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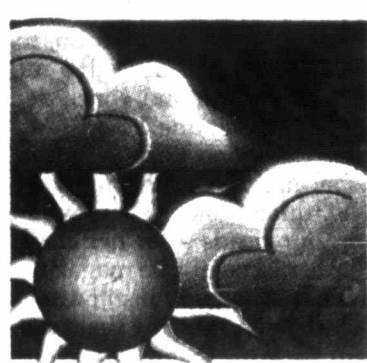
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PAMPA — The Senior Judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals will be in Pampa Thursday where he will speak at a dutch-treat luncheon at noon at Furr's Cafeteria. The public is invited. Judge Charles F. "Charlie" Baird, who has authored more than 750 opinions, was named the highest-rated statewide judge by the Houston Bar Association. He was elected to the court in 1990 and re-elected to a full term in 1992. Those attending are asked to go through the line about 11:45 p.m., if possible, so the meeting can start on time.

RICHARDSON, (AP) — The ban on the wearing of shorts at Lake Highland Junior High has prompted one student to protest the new dress code.

But Trae Lowhorn-Fernandez, 13, is paying a high price for his protest against the policy that was put into effect for the start of the school year.

"I'm trying to stand up for what I believe," Trae said. "I don't think it's right that we should have to wear pants on these really hot days. It's not fair."

He has been sent to the Alternative Education Program where he sits in a cubicle all day doing his schoolwork apart from his classmates.

• **Lena Berten, 91**, former co-owner Berten Drug in Shamrock.
• **Marguerite E. Martin, 82**, former employee of Hi-Way Care, Heard and Jones Pharmacy and Malone Pharmacy.

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Playground funds grow

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
For The News

Three major donations have pushed the Pampa Super Playground project one-third closer to its fund-raising goal of \$100,000, according to Chuck White, Steering Committee chair.

To date, the project has received a pledge of \$10,000 from City of Pampa Parks & Recreation Board, \$10,000 from the David & Nona Payne Foundation and approximately \$12,000 from the Pampa Rotary Club, White said.

Several fund-raising projects are planned throughout the next two months to complete the funding for the 20,000 square-foot super playground.

Misty Alvey, Fund-raising Committee chair, plans a "Picket the Playground" booth at the Chautauqua celebration on Sept. 7, where donations will be accepted for pickets. The pickets will compose the fence surrounding the playground. Those who donate \$5 for a picket will have a small brass plaque inscribed with their name placed on one of the pickets.

Also planned for late September is a "Change the Floor" project. See **PLAYGROUND**, Page 5

Motion to suppress drug evidence aired

A Pampa man was in court today trying to suppress evidence in his drug trial.

Carlos Regalado, 52, was arrested Sept. 8, 1997, at the intersection of Dwight and U.S. 60 after law enforcement officers received an anonymous phone call saying he was transporting drugs.

Ken Fields, Regalado's attorney, told 31rd District Judge M. Kent Sims today that officers acted without having enough evidence of wrong doing and that the anonymous phone call and subsequent search of Regalado's car should be thrown out.

Authorities said Pampa police received a 911 call on Sept. 8, from a person at a pay phone who refused to identify himself, saying only that a late model green Pontiac Grand Am was on its way to Pampa carrying drugs.

Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Dave O'Brien saw a car matching that description traveling toward Pampa on U.S. 60 and followed it. He reported that he stopped the car shortly before 9 p.m. Sept. 8, after it began weaving between the shoulder and the middle lane of the highway.

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Local jobless rate 5.1%; up from 3.8%

Figures for Texas unemployment are out for July and the summer wasn't very kind to Pampa.

While Pampa started the summer with a 3.8 percent unemployment rate, last month's figures had climbed to 5.0 percent for the city and 5.1 percent for Gray County.

Those figures compare to 4.2 percent in Amarillo and 4.4 percent in Lubbock for July. Carson County showed a 4.1 percent unemployment rate for the same period.

The size of the labor force for Pampa has grown over the same period of time, according to the Texas Workforce Commission (formerly the Texas Employment Commission). The labor force grew from 9,161 in May to 9,420 in July. That means that there are 259 new adults who can work in Pampa while the unemployment rate grew by 126 people.

Kathy Cota of the Texas Workforce Commission said she doesn't know the why unemployment climbed but she thinks low oil prices had some effect. More people entering work force eligibility may also be responsible.

Hosts mentors...

Volunteers help pupils with math each week

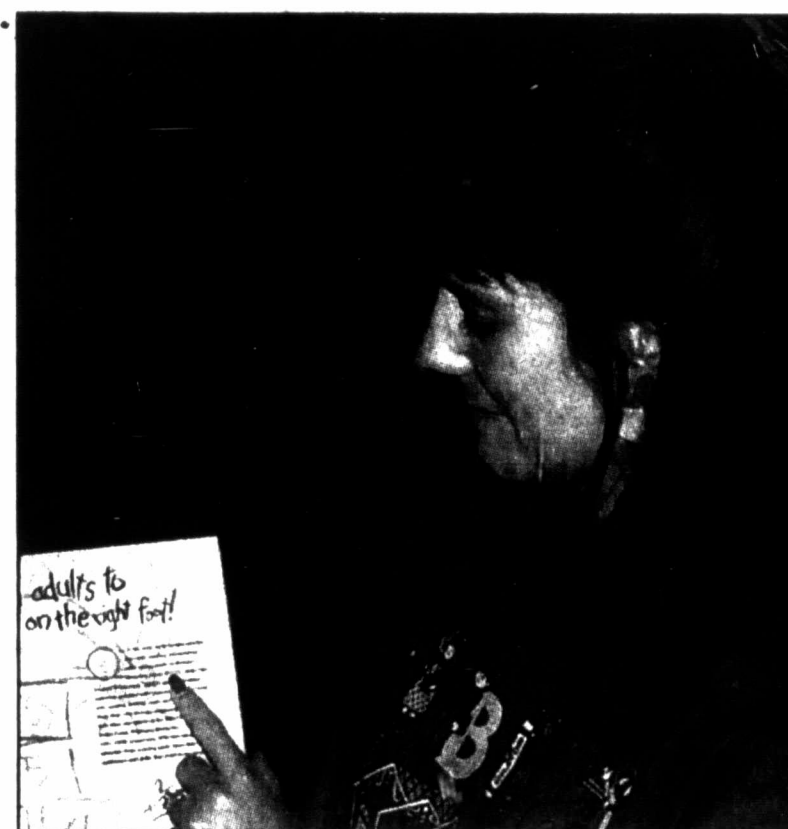
By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

"Any person who can read, follow instructions, and enjoys working with children qualifies to be a HOSTS mentor," said Wilson Elementary teacher Teresa Dyson.

Dyson and her assistant teacher Heidi Baggerman are beginning the fourth year of the Helping One Student to Succeed program at Wilson.

HOSTS is a nationally recognized program in 42 states that pairs a student with a community volunteer to do one-to-one math instruction 30 minutes a week with the same student for the school year.

"Adult mentoring creates a cycle of student success which builds the student's confidence and accelerates learning," according to Dyson. "Students aren't



(Pampa News photos by Miranda Bailey)

New to the HOSTS classroom this year, teaching assistant Heidi Baggerman shows off the back of the Kellogg's Special K cereal box that advertises the national HOSTS program. Baggerman won the box which was signed by the HOSTS program president last month at a HOSTS district wide meeting.

interested in what you know, but in how much you care." About 60 children are quali-

fied for the program this year. Students in grades 3 - 5 are qualified based on their math scores on the TAAS tests, said Dyson.

For those math-critics who are — in the very least — fearful of teaching math to these students, Dyson said in response, "I'm a P.E. major teaching math! You learn right along with the kids. And we have the answers here ... Heidi and I are here at all times."

Mentors also bring the real world into the classroom setting for the students to see, said Dyson.

"They bring in real life situations, showing the students things like how math is used in their particular business," she said.

This program, Dyson said, shows children they can have fun with math in a relaxed atmosphere.

"It shows them that yes, math can be a challenge, but it's fun and it can always be worked out."

(Want to be a part of HOSTS? Check out the times you can serve on Page 5)

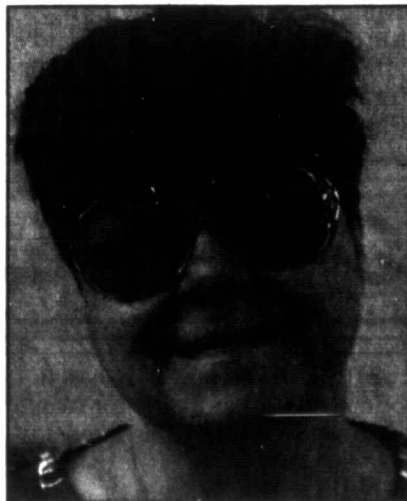


HOSTS teacher Teresa Dyson preparing some of the extensive paperwork that goes along with tracking the progress and pairing 60 students with outside volunteers.

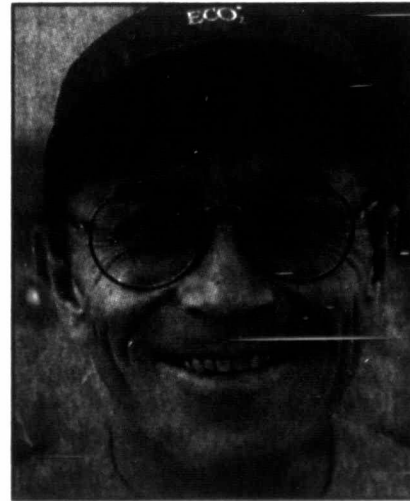
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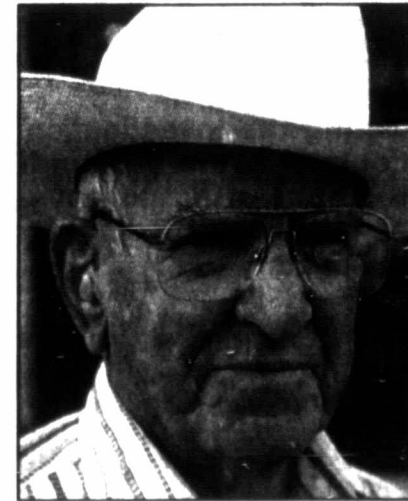
"Hobart Baptist Church is having their 45th anniversary reunion. I'll be going to that."
-- Reva Hon



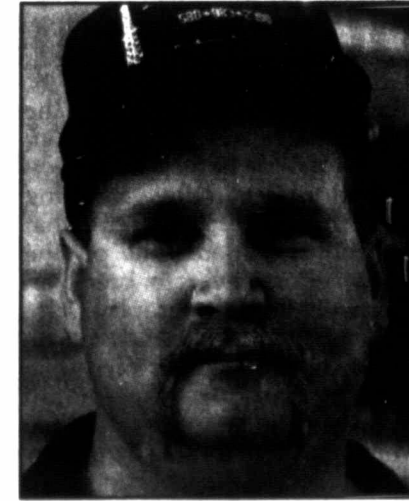
"Not a whole lot. Maybe go to Chautauqua."
-- Cora Unruh



"Probably go to Chautauqua. Relax a little bit."
-- Stephen Rogers



"I can't play golf out here ... I'll probably go to Chautauqua for a little while, then go home and rest."
-- C.B. Reece



"I don't know. Probably work."
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ACT I production garners award

By KAYLA PURSLEY
For the News

Best Show of the Season honors were awarded recently to "The Gin Game," directed by Sandra Boales at the ACT I 14th annual banquet. Awards were decided by ballot. ACT I season ticket members who attend each show are eligible to cast a vote for their season favorites.

ACT I's annual banquet also serves as election time for new board members. Five new board members take their place with five veteran members. Two positions are still open to complete the 12 member board.

Best actor and actress awards were presented to Bill Hildebrandt and Berinda Turcotte both for their performances in "The Gin Game." Best supporting honors were awarded to Jimmy Collier and Sandra Boales for their roles in "It's A Scream," directed by Jimmy Lindsay.

ACT I's annual banquet also serves as election time for new board members. Five new board members take their place with five veteran members. Two positions are still open to complete the 12 member board. Board member responsibilities include overseeing all aspects of production from set building,

putting out posters, to setup and strike.

New ACT I board members are Miranda Bailey, Jimmy Collier, Gena Kane, Sheila Lindsay and John McKeon.

"I'm excited to be involved with ACT I," says Bailey. "I feel there is a world of possibility for this theatre organization and I'm honored to be a board member."

Bailey is a reporter for The Pampa News. Her credentials include a BFA degree in theatre. Her goals for ACT I this season are to broaden its audience base by getting new people involved, and to present a wider selection of shows for Pampa and area residents. Bailey is also directing the second show of the season, "Eleemosynary," scheduled for Nov. 5-6.

Jimmy Collier is an electrician for Mundy Co. For his first theatre outing in "It's a Scream," he won the best supporting actor category. His ACT I goals for this year are "to learn as much as I can and to help in the same way."

Gina Kane is office manager for the family Electric Service Co. She and husband James represent the first of two husband and wife members on the board. Kane played Mrs. McCrutchon in this season's The Man Who Came To Dinner directed by Rochelle Lacy. She also helped with set construction for God's Favorite directed by Sandra Boales.

"ACT I is a wonderful organization and a great group of people to work with," says Sheila Lindsay, "very family oriented." Lindsay works for Federal Express as a courier. She has theater experience in set design,



(left) Berinda Turcotte, best actress; Jimmy Collier, best supporting actor; Sandra Keeton Boales, best supporting actress and best director; and Bill Hildebrandt, best actor, receiving their winning plaques at last month's ACT I annual banquet.

makeup and costumes describing herself as "an all around gopher." Other community interests include the Red Cross and Band Boosters. Her goal for ACT I: "Make money for the theater." Jimmy, her husband, is also on the board.

John McKeon is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce,

Boales, Debbie Hartman, James Kane and Jimmy Lindsay, Berinda Turcotte. Boales is in charge of planning and scheduling at Mundy Contract Maintenance, Inc. She has performed and directed including summer children's theatre. Boales is also treasurer for Pampa Fine Arts Association.

Board members serving their second term are Sandra (Keeton)

Boales, Debbie Hartman, James Kane and Jimmy Lindsay, Berinda Turcotte. Boales is in charge of planning and scheduling at Mundy Contract Maintenance, Inc. She has performed and directed including summer children's theatre. Boales is also treasurer for Pampa Fine Arts Association.

Countdown for auditions for 'Eleemosynary' begins

The countdown has begun. In one week, auditions for ACT I's second show of the season, "Eleemosynary," will be held for two nights at the community theatre's Pampa Mall location on North Hobart.

"This play will make you giggle, it might make you cry, and you'll find that you know someone just like the characters you'll meet on stage," said the show's director, Miranda Bailey.

Pronounced el-uh-mos-uh-nair-ee, "Eleemosynary," by Lee Blessing, is a coming-of-age play about three women — a teen-age girl named Echo; her mother, Artie; and grandmother, Dorthea.

The eccentric Dorthea prides herself in believing what the majority of people don't — the impossible. At the beginning of the play, for example, she straps a pair of homemade wings on her 15-year-old daughter Artie, and tries to convince the child to fly by thinking positive.

Artie, grown-up, is everything Dorthea isn't. Logical, introverted, seemingly tormented from her mother's never-ending, outlandish goings-on, she painfully leaves Dorthea to raise her daughter, Echo.

Echo is the best of both worlds. Intelligent, sensitive and full of faith, this 16-year-old "spelling genius" serves as a bridge between the two women that mean most to her.

Director Miranda Bailey is searching for three women to fill the shoes of these characters; characters she refers to as, "every actor's dream to be."

Acting experience, though a plus, is not necessary. There are no age requirements to be in this show.

"You don't have to be a seasoned actor. All that I need," according to Bailey, "are three individuals with energy, dedi-

cation, and flexibility ... three people who are willing to rehearse three to four times a week for an eight-week period, and take part in a show which I truly believe will be a memorable, and valuable learning experience for everyone involved."

Bailey is posting audition notices this week and said she "would like to encourage interested retirees or seniors to consider the role of Dorthea." She is also looking to interested school-aged students to come and audition for the role of Echo.

"I really need three strong,

versatile actresses who can play women that span in age, and that's why I'm looking for individuals in three, distinct age groups," said Bailey.

"I'm also looking for someone who is interested in acting and/or theatre who would like to be my assistant-director. This person will be someone who is organized, responsible, eager to learn, and have fun in an atmosphere that takes acting seriously. Again, I am encouraging school-aged drama students to inquire about this opportunity during my audition times," she said.

Auditions will require actors to do some cold readings of the

Her goals for ACT I: "Continue scholarship program and more exposure to community."

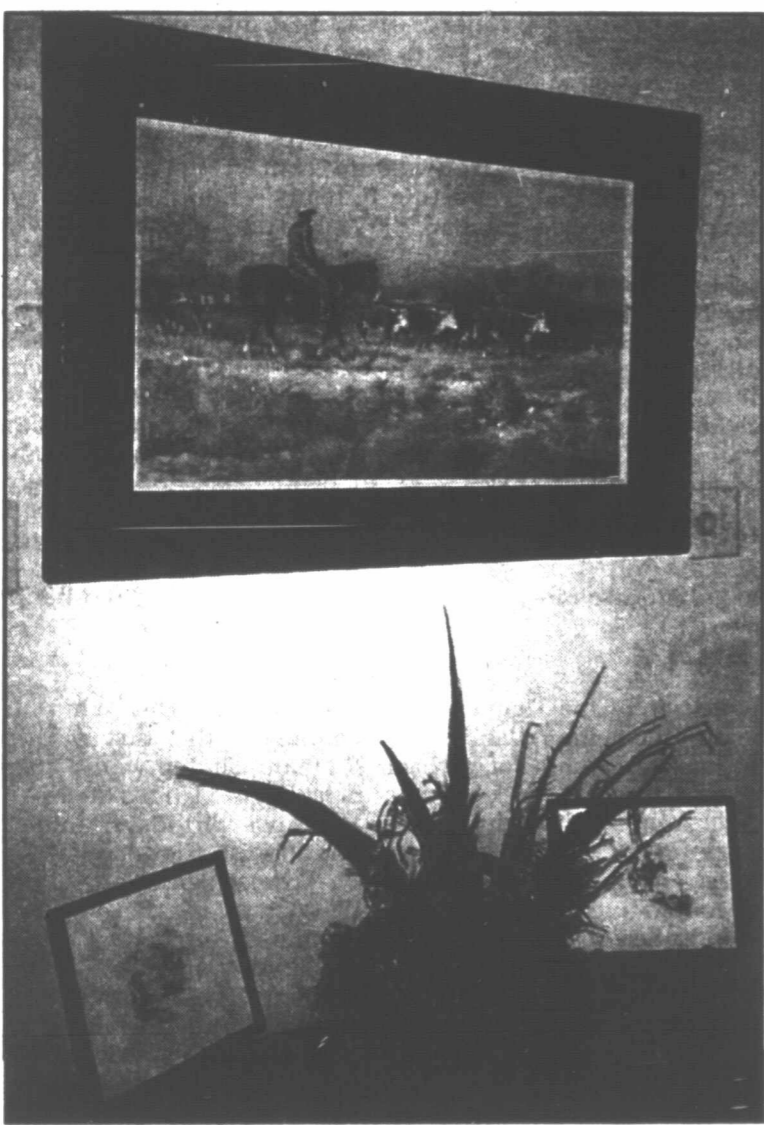
Debbie Hartman is a production engineer for Celanese. Her community commitments include serving as confirmation mentor at Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Amarillo and as a math tutor. Hartman has been actively involved with ACT I for three years serving as board treasurer last season.

James Kane is the owner of Electric Service Co. He got involved with ACT I during 1997 when he was cast in Harvey. Set building skills complete his qualifications. His community interests also include Boy Scouts. Jimmy Lindsay is general foreman for Mundy Co. He had his directorial debut last season and his acting credits include "God's Favorite." His goals for ACT I: "Make money and to do a big community musical."

Berinda Turcotte is a reliability technician for Celanese. She has more than one best actress award to her credit including this year's award for her performance in "The Gin Game." She was vice president of the board of directors last season. Her goals for ACT I: "Generate community support."

The "make money for the theater" theme comes from a desire for a new home. Closing Pampa Mall makes ACT I a homeless organization with a huge inventory of props, costumes, rehearsal furniture, scripts and lighting equipment. Season tickets are on sale now and available from The Four Poster, 300 W. Foster. For more information call 665-8848.

Art tour



(Special photo)

This G. Harvey western oil hangs above two pen and ink sketches by H.D. Bigbee in the main home of the art-garden-furnishing tour to be conducted from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 in Pampa. Local artists will explain their work in the recently completed studio. Contemporary and oriental collections will also be part of the display. Tickets will be on sale at the Clarendon College-Pampa Center tent during the Chautauqua celebration Monday, Sept. 7 in Central Park. Proceeds will go toward the college's building fund.

Tri-State Fair to hold 75th annual demolition derby

AMARILLO — Checkered flags, roaring engines, and crashing cars will only be part of the sights and sounds of the 75th Tri-State Fair. The fair's demolition derby gets the green flag in the Fairgrounds Outdoor Arena on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Approximately 40 cars are expected to compete for over \$2,000 in prize money and awards when the derby begins at 7:00 p.m.

Event contestants will compete in one of four preliminary heats. The top two contestants in each heat will make it to the final championship round. The derby, now in its sixth year, is coordinated by the Amarillo Fire Fighters, Local 542. Derby spectators will be able to see the event free with the price of fair gate admission.

For further information and entry forms, contact the Tri-State Fair, P.O. Box 31087 Amarillo, TX 79120 or call (806) 376-7767. All drivers must be 19 years of age or older and have a valid driver's license to participate.



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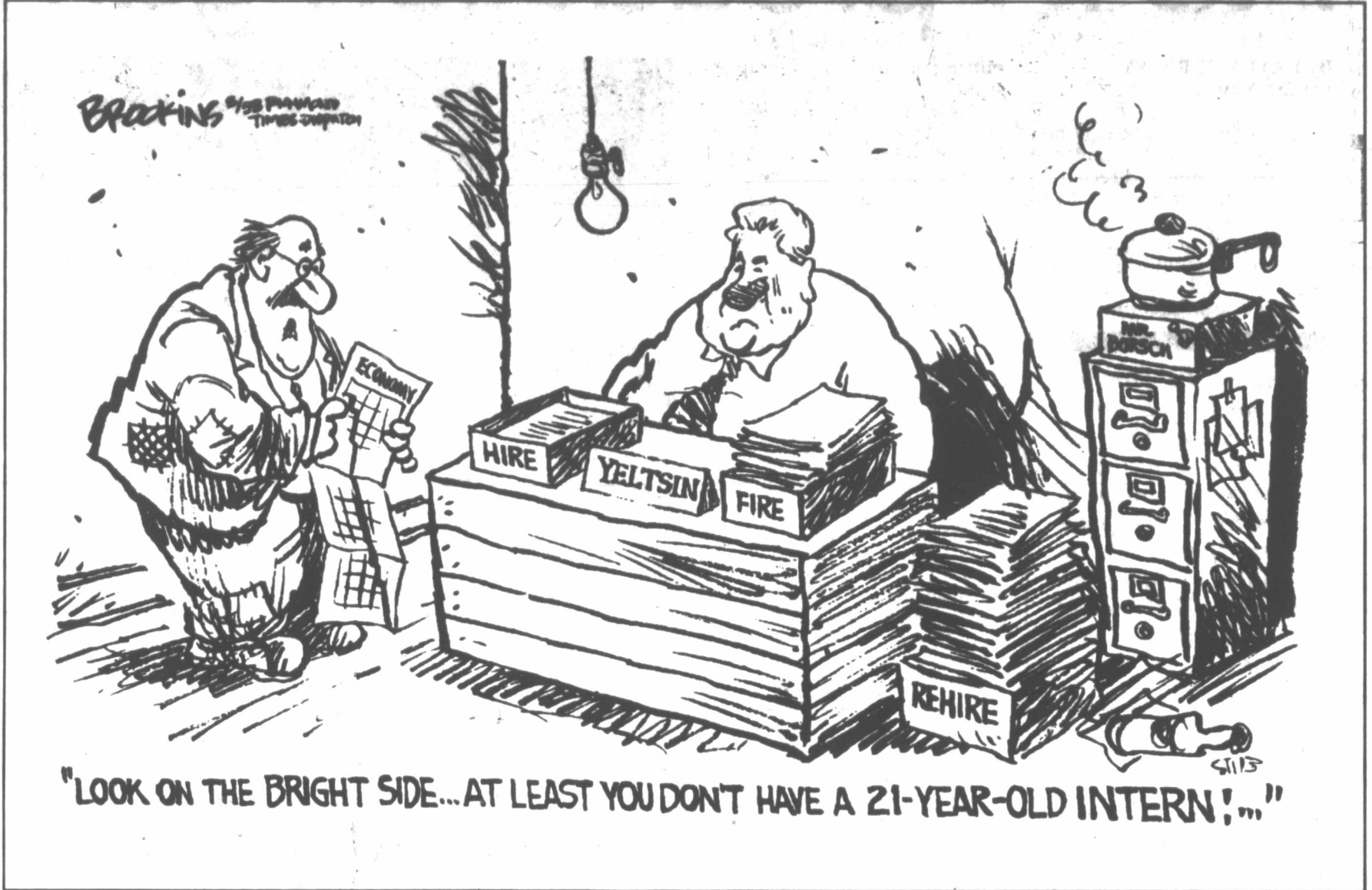
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Opinion

Immigration not necessarily damaging

■ Many newcomers to the United States more than pay their own way.

America is a nation of immigrants — yet the topic remains controversial in many places, including West Texas.

During the recession of the early 1990s especially, it often was heard that immigrants were “stealing” the jobs of native born Americans. Even today, the charge is made that immigrants are an economic drain, soaking up more tax money in the form of welfare and other benefits than they pay in taxes themselves.

A new report reaches conclusions that some critics might find surprising. The libertarian Cato Institute in conjunction with the National Immigration Forum, a coalition of organizations that support immigration, released, “A Fiscal Portrait of the Newest Americans.”

The study looked at about 30 other studies of recent years. It did not distinguish between illegal or legal immigrants because virtually all the data used came from the Census Bureau, which does not ask about legal status, explained Stephen Moore, co-author of the study and director of fiscal policy studies at Cato.

The main conclusions: Immigrants on average over their lifetimes pay more in taxes than they take out in government benefits and they are net creators of jobs. Some key findings:

Over a lifetime, an immigrant on average will pay about \$80,000 more in taxes than is taken out in government benefits.

Immigrants tend to be younger than natives and so are net contributors to Social Security and Medicare programs. Only three percent of immigrants are over age 65 when they arrive, compared with the 12 percent of natives who are over that age.

The economic drawback of immigrants typically is a localized one. Though they pay more in total federal, state and local taxes than they take out in benefits over a lifetime, they will cost state and local taxpayers an average of \$25,000 for each immigrant. That’s because immigrants generally take benefits from local governments, such as by sending their children to school or receiving local aid.

Moore believes the data suggest significant implications for social trends in the United States. For one, immigrants could mitigate an anticipated shortfall in Social Security revenues in ways that won’t be experienced by more restrictive nations, such as in Europe and Japan.

The study was vehemently criticized by groups that seek to limit immigration. Dan Stein, executive director of the Federation for American Immigration Reform, said that Moore incorrectly interpreted data from the studies that were examined, especially one by the National Academy of Sciences. “In the final analysis,” Stein said, “immigration is an income transfer program. It moves money from middle-class wage earners (who are native citizens) and puts it in the pockets of immigrants and employers,” who benefit from cheaper labor.

And Stein was concerned about the political effect of immigration, saying most immigrants tilt toward the Democratic Party, thereby increasing political pressure for higher taxes.

However, it seems to us that part of the problem is that Republicans’ own anti-immigrant rhetoric and enactment of anti-immigrant laws sometimes has repelled immigrants at a time when the GOP might otherwise have attracted those who generally share GOP positions on the work ethic and family values.

Instead of the strict limits on immigration favored by Stein, a better approach would be to work toward greater and more rapid assimilation. The bottom line is that immigrants can be contributors, provided government doesn’t encourage welfare dependency or in other ways retard the important process of assimilation as a U.S. citizen.

—Odessa American

Identity theft is serious

Identity theft is quickly becoming the crime of the '90s.

It occurs when one person uses another’s identification — name, address, social security number, mother’s maiden name — to obtain lines of credit, open checking accounts, rent apartments, or even obtain jobs.

Because of the nature of the crime, many victims are unaware of what has happened until they are denied credit. By that time, their credit history may have been ruined.

As your attorney general, I am prohibited by law from giving legal advice to private citizens, but I can offer some general tips on how to protect yourself and what to do if you ever become a victim.

Identity theft begins with a lost or stolen purse or wallet. Rather than risk using a check or credit card that may have already been reported as lost or stolen, identity thieves will use a victim’s credit cards and ID to open new accounts. With the information from your driver’s license and social security card, a thief can also open a checking account and write bad checks in your name.

With a few exceptions, most states treat the party that has lost money (the merchant who honors a stolen credit card) as the vic-

Dan Morales
 Attorney General of the State of Texas

tim. Because of this attitude, many victims of identity theft have spent months, even years, attempting to restore their names and credit records.

Congress is considering legislation that would make it a federal crime to use someone’s identity without permission.

If your wallet or purse is lost or stolen, immediately call and cancel your credit cards. If you have a number of cards, you may want to consider enrolling in a credit card registry service. Such a service will notify all of your creditors after one call from you.

As soon as possible, file a theft report with the police. Many banks and credit agencies require such a report before they will believe that a theft has occurred.

Be sure to call your bank and cancel your

ATM card. Additionally, you should put a “Stop payment” on your lost checks. Be aware, however, that many banks require your signature or a signed affidavit to initiate a stop payment order and a fee may be imposed.

If you are a victim of theft, you may get a call from someone posing as a bank representative or law enforcement official. The caller will say that information is needed to expedite a replacement card. Do not give out any of your account information. You have no way of knowing who is really on the other end of the phone.

You should contact the three big credit reporting bureaus — Equifax, Experian (formerly TRW) and Trans Union — to have them place a fraud alert on your report. Such an alert instructs creditors to call you personally to verify applicant information.

Periodically check your credit reports and write to creditors if they have not removed closed-out accounts from the files.

While we hope this never happens to you, knowing how to protect yourself can save you a lot of headaches. For more information on ways you can protect yourself, call your bank, local police department or local prosecutor.

Protect yourself — and your reputation.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of 1998. There are 120 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History: On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri, ending World War II.

On this date: In 1666, the Great Fire of London broke out, claiming thousands of homes, but only a few lives.

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

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman’s forces occupied Atlanta.

In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice,

“Speak softly and carry a big stick,” in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

In 1935, a hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, claiming 423 lives.

In 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam an independent republic.

In 1963, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state troops.

In 1963, “The CBS Evening News” with Walter Cronkite was lengthened from 15 to 30 minutes.

In 1969, North Vietnamese president Ho Chi Minh died.

In 1985, it was announced that a U.S.-French expedition had located

the wreckage of the Titanic about 560 miles off Newfoundland.

Ten years ago: Democrat Michael Dukakis welcomed back former top aide John Sasso to his presidential campaign, nearly a year after Sasso resigned because of his role in torpedoing the campaign of Democratic Sen. Joseph Biden.

Five years ago: The United States and Russia formally ended decades of competition in space by agreeing to a joint venture to build a space station.

One year ago: In London, a grieving human tide engulfed St. James’s Palace, where Princess Diana’s body lay in a chapel closed to the public, as the British monarchy and government prepared for

her funeral. The White House announced that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton would attend on behalf of the United States.

Today’s Birthdays: Author-conservationist Cleveland Amory is 81. Former Sen. Alan K. Simpson (R-Wy.) is 67. Former Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Gooden (The Impressions) is 59. Singer Jimmy Clanton is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rosalind Ashford (Martha & the Vandellas) is 55. Singer Joe Simon is 55. Football Hall-of-Famer Terry Bradshaw is 50. Actor Mark Harmon is 47. Tennis player Jimmy Connors is 46. Actress Linda Purl is 43. Rock musician Jerry

President Clinton is a sociopath

To put it plainly, Bill Clinton is a sociopath, a liar, a sexual predator, a man with recklessly bad judgment and a scofflaw.

Clinton has the classic symptoms of the sociopath. That is, a defective human being unable to relate to or feel genuine empathy for another human being. Though often skilled at manipulating people, the true sociopath is 100 percent self-centered. Other human beings are just objects to be manipulated to achieve the sociopath’s goals.

The sociopath has only two genuine emotions: pleasure when he gets his way and anger when he’s frustrated. Love? Compassion? Sympathy? The sociopath is incapable of experiencing any of these emotions, though he can simulate them for manipulation purposes. The sociopath is ruthless and incapable of reefing any sense of shame, guilt or remorse.

You will have noticed, of course, that Clinton blames the special prosecutor, not himself, for the inconvenience of having to admit the truth. That’s the classic sociopathic reaction: It’s always others. It’s as if it weren’t Clinton who took advantage of a 21-year-old intern, who lied about it, who possibly encouraged her to lie about it, who ruthlessly used everyone around him to cover up his lies, who unleashed his junkyard character assassins on people who were telling the truth.

You may also have noticed that after six

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years in office, Clinton shows no physical signs of stress. The office ages most presidents, but that’s because they feel the tremendous responsibility of the office and worry that they are doing the right thing. Clinton feels no responsibility and worries about nothing except his immediate personal pleasure. He enjoys the office like a pig enjoys slop. What happens to anyone else, what happens to the country now or in the future is totally off his radar screen. He flat doesn’t care.

I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again: The White House will have to be fumigated when the Clintons leave. There has never been a sleazier, sicker president than this man. When he was inaugurated, he should have applied for a cheap motel franchise.

This affair, by the way, is not about sex as the feeble-minded glib-tongue set argues. It is about morals, honor and respect for the office, respect for the law and respect for the country.

Clinton scores a minus 50 on every point.

It speaks ill of the American people that they think a good president is someone who occupies the White House while the Dow Jones index is high. It says such people don’t have a clue as to how to assess public affairs and the presidency, don’t know the difference between correlation and cause and effect or don’t know much about economics.

As for people who don’t care if Clinton stains the carpet in the Oval Office, they are just pronouncing themselves as sleazy and cynical as Clinton.

Clinton is counting on that cynicism while he uses the Hillary-forgave-me-so-you-should-too ploy yet again. Hillary’s recommendation, however, is no recommendation: There is something peculiar about a woman who puts up with what she has. She apparently has her own agenda, and respect for Clinton isn’t on it.

Whatever bizarre and quirky relationship they have is their business, but the disgracing and demeaning of the White House, the constant concentration on staying one step ahead of the law at the expense of presidential matters are our business.

Clinton should resign, but, not caring anything about the country, he won’t. Therefore, Congress should quit playing partisan games and impeach him. Otherwise he will continue to bring the same reckless judgment to matters of state.

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PLAYGROUND

Change boxes are to be sent home with local school children which are to be filled with pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. The boxes, full of change, will then be dumped on the gymnasium floor at Clarendon College-Pampa Center during the last week in September. The goal of the fund-raiser is to completely cover the floor in change. The money will then be used to help pay for Pampa's Super Playground.

Donations are being accepted through the City of Pampa which will distribute the funds. Donations can be made to Pampa Super Playground, in care of the City of Pampa, and mailed to P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, TX 79066, or brought to the City's Finance Office. All donors will receive a receipt for their gift.

Local children, guided by architects from Leathers & Associates design firm of Ithaca, N.Y., designed the super playground last May. Using "barn-raising" techniques of the past, the playground is to be built by approximately 1,000 volunteers over a five-day period, Oct. 21-25.

The site of the Super Playground is north of Clarendon College-Pampa Center in the 900 block of North Frost. The innovative design for the park includes such features as castle, space ships with kaleidoscopes, volcano slide, Dinosaur Village, a life-size Monopoly game and a Wild West Tot Lot for the younger crowd. The playground is designed to be handicapped accessible, with many features geared toward children with disabilities.

For more information on Pampa's Super Playground, contact coordinators Chuck White, 665-8688, or Jack Reeve, 665-8338.

Trial adjourned when jurors can't stand to see child-pornography video

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The trial of a man charged with sexual abuse and possessing child pornography was adjourned Tuesday after jurors said they couldn't keep watching a video offered as evidence.

Jurors in the trial of local real estate agent Jeffrey Orr, 50, told the judge they were emotionally drained after watching about 20 minutes of a 30-minute tape. They asked the judge if it was necessary for them to see the whole tape.

Orr is being tried on 47 counts stemming from an incident in which he allegedly enticed two 10-year-old girls to perform lewd acts.

Prosecutor Missy Medary successfully argued jurors must see the whole tape to support the prosecution's charge that Orr had physical contact with the children.

Judge Robert Blackmon adjourned for the day about 5 p.m., telling jurors they must watch the remaining 10 minutes today, the Houston Chronicle reported.

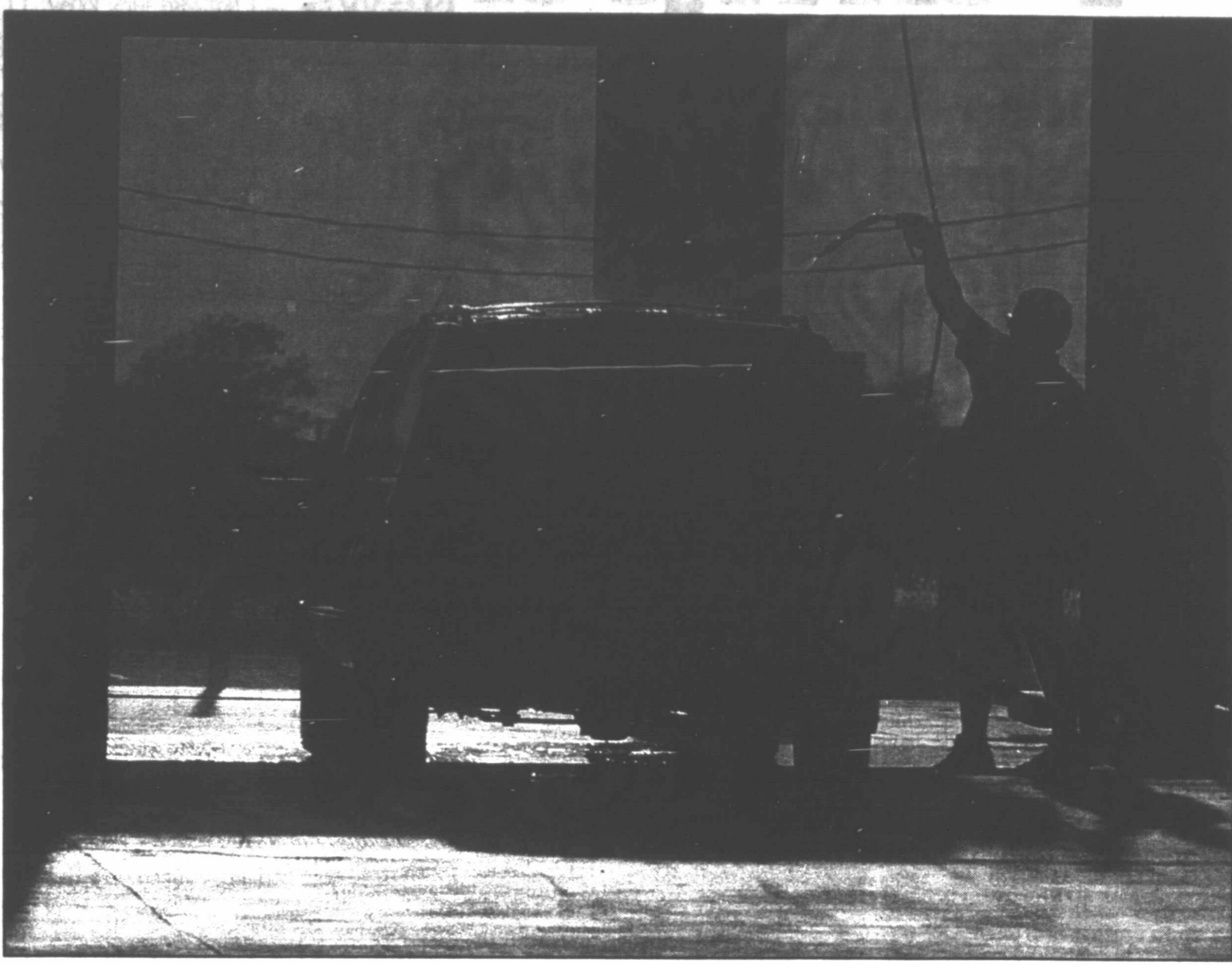
State study on speeding released

A study released Tuesday by the Texas Department of Transportation says the number of injury crashes has increased up to 33 percent in some places, although there was no "significant increase" in fatalities since the speed limit on some Texas highways was raised to 70 miles per hour.

A separate study also released by the department found that only 10 percent of Texas Drivers say they are speeding when they drive 10 miles over the speed limit.

BIGHAM TWINS TURN 65
 There will be a Birthday Celebration for Melba (Sis Bigham) Holland and Melvin (Buriy) Bigham in honor of their 65th Birthday to be held at the home of Steve and Sherry Bigham in Lubbock, Texas on Saturday, September 5, 1998 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sis and Buriy are the youngest of ten children born to Mertist Mae and Will Kit Bigham on August 22, 1933 on the Wright Ranch. The Bighams were residents of Lefors, Texas from 1928 to 1976. Anyone wishing to attend the celebration should call (806) 746-6198 for directions.

Clean cars drive better!



Rodney Wichert takes advantage of clear skies to wash off his Chevrolet Suburban at the car wash at 23rd and Hobart Monday evening, but it may be to no avail. The forecast calls for a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms today and tonight. The weatherman is calling for partly sunny skies today with a high of 92 degrees. The high Tuesday was 92. The overnight low was 66 degrees.

Pipeline workers die in Oklahoma mishap

SPRINGER, Okla. (AP) — Carter County officials were investigating the deaths of two pipeline workers whose frozen bodies were found by their supervisor.

The men were using liquid nitrogen to check the pressure on a pipeline. Their bodies were discovered about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The Carter County Sheriff's Office has identified the men as Samuel James Eaves, 43, of Houston and Jose Guadalupe Mendoza Lopez, 30, a Mexican national living in Pearland, Texas.

Lee Welch, spokeswoman for sheriff's office, said authorities speculate that one man went into a hole and was overcome by the liquid nitrogen and the second man went in to try to rescue him and also was overcome. She said their bodies were frozen when they were found.

It wasn't clear why the first man was in the hole. "Without any witnesses, it's very difficult to say," she said.

The men were contractors employed with Enerpipe, a Texas company working on a pipeline belonging to TPI Pipeline Corp., a subsidiary of Ultramar-Diamond Shamrock, said Ultramar-Diamond Shamrock spokeswoman Jodie Carlson.

Ms. Carlson said the men were working on a project involving a pipeline that isn't in operation. She said there were no hydrocarbons in the line. There was water in the line.

She said the line was being hydrotested to determine what pressure the pipeline could take. The testing is a preliminary step in upgrading the pipeline.

The state medical examiner's office will conduct autopsies.

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Golden Rule Is One Lesson Freshman Has Yet to Learn

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Steve," is 18 and will be going to junior college this fall. He will commute back and forth to school and has a part-time job that pays very little.

Steve is basically a good kid. He's not into drugs or alcohol, but he is stubborn and bullheaded. Whenever he needs gas money, clothes ironed or lunches made, I'm usually there to help out. However, when the shoe is on the other foot and I need help with chores and things around the house, he always manages to wiggle out of it, dump the task on his younger brother, or be "too busy" with his friends to stop and help me.

When I try to talk to Steve about it, he gets an attitude and ignores me, or walks away from me, then runs off to be with his friends. If my husband or I try to discuss this with him, he says now that he's 18, he's a man.

Abby, I am thoroughly disgusted with Steve's attitude. What should I do to get him to help around the house?

TIRE MOM IN MANITO, ILL.

DEAR TIRE MOM: You've done more than enough for this new "man" in the family. I suggest that you make yourself unavailable when Steve needs gas money, clothes ironed or lunches made. Should he ask why, tell him in no uncertain terms that adults are supposed to live cooperatively with each other, and unless he's prepared to cooperate with you and his



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father, he can assume complete responsibility for his own needs.

DEAR ABBY: This has bothered me for the past 12 years.

I have been married almost 43 years. After our last child moved out, my husband had a midlife crisis. To be specific, he had an affair with someone half his age. Abby, she was younger than two of our children. Out of this affair came a baby. We had DNA testing to be sure it was his.

My question: What is this child to me? What should she call me? She calls me by my first name, which irritates me. Please do not print my name or location.

IRRITATED

DEAR IRRITATED: The child is not related to you, and if there's a formal designation for someone in your situation, I'm not aware of it. Assuming there are warm feelings between the two of you, select a nickname

for her to call you and ask her to please use it.

DEAR ABBY: "Steamed in Boston" complained about food servers asking if he wanted his change back. In my opinion, asking customers if they want their change in order to save a trip back to the table is unprofessional.

My first job as a food server was in a restaurant where the owner forbade us to ask that question. A fellow server told me to say instead, "I'll be right back with your change." That way, the customer could reply, "OK," or, "Keep the change," with no toes stepped on and nothing left in doubt.

EX-FOOD SERVER IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR EX: Many servers wrote to offer the same suggestion. One said that 90 percent of the time the customer will reply, "There's no need to return the change; it's for you." Servers reported that the question is used to determine if a trip back to the table is necessary, because they are often swamped, and not having to return to the table saves them time for another customer. To that, I respond, "There are no shortcuts to quality service."

(Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

Horoscope

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3, 1998

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Financial pressure is intense. Push comes to shove, forcing you to seek someone's expertise. What you hear helps you open a new door. Take the next step. Tempers flare. Resolve a difference of opinion. Others don't cool down as fast as you. Tonight: Surprises abound.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Take the lead. You have a tendency to be a worry wart. Do you want this to be your reputation? Ease up. Let others know that you are frustrated, and let the fur fly. Clear the air, and seek to achieve even greater independence. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Reach out for others. You need information to help you get past an obstacle. On the way, you clear the air and tell people off! Be ready for odd developments. It is a good thing you are flexible. Be your spontaneous self. Tonight: Where the fun is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Financial pressure makes you question what is going on. Investigate alternative ways of investing. A

partner does not giving you the whole story, which forces a new expense. Work with the unpredictable, but put yourself on solid ground. Tonight: Pay bills.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Others are in control. You can scream and carry on, but nothing makes any difference. Still, you will be heard. An associate does a sudden reversal that sets you back. Go with the unexpected. Work relationships are unusually demanding. Tonight: Be gregarious.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

** Anger bursts out when you least expect it. Be honest with yourself. How much have you been holding in? Maybe these outbursts are long overdue. Adjust daily work patterns so that they will be more effective for you. Tonight: Consider taking a stress-reduction class.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** A loved one acts up again. Do not even try to negotiate with a difficult partner. Listen carefully to information from an assertive friend. You might not like what you hear, but it is important. Collecting money proves challenging. Tonight: A friend helps you relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

** Others are cantankerous at best. Pressure mounts when dealing with others. Be direct, and don't try to be diplomatic. A boss points out where he thinks you have slacked off. Be willing to say you have made a mistake and go on. Tonight: Run home!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You hear news that in-

spires you to take off. If nothing else, you will be on the phone chatting away. Work feels mundane, and you could be bored. Go to the gym or take a walk at lunch time. Tonight: Where excitement lies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

** Get a firm grip on your financial situation. You want to change direction and handle a personal matter differently. You don't have to take a risk; in fact, it might be wise to play it very conservatively for now. A partner's ideas differ greatly from yours. Tonight: Play away on the computer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You are a bundle of energy. Others might react to your verve and ideas. Pace yourself, stay in control and don't push someone who might be out of whack. Realize just how challenging you can be. A slow and easy pace works best for you. Tonight: Go for what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

** You aren't as easy to get along with as you might like. Reconsider how you come across to others. You are likely to push yourself beyond your limits. When you do, you can be short-tempered. Do something that relaxes you. Communications are out of kilter. Tonight: Relax.

BORN TODAY

Country Music Hall of Famer Hank Thompson (1925), actress Valerie Perrine (1943), actor Charlie Sheen (1965)

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Venice sights
- 7 High cards
- 11 Portugal's place
- 12 Staff symbol
- 13 Stage work
- 14 Pesky flier
- 15 Poseidon, for one
- 17 Oxford feature
- 20 Loudly cheering
- 23 Before now
- 24 Blend
- 26 Apiece
- 27 Presidential nickname
- 28 Lyncist Gershwin
- 29 Reference aids
- 31 Actor Beatty
- 32 "Platoon" director
- 33 Historic times
- 34 Trojan War counselor
- 37 Agitate
- 39 Entertains
- 43 Put up pictures
- 44 Place to change
- 45 Like

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- 19 Roping off 36 Actor Epps
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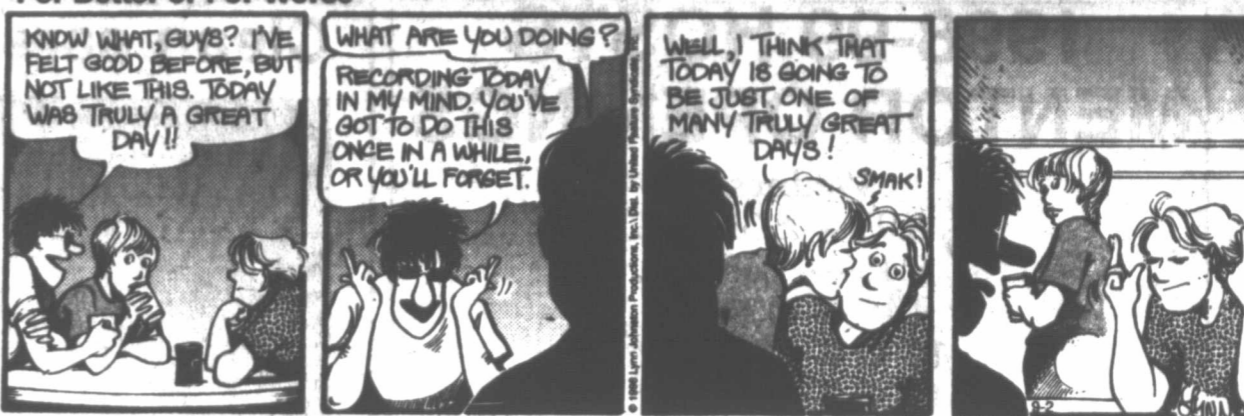
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The Family Circus



"Do weathermen get paid even when they're wrong?"

For Better or For Worse



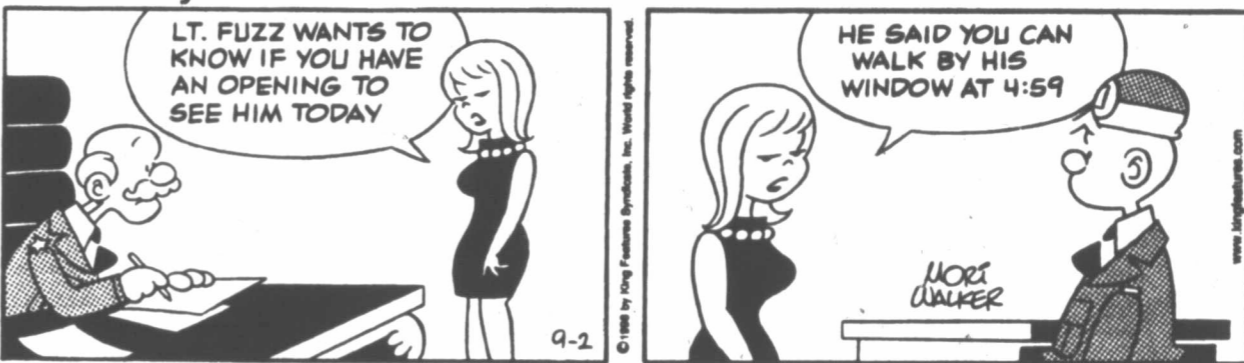
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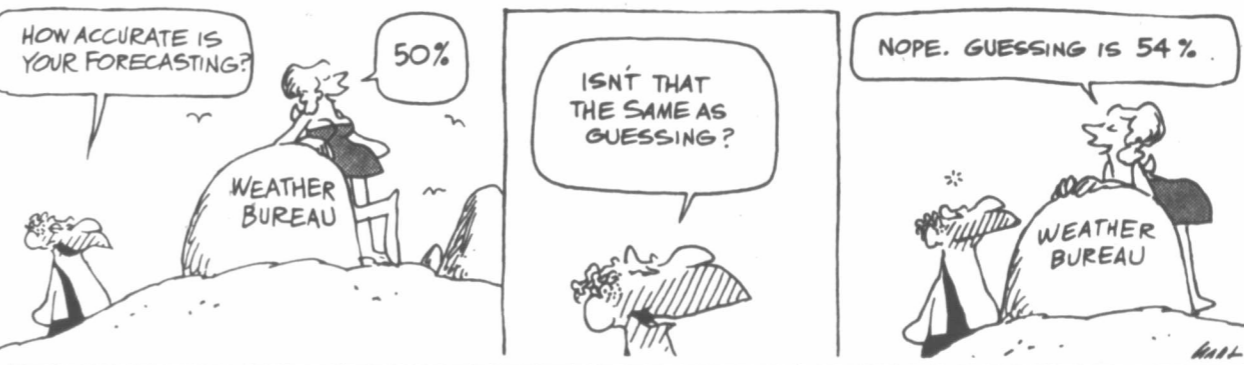
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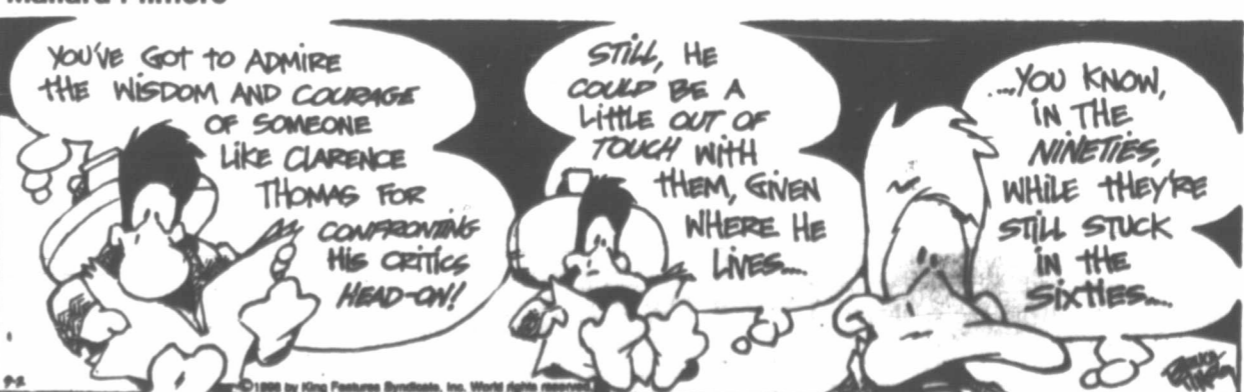
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SPORTS

Cowboys release end Stepfret Williams

Notebook

FOOTBALL

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Quarterback Rick Mirer, released by the Chicago Bears on Sunday, agreed to contract terms with the Green Bay Packers to back up Brett Favre. Mirer was expected to join the team today.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Prospective owners of the new Cleveland Browns filed final bids for the expansion franchise as the field of candidates was trimmed from seven to four.

Toy manufacturer Thomas Murdough Jr. and Cleveland Indians owner Richard Jacobs scrapped their bids after studying the cost of the team, which Murdough estimated at more than \$500 million. Boston Bruins owner Jeremy Jacobs, no relation to Richard Jacobs, also gave up on his try at ownership.

GOLF

PAMPA — There were 72 senior players who participated in a Beat The Pro Day at Hidden Hills last week-end.

Sixteen teams were able to beat pro David Teichmann's score of 69.

Results are as follows:
First place: Whitey White, Irvin Williams, J.T. Lamberson and Everette Butler, 60.

Second place: Ted Erickson, Harold Comer, Jerry Smith and David Crossman, 61.

SOCCER

PAMPA — John True is the new head boys' soccer coach at Pampa High School.

True, a Wichita Falls native, replaces Warren Cottle, who took a similar position at Odessa.

True is a graduate of Midwestern State in Wichita Falls. This is his first head coaching job. True will also coach 8th and 9th grade football in addition to teaching Spanish and Physical Education.

BASEBALL

ALEXANDRIA, La. — Alexandria defeated Amarillo, 7-4, Tuesday night in game one of the Texas-Louisiana League championship series.

Alexandria rallied for the win after the Dillas had jumped out to a 4-0 lead. The Aces lead the best three of five series, 1-0.

DETROIT (AP) — Deivi Cruz broke a tie with his first grand slam as Detroit beat the Texas Rangers 12-8 Tuesday night a few hours after Tigers manager Buddy Bell was fired and replaced on an interim basis by coach Larry Parrish.

Will Clark and Ivan Rodriguez homered for the Rangers, who remained 2 1/2 games behind Anaheim in the AL West. Gonzalez raised his RBIs total to 144, tying the team record he set two years ago.

With one out in the seventh, Cruz hit an 0-1 pitch off Danny Patterson — the sixth Texas pitcher — that just got over the screen beyond the 365-foot sign in lower left field.

Cruz, who also triple, drove in a career-high four runs to back Matt Anderson (3-1), the third Detroit pitcher. A.J. Sager relieved with the bases loaded in the ninth and got the final out for his second save.

Notes: Tony Clark sat out with a hyperextended left elbow, an injury that occurred during pregame practice. Frank Catalanotto started at first base in place of Clark, who was listed as day-to-day. ... Detroit batters have been hit by a pitch 56 times this season, five shy of the club record set in 1968. ... The Rangers have homered in 10 straight games. The last time they had a longer streak was 1993 when they homered in 12 straight.

DALLAS (AP) — No Dallas Cowboys kickoff luncheon day is complete without a surprise or two.

The biggest shocker on Tuesday was that wide receiver Stepfret Williams, the Cowboys go-to guy on third down in 1997, was released.

"He dropped more balls than I thought he would," said coach Chan Gailey of Williams, who caught 15 third-down passes that gave the Cowboys a first down in a 6-10 season. Williams was a third-round pick out of Northeast Louisiana in 1996.

Williams also had been the Cowboys kickoff return special-

ist during the preseason, averaging 25 yards per return.

Rookie Jeff Ogden of Eastern Washington moved into the fourth receiver slot behind Michael Irvin, Billy Davis, and Ernie Mills. Eric Bjornson will swing from tight end to wide out.

Kevin Mathis, who had been returning punts, will assume the kickoff return duties that were handled last year by Herschel Walker, whose chances of being on the team have faded.

The Cowboys made several other moves, aided by the fact that quarterback Troy Aikman restructured his contract so

owner Jerry Jones would have room under the salary cap.

"It's an example of how he (Aikman) is willing to work to have the best team on the field," Jones said.

Offensive lineman Steve Scifres, a former third-round draft pick from Wyoming, was put on waivers.

James Ritchey, a third-year veteran from Stephen F. Austin who was with the Tennessee Oilers, was picked up by the Cowboys as their third quarterback. However, he failed his physical and the Cowboys were expected to re-sign Daniel Gonzalez, a rookie from Eastern

Washington who had been cut last week.

Dallas also officially signed running back Sherman Williams, who was cut during the summer. Chris Warren suffered a groin injury in a preseason scrimmage and will miss the next four weeks.

Gailey said Sherman Williams would see action on Sunday against Arizona if Emmitt Smith needed a breather.

"We'll just have to see how the game develops," Gailey said.

Jones said, "We had to move Stepfret off the roster because we needed to have an active running back out there on

Sunday."

Gailey, who replaced Barry Switzer as coach, received a warm welcome from the luncheon crowd.

Gailey said Jones had tried to tell him about the Cowboys' fan interest and how tough the media could be on him.

"All I know is I don't want to be where they don't care," Gailey said. "I want to be somewhere it matters."

The remark drew rousing applause.

That the Cowboys are picked for a poor season, Gailey said, "is going to make victory a little bit sweeter."

Harvesters set to meet Estacado in '98 opener

PAMPA — A year ago, Lubbock Estacado won the District 4-4A title and finished with a 9-2 record. Estacado started its run with a 19-3 win over Pampa and PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier believes the Matadors will be tough to deal with again in 1998.

Pampa and Estacado meet at 7:30 Thursday night at Lubbock's Lowrey Field in the season opener for the two teams.

"We saw them (Estacado) scrimmage prior to the Berger scrimmage and they looked very athletic and very fast, a typical Estacado team. I talked to coach (Louis) Kelley (Estacado coach) and he felt he had five great players coming back. When he says he has five great players, to me that means he has five NFL prospects or five Division 1 prospects at the very least," Cavalier said.

Cavalier believes Kelly is building his team around returning star Patrick Sanders, a two-way starter at tailback and free safety.

"He was a standout a year ago and I certainly feel he will be again this year," Cavalier said. "Another versatile back, Todrick Thomas, is back and so is Craig Worthy, who started last year at fullback and line-backer."

Other key starters back are center David Briones and tight end-linebacker E.J. Eme.

The Harvesters return seven starters on offense and four on defense from a 4-5 team.

Center Jeremy Miller, guard Kory Nickell and tackle Cody Sheppard are key figures from last year manning the middle on offense. Justin Roark returns at quarterback and fullback Erich Greer is also back. Joel Barker, Jarred Bowles and Kris Davis move from offense to the defensive side of the ball.

"Our offense hasn't been consistent during the preseason, but it's going to get better. During the scrimmages we didn't use our total offense," Cavalier said. "We worked on a lot of repetitions in the scrimmages, things I felt we needed to work on. I'm confident we'll be a good offensive team in time."

All-district linebacker Jared White leads a solid defensive unit. The Harvesters have some size up front in tackles Calvin Tucker (250) and Tyson Curtis (230) and end Brandon Hill (230).

"We've really been shining on defense," Cavalier said. "They looked good in our two scrimmages."

Pampa Lineup

Offense

Center: Jeremy Miller, 250, jr.; Guards: Jess Baker, 195, sr.; Kory Nickell, 230, sr.; Tackles: Cody Sheppard, 250, jr.; Jonathan Waggoner, 205, sr.; Tight end: Justin Barnes, 170, jr.; Split end: Greg Lindsey, 175, jr.; Flanker: Armando Tarango, 125, soph.; Quarterback: Justin Roark, 165, sr.; Fullback: Erich

Greer, 185, sr.; Tailback: Curtis Johnson, 145, sr.

Defense

Tackles: Tyson Curtis, 230, jr.; Calvin Tucker, 250, sr.; Ends: Brandon Hill, 230, sr.; Andy Schroeder, 210, soph.; Linebackers: Jared White, 205, sr.; Brent Phelps, 175, sr.; Kris

Davis, 150, sr.; Cornerbacks: Randy Burklow, 160, sr.; Justin Trollinger, 160, jr.; Safeties: Joel Barker, 160, sr.; Jarred Bowles, 155, sr.

Kicker-Punter: Justin Barnes, 170, jr.



Justin Barnes (80) and Andy Schroeder (67) take part in Pampa's scrimmage against Tascosa. Both Barnes and Schroeder will be in the starting lineup when the Harvesters open the season Thursday night, starting at 7:30 against Lubbock Estacado.

Braves hold on to defeat Astros, 6-4

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves didn't want to blow another lead against the Houston Astros. No need to give a team confidence when you might be facing each other again in the playoffs.

Javy Lopez homered in his fourth straight game and the Atlanta bullpen protected a lead this time as the Braves held on to beat the Astros 6-4 on Tuesday night.

"I think it's big for our confidence, especially after (Monday) night, losing to them like we did," said Chipper Jones, referring to Atlanta squandering a two-run advantage in the ninth inning for a 4-3 loss. "We should have won both games."

As it was, Atlanta maintained its lead in the race for best overall record in the NL, which would ensure homefield advantage throughout the playoffs. San Diego remained a game back after beating New York 9-8, while Houston dropped four games behind the Braves.

The Astros, who have rallied to win 41 times this season, came back from a 4-1 deficit to tie the Braves but couldn't complete the comeback.

"We kept the pressure on them," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "It's tough to get that far behind this team and beat them. We didn't find the holes like we did last night."

Lopez, whose high for homers coming into the season was 23, has gone on a Mark McGwire-like power surge, homering seven times in the

last eight games to give him 32 for the year.

"I didn't expect to hit this many homers," he said. "Now

that I've gone this far, my new goal is to hit 40 homers. I know it's hard to do, but it's not impossible."

Cougar practice



Fort Elliott's Aaron Hartline pulls down a pass during a Cougar scrimmage. Fort Elliott opens the football season on the homefield against Lefors on Friday night.

Lady Harvesters 8-1

PLAINVIEW — Pampa's Lady Harvesters' volleyball team continues to roll up the victories.

Led by Lisa Kirkpatrick, the Lady Harvesters improved their record to 8-1 with a pair of wins over Plainview, 15-10, and Lubbock Trinity, 15-2, 15-12, Tuesday night.

Against Plainview, Lisa Kirkpatrick had 8 kills and 2 service aces, Kimberly Clark had 11 assists, 3 service aces and 6 digs, Kelsey Yowell had 5 kills, and Anne Gaddis had 5 kills and 3 solo blocks.

Kirkpatrick had 9 kills, 2 service aces and 4 digs against Lubbock Trinity. Jessica Maddox had 4 kills, Gaddis 3 kills, and Lori Lindsey, 3 kills and 12 assists.

"Kirkpatrick was very productive with her 17 kills. Our team is starting to round out in terms of everyone finding their value to the team," said Pampa head coach Carmen Pennick.

The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Seminole Invitational, which starts Friday.

Pampa also posted a pair of wins in the junior varsity matches.

Pampa defeated Plainview, 15-6, 15-2. Lindsay Hampton had 7 kills while Cassi Scott had 15 service points for the Pampa JV.

Hampton had 8 kills as the Pampa JV won over Lubbock Trinity, 15-10, 15-13. Chasity Nachtigall has 7 service points and 1 ace.

WT players are honored

RICHARDSON — West Texas A&M opened the 1998 season with a 54-14 victory over Panhandle State University last weekend.

Senior guard Jason Gamble has been named Lone Star Conference South Division Offensive Player of the Week. The 6-0, 309-pound product of Santa Maria, Calif. graded out at 85 percent by WTAMU coaches for his performance in the game. He played primarily in the first half as the

Bufs amassed 252 yards on 35 plays and built a 40-7 lead at the intermission.

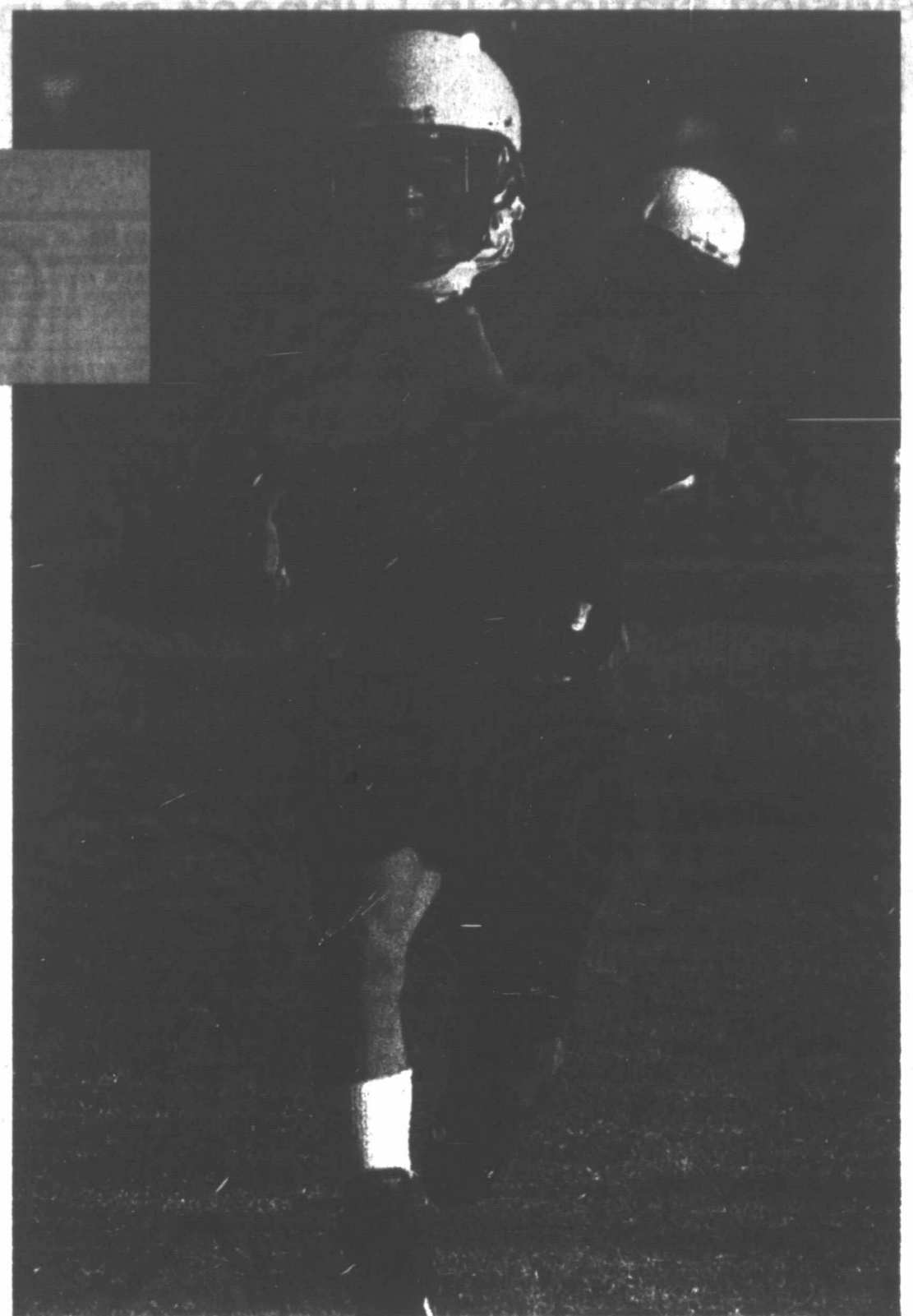
WT senior linebacker Germaine Gaspard is the LSC South Division Defensive Player of the Week. The product of Grand Prairie, Gaspard produced 11 tackles (2 solo, 9 assists) in his first start at linebacker after spending his first three seasons in the secondary. Gaspard also had a quarterback sack for three yards and a pass breakup.

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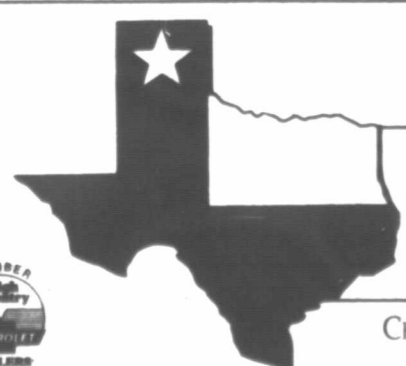
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