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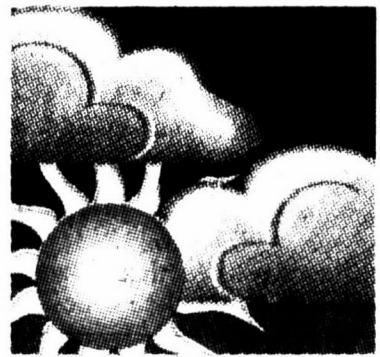
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**Cheerleader try-outs set at Frank Phillips**

BORGER — Frank Phillips College will host cheerleading try-outs at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 28 in Borger Community Activity Center. Scholarships are available. For information, contact FPC Athletic Director John Green at (806) 274-5311, ext. 765 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 765.

**Mom wants son to keep earring**

HOUSTON (AP) — The small gold stud earring a 5-year-old Houston boy dons to emulate his father may keep him out of kindergarten.

The Alief ISD says its dress code doesn't allow boys to wear earrings.

The child's mother, Diana Lincoln, says that amounts to discrimination since no rule exists preventing girls from wearing earrings.

A school spokeswoman says the policy is designed to create a productive learning environment and that the school board considers ear jewelry less distracting on girls than on boys.

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- Anna Goad, 76, former oil service firm employee.
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## City tax increase proposal on table

Public hearing on tax proposal 6 p.m. Aug. 28 Pampa City Hall

By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher

A public hearing on a proposed property tax increase of up to 8.2 cents has been set for Aug. 28 in the wake of a 3-2 city commission vote in favor of bringing the issue to the table.

"Pampans need to understand that this is only a proposed tax rate increase," Mayor Lonny Robbins said after the Tuesday meeting. "This action triggers the requirement that we hold a public hearing."

It's expected that during the regular meeting that follows the 6 p.m. public hearing at City Hall commissioners will vote an increase up or down.

The 2001-02 budget must be approved in time for the startup of the new fiscal year on Oct. 1.

Because the amount of the proposed increase rises above the rollback rate of \$0.7102 cents it triggers a series of events including the public hearing requirement. Should a tax increase higher than the rollback amount pass, that opens the door to a tax rollback election if a public referendum petition is filed.

If there is a rollback election with the majority of voters against the hike the rate would drop back to \$0.7102, City Manager Bob Eskridge said at the meeting. The current rate is 65 cents per 100 valuation and the proposal calls for up to 73.8

## Oil field explosion kills man

An oil field explosion in the Letors area Friday evening has claimed the life of a Pampa truck driver, Peter V. "Pete" Gutierrez, 46, whose funeral mass and burial will be here Friday. (See obituary on Page 2)

An employee of Jim Hillard Trucking Company of Pampa, Gutierrez was injured about 7:45 p.m. Friday, said Letors Fire Chief Floyd Lott.

A message was left on the company answering machine this morning but the call had not been returned by press time.

Details of the accident are sketchy as Lott said he is "not at liberty to give out information... they asked me to keep everything down until the investigation is over."

Pressed to answer who "they" are, Lott said he was speaking about investigators for a company, not anyone connected with state or county government. He did not identify the company.

"They won't let anybody in there (explosion site), even me," Lott said. "At least that's how it was yesterday."

The victim's widow, Bonnie Gutierrez, said she did not have much information on the accident because "... it is being kept hush, hush for some reason."

She said her husband, who died Tuesday at the burn center in Lubbock, was first taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She said her husband had second and third-degree burns on 55 percent of his body.

Her husband's injuries were the result of "a massive crude oil explosion," she said, adding that she was told the oil tank in the field "is completely gone" as a result of the explosion.

The cab on the victim's truck "was burned to the ground," she said. Her husband hauled oil drip and diesel.

cents. Voting for the proposal were Mayor Lonny Robbins, Commissioner Jeff Andrews, who made the motion, and Commissioner Faustina Curry who seconded it. Voting against it were Commissioners Bob Dixon and Jeff McCormick.

After the meeting, McCormick said he is against the proposal.

"I want to keep the fire department but I'm not for a tax increase now," he said.

Dixon called the proposal "ridiculous," in an interview after the meeting. "I don't want Pampa to be the highest taxed city in the Panhandle. I don't want the cuts but I'd rather have

the cuts than a tax increase."

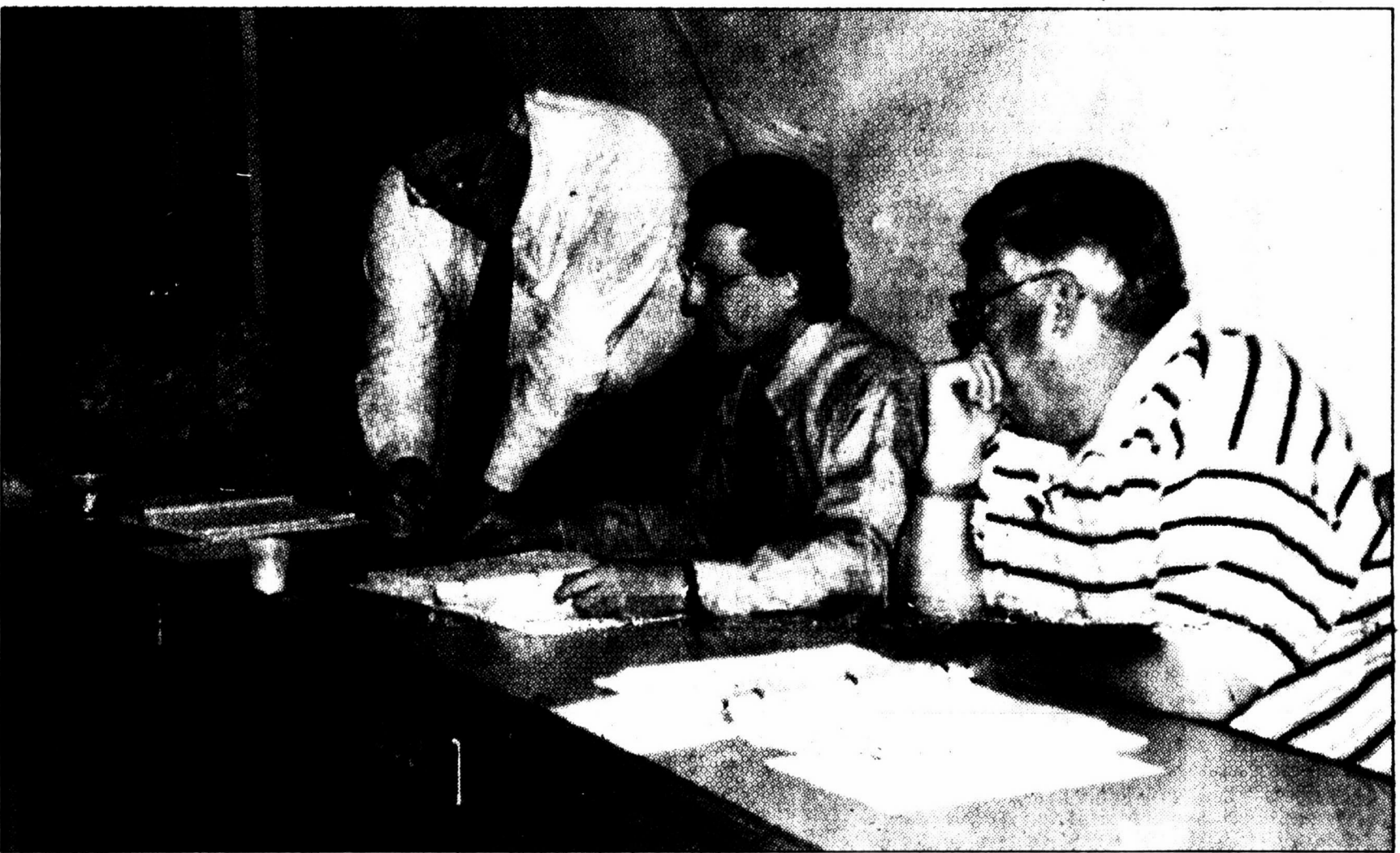
Commissioners are now working with a proposed budget that calls for position cuts/layoffs of six firefighters, two police officers, the city sanitarian, two park maintenance workers, a building technician, one animal control officer and one dispatcher.

The layoff of the firefighters would result in the closing of Fire Station No. 2, according to the plan. The police layoffs would eliminate the narcotics task force participation, its grant dollars and two squad cars. The animal control cuts would reduce the hours an animal control officer is available and

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The animal control cuts would cut an officer, reduce the hours an animal control officer is available and eliminate one truck.

The sanitarian cut would eliminate a truck and means health inspections, such as those at local restaurants, would transfer to the state health department.



Budget problems highlighted Tuesday's City Commission meeting at Pampa City Hall. From left, Commissioners Faustina Curry and Jeff McCormick talk, while City Manager Bob Eskridge, standing, goes over facts and figures with Mayor Lonny Robbins and Commissioner Bob Dixon.

## Chautauqua draws near Labor Day event at Central Park

Over 20 acts are planned for the free stage during Pampa Fine Arts' 20th annual Chautauqua, Labor Day, Sept. 3, Pampa's Central Park.



"All aboard" and the cheerleader victory train from Oklahoma will again visit Chautauqua on Labor Day in Central Park, Sept. 3.

## Burglars hit four vehicles

Pampa police continue their search for the persons responsible for four vehicle burglaries in southwest Pampa Tuesday.

All four involved unlocked vehicles in the 1000 blocks of South Farley and South Christy, according to police who encourage residents to lock their autos.

Oscar J. Ledford, 1041 S. Christy, reported the burglary of a 1986 Chevrolet Blazer and a 2000 Ford pickup, both parked in the street beside the residence. The burglaries occurred between 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 13, and 6:30 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 14. The burglar took CDs with a combined estimated value of \$330, reports said.

Ledford's neighbor, Sheila Marie Giles, 1021 S. Christy, reported someone entered her 2001 Mitsubishi SUV during the same time period and stole a \$100 cell phone. The vehicle was also left unlocked, according to the police record.

Tabatha Ann Taylor, 1029 S. Farley, reported a 1993 Jeep Cherokee parked in her driveway was burglarized sometime between 9:30 p.m., Monday, and 12:30 p.m., Tuesday. Taylor told police she believed she had locked her vehicle before she left it parked in her driveway. No sign of forced entry was noted, according to the police report.

Approximately \$40 cash, a driver's license, social security card, CPR card, nursing license and three credit cards were reported stolen from the Jeep.

## Perry's vetoes may help earn votes

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry's decision to veto 82 bills in June may have drawn criticism from Democrats but it has helped him shore up support among his conservative base.

An Austin American-Statesman review of the more than 500 letters and e-mails that the governor has received on the vetoes show that conservatives lined up behind his decisions to ax bills on everything from Medicaid to the Permanent School Fund.

The near-record number of vetoes have been dismissed by many people as a political blunder that would alienate centrist voters. But Democrat political consultant Chuck McDonald said Perry's moves will help him next year.

Vetoing bills often allows governors to demonstrate that they haven't lost touch with their political base, McDonald said. He said his old boss, Gov. Ann Richards, sometimes vetoed bills on behalf of environmentalists who had helped elect her.

(See PERRY, Page 2)

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## Services tomorrow

**GOAD, Anna** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.  
**GUTIERREZ, Peter V. "Pete"** — Vigil services, 6:30 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
**PERIMAN, Mary** — Memorial services, 4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Amarillo.  
**YOUNG, Pauline** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memorial Heights Cemetery, Lefors.

## Obituaries

**BILLIE LOUISE ETHEREDGE**  
**CHILDRESS** — Billie Louise Etheredge, 83, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2001. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Norman Rushing, of First Baptist Church of Childress, officiating. Burial will be in Childress Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home of Childress.

Mrs. Etheredge was born July 3, 1918, at Paducah, to Tom and Mattie Hodges Pearce. She married E.D. Etheredge on Feb. 22, 1936, at Acme; he died March 5, 1987.

For seven years, she was employed as a cook with Childress Independent School District.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Jake, Jessie, Alvin and Rodney Pearce; and a sister, Merle Clements.

Survivors include a son, Thomas O. Etheredge of Childress; a sister, Estelle Gibson of Childress; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**J.B. FLOYD**  
**J.B. Floyd**, 62, of Pampa, died Friday, Aug. 10, 2001, in Roberts County. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at The Other Corner Bar in Pampa. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Floyd was born March 21, 1939, at Arnett, Okla. He was a longtime cowboy and ranch hand in New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle and was a heavy equipment operator for many years as well.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict, and belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Logan, N.M.

Survivors include a daughter, Neva Garrett of Amarillo; two sons, Mitchell Griffin and Robert Griffin, Jr., both of Amarillo; his mother, Eula Floyd of Pampa; three brothers, Paul Floyd of Mineral Wells, Ardee Floyd of Godley and Roy Floyd of Pampa; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**ANNA GOAD**  
**Anna Goad**, 76, of Pampa, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2001, at Greeley, Colo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Alberta Helton, pastor of Reydon-Wheeler Community Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Goad was born Jan. 17, 1925, at Snyder. She had been a Pampa resident most of her life and, for 20 years, worked for Helton Well Service.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathy Dossey of Eaton, Colo., and Peggy Ann Goad of Pampa; a son, Danny James Goad of White Deer; two brothers, Doyle Martin and Arthur Martin, both of Houston; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

**PETER V. "PETE" GUTIERREZ**  
**Peter V. "Pete" Gutierrez**, 46, of Pampa, victim of an oil field explosion near Lefors, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2001, at Lubbock. Vigil services will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. John Valdez, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Dec. 15, 1954, at Amarillo, Mr. Gutierrez was a longtime Canadian resident and attended Canadian schools. He married Bonnie Vick on Aug. 13, 1993, at Canadian.

He relocated to Pampa three years ago and worked for Jim Hillard Trucking Company. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie, of the home; two daughters, Lee Ann Wilson and Misty Brittain, both of Pampa; his father, Jose Gutierrez of Canadian; seven brothers, Joe Gutierrez and Bobby Gutierrez, both of Canadian, Jim Gutierrez and Thomas Gutierrez, both of Amarillo, Simeon Gutierrez of Lubbock, Donald Gutierrez of Plano and Frank Gutierrez of Japan; four sisters, Dolores Cabrera and Amelia Gutierrez, both of Hurst, Juliana Gutierrez of Austin and Martha Wilson of Guam; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

**MARY PERIMAN**  
**AMARILLO** — Mary Arless O'Keefe Periman, 94, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Jim Bankhead, senior pastor, officiating. Private burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers-Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Periman was born Oct. 11, 1906, on the family farm between Pampa and White Deer, the daughter and fourth of eight children of Rufus Christopher O'Keefe and Stella Pond. She was a longtime Amarillo area teacher, certified at 16 by West Texas Normal School. She graduated from West Texas State Teachers College in 1929 with a degree in English.

She married Carl Clyde Periman on Aug. 14, 1933, at Chicago, Ill.; he died in 1999.

She taught a total of 24 years at various schools including: Cuyler School (between Panhandle and White Deer); Hereford Elementary School, 1927-28; Pampa High School, 1929-33; and Memphis High School, 1933-36. She retired from Amarillo public schools in 1963, teaching English

and Spanish at Elizabeth Nixon Junior High, Sam Houston Junior High and Crockett Junior High.

A longtime member and elder of First Presbyterian Church, she taught third-grade Sunday school and was involved in Women's Circles. She also volunteered for Meals on Wheels and belonged to PEO, Delta Kappa Gamma, University Women, Birthday Club, Knife and Fork and Square Dance clubs.

She was preceded in death by five brothers.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Phillip O'Keefe Periman of Amarillo; a daughter, Mary Jane Periman Kookk Hilfer of Austin; a sister, Ella Faye Price of Amarillo; a brother, David Scott O'Keefe of Houston; five grandchildren; a step-grandchild; and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be to Mary Arless O'Keefe Periman scholarship fund at West Texas A&M University; the Carl and Arless Periman Library Fund at First Presbyterian Church; the Periman Fund at the Amarillo Area Foundation; or the Harrington Cancer Center.

**TOMMY MICHAEL SHERROD**  
**QUITMAN** — Tommy Michael Sherrod, 53, of Quitman, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001, at his home. Memorial services were held today at Quitman.

Mr. Sherrod was born in Marshall, Texas, on Oct. 31, 1947. He lived in Miami, Texas, for almost 30 years before moving to Quitman recently.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Mr. Sherrod worked for Arkla Energy as a pipeline welder for 25 years before retiring.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sidney Lee Hale Sherrod, and he is survived by two daughters, Traci Barteo of Denton, Texas, and her husband Stephen and Kristen Sherrod of Elk City, Okla., and her fiancée Britton Davis; one son, Tommy Michael Simmons; one grandson, Braden Simmons; a granddaughter, Kaylee Harris; his mother, Billie Ford; two sisters, Joyce Boothe and Debbie Sherrod; one brother, F.E. Sherrod, all from Marshall, as well as several nieces and nephews.

The family asks that donations be made to Ducks Unlimited, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120-2351.

## Police report

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

**Tuesday, Aug. 14**  
**Trevor Len Slater**, 20, 505 N. Dwight, was arrested on a capias pro fine for reckless damage.

A representative of Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart, reported theft of \$27 of gasoline.

A skateboard valued at \$15 was reported stolen in the 1400 block of North Charles. The skateboard was later recovered.

Sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl was reported to the Pampa Police Department.

Criminal mischief was reported at Travis Elementary School, 2400 N. Primrose. Juveniles wrote their names in wet cement.

A cell phone was reported lost in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

Theft of a bicycle valued at \$300 was reported in the 2100 block of North Charles.

Three pieces of lawn furniture valued at \$150 was reported stolen in the 300 block of Miami.

Two vehicles were burglarized in the 1000 block of South Christy. Estimated loss was \$330.

A representative for D&K Glass, 315 W. Foster, reported the business was burglarized. Someone threw a rock through a window and took approximately \$15 from a candy dispenser.

A vehicle was burglarized in the 1000 block of South Christy. Estimated loss was \$100.

A report of assault and telephone harassment on March 27 was taken by Pampa police.

A vehicle was burglarized in the 1000 block of South Farley. Estimated loss was \$80.

## Sheriff's Office

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

**Tuesday, Aug. 14**  
**Christian Dale King**, 19, 928 Jordan, was arrested for assault.

Stacy Lamm, 33, 214 Sumner, was arrested on municipal warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection, driving with license suspended and failure to appear.

Kenneth Lee Hair, 27, 1824 N. Banks, was arrested for sexual assault.

Dennis Ray Hayes, 53, of Pampa was arrested on a bond surrender for abandoning/ endangering a child with intent to return.

Willis D. Millis Jr., 39, 1053 Huff Rd., was arrested on two capias pro fines for driving with license suspended and municipal warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Debra Jean Powers Hill, 38, 1400 W. Somerville, Apt. 12, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated - first offense, and expired driver's license.

**Wednesday, Aug. 15**  
**Theft under \$50 was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells. An unknown person stole a shirt and checks.**

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anheuser Grain of Pampa.		Coca Cola		up 0.70	
Wheat	2.61	Columbia HCA	46.30	up 0.05	
Milo	3.60	Enron	37.99	dn 0.44	
Corn	3.78	Halliburton	31.47	up 0.93	
Soybeans	4.36	KMI	53.56	dn 0.52	
Oil Sunflowers	7.20	Kerr McGee	62.10	up 0.84	
		Limited	16.29	dn 0.11	
		McDonald's	28.61	up 0.62	
		Exxon Mobil	41.29	up 0.14	
		New Atmos.	21.42	dn 0.14	
		XCEL	26.80	dn 0.18	
		NOF	17.37	up 0.46	
		OKI	17.23	up 0.05	
		Penny's	26.00	dn 0.49	
		Phillips	58.28	up 0.38	
		Pioneer Nat.	18.32	up 0.12	
		SJB	51.45	up 1.20	
		Tenneco	4.95	dn 0.05	
		Texas	70.70	up 0.98	
		Ultrasat	47.84	up 0.43	
		Wal-Mart	52.45	up 0.09	
		Williams	32.05	dn 0.25	
		New York Gold	276.80		
		Silver	4.21		
		West Texas Crude	27.85		

## TAX

would also eliminate one truck. The sanitation cut would eliminate a truck and means health inspections, such as those at local restaurants, would transfer to the state health department.

To make up for cuts in maintenance, the city manager-proposed hiring part-time workers or contract to have the city mowing done. Likewise, outside people would have to be used to make some city repairs.

In other funds, a meter reader and truck would be cut and a full-time position, replaced by more part-timers, would go to the landfill.

In discussion on his motion, Andrews said, "In my mind it takes a 3.6 cent increase to fully fund this budget."

He was making reference to the fact the proposed general fund budget before them - with the 14 cuts - comes up short by just over \$125,000. Without those cuts, the general fund budget would fall short by over \$416,000.

Each penny on the tax rate generates about

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\$35,000, Eskridge said.  
 "It will cost 5.2 cents to keep the north fire station open and we still haven't taken care of the (employee health) insurance rate increase that's coming," Andrews said.

"I realize this proposal sticks us over the rollback rate ... my district and Jeff McCormick's are probably more served by the No. 2 station," Andrews said.

"I can't say my phone has been ringing off the hook but more people have told me they are willing to pay the taxes to keep that station open," the commissioner said.

City Attorney Don Lane reminded the commission it was proposing a tax rate increase only and that allocation of the money must be done through the budget process, not a tax vote.

Though it wasn't included, Commissioner Faustina Curry said, "... And we need to add another 3.2 cents to keep the narcotics officers and police."

"I think there's something else," the mayor said. "We're looking at a school tax increase, too."

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## CHAUTAUQUA

The family day in the park was organized by Pampa Fine Arts in 1982 to take the arts to the community and to provide a day that the community could come together for entertainment and education at a minimum cost.

It was patterned after the original Chautauquas

begun in New York about 1875. These later became traveling tent shows throughout the United States in the days before television. Chautauquas came to Pampa before 1920, and the Schneider Band toured the area publicizing the events. As in New York, the Pampa celebration closes with the traditional Chautauqua song "Day Is Dying in the West," performed at 4 p.m. at the stage.

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## PERRY

"It makes the perfect re-election issue (for Perry). There are no regular working people in the state of Texas who stay awake at night worrying that we have a shortage of laws right now," McDonald said. "You can easily fashion a campaign message that, 'I said no to more government.'"

A veto of a bill that would have forced insurance companies to pay doctors' claims more quickly appeared to be Perry's biggest political liability because it antagonized many politically powerful doctors.

While Perry seems to have lost the doctors' support, he also appears to have energized people who support the death penalty, oppose abortion and are wary of more government, all support Perry needs to win a full term in the 2002 election.

"I would give him an A rating. It showed a great deal of courage," Becky Farrar, state director of Concerned Women for America, said of the vetoes.

Farrar's group successfully lobbied Perry to veto a bill that would have reorganized the state's Medicaid program and created some pilot health programs, and another bill that would have allowed an appointed board, instead of the elected

Board of Education, to oversee the state's \$20 billion Permanent School Fund.

Twenty-nine Texans wrote to thank Perry for vetoing the permanent school fund bill, compared to just one who questioned the veto.

Similarly, 79 Texans wrote to thank Perry for vetoing the Medicaid bill, with only 25 questioning that veto.

Almost all of the letters of praise suggested the bill would have provided new money to promote abortions, even though the bill's sponsors and Perry's aides said those fears were unfounded.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo and sponsor of the Medicaid bill, said voters will not forgive Perry for vetoing the measure, which she says would have saved the state \$417 million.

Perry received about the same number of letters for and against his veto of the ban on executing mentally retarded inmates. Some of the most hostile letters came from places like Oregon, California and Washington, D.C., while more supportive letters came from Texans who said the veto had helped convince them to support Perry in 2002.

"Very courageous work on vetoing of needless legislation, especially on the execution bill," wrote Mark Goloby, of Houston.

## Lawyer: Kennedy cousin has alibi

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel will provide a formal alibi for his whereabouts on the night that 15-year-old neighbor Martha Moxley was killed, his lawyer said.

Skakel will offer the alibi within 20 days, defense lawyer Michael Sherman said during a hearing.

Stamford Superior Judge John F. Kavanewsky Jr. rejected a motion from Sherman to force the prosecution to narrow its estimate of the time Moxley was killed. State's Attorney Jonathan Benedict said forensic experts cannot be any more specific than some time between 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 30, 1975, and 5 a.m. the following day.

Skakel, a nephew of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was charged in January 2000 with the slaying of Moxley, who was bludgeoned with a golf club that matched a set owned by the Skakel family. Skakel was also 15 at the time.

Skakel has pleaded innocent and remains free on \$500,000 bail. Sherman also was expected to argue Wednesday that the case against Skakel should be thrown out because it is too old. That motion cited a statute of limita-

tions in effect at the time of the murder.

Prosecutors contend that murder prosecutions are not subject to any statute of limitations. State law was changed in 1976 to eliminate time limits for prosecuting serious felonies, including murder.

Prosecutors agreed to give Sherman a list of the witnesses they plan to call from the Elan School, a treatment center Skakel

attended as a teen-ager. Some former students at the school have testified that Skakel confessed to Moxley's killing, while others have said Skakel never confessed.

Sherman also was expected to ask for the disclosure of numerous documents related to evidence, while prosecutors planned to seek an order limiting public comments that attorneys can make about the case outside court.

## City Briefs

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**COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN** Elementary School, Now enrolling, Pre-K through 5th grade! 665-3393, 220 N. Ballard St.

**ST. MATTHEWS Day School** enrolling now for 2001-2002, 3yr-olds, 4 yr. olds, Pre-K, Kindergarten and Day Care. Come by 727 W. Browning or call 665-0703.

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**WANTED VOLUNTEER** drivers, Meals On Wheels, call 669-1007.

## Fires

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

**Tuesday, Aug. 15**  
 8:51 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a gasoline spill and fire in the 600 block of North Faulkner. Juveniles told firefighters they accidentally kicked over a gas can and the gasoline somehow caught on fire. The small fire was put out with a fire extinguisher. No structures were involved.

## Weather focus

**PAMPA** — Today, partly sunny with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Areal coverage of rain 30 percent. Highs in the upper 80s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Shifting to the north shortly after noon.

Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. North winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy with highs in the upper 80s.

Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. becoming east in the afternoon.

**STATEWIDE** — The approach of a new frontal sys-

tem from the northwest Wednesday was increasing chances for significant rainfall in North and West Texas, forecasters say.

Rain already was falling in the Dalhart area, with early-morning readings in the 60s. Other 60-degree readings were reported at Guadalupe Pass and higher elevations around Marfa, which had 66 degrees.

Temperatures elsewhere ranged into the 70s and 80s.

It was 71 degrees at Junction, 79 at Dryden and 82 degrees at Palacios and Laredo.

A cluster of showers and thunderstorms developed along the Gulf coast. Rain also fell in West Texas, including the lower Panhandle.

Winds were generally southeasterly at under 10 mph statewide, except for the South Plains with slightly higher wind speeds.

A chance of showers and thunderstorms continued across parts of North and West Texas as well as coastal areas through Friday.

Daytime highs should range from the upper 80s along the upper coast to around 100 degrees well inland in deep South Texas and 103 along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight should be in the 60s to 80s.



STATE BRIEFS

**Killer as a teen set to die Wednesday in Texas**

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Napoleon Beazley was president of his senior class, a star football player who had attracted the interest of some college programs and one of the most popular kids in his small hometown of Grapeland.

He also had a dark side. Beazley acknowledges he sold small amounts of cocaine. He carried a gun, a .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol. When he borrowed his mom's car April 19, 1994, the then 17-year-old Beazley also made sure there was a sawed-off shotgun in the back seat. He had bragged to a couple of friends he might soon be driving a Mercedes to school.

"Peer pressure," is the way Beazley, now 25, explained his double life from a cage in the visiting area of Texas death row. "I'm a different person now. You come here and you grow. I was a different person then."

Beazley was set for lethal injection Wednesday night for killing a 63-year-old man while trying to steal his car, a Mercedes, in Tyler in East Texas.

Unknown to Beazley and two companions from Grapeland, 120 miles southeast of Dallas, the victim, John Luttig, was a prominent businessman whose son, J. Michael Luttig, is a judge on the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, based in Richmond, Va.

**Prosecutors present forensic evidence in capital murder trial**

DALLAS (AP) — Sitting alone in a Dallas courtroom, the father of a slain police officer turned away as prosecutors brought in a mannequin dressed in his son's bloody uniform and spiked with 11 yellow stakes, one for each bullet that tore through Aubrey Hawkins' body Christmas Eve.

Curtis Hawkins was an island amid the spectators, crossing his arms and fixing his eyes far away from the pictures and diagrams that illustrated how his son was gunned down at an Oshman's store in Irving. He left at one point, but returned.

"It's tough, that's all I can say," Hawkins said during a recess in the second day of the trial of George Rivas, one of six Texas prison escapees charged with capital murder in the slaying.

Prosecutors had the Dallas medical examiner who performed the autopsy meticulously describe the path of each bullet that led to Hawkins' death. The prosecution planned to present more forensic evidence Wednesday.

An investigator testified Tuesday that Hawkins was riddled with bullets before he could even park his squad car. Then he was pulled from the vehicle and run over.

His body became lodged under his killers' getaway car and he was dragged more than 6 feet before the driver shifted into reverse, dislodged Hawkins' body and ran over it again.

**Texas case offers glimpse into high court's decisions**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just three of the nine Supreme Court justices voted to go forward with the execution of Napoleon Beazley. But in a case that lifted the veil from votes normally hidden, that will probably be enough to seal the Texan's fate.

The unusual case underscores continuing conflicts among the justices over their role as judges of last resort for some 70 or 80 condemned people a year.

Beazley's case fractured the court 3-3 — three votes for a reprieve, three to go forward with the execution and three abstentions by justices with connections to the victim's family. Under Supreme Court rules, a tie vote means the request for a reprieve is denied.

Beazley is to die Wednesday night for shooting a man to death during a botched carjacking in 1994. Beazley also fired at the victim's wife, who played dead while her husband lay beside her on their driveway.

Unless the Texas governor steps in — or the Supreme Court does, on broader grounds than its Monday rejection — the execution will go ahead in the case, which has drawn international attention because Beazley was just 17 when the shooting occurred.

Beazley, now 25, spent Tuesday talking with his parents and friends by telephone from inside a cage in the visiting area of Texas' death row. His would be the 19th U.S. execution since 1976 for a murder committed by a killer younger than 18 — the 10th in Texas.

**Cocaine-opiate mixture confirmed in 14 victims**

HOUSTON (AP) — Fourteen of the people who died of suspected drug overdoses in the past four days had a mixture of cocaine and opiates — possibly heroin — in their systems, according to the

medical examiner's office. And the narcotics' potency may have also played a role in the 18 deaths reported since the weekend, police said.

"It could be extremely high-grade heroin," Lt. Gray Smith of the Police Department's narcotics division told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions.

Houston drug users may have encountered a more lethal variety of heroin that comes from Colombia or the Golden Triangle of Southeast Asia.

"It could very easily be 90 percent plus" pure, said Smith. He said Mexican black tar heroin, which is dark-colored and pliable, is about 40 percent pure and the most common variety in Houston.

A brown substance in a syringe discovered on one of the victims had a mixture of heroin, cocaine and lidocaine. Small bags of a similar brown powder, also containing the cocaine-heroin compound, were found on another victim.

**Appeals court to consider arguments in case of jailed writer**

HOUSTON (AP) — Fledgling crime writer Vanessa Leggett has spent nearly a month behind bars since a federal judge found her in contempt of court for refusing to give a federal grand jury interviews she conducted for a book on a Houston society murder.

Leggett, 33, cited the First Amendment as protection when she refused to turn over the interviews, which she said would compromise confidential sources as well as strip her of material needed to write a book about the death of Doris Angleton.

"The government wants a monopoly on information and I think, I'm in their eyes in violation of possessing information with the intent to distribute it to the public," Leggett said. "That's not in line with the way they usually conduct their investigations."

An appeals court panel will consider oral arguments in her case Wednesday.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed Tuesday to open the oral arguments to the public. The court last week had denied requests by dozens of news organizations to argue on Leggett's behalf.

In an emergency motion filed Monday on behalf of ABC, Inc., The Associated Press, Belo Corp. CBS News, National Broadcasting Co. Inc., The New York Times Co., the Society of Professional Journalists and Tribune Co., news organizations claimed constitutional interests override any speculative or remote possibility that grand jury information might be disclosed during the oral arguments, Leggett was entitled to a public hearing, the motion said.

**Trial seeking \$1 billion from tire maker continues**

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — A tire company's employee who described herself as South Texas' "Face of Firestone" was denied a request to personally address a doctor and his relatives in court on a \$1 billion lawsuit the family filed against the manufacturer.

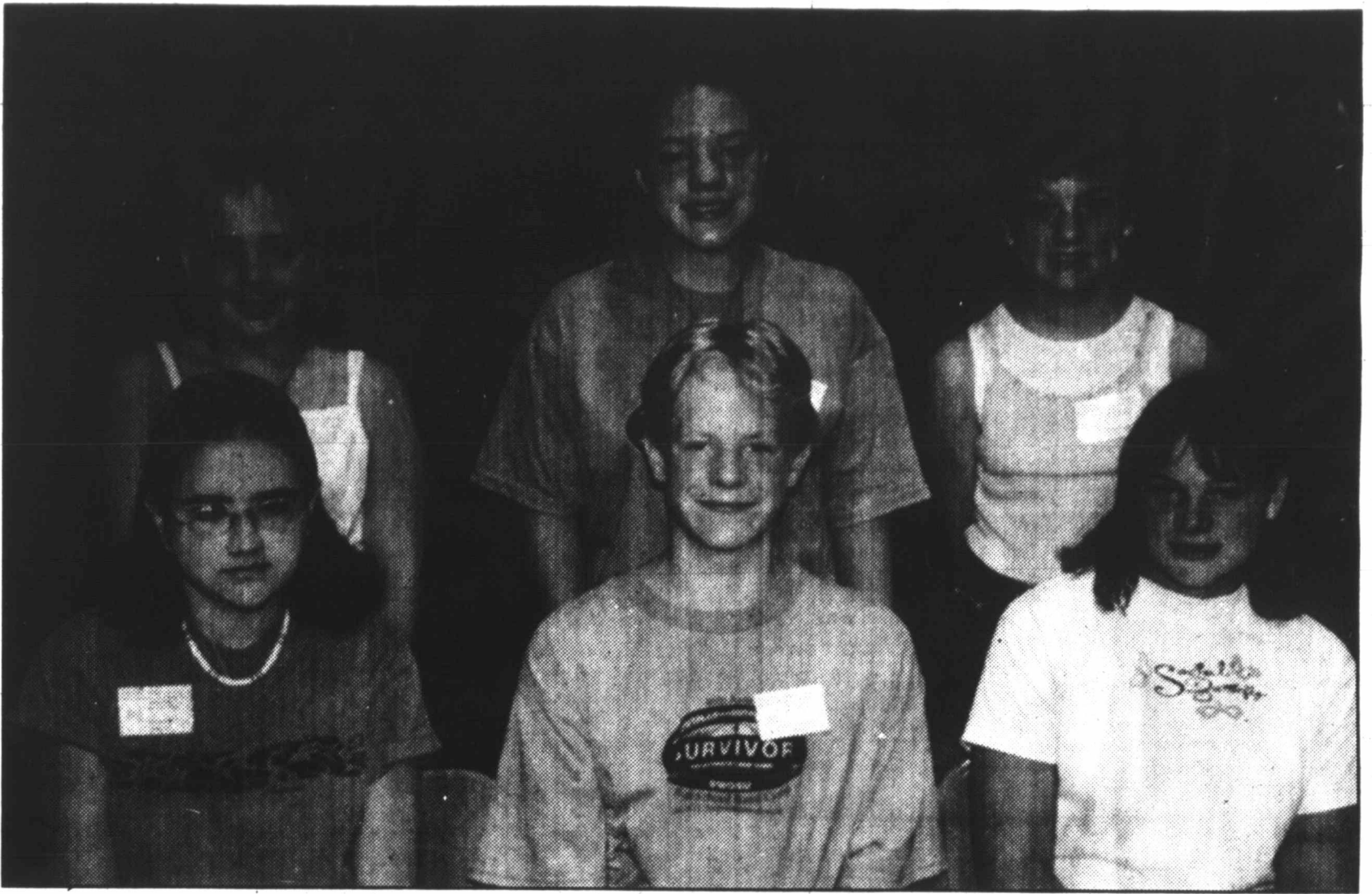
Plaintiffs' objection to Bridgestone/Firestone Inc.'s request — an apparent effort to show concern by the international tire maker — was readily sustained, allowing plaintiffs' attorney Tad Turner to instead ask Gabrielle Dobb about the first two days of testimony from Firestone engineers and executives.

"Knowing what you now know and what you heard — just heard about what (the company) knew ... wouldn't you have liked to have known so that you could have told the Rodriguezes and the people of South Texas how bad their tires were?"

Dobb is an assistant district manager for Firestone distribution throughout South Texas. She was asked by Firestone to help represent it in the first lawsuit against the company to reach trial.

The lawsuit enters its third day in court Wednesday, with attorneys representing the family of Dr. Joel Rodriguez expected to continue showing excerpts of videotaped depositions, mostly of Firestone's own executives and design engineers admitting they had been investigating the root cause of a rash of tire tread separations.

**SWOSU Band Camp**



(Courtesy photo)

Nearly 450 students attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 46th annual Band Camp at Weatherford, Okla., recently. The students were divided into five bands and attended rehearsals, elective classes, master classes, section rehearsals and other activities. The camp concluded with a concert featuring all the bands. Above: SWOSU Band Camp participants included (front, left-right) Aly Mackie, Adam Hagerman and Jessica Palmateer, all of Pampa; (back, l-r) Brittany Reagan of Pampa, Kendra Stribling of Miami and Erin Teague of Pampa.

**Industrial production continues decline**

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Industrial production at the nation's factories, mines and utilities edged down by just 0.1 percent in July, a possible sign that better days may be ahead for the beleaguered sector.

While the reduction was smaller than the 0.3 percent drop many analysts had forecast, it still marked the 10th monthly decline in a row, the Federal Reserve reported Wednesday. In June, output plunged by 0.9 percent, weaker than the Fed estimated a month ago.

Last month's decline was the best performance since output edged up by 0.2 percent in September.

Businesses showed progress whittling inventories of unsold goods in June even as sales fell by the largest amount in nine years.

The Commerce Department said supplies on shelves and backlogs declined by a seasonally adjusted 0.4 percent in June, the largest drop in three months. That came after business pared inventories by 0.2 percent in May. Inventories have fallen for five months in a row.

Sales plunged by 1.4 percent in June, after posting a 0.9 percent increase the month before. June's sales decline marked the largest drop since a 1.5 percent decrease in August of 1992.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has attributed much of the economy's weakness to an effort by businesses to cut back quickly on production to bring inventories back in line with sales.

The yearlong economic slowdown has curbed Americans' appetite for goods, causing an inventory pileup. To reduce inventories, companies have laid off workers, reduced shifts and deeply discounted merchandise.

Economists say companies must pare excess stocks in order to lay the foundation for increased production in the future, something that would bode well for a comeback for the overall economy.

In June, inventories at factories, which have been hardest hit by the slowdown, declined by 0.7 percent, following a 0.6 percent drop the month before. Sales in June plunged by 2.8 percent, after a 2.4 percent increase.

Retailers' inventories decreased by 0.3 percent, after being flat in May. Sales slipped

by 0.1 percent, erasing a 0.1 percent advance the month before.

At wholesalers, inventories edged down 0.2 percent, following a 0.3 percent rise. Sales fell by 0.9 percent, after a 0.5 percent decline.

Automobile dealers' inventories dipped by 0.2 percent in June, following a 0.3 percent gain in May.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: San Antonio Express News on Mexican-American border conditions:

Mexican President Vicente Fox articulates the dream of an open border between the United States and Mexico, an area where people and goods move freely.

For that dream a worthy goal to become a reality, conditions along the 2,000-mile border separating the two nations must be addressed.

Although Mexico and the United States are becoming ever more intertwined, nowhere do two nations share such an extended common border and, at the same time, have so many disparities.

Acknowledging and dealing with the economic disparity between the United States and Mexico, which plays out in so many ways, is key to developing a realistic immigration policy that is fair to both nations.

Addressing marked differences in the quality of the infrastructure along the border roads and highways, water and sewage treatment as well as in health care, education levels and housing, will require cooperative efforts between the two nations.

At the same time, marked differences between the U.S. side of the border region and the rest of the nation will require substantial U.S. investment.

The border, where cultures and living conditions blend, becomes almost a third nation resembling neither the United States nor Mexico but a unique version of the two.

For example, the 43 Texas counties nearest the Mexico border have 20 percent of Texas' population but one-third of the state's poverty. Health care conditions are poor, with a lack of medical facilities and health care workers. Border counties have been neglected in terms of education.

Yet this is the most rapidly growing region of the state.

The economic disparity between United States and Mexico explains why 300,000 people each year cross the border illegally, knowing that if they survive the difficult journey without being caught, they likely will find work and will be able to stay.

Nearly 300 of them lost their lives last year as they set off across unfamiliar desert or placed themselves in the hands of unscrupulous coyotes, who bilked them of the little money they had to help them reach el norte.

Economic disparity affects the dynamics of the drug war, again played out along the vast border region. To the south is the poor, supplier nation and to the north, the wealthy country where demand fuels the trade.

No realistic policy seeking to create a more open border can avoid calculating the impact of drug smuggling and how to more effectively handle that scourge.

A part of the long-term strategy of U.S.-Mexico relations must address the economic disparity between the two nations and its byproducts.

Both the federal government and the governments of the states that share a border with Mexico must address those complicated issues.

Creation of the North American Development Bank, or NAD Bank, as a part of the North American Free Trade Agreement provided a mechanism for border improvements. But it must be expanded and given greater resources.

The U.S.-Mexico panel of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace suggested a variety of initiatives for the Bush and Fox administrations, including tax incentives for investments along both sides of the border and brokering relationships among local and regional authorities, businesses, educational institutions and investment groups.

The Texas Legislature this spring considered an ambitious Marshall Plan for the Texas border region but failed to fund the program.

The federal government should undertake such an effort along the entire length of the border, providing technical assistance as well as funding. The border states cannot be expected to solve a national problem.

The difficulty of federal action is exacerbated by the lack of knowledge in Washington about complex problems along the nation's southern perimeter.

That's why the Bush presidency offers such an opportunity for sophisticated progress on the issue.

At its heart, this effort will require making a major investment in the southern border region and establishing as a priority a stable and prosperous southern neighbor.



Human twigs caught in the flood ...

Does anyone else feel like a twig in the flood-waters or is it just me?  
 I feel like a tiny object caught in a flash flood, hurled along in a roaring deluge. Every time I try to get a handle on my life, the immense pressure of the water hurls me forward.

These past few weeks of dry, hot weather have taken a toll on everyone. A person can take 100 degree temperatures only so long without some form of relief. Everywhere I looked tempers flared. I think the heat stressed everyone, almost to the limit. My poor yard is burned to a crisp. One of my apricot trees has died, probably because of the combined effects of heat and drought from last fall and this summer.

Thank goodness, we got a break this weekend. I don't know about you, but the cooler weather and cleansing rain helped my attitude tremendously. I'm ready for some more of it. To me, the weather change means the world has begun its transition to fall. We still have weeks to go, but the cool fronts will continue to pass through as the temperatures slowly go down. I'm ready...

Like the weather, there's so much in our lives that we cannot control. As I write this, all I can think about is my son Dave in Macedonia. He's there with the U.S. Army as a NATO peace keeper. I haven't spoken to him in weeks. He called once three weeks ago and I wasn't home. He left a message, "I'm okay. I'm still alive. You probably know more than I do."



**Dee Dee Laramore**  
 Staff writer

Then we got a short e-mail from him, assuring us again that he's okay. That's all I've heard from him lately.

World events take on a vastly different meaning when you have someone you love involved in them. The Balkans, Macedonia and ethnic Albanians meant little to me before Dave's deployment. I had read about ancient Macedonia and knew about the tiny republics that formed after communism fell and the USSR broke up. I never dreamed my son would someday go there.

Things are so volatile in Macedonia right now. I'm really afraid for Dave. The Macedonians and ethnic Albanians signed the peace accord Monday, which should be a good thing, but I'm afraid of two things. One, if the imposed cease fire holds, then the U.S. Army and the other NATO troops will be sent to take the Albanian rebels' weapons away from them. You know what that could lead to. Or there

will be an explosion of fighting over the peace accord that will draw Dave and the other peacekeepers into it. Either way, it doesn't look good.

And as I pray for the safety of my son, I think of all the other young people serving our country around the world — so many from our town and our area. I remember Ricky Payne and his family being caught up in world events when the plane he's in lands in China and he's held by the Chinese.

As I covered the story for the newspaper, I could not help but put myself in his mother Brenda's place, wondering if I could have been as brave as she was if I were in her position.

Several people who work at the newspaper have children involved in the military. While I read everything that crosses the Associated Press wire service about Macedonia, my fellow reporter Nancy Young watches for stories about the recent bombing of Iraq, knowing that there's a good chance that her son is involved in that. One of Brenda Cook's daughters is on a U.S. Navy ship that has been in the Persian Gulf. She, too, can be caught up in the on-going Middle East conflict.

My personal experience helps me remember that behind every news story are flesh-and-blood people with family and friends also affected by the events. Many times they have no control over what has happened or what is happening to them. They're like twigs caught in the flood, too.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 14, the 226th day of 2001. There are 139 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 14, 1951, newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst died in Beverly Hills, Calif.

On this date:

In 1848, the Oregon Territory was established.

In 1900, international forces, including U.S. Marines, entered Beijing to put down the Boxer Rebellion, which was aimed at purging China of foreign influence.

In 1917, China declared war on Germany and Austria during World War I.

In 1935, the Social Security Act became law.

In 1945, President Truman announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.

In 1947, Pakistan became independent of British rule.

In 1969, British troops arrived in Northern Ireland to intervene in sectarian violence between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

In 1973, the U.S. bombing of Cambodia came to a halt.

Trusting the people is basis of freedom

Ozzie Spengler was probably right in his book, "The Decline of the West." He said the age of money, which we're in, will be followed by the age of Caesar.

He meant a return to authoritarian governments. I believe the trend has already begun. The reason is simple: The Founding Fathers of this country were right — democracy can't work on a large scale.

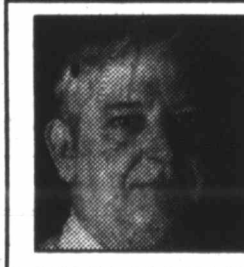
That's why they didn't create a democracy, but rather a republic with a limited franchise. We have, of course, systematically dismantled that republic and now have, in effect, a sort of mob democracy.

All one has to do is lay aside his or her ideological blinders for a moment to see that it is most foolish, indeed, to allow the most uninformed, the most pettily selfish, the most illiterate and ignorant people to choose the leaders of a complex government.

The American Establishment — the really rich guys — have handled this problem so far by manipulating the process. Working at the nomination level, they try to make sure the mob has a choice of Establishment Candidate A or Establishment Candidate B. That way the mob can delude itself that it is actually participating in government while the policies the Establishment cares about remain the same.

This process was most clear in 1976. In that presidential race, voters had a choice of Jimmy Carter and Zbigniew Brzezinski, a Rockefeller family foreign policy adviser, or Gerald Ford and Henry Kissinger, a Rockefeller family foreign policy adviser.

They voted for the "outsider" one of only two governors personally chosen by David Rockefeller to be a member of the Trilateral Commission and ended up with an administration and Cabinet straight out of the Fortune 500. The only thing populist about Jimmy Carter was and is his rhetoric. He is that most



**Charley Reese**  
 Syndicated columnist

obnoxious and hypocritical of the human animal species — a Southern liberal.

I offer this challenge: See if you can determine any differences in the foreign policies of George H.W. Bush, William Jefferson Clinton, and George W. Bush? I mean substantive differences, not rhetorical differences. In case you're the last to realize this, what politicians say during the campaign has no bearing whatsoever on what they intend to do if they're elected.

In the most recent election, we had two candidates debating, essentially, which one of them could best carry out the same agenda. The election victory margin was about as narrow as the real differences between the two men.

Americans need to be especially on guard against moves against free speech and their right to keep and bear arms. The purpose of passing hate-crime legislation is simply to lay the predicate for passing hate-speech laws. Canada, France and Germany can no longer be described as free countries because, if you write or speak on certain topics, you can be prosecuted, fined and imprisoned.

I have no doubt that certain elements in America want the same kind of laws here and, if we aren't careful, they may get them. Just remember that speech control is thought control and no country is free where the government can outlaw thinking.

And, of course, no socialist country can be called a free country. Yes, I know there are so-called democratic socialist countries where elections are held, but what good is an election if the most important aspects of government are off limits? There were elections in Stalin's day. Somewhat like our own Establishment, the communists offered people a choice: Communist A or Communist B.

Socialism is a command economy. Our socialist programs, Social Security and Medicare, are compulsory. People have no choice. They are taxed to pay for both. If they should die before they can receive any benefits, tough. The government just confiscates their contributions. Freedom and compulsion are contradictions.

But the reason democracy always leads to authoritarian rule is because the mob will bankrupt the country voting itself goodies out of the treasury. It will also fragment into warring factions, none of which cares a rat's toenail about the common good. When this situation gets too extreme, someone must step in and impose order.

The only advantage of getting older is just the perspective of experience. I know, in the way a person under 40 cannot know, how much freer America was in 1946 than it is in 2001. And it was freer in 1901 than it was in 1946.

Americans opposed to entry into World War II warned that the country would never be the same. They warned that a war state would be created and perpetuated. And they were dead-on right. So it has happened.

What the present generation must do is guard against the growing trend toward more authoritarian government. Government is never static. Its tendency is always to move toward more power that means less freedom. But to do that, the present generation must have more faith in itself than it does in government. You can't have a free society unless you trust the people.

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# Calendar of events

**WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM**  
White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.

**FREEDOM MUSEUM**  
Freedom Museum, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

**LAS PAMPAS WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY**  
Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

**TRALEE CRISIS CENTER**  
Tralee Crisis Center support groups for victims of family violence — both women and children — meet every Thursday evening. For more information about adult support groups, call 669-1788, and to inquire about children's support groups, 669-1131.

**GIRL SCOUTS**  
Pampa Girl Scouts meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Pampa Girl Scout House on Kingsmill.

**PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD**  
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD**  
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

**HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION**  
High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
The local Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkins, 665-0356.

**PAMPA GARDEN CLUB**  
Pampa Garden Club meets at 2 p.m. the second Monday of each month from September through May. Meeting location changes monthly.

**TEXCARE PARTNERSHIP**  
Texcare Partnership is the New Children's Health Insurance campaign developed especially for Texas families with uninsured children, birth through age 18. The following health insurance programs are available: Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and Texas Healthy Kids Corp. For more information, call 1-800-647-6558 or 1-888-892-2273.

**PAMPA PILOTS ASSOCIATION**  
Pampa Pilots Association meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Airport Lounge.

**CLASS OF 1961**  
Pampa High School Class of 1961 will hold its 40th class reunion this year. Anyone interested in helping plan and organize the event should contact Zip Swaney at 665-5532.

**HARRINGTON HOUSE**  
The 2001 tour season for Harrington House, 1600 S. Polk, Amarillo, is in full swing. Built in 1914 by cattlemen John and Pat Landergin, the house was acquired in 1940 and preserved by Don and Sybil Harrington. The hour-long tours are conducted from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April through mid-December. There is no admission fee. For more information call (806) 374-5490.

**CLARENDON COLLEGE LRC**  
Clarendon College Learning Resource Center will be open from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, from 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday and will be closed Friday-Sunday. Regular hours will resume Aug. 27.

**CCPC OTC PROGRAM**  
Enrollment for Clarendon College's Office Technology Certificate (OTC) Program and Machining Technology Program (MTP) is currently under way at Clarendon College-Pampa Center. Both programs can be completed in nine-months.

## Gem Theatre in Claude to hold season finale

CLAUDE — In its final performance of the season, Gem Theatre in Claude will present Threadneedle Street in concert Saturday, Aug. 18. The folk music quartet's new program, "Iron Horse, Steel Rails and Tin Whistles: A Musical History of the American Railroad" recalls the romance of the rails to America.

Threadneedle is well-versed in a number of musical styles including Irish and Scottish, Renaissance, Celtic and western. Group members are Jim Brunke (bodhran/ethnic drums), Peggy Turner (flute, recorder, tinwhistle), Melina Wilkins (violin/fiddle), and Bobby Bush (guitar, mandolin and banjo).

Brunke and Turner met in a band in their native Milwaukee in the late 1970s. They have lived in the Fort Worth area since 1981 and have traveled to all parts of the country playing at Renaissance and Irish festivals. In between tours, they give lessons and perform at area schools.

Wilkins began playing in Odessa at age six. She later teamed with her father and sisters in a string quartet and played regularly with the Odessa and Lubbock Symphonies. She is currently head orchestra director at a

large high school near Dallas. Bush hails from the Fort Worth area and has been playing a wide variety of styles for over 35 years. Reservations are recommended. To RSVP, call (806) 226-5409 prior to Saturday evening. Cost of admission is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children. Special group rates are also available.

**PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**  
The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have been touched by cancer will meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 16 in the cafeteria of the Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. Program for this month's meeting will be yoga. Bring a quilt, exercise mat, large towel or blanket and wear comfortable clothing (pants are better than skirts.) Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The public is invited. For more information, call 665-4742 or 665-2654. For a ride, call Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654. In case of inclement weather, call ahead in case meeting is canceled.

**SUNSHINE LUNCHEON**  
Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor two Sunshine (bereavement) Luncheons this month. The first is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 16 at K-Bob's Steakhouse in Amarillo and the second at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 22, at Dyer's Bar-B-Que in Pampa. Cost to participants is between \$5 and \$8. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365 or (806) 372-7696.

**ACCORD MEETING**  
Gray County Chapter of ACCORD (Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc.) will meet for a membership drive at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 17 at Lovett Memorial Library (north entrance). Membership is open to anyone who is concerned about polluting the Ogallala Aquifer by waste from hog factory lagoons. Membership fees are \$35 per year. Fees and contributions may be mailed to Keitha Davis, Secretary-411, Combs-Worley Building, Pampa, TX 79065.

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**ACS LOOK GOOD ... FEEL BETTER**  
The American Cancer Society will present the program "Look Good ... Feel Better" from 1-3 p.m. Aug. 18 at the ACS office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. The program is aimed at helping cancer patients cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatments. Cosmetology professionals will demonstrate techniques how to compensate for hair loss through the use of turbans and scarves. To register or for more information, call the ACS at (806) 353-4306.

**CELESTIAL ARTS CONTEST**  
Celestial Arts is sponsoring a free poetry contest. The grand prize winner will receive \$1,000. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to: Celestial Arts, P.O. Box 1140, Talent, OR 97540 or log on to [www.freecontest.com](http://www.freecontest.com). The deadline for entering is Aug. 29.

**ACT EXAM**  
The next ACT Assessment will be administered Sept. 22. College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions and placement test by Aug. 17, the postmark deadline. The late registration postmark deadline is Aug. 31 and carries an additional fee. For more information, contact your school counselor or visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) on the World Wide Web.

**FALL RETREAT**  
First Baptist Church Women's Fall Retreat will be Sept. 28-30 at New Beginnings near Channing. The deadline for registration is Aug. 31. Cost is \$97 (two per room) and will include food, lodging and transportation from Pampa. Forms are available at the church, 203 N. West. For more information, call 669-1155 or contact Kathryn Green at 669-0148.

**TPTF GRANTS**  
The application deadline for this year's Texas Preservation Trust Fund (TPTF) grant program is Friday, Aug. 31, 2001. Completed applications must be submitted to Texas Historical Commission offices by 5 p.m. Eligible projects include archeological sites; commercial buildings; public buildings (schools, city halls, etc.); unique historic structures (bridges, water towers, etc.); comprehensive preservation plans; and Visionaries in Preservation Training and Preservation Education Training projects. For more information, call (512) 463-6094 or access [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us) on the World Wide Web.

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HEMPHILL (MATHERS RANCH Upper Morrow) Ocean Energy, Inc., #10 Mathers Ranch, 2360' from North & West line, Sec. 166,41,H&TC, PD 13550'.  
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**GAS WELL COMPLETIONS**  
GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gray Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #3 Fowler 'C', Sec. 30,R, A.D. Heiman Survey, spud 1-23-01, drlg. compl 1-25-01, potential 900 MCF, TD 2419' —  
HANSFORD (STAMPER Marmaton) Strat Land Exploration Co., #4138 Bivins, Sec. 138,2,GH&H, spud 4-18-01, drlg. compl 4-30-01, tested 7-9-01, potential 770 MCF, TD 6900' —  
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**PLUGGED WELLS**  
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CARSON (PANHANDLE) W.R. Williams, #1 Sheridan 'A', Sec. 243,B,H&GN, spud 2-1-89, plugged 6-14-01, TD 3400' (oil) — Form 1 filed in VRK Operating  
GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Hy-Tech, Inc., #1 Sheppard 'A',

Sec. 188,B-2,H&GN, spud 4-5-55, plugged 7-11-01, TD 2987' (gas) — Form 1 in Ada Oil Co.  
HANSFORD (HANSFORD Upper Des Moines) Strat Land Exploration, #1 Crooks, Sec. 113,4-T,T&NO, spud 10-25-82, plugged 5-24-01, TD 8800' (gas) — Form 1 in Geodyne Resources  
HANSFORD (N.W. SHAPLEY Marmaton) Strat Land Exploration, #2284 Archer 'F', Sec. 284,2,GH&H, spud 2-22-98, plugged 6-11-01, TD 7025' (gas) —  
HANSFORD (SHAPLEY Morrow) Strat Land Exploration, #3187 Stedje, Sec. 187,2,GH&H, spud 5-2-01, plugged 6-14-01, TD 6900' (dry) —  
HEMPHILL (FELDMAN Douglas) Unit Petroleum Co., #1021 Jones Estate, Sec. 21,1,G&M, spud unknown, plugged 6-6-01, TD 9690' (gas) —  
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Cody Company, #30 T.D. Lewis, NCT 4, Sec. 17,L,EL&RR, spud 7-11-40, plugged 6-29-01, TD 3150' (oil) — Form 1 in Crest Exploration  
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Sanabi Oil Co., #10 M.T. Johnson, J.T. Williams Survey, spud unknown, plugged 6-20-01, TD 3150' (oil) — Form 1 in Crest Exploration  
HUTCHINSON (NORTH HUTCHINSON Krider) Strat Land Exploration, #2H Johnnie Close, Sec. 16,3,SA&MG, spud 4-19-00, plugged 5-17-01, TVD 3330' (gas) —  
WHEELER (EAST PANHANDLE) Kenneth Wischkammer, #1 A.S. Martin, Sec. 52,17,H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 7-25-01, TD 2055' (gas) —

## Scholarship recipient



(Courtesy photo)

Michele Cox, Lefors PTO 2000-01 president, recently presented a scholarship to Amanda Sprouse, 2001 Lefors Parent Teacher Organization scholarship recipient. Lefors PTO awards one scholarship annually to a graduating senior at LHS. Lefors PTO encourages all parents of students in the school district, as well as school employees, to join the group. For more information, contact LPTO 2001-02 President Susan Roberson at (806) 835-2302.

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## Officer's Call for Help Is Answered With Laughter

DEAR ABBY: Here's my "Locked in the Loo" story: As a police officer patrolling the streets, I sometimes had to use public restrooms. On one occasion, I went to a friend's business to attend to the call of nature. To get to the restroom, I had to walk through the showroom, office area, warehouse and garage. When I tried to leave the restroom, the door wouldn't open.

I didn't have the luxury of having a window through which to escape. I yelled and banged on the door, but got no response. Having no other choice, I used my portable police radio to ask the dispatcher to call the business and inform them of my plight. There was no immediate response from the dispatcher. When he did respond, I heard loud laughter in the background.

I knew immediately when my friend at the store received the phone call because I could hear howls of laughter coming from the showroom.

This happened more than 20 years ago. I'm sure that when the citizens of that fine city read this in your column, they will have another good laugh since everyone who had a police monitor heard my plea. You may use my name.

JAMES A. OEHMKE, RETIRED  
 TOLEDO POLICE OFFICER

DEAR JAMES: When I read your letter aloud, howls of laughter echoed throughout my office. Interesting, isn't it, how funny a predicament can be when it's happening to someone else.

## Dear Abby

Is written by  
 Pauline Phillips and  
 daughter Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married 19 years. We have one daughter in college and three at home, ages 17, 15 and 11. We went to therapy because I was unhappy. The therapist said my wife was not allowing any of us space, including me. My wife was making all the decisions — which included having the kids believe in the tooth fairy and the Easter bunny.

My wife doesn't like one suggestion the therapist made. I believe it could work well. The therapist said we should have one weekend a month free. From Friday at 6 p.m. to midnight Sunday (54 hours), I take care of the kids and house, and my wife can do whatever she wants with the time and \$120. I get the same on my weekend. The other two weekends are for the family, and the children choose alternating activities from my wife's list or mine.

On my weekend I go away fishing, camping, hiking or whatever.

This is what my wife hates. Abby, I need the time alone, undisturbed, and have felt much better since I started doing it. I also enjoy having the kids alone without my wife constantly interrupting or contradicting me.

My wife will sometimes stay around the house on her "alone" weekend and try to interfere even though she's not even supposed to have dinner with us or be involved in any way when it's my weekend with the kids.

How can I get her to understand how much this means to me? How can I get her to get a life? She hates camping and fishing. Please answer soon because she's driving me and the kids crazy on my weekend with them.

NEEDS TIME OUT  
 IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR NEEDS TIME OUT: Your wife already understands how much your separate time means to you — and she finds that threatening. What's sad is that the harder she clings and tries to control, the more uncomfortable she's making you and the further she's driving you away.

Some individual counseling to resolve her insecurity would be helpful. If she refuses, I see difficult times ahead.

## Have A Story Idea...

Contact Dee Dee or Nancy  
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## Wildwood



## Crossword Puzzle

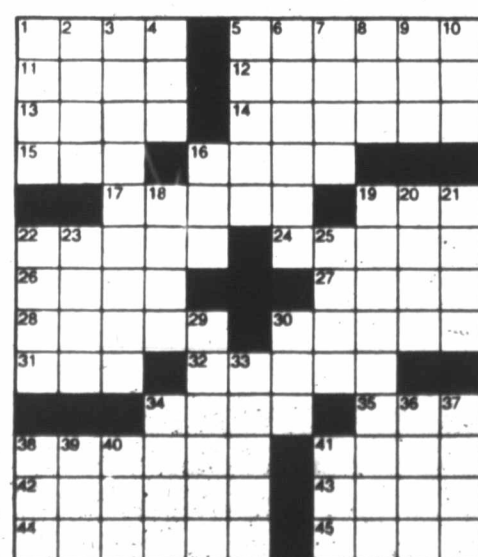
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- 16 Actor
- 18 Lair
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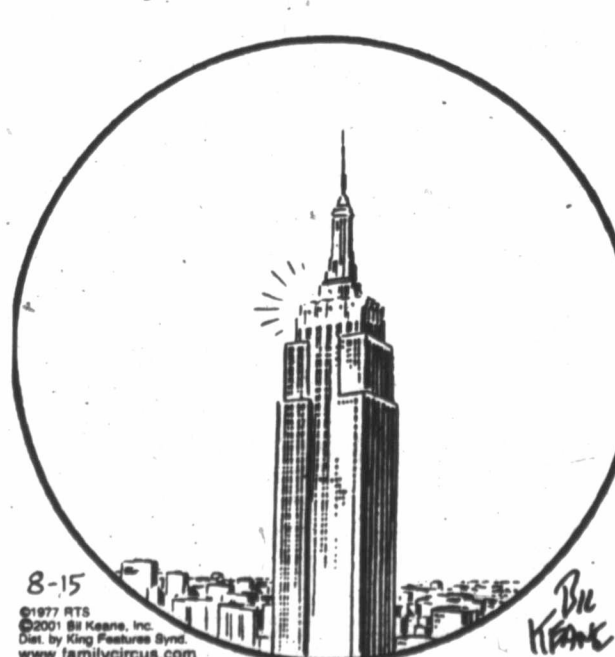
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## Marmaduke



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## The Family Circus

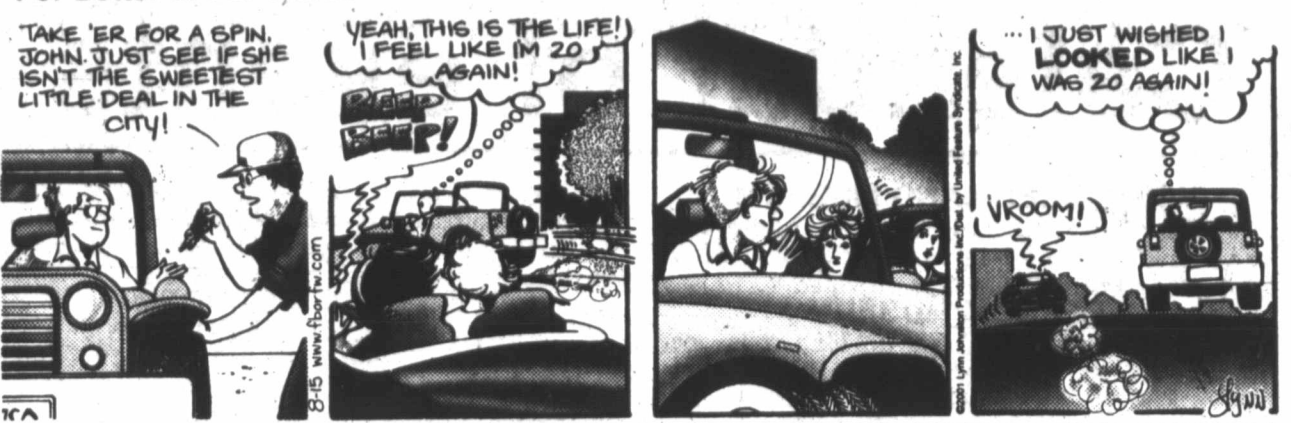


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"Daddy, tell Billy to stop callin' it the 'Umpire State Building.'"

## For Better or For Worse



## Zits



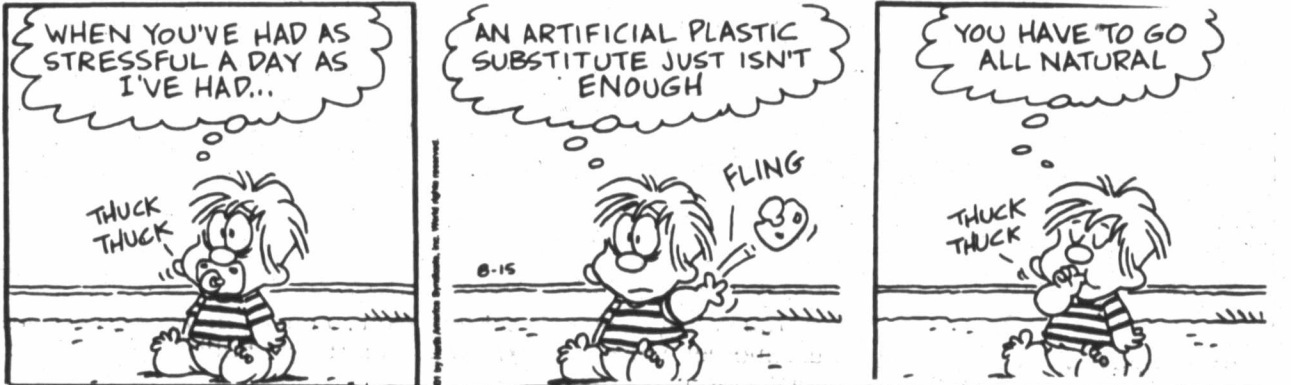
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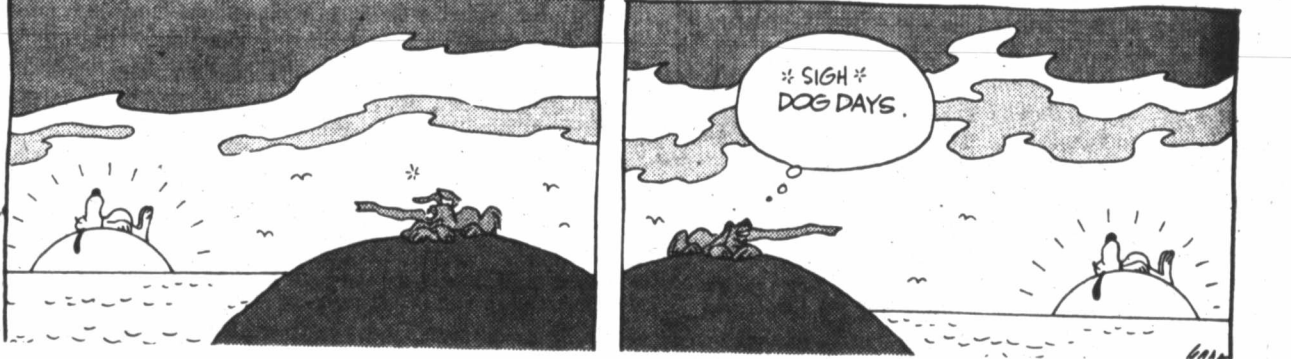
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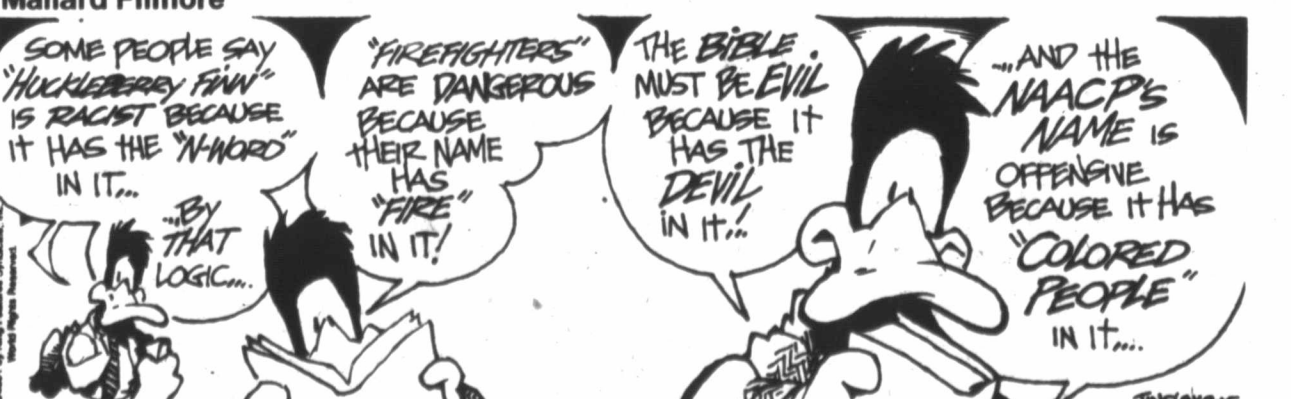
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## Notebook

### FOOTBALL

**CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP)** — Miami defensive end Jerome McDougle collapsed after becoming overheated at the end of morning workouts Tuesday, but school officials said the condition was not life-threatening.

"The prognosis, we feel, is very good," coach Larry Coker said in a release. "Jerome just became overheated, but he never lost consciousness and he is alert."

McDougle, 22 of Pompano Beach, was taken to Doctor's Hospital in Miami for examination.

Coker said McDougle, 6-foot-4 and 270 pounds, showed no signs of fatigue during the team's first practice in full pads, but became lightheaded as it wrapped up. The temperature during the workout was about 90 degrees.

**OXNARD, Calif. (AP)** — Tony Banks, signed to be Troy Aikman's temporary replacement as the Dallas Cowboys' starting quarterback, was released Tuesday after throwing for just 54 yards in the first two exhibition games.

The move came one day after Cowboys officials said the starting quarterback job was up for grabs.

Banks, who also lost starting jobs in St. Louis and Baltimore, was told he'd be the opening day starter when he was signed in March and had his status reaffirmed after Quincy Carter was Dallas' top draft pick in April.

The salary cap-strapped Cowboys signed Banks to only a \$500,000, one-year contract with no signing bonus, a huge bargain for an NFL starting quarterback considering that it's just \$23,000 a year above the veteran minimum.

### AUTO RACING

**DALLAS (AP)** — The Dallas Stars Tuesday signed minor league goaltender Chad Alban to a one-year deal.

Terms were not disclosed.

Alban, 25, was 4-5-4 with Utah and Grand Rapids of the International Hockey League last year. He had a 2.09 goals-against average. He also was 14-5-1 with a 3.00 goals-against average while with the Idaho Steelheads of the West Coast Hockey League. He had a .900 save percentage.

### BASKETBALL

**HOUSTON (AP)** — The Houston Rockets postponed a news conference to introduce new acquisition Glen Rice Tuesday because team doctors weren't finished reviewing his medical records.

Rockets spokesman Tim Frank said physicians were taking longer than expected to examine results of Rice's physical.

A foot injury forced Rice to miss much practice time last season with the New York Knicks. He played in 75 games and started 25. His scoring average, 19.5 points per game for his 12-year NBA career, dropped to 12 points per game last season.

Houston acquired the three-time All-Star in a three-team trade Friday that also involved the Knicks and Dallas Mavericks.

Howard Eislew went from Dallas to New York, Shandon Anderson went from the Rockets to the Knicks and Muggsy Bogues went to the Mavericks from New York.

## Funky hair day



(Courtesy photo)

"Funky Hair Day" was the theme of the day at the British Soccer Camp held recently at the Pampa Soccer Complex. Camp participants were (front row, from left) Landon Long, Andy Parker, Colby Copeland, Taylor Thompson, Lara Heerema, Shelby Broadus, Austin Morgan and Dustin Neef; (standing from left) Mitch Kelly, Tanner Dyson, Kenny Hightower, Rusty Snider, Cody Snow, Megan Jouett, Darby Snow and Alissa Sietz; In the back row are English coaches Gordan (left) and Graham. Not pictured is camp coordinator Ron Jouett.

## Cubs regain lead over Astros

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Depending on the player, it was either a really big game or just one of many.

After spending one day out of first place, the Chicago Cubs rallied in the seventh inning on Sammy Sosa's 43rd home run for a 3-1 victory over Houston and regained a half game lead in the NL Central Division over the Astros.

"You can sit here and say it's just another game, but really it's not," closer Tom Gordon said. "This is the team that we are fighting so obviously it's big."

Chicago had lost three straight. Monday night's 9-5 defeat in the series opener had dropped the Cubs out of first place for the first time since May 29.

"This was huge for today," Cubs manager Don Baylor said. "Tomorrow, we'll be back to the same thing again. It's going to be this way all the way, Chicago, Houston and St. Louis. Everyone will be watching everyone else's scores."

The Cubs and Astros close out the current series Wednesday night, one of eight games remaining between the teams this season.

"It's great to be back in first place, but we know we are in a tight race," Sosa said. "We still have over 40 games to play, it's not like we just have two or three games to play. That's when it will really get exciting."

Sosa's homer was the 429th of his career and kept him in a tie for 28th on the career list with Rafael Palmeiro of Texas, who also homered Tuesday. Starter Roy Oswalt struck out Sosa three times before his big hit.

"I was having a tough night,"

Sosa said. "That kid was pitching me awesome. But I could have four strikeouts in a game and in my last at-bat, I'm going to go up there with confidence. I'm the type of player who doesn't worry about myself. I know what I can do."

Craig Biggio led off with a home run for the third time in four games and the eighth time this season. Biggio has 29 lead-off homers in his career, one short of Bobby Bonds' NL record.

Biggio took a called third strike for the final out of the game and then declined comment on the call by plate umpire Jeff Kellogg.

"I went in and looked at the pitch," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "It wasn't that bad, but it's the only one that high that he called a strike. We had thrown some others that high earlier that he didn't call a strike."

Julian Tavarez retired 13 of 14 batters at one stretch, allowing four hits in 5 1-3 innings.

"I knew that we could come back and win," Tavarez said. "It was a big game, but every game is a big game now. We play like it's the seventh game of the World Series. I don't try to do too much, I just give my best."

With runners at second and third in the fifth, Roy Oswalt struck out Sosa on three consecutive curveballs, then intentionally walked Fred McGriff, and forced in the tying run with a walk to Matt Stairs.

Oswalt tied his career-high with eight strikeouts in six innings, allowing five hits. He was bothered by his elbow and left the game as a precaution.

## White Sox defeat Rangers

**CHICAGO (AP)** — As Mark Buehrle's success rate increases, so do his expectations.

Buehrle won his fourth straight start, and Royce Clayton homered as the Chicago White Sox beat the Texas Rangers 7-4 Tuesday night.

Rookie Aaron Rowand continued to impress, hitting a two-run double to key a three-run sixth, and Paul Konerko added two RBIs for Chicago.

Buehrle (11-6), who entered the game with a league-leading 2.90 ERA — wasn't his sharpest, allowing four runs on eight hits in

seven innings against. He walked one and struck out two as his ERA rose to 3.00, .001 behind Oakland's Tim Lincecum.

The four runs allowed were his most in five starts.

"It stinks. I shouldn't be mad, the team won," Buehrle said. "I'm not mad, but it's frustrating giving up four runs."

Buehrle had a 1.89 ERA over his previous 14 starts. But he allowed three homers Tuesday night to the Rangers — one to Rafael Palmeiro and a pair to Randy Velarde — after not allowing more than two in any start in his career.

## PHS tennis team is going through intense workouts

**PAMPA** — "Next year is now" can be heard from the Pampa Harvesters tennis team members as they go through two-a-day workouts. There were 40 players who reported for practice last Thursday morning, led by seniors Brittany Kindle, Michelle Lee, Ashlei Jordan, A.J. Smith and Jared Spearman.

Quarles said the team has two drill sessions each day and then play challenge matches to determine the lineup.

The hard work has been paying off.

"I was pleased with our first three days of practice," said Pampa coach Carolyn Quarles.

"We had a lot of enthusiasm and intensity."

The players end the day with weight lifting and conditioning.

"Our team motto is 'Next year is now.' We have really big goals that we want to accomplish this year, so we don't want to end the season saying next year we'll accomplish our goals. Our district will be tough this year. Palo Duro, Canyon and Dumas will be much improved."

Pampa opens the season this weekend against Andrews and Plainview, both tough opponents, Quarles added.

The Harvesters will be going for their fifth district championship in Fall Tennis.

### Texas Tech glance

Some facts about the 2001 Texas Tech Red Raiders:  
**COACH:** Mike Leach, second season (7-6 overall)  
**2000 RECORD:** 7-6 (3-5 Big 12, fourth in South)  
**LAST BOWL:** 2000 galleryfurniture.com, lost to East Carolina 40-27  
**RETURNING STARTERS:** 8 offensive, 4 defensive  
**KEY PLAYERS:** QB Cliff Kingsbury, Jr; TB Ricky Williams, Sr; S Kevin Curtis, Sr; LB Lawrence Flugence, Jr; RB Wes Welker, Sr; WR Nehemiah Glover, Jr  
**KEY RECRUITS:** WR Anton Paige, Northwest Mississippi CC; RB Loliki Bongo-Wanga, Hartnell (CA) CC; DL Fred Threwest, Midland (TX) Lee HS; DB Josh Fangel, Mount San Antonio (CA) CC; DB Jose Hanson, El Camino (CA) CC; DB Ricky Sailor, Butte (CA) CC

### 2001 SCHEDULE:

Sep. 8: New Mexico  
 Sep. 13: at UTEP  
 Sep. 22: vs. North Texas, at Texas Stadium  
 Sep. 29: at Texas  
 Oct. 6: Kansas  
 Oct. 13: Kansas St.  
 Oct. 20: at Nebraska  
 Oct. 27: at Baylor  
 Nov. 3: Texas A&M  
 Nov. 10: at Oklahoma St.  
 Nov. 17: Oklahoma

### PSA SOCCER SIGN-UPS

Registration for the 2002 season of the Pampa Soccer Association is now upon us! Sign-ups begin Fri. & Sat. (Aug. 10th & 11th) at T-Shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill, in downtown Pampa, between the hours of 10 AM & 5:30 PM, and end Aug. 18th. The one-time fee of \$35 includes two sessions of games, both Fall and Spring leagues, a soccer uniform consisting of a numbered team jersey, shorts socks and player insurance. Team practices begin Aug. 24th with the first game starting; Sept. 8th. Referee clinic will be conducted Aug. 24th thru 26th for all interested parties. For additional info call 665-3036.

## 2001 Property Tax Rates in GRAY COUNTY GENERAL

This notice concerns 2001 property tax rates for GRAY COUNTY GENERAL. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxes in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$4,093,597	\$639,183
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$4,093,597	\$639,183
Last year's tax base	\$958,153,769	\$947,695,935
Last year's total tax rate	0.427238/\$100	0.067446/\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$4,082,623	\$636,969
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,072,593,480	\$1,062,370,520
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.380630/\$100	0.059957/\$100
Total effective tax rate publishes notices and holds hearing	0.440587/\$100	
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax-increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$4,082,623	\$636,969
This year's adjusted tax base	\$1,072,593,480	\$1,062,370,520
= This year's effective operating rate	0.380630/\$100	0.059957/\$100
+ 1.08-this year's maximum operating rate	0.411070/\$100	0.064753/\$100
x This year's debt rate	0.011825/\$100	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.422905/\$100	0.064753/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.487658/\$100	

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

IF GRAY COUNTY GENERAL adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.440587 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compare to 2000 taxes by \$41,545.

### Schedule A: General Fund Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	\$1,458,939

### Schedule B: General Fund 2001 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Series 2001	\$15,000	\$70,289	\$0	\$85,289
Cert of Obligation 2/1/02				
Series 2001	\$0	\$37,889	\$0	\$37,889
Cert of Obligation 8/1/02				
Total required for 2001 debt service				\$123,178
-Amount (if any) paid from unds listed in Schedule A				\$0
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
-Excess collections last year				\$123,178
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2001				\$5,132
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96.00% of its taxes in 2001				\$128,310
=Total debt levy				\$128,310

### Schedule A: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	\$122,889

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at GRAY COUNTY TAX OFFICE 408 W. KINGSMILL SUITE 196A PAMPA, TX.

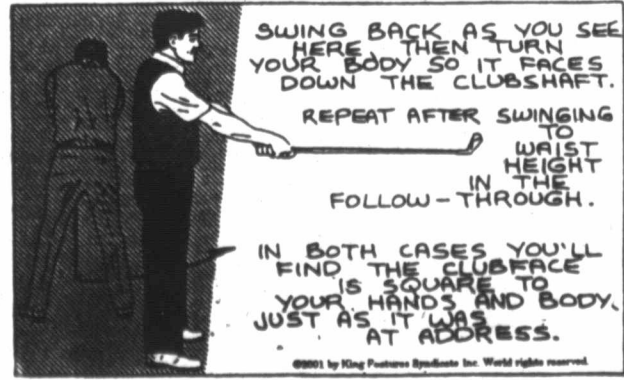
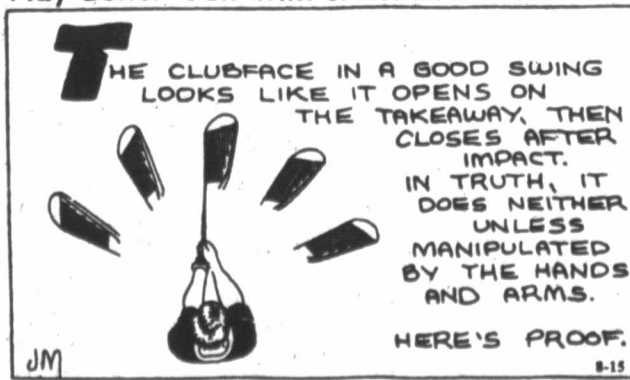
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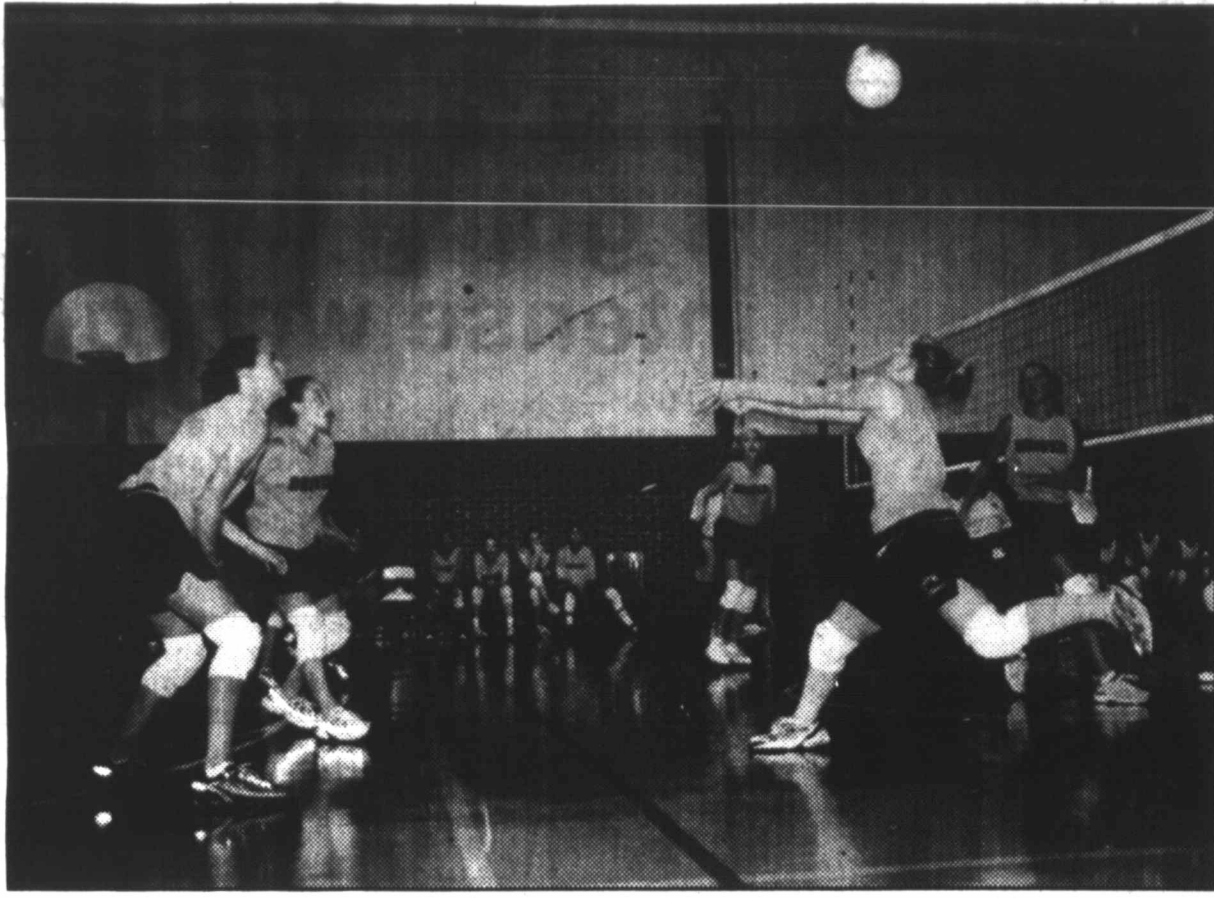
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## Volleyball play



(Courtesy photo)

Lindsey Ammons keeps the ball in play during a recent Pampa 9th grade volleyball scrimmage. The Pampa team is entered in a tournament this weekend in Amarillo. Their first home match is Monday against Amarillo High.

# Woods versus Duval, Part II

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
AP Sports Writer

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Two years behind schedule, the rivalry between Tiger Woods and David Duval has finally come to fruition. Excuse these guys if they don't get all worked up with excitement. "They want Tiger to have a rival," Duval said Tuesday, looking ahead to the PGA Championship which begins Thursday at Atlanta Athletic Club. "Whatever."

From Phil Mickelson to Sergio Garcia, Woods has stared down many would-be challengers during his short but brilliant career. In Duval's case, this is the second time around.

In 1999, Duval bumped Woods from No. 1 in the world with the best run of his career, including four victories before the Masters. Their budding rivalry even sparked the prime-time, made-for-TV "Showdown at Sherwood."

Woods, of course, reclaimed the top spot in the rankings and left Duval — and everyone else, for that matter — in the dust by winning five of six majors beginning with the 1999 PGA Championship.

So much for another Arnie' vs. Jack.

Woods' streak of four straight majors — the "Tiger Slam" — ended in June when Retief Goosen won the U.S. Open. Unfortunately, Tiger vs. Goosen doesn't have much of a ring to it.

Tiger vs. Duval certainly does, and the latter did his part a month ago by claiming his first major title at the British Open.

The man in the wraparound sunglasses has again become the most compelling player this side of Woods.

"I think he's going to be a little more confident now in major championships because he knows what it takes to win a major championship," Woods said. "Anyone who wins a major understands, knows what it takes coming down the stretch, what it takes to prepare for a major, what kind of mental frame you need to have for the entire week, and what kind of game it takes."

"David accomplished all of the above."

Duval refuses to be tugged into the me-vs.-him mentality. He takes no special satisfaction in beating any particular player, especially a friend such as Woods.

"I just want to play great,"

Duval said. "I don't think in terms of a rivalry. I view him as somebody I have to beat. I don't view him as my sole competition."

The emotional Woods and icy Duval would seem to have little in common, but their relationship has grown over the years.

They're represented by the same agency. They're raking in millions from the same sponsor. They're fishing buddies from time to time.

"We have very similar interests, very similar perspectives on life," Woods said. "Put it this way: I've enjoyed getting to know David. I know he doesn't open up to everybody. That's fine. But if he does know you and does trust you, then he'll open up quite a bit."

For all the talk of another "Battle of Atlanta," it would certainly be unfair to call this a two-man tournament.

Garcia is a viable contender who finished just one shot back of Woods in the memorable 1999 PGA Championship. With Duval off the market, Mickelson has the undisputed — and dreaded — title of "best player never to win a major."

"I knew David would win one. It's a matter of time."

# 49ers Bryant chooses comeback attempt over retirement

By The Associated Press

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — San Francisco 49ers defensive lineman Junior Bryant is choosing a comeback attempt over retirement.

Bryant, on the physically unable to perform list since training camp began in July, has decided to try to return from a career-threatening neck injury.

The 30-year-old Bryant was a starter at defensive end when he was injured last Sept. 17 in a game at St. Louis.

He crashed to the turf, helmet-first, while making a tackle and was motionless on the field for several moments. After being taped to a board and wheeled off the field on a stretcher, Bryant was later diagnosed with a bulging disk in his neck and placed on injured reserve.

Bryant contemplated retirement after tests earlier this year showed little improvement in his condition. But after he was examined by team doctors, the 49ers let Bryant decide whether he'd attempt to return this season.

"I am coming back," Bryant said Tuesday. "It was a very hard decision. I took my time with it. I wanted to make sure I was making the right decision for the right reasons. There was a lot of pros and cons. I had to make sure I was comfortable with my decision."

The 49ers are backing Bryant's decision.

"Everybody in this organization is wanting him to be successful and is really hoping he can get there," 49ers general manager Terry Donahue said. "He's been able to evaluate the whole situation and the advice he's received, and he's made a conscious decision that he wants to aggressively pursue playing again. I think we just keep our fingers crossed and wait and see how it goes."

Bryant still must pass a physical to return to full practice.

"I feel confident I'll be able to get back on the field, and I'm looking forward to it," Bryant said. "My mind, I think, is already right. At this moment in time, I'm just concerned about getting my body right."

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (AP) — Cincinnati Bengals' free safety Darryl Williams will be sidelined for six weeks after injuring his left ankle during workouts Monday.

The Bengals initially described the injury as a severe sprain. But orthopedic surgeon Dr. Angelo Colosimo diagnosed the injury as partially torn ligaments in the ankle.

Williams started all 16 games last year, but is listed behind Chris Carter at free safety this season.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Isaac Bruce,

## Training Camps Roundup

who missed more than a week of workouts and the first two exhibition games due to the death of his brother, was back on the practice field with the St. Louis Rams. He said it wouldn't take long to get back in sync.

"I know what to do, I know the offense and I know how to get where I'm going," Bruce said. "It's not hard to get back in the groove with this offense, considering I've been in it a while."

Bruce left training camp Aug. 5 following the death of his brother, Jessie Bruce Jr. He led the Rams with 87 catches and was third in the NFL with 1,471 receiving yards last year, scoring nine touchdowns.

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Defensive end Kenny Holmes, the New York Giants' most important off-season acquisition, injured his right knee in practice.

The extent of the injury was not immediately known, but Giants coach Jim Fassel said he didn't believe Holmes had ligament damage.

Holmes, who had eight sacks last year, was hurt in a collision with halfback Ron Dayne and other players on a running play. His status for Thursday's preseason game against Jacksonville

was uncertain.

THIBODAUX, La. (AP) — The New Orleans Saints practiced in the Superdome for the second straight day after huge fans could not dry their practice fields at Nicholls State.

Torrential rains on Sunday and Monday soaked the ground, workers spent hours Tuesday morning positioning airboats — conventionally used to travel over south Louisiana bayous and swamps — so that the huge fans that drive them were aimed at the practice field.

Rain last week sent the team to the school gymnasium for two practices.

UNIVERSITY CENTER, Mich. (AP) — The extent of Stocker McDougle's groin injury is still a mystery to the Detroit Lions.

The 6-foot-6, 350-pound guard became uneasy while having an MRI test Monday.

"The big fella went into the MRI machine and got a little claustrophobic," Lions coach Marty Mornhinweg said. "It just didn't work, and now we have a plan in motion for him. But we just have to get that thing looked at."

McDougle pulled his groin muscle last week.

PITTSFORD, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Bills received a scare when quarterback Rob Johnson left the practice field after injur-

ing his throwing hand.

After tossing a long pass, Johnson crouched on the ground and held his right wrist. He then left the field, holding his right elbow.

Head coach Gregg Williams downplayed the quarterback's latest injury.

"It looks like Rob banged that jammed (index) finger again," Williams said. "We'll go ahead and treat it and ice it. After a good practice today, we were going to hold him out tomorrow anyway."

Johnson originally injured the finger on his throwing hand when he hit it on a defensive player more than two weeks ago.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans removed All-Pro cornerback Samari Rolle from the physically unable to

perform list and put him on the roster for the first time since training camp opened.

Rolle, who injured his hip during a minicamp in May, is coming off his first All-Pro season.

On Tuesday, Rolle took part in individual drills, then spent part of practice running by himself.

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The Chicago Bears signed tight end John Davis and placed starting tight end Kaseem Sinceno on the injured reserve list.

Davis, a six-year NFL veteran, caught 17 passes for 202 yards and one touchdown last season with the Minnesota Vikings. The 6-foot-4, 270-pound Davis played with the Tampa Bay for four seasons.

Sinceno fractured his left ankle in Saturday's night 27-24 exhibition loss to the Tennessee Titans.

## City offers softball leagues

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering Men's Open and Mixed Open Divisions in fall softball.

The entry fee or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is already sanctioned). The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

Entry deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on Sept. 3 at the Recreation Office. Play begins the week of Sept. 3.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office, 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you have any questions or would like more information on the fall softball leagues, please contact the Recreation Office at 669-5770 during business hours.

## Major League standings

National League					American League				
At A Glance					At A Glance				
All Times EDT					All Times EDT				
<b>East Division</b>					<b>East Division</b>				
Philadelphia	W	L	Pct	GB	New York	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	66	52	.559	—	Boston	70	49	.588	—
Florida	64	54	.542	2	Toronto	56	83	.471	14
New York	59	59	.500	7	Baltimore	50	89	.420	20
Montreal	54	65	.454	12 1/2	Tampa Bay	42	78	.350	28 1/2
<b>Central Division</b>					<b>Central Division</b>				
Chicago	W	L	Pct	GB	Cleveland	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	67	51	.568	—	Minnesota	64	55	.538	2 1/2
St. Louis	63	55	.534	4	Chicago	58	59	.496	7 1/2
Milwaukee	49	67	.422	17	Detroit	48	89	.410	17 1/2
Cincinnati	48	70	.407	19	Kansas City	48	71	.403	18 1/2
Pittsburgh	45	73	.381	22	<b>West Division</b>				
<b>West Division</b>					Seattle	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	68	51	.571	—	Oakland	66	33	.723	—
San Francisco	67	52	.563	—	Anaheim	63	56	.529	23
Los Angeles	65	54	.546	3	Texas	52	67	.437	34
San Diego	58	60	.491	9 1/2					
Colorado	50	68	.424	17 1/2					

Monday's Games		Monday's Game	
Houston 9, Chicago Cubs 5	St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 2	Tampa Bay 5, Minnesota 1	
Arizona 3, Pittsburgh 0		<b>Tuesday's Games</b>	
Chicago Cubs 3, Houston 1	Philadelphia 10, Milwaukee 4	Seattle 6, Boston 3, 11 innings	
St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 1	Colorado 5, Atlanta 4, 10 innings	Toronto 6, Oakland 3	
San Diego 5, N.Y. Mets 0	Arizona 4, Pittsburgh 3, 10 innings	Anaheim 7, Detroit 1	
Montreal 4, Los Angeles 1	San Francisco 13, Florida 7	Cleveland 8, Minnesota 7, 11 innings	
<b>Wednesday's Games</b>		Baltimore 5, Kansas City 2	
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 15-5) at Houston (Astacio 7-13), 7:05 p.m.		N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 3	
Philadelphia (Dai 10-4) at Milwaukee (Wright 8-7), 8:05 p.m.		Chicago White Sox 7, Texas 4	
Cincinnati (Reitsma 5-11) at St. Louis (W. Williams 9-8), 8:10 p.m.		<b>Wednesday's Games</b>	
Atlanta (Burkett 9-8) at Colorado (Hampton 12-8), 9:05 p.m.		Oakland (Zito 8-7) at Toronto (Escobar 3-5), 7:05 p.m.	
N.Y. Mets (Leter 7-9) at San Diego (Jarvis 9-9), 10:05 p.m.		Anaheim (Valdes 8-6) at Detroit (Sparks 8-7), 7:05 p.m.	
Pittsburgh (D. Williams 1-4) at Arizona (Schilling 17-5), 10:05 p.m.		Seattle (Garcia 13-4) at Boston (F. Castillo 7-6), 7:05 p.m.	
Montreal (Pavano 0-0) at Los Angeles (Carrara 2-1), 10:10 p.m.		Minnesota (Mays 12-10) at Cleveland (Finley 4-5), 7:05 p.m.	
Florida (Perry 7-6) at San Francisco (Ortiz 13-6), 10:15 p.m.		Kansas City (K. Wilson 8-2) at Baltimore (Mercedes 6-13), 7:05 p.m.	
<b>Thursday's Games</b>		Tampa Bay (P. Wilson 5-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 15-1), 7:05 p.m.	
Philadelphia (Figueroa 4-2) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 1-1), 2:05 p.m.		Texas (Helling 9-9) at Chicago White Sox (Lowe 6-3), 8:05 p.m.	
Florida (Burnett 9-8) at San Francisco (Estes 8-7), 3:35 p.m.		Oakland (Lidle 7-5) at Toronto (Lyon 1-1), 12:35 p.m.	
Montreal (Dika 0-2) at Los Angeles (Gagne 4-5), 4:10 p.m.		Kansas City (Byrd 5-4) at Baltimore (Ponson 5-8), 12:35 p.m.	
N.Y. Mets (Appier 6-10) at San Diego (Tollberg 9-3), 5:05 p.m.		Anaheim (Schoeneweis 9-8) at Detroit (Woodard 1-2), 7:05 p.m.	
Pittsburgh (Bumel 5-8) at Houston (Miller 12-8), 8:05 p.m.		Tampa Bay (Rupe 4-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Hitchcock 1-2), 1:05 p.m.	
Cincinnati (Acevedo 3-3) at St. Louis (Hermanson 10-9), 8:10 p.m.		Seattle (Sele 12-3) at Boston (Wakefield 7-7), 7:05 p.m.	
		Minnesota (Johnson 1-1) at Cleveland (Woodard 1-2), 7:05 p.m.	
		Texas (Davis 6-6) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 4-4), 8:05 p.m.	

## Cleveland rallies again to widen AL Central lead

By The Associated Press

The Cleveland Indians' latest comeback wasn't as big as their last one, but carried a much greater impact on the AL Central race.

It didn't take 12 runs in three innings or five in the ninth this time. Cleveland used a three-run rally Tuesday night to tie it in the ninth, then scored the game-winning on Juan Gonzalez's RBI single two innings later to beat the Minnesota Twins 8-7.

The win extended the Indians' lead in the AL Central to 2 1/2 games over the slumping Twins. "If my heart holds up, I'll be OK," Cleveland manager Charlie Manuel said.

Just nine days before, the Indians became the first team in 76 years to overcome a 12-run deficit to win when they beat the Seattle Mariners.

"I don't think you'll ever see one like that again," Indians closer Bob Wickman said. "That was incredible, but this one was, too. Two outs, two strikes and to beat them. This was huge."

After Minnesota rallied from a 4-3 deficit in the top of the ninth inning against John Rocker to carry a 7-4 lead into the bottom half, the Indians woke up again, scoring three runs off Twins closer LaTroy Hawkins.

In other AL games, it was Seattle 6, Boston 3 in 11 innings; Toronto 6, Oakland 3; Anaheim 7, Detroit 1; Baltimore 5, Kansas City 2; New York Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 3; and Chicago White Sox 7, Texas 4.

The game-winning hit came moments after Minnesota right fielder Chad Allen was carried off on a stretcher with a knee

injury. The right fielder sustained what appeared to be a serious knee injury while trying to track down Kenny Lofton's leadoff triple against Bob Wells (8-5).

"I don't think we're as concerned about this loss as we are about Chad Allen," Twins shortstop Denny Hocking said.

Marty Cordova homered twice for the Indians, who took their largest division lead of the season.

"No big deal," Cordova said. "We've still got a long ways to go. We can't get caught up in comebacks."

Danys Baez (4-1) pitched the 11th for Cleveland, which has

eight games remaining against Minnesota.

Blue Jays 6, Athletics 3  
Jose Cruz Jr.'s second homer of the night, a game-winning three-run shot in the bottom of the ninth, snapped Oakland's 11-game winning streak.

Oakland closer Jason Isringhausen (4-3) allowed Homer Bush to tie it with a double before Cruz hit his 21st homer off the right-field foul pole.

It was Isringhausen's eighth blown save in 31 opportunities.

Billy Koch (2-3) pitched the ninth inning for the win.

Oakland leads Boston by two

games in the race for the AL wild card.

Yankees 5, Devil Rays 3  
Tino Martinez hit a three-run homer in the sixth and Andy Pettitte won his fifth straight start as New York beat visiting Tampa Bay.

Martinez, the team leader in homers and RBIs, hammered a 1-0 pitch from Joe Kennedy (3-8).

Derek Jeter added a solo home run, and Shane Spencer went 2-for-3 for the Yankees, who snapped a three-game losing streak and opened a four-game lead over Boston in the AL East.

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**THURSDAY, AUG. 16, 2001**  
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 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)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Treat others as you wish to be treated. Give someone the red-carpet treatment because you feel this person deserves it. Seek out a family member or friend who is down in the dumps, and express your feelings. Tonight: What's wrong with a quiet night at home?  
 \*\*\*\*\* You'll win many more friends with sugar than with vinegar, but the Bull knows that already. Take time to buy a card for a friend or family member whom you don't always express your appreciation for. Your winning phone style proves to be an enormous asset. Tonight: How 'bout munchies for two?  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Pick up the tab at lunch. Another also loves being treated. You're at peace spending a little for a special luxury item. By the same token, think about ways to use a talent to increase your income. You're unusually gifted. Tonight: Accept an offer.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* If possible, your magnetism amplifies. Have a difficult request? Ask for what you want right now, when Venus and the Moon dance in your sign. Be direct with a partner who has a lot of dreams. This person needs definition and

**clarity.** Tonight: What would make you smile?  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Display your good listening skills. You could be harboring strong feelings about someone. Juggle the pros and cons of this tie before you do "true confessions." You might need to clear the air if this attachment affects your life. Tonight: Do your thing.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Assume that others mean well. A meeting creates the results you want. Knowing what you seek helps you succeed. Timing works well for special requests. Follow through knowing this. Clear your mind of the many questions you have. Tonight: Wherever you are, another wants to be.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Your ruling planet, Venus, shines upon you. Someone pays you what you consider to be the compliment of compliments. Your magnetism brings more of what you want, and each time you receive positive feedback, you beam still more. Yes, the world is your oyster. Tonight: A must show.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* The world of imagination often intrigues you far more than the here and now. You might want to daydream rather than work. Hop on the Internet, and explore its potential. A long-distance phone call enhances a relationship. Smile away. Tonight: Drop by the record store.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* You could be taken aback by another's sensitivity. Dealing with this

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**Q** My son is an outstanding gymnast. His high school coach says he has more natural ability than anyone he's ever seen. Yet when he is being judged in a competitive meet, he does terribly! Why does he fail during the most important moments?

**A** If your son thinks of himself as a failure, his performance will probably match his low self-image when the chips are down. In the same way, there are many excellent golfers on the PGA tour who make a satisfactory living in tournament play, but never win. They may even place as high as second, third, sixth or 10th. Whenever it looks like they might come in first, however, they "choke" at the last minute and someone else wins. It is not that they want to fail; rather, they can't conceive if themselves as winners and their performance merely reflects this image.

I once spoke with a concert pianist of outstanding talent who had resolved never to play in public again. She knew she was blessed with remarkable talent, but believed she was a loser in every other regard. Consequently, when she played the piano on stage her mistakes and errors crept into her performance. Each time this mortifying experience occurred, she became more convinced of her own unworthiness in every area. She now withdrawn into the secluded, quiet world of the have-nots.

A person's self-concept is instrumental in determining those who are "winners" and those who see themselves as "losers." Professional tennis players call this characteristic "tournament toughness," but it is really nothing more than confidence in action.

**Q** Is this true of mental ability, too? My 12-year-old was asked to recite a poem at a school function the other day, and he went completely blank in front of the crowd. I know he knew the poem perfectly because he said it dozens of times at home. He's a bright child, but he's had this trouble before. Why does his mind "turn off" when he's under pressure?

**A** It will be helpful to understand an important characteristic of intellectual functioning. Your son's self-confidence, or lack of it, actually affects the way his brain operates.

All of us have experience the frustration of mental "blocking," which you described. This occurs when a name or fact or idea just won't surface to the conscious mind, even though we know it is recorded in the memory. Or suppose we are about to speak to an antagonistic group and our mind suddenly goes blank.

This kind of blocking usually occurs (1) when social pressure is great, and (2) when self-confidence is low. Why? Because emotions affect the efficiency of the human brain. Unlike a computer, our mental apparatus functions properly only when a delicate biochemical balance exists between the neural cells. This substance makes it possible for a cell to "fire" its electrochemical charge across the gap (synapse) to another cell. It is now known that a sudden emotional reaction can instantly change the nature of that biochemistry, interfering with the impulse. This blockage prevents the electrical charge from being relayed and the thought is never generated.

This mechanism has profound implications for human behavior. For example, a child who feels inferior and intellectually inadequate often does not even use of the mental power with he has been endowed. His lack of confidence produces a disrupting mental inefficiency, and the two factors go around in an endless cycle of defeat. This is seemingly what happened to your son when he "forgot" the poem.

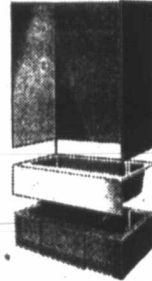
**Q** What can I do to help him?

**A** Actually, it is not unusual for a 12-year-old to choke in front of a crowd. I once stood before 300 fellow teen-agers with my words stuck in my throat and my mind totally out to lunch. It was a painful experience, but time gradually erased its impact. As your child matures, he will probably overcome the problem if he can experience a few success to build his confidence. Anything that raises self-esteem will reduce the frequency of mental blocking for children and adults alike.

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