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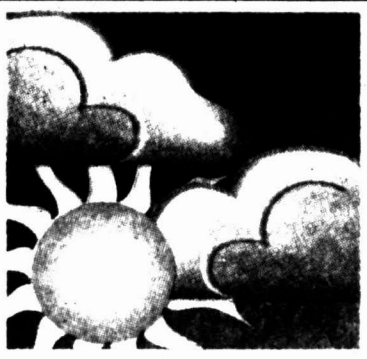
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 44-29-13-31-15-37 (forty four, twenty nine, thirteen, thirty one, fifteen, thirty seven) Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$4 million

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas prisons chief Wayne Scott is in line to receive a \$23,000 pay raise for heading the system that holds 145,000 convicts.

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice is expected to approve the raise at a meeting in San Antonio on Friday.

Prison officials earlier this month lamented a problem of hiring guards, citing entry-level salaries of \$17,700 a year as too low. Scott's raise would be \$5,300 more than a guard's starting salary.

Scott's raise was recommended by the Legislature in the new state budget that takes effect Sept. 1. Scott currently makes \$127,000. The new budget caps Scott's salary at \$150,000.

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- James Parks Brumley, 84, retired accountant.
- Bonnie McCracken Harris, 82, rancher.
- David W. Huber, Sr., 89, retired heavy equipment operator.
- Henry Gordon Moore, 93, gift shop manager.
- Annie Mae Nation, 64, homemaker.
- Roy Smith, 78, retired Welox employee.
- Arleen Glee Stewart, 88, retired teacher.

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City services prepared for Y2K

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

The City of Pampa is prepared for any potential problems associated with the start of the year 2000 but doesn't anticipate any major ones will surface.

That's the opinion of John Horst, Pampa's Finance Director and member of its Y2K committee. Horst spoke at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon his week about committee information and findings.

He said area banks were the first to report they had dealt with the so-called Y2K problem.

The Y2K problem involves some older computers that record years by their last two digits. Some are worried such computers will read the 00 in 2000 as 1900 and thus malfunction.

Horst reports that Southwestern Bell Telephone officials say they are prepared for the change over. Energas has reported they are prepared as well. One of the last to report to the committee, according to Horst, was SPS. Power company officials presented a video showing preparations and say they anticipate no outages. As a worst

Pampa's Finance Director John Horst said the biggest Y2K problem may be the public's overreacting to fears. He said the city saw that problem during this winter's ice storm.

case scenario, electricity could be out as long as eight hours.

"That's less time than it was out during the ice storm," Horst said.

Horst also talked about information he'd received from the federal government which gave the Social Security Administration the best grade for its preparedness.

Horst said the city will take measures to be prepared for potential problems. He said the emergency generator that powers emergency communication for Pampa in the event of electrical loss is ready. Also, sanitation trucks will be fueled up and

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John Horst along with fellow Y2K committee member Pat Bagley enjoy a joke after the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Tuesday.

Not just hype ... Policeman hypnotist helps solve area crimes

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The woman pressed her index fingers together, concentrating hard on them. Charlie Love began counting backwards from 20 to 1 in a soft, soothing voice. After reaching one, Love told the woman to imagine a golden ball of mist enveloping him. Starting at her head, the ball would work its way down through her body, relaxing each muscle as it passed. Soon the woman would be in a trance, a deep restful sleep.

It wasn't a Las Vegas hypnotism act. It was a murder investigation.

Lt. Charlie Love of the Pampa Police Department is a forensic hypnotist.

Love, a native of Friona, is a 28-year veteran of law enforcement in Pampa. He started with the Amarillo Police Department, then moved to Pampa in October, 1971.

He's been a cop on the beat, a detective, a supervisor. He's even done a stint in animal control when the Pampa Police Department handled that. He has his master's certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. He earned certifications in a variety of areas in law enforcement. He's been to instructor's school.

"Each area is interesting," Love said, "but if you stay in one area for a while, you'll get burned out and go stale. You need to move around some."

About three years ago, he went to school to begin learning about using hypnotism as an investigative tool.

Since that first class, he's gone on to study in Canyon, Amarillo and Galveston at workshops given by different instructors in the field, including Michael Balch who instructs the Texas Department of Public Safety in forensic hypno-



Pampa Police Lt. Charlie Love is a forensic hypnotist

sis. It was shortly after Love attended Texas State Technical Institute in Amarillo to learn forensic hypnosis that he was called upon to use his education in the field.

A store clerk had surprised a burglar. The intruder attacked her and brutally beat her. She had been hospitalized with her wounds and had almost died. The trauma of the beating left her unable to consciously recall details of the attack.

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Jobless rate up in Pampa, area 858 in Gray Co. without jobs

While unemployment jumped in Pampa and Gray County the increase was less pronounced than elsewhere in the panhandle and the state as a whole.

Pampa's unemployment went from 7.1 percent in May to 7.7 last month while the county went from 7.2 to 7.9 during the same period, according to Texas Workforce Commission figures.

That translates to 67 more people in Pampa on the unemployment rolls. Figures for Gray County show 83 more people listed as unemployed. The report shows 858 people as unemployed across the county.

The worst rise in the panhandle was in Borger where the rate jumped two full percentage points from 9.3 to 11.3 percent.

A few smaller counties showed smaller gains in unemployment but across the panhandle one county, Wheeler, showed an improvement with unemployment dropping by a tenth of a point. That translates, however, into just one less person there on unemployment.

Nationally, unemployment also took a jump although not as severely as Texas. For June, the nation's unemployment rate crept up to 4.3 percent, still near a 29-year low. Even with the increase in the jobless rate the nation's businesses added a sizable 268,000 new jobs to their payrolls.

The Labor Department said today that for the week ending July 10, 40 states and territories reported increases in jobless claims, while 11 had decreases. The state data lag a week behind the national figures.

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McLean mans gets probation, fine, service

A 21-year-old McLean man started his three-year sentence this week in connection with a 1996 burglary but escaped time behind bars thanks to probation.

Jeremy Merle Fitzer pleaded guilty Tuesday afternoon in 223rd District Court.

Judge Lee Waters assessed Fitzer two years in county jail, probated for three years, fined him \$500 and instructed him to complete 120 hours of community service.

Fitzer was charged with burglary of a building, Gray County officers said. Fitzer was one of four teenagers on June 25, 1996, who broke into a

service station in McLean, taking change, soft drinks, candy and tires. Authorities said the front door of Donald E. Graybeal's service station in McLean appeared to have been kicked open.

Taking the stand, Fitzer said a friend of his needed new tires so he broke into the station and took them. Fitzer said he stayed in the car, but admitted that he never turned in his friend.

"I never turned him in," Fitzer said. "I didn't do what I should have done."

Fitzer, who had just turned 18 at the time of the burglary, said he has been in Phoenix, Ariz., for the past two years.

The three others accused in the case have completed diversion programs and made restitution, according to District Attorney John Mann

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Drainage project goes another step

More work is set for the Crawford Street drainage project which is an effort to reduce periodic flooding in the area.

Last week, city commissioners agreed to fund \$5,340 to provide for extensions to storm sewer manhole inlets and for a concrete flume to facilitate runoff.

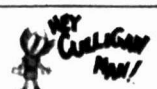
City engineer Richard Morris told commissioners that much of the "in house" work to improve

drainage there has been done.

"We didn't have the money to do it all at once," Morris said. "Once we get this out of the way we'll be looking at getting drainage inlets. We are moving along."

Because the money was not appropriated in the regular budget, commissioners voted unanimously to take the funds from the commission reserve account, leaving that account balance at \$74,656.

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Services tomorrow

BOZEMAN, Evelyn C. — Memorial services, 4 p.m., Temple Baptist Church, Hereford.
BRUMLEY, James Parks — 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
HARRIS, Bonnie McCracken — Graveside services, 4 p.m., Alanreed Cemetery, Alanreed.

Obituaries

EVELYN C. BOZEMAN

HEREFORD — Evelyn C. Bozeman, 79, died Wednesday, July 21, 1999, at BSA Hospital in Amarillo. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in Temple Baptist Church with the Rev. H.W. Bartlett, of the church, and the Rev. Terry Cosby, of First Baptist Church, officiating. Private burial will be under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bozeman was born March 10, 1920, at Burkburnett, to John Roland Peters and Lula Francis Elsassar Peters. She married J.L. Bozeman on Dec. 26, 1939, at Lubbock. The couple embarked on over a dozen Evangelistic crusades all over the world. She moved to Deaf Smith County on Oct. 1, 1968, from Plains. She was a homemaker and belonged to First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jim, of Hereford; a daughter, Ann Heard of Pampa; a sister, Blanche Francis of Houston; a brother, Lee Peters of Mineola; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hereford Senior Citizens or to International Crusades of Dallas.

JAMES PARKS BRUMLEY

James Parks Brumley, 84, of Pampa, died Wednesday, July 21, 1999. Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mr. Brumley was born May 16, 1915, at Memphis. He held a degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Ark. He married Rachel Eva Marcum on April 5, 1943, at Hico; she died Sept. 16, 1994. He had been a Pampa resident since 1946, following his discharge from the military. He was an accountant for Celanese Corporation, retiring after 30 years of service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving as captain of the 91st Division, 362nd Infantry during World War II, and received the Bronze Star.

He belonged to First United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Lindsey Marie Johnson, in 1983.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dr. Jay Johnson of Pampa; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Teresa Brumley of Tyler; four granddaughters, Julie Walls of Arp, Rachel Marie Brumley of Tyler and Laura Johnson and Anna Johnson, both of Pampa; a great-granddaughter, Haley Walls of Arp; and a great-grandson, Hayden Walls of Arp.

The family will be at 2516 Chestnut and requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, Pampa, TX; or to a favorite charity.

BONNIE McCRACKEN HARRIS

ALANREED — Bonnie McCracken Harris, 82, died Wednesday, July 21, 1999. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in Alanreed Cemetery with the Rev. Bryan Martin, of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Robertson Funeral Home of Clarendon.

Mrs. Harris was born at Clovis, N.M., and graduated from high school at Clarendon. She moved to Los Angeles and was an inspector at Douglas Aircraft during World War II. She later owned a beauty salon at Van Nuys, Calif.

She had been an Alanreed resident since 1969 where she was in the ranching business.

Survivors include two daughters, Cathie Harris of Amarillo and Kittie Harris of Alanreed; a son, Ray Harris of Alanreed; and a brother, Durward McCracken of San Antonio.

The family will be at 2109 S. Lipscomb in Amarillo and at their ranch four miles south of Alanreed. They request memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice.

DAVID W. HUBER, SR.

BRIDGEPORT — David W. Huber, Sr., 89, died Tuesday, July 20, 1999, at Bridgeport Care Center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Southside Baptist Church at Bowie with the Rev. Milton Pierce, choir director of First Baptist Church of Newport, and the Rev. Doyle Wade, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Vashiti Cemetery at Vashiti with Masonic graveside rites courtesy of Bowie Masonic Lodge #578 AF&AM. Arrangements are under the direction of Burgess-Fry-Owens-Brumley Funeral Home of Bowie.

Mr. Huber was born Jan. 10, 1910, at Terral, Okla., to Henry L. and Lou Huber, and was a long-time resident of the Terral community. He resided at Vashiti for 11 years, Bowie for two years and Bridgeport for the past three years. He was a retired heavy equipment operator.

He belonged to First Baptist Church of Rhyne, Okla., and Bowie Masonic Lodge #578 AF&AM.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Marie Huber, in 1992; his parents; and a son, Waldo Huber, Jr., on April 24, 1996.

Survivors include a daughter, Wanda M. Brown of Montague; a son, Dennis Huber of Bridgeport; two sisters, Edith Robertson of College Station and Margaret Pack of Sacramento, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

HENRY GORDON MOORE

Henry Gordon Moore, 93, of Pampa, died July 13, 1999. The body was cremated. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge in Gallup, N.M., with The Elks officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of

Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Moore was born Sept. 15, 1905, at Ector, Texas, the first-born child of Shade Gordon Moore and Mary Elmira "Mae" Moore. The family moved to Hereford when he was a small child, and he graduated from Hereford High School. He attended A&M College at College Station for a single semester and Texas Tech University in Lubbock for a year.

He worked for the City of Lockney prior to working for the Schneider Hotel, first in Panhandle then in Pampa. He married Bertha Loraine Dyer on Jan. 29, 1933, at Sayre, Okla.; she died March 17, 1999.

In 1938, he accepted a manager's position at the El Rancho Hotel in Gallup. Mrs. Moore managed the hotel gift shop. Beginning in 1944, the Moores owned-operated The Chief Gift Shop and Indian Jewelry Store in downtown Gallup. They sold the business in 1951 and Mr. Moore began managing the Elks Club at Gallup until accepting an accounting position with J.B. Walker and Associates in 1966, retiring in 1980.

On April 1, 1994, the couple returned to Pampa. Mr. Moore was a life and a charter member of Elks Lodge #1440 at Gallup for 55 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister; and two brothers.

Survivors include three nieces, Barbara Williams of Pampa and Jerilyn Moore and Linda Caviglia, both of Fresno, Calif.; two nephews, John Moore of Alameda, Calif., and James Moore of California; and numerous great nieces and great-nephews including Terry Lemons and Nick Williams, both of Pampa, Rob Williams of Amarillo and Eddy Williams of Abilene.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church Building Fund or to Crown of Texas Hospice.

ANNIE MAE NATION

WELLINGTON — Annie Mae Nation, 64, sister of a McLean resident, died Tuesday, July 20, 1999. Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Faith Baptist Church with the Rev. R.L. Shugart of Paris, the Rev. Joe Cantu of Hollis, Okla., and the Rev. Elvis Pitts officiating. Burial will be in North Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home of Wellington.

Mrs. Nation was born at Shamrock. She married William "Bill" Nation in 1951 at Wellington; he died in 1991. She was a longtime Wellington resident and worked as a nurse's aide for 15 years. She was also a homemaker.

She belonged to Faith Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Ronda Smith of Dumas; two sons, Bill Nation Jr. and Gary Nation, both of Wellington; two sisters, Decie Mae Pool of McLean and Edna Benton of Wellington; a brother, Johnny Bryant of Tampa, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association or to a favorite disabled persons organization or center.

ROY SMITH

Roy Smith, 78, of Pampa, died Tuesday, July 20, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jim Teeter, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Randy Smith, associate pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of St. Petersburg, Fla., officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Smith was born Aug. 20, 1920, at Modac, Kan., to Charles A. Smith and Beulah Faye Rishel Smith. He moved to Garden City, Kan., in 1936 with his family and graduated from high school and Garden City Junior College. He married Maxine Curtis on Nov. 19, 1942, at St. Louis, Mo. The couple resided at Garden City where he was employed with State Farm Insurance Company for five years. They moved to Pampa in 1951 where he worked for Lane-Wells Company for seven years and retired from Welx, a division of Halliburton Company, in 1986 after 28 years of service.

He was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran, serving three years and three months in World War II. As a radio operator mechanic, he attained the rank of staff sergeant and was honorably discharged Nov. 26, 1945.

He belonged to St. Paul United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by two sisters, Dorothy Smith and Ruth Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Richard Peet and Linda and Max Taylor, all of Pampa; four sons and daughters-in-law, Skyler Scott and Tamera Smith of Hillsdale, Kan., K. Kirk and Vonda Smith of Denver, Colo., Charles Curtis and Nancy Smith of Beaumont and Randall Roy and Cynthia Smith of St. Petersburg, Fla.; 16 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 2230 Duncan and requests memorials be to St. Paul United Methodist Church or to American Diabetes Association.

ARLEEN GLEE STEWART

GAGE, Okla. — Arleen Glee Stewart, 88, died Friday, July 16, 1999.

Ms. Stewart was born Sept. 28, 1910, near Gage, to Walter and Blanche Jacoby Stewart. She was raised on a farm south of Gage and attended school at Little Wolfe Country School, graduating from the eighth grade. She graduated from Gage High School in 1929.

She was baptized at First Baptist Church in Arnett, Okla., in the 1930s and attended Northwestern State College at Alva, Okla., during the summers while teaching in country schools during the school year. At 19, she taught at her first school, Little Turkey, and stayed with the Enzinger family for a year. She also taught at Pleasant View for four years, Little Wolfe for three years, Liberty for four years and Sheldon for one year. She was certified in 1942 and taught at Arnett for four years prior to moving to Pampa and teaching eighth grade math for 30 years. She received a teaching award for having taught the most years at the same facility in the same subject in the State of Texas.

Following retirement, she returned to Gage. She was preceded in death by her parents; a twin sister, Eileen Doyel and five other sisters, Margie Stewart, Verda Stewart, Lola Kretz, Gladys Sipe and Reba Stewart; and a brother, Archie Stewart.

Survivors include two sisters, Lucille Stewart and Aldyth Holloway of Arnett.

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Y2K

water storage tanks filled before Jan 1. He said the water plant has a new computer that is Y2K compliant.

Horst said the biggest problem may be the public overreacting to fears. He said the city saw that problem during this winter's ice storm.

"Our water supply was doing fine until we announced that we needed to conserve," he said.

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HYPNOTIST

Love put her under hypnosis and took her back to the attack. Rather than take her back in her own person, he took her back through time as a third person observer so she wouldn't relive the pain of the beating. She would, however, be able to recall vivid details that her conscious mind had blocked out.

Based on the interview while under hypnosis, police were able to develop a suspect. He was arrested and charged. Love's use of hypnosis was accepted by the court despite a vigorous defense that tried to discredit him.

In a murder case a couple of years, it was questioning a witness under hypnosis that led to a specific description of a pickup used in the shooting.

Not all of the cases in which Love uses his hypnosis are as sensational, but they are generally as successful.

He video tapes the sessions for use in court and so the subject can see what they talked about. There are no secrets, no magic, just straightforward conversation.

Nor is Love limited to using his talents only in

Then citizens began hoarding water and ran the storage tanks low.

Horst said the city will have all water tanks topped off before the year changes. Anyone who wants to store extra water should do so a month or so in advance and not wait until right before the New Year.

"Our meetings have done away with a lot of fear," he said. "There will be a few glitches, but then there always are."

forensic investigations of crime. He has also used them therapeutically, helping people who want to try to quit smoking or lose weight.

Love has conducted more than 200 sessions using hypnosis, taking his subjects back through time to a certain point where they may remember things that will help solve a crime or change a behavior such as smoking or eating habits.

"The key to the whole thing is I don't put you under hypnosis," Love said. "You put yourself under. I'm only your guide. I can't make you do anything you don't want to do."

Recently, he's been called upon to help investigators in the murder of a truck stop clerk. Love has interviewed a number of people who were at or near the truck stop about the time the woman was murdered. There have been friends and relatives of the victim, truck drivers and tourists.

As with many murders, there appears to be no quick and easy answers, but asking questions about seemingly minor details in a soft, soothing voice, Love hopes that he will be able to turn up the one key piece of the mosaic that will lead to solving the puzzle.

He's certainly done it before.

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JOBLESS

The state with the biggest increase in applications for jobless benefits was Michigan, up 19,355, an increase officials blamed on layoffs in the automobile industry as companies prepare for new models.

Other states with large increases were: New York, up 8,756; Indiana, up 8,072; Kentucky, up 5,933; and North Carolina, up 3,746.

The state with the biggest decrease was California, down 6,093, a decrease officials attributed to fewer layoffs in the service industry.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, July 21
 9:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Gray and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:00 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway. No one was transported.

7:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Kingsmill and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of E. Browning and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Thursday, July 22
 1:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of West Alcock and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Fires

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

Wednesday, July 22
 4:33 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 25th and Perryton Parkway on an automobile accident.

4:49 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a controlled burn outside the city.

4:52 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on an alarm malfunction.

5:39 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to Gray 3 and Gray D on a grass fire.

7:03 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Starkweather and Kingsmill on an automobile accident.

2 teenage suspects committed suicide

AUSTIN (AP) — Autopsy results show two teens suspected of killing the parents of one of the youths committed suicide, forensic experts say.

The bodies of Shawn Adam Miller, 16, and Gerald Davis III, 13, were found Monday near a country road in Bastrop County. They had been suspected in the shooting deaths of Miller's parents, Mark and Linda Miller, the day before in Travis County.

Blood tests from the two boys showed no traces of drug use, said Travis County Medical Examiner Roberto Bayardo.

Weather focus

PAMPA—Sunny and partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms with an high of 93. South winds expected at 10-15 mph. Partly cloudy with 20 mph and the high in the low 70s.

Tomorrow, mostly sunny with an expected high of 95 and south winds from 10-15 mph. Yesterday's high was 93; overnight low was 70.

PANHANDLE — Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s. South wind 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny with a high in the lower 90s. South to southwest wind 10-15 mph. 3 to

5 day forecast, Saturday through Monday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms. Lows 65 to 70. Highs 90 to 95.

STATEWIDE — Scattered showers and thunderstorm are possible in much of the state today.

In South Texas, isolated showers spread inland over the Galveston Bay and Houston areas. Another round of showers extended from Rockport and Matagorda Bay northward to Austin and Brenham.

The easterly wave will continue to move through the region today, with highs expected in the upper 90s over the Rio Grande

plains and in the low to mid 90s elsewhere.

In West Texas, storms developed Wednesday across the northwestern and southeastern sections of the Panhandle. The National Weather Service says skies today will be fair to partly cloudy, with a slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms over all but the southern Panhandle and the South Plains.

Highs, both today and Friday are expected in the 80s and 90s.

The forecast for North Texas calls for partly cloudy skies today, with scattered afternoon showers. High from 91 to 97 degrees. Highs should be in the mid to upper 90s on Friday.

Police report

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

Wednesday, July 21
 Theft was reported in the 900 block of South Banks.

Theft was reported in the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Accidents

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

Wednesday, July 21
 Opel Sturgeon Frazier, 81, 1117 Willow, was cited for running a red light at Perryton Parkway and 25th when her 1991 Oldsmobile struck the 1993 Fifth Avenue driven by Quanita Powell, 74, 236 Miami, who was headed west on 25th. Frazier reported possible injuries.

Justin Reed Ensey, 19, Route 1 Box 150a, was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign when his 1993 Chevrolet pickup struck a 1992 Ford Tempo driven by Barbara Gail Hughes, 36, 325 S. Finley, at Starkweather and Kingsmill. Hughes and Steven Hughes, 10, were taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center where they were treated and released.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Antevy Grain of Pampa.			Coca-Cola.....62 13/16 up 3/16		
Wheat.....	2.14	NC	Columbia/HCA.....	23 1/4	up 7/16
Milo.....	2.73	NC	Essex.....	84 7/16	dn 13/16
Corn.....	3.13	NC	Halliburton.....	43 11/16	dn 1/4
Soybeans.....	3.60	NC	Kerr McGee.....	52 5/8	dn 3/16
			Limited.....	45 3/8	up 1/16
			McDonald's.....	42 11/16	dn 5/16
			Mobil.....	100 9/16	dn 1/8
			New Atmos.....	25 1/4	dn 1/16
			NCE.....	37 1/16	dn 1/16
			Pennsey's.....	46 9/16	up 3/16
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			Tenneco.....	23 5/8	up 1/4
			Texaco.....	62 1/4	dn 13/16
			Ultranar.....	24 7/16	dn 3/8
			Wal-Mart.....	46 1/16	up 5/8
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Camp Alphie, camp for cancer victims, to be held in August

AMARILLO — From Aug. 1-6, summer fun will be in full swing at Camp Alphie, a residential camp for children with cancer and cancer survivors. Hosted at the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center near Amarillo, Camp Alphie is offering 40 campers, ages 7-14, all the typical activities of summer camp along with special facilities, diets and trained staff to accommodate their medical needs.

In its 12th year, Camp Alphie is welcoming campers from Amarillo, Canyon, Dalhart, Pampa, Perryton, Vega, Lubbock, Brownfield, Levelland and Littlefield. Campers from New Mexico hail from Portales, N.M., and Albuquerque, N.M. Eight new campers are among the 40 children who have registered for the week of fun.

Favorite activities include swimming, horseback riding, other sports, crafts and more. Children who have or have had cancer are welcome to attend Camp Alphie, and they are invited to bring a sibling. Thanks to individual, business and civic sponsors, Camp Alphie is entirely free for the campers and their family members.

The parents of Camp Alphie residents will receive a much-needed dose of relaxation and fun when they attend a free, concurrent parents' camp. While the children enjoy the camping center, 18 parents are expected to spend the week at an Amarillo hotel being treated to a variety of diversions such as special dinners and visits to area attractions.

All of this fun has a serious purpose though, according to Camp Alphie Board President Barbara Miller. "When cancer invades a family, the focus immediately is directed to the illness and its treatment. The family unit can come apart under the strain."

Miller said the camp gives everyone in the family a break and then helps them redirect attention back to the family unit.

Camp Alphie is named for the mascot of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority, an Amarillo alumnae group that was instrumental in establishing the pediatric oncology camp. The name Alphie comes from the first letter of the Greek alphabet, alpha, which symbolizes a new beginning and the camp mascot is a courageous lion who meets every day with a smile.

The Camp Alphie staff and board members are volunteers. Most of the counselors are college students including a few who are cancer survivors.

Camp Alphie accepts contributions year-round to provide for the free, annual camp. For more information, call Norman Stuppi at (806) 353-8941.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE
Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

EMMAUS REUNION
Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information, call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a

week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

RED CROSS
The Red Cross is offering free blood sugar and blood pressure testing every Friday from 10 a.m. - noon at Red Cross Office, 108 N. Russell.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting

from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

LEATHER N' LACE RIDING CLUB

Leather N' Lace Riding Club will hold a play day Saturday, July 24 at the Rodeo Arena. Books will open at 6 p.m. and games

will begin at 7. For more information, call Roberta Klapper at 665-2740.

GRAY COUNTY LATCHKEY
Gray County Latchkey will be pre-enrolling for all four elementary schools from 6-9 p.m., Aug. 3 in Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium. For more information, call Susan Gallagher at 669-7179.

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Amarillo Dillas to sponsor blood drive this Saturday

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Dillas baseball team is sponsoring a blood drive from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, July 24 at Coors of Amarillo located at 3333 East 3rd St. KGNC is the media sponsor and Mary Lyn Halley will be doing a live remote that morning.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is a non-profit organization that has served the Panhandle for 49 years. More than 500 pints of blood are needed weekly to meet the needs of patients in the Panhandle region.

It has been increasingly more difficult to recruit donors at a time when the demand has increased. Usage of blood components has been up 20 percent in the last seven months and this trend is expected to continue placing a strain on an already

fragile blood supply. Sixty percent of the population is eligible to donate blood, but only 5 percent actually do.

Summer is traditionally a time when donations are down, not only in the Panhandle but also nationwide, and this summer is no exception. People's normal schedules change with vacations and children's activities and giving blood is not a priority. Volunteer blood donors are the only source for the gift of life, so the success of this blood drive is vital to ensure that the blood supply remains at a safe level.

As a thank you for giving the gift of life, each donor will receive a specially designed T-shirt featuring the Dillas and a ticket to a Dillas game. For more information, contact Linda Guthrie at (806) 358-4563.

Panhandle Ag Day in offing

AMARILLO — Panhandle Ag Day will be Wednesday, Sept. 1 at Bushland Experiment Station Facilities in Bushland. A field day and tour to highlight the summer crops in dryland and irrigated production is planned along with a formal dedication of the newly constructed wheat seed processing and storage building named in honor of Dr. Kenneth B. Porter, emeritus professor of agronomy and longtime wheat breeder with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The tours will explore dryland cropping systems and management, animal waste management and alternative crop rotations on bench terraces, (Tour A); irrigation systems and management using the PET-Net, furrow diking and LEPA application, (Tour B); dryland residue management systems — wheat-sorghum-fallow production and sorghum

management, (Tour C); and precision agriculture technology — disease and crop pest management, (Tour D).

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be followed by bus tours. A noon program will include lunch and will showcase the new Kenneth B. Porter Wheat Seed Processing and Storage Building.

For more information, contact Louis Baumhardt, Ag Day Committee chairman, USDA-ARS, at (806) 356-5766 or e-mail lbaumhar@ag.gov.

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Well, Mom, I'm still learning



Nancy Young

managing editor

Technological advancement-it sounds so great, so advanced, so intelligent. Bah! I have been quite busy at pursuing "technological advancement" the past few weeks and I have developed serious doubts about how wonderful it is.

When I first began in the newspaper business many, many years ago, we were equipped with manual typewriters. Layout was by hand on dummy pages. Ads were set in the varying fonts with appropriate clip art obtained from books and then pasted on — cut and paste, it was called.

People skills, a "nose for news", having the stamina of five teenagers and a strong stomach were strong prerequisites for the news business. Typing was certainly a necessity, also.

Nowadays, everything is by computer. Manual typewriters are the dinosaur of the business world as are electric typing machines. I remember when the IBM Selectric was the "Cadillac" of office machines, and each office connected with bookkeeping an "adding machine" They, too, are extinct. Calculators are now what they are called.

I recently have acquired a new computer at my home. It is my third, the other two are outdated. It used to be that if you kept something for 10 years it showed you were just beginning to be frugal. Another 20 or 30 years of keeping items demonstrated you took good care of your belongings. Not today in our "throw away" society.

After diligently working during my off-hours away from the computer in recent weeks in preparation for an estate sale of family members' possessions, I have decided that estate sale managers will be as extinct as dinosaurs in a few years because nothing will be kept. It will all be thrown away, but that is another column. Anyway, I have now advanced to the PC's,

and I wonder, is this really advancement??? I have been accustomed to the Macs as most newspapers still primarily use them and I've had them at home. I am not a particularly computer erudite person. Anyway, I have been busy learning something new, but it is so involved that, at times, I don't want to learn anymore. I just want to push a button and it work the way I want it to work. For the first time in my life, I don't care HOW something works—I just want it to work.

Frustration is an emotion which has been frequent in my world since this computer's arrival. I know, I know. Change is inevitable. It's just so darn easy not to change.

As I tell my next-door-cubicle-neighbor, Jeff West, about my computer difficulties, he will ask questions about what the computer is doing. I have told him, "I don't know, I don't know" He will inquire of different things it is doing at different times, and I will keep responding, "I don't know".

My library of "Dummies" books just keeps growing.

The language of computers is as foreign to me as Latin, and I am acquiring a somewhat limited computer vocabulary. Bits, character, byte, looping, log off, dog, paint, illegal, dummy, drive, LF (line feed), grandfather, cores, text editors, and the list goes on, and on,

and on, and on—just so many things to learn. Back in my younger years these words had completely different meanings, and I have desperately tried to learn these meanings.

Now in those days, bites meant food to those cowboys who were in the feed line going past the cores which were the only remains of apples which had been used in the apple pie my grandmother had cooked for the guys. I knew what "looped" meant from seeing some of them on Saturday nights, but looping wasn't what it was called. Bits were what my grandfather put in the horse's mouth each day.

Dog was what was laying on the ground on a hot summer day while character was what many of them were, and still are. Illegal was what some of the actions were of some of these characters. Paint was applied to houses and sometimes to "painting the town red." Drive was moving a vehicle through the roads and streets. Text editors were the English teachers, and dummy was that guy put in the rows of grain at Halloween.

This reminds me of a class reunion a few years ago when a classmate offered the observation that in "our day" Depends was a verb.

It's getting a little easier as I absorb a little more knowledge daily. I just want to know it now. I was thinking about my lack of patience as I was driving to work one morning this week and knew what my mother's response would be — "You were not blessed with patience, Nancy. Learn from it".

When commenting on my lack of patience, as she often did, she would relate the story of picking me up on my first day of school in the first grade. I came out just boo-hooing. When she asked me why I was crying, I told her I hadn't learned to read and she had told me I would learn to read when I started to school.

Well, mom, I'm still learning.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

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Texas Editorials

The Hereford Brand on national debt: Six and one-third trillion dollars. That's \$6,336,234,000,000!

According to the U.S. Treasury Department, that is what the national debt will be at the end of Fiscal 2003.

After nearly two decades of profligate spending that saw the national debt quadruple between 1981 and 1993, the government finished last fiscal year with a \$79 billion surplus and is estimating there will be more than a trillion dollars in surpluses over the next decade.

Of course, these projections are just educated guesswork which assumes the economy will continue without interruption and the White House and Congress will hold the line on spending.

With visions of a trillion-dollar surplus dancing in their heads, politicians on both sides of the aisle in Congress are fighting over how to spend the money. The Republicans want to spend the surplus on tax cuts; the Democrats want to spend the money on education, Social Security and Medicare.

Of course, the Republicans say they don't intend to spend the surplus, they're just "returning" it to the taxpayers. On the other side of the aisle, the Democrats say they don't intend to spend the surplus either, they are just "reinvesting" it. And if its and buts were candy and nuts, every day would be Christmas.

Whether it is a return to the taxpayers or a reinvestment, it is still spending money that is not yet in the treasury and very likely will not be. In fact, it is a phantom surplus.

On paper, the surpluses are mounting up year after year for the next 15 years; however, those surpluses are the result of appropriations from the Social Security trust fund. If the money Congress appropriates from the trust fund were not included, the result would be a \$4 billion deficit.

Still, both the Democratic White House and the Republican Congress deserve accolades for the 1997 budget agreement which has played a significant role in the reduction of the budget deficits, which were approaching \$300 billion when President Clinton took office. Unfortunately, it appears that with the 2000 presidential campaign well under way, both Democrats and Republicans are looking for ways to pad their way around the agreement.

In their efforts to either "return" or "reinvest" the extra trillion dollars, the politicians are ignoring some variables, such as wars, natural disasters or economic downturns all of which will have a significant impact on any surpluses. They also are ignoring the enormous federal debt all six and one-third trillion dollars of it.

Rather than spend the next several weeks arguing over tax cuts or reinvestment, our elected representatives could serve us best by using any surplus to pay down the national debt. But if they don't, we will all have to get ready to hear the term "quadrillion."

Corpus Christi Caller-Times on Congressional junkets:

When a freezing ice storm hit Washington in January, five top congressional aides took an all-expenses-paid trip to Kona Beach in Hawaii. Their airline tickets and \$300-a-night digs in the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel were paid for by the American Association of Airline Executives.

This was part of a lobbying campaign in behalf of the nation's airports, who were lobbying for an increase in the passenger fees that pay for airline improvements. All five who went on the Hawaiian junket work for powerful congressional leaders involved in transportation and commerce.

Congress over the past decade has gotten rid of most of its lobbyist-paid perks. But free trips for members and their aides, paid for by special-interest groups, remain the exception, according to a special report in Congressional Quarterly.

Members and aides cannot accept gifts or lunches that exceed a \$100 a year limit. But a loophole in the 1990 ethics law allows them to accept expensive trips paid for by corporations and others seeking to influence legislation.

The only requirement for accepting such a free trip is that it be related to official duties. In the Hawaiian trip, the aides had a choice of splashing in the surf, playing golf, or attending a seminar about the airports' legislative priorities.

According to Congressional Quarterly, Republicans in the House are the most frequent fliers. The chairman of Ways and Means, Bill Archer, and his staff members took 101 trips between Jan. 1, 1998 and May 14, 1999, at a cost of \$158,000. Number 10 on that list of high-fliers was Tom DeLay; he and his aides took 41 trips during that same period at a cost of \$79,000. In between was another Texan, Dick Arme; he and his aides took 66 trips at a cost of \$92,037.

This shows the problem with loopholes: Some will ride them right into the ground. It makes sense for members and aides to get out of Washington; perhaps some actually learn something. Unfortunately, such free trips can become just another way to buy influence and grease palms.

It's not a national disaster that five congressional accepted a free trip to Hawaii. Maybe some of them actually attended the seminars and picked up something useful. But the travel loophole is being abused by some members and their staffs. It has become a way for special interests to reward members for supporting what they want, and that means the taxpayers are being ripped off. Congress needs to waste no time in tightening this travel loophole that allows members and aides to accept millions of dollars in free trips. Aloha.

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America's theater of the absurd

Last month, a Michigan court ordered producers of the "Jenny Jones Show" to pay \$25 million to the family of a homosexual who was murdered after he revealed his secret crush on a heterosexual man.

Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell wants to add a new liability for cigarette manufacturers for suing them for fires caused by careless smoking. Several big-city mayors have brought suits against gun manufacturers to recoup some of the costs stemming from the murder and mayhem in their cities.

In the wake of the Littleton, Colo., massacre, the victims' parents are bringing suits against gun manufacturers, the school board and the parents of the murderers. Following this tragedy, our political dim-wits are calling for more gun-control laws, despite the fact that the Littleton murderers violated 19 gun laws already on the books. Does anyone think one or two more gun laws would have prevented the tragedy?

The unfolding national moral decline, unappreciated by most Americans, is our inheritance from the nation's leftists. The most obvious signs of it are: family breakdown, illegitimacy, incivility, rampant crime, and lack of integrity in private and public life. A recent example of the decline in integrity standards is the broad public support of a president who has been judged in a court of law as a perjurer, an adulterer and a miscreant.

'SAFE' would protect computer privacy

Suppose the police said, "Everyone must deposit a key to their house and a key to their post office boxes at the police station. Trust us not to pry into your affairs, let the keys fall into the wrong hands or otherwise abuse your trust.

Would you agree to that? I don't think so. And you should not agree to the Clinton Administration's desire to require Americans to put the keys to their computer encryption software where the FBI, the CIA or the National Security Agency can get at them.

If you use the Internet for buying or banking or investing, you are using encryption. That's just programs that scramble communications so they can only be unscrambled by people authorized to do so. Encryption is the last and only line of defense of privacy on the Internet or on digital cellular telephones.

Fortunately, there is a bill in Congress that will soon go to the floor that will protect Americans' privacy and allow American industry to compete on a level playing field with European and Asian software developers. It's called the Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFE) Act of 1999.

Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., introduced the bill, and there are now 257 co-sponsors. The last committees to look at it have until July 23 to do so, but none can stop it from coming to the floor, a spokesman for the congressman



Walter Williams

Syndicated columnist

A core element of the nation's moral decline is the attack on individual responsibilities and the establishment of a culture of victimhood. Leftists started this in the 1960s. Criminals weren't responsible for their crimes, society was. People who dropped out of school and refused to work weren't responsible for their plight. Society was responsible, and owed them welfare and food stamps. The so-called homeless — really bums, men who lived on the streets — were also victims and not responsible for their plight.

Our young people are increasingly becoming violent and decadent, and people are calling for parents to be held responsible for their children's actions. Parents should be held responsible, but we forget that for close to four decades there has been a systematic undermining of parental authority by courts and schools.

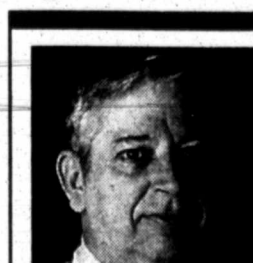
Spanking a child might have a social worker at your door to charge you with child abuse

and possibly take custody of the child away from you. A teenage girl must have signed parental permission slip to go on a school trip or have her ear lobes pierced. But for an abortion, in many jurisdictions, she needs neither parental permission nor is notification of her parents required.

Schools issue condoms without regard to the wishes of the parent. High school students are given sex counseling with neither parental knowledge nor permission. Traditional values taught in the home are attacked and often held up to ridicule by teachers. As former Secretary of Education William Bennett remarked, something is drastically wrong when a school would discipline young people singing a prayer in school and ignores young people tattooed with swastikas and openly praising Hitler.

Everyone from the president to congressional leaders have called for research and conferences to find out why many of today's youth are violent and decadent. One thing for sure is that they'll probably invite the very people whose half-baked ideas are largely responsible for the corruption of today's youth: members of the education establishment, psychologists and sociologists, and people in the entertainment industry.

Other than setting a good moral example, the best thing the president and Congress can do for the youth of America is to butt out.



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

said. The Republican leadership has promised a vote. Top Republican big guns like Rep. Dick Arme and Rep. Tom DeLay back it, as does Rep. Bob Barr, the tough Georgia congressman liberals love to hate.

It also has the backing, however, of prominent Democrats and liberals because on the issue of privacy, conservatives and liberals tend to find common ground. The main opposition comes from the FBI and the super-eavesdropping agency, the NSA. Unfortunately Rep. Bill McCollum, from my hometown, has so far lined up on the side of the snoops. He's overly impressed by spook agencies.

The bill would do basically three things: It would protect the privacy of American citizens by prohibiting the monitoring of people's communications without their consent and knowledge. That's so firmly in the American tradition it's alarming that the Clinton Administration

opposes it. Second, the bill would do away with restrictions on imports and exports of encryption. While the Clinton Administration restricts the export of American encryption products, foreign encryption products are freely available, even on the Internet. This basically would allow American firms to compete fairly with other countries.

Third, by encouraging American industry to use the best available encryption products, it would help industries protect their Internet communications from industrial espionage. The bill is backed by both business and privacy organizations.

In the old days, one would say, "take pen in hand" and write to your congressman and ask him to vote for H.R. 580, the SAFE Act of 1999. Today, take computer keys in hand and send an e-mail.

There is always a conflict between liberty and security in the sense that people too zealous about security become willing to sacrifice liberty just to add another tool to the bad-guy-catching arsenal. Sensible Americans know there other ways to catch bad guys without spying on the entire American population. That's why there is such bipartisan, even bi-ideological support for this legislation.

We don't need Big Brother snooping around inside our computers. H.R. 580 is perfectly complementary to the Bill of Rights.

GM recalls more than 3.5 million vehicles to repair anti-lock braking systems

By CATHERINE STRONG
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — General Motors Corp. is recalling more than 3.5 million pickups, sport utility vehicles and vans to fix anti-lock braking systems that consumers claim led to thousands of crashes, a federal safety agency said Wednesday.

The recall concludes one of the longest defect investigations ever conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, agency officials said. All the vehicles will be fixed for free.

GM will ask owners of 1.1 million small pickups and sport utility vehicles from model years 1991-1996 to take them to mechanics so an anti-lock brake sensor switch can be replaced. The vehicles are four-wheel drive Chevrolet Blazer and GMC Jimmy SUVs and Chevrolet S-10 and GMC Sonoma pickups, along with some Cyclone and Typhoon pickups, GM officials said.

If the vehicle is operating in two-wheel drive, the anti-lock brake system can erroneously behave as if the vehicle is in four-wheel drive, a condition that could result in extended stopping distances, NHTSA officials said.

Bob Lange, GM's engineering director for product safety, said the stopping distance could be as much as 10 percent to 30 percent longer. He said 30 percent "could be too long" for a stop.

GM is recalling about 2.5 million additional pickups, sport utilities and vans with two-wheel drive to change the computer software on the anti-lock braking systems.

When the vehicles move from a surface with good traction to a surface with poor traction, such as ice or packed snow, then back to a surface with good traction, there might not be enough brake pressure to the wheels, Lange said. Lange said it happened rarely but "can result in longer stopping distances."

Those vehicles, all two-wheel drive, are: 1993-1996 Chevrolet Blazer and GMC Jimmy SUVs, 1994-1996 Chevrolet S-10 and GMC Sonoma pickups, 1992-1995 Chevrolet Astro and GMC Safari

vans and 1993-1996 G-vans, which are full-size GMC and Chevrolet vans, Lange said.

GM was not calling the software fix for the 2.5 million vehicles a recall, but rather a "special policy" campaign, since the company says there is no safety defect in those vehicles.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration described the switch replacements as a "safety recall" and the software changes as a "service recall."

But regardless of the wording, consumers were being asked to take in the more than 3.5 million vehicles so switches are replaced or computer software is changed.

NHTSA had received 10,861 reports of brake problems on the pickup trucks and SUVs with "EBC4" brake units. Consumers reported 2,111 crashes and claimed the crashes resulted in 293 injuries, the agency said.

The announcement closes the book on the agency's longest outstanding investigation.

"This was probably the most challenging defect investigation we've been involved with, from a technical standpoint. It was very complex," Lange said.

The investigation into anti-lock brakes on 1991-1997 Chevrolet Blazers, GMC Jimmy and Oldsmobile Bravada sport utility vehicles and Chevrolet S-10 and GMC Sonoma pickups began in October 1994.

A second investigation into 1992-1995 GM and Chevrolet Suburban anti-lock brakes started in September 1995.

The Suburbans are still under investigation, and GM is considering what action to take on those vehicles' anti-lock brakes, although the company "commits" to some action for consumers on the issue, NHTSA and GM said. Some 512,000 of the Suburbans are on the road, NHTSA officials said.

Consumers have reported 2,400 brake problems on the Suburbans. They have reported 782 crashes and claimed those crashes caused 68 injuries, according to agency statistics.

Go getters ...



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Three members of Pampa's McDonald's crew competition team will compete today in Amarillo. Team members are (back, from left) Casey Hinds, Linda Justice and Aaron Wagner and (front row, from left) Jennifer Asencio, Lidia Resendiz and Ambrina Wilson. Also a member is Schanta Platt. Those going to the competition today are Linda Justice, Casey Hinds and Ambrina Wilson.

FAA computers certified Y2K ready

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's air traffic control system has been deemed free of the Year 2000 computer bug, the Transportation Department announced Wednesday.

System repairs completed by June 30 have been examined and approved by Science Applications International Corp., an independent contractor, and the department inspector general, an in-house watchdog.

The certification was something of a turnaround for the FAA and a bright spot for the Transportation Department, both of which have endured harsh criticism by Congress and outside groups for a lack of preparation.

One on congressional report card, the Transportation Department repeatedly has gotten

an "F" for readiness.

Some older computers were designed to recognize dates in a two-digit format, such as "99" for 1999. There is widespread concern computers not updated may malfunction on New Year's Eve, when 1999 turns to 2000 — which some computers may misconstrue as 1900 instead of the start of the new century.

The Federal Aviation Administration has 628 computer systems. Of that total, 424 were designated "mission critical," meaning they played a vital role in the agency's operations. Of those 424 systems, 152 required Year 2000 repairs.

The agency conducted a live test of its repairs in Denver in April. It plans to continue testing its systems and contingency plans for the rest of the year.

Fen-phen maker settles suit for \$3 million

DALLAS (AP) — American Home Products Corp. has paid more than \$3 million to settle a lawsuit by a 70-year-old Tyler woman that linked her rare lung disease to the diet-drug combination fen-phen, said two people familiar with the case.

The settlement was reported in today's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

The agreement in Ruth Burks' case is at least the 12th settlement by the pharmaceutical giant involving former users of fen-phen. The drug maker,

based in Madison, N.J., faces more than 3,100 lawsuits nationwide related to health problems allegedly caused by its drugs.

American Home Products marketed fenfluramine and its chemical cousin dexfenfluramine until September 1997, when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration pushed for the drugs' withdrawal. Phentermine, the other drug used in the fen-phen combination, was not pulled from the market.

Ex-wife: Suspect admitted fatal church blast role

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A woman once married to a suspect in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing says her former husband bragged of his involvement in the 1963 explosion that killed four black girls.

Willadean Brogdon, 59, who was married to Bobby Frank Cherry for two years in the early 1970s, spoke to The Birmingham News at the federal courthouse Wednesday. A grand jury is hearing evidence there in a reopened investigation of the blast.

Ms. Brogdon joined several other estranged relatives of Cherry who said he had talked of participating in the dynamite explosion that sent shock waves through the nation on a Sunday morning in September 1963.

"He admitted it," she told the

News. "He bragged about it." Cherry, 69, has repeatedly denied involvement in the bombing. The former Ku Klux Klansman is among those who have been questioned in the latest investigation.

A woman who answered the telephone at Cherry's home in Mabank, Texas, Wednesday night declined comment to The Associated Press. "No, no response. We'll have a lawyer tomorrow and you can talk to our lawyer."

The explosion killed Addie Mae Collins, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley, all 14, and Denise McNair, 11, as they were preparing for church services the morning of Sept. 15, 1963. The powerful explosives blew down

an outside wall of the church. Cherry has been married five times. Ms. Brogdon was his third wife, married to him from 1970 to 1972.

One of Cherry's granddaughters, Teresa Stacy of Dallas, testified before the grand jury last month. Afterward, she told reporters that she had heard Cherry admit his involvement in the crime more than 10 years ago at a family gathering.

Cherry told the AP he didn't know why Ms. Stacy would say that and he didn't recall any family gathering at that time which she attended. He called Ms. Stacy a "prostitute" and a "dope head."

Ms. Brogdon's daughter, Gloria LaDow, 39, was with her at the courthouse and said she recalled

Cherry as a braggart. "In certain circles, he bragged about lighting the fuse, about being a big (Ku Klux) Klan leader," she said.

Cherry's oldest son, Thomas Frank Cherry, 45, who also lives in Mabank, was called before the grand jury Wednesday. He told the News that prosecutors asked him about the morning of the bombing and whether his father ever mentioned names of people who his father said were responsible for the blast.

Thomas Cherry, who was 11 at the time of the explosion, said he told the jury the names his father mentioned, but declined to give them publicly.

Thomas Cherry said he testified that he was with his father at a sign shop six blocks from the

church on the morning of the Sept. 15, 1963 explosion. They heard the blast, he said.

"People came in and said the church had been bombed and the blacks were all in an uproar," he said.

The younger Cherry said he is estranged from his father because of the renewed investigation into the bombing.

Bobby Frank Cherry has said his son is trying to stir things up because he wants to write a book to make money.

Klan member Robert Chambliss is the only person ever convicted in the bombing. He died in prison in 1985. Other longtime suspects are Tommy Blanton, who still lives in Birmingham, and Herman Cash. Cash died in 1994.

Blanton also has persistently denied involvement in the bombing. A former wife of Blanton, Jean Barnes, was subpoenaed to the grand jury Wednesday. She declined to talk to reporters.

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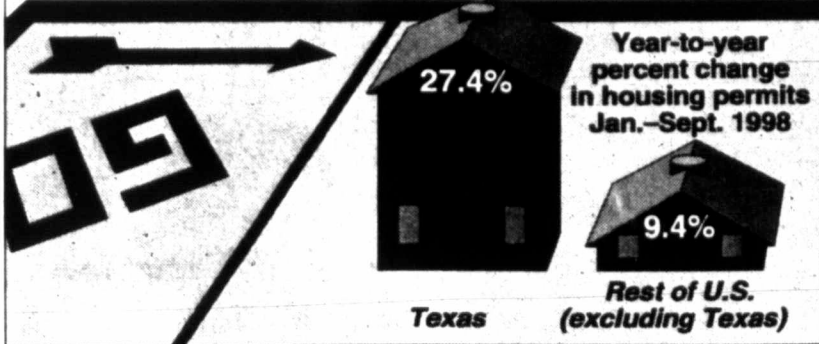
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Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas monopolizes housing starts

Low interest rates are spurring on housing starts, but more than low interest rates account for a rapid increase in Texas housing permits. The increase in Texas has been about three times greater than the increase nationwide, reflecting a particularly healthy economy in most Texas industries and the relative appeal of the state.



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas A&M Real Estate Center, and Bureau of the Census.

Public forum to focus on local community needs; role of state, health agencies in area

AMARILLO—Improving the efficiency of health and human services. Creating a continuum of care for families and individuals in Texas. Promoting teamwork among state, health and human services agencies. Fostering innovation in the delivery of state services at the community level. These are just some of the wide array of topics that will be discussed at a public community forum set for 9:30 a.m. July 29 at the United Way of Amarillo and Canyon offices located at 2207 Line in Amarillo.

In making the announcement about the forums, Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Don A. Gilbert noted that "citizen input is critical to the formation of any blueprint for health and human services delivery in Texas in the coming century." He added that improved access to and coordination of services "is dependent on an earnest assessment by citizens of how we are doing and how we can do better."

The forum is one of 21 sessions to be held across the state during the Summer of 1999 to seek public comment on unmet health and human services needs and education of local communities on agencies' initiatives and direction. Most importantly, the forums will also offer participants an opportunity to assess the responsiveness of health and human services efforts to improve the service delivery system and the coordination of services.

The public sessions will be sponsored by the United Way of Amarillo and Canyon, the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the other 12 health and human services agencies currently charged with the responsibility of providing services to Texans.

If you require auxiliary aids, services such as sign language interpreters or materials in alternate format, contact D'Anna Stewart at (512) 424-6629, at least three working days prior to the meeting.

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'TEXAS Originals' annual fund-raising event to spotlight talents of 'TEXAS' cast members

CANYON — This year marks the 32nd Anniversary of "TEXAS Originals." Once again Texans have a reason to take pride in their homeland. In a benefit production under the lights of the Branding Iron Theatre on the campus of West Texas A&M University, "TEXAS Originals" will be giving stars a chance to shine and win scholarships. This year's benefit show will be performed twice Sunday, Aug. 8, once at 2 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. The Gala Performance will feature company members of the outdoor musical drama "TEXAS."

"TEXAS Originals" was started 32 years ago as a fund raising vehicle to assist outstanding "TEXAS" Company members as they continue their educations and careers. The overall mission of the production is to display the various talents of company members, offer a high quality evening of entertainment to the community and raise scholarship dollars for exceptional company members.

Scholarships will be awarded to selected company members of "TEXAS" on the basis of contribution to the show, financial need

The overall mission of the production is to display the various talents of company members, offer a high quality evening of entertainment to the community and raise scholarship dollars for exceptional company members.

and academic achievement following the 7:30 p.m. Gala Performance.

"TEXAS Originals" includes 22 diverse acts that accentuate excellence in dance, acting, vocal, and instrumental performance. In addition to the show, the "TEXAS Originals" Art Gallery will be on display prior to the perfor-

mance and during the intermission in the lobby of the Branding Iron Theatre.

Admission for the 32nd Annual Scholarship Production of "TEXAS Originals" is by donation only. Advance tickets are available for a \$10 donation per patron, which includes dinner at 6 p.m. in the atrium of Mary Moody Northern Hall located east of the Branding Iron Theatre and admission into the 7:30 p.m. Gala Performance of "TEXAS Originals." For more information or advance ticket purchases, contact Luanne Brown at (806) 655-2181, or Mark A. Barela at (806) 655-3501. Donations can also be mailed to "TEXAS Originals," Box 268, Canyon TX 79015, or presented at the Branding Iron Theatre.

The nation's top outdoor drama plays nightly except Sundays in Palo Duro Canyon at 8:30 p.m. "TEXAS" is told by 150 company members who come from 17 states and one foreign country.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texans qualify for income tax refunds

More than 1.8 million Texans applied for income tax refunds under the Earned Income Tax Credit program in 1998. Texas ranked second among the states behind California's 2.3 million participating taxpayers—more than 19 million taxpayers in the U.S. received EITC refunds. EITC refunds may be sent to:

- ☑ Families with two or more children, and a gross income of no more than \$30,095. The maximum refund could be \$3,756 in this category.
- ☑ Families with one child, and a gross income of no more than \$26,473. Maximum refund: \$2,271.
- ☑ Families consisting of adults between the age of 25 and 64 with no children, and a gross income of less than \$10,030. Maximum refund: \$341.

To inquire about the Earned Income Tax Credit:

- ☑ Visit your local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) center
- ☑ Call the IRS toll-free: 1-800-829-1040
- ☑ Call the Texas Comptroller's special EITC hotline: 1-800-277-8383.

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Wife Wants to Keep Distance From Husband's Absent Father

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Dan" for 15 years. He was abandoned by his father when he and his brother were 2 and 3. His father had no contact with him for 30 years, and he has seen him only at one family reunion and two funerals in the last 15 years. This man has now asked to visit us, and my husband has agreed to his father's request to get together while he's in town.

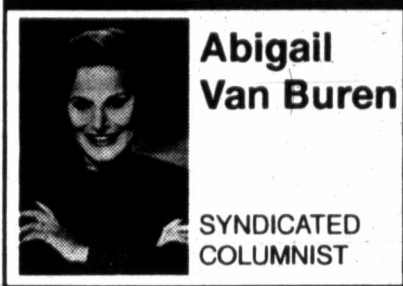
This is all well and good for the two of them, but I have now been informed that my husband has a social function on the evening his father is expected. Dan told me that until he arrives, I am expected to entertain his father, but gave me no timetable for how long that will be.

I have always had very strong opinions about fathers who abandon their children, and my husband knows this. I don't feel I have an obligation to this man, although my husband says that as his wife, I do. What's worse is that my family agrees with Dan.

I feel that if my husband wants to get together with his father, fine. If my daughter wants to see him, fine. But should I be forced to entertain him for who knows how long until my husband chooses to show up? Am I wrong?

FURIOUS
IN SPANISH PORT, ALA.

DEAR FURIOUS: Yes, you are wrong. Obviously this is important to your husband, so for his sake, please try to be



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gracious. Entertain his father as you would a business person who is important to your husband's future. You won't be sorry.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to the series of letters you printed about the man who suggested his wife visit the nude beaches while they were in Europe. Like the couple in question, my wife and I experienced the reaction, pain and steps that led to and followed a mastectomy. She was beautiful before and after the surgery, but she had a hard time seeing it. We had visited and enjoyed nude beaches before she was diagnosed.

Months after the surgery we were invited to a party where use of the pool and hot tub would be clothing-optional. We went, and after 10 minutes in the hot tub with my wife in her bathing suit, one of our friends inquired about her surgery and recovery process. By the end of the evening, my wife was nude, and finally realized that she was loved

and accepted as the wonderful woman she was; that her value was not in having or not having breasts.

When people become more accepting of their bodies, fewer women will believe they must look like some supermodel or hate their bodies. Then we can accept that who we are is not how we look, but is how we behave in our relationships with one another.

The wonderful woman who was my wife is no longer living; cancer took her life last September. She was buried nude, per her request. Sign me ...

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DEAR BONNY'S GUY: There is much wisdom in your message. Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved wife.

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1999

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)

Handle affairs that will get you out of the office mentally, if not physically. Remember what you want. Brainstorm, keeping objectives in mind. A flirtation could be more important for another than for you. Be sensitive and aware. Review your thinking about a trip. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Together is a theme you could easily get into. However, there is also a tendency to go to extremes, ignoring long-term and possibly even short-term effects. An associate changes his position; be flexible. Think about a new computer, car or whatever will improve the quality of your life. Tonight: Research on the Net.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Others dominate, but that's OK with you! Your feedback and impressions make a big difference to a boss or friend. Go with the idea that life is for living — get into overindulgence and the moment. Others may abruptly change course. Don't play into their chaos. Tonight: Accept an invitation out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Get into work and try to be serious! A lot is going on as others share

their joy over the upcoming weekend. Though the idea of romping and luxuriating might be most appealing, one financial matter also needs to be handled. Work efforts will be rewarded. Tonight: Off to the gym!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Verbalize what is on your mind rather than keeping it to yourself. Another loves brainstorming, mental repartee, even a bit of flirtation with you. A relationship might be transforming before your eyes. Be aware of what you want. Another might be misreading your intention. Tonight: Getting ready to splurge?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Stay centered, knowing what you want from a family member. Be honest with yourself about a change on the homefront. Evaluate and verbalize your feelings. Keep communication flowing; don't hesitate to speak from the heart. Others do care. Smile and look at the positive. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Initiate conversations. There might be a tendency to go to extremes. If you are reacting with hurt feelings, think carefully about the words you hear. A friend whispers in your ear; follow up on his suggestion. Make a must meeting, then get together with others. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Expenses could be heavy, but professionally you know what you are doing. You are heading in a special direction, understanding a lot more than others do. Follow through on a friend's idea — you might have quite an exciting time.

Another means well, though you are thoroughly distracted. Tonight: Balance your budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You feel renewed and ready to face your world. A boss lets you know how very much he cares about you. Extremes mark another's attitude. Check out information that comes in the form of gossip. Make calls; reach out for others; make an additional effort to plan a special get-together. Tonight: Your call.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Take a back seat and let others seek you out. Good news comes your way, though you might not be in a position to share it all. Talk to a trusted partner who gives you important feedback. Togetherness marks your interactions. You could rapidly be changing your opinion of another. Tonight: Take a night off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Where people are, you flourish. Others seek you out, so any idea of being quiet needs to be tossed out. Your sense of humor emerges with a special someone. There is nothing the two of you cannot discuss. Lighten up about a friend who seems to be always reversing his stand. Tonight: Join buddies for TGIF celebrations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

A boss has strong opinions. Decide whether you want to stay aboard or bail out while you can. Others may not be in the mood to discuss anything too serious. Be careful with a flirtation that is building. Get work done, organize your desk and clear out messages. Tonight: Join a co-worker for dinner.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Die, e.g.
- 5 Like instinctively
- 11 Store door sign
- 12 Source
- 13 Castle
- 14 Chant
- 15 West Indies islands
- 17 Tea additive
- 18 Inverted chairs
- 22 Fixed
- 24 Use scissors
- 25 Embrace
- 26 Tiny worker
- 27 Blow one's top
- 30 Infamous motel name
- 32 Candle
- 33 Ring legend
- 34 Immediately
- 38 Italian shrimp
- 41 Taj Mahal setting
- 42 Costar of Fisher and Ford
- 43 Brown shade
- 44 Fixed copy
- 45 Locale

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Yesterday's answer

- 21 Connoisseur's concern
- 22 Guitarist
- 23 Glow
- 28 Let
- 29 Batting unit
- 30 Scrooge
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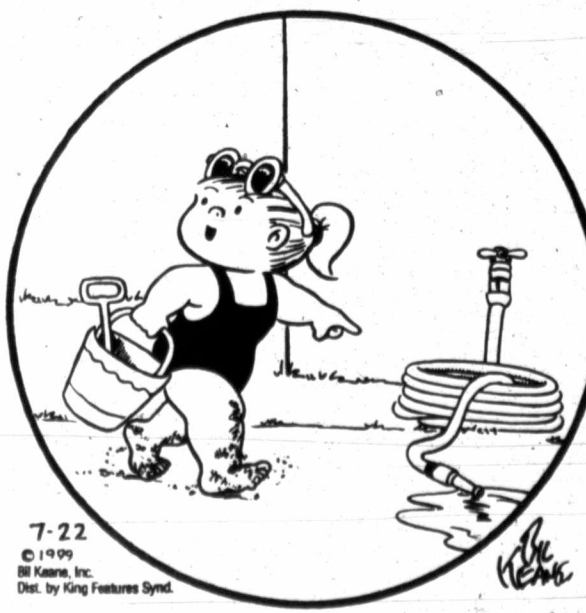
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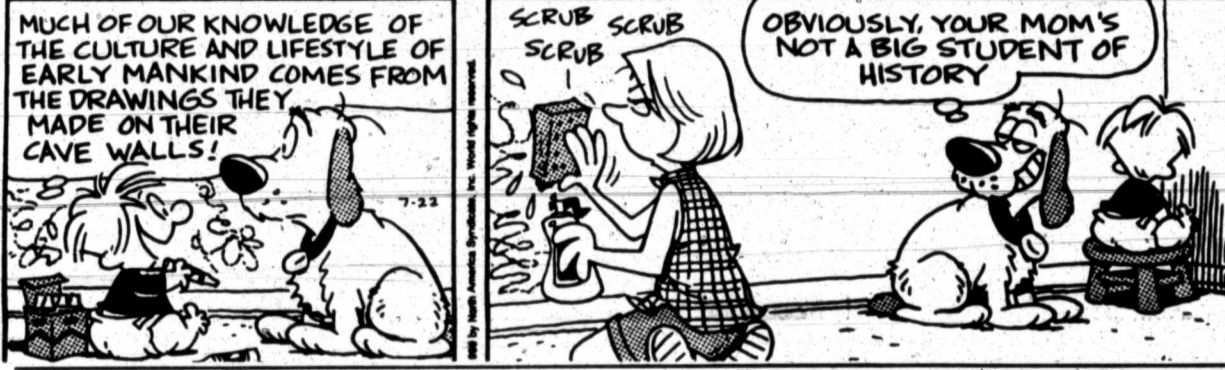
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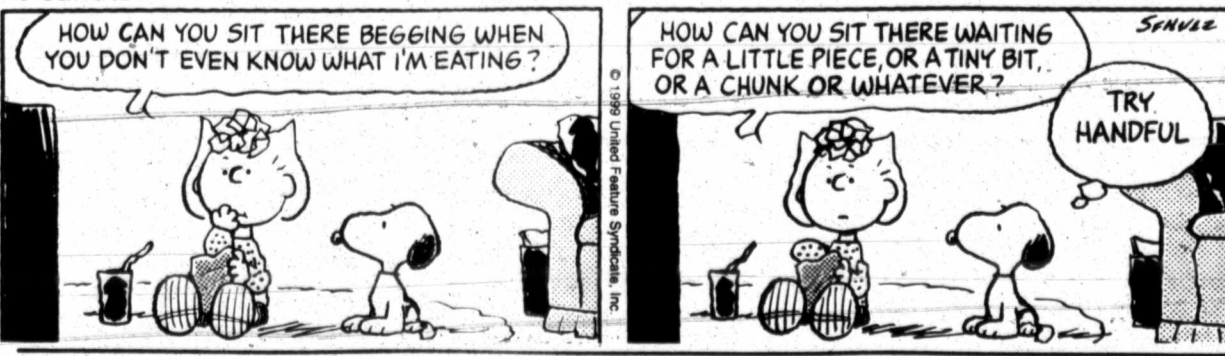
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SPORTS

Andrews tops Pampa in state Bambino tourney

Notebook

BASEBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Youth Club will hold a 7-8 and 9 year-old boys baseball tournament Aug. 6-8 at Optimist Park. The pitching machine will be used for all games.

First and second-place trophies will be awarded in the double-elimination tournament.

There will be a \$75 entry fee per team. Entry deadline is Aug. 2.

Call Jeff Skinner at 665-8120, Joe Skinner and 669-2769, Monte Covalt at 669-3615 or Mando Ramirez at 665-1248 to enter the tournament.

A copy of a birth certificate is required for each player. No player can turn 10 years old before July 31.

FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas (AP) — A four-game suspension for Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle Leon Lett is under consideration by NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue as the player is seeking reinstatement, according to published reports.

Several sources involved in the process told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions that Tagliabue is apparently favoring a four-game suspension, which would make Lett available for the Cowboys' game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Oct. 10.

Meanwhile, Lett has applied to the National Football League for reinstatement, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports.

Tagliabue, responding through NFL spokesman Greg Aiello, said "nothing has been decided" about the duration of Lett's indefinite suspension but said he would make his decision soon.

OLYMPICS

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Sydney Olympic organizers have moved to rein in their ceremony director Ric Birch on the eve of court action over a decision to dump foreign school marching band members from the Games' opening night.

Birch was criticized after inviting 1,300 American and 200 Japanese students to play at the opening ceremony. SOCOG reversed the decision following an outcry in Australia about the foreign input to the ceremony. The organizing committee and Olympics Minister Michael Knight are now being sued by the American company which says it has a contract to supply the band.

World Projects Corp. will fight SOCOG's decision in the New South Wales Supreme Court starting Friday.

Knight said today that he will head a subcommittee which will monitor Birch's work on the ceremonies. It is clear is that the committee has been imposed on Birch to make sure the ceremonies are free from any more public relations disasters.

"We've upgraded our supervision of Ric," Knight said. "It would be fair to say that it wasn't Ric's preferred option — but he didn't tender his resignation."

Birch had offered to resign when SOCOG reversed the decision to have foreigners take part in the opening ceremony next Sept. 16.

PLAINVIEW — The Pampa 11-12 Bambino All-Stars did something nobody else has done in the West Texas Bambino State Tournament: They scored on Andrews. However, one run was not enough as Andrews pounded Pampa 14-1 Wednesday to advance to the championship game Friday.

Pampa plays Plainview North at 6 tonight. The winner gets the opportunity of playing Andrews at 6 Friday night and for the state championship at 8 if Andrews loses the first game. Plainview North defeated Hereford 5-4 in the late game Wednesday.

Andrews went out in order in the top of the first inning. Shea Brown singled for Pampa in the bottom of the inning, but was forced at second by Seth Foster, who was left on base.

In the second inning, Andrews

combined a Pampa error, a double, three singles and a sacrifice fly to take a 5-0 lead. The inning ended on a spectacular double play from Mateo Campos at shortstop to Tyson Hickman at first base to Foster at catcher.

Pampa went three up and three down in the bottom of the second.

In the third, Andrews rattled off six hits including a three-run homer by their ninth hitter to put the game out of reach, 11-0.

With two outs in the bottom of the third, a single by Campos and an error by the right fielder put Campos on third. He scored Pampa's only run on Brown's second hit of the game. Foster followed with a single, but a strikeout ended the inning.

Andrews added three more runs in the fourth inning on three hits and two walks. The hits included a solo home run.

Heath Miller led off the Pampa fourth inning with a single and was followed by Eric McClure, who drew a walk. Both runners were left stranded as the game ended by the 10-run rule after four innings.

Tyler Doughty and Campos pitched for Pampa. Each struck out a batter. Doughty walked one and Campos walked two. Doughty was touched for 11 runs and 10 hits. Campos gave up three runs on three hits.

Brown with two hits led Pampa's hitting. He has six hits in the tournament for a .667 batting average.

Pampa defeated Plainview North 13-5 Saturday, which was the opening day of the tournament. The loser of today's game will be eliminated from the tournament. Teams from Seminole, Lockney, Tulia, Floydada and

Plainview South have already been eliminated.

The tournament is scheduled to conclude Friday. The West Texas State Champion will compete with state champions from Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi,

Oklahoma and two other regions of Texas for the Southwest Regional Bambino Championship. The winner advances to the Bambino World Series, which will be held in Illinois this year.

Rangers defeat Angels

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez had three hits and Todd Zeile hit a two-run double in a six-run second inning Wednesday night as the Texas Rangers beat the Anaheim Angels 9-5 for their fourth straight win.

Before the season, it appeared this series might be a key showdown in the AL West race. But the last-place Angels lost their sixth in a row, matching their longest losing streak of the year, and dropped 11 1/2

games behind division-leading Texas.

Aaron Sele (9-6), given a 9-3 lead, allowed five runs and eight hits in six innings, including consecutive homers by Garret Anderson and Troy Glaus in the fourth. Jeff Zimmerman got two outs for his second save.

Omar Olivares (8-8) allowed eight runs and nine hits in two-plus innings, his shortest start of the season, allowing 10 of 15 batters to reach base.

Big 12 media picks Texas Tech's Williams as top offensive player

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Tech running back Ricky Williams is favored to follow Texas running back Ricky Williams as the Big 12's offensive player of the year in preseason voting by media members who cover the league.

Kansas State linebacker Mark Simoneau was the favorite for defensive player of the year, and Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel, a junior transfer, was tabbed as the likely newcomer of the year.

Nebraska was the media's pick as the North division winner, and Texas A&M was favored to repeat as the South champion.

The preseason team and predicted standings were released by the league Wednesday in advance of its annual two-day media gathering with players and coaches. The event is Thursday and Friday in Dallas.

Should the Red Raider win top offensive honors, it would be the third straight year for Ricky Williams to win it. The UT star was honored the last two seasons, earning the Heisman Trophy this past sea-

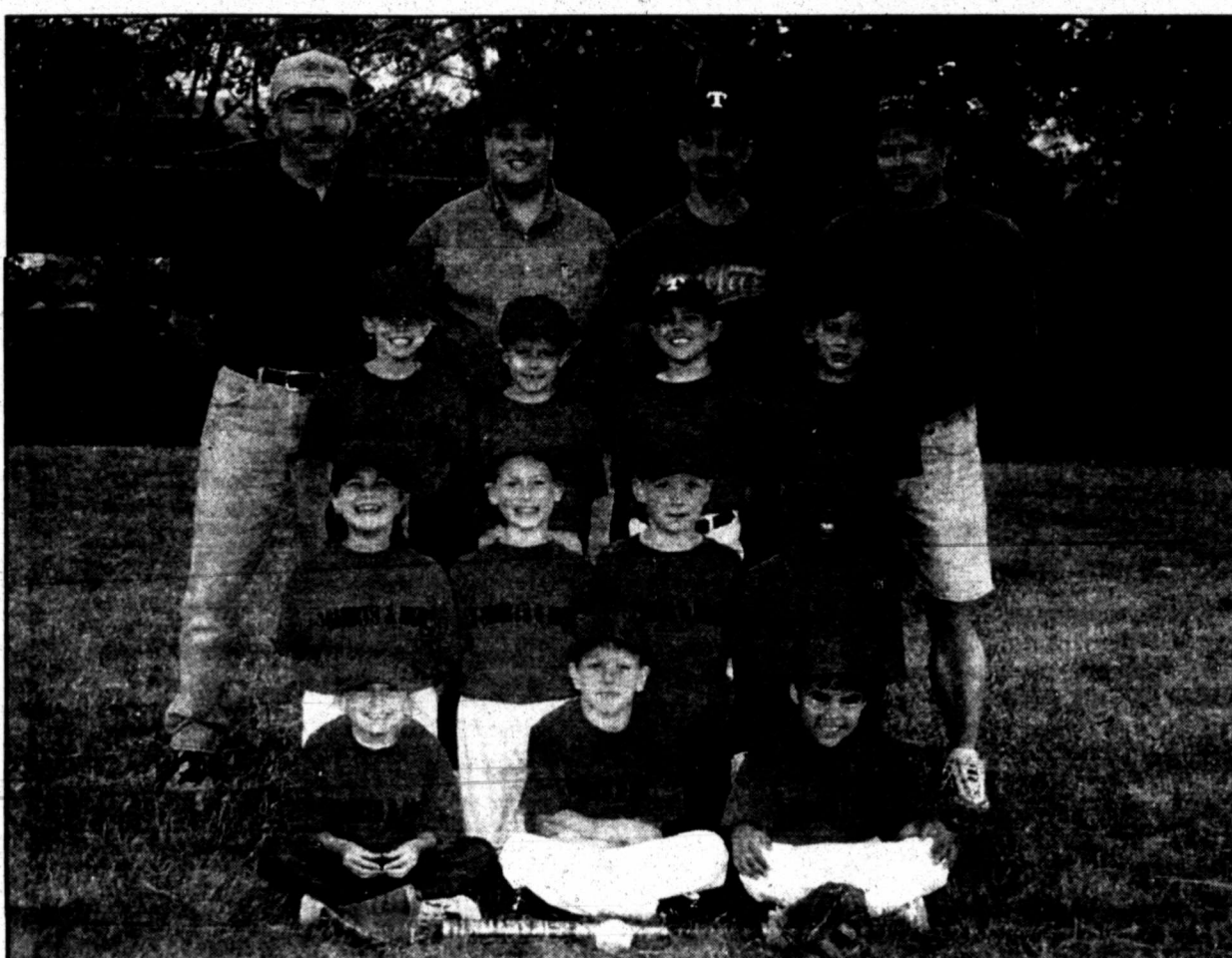
son. The same-named Tech star was the nation's fourth-leading rusher last season with 1,582 yards and 13 touchdowns on 306 carries.

Williams was joined on the all-Big 12 preseason team by three Tech teammates: tight end Kyle Allamon and offensive linemen Jonathan Gray and Curtis Lowery.

The only other school with multiple selections on offense was Texas, with quarterback Major Applewhite, receiver Kwame Cavil and kicker Kris Stockton.

Kansas State dominated the defensive team with four picks. Simoneau was joined by lineman Darren Howard and defensive backs Jarrod Cooper and Lamar Chapman.

The Longhorns again had the only other multiple picks in lineman-linebacker Aaron Humphrey and lineman Casey Hampton.



(Staff photo)

The T-Shirts & More team were members of the Pampa Kids & Youth Club this season. They played in the Coach-Pitch 7-8 year-old Baseball League. Team members are (front row, from left) Kelsey Wallom, Cody Newton and Monica Rodriguez; (middle row, from left) Samantha Pearson, Cole Guyer, Paul Watson and Jimco Mico Mitchell; (third row, from left) Keisha Crowell, Scott Langford, Michael Alexander and Nathan Stillwagon; Coaches (back row, from left) are John Crowell, Mark Langford, Russ Alexander and Steve Stillwagon.

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Amarillo to host PBR

AMARILLO — The Professional Bull Riders (PBR) makes a Touring Stop in Amarillo Friday and Saturday at the Tri-State Fairgrounds Outdoor Arena. Amarillo is one of 69 cities nation-wide that hosts a PBR Touring Pro event. The Ken Henry Bud Light Challenge bull riding will benefit the Winner's Circle Equitherapy Charity.

"Bull riders are all a big family and have sincere concern for others," said PBR representative Angie Martin. "For this reason it's no surprise that the PBR has teamed up with the Winner's Circle Equitherapy Charity," said Angie Martin of the PBR organization.

Don Ray Howard of Pampa will join some of the nation's top bull riders for the event.

PBR president Tuff Hedeman will also be competing. Hedeman is the 1995 PBR World Champion and three-time World Champion for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. Hedeman will also be conducting an autograph-signing session.

Ken Henry, a Happy native and current event administrator for the PBR, will host the Amarillo PBR event. Henry is a past three-time National Finals Rodeo qualifier in bull riding and was the 1979 Copenhagen-Skoal Superstars Bull Riding Champion. He won \$18,500 in prize money.

Earlier this week, the top 45 bull riders competed for \$4 million in prize money in Las Vegas, Nev. at the PBR finals.

Martin said the PBR has pushed bull riding to the front of the extreme sports arena and higher financial rewards. She said the PBR has some of the most talented athletes in the world, including the United States, Brazil, Canada and Australia.

"They deserve the attention bull riding is gaining among fans worldwide," Martin said. She added that fans are drawn to an extreme sporting event that matches man and bull for 8 seconds.

"When you take an animal weighing from 1,400 to 2,000 pounds and put an uninvited cowboy on his back, things get exciting," she added.

Orioles down Red Sox, 6-1

BOSTON (AP) — Mike Mussina won his fourth straight start, allowing four hits in eight innings as the Baltimore Orioles beat the Boston Red Sox 6-1 Wednesday night.

Mussina (13-4) struck out three and walked two.

Bret Saberhagen (6-4) struck out one and issued no walks.

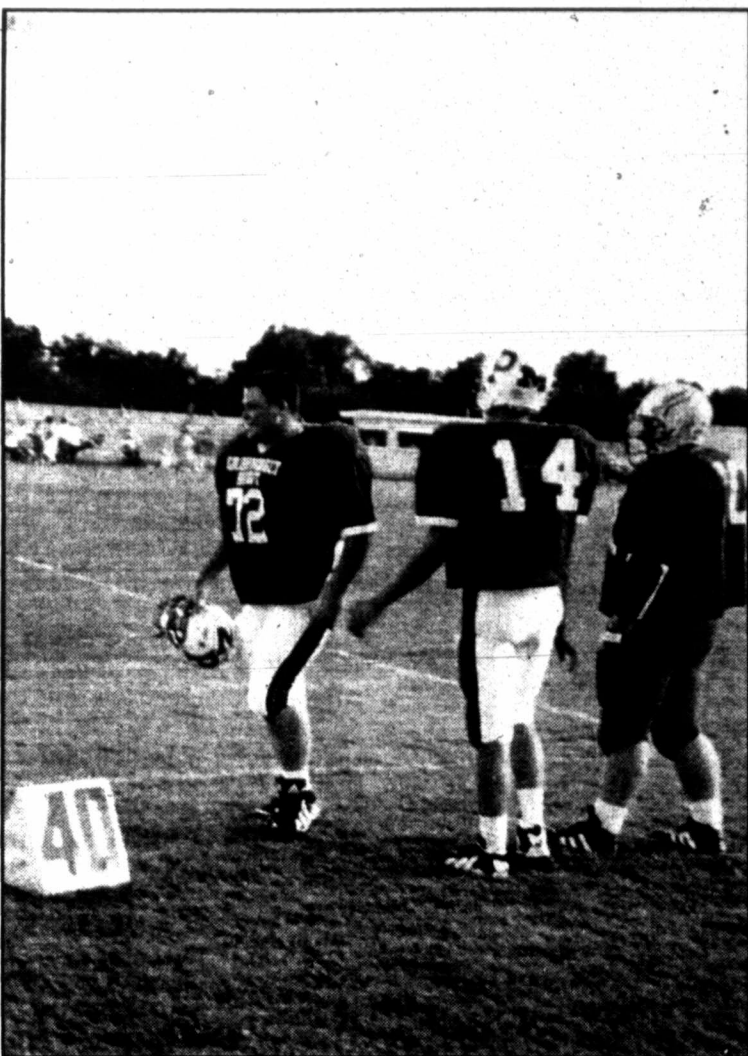
Mussina retired 11 straight batters before Jason Varitek singled in the fifth. Mussina escaped a first-and-third jam in the sixth then retired the last seven hitters he faced before Mike Timlin pitched the ninth.

Baltimore added four runs in the eighth against two relievers.

The Orioles went ahead in the seventh when Jeff Conine reached as Mike Stanley dropped Nomar Garciaparra's throw for an error. Cal Ripken singled him to second, but Conine was cut down at third on a force out.

Charles Johnson then singled in Ripken.

Greenbelt Bowl



Pampa's Calvin Tucker (72) and Joel Barker (14) pace the sidelines at the Greenbelt Bowl played last month in Childress. The Greenbelt Bowl features the Amarillo area's top seniors divided into North and South squads.

Minor league umpires ready to move up if necessary

NEW YORK (AP) — With commissioner Bud Selig set to accept their resignations, more major league umpires changed their minds about quitting.

Selig hasn't set any deadlines for umpires to withdraw their resignations, which are effective Sept. 2. But baseball officials have said Selig is prepared to move on and hire new ump, several management officials said.

Even though their Triple-A counterparts are ready to step in, it was too early to say how many would be needed.

Five AL umpires who reversed themselves earlier this week and as many as 8-10 more umpires might be withdrawing their resignations, two baseball officials said. But umpires said baseball might be exaggerating the number to sway wavering ump.

Three NL umpires have changed their minds about resigning, said NL umpire Bruce Froemming, a union board member. Wally Bell's reversal was received by the National League on Wednesday and rookie umpire Jeff Nelson told the league his will be arriving shortly, one baseball official said.

A top minor league official said Triple-A umpires decided they would work major league games if they are called up. However, they are being pressured not to work, according to Pat O'Conner, a vice president of the governing body of the minor leagues.

"Somebody's trying to get them to change their minds," he said.

Union head Richie Phillips and union president Jerry Crawford

said they had no knowledge of any pressure attempts.

Saying he was reacting to "recent bashing by the media, jeering from irate fans, continued stonewalling from management and the union's own internal turmoil," Crawford issued a four-word statement: "What else is new?"

"We've always had turmoil," Crawford said later in San Francisco. "We've always had fans against us. We've always had baseball management against us."

Two top baseball officials, speaking on the condition they not be identified, said baseball was told more withdrawals of resignations were on the way.

Fifty-three of the 66 unionized major league umpires quit last week, and Phillips said additional resignations will be submitted.

Froemming, a union board member, said Phillips had become the issue for some umpires. "This has become personal," Froemming said. "We're not divided."

Several AL umpires who voted in March against giving Phillips a new contract have renewed calls to replace him, but the majority still backs him.

"That group was there long before March," Phillips said. "That group existed for at least five years."

Phillips has attempted to organize minor league umpires and has held a series of telephone conference calls, with another scheduled for today. While there had been a threat of a walkout in the minors today, no date has been set.

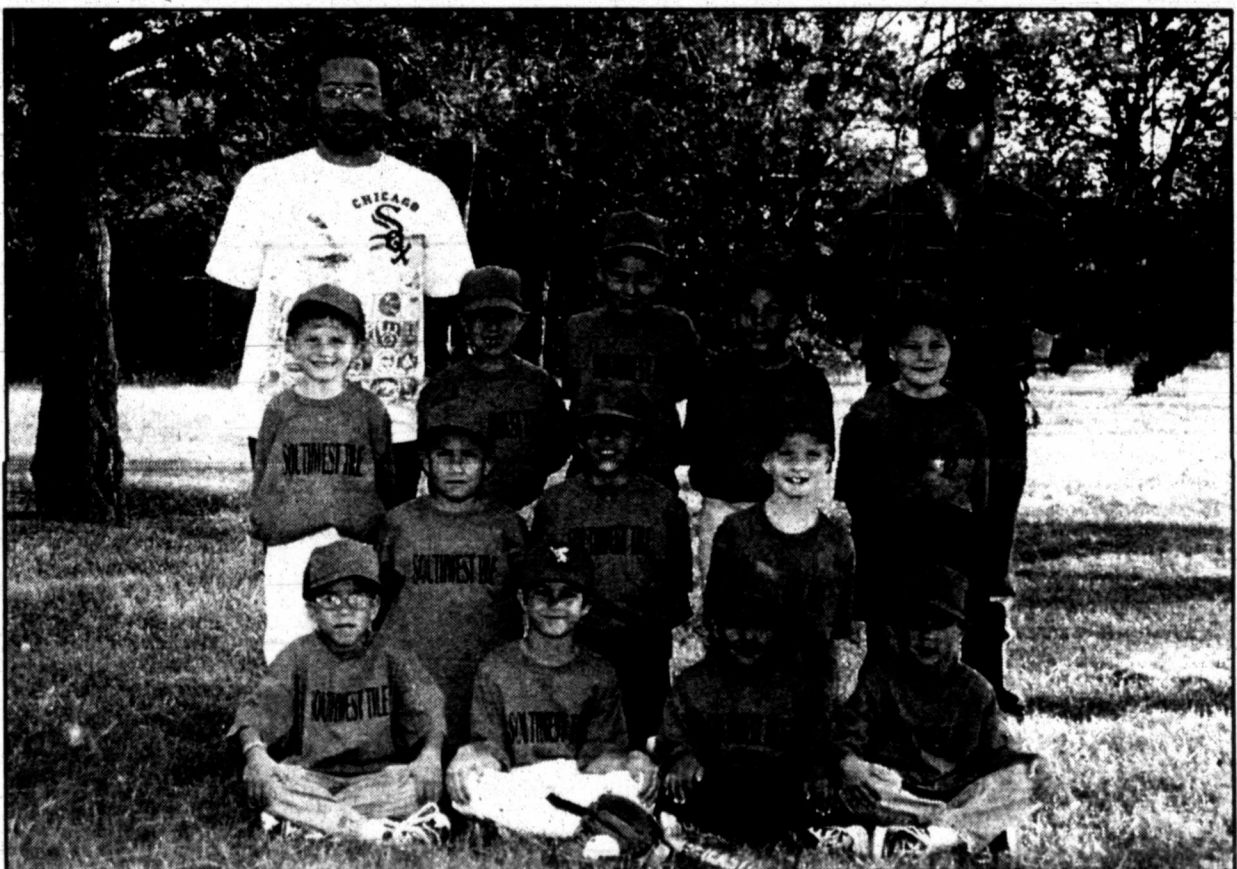
"I think they'll give the National Association ample time to prepare," Phillips said.

Just in case, the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the minor leagues' governing body, has instructed its teams to have alternate umpires at games.

Major league umpires, bound by a no-strike clause, decided on the resignations because they fear owners will lock them out after their labor contract expires Dec. 31.

Scoreboard

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National League					W					L				
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New York 55 41 .573					Tampa Bay 5, Philadelphia 4, 13 innings					Florida 6 6 .500				
Philadelphia 51 42 .548					Chicago Cubs 6, Kansas City 7					Friday's Games				
Florida 36 59 .379					San Diego 2, Anaheim 1					Portland at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.				
Montreal 34 57 .374					Oakland 4, Colorado 3					Houston at Grand Rapids, 7:30 p.m.				
Central Division					Cincinnati 5, Detroit 2					Nashville at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.				
W L Pct GB					Baltimore 4, N.Y. Mets 1					Saturday's Games				
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Cincinnati 53 39 .576					N.Y. Yankees 7, Montreal 4					Arizona at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.				
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N.Y. Yankees 7, Montreal 4					Toronto (Wells 10-6) at Cleveland (Nagy 11-					time.				
Milwaukee 5, Chicago White Sox 4					5), 7:05 p.m.					3. Alberto Elli, Italy, Telekom, same time.				
Cleveland 7, Houston 1					Chicago (Baldwin 4-9) at Minnesota (Mays 2-					4. Alexandre Vinokourov, Kazakhstan, Casino, same				
Minnesota 4, St. Louis 2					3), 8:05 p.m.					5. Jose-Luis Arrieta, Spain, Banesto, same				
Chicago 6, San Francisco 3					Anahem (Sparks 4-6) at Texas (Burkert 2-4),					time.				
Arizona 6, Seattle 0					8:35 p.m.					6. Marcos Serrano, Spain, ONCE, 5 seconds				
Wednesday's Games					Friday's Games					7. Vladimir Bellie, Italy, Festina, :21 behind.				
Chicago 2, Pittsburgh 1					Toronto at Chicago, 4:05 p.m.					8. Pavel Tonkov, Russia, Mapel, same time.				
Florida 2, Atlanta 0					Texas at Tampa Bay, 7:05 p.m.					9. Francisco Garcia, Spain, Vitalico, same				
Cincinnati 1, St. Louis 0					Boston at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.					time.				
New York 7, Montreal 3					Cleveland at New York, 7:35 p.m.					10. Alex Zülle, Switzerland, Banesto, same				
Philadelphia 7, Milwaukee 0					Anahem at Baltimore, 7:35 p.m.					time.				
Arizona 7, Houston 4					Seattle at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.					11. Lance Armstrong, United States, U.S.				
Colorado 5, Los Angeles 4					Oakland at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.					Postal, same time.				
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SW Tile fielded a team in the 7-8 (coach-pitch) year-old baseball league in the Pampa Kids & Youth Club this summer. Team members are (front row, from left) Robert Ponce, Skylar Ramey, Isreal Casanova and Zachary Ponce; (middle row, from left) Bernardo Casanova, Melissa Jimenez and Taylor Little; (third row, from left) Seth Haskins, Robert Siaz Jr., Jesse Jimenez, Chance Almanza and Miranda Waldrop. Coaches are (back row) Robert Siaz and Al Almanza.

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Broncos sign top draft pick

DENVER (AP) — Two days before the start of training camp, the Denver Broncos reached agreement with first-round draft choice Al Wilson on a multiyear contract.

The linebacker's agent, William "Tank" Black, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the five-year deal was for "more than \$5 million," including a \$1.7 million signing bonus.

"We've been working on the contract for a while, but we really had no problems with it," Black said. "Denver is a first-class organization. We're pleased to get it done before training camp. We've represented over 100 players and haven't had a player miss camp since 1988."

The Denver Post reported today that Wilson's contract is for \$5.6 million.

The two-time defending Super Bowl champion Broncos open camp on Friday, when players report to Greeley, Colo. The first workouts are Saturday.

The Broncos still have two remaining unsigned draft choices, third-rounder Travis McGriff and fifth-rounder David Bowens.

Wilson, a team captain, helped lead Tennessee to a 13-0 record and the national championship last season. He recorded 77 tackles, 54 of them solo, with four sacks and six tackles for losses.

Clarendon College to offer computer classes

CLARENDON — Clarendon College will offer beginner and intermediate computer classes beginning in August.

CC Clarendon campus will conduct an Absolute Beginners computer class from 9 a.m.-12 noon and from 1-5 p.m., Aug. 7. Cost of the course will be \$25. The class is designed especially for absolute beginners and will cover basic skills such as how to turn on a computer and how to use a mouse.

A beginning Microsoft Windows 95/98 class will be conducted from 9 a.m.-12 noon and from 1-5 p.m., Aug. 14 for \$25. This course will cover

how to perform common tasks found in most application programs that run on Windows.

Beginning Microsoft Word is slated from 9 a.m.-12 noon and from 1-5 p.m., Aug. 21 for a \$25 fee. This course will cover how to use the word processing program to create and edit documents.

Intermediate Windows continuing education course will be offered from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, July 24. This course is a continuation of Beginning Windows and will cover file and program maintenance. Cost of the course is \$25.

For more information or to register, contact CC at 1-800-687-9737 or (806) 874-3571.

WT announces Migrant Assistance Program

CANYON — West Texas A&M University is accepting applications from migrant and seasonal farm workers who graduated from high school recently and are interested in obtaining federal financial assistance to enter the university for the fall semester.

The College Assistance Migrant Program, which is being funded by the U.S. Department of Education, will enable 30 new students to enroll at WTAMU in each of the next five years. Qualified applicants must have

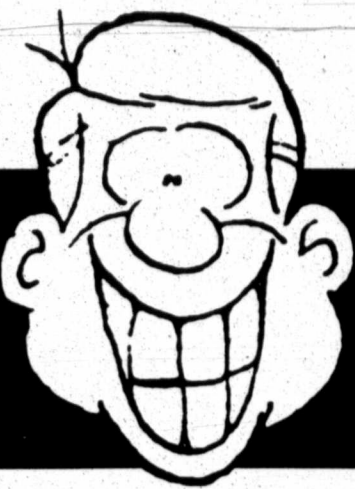
graduated from high school in the last two years and they or their parents must have spent a minimum of 75 documented days in migrant agriculture-related employment in the past 24 months.

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Kennedy's ashes scattered in early morning ceremony

By JEAN McMILLAN
Associated Press Writer

FALMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — In a farewell at sea, a Navy destroyer carried family members today to a ceremony to scatter the ashes of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law at a site not far from where they died.

A group of about 15 family members carried the cremated remains of Kennedy, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and Lauren Bessette onto the USS Briscoe. Their ashes were to be scattered off Martha's Vineyard about three miles from where the bodies were recovered Wednesday.

Dressed in dark clothing, family members boarded the Coast Guard cutter Sanibel, which took them to the Briscoe, shortly before 9 a.m. at Woods Hole port. The mourners included Kennedy's sister, Caroline Kennedy, his uncle, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, and cousins Maria Shriver and William Kennedy Smith.

The Bessette sisters' relatives also were attending, including their mother, Ann Freeman, stepfather, Dr. Richard Freeman, and Ms. Bessette's twin sister, Lisa Ann Bessette, a family source said.

Three folded American flags and three wreaths with red, yellow and white flowers had been placed on the ship.

Defense Secretary William Cohen approved a request by the senator and the Bessette and Freeman families for Navy assistance for the ceremony, the Pentagon said this morning. Two

Navy chaplains and a civilian Roman Catholic priest were to officiate at the ceremony, the Pentagon said.

Navy divers recovered the three bodies in murky waters off Martha's Vineyard, 116 feet below the surface and 7 1/2 miles from shore.

"Today we were able to bring closure to two families and that I think we realize is very important," said Coast Guard Rear Adm. Richard M. Larrabee, who added the bodies were raised "in a way that respected the situation they were in. It was something we were very sensitive to."

The plane's debris reflected the speed at which it struck the water, with pieces spread more than 40 yards from the main crash site, Larrabee said.

Working with visibility of 5 to 8 feet, divers encountered twisted wreckage, with wires and seats askew, "the kind of thing you can imagine that would be the result of a high-impact contact with the water," he said.

To keep TV cameras away, flights were banned within five miles of the recovery effort led by the USS Grasp, a Navy salvage ship. Sen. Kennedy and his sons, Patrick and Edward Jr., were aboard the Grasp when the bodies were recovered and accompanied the remains to Woods Hole.

The victims' families endured a five-day vigil before the bodies were brought to Cape Cod on Wednesday night for autopsies.

The Cape Cod Times reported today the Kennedy family had asked that no photographs be taken during the autopsy of JFK

Jr. because they could end up in tabloids or on the Internet. Such photographs are routine.

Cape & Islands First Assistant District Attorney Michael O'Keefe would not deny the published report or say whether the alleged request was honored.

"The wishes of the family were appropriately expressed," he said. "Where it was possible, they were followed."

Kennedy, 38, was piloting his single-engine Piper Saratoga from New Jersey on Friday night when it dropped from radar 16 1/2 miles from Martha's Vineyard Airport.

Kennedy and his 33-year-old wife had planned to drop Ms. Bessette, 34, off at Martha's Vineyard and then fly to Hyannis Port for the wedding of his cousin, Rory.

Flight data showed the plane dropped precipitously after Kennedy took a right turn away from the Vineyard, and aviation experts said he may have been disoriented.

The wreckage, including a section of fuselage with the instrument panel, will be taken to the Coast Guard Air Station on Cape Cod for examination. It will be six to nine months before the accident's cause is determined, said James Hall, chair. President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton were expected to attend.

At a White House news conference, Clinton defended his decision to pour so many federal resources into the search for the plane. The Briscoe had been conducting training near Virginia when it was sent to Massachusetts to pick up family members for the ceremony.

"If anyone believes that was

President Clinton recalls JFK, Jr.'s visit to the White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton says it was "the right thing" to authorize an extensive ocean search for John F. Kennedy Jr.'s crashed airplane.

He said initial rescue and recovery efforts "were consistent with what would have been done in any other case" and that Coast Guard officials told him they could locate the plane and its passengers if given more time.

"If anyone believes that was wrong, the Coast Guard is not at fault, I am," Clinton said. "It was because I thought it was the right thing to do under the circumstances."

Clinton said he based his decision to authorize extraordinary government efforts to recover the private plane on the Kennedy family's role "in our national lives, and because of the enormous losses that they have sustained in our lifetimes."

Meanwhile, the White House said Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton would attend the Friday memorial services in New York for Kennedy and his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy. She and her sister, Lauren Bessette, also were killed in the plane crash.

It was during Clinton's first term, in 1994, that Kennedy visited the White House inner sanctum for the first time as an adult, Clinton said.

Kennedy also was at the White House during Richard Nixon's presidency for a private dinner with his mother and sister, and again at a public ceremony honoring the late Robert F. Kennedy in 1981 when Ronald Reagan was president.

Clinton said took Kennedy to the Oval Office to show him the desk under which Kennedy had

playfully crawled as a boy while his father worked.

"I'm not sure he wanted to come back to the White House before he did," Clinton said in a melancholy tone. "In light of everything that's happened, I'm glad he had a chance to come back here one last time. I'm grateful that happened."

After the 1994 visit, Kennedy returned to the White House in February 1998 as a guest at a state dinner for British Prime Minister Tony Blair. A month later, on March 5, 1998, Kennedy and his wife attended a screening for the HBO series on the Apollo space program, "From the Earth to the Moon."

"When most of the guests had gone home, Clinton said he and the first lady offered Kennedy a personal tour of the White House residence, "which he had not seen since he was a tiny boy."

"We had a very nice evening, and I sent him the pictures from it," Clinton said. "He and Carolyn, they were delightful young people. Hillary and I loved having them here."

Mrs. Clinton said in her latest newspaper column that Kennedy struck her as "elegant and eloquent" that night, speaking movingly about how the space program was his father's "proudest legacy."

During the tour, she said, Kennedy "had trouble sorting out what he remembered from what he had seen only in pictures." She said they showed him the room where he slept, the grounds where he played, and the garden named in honor of his mother, Jacqueline Kennedy.

Crowds swell in remembrance to Kennedy

NEW YORK (AP) — The pile of flowers, notes and candles left outside John F. Kennedy Jr.'s apartment grew so large that some bouquets were removed and given to charities and hospitals.

A seemingly endless stream of mourners, however, are bringing more tokens of remembrance to the building in the trendy downtown Manhattan neighborhood

of Tribeca. Many described Kennedy as one of their own.

"He was alive, doing OUR stuff — roller-blading, going to the Yankee game," said Mike Caffey, 44.

Hundreds of people have left flowers, prayer cards, candles, notes, poems, balloons and newspaper clippings at the site since Saturday. Kennedy, his wife, Carolyn, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, died Friday in a plane crash off the Massachusetts coast.

A separate shrine of cards and flowers grew outside the Manhattan office building where Kennedy's magazine, George, is located.

Dinah Lopera of Phoenix said she and her family flew to New York just to keep a vigil. She left a note at the apartment, saying: "God bless you. We've always been with you and your family,

and we will always be with them."

Other notes included these messages: "Love always from Israel!" and "Descansen en paz" — Spanish for "rest in peace." A Thai restaurant where Kennedy liked to get takeout sent a tall wreath with a menu attached.

The Irish flag was taped to the building, along with the Irish Echo newspaper's front-page headline: "Good night, sweet prince." The city's Irish community planned a public memorial tonight at a Manhattan church.

Fanny Salvador left a tiny wooden airplane, a card with the names of every Latin American country printed on it and this message: "A prayer for John, from all Latin America."

"They were so nice to all of us," she said. "President Kennedy helped the poor people and the developing countries."

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