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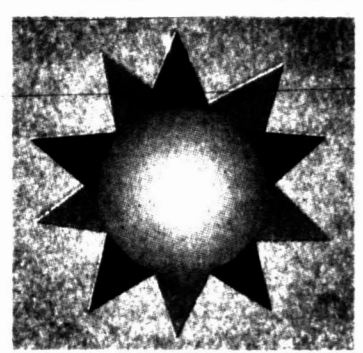
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**PAMPA** — The 1st annual Red Cross "Fun Day" is scheduled for tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Recreation Park. The event is a fund raiser for the Gray County Red Cross. There will be a lot of games including horseshoes, a tug-of-war, volley ball and a dunking booth. There will also be face painting and games for the children. Admission to watch is free, anyone interested in participating can pay \$5 for an individual or \$10 for the whole family. Food and refreshments will also be on sale and music will be provided including a live band. All profits will go to the Gray County Chapter of the Red Cross.

**AMARILLO (AP)** — A Castro County farmer has been treated successfully for hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, the first case of the deadly virus in Texas since October 1997.

The 51-year-old Panhandle man became sick in April, according to Texas Department of Health reports. Health department officials learned of the case on July 8.

Hantavirus, a virus that originated in Asia and Europe, cannot be spread from person to person. The greatest risk of infection is through contact with infected rodents or their droppings, urine, saliva or nesting materials.

- W.H. 'Red' Holland, 72, World War II veteran.
- Marie King, 72, homemaker, active church member.
- Monsignor Peter Morsch, 95, served Diocese of Amarillo.

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## Body found along old Route 66

### Victim spotted near McLean by highway mowing contractor

By JEFF WEST  
Staff Writer

"That poor woman's family is probably wondering where she is."

— Mary Ann Carpenter  
Justice of the Peace

A contractor mowing grass near McLean on Business I-40 (old Route 66) had a rude awakening late Thursday morning when he almost ran over a dead body.

The man said he had to swerve suddenly when he saw a woman lying at a fence line about 6/10 of a mile from Highway 273.

The contractor said he rushed to his truck and drove into McLean to notify the Gray County Sheriff's Office of his horrific find.

Meanwhile, today, law enforcement officers are awaiting autopsy results in hopes they get clues to the identity of the badly-decomposed body.

When deputies arrived on the scene after the 11:06 a.m. call they found the remains of a woman who had been in the field perhaps a week or more.

Because of the condition of the body, no specific determination about age could be made although officials speculate she had been between 20-40 years old.

The woman was clothed in Levi cutoffs and tennis shoes and her top was up around her neck.

Texas Ranger Jay Foster from Dumas was called to help with the investigation. Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter pronounced the woman dead and ordered an autopsy that's scheduled this morning in Lubbock.

The condition of the body prevented those at the scene from determining a cause of death although Sheriff Don Copeland said it is

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Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter (above left) was called to view the body and pronounce the woman dead. On the scene were Gray County Lt. Jim Scott and Sheriff Don Copeland while DPS Troopers John Holland and Jerome Ingle (right photo) assisted.

(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

## District tax hike hearing Aug. 26

By KATE B. DICKSON  
Associate Publisher

If voters pass a proposed 57.64 percent Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3 tax increase it will raise the taxes on an average house by \$3.90, according to information released by the district.

That amount is based upon what the district said is the average home value — \$50,000 — in the six-county area served by the district. It includes Gray, Carson, Wheeler, Roberts, Armstrong and Donley Counties.

A public hearing on the proposed tax increase will be Thursday, Aug. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the district office, 201 W. Third, White Deer.

The increase is sought to finance a precipitation enhancement program which will cost

\$312,000 per year. Of this amount, the state will pay fifty percent and the district will pay the other half, of \$156,000. This will cause a tax increase of \$0.0078 per \$100 of value.

The average tax cost per section of irrigated land (valued at \$525 per acre) would be \$26.20, or \$,0409 per acre. The estimated return on the investment (based on a projected 20 percent increase of rainfall during the growing season) would be about \$360 for every \$1 spent.

In addition to increased rainfall, the program has the added possibility of decreasing the size and amounts of hail, according to a district spokesman.

There are indications that seeded clouds have increased rainfall downwind and cloud tops decrease in size, thus decreasing the risk of damaging winds or tornadoes.

## Man gets two years in prison

A guilty plea to charges of engaging in an organized criminal activity has a Pampa man waiting for a trip to a state penitentiary.

Johnny Todd Preston, 27, Pampa, was sentenced to two years in prison for the Sep. 13, 1998 burglary of Helton Well Service on Price Road.

According to court records, he committed the burglary with Michael McGavick. McGavick has already been sentenced to 10 years probation for his part in the break-in.

Robert Preston was also originally charged since he drove the vehicle to Helton but after testimony that he was not aware that a burglary was planned charges against him will be dropped, according to the District Attorney's office.

While burglary of a building is normally a state jail, or 4th class felony, Preston has a prior conviction for burglary which raised the crime to a third-degree felony. The fact that he conspired with others to commit the burglary raised the charge to a second-degree charge.

**Court records said Preston committed the burglary with Michael McGavick. McGavick has already been sentenced to 10 years probation for his part in the break-in.**

While 23rd District Judge Lee Waters handed down the two-year sentence he gave Preston credit for the 157 days he has already served in Gray County Jail.

## Computer purchase, employee hiring ok'd

The Letors City Council voted to get a new computer for the city but put off other items until after a proposed auction of surplus city property.

Several items were being considered for purchase including the computer, a box blade for the city tractor and a new copier.

Councilman Dene Coble said at this week's meeting the items should wait until after an auction in 30-45 days. Three vehicles and some items from the city marshal will be included in the auction. Coble said it should produce enough money to pay for the items.

Councilman Craig Harkcom asked Letors City Secretary Judy Williams if she could get by using the computer and copier she has for another 30-45 days. She said she can make do with the copier but is worried the computer will not last that long. She spoke of getting error messages on the computer even when no one was working on it. She said she is concerned that one day it would just not boot up.

She said she has checked out several dealers but thinks the best combination of price and service is from Dell computers which can get her a new computer in 7-10 working days. Harkcom suggested if the company will bill the city payable in 30 days from delivery, then the money from the auction could cover it. The price of the computer and shipping came to \$1,665.

Others agreed and approved the purchase under those conditions. The other items for purchase were tabled until after the auction.

The council also authorized City Superintendent Bruce Withers to hire an additional employee for \$1,100 a month.



(Community Camera photo by Kim Hinds)

They will be a big year in many ways. Class of 2000 members decorated cars Thursday to mark the start of their Senior year. Carrie Walker (front) joins (second row from left) Jennifer Hinds, Brooke Pope, Becky Aderholt, Lacey McGuire and Heidi Searl and (back row from left) Traci Shelton and Mary Grace Fields.

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**HOLLAND, W.H. "Red"** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
**MORSCH, Monsignor Peter** — Mass, 10 a.m., Holy Family Catholic Church, Nazareth.  
**WHITNEY, Guy Thomas** — Memorial services, 11 a.m., Martin Funeral Home Chapel, Elk City, Okla.

## Obituaries

**W.H. 'RED' HOLLAND**  
 W.H. "Red" Holland, 72, of Pampa, died Thursday, Aug. 12, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery at Miami under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.  
 Mr. Holland was born Sept. 25, 1926, at Erick, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident most of his life. He married Hazel Burris on Dec. 28, 1946, at Wheeler; she died in January of 1982. He was a Baptist and belonged to American Legion.  
 He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.  
 He was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Airington, in September of 1993; two brothers; and two sisters.  
 Survivors include a daughter, Paula Hapeman of Paradise; two sons, Roger Holland of Eunice, N.M., and John Holland of Bridgeport; four sisters, Pauline Wakefield of Erick, Janelle Pennington of Thomas, Okla., Jessie Baughman of Archer City and Thelma Terry of Amarillo; a brother, Glen Holland of Erick; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.  
 The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795; or to Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.

### MARIE KING

Marie King, 72, of Pampa, died Monday, Aug. 9, 1999. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Galilee Baptist Church in San Angelo with the Rev. Floyd Crider officiating. Burial will be in Fairmont Cemetery in San Angelo under the direction of Warford-Walker Mortuary Inc., of Amarillo.  
 Mrs. King was born at Brenham. She moved to San Angelo in the late 1940s with her family and was a longtime member of Galilee Baptist Church. She had been a Pampa resident since 1989. She was an active member of Macedonia Baptist Church of Pampa until moving to a nursing care facility.  
 Survivors include three daughters, Edna Mitchell of Woodbridge, Va., Carolyn Robinson of Austin and Mildred Ingram of Ramstein AFB, Germany; four sons, Billy Ray Earl of Los Angeles, Calif., Earnest Bibbs Jr. of San Angelo, Edward King of Jackson, Miss., and Charles King Jr. of Pampa; a brother, Clyde Dotson of St. Louis, Mo.; 30 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

### MONSIGNOR PETER MORSCH

**PANHANDLE** - Monsignor Peter Morsch, 95, died Thursday, Aug. 12, 1999. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. today in CCD Building at Holy Family Catholic Church at Nazareth. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday in Holy Family Catholic Church with the Most Rev. John W. Yanta, bishop of Amarillo, the Rev. Lawrence Hemp of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Slaton and priests of the diocese as concelebrants. Vigil services will be Sunday in Slaton with mass celebrated on Monday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Slaton Cemetery under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Monsignor Morsch was born at Alkmaar, Holland. He was ordained in 1931 at Fribourg, Switzerland, and came to the Diocese of Amarillo later that same year. He served from 1931-34 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in San Angelo and pastored at Rotan, Aspermont, Jayton and Hamlin from 1938-39.

He later served at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Odessa and McCamey and at St. Anthony's in Dalhart. From 1939-43, he served at Sacred Heart in Littlefield and St. Phillips in Pep. He was at Sacred Heart in White Deer from 1943-50 before going to Holy Family Catholic Church until 1963. He served at St. Joseph's at Slaton from 1963-81.

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**Thursday, August 12**  
 Jerry Hicks, 33, 816 N. Dwight, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.  
 Theft was reported in the 100 block of Starkweather.  
 Evading arrest and detention was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

## Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**Thursday, August 12**  
 Terry Glen Honeycutt, 31, 1809 Coffee, was arrested by the DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance.  
 Diane Austin, 38, 8315 Barnes, was arrested on a grand jury indictment on charges of aggravated assault on a public servant.

## Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**Thursday, August 12**  
 No charges were listed when a 1996 Sunfire driven by Cynthia B. Cordova, 16, 916 S. Finley, collided with a 1993 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jessie Lee Smith, 16, 1041 S. Banks, in a private lot in the 100 block of East Harvester. No injuries were reported.

## Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**Thursday, August 12**  
 9:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.  
 11:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.  
 2:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Price Road. No one was transported.  
 3:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.  
 9:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.22	Coca-Cola	59 3/4	dn 3/8
Milo	2.86	Columbia/HCA	22 11/16	up 3/16
Corn	3.25	Enron	87 1/16	up 1 1/16
Soybeans	3.57	Halliburton	47 15/16	dn 1 3/16
		IRI	5 1/8	NC
		KNE	5 7/16	up 1/16
		Kerr McGee	58 9/16	up 9/16
		Limited	44 9/16	up 1/2
		McDonald's	39 3/8	up 1/4
		Mobil	105 5/8	dn 1/2
		New Atmos	24 3/4	up 3/16
		NCE	33 1/4	dn 3/16
		Phillips	42 11/16	NC
		Phonon Nat Res	12 5/8	up 1/16
		SLB	65 3/4	dn 3/4
		Tenneco	21 3/16	dn 3/16
		Texaco	65 5/8	dn 3/8
		Ultramar	26 3/4	up 1/4
		Wal-Mart	44 7/8	dn 1/2
		Williams	40 11/16	up 1/16
		New York Gold	260.45	
		Silver	5.35	
		West Texas Crude	21.48	

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Occidental	20 13/16	up 1/8
Magellan	121.57	up 1
Puritan	19.84	up 1

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Ammo	118 11/16	up 1
Aeco	92 3/4	up 1
Cabot	23 1/4	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	18 7/8	up 3/8
Chevron	96	dn 1/16

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

# Wife's lawyer to question woman in Newt Gingrich divorce case

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — Divorce lawyers for the estranged wife of former House Speaker Newt Gingrich have won permission to question a woman Gingrich reportedly has been seeing.  
 An order signed Thursday by Cobb County Superior Court Judge Dorothy Robinson allows Marianne Gingrich's attorneys to take a deposition from Callista Bisek.  
 Published reports say Gingrich, 53, and Ms. Bisek, a 33-year-old aide to the House Agriculture Committee, have been seeing each other for years. In New York today, both the Daily News and the New York Post quoted sources who said the two have been seen together often in Washington.  
 Mrs. Gingrich's lawyer, John C. Mayoue, declined to say whether Mrs. Gingrich thought her husband was involved in a relationship with Ms. Bisek before Gingrich filed for divorce July 29.  
 "I can tell you that she thought that they had a very sound marriage, right up until this unexpected demand for divorce," he said today. "And I can also tell you that Marianne is prepared to thoroughly investigate Mr. Gingrich's personal life as well as his business activities."  
 No date has been set for the deposition, which will be taken in Arlington, Va., where Ms. Bisek lives.  
 Gingrich's attorney, Randolph Evans, said he hadn't seen the order and could not comment on the reports that Gingrich might have been seeing Ms. Bisek before his separation from his wife.  
 "I don't get into all of that because it just doesn't

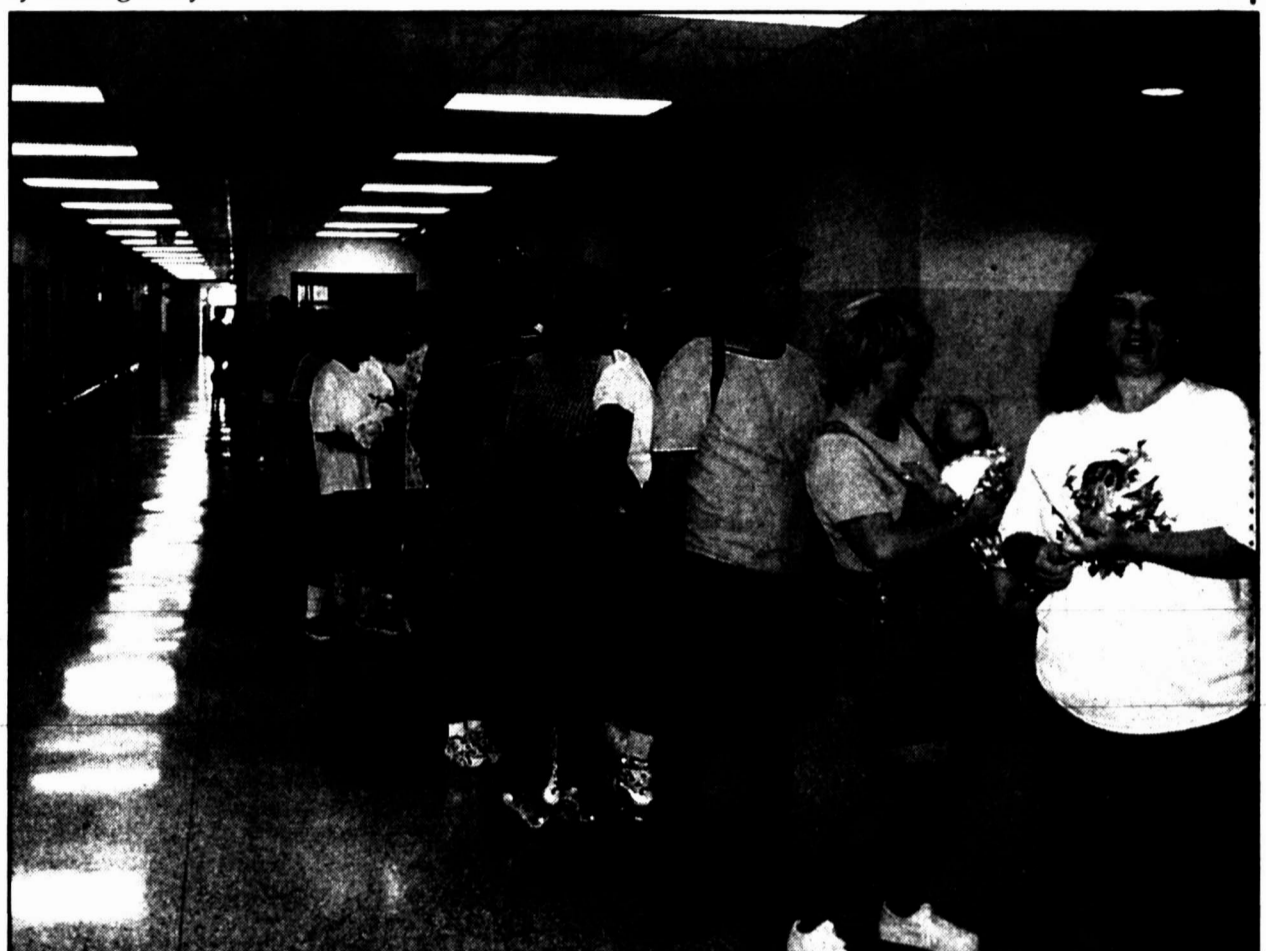
serve any useful purpose," he said.  
 Gingrich's personal spokesman, Mike Shields, declined to comment today.  
 Mayoue said it's too early to say what financial settlement Mrs. Gingrich might seek from the former speaker.  
 The Gingriches were married Aug. 8, 1981. They have been separated since May 10, according to the divorce papers Gingrich filed last month.  
 Gingrich, architect of the Republican revolution in the House, served as speaker from 1995 until the end of last year, when he gave up his seat in Congress after the Republicans' disappointing showing in the November election.  
 His first marriage, to his high school geometry teacher, Jackie Battley, ended in divorce after 19 years. He has two daughters from that marriage.  
 Jackie Gingrich has said her then-husband discussed divorce terms with her while she was recuperating in the hospital from cancer surgery. Gingrich has said he does not recall it that way.  
 Gingrich married his second wife, a county planner and business consultant from Ohio, within months of the divorce.  
 In 1994, Gingrich responded to reports he'd had extramarital affairs while running a family-values campaign in 1978 by saying, "In the 1970s, things happened — period. That's the most I'll ever say."  
 "I start with an assumption that all human beings sin," he said. "So all I'll say is that I've led a human life."

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## BODY

being treated as a homicide.  
 Unless the woman can be identified Copeland speculated the death will be difficult to investigate. Because I-40 is only a few miles away, he said the killer could be from anywhere. He said it is possible the killer may have pulled off the interstate to kill the woman or dispose of her body before quickly driving away.

Besides the Gray County Sheriff's Office, Troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety and an Inspector for the Cattle Raisers Association also lent a hand in searching the area for clues. While some debris was collected, investigators don't know if it is connected to the death. A metal detector was used but nothing of significance was found.  
 "That poor woman's family is probably wondering where she is," Carpenter said.



Travis Elementary parents got a taste of standing in line this week at school when they went to pay for cafeteria meals for their children.

# Jagger-Hall 'marriage' declared invalid in British judge's ruling

LONDON (AP) — A British judge ruled Friday that Mick Jagger's not-quite-marriage to Jerry Hall was invalid, both in England and in Indonesia where the rock star and the model went through a 1990 wedding ceremony.  
 The pair, who have been together more than 20 years and have four children, were not in court.  
 Hall, a 43-year-old Mesquite, Texas native, filed for divorce in January after Brazilian model Luciana Morad said she was pregnant with Jagger's child. The 55-year-old Rolling Stone last month acknowledged that the boy, more than 3 months old, was his.  
 Last month, the couple agreed that they were never legally married, with their lawyers saying the pair had "amicably and formally agreed to separate after more than two decades as a couple and to obtain an annulment."  
 Justice Sir Michael Connell granted the decree of nullity Friday in the High Court Family Division after hearing evidence on Hall's behalf.  
 Jagger's lawyer, Lucy Stone, said that since the case was totally uncontested, she had nothing to add on the musician's behalf.  
 After the hearing, the couple's lawyers issued a statement saying Connell also had ratified the confidential financial agreement reached last month, and that both Hall and Jagger "were greatly

relieved that the formal legal process was now at an end."  
 Details of the financial settlement will remain confidential, but there has been speculation that Hall sought a \$48 million chunk of Jagger's \$240 million fortune.  
 The judge said he was "fully satisfied a ceremony did take place and it purported to be a ceremony of marriage," but that to be recognized as valid it would have had to comply with local law.  
 The evidence was that the couple's marriage had never been registered, he said. Registration might not have been essential, he said, if the local community acknowledged the marriage. But in that case, both the bride and groom would have had to be Balinese Hindus.  
 "In these circumstances, I am satisfied this marriage ceremony did not, according to local law, bring about a legal marriage between the petitioner and respondent and, in these circumstances, there is no such legal marriage between them in this jurisdiction and I shall pronounce a decree of nullity," the judge said.  
 Hall, who gave her evidence in a sworn statement read out to the judge, is in Dallas, Texas, where one of her sisters is undergoing chemotherapy. Jagger's whereabouts were not disclosed.

## JFK Memorial vandal in court

DALLAS (AP) — For vandalism at the John F. Kennedy Memorial, a Rowlett man has received five years' probation and orders from a judge to continue taking drugs to control his bipolar disorder.  
 Harold Russell Allen had pleaded guilty to a state-jail felony charge of graffiti causing less than \$20,000 in damage. He could have been sentenced to up to two years in jail.  
 "I just pray to God I have another chance," Allen, 28, said at his sentencing hearing Thursday. "I apologize for everything — all of this."  
 He testified that he was ashamed he defaced the downtown memorial in April during what doctors said was a manic episode prompted by a recently diagnosed mental illness.  
 Christie Williams, the prosecutor in the case, showed a videotape of the graffiti that included crosses, a swastika, a happy face and intertwining lines.

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## Weather focus

**PAMPA** — Mostly sunny and cooler today with a high of 82 and north winds at 25 mph and gusting. Tonight, a chance of thunderstorms but mostly fair with a low of 55. Cooler weather continues Saturday with a high of 80. The overnight low was 71.  
**PANHANDLE** — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low 60 to 65. Northeast to east wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High near 90. Southeast wind 10-20 mph, becoming southwest.  
**STATEWIDE** — Texas' long-running heat wave is breaking or equaling more records as forecasters expect triple-digit day-

time readings to continue through next week.  
 The 16th straight day of temperatures over 100 degrees included a record Friday for the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The high of 106 at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport surpassed the old top reading of 105 for the date, set in 1936. It's also the 33rd day with no measurable rain.  
 Thursday's high of 104 at Abilene Regional Airport tied the record for the date set in 1936. Also, the same temperature at Del Rio International Airport tied the record high previously set in 1998 and earlier years.  
 At Bush Intercontinental Airport, Thursday's low temperature set a record. The 80-degree reading beat the previous record of 78 for the date, set in 1987.  
 Today's lows remained in the middle 80s in most areas of North Texas, with 60s and 70s in the west. It was 81 degrees at Paris, 88 in Dallas and Fort Worth, 63 at Dalhart and 84 at both Abilene and Sanderson.  
 Winds were mostly southerly at 10 to 20 mph.  
 Mainly afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms were possible in West Texas, with scattered storms in the north through Saturday.  
 Daytime highs should range from the 90s to 100 or more, with near 105 in the Big Bend valleys. Lows overnight were expected in the 60s and 70s.  
 Heat advisories remained in effect, the National Weather Service said.

## Chautauqua fun weekend planned



(Special photo) Mike Elliston of Panhandle will be returning to Chautauqua after six years to display his kites of many colors and shapes. He will be one of the many exhibitors at the day long art festival in Central Park on Labor Day Sept. 6.

## Last Friday the 13th of century occurs

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Margaret Downey wants you to limbo under a ladder, waltz with a person costumed in a black-cat outfit and break as many mirrors as you can.

And she says the more superstitious you are, the better — it is, after all, the last Friday the 13th of the millennium.

"Friday the 13th is complete bunk, it's nonsense," said Downey, organizer of the Anti-Superstition Carnival in Philadelphia.

Similar events were planned in Los Angeles and Buffalo, N.Y., part of an effort organized by the Buffalo-based Center for Inquiry International to debunk superstitions associated with Friday the 13th.

"It's kind of our bread-and-butter event," said the center's Chris Mooney. "We have this sort of residual fear of Friday the 13th, and it would be a good thing to try and clear this up a little bit."

To do that, Downey is opening up the carnival to the public for the

first time. The past two years, it was attended only by members of the Freethought Society of Greater Philadelphia.

To poke fun at the superstitions, organizers will hold limbo dances under a ladder, toss mirrors and play superstition trivia games — all in the name of helping friggatriskaidekaphobes, or those who fear Friday the 13th.

The 13 members of the anti-superstition Friday the 13th club were to meet today, too.

"We'll meet, go under our ladders, open our umbrellas rain or shine, throw around some salt and knock on wood," said club member Murray Saltzman, 68. He might show up at the carnival tonight.

"It sounds interesting, I guess it's not bad luck to attend to two of these events."

In Fredericksburg, Va., the Somerset Golf Club has taken a drastic step to mollify golfers who insist their longest drives inexplicably vanish from the 13th fairway

and balls drop out of nowhere on the 13th green.

Hole No. 13 has been eliminated.

"Hopefully, that will do the job," head pro Don Kramer said, pointing to a paper 14 taped over the 13 on a sign near the tee. The succeeding holes have been renumbered so golfers now play through the 19th hole.

Kramer claims Somerset is the first course in the country to eliminate a 13th hole. And as far as National Golf Foundation spokeswoman Judy Thompson knows, he's right.

"Nobody has come up and said it's stupid," Kramer said. After all, he said, many hotels have no 13th floor and some airlines skip the 13th row.

Some look to Norse mythology for the source of 13 phobia. According to the myth, an evil god crashed a party attended by 12 other Norse gods and killed one of them. Others say 13 became a bad omen because there were 13 diners at the Last Supper.

## Teens want to be heard, respected

RANDOLPH CENTER, Vt. (AP) — Isaac Evans-Frantz recalled how he came out as a homosexual in the seventh grade, only to face scores of his peers questioning and harassing him.

"It was so overwhelming to me," said Evans-Frantz, a junior at Brattleboro Union High School. "It was the first time I realized that being gay in society wasn't going to be easy."

The youth spoke Thursday at a forum that is the only one this year devoted to teens and education, the Education Commission of the States said. Gov. Howard Dean organized it in response to the shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., and to a rash of bomb threats at Vermont high schools.

"I'm still struggling with the issue," he said. "There is no one right answer."

The nearly universal message was that teen-agers need two things above all else: to be heard and respected.

"I believe respect is everything," Husain Karim, a sophomore at Burlington High School, said. "If you have respect for

yourself and others, why would you feel the need to hurt others?"

"I strongly believe that teachers could be the main source of accomplishing this," he said. "There's some times I see my coaches and teachers more than I see my family."

For Evans-Frantz, some of those turned out to be allies: a teacher who didn't yell at a classmate who used the term faggot but forced her to look up its meaning in the dictionary; a school nurse who posted a notice of a gay youth support group; and a science teacher who did nothing more than post a small pink triangle, a symbol of solidarity for gays and lesbians.

"I said, 'Wow, this guy really cares. This is a safe place for me,'" Evans-Frantz said, bringing tears to many eyes and a standing ovation.

Although teen-agers want to be heard, they also want some guidance, said PJ Lewis, who just graduated from Essex High School. She told how she was in foster care for five years and found an advocate in her social worker.

"She gave me options about what would happen to me," Lewis said. "She helped me decide what would happen rather than just putting me somewhere and saying that's where you go."

Dean listened intently throughout the session, breaking in occasionally with an observation or a response. His goal for the conference was to find ideas that can be offered to schools around the state.

Still, Dean, a father of two teen-agers in public schools himself, said that teen-agers have to understand that adults cannot always do the right thing, either.

"You have to understand that we're more like you than you think we are," he said.

That's why it's important for adults and teen-agers to try to get to know one another better, Evans-Frantz said. He asked why teachers don't simply wander into the cafeteria at lunchtime.

"Teachers could come in and ask us, 'How's school going for you? What do you like? What don't you like? What should be different?'" he said.

## UT Board may have to abide by state Open Meetings laws

HOUSTON (AP) — A board that controls \$12.6 billion worth of investments for the University of Texas might have to open its meetings to the public, according to UT system officials.

The University of Texas System regents are expected to vote on the proposal during a special meeting in about a month.

UT System Board Chairman Don Evans said Thursday he strongly recommends that the University of Texas Investment Management Co. be required to abide by "the same open-meetings laws that this board operates under."

"There should not be a difference between UTIMCO and our own board," Evans said.

A private, nonprofit corporation set up by the UT regents to manage investments, UTIMCO is the only such corporation in the

country investing public higher education dollars.

Evans told Chancellor William Cunningham during a regents' meeting in Galveston to develop an open meetings policy as quickly as possible.

Such a policy, Evans said, should allow closed sessions only to prevent competitors from gaining information that would give them advantages over UTIMCO.

The corporation has drawn criticism in recent years for meeting secretly and restricting information.

The executive director of Common Cause of Texas called

Evans' announcement "fantastic."

"We're talking about public dollars," said Suzy Woodford, the Common Cause director. "The public has a right to know what is going on."

Cunningham, in response to a Houston Chronicle story about the investments, told Texas lawmakers in March that the UTIMCO board would publicly release the annual rate of return on each of its private investment funds.

Also, Cunningham said UTIMCO would release the names of private fund managers before making further public money investments.

## Calendar of events

**PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL**  
Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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

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

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

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

**GEM THEATRE**  
Gem Theatre in Claude will host the Panhandle Area Farm Bureau Queen's and Talent Contest at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7. Contestants from across the pan-

handle will compete for scholarships. The winner of the talent show will be given the opportunity to perform with other artists at the Gem in November.

**ALTRUSA STYLE SHOW**  
Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa will hold its annual Style Show beginning at 11:45 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 14 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium.

**CLEP TESTS**  
Clarendon College in Clarendon will offer College Level Examination Program exams beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16. Cost of each test is \$50 and a \$20 non-refundable deposit is required upon registration. Registration forms are available at CC Counselor's Office and participants may register by calling counselor Linda Frye at (806) 874-3571.

**PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**  
The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have been touched by cancer will meet from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, in the cafeteria of Pampa Regional Medical Center. The program for this month's meeting will be the audiovisual

odyssey "Affirmations for Getting Well Again." The public is invited. For more information call 665-4742 or 665-2654. For a ride, call 669-2198 after 5 p.m. or 665-2654. In case of bad weather, call Pampa Regional Medical Center at 665-3721 to make certain the program is not canceled.

**FPC CHOIR**  
Frank Phillips College in Borger will hold Community Choir rehearsals from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday evenings beginning Aug. 23 in FPC Fine Arts Building, Room FA-28. Auditions for new members will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 or may be arranged. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call Dr. Judy Strecker, Music Department chair and Choir director at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 728.

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

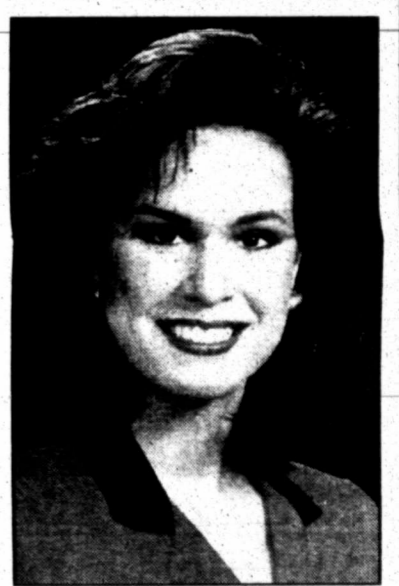
**TDI MEETING**  
The Texas Department of Insurance will hold a public meeting to discuss the testing

and licensing program for insurance licenses from 10 a.m.-12 noon, Sept. 2 at The Driskill Hotel in Austin. For more information, call the Licensing Assistance Group or Chris Bolton, manager, Renewals and Appointments, TDI, (512) 322-3503, or Mary Hall, executive vice president, Experior, 1-800-893-6026.

**SHAMROCK LION'S CLUB**  
The Shamrock Lion's Club in Shamrock will host a 50th anniversary celebration beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at Shamrock High School Cafeteria. Cost will be \$10 per person. To RSVP, call (806) 256-2068 or 1-800-407-2301 or fax (806) 256-5491. For motel reservations, call (806) 256-3244.

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

## Sona Solano to appear at Style Show



Sona Solano

Sona Solano, former Miss Amarillo Area, will entertain at the Altrusa Style Show slated at 11:45 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 14 in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Miss Solano was Miss Top O' Texas in 1994 and Miss Amarillo Area in 1995. She placed 11th at the Miss Texas Pageant, receiving five top awards. She has appeared most recently at Big Texan "Route 66" show and Big Texan "Opry" as well as at various community and civic organization events.

She is currently employed at Amarillo National Bank and is set to graduate from West Texas

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## Minister's musing ...

"When I planned this, did I do it lightly? Or do I make my plans in a worldly manner so that in the same breath I say 'Yes, yes' and 'No, no?' But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not 'yes' and 'no.' But the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not 'yes' and 'no,' but in him it has always been 'Yes.' For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God." 2 Corinthians 1: 17-20 (NIV).

Paul's travel plans had changed. His visit to Corinth had to be rescheduled.

His critics at Corinth accused him of talking out of both sides of his mouth — of saying "yes" and "no" at the same time. As expressed in the Amplified New Testament: "saying yes that could mean no." Being ambiguous is the charge. Jesus had taught that our "yes" should be "yes" and "no" should be "no" — clearly and unembellished. The critics accused Paul of speaking otherwise.

Paul made it clear that the good news of Jesus Christ is not ambiguous. It's certain, settled, and sure. He added that it's in the nature of Jesus to say "Yes."

In life, we sometimes encounter negative and disappointing things. Jesus is neither negative nor disappointing.

Hebrews 6:13 tells us that when God wanted to give an oath, there was none greater by whom he could swear, so he swore by himself. God is the ultimate certainty. He is the final truth. As surely as God is faithful, his promises



By Rev. Albert Maggard  
First Pentecostal Holiness Church

es are dependable. We can count on absolutely nothing more solid. Paul points out that, "no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ.

We have great questions, for which God delights to give "yes" answers.

The Gospels tell of Jesus asleep in the back of a fishing boat. A terrible storm came up at sea. In panic, the disciples woke Jesus. Their terrified question was, "Master, don't you care that we perish?" When the Son of God rebuked the winds and hushed the water, they knew His answer was "yes." He had demonstrated his care.

The Apostle Peter declares in 2 Peter 3:9 that "He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

A little child when asked, "How much do you love me?" will sometimes stretch his arms far apart and say, "I love you this much." When we ask Jesus, "Does God love me?" he stretched out his arms on a cross and said, "I love you this much." That was God's way of saying, "Yes, I love you."

When we ask, "Can I become God's child?" two verses of the Bible give his answer. John 1:12 says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." The same writer added in I John 3:1-2, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us that we should be called the sons of God." Again, His answer is a clear "yes."

A fourth question to come to our minds is: "Can God keep me?"

We know that "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come to God by Him," for Hebrews 7:25 tells us so very clearly.

But facing a world filled with temptation and evil, the born again child of God wonders if there's any possibility of staying holy and free from sin. In other words, "Can God keep me?" Here again, the Word of God gives a positive response. Second Timothy 1: 12 records the words of the Apostle Paul to the young Timothy. He said, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Paul viewed his life as a deposit which he'd committed to the Lord for safe keeping. More trustworthy than any bank or other institution of man; the Lord is able to keep the soul we've entrusted to him.

The world has negative or uncertain answers to life's great questions. Not so with Jesus. He is the Lord of clear answers — the God who says, "Yes."



LaVerne and Edith Tripp

## Famed gospel couple perform here Aug. 31

LaVerne Tripp, a legendary pioneer in the world of Gospel Music, will perform with his wife Edith at First Assembly of God Church, 500 S. Cuyler, at 7 p.m. on Aug. 31.

Before surrendering his life to God's will, LaVerne was established as a Professional Gospel Singer/Son Writer, was male vocalist of the year and nominated 8 times for the coveted Dove Award.

LaVerne's current chart toppers are, "He's Coming Back," "He's Bigger Than That," "Whisper Mine," "Shout All The Way," "We've Got The Power," "We'll Not Be Defeated," and "The Answer To My Need." LaVerne's, "I Know," was the number one song in the national charts for more than 12 consecutive months, replaced by his second release, "That Day Is Almost Here," followed by, "After Calvary," all number one, thus making LaVerne the only song writer and recording artist in the history of music to write and record three consecutively number one songs.

Since beginning Song Revival Ministry 23 years ago, LaVerne and Edith have seen more than (500,000) five hundred thousand souls born into the Kingdom of God. LaVerne and Edith minister in more than 150 churches a year in America and other countries. They also have a Children's Home in Vijayawada India with 150 children.

God has called LaVerne and his wife, Edith's 30 minute TV program is seen weekly by more than (80,000,000) eighty million people on more than 600 stations and over 4,000 cable systems across America, is heard on shortwave radio and seven satellites each week in every Nation on Planet Earth. The program has won 4 prestigious Angel Awards for its excellence in quality and content.

You'll never be the same after attending a "Song Revival" with LaVerne and Edith Tripp.

## Calling all children ... Psalty & Friends to perform here Aug. 26

"Psalty & Friends" children's musical, performed by the international theatrical touring group Kid's Touring Co., will be appearing at 7 p.m., Aug. 26 at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

"Psalty & Friends," on tour with Gerbert, Lawrence the Kat, Colby the Computer, Gruffy Bear, Beemer and McGEE, is a "Disney-type" extravaganza. The live musical features an assortment of characters from best-selling album and video projects including Psalty's Kids & Co., Gerbert's Television Show, Carman's Yo Kidz Series, Colby's Clubhouse Television Show, Sandy Patti's Friendship Company, The Jungle Jam Radio Show and Focus On The Family's McGEE And Me Video Series all in big walk-around costumes.

The characters involved represent the "cream of the crop" in children's Christian

music and videos with one Grammy Nomination, two Dove Awards, several additional Dove Nominations, two Gold Albums, 12 Platinum Videos, and two Angel Awards. Psalty alone has sold over five million records and videos, and an additional one million units of Bibles, books and gift products. Psalty recordings have been produced in 14 languages worldwide. Psalty, Gruffy Bear, Beemer and Colby the Computer are all regular performers at all the North American Billy Graham crusades.

"Psalty & Friends" recent appearances include a tour of Russia with 16 performances, four performances at the California State Fair, a civic theatre tour of four Hawaiian Islands with a near sell-out in Honolulu's newly renovated \$22 million Hawaii Theatre Center and the Billy

Graham crusade at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Ind.

The live production takes the imagination of "Disney On Ice" and the teaching element of "Sesame Street Live," and adds a Christian message to create an inspirational show that captivates and delights audiences young and old alike.

"Psalty & Friends" will be appearing at M.K. Brown Auditorium on Aug. 26 for one show only. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$6.50 in advance and \$8.50 at the door and are available at all area Christian bookstores and at the First Baptist Church office. There is an advance group ticket offer of two free tickets for each 15 tickets bought. Group tickets and charge by phone tickets are available only by calling (817) 491-0855. More local information can be obtained by calling (817) 491-0855.

## A respite for Christian ministers

DIVIDE, Colo. (AP) — Tom Hardeman, a former United Parcel Service executive, now runs an investment firm and serves on six company boards. Busy? Yes. He says the workload of America's business leaders is nothing compared with that of pastors of Christian churches.

"There is unparalleled pressure on ministers," said Hardeman, who is board chairman for SonScape Re-Creation Ministries, which operates on 17 acres in the shadow of Pikes Peak.

"They are expected to be perfect administrators, perfect counselors, perfect fathers, perfect everything."

They are human and sometimes give in to pressure, to temptation, to sin, he said.

The Rev. Bob Sewell and his wife, Sandy, saw the cost of mismanaged ministry and the temptations that invaded. They felt the burnout. So they founded SonScape, a place where ministers can spend time "exhaling the fatigue and staleness of life and breathing deeply in the spirit of the Lord."

Bob Sewell said others can learn from his and Sandy's mistakes. "We did all the things incorrectly; things we're now telling people not to do. We worked too many hours. Ministry was at the core and center of everything we ate, thought, slept and accomplished in life."

Realizing the danger, they sought help from friends.

"We needed help getting our lives back together," Bob Sewell said. Today they minister to ministers.

Couples or singles stay in duplex units at the center, where they are counseled, coached and prayed over, and given time to reflect and rest. Each eight-day session costs about \$1,500 per couple.

The Sewells, who hold about a dozen sessions each year, focus on Christian "spiritual disciplines." Silence and solitude, for example, is "the art of listening to God," Bob Sewell said. Others are Bible study, prayer and worship.

The pressures on pastors come from several areas, the Sewells said.

For one, society accepts behavior which once was considered a moral failing in friends, family, professionals and many role models — but not pastors. Who cares if your neighbor had an affair? But your pastor?

There are also the perennial problems of politics, finance and control within congregations, reflected in an attitude that Sewell expressed this way: "Pastor, we were here before you came, and we'll be here after you leave. We own the church, and we own the parsonage, and as long as you're here, we own you."

Third, a pastor also is under a higher authority.

"He must be under the authority of God and the Scriptures," Sewell said. "There are guidelines in the Scripture for what a pastor should be and what he's supposed to do."

So failure happens. High-profile cases are well-known: Jim Bakker and Jimmy Swaggart. While the reprimand process for pastors who fail works for many church groups, rehabilitation is largely ignored.

Bakker confessed to a relationship with a secretary; he was later convicted of defrauding followers of millions. He lost his PTL ministries, served five years in prison and was divorced. In recent months, he's ministered to the poor in inner-city Los Angeles. In Bakker's story, the Sewells see God's grace.

Many ministers are too busy taking care of others to care for themselves. So SonScape's lessons point to the New Testament, where Jesus practiced getting away for personal rest.

"He gives us the model. He went away to be alone," Bob Sewell said. "The Scriptures do not say, 'and he was in a hurry.'"

SonScape tells pastors that doing a little preventive maintenance will allow them to be the strong, spiritual shepherds their congregations need.

## Religion briefs ...

### Dedication services in Allison

First Baptist Church of Allison will hold dedication services at 2 p.m. Aug. 15. A luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. and a reception will be held following the dedication services, both in Fellowship Hall of the church.

Any former pastor, member or friends of the church are cordially invited to attend. For more information, contact First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 80, Allison, TX 79003-0080; or via e-mail at boots@centramedia.net. The church is seeking any members or pastors who might not have been notified of the event and would appreciate any assistance.

### The Jesus Film to be shown Aug. 15

Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West, will present "The Jesus Film" at 6 p.m. Aug. 15. The film is used in partnership with Campus Crusade for Christ in presenting the gospel around the world. The public is cordially invited to attend this special service. For more information, call 669-3144.

## Notice to Ministers


The Pampa News is in need of more columns for Minister's musings. Please mail or drop off a column with your photo (if we don't have it). The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79065. Our readers enjoy your writings and we want to continue this service with your help.

## Rev. Cooper to preach Sunday

In the absence of Rev. Albert Maggard Pastor of The First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 West Alcock, Rev. Archie Cooper from McLean will fill the pulpit Sunday morning and at the evening service which begins at 6 p.m.

Rev. Cooper is 86 years old, was converted in McLean in 1932. Called to preach in 1934, he entered pastoral ministry in 1936 then returned to pastor the church in McLean in 1979 to 1986.

He worked as carpenter and painter. After the death of Virginia, his wife for more than 60 years, he has spent 10 months as interim pastor in Garfield, N.M. and now resides in his home in McLean and available for ministry.



From the Back Pew...

Cheryl Berzanskis is on vacation this week. Her column will return next Friday.

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# Lockout by Niece's Husband Stops Aunt's Pantry Raids

DEAR ABBY: My "Aunt Maude," whom I dearly love, visits me once a month to do some shopping — in my pantry. She lives 40 miles away and comes over with a shopping bag she fills with canned goods as well as paper products.

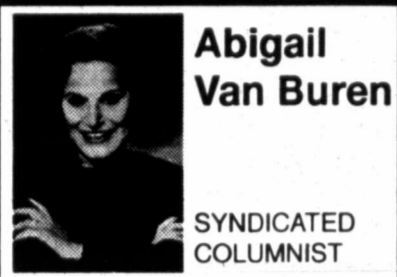
My husband is furious about it, and remarked that if Aunt Maude was in financial distress, there would be no problem. However, she owns rental properties and is financially secure. He calls her a parasite and a culture for taking advantage of a younger relative with a heart of gold. He has threatened many times to put a lock on the pantry door to prevent such thievery, and he finally did, installing a strong lock and keeping the keys.

During her next visit, Aunt Maude, after making some small talk, went to the pantry only to find it locked and barred to her. In short order, she said she had to visit another relative and left. Now she refuses to visit me.

Abby, I know what she was doing was wrong, but she did bring me news of the family and I enjoyed her company. What can I do to repair the damage and make her feel at home, without her grabbing the goodies from my pantry? My husband told me the minute he hears she's on the way to visit us, the pantry door will be locked again. Any advice?

SAD NIECE, SAN ANTONIO

DEAR SAD NIECE: If coming into the house of relatives and



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

raiding the pantry is considered acceptable behavior in your family, you should make that clear to your husband. If it's not, then it's time you opened your own direct line of communication with your relatives so that you no longer have to "ransom" news of them from your dysfunctional aunt.

You might send her a gift basket filled with the kinds of goodies she's been stealing from your pantry, and hope she'll accept your conciliatory gesture — but I can't guarantee the result.

DEAR ABBY: We have a question about what to say when we take our adult children and their spouses out to dinner when we visit them in another state. These people range in age from 39 to 55 and have been on their own for years.

We don't appreciate it when they order more than one cocktail before dinner, so what could we say that would be nonconfrontational, but convey to them that we don't want

to support their drinking habit? DEVOTED PARENTS, SOMEWHERE

DEAR DEVOTED PARENTS: There is no need to be confrontational. Simply tell your "children" before dinner that you will pay for only one round of drinks — and after that, if they choose to imbibe, they should ask for a separate check.

DEAR ABBY: Can you stand one more comment concerning "unattended" children?

I was co-owner of an antique store. My partners and I decided to put up a sign that read, "All Unattended Children Will Be Given a Free Kitten."

Abby, the look of panic on the parents' faces was priceless! We had some tiny fabric kittens that we gave the children who wanted one — and we got a lot of laughs from it.

FAITHFUL READER, SMALL TOWN, TEXAS

DEAR FAITHFUL READER: I think you came up with a purr-fect solution, and it's certainly friendlier than the sign other readers reported: "Unattended Children Will Be Sold as Slaves."

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

## Horoscope

SUNDAY, AUG. 15, 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 suddenly become more easygoing and appealing. Or is it you that has changed? Venus steams up your love relationships, as charisma is heightened between you and others. Unexpected developments occur with a friendship. Obviously, you weren't reading this situation clearly. Tonight: Enjoying your life.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* Your lust for the good life comes out at home as well as with family. Browse through a flea market or add a new plant to your home. Taking on huge projects is ill-advised — others won't leave you alone that long! Popularity soars. Invite friends over for a fun afternoon or cookout. Tonight: Get into the good life.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* Refuse to wander into difficult territory. A path might appear very enticing, but it could be laden with potholes. On the other hand, you could find the experience exciting. Charm merges with wit; others are clearly drawn. Ask for what you want. Caring is really close at home. Tonight: Speak your mind, another agrees.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You might be surprised by a partner, though if you think about it, he has been a bundle of unpredictability lately. Call the shots when buying a gift or card. You know what will make another's heart throb. Remember just how sensitive you are to others. Tonight: Pick up the tab.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* You always draw others, but over the next few weeks, you will have an opportunity to do a lot of clearing the air. A friend stuns you. Roll with the unexpected. Laughter and fun mark a get-together. Meeting new people puts a sparkle in your eye. Do what you enjoy. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* You might be overly sensitive. Refuse to act out feelings at the cost of your checkbook. Spending could easily go out of whack. Plug stress into a hobby or an intense exercise program. Opt for a change in scenery. You'll feel a lot better if you do a number of different activities. Tonight: Take in a movie.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Beam in what you want. A friendship could be changing. The unexpected marks your decisions and interactions. Call an old friend; catch up on news. Do what you need to do to stay in touch with your feelings. If you can, postpone an important decision for now. Let the kid in you come out. Tonight: You're top dog.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Relax and observe. Someone you put on a pedestal could be very chameleonic. Be aware of his changeability, but recognize that you can't control it. It is that flexibility that allows the

two of you to get along. Toss plans to the wind, if that is what you want. Give yourself freedom. Tonight: Start working on that book.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Make a call to a loved one at a distance. Even if he sounds sour, don't take it personally. Sometimes you need to let the moment go. Stay focused on the long term. Join friends for a game of softball or perhaps a summer party. A conversation takes an odd turn. Tonight: Celebrate the night away.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Build on an established relationship, but don't forget about a promise you made to another. Be clear about what you can and cannot do. Pressure builds as you try to juggle two different projects. Be careful with spending — an unexpected expense is likely. Do some price-comparing. Tonight: Out and about.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Your personal life remains a high priority. Trying to make a failed or difficult relationship into a friendship could take all of your interpersonal skills. Take off for a day outing. A different pace and scenery refresh you. Walk in another's shoes. Tonight: Explore a new restaurant or type of cuisine.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Though you can be ever so social, you might opt to spend the day with one special friend. Sharing proves to be insightful. Do something you both love, whether it is eating out, catching an art show or browsing a flea market. Plans don't have to be spectacular because you enjoy each other so much. Tonight: Be a duo.

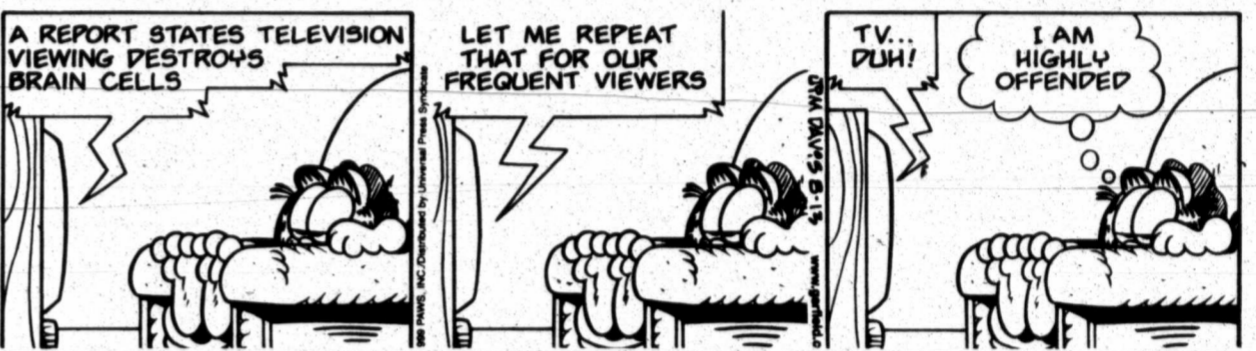
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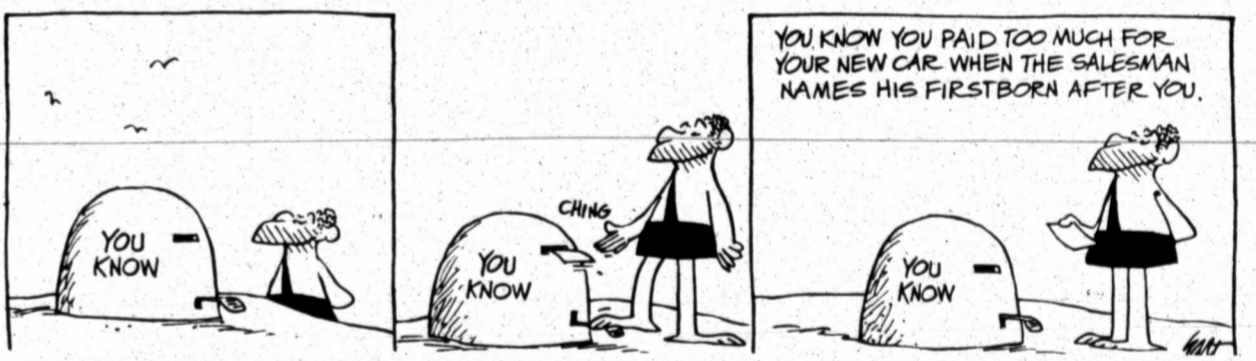
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## Crossword Puzzle

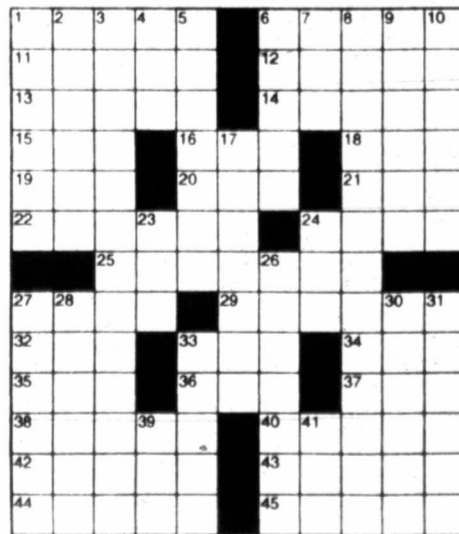
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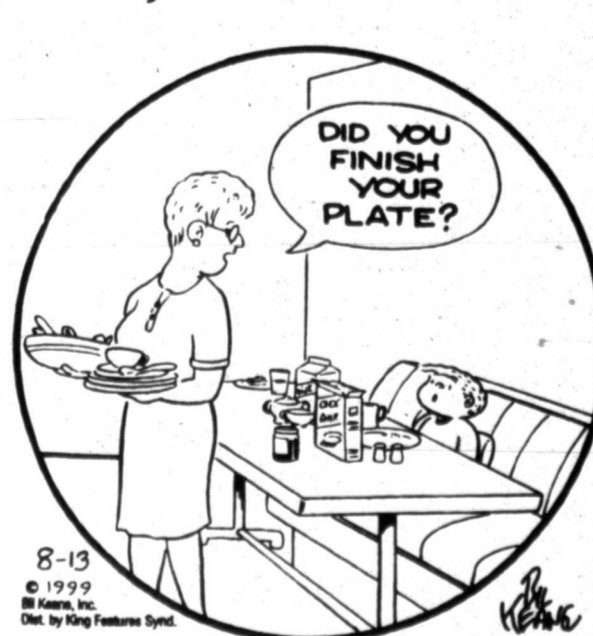
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### Marmaduke



### The Family Circus



"No, Grandma, but I ate everything that was on it."

# SPORTS

## Notebook

### WRESTLING

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

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

### BASKETBALL

**FORT WORTH** — A Clinic of Champions is scheduled for the Fort Worth area in early September with the proceeds going to the Coaches for Cancer, Jimmy V Foundation.

The clinic is being sponsored by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. While details still remain to be worked out, speakers featured will be coaches that have recently won state titles or made it to the Final Four in Austin.

Participants will receive a t-shirt, clipboard, option to purchase a clinic video, plus instruction on offense, defense, set plays and drills.

A golf outing at Hidden Creek in Burleson will be offered at an additional nominal cost.

Call Steve Smith at 817-641-4843 for more details.

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Scottie Pippen wants the Houston Rockets to trade him to the Los Angeles Lakers so he can be reunited with his former coach Phil Jackson, and the forward's agent says the team is looking into the request.

"The issue of the Lakers has been talked about," agent Jimmy Sexton told the Houston Chronicle. "There have been discussions with the two clubs. They told us that the Rockets have some distance between the offer and what the Rockets would be willing to do."

Citing an unidentified source, the newspaper reported that Pippen told Rockets official Robert Barr to attempt to trade him to the Lakers.

Barr resigned Wednesday and would not comment about discussions with players.

The source said that Barr's departure as vice president of basketball affairs would intensify Pippen's interest in leaving the Rockets.

### SOCCER

**PORTALES, N.M.** — Eastern New Mexico University is looking for a coach to build a women's soccer team.

Initially, the program will be on a club basis, with the intent of building it into an NCAA II varsity sport.

Players wishing to compete should contact Dr. Gary Musgrave, vice president for Student Affairs. Players must be enrolled at ENMU.

The coach picked will be expected to recruit the team and cultivate community support, including fundraising. Experience coaching soccer is necessary, with a degree preferred.

Interested persons should contact the ENMU Personnel Office at 505-562-2115.

### GOLF

**WOBURN, England (AP)** — Japan's Aki Takamura birdied five holes in a row but bogeyed the last two on her way to a 5-under-par 68 today to share the first-round lead with Iben Tinning of Denmark at the Women's British Open.

Tinning rolled in a 4-foot birdie putt at the last hole for her 68 as the two left the bigger names trailing on the damp Woburn course.

Takamura, a former winner of the Japan Open, charged into the lead with a streak of birdies from the fifth hole and would have had finished three ahead of the field but for bogeys at the last two. Her round had eight birdies and three bogeys.

## Cavalier pleased with Harvester workouts

**PAMPA** — With football workouts at the end of its second week, Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier is happy with what he sees on the practice field so far.

"I'm very pleased with the way things are going. I hope it's not an overconfidence thing, but these guys are progressing very nicely," Cavalier said. "I've enjoyed watching them develop as a team."

Cavalier is also pleased with the numbers.

He reported there were 47 on the varsity, 43 on the junior varsity and 47 on the freshmen team.

"Thursday was the first day of school and we had seven or eight new ones come out. Of

course, things could change tomorrow," Cavalier said.

Pampa's scrimmage with District 3-4A rival Borger on Aug. 20 will give Cavalier more of an idea about what to expect from the Harvesters.

"I believe we have the nucleus to be a competitive team," he said. "We'll know more after Borger."

### 1999 Pampa Football Schedules

**Varsity**  
Scrimmages — Aug. 20: Borger, 7:30 p.m. away; Aug. 26: Frenship, 5:30 p.m. away.  
**Sept.**  
3 - Estacado, here; 10 - AHS, here; 17 - Plainview, away; 24 - San Antonio Lakeview, homecoming.  
**Oct.**

1 - Randall, away; 9 - 1 p.m. \*Caprock, away; 15 - \*Dumas, home; 22 - \*Hereford, away; 29 - \*Palo Duro, away.

**Nov.**  
6 - \*Borger, 2 p.m. here. \*district game

### Junior Varsity

Scrimmages — Aug. 19: Borger, 6:30 p.m. away; Aug. 26: Frenship, 4 p.m. away.

**Sept.**  
2 - Lubbock Estacado, away; 9 - Amarillo High, away; 16 - Palo Duro, away; 23 - Amarillo High sophomores, 7 p.m. home; 30 - Randall, 7 p.m. home.

**Oct.**  
7 - Caprock, 7 p.m. home; 14 - Dumas, away; 21 - Hereford, 7 p.m. home; 28 - Palo Duro, 7 p.m. home.

**Nov.**  
4 - Borger, away.

**Freshmen**  
Scrimmages - Aug. 19: Borger, 5 p.m. away; Aug. 26: Frenship, 4 p.m. away.

**Sept.**  
2 - Caprock, 5 p.m. home; 9 - Borger, away; 16 - Canyon, 5 p.m. home; 23 - Tascosa Black, away; 30 - Valleyview, 4:30 p.m. home.

**Oct.**  
7 - Dumas, away; 14 - Palo Duro, away; 21 - Amarillo High Black, away; 28 - Tascosa Red, 4:30 p.m. home.

**Nov.**  
4 - Hereford, 5 p.m. home.

### Lefors 1999 Football Schedule

**High School**  
**Sept.**  
3-Fort Elliott, 7:30 p.m. home-

coming; 10-Hedley, 7:30 p.m. away; 18 -Loraine, 6 p.m. Guthrie; 24-Trinity, 7:30 p.m. home.

**Oct.**  
1-Yarborough, Okla., 7:30 p.m. home; 8-Higgins, 7:30 p.m. there; 15-Miami, 7:30 p.m. home; 22-Follett, 7:30 p.m. there; 29-Groom, 7:30 p.m. home.

**Nov.**  
5-Fort Elliott, 7:30 p.m. there.

### Junior High

**Sept.**  
9-Hedley, 6 p.m. home; 16-Fort Elliott, 5 p.m. away; 23-Trinity, 5 p.m. away; 30-Miami, 5 p.m. away.

**Oct.**  
7-Higgins, 6 p.m. home; 14-Miami, 5 p.m. away; 21-Follett, 6 p.m. home; 28-Groom, 6 p.m. away.

## Harvester Lanes releases its fall bowling schedule

**PAMPA** — Harvester Lanes is sponsoring a Bowler Appreciation Day for Sunday, Aug. 22 at the Pampa bowling alley, located at 1401 South Hobart Street.

Refreshments and door prizes are planned for the events, which starts at 7 p.m. A lowball tournament is planned for 8 p.m.

Fall leagues are scheduled to start the fourth week in August and persons interested in bowling can sign up by calling 665-3422. Leagues are available for men, women and youngsters.

Youth leagues for all ages are now forming. Youngsters will have the opportunity to win college scholarships. Certified coaches will also be present to help youngsters improve their game. Youth bowling will be held on Saturdays, starting Sept. 4. After school leagues are also planned.

Harvester Lanes also has special events scheduled, such as Rock 300, Colorama, Monte Carlo, Super Sunday and Beat the Clock.

### HARVESTER LANES Fall Schedule 1999-2000

**Mondays**  
Starting date — 7 p.m. Aug. 23: Petroleum Men's League; 7 p.m. Sept. 20, Generation Gap (adult-youth league).

**Tuesdays**  
Starting date — 9:30 a.m. Aug. 31: Harvester Women's League; 4 p.m. Aug. 31: After School League (youth); 7 p.m. Aug. 31: Hits & Mrs. (mixed) League.

**Wednesdays**  
Starting date — 7 p.m. Aug. 25: Wednesday Night Mixed League; 8 p.m. Sept. 1: Ladies Trio League.

**Thursdays**  
Starting date — 4 p.m. Sept. 2: After School League (youth); 6 p.m. Sept. 2: Lone Star Ladies League; 8:45 p.m. Sept. 2: ABC-Caprock (mixed).

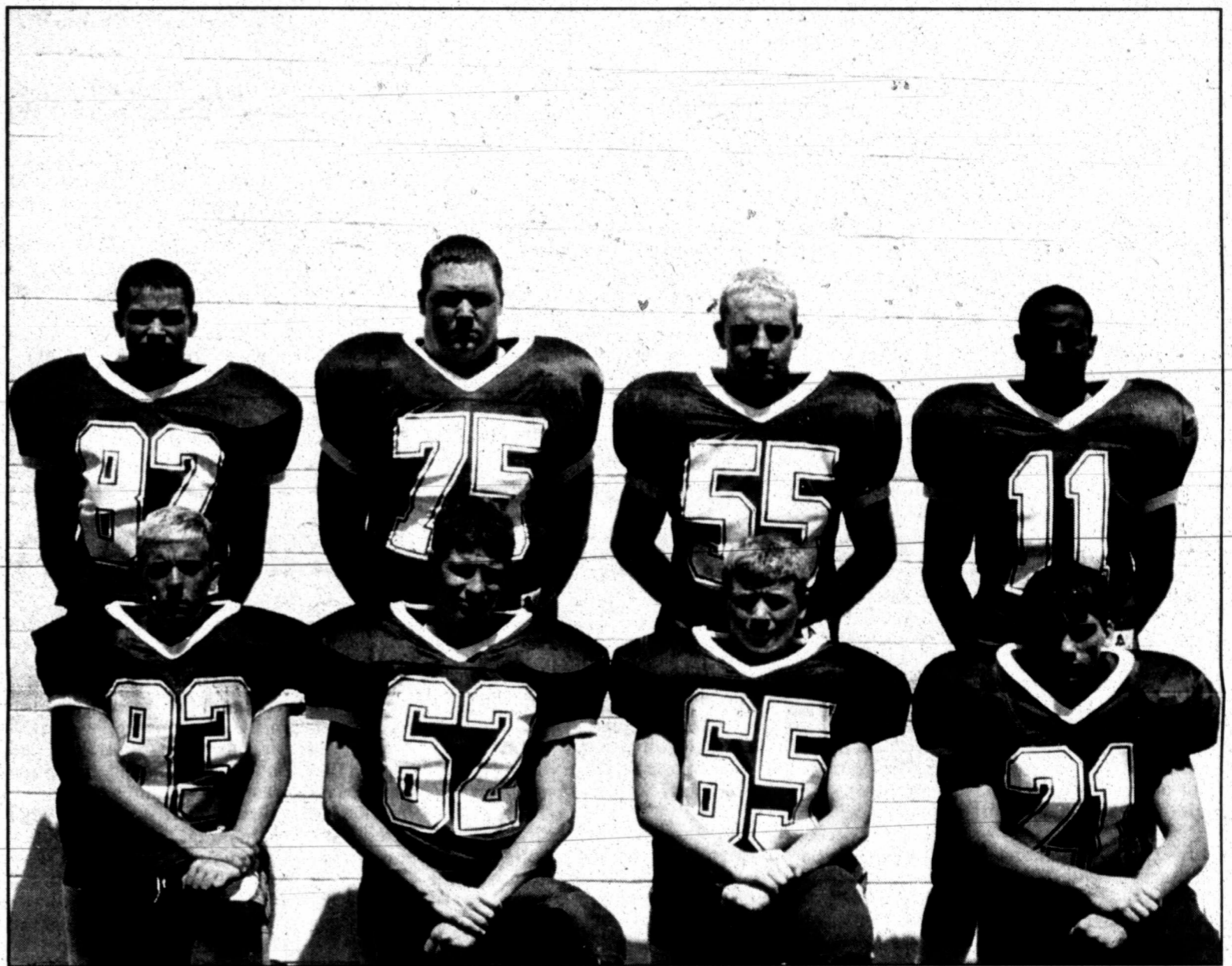
**Fridays**  
Starting date: 7 p.m. Aug. 27: Harvester Couples (mixed).

**Saturdays**  
Starting date: 10:30 a.m. Sept. 11: Youth Leagues; 1 p.m. Sept. 11: Mutt & Jeff League (adult-youth); 6:30 p.m. Sept. 11: Church League (mixed).

**Sundays**  
Starting date: 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13: Sunday Rollers (mixed).

Persons interested in joining a league should call Harvester Lanes at 665-3422 as soon as possible.

## White Deer seniors



Gearing up for their final high school football season are White Deer seniors (front row, from left) Austin Smith, Daniel Garrett, Chuck Gililand and J.J. White; (back row, from left) Nick McKean, John Ball, Kevin Ware and John Kinsey. The Bucks open the season Sept. 3 at Boys Ranch.

## Osborne is still 'coaching' in retirement

**SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP)** — In 36 years of coaching college football, Tom Osborne saw his share of problem players.

There were the infamous ones, like Lawrence Phillips, who grabbed headlines. There were others, those who never made it into the police reports, who were heavy on emotional baggage and low on parental support.

"These were young people who were screened. They had decent grades. They were recommended highly by their teachers and coaches, so we were dealing with probably the upper 25 percent of high school graduates," Osborne said. "I began to realize a lot of things were falling through the cracks for young people."

So he decided to do something about it, founding the Teammates Mentoring Program in 1991.

Now, as he prepares to be enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame on Friday as one of the winningest coaches in Division I-A history, he's using his "retirement" to take his mentoring program to every school district in Nebraska in an effort to reach the state's most at-risk middle school students.

"We feel that someone who affirms them, supports them, has a vision of what they might become and is there and is concerned is very important," Osborne said.

Not an easy task, considering Osborne estimates there are 17,000 students in Nebraska his program could help. But after crafting the Cornhuskers football program into a perennial powerhouse with a 255-49-3 record over 25 years, if

anybody in Nebraska can do it, Osborne can.

People still talk regard him as a larger-than-life figure in Nebraska, where he won national titles in 1994 and 1995 and split the crown in 1997, his last season.

"So many people are willing to work with the program because of how highly people think of coach Osborne," said Shauna Valentine, who coordinates the Lincoln chapter of the Teammates program.

Osborne began the program in 1991 after asking players if they were interested in mentoring middle school children. Six years later, he expanded it to match students with adult mentors rather than football players, and now chapters are set up in 17 Nebraska cities.

"We didn't go to him with an idea. It was his idea, and he was doing it," Valentine said. "Beyond being the founder, he's been the cheerleader for the rest of us. He's the leader. He's the director in many ways, not only in the example that he sets but what he does."

Osborne, who along with his wife Nancy also serves as a mentor in the program, said he hopes to reach 1,400 kids by next fall with hopes of doubling the enrollment each year until the program reaches 10 percent of Nebraska middle school students, about 17,000 kids.

"We're limited only by the number of people who volunteer to be mentors," he said. "It's been probably the most meaningful thing that I've done and something that we're really working hard to grow throughout the state."

That's saying something considering Osborne led the Cornhuskers to an NCAA-record

25 straight bowl appearances, reached the 250-win plateau quicker than any other Division I-A coach and averaged more than 10 wins a season over 25 years.

Friday night, he'll be enshrined into the Hall of Fame after the National Football Foundation Honors Court waived its customary three-year waiting period, something it's done only once before.

"It's always hard to know how your career will be perceived by other people because you're so intertwined with whatever happens because it's hard to be objective," said Osborne, who

## Williams has a down day

**LA CROSE, Wis. (AP)** — He said he wasn't hitting the wall, wasn't having trouble and wasn't worried about his impending debut in the league, but running back Ricky Williams certainly seemed dejected following Wednesday's single practice.

The New Orleans Saints' only draft pick was very downbeat when he met with reporters, responding in a low voice in one-word answers — at least at first.

Asked if he was pumped up thinking about the number of people who would see him play in the Saints' first exhibition game Friday night against the Miami Dolphins, Williams said simply, "No."

So what does pump him up?

"I don't really know anymore," he said. "I don't know. I guess I thought certain things

still works eight to 10 hours a day. "I can't say I would do it any differently if I had to do it over again. It's kind of nice to be able to walk away with something with no regrets and a lot of good memories."

Other enshrinees include Division I players Al Brosky, Brad Budde, Bill Fralic, Randy Gradishar, Bo Jackson, Mel Long, Jim McMahon, Jerry Rhome, Jim Richter, Johnny Roland, Alex Sarkisian and Bill Stanfill. They were elected to the hall last spring and inducted during a December ceremony in New York.

before I got here and now that I'm here it just seems different. Just the way things work here."

Williams did question the motivation of some NFL players, saying teams that win have players that play for the love of the game and their teammates — not just for money. He said he was not referring to the Saints, however.

"I'm just talking in general," he said. "It just makes you wonder."

Williams said he understood why many draft choices hold out, but wasn't sure why salary scales weren't easier to decide.

"It's just kind of tough, because I guess the team's priority is to win, not to the player," he said. "And I guess the player's priority is to win and also for himself. And that kind of creates some conflict."





# Square House Museum announces upcoming exhibits

**PANHANDLE** — What do the Canadian River in the Texas Panhandle and the Custer Battlefield in Montana have in common? Both are the subject of paintings on display at the Square House Museum in Panhandle during the month of August.

"Along the Canadian River" is a series of pastel paintings by Canadian artist Karen Wiseman Taylor. The landscapes cover the territory from Conchas Lake, N.M., across the Texas Panhandle, to Lake Eufala, Okla.

Taylor first showed her love for the earth colors through a series shown at the Square House

Museum in 1993. Entitled "Crosses and Courtyards," the pastels depicted real and imaginary missions in New Mexico. She has continued to express her love of the vibrant earth tones of New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma, adding in the brilliance of the earthy bluffs and wildflowers in this new series. The current show includes three from the earlier "Crosses and Courtyards" series, 11 Canadian River scenes and one flower still life in graphite.

Says Taylor: "I am generally very realistic in my art. I love to layer many colors and work

them into each other, such as with the missions and crosses." But with the current series, "I was so consumed with the colors and shapes around the river, I didn't worry about how realistic the paintings appear, only that they have the shapes and colors I loved... This series is a continuing work in progress. I love the beautiful skies and landscapes," and she hopes the visitors see something special "along the Canadian River."

Also on display are two portfolios of prints, reproduced in 1938 from original paintings by Sioux Indian artists. Many are by Amos Bad

Heart Buffalo, whose father and uncle participated in the Battle of the Little Big Horn in 1876. The paintings show scenes of the battle as recounted to the artist by those who were there.

"Along the Canadian River" can be seen in the Square House Annex gallery through Sunday, Aug. 30. "Sioux Indian Painting" is in the Hazlewood Arts and Education Building auditorium through Aug. 19. The Square House Museum is located in Panhandle at the intersection of TX Hwy. 207 and Fifth Street. Admission to the museum and its exhibits is free. For more information, call the museum at (806) 537-3524.



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# Texas round up ...

## Federal indictments allege fraud involving mothballed ships

HOUSTON (AP) — Contractors maintaining mothballed government ships took bribes including country club dues, cars and big-screen TVs in exchange for giving preferential treatment to sub-contractors, federal prosecutors allege in indictments unsealed Thursday.

To make matters worse, authorities say the sub-contractors then would charge the government for the cost of kickbacks they paid.

The indictments are the fruits of a four-year undercover investigation by the Department of Defense's Criminal Investigative Service, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the FBI into kickback schemes nationwide involving maritime contractors.

The FBI set up an undercover company in New Orleans, Coastal Marine Engineering Group, and agents posed as marine contractors to help investigate the bribery operations, said Michael Bradford,

## Cola-crazed collectors gather for trade convention, swap memorabilia

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Growing up in Central Florida, Jack Pegues was entranced by all forms of Coca-Cola advertising, from bottle displays in stores to fancy clocks in coffee shops.

He remembers riding in his parents' car as a child and staring up at billboards hawking the soft drink invented in the Southeast in 1886.

"The bright colors and the images, they were just so amazing to me," said Pegues, 58, who now lives in Duncanville. "I tend to think I was hooked then."

Pegues, a retired military officer, collects and trades Coca-Cola memorabilia. He was among nearly 2,000 people roaming the halls of a North Texas hotel Thursday for the 25th annual convention of The Coca-Cola Collectors Club.

The group is a nonprofit organization with local chapters all over the nation whose sole purpose is the advancement of Coca-Cola collectors. Independent from the Atlanta-based cola maker, the

club's only connection is an annual agreement signed with the company that allows it to use the brand name and logo in membership material.

## Environmental groups calls for increase in SUV fuel efficiency

AUSTIN (AP) — An environmental group called on Gov. George W. Bush Thursday to support an increase in fuel efficiency standards for light trucks, including sport utility vehicles and minivans.

"We're urging Governor Bush to stand up to the auto industry and voice his support for better fuel efficiency standards which will help save consumers money and put the brakes on global warming pollution," said Derek Cressman, a spokesman for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

Light trucks are allowed to get 25 percent fewer miles per gallon than cars, according to U.S. PIRG. Mike Stanton of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers said industry leaders are already researching fuel efficiency.

Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards said changing the standard for fuel efficiency is a federal issue, but that the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has taken steps to strengthen state environmental standards.

## Merchants put temporarily out of business by power shortage

DALLAS (AP) — Bankers and jewelers closed shop at the World Trade Center in Dallas. A Tyler tire factory was slowed. Parts of the Rio Grande Valley were plunged into darkness. A Fort Worth hospital found itself without air conditioning on a 107-degree day.

Thousands of Texans have found themselves without power for brief periods this week. Reasons for the outages range from mechanical problems beyond customers' control to contracts they signed to secure cheaper rates.

"It's taking toll on us already," said Douglas Hucker, a jewelry trade association director forced Thursday to close his Dallas Market Center office.

## United Way



(Special photo)

Pampa United Way made mid-year distributions to its supported agencies recently. PUW distributes over \$300,000 annually to agencies here in Pampa that directly aid the citizens of the surrounding area. The money is raised in the community during the annual fund drive to be held in September. Above: Kim Winegeart, assistant director of Community Day Care Center, Barbara Kirkham, director of Community Day Care Center, and Bea Wortham, administrator of South Side Senior Citizens Center accept checks from Pampa United Way Executive Director Katrina Bigham.

Agencies served by PUW are Amarillo Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, American Red Cross, CASA of Gray County, Community Day Care Center, Genesis House, Golden Spread Boy Scouts, Gray County Child Protective Services, Gray County Latch Key, High Plains Epilepsy, Pampa Community Youth Center Day Care, Pampa Meals on Wheels, Pampa Sheltered Workshop, Pastoral Counseling Center, Salvation Army, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Texas Plains Girl Scouts, The Bridge, Tralee Crisis Center and Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority.

## Lubbock jailers indicted on charge of making bogus case against inmate

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Two former Lubbock County Jail supervisors have been indicted on evidence tampering charges for allegedly creating a bogus case against an inmate.

Grand jurors on Thursday indicted Sgt. Thomas "Rusty" Hendrick, 34, and Cpl. Jerrold Welborn, 35, on the felony charges, said criminal District Attorney Bill Sowder.

They are accused of falsifying criminal reports against Johnson, Sowder said. Two other former jailers face misdemeanor charges, and two were cleared of criminal wrongdoing.

Evidence tampering is punishable by a maximum 10 years in prison.

The allegations stem from an incident involving former inmate Ollie Johnson, who was originally jailed in April 1998 on a charge of criminal trespassing.

According to sheriff's office reports, Johnson scuffled with deputies on April 30, 1998, after refusing to follow orders. Johnson struck one jailer in the mouth and threatened to kill another, reports said.

He was charged the next day with assault on a public servant and retaliation. But authorities now say the charges were falsified.

As a result of the conduct of some of the jailers,

Mr. Johnson was charged with two felonies," Sowder told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "Those charges were not proper that has been proven."

"Ollie Johnson stayed in jail for almost eight months on what you'd want to call bogus or trumped up charges."

Johnson was released on his own recognizance in late January of this year, and Sowder dismissed the assault and retaliation charges April 20. Six days later, County Commissioners' paid Johnson \$100,000 to settle his abuse claims.

Another deputy, 34-year-old Tommy Ray, entered an agreement under which he will plead guilty to a misdemeanor records tampering charge in exchange for his testimony.

The grand jury recommended filing misdemeanor assault charges against Deputy Russell "Cash" Lilley, 33.

All four men resigned from the sheriff's office before the investigation ended.

Two other jail employees connected to the case, deputy Richard Lewis and assistant jail administrator Jack Mitchell, face no criminal charges. In June, Lewis resigned and Mitchell retired after 26 years with the sheriff's office.

## Lawyer shot, killed on way to court

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — An attorney known for handling child neglect and abuse cases was shot to death today as he walked to a hearing.

Carlos Vigil was killed in a drive-by shooting just yards away

from the Santa Fe County Courthouse, said Audra Montoya, criminal court clerk.

"It was just down the street. You can see it from our doors. They have it all taped off," she said.

Vigil, 52, was heading to a hearing before state District Judge T. Glenn Ellington when shots rang out, Montoya said. She didn't know what the hearing was about.

Witnesses saw a mint-green Ford pickup truck with a loud muffler, driven by a man who appeared to be in his 20s, leave the area. "That's what we're looking for," police Sgt. Gilbert C' de Baca said.

Vigil's body was lying on the sidewalk a half block from the courthouse entrance. Police stood around the body, and courthouse workers and attorneys stood in small groups nearby.

"I'm devastated for Carlos, for his widow and for the whole legal community," said Richard Shapiro, a fellow lawyer.

"I don't know if this was somebody who had a grudge against lawyers or whether it was somebody that was out to get Carlos Vigil. It doesn't matter to me. I've lost a friend," said Shapiro, who was in the courthouse when the shooting happened.

In addition to his work as a private attorney, Vigil served part time as an attorney for Rio Arriba County, primarily handling personnel matters, said Tomas Campos, assistant county manager.

Campos said he was meeting with other county officials when he heard that Vigil had been shot. "We couldn't continue our meeting, we were so upset," Campos said.

## Texaco job-cut program expanded to 2,500

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Texaco Inc., which announced last year that it was cutting 1,400 jobs to trim costs, revealed Friday that it had actually cut 2,500.

Company spokeswoman Kelly McAndrew said she could not specify the job cuts by location except to say they included domestic as well as overseas positions and about 150 were at company headquarters in White Plains.

Most of the workers have already left Texaco's employ, she said, and the last 100 or so will be gone by the end of next month.

Texaco said last year that the job cuts would help it remain profitable as oil prices plunged to their lowest levels in two decades.

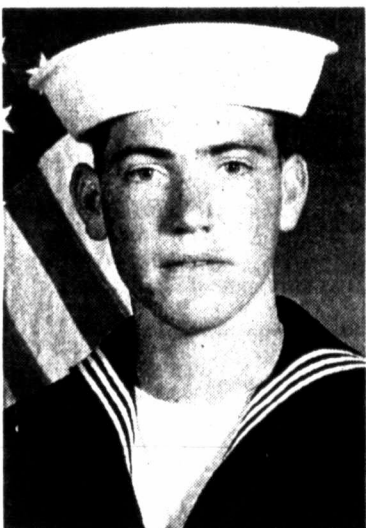
In announcing a \$286 million profit for this year's second quarter, Texaco chairman Peter Bijur noted that a rise in the benchmark price for crude oil signaled higher earnings ahead.



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## Veterans Salute

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



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

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## Let's Talk Real Estate



by Jim Davidson Realtor

DREAMS AND REALITY

If you think that more people are realizing dreams of owning their own homes, you are right. By the end of last year, a continuing strong economy and low interest rates had combined to push homeownership rates to a record 66.8 percent. Other contributing factors to homeownership are relaxed loan-approval guidelines from the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac"), which act as mortgage guarantors. As a result, some banks allow buyers to make lower down payments. In fact, last year nearly half of new mortgages were extended to borrowers putting down less than ten percent. And, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, many were as low as three percent.

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