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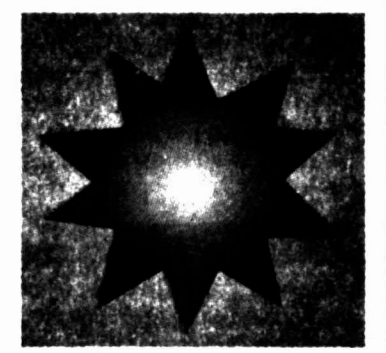
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CANTON (AP) — A jury's \$23 million award to a woman who blamed her heart problems on the diet drug combination fen-phen should encourage thousands of others who have sued the drug's makers, attorneys said.

"It will let them know the fen-phen users with serious injuries will be seen by juries as having solid cases," Darrell Keith, a Fort Worth trial attorney familiar with the fen-phen cases, said Friday. "I think it's definitely enough to bring about corrective justice."

Nationwide, more than 3,100 people have sued American Home Products and subsidiary Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories over health problems allegedly caused by the drugs.

Debbie Lovett's case was the first to reach a verdict. At least a dozen cases have been settled, some after trial began.

HOUSTON (AP) — State health officials will try to recoup \$2 million in Medicaid funds they believe was improperly used to treat children under 10 for supposed chemical dependency since 1995.

The state has begun to send recoupment letters to more than 30 outpatient drug treatment programs following a Houston Chronicle report that the tax-funded Medicaid program paid to treat hundreds of indigent children 6 to 9 years of age.

Children that young aren't eligible for drug treatment under Medicaid.

• **Earl Kyle, 66**, owner-operator Keles Welding Service.

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Sheriff needs new computer program for Y2K

By **JEFF WEST**
Staff Writer

One Gray County computer program isn't Y2K compliant and the Sheriff's Department is asking for money to replace it.

Besides being unprepared for the shift to the new year the current program, and vendor, aren't compatible with programs in use by the county and district clerk's office and getting changes and updates can be expensive, according to Lt. Jim Scott of the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

He appeared at the last Gray County Commissioners Court meeting to ask for funding to replace a program that tracks those arrested through the jail and court system. Scott wants to replace the system they are currently using, made by Apollo, with one made by Government Services Automation (GSA). That is the system used by the two clerk's offices and Scott believes that tying the three offices together will ease workloads and reduce possible errors.

"Right now someone in the clerk's office enters information from a court and then the information is taken to the sheriff's office where the same information has to be entered again," Scott said.

He said sometimes a warrant is cleared by a court but the information doesn't get into the sheriff's computer which could lead to an unjustified arrest.

The program from Apollo, the current vendor, is purchased out

(See **SHERIFF**, Page 2)

Indictments told include sexual assault of minor

A grand jury for the 223rd District has returned 11 indictments against 10 individuals.

Among those indicted last week was Christopher Louis Smith, 21, 717 E. Browning, who was indicted on charges of sexual assault.

Officials said the assault was reported by a 15 year old following a party at Smith's house. Officers said about five or six people had gathered at Smith's house at 717 E. Browning and were drinking beer the night of Saturday, Dec. 5, 1998. Witnesses said Smith and the victim went into Smith's room to talk. The victim claimed Smith forced himself on her.

Others indicted include William Marc Ginn, 46, 418 N. Frost, indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Jere David Hink, 34, 1717 Chestnut, indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Denise Hilburn Scruggs, 38, Mobeetie, indicted on charges of forgery by passing.

Julio Alfonso Ramirez, 31, 321 S. Henry, indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

(See **INDICTMENTS**, Page 2)

PHS safety meeting Monday; parents invited

School safety concerns will be discussed Monday evening at a parent/student meeting at the Pampa High School.

The ending days of the last school session was marred with several bomb threats, one of which ended in an arrest.

Pampa High School principal John Kendall said there will not be a great number of changes at the local high school when classes begin Aug. 12. However, he will outline the procedures which will be changed.

Kendall extends an invitation to parents and students to attend. He said he would conduct a question and answer session for any participants.

The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library.

Helping hands ...



Rev. Jim Teeter receives kits furnished and donated by Betty Tucker for disaster victims. The kits are being shipped to Louisiana to be stored until victims of disasters need the items in the kits. (Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Local Methodists package disaster kits

By **NANCY YOUNG**
Managing Editor

Local Methodists have been working the past week to be ready when the next disaster strikes across the country, wherever or whenever it might occur.

The church members are busily preparing kits to have ready for victims of fire, tornado, flood or any other natural disaster, wherever and wherever it might occur.

Needs of disaster victims are the number one criteria of each kit. The number and category of kits is optional, said Rev. Jim Teeter of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Each member who is participating is donating the time and contents to each kit.

The category of school kits includes the immediate school supplies a student would need should a disaster strike their home. Other

kits include ones for the kitchen needs as well as bedding, health, and non-perishable food staples. Each kit contains the basic needs individuals or families would need if a disaster should strike.

A trailer has been located on the parking area of St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Hobart St. the past week which is being used as the collection point for the kits which are being donated by the local area Methodists.

Some local church members are preparing numerous kits for the project and others are making one or two. Rev. Teeter said it doesn't matter how many the church members donate. All kits are needed in case of such a disaster.

While the local churches usually support the victims of disasters, such as the Oklahoma City tornado in a financial aspect, the members decided to participate in the Northwest

(See **METHODISTS**, Page 2)

School traffic congestion a worry

By **KATE B. DICKSON**
Associate Publisher

Finding ways to ease traffic congestion around Pampa Middle School is something the city's Traffic Commission thinks officials should look into.

That was part of the report given recently to City Commissioners which also suggests weather deteriorated street name signs, especially in the northeast portion of Pampa, be replaced.

Doug Locke, chairman of the Traffic

Commission, made the report on behalf of other members of the group including Judy Warner, Jeff Thiry, Frankie Watts, Marshall Newkirk, Ben Woodington and Dennis Laycock.

"In the afternoon between 3:15 and 3:45 traffic is just stacked up around 23rd and Charles," Locke said in an interview. "It's not as bad in the morning because the traffic is more staggered."

Locke speculated area residents have to plan their trips around the school schedule in order to avoid the congestion he calls "a bad situation."

(See **TRAFFIC**, Page 2)

Sunday snapshot



Name: Donna Michelle Salgado
Occupation/Activities: clerk at Fototime
Birth date and place: July 16, 1982

When I grow up I want to be: a drummer for a professional band or an airline stewardess.

Family: Parents are Bonnie June Pletcher and Paul Allen Pletcher. Two brothers, Tim and Edgar, and six sisters, Neva, Joyce, Marilyn, Rebecca, Myrna, and Joanna.

The best advice I ever got was: "If it's worth doing, it's worth doing right."

My classmates think of me as: friendly, funny, outgoing, gullible.

The best word or words to describe me: friendly.

People will remember me as being: a friend to anyone that needs one.

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: MXPX, Ghoti Hook, Daniel Hovis and

Third Day.

My hobbies are: drumming, being with friends and discovering underground bands.

My favorite sports team is: The Crusaders.

The last book I read was: Prisoner in the 3rd Cell.

My favorite possession is: my drum sticks.

The biggest honor I've ever received is: drummer of the month.

My favorite performer is: Chuck Finley.

I wish I knew how to: drum like Yuri.

My trademark cliché or expression is: On "chicken" sarcasm is the highest form of humor.

My worst habit is: procrastinating.

I would never: hurt any's feelings on purpose.

The last good movie I saw was: Armageddon.

I stay home to watch: Ed, Eddy and Eddy.

Nobody knows: Why God made apples red and not blue.

Someday I want to drive a: Any car would be nice at the moment.

My favorite junk food is: Doritos.

My favorite beverage: Cherry Ocean water.

My favorite restaurant is: Olive Garden.

My favorite pet: my stuffed dancing/singing chicken.

My favorite meal is: any kind of Italian food.

I wish I could sing like: Tiffany Arbuckle.

I'm happiest when I'm: listening to music or with my friends.

I regret: not learning to play the guitar.

I'm tired of: taxes.

My biggest fear is: that I was rude to someone without knowing it.

The electrical device I couldn't live without is: the radio.

The biggest waste of time is: shopping for shoes.

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: buy a really rad drum set & travel.

If I had three wishes they would be: to meet MXPX, go to every Tomteet there is and that's all.

If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: the lack of stores.

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Services tomorrow

KYLE, Earl — 2 p.m., Priest Park Church of God, Pampa.

Obituaries

EARL KYLE

Earl Kyle, 66, of Pampa, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 1999, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Priest Park Church of God with the Rev. Melvin Harris officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Kyle was born March 13, 1933, at Daylight, Tenn. He moved to Pampa in 1956. He married Marlene West in 1957 at Pampa. He owned-operated Kyles Welding Service for many years. He attended Priest Park Church of God where he was bus driver for several years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Marlene, of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Darrell and Angela Kyle of Pampa; a daughter, Deborah Kyle of Boise, Idaho; two sisters, Ava Akin of Henrietta and Tootsie Tharp of Burkburnett; two brothers, John Kyle and Max Kyle, both of Amarillo; and three grandchildren, Jeremy Nunn of Amarillo and Chelsie and Dillon Kyle, both of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Priest Park Church of God Bus Ministry.

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Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	1-800-750-2520
Water.....	669-5830

Police report

The Pampa Police Department made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Aug. 6

Domestic assault with contact in the 400 block of Somerville.

Burglary of a building at Freeman's Flowers, 410 E. Foster. Entry by the rear door. Green house sheeting valued at \$350 and \$180 in cash was taken.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Aug. 6

Christopher L. Smith, 21, Amarillo, sexual assault.

Jess Edward Baker, 18, 1500 Hamilton, minor in possession of alcohol, disorderly conduct.

Fires

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

Friday, Aug. 6

5:33 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire 15 miles east on Highway 152. A half section was burned.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Aug. 6

11:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Dwight and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Saturday, Aug. 7

Midnight - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony in Amarillo.

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right and a new version would cost \$13,000, up front. The GSA program is leased on a monthly fee. Gray County has a contract where the cost is \$200 per month per computer terminal. The sheriff's office has 10 terminals, according to Scott.

Scott said besides the compatibility issue, GSA would make changes as the sheriff's office needs them as part of their monthly fee. Apollo charges for each programing change with a fee that can reach \$5,000 or more per change.

Commissioner Joe Wheeley asked Scott if the Sheriff's Office can get by with fewer computers using the program.

"I could see having maybe one less but then deputies will be standing around waiting to use the one that's left," Scott answered.

The commission postponed any action waiting to address the issue during the budget hearings that will start later this month. GSA has said it needs at least 60 days notice to design the new program and convert the data on the current program to the new system.

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INDICTMENTS

Samuel Guynes, 54, California, indicted on charges of hindering a secured creditor.

Manuel Garcia, 43, 941 E. Kentucky, indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated/subsequent offense.

Timothy Wayne Todd, 45, Arizona, indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Clayton Durand Johnson, 35, 1104 Varnon, indicted on charges of theft enhanced.

Greg Keith Lang, 28, 309 Jean, indicted on charges of burglary of a building.

Greg Keith Lang, 28, 309 Jean, indicted on charges of forgery by passing.

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METHODISTS

Conference Convention project by volunteering to assemble the various kits to meet the immediate needs of disaster victims.

Rev. Teeter said the response has been overwhelming. "I think people just like to get a hands-on for people who lose so much in these disasters," he said. "This has turned into an exciting project and it has been good to see so many people get involved."

A trailer has been positioned on the parking lot of St. Paul's United Methodist Church for the Methodists who are members of the Northwest

Texas Conference to bring their completed kits to be transported to Baldwin, La., where the kits will be stored until they are needed.

Volunteers from churches and communities throughout the conference which is based in Pampa are involved in the project. Amarillo, McLean, Lefors, Mobeetie, Wheeler, White Deer, Perryton, Shamrock, Borger, and Memphis churches along with the Methodist church members in Pampa are among the church membership from all over the Panhandle which are participating in the project. Rev. Teeter said other Methodist churches from other conferences are also participating in the project to have kits ready for victims of future disasters.

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TRAFFIC

While on the subject of school traffic, Locke said traffic flow is better around Pampa High School after Randy Matson was made one-way several years ago but there is a need for more parking spaces.

Regarding the weathering signs, city commissioners have agreed in principle to begin a sign replacement program next year as proposed several months ago by City Engineer Richard Morris and Street Superintendent Kimberly Lyncycomb.

Elsewhere in the report, Traffic Commissioners said major issues they have considered this year include pedestrian traffic increases at Kentucky and Sumner due to elementary school consolidation. After considering stop lights, warning lights and other alternatives as well as receiving a neighborhood survey the Traffic Commission agreed on a crosswalk at the intersection.

Also, considered was the installation of stop signs on the north/south sides of the intersection of Gray and Browning. The issue had been referred to the traffic group by neighborhood citizens.

Pastor haunted by teen drug conviction returns to Canada

By BEN DOBBIN
Associated Press Writer

NEWARK, N.Y. (AP) — His 11-year-old daughter, barely able to smile, sat watching as Steven Mullenix loaded up a rental van outside his old church in preparation for the journey north to Canada.

Forget that he's the son of an American, that he can trace his Ohio roots back 200 years, that he's long dreamed of becoming a U.S. citizen. The Canadian-born clergyman's quest for immigration status remains agonizingly out of reach because of a marijuana conviction north of the border in 1981.

"I'm really upset about having to move out because, no matter what the United States has put me through, to me it's still home," Mullenix said Friday as parishioners hauled furniture out of the rectory.

Under U.S. immigration laws crafted to exclude Nazi war criminals, terrorists and other undesirable aliens, Mullenix, 36, is deemed "excludable" for life. Anyone arrested with more than 1 ounce of banned drugs is viewed as a potential dealer.

His four-year quest for citizenship stumbled in June when he was stripped of his Assemblies of God ministry for one year for writing an abusive letter to immigration agents.

"So he made an error! Forgive and forget, that's what they teach in the Bible," said Larry Briggs, 63, a retired nursing administrator who was in Mullenix's 100-strong congregation in this village near Lake Ontario.

"He's like a man without a country, caught between a rock and a hard place. The whole thing smells political."

Losing his job with the ministry meant Mullenix had to leave the country with his wife and daughters, Esther, 2, and Hannah, who sat on the lawn with a neighborhood pal. "I don't want to move — I have a lot of friends here," she said.

Mullenix was caught with more than an ounce of marijuana at age 18 and spent three months in jail. He kicked drugs at 22, turned his life around and had his conviction vacated there in 1992.

Only after moving his family to New York on a

religious-worker visa in 1995 did he realize his predicament. He is suing in federal court to try to force a change in the immigration law.

"Everybody who knows me has forgiven me," he said. "But the people who don't know me — those that run the world — I don't think they understand what forgiveness is."

Mullenix can trace his American lineage to 1671. Distant ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and World War II. His grandmother still owns a 70-acre farm in Arcanum, Ohio, where their forebears settled two centuries ago.

In 1953, snapping up a low-priced agricultural nursery business, Mullenix's grandfather moved his wife and two teen-age sons to Mitchell, Ontario. The sons went on to marry Canadians but eventually migrated back.

Although Mullenix's father, Paul, never bothered to obtain citizenship for his three children, he raised them as Yankees. The family hoisted Old Glory, made friends among expatriates and ate western Ohio fare: hominy grits, biscuits and gravy, saffras tea.

Because residency requirements were tightened in 1952, his father, who now lives in North Carolina, could not transfer citizenship.

In an angry letter to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service on June 7, Mullenix lashed out at immigration statutes that deny automatic citizenship to every child born abroad to an American.

"You evil bastards ... You are all guilty, and compared to my teen-age stupidity, it is a far more grievous sin," he wrote.

The church's general secretary, the Rev. George Wood, a lawyer who has been trying to help Mullenix obtain citizenship, advised church officials that Mullenix may have breached a church bylaw governing moral conduct.

Mullenix apologized to the church for his remarks, which he said were made in frustration, but to no avail. He's hoping to join another denomination near his new home in Norwich, Ontario.

"I'm hoping he doesn't get depressed," said his wife, Loretta. "He'll just have to pick up and move on. God has a way of working things out in the long run."

Hearst Corp. buying S.F. Chronicle, marking end of a century-old rivalry

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — One of the last great rivalries of American journalism has ended with the purchase of the San Francisco Chronicle by its century-old nemesis, the Hearst Corp., publisher of the San Francisco Examiner.

Executives announced the sale Friday, promising that employees of both newspapers will keep their jobs. The promise brought relief — and skepticism — to the two newsrooms, where reporters and editors had anxiously awaited news of a rumored sale.

"I think most of our first choices would be to have two separate, thriving voices in the city," said Examiner columnist Stephanie Salter. "My second choice would be to have a really well-financed, well-staffed mega-newspaper, a combined Examiner and Chronicle. That doesn't bother me at all."

Under the deal, Hearst Corp. will buy the Chronicle and then put the Examiner up for sale. If Hearst can't find a buyer for its afternoon paper, it will combine them into a morning daily, an idea that was immediately condemned.

"They'll find that there are no qualified buyers and then they'll kill it. They'll call it the Chronicle-Examiner or some dreadful arithmetic name and it will be a morning paper," said Bruce Brugmann, publisher of the San Francisco Bay Guardian, a free

alternative weekly. Despite the assurances of management, job cuts are almost inevitable, said Ben Bagdikian, former dean of the University of California at Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism and author of "The Media Monopoly."

"There will be a speech made by the people doing it saying they're never going to lay off anybody," Bagdikian said on KPFA radio. "In most cases, those promises aren't kept because it doesn't make business sense."

The Chronicle is the nation's 11th-largest daily newspaper with a circulation of 482,000. The Examiner sells 115,000 papers a day. A combined Sunday edition has a circulation of 605,000.

Higher profits were what prompted the Chronicle Publishing Co. board of directors to order an exploration into the sale of some or all of the company in June.

Terms of the cash acquisition were not disclosed, but the newspapers' Web site reported that "speculation has placed it at a minimum of \$500 million."

Examiner Executive Editor Phil Bronstein was in the hospital Friday recovering from angioplasty to open a blocked artery. His actress-wife Sharon Stone, the subject of many catty columns in the Chronicle, was at his side.

Hiroshima recalls A-bomb, vows further peace efforts

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) — Amid silent prayer and the ringing of bells, the citizens of Hiroshima commemorated Friday the world's first atomic attack 54 years ago, vowing to push for nuclear disarmament and international peace.

About 50,000 people attended the annual ceremony marking the anniversary. A moment of silent prayer commenced at 8:15 a.m. — the exact moment a U.S. atomic bomb exploded above the city on Aug. 6, 1945.

Among dignitaries addressing the gathering in the city's Peace Memorial Park, Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi pledged anew that Japan would work toward a world without nuclear weapons. But he admitted it was an effort fraught with uncertainty.

"The course toward the abolishment of nuclear weapons is still in a severe situation," Obuchi

said.

Last year, India and Pakistan both carried out nuclear tests, raising fears that international efforts toward stopping the proliferation of nuclear arms could be seriously hurt.

Obuchi cited Japan's proposal, made earlier this year, for both the United States and Russia to reduce their strategic nuclear arsenals to 1,000 each as the first step toward the total abolition of such weapons.

About 140,000 people were killed by the Hiroshima bomb and another 70,000 were killed three days later when the United States dropped a second atomic bomb on Nagasaki. Japan surrendered on Aug. 15, 1945.

Hiroshima Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba urged leaders of the world's nuclear powers to use the survivors' "will" as inspiration for eliminating nuclear weapons.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Sunny today with a high in the low-to-mid 90s and variable winds at 15 mph. Tonight's low will be 65. Monday, partly cloudy with a high of 92. Friday's high was 90; the Saturday morning low, 71.

STATEWIDE — Brace yourself for another scorching

Temperatures were expected to climb into the triple digits once again in many parts of Texas today, with increased

humidity but little wind.

A heat advisory was issued for North Texas Friday, as readings across the region exceeded 100 for the 10th consecutive day.

Even the cover of night brought little relief to the area. Dallas Love Field reported a 3 a.m. reading of 87 degrees.

West Texas temperatures are expected to top 100 degrees for the 14th day. Humidity will push heat indices even higher.

The good news is forecasters

predict a chance of late-afternoon and evening showers in the region. Highs are expected in the low 90s across the Panhandle to about 105 degrees in the Big Bend valleys. Lows in the 60s and 70s.

In South Texas, forecasters expect highs between 98 and 105 degrees, with humidity and a chance of isolated evening thunderstorms in the south-east. Lows should be in the 70s generally, with the lower 80s along the coast.

TOP TEN PERSONAL INJURY VERDICT OF 1998

March 10, 1998. A seriously injured Texas Panhandle woman, represented by Amarillo Attorney Jack Hazlewood and his Dallas Co-Counsel, awarded 8.2 Million Jury Verdict in Products Liability lawsuit against major automobile manufacturer Case No. 93-10141, 116th District Court, Dallas County. Results obtained depend on the facts of each case.

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Special Olympics



Go-Getters pitcher David Wagner, photo at left, pitches the ball to a Wal-Mart team player during a recent Special Olympics softball game. Tanner Dyer, photo at right, helps Dicky Don Hendricks get an out.



(Community Camera photos)

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at Warren Chisum's Office, 100 N. Price Road. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Clarendon College. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

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. For more information, call Pat Johnson at 665-2826.

CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer a CNA course from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, Aug. 9-20. The cost of the course is \$41 for tuition and fees. Class size is limited. Participants are urged to register early. The final day for registration is Aug. 9. For more information, call 665-8801.

MEDICAL ROUNDS

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will see patients for pap smears Wednesday, Aug. 11 at Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo. The clinic is limited to women who qualify for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program grant through the Texas Department of Health. To schedule

an appointment, call (806) 356-1905.

ART SHOW AND AUCTION

The Autumn Classic Invitational Art Show and Auction will be held Oct. 1-2 at CapRock Winery in Lubbock. The fund-raiser will benefit the Neurology Research and Education Center in Lubbock.

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.

RACE FOR A CURE

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for a Cure will be held at 8 a.m. Oct. 2 at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in the Harrington Regional Medical Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., in Amarillo. Walkers and runners participating in the 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk will benefit breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment.

ANA SHOW

Artists of Northwest Arkansas is

sponsoring its Fifth Annual Regional Art Exhibition Nov. 8-Dec. 12 at the Arts Center of the Ozarks in Springdale, Ark. The competition is open to artists of AR, KS, MO, OK, TX, LA, MS, TN, KY and IL. Slide deadline is Sept. 13. For a prospectus send a #10 SASE to: Martha Clayton Lee, 16612 Weeks Hill Road, Prairie Grove, AR 72753.

USS BAYFIELD REUNION

The annual reunion of USS Bayfield APA33 will be Oct. 8-12 at Best Western Oak Hills, San Antonio, TX 78229. All shipmates: Coast Guard World War II, Navy, Korean, Vietnam. Spouses and friends welcome. For more information, contact Jim Davlin at (409) 925-2268.

PACIFIC INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE

Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families for the 1999-00 school year. Local representatives would like to have students placed with American host families as soon as possible. PIE, a non-profit, educational organiza-

tion, matches students 15-18 years of age with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. For more information, call Angie Adams, Texas area coordinator, toll-free at 1-877-563-9657.



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Keeping an eye on Texas

Sales tax on food items can be taxing

Flour, sugar, bread, milk, eggs, fruits, vegetables, and other groceries are not taxable. However, candy, soft drinks, gum, and pop-sicles are taxable. Food served in restaurants and similar places of business is also taxable. Here are some guidelines.

Sales tax is collected on these food items:

- All food sold with eating utensils.
- Food kept hot (ready to eat), such as barbecued chicken (whether it's a whole chicken or just parts), chili, soups.
- Ready-to-eat sandwiches (but not frozen sandwiches.)
- All ice cream sundries, unless sold prepackaged in boxes of six or more.
- All soft drinks (including powdered drink mixes), diluted juices, beer and wine.
- All doughnuts, muffins, cookies, bagels, biscuits, etc., sold from a snack bar or lunch counter when your customer buys five or less.
- Ice.
- Individual-sized portions or packages of food (including super-sized servings) when it's sold from a lunch counter or snack bar (chips, peanuts, etc.)

SOURCE: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, (www.window.state.tx.us).

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Why troopers like to catch DWIs

This isn't the first time I have written about DWIs. I am against them in case you haven't read my previous columns.

It was in 1981 that the danger of driving while intoxicated really hit home. That's when my 19-year-old wonderful cousin was killed by a drunk driver who was out on bond at the time on his seventh DWI... and, not knowing, I was the reporter who showed up to take pictures.

It almost goes without saying that, once again, the system failed to protect you and me in favor of drunks. This was in Arkansas, but it happens everywhere and almost everyone knows of similar instances.

Dixie Leigh had just finished her first year in college and was to leave a few days later for Philmont Scout Ranch where she was going to spend the summer. She'd hiked Philmont a time or two before and loved it out there.

Last week a story in the *Dallas Morning News* about what the Arkansas State Police are doing now to combat drunk driving caught my eye.

It seems the focus of troopers' activities has been shifted from sitting or running up and down the road with their radar guns on trying to catch speeders to a more serious effort to catch drunk drivers.

It's paying off, too. The statistics tell the story. DWI arrests in July rose 64 percent as compared to July a year ago. The 888 DWI arrests were an



Kate B. Dickson

Associate publisher/editor

increase over 541 such arrests in July of last year.

I've never met a trooper who didn't like arresting a DWI. After all, the troopers are the ones who see just what tragedy a drunk driver can cause in death and lifelong wounds — both physical and emotional.

In our family's case, one former trooper and one of the troopers who investigated Dixie Leigh's case at the scene were especially hurt. She had babysat for both families during high school and continued to do so when she could on weekends and college breaks.

When I went along to take two of the children to the cemetery to see the flowers, the 4-year-old girl couldn't comprehend that each arrangement meant a friend or group of friends. She wasn't able to understand how one person could have so many friends — so many friends who, along with Dixie Leigh's family —

were affected by the stupidity of one driver.

As I said, troopers like to catch DWIs. That in itself is a reward for the officers but Arkansas has done a pretty neat thing to give the troopers another reward while providing a visible sign to others of a job well done.

It's a takeoff of the World War II acc. s depictions on the side of planes to signify kills.

For every 10 DWI arrests a trooper makes, he or she will receive a red and white no-drunken driving sticker to go on his squad car above the door handle or to be placed on the rear bumper. The medallion was developed in conjunction with MADD — Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

"Essentially, we decided to do what we think the public expects us to do — to deemphasize chasing speeders with radar and to emphasize getting drunk drivers off the road," Col. Tom Mars, state police director, said last week.

Some speeders can't, and shouldn't, be ignored if their speeds are dangerous enough. But to have troopers sitting on the side of the road sending a radar beam out in hopes of writing a ticket is a poor use of their time when they can be getting potential killers off the road.

I just bet the change in Arkansas is going to mean another family's "Dixie Leigh" will be spared her fate as a result.

... And there can be no bigger blessing than that.

Opinion

Legislation aimed at making driving conditions safer

While some will think a Federal Highway Administration plan proposing new limits on trucker hours may be going a little bit too far it's a great place for opening dialogue on the subject that not only affects truckers, but other motorists as well.

The agency, in a rule this fall, is expected to force drivers to be off duty for at least 14 hours in a 24-hour period. Currently, truckers are limited to 10 hours behind the wheel in one stretch. They then must stop driving for eight hours. After that, they can resume driving for up to 10 more hours.

The idea behind the plan comes from the belief that if truckers are ordered off the road for 14 hours in a 24-hour period, it will improve the chances they get at least eight hours of sleep during their down time.

At the heart of the matter is the goal of reducing accidents caused by tired and/or drowsy truckers. In all truck-related accidents last year, 5,302 people were killed, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

A competing proposal, this one to be offered by the nation's largest trucking group, the American Trucking Associations, is a plan calling for a focus less on the number of hours worked and more on the number and quality of hours of rest.

It's a fact many truckers do not get enough rest and part of that is due to the pressures put on them by their employers to make more and more runs, faster and faster.

No matter what plan is chosen, it must be one that weighs the needs of all involved but not to the point it puts the lives of our truckers and and the John Q. motoring public on the line.

In other words, the dollar is important, but not as much as saving a life.

From our files ...

40 years ago

Sunday Aug. 9, 1959

Stephen C. McGrady, a former teacher in the Special Service Department of the Galena Park Public School System has been named head of the New Department of Special Service here at Travis Elementary. He will work with deaf and orthopedically handicapped children.

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1959

Standard Oil Co. told the City Commission this morning it plans the construction of a modern design service station next month at the northwest corner of Ballard and Brown St.

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 1959

Pampa's amazing population growth continued the past 15 days a twice monthly survey made by a local hostess service showed that 24 families totaling 95 new residents moved into the city from July 20 to Aug. 5.

25 years ago

Thursday Aug. 8, 1974

A federal aid check for \$17,450 from the Environmental Protection Agency was received by City Manager Mack Wofford today to cover 75 percent of the cost of Step 1 preliminary engineering on Pampa's proposed \$1.1 million sewage treatment plan project.

Friday, Aug. 9, 1974

Pampa's \$2,725 municipal operating budget for fiscal 1974-75 was expected to be filed late this afternoon in the city secretary's office.

Sunday, Aug. 12, 1974

Barbara Carter, presently senior distribution office clerk at Pioneer Natural Gas Company's Pampa office, will assume the duties of Chief Clerk, distribution in Pampa effective Aug. 1.

10 years ago

Tuesday Aug. 8, 1989

Once more Pampa city commissioners will consider efforts toward finding a new police chief during an executive session following their regular meeting. A field of 63 candidates had been narrowed to 14 by the last commissioner meeting.

Thursday, Aug. 10, 1989

Lefors Independent School District will hold its regular board of trustees meeting at 7 p.m. today.

Friday, Aug. 11, 1989

Activities have been finalized as the Pampa Army Air Field Reunion Association prepares for its 17th annual gathering this weekend at Coronado Inn.



The poor are getting richer faster

The rich are getting richer, and the poor are getting poorer. That's a refrain taken as gospel. It's also the melody that's used in calls for more government spending.

But the truth of the matter is the richer are getting richer and the poor are getting richer faster. That's the conclusion reached by W. Michael Cox, vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas and Richard Alm, a Dallas Morning News reporter, in their new book aptly titled "Myths of Rich and Poor: Why We're Better Off Than We Think."

Each year, the Bureau of Census publishes America's poverty rate, which has hovered around 14 percent for several decades. The impression given is that poverty for about 20 percent of Americans is hopelessly permanent. That's a conclusion easily reached when given a static portrait of our income distribution. Cox and Alm report on a dynamic portrait that comes from a University of Michigan Survey consisting of detailed data from a sample of 50,000 Americans collected since 1968.

Collecting income over time gives a startlingly different picture of income distribution than that given by Bureau of Census statistics. The University of Michigan study shows that only 5 percent of those in the bottom fifth of the income distribution in 1975 were still there in 1991. What happened to them? They moved up



Walter Williams

Syndicated columnist

to the top three-fifths of the income distribution — middle class or higher.

Even more amazing is that three out of 10 of the lowest income earners in 1975 moved up into the top fifth of income earners by 1991. Those who were poor in 1975 had an inflation-adjusted gain of \$27,745 in average income by 1991. Workers who were in the top fifth of income earners in 1975 were better off in 1991 by an average of only \$4,354.

Poverty is largely a transitory experience for people who are willing to work, as Labor Department data confirms. In the early '90s, the median duration of poverty was 4.2 months. Only a third of the 36 million Americans the Bureau of Census classifies as poor had been below the poverty line for 24 or more months. This boils down to a long-term poverty rate of 4 percent, compared to the

overall official rate of 13.3 percent in 1997.

You say, "OK, Williams, but what about black and Hispanics?" Blacks still earn less than whites, but black income rose as well. Adjusting for inflation, the proportion of black families earning more than \$75,000 tripled since 1970 to 9 percent. In 1998, the overall poverty rate for blacks fell to 26.5 percent, the lowest it has ever been. The number of black-owned businesses stood at 620,912 in 1992, up 281 percent since 1967, with sales of \$36 billion.

Cox and Alm give a mixed story for Hispanics. On the positive side, the number of Hispanic businesses rose from 100,000 in 1967 to 862,605 in 1992, with sales of \$86 billion. Although many Hispanic families are making it up the economic ladder, the group's overall income hasn't kept pace with blacks or whites. One possible explanation is the continuing immigration waves of low-skilled, low-wage workers who are overwhelming the statistical gains of longer-term residential Hispanics who've improved their education and skills.

The income mobility that Cox and Alm point to is possibly one of the greatest features about our country: Just because you know where a person ended up in life is no guarantee that you can predict where he started. And knowing where a person starts out in life does not control where he ends up.

Morphine poses some uneasy questions

The subject is morphine.

It's not a pleasant subject. But it's an important one. Especially if you, or someone you know, and love, is going through extended pain. Most especially if the person involved is aged and is in pain and has been for a long time.

(Who among us knows, or can even guess, when or how we might find ourselves in such a condition.)

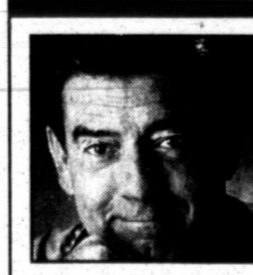
Morphine is one of the most effective pain relievers ever developed. It's an organic compound extracted from opium, the soluble salts of which are widely used in human and veterinary medicine.

Sometimes it's used as a light anesthetic or as a sedative. Because it can be highly addictive and lethal, it can be legally used in this and most other developed countries only under the specific instructions and guidance of a physician.

Unfortunately, it is sometimes used illegally to kill. The most common such usage involves very old people who are in pain in so-called mercy killings.

Doctors or family members — or both — decide that the most merciful thing to be done for patients is to "take them out of their misery" and put them to death.

Few people like to even think about such things. Even fewer will talk about them. But they are a fact of life, and death, in more cases



Dan Rather

Syndicated columnist

than law enforcement and medical authorities will admit.

This comes to mind and haunts your reporter after he has spent some time looking into and investigating hospices and other places under the general heading of "acute-care centers."

Morphine is a factor that permeates many of these places. There is so much pain, so much death and near-death around. There is the reality of life and death, and fighting, praying to hang on — or to be put out of misery.

And there is a lot of misunderstanding, suspicion and, yes, use of morphine in hospitals, hospices, aged-care homes and other such places, and among patients and families. Just how much misuse, accidents and illegal using of morphine for killing is impossible to know.

One neurologist at a nationally recognized teaching hospital said, confidentially, "I come down heavily on the side that morphine is a

wonderful drug, and it is not being misused greatly to deliberately hasten death in terminally ill people."

"Having said that, the art of medicine requires that doctors kill people. I do it. Other doctors and nurses do it. When someone is going to die soon, and they are in great pain ... sure, I do it."

Is that legal? "No, and we know it. But it's something strictly between medical caregivers and a patient and the family."

"And it's not really a national problem. In the right hands, morphine is a useful tool. A screwdriver is a useful tool, and just because a screwdriver may have been used to murder someone doesn't mean that screwdrivers are a national problem."

Many other doctors in this one reporter's survey agreed. Some didn't.

What about the police and prosecutors? Most of those questioned responded with something along the lines of: "We don't know if it's a big problem or not. And we don't want to know. It's too murky an area, fraught with too much emotion and conflicting views. For us, it's a minefield. So, mostly, we just don't go there unless we are confronted with overwhelming evidence of deliberate killing."

So, central questions about morphine — what to think about it, how to think about it — hang out there. As with so much about life and death, there are no easy answers.

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Hotel explosion injures dozens; pool heater leak possible cause

By KATIE FAIRBANK
Associated Press Writer

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — A possible gas leak at a new hotel near Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport may have led to the explosion that seriously burned at least one person and lacerated dozens with broken glass.

A gas line feeding the heater for the swimming pool at the Embassy Suites Outdoor World hotel might have been responsible for Friday's blast, said General Manager Bill Bretches.

The explosion blew through an exterior wall and the hotel's gift shop in the pool area of the hotel, which opened Tuesday.

Bretches said the heater was being serviced by a contractor, who was the most severely injured by the blast. The worker was airlifted to a Dallas hospital where he was listed late Friday in serious condition with second-degree burns over his face and arms.

"The first crews on the scene reported some sort of gas release," said Sandy Smith of TXU Electric & Gas, the local gas utility. "We don't have any indication of that yet, but it could be that one of the workers inadvertently cut a gas line and it exploded."

Witnesses said they smelled gas both before and after the blast.

Nine people, including five children, were treated for minor injuries at Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine. One boy was treated at Columbia Medical Center in Lewisville.

About two dozen other people were treated by paramedics at the scene for cuts primarily caused by flying glass.

A Texarkana woman was in a glass elevator

overlooking the pool when the explosion took place.

"I saw people just running and panicking," Stacie Duncan said. "I saw children with glass stuck in their legs screaming for their parents."

Twelve-year-old Katie Mack was swimming with her cousin and little sister at the time.

"There was a huge boom. We were underwater, but I had my eyes open and the water went all black," she said.

Both Katie and her sister suffered cuts to their feet while running across the broken glass to reach their mother.

"There was glass and insulation and parts of the wall floating. The pool was black and filled with wires — people were still in there so (the wires) couldn't have been live," said Sandy Mack, who had brought her family to the hotel for the weekend.

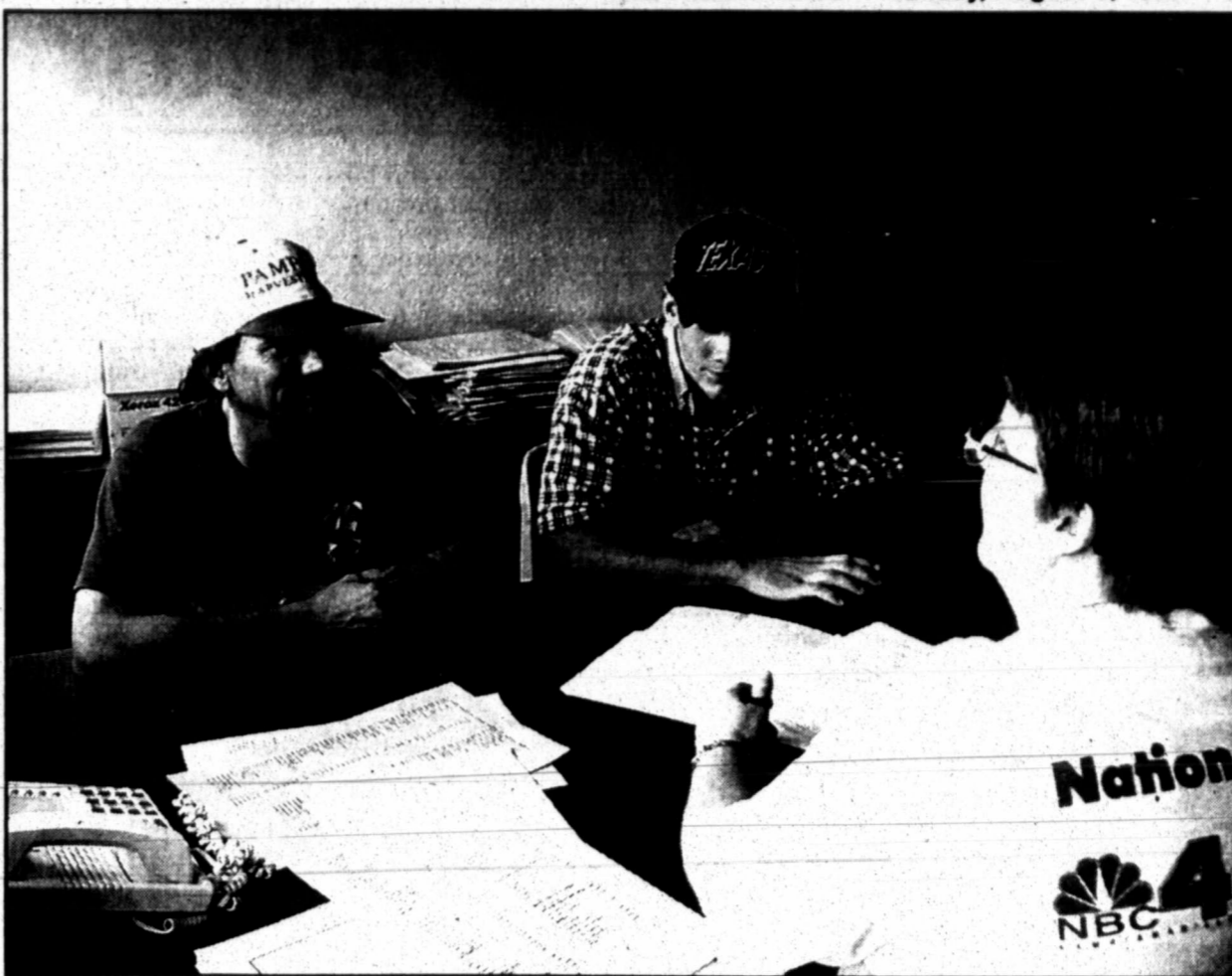
Many of the hotel's 600 guests and 200 workers milled about the parking lot as emergency workers investigated the blast hours later. Guests and their luggage were to be taken to other hotels in the area after hotel workers were allowed back into the building.

Danielle Asher of Valley Ranch cried with relief when a firefighter brought her one of her belongings.

The 12-year-old had been staying at the hotel with her parents and had just received an 8-week-old kitten, named Sneakers, which was stranded in the family's room.

After the explosion, the family called 911 and asked police for help in retrieving the cat.

"I was so scared. I just got him today," said Danielle, crying and clutching the mewling kitten to her chest. "There's gas in there and everything."



High School Counselor Karla Howell discusses schedules with new 10th grade student Heath Keeton (right) and his dad Allan.

Catholic priest pleads guilty to fondling 12-year-old girl

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas Catholic priest has pleaded guilty to fondling a 12-year-old girl.

Rev. Eneh "Anthony" Nwaogu faces between two and 20 years in prison for assaulting the girl at St. Anthony Catholic Church in South Dallas, where he had been priest-in-charge for the past five years.

A sentencing hearing will be set at a later date. Nwaogu could also be sentenced to deferred adjudication probation which would be served in his native Nigeria.

The girls' mother testified that Nwaogu offered his "confession" to her when she confronted him about why her daughter came to her in tears.

"I asked him for the truth," she said, according to a story in The Dallas Morning News. "I didn't tell him anything" about what the girl had said.

"He dropped his head and said he had touched her here," she said, pointing to her chest, "and in her privates, and said it was not appropriate."

Before the May incident at the priest's house, the family had confided in Nwaogu that the girl was sexually abused before the family adopted her, making the priest's actions even more upsetting for the family.

Prosecutors are seeking the maximum penalty in the case.

"There's no way it could ever be a minimum

case," said prosecutor Robbie McClung after the trial ended Friday. "It's in the best interest of that child and every child that he be locked away for as long as possible, and the maximum is 20 years."

Nwaogu's supporters say such a severe penalty is overdoing it. High school teacher Betty White, one of Father Nwaogu's six supporters in court Friday, testified that the priest had been an asset to the parish during his six years in Dallas.

She asked the court to consider probation, saying she believed he could be supervised by the church in Nigeria.

Nwaogu is the ninth priest in the Dallas Catholic Diocese to be accused of child sexual abuse in the 1990s and the second to be arrested. The other one arrested, Rudolph "Rudy" Kos, is serving a life sentence in state prison. The diocese and its insurers have paid about \$31 million to settle claims that church leaders covered up his abuse of 11 boys.

More than \$5 million was paid to settle claims involving other priests.

"We can't put this one in the same category," diocesan spokesman Bronson Havard said after Nwaogu's arrest in early May. "This is almost something that's unpredictable — no signals, no flares up."

"It's not anything we could do, anything to prevent," he said.

Crews remove visible scars of Columbine shootings

LITTLETON, Colo. — When the bell rings to start the fall term at Columbine High School, there will be no physical trace of the deadly rampage last spring that left 15 dead and dozens injured.

The bullet holes have been patched, broken glass has been replaced and the library — where most of the killings occurred — has been hidden behind a new wall of lockers.

"We want students to feel good about being back here," said Jack Swanzy, the director of planning for Jefferson County School District. "If students can walk down these halls and not cringe ... we feel we've been very successful."

It was lunchtime on April 20 when seniors Dylan Klebold, 17, and Eric Harris, 18, walked into Columbine, setting off bombs and firing weapons. Twelve students and a teacher were killed before the gunmen committed suicide.

After the massacre, witnesses said the school resembled a war zone, with overturned furniture, backpacks scattered throughout the building and heavy damage to the cafeteria and library.

Construction crews have spent the summer inside the sprawling suburban high school, completing \$1.2 million worth of renovations.

They've done everything from plastering bullet and shrapnel holes to replacing blood-stained carpets with linoleum and repainting gray walls blue, white and green.

"Looking back at the Saturday after the shooting, I was in shock," Columbine Principal Frank DeAngelis said Friday. "I was not sure what the future held for CHS. It's exciting that within two weeks Columbine will become a school again."

Architects still haven't decided what to do with

Architects still haven't decided what to do with the library, which has remained closed. For now, a new locker-lined wall covers the entrance. Some books have been destroyed because they were damaged by bullet holes and blood, Swanzy said, while the rest have been put in storage.

The library, which has remained closed since the shootings. For now, a new locker-lined wall covers the entrance. Some books have been destroyed because they were damaged by bullet holes and blood, Swanzy said, while the rest have been put in storage.

A trailer outside the school, complete with computers that have Internet access and about 1,000 books, will act as a temporary library until a more permanent solution is found.

Thousands of student-designed tiles have been put up along hallways, many of which are dedicated to classmates who died in the rampage.

There are new tables and chairs in the cafeteria, and purple carpeting in hallways has been replaced by gleaming white tile.

"I think it looks awesome," said Mike Sheehan, 17, the student body president. "What's nice is that it's the same school, but still looks a little different."

Security has also been enhanced. Sixteen video cameras have been added and students will have to wear identification tags. A card-swipe system has been set up to replace standard door locks for after-hours entry to the school.

Kennedy kin murder suspect's statements ruled confidential

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — Statements made by a nephew of the late Sen. Robert Kennedy at a substance abuse center should not be disclosed to a grand jury investigating an unsolved 1975 killing, a judge ruled.

Michael Skakel, whose father is a brother of Kennedy widow Ethel Kennedy, is being investigated in the Oct. 30, 1975, bludgeoning of 15-year-old Martha Moxley of Greenwich.

The Connecticut Appellate Court ruled Thursday that a lower court erred when it rejected Skakel's claim that statements he made at the Elan school in Poland Spring, Maine, were protected by psychiatrist-patient privilege.

Skakel's lawyers called it a clear victory in their attempt to

Michael Skakel, who was 15 at the time of the killing, and his older brother Thomas, then 17, have been identified as suspects in the girl's death.

stop prosecutors from forcing Joseph Riccim, the owner of the Elan school, from testifying before a grand jury investigating Moxley's death.

Prosecutors claim that Ricci overheard or knew about potentially incriminating statements Skakel made while he attended the school in the years 1978 to 1980.

In hearings last fall, Skakel's lawyers argued that any statements he made at the school were confidential because the facility specialized in the psychological

treatment of teen-agers with substance abuse problems.

Skakel, who was 15 at the time of the killing, and his older brother Thomas, then 17, have been identified as suspects in the girl's death. Both brothers have denied any involvement in her death.

Moxley lived across the street from the Skakels in the exclusive Belle Haven section of Greenwich.

She was beaten to death with a golf club on her family's estate. The 6-iron was later matched to a set owned by the Skakel family.

AA pilot's union leaders ok new pact

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Leaders of the union representing American Airlines pilots have voted to approve a proposal that they say could end the stalemate with management over the acquisition of Reno Air.

Rich LaVoy, president of the Allied Pilots Association, said Friday he would not reveal specifics of the proposal until American management has an opportunity to review it and respond.

The airline's offer to pilots had fallen short of some long-standing union demands and led to a February sickout.

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Letters to the editor

Ordinance requires common-sense

To the editor,
There appears to be a state of hysteria that has overcome a common-sense approach, to the city's proposed ordinance restricting the parking of tractor trailer rigs and other large wheeled RVs and possibly large boats.

The argument by some home owners is that we paid for our property and pay taxes; therefore, we can park whatever we want on our property.

Some even claim it is their right! Baloney! No one — property owner or not — has the right to clutter up a residential area of any city or force their neighbors to endure excessive noise or odors. No one has the right to impede traffic for other motorists by parking their rigs on streets that were not built to accommodate tractor trailer rigs, either their size or weight.

Let's all just fill our backyards with horses, pigs, chickens, and tigers — after all, we paid for our property. The city just as well does away with all ordinances and laws that protect its residents (all residents) and surely chaos will rule!

Just because one may be a property owner and pay taxes does not give any right to trash residential zoned areas where other people who own their homes and pay taxes, also desire a neat neighborhood. Neat in appearance and free from smelly odors and excessive noise.

In the past when the city was contemplating a similar ordinance, I was opposed to it. But, as I drive around now I see many, many more rigs, boats, and RVs too large to be parked in residential areas.

Some block traffic signs and others parked on streets impede traffic by narrowing the width of the public street.

I urge those opposed to this proposed ordinance to consider their neighbors and other motorists and

even pedestrians and bike riders and join with the city to write an ordinance that will not be overly restrictive, yet would address the problems caused by what the ordinance would cover.

Yes, we are over-governed at all levels in our present day society. And, more undoubtedly will come, but, government does have its place and responsibilities to its residents and ensuring our safety on our public streets and protecting residential areas from excessive noise and odors that shouldn't be there, I believe is a good way to spend my tax money!

Ray Velasquez
Pampa

God can set you on the right path

To the editor,
As of today, I feel so elated by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have definitely a powerful testimony to give. It's just so awesome. God grabbed me by His hand and pulled me out of a bad situation that truly to this day could have gotten worse and I could of very well have been on a road to death. He grabbed me and put me in a safe place which was jail. I was in jail with a group of women, we all learned a little from one another. I thank God for being in jail and putting me through this experience.

As I think back, I was on a road down hill because I simply thought no one cared, it shattered my heart, my way of thinking. I thought I was the lowest person on earth. But since my experience in jail, I was noticed to be a warm, loving person waiting to be set free and if it hadn't of been through the power of God, it just wouldn't be.

We all make mistakes, but I must say a word of encouragement goes a long way, sometimes that's all a person needs.

Thank you, Judge Peet and Sonja Nite, for believ-

ing in me and giving me a second chance in life.
Jennifer Ann Johnson
Plainview

There are still good people in the world

To the editor,
One day just recently, I was shopping at a local department store when I met the most amazing person you will ever meet. Her name, (if memory serves me correctly) was Mrs. Franklin. We were both in the bath towel area when we began to talk. I told her about how I was trying to fix up our bathroom after some remodeling to surprise my wife when she returned from Midland where she was trying to help her father who had just been diagnosed with cancer.

We talked for quite a while about towels, colors and shower curtains when she turned to me and said, "I don't know you from Adam, but I am about to help you." She picked up the towels that I had been looking at, then the hand towels, and the wash cloths. She said, "I'm going to help you get that bathroom fixed up."

I was in shock.
I told her she didn't need to do that but she insisted. She ended up getting us a nice set of towels and bathroom rugs in the perfect color.

I would like to let her know that I didn't realize people like her existed. I had been a little stressed over my wife's situation and she made my day so much better. I would just like to let her know that I will always remember her. In

our hearts she will never be forgotten.
We left not knowing a whole lot more about each other than what is in this letter, but I left knowing that there are good people left. I hope that this amazing lady gets everything back in life that she gave me in the few minutes that I talked to her.
Waylon Black
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Letters may be dropped off at the office, 403 W. Atchison, or mailed to The Pampa News, Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066.

PPHM to present second installment of Red River War lecture series

CANYON — The Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present its second lecture in the series "From There to Here ... 125 Years After the Red River War" from 2:30-3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 8 in the Hazlewood Lecture Hall. Lawrence H. Hart, executive director of the Cheyenne Cultural Center in Clinton, Okla., will discuss the Red River War from the Native American perspective. The public is cordially invited to attend this free lecture, made possible in part by a grant from the Texas Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Hart is a Cheyenne enrolled with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. In 1977, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes presented him an Honorary Citizen Award for language preservation. In 1995, he was awarded a Distinguished Service



(Special photo)

Lawrence H. Hart will present "From There to Here ... 125 Years After the Red River War" from 2:30-3 p.m. today in Hazlewood Lecture Hall at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon.

Award by Bethel College of North Newton, Kan., his alma mater. In 1993, the Oklahoma Heritage Association awarded him a Distinguished Citizen Award for his work preserving and promoting Cheyenne history. In 1992, he was selected by the U.S. Senate as a Delegate to the White House Conference on Indian Education. That year the National Indian Education Association honored him as Indian Elder of the Year.

A traditional Cheyenne peace chief and one of four principal chiefs, Hart was selected by a committee of the Museum of the American Indian to conduct a blessing ceremony at the dedication of the Smithsonian's Research Center in Suitland, Md. He has served as a panelist at National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma and in Denver at a Symposium on Cheyenne-Dog Soldier Ledger Art sponsored by the Denver Art Museum and the Colorado Historical Society. He was also a panelist at the annual conference of the National Association of State Arts Agencies in Cleveland and a participant in the Vetting of the American Indian Museum on the Mall in Washington, D.C. His testimony before a Congressional subcommittee aided in the passage of HB 1099 "The Washita Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1996" now PL 104-333. (See, PPHM, Page 8)



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

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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



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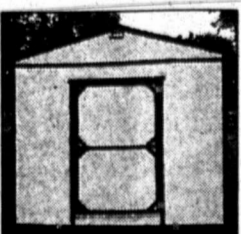
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ABWA scholarships



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Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association recently awarded scholarships to Sheila Berry in the amount of \$500 and to Cynthia Davis in the amount of \$750. Above are: Margaret Hall, Berry, Education Chairman Estelle Malone, Davis and Jan Allen. Hall, Malone and Allen are all members of ABWA.

'GO TEXAN' labels to boost ag sales in Lone Star state

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has said legislation signed by Gov. George W. Bush will provide a tremendous economic boost to the state's second-largest industry, agriculture. The bill signed by Bush will establish the "GO TEXAN" Partner Program at the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The "GO TEXAN" Partner Program will support TDA's umbrella marketing campaign, "GO TEXAN." The program will enhance Texas agricultural promotions by establishing marketing partnerships between the Texas Department of Agriculture and producers, commodity organizations, cooperatives and small businesses, Combs said. These organizations may match \$500,000 per year authorized by the Legislature to promote Texas products and individual commodities and products. This legislation was contained in House Bill 2719 by Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas.

Combs praised legislative sponsors, Rep. Swinford and Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr. for their efforts at establishing the GO TEXAN Partner Program to assist Texas agriculture.

This spring Commissioner Combs launched the "GO TEXAN" statewide marketing initiative that will help shoppers identify Texas agricultural products with a logo that sports a cattle brand symbol in the shape of Texas. The GO

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TEXAN campaign also includes public service announcements promoting the state's agriculture by Texas natives baseball Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan and Academy Award winner Tommy Lee Jones.

The "GO TEXAN" Partner Program will bring TDA together with grower groups and other organizations and businesses to strengthen the promotion of Texas agriculture products, Combs said. The dollar-for-dollar match required from participating grower organizations will double the marketing funds available to promote Texas agriculture and bring Texas up to par with other states' agricultural marketing efforts, the commissioner said. Participating groups would be allowed to promote their Texas commodities and products with the "GO TEXAN" logo and other promotional assistance, Combs said.

"I want consumers to know that whether they are shopping for food or clothing, if they are looking for the best, then they should GO TEXAN," Combs said.

"Texans are loyal and want to buy Texas," Combs said. "A survey of Texas shoppers found that almost 90 percent of those polled said they would buy a product identified as coming from Texas. The GO TEXAN Partner Program will tap into that loyalty and help increase sales of Texas agricultural food and clothing."

The legislation also will authorize the sales of "GO TEXAN" license plates with proceeds to augment the Legislative appropriations for Texas agricultural promotions.

Friends of the Amarillo Library seeking authors from Texas Panhandle area

AMARILLO — Friends of the Amarillo Library are currently seeking authors published since October 1998 who live in the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle to be honored during FAL's 1999 Book and Author Dinner slated at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Amarillo Civic Center — Grand Plaza, 400 S. Buchanan. A reception will be from 6-7 p.m. Authors are invited to bring their books, autograph and sell them. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

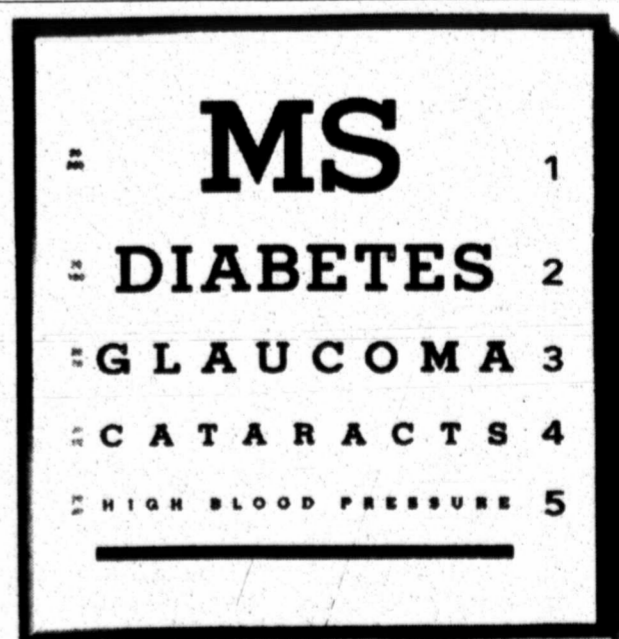
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In addition, he has lectured at the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis and been featured in television documentary programs on Native American airing on Public Television, the Turner Broadcasting Station and the Discovery Channel. His list of publications includes "Legacies of the Massacre and Battles at the Washita" for "Oklahoma Today," and "Constructing a Common Ground" for "Mennonite Life." The August programming at the museum includes lectures scheduled from 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 15 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 21. A bus trip to the Adobe Walls site is scheduled from 2-10 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22 and will include a Dutch-treat dinner stop in Borger. There is no charge for the lectures or bus trip; however, reservations are required for the bus trip and will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. For more information or trip reservations, call (806) 651-2244. The deadline for reservations is Monday, Aug. 9.



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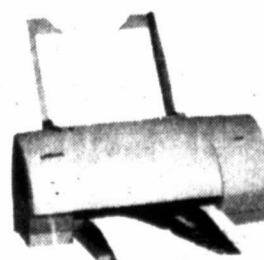
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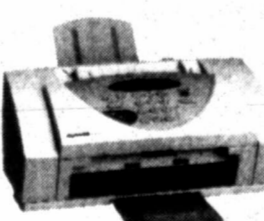
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The Market Forecaster
By George Kleinman

Size of fall crop may create storage crunch

Wheat (Bull/Bear)
Outlook: Wheat will continue to be a corn follower, but if corn does go lower, wheat will follow reluctantly. Most years, wheat would have already bottomed by now on a seasonal basis because the winter wheat harvest is just about over. In years of cheap wheat, there is a very strong tendency for the market to bottom when the harvest is

getting late, it is not too late for additional weather scares. Be alert to this possibility.
Strategy:Hedgers: At present, the government program is your best hedging tool. Corn users look to be a buyer under 195 on a scale down in the December contract.
Traders: Traders who took our previous recommendation are spread wheat/corn with the

contract. Be prepared to risk to 387.
Cattle (Bull)
Outlook: You may or may not remember, but early this year most of the cattle market analysts were bearish (present company not included.) The common wisdom was the cash and futures would plummet during the summer based on large supplies of market ready cattle. The futures approached 60 for August, some thought prices were headed into the 50s. With the summer half over, the August futures (and cash) are trading in the mid-60s and the bull spreads are working (the near futures months are gaining on the far months, which is bullish action.) I contend if this market can continue to hold up this well today, it bodes very well for the autumn and particularly the winter market. The cattle numbers are projected to drop sharply into the end of the year. It is my opinion the December contract will have a seven in front of it before the new millennium begins. The bull remains in the box again this week.

BONDURANT, Iowa (AP) — Jeff Nelson's brown brick office at the Farmers Elevator Cooperative in this small central Iowa town is shadowed by 160-foot grain silos still holding a fair amount of last year's corn and soybean crop. And with a strong harvest expected this fall, he and other elevator operators wonder how much room will be left for this year's crops.

"It's real difficult to know what the farmer stocks are like at this point," Nelson said. The state won't release its harvest forecasts until mid-August, but reports indicate an excellent crop, despite flooding in northern Iowa, Agriculture Secretary Patty Judge said.

Meanwhile, state records show the amount of corn in storage in Iowa has risen 20 percent to 800 million bushels and the amount of stored soybeans has soared 39 percent to more than 200 million bushels since last year.

Farmers are inclined to leave their crops in storage when prices are low.

"In a normal year this would be the time to get empty and clear out (the elevators)," said David Holm of the Iowa Institute for Cooperatives. "With the current prices there's very little movement. There's a great deal of concern about how full the elevators are."

Judge said the size of the new crop can only depress prices further.

"We do have a huge surplus of grain in the country both in the elevators and the storage. It's going to create a real glut," Judge said.

With about 15 percent more corn in the silos than last year and an equal amount of soybeans on hand, Nelson thinks he should have enough room for this year's crops. But he can't be certain. "It's not like assembling a car in a factory," he

said. Rick Peterson, general manager of Mid-Iowa Cooperative in Beaman, said the space crunch was a hot topic of conversation at a recent board meeting.

Normally, the company's nine elevators, scattered throughout central Iowa, use only 10 percent to 25 percent of its capacity this time of year. But with more corn and soybeans in storage than last year, the silos — which have enough room to hold a 45 mile-long train filled with grain — are already half full.

As a result, Peterson says the co-op will probably ration available space.

Analysts predict the tight storage capacity will likely increase ground storage this year. Other co-ops have built additional storage. Some farmers have refurbished older ground storage.

"We can't begin to hold all the grain," said Holm, who placed the state's total storage capacity at about 2.6 billion bushels. "It's going to get piled on the ground."

The state's total storage capacity has been dropping since 1990, said Bob Wisner, an economist at Iowa State University. A similar glut in the fall of 1994 led farmers to store grain outside, which can lead to spoilage if it's a wet fall.

"That looks like a definite possibility this fall," he said. Judge and other state officials have asked Congress for emergency assistance for farmers, including aid to cover storage payments and the extension of loans.

"Anyway we look at it, we are going to have a serious problem in handling the grain and there's not going to be much value in the grain," Judge said. "I wish I could say differently."

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about 50 percent complete, and this year does not appear to be an exception to this rule. I still, as a trader, like the wheat/corn spreads (buy the former/sell the latter.) The pressure from the wheat harvest is now behind us. While the bottom is most likely in however, unless corn turns bullish, do not look for a major move up at this time either.

Strategy:Hedgers: For harvested wheat not previously hedged, I would look to sell cash and simultaneously purchase call options for December. In this way, you can maintain ownership of wheat, but free up cash to pay bills. You limit your downside (something storage cannot do) yet maintain full upside potential. Use the current at the money calls. If you took our previous recommendation, you own the 270 December calls at 12 cents or lower, or less than the cost of storage and interest.

Traders: Traders who took our previous recommendation are spread wheat/corn with the purchase of December Chicago wheat and the sale of December corn (at less than a 60 cent premium to the wheat.) Risk 10 cents (on a closing basis) and expect the spread to widen to 85 cents for a profit potential of over \$1,000 per spread.

Corn (Bear)
Outlook: It is all weather right now. Just when the market was convinced the second largest corn crop on record was a certainty, the heat started in some critical areas of the Midwest. A 32-cent move from recent bottom to recent top was the result, representing a 16 percent move from the lows. As this is being written, timely rains have erased close to two-thirds of this rally. Will the market be able to make new lows? I think it is very possible, as there is still a chance of a very large crop and the existing corn stocks are burdensome. I do not think new lows will occur in the next few weeks, however. The August crop report will be coming out in a week or so and traders are looking for a reduction. After all, there had to be some yield loss from the overly optimistic estimates of the past month. If the weather remains favorable, however, the market could start a slow bleed into the end of August. Weather will remain a factor, however, and while it is

purchase of December Chicago wheat and the sale of December corn at less than a 60-cent premium to the wheat. Risk 10 cents (on a closing basis) and expect the spread to widen to 85-cents for a profit potential of over \$1,000 per spread.

Soybeans (Bull/Bear)
Outlook: We had the makings of a bonafide weather market, but just when it started to heat up (both the weather and the market), the rain knew just where to go! After a dramatic 20 percent rally from the lows, precipitation targeted the previously dry areas of Ohio, central Indiana and central Illinois. All the steam was let out of what potentially could have been a dramatic bull-run. The last major move down to 405 on July 9 (a 27-year low) was an overreaction, as was the run to 484 on July 23. This market now looks like it could potentially test the lows which, if it occurs, will again be an overreaction and in my mind a buying opportunity. Some areas have already suffered yield loss as the condition ratings have deteriorated. The soybeans are still immature and 1983 demonstrated this market could still have a big rally in mid-August.

Strategy:Hedgers: The government program is your best hedging alternative at this time.
Traders: Look to be a buyer at 407 or better in the November

Strategy:Feeders: Feeders are out of all previously purchased put options. No additional hedge protection is recommended at this time if you are willing to accept the risk of the market.

Cow/calf operators: Cattle feeders remain buy-hedged. If you took our previous recommendation, you are in the August feeder futures from under 75 (with the effective price actually \$3-\$4 lower including rollovers.) Hold until you buy your replacement feeders.

Traders: Based on a previous recommendation you are long December futures in the 6450-6500 range. Be prepared to risk 200 points and to hold this position for the longer term.



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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.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Kids & Youth Club recently held an awards ceremony to recognize the players who competed in the club's first baseball season.

Raffle winners were also announced at the ceremony, which was held at Hobart Street Park.

Raffle winners were: Billy McKeen, \$150 addidas sunglasses (donated by Eye Care Plus-Dr. Jentzen); Rodnie Winborne, three months of free flat rate calling in the Texas panhandle (donated by CityLINK); Lela Harris, \$25 cash and Mr. VanHouten \$100 cash (donated by Pampa Kids & Youth Club Inc.); Carolyn Varnell, baseball plaque (donated by David & Robin Scott).

The 9-10 year-old league or R.A. Winborne, coached by Danny Martin and Pampa Hathcoat, won the pizza party for the selling the most raffle tickets. The Dominos Pizza made the donation.

There were 21 teams which participated in the baseball leagues and every player received a participation award.

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Youth Club will host a 7-8 and 9 year-old boys Pitching Machine Baseball Tournament Aug. 13-15 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 and the entry deadline is Aug. 9.

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.

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is sponsoring a pitching clinic for girls 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 State 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.

SOCCER

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 sign-up. A player must be four years old on or before July 31, 1999.

Modest Zach makes Dolphins proud

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — For All-Pro middle linebacker Zach Thomas, the Miami Dolphins' training camp provides a refuge from financial grief. His trouble is not a lack of money, but rather a newfound abundance.

Thomas signed a five-year, \$22.5 million contract in February, and he's still adjusting to the lifestyle of the rich and famous.

"There are more problems,

proud," coach Jimmy Johnson says.

Now the former fifth-round draft choice is a full-fledged star and a newly minted millionaire.

Thomas was never exactly poor, because his father struck it rich in the Texas oil business. But the frugal Thomas didn't seem eager to spend any inheriting; during his first three NFL seasons, he shared a two-bedroom apartment with

"Our defensive line makes us linebackers look better than we really are. They do all the dirty work."

— Zach Thomas

for real," he says. "People come out of the woodwork trying to get money from you. There are a lot more decisions to make. It's tough to say no, and they try to make you look cheap."

"This summer it was driving me crazy. I was so happy to get in here and get my mind off everything."

There's no question Thomas is at his best on a football field. At 5-11 and 235 pounds, he is built more like an equipment manager than a middle linebacker. But Thomas has been a starter since his rookie season in 1996, and last year he anchored a defense that allowed the fewest points in the NFL.

"He'll always make you

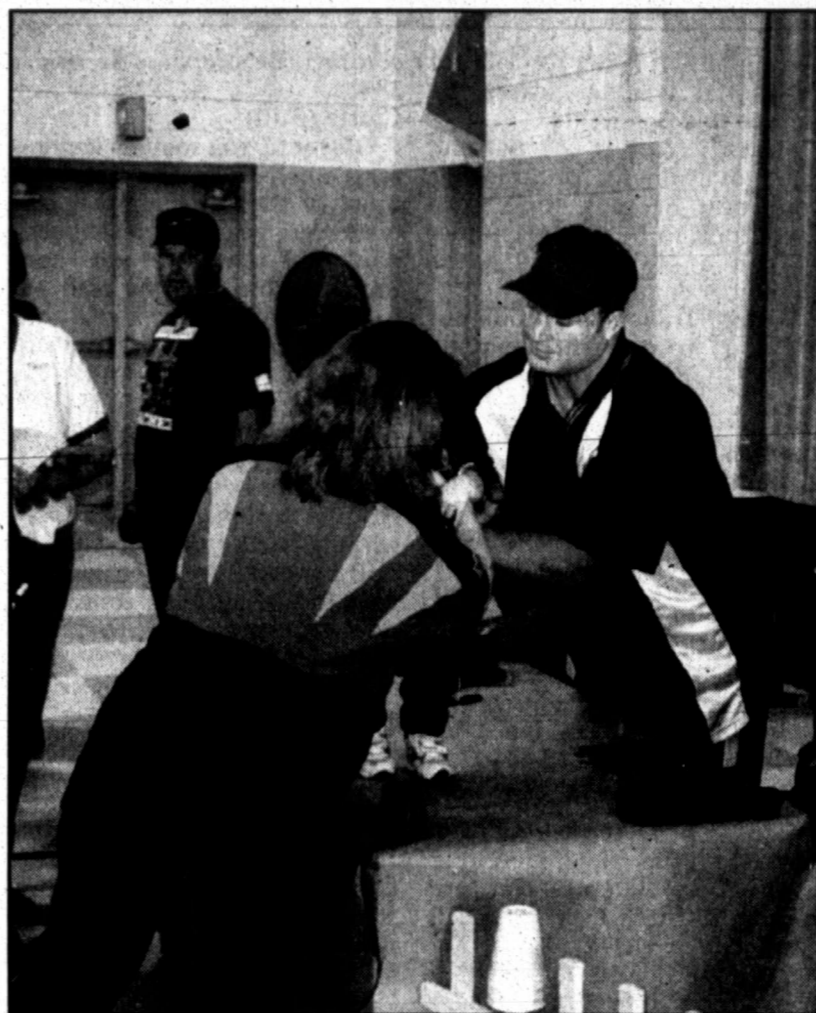
teammate Larry Izzo.

Making big bucks has been a tougher adjustment than celebrity. Thomas is popular in Miami but easy to overlook, partly because his usual attire is blue jeans and a T-shirt. Unless he pairs up in public with his more physically imposing teammates, he often goes unnoticed.

"Nothing has changed," he says happily. "When I'm by myself I can go anywhere."

And when Thomas does attract attention, he doesn't really mind.

"Zach's real down to earth," teammate Jason Taylor says. "No matter where we go, he's been accommodating to the fans when they want to talk to him or get an autograph."



(Pampa News photo)

Zach Thomas visits with fans during an appearance at St. Vincent's School in Pampa earlier this year. Thomas was an all-state player for the Harvesters and graduated from PHS in 1992.

"I feel it's part of the job," you're done."

Thomas says. "They're the ones paying you. It makes you feel good, because you know it's not going to happen after but likes rap. He's a linebacker

who wears cologne and cries watching "Titanic."

And for someone with such a thick (21-inch) neck, Thomas can be a bit thin-skinned. He dislikes being described as an over-achiever because he believes the term slights the skills that helped him make 489 tackles the past three seasons.

But Thomas loathes self-promotion and prefers deflecting credit to others.

He notes that the Dolphins' 4-3 defense allows talented tackles Daryl Gardener and Tim Bowens to run interference for him.

"Our defensive line makes us linebackers look better than we really are," Thomas says. "They do all the dirty work."

Thomas also praises defensive coordinator George Hill's scheme because it keeps things simple. But he claims to be struggling so far in training camp.

"It's not like riding a bike, where you just jump on and already know how," Thomas says. "You've got to start all over and work your way back. I haven't got the knack and instincts right now. I'm trying to get that back."

Dolphins fans needn't be alarmed, because the first game is more than five weeks away. And it's good to know Thomas' modesty is in midseason form.

Only when pressed will he acknowledge a belief in his talent.

"I've got to have a lot of confidence," he says. "Look at me. I'm small."

NHBA hosts barrel races at TOT arena

PAMPA — "Where Beginners Can Be Winners" is the motto of the Area Texas District 02 National Barrel Horse Association, which recently had two barrel races at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.

"We had some very nice turnouts with lots of tough runs from both our youth and open members," said Judy Morriss, NBHA official.

The NBHA is based on a 3D concept with the fastest time 1D, then dropping another second to the 2D, then to 3D (for example, 17.50 to 18.50 and 19.50). The 1D times are the fastest runs, 2D times are for horses not in the 1D range and 3D is for horses or riders who are just beginning to barrel race.

On Sunday, Aug. 15, the NBHA will sponsor another barrel race with the youth class starting at approximately 6 p.m., followed by the open class.

The public is invited and no admission will be charged.

Morriss urged residents to come out and cheer for some of the area's top youth and open barrel racers. Morriss can be reached at 806-835-2934 for more information on the National Barrel Horse Association.

"I'd be happy to answer any questions," she said.

Results from the July 25 Race are as follows:
(45 open entries)

1D
1. Mark Randall 16.963; 2. Vivian Mefford 17.151; 3. Brady

Wright 17.157; 4. Kaily Richardson 17.175.

2D
1. Erica Cochran 18.097; 2. Christy Dempsey 18.142; 3. Shahina Hartman 18.256; 4. Mandy Poole 18.280.

3D
1. Pat Morris 19.038; 2. Terri Jones 19.213; 3. Anita Wright 19.290; 4. Kelly Proffitt 19.297.

Youth
(15 entries)
1D
1. Carley Richardson 17.154; 2. Erica Cochran 17.231.

2D
1. Shahina Hartman 18.556; 2. Shelby Robinson 18.585.

3D
1. Candice Caldwell 19.274; 2. Mindy Bagley 20.578.

Results from the Aug. 1 race are as follows:

(50 open entries)
1D
1. Brandy Wright 16.416; 2. Tyra Kane 16.553; 3. Dianna Weiland 16.980; 4. Peggy Bleiker 17.028.

2D
1. Peggy Bleiker 17.426; 2. Jeaneal Presley 17.521; 3. Cassandra Hanna 17.529; 4. Christy Dempsey 17.544.

Youth
(10 entries)

1D
Kailey Richardson 16.881.

2D
Shahina Hartman 18.401.

3D
Mindy Bagley 19.034.

Taylor still dreams of tackles

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — It's been six years since Lawrence Taylor ended one of the most successful pro football careers ever.

Now 40 years old, he said he has few regrets and has mellowed somewhat as he prepares for his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame this afternoon.

But he still has moments when visions of prone running backs dance through his head.

"I didn't miss playing the game of football at all, but during championship time and during the playoffs, you miss the excitement," he said. "Sometimes I find myself dreaming of some of the games, reliving the games."

The former New York Giants linebacker will be joined by running back Eric Dickerson, offensive guards Tom Mack and Billy Shaw and tight end Ozzie Newsome when the class of 1999 is enshrined today on the front steps of the hall.

Taylor — who became the fearsome prototype of a rush linebacker during his 13 seasons — never settled for second best from himself or his teammates.

"When I came to work, I came to work planning on being the best," he said.

Taylor retired with two Super Bowl rings and a glittering stack of statistics. He had 142 sacks in his career and all but revolutionized his position with his athleticism and mental approach.

"He was nasty. He's the nastiest kid I've ever been around," said Denny Marcin, the Giants' defensive line coach who also coached Taylor at North Carolina. "If you were lying on the ground and he was going back to the huddle, he might kick you in the head."

Former Washington Redskins quarterback Joe Theismann said, "If there ever was a Superman in the NFL, I think he wore number 56 for the Giants."

Since retiring in 1993, Taylor has encountered legal, substance-abuse and financial problems. He referred to those who didn't vote for his induction as "old phonies" who had no business judging him. He has since said he spoke out of anger and now is thrilled to be entering the elite hall.

His induction fits neatly into his personal checklist.

"We do things in packages as far as life goes: high school ball, college ball, you want to get in the pros, make All-Pro and finally you want to be in the Hall of Fame. That has finally happened. I have a complete package."

Those joining him fit that same description.

Playing 11 seasons with four teams, Dickerson gained 13,259 career yards — third-best behind Walter Payton and Barry Sanders. He said his induction is the ultimate compliment.

"That'll be a proud moment

for me," he said in a televised interview recently. "I never made it to a Super Bowl. For me, this shows I did do something right in my sport."

He topped 1,000 yards in each of his first seven seasons, including an NFL-record 2,105 in 1984, while showing the ability to run around, over or through defenders.

Mack, a 6-foot-3, 250-pound offensive guard, played all of his 13 seasons with the Los Angeles Rams — going 184 games without missing a game due to injury or illness.

He had to wait 11 years to finally get the call to Canton, while Shaw — a sterling offensive guard for the Buffalo Bills from 1961 to 1969 who was selected for induction by the veterans committee — waited almost three times that.

"There were only three guards in the hall. Now he and I make five," Shaw said. "I can't explain to you why more guards haven't made it into the Hall of Fame. But it's an honor. It'll be fun going in with Tom."

Newsome caught 662 passes in his 13 years — all spent as a premier receiver and blocker with the Cleveland Browns.

He said he was happy that he had to wait four years for induction because it now dovetails with the advent of the new Browns franchise, which plays Dallas in Monday night's Hall of Fame exhibition game.

Houston hoping for NFL team

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston is cautious about surpassing Los Angeles in the race for the 32nd NFL franchise.

After deciding on Los Angeles Coliseum as the stadium for the proposed franchise in Los Angeles, the NFL decided to look again at sites they'd already rejected, the latest in a series of setbacks for the California group trying to put together a plan the NFL will accept.

Jack Rains, executive director of the Houston Sports Authority, gives Houston businessman Bob McNair a good chance of pulling off an upset.

"The NFL is in the entertainment business and getting into the largest media markets is the goal," Rains said. "All things being equal, they go to L.A., but all things aren't equal. We've put together a competitive proposal that people in LA are having a hard time measuring up to."

McNair was in Columbia, S.C., where today he was to speak and

receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. Steve Patterson, vice president of McNair's Houston NFL Holdings, said he's still focused on being ready if Houston gets the team.

"I think things are going well for us," Patterson said. "The issue for us is to wait for Sept. 15 (L.A.'s deadline) and hopefully our friends around the league can get us 24 votes. This has been an exciting process the last two years."

The NFL rejected McNair's proposal in March, electing to give the franchise to Los Angeles if the city could put together a suitable plan that offered tax dollars and an acceptable stadium.

Los Angeles Coliseum was selected as the proposed site for the team, but the NFL plans now to look at sites it had previously rejected. The league earlier declined to sign a non-binding letter of intent proposed by state negotiator Bill Chadwick. Chadwick later resigned,



(Special photo)

Pampa Kids & Youth Club players, parents and coaches gather for an awards ceremony at Hobart Street Park. Every player received a participation award in the club's first baseball season. There were 21 teams entered in various age groups.

Gwynn joins 3,000-hit club

MONTREAL (AP) — Tony Gwynn has worn a lot of different uniforms on his way to joining the 3,000-hit club. And, most importantly to him, they've all been with the same team.

Gwynn went 4-for-5, singling in his first at-bat to become the 22nd major leaguer to reach 3,000 hits, as the San Diego Padres beat the Montreal Expos 12-10 Friday night.

Gwynn, who went 2-for-4 in his major league debut for San Diego on July 19, 1982, has sported many different color schemes — including the memorable combination of yellow and brown — and uniform designs over the course of his 17-year career. The important thing to Gwynn is that he wore all of those different uniforms as a member of the Padres.

"I've done it all in one uniform," Gwynn said. "Well, not counting the brown, but I've done it in a few different uniforms and hey, I'm proud of that. I'm a Padre. I'm a San Diego Padre."

Gwynn is the eighth player to get 3,000 hits all with one major league team.

"Joining the 3,000-hit club as a member of one team and one team only. That has a nice ring to it as far as I'm concerned," Gwynn said.

Gwynn took care of the milestone hit in his first at-bat as he reached down and golfed a soft line drive past second base on a 1-2 pitch from Dan Smith, a rookie making his 11th career start.

"If somebody's going to get a hit off me like that, he's the best guy to do it," Smith said. "I grew up rooting for him and I tip my hat to him."

Gwynn's teammates raced from the dugout to congratulate him, and first base umpire Kerwin Danley — Gwynn's college teammate at San Diego State — gave him a hug.

The ball and the first base bag were taken out of play, with one or both likely to end up in the Hall of Fame.

"The relief that you feel is the first thing that hits you," Gwynn said. "Then I was starting to get emotional."

Gwynn reached the milestone in front of 13,540 fans — more than 30,000 fewer than watched him get his 2,999th hit Thursday in St. Louis when Mark McGwire hit his 500th and 501st homer.

"I'd have loved to do it last night in St. Louis, but now that things have happened the way they've happened, this is great for me," Gwynn said. "Mark had his day, today is my day." The crowd at Olympic Stadium, on its feet and clapping throughout the at-bat.

Astros split doubleheader

CHICAGO (AP) — Andrew Lorraine's season debut with the Chicago Cubs wasn't too shabby. Just called up from the minors, Lorraine pitched a three-hitter to lead the Cubs to a 6-0 victory over the Houston Astros for a split of their doubleheader on Friday.

"That's one of the most amazing games," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "I saw Kerry Wood last year strike out 20 guys. This is more amazing than that."

Lorraine didn't think it wasn't anything spectacular. "It was just a good outing," he said nonchalantly.

In the opener, Carl Everett knocked in five runs while playing his first game since being sidelined with a hamstring injury and Jose Lima gained his 15th win as the Astros beat the Cubs 6-1.

In the second game, Lorraine (1-0) was spectacular in his first major league game since his callup from Triple-A Iowa. The left-hander allowed just three singles and retired 13 straight at one point, walking one and striking out four in his first career complete game.

"The first couple of innings, I was nervous," Lorraine said. "As I got into the game, I started to relax and it got back to normal."

It was the longest outing of Lorraine's 26-game major league career, which includes 10 starts. His previous best was 6 2-3 innings on July 28, 1994, against

gave Gwynn a lengthy ovation. "Every time I came up to the plate, they let me know they were pulling for me," Gwynn said. "The last time up, it finally switched. One guy said, 'OK, you got three, that's enough.'"

Fireworks, usually reserved for Expos' home runs, were set off as soon as the hit dropped in, and Gwynn's mother, Vendella, celebrating her 64th birthday, came onto the field and embraced her son.

"To get 3,000 on my mom's birthday is a really special thing for me," said Gwynn, who got No. 2,000 on his mother's 58th birthday. "I was hugging her and telling her, 'Happy Birthday, Mom. This is for you.'"

Gwynn didn't wait long to add on. In his second at-bat, he singled up the middle to move past Roberto Clemente into 21st place on the career list.

After grounding out in the fourth inning, Gwynn singled to right in the sixth and singled to right in the eighth before leaving for a pinch-runner. The crowd gave him another standing ovation after his 3,003rd hit.

"It was because my family was telling me don't just be satisfied with getting one," Gwynn said. "After I got the hit in the first inning, I was a whole lot more relaxed than I had been."

Gwynn became the first NL player since the Cardinals' Lou Brock in 1979 to reach 3,000 hits. Brock was at Thursday's game in St. Louis, as was Stan Musial, hoping to see Gwynn reach 3,000.

"We've been waiting for this moment and it's a moment that we'll cherish along with Tony," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "We're so proud of him. I consider it a privilege to have played with him, managed him and to see him reach his milestone."

Several AL players — Paul Molitor, Eddie Murray, George Brett, Robin Yount, Dave Winfield, Carl Yastrzemski and Rod Carew — reached 3,000 hits in the years since Brock did it.

Gwynn reached 3,000 in 2,284 games, third-fastest behind only Ty Cobb and Nap Lajoie. Cobb was the fastest, doing it in 2,135 games.

Gwynn beat Tampa Bay's Wade Boggs to the milestone by at least one day. Boggs went 0-for-3 with a walk against Cleveland, leaving him three hits shy of 3,000.

"It's a very special time for not only him and his family, but for major league baseball to go ahead and get that taken care of," Boggs said from St. Petersburg, Fla. "My hat's off to him. Nice going. Work on 4,000 now."

Scoreboard

BASEBALL
American League
At A Glance

By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
New York	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	68	42	.611	—
Boston	51	50	.541	7 1/2
Baltimore	48	61	.440	18 1/2
Tampa Bay	45	64	.413	21 1/2
Central Division				
Cleveland	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	51	56	.477	13 1/2
Minnesota	45	62	.421	19 1/2
Kansas City	45	63	.417	20
Detroit	43	66	.394	22 1/2
West Division				
Texas	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	55	43	.562	—
Seattle	53	56	.486	12 1/2
Anaheim	46	62	.426	19

Thursday's Games
Baltimore 6, Detroit 3
Anaheim 5, Boston 0
Oakland 7, Chicago 6, 11 innings
New York 7, Seattle 4
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Tampa Bay 4, Cleveland 2
Detroit 4, Baltimore 3
Toronto 5, Texas 4
Minnesota 9, Kansas City 8
Boston 5, Anaheim 1
Oakland 9, Chicago 1
New York 11, Seattle 8

Saturday's Games
Boston (Rapp 3-5) at Anaheim (Belcher 5-6), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago (Parque 9-7) at Oakland (Aipper 10-9), 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 12-7) at Tampa Bay (Witt 6-7), 8:35 p.m.
Detroit (Borkowski 0-2) at Baltimore (Erickson 7-9), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 4-4) at Kansas City (Stein 0-2), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago (Balkin 5-11) at Oakland (Hudson 6-1), 4:05 p.m.
New York (Cone 10-6) at Seattle (Halama 9-2), 4:35 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 11-7) at Texas (Burkett 3-5), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (P-Martinez 15-3) at Anaheim (McDowell 0-3), 8:05 p.m.

National League
At A Glance

All Times EDT				
East Division				
New York	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	67	43	.609	—
Philadelphia	66	45	.595	1 1/2
Montreal	42	64	.396	23
Florida	42	68	.382	25
Central Division				
Houston	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	63	44	.589	2
St. Louis	56	55	.505	11
Pittsburgh	54	55	.495	12
Chicago	50	58	.463	15 1/2
Milwaukee	49	58	.458	16
West Division				
Arizona	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	57	52	.523	3 1/2
San Diego	52	57	.477	8 1/2
Colorado	48	61	.440	12 1/2
Los Angeles	47	62	.431	13 1/2

Thursday's Games
Colorado 2, Cincinnati 1
Houston 7, Los Angeles 0
Montreal 5, Chicago 2
Philadelphia 9, Florida 3
Atlanta 6, Pittsburgh 3
San Diego 10, St. Louis 3
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Houston 6, Chicago 1, 2nd game
Chicago 6, Houston 0, 2nd game
Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 1, 1st game
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 1, 2nd game
Florida 9, Colorado 1
Atlanta 7, San Francisco 3
New York 2, Los Angeles 1
San Diego 12, Montreal 10

Philadelphia 4, Arizona 2, 11 innings
Cincinnati 9, Milwaukee 2

Saturday's Games
Arizona (Benes 6-10) at Philadelphia (Schilling 14-4), 1:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 12-7) at Atlanta (Mullinax 6-6), 1:15 p.m.
Houston (Elarton 5-3) at Chicago (Tapani 6-9), 3:15 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 5-9) at Montreal (Hermanson 4-10), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Bohannon 10-9) at Florida (Meadows 8-11), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Botterfield 15-4) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Arnold 2-2) at New York (Letter 9-7), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Tomko 4-5) at Milwaukee (Karl 7-10), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
San Diego at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Arizona at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Colorado (Bohannon 10-9) at Florida (Meadows 8-11), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Botterfield 15-4) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Arnold 2-2) at New York (Letter 9-7), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Tomko 4-5) at Milwaukee (Karl 7-10), 8:05 p.m.

Today's Major League Leaders
By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BATTING—Garciparra, Boston, .361; T-Fernandez, Toronto, .353; Jeter, New York, .352; BeWilliams, New York, .348; RPalmeiro, Texas, .344; MDeWeese, Kansas City, .336; McGriff, Tampa Bay, .333.

RUNS—RAlomar, Cleveland, 92; Jeter, New York, 91; Lofton, Cleveland, 89; SGreen, Toronto, 87; Durham, Chicago, 86; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 85; CDejgado, Toronto, 82.

RBI—MRamirez, Cleveland, 106; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 96; RPalmeiro, Texas, 95; CDejgado, Toronto, 92; SGreen, Toronto, 90; JGonzalez, Texas, 90; Dye, Kansas City, 88.

HITS—Surhoff, Baltimore, 149; Jeter, New York, 148; BeWilliams, New York, 143; Beltran, Kansas City, 141; Randa, Kansas City, 141; Stewart, Toronto, 140; MOrdonez, Chicago, 136.

DOUBLES—TWalker, Minnesota, 33; Greer, Texas, 33; Damon, Kansas City, 32; T-Fernandez, Toronto, 32; MDeWeese, Kansas City, 31; SGreen, Toronto, 30; Zelig, Texas, 29.

TRIPLES—Jeter, New York, 8; Durham, Chicago, 8; Offerman, Boston, 8; Febles, Kansas City, 7; Singleton, Chicago, 6; Encarnacion, Detroit, 6; Dye, Kansas City, 6; Damon, Kansas City, 6; Randa, Kansas City, 6.

HOME RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seattle, 35; SGreen, Toronto, 32; Canseco, Tampa Bay, 31; CDejgado, Toronto, 29; ARodriguez, Seattle, 27; MRamirez, Cleveland, 27; Jaha, Oakland, 27; Belle, Baltimore, 27; RPalmeiro, Texas, 27.

STOLEN BASES—Stewart, Toronto, 33; BLHunter, Seattle, 28; Goodwin, Texas, 27; Vizquel, Cleveland, 27; Durham, Chicago, 25; Encarnacion, Detroit, 24; Lofton, Cleveland, 24; RAlomar, Cleveland, 24; ByAnderson, Baltimore, 24.

PITCHING (13 Decisions)—PMartinez, Boston, 15-3, 833, 2.48; Colon, Cleveland, 10-4, 714, 4.56; Clemens, New York, 10-4, 714, 4.80; Morgan, Texas, 12-6, 867, 5.32; Mussina, Baltimore, 13-7, 650, 5.68; FrGarcia, Seattle, 11-6, 647, 4.66; Seale, Texas, 11-6, 647, 5.65.

STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 194; Mussina, Baltimore, 129; CFrney, Anaheim, 124; DiWells, Toronto, 121; Cone, New York, 118; Burba, Cleveland, 114; Colon, Cleveland, 112.

SAVES—Weteland, Texas, 33; MRivera, New York, 30; RHernandez, Tampa Bay, 29; Taylor, Oakland, 26; Percival, Anaheim, 25; MJackson, Cleveland, 24; Koch, Toronto, 23; Mesa, Seattle, 23.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING—LWalker, Colorado, .355; Casey, Cincinnati, .353; Abreu, Philadelphia, .341; LGonzalez, Arizona, .340; HRodriguez, Chicago, .337; Glanville, Philadelphia, .330; MGracie, Chicago, .325.

RUNS—Bagnell, Houston, 104; JBell, Arizona, 88; Sosa, Chicago, 84; LWalker, Colorado, 83; Alfonso, New York, 82; Biggio, Houston, 81; KYoung, Pittsburgh, 80; McGwire, St. Louis, 80.

RBI—McGwire, St. Louis, 102; Bagwell, Houston, 95; Sosa, Chicago, 95; MWilliams, Arizona, 93; Ventura, New York, 90; LWalker, Colorado, 90; Jordan, Atlanta, 88.

HITS—Glanville, Philadelphia, 146; LGonzalez, Arizona, 143; Alfonso, New York, 140; Casey, Cincinnati, 139; Biggio, Houston, 138; MWilliams, Arizona, 136; Cirillo, Milwaukee, 132.

DOUBLES—Biggio, Houston, 46; KYoung, Pittsburgh, 34; Casey, Cincinnati, 31;

PHENOMENON—Named Karin Brower women's lacrosse coach.

TRIPLES—AGonzalez, Florida, 7; Abreu, Philadelphia, 7; Kotay, Florida, 6; NPerez, Colorado, 6; MMartinez, Montreal, 6; Cameron, Cincinnati, 6; Martin, Pittsburgh, 6; SFiney, Arizona, 6.

HOME RUNS—McGwire, St. Louis, 44; Sosa, Chicago, 42; Bagwell, Houston, 35; LWalker, Colorado, 30; JBell, Arizona, 28; CJones, Atlanta, 27; Burnett, Milwaukee, 26; Glavin, Cincinnati, 26.

STOLEN BASES—Cadenho, New York, 54; Womack, Arizona, 48; EYoung, Los Angeles, 44; LCastillo, Florida, 32; Cameron, Cincinnati, 29; Henderson, New York, 29; Owens, San Diego, 27; RSanders, San Diego, 27.

PITCHING (13 Decisions)—Hampton, Houston, 15-3, 833, 2.97; Botterfield, St. Louis, 15-4, 789, 3.86; Schilling, Philadelphia, 14-4, 778, 3.24; RReed, New York, 10-3, 769, 4.78; SWilliamson, Cincinnati, 10-4, 714, 1.65; Lima, Houston, 15-6, 714, 3.41; Nomo, Milwaukee, 9-4, 692, 4.29.

STRIKEOUTS—RJohnson, Arizona, 262; Brown, Los Angeles, 148; Reynolds, Houston, 148; Schilling, Philadelphia, 141; Astacio, Colorado, 140; Hitchcock, San Diego, 137; Lima, Houston, 126.

SAVES—Hoffman, San Diego, 28; Wagner, Houston, 27; Nen, San Francisco, 24; Urbina, Montreal, 23; Rocker, Atlanta, 22; Shaw, Los Angeles, 22; Vares, Colorado, 21; Wickman, Milwaukee, 21.

Friday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Purchased the contract of INF Trent Durrington from Erie of the Eastern League. Optioned INF Andy Sheets to Edmonton of the Pacific Coast League. Released C Charlie O'Brien.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Claimed OF Curtis Goodwin off waivers from the Chicago Cubs.

CHICAGO CUBS—Recalled OF Chad Meyers from Iowa of the PCL. Optioned LHP Ray King to Iowa.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Activated RHP Sean Berrier from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Jose Cabrera to New Orleans of the PCL.

NEW YORK METS—Signed RHP Jose Mercedes to a minor-league contract and assigned him to Norfolk of the International League.

BASEBALL
National Basketball Association
NEW YORK KNICKS—Signed F John Wallace to a three-year contract.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Agreed to terms with G-F Eric Piatkowski on a multiyear contract.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Re-signed G Jaren Jackson to a three-year contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Waived G-L Greg Krause.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed S Tito Wooten.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Signed G Corey Schwab.

CALGARY FLAMES—Signed F Dave Roche, D Wade Belak and D Lee Sorochan to contract extensions.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Named Chris Kelleher communications/media relations coordinator.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Agreed to terms with G Stéphane Fiset to a one-year contract.

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Signed D Barry Krause to a two-year contract.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Named Richard Naim vice president of media and player relations.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Acquired G Jeff Reese and a ninth-round draft choice in 2000 from the Toronto Maple Leafs for a ninth-round draft choice in 2000. Announced the retirement of Reese and named him goaltending consultant.

COLLEGE
CEDARVILLE—Named Greg Hughes baseball coach.

FERRIS STATE—Named Mike Reinhold defensive line coach.

GANNON—Named Michelle Mason volleyball coach.

MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS—Named Lesa Bonne softball coach.

OHIO WESLEYAN—Named Janey Meeks women's track and field and cross country coach.

Blue Jays hand Rangers' Zimmerman first loss

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Jeff Zimmerman is human after all.

The Texas reliever lost his first career game in the majors Friday night, allowing the go-ahead homer to Carlos Delgado in the eighth as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Rangers 5-4.

Zimmerman (9-1) had matched the major league record for most wins at the start of a career by a relief pitcher and had gone 26 straight scoreless appearances before allowing at least one run in each of his last three outings.

"This is the game of baseball," Zimmerman said. "They're being paid a lot of money to hit the ball. I wish I could have done better to help the team, but you can't win them all."

Zimmerman has given up three homers in his last three outings after allowing one in his first 62 1-3 innings and the four hits allowed on Friday night were a career high. But he insisted his arm feels fine and hasn't been overused.

"I looked up at the radar gun and saw 94 (mph)," Zimmerman said. "I think I was trying to do too much with my slider. My arm feels great."

Toronto got major contributions from Delgado, who had three homers, and from closer Billy Koch, who pitched the ninth for his 23rd save.

Delgado had his second three-homer game of his career, the other coming last August at The Ballpark in Arlington. Delgado has 11 homers for his career at the Rangers' home stadium, second all-time behind Jose Canseco's 12.

"I can't explain the feeling," said Delgado, who broke out of a 1-for-17 slump. "The first one was amazing, the second one had the adrenal pumping, then the third one wins the

game. That's very satisfying."

Zimmerman came on to get the final out in the seventh before running into trouble in the eighth with a 4-3 lead. Shawn Green led off the inning with his 32nd home run before Delgado hit his third homer of the game, into the right-field seats.

"The ball must have looked like a beachball to him tonight," said Koch. "With the type of hitters we've got, we're always in the ballgame."

The Rangers had their four-game winning streak snapped. Texas is 17-4 since the All-Star break.

"We knew these guys were good," Delgado said. "To beat

them here, you've got to bring your A game. If we want to get to the playoffs, this is the kind of team we have to beat."

Lee Stevens hit his 18th homer leading off the seventh to put Texas in front 4-3.

Chris Carpenter (8-5) allowed four runs and nine hits over seven innings in winning his fifth straight decision. He struck out eight and walked one.

Rafael Palmeiro homered and drove in three runs for the Rangers.

Texas took a 1-0 lead in the first on Palmeiro's RBI single. Toronto tied it in the second on Delgado's first homer.

The Rangers went in front 3-1

in the fourth when Juan Gonzalez reached on a fielding error by first baseman David Segui. Palmeiro followed with his 27th homer.

In the seventh, Delgado's second homer of the night pulled the Blue Jays within 3-2 and knocked out Helling.

Tony Fernandez greeted reliever Mike Venafro with a double. He advanced to third on a groundout and scored when shortstop Royce Clayton bobbled a two-out grounder by Homer Bush for an error to tie it at 3.

Helling allowed two runs and five hits over six innings. He struck out one and walked three.

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Trooper in Childress participates in Challenge '99 Competition

COLLEGE STATION — Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper David L. Palmer, son of Wendell and Barbara Palmer, competed against 11 other Troopers from throughout Texas in the Challenge '99 Competition held recently at College Station. The Challenge '99 Competition was held in direct conjunction with the Texas Truck Driving Championships sponsored by the Texas Motor Transportation Association.

Trooper Palmer, Texas DPS License & Weight, Childress, was named the Overall Champion of the competition. He also won the Hazardous Material Inspection and Exam, Equipment Inspection and Exam, and the Motor Coach Inspection.

Trooper Palmer will represent the State of Texas at the International Inspector's Competition Aug. 18-21 in Tampa, Fla. The International competition will include commercial motor vehicle inspectors from the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The Challenge '99 Competition is a competition between the 12 best commercial motor vehicle inspectors assigned to the License and Weight Service of the Texas Department of Public Safety. The

Judges score each part of the competition. In addition to an Overall Champion, there are four individual categories. Awards are given to the winners of the Driver Inspection and Exam, Equipment Inspection and Exam, Hazardous Material Inspection and Exam, and Motor Coach (Bus) Inspection.

winner of the competition represents the State of Texas at the International Inspector's Competition at Tampa.

The competition's goal is to promote uniform inspection of commercial motor vehicles according to federal guidelines and procedures. The competition consists of written examinations covering knowledge of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations relating to driver and equipment and the Federal Hazardous Material Regulations.

In addition to the written examinations, there is a personal interview and actual commercial motor vehicle safety inspections. Each competitor conducted a motor coach (bus) inspection, cargo tank inspection, regular truck inspection, non-bulk package hazardous material inspection and a driver inspection. The driver inspection entailed checking driver paperwork and logbooks for simulated violations.

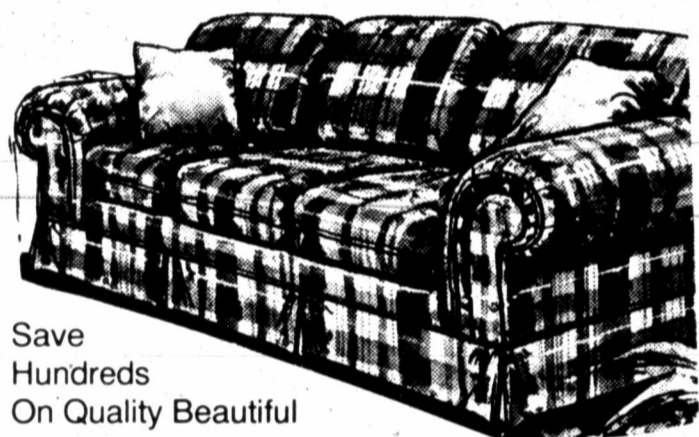
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(Special photo) DPS Trooper David L. Palmer, with Texas DPS License and Weight in Childress, was recently named Overall Champion during the Texas Department of Public Safety Challenge '99 Competition at College Station. Palmer is the son of Wendell and Barbara Palmer. Capt. David Kemp, License and Weight in Houston, presented the award.

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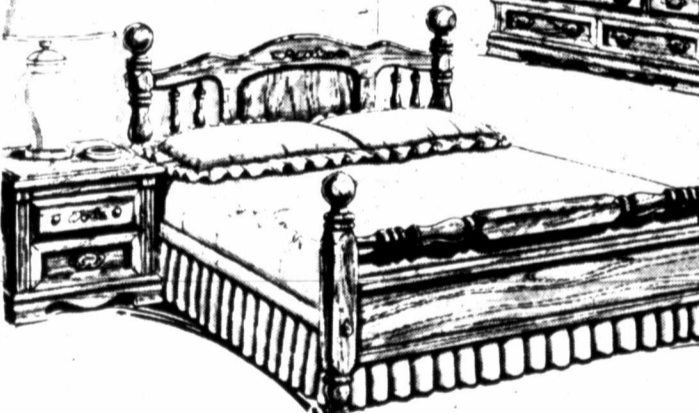
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Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon to be broadcast locally on KFDA Channel 10 in Amarillo

The Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Association Telethon is slated Labor Day on some 200 television stations to an audience of 75 million viewers. Locally, KFDA Channel 10 in Amarillo will broadcast the pro-

... MDA funds summer camps for more than 4,000 children with neuromuscular diseases and more than 230 MDA-facilitated support groups meet year-round, helping thousands of individuals and families affected by neuromuscular diseases.

gram beginning at 8 p.m. Sept. 5. The annual fund-raiser, which is a beacon of hope for more than a million families nationwide affected by neuromuscular diseases, will last 21 1/2 hours.

Last year, MDA provided \$87 million in research, patient services and helpful information to adults and children with neuromuscular diseases. For every dollar received, MDA spends 76 cents in programs and services. MDA annually funds some 400 research teams worldwide, spending more than \$25 million a year or \$40/minute, pursuing treatments and cures for muscle-wasting diseases.

In addition, MDA funds summer camps for more than 4,000 children with neuromuscular diseases and more than 230 MDA-facilitated support groups meet year-round, helping thousands of individuals and families affected by neuromuscular diseases. Texas residents can also participate in informal



(Special photo) Ed McMahon to once again join Jerry Lewis to host the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon Sept. 5-6 to be aired on 200 stations nationwide.

"Phone Friends" networks and take advantage of MDA's extensive on-line services including "Ask the Experts" at www.mdaua.org, staffed by 200 of the world's leading physicians and scientists.

More than 70,000 visits are made each year to MDA's 230 hospital-affiliated clinics and 18 ALS Research & Clinical Care centers for diagnostic and follow-up health services.

The association is the country's largest private-sector sponsor of neuromuscular disease research. MDA investigators have placed the association on the threshold of delivering treatments and cures for several muscle-wasting disorders and has pioneered breakthroughs that may lead to therapies for heart disease, cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer's, Huntington's, Parkinson's and cystic fibrosis.

Outreach Health Services director stresses importance of childhood immunizations

AMARILLO — Many people take for granted the seriousness of such childhood diseases as diphtheria, polio, and tetanus, but these diseases still present a significant health risk to any child who is not properly immunized. "Although widespread epidemics of polio and diphtheria are a thing of the past, the risk is ever-present," Dr. James Chudleigh, medical director for Outreach Health Services. "The consequences of contracting one of these diseases can be permanently disabling or even fatal. But if children get all of their shots on time that risk is eliminated."

Is your child's immunization record up to date? Take a look at the immunization guidelines established by the Texas Department of Health:

- At birth ... hepatitis B
- 2 months ... Hepatitis B, DTP/Hib and Polio
- 4 months ... DTP/Hib
- 6 months ... Hepatitis B, DTP/Hib, Polio
- 12-15 months ... DTP/Hib, MMR, Varicella (Chickenpox)
- 4-6 years ... DtaP, Polio, MMR
- Every 10 years ... Td

"With school just around the corner, now is a good time to make sure your children are properly immunized," Chudleigh said. "Why put your child's health at risk when it is easy to keep your child's immunization record up to date?"

How easy is it? Participants of the Women Infants and Children program and Medicaid are eligible for free immunizations at the local Outreach Health Services clinic. Just bring your child's Medicaid identification card and immunization record. Immunizations are \$20 for clients who are not WIC participants or Medicaid-eligible.

For more information call the state WIC office 1-800-WIC-FORU.

Outreach Health Services is a non-profit organization that offers a variety of health services that may include WIC, family planning, maternity care, Texas Health Steps screenings and pregnancy testing.

If you have any questions about your child's immunizations, talk to your health care provider or call your local Outreach Health Services clinic or call toll-free 1-800-200-7121.

TDA currently accepting applications for FLH program

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture is accepting applications through Oct. 15 for the 1999 Family Land Heritage Program. The program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agriculture production by the same family for at least 100 years.

Announcing the availability of applications, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs called these farm and ranch families the bedrock of Texas agriculture.

"These individuals along with their parents, grandparents and

great-grandparents, laid down a solid foundation that helped build Texas agriculture into what it is today the state's second largest industry," Combs said. "And these honorees will continue to strengthen Texas agriculture through their commitment to hard work and their love of the land."

Combs said this year's program has an additional historic significance. Not only will the qualifying farms and ranches be the first group honored in the new millennium, but they will also take part in the special activities planned for the

25th Family Land Heritage anniversary ceremony in Austin next January.

Program applications are available through county judges and TDA.

Applications may be obtained by writing to Debbie Ellis, the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711; or by calling Ellis at (512) 463-7653.

Applications are also available on the TDA Internet website (www.agr.state.tx.us). The deadline for submitting an application to TDA is Oct. 15.

LIFESTYLE



By **NANCY YOUNG**
Managing Editor

Soccer is a sport which is loved by young and old, and Pampa residents are no exception. Children through adults participated in an active summer soccer season organized by the Pampa Soccer Association.

At the beginning of the summer local teams competed with other teams from across the southwest in a Lubbock tournament. Several local youngsters returned to Pampa with medals.

The summer season continued with 4 v 4 action. Children from six years to adults over 50 participated in the summer activity. Games were played on a small field with four players per side. Since no scores or standings were kept, the children were able to have fun and learn the game without the pressure of winning. More than 600 Pampa youngsters are participating in soccer.

Sandwiched between games, the association sponsored camps for the kids and clinics for the coaches. Over 100 kids participated in three week-long camps, which offered instruction in individual skills and teamwork.

For the coaches, an 18 hour clinic was offered. The course covered coaching individual skills, team management, first aid, offensive and defensive principles, goal keeping and the idiosyncrasies of coaching different age groups. Participants received their E license.

Sign up in Pampa will be at 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Aug. 13 located at T-Shirts & More at 111 W. Kingsmill. On the following day, the sign-ups for soccer will continue from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the T-Shirts & More location.

The \$30 fee per player includes uniform, NTSSA registration, and insurance for the 1999 fall season as well as the 2000 spring season.

New players should bring their birth certificates and players must be at least four years old on or before July 31, 1999.

White Deer sign-ups for the sport will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 16 and Aug. 17 at the White Deer Community Center.

Panhandle sign-ups will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 17 at the War Memorial in Panhandle. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Russell Offringa, 537-5332.

The fall season will begin games on Sept. 11. PSA 4v4 tournament is scheduled for Oct. 9.



Above: Keisha Childress and Desiree Vigil.



Left: Justin Jovett and Ben Frogge.

Back row: Coach Michael Bamforth, Brett Ferrell, Dusty Lenderman, Mark Murray, Ben Frogge, Mark Carpenter, Justin Jovett, Coach Aden Byrne, Eddie Palma, Adam Brown, Allison Earl, Coach Damien Ives; front row: Brenden Carpenter, John Doss, Austin Morgan, Colby Copeland, Bryan Heersema, Chelsea Anderson and Megan Jovett.



Lubbock Tournament
U-14 Boys
3rd Place

Back row: Coach Benny Silva, Carlos Solis, Curtis Pritchler, Mark Garza, Coach Ron Jovett, Brodie Hall, Coach Ed Garza and Luis Campos; middle row: Aaron Silva, Danny Mesa, Mateo Campos, Sammy Silva, Mark Carpenter, Justin Jovett and Bobby Ledbetter; front: Ben Frogge.



Audra Shelton and Kevin Lee Tibboel

Shelton-Tibboel

Audra Shelton of Pampa and Kevin Lee Tibboel of Amarillo were wed July 3 in Central Baptist Church of Pampa with Brother Jim Brokenbek of Lubbock officiating.

The maid of honor was Traci Shelton, sister of the bride of Pampa. The matron of honor was Kilyn Shelton James, sister of the bride of Whitewright. The bridesmaids were Janice Tibboel of Amarillo, Angela Leu of Tulsa and Lisa Gersbach of Lubbock. The flower girl was Shelby Walker of Pampa.

The best man was Larry Tibboel, father of the groom of Amarillo. The groomsmen were Randall Peters of Whittman AFB, Mo., Philip King of Amarillo, Brent Money of Greenville and Don Blankenship of Shawnee, Okla. The ring bearer was Alex Smith of Pampa.

The ushers were Brad Cade of Dimmitt and John Aaron Bailey of Oklahoma City, Okla. The candlelighters were Jinger and David Rainey of Shawnee, Okla.

Registering guests was Jody Penny of Dallas. Music was provided by flutist Donna McCullough of Katy and vocalists Angela Leu of Tulsa, Curtis James of Whitewright and Scottie Stribling and Traci Shelton, both of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service at the church with Michelle Miller and Ellie McMindes, both of Shawnee, Sherri Peterie of San Antonio and Brittany Shaw and Brandy Shaw, both of Amarillo, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Lonnie and Marilyn Shelton of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1995 and from Oklahoma Baptist University this spring. She is currently employed as a pre-kindergarten teacher at Greenville.

The groom is the son of Larry and Alice Tibboel of Amarillo. He graduated from Paramount Christian Academy in 1996 and is currently a senior at Texas A&M University in Commerce.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Seattle, Wash., and intend to make their home in Commerce.

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FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Tostada or hot dogs, corn, Spanish rice, sliced apples.

Lefors Schools
THURSDAY
Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets or patties, whipped potatoes, green beans, gravy, fruit, rolls, milk.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwiches, salad, pickles, chips, fruit, milk.

Meals on Wheels
MONDAY
Tuna casserole, English peas/onion, carrots, peaches.

TUESDAY
Stew, cornbread, jello.

WEDNESDAY
Turkey loaf, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, oatmeal cookies.

THURSDAY
Ham, sweet potatoes, mixed greens, cake.

FRIDAY
Salisbury steak, mushroom gravy, fried okra, mixed vegetables.

Senior Citizens
MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or salmon patties, mashed potatoes, baked cabbage, beans, white chocolate swirl cake or butterscotch pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Salisbury steak or stir fry chicken over

rice, mashed potatoes, green beans, buttered squash, beans, strawberry cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, jalapeno cornbread, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, carrots, spinach, butter beans, yellow cake or apple/raisin cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Chicken strips or barbecue beef with onion rings, potato salad, corn cobettes, pinto beans, chocolate chip cake or banana pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Fried cod fish or spaghetti and meatballs, potato wedges, broccoli florettes, beans, creamy yellow swirl cake or coconut pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.



Shelley Melissa Anastopoulos and Chad Allen Wilson

Anastopoulos-Wilson

Shelley Melissa Anastopoulos and Chad Allen Wilson, both of Wichita Falls, were wed July 3 in Highland Heights Christian Church in Wichita Falls with the Rev. Billy Wilson, retired minister of Roby, grandfather of the groom and former pastor of Harrah Methodist Church in Pampa, officiating.

The matron of honor was Shannon Kelley, sister of the bride of Bossier City, La. The bridesmaids were Jodi Jones and Debbi Thornhill, both of Wichita Falls. The flower girls were Dakota McClure and Ashlea Smyres, both of Wichita Falls.

The best man was Curt Wilson, brother of the groom of Wichita Falls. The groomsmen were Jason Creacy and Terry McClure, both of Wichita Falls. The ring bearers were Brendon Kelley and Tyler Anastopoulos.

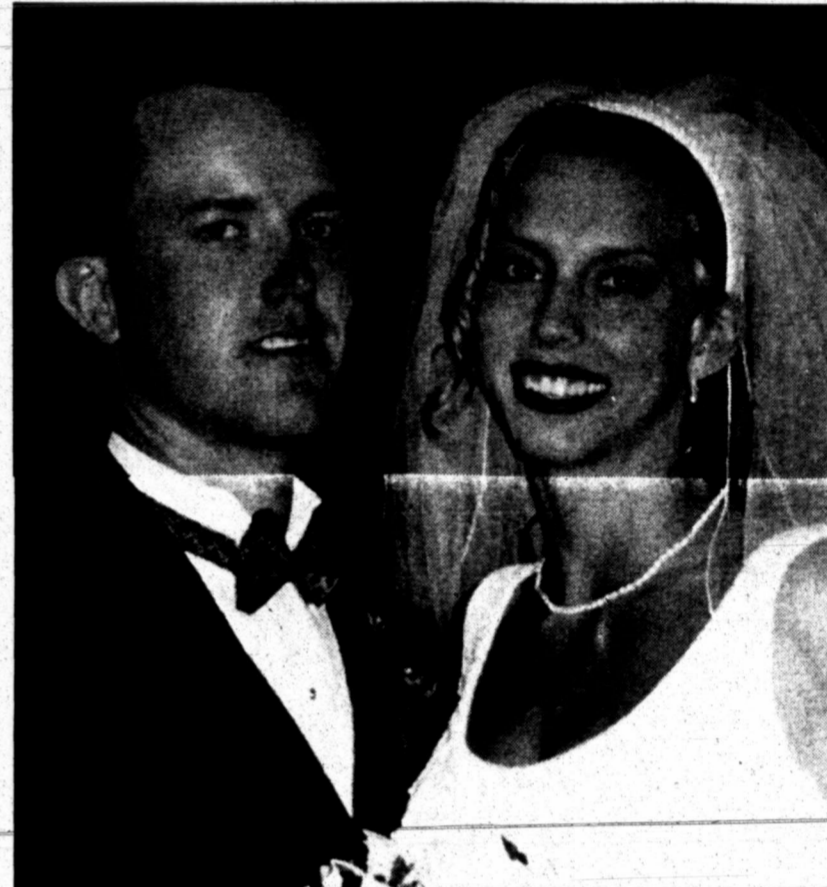
The ushers were Chad Kelley of Bossier City and Lyndon Anastopoulos of Wichita Falls. The candlelighter was Mark Wesbrooks of Wichita Falls.

Registering the guests was Sarah Berend of Archer City. A reception was held following the service at the church.

The bride is the daughter of Billy and Glenda Anastopoulos of Wichita Falls. She is currently employed with the Law Firm of Wesbrooks and Wesbrooks.

The groom is the son of Jack and Pam Wilson of Wichita Falls, formerly of Pampa, and is the grandson of Norman and Leona Allen of Pampa. He is currently employed with Door Systems in Wichita Falls.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Dallas Metroplex and intend to make their home in Wichita Falls.



Sarah Celeste Berend and Curtis Lee Wilson

Berend-Wilson

Sarah Celeste Berend of Archer City and Curtis Lee Wilson of Wichita Falls were wed July 10 in Floral Heights United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls with the Rev. Billy Wilson of Roby, retired Methodist minister and grandfather of the groom, officiating.

The maid of honor was Sondra Berend, sister of the bride of Archer City. The bridesmaid was Chelsy Berend, sister of the bride of Archer City. The flower girl was Melanie Howell of Archer City.

The best man was Chad Allen Wilson, brother of the groom of Wichita Falls. The groomsmen were Jack G. Wilson, father of the groom of Wichita Falls. The ring bearer was Hayden Frank of Archer City.

The ushers were Jason Creacy and Kris Lukert, both of Wichita Falls.

Registering the guests was Shelley Wilson of Wichita Falls. A reception was held following the service at the church.

The bride is the daughter of Delbert and Debbie Berend of Archer City. She graduated from Archer City High School in 1998 and will complete her LVN program this fall. She plans to pursue a registered nursing degree.

The groom is the son of Jack and Pam Wilson of Wichita Falls, formerly of Pampa, and is the grandson of Norman and Leona Allen of Pampa. He graduated from Rider High School at Wichita Falls in 1996 and is currently attending Midwestern State University at Wichita Falls. He is presently employed with R.L. Anderson International in Wichita Falls.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Dallas and intend to make their home in Wichita Falls.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates
9 - Horse Project, 6:30 p.m., Arena; Sign-up deadline for County Camp
12 - Sign-up deadline for

Master Sheep Training
13 - Deadline to turn in money for County Camp
14-15 - County Camp, Ceta Canyon
17 - Enrollment Party, 6:30 p.m., Recreation Park
County Camp

Training, swimming and 4-H, are just a few of the things that will happen during this year's County Camp. It will be held this year at Ceta Canyon Aug. 14-15. The deadline to sign-up for the fun and excitement is Aug. 9. The cost of this camp will be \$15 per person and this includes three meals, building use and recreation facilities, etc. There will be several recreation activities, team events, competitions and trainings planned for a fun and meaningful weekend. Grab all of your members and join us at County Camp by calling the Annex at 669-8033.

Camp requirements include:
-Camp is not limited to just club officers.
-Camp is open to any 4-Hers or anyone interested in joining 4-H for the coming year.

-This camp is for Gray County 4-Hers only.
-Some parents will need to help keep up with the kids.

-Deadline for sign-up is 5 p.m. Aug. 9, and money is due at the Extension office by 5 p.m. Aug. 13.
-You are not allowed to go if you're allergic to fun.

Enrollment Party
Anyone interested in making

new friends and joining an exciting program should plan to attend our annual enrollment party that is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17. We will set up at Recreation Park at the covered building. The clubs will set up booths to explain the club activities and available projects of the coming year.

Each club in Pampa will need to bring four gallons of ice cream and 6 dozen cookies. Sew Fine and Prime Time can split these responsibilities among their members.

Bring a friend and have a great time on Aug. 17!

Master Sheep Volunteer Leader Program
Those of you interested in becoming master sheep leaders should be making plans to attend the district leader training. Each person who attends will go through a training and are required to give back 50 hours to your county sheep program. Call if you are interested in doing this program and get a form. Registration and fees must be in the office by Aug. 12.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crossman



Jennifer Rebecca Paulson and Jerry Joseph Faltinek



Natalie Smith and Jimmy Paul Conner II

Crossman anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crossman of Pampa celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 5, 1999. Children of the couple along with Carroll and Virginia Pettit of Pampa hosted the reception.

Jim Crossman and Lisa Pettit were married Aug. 9, 1974, at Hiland Baptist Church. The couple have been lifelong Pampa residents and belong to First Christian Church where both serve on the church board.

Mr. Crossman has worked for KN Energy for 26 years and is an elder at First Christian Church.

Mrs. Crossman has been secretary for Facility Management with Pampa ISD for 10 years. She is a member of Pamcel Ladies Golf Association.

Children of the couple are Jennifer and Jon Clark and Zach Crossman, all of Pampa.

Paulson-Faltinek

Jennifer Rebecca Paulson and Jerry Joseph Faltinek, both of Amarillo, plan to wed Sept. 18 at Briarwood Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of David and Brenda Paulson of Pampa and is the granddaughter of G.J. and Ellyn Boyd of Pampa. She graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in biology from West Texas A&M University in 1998. She is currently employed as a laboratory technician at Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the son of Joe and Joyce Faltinek of Pampa and is the grandson of Marie Ager of Walhalla, Mich. He graduated cum laude with a bachelor of business administration degree in management from West Texas A&M University in 1997. He is currently employed as a supervisor at Target in Amarillo.

Smith-Conner

Natalie Smith and Jimmy Paul Conner II, both of Pampa, plan to wed Sept. 4 at Central Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mike Rummerfield of Pampa and Larry and Connie Elmore of Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the son of Jimmy Conner and Renita Conner of Pampa. He is currently serving in the U.S. Navy at Great Lakes, Ill., where he is receiving training in the field of electronics.

Community Calendar

FREEDOM MUSEUM USA, 600 North Hobart, Open Tuesday-Saturday, Noon to 4 p.m. Revolutionary War to Bosnia. All branches of service are represented.

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-3988.

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THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chrys Smith at 665-0356.

OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC Program nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information call 665-1182.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the 4th Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS will meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Family Life Center at First Christian Church at 18th and Nelson from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a light meal and then play cards and get acquainted. Under aged school children can be taken to the First Christian Church Mother's Day out by calling 665-8689. For more information please call 665-1188.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings on Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. and one on Thursdays 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. For more information call 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will present an exhibit June 1-Sept. 1 on the Red River War to commemorate the war's 125th anniversary. The museum is open to the public from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, 112-116 S. Cuyler. For more information, call 669-8041.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 North Russell. For more information

call Sharon King, 665-2818. **THE LAS PAMPAS KOI AND WATERGARDEN SOCIETY** cordially invites anyone interested in the hobby of waterglass or ponds to join us on the second

Monday of every month. For more information call Sharon Andrews, 665-6138. **PANHANDLE COMMUNITY SERVICE** would like to help you "Own Your Own Home". For

more information call Claire Ann Edwards 665-0081 or Linda C. Daniels 669-2799 pr 662-5756. **PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL** office will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. For more information call 665-2331.

AUGUST 15, 22, 29 - NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room in Columbia Medical Center Office Building. For more information, call 669-7546.

8 - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA District monthly meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray. For more information, contact Doug Cooper, 669-2959.



Penny June Summers and Roy Don Devoll

Summers-Devoll


Penny June Summers of Lefors and Roy Don Devoll of Pampa plan to wed Aug. 28 in First Christian Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Archie and Suzie Summers of Lefors.

The prospective groom is the son of James and Mitzi Devoll of Pampa. Both are Lefors High School graduates.

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Tomatoes still popular with gardeners

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — Tomatoes have made great advances in 100 years except in the aspect that matters most — taste.

As gardeners harvest their last crop of the century, the tastiest, in the opinion of many, still feature oldies like Brandywine — first bred by our 19th-century ancestors.

Taste, to be sure, is relative, not to say fickle. You drool over a flavor one year and wonder why the next. But the devotion of gardeners to heirloom varieties appears not only steadfast but on the rise.

Brandywine, an Amish heirloom dating back to 1885, gets its name from Brandywine Creek in Chester County, Pa. It comes in red, pink and yellow fruits.

In my garden, where I usually raise six or seven different tomatoes, Brandywine stands unsurpassed in flavor. Its production of fruits per plant, is meager, however, and if you want lots of Brandywines you should put in lots of plants. Like other heirlooms, it is also prone to disease.

Disease resistance is where hybrid varieties shine. Open a catalog and the new tomatoes carry glowing recommendations for their ability to beat off wilts. Nothing wrong with that, especially if you're a farmer. But the home gardener's prime concern is taste; he or she will sacrifice much in its pursuit.

Anyone who has gardened awhile has noticed that even a misshapen and blemished tomato with pedigree often tastes better than the newer and handsomer fruits.

There are gardeners who, like mountain climbers, are always looking for a higher peak to conquer. Some experiment with literally hundreds of varieties, finding very good ones, but never that ultimate tomato taste they are seeking and which may exist only in their imaginations.

One thing I've noticed in the last few years (and this may strike

some home gardeners as heresy) is that store-bought tomatoes are tasting better.

Right in front of me, as I write this, is a cherry-sized tomato from Mexico marketed as "vine-ripened." I bite into it and I have to say it's very good, not as good, perhaps, as one I'd pick from my own vines with the heat of the sun still on it, but still very good.

Next, I cut a slice of a medium-sized tomato also bought at the supermarket and labeled as "vine-ripened." The variety is not mentioned. I bite into it and find it much blander than the cherry, but still packing definite tomato taste. The techniques of getting better-tasting tomatoes to market have obviously improved.

In my garden, the last-of-the-century tomato crop features a mix of oldies and more recent arrivals.

For earliness, I grew a Burpee tomato introduced recently under the name of Fourth of July. While they matured a little later than the Fourth, they were still the earliest in the garden by weeks and had good taste and abundance.

Then there were two of French origin named Dona and Carmello, both fine-tasting red tomatoes that have been offered for some time. I grew Costaluto Genevose, an Italian heirloom, for its interesting convoluted shape as well as good flavor.

Yellow Pear, one of my favorites for decades, was already mentioned early in the 19th century long before most people had overcome their belief that tomatoes were poisonous. It bears clusters of small pear-shaped fruits with mild flavor.

As usual, I grew Red Currant tomatoes which are even smaller than Yellow Pear and, in fact, are the smallest tomatoes of all, about the size of marbles. Very tart, the taste of these heirlooms can be thought of as the essence of tomato.

Persimmon, another heirloom, gives me beefsteak-size fruit of persimmon color, highly flavorful.

And then, as I've said, there is Brandywine.



Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sullivan

Sullivan anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sullivan of Lefors celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 7, 1999, at Red River Steakhouse in McLean. Children of the couple along with Brandie and Adrian Neal of Lefors hosted the reception.

Charlie Sullivan and Bobbie Daphne Roberson were married Aug. 6, 1949, at Clarendon. The couple have been Lefors residents for the past 20 years and belong to Lefors Church of Christ and Lefors Senior Citizens.

Mr. Sullivan holds a bachelor of science degree from West Texas University and a master of arts degree from East Texas University. He taught math and coached for a total of 33 years, retiring in 1990 from Lefors High School where he taught for nine years. He is a member of Lefors Federal Credit Union.

Mrs. Sullivan holds a bachelor of arts degree from West Texas University and a master of arts degree from East Texas University. She taught elementary school for a total of 27 years, retiring from Lefors Elementary School in 1989, where she taught for eight years.

Children of the couple are Jon and Kristie Sullivan of Wheeler and Tojuana and Rick Pierce of Lefors. They have four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met July 22 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Newly installed PPQG Board members voted to honor their immediate predecessors with a year's free membership.

—Eight members participated in "Show and Tell."

—Completed appliquéed barn blocks were returned to Pam Hibler for the Friendship Block Exchange and Jean McCarley distributed the next set of instructions for a foundation-pieced crazy patch block.

—Donna Reynolds passed out the next installment of the mystery quilt.

—Kathy Leever was named chairperson of the 2000 PPQG Quilt Show Committee.

—Karol Hervey purchased four videotapes for the guild. The tapes will be available for check out and return at

Sand's Fabrics and Quilt Corner in Pampa. The tapes are: "Contemporary Quilted," "Really Sharp Piecing," "The Perfect Stitch" and "Square in a Square." Hervey is to purchase more tapes to add to the collection.

—The second Tuesday and the fourth Saturday of each month are permanent guild workdays at Sand's Fabrics.

Guild door prizes were won by Darlene Vespestad and Mary Bandy. Sam Chisum won the Sand's door prize.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call (806) 779-2115 or (806) 665-8062.

Newsmakers

SAN ANTONIO — John "Kyle" Sparkman, a 1994

Pampa High School honor graduate and a 1998 Texas A&M University honor graduate, was recently accepted into the University of Texas Dental School in San Antonio.

While at Texas A&M, Sparkman was named to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges and was elected an Aggie Yell Leader.

He is the son of Dr. John and

Julia Sparkman of Pampa.

Mark Wayne Ford, a Pampa High School graduate, was recently awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Ford received a TILF Diamond Anniversary Scholarship in the amount of \$500, payable \$250 each semester of the first year. This year the scholarship was awarded to 36 students participating in the



John "Kyle" Sparkman
1999 UIL Academic State Meet

with an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Ford participated in science at the state meet. He ranked fifth in his class. His activities and accomplishments include: German Club, National Honor Society, Science Club, Science Bowl, TSA, National Merit Commended Scholar, All-American Scholar, United States National Leadership Merit Award, Pampa Celebration of Lights volunteer and Good Samaritan Food Bank volunteer. He is also active in his church youth group.

Ford plans to pursue a degree in physics at Texas Tech University.



Kristen Bielefeldt and Brent D. Smith

Bielefeldt-Smith

Kristen Bielefeldt and Brent D. Smith, both of Austin, were wed June 1 at St. Tropez, France.

A wedding reception was held in honor of the couple July 3 at Oneida Golf and Country Club at Green Bay, Wis.

Registering the guests were Amy Eddleman of San Mateo, Calif., and Corrisa Bielefeldt of Green Bay.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Bielefeldt of Green Bay. She holds a degree in landscape architecture from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and is currently self-employed.

The groom is the son of Doris and Robert T. Smith of Pampa. He is currently employed with Hoechst-Celanese at the company's Clear Lake plant where he works in Research and Development.

The couple honeymooned in the south of France and at Lake Geneva in Switzerland. They intend to make their home in Austin.



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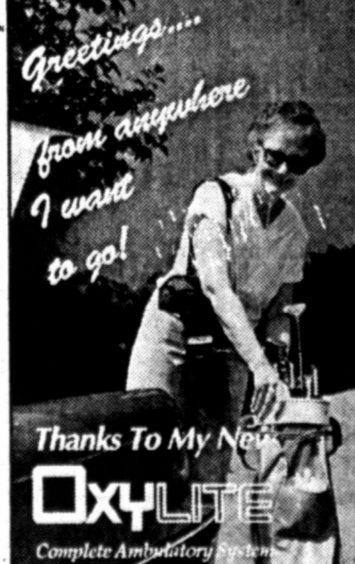
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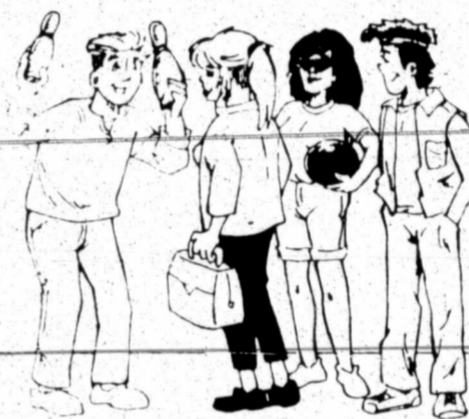
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Billboard music charts

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

Billboard Hot 100:

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Genie In A Bottle," Christina Aguilera. RCA.
2. "Tell Me It's Real," K-Ci & JoJo. MCA.
3. "Bills, Bills, Bills," Destiny's Child. Columbia. (Gold)
4. "All Star," Smash Mouth. Interscope.
5. "If You Had My Love," Jennifer Lopez. WORK. (Platinum)
6. "I Want It That Way," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
7. "Summer Girls," LFO. Logic. (Gold)
8. "Last Kiss," Pearl Jam. Epic. (Gold)
9. "Where My Girls At?," 702. Motown. (Gold)
10. "Wild Wild West," Will Smith (feat. Dru Hill & Kool Mo Dee). Overbrook. (Gold)

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Hot Adult Contemporary

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1. "You'll Be In My Heart," Phil Collins. Walt Disney.
2. "I Want It That Way," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
3. "I Will Remember You (Live)," Sarah McLachlan. Arista.
4. "Kiss Me," Sixpence None The Richer. Squint.
5. "The Hardest Thing," 98 Degrees. Universal.
6. "(God Must Have Spent) A Little More Time on You," N Sync. RCA.
7. "I Could Not Ask For More," Edwin McCain. Lava.
8. "Angel," Sarah McLachlan. Warner Sunset.
9. "Believe," Cher. Warner Bros.
10. "From This Moment On," Shania Twain. Mercury.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Scar Tissue," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.

2. "Promises," Def Leppard. Mercury.
3. "American Woman," Lenny Kravitz. Maverick.
4. "You Wanted More," Tonic. Universal.
5. "Get Born Again," Alice In Chains. Columbia.
6. "Crush 'Em," Megadeth. Trauma.
7. "Nookie," Limp Bizkit. Flip.
8. "Last Kiss," Pearl Jam. Epic.
9. "Lit Up," Buckcherry. DreamWorks.
10. "No More, No Less," Collective Soul. Atlantic.

Modern Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Scar Tissue," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
2. "What's My Age Again?," Blink 182. MCA.
3. "All Star," Smash Mouth. Interscope.
4. "Nookie," Limp Bizkit. Flip.
5. "My Own Worst Enemy," Lit. RCA.
6. "Last Kiss," Pearl Jam. Epic.
7. "American Woman," Lenny Kravitz. Maverick.
8. "Battle Flag," Lo Fidelity All Stars. Skint.
9. "Someday," Sugar Ray. Lava.
10. "The Kids Aren't Alright," The Offspring. Columbia.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Amazed," Lonestar. BNA.
2. "Lesson In Leavin'," Jo Dee Messina. Curb.
3. "Little Good-byes," Shedaisy. Lyric Street.
4. "God Must Have Spent A Little More Time on You," Alabama. RCA.
5. "Single White Female," Chely Wright. MCA Nashville.
6. "A Night To Remember," Joe Diffie. Epic.
7. "You Had Me From Hello," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
8. "Write This Down," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
9. "The Secret Of Life," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
10. "Little Man," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.

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Top Country Albums

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Five questions for Toni Collette: From glam rock to psychological thriller

By CAROL DEEGAN
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When I last spoke to Toni Collette, star of "Muriel's Wedding" and "Velvet Goldmine," she was bubbling with enthusiasm about a film she was shooting in Philadelphia with Bruce Willis and Haley Joel Osment.

"It's called 'The Sixth Sense,' and Haley plays a kid who can see ghosts, and he has a psychologist, who is Bruce Willis, and I play his mom. It's very beautiful, actually. It's a big Disney affair. We're shooting for 8 1/2 weeks."

Now, nine months later, Collette is on a round of media interviews to promote the film, and she is as enthusiastic as ever. But she revealed that she almost rejected the script, without bothering to read it.

"I'd never done a studio film," said Collette, sitting on a couch at the Disney offices on Park Avenue. "And I had certain preconceived ideas about how formulaic and unoriginal and uninspiring that can be, with not much passion involved."

"And I was in New York, and I was jet lagged, and it was three o'clock in the morning, and I thought, 'I'll pick this up and it will put me to sleep reading it.' And I just read the entire thing and sobbed my guts out, and it made me really want to do it."

Collette plays a single parent whose husband has left her. Her young son misses his father; she misses her mother, who is dead. Their house is empty and their life is joyless. Most of the people in her son's life are people no one else can see.

Willis, a prominent child psychologist, tries to get to the core of the child's sadness. Meanwhile, mother and son try to bridge the gap of pain and loneliness that separates them.

"It is so emotionally driven, and you feel so connected to the characters, or I did at least when I was reading it," Collette said. "I didn't realize it was scary until I saw the trailer; I thought it was a psychospiritual sort of journey."

Collette, 26, was born in Sydney, Australia. She left school when she was 16. She enrolled in drama school at 17 but left "in the second term of the second year" for work in the theater.

Collette doesn't regret her lack of formal training. She has worked steadily since "Muriel's Wedding" was released in 1994.

The woman she plays in "The Sixth Sense" is far removed from her glam-rock role in "Velvet Goldmine." She has exchanged

over-the-top makeup and costumes for a housecoat and bedroom slippers.

When she is not working, she goes on retreats in India, climbs mountains in Tibet and practices yoga. She doesn't eat meat.

Collette heaped praise on Haley, 11, whose previous films include "Forrest Gump." His television credits include the role of Candice Bergen's son on "Murphy Brown" and a guest appearance on "Ally McBeal."

"I've worked with kids before, and it was a matter of snatching whatever you could while they were up and while they were working," she said.

"Haley is not a kid. He is, obviously, but he's not, because he is analytical, intelligent, he makes decisions like any adult actor would, he's very aware of what he's doing, he's very aware of himself and therefore aware of his outside world as well. He's a brilliant, brilliant actor."

During her recent trip to Manhattan, Collette's reddish-gold hair was short and spiky. She wore a long, layered dress in shades of blue and green, with open-toed shoes revealing her glittery painted toenails.

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"I want to study holistic medicine. Basically I see myself in a rain forest with long, white dreadlocks working with herbs."

1. What was it like to work with Bruce Willis?

Collette: I think people are going to be surprised with Bruce because he's really emotionally out there with this film, and it's not a part of himself that he usually reveals in his work.

2. Where do you call home?

Collette: I live between Sydney, London and the Wicklow Mountains in Ireland. ... And then I just kind of live around the planet.

2 1/2. What's with you and Ireland?

Collette: I love it. I love it. I have Irish ancestry, and I'm not saying that's it because obviously everyone does, the Irish get around. I went there for the first time about four or five years ago. And then I went out with an Irish guy and I just fell in love with the land and the people. I've got a lot of friends

there, and I think the land there has a really beautiful energy. It's beautiful and it makes me feel really positive about existing when I'm there.

3. You're a chameleon. You've gone from glam-rock threads in "Velvet Goldmine" to long, painted fingernails and a Philadelphia accent in "The Sixth Sense." Can you go around the world more or less unrecognized?

Collette: Except when I smile. When people see my teeth. Then all is revealed. (Laughs and smiles, revealing her front teeth, one longer than the other.)

4. How would you describe your character and her relationship with her son?

Collette: She's a single parent, she's working two jobs, she's trying to scrape money together to get food on the table, clothe him, keep him sheltered, as well as giving all the love and nurturing that she can possibly, and she does that. She doesn't judge him, even though she knows he's an odd little kid. She fully embraces him and would die for him. But she feels like she's failing and feels guilty because of this and inadequate. ... And it's noticeable that he's sad, there's something odd, it gets worse and worse, so the tension builds and they can't communicate properly.

5. Do you practice yoga and go on retreats in India to connect with something beyond ...?

Collette: Well, I think we are connected anyway. It's just a matter of being conscious of it. And I just like to go away and have time where I have no responsibilities to anybody else. I think it's really important to do that. Just to be quiet and just be in a nightshirt because I think this is a really unnatural way to live.

Celebrity flashbacks

By The Associated Press

Entertainment highlights during the week of Aug. 8-14:

55 years ago: "Hail the Conquering Hero" starred Eddie Bracken, Ella Raines and William Demarest. The film was directed by Preston Sturges.

35 years ago: The Beatles starred in "A Hard Day's Night." The soundtrack included "Can't Buy Me Love" and "I Should Have Known Better."

30 years ago: Jethro Tull's "Stand Up" topped the British album chart.

25 years ago: Art Carney and Ellen Burstyn starred in "Harry and Tonto." Carney won an Oscar for his performance.

And Roberta Flack hit the top of the charts with "Feel Like Makin' Love."

10 years ago: The Who held its 25th anniversary concert at the University of Colorado in Boulder. The crowd cheered to the band's reprisals of the overture to "Tommy" and "My Generation." "The Abyss" starred Ed Harris and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio. The film was directed by James Cameron.

And Ziggy Marley and The Melodians began a world tour. Their starting point was Culver City, Calif., where they showed reporters a new video for "Look Who's Dancing," from the album "One Bright Day."

Five years ago: Singer Janet Jackson tied Aretha Franklin for the most gold single records by a female artist. Jackson's 14th gold single was "Any Time, Any Place," from the album "Janet."

And Woodstock '94 was held in Saugerties, N.Y. About 350,000 attended. The show included performances by Green Day, Nine Inch Nails and Crosby, Stills and Nash.

One year ago: Welsh-born actor Anthony Hopkins pledged about \$1.6 million to help preserve 4,000 acres of Mount Snowdon, the highest peak in Wales.

CBS announced it was canceling "Public Eye," the news-magazine featuring Bryant Gumbel. "Public Eye" first aired the previous September, after CBS signed Gumbel, former host of NBC's "Today" show, to a five-year contract.

And Jon Stewart was named host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show." Craig Kilborn was leaving the show to take over for Tom Snyder at CBS' "Late Show."



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Common Sense Puts Y2K Hype in Proper Perspective

DEAR ABBY: I am the computer operations manager for a large company. As the year 2000 draws closer, people are becoming more concerned about the Y2K bug. The following is my response. If you think your readers would find it interesting and/or helpful, please feel free to print it.

CARL SCHUTTE,
CHULA VISTA, CALIF.

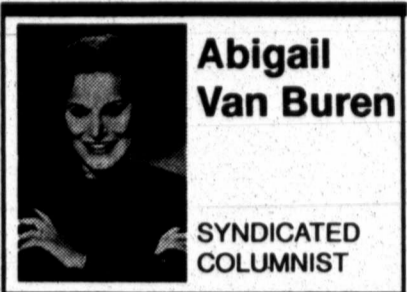
DEAR CARL: While I'm confident the computer geniuses will exterminate the Y2K bug, I frequently hear on the news about people going to great lengths to prepare for it, so I'm sure many readers will be interested in your commonsense commentary. Read on:

Y2K HYPE REPORT

A number of people have been asking me about how Y2K will affect them. First, I got out my crystal ball. Then I cobbled together some thoughts on the subject:

99.693 percent of the Y2K hype is to get you, the consumer, to buy, buy, buy! (If you spend enough money, you will be OK, etc.)

I'm sure everyone has seen or heard ads telling us to buy bottled water, long-term storable food (enough to last six months at the least), water filters, wind-up radios, flashlights that use LEDs rather than bulbs, guns and ammunition (go NRA!), computer software that will "fix" any Y2K bugs on their



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computers (as if it would be the end of civilization if the computer fails), and anything else some nutcase can think up. Then, once all of us have mortgaged our homes to buy all this junk, we are urged to take the rest of our money, stocks, bonds and anything else of value we might have and buy (there's that word again!) gold because that will be the only currency accepted on Jan. 1, 2000.

Most of these people are the same ones who claim that when you use your ATM or "rewards" card at the supermarket, the CIA/FBI is tracking your buying habits to produce a "profile" on you.

So much for fantasy. Now for a little reality:

Vital utilities or government agencies have been preparing for Y2K for some time now. Could your power go out? Yes. Will it be out for more than an hour or two. Probably not. (Has your power ever been out before? Didn't you live through the outage?)

Will you receive a bill from VISA for \$43,554,238,490.32? Probably

not. If you do, don't pay it. Call the bank.

Will the bank lose all your checking and savings balances? Probably not. If they do, you have records, they have records, and it will get fixed.

Remember that most of the services affecting you are someone else's livelihood! These companies aren't going to vanish. Any major problems will get fixed fast. Minor problems will get fixed a little later — that's why they are called minor problems.

If you will stay calm, don't panic, use your head and don't do something stupid, everyone will get through Y2K just fine.

DEAR ABBY: I am currently enamored of a lady who is sleeping with her ex-boyfriend, but she has consistently told me that she could fall in love with me if she just didn't have him as extra baggage. I have asked her many times why she still carries on with him, but she just shrugs and says she can't tell me for certain.

I have a tremendous amount of love in my heart for this woman, if she would just give me the benefit of the doubt. What should my next move be?

ANXIOUSLY UNSURE IN L.A.

DEAR ANXIOUSLY UNSURE: Your next move should be two giant steps backward. As long as she's sleeping with her "ex"-boyfriend, she will not replace him with you — or anyone else.

Horoscope

MONDAY, AUG. 9, 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)

*** Others turn to you for answers, but you are stressed out by work, finances and general demands. You don't generally exhibit a tendency to clam up, but you might consider being mum. It might be better to say very little than to hurt another's feelings. Tonight: In the limelight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Pressure to perform is high, yet you are out of sorts because of a personal problem. Put it on the back burner for now. Make calls and clear your desk. Keep communication open. The present negativity prevents resolution on the domestic front. Give yourself time. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

** You feel out of whack. Anything another says or does seems to make no difference. Take a deep breath. Think about what is needed here. Be more forthright with others, but be careful about how you slant information. Handle finances carefully while an error in judgment could occur. Tonight: Pay bills.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** You mean well, but others might not get the message. Resolve a financial matter. Another's expectations

cause you considerable tension. Keep talking. Let others express ideas. Answers appear out of nowhere when given enough room. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** Do little right now. Focus on work and pleasing a boss. Taking care of necessities presently seems like a handful. Thoughts running through your mind give you clues about which way to go. Trust your judgment, but keep your opinions to yourself. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Get together with others; attend meetings. Express yourself. The harshest critic in your life is easily you. Don't dismiss a very good idea. Keep communication flowing; listen to feedback. Information from another at a distance might be hard to get. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Assume responsibility. Take charge when a friend holds up an important venture. A partner becomes difficult. As you meet challenges, you could become frustrated. Keep an open mind. There are many answers and solutions. Others look to you for leadership. Tonight: Working late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** If you hit a brick wall, pu' back and think carefully. You might not have all the answers, but you can find alternatives. Remain detached. Seek expert advice if necessary. Pressure from a boss forces your hand. Your response might make a partner unhappy. Tonight: Relax with a favorite TV show.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** You'll handle your work and per-

sonal life more efficiently if you stay on a one-to-one level. Your style and way of expressing yourself touches others. Work proves to be demanding; you're tired. Consider a checkup soon, or before a job change! Tonight: Talk to your best friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Others clearly remain in control. You find fault with a money matter or risk. Discern your issues from another's. You might need to take a stronger hand financially or separate your funds. Let a partner express his ideas, but you don't have to go along. Tonight: Out with a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Get into work; clear your desk; accomplish as much as you can. Others seem out of sorts. You can either play into the prevailing mood or distance yourself from the uproar. Work is high priority. Another is clearly on your team. Listen to his suggestions. Tonight: Get a chore or two done, then relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Let your imagination roll. Don't feel inhibited by others and their opinions. Your mind remains on the more social side of life. Consider what you like and what is needed. Work seems dull by comparison. A risk could backfire. Use caution. Tonight: Playing out the better parts of life.

BORN TODAY

Actor Sam Elliott (1944), actress Melanie Griffith (1957), singer Whitney Houston (1963)

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Before long
- 5 Survive
- 9 Theater offering
- 10 Obvious truth
- 12 Happening
- 13 Brawl
- 14 Friendly greeting
- 16 Animator's frame
- 17 Bill's bud
- 18 Go from long shot to close-up
- 20 "Dracula" author
- 22 Diamond rulers
- 23 Woody Allen specialty
- 25 Tiff
- 28 Elevation
- 32 Diamond feat
- 34 Caviar
- 35 Copy
- 36 Best Picture of 1984
- 38 Japanese writing
- 40 BLT base
- 41 Bungled
- 42 Slalom makeup
- 43 Bar bills
- 44 Garden starter

DOWN

- 1 Like the Politburo
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- 3 Sty cry
- 4 Web participant
- 5 Drawing program tool
- 6 Fire
- 7 TV offering
- 8 Add
- 9 Butcher's wares
- 11 Sheds a skin
- 15 Cereal grass
- 19 Conductor Riccardo
- 21 Petruccio's love
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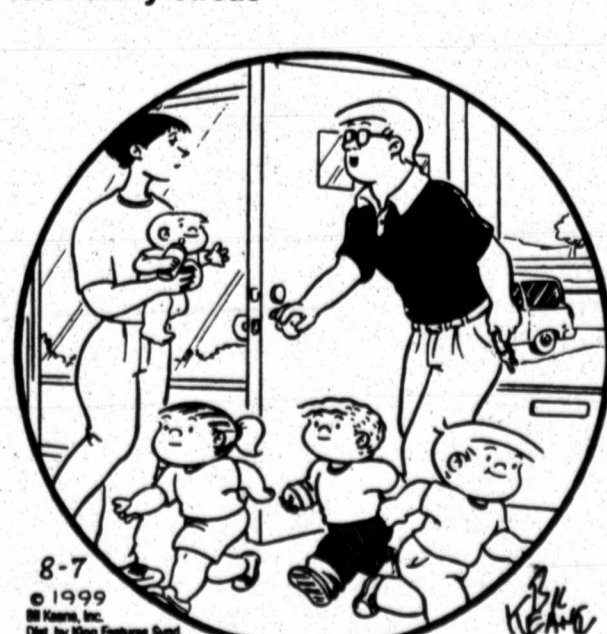
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The Family Circus

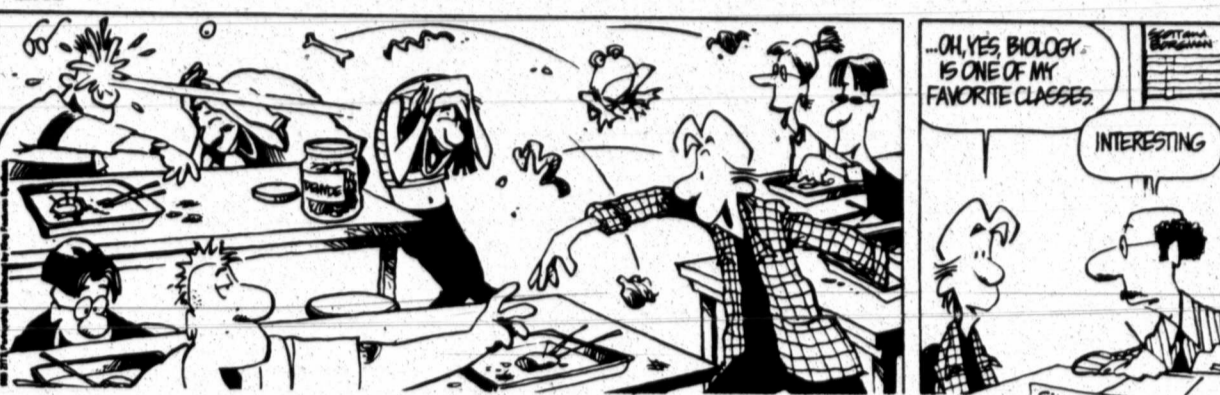


"Great movie! Only four trips to the restrooms."

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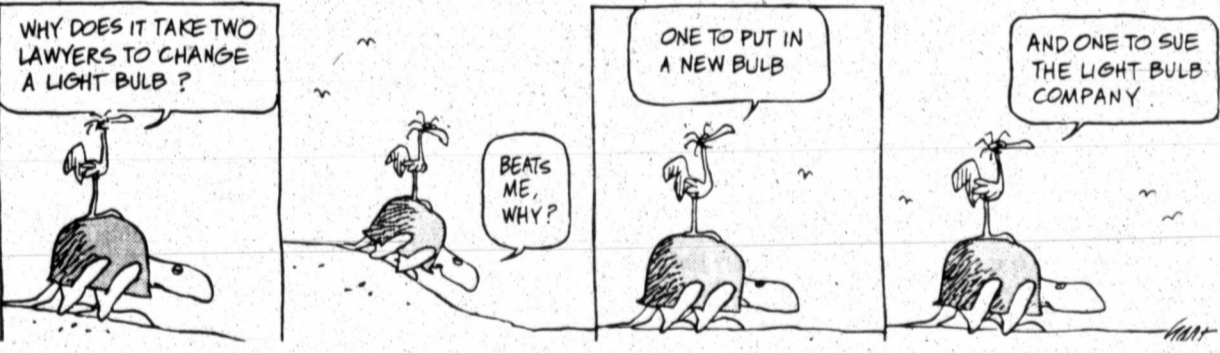
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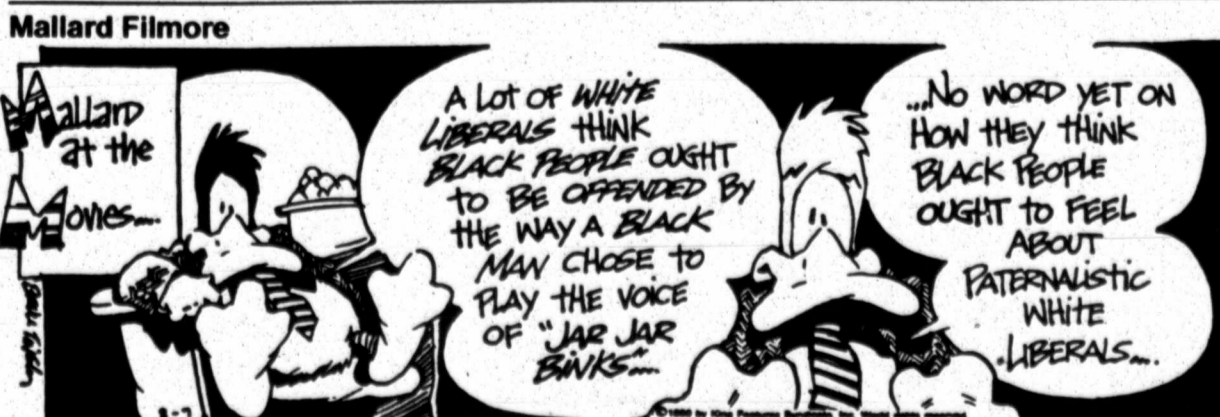
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A spiraling decline 25 years ago, seen never before or since

By CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time stopped for Richard Nixon 25 years ago.

On Friday, Aug. 9, 1974, the day he would go down in history as the only president to resign, Nixon awoke about 6 a.m. But he thought it was 4 a.m. because his watch had quit and heavy curtains blacked out the dawn.

He threw on a bathrobe and padded off to the White House kitchen to fix breakfast. Surprised to see the cook so early, he ordered up corned beef hash and poached eggs, comfort food more substantial than his usual wheat germ and milk.

Alexander Haig, his chief of staff, arrived and handed him a sheet of paper prepared for his signature. "I hereby resign the Office of President of the United States," it said. He signed. It was as if the clock had started ticking again.

A maudlin speech to staff — "My mother was a saint," he said — and soon he was gone. Just after noon, Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as president as Nixon flew to his California sanctuary.

It is hard to imagine how Nixon could get out of bed in those last days of his presidency. Each day was grimmer than the day before, each event a tumble off yet another precipice.

"He was a man awake during his own nightmare," Henry Kissinger said.

In the quarter-century since that bad dream for the nation and Nixon, two things have been said about Watergate that together sound like a paradox.

One is that "the system worked," that in the cauldron of corruption stirred at the highest level of power, a democracy's resilience, its ability to use law and process to right itself, won out.

The other is that faith in government has never been the same.

"We were awakened and became watchful and cynical," says Sam Dash, chief counsel of the Senate Watergate Committee. "We suddenly saw what a president can do."

Watergate ushered in a powerful urge to do things clean and right. Ethics were in. The "imperial presidency" was out.

Some of the reforms have held up better than others.

A new openness came to campaigns and government, with agencies forced to live by new rules overseen by ethics officials. The flow of campaign money was made more transparent. Those steps and others survive.

The independent counsel statute, designed to insulate official investigations from politics, recently died, judged after President Clinton's long and

lurid impeachment ordeal to be too loose a cannon.

And the effort to keep campaign financing honest has grown rickety at best. Archibald Cox, the special prosecutor martyred when Nixon fired him, says today's "money-mad politics" may be an evil worse than Watergate.

The scandal, at the outset, was about the break-in on June 17, 1972, at national Democratic headquarters by burglars working for the Committee to Re-elect the President and efforts to conceal White House involvement.

Investigations, official and by the press, uncovered a rash of political espionage operations and dirty tricks against Nixon's opponents and the president's role in trying to cover them up.

The final weeks were tumultuous in Washington. The impossible became the seemingly inevitable — the first and only presidency ending under threat of impeachment.

Crowds gathered outside the iron bars of the White House to jeer, "Jail to the chief."

Worries about Nixon's stability prompted private assurances from aides that if "the president picks up a red phone, nobody will answer it," Philip Lacovara, then deputy solicitor general, said. Haig, however, insists Nixon, although distraught, was in firm control of his senses and responsibilities.

Nixon spent part of that time in California, swimming in the Pacific, tinkering with an anti-inflation plan and continually reviewing the arithmetic of his political fortunes.

It was an exercise in subtraction, as more and more loyalists in Congress turned against him. On July 21, he learned three previously sympathetic Southern Democrats on the Judiciary Committee were deserting him. He wrote in his diary: "12:01 a.m.: Lowest point in Presidency and SC to come."

"SC" was the Supreme Court. Three days later it ruled unanimously he had to surrender tapes — wanted by Watergate investigators, tapes he realized would likely doom him. Nixon's presidency sank lower.

Three days after that, on July 27, lower still, as the Judiciary Committee passed the first article of impeachment.

After three more days, when the third impeachment article had passed the committee, Nixon got up in the middle of the night and began listing the pros and cons of resigning. Near dawn, he concluded: "End career as a fighter." Still he would continue to show flashes of defiance.

Nixon had taken to musing to associates that the "best political writing in this century has been done from jail." He mentioned Lenin and Gandhi.

It got worse.

On Monday, Aug. 5, his hand forced, he released a transcript of one of the surrendered tapes. Therein lay the "smoking gun," proof that six days after the Watergate break-in, he had tried to get the CIA to stop the FBI investigation.

Nixon took his family for an evening dinner cruise on the Potomac on the presidential yacht Sequoia. He didn't want them watching the news. Reporters and photographers hung over bridges for a look or picture.

Longtime ally Rep. Charles Wiggins, R-Calif., dismay written across his face, declared: "The magnificent career of public service of Richard Nixon must be terminated involuntarily."

A delegation of GOP Sens. Barry Goldwater of Arizona and Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania and House Republican leader John Rhodes of Arizona, met him that Wednesday, two days before the end. They told him it was grim — if the full House impeached Nixon, the Senate would vote to convict him, removing him from office.

Nixon told his family he was quitting. The Nixons mopped up tears to pose and force a smile for the official White House photographer, himself crying.

Later that night, Nixon and Kissinger, his secretary of state, broke out brandy they had opened three years earlier to toast the president's invitation to visit China. They talked. Nixon had Kissinger kneel with him in the Lincoln Bedroom and pray.

"A President's power begins slipping away the moment it is known that he is going to leave," Nixon wrote in the memoirs where he also recalled his last White House breakfast. "My telephone calls and meetings and decisions were now parts of a prescribed ritual aimed at making peace with the past."

On Thursday, Aug. 8, Nixon met Ford, then congressional leaders, then several dozen loyalists, many sobbing. He was in tears, too. Then he faced the nation.

"To leave office before my term is completed is abhorrent to every instinct in my body," he said in his TV address. "But as president, I must put the interests of America first. ... Therefore, I shall resign the presidency effective at noon tomorrow."

He said: "I regret deeply any injuries that may have been done in the course of the events that led to this decision."

"He never admitted a damn thing," said John Dean, former Nixon counsel and one of 25 men who went to prison for Watergate.

Washington National Cathedral kept its chapel open

late that evening for citizens who might want to come and pray. Few did.

"Our long national nightmare is over," asserted Ford, upon becoming president the next day. In all American history, eight presidents had died in office. None had quit.

Ford later pardoned Nixon, who went on to write memoirs and respected foreign policy books. Future presidents, including Clinton, came to value his counsel.

He died April 22, 1994, at age

81. "Power to Nixon was manipulation, inside information, polls, favors, tradeoffs, bribes, public relations, smears and intimidation," historian Stephen E. Ambrose writes at the end of his three-volume Nixon biography. Ambrose said that because Nixon quit, his proposal to ensure everyone had health insurance died. Tensions with the Soviet Union that he had eased dragged on. An opening to China was left unexploited. Massive deficits followed.

"When Nixon resigned," he argued, "we lost more than we gained."

The aura of the presidency and perhaps some of its power were diminished. Congress and the Supreme Court weakened a president's ability to stonewall and claim executive privilege.

"Watergate taught the American people they can't sit on their hands and trust the government," Sam Dash says. The way he sees it now, everyone wised up.

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Prosecutor: Office gunman said he was tired of rumors

COLUMBIANA, Ala. (AP) — A man accused of shooting three people to death at two companies where he had worked told one of his victims, "I'm tired of your rumors about me," a prosecutor said.

At a court hearing Friday, District Attorney Robert Owens Jr. said Alan Eugene Miller made the comment when he shot Terry Jarvis to death at Post Airgas Co. on Thursday.

The prosecutor gave a brief description of the killings as a judge ordered Miller held without bond. Miller, clad in an orange jumpsuit with his arms and legs shackled, sat and nodded at times, giving only brief "yes" and "yes, sir" responses to the court.

Miller, 34, is charged in the shooting deaths of two of his co-workers at Ferguson Enterprises and then later killing of Jarvis, 39, at Post Airgas, a company where he previously worked.

The district attorney said Miller entered the unlocked Ferguson building with a gun Thursday morning and first met Lee Holdbrooks. "As a result of whatever was said, shots were fired," Owens said, with Holdbrooks, 32, killed by numerous shots to the chest and one to the head.

He said Miller then went down a hall and shot Christopher Yancy, 28, to death, then ran out of the building as another employee entered, saw the gun and said, "Don't shoot me. I haven't done anything."

The account of the shooting of Jarvis at Post Airgas came from a witness who heard the comment, Owens said. Miller also briefly pointed the gun at the witness, who ran away, the prosecutor said.

The shooting spree in the bustling Birmingham suburb of Pelham took place one week and about 145 miles down the road from an Atlanta office massacre that left nine dead.

Police charged the Miller with three counts of capital murder. He was arrested after officers spotted him driving on nearby Interstate 65 and forced him to pull over. The heavyset Miller scuffled with officers briefly and a handgun was found in his small truck, police said.

An attorney appointed to represent Miller, Mickey Johnson, said earlier that he had not discussed the crime in any detail with his client. He described Miller as "confused" when he spoke

She said her son "went off to work just as he always does this morning. He left here like he always does, with a 7-Up and a couple of things of biscuits and sausage."

with him at the police department Thursday. Miller had agreed to give a blood sample to investigators, Johnson said.

The unmarried Miller lived with his mother, Barbara Miller, in Billingsley. She said her son "went off to work just as he always does, with a 7-Up and a couple of things of biscuits and sausage."

"Alan didn't bother anybody," she said. She said he was laid off earlier this year by Post Airgas, describing the cause as "economic downsizing."

Sherrie Williams, a neighbor of the Millers, was surprised at his arrest and said the suspect had always been "real nice."

"We leave for work about the same time. He always speaks," she said. "He doesn't strike you as a fellow who would do something like they say he has done."

Pelham is a city of about 10,000 that is part of sprawling suburbs in wooded hills south of Birmingham. The area is a mix of upscale subdivisions, commercial districts and rural farmland. "Everybody around here is just regular working people," said Cathy McKay, owner of a carpet store across the street from Post Airgas. "You feel safe coming out here at night."

The shooting, she said, "is just beyond my comprehension." The shootings came a week after day trader Mark Barton fatally shot nine people and injured 13 others at two brokerage firms in Atlanta in one of the worst office massacres in U.S. history.

Fred Herder, a day trader who worked with Barton, was released from the hospital Wednesday and found the Pelham shootings a troubling echo of Atlanta.

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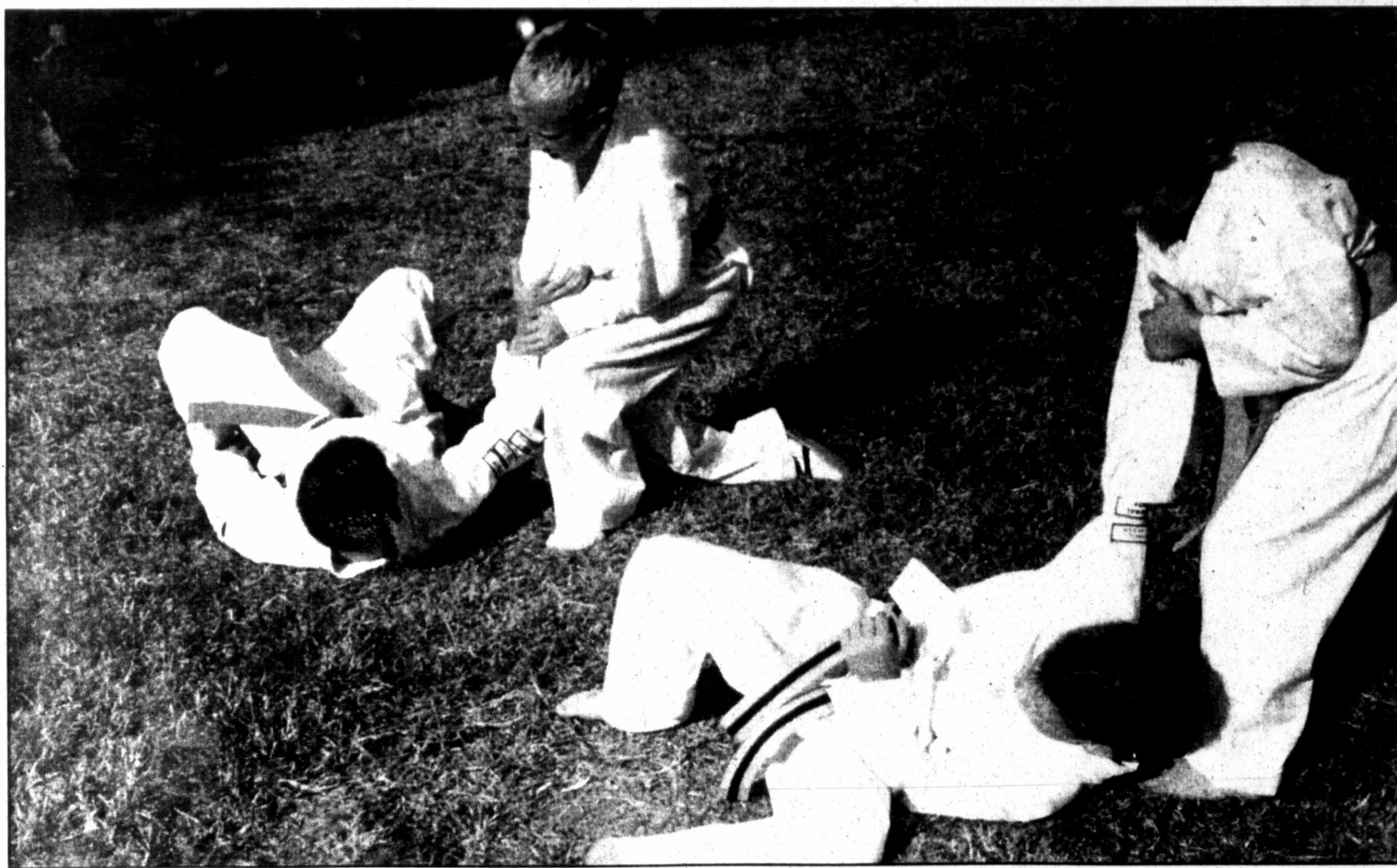
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Tae Kwan Do martial arts demonstrations draw crowds during the Chautauqua morning performances. Front, left, is Chad McGuire, Dusty Neef. Back, left, is Brian Bogges, Chris Campbell. The martial arts group will be one of several speciality acts on or near the stage during Chautauqua '99, Labor Day, Central Park.

Business highlights

FCC eases ownership rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators on Thursday eased restrictions on the number of local radio and television stations that a broadcasting company can control.

With a 4-1 vote, the Federal Communications Commission relaxed a rule that currently forbids a single company from owning more than one local TV station in a given market. Under the changes, a company could own two TV stations in the same market if there were at least eight other competitors after the deal and if one of the stations is not among the market's top four. Common ownership could also be permitted if one of the stations was failing or was not yet operating.

Critics have argued against loosening the rules too much for fear it could shrink editorial diversity and concentrate ownership of the airwaves in the hands of a few big media conglomerates. Broadcasters say they need to compete against new media alternatives.

Worker productivity growth slows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Growth in worker productivity slowed considerably in the spring while a key gauge of wage pressures surged, two potentially troublesome developments that could prompt the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that productivity — output per hour of work — increased at an annual rate of just 1.3 percent in the April-June quarter, far below the 3.6 percent rate in the first three months of the year.

At the same time, unit labor costs, considered a key measure of wage pressures, surged at an annual rate of 3.8 percent, the worst showing since the end of 1997.

Defrauded investors get settlement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investors defrauded by a small brokerage will get \$30 million from Bear Stearns & Cos. Inc., a big Wall Street firm that processed their transactions.

The settlement announced Thursday, which totals \$38.5 million and was accompanied by the resignation of a top Bear Stearns executive, closes a two-year investigation by federal and New York City authorities into Bear Stearns' relationship with the smaller brokerage, A.R. Baron & Co.

Bear Stearns neither admitted nor denied wrongdoing in agreeing to the settlement.

July sales better than expected

NEW YORK (AP) — The raging U.S. economy combined with a heat wave blanketing much of the country gave Americans a reason to head to the nation's air-conditioned stores and malls in July, boosting retail sales to surprisingly strong levels.

The better-than-expected July sales reported Thursday followed big gains in May and June. As a result, Wall Street analysts expect to see robust second-quarter profits when retailers begin to report earnings next week.

The Merrill Lynch retail index, the investment firm's barometer of sales performance at department stores and discount chains, rose 4.5 percent in July. It rose 6.3 percent in June and 5.4 percent in May.

GM may build autos in Japan

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. will consider becoming the first American automaker to build vehicles in Japan since before World War II in an effort to boost sales there.

GM, the world's largest automaker, sold only about 53,000 cars and trucks in Japan last year, a small number in a market where more than 4 million vehicles are sold each year.

GM owns 49 percent of Isuzu and 10 percent of Suzuki. Isuzu has been working on truck designs for GM, while Suzuki is known as a small-car specialist.

Red Hat, Inc., IPO next week

NEW YORK (AP) — After a year of extraordinary publicity for the upstart computer operating system known as Linux, investors finally get to vote on whether the touted program is a Microsoft killer, an over-hyped technology, or something in between.

Red Hat Inc. — a fast-growing seller of Linux software — is offering its shares to the public as early as next week in one of the year's most awaited initial public offerings. The deal, if it takes off as some analysts expect, could be the first in a string of IPOs from Linux companies.

The Durham, N.C.-based Red Hat is selling 6 million shares, or about 9 percent of the company, to the public. If the stock prices at the high range of the company's expectation at about \$12 a share, Red Hat would raise about \$72 million, helping to boost spending on its Web site, marketing and other expenses.

Y2K medical billing readiness questioned

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new government report raises questions about whether health care providers, from doctors to hospitals, are prepared to head off problems with medical bills and records that could be caused by the Y2K computer bug.

Failures in health care providers' billing systems have been discovered in Y2K testing conducted by Medicare, according to the previously unreleased report from the General Accounting Office, an investigative arm of Congress.

The report did not assess whether hospitals, doctors' offices and others are doing enough to ensure that medical devices such as X-ray machines or heart-monitors that use computer chips will work properly starting Jan. 1, 2000.

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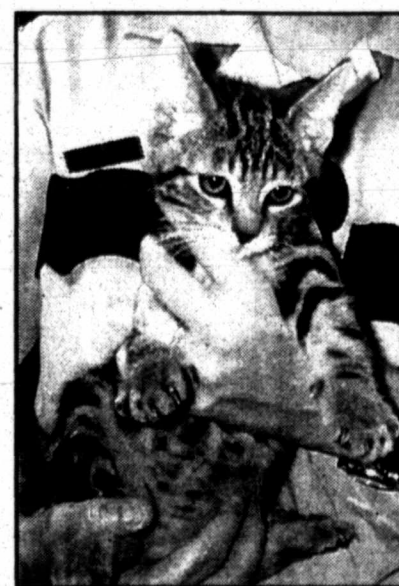
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