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County ok's \$7.2 million budget

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

they pared and they whittled. Finally, elected officials removed an additional \$76,000 from the proposed 2001 Gray County budget during the last budget workshop Wednesday before the was approved by the commissioners court. Commission members discussed the possibility

of an eight percent increase in the proposed tax rate of .49464. The vote to set this rate has been tentatively set for Sept. 20. The current rate is .4599 per \$100 valuation.

As elected officials offered to make more cuts to their departmental budgets, Precinct 2 County Commissioner Jim Greene said, "I just hope they're * not back here in June — half way

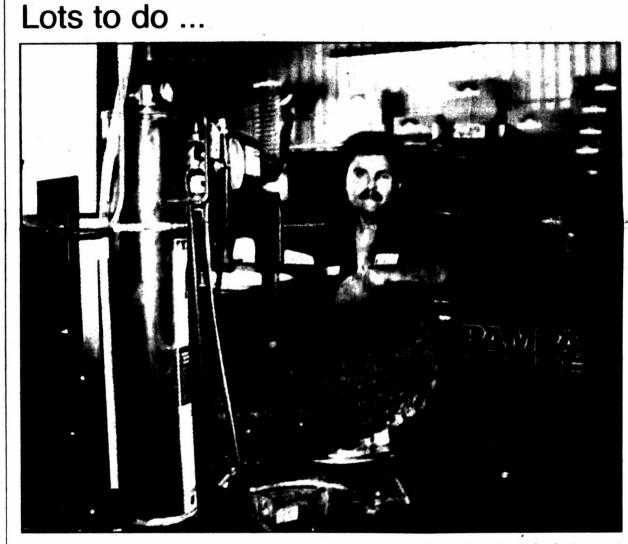
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Equipped with hand calculators as well as pencils and paper, commissioners lead the group by making additional budget cuts in their precincts and offices. Memos had been sent to all officials asking them to make additional cuts of 15 percent to (See COUNTY, Page 2)

(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Calvin Lacy, far right, told the Gray County Commissioners his main concern about the local budget is the justice system as he feels the pursuit of non-violent criminal offenders has added considerable financial pressure to counties.



VA patients to get special visit to Pampa

Pampa's Freedom Museum and VFW Chapter are joining to salute veteran's being cared for at the Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo. Mike Porter with the Freedom Museum said a group of veterans, some of them double amputees that are in long term care at the hospital, have been invited to Pampa for lunch and a tour of the city's

High today 90 Low tonight 63 For weather details see Page 2

Lotto jackpot grows to \$57 million No tickets correctly

matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an

estimated \$46 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 20-29-38-40-44-48. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$57 million.

Speech, debate team sets tourney

PAMPA — Pampa High School Speech and Debate Team will host "Top of Texas Speech and Debate Tournament" Saturday, Sept. 16 at PHS. Teams from as far away as Grand Prairie and as near as Panhandle will be participating and officials anticipate 16 schools and 250 students will attend. The team needs sponsors and judges. Judges must be high school graduates. For information, call B. Obert at 669-4800 ext. 201 or 537-9908.

PHS Seniors 2001 taking T-shirt orders

PAMPA — The Senior Class of 2001 will take orders for Tshirts for "Senior 2001" Thursday, Sept. 7, and Friday, Sept. 8 at PHS before school and during lunch period. Proceeds will go to defray costs of the Senior All-Night Party next May. The shirts range in cost from \$12-\$14 and long-sleeved shirts are \$17-\$18. Payment is due upon placing an order.

• Opal L. Frazier, 81, homemaker

• Helen Dorothy Kelley, 91, homemaker

 Robert Wayne Schwope, 38, active church member

Editorial4 Sports



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore

Jose' Retana, tire tech at Dorman Tire Company, removes an old tire from a wheel. Dorman's, the local Firestone/Bridgestone dealer, has been kept busy in recent weeks changing and replacing tires blamed for dozens of fatal accidents throughout the world.

Firestone tire recall keeping dealers busy

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

(See related story on Page 11)

Herman Law is paying the price for having a Firestone/Bridgestone tire dealership in the Texas Panhandle.

"We're an associate dealership," Law said this week.

Law has been busy at Dorman Tire and Service Center the past few weeks changing out Firestone and Bridgestone tires.

The tire company recently issued a recall for some of their tires that came as standard equipment on Ford Explorers.

The tires, which have come apart on some vehicles, have been blamed for a number of deaths in the U.S. and other countries.

"I'm changing quite a few out," Law said. The problem now is that he's having trouble

"We've started a waiting list," he said. Firestone-Bridgestone is covering the costs of exchanging tires, Law said, although it means a lot of paperwork for the dealers.

A spokesman for another Pampa business,

Tires Plus, said Tuesday afternoon they had been selling a lot of tires other than Firestone/ Bridgestone.

Tires Plus carries Firestone/Bridgestone tires but they are not a dealer, a spokesperson for the company said. They've been referring calls con-

cerning the tires to dealerships in Amarillo. The woman at Tires Plus said they had a lot of calls during the past month.

"We've had a lot of people coming in and buying tires," she said. "They just don't want Firestone."

Although there is a waiting list, Law said people with the tires being recalled need to watch their tires carefully.

"What we're telling them right now, since we can't get tires," Law said, "is to watch their air pressure and if they teel any unusual vibration, they need to check it immediately."

Law said customers can come by Dorman Tire and Service and have their tires inspected and get on the list.

"We have the list started," he said. "I've got people from out of town, people from Panhandle, Perryton, Wheeler, Mobeetie as well as Pampa.'

museums.

Hamill Wilson with the Freedom Museum contacted the Veteran's Hospital at Amarillo to see if the veterans in long term care at the hospital could come to Pampa for a museum tour.

"He talked to the lady over there that's the activities director," said Porter.

She told Wilson that they had never done anything like this. However, a tentative trip is planned for this month. A van will bring the veterans the morning of Sept. 14.

"Some are Vietnam vets," Porter said. "Some are Korean vets. Some are World War II vets."

Porter said he was told the number could vary between nine to 15. "They're coming over, and we're going to give them a tour," Porter said.

(See VA, Page 2)

Woman finds missing jewelry at pawn shop

A Pampa woman found her missing jewelry when she visited a local pawn shop Wednesday.

Pampa Police Lt. Kenneth Hopson was called to EZ Pawn, 613 N. Hobart, Wednesday afternoon, to take a report on found property. Deputy Chief Terry Young said when Hopson arrived, he learned that a woman had gone to the business and discovered rings and earrings she believed belonged to her.

Further investigation showed the original theft report had been made to Gray County Sheriff's Office, Young said, so sheriff's deputies were also called.

Chief Deputy David Russell said Karen Steadman, 624 N. Frost, reported the missing jewelry on June 16. She reported a ruby and diamond ring, a gold heart ring, diamond post earrings and three gold rings had been taken.

According to police reports, estimated value of the jewelry was \$1,535.03.

Russell said no arrests had been made in connection with the jewelry theft.

"We have suspicions, but nothing concrete," he said.

Pantex tour report part of LEPC agenda

September meeting of the Gray County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is set for Sept. 13, at M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1100 W. Coronado Dr.

LEPC members will meet that Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the auditorium.

Among the items listed on the agenda is a follow-up report of the group's tour of Pantex Plant near Amarillo. LEPC members took the tour in place of the August monthly meeting.

Other business scheduled for discussion include a weather radar update, a report from the training committee, LEPC 'conference, a public information campaign on winter storms, the December meeting, and the new Salvation Army officers.

A section for public comment is also scheduled.

From The Board And Staff Of The Pampa Chamber Of Commerce, "Thank You For Your Support"!!

getting replacement tires.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

FRAZIER, Opal L. - 11 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

SCHWOPE, Robert Wayne — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Matthew Road Baptist Church, Grand Prairie.

Obituaries

HELEN DOROTHY KELLEY

Helen Dorothy Kelley, 91, of Rampa, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000. Liturgy of the Word will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. John Valdez, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Kelley was born March 24, 1909, at Wichita Falls. She moved to Pampa in 1919. She was the daughter of L.H. and Rose Sullins. She married Wayne D. Kelley in 1936 at Sayre, Okla. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and four brothers.

Survivors include three sisters, Catherine Chandler of Carrollton, Ruth Wilkerson of Wichita, Kan., and Margaret Ott of Lancaster, Calif.; two sisters-in-law, Katherine Sullins of Pampa and Irene Sullins of Manhattan Beach, Calif.; and 17 nieces and nephews.

OPAL L. FRÁZIER

Opal L. Frazier, 81, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2000. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Paul Nachtigall, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Frazier was born Dec. 1, 1918, at Madison, Kan. She married Albert Weldon Frazier. She moved to Pampa from Madison and was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and by a son, Merlin Frazier.

Survivors include four daughters, Janice Hubbard and Saundra Friend, both of Pampa, Karen Holt of Wichita, Kan., and Linda McCollough of Shattuck, Okla.; a son, James R. Frazier of Houston; a sister, Lucille Monnard of Garnett, Kan.; 13 grandchildren; and 13 greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, TX 79065. **ROBERT WAYNE SCHWOPE**

GRAND PRAIRIE — Robert Wayne Schwope, 38, died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2000. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Matthew Road Baptist Church with Roger Ferguson officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bean-Massey-Burge Funeral Home of Grand Prairie. Mr. Schwope was born Feb. 13, 1962, at Vandalia, III. He married Faith Ruth Mowry on April 14, 1984, at Midland. He was a member of Matthew Road Baptist Church, serving the church in many capacities. Survivors include his wife, Faith, of Grand Prairie; a daughter, Kaysandra Schwope of Grand Prairie; two sons, Daniel Schwope and Lucas Schwope, both of Grand Prairie; his parents, Rosemary Schwope of Pampa and Charles and Pat Schwope of Stillwater, Okla.; and two sisters, Charlotte Genn of Midland and Cheryl Osbin of White Deer. The family requests memorials be in Mr. Schwope's name in lieu of flowers to Matthew Road Baptist Church, 4601 Matthew Rd., Grand Prairie, TX 75052.

Police report

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

Wednesday, Sept. 6 Valerie Peterson, 40, 516 N. Frost, #3, was arrested in the 700 block of North Frost on four warrants for burglary of a habitation and three forgery charges.

A representative of Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather, reported theft of gasoline valued at

Pampa Police Department assisted Grav County Sheriff's Department in recovering stolen jewelry valued at \$1535.

A representative for the City of Pampa reported a chain saw valued at \$400 was missing. The Steihl chain saw is orange and white and has "Parks Dept." written in faded purple on top of the 18-inch bar.

Thursday, Sept. 7 Christina Marie Smith, 35, of Amarillo was arrested in the 800 block of West McCullough for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Accidents

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

Wednesday, Sept. 6

4 p.m. - A 1989 Chevrolet pickup driven by Pamela J. Woodruff, 38, 1523 Coffee, and a 1988 Ford F150 pickup driven by Donald J. Osborne, 74, 824 N. Dwight, collided in the 1500 block of North Coffee. Woodruff was cited for unsafe backing and no proof of liability insurance. No injuries were reported.

5:58 p.m. - A 1998 Plymouth Voyager van driven by James Creed Smith, 83, 2001 Christine, and a 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Catherine Annette Graves, 27, 930 Mary Ellen, collided at Russell and 20th streets. Smith was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign. Graves and a passenger in the vehicle she was driving, Zachary Graves, 6, reported possible injuries at the scene. Graves was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center emergency room by Rural Metro Ambulance. The child was taken to the hospital by private vehicle. Both were treated and released, according to hospital officials. A third passenger in the Graves' vehicle, Ashley Graves, 9, did not report injuries at the scene.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, Sept. 6

Stolen jewelry valued at \$1,535 was recovered a local nawn

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said Muns' request for newer office furniture was a valid request, especially the chair.

Other cuts by department heads included a \$1,206 reduction by County Treasurer Scott Hahn, their departmental budgets without cutting \$3,000 cut by County Clerk Susan Winborne, \$3,100 by Gaye Honderich, \$1,200 cut by Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman and \$4,575 by County Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris.

Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter cut her budget \$4,869 while Constable James Lewis cut his office supplies by \$500. onstable Frank Sparling was not at the meeting.

Also not at the meeting nor responding to the commissioners court memo were District Attorney ohn Mann and County Extension Agent Danny lusser. No cuts were made in their budgets.

223rd District Judge Lee Waters sent a memo stating his budget was cutting items which are nonpersonnel by 17.5 percent, or \$2,200.

Waters also said in his memo he felt the courthouse restoration project should be continued.

This project is the premier restoration project of the entire State of Texas. I would hate to see the county turn down \$3.8 million. A very significant amount will have to be expended by the county either in direct repair expenses to the electrical and plumbing systems as well as the building and roof, regardless of whether the county accepts the grant. So, whether a significant amount is spent on matching funds or on direct repair expenses, the county must generate revenues to cover the expenses. Good luck to you in making the hard decisions that must be made," he concluded.

No raises were approved for county employees. which will be a cut of \$115,000-\$120,000 in the annual budget.

District Clerk Gaye Honderich said, "Part of the employees will get raises and others will not."

Peet said he would contact the district judges regarding rescinding the planned raises for employees under their direction which include county auditor, assistant auditor and court reporters. He said the juvenile probation raises could be rescinded by the Juvenile Board. Peet added adult probation salaries come from the state and the county has no control.

A public hearing will be at 9 a.m. Sept. 15 and a tax rate will be set Sept. 20.

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Land Museum. They'll return to Amarillo that evening.

"We're going to try to get the Mayor to be here," Porter said.

Porter said the VFW is paying for the lunch at Chaney's.

Freeway closures rescheduled to avoid football game traffic jams

AUSTIN (AP) — Traffic problems should not be district of the Texas Department of Transportation. any worse than normal for football fans heading to the University of Texas' season opener, now that a plan to shut down the main route to Royal-Memorial tion. The intersection will reopen sometime Monday. stadium has been postponed until after the game. "Almost certainly during Monday morning rush



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He said they would tour the Freedom Museum

and then go to Chaney's Restaurant for dinner.

COUNTY

County Judge Richard Peet decreased his equip-

Precinct 4 County Commissioner James Hefley

reduced his budget by \$3,200 by trimming part-time temporary employee budget by \$2,500, fenc-

ing by \$100 and conference/training by \$600.

Precinct 3 County Commissioner Gerald Wright

reduced his heavy equipment purchases by \$6,000.

"I'll wait another year and try to get by," said Greene, referring to a planned \$35,000 tractor

mower purchase. He reduced his precinct budget

by a total of \$37,750 with cuts which also reduced

Precinct 1 County Commissioner Joe Wheeley

reduced his budget by \$8,000. The cuts included

\$6,500 in capital expenditures. In reducing the cul-

vert bridge budget by \$1,000, Wheeley said, "I'd

like to reduce more, but if we have a rain wash out

County Auditor Elaine Morris removed all of her

capital purchases in the amount of \$1,100 from her

Decreasing his budget by \$1,600, County Attorney Todd Alvey was asked by Peet if he was

sure he had enough in office supplies as he reduced his annual expense to \$1,000. "We'll make it work.

If everyone else is cutting, we'll do it, too," said

Alvey. "We'll survive." He also made cuts in equip-

ment, conference and training and capital purchas-

Peet said he didn't feel there are any areas where

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland can additional-

ly cut his budget. "I am reluctant to cut his budget

any more as we have already cut his budget

\$65,000, and that was after he had cut it by \$20,000."

Copeland said he really didn't have anything else

he can cut. "I'll be as conservative as I can be," he

As Justice of the Peace 1 Bob Muns appeared in

the budget session, he said he could cut his tele-

phone pager expense by \$200. He offered to forego

ment, telephone and office supplies budgets by an

additional \$450 at the special meeting.

the part-time temporary salaries.

a culvert, we'll be in a bind."

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said.

- - That afternoon they plan on touring the White Deer

a requested new desk and chair in his office, also.

Other elected officials and courthouse employees

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Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, Sept. 6

4:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 160 block of East Foster_and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of South Gray and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of North Russell: no transport.

6:31 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of North Russell and transported one to PRMC. 6:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2800

block of Perryton Parkway.

Fires

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

Wednesday, Sept. 6

6:15 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Russell and 20th streets. Firefighters washed off a small anti-freeze spill at the scene.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	
Crime Stoppers	
Energas	I-888-Energas

Monday morning commuters, however, will pay the price

The Texas Department of Transportation had planned to shut down both directions of Interstate 35 at U.S. 290 north of downtown on Friday night for construction.

At the request of UT officials, the transportation department on Thursday decided to postpone the closure until 4 p.m. Saturday, 4 1/2 hours after the 11:30 a.m. game start.

"The game should be over and the crowd should be gone," said John Hurt, spokesman for the Austin

hour, the closure will still be in place and it could (in place) as late as Monday afternoon" before the closures are removed. Hurt said.

Highway workers need about 48 hours to do their work, Hurt said.

State officials had warned they need to get the I-35/U.S. 290 work done before the Christmas holiday shopping season.

While the highways at the intersection are closed, traffic will be rerouted to the far right lanes of I-35 from 12th Street to Rundberg Lane and on to frontage roads around the interchange.

Overweight child High court upholds ban on hearing coverage

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico's Supreme hearings for a severely overweight 3-year-old girl who was taken from her parents.

The high court on Wednesday turned down an appeal of Children's Court Judge Tommy Jewell's decision to bar reporters from the hearings, which resumed Thursday. The state and the girl's family have also agreed to keep silent.

"Essentially, the Supreme Court has allowed a blackout on one of the most compelling abuse and neglect cases in this country," said Martin Esquivel, lawyer for The Associated Press and other news organizations.

Jewell barred reporters from Tuesday's hearing, saying "the court has basically lost control" of the case because of the intense international publicity.

State law allows for the media to attend custody Court upheld a ban on news coverage of custody hearings as long as the child and family members are not identified. Esquivel argued that the names were already public.

Anamarie Martinez-Regino's parents, who haven't been charged with a crime, have gone to court to regain custody of their daughter, who was taken by the state Aug. 25. At the time, she weighed 120 pounds and was 3 1/2 feet tall. Doctors tested Anamarie for a variety of conditions, but court documents don't specify the cause of the weight gain and rapid growth.

The parents defend the care of their only child, although an affidavit filed by a social worker says Anamarie "will surely die" unless she uses a breathing machine when she sleeps, follows a special diet and exercises more.

City Briefs

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Kmart, Wal-Mart to prohibit sale of violent games to youths

wreak havoc with an Uzi on their Playstation will hours spent playing violent games will not." have to bring along a parent if they want to buy a violent video game from some major retailers.

Kmart announced Thursday it will refuse sale of barcode scanner that will prompt cashiers to ask. for identification from young people.

After Kmart's news conference in Washington, Wal-Mart announced it would enact the same policy. In a letter last month to Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions, the president of Toys R Us said the practice is already in place at his company's stores:

Sessions applauded the move, but said he would' prefer that retailers stop selling mature-rated games, as Montgomery Ward and Sears, Roebuck and Co. already have done.

Sessions said he believes "intense involvement" with violent video games can cause a young person to become violent.

'Common sense should tell us that positively reinforcing sadistic behavior, as these games do, cannot be good for our children," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.

"We cannot expect that the hours spent in school

WASHINGTON (AP) --- Young people itching to will mold and instruct a child's mind but that

Kmart executives said they believe their policy lets parents make decisions about video games. 'A step of responsibility that gets the parents ples & treatment. 109 W. Foster, mature-rated games to anyone under 17, using a involved is a smart step, rather than just walking 669-1442. away from the issue and letting someone else deal with it," said Shawn Kahle, Kmart's vice president

of corporate affairs. In May, Sessions, Brownback and seven other

senators sent a letter to executives of Kmart and several other major retailers encouraging them to pull the games off their shelves or prevent their sale to anyone younger than 17.

Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, the bouquet or a basket full of good-Democratic nominee for vice president, was among ies!! Celebrations, Coronado Centhose who signed.

Most video games sold at major retailers include a rating from the Entertainment Software Review Board advising consumers about which games are suitable for certain age groups.

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Jessica Moser said her company has invested more than \$3 million on store signs and advertising to educate customers about the rating system.

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high was set in Pampa with 101. mph. Partly cloudy tonight with The overnight low was 71, a low of 63 and east winds at 10-The overnight low was 71, Today's high should reach 90 Cooler weather — in the 90s — Today's high should reach 90 20 mph. Partly cloudy tomorrow is here but yesterday a record under sunny skies and with with a high of 91 and south winds from the south at 15-25 winds at 10-20 mph.

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PET PATCH 1st Anniversary Cowboys vs. 49ers Sept. 24th Party, Sat. Sept. 9th. Contests: game, drawing Sept. 11th. Every time you visit, you have 1 more chance to win (must be present to

SUMMER CLEARANCE 50¢

WIECK'S WILL be in Pampa,

parking lot. Corn is finished &

GRANDPARENT'S DAY is Sept. 10th, send them a balloon

Alike, Funniest Pet Tricks, 2 p.m., **REWARD LOST** white & tan female cat on 8-24-00 between IRI

& National Salvage during auto accident. Answers to "Baby

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rack w/ seas. oak wood 669-2157. 866 W. Foster, 665-5504.

Twice Is Nice.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-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 Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Women's Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family vio-lence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever. MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

ALIBATES FLINT QUARRIES

Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument and Lake Meredith National Recreation Area will offer tours by reservation only beginning Tuesday, Sept. 5. To see one of the most significant archeological resources in the North American continent, visitors can call (806) 857-3151. Park officials will be offering special programs to celebrate Texas Archeology Month in October.

BSA FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

BSA Hospice Pampa will present its Fall Volunteer Training and Community Education Class from 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 12, at Clarendon College, 1601 W. Kentucky. This comprehensive class is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, want to learn more about hospice care or desire personal growth and enrichment. This program is offered free of charge to the Pampa, Borger and surrounding communities and continuing education unit's will be awarded by CC. For more information or to pre-register, call Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, BSA Hospice Pampa, at (806) 665-6677.

CAR WASH FUND-RAISER

Pampa High School Choir will hold a car wash fund-raiser from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 in the parking lot of National Bank of Commerce. Proceeds will go towards a PHS choir trip.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB

Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13 in the conference room of Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss books for the coming year. Visitors are welcome.

SCIENCE SPECTRUM

During the month of September, The Science Spectrum and OMNI-MAX Theatre, 2579 S. Loop 289, Lubbock, will present the following three films "Michael Jordan to the Max," "Dolphins" and "Mysteries of Egypt." "Dolphins," narrated by Pierce Brosnan and featuring the music of Sting, will close Sept. 14 and "Mysteries of Egypt," with actors Omar Shariff and Kate Maberly, will begin Sept. 15. For more information on ticket prices or show times, call (806) 745-2525.

MISS AMARILLO ARE

open to women between the ages of 17 and 24 who have never been married. The four phases of the competition are: Interview, Talent, Evening Gown and Physical Fitness in Swim Wear. MAASO awarded over \$20,000 in cash and in-kind scholarships during the 1999 pageant. Participants are also being sought for the Mrs. and Junior pageants to be held Sept. 17 at the civic center. For more information, call Patti Stapp, (806) 359-6690 or 353-3937.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. The meeting will serve as a workshop for members to sew hanging sleeves on quilts to be entered in the upcoming quilt show. For more information, call (806) 779-2115. Visitors are welcome.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more infor-mation, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit http://www.heifer.org. on the Internet.

FIRST BAPTIST WOMEN'S RETREAT

First Baptist Church "Choices of the Heart" Women's Retreat is slat--ed Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at New Beginnings Retreat Center in Channing with retreat leader Martha Baker. Total cost of the retreat is \$87 (two per room). Twenty-five dollars is due Aug. 25 to reserve a spot. The balance must be paid by Sept. 15. Fees refundable upon request by Sept. 21. To register or for more information, call 669-1155.

PALO DURO BENEFIT

Palo Duro Canyon State Park Endowment Fund will present Western singer and poet Red Steagall and friends Don Edwards and Andy Wilkinson in a benefit performance at 8 p.m. Sept. 9 in Palo Duro's Pioneer Amphitheater. Tickets - to be available at the door are \$30 per person and may be purchased in advance at all First American Bank locations, at Palo Duro Canyon Visitor Center or by mail. For more information, call Larry Scruggs at (806) 488-2222, ext.

All-FAITH WORSHIP SERVICE

Palo Duro Canyon State Park will host "All-Faith Worship Services" beginning at 9 a.m. throughout the month of August at the Cottonwood Day Use Area. In case of inclement weather, the services will be relocated to the Old West Stables. Park fees will be waived for the service only. For more information, contact the park at (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., Aug. 2, 9 and 12, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 1-4 p.m., Aug. 22, Family Clinic, McLean.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a four-week "Life After Loss" seminar for those who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at Crown of Texas Hospice, 10000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo. To register or for more information, call (806) 353-4306.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center

PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOOKLET

The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published at 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet #: PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at www.institute-dc.org.

T.O.P.S. #149

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

T.O.P.S. #41

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

AL-ANON

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

VFW CHARITY BINGO

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

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session. PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the

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

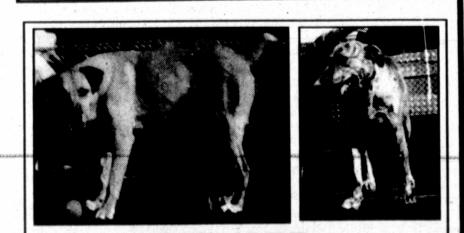


Miss Amarillo Area Scholarship Organization is searching for the next Miss Amarillo Area. An orientation is in the offing Sept. 10 and the scholarship pageant, slated Nov. 4 at Amarillo Civic Center, is

Tomato trees



Merle Bolander of Turtle Creek Estates with his tomato trees. The plants are approximately 7-feet tall and 30-inches long. Bolander has gathered several hundred tomatoes from his plants this summer.



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has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: Sept. 11, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, and Sept. 5, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa; Sept. 6, 20, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Sept. 19 United Methodist church, Miami; and Sept. 14, Wesley Community Center, 1615 S. Roberts, Amarillo. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examina-tion. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

BOY SCOUTS

The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14-to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

Cultural Academic Student Exchange is seeking families of all types - retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples - to host a high school exchange student. For more information, call 877-846-5848.



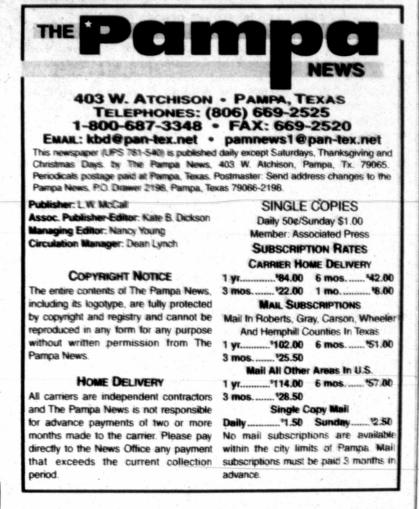
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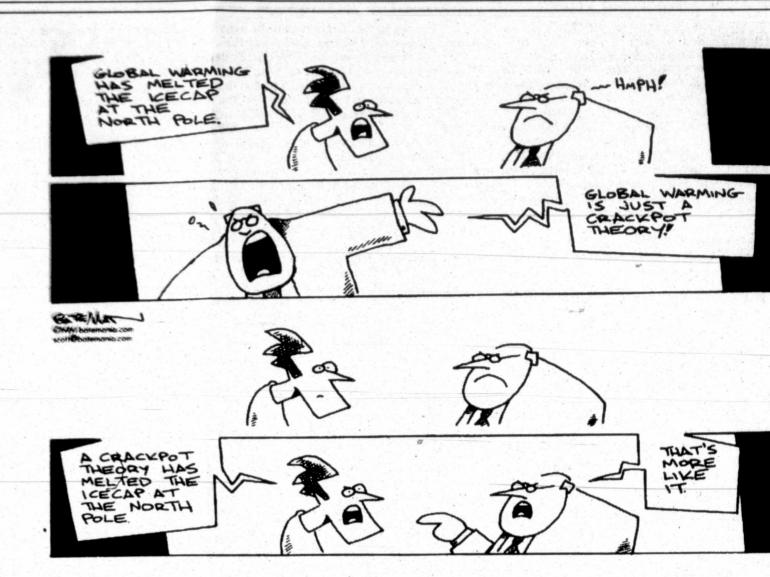
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VIEWPOINTS





Texas Editorials

Longview News-Journal on pipeline safety:

From 1986 to 1999, accidents involving pipelines that carry hazardous liquids resulted in 35 deaths and 235 injuries, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. In contrast, natural gas distribution and transmission pipelines in that same time period have resulted in 296 deaths and injured 1,357 people. The property damage that has resulted from these incidents totals nearly \$1 billion. Yet, a Congress that accepts huge campaign contributions from this industry fails to act.

Its not from a lack of good legislation. There is excellent pipeline safety legislation, including bills introduced by Rep. Bob Franks, R-N.J., and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., that would require more pipeline operator training and periodic pipeline testing and would put more pressure on the Department of Transportation's Office of Pipeline Safety.

The Office of Pipeline Safety has only 55 inspectors to oversee 157,000 miles of pipeline that transport hazardous liquids and more than 2.2 million miles of natural gas lines throughout the country. We need these pipelines to bring us fuel for our homes and cars but we should want to ensure that they do so in a safe manner.

Congress requires that lines be inspected only when they are first installed. That's one of the first things that must be changed. Some of our pipelines are aging, as we have found in the East Texas region.

We could give a litany of heartbreaking cases where pipeline explosions have killed families and children the New London school explosion on March 18, 1937, for one. The most recent, I have listened to some extremely negative laws and on and on and on You get the pic-

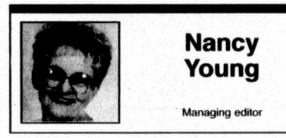
Oil industry impacts local economy

Oil, or rather the lack of it, has been the focus of many conversations recently in the area as elected public officials have been struggling with budgets to run the county, school and city for the upcoming year.

Our economy was driven by the oil and gas industry for many years. The discovery of oil in the 1920s brought many tough people into the area to make money and raise their families. Those people drilled wells, built businesses, built homes and communities. They were tough. They had "grit'. Several descendants of those families are still here.

However, after over 70 years, most of that oil has been pumped out of the ground. It is no longer the "black gold" it once was, and the picture has changed. That does not mean we are going to dry up and blow away!! We've still got tough people.

on Saturday, is typical. A pipeline explosion near Carlsbad, and fatalistic comments the past few weeks ture. N.M., killed 11, including five children. One woman remains in as people are fearful of what the future is Th as people are fearful of what the future is going to bring. And that is natural.



to do it. (Seems to me televised classes would be an alternative, but I'm no authority.)

These classes are what is called "unfunded mandates." It means- you must do it, but you have to pay for it. You, the taxpayer. They do the same thing with insurance, requirements to be a paramedic and a firefighter, law enforcement requirements, teacher testing, drivers license, thousands of

employ 40 people. Sure, there have been some projects which weren't successful. Have we been 100 percent successful in our personal ventures?

I sat in a meeting last week thinking about the people present whose cup was half full and the others whose cup was half empty. You can sure tell the difference.

The local elected representatives are struggling to do the best they can for their communities, schools and counties. Everyone wants the future to look a lot better next year, but sometimes that future is in the eyes of the beholder.

When I was younger I used to think writing news for a newspaper was one of the most thankless jobs in existence, but today it doesn't have that effect on me. My skin has gotten much tougher. I wouldn't want the job of a tax collector. Now, that is a thankless job and the people in those offices are charged with



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critical condition; her parents, husband and two children were among the dead.

Yet our nations lawmakers refuse to pass a bill that would increase penalties for unsafe pipelines, including cash fines and possible shutdown of a substandard pipe, and would require public disclosure of all pipe locations.

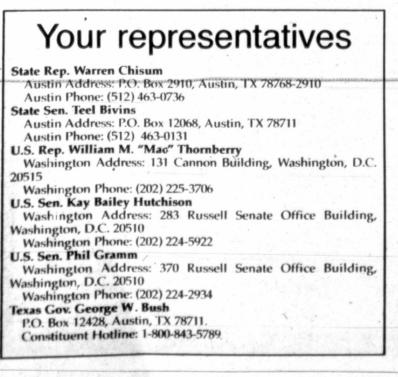
The products in these pipelines not only kill and maim, they pollute. Recall the March 9 incident when a high-pressure 28inch pipeline split, spewed a half-million gallons of gasoline and 50,000 gallons of the toxic additive MTBE, methyl tertiary butyl ether, into Lake Tawakoni. Only last week did Dallas begin to use the lake for water supplies again. But privately owned property also has been polluted with the chemical, and it might take years to clean it up.

Texas, with its 150,000 miles of intrastate pipelines, 80,000 miles of interstate lines and about 20,000 miles of production lines, has more pipeline miles and more accidents 1,654 since 1985 than any other state. California, the second-highest state, had only 495 accidents. In that same time frame, more than 30 million gallons of hazardous liquid has been spilled in Texas three times more than second-place Oklahoma. Its small comfort that the number of accidents per mile of pipelines is under the national average

While most pipeline accidents occur during construction or other digging, weather and geological forces can cause failure. So can corrosion, bad valves and gaskets, material failures and insufficient maintenance. That's why the legislation is needed so badly. It would improve pipeline integrity and inspection practices and increase research and development efforts.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation has approved a bill to reauthorize the Pipeline Safety Act, which expires Sept. 30, through fiscal year 2003 and improve federal pipeline safety. The committee also has passed S.2438, the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act, with a number of important amendments that strengthen the cause of public safety and provide protection for "whistle-blowers" who report pipeline problems. The bill also requires pipeline operators to carry out a detailed analysis to determine potential risks along a pipeline and adopt a plan for addressing problems. States would be allowed to review the plan and suggest changes. It would give the secretary of transportation authority to shut down a pipeline indefinitely in the event of an 'imminent hazard" and lower the threshold for reporting a

pipeline spill from 2,100 gallons to five. The legislation is strongly opposed by the pipeline industry and lawmakers from oil states who say it would add burdensome regulations and costs that would actually diminish safety. That shows a callous disregard for public safety. Its up to the Senate to act and quit catering to the pipeline industry.



Appraised tax valuations are down, reducing the taxable base in the area. Many of our young people are choosing to move away to larger cities to raise their families, make more money and have access to more advanced technology. That has contributed to our school enrollment decline.

The state government tells our elected officials they have to go to classes to be qualified to do their job. Now, these classes aren't held here, or even in Amarillo. They're at A&M, Dallas, Houston, Austin, etc. That costs money! But the state says do it. So, we have

Those local officials are charged with pro- doing a job that is very necessary, but not viding funds in budgets for these require- very well liked. We, the public, could each ments, not to mention providing services to the residents.

Back to the lack of oil. That was our main source of taxable revenue. It helped to educate the majority of us, but it is just about gone. We're going to have to use that education to figure out constructive alternatives.

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation has been busy trying to provide a more diversified economy. They've brought in dairies which are also utilizing our local industry. They've brought in a medical billing/collection business which will for an extended cold front and rain.

make it a little easier on them by realizing those employees don't set the taxes-they just collect them. It kinda goes back to the cups-are they half empty or half full (and manners). We can't breed more oil like we do cattle, but we can be more optimistic. I still believe we've got a lot of tough peo-

ple out there, and we will make it. Many rural areas are experiencing the same problems. A few prayers for those who have to make these budget and tax decisions wouldn't hurt. While you're at it, toss in a prayer

Today in history

By The Associated Press

251st day of 2000. There are 115 China. days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 7, 1940, Nazi Germany Holley in Lubbock, Texas. began its initial "blitz" on London during World War II. On this date:

In 1825, the Marquis de Ohio. Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, bade farewell to President John Quincy Adams at the White House.

Panama, In 1936, rock legend Buddy Washington. Holly was born Charles Hardin

the National Professional Football Hall of than four years. Fame was dedicated in Canton,

In 1969, Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen died in

In 1963,

Washington D.C. In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the United Africa.

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> conspirator G. Gordon Liddy was released from prison after more left for his one-day Finland sum-

In 1979, the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) made its cable TV debut. In 1986, Desmond Tutu was installed as the first black to lead the Anglican Church in southern

In 1998, St. Louis Cardinal in Maris' single-season home run record as he hit No. 61 during a In 1977, convicted Watergate game against the Chicago Cubs.

Ten years ago: President Bush mit with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev. Kimberly Bergalis of Fort Pierce, Fla., came forward to identify herself as the young woman who had been infected with AIDS, apparently by her late dentist. (Bergalis died the following year.)

The ups and downs of speech writing

I was thinking the other day, which would be worse: Being trapped in the Russian sub at the bottom of the Barents Sea, or being trapped in the convention center in Los Angeles and having to sit through Bill and Hillary Clinton's speeches?

I was leaning toward the sub.

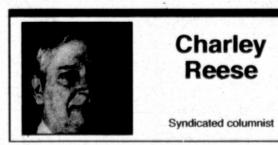
At any rate, the staged conventions are over, and people have a choice that they can exercise Nov. 7. I urge everyone to vote because it's going to be a close call.

There's an old story that makes the rounds among speechwriters about a guy who had to write speeches for a very arrogant and obnoxious politician. About the only virtue the politician possessed was that he was a quick read. He never asked for the speeches the lieutenant governor proposed, for the in advance, for he could lay it on the podium sake of making news, much tougher laws on and deliver it perfectly just by glancing at the pages. (Speeches, by the way, are written in extra-large type.)

At any rate, this speechwriter deliberately delayed giving his boss the speech until just before he stepped up to the podium.

After a few preliminary remarks, the speech text said, "And now, ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to lay out a three-point program that will reform the tax code, guarantee peace in the world and repair all the problems with Social Security."

The politician turned the page and there, written in hand, were the words: "Now you're on your own, you (expletive). I quit."



I never did that when I was a speechwriter. Yes, I confess that in the distant past, I was a professional hired gun in political campaigns and worked on the staff of a governor and lieutenant governor.

I did write a speech once, though, in which drunken driving. He was to speak at a national convention of highway safety engineers, and we both thought that it would be an appropriate topic.

When he returned, I asked how it went, and he said, "Not worth a damn, Reese." By the time I got up to speak, they were all drunk."

This man was, believe it or not, a reluctant politician. The job of lieutenant governor in that particular state had no duties, except to do whatever the governor told him to do. Since the governor loved the spotlight, that was usually nothing.

One day, his secretary, who was in the next have to do it anymore.

room, called him to ask a question. He answered it and started to ask her a question, but she hung up in his ear before he said two words. The lieutenant governor, a man of extremely mild disposition who never cursed, sat there a moment holding the phone and finally said to no one in particular, "Not even the (expletive) secretaries respect the lieutenant governor.'

My proudest accomplishment as a speechwriter, however, was the speech I wrote for a Catholic nun who was the administrator of a children's hospital. The firm I worked for was handling the hospital's public relations. ister Anne told me that the other sisters thought the speech sounded just like her. I thought that to be a fine compliment for, at the time, a hard-drinking sinner like me.

As I watched the two conventions in extremely small doses, memories of the old days in partisan politics and campaigns came back. It is an exciting and interesting life, despite the long hours and hectic schedules. It's interesting being around the true believers who give their hearts and souls to their candidates and make a huge emotional investment in the out-come.

The nostalgia came and went like a wisp of fog. The Russian sub still seems almost preferable to sitting through a Bill and Hillary speech or a Joe and Al speech. I'm lad I did it, but I'm gladder that I don't after Vu Jury c

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Texas round-up

Houston outpaces Los Angeles to retake "smoggiest city" lead

HOUSTON (AP) — A series of sweltering days and soaring ozone levels has pushed Houston ahead of Los Angeles for the title of the nation's smoggiest city, just as southern California's smog season could be winding down.

Houston recorded its ninth consecutive day with an ozone reading above the national health standard Wednesday, giving the city a three-day edge of unhealthful ozone readings over its California rival, the Houston Chronicle reported in Thursday's editions.

As of Wednesday, the most recent available date for comparisons, Houston posted 37 days this year when air exceeded the national health-based limit for ozone, compared with 34 for Los Angeles.

"High pressure dictates stagnant air. You have no clouds and no wind," said Steve Allen, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Houston. "The pollutants that are there are going to stay there. You cook them everyday with the sun, and you get a lot of ozone.

On Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, Houston hit 107 degrees, and on Sept. 4, the city hit 109, shattering the record set on July 23, 1980.

Judge closes Web site accused of selling phony shares in new Houston NFL franchise

HOUSTON (AP) — A Web site the Security and Exchange Commission claims was purposely designed to mislead investors by offering fake shares of the new Houston Texans NFL franchise has been ordered closed by a federal judge.

The SEC said the Web page, www.houstontexans-nfl.com, failed to disclose that its owner, Edgar A. Guilbeau, and his company, Houston Texans NFL Football Team Holding Co., are not affiliated with the NFL or the new Houston franchise, the Houston Chronicle reported in Thursday's editions.

The SEC said Guilbeau's site also did not disclose that the stock offering is not registered with the SEC and created the illusion that Guilbeau's company was prosperous by listing a prosperous Houston address.

The FBI on Wednesday issued a search warrant for Guilbeau's Houston residence. FBI spokesman Bob Doguim said that details of the search were not released because it was a sealed affidavit.

Guilbeau, who registered the company name with the Texas Secretary of State's office last spring, and filed twice for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in the 1990s, could not be reached for comment early Thursday morning by The Associated Press.

Suspect arrested in bathtub killings named as suspect earlier, but not interviewed

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ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The man arrested in connection with the slayings of two teachers whose naked bodies were found in their bathtubs has been on a list of suspects since 1996. Yet, the first contact police had with 27-year-old Dale Devon Scheanette was his Tuesday arrest, police said.

"He was on a list of a multitude of people who would eventually be interviewed," Arlington detective Tom LeNoir told the Arlington Morning News in Thursday's editions.

Skyla Taylor, older sister of one victim, 22-year-old Wendie Prescott, said the police should have interviewed Scheanette sooner. But she said she was grateful they followed through eventually.

"Yes, that was overlooked, but we all overlook things," Taylor said. "They got him, though, and hopefully this is the right one." Scheanette was charged Wednesday with two counts of capital

murder in connection with the deaths of Prescott and Christine Vu, who lived in the same apartment complex as Scheanette but apparently did not know him, police said.

Both women were found face down in a partially filled bathtub. Prescott was found dead on Christmas Day in 1996, three months after Vu's murder in the same complex.

Get your motor runnin' ...



The Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats recently welcomed Outback Cycle at 2525 Royal off Price Road. From left, CofC representatives Clay Rice, Royce Jordan, John Warner, Pat Montoya and Jack Reeve. Adam Keller, on motorcycle, is the company owner.

Coroner says elderly couple was strangled

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) - An Texas. elderly couple found behind the taped up door to the back bed- ties a phone number to reach his room of their island home had parents, deputies went to the

Wednesday.

Charles Harvey ruled the deaths Hisey consented to a search of the homicides, The Galveston County home and opened the room con-Daily News reported in taining the bodies voluntarily. Thursday's editions.

David Sidney Hisey, 51, bodies, he reportedly went into remained in Galveston County Jail another room, pulled a rifle from on \$10,000 bond for two counts of under a couch and tried to shoot abuse of a corpse. Hisey allegedly himself in the head. Another kept the bodies in the back bed-deputy tackle Hisey and he was room for up to two months and arrested. ombs to co

After he failed to give authoribeen strangled, authorities said house daily, but with little luck.

They caught up with Hisey as Galveston County coroner he drove up to the home Aug. 31.

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"INFORMAL" WORSHIP

Jury could sentence teens Thursday for robbery turned fatal fire

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury Thursday could determine the fates of three teen-agers convicted of felony murder in the deaths of two firefighters who suffocated while battling a blaze set during the burglary of a southwest Houston fast-food restaurant.

Allen Gerome Davis, 17, and brothers Pedro Isreal Loredo, 19 and Juan Torres, 17, face sentences ranging from life in prison to probation for felony murder for the Feb. 14 deaths of veteran firefighters Lewis Mayo, 44, and Kimberly Smith, 30.

Testimony in the punishment phase was scheduled to continue Thursday.

The three teens admit to the early morning break-in at a southeast Houston McDonald's. Armed with a key and safe code allegedly provided by an assistant manager along with a sack full of cutting torches, they hoped to make a big score.

Lawyers for Davis and Loredo suggested during the trial that Torres, angry that they did not make the big score they anticipated, set the fire intentionally. Torres' attorney implied the blaze was accidental.

Prosecutors countered the three decided to raze the building to cover their tracks. Firefighters were en route even as they made their getaway, prosecutor Steve Baldassano said.

Mayo and Smith had rushed a hose into the building when the roof collapsed. They did not emerge when firefighters were ordered to clear out. Their bodies were carried from the rubble later in the morning. Autopsies showed they died of smoke inhalation.

Houston man sentenced for federal hacking

HOUSTON (AP) - A 20-year-old Houston man was sentenced in federal court Wednesday to 26 months in prison and three years supervised release for vandalizing White House, Army and Senate computers.

Patrick W. Gregory also was ordered by U.S. District Judge Jorge A. Solis to pay \$154,529.86 in restitution after pleading guilty to charges of conspiracy to commit telecommunications fraud and computer hacking in April.

Gregory, who gave himself the digital persona "MostHateD," used stolen personal identification numbers and credit card numbers to illegally access teleconferencing systems of companies including AT&T, MCI and Sprint.

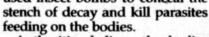
Sonic Volleyball Tournament **September 16, 2000**

Six man team, \$6.00 donation for each team. donation will go to the Special Olympics.

Each team member will be given a gift for their donation.

Winning team will get the SONIC GOLD. contact Julie at 669-7743 for more info.

Entries due by September 9, 2000



Authorities believe the bodies are Hisey's pensioner parents: Hollis Hisey, 85, and Sunnye Hisey, 91. Hisey is believed to have concealed their deaths to collect \$3,000 a month in Social Security and other benefits.

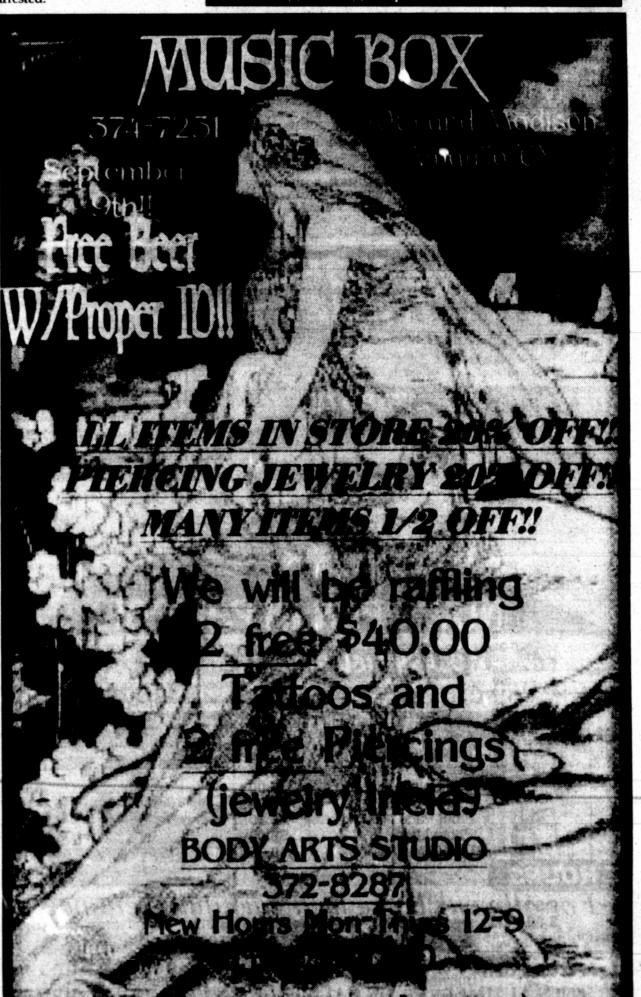
Hisey had also allegedly been eating Meals on Wheels food brought to the home for his parents.

The unemployed shrimper had not been charged with his parents' murders Wednesday.

Authorities began searching for the Hiseys after a daughter, who lives in Texas City, told a Galveston County commissioner she was concerned she hadn't heard from her parents.

Adult Protective Services visited the home, and Hisey told them his parents were vacationing in East





Rotarians receive Paul Harris Fellow

Presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow recognition is the Rotary Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for a contribution of \$1,000 or more to its humanitarian and educational programs. The award is named after the organization's founder, Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer who started Rotary International with three business associates in 1905.

Paulette of Odessa presented a Chicago lawyer who started three Paul Harris Fellow Rotary International with three awards at the Pampa Rotary business associates in 1905. Club's meeting recently.

Wilkinson each received the include the following: award, and Richard Stowers was presented with an award Jamaica that increases family given in memory of his grand- income for 700 farmers; father, Frank M. Culberson.

Lowry received a Paul Harris clean water for 300 people; Fellow award making him the fourth member in his family 25 to receive the award. Mike Calcutta, India; Ruff, chairman of the local Rotary Foundation, presented businesses for poor mothers the award. Lowry is the son of in low income districts of Dr. Joe and Margaret Lowry.

Presentation of a Paul Harris Rotary Foundation's way of dren in Guatemala; expressing its appreciation for more to its humanitarian and Mali; or educational programs. The award is named after the orga- widow in Uganda.

District 5730 Governor R.C. nization's founder, Paul Harris,

Examples of what the Anna Booze and Ernie Rotary Foundation funds

establish a tree nursery in

 furnish needed materials At the July meeting, Tim for a well India to supply

 provide artificial limbs for disabled persons in

 establish 10 small sewing Caborca, Mexico;

. buy school supplies for Fellow recognition is the more than 1,200 needy chil-

 provide enhanced medical a contribution of \$1,000 or services for 830 people in

• purchase a cow for a war-



Rotary District Governor R.C. Paulette and his wife Irene, far left, congratulate Paul Harris Fellows, Ernle Wilkinson, Anna Booze and Richard Stowers following the presentation of the awards at the August Rotary meeting at the Pampa Country Club.

Odds and ends

Robber blows whistle on Benson told officers he stole the self

LANCASTER, S.C. (AP) -Only one person was affected when Robert Everett Benson called 911 to report a convenience store robbery — himself.

Authorities say a sobbing gation has gotten even bigger. Benson called police Wednesday to report that he had robbed the Meeting Street Express.

A clerk at the store said a man came in to buy gum earlier, then reached over the counter and grabbed about \$50 dollars from the register before fleeing.

Two hours later, sheriff's dispatchers received a call from a sixth mother, gave birth to six man who "was crying and kept more babies, stating that he had just robbed a store," according to a police known as "Randy Ray report. Benson was arrested at Juan" - lived in a tank with nine another convenience store, where females, but was removed in July authorities say he used a pay after 13 pups were born in two phone to turn himself in. Police Chief Hugh White said

money to support a drug habit.

'Big Boy' barred from aquarium

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) Big Boy's reputation for propa-

The famed "Stingray Stud" in the Mall of America's Underwater Adventures aquarium has fathered yet another school of offspring, officials announced Wednesday.

The total number of pups fathered by Big Boy this year increased to 21 after Scarlet, the

Previously, Big Boy - also or "Don

said officials were considering letting Big Boy back into the harem when they discovered the most recent newborns. Now, he said, er, Brandon, 7, insisted the screams Big Boy probably won't get to see his girlfriends until sometime in 2001.

Until this year, aquarium staff ing a game, but then I saw it was members were beginning to wonder if Big Boy would ever be a bor's," Welding said. father. He had lived with two females since 1996, but had never produced a pup until this year.

Youngsters hear trapped man's cries for help

MORRISON, Ill. (AP) - When some children playing outside told their mother they were hearing screams for help, she at first

But twins Hannah and Haley enough for a little air. Welding, 10, and their cousins, Colten Anderson, 9, and his brothwere coming from the trunk of a neighbor's car. "I really thought they were play-

for real and I headed to my neigh-

Richard Kuehl, 67, had crawled inside the trunk of his 1988 Lincoln in the family's garage to repair the lid Sunday afternoon when the prop fell out, trapping him inside for more than an hour. His wife, Karen, was at home, but was inside with the air conditioning on and couldn't hear him. parrot in recent months.

Kuehl said he tried everything

When he got out, he looked

very weak," Hannah Welding said. "But he gave us a hug and a kiss and he said, 'Thank you, kids.

Sheriff's office houses orphaned animals

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio (AP) -Belmont County authorities have been housing more than prisoners lately.

The sheriff's office in this eastern Ohio community has served as a repository for all sorts of orphaned animals: a fox, an African lion and a singing, talking

ossession of

"The family didn't know what to do with it so they called us,' Sheriff Tom McCort said.

The sheriff said the office contacted several zoos and was told that once an animal is handled by humans, wild animals would kill it. The larger zoos recommended that the sheriff euthanize the lioness, but that was an option McCort didn't want to consider.

Finally, an animal relocation service in Texas put McCort in touch with an Ohio woman who rescues exotic large felines and allows them to live out their days in a habitat that closely replicates their natural one.

Most recently, the office came in License plate prefix caus-

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Words of Prophecy as received in Israel by Hattie August 23-25, 2000

"I heard a voice say:" "You must wake up and tell your son to warn the peoplell"

"You stand on the edge of Eternity! I What you have done you have done, it is done Forever, no more time, no more time to Repent!

This is eternity, there is no more time! Unless you have Repented before it is now too late!

But even at this late, last moment, I will help you if you only trust in Me."

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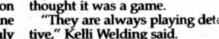
Now You stand on the edge of Eternity!!"

"Oh! I heard that over and over, it was awful!!

"And then I saw-a Cemetery,--and the Dead in Christ shall arise first. And in that day some shall arise to Everlasting Life and some shall arise to Everlasting Death!

Oh choose you this day whom you will serve, for the Devil and the World are making a bid for thee"-

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et out, but nothing worked. "They are always playing detec- With a tire iron, he finally was able African lioness after the death of to spring the lid on one corner far its owner.

P.E.O. book review, luncheon in offing

fund-raiser is slated at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 16, at Pampa Country Club. The book "The Wheel of Life - A Memoir of Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, M.D.," will be reviewed by Carol Headrick of Stillwater, Okla. Kubler-Ross is credited with bringing the hospice movement to the United States.

This is the fourth year for Texas native Carol Headrick to come to Pampa. She is a speech lan-Oklahoma State University. While raising three ship fund.

P.E.O. Chapter CS Brunch and Book Review sons, she taught for 24 years at OSU, retiring in 1997 to devote herself full-time to book reviews. Reviewing one book in the fall and another in the spring, she memorizes the book and presents the story in first-person. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from

Chapter CS members. Participants may RSVP by calling 665-0171 or 665-7064 no later than Monday, Sept. 11. The public is cordially invited to attend. guage pathologist and professor emeritus from Proceeds will benefit the organization's scholar-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY **OF PAMPA PROPOSED 2000-2001 BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the proposed 2000-2001 City of Pampa Operating Budget. The hearing will be held by the City Commission on the 12th day of September, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, 200 W. Foster, Pampa, Texas. All taxpayers and other interested persons are requested to be present and participate in said hearing. A copy of the 2000-2001 proposed budget is on file in the Office of the City Secretary for public review. Phyllis Jeffers City Secretary

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PULASKI, Tenn. (AP) - The new license plate prefix is weighing heavily on the minds of some Giles County drivers.

When they handed it to me I said, 'Now really, give me my license plate," said Ronnie Rose, who was issued FAT 058 for his white Lincoln. "I though it was a prank at first. I mean, some people think it's my personalized plate." About 300 license plates with

the prefix were issued in the southern Tennessee county this summer - the same number returned to the state because several outraged drivers refused to pay for them.

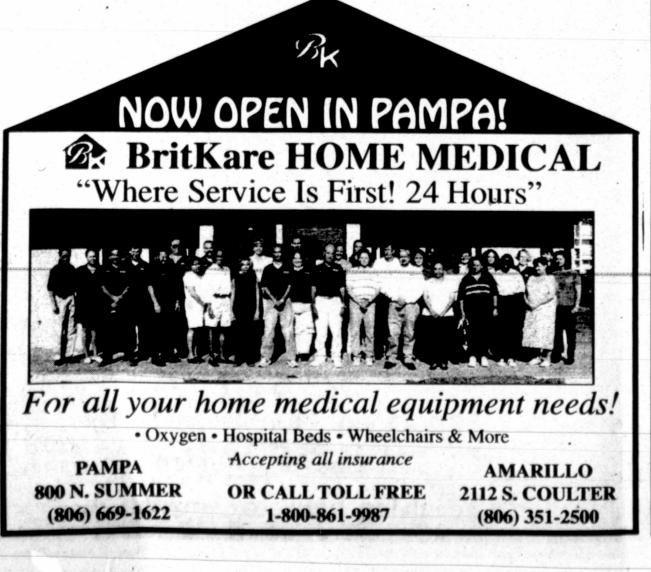
The FAT tag was issued to holders of Tennessee's 1994 standard bicentennial plate, which was replaced this year.

The state also started using vowels in its license combinations - FAT, DUM, DUH and DUD so it could issue more standard

plates.

County clerk Emily Townsend began offering tags with another prefix assigned to the county — FAV — for an additional \$6.75. The standard plate costs about \$32.

H & R Block Tax Services, Inc.



H & R Block Tax Course Begins September 11th

H & Block, the world's largest tax preparation service is offering an income tax course starting September 11, with morning, afternoon and evening classes available. Classes will be offered at area locations.

H & R Block designed this course to suit people who want to increase their tax knowledge, and save money on taxes, or who are looking for a second career or seasonal part-time earnings.

Registration forms and a brochure for the income, tax course may be obtained by contacting H & R Block, 1301 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas,

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For more information, 1-806-665-2161.

Completion of the course is neither an offer or a guarantee of employment.

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House doesn't appear likely to override Clinton estate tax veto

WASHINGTON (AP) - If they fail to override President Clinton's veto of a bill repealing estate taxes, House Republicans want to make sure the vote makes Democrats uncomfortable and underscores for voters the GOP commitment to tax cuts.

While the House was scheduled to hold the override vote Thursday, GOP leaders all but conceded it was unlikely they would get the necessary two-thirds vote.

"We're hopeful we can get very close," said Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma, the fourth-ranking House Republican leader.

In a 279-136 vote in June, 65 Democrats and one independent joined all 213 Republicans voting as the House agreed to phase out inheritance taxes at a cost of \$105 billion over 10 years.

While the margin was just over the two-thirds margin needed to override a veto, Democratic leaders say 11 of their members who missed the vote support Clinton's action and that at least 10 more would be persuaded to switch sides.

"I think we'll sustain the veto," Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers told reporters, adding that the Clinton administration was working with House Democrats to shore up support.

Even if the House did vote to override the veto, a two-thirds Senate margin also would be required and the 59-39 Senate vote to pass the bill in July was eight short of that threshold.

Although the first \$675,000 of an estate is exempt from tax and only about 2 percent of estates are affected each year, repealing the tax has grown in popularity on Capitol Hill. One reason is a forceful lobbying campaign led by the National Association of Manufacturers, American Farm Bureau Federation and National Federation of Independent Business. The groups contend the tax is inherently unfair.

Dan Danner, a senior vice president at the small business group, said its 600,000 members "will keep a particularly close eye ... on those who desert their earlier support of death tax relief."

Next week, the House will decide whether to sustain the president's veto of the 10-year, \$292 billion marriage penalty tax cut, for which 53 House Democrats voted.

Clinton has said he would sign less costly versions of both bills as long as the tax relief is directed more toward middle-income people. There is some sentiment in GOP ranks to demonstrate an electionyear willingness to compromise, but other Republicans prefer a clear

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Three Cheers For Football Savings Sale **Application to Re-Enter**

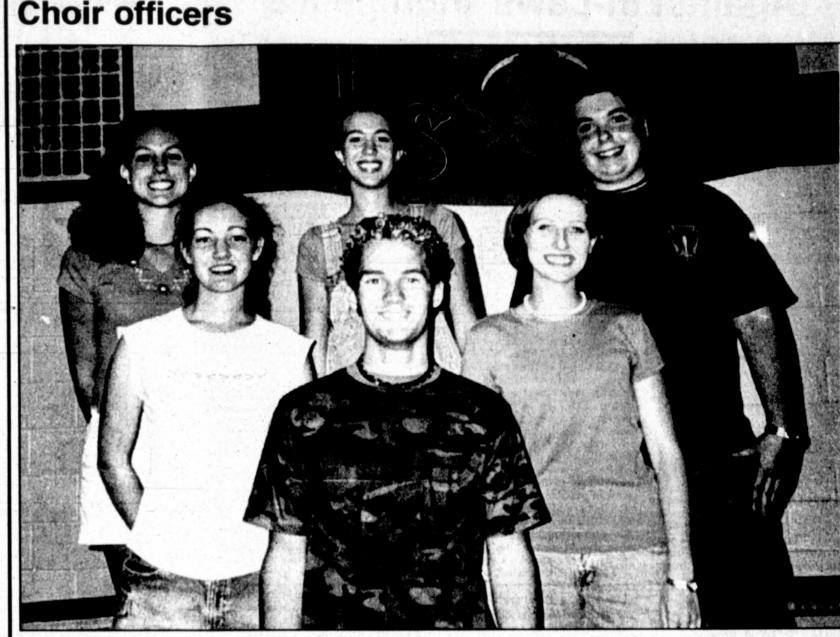
dividing line on tax issues for voters.

"We've made the point. We've made the effort," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. "Unfortunately, President Clinton continues to talk one way and do something else.

of passing individual tax cuts that rely on projected budget surplus-

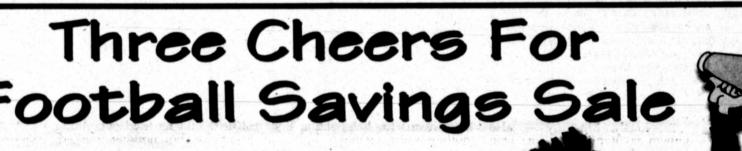
es makes it impossible to determine the cuts' overall impact on the economy and on priorities such as education, Social Security, Medicare and paying down the federal debt.

"We need to have a much clearer idea about where we're going Summers said the administration maintains that the GOP approach before we're able to make judgments on individual tax pieces, Summers said.



(Community Camera photo)

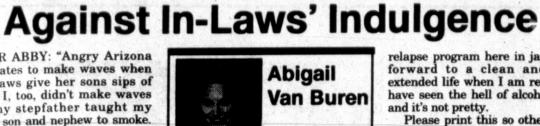
The following Pampa High School Concert Choir officers were recently installed for the 2000-01 school year: (Back) Katherine Zemanek, secretary; Jessica Morrison, historian; Lance Burton, secretary; (middle) Maegan Dyer, activities chairman; Meredith Hendricks, vice president; and (front) Josh Gibson, president.





Plugged Wells

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not always popular. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to

"Angry Mom in Arizona," whose

father-in-law allows his young

grandchildren to take "sips" of his

from the Hillsborough County Jail

in Tampa, Fla. I am here because of

a fourth DUI (driving under the

influence) arrest - the result of 20

Abby, I was brought up to sip from my dad's and uncles' beers. I

vividly remember the first time I

got drunk. I was 5. I honestly believe it triggered something in my

Forget the legal issues and the

morality of giving liquor to small

children. Consider instead the very

real danger of alcohol poisoning and

That grandfather is doing some-

thing detrimental to the welfare of

those innocent children. The par-

ents should forget about "hurting

I am finishing a court-ordered

his feelings" and put a stop to it.

years of alcohol abuse.

body. I loved the taste.

a life of possible addiction!

I am a 37-year-old male writing

beer.

Mom Must Hold Her Ground

DEAR ABBY: "Angry Arizona Mom" hates to make waves when her in-laws give her sons sips of alcohol. I, too, didn't make waves when my stepfather taught my younger son and nephew to smoke. I wanted the boys to have a good relationship with their grandfather. Today, they both smoke, and although they talk of quitting, they can't because they are so severely hooked

I also said nothing when my brother and sister were slipping off during family parties to smoke a joint. As a result, I sent my own children the message that smoking joints was OK. My nephew ended up having his stomach pumped to save him from an overdose of drugs, and my son was discharged from military service due to his addiction to drugs

I have finally wised up, Abby. I have laid down the law to protect my grandchildren. If I had it to do over again, I would draw the line sooner. Parents must stand up for what is right. Hurting the feelings of in-laws is a small price to pay for protecting one's children.

SADDER BUT WISER IN FLORIDA

DEAR WISER: I'm pleased you finally found the conviction to speak out for what you know is right. Children cannot be expected to know what they haven't been taught. That's why adults are supposed to make mature decisions even if they're



FRIDAY, SEPT. 8, 2000 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)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You wake up on the right side of the bed. No matter how impulsive and carefree you are, everything works. Handle serious matters immediately so you can become more frivolous. Good news follows you all day long. What would make you smile? Go for that right now. Others respond. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) * * * * Keep a perspective, but keep smiling. Good news greets you as the

relapse program here in jail. I look forward to a clean and sober extended life when I am released. I have seen the hell of alcohol abuse and it's not pretty. Please print this so others won't have to experience what I have been through.

LOOKING FORWARD TO FREEDOM

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DEAR LOOKING FORWARD: If your testimonial doesn't get the attention of parents, nothing will. I have been told that children in families of alcoholics can have a genetic pre-disposition to the disease themselves, and that many alcoholics report having that same feeling of "completion" that you described upon tasting their first drink - another reason why it's unwise to allow small children to develop a taste for alcohol.

To order "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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

do their thing. You get to pick and choose. Your sense of humor emerges with a child or loved one. Share feelings through a special gift that means a lot to both of you. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Intuitively, you know what you are doing and where you are going. Speak to a loved one or child. Let him express his feelings. Adjust plans accordingly. Your sense of humor comes out at work, easing some of the weight of a project. Make a call to a friend or an old heartthrob at a distance. Tonight: Just don't push yourself too hard. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Let your imagination take off. Charge some of this energy into work. What you achieve professionally could delight you as well as associates. ancial will need to make a money decision. Think it through carefully. A boss rewards you in an unanticipated way. Tonight: Play the night away. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Stay close to home. Honor domestic priorities. You could be confused about a decision that is forthcoming. You might waffle as you gather information. Recognize the many possibilities that surround you. You are your own best counsel. Evaluate news from an

Good teelings mark your office. Ask for more of what you want. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

* * * Expenses go overboard without you even trying. Others know how to tempt you and lead you in another direction. You decide to throw caution to the wind and go for what you want. Socialize and enjoy friends and co-workers. A talk helps you see another point of view. Lighten up about a problem. Tonight: Worry less.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

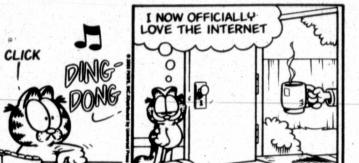
* * * * * Let others express their opinions, especially at work. Bosses are pleased with a work situation and how -workers interrelate. A special opportunity comes from out of the blue. Though it might mean longer hours, you also see rewards. A boss finally gives you the acknowledgment you need. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Assume a low profile, or at least don't tell everyone what you have on your mind. Set guidelines with a loved one. Later, you can add more lightness to the relationship. Let the child in you out, and become more playful and open. A friend coaxes you into trying something new. Tonight: Keep it low-



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GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** A partner or associate presents good news. You might even decide to take the day off. Let the good times roll and go with spontaneity. One-on-one relating brings success. Don't hem and haw. Just charge right in. Once you decide to let go and get into a weekend mindset, others cheer. Tonight: Just ask (expect a yes!)

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Aim for exactly what you want. Do not mince words, and stay on top of discussions. What has been a problem professionally takes a different turn when you have an important one-on-one talk. Good will prevails in this new atmosphere. Check on a family member. Good news surrounds your personal life. Tonight: Where the gang is.

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NEW YORK (AP) -About 15.4 million households tuned in to watch comedian Dennis Miller's regular-season debut in the "Monday Night Football" broadcast booth.

Numbers released Wednesday by Nielsen Media Research held mixed news for ABC Sports, which brought Miller aboard in hopes of sparking interest in a show that has seen ratings drop for five straight seasons. The three-hour telecast of the St. Louis Rams' 41-36 victory over the Denver Broncos earned a 15.3 national rating with a 26 share, meaning an estimated 48 million people watched. That rating was down 5 percent from last year's 16.1/27 for the opener between Miami and Denver, which was played a week after Labor Day.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — The wins are starting to come for Jose Lima after a disastrous 1-13 start.

"There's nothing different about me," Lima said after leading the Houston Astros to a 13-5 victory over the Florida Marlins on Wednesday night. "I just go out and have fun now."

Lima (7-15) allowed five runs and seven hits in eight innings, struck out six and improved to 6-2 in 12 starts since July 9.

"The good thing about Lima is he always thinks he can win," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "He expects the team to score and he expects them to field good behind him. He has that spirit about him and that's in his favor."

Lima, 5-1 at Enron Field since ending his team-record 13 game losing streak, also

Pampa tennis team routs PD in District 3-4A opener

PAMPA — The Pampa tennis team came close to a shutout in the District 3-4A opener Tuesday. They soundly defeating Palo Duro 18-1

at the PHS courts. "I was pleased to get the first district match behind us with a solid win. We discovered a lot of areas that need improvement, so 6-1, 6-0. we will be back to work tomorrow," said Pampa coach Carolyn Quarles.

Coach Quarles said Players of the Cornelison, Bryce Jordan, Matt 6. Cook, A.J. Smith, Jared Spearman, David Thacker and Jay Gerber for 6-1, 2-6, 6-2. the boys team.

"They lost only six games total in three doubles matches and won all seven singles matches, never Ratsavong, 6-0, 6-0. dropping a set," Quarles said. Pampa plays at Hereford on Nguyen, 6-0, 6-0.

Pampa 18, Palo Duro 1 **Boys Singles**

Saturday.

Michael Cornelison (P) def. Vic Kommarongsa, 6-1, 6-0. Bryce Jordan (P) def. Sam Nguyen, 6-1, 6-0. Matt Cook (P) def. Be

Thongthep, 6-0, 6-2. A.J. Smith (P) def. Marvin Dang, Girls Doubles

6-0, 6-0.

Tennis Jared Spearman (P) def. B.I.

Lvangpraseuth, 6-0, 6-3. David Thacker (P) def. Ricky Gonzalez, 6-4, (8-6).

Girls Singles

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Michelle Lee (P) def. Loan Lao,

Ashlei Jordan (P) def. Kathy Vongsavath, 6-1, 6-1. Stacie Carter (P) def. Bonnie

Tara Jordan (P) def. Sarah

6-2, 6-2.

Boys Doubles

Cornelison-Jordan (P) def. Kommavongsu-Nguyen, 6-1, 6-2. Smith-Spearman (P) def. Thongtheys-Luangprasevth, 6-2, **6-0**.

Cook-Gerber (P) def Dang-Pham, 6-1, 6-0.

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Nguyen-Linda Ca, 6-1, 6-0. Thacker-Carter (P) def. Lao-Gonzalez, 6-1, 6-3.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Four-time champion Pete Sampras beat Richard Krajicek 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-2 to advance to the semifinals of the \$15 million U.S. Open for the seventh time.

Krajicek had been 6-3 against Sampras and is the only man to beat Sampras at Wimbledon in the past eight years. Sampras, at No. 4 the highest

remaining seed on the men's side, will meet No. 9 Lleyton Hewitt, 19, Helen Brooks (P) def. Linda Ca, who beat unseeded Arnaud Clement 6-2, 6-4, 6-3 to become the youngest men's semifinalist since Sampras during his title run in 1990.

> Lindsay Davenport, the 1998 women's champion, routed defending champion Serena Williams 6-4, 6-2 in the quarterfinals, ending a string of five straight losses to her over the past



Pampa News photo by Lance Burton)

A leaping Jay Gerber of Pampa smashes a shot across the net in District 3-4A action against visiting Palo Duro.

Harvesters favored by 12 over visiting Estacado

PAMPA — Pampa jumped out to a 21-0 lead against Dalhart and never looked back in the season football opener last weekend.

Pampa wound up winning 35-0 and could be looking to go 2-0 against visiting be. Lubbock Estacado.

The Harris Ratings came out this week listing the Harvesters as a 12-point favorite over the Matadors, who open their season Friday night in Harvester Stadium.

"Pampa's going to be a good out a little bit more about ourselves, maybe more than we want to know," said Estacado coach Louis Kelley. "It's a typical Pampa team. They're well-coached and tough as nails." Estacado has had consecutive 2-8 seasons and things may not improve much for the Matadors in 2000. A lack of depth and inexperienced players are Estacado's primary problems. The Matadors, however, will be able to put speed and quickness on the field.

High School Football

positions, but we're going to Estacado is this is a team on a

Running back Antoine Sheppard and split end Willie Matadors for 25 years. Powell both have 4.5 speed in the 40. Chris Scott at defen- bright spot in the season sive back is another speed opener against Dalhart. merchant.

first game for us. We'll find mation offense is senior quar- ed the Golden Wolves to only terback Corey Morrison, a returning starter.

be pretty green in the interior mission. This may be coach of the line on both sides of the Kelley's last go-around and ball. It's going to take some they want to send him out time to get where we need to with a winning record," said Cavalier.

Kelley has coached the

Pampa's defense was the

Paced by linebacker Jason Directing Estacado's I-for- Burklow, the Harvesters limit-

nullified because of penalties. quickness. Speed-wise we

worked the kinks out as the well," said Cougars head game went along and the coach Curtis Smith. Harvesters finished with 363 Fort Elliott's spread offense total yards. Those 151 yards in will be guided by senior quarpenalties didn't stop the terback Richard Rowe. Rowe Harvesters for long. Roark and running back Nathan rushed for 108 yards and Hefley are the only seniors threw for 84 more as the starting on offense. Seth Pampa offense make the Meadows and game-breaking plays. He Hathaway, a pair of sophothrew TD passes to Thomas mores, are battling for the Long (3 yards) and Tony Beck starting position at center. (53 yards), and ran for two. Other probable starters are scores.

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Jason junior Aaron Hartline (wing

Jay Gerber (P) def. Dung Pham,

ive up two more homers to increase his major leagueleading total to 42.

"Lima pitched good, but we hit him decent," Florida's Mike Lowell said. "You get five runs and you figure you are in the game. They just outslugged us tonight.'

. Lima is eight shy of the major league record for home runs allowed, set by Bert Blyleven with Minnesota in 1986. He is also four short of Robin Roberts' National League record set in 1956.

Chris Truby led the Houston with a home run, a triple and three RBIs.

Truby, hitting .272 with eight homers and 38 RBIs, tied his career high with three hits.

"In the beginning, I was hitting a lot of line drives and I knew I wasn't going to stay up here doing that," Truby said. "But I have been able to add some power lately and that should help."

Dierker said the Astros at first worried about whether Truby could hit major league fastballs.

"But lately he has been catching up with them pretty well," Dierker said. "He has been getting his hands back a little and that has helped him get around quicker."

The Marlins were being managed by third-base coach Fredi Gonzalez since manager John Boles went to Chicago to be with his ailing father. Jesus Sanchez (8-10) was knocked out in the fifth when the Astros got seven runs on five hits, including three straight doubles.

Truby put Houston ahead with an RBI triple in the first, but Derrek Lee's run-scoring single tied it in the fourth.

Moises Alou's 27th homer again gave Houston the lead in the bottom half, but Preston Wilson's 25th homer, a threerun drive, gave Florida a 4-2 lead in the fifth.

Houston took a 6-4 lead in the big bottom half when Julio Lugo and Jeff Bagwell hit consecutive two-run doubles.

Hidalgo followed with an RBI double that chased Sanchez, and Truby hit a tworun homer off Manny Aybar that made it 9-4.

Hidalgo added a sacrifice fly in the sixth.

"Overall, we're going to have pretty good speed," said Kelley. "We've got pretty good experience at the skill

"He's an excellent quarterback, very versatile," said solo tackles and five assists to Pampa coach Dennis Cavalier. lead the Harvester defense. "We've watched Estacado in He tackled ballcarriers three two scrimmages and the thing times for losses. Tackle Taylor that really stuck out in my Harris and end Andy mind about them is their Schroeder also turned in some blocking, especially their big hits. backs. They blocked very Two well. One of their scrimmages were set up by the defense. A was against Hereford, which fumble recovery by special is favored to win our district teams player Armando again, and Estacado broke Tarango and an interception three against them.

Estacado's biggest player is touchdown on a reverse play 280-pound junior Marty Moss, in the first quarter. who is expected to start at Pampa's new spread offense offensive tackle.

"From what I sense about so much by Dalhart defend-

54 total yards. Just two yards came on the ground.

Burklow finished with six

Two Pampa touchdowns long touchdowns by Lane Baker led to scores. Tarango had scored the first

Mighty Lions

spective. Dalhart was pretty (wide receiver). much undermanned and with have enough players to com- and Lee Horn at ends; pete," Cavalier said. "At the Nathan Hefley at middle linefrom what our guys did. It Caleb Kirkpatrick at safeties. was-a superior effort."

BRISCOE — The Fort Elliott Cougars will be looking for an tive 6-4 records the past two edge in quickness in their six- seasons, but missed out on the man football opener Friday playoffs. night. Hedley may be looking for the same thing.

"We were ready and primed back), sophomore Kade to have a good game, but I Zybach (wide receiver) and want to keep things in per- freshman Junior Newman

Defensively, Justin Hefley their injuries they just didn't will be at noseguard, Rowe

same time I don't to detract backer, Mondy Hand and

"We like to spread people and so does Hedley. I look for it to be a pretty even game," Smith added.

Fort Elliott has had respec-

Hedley, like Fort Elliott, has never been to the playoffs. "Hedley's going to be simi- The Owls were 3-7 last season.

Cowboys' owner says he's ready for a new stadium

reported to have a hole in the roof Jones.

In an interview with The Dallas seat stadium of Super Bowl qualand a surrounding entertainment dream by himself. district.

that realistically created any ener- was done with the American gy or any momentum," Jones Airlines Center," he said of the told the News in Thursday's editions. "I didn't have that three or Mavericks and Stars. "It's a partfour years ago. Ten years out, it nership that's usually threewas hard to get a lot of people's pronged: the team, the governattention for something that was- ment and the fans." n't going to happen (right away)."

It could take as long as five years to design, finance and build a new stadium, which has Irving said they had not been told prompted Jones to reconsider the of Jones' plans to renovate Texas time frame to upgrade the Stadium or relocate the team. Cowboy's home.

resolve whether we're going to renovate and for all practical pur- Dallas to express an interest in poses have a new stadium there relocating the team. in Irving or someplace else," Jones said.

The earliest the Cowboys could move out of Texas Stadium is asset as we were in keeping the 2006, two years earlier than the Mavericks and the Stars," Kirk team's lease ends with the city of said.

DALLAS (AP) — The stadium Irving, which owns the stadium. Jones said he wants a 2-millionso God can watch his team evi- square-foot stadium, about twice dently is losing its luster with the size of Texas Stadium, which Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry seats 65,675 and cost \$35 million to build in 1971.

But stadiums are pricier these Morning News, Jones said time is days — the Houston Texans, the running out for the Cowboys to newest NFL expansion team, will eventually move into a 100,000- spend \$365 million on a retractable roof stadium - and ity, with grass, a retractable roof Jones has no plans to build his big

"The practical way to build a "It's never had a time frame new stadium is similar to what arena being built in Dallas for the

Jones also said he had talked with Dallas' 2012 Olympics com-

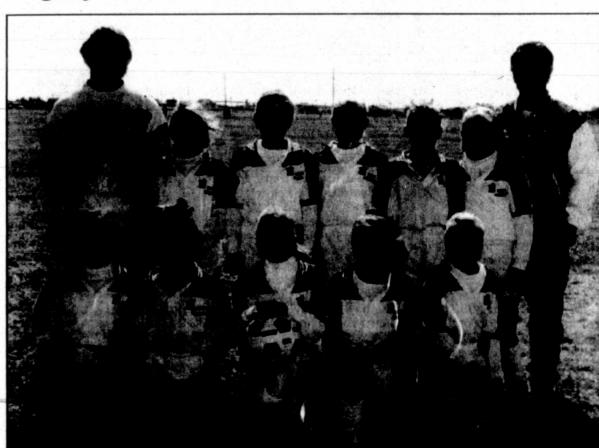
mittee. City officials in Dallas and

With Irving still the Cowboys' "What we've got to do is home, Dallas Mayor Kirk said "it would be pretty premature" for

> "I imagine the city of Irving will be as aggressive in its efforts to keep an excellent corporate

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The Lions, sponsored by Keyes Pharmacy, went undefeated in the fall and spring seasons in the Under 10 Girls Division of the Pampa Soccer Association. Team members are (front row, from left) Ar I Silva, Kenzie Carter, Shelby Brudos, Annie Day and Libby Dyson; (back rc v, from left) assistant coach Jeff Seitz, Manda White, Alyssa Seitz, Erin Hall, Camber Biehler, Kaitlyn Wright, Kathryn Cree and head coach Daniel Silva. Not pictured are Jasmine Moore and Trisha Moore. The Lions also participated in the West Texas Invitational Cup in Lubbock.



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Oakland closes in on AL West leaders

By The Associated Press

Mark Mulder helped the Oakland Athletics put more pressure on Seattle.

"I was really pumped up for the game. I was excited," Mulder said after Oakland beat the Boston Red Sox 6-4 Wednesday night and moved 1 1/2 games behind the Mariners in the closest race for a playoff spot.

Mulder (8-10) gave up two runs and five hits in six innings for Oakland, which headed home for a weekend series against Tampa Bay.

"He did a nice job, battled and manager Art Howe said. "The bullpen did the rest."

In other games it was Toronto 7, Seattle 3; Kansas City 3, New ing 41st home run on a night York 2; Cleveland 6, Tampa Bay when Scott Sheldon of the 2; Chicago 13, Texas 1; Anaheim Rangers played all nine positions 1, Detroit 0; and Minnesota 4, Baltimore 1.

homered as the A's won for the game, joining Bert Campaneris fourth time in five games. Jim (Sept. 8, 1965) and Cesar Tovar Mecir pitched two innings for his (Sept. 22, 1968). fifth save.

Boston dropped three games back in the AL wild card race. Rolando Arrojo (4-2) allowed four runs and eight hits in three innings, the shortest of his eight starts since Colorado traded him July 27.

"He just got hit," Red Sox manager Jimy Williams said. "It 1994. happens to all pitchers. They're a good hitting team over there." Blue Jays 7, Mariners 3

Carlos Delgado hit a three-run double and Joey Hamilton (2-0) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings at SkyDome as Toronto stopped a four-game losing streak.

Alex Rodriguez hit a two-run homer for the Mariners, who have lost 17 of their last 23. Seattle had won its previous seven games at SkyDome.

John Halama (11-8) gave up four runs — three earned — and six hits in 3 1-3 innings. Royals 3, Yankees 2

Carlos Febles doubled home the tying run and scored on Johnny Damon's single as Kansas City rallied in the bottom six-hitter for his third complete of the ninth off Mike Stanton (2- game of the season and Jacque

Derek Jeter and Paul O'Neill homered for the Yankees, 7-2 against Kansas City this year. Brian Meadows (4-2) pitched a nine-hitter for his second complete game of the season. **Indians 6, Devil Rays 2**

Roberto Alomar homered twice, and Chuck Finley (12-10) combined with Paul Shuey on a four-hitter at Jacobs Field as Cleveland won its fourth straight.

The Indians, 23-10 since Aug. 2, increased their lead to three games in the AL wild card race.

Travis Harper (0-1) was the loser. Devil Rays starter Ryan gave us all he could," Oakland Rupe left after three innings with stiffness in his right biceps. White Sox 13, Rangers 1

Frank Thomas hit his AL-leadat Comiskey Park.

He became just the third play-At Fenway Park, Matt Stairs er to play all nine spots in one

> Charles Johnson, Greg Norton and Magglio Ordonez also homered for the AL Centralleading White Sox. Chicago scored seven runs in the first inning off Rick Helling (14-11), who was chased after seven runs and five hits in two-thirds of an inning, the shortest start since

Kip Wells (5-7) gave up one unearned run and four hits in seven innings.

Angels 1, Tigers 0

Scott Schoeneweis (7-7) shut out Detroit on two singles for eight innings and visiting Anaheim stopped a season-high six-game losing streak.

Mo Vaughn drove in the lone run with an RBI grounder in the third off Steve Sparks (6-3), who had won six straight decisions. Troy Glaus tied an Angels record with three doubles.

Schoeneweis and reliever Troy Percival combined to hand the Tigers their major league-leading 12th shutout.

Twins 4, Orioles 1

Brad Radke (11-14) pitched a in the seventh at the Metrodome. Sidney Ponson (7-11) had been BASEBALL At A Giance

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w York Giants at Chicago, 4:15 p.m. timore at Miami, 8:20 p.m. Open Date: Arizona, Tennessee, Indianapolis Monday, Sept. 18 Dallas at Washington, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

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BASEBALL

American League BOSTON RED SOX-Called up RHP Rick Pawtucket Croushore from International League

TORONTO BLUE JAYS-Extended their working agreement with Tennessee of the Southern League through the 2002 season. National League LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Named Craig

Callan to vice president, spring training-mino eague facil MONTREAL EXPOS-Recalled 1B-OF

Talmadge Noonan from Ottawa of the International League. BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association NBA—Named Kathleen Behrens vice presi-

dent, community relations. DETROIT PISTONS—Signed G Mateen NEW JERSEY NETS-Signed C Soumaila

Samake to a multiyear contract. UTAH JAZZ-Named Gary Briggs athletic FOOTBALL

National Football League NFL INTERNATIONAL—Named Katie Boes director of international media ATLANTA FALCONS-Signed LB Chris Bordano. Waived QB Tony Graziani. CLEVELAND BROWNS-Named Derrick Alexander player development coordinator. DETROIT LIONS—Agreed to terms with QB Charlie Batch on a four-year contract extension, through 2003. GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed WR Kenny

Boutain and CB-S Jason Moore to the prac-tice squad. Waived WR Gerald Williams from the practice squad. HOUSTON—Announced that the team's

nickname will be the Texans. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Waived RB Lennox Gordon from the practice squad. Signed LB

Josh Gentry to the practice squad. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Waived CB Michael Swift. Signed RB Chad Dukes. Released TE Rod Monroe from the practice squad. Signed DB Shad Criss to the practice

Squad. NEW YORK JETS—Waived T Cornell Green. Signed WR-KR Damon Dunn. Waived WR Yatil Green from the practice squad. Signed TE Jake Moreland to the practice squad. HOCKEY

National Hockey League ATLANTA THRASHERS—Agreed to terms

- with D Petr Buzek CALGARY FLAMES-Announced the retire-
- ment of G Grant Fuhr. CAROLINA HURRICANES-Named Mary-Ann Baldwin director of corporate communi-

cations. COLORADO AVALANCHE—Signed F Milan

Hejduk to a multiyear contract. TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Signed Jay

Feaster, assistant general manager, to a mul-tiyear contract extension through the 2002-03

RODEO

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Women's Professional Rodeo Association By The Associated Press Through September 3 ALL-AROUND

Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, \$134,956. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$133,422. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$121,824. 4, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$105,692. 5, Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$102,567. 6, Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$102,529. 7, Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$100,698. 8, J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo., \$95,049. 9, Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$94,082. 10, Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., \$84,992. 11. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$84,869. 12, Cody

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1, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$118,185. 2, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$101,016. 3, Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., \$75,748. 4, Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., \$72,590. 5, Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$67,383. 6, Clay Cerny, Eagle Lake, Texas, \$62,715. 7, Cody Ohl, Orchard, Texas, \$60,775. 8. J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo., \$52,746. 9, Jim Bob Mayes, Elgin, Texas, \$52,734. 10, Justin Maass, Giddings, Texas, \$52,734. 10, Justin Maass, Giddings, Texas, \$52,740. 12, Mike Johnson, Henrvetta, Okla., \$51,992. 13. Johnson, Henryetta, Okla., \$51,992. 13. Stran Smith, Tell, Texas, \$51,640. 14, Doug Pharr, Resaca, Ga., \$50,811. 15. Trent Walls Stephenville, Texas, \$49,524. 16, Shawr Franklin, Wetumka, Okla., \$49,263. 17, Ricky Franklin, Wetumka, Okla., \$49,263. 17, Ricky Canton, Cleveland, Texas, \$49,250. 18, Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$48,753. 19, Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$46,812. rome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla.,

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)

TEAM ROPING (HEADING) 1, Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$98,434. 2, Wade Wheatley, Stephenville, Texas, \$57,384. 3, Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., \$56,199. 4. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$55,113. 5, Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Texas, \$52,726. 6, Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$51,693. 7, Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$47,476. 8, Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash \$45,755. 9 Bobby Hurley. Ceres. Wash., \$45,755. 9. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$44,843. 10, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$44,513. 11, David Motes, Fresno, Calif., \$32,857. 12, Frank Graves, Poplarvil Miss., \$30,060. 13, David Key, Ledbetter, Texas, \$29,811. 14, Chance Kelton, Mayer, Ariz, \$29,011.14, Charles Hendri, Hayer, Ariz, \$29,488.15, Doyle Gellerman, Nampa, Idaho, \$29,315.16. Johnnie Philipp, Washington, Texas, \$28,501.17, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$27,174.718, Cody Cowden, Merced, Calif., \$26,999.19, George Aros, Picacho, Ariz., \$26,532. 20, Gary Poythress, Santa Rosa, N.M., \$24,394.

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Charmayne James, Gustine, Texas, \$79.321. 2, Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. \$68,428. 3, Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo. \$66,567. 4, Kelly Yates, Pueblo, Colo. \$62,312. 5, Gloria Freeman, Calhoun, Ga.,
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1, Tyler Fowler, Theodore, Ala., \$66,951. 2, Shane Drury, Weatherford, Okla., \$60,243. 3, Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., \$58,535. 4 Lee Akin, Weatherford, Okla., \$56,814. 5 Dan Wolfe, Redmond, Ore., \$53,537. 6, Fred Boettcher, Tomah, Wis., \$52,792. 7, Gregory Potter, Whitt, Texas, \$52,188. 8. Danell Tipton, Spencer, Okla., \$51,425. 9, Rob Bell, Water Valley, Alberta, \$49,129. 10, Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., \$46,087. 11, Kagan

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New York's Chuck Knoblauch went 0-for-4 in his first game 5-0 against the Twins, including since going on the disabled list 2-0 this season. He gave up all Aug. 3 with tendinitis in his right four runs — three earned — and elbow. The secon aseman was nine hits in 7 2-3 innings, struck mistake-free recording two out a career-high 11 and walked

Carmody takes head cage job at Princeton

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EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) - Bill 8 during the regular season. Carmody enjoyed the balance Northwestern.

There's a huge difference in the basketball programs, though.

Princeton was a big winner in the Ivy League. Northwestern is a But it's not all Ivy league. Look at long-time loser in the Big Ten, and his record against Division I scholnow it's Carmody's job to turn the program around.

out how we will win, develop an ball with a deliberate style that is identity, a niche that allows us to low scoring and frustrating for play with some of these teams," Carmody said Wednesday when was introduced as he Northwestern's new coach.

"I think there is a future here and we just have to start it. I fully understand the Big Ten, how powerful every team is and when you go to those road courts, there's no challenge like it in the country."

Winning, as he did often at Princeton where he was 92-25 in four years after replacing Pete Carril, indeed won't be easy.

Northwestern was 5-25 last season, didn't win a conference game and now must adjust to a new coach following the abrupt resignation of Kevin O'Neill, who left last week to become an assistant with the New York Knicks.

"I come in with my eyes open. I know it's going to be a rough situation," Carmody, 48, said.

years under Carril before getting the head coaching job.

Under Carmody, the Tigers went to the postseason each year. Princeton made the NCAA tournament after going undefeated in Ivy League play his first two seasons, and advanced to the second round in 1998. The Tigers went to the NIT the past two years.

Carmody's best season was 1997-98, when the Tigers went 27-2 and were ranked as high as No.

"You look at 92-25 and it doesn't between academics and athletics matter if that's CYO or YMCA or at Princeton and expects to major college basketball, that encounter a similar atmosphere at stands out and gets your attention," Northwestern athletic director Rick Taylor said.

> There have been some who have said, 'Well it's the Ivy league.' arship teams (33-17)."

There is an impression that What we have to do is figure Princeton still wins by holding the defenses.

> But Carmody says his teams play a style that is suited to their talent, not a system. He quickly moved to convince some of Northwestern's players.

"I tried to tell them I'm not trying to bring a Princeton system here and I'm not trying to make Northwestern the Princeton of the Big Ten," he said..

The offense is very free and open and flowing. I showed some of the players a tape from Princeton. We're not holding the ball, that's a perception. It's not a dictatorship. The players will tell you how to play. It's basketball. Guard your man, make shots and let's go.'

Junior forward Tavares Hardy was convinced he could learn whatever system the new coach decides to use.

"I don't know much about the Carmody was an assistant for 14 Princeton system other than what I heard and I read," Hardy said. They won games and that's what we are trying to do. We have smart players. We're not Ivy Leaguers but Northwestern is not an easy school to get into. Our players are very capable of learning."

> Princeton didn't waste any time in replacing Carmody as John Thompson III, his former assistant and the son of the former Georgetown coach, was hired Wednesday.

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SOCCER Myers, Dodge City, Kan., \$52,866. 5, Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla., \$51,693. 6, Chad Major League Soccer Biesemeyer, Stephenville, Texas, \$50,895. 7, Frank Thompson, Cheyenne, Wyo., \$48,974. 8, Sean Mulligan, Laramie, Wyo., \$44,045. 9, Birch Negaard, Bulfalo, S.D., \$46,540. 10, Todd Suhn, Northglenn, Colo., \$43,722. 11, Luke Braquipbol. Los Alamos Calif At A Glance By The Associated Press All Times EDT **Eastern Division** W 17 T Pts GF GA 3 54 6 42 61 52 43 46 xy-NY-NJ 11 x-New England 12 13 \$43,171. 13, Trav Cadwell, Oakdale, Calif., \$42,661. 14, Bryan Fields, Conroe, Texas, Miami 11 38 15 48 D.C. 8 17 6 30 42 **Central Division** L T Pts 9 6 54 12 3 51 14 4 43 W GF GA \$39,863. 17, Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta, \$39,004. 18, Sid Steiner, Austin, xy-Chicago 64 60 52 x-Tampa Bay x-Dallas 16 13 Columbus 11 15 5 38 46 Western Division

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NOTE: Three points for a win and one point for a tie. Wednesday's Games Kansas City 1, New England 0 Chicago 3, Columbus 1 Dallas 1, Los Angeles 0 Friday's Gam Los Angeles at Colorado, 9 p.m. Saturday's Games Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. New York-New Jersey at New England, 7:30 p.m. Miami at DC United, 7:30 p.m. Chicago at Columbus, 7:30 p.m. San Jose at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. End Regular Season

East Texas Baptist football revived after 50-year hiatus

MARSHALL, Texas (AP) play for one of the big schools. John Speery had given up on football after frustrating experiences with two teams.

unexpectedly teammates at East Texas Baptist, and among about 100 players making up the school's first football team since 1950.

offensive lineman. "Plus the after 50 years off the field. Now Cooper and Speery are other schools said I was too

"The start of a new pro- 292-pound lineman as too had any second thoughts or Freddy Cooper wanted to gram, it sounded appetizing, small. While disappointed at complaints." an opportunity to start some- first, Cooper said a better situthing new and be part of a ation arose after his homelandmark in Marshall's histo- town university decided to players to commit to play at ry," said Cooper, a freshman renew its football program

"I got here and I'm thinking, Cooper was a standout like this. This is right at mostly freshmen rather than player at Marshall High home.' It's a blessing," School, yet major college Cooper said. "I guess I'm sup- wouldn't be able to put in recruiters viewed the 6-foot-1, posed to be here. I haven't four full seasons.

Cooper was one of the first East Texas, and the kind of player coach Ralph Harris was seeking. The coach decid-'Man, forget a big school. I ed to build his team with seeking transfer players who

short to play for them."

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Plenty of blame goes around for tire problems

By JESSE J. HOLLAND **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is studying whether any criminal or civil laws apply to the case of defective Bridgestone/Firestone tires, Attorney General Janet Reno said Thursday.

At her weekly news conference, Reno said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., had requested the department review the tire problem that has been blamed for dozens of fatal accidents.

Department action is warranted," Reno said. Justice lawyers are discussing the case with highway safety officials to see if any federal criminal or civil statutes apply.

On Wednesday, Ford blamed Firestone. Firestone hinted at a problem with Ford vehicles. The new National Highway Traffic Safety Administration chief blamed them both. And lawmakers rebuked all three for the fatal accidents that may be linked to defective

"I think we've got the agency (NHTSA) finally realizing it's got to do a better job not only collecting but reading information," Tauzin said on CBS' "The Early Show." "We've got the companies, I think, finally agreeing to provide information to a federal agency much earlier, to set up an early warning system to report foreign recalls as they occur.'

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More than 13 straight hours of congressional hearings Wednesday didn't determine what is happening with Bridgestone/Firestone tires and Ford trucks, primarily the Explorer sport utility vehicle, that has caused them to be linked to 88 deaths and at least 250 injuries.

Countless Americans are on the road today picking up their kids, driving to work, and the last thing that should worry them is the quality and the soundness of their tires," said Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich. "It is unconscionable Mikulski, "We are looking to what, if any, Justice that so many have been placed in this kind of Bridgestone/Firestone and Ford. situation."

Lawmakers aren't finished. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., plans to hold hearings before his Senate Commerce Committee next week. "This is just the beginning of this investigative process," said Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., who led the House hearing Wednesday.

Tauzin said Thursday that "I think we've got it turned around."

ly realizing it's got to do a better job not only collecting but reading information," Tauzin rollover accidents," said Masatoshi Ono, who said on CBS' "The Early Show." "We've got the rarely makes public appearances but accepted companies, I think, finally agreeing to provide a request to testify before two congressional information to a federal agency much earlier, to panels. set up an early warning system to report foreign recalls as they occur."

Co., blamed the problem on what he called defective Firestone tires but promised changes English. in how Ford operates, including notifying American officials when the car company makes any safety changes in its overseas markets.

Firestone tire recall in 16 foreign countries, the data from Firestone's hands and analyzed it including several in the Persian Gulf, more than ourselves," Nasser insisted. "It was only then, a year before the U.S. recall started. "How in a few days before the recall was announced, the world can corporate officials allow a danger that Ford engineers discovered conclusive evito go forward in America while protecting the dence that the tires were defective."

Saudis?" asked Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa.

Car companies are not required by law to and Ford did not do so. But now, "we will advise U.S. safety authorities of safety actions that are taken in overseas markets and vice versa," Nasser pledged. "From now on, when we know it, so will the world."

"Where was your sense of concern, as a human being and a corporation, to yell: 'Look out, America! Danger is coming!" Sen. Barbara D-Md., said

"NHTSA has not been the tough cop on the regulatory beat," said Joan Claybrook, president of Public Citizen and a former head of NHTSA.

The chief executive of Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. issued an apology that didn't say the comup reminders of SUV rollover problems.

"I come before you to apologize to you, the "I think we've got the agency (NHTSA) final- American people, and especially to the families sory about the safety of 1.4 million additional who have lost loved ones in these terrible tires after Bridgestone/Firestone refused to

"I also come to accept full and personal responsibility behalf on of Jacques Nasser, chief executive of Ford Motor Bridgestone/Firestone for the events that led to this hearing," said Ono, speaking in halting but would make a decision in the next few

> Nasser later tried to transfer the blame back to Bridgestone/Firestone and blamed it for withholding data. "Ford did not know that there was a defect

Ford has come under fire for beginning a with the recalled tires until we virtually pried

Internal Bridgestone/Firestone documents obtained by The Associated Press showed the notify federal officials of overseas safety recalls company had data indicating safety problems years before the Aug. 9 recall of 6.5 million tires.

> Bridgestone/Firestone admitted it collected and used documents to determine financial losses on insurance claims but didn't use the data to determine the safety of its tires.

> Nasser said Bridgestone/Firestone repeatedly insisted the now-recalled tires were safe and it wasn't until Ford got the claims data from Bridgestone/Firestone in late July that it realized there was a problem.

NHTSA Administrator Sue Bailey told House and Senate panels on Wednesday that the problem could be caused by a combination of flawed Firestone tires and characteristics of the Ford Explorer. It "clearly is a combination of pany's tires were defective and which brought situations that produced the outcome," she said.

Last week, NHTSA issued a consumer adviexpand its recall. Also last week, Venezuela's consumer protection agency recommended that Ford and Firestone be held criminally responsible for 46 deaths in that country.

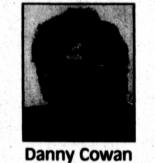
Bridgestone/Firestone officials testified that they have not decided whether to expand the recall to include those tires under advisory, days.

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