's Stars | 4 | 3 | |
| Giles | 3 | 5 | |
| Big Country Tire | 2 | 4 | |
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| Division Two | | | |
| Team | Won | Lost | |
| Robert's Bandits | 7 | 1 | |
| Sadie Hawkins | 5 | 3 | |
| Panhandle Mechan | | 4 | |
| Parker Boats | 3 | 5 | |
| Team Celanese | 3 | 5 | |
| Easy's Inc. | 2 | 6 | |
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| Jerry's Remodeling | 3 | 1 | |
| Dr. DaSilva's | 2 | i | |
| A.S.S.I. | 2 3 2 | | |
| WT Landscaping | 2 | 2 | |
| Pampa Bulls | 0 | 3 | |
| Mixed Open | 0 | 3 | |
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| Team | Won | Lost | |
| Eubank's Rental | 3 | 0 | |
| Rick's Body Shop | | 0 | |
| Pampa Cubar Nat | 2 | 0 | |
| Pampa Cyber Net | 1 | 0 | |
| Texas Candle Co. | 1 | 1 | |
| Sunset Bar & Grill | 0 | | |
| Robert's Place | 0 | 2 | |
| Subway | 0 | 2 | |
| Mannatech | 0 | 3 | |
| Division Two | *** | | |
| Team | Won | Lost | |
| Pampa Machine | 4 | 0 | |
| Douthit Wreckers | 3 | 0 | |
| Sirloin Stockade | 3 | 1 | |
| L &M Detail | 2 | 2 | |
| Trinity Fellowship | 2 | 2 | |
| Pampa Realty | 1 | 3 | |
| Peggy's Place | 0 | 3 | |

Stan's Hot Shots

(Standings as of Aug. 24)

Hampton whiffs 12 as Astros edge Braves

time, it was Mike Hampton.

Hampton struck out a careerwinning streak to five games.

It snapped Atlanta's fourgame winning streak and moved Houston within 4 1/2 games of the Braves for the best record in the NL. It also got Hampton back on

track after recovering slowly from a groin injury. "Hampy pitched great,"

Astros second baseman Craig Biggio said. "It was a performance kind of like the way he

the way he pitched.'

Hampton (10-6), whose previhigh 12 and got his first victory ous strikeout high was nine, since July 31 as the Astros beat allowed both runs and six hits the Atlanta Braves 3-2 on in eight innings and walked Tuesday night to extend their five. He was 0-1 in his previous four starts.

> "I'm not a strikeout pitcher, it just worked out that way today," Hampton said. "I kept the ball down and they were taking a lot of pitches. I knew if I kept my team in the game we had a chance.

Astros manager Larry Dierker doesn't expect Hampton to get double-digit strikeouts every

HOUSTON (AP) — The pitched before he got hurt. We we are expecting but he's get- 27th homer leading off the The Astros beat the Braves Houston Astros seem to have a did a lot of things right tonight, ting there," Dierker said. "He's fourth, and Michael Tucker tied after coming off a three-game different hero every night. This but the story of this game was not going to be a guy who the score with an RBI double in sweep of the Cubs, but they're strikes out 12 batters all the the sixth. time. I think he has the ability to go eight innings and have a

> RBIs in Monday's victory over the Chicago Cubs, broke a 2-2 deadlock in the sixth with an RBI double off Kevin Millwood (14-8). Millwood allowed nine hits in eight innings, struck out nine and walked two.

> Jeff Bagwell hit an RBI double in the first, and Houston increased the lead to 2-0 in the third when Hampton had a runscoring double-play grounder.

"Hampy is still not quite what Atlanta's Javy Lopez hit his will pick it up."

"I had good stuff all night long," Millwood said. "Just a good outing and not strike out couple of times I needed to make a pitch and I didn't. Carl Everett, who had five You've got to make all your last season. pitches against a team like this. I felt like I mixed my pitches and

> to just its seventh loss in 27 games this year against lefthanded starters.

kept them off balance.

"The way this team is, it's a guy doesn't do it, another guy

not being stampeded into reading too much into the rest of the

The Braves swept the Astros in the first round of the playoffs

"We played well against the Braves last year too and they kicked our butts in the playoffs Billy Wagner got his 25th save so this doesn't matter," Bagwell in 28 attempts and sent Atlanta said. "The only thing that matters is winning the division.'

Notes: Houston placed outfielder Pete Incaviglia on the 15-day disabled list because of a right team with a new hero every shoulder strain. The Astros purnight," Bagwell said. "If one chased the contract of infielder J.R. Phillips from Triple-A New

PHS girls boost record to 6-1

PLAINVIEW — The Pampa Lady Harvesters are off to a 6-1 start under new head volleyball coach Carmen Pennick.

The Lady Harvesters defeated Plainview, 15-1, 15-10, in a non-district match Tuesday night.

Lisa Kirkpatrick, Jessica Maddox and Lacrease Ford led Pampa with five kills apiece.

"It's still early in the season and we just want to keep improving every game," Pennick said. "We want to keep working on the areas we need to improve upon."

Pampa's only setback was to Amarillo High in a threegame match in the Amarillo Invitational.

The Lady Harvesters play Plainview again on Sept. 1. Their first district match is with Amarillo Caprock on Sept. 22 in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Volleyball

CHANNELVIEW, Texas (AP) — A high school girls' volleyball coach has been suspended because she locked eight players in an equipment cage for almost an hour

Tara Wheeler, who has been at Channelview High School for about six years, has been suspended with pay, superintendent Larry Curry said Tuesday.

The incident occurred on Thursday of last week. The coach disciplined the girls because she told them

to go to the locker room and study while she worked with girls' basketball players, Curry said.

"They were unsupervised and apparently left the locker room and went out into the hall to get Cokes or something like that," the superintendent said. "As discipline for that, she locked them in the cage in the girls' locker room the following day."

The cage was lighted and had air conditioning and benches, he said. The girls, most of them sophomores "around 16 years

old," were in the 6-by-8 cage for about 50 minutes, the superintendent said. Curry said the incident is under investigation and will

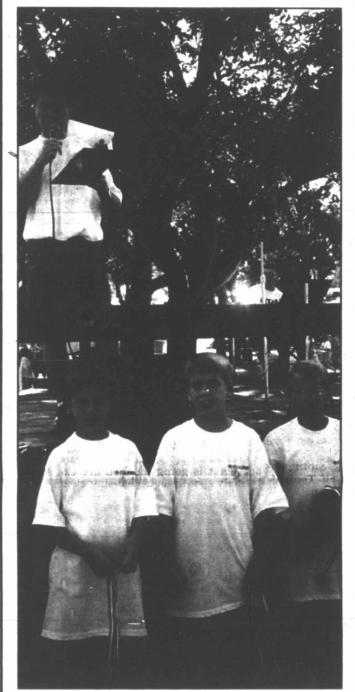
be referred to the school for a decision within about two weeks. Ms. Wheeler could lose her job, he said.

"On the one hand, locking the girls the way she did violated a fundamental trust with parents. When parents send their children to public schools, they trust us. That's why this rises to a level of a serious offense," Curry said.

"On the other hand, she's a professional who made a mistake in judgment, but who has a good record and is well-liked by her peers and by the kids. And that's what makes this a difficult situation.'

A man who answered the telephone at Ms. Wheeler's home Tuesday said she would have no comment.

Chautauqua events



The traditional Chautauqua 5K and Fun Runs, beginning at 8 a.m. Labor Day, are organized by Terry Barnes (at the podium) and sponsored by Columbia Hospital. Proceeds will go to the United Way. Adam Etchison (from left), Ryan Barnes and Johnny Story were winners in their age division in last year's race.

Texas A&M once again seeking the spotlight

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — It won't take the Texas A&M Aggies long to know whether they once again belong among the nation's elite.

The Aggies fell from grace in 1996, then rebounded last year to go 9-4 and win the Big 12 South.

Several A&M players remember the 1996 slide began with a loss to Brigham Young in the early season Pigskin Classic. This year, the Aggies have another tough early battle against Florida State in the Kickoff Classic on Aug.

"What happened at BYU two years ago seemed to have had a rough effect on our season," senior linebacker Dat Nguyen said. "But this year, I think playing Florida State will be good for us. We know what to expect now. We know we can't just grind through the motions.

After struggling to a 6-6 record in 1996, A&M bounced back by winning its first five games of 1997. The Aggies fell on consecutive weeks to Kansas State and Texas Tech, then won their last four regular-season games.

Things tailed off from there. Nebraska whipped A&M 54-15 in the Big 12 championship, then came a 29-23 loss to UCLA in the Cotton Bowl.

Nguyen said lessons the Aggies learned from the Nebraska loss will help them prepare for Florida State.

"We made a lot of mistakes and we know we can't make mistakes and expect to beat teams like Florida State," Nguyen said.

The Seminoles are one of seven teams with 1997 winning records that the Aggies will play this season and coach R.C. Slocum thinks the early test is good.

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

A&M will need quick results from both offensive and defensive lines. There are no returning starters in the defensive line and only guard Semisi Heimuli returns on the offensive side.

The Aggies appear set in the backfield. Senior quarterback Branndon Stewart is assisted by three career 1,000-yard running backs (Dante Hall, Sirr Parker and D'Andre Hardeman).

Slocum wants more of a passing attack and he expects to get it with receivers Aaron Oliver, Leroy Hodge, Chris Cole and tight end Derrick Spiller. The Aggies also plan to send Parker wide on occasion for another look.

"Our receivers have come a long way the last couple of years," Stewart said. "We've got some good guys and depth. We've got fast people and a couple who are big targets to get balls for short yardage.

Nguyen headlines the linebackers, the strongest position 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.

Frenship comes to town for final scrimmage

By L.D. STRATE **Sports Editor**

Pampa's football team will be under the microscopic eye of its coaching staff in one last scrim- Cavalier said. mage before the season opener Sept. 3 with Lubbock Estacado.

Frenship comes to town for a 6 p.m. meeting Thursday at Harvester Stadium. The Tigers are in the same District 4-4A with Lubbock Estacado and are coming off an interesting season. They just barely broke .500 with 6-5 record, but came on strong down the stretch to make the playoffs.

The Tigers will showcase speedy tailback Jonathan Shelby, who rushed for 1,110 yards and 9 touchdowns a year ago. He should be a strong candidate for all-state honors.

The Harvesters enter the scrimmage with a fairly-healthy lineup. At last report, starting senior strong safety Joel Barker won't be playing. He sustained an ankle injury in last week's scrimmage with Borger and will be held out. The defensive backfield is a new position for Barker, who starting and Andy Schroeder at defensive end. at split end last season.

PHS coach Dennis Cavalier has a couple of pleasant surprises in his football camp. Seniors Courtney Lowrance and Bryant Smith are making their marks on the field.

Cavalier likes what he sees in the 175-pound Lowrance, who will back up starting center 28.3 yards per catch if my math is correct. Jeremy Miller, who weighs in at 248.

"I didn't know how effective he would be as a backup, but based on the last scrimmage, he proved to me he could play. I'm very comfortable with him in there."

Smith played football his sophomore season, but Jeff Hogan won his fifth game of the season.

didn't come out last year. Smith, listed at 161 pounds, is trying out at wide receiver and defensive back

"I'm real pleased with the way he's playing,"

The Harvesters can put quite a bit of experience on the field with 13 seniors penciled in as starters. Miller, Jess Baker, Kory Nickell and Jonathan Wagoner will be in the middle on offense. Justin Roark at quarterback and Erich Greer are in the backfield.

Jared White, Kris Davis and Brent Phelps at the linebacking spots are all seniors. Calvin Tucker is up front at tackle. Randy Burklow is at cornerback and Jarred Bowles is the free safety. The injured Barker is at strong safety.

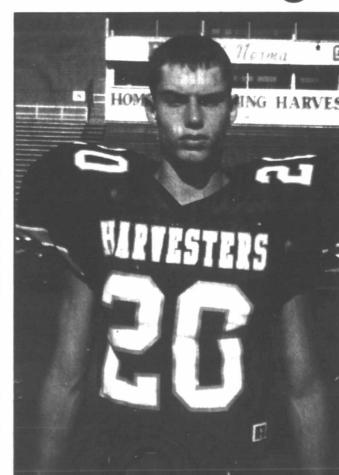
There's a good number of juniors. They include noseguard Tyson Curtis, offense tackle Cody Sheppard, tight end Justin Barnes, split end Greg Lindsey, tailback Curtis Johnson, defensive end Brandon Hill and cornerback Justin Trollinger.

At this writing, two sophomores have cracked the starting lineup. Armando Tarango is at flanker

Not many high school receivers had a season like Luke Farrar did at Canadian in 1997.

Farrar, a 6-2, 180-pound senior, had 453 yards and 6 touchdowns on just 16 catches. That's a whopping

Flashback: 1972 — Pampa slipped by Borger, 7-6, in high school baseball action. Catcher Dale Ammons had three hits to lead Pampa's 10-hit attack. Pitcher



Senior strong safety Joel Barker is expected to miss Thursday's scrimmage because of an ankle injury.

Scoreboard

NFL Presess At A Glance

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Denver

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ttle, 35. TRIPLES-Offerman, Kansas City, 11; O'Leary, Boston, 8; Winn, Tampa Bay, 7; Garciaparra, Boston, 7; McCracken, Tampa Bay, 7; Damon, Kansas City, 7; Durham,

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Tuesday, Áug. 25 Phoenix 71, Cleveland 60, Phoenix wins series 2-1 Championship Series Thursday, Aug. 27

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Arizona at Oakland, 4 p.m. Philadelphia at New England, 8 p.m. Carolina at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m. **TRANSACTIONS Tuesday's Sports Transactions** By The Associated Press CLEVELAND INDIANS—Recalled INF

Saturday, Aug. 29 Phoenix at Houston, 4 p.m. (NBC) TEXAS RANGERS—Claimed LHP Greg Cadaret off waivers from the Anaheim Angels. TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Named Mark Snipp Tuesday, Sept. 1 Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m. (ESPN), if neces special assignment scout and Jeff Cornell central regional scouting supervisor. Netional League
NL—Reduced the suspension of Philadelphia
Phillies RHP Ricky Bottalico from four games FOOTBALL

to three for instigating a bench-clearing brawl on Aug. 2. CHICAGO CUBS—Acquired RHP Mike lorgan from the Minnesota Twins for cash and a player to be named. **PA** 49 71

CINCINNATI REDS-Transferred RHP Stan Belinda from 15-day to the 60-day disabled list. Activated OF Mike Frank and optioned him to Chattanooga of the Southern League. FLORIDA MARLINS—Recalled C Randy Knorr and SS Alex Gonzalez from Charlotte of the International League. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Signed OF Johnny

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed LHP Mark Langston on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of RHP Stan Spencer from Las Vegas of the PCL. Extended their agreement with Las Vegas of the PCL through the 1999 season. FOOTBALL

National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Waived DL Brent Burnstein, LB Aaron Collins, WR Jason Dulick, S Kenny Harris, OL Jonathan Himebauch, RB Skernny Harris, OL Jonathan Himebauch, HB Ronald Moore, DE George Perry, QB Cory Sauter, CB Dexter Seigler, DB Danny Thomas, WR Pascal Volz, K Cory Wedel and OL Jon Zatechka. Placed WR Chad Carpenter, OL Thomas Guynes and LB Marchant Kenney on

ATLANTA FALCONS—Released WR Corey

Allen and TE Brian Saxton. BALTIMORE RAVENS-Released OB Bill Ward, RB Ben Snell, WR Stevie Anderson, WR Duane Gregory, WR McArthur Johnson, WR Donald Richard, TE Carn Quayle, OL Brandon Dyson, OL Adam Hernandez, LB William Morris, LB Ron Rogers, DB Tyrone Hughes, DB Alfred Jackson, DB Lamar Lyons, DB Robert Mack, DB Ryan Sutter and PK Nelson Garner, Placed FB Rob Robertson, FB Tony Vinson, DE Kareem Robinson, DT Martin Chase and OL Sale Isaia on injured reserve CAROLINA PANTHERS—Released FB Scott Greene and DB Donnell Woolford, Released LB Percell Gaskins with an injury settlement. CHICAGO BEARS—Waived RB James Allen and WR Randall Hill. Placed DT Kenny Anderson, FB Tim Tindale and WR Thomas Lewis on injured reserve. Claimed OL Aaron Taylor off waivers from the Indianapolis Colts. CINCINNATI BENGALS—Released CB

Jimmy Spencer. Waived WR Mike Jenkins, FB Marcus Parker, P Brad Costello, and S Kelvin Moore. Placed DE John Copeland and DE Ramondo Stallings on the reserve-physicallyunable-to-perform list. DALLAS COWBOYS—Released FB Dwayn

Chandler and LB K.D. Williams. Released TE

Sean Simms with an injury settlement. Acquired DT Artie Smith from the New England Patriots for future considerations DENVER BRONCOS—Released FB Ryan Christopherson, WR Andre Cooper, WR Sir Mawn Wilson, LB Jon Hesse, LB Sam Manuel, LB Ryan McCoy, DB Jason Kaiser, DB Tori Noel, DE Damiean Jeffries and OT Melvin Tuten. Placed QB Jeff Lewis on the reservenon-football injury list and DE Alfred Williams on the reserve-physically-unable-to-perform

DETROIT LIONS—Signed DL Mike
Chalenski. Placed TE David Sloan on the
physically-unable-to-perform list. Released DT
Matt Keneley and DE Willie Whitehead.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Released QB David
Wilsolar C David Middle De Bard Englisher Klingler, G Doug Widell, DE Paul Frase, WR Lee DaRamus, WR Magic Benton, WR Mike Bowman, DE David Hoelacher, LB Jim Nelson and FB Michael Blair. Placed OT John Michels and DT Dexter Nottage on injured reserve. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Released TE Melvin Pearsall, WR Nate Jacquet and WR Mitchell Enrique Wilson from Buffalo of the Running. Released DB Je'Ney Jackson with an injury settlement. International League. Purchased the contract of LHP Jim Poole from Buffalo. Designated INF Torey Lovullo for assignment. Optioned RHP Steve Karsay to Buffalo.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Placed DT Don Davey on injured reserve. Waived QB Steve

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KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Walved QB Pat Barnes; QB Billy Joe Tolliver, FB Ernest Blackwell, RB Jesse Haynes, C Eugene Chung, CB Anthony Prior, T Tavarr Closs, DE Hefb Coleman, CB Matt Dorsett, P Shayne Edge, C Hicharn El-Mashtoub, TE Chad Flick, TE Darnian Johnson, G Brad Kublk, WR Shawn McWashington, LB Brandon Moore and WR Chris Ortiz, LB Terry Rice-Locket, LB Mark Smith, S Rod Thornas and WR Toussaint Wetermen, Bleest DT I lest Heismath sed WR Mark Smith, S Rod Thomas and WR Toussaint Waterman. Placed DT Jay Heimsoth and WR Waterman. Placed DT Jay Heimsoth and WH Kevin Huntley on injured reserve. Claimed QB Todd Collins off waivers from the Buffalo Bills.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed DT Tim Bowens to a five-year contract. Released P John Kidd, RB Jerris McPhail, LB Brad Jackson, G Scott Shaw, C Nathan Strikwerda, WR Kevin Alexander, WB Andre Boso, DL Dunsten. Alexander, WR Andre Rone, DL Dunstan Anderson, DL Derrick Shepard, DL Antoine Simpson, CB Tim Jacobs, CB Richard Jones, FB Landon Smith, OT Barry Stokes and LB Ronnie Ward. Placed LB Mike Crawford on the reserve-physically-unable-to-perform list.
Placed G Randy Wheeler on the reserve-non-

football injury list.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released CB Terry Billups, CB Mark Tate, S Jeff Compas, LB Dana Cottrell, WR Anthony Ladd, WR Tony Gaiter, QB Jim Murphy, OT Curtis McGee and C Juan Porter. Placed LB Ron Merkerson on

Injured reserve.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Released WR Milt

Stegall and LB Mark Lillibridge. Placed DT Plo

Sagapolutele on injured reserve. Placed KR

Eric Guliford and LB Ron Warner on the nonfootball injury list. Claimed WR Alonzo Johnson off waivers from the New York Jets. NEW YORK GIANTS—Placed CB Jason Sehorn and LB Corey Miller on injured

NEW YORK JETS—Released DT Ronnie

Dixon and G-T Lonnie Palelei. Placed LB Casey Dailey on injured reserve and DE Terry Day on the non-football injury list.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Released K Cole
Ford, WR Na'il Benjamin, WR Jason Shelley, Ford, WR Na'il Benjamin, WR Jason Shelley, WR Obadiah Cooper, WR Edward Hervey, QB Mike McQuery, QB Jason Davis, C Danny Villa, C Greg Engel, G Tim Kohn, LB Shay Muirbrook, DE Ta'ase Faumui, DE Shatony Sargeant and DT David Sanders.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Placed DT Christ

Akins, G-T Melvin Thomas on the non-football injury list. Placed WR Sheddrick Wilson on injured reserve. Released CB Alundis Brice, WR Rico Cannon, DT Keith Council, G-T Tarren Crawford, WR Josh Dolbin, LB DeShawn Fogle, S Dana Hall, WR Jack Jackson, DE Ndukwe Kalu, LB Keith Kerrin, S Randy Kinder, G Sean Love, WR Harvey Middleton and FB Leroy White. PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Placed FB Tim

Lester on the physically-unable-to-perform list. Waived RB George Jones, OL Tony Orlandini and LB Ryan Olson. Traded CB J.B. Brown to the Arizona Cardinals for a 1999 conditional ST. LOUIS RAMS—Released QB Will Furrer,

C David Kempfert, DE Corey Sears, LB Daryl Bush and LB Muadianvita Kazadi. Placed OT Roger Chanoine on injured reserve. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed LB Steve Tovar to a one-year contract. Waived DT Henry Taylor and DE Van Tuinei. Placed DT Reuben Davis and OT Tony Berti on injured

reserve. Waived DT Bruce Walker and OT Bordelon with injury settlements. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Released TE Shonn Bell, S Torry Blevins, DT Bill Duff, DT Brandon Noble, DT Curtis Eason, DE Michael Mason, RB Pepe Pearson, RB Ed Scissum, WR Ryan Thelwell, WR Curtis Sherarer, OT Derek West, LB Jim Schwantz, LB Vernon Strickland. Acquired C Steve Gordon and DT David Richie from the Denver Broncos for past considerations. Suspended OT Jamie Brown three weeks for conduct detrimental to the

Tigers hold off Rangers for rare win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Buddy Bell was one of the top third basemen in baseball over his 18-year major league career. Success as a manager hasn't come quite as easily, however.

Bell's rookie-laden Detroit Tigers pulled out a rare victory Tuesday night, but it was another struggle.

Detroit took a four-run lead into the ninth, then watched most of it allowing four runs and eight hits out with the potential tying run at disappear before holding on for an 8-7 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"I actually still like this job," Bell said. "It's just not real easy right now. And it's not going to be easy for us for a while.

The Tigers are 29 games under 500, 21 1/2 games behind Cleveland in the AL Central. They have lost six of seven and 17 of 20. Bell is trying to build for the future with 10 rookies on the roster.

Frank Catalanotto had three doubles and Luis Gonzalez doubled twice for the Tigers, who have 10 rookies on the roster. Bell said that although the team has struggled with its confidence, they're

Griffey fails to

hit a home run

CLEVELAND (AP) - Manny

Ramirez was 4-for-4 with his

31st homer and five RBIs as the

Cleveland Indians defeated the

Seattle Mariners 10-4 Tuesday

Ken Griffey Jr., who leads the

AL with 44 homers, was 1-for-4

with a single and a walk, failing

to homer for the first time in

Ramirez singled, doubled

twice and hit a 432-foot homer,

missing only a triple in his bid

to become the first Cleveland

player in 20 years to hit for the

The Indians won for the sixth

time in nine games and scored

seven runs with two outs, snap-

ping out of their clutch-hitting

David Segui hit his 17th

homer for the Mariners, whose

four-game winning streak was

Charles Nagy (11-9) won for

the first time in three starts,

allowing four runs and eight

hits in 5 2-3 innings. He walked

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thing, to continue playing hard," Bell said. "You can't find out about yourself unless you do it that way. We've had problems with our confidence, but we're still getting after it pretty good."

Brian Powell (3-4) won for only the second time in eight starts, in six-plus innings.

Powell used his fastball to get ahead of the hitters and was the Tigers bullpen.

It's always easier to pitch when takes," Powell said. "It was a huge game for me. You don't have to be as fine with the lead. It was imporgood team like them with one of the top lineups in the league."

in the AL West, trailed 8-2 in the this season.

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seventh before Rusty Greer's two-"That's the most important run single off Matt Anderson. Sean Runyon, the third pitcher of the inning, got Will Clark to line into an inning-ending double play.

Juan Gonzalez hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth off Todd Jones for his league-leading 129th RBI, and Clark hit a two-run homer. Todd Zeile hit a game-ending ground-

Luis Gonzalez admitted his team has little to play for, but beneficiary of a big early lead that there's satisfaction to be gained began to disappear against the out of making things tough on the contenders.

"Those guys are in the race so you have a big lead because you it's really easy for us to play can get away with a few more misthem," Gonzalez said. "But when you play a team like us, you don't know what team is going to show up. That makes it tougher. We're tant for us to go out and beat a about 30 games under (.500) but we haven't given up.

Todd Stottlemyre (3-2) allowed Texas, which dropped 3 1/2 five runs and eight hits in 3 2-3 games behind first-place Anaheim innings, his second-shortest start

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The old days are long gone, even in Buffalo, Mo.

Police say five young people claiming to be members of a violent street gang with roots in Los Angeles beat Michael Sutton so viciously he suffered a brain hemorrhage. Then they slit his throat and left him to

bleed to death under a bridge on the outskirts of town. The 20-year-old was killed, authorities say, because he wanted to quit

the Five Deuce Hoover Crips street gang. We had a closed-casket service, but I saw his body, and you would-

n't believe what they did to him," said his mother, Marlene Sutton, who fought back tears as she stood outside the Dallas County Courthouse, where the five made brief pretrial appearances on Monday.

Over the past year, the gang had taken hold in the lives of a dozen or more young people in this nondescript southwest Missouri town population 2,400 — that sits between picturesque woods to the west and rolling hills to the east.

Authorities say this was the first big-city gang killing in the area and only the second murder in Buffalo in the 1990s.

"Oh no, we've never heard of anything like that in Buffalo, ever,"

Louis Hicks, 79, said over lunch at the downtown senior citizens center on Monday. "Our town is a good little town."

Until last week, added his wife, Stella, the worst thing to report to police was rowdy kids throwing trash in the yard.

And until last week, the crimes of the Buffalo branch of the Five

"We did know almost all of the people involved in this," Parks said.
"But they had done nothing real serious. Some small burglaries, some minor assaults - and we do consider those crimes very serious here but no violent crimes."

But on Aug. 11, police said, Sutton was beaten unconscious by gang members who returned later to make sure he was dead and then cut his

"It looked worse than anything you'd see in a horror movie," Sutton's mother said Monday.

On the other side of the courthouse, Cindy South was equally distraught as she insisted that one of the suspects - her 18-year-old daughter, Lilli White — was innocent.

"I feel bad for that boy's mother," said Ms. South, whose daughter is jailed in lieu of \$500,000 bail. "But my daughter did not murder her son. . My daughter told me she is innocent, and I believe her."

Authorities say the Buffalo gang members were organized by Andre Kirk, 24, who arrived from Little Rock, Ark., about a year ago. Kirk boasted of being a member of the Five Deuce Hoover Crips, an Arkansas offshoot of a street gang that traces its roots to South-Central Los Angeles.

People who knew Sutton said he seemed an odd candidate for such a

"He was always very nice," said Larry Davison, who runs Davison's Electronics on the public square across from the courthouse. "I would have thought he was above that type of personal behavior."

Sutton had often visited the store and Buffalo Gun and Pawn down Deuce Hoover Crips weren't much more than that, said Dallas County the street to buy compact discs and videotapes and always stopped to

"We've had a few guys come in here who would get mouthy or loud or whatever, especially when they were with their friends," said Chris Horn, who runs Buffalo Gun and Pawn. "But Mike never did. He was always just as polite as can be, always a nice

Sutton did have at least one scrape with the law. He was sentenced

to 30 days in jail for breaking and entering. "He stood outside while some people he knew broke into a building," his mother said.

But Sutton had been saying recently that he wanted out of his group

of friends and no longer felt safe in Buffalo. He wasn't the only one who noticed changes in town. On the square in the front of the courthouse, people said they sometimes saw young people flashing gang signs at one another, although they never took it seriously.

Keeping an eye on Texas

emocrats not supporting

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) led by House Minority Leader Starr's report to Congress. Dick Gephardt are distancing from President themselves

"It was wrong and it was reprehensible," Gephardt said Tuesday of Clinton's relationship with the former White House intern. Democrats don't want the sordid Democrats that they are no longer case to sabotage their fall election willing to take Clinton's word at campaigns.

close House races, the Missouri dent didn't have sex with Ms. pledged lawmaker Democrats won't blindly defend their president if impeachment Democrats' proceedings are warranted.

not be out there saying he's guilty any hint of scandal could cost of impeachment or not, as if we them a cherished seat. know," Gephardt said in an inter-

ident on central questions: Did Clinton ask Ms. Lewinsky to lie? Did he obstruct justice by trying to cover up the affair?

Talking openly about impeach- will be answered after a careful ment, congressional Democrats review of prosecutor Kenneth Democrats don't know what

> He even mused about the aftereffects of a president's removal "this is also a strong country and we have strong processes."

Aides said the remarks reflected growing feeling among face value — not after being told Opening a three-day tour of for seven months that the presithat Lewinsky.

underscores the It also determination to avoid being linked to Clinton in "I think it's important for us to competitive House races, where must address the issue again.

> make Gephardt and his fellow less partisan if they decide later to mount a defense for Clinton.

low Democrats all day Monday going," Romer said.

Gephardt said those questions and came away convinced that the greatest fear is the unknown; Starr's investigation has uncov-

After Clinton's speech last week Clinton and the Monica Lewinsky from office. It would be rough on in which he admitted an inapprothe nation, Gephardt said, but priate relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, the White House had asked Democratic lawmakers to quickly declare the controversy over. That didn't happen, and Gephardt's new comments suggested the president's party will be guid imore by Starr's report than Clinton's word.

In Denver, Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, the Democratic Party chairman, told The Washington Post that Clinton's speech was inadequate and that the president

"You don't get this thing done in this country under those cir-And Tuesday's pledge may cumstances unless you say clearly, I made a very bad mistake. I need He declined to defend the pres- Democrats look more credible and to admit that clearly, and I'm not going to let that happen again, and I want to work on these Gephardt had talked with fel- issues, and here's where we're

For some Democratic candidates, the president has already

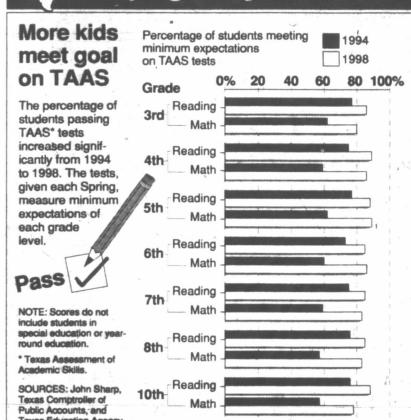
become a pariah. Gail Riecken, trying to defeat a vulnerable Republican congressman in Bloomington, Ind., said she has invited Hillary Rodham Clinton and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala to campaign for her. Not the pres-

"He has a great deal of work to do with his family," she said after a fund-raiser with Gephardt. "It's just not something I would enter-

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Hurricane Bonnie makes for shore

force winds and rain lashed the Atlantic coast early today as the edge of massive Hurricane Bonnie reached the mainland. More than a half-million people were under orders to flee.

Winds gusted to 60 mph this morning in the Wilmington area, blowing rain horizontally and sending traffic signals creaking back and forth above deserted streets.

Hurricane-force winds from the 400-mile-wide storm were expected to begin sweeping shore communities sometime today, forecasters said. Where the erratic storm might hit land remained unclear, though the Wilmington area was a likely possibility.

Only a few coastal residents were hanging around to see. Traffic was bumper-to-bumper off North Carolina's Outer Banks by early afternoon on Tuesday as people tried to get out of the way of Bonnie, a monster of a storm with winds of 115 mph.

More than 330,000 people were ordered off North Carolina's coastal islands. About 200,000 more, including 120,000 tourists, were instructed to leave South Carolina's two northernmost coastal counties. A state of emergency was declared in Virginia, though no evacuations were ordered.

In the hour before daybreak, a half-dozen cars left Wrightsville Beach, state Trooper Jeffrey Hammonds said

rents a house across the street from the ocean in out this morning, and officers gave Houseworth a North Myrtle Beach, S.C. "I'm getting out of here." wakeup call over the bullhorn.

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Tropical storm- He boarded up a few more windows Tuesday and then planned to head inland with his wife and child.

> As of 8 a.m. today, Bonnie was about 110 miles south of Wilmington, and it was moving at 14 mph. It had turned from moving northwest to the northnorthwest, and forecasters said a gradual turn to the north was expected.

> Rain and tropical storm-force winds, which are between 39 mph and 73 mph, were already hitting southeastern North Carolina by dawn.

> Hurricane warnings were in effect across a 500mile stretch of coastline, from Chincoteague, Va., to Edisto Beach, S.C. Doug Hoehler, a National Weather Service forecaster in Wilmington, said forecasters believe the storm would reach the mouth of the Cape Fear River south of Wilmington between noon and 2 p.m. today.

> The last major storm to come ashore in the Wilmington area was Hurricane Fran in September 1996. Instead of turning north, it plowed through the middle of the state, causing \$5.2 billion in damage

and 24 deaths. As winds picked up at Wrightsville Beach, the barrier island just east of Wilmington, police used a bullhorn to roust Paul Houseworth from his home early today. Houseworth had abruptly decided late Tuesday night to return home after leaving with his "I ain't got no courage," said Billy Gilmore, who wife, Cathi Fithian. She asked police to bring him

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Volleyball coach uses cage to discipline girls under investigation and will be in judgment, but who has a good CHANNELVIEW, Texas (AP)

— A high school girls' volleyball coach has been suspended because she locked eight players in an equipment cage for almost an hour for disobeying her. .

Tara Wheeler, who has been at Channelview High School for about six years, has been suspended with pay, superintendent Larry Curry said Tuesday.

The incident occurred on Thursday of last week.

The coach disciplined the girls because she told them to go to the locker room and study while she worked with girls' basketball players, Curry said.

They were unsupervised and apparently left the locker room and went out into the hall to get Cokes or something like that," the superintendent said. "As discipline for that, she locked them in the cage in the girls' locker room the following day."

The cage was lighted and had air conditioning and benches, he

said. The girls, most of them sophomores "around 16 years old," were in the 6-by-8 cage for about 50 minutes, the superintendent

said. Curry said the incident is

sion within about two weeks. Ms. Wheeler could lose her job, he

"On the one hand, locking the fundamental trust with parents. When parents send their children to public schools, they trust us. That's why this rises to a level of a serious offense," Curry said.

professional who made a mistake case. Curry said another father

referred to the school for a deci-record and is well-liked by her peers and by the kids. And that's what makes this a difficult situation."

A man who answered the telegirls the way she did violated a phone at Ms. Wheeler's home Tuesday said she would have no comment.

Curry said that one father asked what would have happened if there had been a fire "On the other hand, she's a while the girls were locked in the

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