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High today 102 Low tonight 70 For weather details see Page 2

PAMPA — Emergency sirens will be tested Wednesday morning. This is just a test using the three new sirens in conjunction with the existing system. Sirens may go off more than once for the

MEMPHIS — Services were pending today for a teenager killed Monday afternoon in a one-vehicle rollover.

Brian Haygood Still, 18, of Waller, northwest of Houston, died about 4:30 p.m. at Hall County Hospital here of injuries suffered when he was thrown from the pickup he was driving.

Department of Public Safety officials said today that Still was westbound on U.S. 287 about three miles north of Memphis shortly before 2:30 p.m. Monday when the 1986 Dodge pickup he was driving veered onto the center median of the divided highway. Still over corrected, troopers said, and the pickup slid sideways, then went end over end, throwing Still from the cab of the truck.

DPS officials said that Still was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.

Still was rushed to Hall County Hospital where Dr. Bob Clark said he died about 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Services were pending today with Spicer Funeral Home of Memphis.

- · Ruth F. Bevin Arnold, 86, former missionary.
- · Valerie Henry, 82, home-
- H. Lawrence Mein, Jr., 62, retired Phillips Petroleum employee.
- W.C. Peace, 82, laborer.

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PISD 'acceptable' in state rankings

Lamar Elementary rated 'low performing'

By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor**

Pampa Independent School District has been ranked academically acceptable, according to the annual school ratings released Monday by the Texas Education Agency. The previous year rankings had the district listed as

recognized, one step above the current rating. While Lamar Elementary was listed as "low performing." Pampa School Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr, said the local elementary had already corrected several areas which caused the school to rank low.

Orr explained the low rating was in part due to the fact 35 percent of the third, fourth and fifth graders who are African-American did not pass the math portion of the test in 1998. He said 45 percent had to pass each subject

area to be acceptable and 90 percent recognized.

He said that all student groups improved in the testing. He said while Lamar received the low rating it put focus upon the school where additional work and train-

ing is under way. Orr said he fully expects the entire district to be exemplary next year as the school was challenged by this rat-

Student performance in accountability ratings is based on the ethnicity and socioeconomic status of the students. Each group must meet minimum standards. Orr said the percentages can be misleading, with the low percentages of students involved in the categories.

The three additional Pampa elementary schools, Austin, Travis, and Wilson, were all ranked the second highest in the TEA ratings which is recognized. Pampa Middle School also achieved the recognized rating. Pampa High School was rated acceptable.

Pampa Learning Center, a local alternative school, was among 329 alternative campuses which were rated acceptable. Students at the school include students considered at risk of dropping out, pregnant or parenting

teenagers or those enrolled in General Education Development programs.

Ratings, ranging from exemplary, the highest rating, recognized, acceptable, low performing or academically unacceptable, are based on student passing rates on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, dropout rates and

The state looks not only at overall student test performance and dropout data, but at figures for specific student categories: black, white, Hispanic and economically disadvantaged.

A drastic change this school year, according to Education Commissioner Mike Moses, is the creation of the new, low category for those with significant mistakes in reporting of students who leave school.

Orr specified that all school campuses improved over last year and he was very proud of the students

Dropout data was not evaluated for the accountability status due to small numbers. The PHS 1998 Class had 138 students take the SAT and for ACT test. Dr. Orr said 120 students were while, 11 students were Hispanic and (See SCHOOL, Page 2)

Russian Roulette death probe ends in more charges

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

PANHANDLE — A 29-year-old Panhandle man was in Carson County jail today in lieu of \$20,000 bond in connection with the fatal self-inflicted gunshot wound to a 17-year-old and a burglary in

Robert Kirk White was jailed after being charged with manslaughter through negligence in the Aug. 9 death of 17-year-old Samuel

Martinez, a Taos teenager, was staying with White, officers said, when he apparently shot himself while playing Russian Roulette about 5:45 p.m., Monday, Aug. 9, at White's residence, 903 E. Fourth Street in Panhandle

Officers said Martinez, who had planned to attend Panhandle High School this fall, was airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo but died en route.

Authorities said the shooting apparently happened while several teenagers were at White's residence drinking and playing with the

(See CHARGES, Page 2)

Latest sales tax returns improve

By KATE B. DICKSON **Associate Publisher**

The latest sales tax figures — while still in negative numbers have brought a smile to the face of City Finance Director John Horst.

"It looks a whole lot better than it has," Horst said of the city's latest report which reflects June sales. It's a nice recovery. After a month (May) when the sales tax revenue dipped -19.74

percent below the same time last year, June's figures reflect a rebound to -5.66 percent lower than the same time last year. The May drop was the worst this fiscal year.

June sales brought in \$199,669 in tax returns to the city. The budget anticipated that number would be \$208,740 while the previous year there was \$211,655 actually collected.

(See TAX, Page 2)



Newly promoted Deputy Chief Randy Dunham (left) and Training Officer Captain Doug

Two receive promotions at Pampa Fire Department

The Pampa Fire Department is expected to be a leaner and more efficient force in the wake of two job promotions.

Training Officer Randy Dunham has been promoted to Deputy Chief and Captain Doug Pritchett has been promoted to Training Officer. Fire Chief Kim Powell got permission from the City Commission several months ago to eliminate the three positions of Battalion Chief and put the Deputy Chief in charge of opera-

"I take care of day-to-day operations of the crew, vehicles, and stations," Dunham said.

Pritchett was promoted to take the job Dunham held previously. He coordinates training, handles the training records and serves as a with Pampa Communications and with Rural Metro

The move is expected to save the city money by using the one Deputy Chief to replace the three battalion chiefs.

Quite frankly... What was the last good movie you saw?

tions for all three shifts.



"Runaway Bride. It was "Entrapment. I liked the very entertaining and intrigue, and I like Sean romantic."

-- Robin Nelson



Connery."

-- Tonya Stevens



"Braveheart. He had a "Stepmom. It was the "Tarzan. It had a perpassion for freedom."



last movie I had a real- fect story of romance -- Mike Stevens ly good cry at."

-- Melody Baker



and adventure."

-- Carrie Jennings



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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ARNOLD, Ruth F. Bevin - 2 p.m., First Church of the Nazarene, Liberal, Kan. **HENRY**, Valerie — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

RUTH F. BEVIN ARNOLD

LIBERAL, Kan. - Ruth F. Bevin Arnold, 86, sister of a Pampa resident, died Sunday, Aug. 15, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Don Patrick officiating. Burial will be in Kismet Cemetery under the direction of Miller Mortuary.

Mrs. Arnold was born at Pratt. She graduated from Partridge High School in 1930 and attended college at Colorado Springs, Colo., and at Indianapolis. She was a missionary in South Africa from 1952-60. She married Karel H.M. Bevin in 1956 in South Africa; he died in 1976. She married Floyd L. Arnold in 1988 at Liberal; he died in 1995. She had made Liberal her home

She was an active member of First Church of the Nazarene in Liberal.

She was preceded in death by a son, Walter H. Bevin, in 1997.

Survivors include five sisters, Wanda Fagan of Dumas, Crystal Chase of Cordova, Tenn., Norma Chase of Houston, Elda Barker of Salona Beach, Calif., and Patricia Dillon of Littleton, Colo.; four brothers, John Norris of Pampa, Roy Ralston of Pratt, Vernon Ralston of Liberal and Dean Norris of Hutchinson; and a grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Benevolent Fund of First Church of the Nazarene in care of the mortuary.

VALERIE HENRY

Valerie Henry, 82, of Pampa, died Monday, Aug. 16, 1999. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery with Frankie Lemons, minister of McCullough Street Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Henry was born Aug. 20, 1916, at Sulphur Springs, Texas, and had been a longtime Pampa resident. She was a homemaker and a Methodist. Survivors include a sister, Mildred Cash of Pampa.

H. LAWRENCE MEIN, JR.

H. Lawrence Mein, Jr., 62, of Pampa, died Monday, Aug. 16, 1999. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Mein was born Aug. 7, 1937, at Meade, Kan., to H.L. Mein, Sr., and Iva Rachael Barragree. He graduated from Meade High School and began working for Rock Island Railroad in 1951. He married Beverly Rogers on Oct. 3, 1979. He had been a Pampa resident since 1979. He worked for Halliburton Services beginning in 1978 and for Phillips Petroleum beginning in 1986, retiring in 1987. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and collecting unique items

Survivors include his wife, Beverly, of the home; a daughter, Lorie Robledo of Brownwood; five sons, Larry Mein and Gerald Mein, both of Herington, Kan., Allen Mein of Ohio, John Griffin of Pampa, and David Roger, Jr., of Dallas; his mother, Iva Mein, of Dodge City, Kan.; a sister, Delila Mein of Meade; two brothers, Edward Mein of Montrose, Colo., and William Mein of Liberal, Kan.; and 15 grandchildren.

The family will be at 1000 S. Wilcox in Pampa and requests memorials be to Panhandle Transit of Pampa or to Organ Transplant Department at University Medical Center of Lubbock.

W.C. PEACE

SHAMROCK - W.C. Peace, 82, died Monday, Aug. 16, 1999. Graveside services were to be at 3 p.m. today in Bowers Cemetery at Shamrock with Joe Stulir, pastor of Church of God of Shamrock, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of

Mr. Peace had been a Shamrock resident since 1928. He married Isabelle Johnson on May 11, 1958, at Texola, Okla. He was a laborer.

Survivors include his wife, Isabelle, of Shamrock; a son, Willie Earl Peace of Dallas; a sister, Annie Laura Norris of San Francisco, Calif.; four grandchildren; and two great-grand-

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
	665-5777
	911
Police (emergency)	911
	669-5700
	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following reports during the 24-hour period ending

Monday, August 16 Theft of camera and other equipment was reported at Pampa High School.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, August 16

Sheila Helton, 35, Brisco, was arrested by the DPS on charges of theft by check in Taylor

William Clark Miller, 47, Lefors, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct.

Onesimo Leal, 21, Edinburg, was arrested on charges of violation of probation/credit card

Marcus Shawn Doss, 27, Loveland, Colo., was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and theft by check.

Accidents

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

Monday, August 16

An unknown vehicle struck the illegally parked 1984 Lincoln belonging to Ricky Wayne Jennings, 1120 Scirroco, in front of his home. No injuries were reported.

Sara Martinez, 51, 417 N. Ward, was cited for unsafe speed when her 1992 Cadillac struck the legally parked 1991 Ford Ranger owned by Caroline Bichsel, 405 N. Warren in the 600 block of Ward. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

Rural Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, Aug. 16

10:44 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

11:31 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Mary Ellen; no transport.

12:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to NWTH.

2:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to NWTH and transported one to PRMC.

2:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo and transported one to PRMC.

5:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to a local nursing facility. 8 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Wilcox; no transport.

Tuesday, Aug. 17 5:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to NWTH.

Fires

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

Monday, Aug. 16

8:03 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of Wilcox on a med-

Correction

Johnny Max Spotts, 34, 716 N. West, was the person arrested for possession of marijuana not Johnny May Spotts as was reported in yesterday's police news of record.

Stocks

The following grain quo	tations are	Coca-Cola59 3/4	dn. 3/8
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		Columbia/HCA23 1/4	up 5/16
		Enron44 1/16	up 3/16
Wheat	2.28	Halliburton48 1/2	up 7/8
Milo	2.93	IRI5 1/16	up 1/16
Corn	3.32	KNE 19 3/8	dn 3/16
Soybeans	3.65	Kerr McGee57 5/16	dn 7/16
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		Phillips52_1/16	up 1/8
Magellan	124.76	Pioneer Nat. Res. 12 7/16	up 1/16
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Florida begins nation's first statewide school voucher program

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Parents and nuns ing. Florida has 2 million public school students. beamed as the nation's first statewide school voucher program took effect, but opponents derided its system and right now, academically, they're having debut as a violation of the principle of separation of church and state

"One child getting a better education makes our world a little bit better," said Sister Robert Ann, principal of St. Michael Interparochial School, where 20 of the state's 58 voucher students began classes on Monday. "And if they have a little bit of religion, all the better."

The program, launched Monday at four Roman Catholic schools and a private school, allows students in Florida's worst public schools to receive vouchers of up to \$3,389 a year to pay for a private or parochial school education at taxpayer expense.

Under a law championed by Republican Gov. Jeb Bush, only children in schools deemed failures by labeled only two schools, both in Pensacola, as fail- costs.

"I've had other children attend the public school

some really hard times," said Brenda McShane, whose 6-year-old daughter Brenisha has begun classes at Montessori Early School.

But while voucher supporters declared Monday a historic day, opponents of what Bush calls "opportunity scholarships" contend the program violates the constitutional principle of separation of church

Lawsuits challenging the program have been filed by the NAACP, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, teachers unions and others.

Under the program, voucher funds are taken from public education. Parents who participate do not have to pay the difference between the voucher amount and the tuition the private schools charge. the state are eligible. So far, student test scores have. Private schools that charge more must absorb the

Triple digits called for today

Temperatures today are expected to reach into the triple digits again today in Pampa.

It was an official 100 degrees Monday afternoon in Pampa, the third official 100 degree day in the city. The forecast calls for 102 degrees today.

According to Darrell Sehorn, Pampa's weatherman, the thermometer hit 100 degrees on Sunday, July 25, and 102 degree on Friday, July 30.

The National Weather Service in Amarillo recorded an official 98 degrees Mondays. The record for both Monday and today is 102 degrees, Dalhart reported 66 degrees. Childress was 73 set in 1994.

Monday, while temperatures in the upper 90 degree range covered the southern part of the Texas Panhandle. It was 100 degrees in Etter. In Morse, it was 103

Weather officials said several towns north and

east of Amarillo experienced 100 degree weather

degrees. Wellington reported 103 degrees.

White Deer recorded an official 99 degrees

It was 73 degrees at 6 a.m. today in Pampa. degrees. Amarillo recorded 70 degrees at 6 a.m.

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SCHOOL

four were African-American.

In statewide results of the passing percentage on spring end-of-course exams: English II, 74 percent of students passed; U.S. History, 71 percent passed;

biology, 77 percent passed; Algebra I, 45 percent

Area school results included Dumas ranked as the second highest rating of recognized and Borger receiving the same rating as Pampa, academically acceptable.

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CHARGES

White was initially arrested the next afternoon in connection with making a firearm available to a child and making alcohol available to minors, offi-

Carson County Sheriff Gary Robertson said his office filed burglary of a habitation charge against White. The pistol used in the shooting, Robertson

said, had been reported stolen from a residence in

"It was kind of a dual investigation," Robertson said today. "The police department handled the shooting. That led to a connection with the Sheriff's office

investigation of the burglary, Robertson said. Carson County Justice of the Peace Phyllis Tyler set bond for White.

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TAX

"I hope this trend will hold, I really do," Horst

With the fiscal year set to end Sept. 30, Horst said previous budget cutting of \$160,000 will be enough to make sure the city finishes this budget cycle in

Since getting the numbers a few days ago, the finance director said he has talked with five retail merchants all of whom say their businesses aren't reflecting an up trend.

"They all said their business is off about 10 percent," Horst said. "None could really put a finger

on why.'

Horst recently read an article about sales of merchandise over the internet — an area of commerce that continues to grow.

I just wonder what impact that may be having on us and others," Horst said, noting a purchase over the internet to a site outside Texas carries no sales tax." "I know we are losing some money from this but I just don't know how much."

While a purchase over the internet may save in sales tax costs to an individual, Horst says there's a "hidden cost" that results when cities miss out on tax returns needed to provide services those same internet users need, want and demand.

Federal judge throws out lawsuit questioning early voting law

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas election officials today mines the ability of citizens to establish effective pollpraised a federal court decision upholding the state watching practices." law that allows voters to cast early ballots in federal

in Houston threw out a "voter integrity" group's lawsuit challenging that provision of the law. "I am happy the court agreed early voting in Texas

enhances our right to vote," Secretary of State Elton

important, early voting provides Texans a convenient The early voting provision allows Texans to cast not tallied until election day.

ballots from four to 17 days before an election.

The lawsuit alleged that the U.S. Constitution does not allow early voting in federal elections. The group The ruling from U.S. District Judge David Hittner said the Constitution authorizes Congress to set election dates as the "Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in every even numbered

The law allowing Texans to cast early ballots in local, state and federal elections took effect on Sept. "Early voting in Texas generally accounts for about 1, 1987. Voters first cast early ballots in the primary 30 percent of the ballots cast on election day. More elections of 1988.

In his ruling last week, the judge said the law does means of letting their voices be heard," Bomer said. not conflict with the Constitution because votes are

"The final tallying complies with the federal The lawsuit was filed by Voter Integrity Project, a statute in that the votes are officially counted and private, nonprofit group based in Arlington, Va. It reported only on the designated Tuesday after the argued that early voting, "while convenient, underfirst Monday in every even year," he wrote.

Bus crash victim verdict \$30 million

DALLAS (AP) — Victims who ers crashed en route to a Mexican should convince foreign compalaws. factory have settled out of court for \$30 million

Fourteen people died and 12 were injured in June 1997 when the bus went off a rain-slicked road and caught fire before rolling into a sewage ditch near the Mexican town of Valle Hermosa, about 25 miles south of Brownsville, Texas.

Lawyers for the Mexican workers — who were en route to a clothing factory operated by a subsidiary of New York-based Salant Corp. — charged the bus was unsafe, that officials ignored warnings about faulty brakes, and that the driver was untrained.

A lawsuit filed by the workers and their families went to trial in Texas district court in late July in the border town of Eagle Pass. After two weeks of testimony from 11 witnesses, including a survivor, the lawsuit was settled before the company began its

The settlement was disclosed Monday in a Salant filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mike Caddell, lead lawyer for nies they won't be protected from sued an American clothes com- all but one-of-the plaintiffs, said what he described as Mexico's pany after a bus filled with work- the amount of the settlement lax enforcement of worker-safety

City Briefs

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EYECARE PLUS and Dr. Randal Jentzen are offering free vision screenings for school-aged children. For more information and an appointment, please call 669-2824.

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THE BEST time to plant trees is September and October. Call us at Watson's for your Fall tree planting needs. 665-4189.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Sunny and hot today with a high of 102 and south winds at 5-12 mph. Tonight, clear with a low of 70 and south winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, mostly sunny with a mph. Yesterday's high 100, the overnight low 73.

clear. Low in the middle 60s. South wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High in the middle 90s. Southwest mph. wind 5-15 mph, becoming southeast late. Wednesday night, part-portions of the Coastal Bend. A state's ly cloudy. Low in the middle 60s. few light showers over the degrees.

STATEWIDE — This week's forecast is a retread of Texas' hot, dry summer scenario.

pressure in North Texas brought the promise of more triple-digit heat today. Most early-morning tempera-

high in the upper 90s and winds tures were in the 70s, with some from the south-southwest at 5-15 high 60s and low 80s. Extremes included 84 degrees at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio and 68 PANHANDLE — Tonight, at Austin's Bergstrom Airport and 61 at Marfa.

> Winds were generally southerly to southwesterly at 5 to 10

coastal waters continued to slowly approach the Texas coast. Daytime highs through Continued influence of high Thursday should reach the

upper 90s to around 105 degrees along the Rio Grande, with overnight lows in the upper 60s to middle 70s. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms was forecast

along the coast, with the best chances over Southeast and deep South Texas. On Monday, many cities sur-

passed the 100 degree mark. They included Del Rio, Bryan-College Station, Junction and Patchy fog has formed over New Braunfels. Laredo was the warmest with 107

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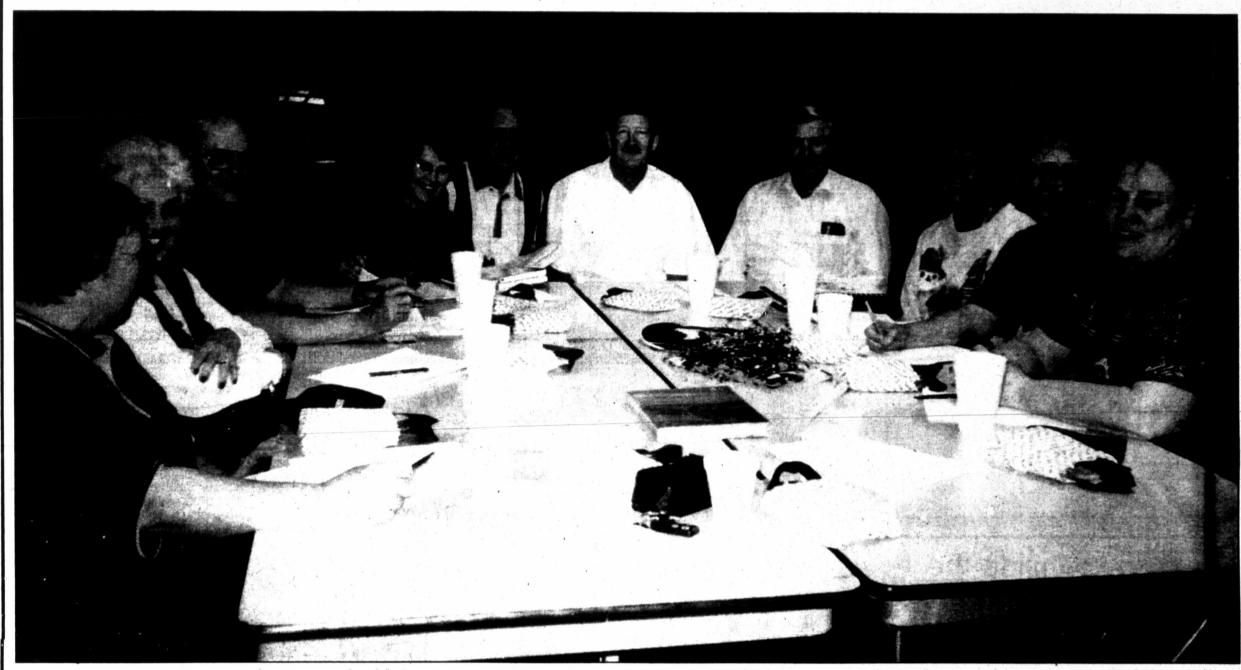
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Representative of Pampa High School Class of 1959 met recently at Briarwood Full Gospel. Columbus Hall. Above are (left-right) Jo Ann Jones, Clo Ann Bynum, Russell Hollis, Betty Love,

Church to discuss plans for the 40th class reunion slated Sept. 24 and 25 in the Knights of Ralph Bynum, Art Rohde, Larry Holmes, Pat Ritthaler, Martha Jonas and Kathleen Greene.

Calendar of events

PAMPA CHESS CLUB

quartlerly newsletter. For more at 669-2266. information contact James A. PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR Shook at 669-0227

TOASTMASTERS

meets the first Tuesday of every call Sharon King, 665-2818. The Pampa Chess Club meets month at Central Baptist Church every Tuesday night at Yummie's located at Francis and Pizza in the Pampa Mall at 7:30 Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For p.m. We offer casual yet competi- further information call Bob tive games, free instruction, and a Andersen 665-4252 or J.B Walker their meeting nights from the

THE MENTALLY ILL

every Wednesday night from 5:45 the second Thursday of the to 6:45 p.m. at the Furrs Cafeteria. month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. Open PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY There is no charge. For more Anonymous at 910 Kentucky abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN **STAR**

of the Eastern Star, has changed 9702 for information. first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at A support group for the men- 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

ANONYMOUS

Door The Pampa Prison Ministry information or if you need a ride (across from Albertson's) meet- For more information, call Tralee

ing schedule - seven days a week Crisis Center, 669-1131. - two meetings a day -noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parentfrom peer pressure, sibling rival-Alcoholics ry, family violence and/or sexual

EVENING UNDER THE STARS

White Deer Land Museum Foundation will hold its annual dinner and Street Dance, "Evening Under the Stars IV," from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, ing skills to assist parents and in front of the museum, 112-116 children in dealing with anger S. Cuyler. Tickets will be \$15 per The Toastmasters will meet tally ill and family members meet OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS and behavioral issues resulting person. For tickets or for more information, call (806) 669-8041. ACS LOOK GOOD

... FEEL BETTER

The American Cancer Society will present the program "Look Good ... Feel Better" from 7-9 p.m. Aug. 23 at the ACS office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. The program is aimed at helping cancer patients cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatments. Cosmetology professionals will demonstrate techniques how to compensate for hair loss through the use of turbans and scarves. To register or for more information, call the ACS at (806) 353-4306.

He died to take away your sins. Not your mind.



You are welcome to think and question and seek answers with us at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Join us on Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 am., 727 W. Browning Catechumenal classes start Sept. 12. For more information call (806) 665-0701

Young Riders 4-H Club to sponsor TCRA rodeo

will sponsor a Texas Cowboys Rodeo Grain and West Texas Cat. Association Rodeo beginning at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 20 and 21 at Ochiltree County Arena in Perryton. The event will be held in conjunction with the Wheatheart of Nation Celebration.

Rodeo competition will include bareback riding, calf roping, breakaway roping, saddle bronc, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing and bull riding. There will be

John Erickson and "Hank the Cowdog" as prizes. Saturday night will feature the be held in the Civic Center in Amarillo. Business Man's Rodeo.

PERRYTON — Young Riders 4-H Club Insurance, Conner Insurance, Batman Clown will perform with WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo for youth 3-16. Contests will Friday night youngsters can try their be divided into three different age diviluck at the Boot Scramble with books from sions. Winners will be awarded a buckle and will qualify for WRCA World Finals to Registration will be at 12 noon at Admission to the rodeo will be \$5 per Leatherman Park and the rodeo will kickperson. Children under five will get in off at 1 p.m. As an added attraction, a horse auction will be held at 2 p.m. for a





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Inside the **Beltway**

with

Rep. Mac Thornberry

Teachers need more flexibility

Ask most people who had the biggest impact on their education growing up, and they're unlikely to tell you it was a bureaucrat in Washington who dictated how our tax dollars were being spent in local schools.

Chances are, it was a teacher. Or several teachers. Or maybe it was a coach. The point is, for most of us at least, the people who had the greatest influence on our education growing up were people whom we learned from in school every day.

The other point is that one of the best ways to make sure our kids are getting the education they deserve is to make sure teachers are getting the tools and training they need to get the job done in the classroom. The House recently passed a bill that would help do just that.

The bill is called "The Teacher Empowerment Act." It basically takes a number of federal education programs — including ones geared toward training teachers and reducing the size of classes — and turns responsibility for them over to the states in the form of block grants.

The bill also creates something called "Teacher Opportunity Payments," which are intended to give teachers more options to choose the training that best meets their classroom needs.

In short, "The Teacher Empowerment Act" recognizes that providing money for better teachers and smaller classes is important, but it's just as important to make sure that states and local school districts have the final say in how these funds are ultimately spent.

Thought for today

"Thieves respect property. They merely wish the property to become their property that they may more perfectly respect it."

—Gilbert Keith Chesterton

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Many activities go unnoticed

You know, I think the problem with Pampa is that there is just too much to do. With tons of activities going on all the time, who has time for them all?

At least that's the only thing I can think of that keeps so many people away from events and special activities around the city. I get to make a lot of the events, usually with a camera in hand, and the lack of numbers often surprises me. The latest example was the first annual "Red Cross Fun Day" over the week-

There was food and music and lots of games for both kids and adults. Only \$5 for each individual or \$10 got a whole family in for a dunking booth and tug-of-war contests I don't have a family or any athletic ability music. but I do have an appetite and enjoy the



Jeff West

Pampa News staff

sadism involved in watching someone get dunked in a tub of water so I bought a hamburger and Coke and watched while some volunteers took turns manning the dunking booth. Just watching was free but there were and volleyball and stuff. There was face not a lot of people there for that either. I saw painting and lots of other stuff for kids. What a few folks take turns singing to the music, there wasn't was nearly enough people. Now several volunteers there, too, providing

It couldn't have been the weather. This

weekend was about as perfect as it gets, comfortable temperatures and low winds. Of course, some of the things where I've seen lackluster crowds were inside. I think it's hard for people to complain about any possible lack of activities in town if they don't support the ones that are here.

I've got to confess, I'm not much of a do-er, once the front door closes I don't tend to got out until hunger or work drag me out. Maybe some of you are the same way. Of course, I try not to complain about the lack of activities here either. Do you?

If by chance you'd planned to go out to the fun day but just had it slip your mind you could go by the Red Cross office and pay them \$5 for a day of fun. They'd probably declare you the winner of your round and the money goes for some good things.

Be good to one another and be good to

yourselves.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 17, the 229th day of 1999. There are 136 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 17, 1969, Hurricane Camille killed 248 people when it slammed into the Gulf Coast. On this date:

In 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steam Boat began heading up New York's Hudson River on its successful round-trip to Albany. In 1863, Federal batteries and

ships bombarded Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War. In 1896, a prospecting party discovered gold in Alaska, a

finding that would touch off the Klondike gold rush. In 1943, the Allied conquest of Sicily was completed as U.S. and

British forces entered Messina. In 1945, Indonesian nationalists declared independence from

the Netherlands. In 1978, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman set down in their Double Eagle II

NAACP: Problem profiteers

Meeting was a call to mau-mau network executives for not having enough blacks in leading roles in next fall's television shows. Another was Kweisi Mfume's call to sue gun manufac-

The NAACP director said, "The time has come for us to look at the proliferation of handguns." Mfume, like the mayors of Philadelphia, New Orleans and Chicago, sees gun manufacturers as responsible for the murder and mayhem in black neighborhoods.

At the turn of the century, Booker T. Washington warned against the agenda of "problem profiteers," proclaiming: "There is a class of colored people who make a business of keeping the troubles, the wrongs and the hardships of the Negro race before the public. Having learned that they are able to make a living out of their troubles, they have grown into the settled habit of advertising their wrongs partly because they want sympathy and partly because it pays. Some of these people do not they do not want to lose their jobs." Booker T. Washington's warnings apply aptly to people like Jesse Jackson and Mfume.

Robert Woodson, director of the Washingtonbased National Center for Neighborhood Enterprises, points to the increasing gap



Walter Williams

Syndicated columnist

book, "The Triumphs of Joseph."

In one survey, 83 percent of blacks said they were in favor of school choice. Yet in a floor vote at the 1993 NAACP convention, delegates passed a resolution opposing school choice. In a Washington Post survey, pollsters asked whether minorities should receive preferential treatment to make up for past discrimination — 77 percent of black leaders said ves, while 77 percent of the black public said no. Black lead- public school teachers. They could have called ers support forced school busing, while a majority of blacks disapprove. Only 8 percent want the Negro to lose his grievances, because of blacks see racial integration as an issue of Feb. 7, 1997, New York Times story — and slavimportance. Yet the civil-rights establishment ery in the Sudan and Mauritania, where an esticontinues to pursue their '60s agenda of mandated integration and recompense for past discrimination.

Jackson and Mfume's push to have more blacks in starring roles on television shows is between the concerns of the civil-rights estab- exactly what Bill Raspberry, Washington Post lishment and those of ordinary black citizens columnist, meant when he wrote, "The innerfor whom they purport to speak in his recent city poor furnish the statistical base for the pro-tions.

already well-off." More blacks on television doesn't do a thing for the major problems of the inner-city blacks, such as poor education, crime and female-headed households.

Invoking the names of poor blacks in order to benefit well-off blacks isn't new. In 1990, Jackson and other civil-rights leaders accused Nike Corp. of exploiting inner-city black youngsters. Among their demands were: more blacks in top management positions, more Nike advertising in black-owned media outlets and more blacks on Nike's board of trustees. This tactic of using poor blacks to provide benefits for their better-off brethren is known in retailing as "bait and switch."

Since private and Catholic schools do a far better job of educating blacks, the NAACP could have called for school choice, but that would have offended their members who are on the Clinton administration to speak out against slavery in Ghana — as featured in a mated 30,000 blacks are held in bondage, but that might offend Jackson's Muslim backers.

If there's a bright side to the NAACP, it's that ordinary blacks don't give the organization much attention and financial support. Most of the organization's financing comes from white liberals, mau-maued corporations and founda-

There's no such thing as a free lunch

One of the most important things for an ordinary citizen to understand is that there is no such thing as a free lunch. You pay for everything — including those things you do not

Many people try to play class politics, pitting one class against another. This is part of the intellectual stains left by Marxism. In fact, though, there are only individuals, and individuals pay all taxes, pay for all settlements and awards in lawsuits and pay for all regula-Americans have no idea how much better off financially they would be if they didn't have to pay for everything.

Tax business, some folks say. OK, businesses are taxed and guess where those taxes end up in the prices of their goods and services. Business don't pay taxes. Customers of businesses pay taxes. Ditto for the settlements, fines, costs of complying with regulations, etc. It all goes into the prices of goods and services to be picked up by the individual.

the costs of the suits, win or lose, they will be costs \$160 billion per year. That costs passed onto the customers. And so will insur- Americans about \$2,000 a year per family of ance payouts, as insurance companies will four. spread the cost to the premiums of all their customers to cover losses. The cost of stolen goods are passed on to consumers. Even the cost of columns. You are taxed from the moment of sumers. An old-time contractor once said over earn, save, buy, invest, touch, eat, drink or use most damaging of those illusions.



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

tions. You name it, individuals pay for it. Most bourbon, "there ain't a road in any state that doesn't have a governor's mile in it." The governor's mile is the extra money charged to the taxpayers to cover the cost of greasing the right palms to get the contract.

The guy who proclaims, "Sock it to big business, sue the so-and-so's," is the biggest sap. He is, as we used to say down South, being screwed, blued and tattooed, and he's too dumb to know it's even happening to him.

A General Accounting Office study, for example, estimates the Environmental Protection Sue business, some folks say. OK, whatever Agency's ham-handed assault on business

If I listed all of the taxes levied by federal. state and local governments, it would take two

is taxed, often multiple times, including your coffin and the hole in the ground where they plant you. If you manage to have much left, after a lifetime of taxation, the government takes part of that away from your heirs who, of course, are also being incessantly taxed every day of their lives.

So think about it. Individual men and women pay for every government service, every government regulation, every lawsuit, every crime, every facility, every service, every so-called benefit. It's no wonder Americans have to work until July just to pay for the taxes.

The lesson to be learned is simple. Shed the delusion that you can get something for nothing by shifting the cost to somebody else. Shed the delusion that government "gives" benefits. Once those delusions are got rid of, a positive and obvious truth emerges: All individuals have a common interest in honesty, in limiting government to essential services, in reforming the corrupt tort system, in being responsible jurors when summoned to serve, in socially ostracizing parasites who live off the sweat of others, and in promoting and maintaining peace. War is 100 percent wasteful and destructive in economic terms.

The 20th has been a bad century for the individual. The only way to make sure the 21st will be better will be to shed the delusions and illubribing public officials is passed on to con-birth to long after your death. Everything you sions of the old one. The free lunch is one of the

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Texas round up

Killer's scheduled execution tonight

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Larry Robison doesn't deny a murderous rampage 17 years ago that left five people dead and says he's looking forward to his execution set for this evening.

"I'm real excited about it and glad to be leaving here," he said in a recent death row interview.

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But relatives of the 42-year-old from Tarrant County and capital punishment opponents cite Robison as an example of why mentally ill people should be treated for their conditions and not be

Robison would be the fifth Texas inmate to receive lethal injection this month and the 21st this year. Another execution is set for Wednesday

Appeals in Robison's case have been exhausted and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles voted unanimously last week against recommending to Gov. George W. Bush that the death sentence be commuted to life.

The only recourse left for Abilene-born Robison is for Bush to issue a one-time 30-day reprieve, something he never has done in his nearly five years as governor. Linda Edwards, a Bush spokeswoman, said the governor would announce a formal decision today, although last week he told reporters he believed the case had been reviewed by the courts and the punishment did not merit a delay.

White teen describes killing black man EMORY, Texas (AP) — A white teenager admit-

ted he and a friend tied a middle-aged black man to a tree, doused him in gasoline and burned him Hospital.

The 16-year-old boy entered a plea of true, tantamount to pleading guilty in the juvenile justice system, to a murder charge at the Rains County Courthouse Monday afternoon. He was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

The defendant also told the judge he ran errands for 53-year-old H.W. Walker for several years before helping to kill him. The boy described consuming drugs with his victim, and claimed the two had a sexual relationship at one time, the Greenville Herald-Banner reported in today's editions.

Walker's family denied those allegations Monday, the newspaper reported. District Attorney Frank Long said there is no evidence Walker had

The teen admitted guilt only after prosecutors promised to try him as a juvenile. It's unclear how much time he will serve.

In exchange for a comparatively lenient sentence, prosecutors are expected to put the youth on the witness stand against 24-year-old Brian Long, the second suspect in the killing. He was arrested over the weekend at his mother's house near Houston.

Long was arraigned Sunday in Rains County, where he was being held on \$1 million bond.

Officials laud school ratings

AUSTIN (AP) — State officials — including Gov. George W. Bush — are praising Texas schools for their progress, even though the state's latest report along with the gains.

meet an even higher standard and include the scores of students who had previously been exempt," said Bush, the Republican presidential frontrunner, after the state's school accountability rankings were released Monday.

"I will continue to insist on high standards and agencies.

high expectations for every child because no child should be left behind," he said.

More Texas school districts and campuses got the state's highest ratings, more did badly and two districts were singled out for a special, low rating because of serious errors in dropout reporting this

Education Commissioner Mike Moses said there is reason to celebrate students' success on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, a key part of the school rating system.

At the same time, Moses was concerned about some schools' data reporting and disappointed about an increase in the number of special education students exempted from the TAAS.

This was the first year TAAS scores of special education students and third- and fourth-grade Spanish TAAS scores were included in school rat-

Elliott not ruled out for basketball return

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Doctors say Sean Elliott's dream of returning to the NBA after kidney transplant surgery is in the realm of possibility after a successful operation.

Although the 31-year-old Elliott will be on medication the rest of his life, his doctors said he should be able to return to a normal life, maybe even basketball. The NBA season starts in November.

'It's clearly unprecedented, but he's a very motivated individual," said Dr. Francis Wright, the surgeon who performed the transplant surgery Monday at Methodist Specialty and Transplant

"I'm certainly not going to be the one who tells him he can't play basketball again," Wright said.

Elliott, a 10-year NBA veteran and starting forward on the San Antonio Spurs championship team, could leave the hospital within a week and start his workout regimen within the next two months if he's up to it, Wright said.

Doctors have said it will take 2-3 months before they'll know if he can play again.

'We recommend some limitation on activity for six to eight weeks to allow the incision to heal properly," Wright said.

Elliott was in stable condition after Monday's surgery and was expected to be moved out of intensive care into a regular recovery room by today.

Elsewhere: WEB HOUSING: Four recent University of Texas raduates noticed students were having trouble finding housing in Austin and set out to do something about it. They built an Internet web site providing information on apartments and rental houses and have turned it into a profitable business. ... ABUSED CHILDREN: Abused children are getting plenty of legal help in El Paso thanks to a group of lawyers. They opened Children's Justice Center last year and have more than 30 lawyers dedicated to helping abused children free of charge. ... BEATING DEATH: Two former employees of the police department of the Houston suburb of Galena Park gave startling testimony at the start of a murder card on campuses and districts shows missteps trial. They says officers falsely deputized a mildly retarded man before obtaining his confession to a capital murder and then discussed disposing the because they come as schools are being asked to tape of the interrogation. ... CHIEF RESIGNS: The police chief at Commerce, who got into trouble earlier this year for helping the police at nearby Campbell run license checks, has resigned. Lana Adams announced her resignation Monday, saying she has accepted a state job with juvenile parole

Odds and ends

He's sticking around

ERIE, Colo. (AP) — Leon Wurl has become part of the pavement, and the former town manager's widow says he wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

"He liked the smell of asphalt, so by God, he can smell it forever," Nancy Jo Wurl said Monday after pouring some of her husband's ashes into a black goo that became the new Main Street in

Wurl, who died last year at age 66, was one of several longtime residents who led a push to pave the seven north-south streets and the seven east-west streets that make up Erie's Old Town.

Erie is a former coal mining town about 20 miles north of Denver. In 1994, a dog named Jake received 34 votes in the mayoral election.

Witches don't like movie SALEM, Mass. (AP) — Real-life

witches are giving a big thumbs-down to "The Blair Witch Project."

"It defames us and it makes us less human," said Teri Kalgren, the 49-year-old cofounder of the Witches Education Bureau in Salem. "We still get people asking us if we fly on brooms."

The runaway summer hit tells the story of three doomed filmmakers who trek into the dog barked away.

Maryland woods to document "I always wanted to see a Maryland woods to document

the legendary evil that lurks my pool," Larry Adams said. there, only to become its prey.

public relations. The film "both exploits and reinforces negative stereotypes about witches: that they are evil murderers of children and adults," said Phyllis Curoff, a

New York attorney and witch. Artisan Entertainment, the film's distributor, has refused a request by Curoff to add a disclaimer at the beginning of the pseudo-documentary that would explain it's not representative of all witchcraft.

"Do people put disclaimers on films when there are terrorists, and the terrorists happen to have a certain nationality?" said Paul Campbell, an Artisan official. "It's a film; that's all it is.

Moose on the loose

ATHOL, Mass. (AP) — Rescue workers lured a moose to safety after it jumped from the woods into a family's backyard swimming pool.

The animal, a year-old female, hurtled a 4-foot perimeter fence early Sunday morning in this north-central Massachusetts town, splashing into Larry and Deborah Adams' pool. The cou- you wonder why we're paraple found the animal swimming in circles in the deep end as their

moose, but not one swimming in

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Rescuers from the city's police It isn't doing wonders for witch and fire departments, as well as state environmental police, lured the moose to the pool's shallow end and looped a rope over its neck before pulling her to safety.

> The moose suffered only a scrape on the knee in the mishap. Soon after being rescued, it wobbled into the woods.

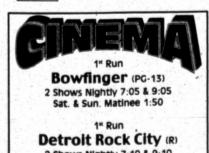
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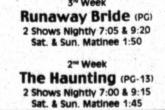
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A group of marijuana advocates is giving pot some catchy slogans. Posters with messages such as "Honk if you inhale" and "Stop arresting responsible pot smokstarted springing Monday in San Francisco.

"Around 12 million Americans smoke pot regularly in their homes," said Keith Stroup, head of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, which is funding the bus-shelter

The ads are aimed at rousing pot smokers to "send a message to the state and federal governments" to decriminalize marijuana, Stroup said.

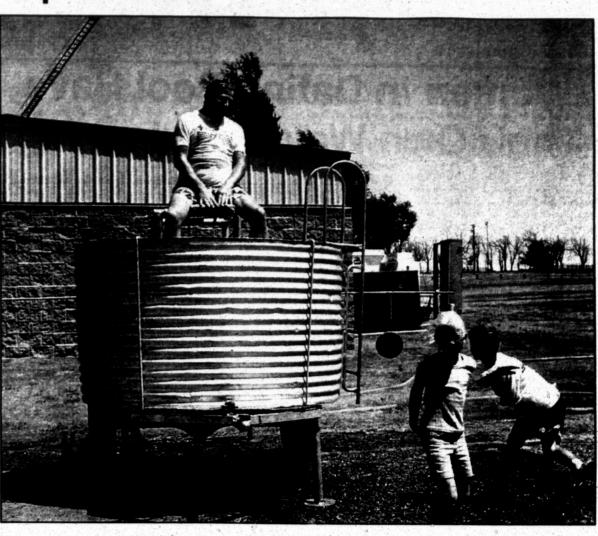
One reads: "A pot smoker is busted every 45 seconds - and





Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:55

Popular event



Stephanie Hasskarl and Kenny Hightower, both 9, try to dunk Red Cross volunteer Harold Haines during Saturday's first annual Red Cross Fun Day at

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

Veterans Salute

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



Recreation Park.

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

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DEAR READERS: Yesterday I printed responses from male readers to the letter from "20-Something in L.A." listing her contemporary rules for dating. Today we'll sample some of the feedback I received from women. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I take exception to the dating guidelines offered by "20-Something in L.A." I see no reason why a gainfully employed adult should expect her date to pick up the tab for everything. Moreover, a young woman who lets her date pay for everything may well have a hard time refusing to "repay" her date with sex. Take it from a woman with a few more years of dating experience. Play fair and play safe.

CARRYING MY OWN WEIGHT IN PORTLAND

DEAR ABBY: Here are a couple of additions to the dating guidelines for females:

Return his call even if you don't want to go out with him. It is rude and poor manners not to. If you don't want to go out with him, tell him so. Better to be honest than to get his hopes up and make him.

If he breaks up with you for someone else, don't automatically blame her. It might be a blessing in disguise. There are lots of other fish in the sea, and hope the next one will realize what he has and hang

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18, 1999

5-Dynamic:

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

receptive to another's overture.

ferently. Tonight: Working late

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

* ★ ★ ★ Close relating brings forth

heated issues; some may be concealed in

words of anger. A door opens that per-

mits better relating and communication.

Clearing the air allows new beginnings.

How you view a situation could change

substantially. Tonight: Go for together-

leal well with partners. Solve problems

and reach a new understanding. Let oth-

ers express their opinions. Don't worry.

about tension — it will pass. Domestic

matters come forward. Tonight: Be

* * * Pace yourself Know your limits.

even though you're a bundle of energy

and will speak your mind at the drop of a

hat Partners seek resolution, transforma-

tion and change. Keep communication

flowing. As a result, you'll see life dif-

* * * * * Ingenuity marks your work

Finances benefit from your innovations.

Expenses could be incurred as a result of

a new project. Take time before launch-

ing it, attend to personal matters first.

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4-Positive;

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Be careful. Even though you may think you know someone, you might not. Respect yourself enough to insist he gets "tested" before you have sex. It could save your life. There are enough surprises in dating; eliminate at least one.

Also, my friends and I have discovered that the time when you are least likely to be looking for love is when it finds you.

20-SOMETHING IN KANSAS

DEAR ABBY: May I add my own 2 cents? Remember that men can smell desperation. If you are still reeling from a broken heart, take time off before re-entering the dating pool. Second, remember that sex does not equal love. Do not mistake one for the other. JENNIE G. IN MISSOURI

DEAR ABBY: I think the dating guidelines from "20-Something" are tacky and old-fashioned. I have never depended on a man for money, and it's worked out fine for

Tonight: Have fun as only you can.

* ★ ★ ★ Clear out misunderstandings in

remove barriers with a loved one. You

* * * ★ Listen, even though you don't

ent light because of what they say, but

you may not want to respond in kind.

Consider a domestic change; the timing

is better than you realize. Brainstorm

you to make a financial change.

friend has many great ideas — still, do

what you want. Establish limits. Stop

being overly nice to everyone but your-

one with great money ideas. You'll get

refuse you right now! Tonight: Your call.

** Rather than tell all, pick and

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

self. Tonight: Handle funds carefully.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

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me. When I date, we always split the costs. If I'm broke, I'll ask my date for a loan, and I always pay him back. If he offers to pay, I gently refuse. If he persists, I accept the offer as a gift.

Abby, I do not need anyone to help me with my coat or open doors for me. At 24, I'm old enough to dress myself and strong enough to open doors. I do, however, agree with the sex guideline. If a man can't accept the fact that his date isn't interested in having sex, he should be mature enough to call it

24 IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR ABBY: It annoys me that there are women in this world thinking up rules for how to relate to men. I would like to believe that I can think for myself and so can the man I'm dating. I'm an individual with individual ideas and desires. Will the men who read her list of rules conform? I hope not!

If "20-Something" doesn't want to pay, she should have enough guts to say so up front instead of making a list of rules and expressing her disappointment in men who don't follow them.

Abby, it horrifies me to imagine a world in which everyone acts the same and has the same ideas about how to live. Diversity is essential for

human survival 24 IN SAN FRANCISCO

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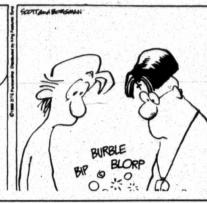
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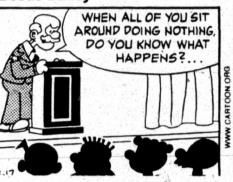
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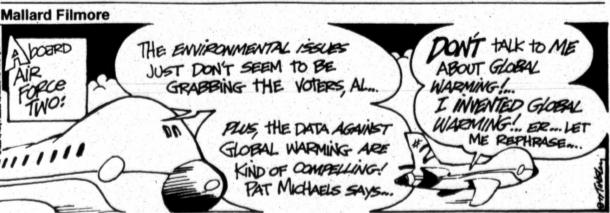
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SOCCER

PAMPA — Pampa Soccer Association will have late signups Saturday at T-Shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

GOLF

AMARILLO - Pampa's Phil Everson teamed with Bobby Barber of Borger to win the Coors Partnership last weekend at Arrowhead Course.

They shot a three-round total of 192 to beat Cary Reneau and Cory Smith by one stroke. Everson will be a junior at the University of North Texas. He won last year's Top Of Texas Tournament at the Pampa Country Club.

BASEBALL

SAN DIEGO (AP) Edgardo Alfonzo homered in the 10th inning and the New York Mets held the San Diego Padres to two hits Monday night in a 4-3 victory.

Mets rookie Octavio Dotel, given a 2-0 lead on home runs by Mike Piazza and Rickey Henderson, took a no-hit bid into the seventh. But after two walks to start the inning, Phil Nevin hit a three-run homer.

Alfonzo singled in the eighth and later scored on Piazza's double-play grounder to make it 3-all.

Alfonzo connected against Will Cunnane (2-1) for his 19th

Dennis Cook (10-2) got the win and Armando Benitez

earned his 14th save. Piazza homered for the fourth straight game. The Mets won their sixth in a row against the Padres.

FOOTBALL

PHOENIX (AP) - A former first-round draft pick trying to resurrect his football career with the Arizona Cardinals was fighting to save his right arm after a car accident involving two teammates on their way to a team meeting Monday.

Ernest Dye, a 28-year-old tackle, was listed in fair condition at Flagstaff Medical Center, where he was still undergoing extensive surgery Monday evening. Doctors were attempting to repair a fractured humerus the bone between the shoulder and the elbow and at least one of the arteries that supplies blood to his right hand.

'He suffered a near-amputation of the arm," said team physician Dr. Wavne Kuhl, who spoke with Dye's surgeon, Dr. Tim Bonatus. "It's a question of saving the arm."

Dye was injured during a single car rollover accident about 25 miles south of Flagstaff, where Cardinals are holding training camp.

According to Department of Public Safety reports of the crash, Cardinals guard Lester Holmes was driving Dye's black 1995 Mercedes north on

Interstate 17 about 10:15 a.m. The car was traveling about 75 mph during a heavy rain when it veered into the

Defensive end Simpson and Dye were ejected from the vehicle. Only Holmes was wearing a seat

median and rolled.

No citations had been issued Monday. The crash remains under investigation, Officer Mark Hall said.

Holmes, 29, was listed in good condition with a cut on his forehead and was being kept overnight at the hospital. Simpson was released from the hospital after being checked for pain in his left

Holmes, an 8-year veteran, is the most experienced starter on a patchwork offensive line. Lomas Brown left the team as a free agent after last season and Chris Dishman has been lost temporarily following arthroscopic elbow surgery.

Pampa 9-10 All-Stars compete in state tourney

FLOYDADA — The Pampa Optimist 9-10 year old All-Stars recently participated in the Bambino Minor League State Tournament held in Floydada.

Pampa opened the tournament with a 10-1 victory over Lockney. Pampa pitchers Brett Ferrell, Matthew Trusty and Jonathan Carr in a combined effort with two

innings of work each gave up up only one earned run on one hits with five walks, one hit batter and 10 strikeouts.

Pampa's 9-hit attack was led by Ferrell's three for three performance. Others getting hits were for Pampa were Brady Eakin with a double and single, Jake Booze a double, and singles by Tanner Dyson, Trusty and Robbie Dixon.

In Pampa's second game they faced Andrews. Pampa outhit Andrews 8-5, but failed to outscore their opponent, losing 3-2 in a game that was marred in controversy when a run was taken away from Pampa in the top of the second inning because of an incorrect call by the home plate umpire.

The game was dominated by strong pitching and defense on both sides. Dixon led Pampa's offense with three singles. Mark Stone contributed two singles. Dyson, Ferrell and Carr each had singles. Stone's last single just missed going over the fence by a couple of feet that would have tied the game in the top of the sixth.

Outstanding defensive plays were made by catcher Dixon, throwing out a runner trying to steal second and center fielder Darius Kimberling catching two fly balls, once with the bases loaded in the fifth inning to end a threat by Andrews.

Pampa's Trusty turned in a strong pitching performance, shutting down Tulia with no runs on three hits, three walks and six strikeouts before being relieved in the sixth inning. Pampa came away with a 7-3 victory in their third game in three days. Tulia's pitchers only gave up four hits, but walked 11 batters. Trusty doubled and singled, Ferrell doubled and Eakin had a single. Strong efforts by second baseman Dyson with four assists and one putout, and first baseman Ferrell with 10 putouts and one assist held Pampa's defense together. Left fielder Adam Estrada made two hustling plays on errant throws to keep runners from advancing.

A 15-hit attack propelled Pampa to a 22-2 victory over host team Floydada. Kimberling had three singles, Dyson and Trusty with two singles each, Dane Howard, a single and triple, Rvan Goldsmith and Eakin each had doubles, and singles by Ferrell, Dixon, Booze, and Stone.



Members of the 1999 Pampa 9-10 year-old Optimist All-Star Team are (front row, from left), Tanner Dyson, Jonathan Carr, Matthew Trusty, Robbie Dixon, Ryan Goldsmith and Adam Estrada; (middle row, from left) Dane Howard, Brady Eakin, Brett Ferrell, Darius Kimberling, Jake Booze and Mark Stone; (back row, from left) coaches Ed Ferrell and Steve Goldsmith and manager Robert Dixon.

when they each took one for the team. Carr pitched three scorewhile striking out four.

two runs on three hits, one a home run blast over the left field fence. Then with two runners on first and second base and only one out, the game was halted by nearly a two-hour rain delay.

When play resumed, Trusty came on in relief for Pampa and quickly got two outs facing only two batters.

In the top of the second, Seminole scored another run and was threatening to break the game open when catcher Dixon and Kimberling two singles each,

Estrada, Trusty, Stone and Carr situation with two outs to end the hitting for Pampa.

In the top of the third, left field- Pampa had to play Andrews, Louisiana and Mississippi. less innings, giving up only three Seminole when he fielded a was well-rested. hits and not walking a batter sharp hit and threw to second to Ferrell put Pampa ahead 2-0 in Dixon (.438), Dyson (.429), the top of the first inning with Ferrell made a diving catch of a field line. Andrews answered foul pop fly by the first base with two runs on two walks and fence in the fourth inning.

Seminole threatened again in tom of the first. Stone at third.

Pampa was held scoreless the ing Seminole in the bottom of the fifth inning for a 13-3 victory.

Ferrell's three singles, Trusty hit with a single. steal second in a first and third Dyson and Dixon rounded out in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. They fin- er was Robert Dixon.

er Eakin took a hit away from who had only played twice and Leading Pampa in batting

the fifth inning, but Trusty left - Pampa took the lead in the top and Stone (5). them stranded with the bases of the third when Dyson singled loaded, getting a force out to and scored on Dixon's double for

a single to tie the score in the bot-

a 3-2 lead. Andrews took its only lead of first two innings before taking a the game in the bottom of the

5-3 lead in the third and run-rul- fifth inning on three singles for a 4-3 lead and the victory. Carr got the only other Pampa

Andrews advanced to the threw out a runner attempting to a double by Stone and singles by Southwest Regional Tournament Steve Goldsmith and the manag-

ished fifth out of 16 teams from (twice) got on base the hard way the inning and the scoring threat. For the sixth day in a row, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma,

> averages were Ferrell (.500), get a force out of a runner who the top of the first inning with a Howard (.400), Trusty (.318), had singled. First baseman towering home run over the right Kimberling (.313) and Stone Other leaders were as follows:

Runs scored: Dyson (11), Ferrell (9), Trusty (7), Eakin (6)

Hits: Ferrell (10), Dixon (7), Trusty (7), Dyson (6), Kimberling (5), Eakin (4) and Stone (4).

Base on balls: Dyson (10), Kimberling (7), Dixon (6), Ferrell (4), Stone (4), Carr (3) and Estrada (3).

Hit by pitch: Carr (3).

Coaches were Ed Ferrell and

Rangers end Indians' streak

managers despise making the Texas. walk from the dugout to the mound to pull a starting pitcher or rescue a reliever on the ropes.

"I don't hesitate to go to the bullpen," the Texas manager said. "They are our strength, so why not play that card?"

Oates used three relievers after removing starter Rick Helling, night with a 13-5 rout of the could do."

CLEVELAND (AP) - Some Rodriguez homered twice for

Palmeiro was kept out of the starting lineup because of a sore right knee. But pinch-hitting for Johnny Oates isn't one of them. the second time this season, he connected for his 31st homer in Texas' five-run seventh as the Rangers rallied to beat the Indians in a possible postseason preview between division leaders.

"I went into the back to see if I and they combined for five could hit, and before I took a innings of shutout ball as the swing I heard I was on deck," Rangers snapped Cleveland's six- Palmeiro said. "I wasn't warmed game winning streak Monday up, so I just went out to see what I

Royce Clayton and Mark Rafael Palmeiro, making a rare McLemore also homered for the pinch-hitting appearance, hit a Rangers, who posted their 34th three-run homer, and Ivan come-from-behind victory.

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) after they racked up 17 penal-

against Cleveland. The improvement was modest, to say the least.

ties in their preseason opener

Sunday night, the team received 11 penalties for 80 yards - probably not what 104 yards. Gailey had in mind.

"Penalties are something that Dallas' play was atrocious. really bothered me," Gailey said after the Cowboys lost 10-3 downs in the offensive line.

The sloppy play came mainly - Coach Chan Gailey swore from the Cowboys second- and the Cowboys would play a third-stringers. Most of the awful. There's not much else much cleaner game in Oakland first-team offense played a single quarter.

Cowboys can't get past the whistle

The starting crew began the game with a convincing 13play, 61-yard drive that ended with a field goal by Richie Cunningham. Quarterback Troy Aikman was 10-of-14 for

But after the starters left,

The Cowboys posted only 65 vards over the final three quarto the Oakland Raiders. "And ters. During one stretch, Dallas there were quite a few break- registered only 17 yards in 13

"After the first offense, it was awful," Gailey said. "Just you can say about it."

At times, Gailey buried his face in his hands, apparently in frustration.

Late in the third quarter, Dallas backup offensive tackle Jeremy Akers was called for a false start on consecutive plays as the Cowboys struggled deep in their own territory.

Third-string quarterback Mike Quinn also lost ground in trying to impress Gailey.

Quinn didn't complete a pass in three series and was sacked three times.

Sosa vs. Big Unit scorecard: 47th homer, plus three K's

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

Blown away early by a 100 mph fastball, Sammy Sosa eventually caught up with Randy Johnson.

Sosa hit a 456-foot shot for his 47th home run, tying him with Arizona Diamondbacks' 10-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Last season, on his way to 66 117 Cubs games this year, com- that."

pared to 124 games last year. say I know what to do," Sosa said. Atlanta beat Colorado 14-6, "I don't go up there every day expecting to have a great game. I 2, Houston downed Milwaukee 2hit a home run, but I also struck 0, St. Louis stopped Philadelphia out three times. That's just part of 4-3, San Francisco defeated

Sosa struck out in five straight at-bats against Johnson before connecting in the sixth inning at Bank One Ballpark. Sosa fanned in its in strikeouts for the sixth his final at-bat against the Big Unit, too.

"You've got to strike him out 10 Mark McGwire for the major or 15 times to equal a distance on league lead Monday night in the a home run like that," Johnson said. "But I think we have a mutual respect for one another, just like me and McGwire. He knows what homers, Sosa also hit No. 47 on I'm capable of doing and I know Aug. 16. But he's ahead of that what he's capable of doing, and pace - he's reached the mark in we've gotten to see both sides of

In other NL games, New York "I don't feel pressure. I have to beat San Diego 4-3 in 10 innings, Cincinnati defeated Pittsburgh 9-

Montreal 7-4 and Florida beat Los pitch the first no-hitter in Mets'. Astros 2, Brewers 0 Angeles 7-5.

Johnson fanned 11 in eight innings, and reached double-dig-

straight start. Johnson leads the majors with Ryan's single-season record. If he against San Diego. stays on his regular schedule, he'll

get nine more starts. Along with lowering his NLleading ERA to 2.58, Johnson (12-8) hit a two-run double over Sosa's

head in center field. Matt Williams hit a pair of tworun homers and Steve Finley also homered for the West-leading Diamondbacks.

Mets 4, Padres 3

the 10th inning and New York limited San Diego to two hits.

Rookie Octavio Dotel, trying to days.

history, held the Padres hitless homer in the seventh.

Mike Piazza homered for the Henderson also connected. The 284 strikeouts, 99 behind Nolan Mets won their sixth in a row ond straight day.

Reds 9, Pirates 2

Juan Guzman turned in his third straight strong outing for Cincinnati, overcoming a pair of home runs by former teammate ed to go on the DL Ed Sprague to beat Pittsburgh at

Cinergy Field. Guzman (2-1), obtained from Baltimore on July 31, allowed five

hits in seven innings. Pokey Reese and Mike Cameron Edgardo Alfonzo homered in homered for the Reds. Pete team for the second time in six

Jose Lima improved to 8-0 lifeuntil Phil Nevin's three-run time against Milwaukee as Houston won at the Astrodome.

Lima and Billy Wagner comfourth straight game and Rickey bined on a two-hitter as the Brewers were shut out for the sec-

Astros third baseman Ken Caminiti came off the 60-day disabled list and went 0-for-3. But outfielder Derek Bell strained his left groin muscle and was expect-

Cardinals 4, Phillies 3

Craig Paquette got the big hit at Busch Stadium for the second day in row, connecting for a three-run homer in the sixth inning that sent St. Louis over Philadelphia.

A day earlier, Paquette got a Schourek (3-7) fell to his former two-out, two-run single in the bottom of the ninth to beat the Cubs

By JOSH DUBOW **AP Sports Writer**

Brian Daubach thought he hit a game-winning homer — until the ball was called foul. One pitch later, he indeed won the game for the Boston Red Sox with a three-run double.

That's the kind of year it has been for Daubach, a career minor leaguer who has been one of the biggest reasons the Red Sox are still in the AL wild-card lead.

the ninth inning helped Boston rally to beat Oakland 6-5 Monday night to move two games ahead of the Athletics in the wild-card race.

tell you the truth," said Daubach, a nine-year minor leaguer who was selected the AL's player of the week after getting 13 hits, three homers and 15 RBIs. "I could easily be in the minor leagues right now."

It was a magical at-bat as well. With two outs and the bases loaded, Daubach worked the count to 3-1. He then fouled off five consecutive pitches including a long fly ball down the right-field line that just missed being a home run.

Daubach yanked off his batting helmet and ran toward the umpire before being told by firstbase coach Dave Jauss that the call was correct.

"The thing I was impressed with was the ball he fouled off," A's designated hitter Matt Stairs said. "A lot of guys get flustered and forget their at-bat. He didn't. He took a moment and went right back in there."

Daubach asked plate umpire innings. Jim Evans for a little extra time so he could catch his breath, then win and Jose Mesa got his 26th stood back in to face Tim Worrell. save.

After nine consecutive fastballs, Worrell threw a changeup; Daubach lined it off the Green Monster for a bases-clearing dou-

"It says something special about this kid," Red Sox manager Jimy Williams said. "You think of how many years he's worked to be here, and to be up there at Fenway, with the bases loaded, down two runs, and a 3-2 count."

In other AL games, it was Seattle 7, Toronto 5; Texas 13, also homered for the Rangers. Daubach's hit with two outs in Cleveland 5; New York 2, Detroit 1; and Chicago 6, Anaheim 1.

Oakland, which would have tied the Red Sox in the wild-card "It's been a magical season, to race with a win, led 4-0 after three innings and had a 523 lead in the ninth with closer Doug Jones (3-5) on the mound.

After singles to Jason Varitek and pinch-hitter Butch Huskey, Trot Nixon hit a fly ball to the the left-field wall by a leaping single to pinch-hitter Marty. Jason McDonald. Jose Off hit.

Derek Lowe (4-2) earned the victory, striking out two in one hitless inning.

Mariners 7, Blue Jays 5

At Toronto, Alex Rodriguez the loss. homered for the fifth straight game as Seattle handed Toronto its fifth straight loss.

All of Rodriguez's 32 homers have come since he was activated Konerko's 17th homer highlightfrom the disabled list May 14. He is 10-for-19 with 12 RBIs in his last five games.

Toronto starter Carpenter (9-6) tied a team record by walking nine in 6 2-3

Jamie Moyer (12-6) earned the

Rangers 13, Indians 5

Rafael Palmeiro, making a rare pinch-hitting appearance, hit a three-run homer and Ivan Rodriguez homered twice as Texas won at Cleveland to snap the Indians' six-game winning streak.

Palmeiro, pinch-hitting for the second time this season, connected for his 31st homer in Texas' five-run seventh inning. Royce Clayton and Mark McLemore

Mike Munoz (2-1) got the win Minnesota 0; Tampa Bay 9, in relief. Ricardo Rincon (2-3) took the loss.

Yankees 2, Twins 0

Roger Clemens allowed four hits in 8 2-3 innings, outpitching former Yankees farmhand Eric Milton (4-10). Shane Spencer's single with

one out in the bottom of the eighth broke up a scoreless game. Clemens (11-5) faced the minimum 24 batters through eight warning track that was caught at innings. He left after allowing a

> Aaron Ledesma had four RBIs, John Flaherty was 3-for-5 with a two-run double and Fred McGriff homered for the Devil Rays, who scored all their runs with two outs.

Rookie Jeff Weaver (6-9) took

White Sox 6, Angels 1

At Chicago, Mike Sirotka pitched a six-hitter for his first win since July 3 and Paul ed a four-run fourth inning off Jarrod Washburn (0-1).

Mo Vaughn hit his first home run since July 22 and his 19th of the year when he led off the fourth for the Angels' run off Sirotka (8-10).

Sirotka struck out seven and walked two in his third complete

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Cincinnati at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Carolina, 8 p.m. Buffalo at Washington, 8 p.m. Tennessee at Arizona, 10 p.m.

Cooper scores 42 as Comets beat Starzz

HOUSTON (AP) — Cynthia on each of the Comets' two WNBA 41-25 lead at intermission, but Cooper scored a season-high 42 points as the Houston Comets overcame thoughts of cancerstricken Kim Perrot and beat the Utah Starzz 80-71 Monday night.

Perrot remained in the intensive Center at the University of Texas while the Comets tried to shake their emotions and face the Starzz. 10. Fans wore white ribbons honor-

championship teams. Other fans Houston almost blew a 17-point wore pink hearts with "Kim" inscribed on them.

care unit at M.D. Anderson Cancer eyes during the singing of the trailed 64-62 with 2:37 left. national anthem. Each player wore

lead in the second half.

The Comets led 50-33 with 13:50 Comets players filed solemnly remaining when the Starzz started onto the court for pre-game a 21-7 run that cut Houston's lead warmups. Cooper had tears in her to 57-54 with 5:53 to play. Utah

The Comets scored the next white stickers bearing Perrot's No. seven points on two free throws by Cooper, a basket by Sheryl Cooper scored 22 first-half Swoopes, and a three-point play

Dallas team advances to NBC finals

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - The Kenai scored seven runs in the Kenai, Alaska, Peninsula Oilers face the Dallas Phillies today in the Series after winning its semifinal 10 hits, but went the distance to title in 1951. game 11-6 Monday.

Tyson Boston and Jared Pitney San Diego Stars. Monday's game ment in third place. stayed close through four innings, three lead changes and a tie. But in 1993 and '94.

fifth to put the game out of reach. Oiler batters totaled 14 hits off

pick up the win. homered to lead Kenai over the the Stars, who finished the tourna-

Kenai won the title in 1977, then

This will be the first championship appearance by any team from Dallas. No Texas team has championship game of the San Diego pitching. Kenai starter advanced to the final game since National Baseball Congress World Carmen Cali gave up six runs and Houston Fed Mart played for the Carmen Cali gave up six runs and Houston Fed Mart played for the The Phillies reached the final by

Gavin Bangs took the loss for beating the Anchorage, Alaska, Bucs 6-4 in a semifinal game Sunday. Rod Murrell and Derrick Peoples hit back-to-back home with the teams combining for won back-to-back championships runs in a five-run Dallas fourth in



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"Chapter 16.5 SIGN REGULATIONS ARTICLE I GENERAL Sec. 16.5-1 Short Title Sec. 16.5-2 Purpose 'Sec. 16.5-3 Definitions ARTICLE II GENERAL

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1 Public Notice

PROHIBITED SIGNS 16.5-35 Permitted "Sec. 16.5-37 Outdated POLITICAL SIGNS

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PERMITTED SIGNS Sec. 16:5-55 Ground "Sec. 16.5-56 Wall Signs / Constructed "Sec. 16.5-57 Wall Signs

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16.5-17 Electric Damaged Signs
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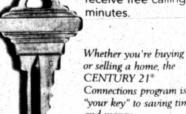
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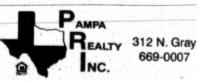
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Comptroller reports increase in sales tax rebates, payments

Rylander delivered a total of \$272.3 million in

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monthly sales tax payments to 1,098 Texas cities and 117 counties recently, a 6.4 percent increase

Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are running 6.5 percent ahead of last year.

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August sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers on June sales and by quarterly filers during April, May and June, and reported to the comptroller in July.

The sales tax rebates included \$251.9 million to

of \$20.3 million. Year-to-date rebates to counties and \$335,485 respectively.

AUSTIN — Texas comptroller Carole Keeton over the \$255.8 million allocated in August 1998. Texas cities. Thus far in 1999, rebates to cities are are up 0.4 percent compared to 1998. Another \$8.9 7.0 percent higher than for the same period in million went to 42 special purpose districts around the state. The El Paso and Laredo city tran-Texas counties received August sales tax rebates sit departments received allocations of \$2 million



SALES TAX REBATES

August Sales Tax Rebates for Selected Texas Cities (in millions)

City	Aug. '99	Aug. '98	% Change	1999 Payments- to-Date	% Change From 1998
Houston	\$33.6	\$32.2	4.4	\$210.7	4.6
Dallas	\$21.9	\$20.7	6.0	\$136.1	- 6.0
San Antonio	\$13.4	\$12.3	8.9	\$85.8	7.4
Austin	\$10.6	\$9.5	10.6	\$70.2	10.2
Fort Worth	\$7.6	\$7.1	7.5	\$45.7	5.9
El Paso	\$4.0	\$4.1	(3.1)	\$29.6	6.1
Amarillo	\$4.2	\$3.9	7.8	\$27.4	3.0
McAllen	\$3.2	\$3.2	1.8	\$22.1	5.4
Corpus Christi	\$3.1	\$2.7	16.2	\$20.4	4.2
Lubbock	\$2.6	\$2.4	9.1	\$17.3	1.7
Beaumont	\$2.6	\$2.5	2.9	\$17.0	5.5
Tyler	\$2.5	\$2.4	1.0	\$16.0	1.0
Abilene	\$2.4	\$2.4	2.0	\$16.0	1.4

SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.bx.us).

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill

Duncan Oil Properties, Inc., #3-34 Worley 'B', 800' from South & HEMPHILL Douglas) Bracken

1850' from West line, Sec. (PANHANDLE) 34,3,1&GN, PD 3350'. HEMPHILL (WILDCAT &

Operating, L.L.C., #1-49 Flowers, 467' from North & East line, Sec. 49,41,H&TC, PD 8200'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & WEST PARK Upper Morrow)
Devon Energy Corp., #1
Patterson '17', 1816' from North & 1992' from East line, Sec. 17,3,CCSL, PD 16350'.

Application to Deepen (below casing)

CARSON (WEST PANHAN-DLE) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #G-10 S.B. Burnett, 1341' from South & 1334' from East line, Sec. 119,5,I&GN, PD 4500'. Application to Plug-Back

ROBERTS (WEST LIPS Lower Shawnee) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #46 Courson 'B' 15, 1250' from South & West line, Sec. 50,R,AB&M, PD 5540'.

Amended Intention to Drill ROBERTS (WILDCAT & PARSELL Upper Morrow) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #3035 Warren B. Parsell, et al 'A', 1859' from North & 2604' from West line, Sec. 35,43,H&TC, PD 10100'. Amended to change well loca-

Gas Well Completions HEMPHILL (S.W. CANADI-

AN Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #4 Isaacs '208', Sec. 208,C,G&M, elev. 2572 kb, spud 2-26-99, drlg. compl 3-25-99, tested 7-7-99, potential 47922 MCF, TD 10742', PBTD 10654'—

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #4 Louise Hoover, et al 'C', Sec. 2,-,H.W. Hoover #2, elev. 2635 kb, spud 5-15-99, drlg. compl 6-26-99, tested 7-1-99, potential 1120 MCF, TD 11100', PBTD 7861'—

Plugged Wells

CARSON (PANHANDLE) Samco, Inc., #1W Burnett 'B', 990' from North & 2310' from West Lease line, Sec. 93,5,I&GN, spud

unknown, plugged 7-28-99, TD 3160' (disposal) — HUTCHINSON (PANHAN-DLE) Alliance Resources Corp., #4 Stevenson, 1650' from North & 330' from West Lease line, Sec. 7,M-24,TCRR, spud unknown, plugged 7-28-99, TD 3259' (inj) —

HUTCHINSON (WEST PAN-HANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #3 H.W. Carver 'B', 2310' from North & 330' from East Lease line, Lot 34,4,Wm. Neil, spud 6-10-43, plugged 7-26-99, TD 3243' (gas) — Form 1 in Panhandle

Producing HUTCHINSON (WEST PAN-HANDLE Red Cave) J.M. Huber Corp., #1R Garland, 660' from North & 1320' from West Lease line, Sec. 83,46,H&TC, spud 5-17-61, plugged 7-23-99, TD 1706' (gas) — Form 1 in H.F. Sears HUTCHINSON (WILLOW

CREEK Upper Morrow) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #1 Brainard '9', 1388' from North & 3150' from West Lease line, Sec.

9,E,H&GN, spud 3-4-99, plugged 3-24-99, TD 8500' (dry) —
WHEELER (KEY Upper Morrow) Sonat Exploration Co., #2 Miller, 2100' from North & 1867' from West Lease line, Sec. 12,1,B&B, spud 6-12-98, plugged 7-2-99, TD 16306' (gas) —

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