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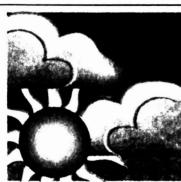
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PAMPA — A documentary on tornadoes, which includes segments filmed in Pampa, is to be shown on The Learning Channel Feb. 27 and 28, according to a spokesman for the British film crew that was here in June. The title for the series is tentatively set as "Awesome Tornadoes."

HOUSTON (AP) motorist whose alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit when his pickup truck ran a red light, slammed into a car and killed six people has been sentenced to a total of 24 years in prison.

Luis Roberto Coronado, 40, pleaded no contest Thursday to three counts of intoxication manslaughter and was sentenced to six years in prison.

District Judge Belinda Hill said the three concurrent sixyear terms will be stacked on top of the three consecutive six-year terms he is serving for previous convictions related to the Dec. 14 crash. That means his sentence totals 24 years and he must serve at least 12 years before becoming eligible for parole.

"This is no different than someone getting intoxicated and taking a gun and shooting six people, but instead of the gun, there was a car," said prosecutor Caroline Dozier.

"I had hoped he would get more time, because this is a case where we need to send a strong message to the community, but 24 years certainly sends a strong message."

- · Rodney McCulloch, 41, Jordan Unit corrections offi-
- · Harold Wayne Neal, 65, retired truck driver.
- · Florence Odessa Parker, 72, former telephone opera-

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Paperwork at PHS ...



Bobbie West, a secretary in the counselors' office, helps process new students during the first day of registration at Pampa High School. Registration continued today and classes start next week on Thursday.

Gas bills may rise \$3.64 monthly

Staff Writer

Pampa and area residents could be paying more for natural gas if Energas get its way.

The company has requested an 8.8 percent increase for the 67 cities, including Pampa that are in the West Texas Service area. The company estimates the increase would increase customers bills by an average of \$3.64.

The gas company last received an increase in the fall of 1996, according to City Manager Bob Eskridge. While Eskridge did not remember the exact amount of the increase Energas asked for it was approximately 7-8 percent, he said.

Besides an increase in gas rates some of the utility service charges for new or renewed services

will also increase. Currently to turn on new service where a gas meter must be set the fee is \$23.50, according to Public Affairs Manager Roy Urrutia The company is asking for an increase to \$40. To reconnect service that has been turned off for delinquent payment or at a customers request will increase from \$29.50 to \$40 under the new propos-

Eskridge said there is a meeting of the West Texas Cities Monday and is sure the matter will be

He said the group will probably do what it did in 1996 and hire a consultant as a group to "review

He said Pampa and the other cities will suspend the rate increase for 90 days and during that time (See GAS, Page 2)

I-40 big rig wreck injures man

SHAMROCK — A Tennessee man was in satisfactory condition today in an Amarillo hospital after crashing his tractor-trailer rig into a concrete embankment east of Shamrock Wednesday night.

Patrick Smith, 43, of Cleveland, Tenn., is in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo today with injuries suffered shortly after 9 p.m. Wednesday when the truck he was driving left Interstate 40

about nine miles east of Shamrock and crashed into

a concrete embankment. His wife, Anita Smith, 59, was treated at Shamrock General Hospital and was being transferred today to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, according to Shamrock hospital officials.

The couple's son, Carl Smith, 15, was not injured. (See WRECK, Page 2)

PISD teachers to average pay raise of \$3,500

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Pampa ISD teachers will have an average of \$3,500 more in their pockets due to raises and step increases approved by the Texas legis-

The district salary schedules for professional and paraprofessional personnel were reviewed by the school board and approved Thursday night. Teacher salary increases of \$3,000 are mandated by recent legislation of the state.

Whatever salary schedule was in place at the time of the recent legislation change was increased by \$3,000 plus a step up the ladder. The average annual increase in Pampa is to be \$3,500. Teachers, nurs-

es, librarians, counselors and diagnosticians were given the increase. Non-teaching personnel will receive a seven percent increase in pay, according to the projected budget.

These salary schedules presented to the board are within a balanced budget that does not require an increase in local property taxes. State funding has increased by approximately \$900,000 to support the mandated salary increases.

Life and health insurance coverage bids were awarded during the meeting for the upcoming year. Bids were awarded to American Continental/Nus. The cost to the district is \$75,000 for specific, aggregate and group term life insurance coverage.

State law requires school districts to bid out health insurance coverage. As Pampa ISD is self insured, the district is required to bid out the stop loss coverage. This coverage limits the school's liability for medical claims for any one individual and also as a group.

Board members scheduled a meeting for Aug. 16 to adopt the 1999-2000 budget. A proposed tax rate is also to be adopted at the meeting. Also approved was the appraisal calendar and Student Code of Conduct and student-parent handbooks were approved for the upcoming year.

Flight from sheriff's office short lived

Staff Writer

You can run and you may be able to hide but not for long if you're running out of the Gray County Sheritt's Office.

Cutter Dov Hutchison, 27, 210 N. Nelson, tried it Tuesday afternoon anyway. Hutchison had come to the Sheriff's Office to meet with his probation officer, according to Gray County Lt. Jim Scott. Hutchison has been arrested several times and is on probation for arson currently, according to official records.

His parole officer told him that there a "blue warrant", or a warrant issued for violation of his probation, had been issued. Deputy Dallas Hardin said Hutchison then bolted out of the office pursued shortly by Hardin.

Hutchison jumped a fence and lost Hardin who then called for backup to search. Both Grav County Deputies and Pampa Police joined in the search. While they were covering the area Hardin went back to the last place he had seen the fugitive.

Hardin said he was looking around and saw two writing pens that had just been dropped and figuring that was where Hutchison turned went into the back yard at 416 N. Russell where he saw a cellar in the back yard with no door on it.

"I called for Cutter to come up twice but he wouldn't do it, so

(See FLIGHT, Page 2)

Street sealing project to start

Pampa residents may have noticed some street improvements going on but hopefully motorists will not suffer any major inconve-

That's according to Pampa Street Supervisor Kimberly Lincycomb who said seal coating will begin soon. There are 21 streets scheduled to be seal coated and up to nine possible additional streets depending on any remaining contingency funds.

The streets listed involve five miles seal coating. The bid specifications called for 100,621 square vards of base (or single) coat while nearly 2,300 square yards of double coating is called for.

G.W. James Inc. of Pampa was the only bidder at a cost of approximately \$87,000 according to Lincycomb. Her department is keeping the cost down by doing patching on streets before the seal coat is applied. Just in preparing for this year's seal coat the Street Department has used over 50 tons of hot mix, making 246 patches so the contractor will not have to. The cost to the city is \$34 a ton for the hot mix but the contractor would charge \$50 a ton for the work. She said that work has been done much more efficiently and quickly since the street Department got a ProPatch truck a few years ago.

"It has really paid for itself," she said The repairs should take between a week to two weeks, according to Lincycomb and will temporarily close some streets but no street should be closed more than a few hours, she said.

The streets to be repaired include:

19th from Lee to Nelson.

18th from Lee to Hobart 18th from Duncan to Holly

(See STREET, Page 2)

Spreading 350-degree hot mix on a 95-degree day to patch a road before having it seal coated are Tony Hughes, Terry Brown, Tony Davis, William Shipp, Barry Malone and Dean Bliss in the loader.

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Services tomorrow

McCULLOCH, Rodney — 10 a.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa. Burial, 4 p.m., Lockney Cemetery, Lockney.

NEAL, Harold Wayne — 10 a.m., Martin Baptist Church, Clarendon.

PARKER, Florence Odessa — 3:30 p.m., San

POSTON, Charles 'Edward "Jack" — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

SMITH, Lucy R. — 2 p.m., Hi Land Pentecostal Holiness Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

RODNEY McCULLOCH

Rodney McCulloch, 41, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. in Lockney Cemetery at Lockney under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. McCulloch was born May 30, 1958, at Lockney and graduated from Lockney High School in 1976. He worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for 10 years and farmed for Lewis Davis and Neal Stovall. He was also employed with Mundy Company and was a corrections officer at the Jordan Unit at the time of his

He belonged to Central Baptist Church, Hoover Volunteer Fire Department and Top O' Texas Rodeo Association.

Survivors include his parents, Bryan and Joy McCulloch of Lockney and Charlotte McCulloch of Lubbock; his maternal grandmother, Gladys Ragle of Lockney; a sister, Rhonda Chapman of Pampa; and two brothers, Jaime McCulloch of Denver City and David McCulloch of Lockney.

The family requests memorials be to Hoover Volunteer Fire Department; Top O' Texas Rodeo Association; M.D. Anderson Cancer Center; or a favorite charity

HAROLD WAYNE NEAL

CLARENDON - Harold Wayne Neal, 65, father of a White Deer resident, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Martin Baptist Church with the Rev. Bryan Knowles officiating. Burial will be in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Neal was born at Goodnight. He married Joyce Louise Thomas in 1991 at Clarendon. He had been a Clarendon resident most of his life. He was

a truck driver prior to retiring. He was a Baptist and a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; two daughters, Kathy Pollard of Andrews and Stacy Collins of White Deer; his parents, Leslie and Dora Neal of Clarendon; three brothers, Kenneth Neal, Frank Neal and Benny Neal; and four grandchildren.

· FLORENCE ODESSA PARKER ODESSA – Florence Odessa Parker, 72, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 1999, at San Antonio. Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in San Antonio with the Rev. Jimmy Braswell officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly

Funeral Home Inc. of Odessa. Mrs. Parker was born Nov. 26, 1926, at Evant, Texas. She attended school at Evant and was raised at Hamilton where she was a telephone operator for many years. She married Jerald Dean Parker in Illinois; he died in 1996. She moved from Pampa to Odessa in 1989 and to San Antonio in 1996.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include four sons, Dennis Kendricks of San Antonio, Hal Parker of Channelview and Jerry Coleman and Dickie Coleman, both of Comanche; 11 grandchildren; and five great-

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association; National Kidney Foundation; or to Parkinson Research.

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increased from 14 percent in 1993-94 to 25 percent

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al health officials said

Prevention said Thursday.

Police report

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

Thursday, August 5 Jeremy Halvaei, 18, was arrested on charges of violation of probation/evading.

Gregory Keith Lang, 28, 509 N. Russell, was arrested on charges of burglary of a building and

Theft was reported in the 700 block of Forgery was reported in the 300 block of North

Forgery was reported out of Ardmore Oklahoma.

Accidents

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

Thursday, August 5

No charges were listed when when a 1979 Buick driven by Johnnie N. Cannon, 72, 317 N. Sumner, made a left turn from Hobart to Foster and was struck by a 1987 El Camino driven by James Randolph Martin, 80, 1035 N. Wells who was headed straight north on Hobart. No injuries were reported.

Fires

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

Thursday, August 5 11:51 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a controlled burn in the 1400 block

3:48 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire on Highway 60 west of

7:23 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to a grass and hay bale fire on Highway 60 west of Kingsmill.

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Court report

Terry Wayne Hoskins pleaded guilty of possession of marijuana under 2 oz and had to serve 60 days in jail, pay court costs and fines, and serve 30 hours community service.

Alfredo Rangel Licona pleaded guilty of possession of marijuana under 2 oz and was put on 6 months probation, pay fines and court costs and do 24 hours community service.

Brandy Lee Millins pleaded guilty of possession of marijuana under 2 oz and was put on probation for 6 months, pay fines and court costs and serve 60 hours community service.

Rosalino Patricio Garcia dismiss possession of marijuana because evidence is insufficient.

"A lot of infections are viral and antibiotics don't

do anything for viral infections," he said. "So when

people go in with a viral infection like a cold they

come out with an antibiotic when they shouldn't."

seven states. The prevalence of drug-resistant

pneumonia varied from 15.3 percent in Maryland

to 38.3 percent in Tennessee. Other states included

The data came from a CDC study of hospitals in

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FLIGHT I went down in the cellar and he was hiding behind

a door," Hardin said.

Now, besides the charges of violating his parole,

Hutchison is facing charges of evading arrest. While bond was set at \$1,000 on the evading charge Hutchison was denied bond on the probation violation until his case is reviewed by the parole board which could release him back to probation or send him to prison to serve out his original sentence.

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GAS

will have to make a decision to grant, refuse or modify the increase.

In documents filed with the city, Energas claims it has increased its fixed assets in the area by \$63.9 million since May 31, 1996 with the major portion being in mains, meters and services as well as technology updates in both hardware and software and

a customer support center.

They company said there are 7,939 Energas tariff customers within the city of Pampa and the proposed increase could raise the company's annual revenues by approximately \$360,192.

The company has also requested an increase for Amarillo which is not part of the West Texas Service Area. The requested increase for Amarillo is larger, over 12 percent, but that city has not had an increase in seven years.

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WRECK

Department of Public Safety Trooper Doug Acker said the crash is still under investigation.

Smith told officers he was east bound when another truck pulled in front of him, forcing him from the road onto the center median. Authorities said Smith's truck went between twin bridges on

the highway, flew over the road beneath and crashed into the concrete embankment on the east side of the farm-to-market road below the interstate. Officers said Smith was hauling lemons, lettuce

and avocados. Authorities said weather may have played a part in the crash. It was raining and the pavement was wet at the time of the accident.

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STREET

Evergreen from 18th to 23rd 23rd from Duncan to west of Comanche

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Finley from Murphy to Campbell Kentucky from Duncan to Lefors Evergreen from Harvester to 16th Dogwood from Harvester to 16th Francis from Lefors to Lowry

During the next two weeks it may be necessary for motorists to avoid those areas but they should be opened again fairly quickly, Lincycomb said. She said the streets will be listed on the cable access

Texas jury in fen-phen case, awards woman \$23 million

CANTON, Texas (AP) — A Texas woman who potentially fatal heart-valve damage. suffered heart-valve damage won a \$23.36 million jury award today in the first verdict involving the became widely used in the 1990s when doctors diet-drug combination fen-phen.

Laboratories for damage she claimed to have suf- ket. fered after taking the drugs for more than three months starting in October 1995.

The jury deliberated Wednesday, deep into the night Thursday and about two hours today. Jurors determined the company was fully liable

for Ms. Lovett's injuries.

The award for Ms. Lovett included \$1 million each for her physical impairment and future medical care and \$20 million in punitive damages. Other actual damages were awarded for pain and mental anguish, past physical impairment and past medical care.

Ms. Lovett had sought unspecified damages. However, her attorneys encouraged jurors to award a judgment large enough to punish the Madison, N.J.-based company, which reported ing the drugs, but did not warn the FDA or docsecond-quarter profits of \$399 million.

American Home Products marketed Pondimin, the brand name for fenfluramine, the "fen" part of fen-phen, and its chemical cousin Redux until September 1997. That was when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration pushed for their withdrawal

Fenfluramine had been sold since the 1970s but prescribed it in combination with phentermine. Debbie Lovett, 36, blamed American Home When taken alone, phentermine was never associ-Products and subsidiary Wyeth-Ayerst ated with health problems. It remains on the marone babie

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The company's lawyers argued that Ms. Lovett was seeking compensation for a health condition she had before taking the drug. They contended that her obesity was a bigger threat than the drug.

"Obesity is a serious health risk," attorney Joe. Piorkowski said in closing arguments. "This is not a dangerous product. The fact that it is not on the market (now) doesn't mean it was a dangerous product at the time. The benefits outweighed the

But Ms. Lovett's lawyers told jurors that the company was motivated by profit and hid evidence that its diet drugs damaged heart valves.

Attorney Kip Petroff said the company knew of dozens of reports of heart damage in

"They did wrong and they hurt her," he said. More than 3,100 fen-phen cases have been filed across the nation, but Ms. Lovett's lawsuit in Van Zandt County was the first to reach a jury. Other cases are pending and some, including several that after a Mayo Clinic study linked the drugs to had already proceeded to trial, were settled.

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New development planned for land adjacent to Grand Canyon FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Federal officials supported by local businesses, who fear a major

Although the study did not address the reason in the study were California, Oregon, Connecticut,

Resistant pneumonia bacteria on rise

ATLANTA (AP) — The bacteria that cause pneu- one of the leading factors is overuse.

for the increase, Dr. Daniel Feikin of the CDC said Minnesota and Georgia.

today endorsed a plan that will allow developers commercial center will cut into their profits. to build housing, hotels and restaurants on more than 250 acres of prime national forest land just south of the Grand Canyon. The \$330 million Canyon Forest Village project

on land considered a gateway to the canyon includes space for 1,270 hotel rooms and 270,000 square feet of retail space, enough for four large department stores. It also includes 20 acres to house people working at Grand Canyon National

"Free enterprise in this region is alive and well," said Eleanor Towns of the U.S. Forest Service, which oversees the land where the development would be built.

She said the more ambitious of two plans was picked because it would better serve tourists and help solve a housing crunch in the region.

"This will severely impact our community," said Jim Hoffman, mayor of Williams, 50 miles

south of the canyon. The decision ended five years of analysis and public wrangling over how to develop the national forest and who gets to benefit from it.

Hoffman and local lodge owner Chris Thurston, have threatened lawsuits to stop the

Residents from nearby Tusayan raised concerns *that the new development might deplete their ground water supply.

Tom De Paolo, the Scottsdale developer who proposed the project, and his investors wooed local environmental groups and tribes into supporting Canyon Forest Village by promising to transport Colorado River water by train and The other plan would have cut out 50 acres for pipeline from Arizona's western border instead federal housing and community facilities and was of depleting ground wells in the park.

Weather focus PAMPA — Mostly cloudy

today with scattered showers and a high of 87. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a low of 68 and southeast winds at 5-10 mph. Tomorrow, partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of rain, a high of 90 and winds from the south at 10-20 mph.

PANHANDLE — Tonight, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the middle 60s. South to southwest wind 10-15 mph. Saturday, partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High around 90. Southwest wind 10-15 mph. STATEWIDE — Although the

triple-digit streak for at least one North Texas city has ended, it's not over elsewhere in the state, predicted through the weekend and Corpus Christi.

and into the next week. Mineral Wells' century-plus

streak ended Thursday at 13, but the high was still 99 degrees. Highs of 100 degrees or higher continued for the ninth consecutive day in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, while Corsicana triple digits under a high-pressure system's influence.

westward from the Gulf of areas. Mexico, bringing warm and humid conditions to the entire

Winds continued to be very light or calm in the south and north, but mostly southerly to southwesterly at 5 to 15 mph in

today ranged from the 60s to rior and Big Bend area. 80s. It was 83 degrees at Del Rio with more hot, dry conditions and Galveston and 73 at Austin ed in the 60s and 70s.

The National Weather Service has issued heat advisories for parts of Southeast and North Texas and ozone action days in Dallas and elsewhere through Saturday. Significant haze developed in the Tyler Longview and Marshall area and Waco also climbed into the where ozone action days continued.

Haze also reduced visibilities Moisture continued to drift in the Waco and Temple-Killeen

There's a chance of isolated afternoon showers and thunderstorms over the eastern sections of South Central and deep South Texas.

Highs' should remain in the 80s and mid- to upper 90s over most sections to near 105 in the Early-morning temperatures normally hotter southwest inte-

Overnight lows were expect-

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Altrusans plan style show Parents are responsible



(Courtesy photo) Altrusa Lunch and Style Show planning committee members are planning for the upcoming annual event to be held Aug. 14. Finalizing the plans are, left to right, Kerrick Horton, Kadda Schale, Mary McDaniel, Karen Bridges, Judy Warner, Brenda Tucker and Mayda King.

States who reduce birth rate to unwed parents to share in wealth

WASHINGTON (AP) — With one in three of the nation's babies born to unwed parents, Congress is giving states a challenge: Reduce the out-of-wedlock birth rate the most, and share in \$100 million.

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Now, four states and the District of Columbia have been notified by the Department of Health and Human Services that they are the first year's winners, provided they can prove that abortions also declined.

The winners were diverse — California, Michigan, Alabama, Massachusetts and the district and officials were puzzled to success. their Massachusetts began with one of D.C. had the highest.

'Why these five states? I don't think there's much we have to say on that," Michael Kharfen, a spokesman for the Department of Health and Human Services, said Thursday.

The winners had their own

'There's been a message about welfare changing and changing fairly radically," said Joel Sanders, who directs Alabama's welfare reform program. He also credited the strong economy.

He acknowledged that virtually every state has tough welfare rules and a strong economy. "That's where the luck comes into it," he said.

In Massachusetts and California, officials credited programs that give communities money to create pregnancy prevention programs, gen-

erally focused on teen-agers. California also credits increased access to birth con-

trol and evolving attitudes. "It's a combination of programs and changing social mores among families in California, where out-of-wedlock pregnancy is no longer as easily accepted," said Anna Ramierz, who runs California's Office of Family Planning.

Nationally, about one in three been relatively stable since then, babies is born to a single mother. after climbing dramatically The figures range from 16 per-through the late 1980s and early cent in Utah to 65 percent in the 1990s. In 1985, it was just 22 per-District of Columbia.

The winners have until Sept. 1 to prove that abortions did not increase between 1995 and 1997. 1996-97

The national rate was

But 12 states reduced their

rates, led by California, which

dropped by 5.7 percent. In the

rest of the country, rates went

up, sometimes substantially. In

North Dakota, the increase was

To reduce the out-of-wed-

lock rate, the number of ille-

gitimate births must fall more

quickly than births to married

marital births - are dropping

The District of Columbia may

graphics. Births to unmarried

black women have been drop-

ping across the country, and the

district's population is over-

No one is really sure what's

going on - other than intense

interest among the states in get-

large financial bonus has created

small have been implemented," said Kristin Moore, who studies

these issues at Child Trends.

"But it probably was not in time

There is no question that the

10 percent.

said.

unchanged between 1994-95 and

Nationally, about in three babies is born to a single mother.

Those that do will share the \$100 million. An additional \$100 million will be awarded in each of women. That's tricky, given the lowest unwed birth rates; the next several years, based on that all births — including subsequent data.

> Congress included the bonus across the country, Ventura money in the 1996 welfare bill, though it was hardly noticed at the time. It was included to have benefited from demoappease lawmakers who wanted to limit welfare payments when a mother has additional children while on welfare.

Instead, states got a lucrative whelmingly black. incentive to reduce their out-ofwedlock birth rates.

The contest includes all births outside marriage to teens and ting the money. adults, to families on and off

While many states have target- interest in the states and a lot of ed teen-agers, teen-age moms programs and policies large and account for only one in three unwed births.

And though states credit the welfare overhaul, the first bonuses were based on statis- to have caused these declines." tics from 1996 and 1997, when the changes were just beginning. The welfare law creating the bonuses wasn't signed until August 1996.

'It definitely can't just be from the welfare reform because of the timing. It has to be other things," said Stephanie Ventura, who tracks birth trends for the National Center for Health timing. It has to be other things,"

The unwed birth rate peaked in 1994 at 32.6 percent and has

for shielding children

problem of media violence, but a new Senate report says parents also must share the burden of

"The effect of media violence on our children is no longer open Committee's Republican staff.

The 30-page document concluded that the media dominate children's lives, are "exceedingly violent" and that such images lead to real world violence.

country and what should be tainment violence. done about it," said Sen. Orrin School that left 15 people dead in systems.

on children have not changed the reduce it. predominant finding.

Congress is finalizing juvenile of violence increases aggressive offered at reduced rates. justice legislation to address the behavior in children," he said.

"As one expert put it, arguing against the link between media against gravity.'

The report highlights provisions in a Senate-passed juvenile to debate," said Thursday's justice that address the issue, and report from the Senate Judiciary makes additional recommendations to Congress. It also includes suggestions for parents and the entertainment industry.

> The 30-page report recommends that:

-Congress begin a national "I hope that this report ... will media campaign to educate par- passed by the House. further the discussion about the ents and create a national clearflood of media violence in this inghouse on children and enter-

Hatch, R-Utah, the panel's chair-ture, music and video game antitrust exemption to the enterman. Hatch requested the report industries be encouraged to rate tainment industries so they can after the fatal shooting at their products using a universal Colorado's Columbine High system; they now use separate

ies over the past 40 years that on media violence and the enterexamined the effects of violence tainment industry's efforts to Internet service providers to offer

-Federal property, when used access to explicit material.

Exposure to media portrayals in programming for children, be

-Congress ban advertising for adult programming broadcast at times when children are most violence and the violent actions likely to be watching television shielding children from such of our youth is 'like arguing or listening to the radio. The ban also would apply to publications designed for children.

The Senate juvenile justice bill would toughen penalties for juvenile offenders while providing states with \$1 billion a year to fight juvenile crime and prevent delinquency. A House-Senate committee began Thursday to iron out differences between that bill and a different version

The Senate bill also has provisions aimed at limiting youth exposure to violence, including a -The television, motion pic- proposal to grant a limited develop voluntary guidelines.

The legislation also calls for a national media campaign against April. —The Federal Trade youth violence, would ban use of He said more than 1,000 stud- Commission report twice a year federal property in violent movies or TV shows and require filtering technology to block

Poll: Watergate scandal fading from America's collective memory

tive memory, according to a new Associated Press poll, but a strong majority of adults still think President Nixon's actions 25 years ago were serious enough to merit his resignation.

The poll, conducted by ICR of Media, Pa., found that more than 60 percent said Nixon made the right decision when he became the only president to quit. About a quarter of the people — and more than onein-three Republicans - said the charges stemming from Watergate were not serious enough to merit his

Baby boomers, who are between 35 and 54 years old now, were most likely to say the charges against Nixon were serious enough to drive him from office. They, of course, were also the generation most critical of the 37th president's policies concerning the war in

The overall numbers were about the same in a poll taken in the days after Nixon resigned, on Aug. 9, 1974, at the height of a scandal that dominated television news programs and newspaper front pages for Monica Lewinsky affair were about as serious as the months. In 1982, the number saying resignation was charges made against Nixon, and 18 percent said the the right step reached about 75 percent and has eroded slowly.

While opinions about Nixon have remained rela-

WASHINGTON (AP) - The details of the tively stable over the years, the poll found that only Watergate scandal are fading from America's collec- four of every 10 people think they know enough about Watergate to tell others about it. Men were nearly twice as likely as women — 52 percent to 28 percent to say they could recount the basic facts of the case.

"It may have to do with the stubbornness of men," said Dan Soulas, vice president of ICR. "They don't want to admit they're not aware of something as newsworthy as Watergate was. It's purely a factor of

The telephone survey of 1,012 adults was conducted July 28 to Aug. 1 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Other findings included: -People were divided over whether Watergate was a serious matter that revealed corruption in the White House (48 percent) or was "just politics" (45 percent). Although only 40 percent of Republicans said it was a serious matter, more than half of GOP

voters said Nixon's resignation was warranted. -One-third of the people surveyed said the allegations of misconduct against President Clinton over the Clinton matter was more serious. Forty-five percent said the Lewinsky case was less serious than

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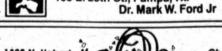
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Minister's musing

"In God We Trust"

What have we entered in God? The month of July is when we as a nation celebrate our independence and I agree that we should. In one sense, we have indeed earned it, but in the broader scheme of life maybe we as a nation have gotten off track.

Why? Because we have become so independent, that we have become less and less dependent on God for everything. Jesus said on one occasion as recorded in the gospel according to (Mark 7:6-8) he replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.' You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men." Jesus was directing his address to a group of pharisees, but how closely do we resemble these religious leaders? Solomon wrote in (Proverbs 3:5-6) trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

It seems strange to me as one among many who loves this country to look at our current condition and state of affairs, to pull out a dollar bill and see written on the underside of it, "In God We Trust." In consideration of this statement, I am compelled to ask the question, in what have we untrusted in God? His care, his guidance, and his authority? It is certainly not the care and training of our children, the structure of our families or relationships, not the care of our elderly, the widows. (Think about it.)



By Rev. Frankie L. Lemons

McCullough Street Church of Christ

God told Israel in the book of Deuteronomy (4:9) only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. For whatever reason it becomes more and more obvious that we have chosen our own path and that not of God. God's words were written by Solomon in (Proverbs 14:12) there is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. Whether we accept these words or not, they are true. We are now the recipients of a generation that knows not God. This same picture was described of Israel after the death of Joshua and the elders who followed him. As a nation, Israel did not adhere to God's law nor did they teach them to their children. This is said of that generation in (Judges 2:10). After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what He had done for Israel.

Do our children really know God? Do they needs of the homeless and the poor, nor the know what God has done for this country, in God We Trust," will really mean "In God We which they have so much freedom? Do they Trust.'

know that it is God's will that we are still a country? It was God who spoke through Solomon in (Proverbs 22:6) train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. (Proverbs 13:24) He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him. This is not a license to do as one pleases in the disciplining of their children. The Bible tells us again in (Ephesians 6:1-4) children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother"— which is the first commandment with a promise -

"That it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. These are God's instructions given to help us understand how to deal with our own offspring. It is God who sets the standards and the methods by which we live and interact in this society, not man. Each person must first come to know God and to understand His will toward us. I am aware that there are those who do not believe in this type of discipline. As a parent, I know that each child is different, but understand this: The parent who follows God's instructions, is also the parent who is guided by God's

There is much to say on this subject, but what have we really entrusted in God? His care, His guidance, and His authority? (Think about it.) We have tried our own way long enough. Maybe it is time to truly trust in God our father to instruct us. Then when viewed each and everyday the words "In

Religion briefs..

Youth group car wash Saturday

The Macedonia Baptist Church Youth Department will be sponsoring a car wash, Saturday, August 7 starting at 9 a.m. at the Coronado Shopping Center. Please come by and allow us to clean and shine the dirt away! Pastor Rev. I. L. Patrick, 669-7617. Donations Accepted.

Sing-Along Sunday afternoon

An informal sing-along will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8 at The First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock. The sing-along will include special songs, instrumental numbers and congregational singing. Special singers and musicians from many area churches will participate. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal invites all who are interested to attend.

Damascus Road at Apollo's Saturday

Damascus Road will be performing Saturday, Aug. 7 at Apollo's Coffee House located on Duncan across from Central Park. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. A snack bar will be available.

Gospel entertainers in concert Tuesday

First Assembly of God Church will present Laverne and Edith Tripp, country gospel music entertainers, in concert at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 31 at the church on Hwy 60 and South Cuyler. For more information, call 665-5941.

Methodist benefit from Lela Peyton Hall estate

The estate of Lela Peyton Hall was recently divided among the Wesley Foundation at the University of Texas at Austin, Southern Methodist University in Dallas and the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. Each of the beneficiaries received nearly \$2 million.

Hall, who died in 1972, left her estate in trust for the three United Methodist Agencies with benefits to be distributed following the death of her sister, Mary S. Campbell. Campbell recently died at age

The Wesley Foundation Board of Trustees committed its portion of the estate to an endowment fund to be administered in accordance with instructions in Hall's will. The Wesley Foundation provides ministry to United Methodist students at the University of Texas and at Austin Community College.

In her lifetime, Hall served on the boards of a number of local and national United Methodist institutions and agencies. Her husband, Dr. C.W. Hall, headed the Wesley Foundation and the Wesley Bible Chair at UT for many years.

Friends of the Wesley Foundation are extremely grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Hall for their generous efforts on behalf of United Methodist students and hope their generosity will inspire others.

There's more to school than three Rs

Dear students,

This time next week you will be back in school, the old readin', writin' and 'rithmatic routine. You will have to get up earlier than any human was intended to do, study subjects you cannot fathom the need for and try to please your friends, teachers and family every day of the week. It is hard work.

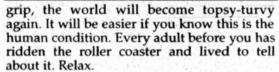
There are many competitions for your time, your mind and your spirit. Adults experience this, too, but by virtue of age, have more experience managing the contests within

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From Back Pew...

By Cheryl Berzanskis



As you study this year, ask yourself how you can learn to love God with all your mind, Your friend, as well your heart, soul and strength as Jesus Cheryl B. tells us in the book of Mark.

When you study math, look at its logic and symmetry and let it tell you about a creator who could design such seamless perfection.

When you study literature, look for the human condition. Look for the timeless questions asked and pondered. Celebrate the genius which created Tom Sawyer and Beowulf and Romeo and Juliet.

When you study about people in foreign lands, look for how their cultures reveal their beliefs about God. Are they similar to your own or different? Do they know something you'd like to learn about Him?

Ask Him to show you His character as you study. Ask Him to allow a love for Him to bud in your heart through your school work. Drudgery may become exciting when you see how academic discipline show you the nature of God Himself.



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Calvary welcomes pastor

Calvary Assembly of God Church welcomes a new pastor, the Rev. Jerry Pollard and wife, Wanda. The couple come to Pampa from Clarendon where they pastored at First Assembly of God.

As well as serving as senior pastors, the Pollards have been missionaries in Peru, South America. In addition, the Rev. Pollard has written, developed and taught training courses for local churches, pastors and district Bible schools.

The Pollards have two married children and one grandchild.

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Surgeon Grieves for Children Injured Standing Up in Cars

DEAR ABBY: I am a plastic surgeon and a very busy one, but I am not too busy to write this letter asking you to please implore parents (especially mothers) to never and I repeat, never - allow their children to stand up in either the front or back of an automobile while it is in motion.

These last few weeks I have been called upon to make some heartbreaking repairs on some very beautiful little faces that had been pitifully mutilated from accidents that came about in just this way. All it takes is one abrupt stop for a youngster's face to meet a windshield, dashboard or the back of the front seat with such force as to break face bones, knock out teeth and cause disfiguring injuries.

Today I nearly wept while I worked with an eye surgeon for nearly two hours in a vain effort to save the eye of a little boy who had been standing in the back of his mother's car when she slammed on her brakes. (The child's eye was gouged out as he struck the ashtray.) If you will print this, I'll be most grateful.

AN M.D. IN L.A.

DEAR L.A.M.D.: It's appalling that a child should be maimed for life because of the carelessness of his or her parent. I hope your warning will remind parents of the importance of buckling up their children before putting a key in the ignition.

Horoscope

SUNDAY, AUG. 8, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

5-Dynamic;

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Tonight: Balance your budget.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

another's overture.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

*** Take the day off. Let others

dote on you - they certainly want to!

Let go of recent problems. Be indulgent

and bond on a deeper level. Treating

yourself and others well fosters under-

standing and extra flexibility. You'll have

* * * * * Your smile touches hearts.

Others seek you out and want to join you.

Visit; catch up on news with friends,

family and neighbors. You become a ver-

respected friends. Get into work; tidy up

and get your day going. Right now, you

are in the mood for business and improv-

ing security and your financial status.

*** * Friends play a major role in

4-Positive:



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: In response to the person who wrote to suggest that a cellular phone would be a good safety item for hikers and campers who are lost in the woods - I beg to differ! A cell phone is never to be relied upon to help rescuers find you. There are too many areas that don't have service, or because of the terrain, there isn't any cellular

One should never go into the wilderness without a buddy, or without telling someone where you plan to go and approximately when you will return. Of course, a short orienting course in map and compass skills can also prove to be invaluable.

Children should never be allowed to run ahead down the trail. One never knows what kinds of predators are hungry and waiting for that meal opportunity to come along. And yes, wearing a whistle is standard operating procedure. STAYING FOUND IN COLORADO

on you, bringing much good news. Trust what you are hearing. A new relationship could be budding, or a loved one could want some of the old spark back. Tonight: Play the night away. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** Assume a low profile. Touch base with an older relative or friend who needs to hear from you. You are very important to another. In some way, you have pushed your limits and need some time to yourself. Hang out at home as specific person. If attached, you rejuvemuch as you can. Clear the decks for a nate your present tie, adding some of the new project. Tonight: Barbecue. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Good news comes in many forms today. For some, it could be the fun just being with that special person in arrival of a new type of person in your your life. Tonight: You don't need to go life; for others, it might be a long-distance call. Gather friends and do some- you close to home. Don't respond to oththing new. Distance yourself from the ers' requests now. Do your own thing. A immediate. Tonight: Don't compromise; project that you enjoy might be perdo what you want! LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Another makes an intense itable source of gossip! Another makes effort toward you. Listen to what he an important gesture; respond to him. offers; after all, you know what is work-Don't be stubborn. Tonight: Accept able. Be imaginative with a partner; talk

about possibilities, with an eye toward work. By working as a team in your ★★★★ What appears to be a great career or family life, you get results. moneymaking idea really could be. Tonight: Your treat. Don't overanalyze: test it against

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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*** * Your high energy draws others. Choices appear more clearly. If single, a lot of people are interested in getting closer to you. Pull back and think about what works for you ultimately, not for the moment. Make a long-distance call. Tonight: To the movies or a concert. your plans. Get together with others and SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Marmaduke

DEAR STAYING FOUND: You are not the only reader who was kind enough to point out to me - the quintessential "city girl" - that in a wilderness area a cell phone might be useless.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the woman who asked her husband whether he would save his mother or her in a boating accident, everyone missed the boat in their

He should have said: "I would be devastated at having to make such a choice! I love you both so much I would never let either of you ride in a boat unless you were wearing a

RICK LOOMIS, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR RICK: You are an angel with water wings, and you're absolutely right! What wouldn't we give for 20/20 hindsight!

Good advice for everyone - teens

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

have a fun time. A special friend shines *** Make the most of the easy atmosphere and the special tie you have with a friend. Together, you recharge and energize. Discussions are fun; doing anything together makes you feel good. Don't worry about finances, though you could find yourself in a game of chance or discussing a new venture! Tonight: Dinner for two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** * Your amorous ways draw others, though you are focused on one old magic. Take time with a child; it will come back in multiples. Getting together with friends adds to closeness as well. Tonight: Socialize the night away. AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

* * Much that you want to do keeps ceived as strange by others, but you don't care. Invite friends over later for a light dinner. Your nurturing ways help bridge recent rifts. Tonight: Get a good night's

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Amour calls for those who are available. Even the very young or old are extremely expressive about their feelings. Make calls; visit with several special people in your life. Whatever you do, you find enjoyable and fun. Just don't be alone! Allow others to see your childlike self. Tonight: Carry on as if there is

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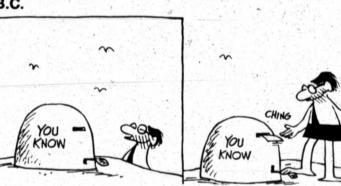


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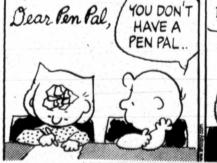




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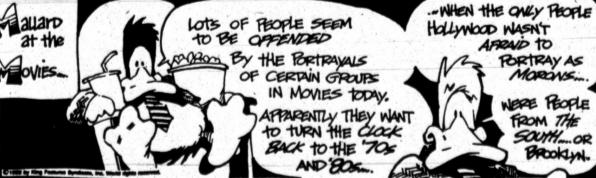
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Judge sentences Robert Downey Jr. to three years in prison

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Robert Downey Jr., the Oscar-nominated actor plagued by addictions to alcohol, cocaine and heroin, was sentenced to three years in prison for violating probation from a 1996 drug conviction.

Downey, 34, was jailed six weeks ago after he admitted during his regular half-yearly visit to court that he was missing scheduled drug tests.

The actor, clean-shaven with slicked back hair, walked into court Thursday in an orange Los Angeles County jail jumpsuit. He asked the judge to keep him on probation so he could continue treatment at a drug rehabilitation center called Impact.

'It's been the right program at the right time for me," he said haltingly. "I feel whatever decision you make will be the right one. ... But I feel a transition has happened to me.'

Of his addiction, Downey explained: "It's like I've got a shotgun in my mouth, with my finger on the trigger, and I like the taste of the gun metal," he said.

But Municipal Court Judge Lawrence Mira, who presided over Downey's original case in 1996, said he had given the actor many chances to rehabilitate himself, noting he has been represented over the years by "a virtual who's who of the defense bar

But, the judge added, Downey has manipulated doctors and psychiatrists during seven court-ordered drug rehabilitation

"I don't think we have any alternative," the judge said. "We have used them all." The judge gave Downey 201 days for time served and ordered him to pay restitution of \$600. Attorneys said he would probably

Downey nodded to several friends as he was led out of the

courtroom in handcuffs. Defense attorney Robert Shapiro argued that Downey should again receive probation and be allowed to continue treatment at

a drug treatment center. "This is a person who is suffering from a disease he can't control. ... Even the dire threat of jail or prison is not enough of a

"I am shocked and saddened by the sentence today," Shapiro told reporters outside court. "It is wrong, it does not serve jus-

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tice. Mr. Downey was on the road to recovery." Shapiro said he would appeal, but acknowledged "appealing sentences in cases like this, in all candor, is very difficult

The son of film director Robert Downey won an Oscar bid for his work in the title role in "Chaplin," the 1992 screen biography of the famed comedian. Other film credits include "Less Than Zero," "Natural Born Killers," "One Night Stand," "Two Girls and a Guy" and "U.S. Marshals." He also appears in the movie "Bowfinger" to be released later this month.

The actor's legal troubles date to June 1996 when he was stopped for speeding and authorities found cocaine, heroin and an unloaded pistol in his vehicle.

He was sentenced to three years' probation after pleading nocontest to drug and weapons charges. Despite stints in recovery, probation was revoked because of drug use and he was sentenced to six months in jail. He was released in March 1998 after serving 113 days.

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News in brief

Let online clients beware

WASHINGTON (AP) - If you recently bought an at-home AIDS test called EZ Med over the Internet, expect a letter from the government urging you not to use it. That AIDS test is illegal and, worse, studies show it can't detect the deadly AIDS virus as it claims.

Another cautionary tale: the 53year-old Chicago man who died after taking the impotence pill Viagra he ordered over the Internet. There's no way to know, but the government wonders if asking his doctor instead for the little blue sex pill would have protected the man, who apparently had heart disease risks that make Viagra dangerous.

And if you bought another unapproved HIV test called Ana-Sal from the HIVCybermall Web site, the Food and Drug Administration is trying to contact you, too, seeking evidence in an investigation of that test's sale.

The Internet has opened a whole new world for Americans seeking better health. You can search topnotch medical journals for the latest advice, or e-mail your doctor. Your physician can fax a prescription to a legitimate online drugstore that ships your monthly medicine — and a few computer mouse clicks lets you add some shampoo or toothpaste to the order without ever leaving home.

But the Internet also is a hot spot for virtual back-alley drug sales legitimate online drugstores face stiff competition from Web sites that don't require genuine pre-scriptions for legal U.S. drugs or that even sell illegal ones.

Gene study gives scientists insight into narcolep-

BOSTON (AP) — Drift off during the day? Toss and turn all night? New research into the genes that guide slumber may someday help craft better ways to make sleep come and go on sched-

Researchers working with dogs and mice that suddenly drop asleep at odd moments offer the first clues about the genetic origins of narcolepsy, the strange sleeping disorder that afflicts an estimated 135,000 Americans.

Their research suggests nar coleptics' overwhelming urge to fall asleep may result from a glitch in signals sent between cells in the

pharmacy hypothalamus, a part of the brain until Sept. 8. that regulates appetite and other

basic drives.

While this link seems clear in lab animals, scientists caution that the origins of the disease are almost certainly far more complex in peo-

Nevertheless, experts say the research offers insights into how sleep works — or goes wrong and suggests directions for creating new drugs to treat sleep prob-

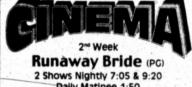
Republicans push \$792 billion tax cut bill through Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) - Now that Republicans have pushed their \$792 billion tax cut through Congress, GOP leaders intend to fan out around the country during this month's legislative break to whip up public support for the package.

But with President Clinton sure to veto the bill in September, many moderate Democrats Republicans say it would be better to figure out how to devise a smaller compromise tax cut with a chance at becoming law.

"Hopefully, we can come back and do it one more time in a better fashion," said Sen. John Breaux, D-

Even with the veto threat, Republicans won an important victory for a bedrock political issue with what would be the largest tax cut since President Reagan's in and snake oil, a Wild West where 1981. The Senate approved the bill Thursday narrowly, 50-49, after it cleared the House 221-206. Both the House and Senate adjourned



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Foundation takes new approach to charity - to tune of \$500 million

BALTIMORE (AP) — For decades, private foundations have focused on solving specific problems in the nation's poorest communities — funding a job-training program here, an after-school program there - but hundreds of urban communities remain poor.

In the 1980s, researchers reconsidered the narrow approach. The best way to eliminate poverty, according to the growing consensus, is by simultaneously tackling all the problems confronting poor neighborhoods - crime, bad schools, the lack of jobs.

Experiments got under way in cities such as Seattle and Chicago. But no foundation launched a comprehensive community building program nationally. Until now. The Annie E. Casey Foundation,

the nation's 20th largest charity with assets of nearly \$1.6 billion, is gearing up to launch its "Making Connections" program in 22 cities. Foundation officials are prepared to spend up to \$500 million over

the next 10 years.

Winners picked in high-stakes contest to reduce unwed births

WASHINGTON (AP) - With one in three of the nation's babies born to unwed parents, Congress is giving states a challenge: Reduce the out-of-wedlock birth rate the most, and share in \$100 million.

Now, four states and the District of Columbia have been notified by the Department of Health and Human Services that they are the first year's winners, provided they can prove that abortions also declined.

The winners were diverse -California, Michigan, Alabama, Massachusetts and the district and officials were puzzled to explain their success. Massachusetts began with one of the lowest unwed birth rates; D.C. had the highest.

"Why these five states? I don't think there's much we have to say on that," Michael Kharfen, a spokesman for the Department of Health and Human Services, said Thursday.



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Grandview-Hopkins ISD today announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children seryed under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. The school office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

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4	21,710	30,895	1,810	2,575	418	595
5	25,376	36,112	2,115	3,010	488	695
6	29,042	41,329	2,421	3,445	559	795
7	32,708	46,546	2,726	3,879	629	896
8	38,374	51,763	3,032	4,314	700	996
9	40,040	56,980	3,338	4,749	771	1097
10	43,706	62,197	3,644	5,184	842	1,198
11	47,372	67,414	3,950	5,619	913	1,299
12	51,038	72,631	4,256	6,054	984	1,400
or each additional family	member add, +\$3,666	+\$5,217	+\$306	+\$435	+\$71	+101

Applications forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the Superintendent's office at the school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verifications of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name, food stamp or TANF case number and an adult household member must sign the application. Households who do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "NONE". The application must be signed by an adult

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the school secretary will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a fair hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Solomon N. Kepley, Rt. 1, Box 27, Groom, Texas 79039, (806) 669-3831.

Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in the household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

In the operation of the child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap. If you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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Center will offer a CNA course Pampa Area Literary Council office will be open from 1 to 4 course is \$41 for tuition and fees. final day of registration is Aug. 9. Thee Place for Singles is open 7- For more information, call CC-

> ADHD/ADD SUPPORT **GROUP**

ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067. **GEM THEATRE**

Gem Theatre in Claude will host the Panhandle Area Farm Bureau Queen's and Talent Contest at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7. Contestants from across the panhandle will compete for scholarships. The winner of the talent show will be given the opportunity to perform with other artists at the Gem in November.

ALTRUSA STYLE SHOW Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa will hold its annual Style

Show beginning at 11:45 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 14 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. TRIPP CONCERT

First Assembly of God Church will present Laverne and Edith Tripp, country gospel music performers, in concert at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 31 at the church on Hwy 60 and South Cuyler. For more information, call 665-5941. LIFE AFTER LOSS

American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a free four-week seminar "Life After Loss" from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 9, 16, 23 and 30 at Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo. The facilitator will be Ellen Lawrence, MA, LSW. Participants are urged to attend all four sessions. The seminar will be closed after Session 2. To register or for more information, call (806) 353-4306.

AMARILLO FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

Amarillo Fine Arts Association will hold its Best of the Southwest Fall Art Show Sept. 30-Oct. 8 at Amarillo National Bank in Amarillo. Judging will take place Sept. 29 and a reception and awards presentation will be from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 30. The juror for the competition will be Judi Betts of Baton Rouge, La. Betts will also be conducting a demonstration and a workshop. Fee for her two-day course on Sept. 27-28 will be \$100. The workshop is limited to the first 20 people. To register, send fee to Jo Bryan, 3501 Ruston, Amarillo, TX 79109. For more information, call Cindy Kelleher, chairman, at (806) 358-4880 or Bryan at (806) 374-1070.

Glenn Gilliland caught his fish while participating in Cub Scout Day Camp held recently near Wheeler.

Santa Fe Boy Scout District holds camp for Cub Scouts near Wheeler

The Santa Fe District of the Boys Scouts held its participating in the tent relay event. Cub Scout Day Camp recently at the M.K. Brown Camp near Wheeler. Over 140 Cub Scouts attended this year's camp. Besides having fun, the boys

earned achievements towards their rank.

This year's camp was a success largely due to the many volunteers who helped put it together. The organization would like to thank these volunteers who worked on staff as well as the parents Camp activities included fishing, archery, BB who took time out of their busy schedules to guns and crafts. Some of the younger Scouts attend one or more days with their boys. Without learned to put up a tent for the first time while them, camp would not have been possible.

TDA warns public about poison-laced baits

AUSTIN — The Texas ers and homeowners in rural pesticides. Animal deaths that Department of Agriculture is areas to be on the lookout for cautioning parents, pet own- illegal meat baits laced with

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tigations are shared with local law enforcement officials. A commonly misused pesticide is aldicarb, the active ingredient of a cotton insecti-

cide, that is put in meat as bait for animals. However, the poisoned meat is often left in areas where children and pets have access.

People may place illegal baits in an attempt to control feral dogs or other predators. However, nontargeted species such as household pets may eat the illegal baits. The Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service and the TDA Predator Management Program can help producers find safe, more humane and legal means of controlling predators.

TDA also advises pesticide applicators to consider all people or animals that may have access to an application site, erring on the side of caution if there is any chance that with the pesticide. Label directions should be read thoroughly, and caution warnings should always be followed. Applicators should also properly dispose of empty pesticide containers and bags to avoid exposure.

TDA is the lead state agency responsible for enforcing federal and state pesticide laws in Texas. Using a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with the label is illegal. In addition to criminal penalties, violators can be fined. Fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 have been levied recently by TDA. Some chemical companies offer reward money for information concerning misuse of pesti-

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SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is sponsoring a pitching clinic for fastpitch softball Sunday, Aug. 15 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tommy Bolden of Amarillo will conduct the clinic. Bolden, a private pitching instructor, has taught fastpitch for a number of years and was the pitching coach for West Texas University in the 1980s.

Texas Tech head coach Renee Gillespie, a WT graduate, recently had Bolden in Lubbock for a pitching clinic. The Borger Lady Bulldogs also benefited from a Bolden pitching clinic this summer. Any players wishing to

improve their pitching skills are urged to attend the clinic. Cost of the clinic is 10 dollars per player.

To pre-register, please contact Jimmie Clark at 669-7782.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Middle School football players will be issued equipment Monday in the boys' gym.

8th graders will be issued equipment from 9 to 12 noon. 7th graders will be issued equipment from 1 to 4.

The middle school players are urged to attend the Meet The Harvesters night at 8 Saturday night at Harvester Stadium. Both 7th and 8th grade teams, plus the coaching staff, will be introduced to the parents.

WRESTLING

PAMPA - Pampa Take Down Club will hold a parents meeting at 7 p.m. Aug. 16 in the SPS Service Center, 101 S. Marie.

Call 665-8321 or 665-8711 if more information is needed. Head coach is Rick Urguhart. Todd Harrison and Brian Wall are assistant coaches.

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PAMPA — Pampa Soccer Association will have fall sign-ups Aug. 13-14 at T-Shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill. Sign-up times are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Aug. 13 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 14. Ages are 4-18.

There will be a \$30 fee per player, which includes uniform, NTSSA registration and insurance for the 1999 fall and 2000 spring seasons.

New players must bring birth certificates to the signup. A player must be four years old on or before July 31,

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Utility infielder Russ Johnson knows he isn't likely to get a lot of starts with the Houston Astros, so he intends to make the most of the ones he gets.

Johnson started at third base Thursday and went 3-for-5, his major league high for hits in a game, and broke a scoreless tie in the seventh with his fourth home run of the year. That home run triggered a sixrun inning that led to the

Astros beating the Los Angeles Dodgers 7-0. Though he's hitting .270 with 10 RBIs in only 20 starts (17 at third, two at second and one at short) since coming up from Triple-A New Orleans on July 10, Johnson isn't pushing for playing time. He knows when regulars Ken Caminiti and Ricky Gutierrez return from the disabled list, it will

allow him even fewer chances. "You just have to keep working hard and wait for your chance because sooner or later it's going to come," Johnson said. "My job is to be ready whenever they need

Johnson says that's not difficult with manager Larry

Dierker freely substituting.
"Larry keeps everybody on their toes," Johnson said. "Even if you're not starting that day, you have to be ready because he plays everybody.



The Pampa 4 Peat basketball team won the Amarillo Streetball Challenge for the fourth year in a row. Team members are (from left) Shawn Young, Leo Ramirez, Gabe Wilbon, all of Pampa, and Donald Carter (inset) of Lubbock.

Pampa team wins Streetball Challenge 4th year in a row

for the fourth year in a row.

championship finals from the nament with a 4-2 record. previously-unbeaten Ryders 21-14.

Ruff Ryders reached the finals with a 4-0 record and were seeded No. 1 in Group Two in the Divisional Playoffs. Ruff Riders had defeated B-Boys 16-11, Irish Spring 16-7, Peanuts 10-9 and Fab 4 in the semifinal 16-14.

the 1999 Streetball Challenge and Gabe Wilbon of Pampa 1996. and Donald Carter of 4 Peat was on the brink of an 8-0 mark in 1996. 4-Peat

over the Challengers.

The Rain Makers dealt 4 Peat a 16-14 loss in the second game as Carter had to leave the game with a dislocated

AMARILLO - 4 Peat of 4 Peat team members were was 4-Peat's first loss after 19 4 Peat had gone unbeaten the winner. Pampa were the champions of Leo Ramirez, Shawn Young straight wins dating back to the past three years with 5-0

next game, 16-13 to Fab 4. loser's bracket and defeated 4 Peat opened the round 4 Peat, however, came back ished with a 4-1 record. They

Ruff robin format with a 16-11 win strong in the Division were 3-2 in 1995. Playoffs. They defeated second in the playoffs, 16-11, court. to stay alive. Carter returned to help his teammates win the tion of the championship Challenge went to the Kids

Carter's absence left the loss to Rain Makers with a 15- team first scoring 21 points divisions for men, women, team without a substitute. It 14 win in the semifinals.

records in 1998 and 1997 and Challenge in 1994 and fin-

Streetball Challenge is 3-on-Peanuts, which was seeded 3 basketball using a half-

All games - with the excep- Funds from the Streetball finals — have a 30-minute Inc. organization. In all, 301 4 Peat avenged its earlier time limit. In the finals, the teams were entered among 35 and leading by two or more is boys and girls.

Free throw shooting and 3point shooting contests were 4 Peat advanced to the Lubbock. 4-Peat won the tour- elimination after losing its first entered the Streetball Streetball Challenge. Shawn held in conjunction with the Young of Pampa hit 14 consecutive shots to win the free throw shooting contest. A.J. Taylor of Pampa won the 3point shooting contest.

of 500-home run club McGwire becomes newest member

McGwire needed one homer and got two to finish the night with 501 homers. Tony Gwynn needed two hits and got one, leaving him with 2,999 hits.

McGwire reached the 500 plateau with fewer at-bats than anyone in baseball history, then hit No. 501 off the left-field scoreboard Thursday night in a 10-3 loss to the San Diego Padres on Thursday night.

"He's incredible," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "It's like he's allergic to a base hit, too. I mean, the ball's leaving the park every time he hits it."

McGwire made it to 500 in 5,487 at-bats, obliterating Babe Ruth's record of 5,801. The others in the top five are Harmon Killebrew (6,671), Jimmie Foxx (7,074) and Mickey Mantle (7,300).

"I'm well aware of the names," McGwire said. "It's sort of odd to have your name with that group because I feel like I have a few years to play. I'm not done playing."
While McGwire became the

16th member of the 500-homer club, Gwynn fell just short of becoming the 22nd player to reach 3,000 hits. Gwynn got No.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Mark 2,999 — a two-run double in the ninth inning - and went 1-for-4 with a walk as a sellout crowd just missed a double dose of his-

> 'I gave it a good run," Gwynn said. "I'll move on to the next stop, and hopefully I can get it there tomorrow."

> The Padres begin a four-game series at Montreal tonight. Never before have two players

had a chance to reach such lofty milestones in the same game. ."The people of all America got to see what they wanted to see

and plus one," said Padres right-

hander Andy Ashby, who gave up both homers. "It would have been nice if Tony would have gotten his 3,000th, but we'll have to wait another day for that, or whenever it comes. A crowd of 45,106, some of whom paid \$150 to scalpers for a \$7 standing room ticket, came

away happy. After just missing in his first at-bat with a drive to the center-field wall, McGwire hit a hanging breaking ball an estimated 451 feet to straightaway center in the third, then blasted a 479-foot shot off the scoreboard in left-center in the

expected of myself," McGwire said after the game. "Growing up as a kid, you don't think about things like that. At least I didn't. You just think about playing ball in your yard."

McGwire's fifth multihomer game of the season and the 58th of his career came in the same ballpark where he broke Roger Maris' 37-year-old homer record last Sept. 8 when he hit No. 62. McGwire went on to finish with 70, ahead of Sos 's 66 in a duel that captivated the nation.

McGwire remains a bit off last year's pace, even after hitting 17 homers in 21 games, but he's catching up in a hurry. Now he's on pace for 65.

After rounding the bases on No. 500, McGwire jumped on home plate with both feet before being greeted by teammates, who exchanged his signature fake gut punches along with high-fives.

McGwire, who hit his 499th homer Wednesday night, then took his second curtain call in as many nights as Ashby stood off the mound, looking out towards center field.

Gwynn took off his glove in right field and applauded as McGwire rounded the bases.

"I'm wondering, 'Should I clap like everybody else or be a professional?" Gwynn said. "Really, this is his stage, his ballpark. Once again, he delivered."

McGwire's eighth-inning blast was the longest this season at Busch, banging off the scoreboard near his No. 25 in a lineup list before dropping into the seats right above the Padres

McGwire leads the majors with 44 home runs, two more than Sammy Sosa, and tops the NL with 101 RBIs.

Experts believe the 500th homer ball could be worth \$1 million, and fans scrambled to come up with the prize after it deflected off the base of an advertisement and landed in an area of shrubbery beyond the center-field wall. Jim Shearer, a 28-year-old architect from St. Louis, wound up with the souvenir and was whisked away by

Shearer said he'd think about what he might do with the ball for a few days.

authorities.

"I've been hearing that it's worth a lot of money," Shearer said. "But I have to remember it's a piece of baseball history for Mark McGwire and St. Louis."

The fan who caught McGwire's 70th homer ball, Phil Ozersky of St. Louis, sold it to Spawn comic book creator Todd McFarlane for \$3.2 mil-

McGwire, who hit his 400th home run last season, couldn't have had a much better foil for his 500th. He's 8-for-16 with four homers and four doubles against Ashby, who congratulated him after the game.

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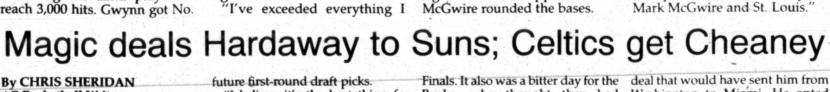
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AP Basketball Writer

Phoenix Suns, Dell Curry burned the Bucks by bolting to Toronto and trade to Miami and signed with Boston instead.

It was another busy day of player team with Jason Kidd in a star-studmovement in the NBA, with no ded backcourt. move bigger than the one sending Hardaway to the Suns for Danny

"I believe it's the best thing for (Penny) to get a fresh start," Penny Hardaway was dealt to the Orlando general manager John

Gabriel said. Hardaway also gets a seven-year, Calbert Cheaney turned down a \$86 million contract, the largest allowed under the league's collective bargaining agreement, and will

It was bitter day for the Magic, who parted with the last member of Manning, Pat Garrity and two the 1995 team that went to the NBA

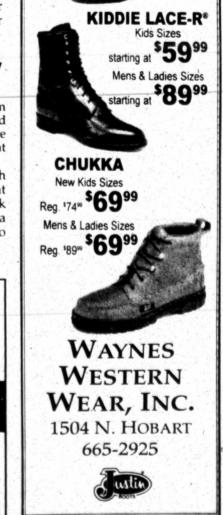
Bucks, who thought they had reached an agreement to keep Curry, the league's most accurate 3point shooter last season.

"He gave his word two times, than changed his mind," Bucks' general manager Bob Weinhauer said. "I don't want to talk about him." Cheaney also left someone fum-

ing, turning down a sign-and-trade

Washington to Miami. He opted instead to sign with Boston, where he figures to be the replacement for the traded Ron Mercer.

"I had a nice talk with Coach Riley, told him you're a great coach, but it just didn't work out," Cheaney said. "It was just a gut instinct I had. It's tough to explain."





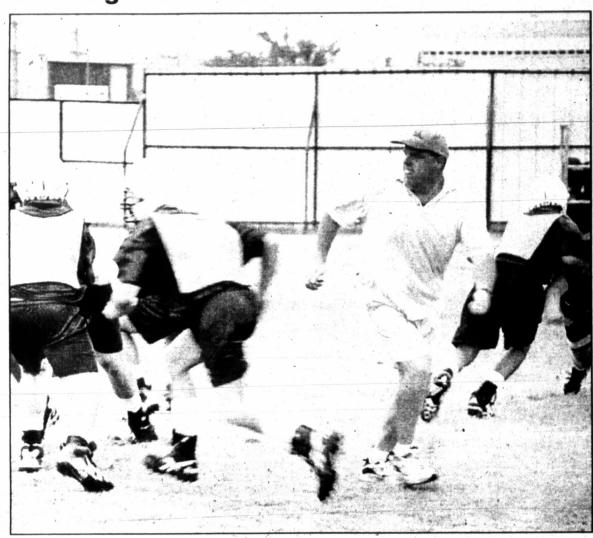
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Assistant coach Wade Wesley works with the offense during Pampa High football practice. Wesley and the rest of the Harvester coaching staff will be introduced during Meet the Harvesters night at 8 Saturday at Harvester Stadium. Pampa scrimmages Borger Friday, Aug. 20, starting at 8 p.m. at Borger.



The Pampa News will be publishing a special edition this fall to greet the new millennium and say goodbye to the old.

Veterans Salute

is to be a part of this edition. We want to recognize all the men and women that have served or are presently serving in the Armed



Forces. There is no charge for this. What you'll need to do is bring in a photo taken during the years of service (example to the left) and the information listed below. Deadline for photos and information is August 26th. Photos may be picked up after September 20th. Join with the

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HOCKEY

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SHREVEPORT; 10 — at New Mexico; 13 — at El Paso; 18 - at Lubbock; 19 — Lubbock; 20 — CORPUS CHRISTI; 24 — EL PASO;

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2 — at El Paso; 3 — ODESSA; 4 — TUPE-LO; 9 — at New Mexico; 10 — AUSTIN; 11 — FORT WORTH; 17 — at Tupelo; 18 — at Arkansas; 23 — at El Paso; 24 — EL PASO; 25 — LUBBOCK.

TRANSACTIONS

Thursday's Sports Transactions By The Associated Press BASEBALL

American League TEXAS RANGERS—Placed OF Ruben Mateo on the 15-day disabled list. Activated OF Tom Goodwin from the 15-day disabled

CINCINNATI REDS—Named Bud director of player development and Bill Doran minor league field coordinator. HOUSTON ASTROS—Optioned OF Lance Berkman to New Orleans of the PCL and activated OF Carl Everett from the 15-day BASKETBALL National Basketball Association BOSTON CELTICS—Signed F Calbert

Cheaney to a three-year contract. LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Signed F Rick Fox to a multiyear contract.

MIAMI HEAT—Signed F Otis Thorpe.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Named
Sidney Lowe assistant coach.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed F Keith Van Horn to a six-year contract extension.
SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Agreed to terms with G Terry Porter on a three-year contract.
TORONTO RAPTORS—Signed G Dell Curry to a three-year contract. FOOTBALL

National Football League
NFL—Suspended Green Bay LB Lamont
Hollinquest four games for violating the
league's substance abuse policy.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Traded OL Jamie INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed DB Tito Wooten to a one-year contract.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Announced the

retirement of TE Ted Popson.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed WR WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Named John Maroon vice president of public and commu nity relations

National Hockey League ATLANTA THRASHERS—Named Chris Reichert strength and conditioning coach and Inar Treiguts massage therapist. PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Signed D Dan McGillis to a two-year contract.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Signed D Kaspars
Astashenko to a one-year contract.

getting longer

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) the face, Jeff Ogden landed hard injury-rattled group thus far in been called the black-and-blue

Dallas' lengthy injury list got even longer during Thursday night's intrasquad workout, with receiver James McKnight going down the hardest.

An MRI was scheduled to determine how badly McKnight hurt his left knee, but it appeared to be serious.

"It probably doesn't look real good," coach Chan Gailey said. McKnight, acquired from Seattle in June, was hurt during one of the first plays of a goalline drill early in the first fullcontract action of training camp. He slumped onto the artificial turf of Memorial Stadium without being hit and immediately clutched the knee.

the receiving corps, plays after getting smacked in

Michael Irvin missed a few he said.

— The Dallas Cowboys' Blue- on his tailbone, Jason Tucker got White scrimmage should've poked in the eye and Wane moments as starting left tackle McGarity needed stitches to close a gash on his chin.

The unit already was down a Akers hurt his back. man because Raghib Ismail has a slightly separated left shoulder.

Ogden, who appeared to be shaken up pretty badly, was listed as day-to-day. McGarity was to be X-rayed to see whether he may have cracked his jaw.

"It was a tough night for receivers, a tough night for a

The secondary, already reeling because of Deion Sanders' toe injury, had cornerback Kevin Mathis leave with a bruised back, and safety George Teague was knocked woozy. Cornerback Kevin Smith was held out with a nagging back problem.
Gailey said Mathis was

The injuries kept coming for benched as a precaution. "It doesn't sound really bad,"

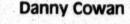
The offensive line, the most got a few injuries."

camp, had some more tense Flozell Adams went out with a strained muscle and Jeremy

Those problems forced rookie Solomon Page to end practice at left tackle. He started at right guard while filling in for three injured players McIver (recovering from left knee surgery), Tony Hutson (sprained ligament in left knee) and Mike Kiselak (lost for the couple of places really," Gailey season with severe knee dam-

The Cowboys will have to figure out who's healthy soon because they open their exhibition season Monday night with the Hall of Fame game against the Cleveland Browns in Canton, Ohio.

"If you let it, it can get frustrating, but it's part of the game," Gailey said. "They're not going to cancel the game Monday night because we've





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Board of Trustees of Pampa Independent School District will hold a public meeting for the purpose of adopting a budget for the 1999-00 school year. All citizens of the district are invited to be present and participate in the meeting. The meeting will be held on Monday, August 16, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, in Pampa, Texas. Aug. 6, 1999

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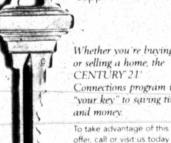
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