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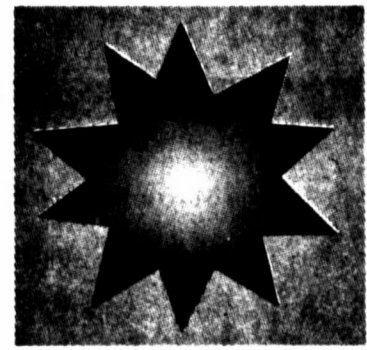
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**Lotto jackpot grows to \$57 million**  
 No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.  
 The ticket was worth an estimated \$46 million.  
 The numbers drawn 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 T-shirts 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

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## County ok's \$7.2 million budget

By NANCY YOUNG  
 Managing Editor

They cut, they trimmed, 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 final \$7.2 million budget 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.

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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.**

### Lots to do ...



(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 getting replacement tires.  
 "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 concerning 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 feel 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."

## 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 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.



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# Calendar of events

**PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL**  
Pampa Area Literacy 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 violence 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 Sharif and Kate Maberly, will begin Sept. 15. For more information on ticket prices or show times, call (806) 745-2525.

**MISS AMARILLO AREA**  
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

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.

**PPOQ**  
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 information, 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 slated 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. 0.

**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 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-examination. 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.

**CASE**  
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.

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOOKLET**  
The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published a 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](http://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.

## Tomato trees



(Special photo)

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



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## 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, on Saturday, is typical. A pipeline explosion near Carlsbad, N.M., killed 11, including five children. One woman remains in 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 28-inch 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.

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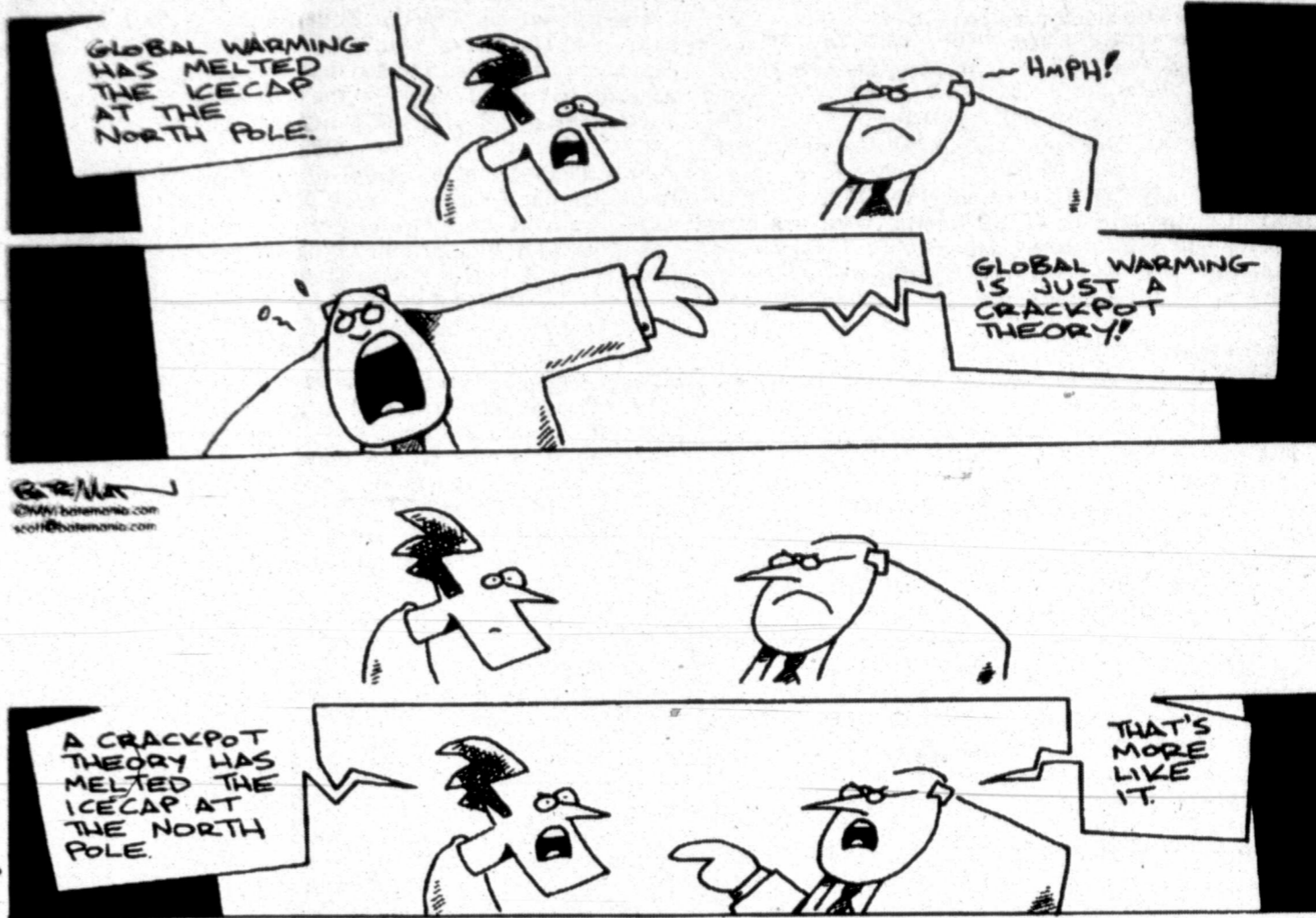
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# Oil industry impacts local economy

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.

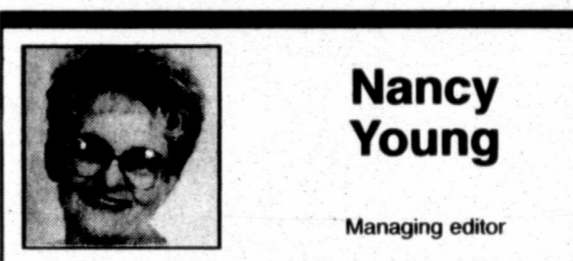
Our economy was driven by the oil and gas industry for many years. The discovery of oil in the 1920s brought many tough people into the area to make money and raise their families. Those people drilled wells, built businesses, built homes and communities. They were tough. They had "grit". Several descendants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

I have listened to some extremely negative and fatalistic comments the past few weeks as people are fearful of what the future is going to bring. And that is natural.

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



**Nancy Young**  
Managing editor

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 laws and on and on and on.... You get the picture.

Those local officials are charged with providing funds in budgets for these requirements, 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

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 doing a job that is very necessary, but not very well liked. We, the public, could each 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 people 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 for an extended cold front and rain.

## Today in history

### By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 7, the 251st day of 2000. There are 115 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 7, 1940, Nazi Germany began its initial "blitz" on London during World War II.

### On this date:

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

In 1901, the Peace of Beijing ended the Boxer Rebellion in China.

In 1936, rock legend Buddy Holly was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas.

In 1963, the National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio.

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

In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the United

States to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington.

In 1977, convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy was released from prison after more than four years.

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 Africa.

In 1998, St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire equaled Roger Maris' single-season home run record as he hit No. 61 during a game against the Chicago Cubs.

Ten years ago: President Bush left for his one-day Finland summit 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?

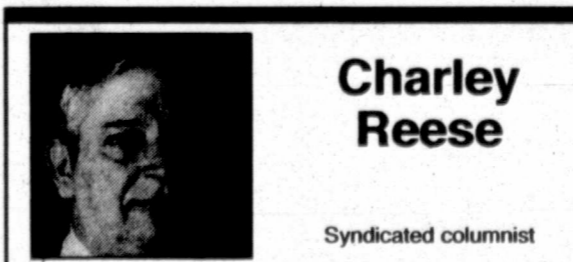
I was leaning toward the sub. At any rate, the staged conventions are over, and people have a choice that they can exercise Nov. 7. I urge everyone to vote because it's going to be a close call.

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 in advance, for he could lay it on the podium 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."



**Charley Reese**  
Syndicated columnist

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 the lieutenant governor proposed, for the sake of making news, much tougher laws on 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

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. Sister 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 glad I did it, but I'm gladder that I don't have to do it anymore.

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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 unhealthy 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

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.

Skylla 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.

## 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 Jerome Davis, 17, and brothers Pedro Isreal Loreda, 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 Loreda 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.

## 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 elderly couple found behind the taped up door to the back bedroom of their island home had been strangled, authorities said Wednesday.

Galveston County coroner Charles Harvey ruled the deaths homicides, The Galveston County Daily News reported in Thursday's editions.

David Sidney Hisey, 51, remained in Galveston County Jail on \$10,000 bond for two counts of abuse of a corpse. Hisey allegedly kept the bodies in the back bedroom for up to two months and used insect bombs to conceal the stench of decay and kill parasites feeding on the bodies.

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 Texas.

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# 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.

District 5730 Governor R.C. Paulette of Odessa presented three Paul Harris Fellow awards at the Pampa Rotary Club's meeting recently.

Anna Booze and Ernie Wilkinson each received the award, and Richard Stowers was presented with an award given in memory of his grandfather, Frank M. Culberson.

At the July meeting, Tim Lowry received a Paul Harris Fellow award making him the fourth member in his family to receive the award. Mike Ruff, chairman of the local Rotary Foundation, presented the award. Lowry is the son of Dr. Joe and Margaret Lowry.

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nization's founder, Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer who started Rotary International with three business associates in 1905.

Examples of what the Rotary Foundation funds include the following:

- establish a tree nursery in Jamaica that increases family income for 700 farmers;
- furnish needed materials for a well in India to supply clean water for 300 people;
- provide artificial limbs for 25 disabled persons in Calcutta, India;
- establish 10 small sewing businesses for poor mothers in low income districts of Caborca, Mexico;
- buy school supplies for more than 1,200 needy children in Guatemala;
- provide enhanced medical services for 830 people in Mali; or
- purchase a cow for a war-widow in Uganda.



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

(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

## Odds and ends ...

### Robber blows whistle on 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 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 man who "was crying and kept stating that he had just robbed a store," according to a police report. Benson was arrested at another convenience store, where authorities say he used a pay phone to turn himself in.

Police Chief Hugh White said

Benson told officers he stole the money to support a drug habit.

### 'Big Boy' barred from aquarium

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — Big Boy's reputation for propagation has gotten even bigger.

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 sixth mother, gave birth to six more babies.

Previously, Big Boy — also known as "Randy Ray" or "Don Juan" — lived in a tank with nine females, but was removed in July after 13 pups were born in two weeks.

Aquarium director Craig Atkins

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

Until this year, aquarium staff members were beginning to wonder if Big Boy would ever be a 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 thought it was a game.

"They are always playing detective," Kelli Welding said.

But twins Hannah and Haley Welding, 10, and their cousins, Colten Anderson, 9, and his brother, Brandon, 7, insisted the screams were coming from the trunk of a neighbor's car.

"I really thought they were playing a game, but then I saw it was for real and I headed to my neighbor's," Welding said.

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.

Kuehl said he tried everything to get out, but nothing worked. With a tire iron, he finally was able to spring the lid on one corner far

enough for a little air.

"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 parrot in recent months.

Most recently, the office came in possession of the 450-pound African lioness after the death of its owner.

"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.

### License plate prefix causes outrage

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 thought 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.

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

P.E.O. Chapter CS Brunch and Book Review 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 language pathologist and professor emeritus from Oklahoma State University. While raising three

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. Proceeds will benefit the organization's scholarship fund.

### 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.

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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 election-year willingness to compromise, but other Republicans prefer a clear

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."

Summers said the administration maintains that the GOP approach 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 before we're able to make judgments on individual tax pieces," Summers said.

## Choir officers



(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.

### Intentions to Drill

**HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Amoco Production Co., #1-23 Ramp, et al, 1980' from South & 1423' from West line, Sec. 23,41,H&TC, PD 8200'.**

**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & SPARKS Tonkawa) EOG Resources, Inc., #1 Hext '60', 1825' from South & 1650' from West line, Sec. 60,42,H&TC, PD 7800'.**

**WHEELER (WILDCAT & THORNDIKE Lower Morrow) Samedan Oil Corp., #1 Lohberger, 660' from South & 760' from West line, Sec. 91,A-5,H&GN, PD 8700'. The well was permitted in 1998, but was not drilled**

### Application to Re-Enter

**GRAY (WILDCAT) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #1 Graham, 1959' from South & 670' from West line, Sec. 94,31&GN, PD 3900'.**

### Application to Plug-Back

**HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WAL-LOW Granite Wash) St. Johns Operating, L.P., #1 L.A. Johnson, 660' from North & East line, Sec. 59,M-1,H&GN, PD 13700'.**

### Oil Well Completion

**ROBERTS (LIPS Cleveland) Alpar Resources, Inc., #1 Courson Lips '3', Sec. 3,44, T.E. White, spud 7-11-00, drlg. compl 7-26-00, tested 8-16-00, pumped 16.7 bbl. of 44.5 grav. oil + 3 bbls. water, GOR 14611, TD 7200', PBTd 7140' —**

### Gas Well Completions

**CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Conoco, Inc., #A43H Burnett, 2310' from South & West line, Sec. 58,5,I&GN, elev. 3309 gr, spud 5-11-00, drlg. compl 5-21-00, tested 6-23-00, pay 2339-3875, TVD 2589', MD 3875', 13" csg. 313' (250 sx) 8 5/8" csg. 2339' (300 sx) — API# 42 065 01381 — Horizontal Sidetrack**

**CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Conoco, Inc., #A83H Burnett, 6600' from North & 1320' from East Lease line, Sec. 67,5,I&GN, elev. 3246 gr, spud 5-27-00, drlg. compl 6-5-00, tested 7-14-00, pay 2293-3933, TVD 2551', 10 2/3" csg. 460' (225 sx) 7" csg. 2293' (1000 sx) — API# 42 065 01505 — Horizontal**

**HEMPHILL (SOUTH HIGGINS Morrow) St. Johns Operating, L.P., #2 Crane Unit "50", 1220' from North & 760' from West line, Sec. 50,42,H&TC, elev. 26-4 kb, spud 6-29-00, drlg. compl 8-1-00, tested 8-1-00, potential 390 MCF, rock pressure 3745, pay 12060-12080, TD 12127', PBTd 12107', tops: Tonkawa 7680, Cleveland 8876, Cherokee 10043, Higgins Sand 12040, 8 5/8" csg. 2115' (520 sx) 4 1/2" csg. 11967' (810 sx) 4 1/2" csg. 12215' (320 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. — depth set 11964', pkr set 11928' — API# 42-211-32335 — Form 1 filed in Spring Resources**

**ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Prize Operating Co., #7027 Byrum, 1650' from South & 2250' from East line, Sec. 27,B-1,H&GN, elev. 2784 kb, spud 4-24-00, drlg. compl 7-29-00, tested 8-3-00, potential 140 MCF, rock pressure 815, pay 10038-10100, TD 10225' PBTd 10166', tops: Lo. Albany Dolo 4140, Douglas 7002, Gr. Wash 8650, Cherokee 9924, 8 5/8" csg. 2810' (1650 sx) 5 1/2" csg. 10225' (450 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. — depth set 10134', pkr**

set 9972' — API# 42 393 31459

### Plugged Wells

**CARSON (PANHANDLE) B&R Oil & Gas, #3 Ace, 330' from South & West Lease line, Sec. 88,5,I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 8-1-00, TD 3206' (oil) — Form 1 in BRW Oil & Gas**

**CARSON (PANHANDLE) B&R Oil & Gas, #4 Keith, 2310' from South & West Lease line, Sec. 68,5,I&GN, spud 11-13-79, plugged 8-2-00, TD 3253' (oil) — Form 1 in Nigas, Inc.**

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# Mom Must Hold Her Ground Against In-Laws' Indulgence

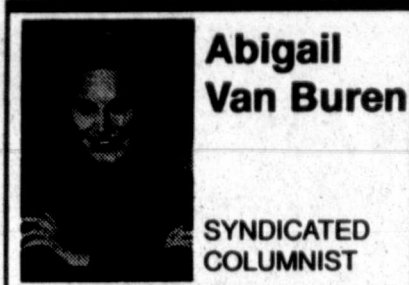
**DEAR ABBY:** "Angry Arizona Mom" hates to make waves when her in-laws give her sons sips of alcohol. I, too, didn't make waves when my stepfather taught my younger son and nephew to smoke. I wanted the boys to have a good relationship with their grandfather. Today, they both smoke, and although they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



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

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 beer.

I am a 37-year-old male writing 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 years of alcohol abuse.

Abby, I was brought up to sip from my dad's and uncle's beers. I vividly remember the first time I got drunk. I was 5. I honestly believe it triggered something in my body. I loved the taste.

Forget the legal issues and the morality of giving liquor to small children. Consider instead the very real danger of alcohol poisoning and a life of possible addiction!

That grandfather is doing something detrimental to the welfare of those innocent children. The parents should forget about "hurting his feelings" and put a stop to it. I am finishing a court-ordered

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

**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 predisposition 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.

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## Horoscope

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) \*\*\*\*\* 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 morning starts. A partner does a reversal and helps your life and relationship. Let this person know how much you appreciate this attitude. Indulge and treat another as well as yourself. Business success follows you. Tonight: Take off as soon as you can.

**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!).

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Others seek you out. Popularity builds, but understand that others want to make the call. Let others

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. Your efforts bring financial gain. You 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 expert. Visualize what you want. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Keep conversations moving. You know something that another has yet to share. Use care in discussions, as you don't want to let the cat out of the bag. Suggest a special lunch with a co-worker or maybe an after-work get-together.

Good feelings 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 co-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-key.

**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.

## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Gives a hoot
- 6 Crude dwelling
- 11 Green shade
- 12 In the know
- 13 Pie nut
- 14 Overture
- 15 Talents
- 17 Capt.'s superior
- 19 Greek letter
- 20 Nosh
- 23 Saws
- 25 Words from Caesar
- 26 "Lost Horizon" author
- 28 Fencing sword
- 29 Crazy
- 30 Some USN members
- 31 Game official
- 32 A Clampett goddess
- 33 Dawn
- 35 Future oak
- 38 Frolics
- 41 Argument
- 42 Perfect
- 43 Squalid
- 44 Irritable
- DOWN
- 1 Member of the force
- 2 Pub order
- 3 "Super Freak" singer
- 4 Writer Hunter
- 5 Legislative groups
- 6 17-syllable poem
- 7 Possesses
- 8 Tank
- 9 Go astray
- 10 MGM mascot
- 16 Super-market worker
- 17 Barrett of "Star Trek"
- 18 Make suitable
- 20 "Dance With Me, Henry" singer
- 21 Make amends
- 22 Fixed a piano
- 24 "Golly" golfer
- 25 Goller Ernie
- 27 Expecting trouble
- 31 Tending to bleed
- 33 Dry
- 34 Took the bus
- 35 "—gratia artis"
- 36 Pool neec
- 37 Binary digit
- 39 Butter serving
- 40 Cunning

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## Marmaduke



"You try to tell him he's a dog."

## The Family Circus



"Wouldn't it be hard to get your shirt on?"

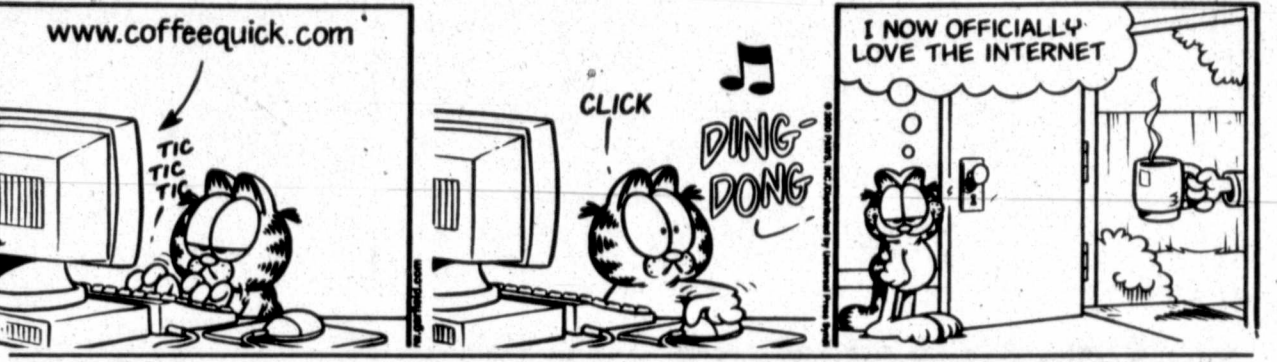
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## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



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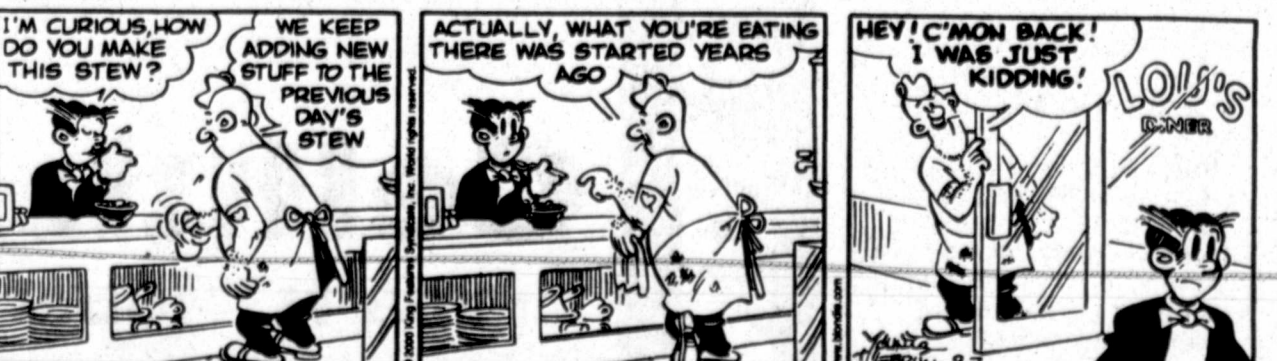
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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### FOOTBALL

**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 gave up two more homers to increase his major league-leading 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 when Julio Lugo and Jeff Bagwell hit consecutive two-run doubles.

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

Hidalgo added a sacrifice fly in the sixth.

## 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 we will be back to work tomorrow," said Pampa coach Carolyn Quarles.

Coach Quarles said Players of the Week were Michael Cornelison, Bryce Jordan, Matt Cook, A.J. Smith, Jared Spearman, David Thacker and Jay Gerber for the boys team.

"They lost only six games total in three doubles matches and won all seven singles matches, never dropping a set," Quarles said.

Pampa plays at Hereford on Saturday.

### Tennis

Jared Spearman (P) def. B.J. Lvangpraseuth, 6-0, 6-3.  
 David Thacker (P) def. Ricky Gonzalez, 6-4, (8-6).  
 Jay Gerber (P) def. Dung Pham, 6-1, 6-0.

**Girls Singles**  
 Brittany Kindle (P) def. No Inthirath, 6-2, 6-4.  
 Cathleen Touisithiphonexay (PD) def. Ashley Stucki 4-6, 6-4, 4-6.  
 Michelle Lee (P) def. Loan Lao, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2.  
 Ashlei Jordan (P) def. Kathy Vongsavath, 6-1, 6-1.  
 Stacie Carter (P) def. Bonnie Ratsavong, 6-0, 6-0.  
 Tara Jordan (P) def. Sarah Nguyen, 6-0, 6-0.  
 Helen Brooks (P) def. Linda Ca, 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.

**Girls Doubles**  
 Kindle-Stucki (P) def. Inthirath-

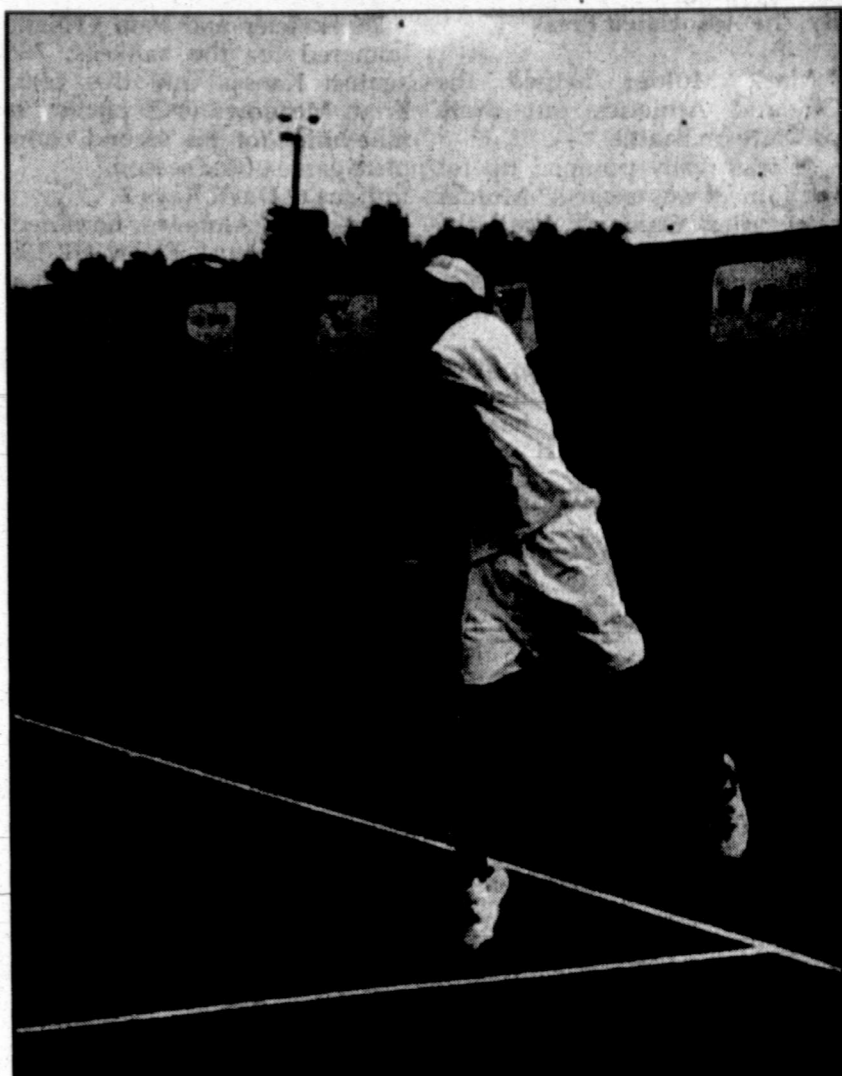
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 Jordan-Lee (P) def. Ratsavong-Vongsavath, 6-3, 6-0.  
 T. Jordan-Bradley (P) def. Nguyen-Linda Ca, 6-1, 6-0.  
 Thacker-Carter (P) def. Lao-Gonzalez, 6-1, 6-3.

**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, 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 three years.



**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

### High School Football

**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 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 first game for us. We'll find 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.

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

positions, but we're going to be pretty green in the interior of the line on both sides of the ball. It's going to take some time to get where we need to be.

Running back Antoine Sheppard and split end Willie Powell both have 4.5 speed in the 40. Chris Scott at defensive back is another speed merchant.

Directing Estacado's I-formation offense is senior quarterback Corey Morrison, a returning starter.

"He's an excellent quarterback, very versatile," said Pampa coach Dennis Cavalier. "We've watched Estacado in two scrimmages and the thing that really stuck out in my mind about them is their blocking, especially their backs. They blocked very well. One of their scrimmages was against Hereford, which is favored to win our district again, and Estacado broke three long touchdowns against them."

Estacado's biggest player is 280-pound junior Marty Moss, who is expected to start at offensive tackle.

"From what I sense about

Estacado is this is a team on a mission. This may be coach Kelley's last go-around and they want to send him out with a winning record," said Cavalier.

Kelley has coached the Matadors for 25 years.

Pampa's defense was the bright spot in the season opener against Dalhart.

Paced by linebacker Jason Burklow, the Harvesters limited the Golden Wolves to only 54 total yards. Just two yards came on the ground.

Burklow finished with six solo tackles and five assists to lead the Harvester defense. He tackled ballcarriers three times for losses. Tackle Taylor Harris and end Andy Schroeder also turned in some big hits.

Two Pampa touchdowns were set up by the defense. A fumble recovery by special teams player Armando Tarango and an interception by Lane Baker led to scores. Tarango had scored the first touchdown on a reverse play in the first quarter.

Pampa's new spread offense was slowed by penalties, not so much by Dalhart defend-

ers. Three touchdowns were nullified because of penalties.

Quarterback J.J. Roark worked the kinks out as the game went along and the Harvesters finished with 363 total yards. Those 151 yards in penalties didn't stop the Harvesters for long. Roark rushed for 108 yards and threw for 84 more as the Pampa offense make the game-breaking plays. He threw TD passes to Thomas Long (3 yards) and Tony Beck (53 yards), and ran for two scores.

"We were ready and primed to have a good game, but I want to keep things in perspective. Dalhart was pretty much undermanned and with their injuries they just didn't have enough players to compete," Cavalier said. "At the same time I don't detract from what our guys did. It was a superior effort."

lar to us. They rely a lot on quickness. Speed-wise we match up with them real well," said Cougars head coach Curtis Smith.

Fort Elliott's spread offense will be guided by senior quarterback Richard Rowe. Rowe and running back Nathan Hefley are the only seniors starting on offense. Seth Meadows and Jason Hathaway, a pair of sophomores, are battling for the starting position at center. Other probable starters are junior Aaron Hartline (wing back), sophomore Kade Zybach (wide receiver) and freshman Junior Newman (wide receiver).

Defensively, Justin Hefley will be at noseguard, Rowe and Lee Horn at ends; Nathan Hefley at middle linebacker, Mondy Hand and Caleb Kirkpatrick at safeties.

"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 respective 6-4 records the past two seasons, but missed out on the playoffs.

Hedley, like Fort Elliott, has never been to the playoffs. The Owls were 3-7 last season.

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

**DALLAS (AP)** — The stadium reported to have a hole in the roof so God can watch his team evidently is losing its luster with Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

In an interview with The Dallas Morning News, Jones said time is running out for the Cowboys to eventually move into a 100,000-seat stadium of Super Bowl quality, with grass, a retractable roof and a surrounding entertainment district.

"It's never had a time frame that realistically created any energy or any momentum," Jones told the News in Thursday's editions. "I didn't have that three or four years ago. Ten years out, it was hard to get a lot of people's attention for something that wasn't going to happen (right away)."

It could take as long as five years to design, finance and build a new stadium, which has prompted Jones to reconsider the time frame to upgrade the Cowboy's home.

"What we've got to do is resolve whether we're going to renovate and for all practical purposes have a new stadium there in Irving or someplace else," Jones said.

The earliest the Cowboys could move out of Texas Stadium is 2006, two years earlier than the team's lease ends with the city of

Irving, which owns the stadium.

Jones said he wants a 2-million-square-foot stadium, about twice the size of Texas Stadium, which seats 65,675 and cost \$35 million to build in 1971.

But stadiums are pricier these days — the Houston Texans, the newest NFL expansion team, will spend \$365 million on a retractable roof stadium — and Jones has no plans to build his big dream by himself.

"The practical way to build a new stadium is similar to what was done with the American Airlines Center," he said of the arena being built in Dallas for the Mavericks and Stars. "It's a partnership that's usually three-pronged: the team, the government and the fans."

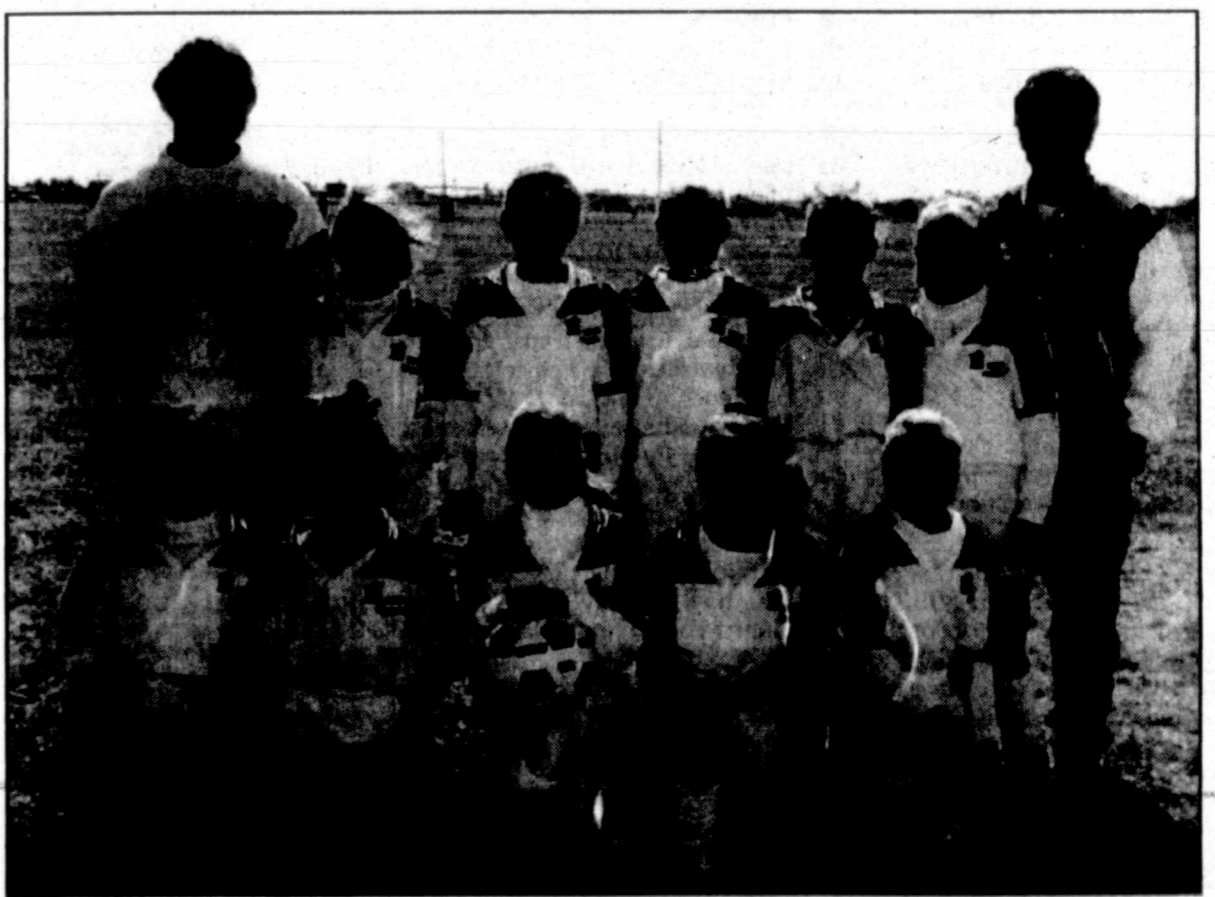
Jones also said he had talked with Dallas' 2012 Olympics committee.

City officials in Dallas and Irving said they had not been told of Jones' plans to renovate Texas Stadium or relocate the team.

With Irving still the Cowboys' home, Dallas Mayor Kirk said "it would be pretty premature" for Dallas to express an interest in relocating the team.

"I imagine the city of Irving will be as aggressive in its efforts to keep an excellent corporate asset as we were in keeping the Mavericks and the Stars," Kirk said.

## Mighty Lions



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 row, 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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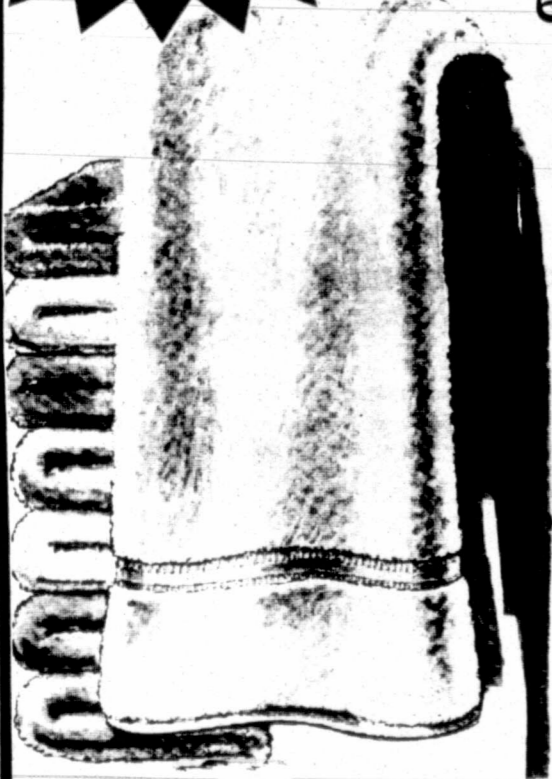
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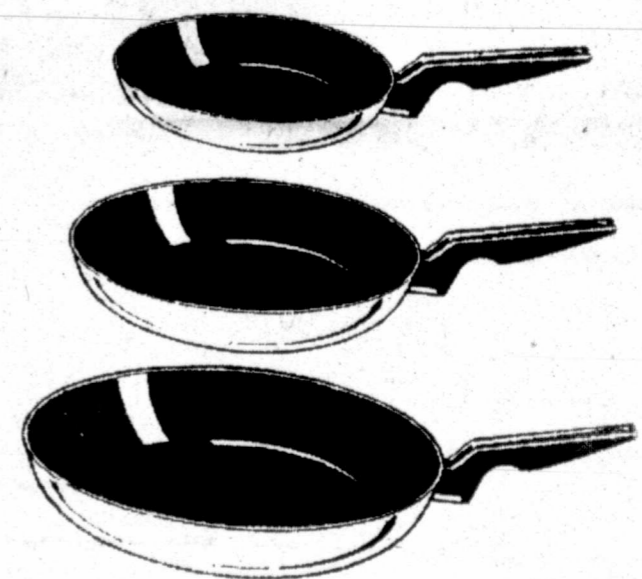


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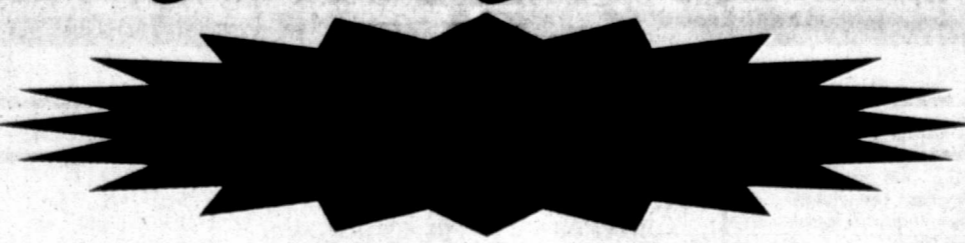
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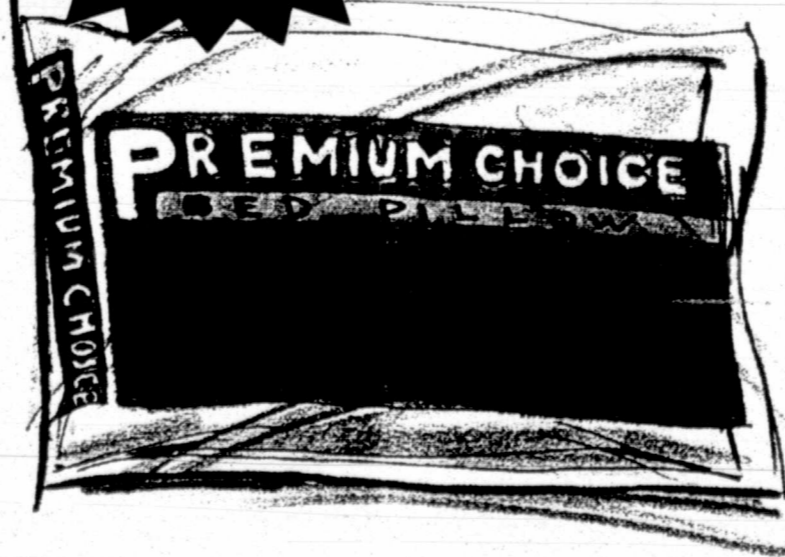
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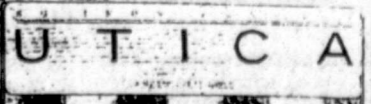
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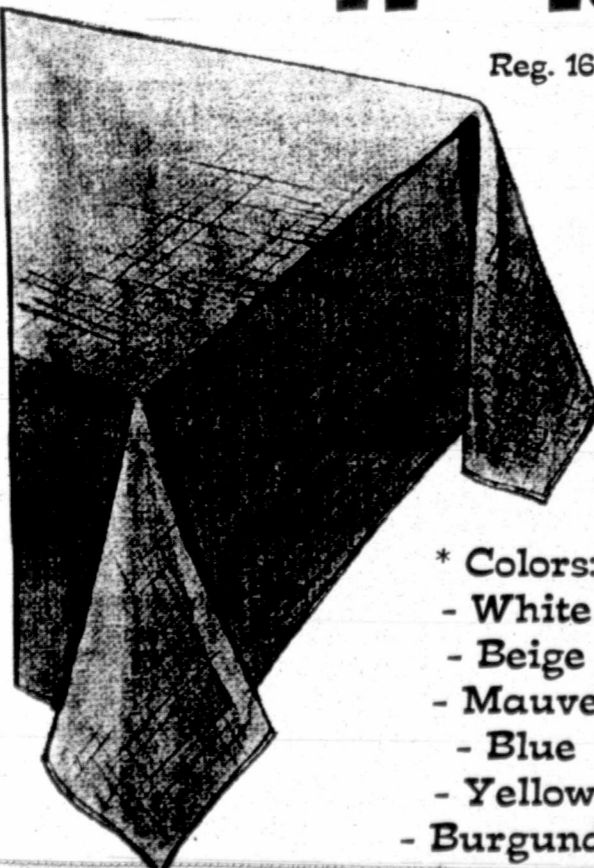
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