

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Monday, Aug. 18

A rototiller and chain saw were taken from a shed and a rototiller taken from the backyard of a residence in the 400 block of East Browning. Loss was estimated at \$100.

A guitar, hearing aid, air tank and edger, valued at \$1,950, were taken from an unlocked residence in the 400 block of Doyle.

Someone reportedly broke through a door of a residence in the 1100 block of South Wells and took an entertainment system and television valued at \$2,100.

A wallet was reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 300 block of Sunset.

Six solar lights valued at \$150 were reported stolen from a residence in the 1000 block of South Dwight.

A domestic assault with minor injuries was reported. One person was arrested.

Evading arrest and detention and criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road. Charges are pending.

Ricky Lynn Marsh, 42, 126 S. Houston, was arrested for domestic assault causing bodily injury.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

A narcotics drug violation was reported. One person was arrested.

Someone broke into a residence in the 400 block of Purviance and took a 270 Savage, a 223 Ruger and a 12-gauge Remington shotgun with a total value of \$1,400.

A \$5,360.96 theft of phone service was reported in the 200 block of Tignor. No suspects have been identified. Police continue to investigate.

Jesus Manuel Villegas Jr., 23, 1119 S. Christy, was arrested for assault on a public servant, possession of marijuana under two ounces, resisting arrest, tampering with evidence, and municipal charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and parking facing traffic.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Monday, Aug. 18

Zachery Wade Fuller-Skinner, 18, 2136 Coffee, was arrested by the Juvenile Probation Officer on a hold for Texas Youth Commission.

Evelyn C. Lemons, 43, 1025 S. Christy, was taken into custody to serve a state jail sentence for forgery.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

Cherie Anne Coleman, 37, Amarillo, was arrested on a violation of probation for forgery by passing.

FIRE

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

Tuesday, Aug. 19

4:26 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to Highway 60 north of Cabot on a small grass fire. Fire officials said the fire burned approximately five-acres before being extinguished.

5:33 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to the 500 block of Wynne on a gas can fire. Firefighters put out the fire contained in the can.

STOCKS

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

Wheat	3.54	Wheat	17.22	+0.04	
Milo	3.82	Williams	8.20	NC	
Corn	4.30	MC-D	22.68	-0.04	
Soybeans	5.11	XOM	36.96	+0.04	
		Atmos	24.27	+0.01	
		Pioneer Nat	25.43	+0.15	
		RUP	18.34	+0.06	
		COP	54.79	+0.10	
		SLB	47.77	-0.18	
		Tenneco	5.53	-0.12	
OXY	34.00	+0.11	CVX	72.38	-0.20
BP	42.30	-0.40	Wal-Mart	58.68	-0.24
Celanese	30.05	-0.87	OKE	20.02	+0.17
Cabot Corp	26.15	+0.02	NS Grp	7.70	-0.02
Cabot Oil Gas	26.56	-0.19			
Coca Cola	44.73	-0.14			
VLO	38.90	0.69			
HAL	23.52	+0.08	New York Gold	358.35	
Trud	30.81	+0.30	Silver	4.93	
NOI	19.18	-0.03	West Texas Crude	30.89	

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

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents.

Thursday, Aug. 14

A 1991 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by San Juanita Jennings, 52, 122 Twiford, was in collision with a parked 1997 Pontiac Grand Am owned by Josh Cadenhead, 406 Red Deer, about 10:30 p.m., Thursday in the 400 block of Red Deer. Jennings was cited for driving left of the center of the roadway and failure to stop and leave information.

Friday, Aug. 15

A 1999 Pontiac Grand Am driven by William Greg Sissom, 50, 204 Birch, was in collision with a 1995 Pontiac Firebird driven by Elise Paige Deaver, 16, 615 Somerville, about 7:45 p.m., Friday in the 1000 block of North Hobart. Sissom was cited for failure to control speed.

A 2003 Saturn SUV driven by Natalie Deann Lindsey, 20, Clarendon, was in collision with a 1999 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Andrew Wiley Klein, 17, Lefors, about 9:40 a.m., Friday at the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky. Lindsey was cited for disregarding a red light.

A 1991 Cadillac sedan driven by Charlie A. Putman Jr., 80, Lubbock, was in collision with a 1996 Peterbilt truck driven by Brandon H. Rennhack, 24, Asippin, Wis., about 2:30 p.m., Friday at the intersection of East 23rd and Perryton Parkway. Putman was cited for changing lanes in an intersection.

Saturday, Aug. 16

A 1995 Ford Taurus driven by Elsie Harris Christenson, 72, 121 S. Wells, was in collision with a 1985 Pontiac sedan driven by Michael Dallas Hagler, 39, 1200 Wells #90, about 2:30 p.m., Saturday at the intersection of Sumner and Alcock. Christenson was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

Sunday, Aug. 17

A 2001 Dodge pickup driven by Douglas Wade Reeves, 61, of Lefors, was in collision with a 2000 Ford pickup driven by Ricky Lane Stout, 38, 1515 Hamilton, which in turn collided with a 1990 GMC pickup driven by Leonard Wayne Cooper, 37, 501 N. Dwight, about 6:60 p.m., Sunday in the 200 block of North Hobart. Reeves was cited for failure to control speed.

Police are searching for a vehicle that struck a parked 1999 Dodge Durango Sunday belonging to Tiffany H. Chaney, of Miami, in the 1100 block of South Faulkner and then fled the scene.

Unknown Date

A 2002 tan Dodge Dakota pickup owned by David Keahey, 2133 N. Dwight, was struck at an unknown place at an unknown time. According to police reports, the owner was in the hospital for 9 1/2 months prior to reporting the accident. There was evidence of red paint in the damaged area of the pickup.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m., today.

Monday, Aug. 18

8:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the

12:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to the 1100 block of South Varnon.

3:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

6:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Doucette and transported one to PRMC.

OBITUARIES

Laurie Dawn Henderson
1981-2003

YUKON, Okla. — Laurie Dawn Henderson, 21, met her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on August 17, 2003. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., today, Tuesday, August 19, 2003, at the Council Road Baptist Church in Bethany, Oklahoma, with the Rev. Jim Cary, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, August 21, 2003, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Doug DuBose, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Laurie was born November 21, 1981, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She grew up in Yukon, Oklahoma, where she graduated from Yukon High School in May of 2000.

After graduation, she attended Redlands Junior College in El Reno and was employed by Wal-Mart.

She was a member of the Council Road Baptist Church in Bethany.

Survivors include her parents, Gene and Becky Henderson of Yukon, Oklahoma; two

brothers, Stephen Henderson of Yukon, Oklahoma, and David Henderson and wife Jean of Bentonville, Arkansas; her maternal grandparents, Chris and Doris Walsh from Pampa; her aunts and uncles, Donna and Bobby Stephens of Lancaster, Debbie Dalton of McLean, Joyce and Pat Gilbreath of Elk City, Oklahoma, and Jim Henderson of Dallas.

The family will be at 1229 Duncan in Pampa and requests memorials be to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 5680, N. Canton, Ohio 44720, or the Council Road Baptist Church, 2900 N. Council Road, Bethany, Oklahoma 73008.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Ive MALLARD
1922-2003

Ive MALLARD, 80, of Pampa, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2003, at Shamrock. No services are scheduled. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Mallard, a longtime Pampa resident, was born Oct. 19, 1922, in Brazos County, to Horace and Anna Mallard.

SERVICES TOMORROW

KILGORE, Anthony Marie Roland — 2 p.m., New Hope Baptist Church, Pampa.

REWARD



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WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the upper 90s and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should see partly cloudy skies, lows in the lower 70s and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday night, party cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. Thursday night, part-

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STATEWIDE

Heat will continue across the state this week, with some chances of rain, especially in east and south Texas.

North Texas will see some 100 degree readings in the next few days. The rest of the state will see highs in the mid to upper 90s.

Rain chances will increase a little this weekend.

East Texas will continue to see especially hot and humid conditions.

The West Texas forecast calls for highs in the mid to upper 90s early this week, but daily highs should be about five degrees cooler by Thursday. The region should be dry today and Wednesday, with only the Panhandle seeing some scattered rain. By Thursday, rain chances will increase everywhere but the north, though chances will be still be mostly slight.

The Panhandle may see a few showers or storms Friday afternoon. The far west will be the exception, with possible evening rain each

day. Skies this week will be partly cloudy north, clear to partly cloudy elsewhere.

South Texas will be see uniform temperatures this week: daily highs in the mid to upper 90s. Isolated afternoon rain will be possible each day, with best chances in the southeast.

Rain chances will increase Thursday and Friday in the deep south and Coastal Bend, and a low pressure system may move in Sunday from East Texas, bringing more precipitation there. Skies will be mostly sunny in the deep south, partly cloudy elsewhere in the region.

In North Texas it will be hot this week, especially hot and humid in the east. Highs will be in the upper 90s and lower 100s. In the east and south, afternoon rain will be possible each day this week.

On Friday and Saturday temperatures may cool a few degrees, with better chances of rain regionwide then. Skies will be partly cloudy all week.

Judge: Health worker denied care to insane man

HOUSTON (AP) — Because a man who gouged his girlfriend's eyes with a knife was released from supervision without a court's permission, a judge has found a state mental health provider in contempt of court.

Leon Evans, Center of Health Care Services executive director, was determined Monday to be in violation of State District Judge Debbie Mantooth Stricklin's order to find proper outpatient care for Nathan Dale Campbell in Bexar County.

Campbell, 29, was acquitted in 1997 after a jury found he was legally insane when he attacked girlfriend Kristen West the previous year, blinding her in one eye and permanently damaging her sight in the other. Campbell received treatment as an inpatient at the Kerrville State Hospital, until earlier this year when doctors there determined he was well enough for outpatient treatment.

Evans could be jailed for failing to comply with Stricklin's order. A hearing on sanctions against him is scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday.

The health care center's director of legal services, Kathleen Cordova, said the facility that contracts with the state to provide men-

tal health care does not have the resources available to find appropriate care for Campbell and can't find the care in Bexar County. Cordova also said Stricklin did not have jurisdiction to order the center to find Campbell care in the County.

Texas' 14th Court of Appeals has been urged by the center to rule on Stricklin's jurisdiction in the case. The center also requested the state Supreme Court to consider the issue.

But Kevin Keating, Harris County assistant district attorney, said testimony in Monday's hearing showed the services Campbell needed were available in Bexar County. Prosecutors have also taken the position that Stricklin can order care for Campbell in Bexar County.

Campbell, who has bipolar disorder, has been committed to state hospitals since 1997. He has said he thought West's eyes were demons. He was accused of choking her and cutting her eyes with a steak knife after she refused his marriage proposal. In several surgeries, one of West's eyes was saved but her vision remains impaired.

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for Hoover to expand their coverage from the north central part of the county west to the loop on Pampa's east side. The second, to expand Hoover's responsibilities to include the area around Pampa. The third is to expand Hoover's coverage to replace most of Pampa's responsibilities, with Lefors taking the southeast corner of Pampa's coverage and Groom taking over the southern portion.

Peet said he hopes to approve a county budget for the next fiscal year at the com-

missioners court Sept. 2 meeting. He also expects to adopt an effective tax rate that will bring in about the same amount of money that the county took in this year, although that rate will be slightly higher than last year.

"We're not looking at any tax increase above the effective tax rate," Peet said.

The judge said that among the items in the budget is a proposed pay raise for all county elected officials and employees of \$83 a month.

"On Sept. 2," Peet said, "we hope to approve the budget and tax rate."

A the commission's meeting last Friday, commissioners also heard from the Personnel Policy Review Committee on revising county personnel rules.

"They had several viable suggestions," Peet said. "They had some very good suggestions."

The judge, however, said the commissioner's court would not act on those suggestions until next month.

In addition, the commissioner's court approved a road crossing on County Road N between County Road 1 and 2, and they approved reap-

pointing Judge Willis Smith to the Texas Panhandle Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board.

They adopted a resolution authorizing a grant from the Texas Attorney General's Office to pay for the Crime Victim Coordinator in the 31st District Attorney's office.

"This is money that comes from the state," Peet said.

The commissioners court joined 26 other counties in the panhandle in approving the creation of a Panhandle Community Services Transit Board and named Gray County Clerk Susan

Winborne as Gray County's representative to the board.

The county also approved contracting with McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen for collection of fines and court fees.

Peet said that under their agreement with the collection agency, the county would split the money collected on fines and fees levied prior to June 1, with the county getting 80 percent of the funds. The collectors would take 20 percent for their fee.

The county would get 100 percent of the fines and fees levied after June 1, but the collectors would impose a 30-percent fee above the fines for their fee.

"If you owed a \$100 fine," Peet said, "you would have to

pay \$130. The county would get their \$100 and the collectors would get the remaining \$30 for their fee."

The commissioners court also proclaimed the fourth Monday of every September as Family Day.

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WATER

water, would forward a request to Mesa in Dallas.

"He said he was going to send a copy to Boone," Satterwhite said.

The results of the requests for proposals will likely be the major topic of discussion at CKMWA's quarterly meeting Oct. 8.

"I'm sure it will be discussed," he said.

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STUDENTS

"However, we don't have the money to mine and develop," said Vlad.

"Many people immigrated to the U.S. because the conditions were horrible until about 1994," said Masha. "There were no laws, people died or were killed. There were bands like the Mafia. Some wanted to be rich, they weren't educated and they used all kinds of methods," she added.

Although she and Vlad were small children, they have often heard their parents talk about the bad times.

Vlad wants to see a rattlesnake before he goes home and can hardly wait to

ride a horse.

"I want a big hat, spurs and cowboy boots to take home," he said.

He was excited about the two catfish, 3 lb. and 2 1/2 lb., he caught his first weekend here.

He plays soccer, is a boxer, and wants to learn football. His home town, located in the southeastern part of Ukraine, is the size of Pampa.

Masha's grandfather is a recognized kickboxing coach, and she pursues that sport. She likes acting and is a freelance journalist for her hometown newspaper. Masha lives in the tourist town of Bakhchisarai located in a picturesque valley near the Black

Sea. The famous Khan's Palace is located there.

Opal lives in a townhouse in Bangkok, a city of more than 6 million with skyscrapers in a country with lots of trees. She arrived in Pampa the same time as the new Thai Restaurant where she has already sampled the food.

"I like the Mexican fajitas, and the sauce is almost like a sauce my mother makes," said Vlad. The two Ukrainians are accustomed to a soup in the afternoon called borsch, which can include meat, potatoes, noodles or cabbage.

They also help care for gardens.

"I like hot tea - nothing cold," said Vlad.

"We do not use a lot of ice in water," added Masha. Opal is hosted by the Norman Stephens family, Vlad by the Al William's family, both of Pampa; and Masha by the Charles Phillis family of White Deer.

The threesome have already learned "yes, ma'am" and "yes, sir."

Vlad added "fixin' to," and Masha said, "See ya'll" with a grin.

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BOMB

style bombing in the Iraqi capital since Saddam Hussein's fall.

President Bush, at his ranch in Crawford, Texas, ordered all possible assistance to rescue and recovery efforts in Baghdad.

"The terrorists who struck today have again shown their contempt for the innocent. They showed their fear of progress and their hatred of peace," Bush said.

Like the Jordan bombing, the attack resembled attacks blamed on Islamic militant elsewhere in the world. It was far more sophisticated than the campaign of guerrilla attacks that has plagued U.S. forces, featuring hit-and-run shootings carried out by small bands or remote control roadside bombs.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Tuesday's blast.

Dia'a Rashwan, an expert on radical Islam at Egypt's Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, said the attack fits "the ideology of al-Qaida. They consider the U.N. one of the international actors who helped the Americans to occupy Palestine and, later, Iraq."

The blast occurred about 4:30 p.m., hours after the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq announced that Taha Yassin Ramadan, a former Iraqi vice president known as "Saddam's knuckles" for his ruthlessness, was turned over to U.S. forces in the northern city of Mosul.

A light blue U.N. flag fluttered atop the compound as black smoke rose from at least one burning car after the explosion. One corner of the building was missing and people were seen sifting through piles of rubble.

L. Paul Bremer, the top U.S. civilian administrator in Iraq, walked through the scene of destruction as workers dug through the rubble with their hands trying to find people. There was a 15-yard wide hole in the ground.

Bremer arrived with Lt. Gen. Richardo Sanchez, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, and members of the Governing Council, including Adnan Pachachi who had served as foreign minister in the Iraqi government that was overthrown in the 1968

Baath Party coup.

Bremer had tears in his eyes and hugged Hassan al-Salame, an adviser to Vieira de Mello. A part of the building collapsed near him. People cried: "Watch out. Watch Out."

People, covered with blood, were still being pulled from the wreckage.

The mood was panicky at U.N. headquarters in New York. Officials and employees gathered around television sets hoping for news on colleagues in Baghdad.

The U.N. Security Council called the blast a "terrorist attack."

"Members of the council were shocked to hear of the terrorist criminal attack in the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad," said deputy Syrian ambassador Faysal Mekdad, speaking on behalf of the council. The top U.S. civilian administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, also said early reports indicated a terrorist attack.

The U.N. Security Council was briefed about the bombing at a closed-door meeting. U.S. diplomats were pushing for the council to adopt a statement condemning the bombing.

Russia's Foreign Ministry called the explosion a "barbaric act" and said it was "aimed at undermining the already difficult process of postwar stabilization in Iraq," the Interfax news agency reported.

Among the dead was a Canadian who died at Wasiti Hospital, Dr. Safa Jamil said. The Canadian was not identified.

One wounded man had a yard-long, inch-thick aluminum rod driven into his face just below his right eye. He identified himself as a security consultant for the International Monetary Fund, saying he had just arrived in the country.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Here's some information about volunteer firefighters

To the editor,

I would like to share perhaps one of the best kept secrets in Pampa. I am amazed at how many people do not know that Hoover Volunteer Fire Department has a station on the east side of Price Road south of the Borger highway (Hwy. 152). They are certified under Texas Firemen and Fire Marshall Association.

Hoover VFD has 28 senior firefighters. All are certified in CPR and first aid, as well as basic firefighting, and they train for more than 2,000-man hours per year. Three of their firefighters are certified emergency medical technicians (EMTs), two are certified paramedics and two are state certified firefighting instructors.

Three of the Hoover volunteer firefighters have 10 or more years firefighting experience each, eight have five or more years of firefighting experience each and 10 have three or more years of firefighting experience each.

They have earned the Life Safety Achievement Award from the Residential Fire Safety Institute every year since 1997, for having no fire-related deaths in their response area.

Hoover volunteer firefighters are first responders for an area of 110-square miles in Roberts and Gray counties. They perform 500 hours service per year for Celebration of Lights. They work with Gray County as winter storm safety and rescue personnel and as weather watchers during tornado season. They tend the rodeo grounds during rodeos in Pampa.

They have special training in fighting equipment fires and are qualified to fight structure fires, grass fires, dumpster fires, emergency medical incidents, natural disasters, hazardous material incidents, general service calls and conduct fire safety programs for schools and CPR classes.

Hoover VFD has two tankers, one rescue unit, Jaws of Life (extrication tool), one engine and six grass fire units.

According to the National Volunteer Fire Council, 75 percent of firefighters in the United States are volunteers. Of the total estimated 1,081,800 volunteer and paid firefighters across the country, 815,500 are volunteers. Of the total 31,197 fire departments in the country, 23,125 are all volunteer, 4,581 are mostly volunteer, 1,660 are mostly career (paid), and 1,831 are all career (paid).

Services contributed by volunteer firefighters save localities across the country an estimated \$36.8 billion per year.

Since our Pampa firefighters are union members, it is comforting to know that if they should "strike" we could have the services of the highly qualified, dedicated men and women in the Hoover VFD who would be willing to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Pampa if they were allowed to respond to calls within the city limits of Pampa.

Shirley Nicholson
Pampa

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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Baylor's improbable dream

Coach Dave Bliss failed in his attempt to turn Baylor University's basketball team into a major power. On Aug. 8, he resigned amid accusations of payoffs, players' drug use and other improper activities, all brought to the-forefront during media attention resulting from the tragedy of one of his players killing another.

Baylor President Robert Sloan rightly placed Baylor's basketball program on probation for two years and ordered changes in the drug-testing protocol for Baylor athletes; the NCAA might require more. But, oddly enough, Baylor's problems in trying to gain athletic fame point to parallel questions about its ambitious "Baylor 2012" plan to be ranked a first-tier school academically at the same time it retains a Christian footing.

Baylor is the only private university in the Big 12, one of the six (soon to be five) top athletic conferences in the country. All of these conferences are largely made up of state universities that can rely on legislatures and state pride to help out in budget crunch time. Baylor is in the wrong league.

Sure, Baylor can point to private universities, such as Vanderbilt in the Southeastern Conference, that go up against state university competition. The private schools expect few championships and treasure the unusual year when everything comes up roses, as it did for Northwestern in Big Ten football a while back. They also tend to be academically prestigious places with high-paid alumni and high-end endowments.

Could Baylor be such a place, for the



MARVIN OLASKY
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good of its sports programs but far more so for the good of its students and the glory of God? That's what Sloan intends. He has spoken often of Baylor advancing to the research university forefront while returning to its Christian roots. But the definition of "research" in much of academia today will make it even more difficult for Baylor to do both than it was for Bliss to succeed.

Gaining research awards in the hard sciences and engineering while maintaining a Christian worldview is hard, but not impossible. Darwinian fundamentalism in biology remains a large problem, as proponents of "intelligent design" theory at Baylor itself can attest, but in some scientific areas concepts and products that grow out of research need to prove themselves in measurable ways.

Research in the humanities and social sciences is different. Professors gain prestige for themselves and their universities by presenting papers at meetings of academic trade associations and writing articles for the journals such groups establish. In past years, I've been to the annual conventions of five such groups:

- Modern Language Association,
- American Sociological Association,
- American Historical Association,
- American Studies Association and

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication -- and can offer Baylor a message from personal observation: You cannot serve both God and academic bigotry.

Along these lines, a look at the schedule of the American Sociological Association's 98th annual meeting (Aug. 15-19, 2003) is suggestive. One of the official highlights is a section on "Marxist sociology," but paper and roundtable titles like "Queering Reproduction and Reinforcing Heteronormativity" or "Female Solidarity in the Sex Industry" suggest the radical fixation that is at the heart of much of today's academic sociology.

I'm not against studies of subcultures, movements and pressures; I could sink my teeth into annual meeting topics like "Defining a Good Steak: Global Constructions of What Is Considered the Best Red Meat." I'm even curious about the research findings to be unveiled in "Just Like the Boys? Gender Negotiation in the Skydiving Community." But I have seen how writing that says God is in charge receives ridicule among those who glorify their own neuroses.

Baylor will find Christian humanities and social science professors who can be excellent in both teaching and real research only if it ventures outside the normal academic channels. That may translate into lower academic prestige in the short run, but the university will have to make hard choices as it now must do concerning its sports program.



If it isn't fun, then it's time to quit

There are two good things to look forward to in the dog days of August. The Little League World Series will be running through Aug. 24, and a lot of it will be broadcast on ESPN or ESPN2. The other good thing is a Kevin Costner western.

I haven't seen the movie, "Open Range," yet, but I have faith in Costner. I have really liked all of the movies he's had control over -- "Dances With Wolves," "Waterworld," and "The Postman." I especially liked "The Postman." And he's directing, as well as starring in, his new western, which also stars Robert Duvall -- who is, no doubt about it, one of the greats.

I always watch the Little League World Series. I like kids. I like their innocence and their exuberance. The kids who get to the World Series are, of course, pretty darn good baseball players, but it's their reactions that are fun to watch. Unlike the pros, who are blasé, these kids go to the limits of both joy and despair.

There are a lot of horror stories about Little League, and I suppose a few of them are true. I've noticed through the years, though, that the coaches who get their teams to Williamsport, Pa., for the World Series are nearly always the kind of guys whose first interest is in the players, not in winning.

They also play six-inning games. That's a good limit for a baseball game. If the major league games only lasted six innings, I might watch more of them. I suppose, to make time for the TV commercials, the games seem to have been



CHARLEY REESE
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stretched beyond endurance. They change pitchers whenever one develops a sweat. That takes time. The batters are always stepping out of the box to scratch themselves or spit. Most of the pitchers fiddle around on the mound.

I lost a great deal of interest in baseball when so many cities were added to the leagues. Then I lost more when salaries started to skyrocket, and more yet when the players went on strike. I have to say that I can't honestly blame any athlete for taking what he can get, but at the same time, I can't get rid of the feeling that there ought to be some limit on what a man is paid to play a boy's game.

All sports were invented to be played for fun. Football players, unfortunately, have gotten so big that it can't be much fun to play in the National Football League any more. I would want a lot of money to get run over and banged around by these 300-pound behemoths on a Sunday afternoon.

But "fun" is a word you still hear at the Little League World Series. Over and over you'll hear the coaches tell the kids: "Have fun. Loosen up. Enjoy the experience."

I went out for football in high school but left the first day. The coach was an

embittered old drunk who had wanted to coach at the college level. He took his bitterness out on the high school kids by acting like a profane Marine Corps drill instructor. Nobody gets to cuss me for free. It was certainly no loss. I wouldn't have made the team anyway. Even in the days before steroids and weight rooms, I was skinny. But to me, sports have always been about fun, and when it's not fun, it's time to quit.

So enjoy the vicarious fun that is available this August. Costner's movie will be about heroes, and the kids at Williamsport will play their hearts out.

After all, the president, the House and the Senate are all taking the month of August off. The rest of us might as well do it, too, if we can, and if we can't, then sneak in as much fun as possible before and after work.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of 2003. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 19, 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate *Guerriere* east of Nova Scotia during the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1848, the *New York Herald* reported the discovery of gold in California.

In 1929, the comedy program *Amos and Andy*, starring Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll, made its network radio debut on NBC.

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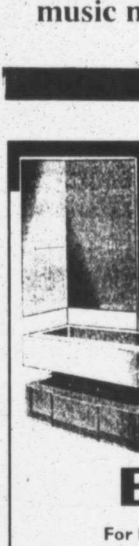
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BUSINESS REVIEW

Schneider House, a senior citizens community that feels like home – ‘Senior Living at Its Best’

Schneider House Apartments, 120 S. Russell, offers its residents a wide variety of activities and services and has one and two bedroom apartments for rent.

"We want potential residents to see how comfortable and roomy our apartments actually are," said Becky Smith, apartment manager, adding that the apartments are furnished with a stove, refrigerator and central heating and cooling.

"We also offer many planned activities to entertain our residents such as a monthly luncheon for their friends and family members," Becky added.

Other activities include a weekly country and gospel music night, bingo, craft days, parties, religious services, cook-outs and you can nearly always find a domino or card game going on in the lobby.



▲ The apartments at Schneider House are arranged to be cozy yet compact.

"Friends also meet for breakfast and coffee most mornings.

"We celebrate big at the Holidays," Smith said. "In past holiday seasons, we have invited the firemen from the nearby fire station to share in our Holiday meal."

Not only is Schneider House located near

Central Fire Station in a quiet neighborhood with easy access to downtown shops and merchants but it overlooks an attractive park graced by a sprawling gazebo where residents and friends can relax on quiet afternoons.

A shady portico affords residents another avenue of enjoying the fresh air on sunny days and balmy evenings with charming benches lining the sheltered area.

"We have a laundry room downstairs – an elevator to take you there," added Smith. Besides laundry facilities, Schneider House has indoor mail service for its residents as well as a grande lobby for recreation and inside emergency alarms.

All rental rates are based upon income with deductions for medical expenses for disabled and senior citizens. Schneider House is an affordable, independent living facility with utilities included and no maintenance required, said Smith.

Schneider House is "Senior Living at Its Best!"



▲ Elizabeth Lynn, left, and Wyvon Griffin, right, enjoy the fresh air while relaxing on the covered portico at Schneider House.



▲ Apartments at Schneider House can appear quite homey.



(Courtesy photo)

► Musicians often entertain during music night at Schneider House.



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▲ Music night at Schneider House.



▲ A room with a view ... Schneider House residents enjoy all the comforts of home.

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Environmentalists fear blackout may provide ammo for critics

By DAVID CRARY
AP NATIONAL WRITER

TORONTO (AP) — Environmentalists in the United States and Canada fear last week's blackout will provide potent ammunition for the politicians and business groups seeking massive investments in new power plants and transmission lines.

A better legacy of the outage, activists say, would be a bold push for renewable energy and effective conservation measures. They hope that the post-blackout spectacle in Ontario will be replicated elsewhere — a pro-business Conservative government preaching conservation to industry and house-

Tom Adams of the Toronto-based watchdog group Energy Probe said the blackout will likely provide ammunition to both sides in the debate over power and conservation.

holders alike, to the point of suggesting clothes-washing in cold water.

"Building more plants and transmission lines — for consumers and people uneducated about the issues, it's an argument that will seem to make sense," said Steve Clemmer, energy analyst with the Union of Concerned Scientists in Cambridge, Mass. "Those are the obvious responses, but it's more complicated than that."

The immediate push — if

the blackout indeed is blamed on problems with the distribution grid — is likely to be for improved transmission lines. Many environmentalists agree that transmission systems need improvement, but say existing lines can be upgraded to improve capacity and efficiency.

"Nobody wants a new transmission line in their backyard," Clemmer said.

Long term, environmentalists fear the blackout will

provide impetus for a component of the Bush administration energy policy envisioning widespread construction of new power plants.

"There's a better way," said Debbie Boger, a Sierra Club energy expert in Washington. "The best way to prevent energy bottlenecks and grid overload is to increase the efficiency of our buildings, homes, factories and appliances, in addition to our transmission lines."

Among the specific pro-

posals being touted are tighter efficiency standards for lighting fixtures and major appliances, including air conditioners.

Environmentalists also are calling for speedier development of renewable energy, such as wind and solar power.

"They're cleaner, and if they go off line, there won't be a ripple effect," said Clemmer, whose organization has proposed that 20 percent of U.S. electricity be supplied by renewable energy by 2020.

However, Gavin Donohue, executive director of the Independent Power Producers of New York, said environmentalists should accept the fact that expanded transmission and generating facilities also are needed.

"This blackout covered 9,300 square miles and affected 50 million people," Donohue said. "Renewable energy and conservation are an important part of the solution, but it's laughable to say they could have made up the difference of what occurred here."

Jack Gibbons, chairman of the Ontario Clean Air Alliance, said any new power plants constructed in the province should be fueled by natural gas or other relatively clean energy.

"The people of North America are going to demand a more reliable supply, and also cleaner air," he said. "Wind power, natural gas, water power — people in those businesses will seize the opportunity. The coal-burning power industry will try to do that also, but ultimately they will fail, because their competitors

have the better option."

Air pollution is likely to be a pivotal issue as policy-makers and lobbyists debate post-blackout alternatives.

The U.S. government and several Northeastern states have taken legal action against some coal-burning power companies in the Midwest, accusing them of violating pollution-control laws and thus causing acid rain and health problems in downwind regions. Three Northeastern states also are trying force coal-fired power plants in Ontario to reduce pollution emissions.

If large numbers of new power plants are built, one result could be a substantial increase in emissions of greenhouse gases blamed for global warming. The United States has rejected an international protocol requiring reductions in greenhouse gas emissions; Canada, by contrast, has signed the Kyoto Protocol and is proposing an array of efficiency measures for consumers and industry.

Tom Adams of the Toronto-based watchdog group Energy Probe said the blackout will likely provide ammunition to both sides in the debate over power and conservation.

"Those within the power industry who have been saying for a long time that we haven't been making appropriate investments in our grid systems — they have an audience now," Adams said. "But the pro-conservation forces have received also substantial vindication — you hear the political leadership in Ontario crying from rooftops, begging people to be careful with their electricity consumption."

Mali officials negotiating for release of 14 tourists

BAMAKO, Mali (AP) — Fourteen European tourists held hostage for six months were on their way out of the Sahara Desert on Tuesday, after international negotiations won their release from an Islamic extremist group.

The 14 — nine Germans, four Swiss and a Dutchman — were expected to fly from the northern Mali desert city of Gao to the West African nation's capital, Bamako. Mali helped mediate the release of the hostages, who were seized in Algeria.

A German air force jet and crew were on standby in Mali's capital, ready to fly the freed Europeans on to Germany late Tuesday night or early Wednesday.

In Germany, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder welcomed the release as a victory against international terrorism and said the perpetrators "should not be allowed to escape unpunished."

Schroeder thanked the governments of Algeria and Mali for their help during the hostage crisis. The tourists were captured in Algeria, then taken across the border to Mali, whose government worked largely behind-the-scenes to win their freedom.

Schroeder said he and the two countries' presidents agreed "that the fight against international terrorism requires close and trusting cooperation between the respective authorities."

"I am happy that this worked in an exemplary way in this case," Schroeder said in a statement.

Hostages include tourists as young as 19 — both women. All the Europeans had set out last winter on desert safaris in Algeria, scene of more than a decade-long Islamic insurgency that has frequently seen civilians targeted.

"My wish for the captives is that they can now return quickly to their home countries and can recover as soon as possible from the hardship and stress, in the midst of their families, relatives and friends," Schroeder said.

In Europe, some families of the hostages were seen leaving their houses Monday under police escort, traveling with backpacks and other luggage for reunions with their loved ones.

News of the release came late Monday, after a day that started out with talk of imminent breakthroughs dragged out with hours of delay.

Finally, Seydou Sissouma, spokesman for Mali president Amadou Toumani Toure, announced shortly after dark that the 14 were in the hands of Mali authorities.

Sissouma refused to give any details on the freed hostages' conditions, or give any other information, including whether the hostages had been transferred through intermediaries.

Israelis, Palestinians discuss withdrawal from West Bank towns amid differences

By IAN JAMES
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon met early Tuesday with his defense minister and chief of staff to prepare a list of demands to present to the Palestinians as conditions for a withdrawal from two West Bank towns, Israeli radio reported.

The withdrawal from Qalqiliya and Jericho was originally planned to take place Tuesday but was delayed when the sides failed to agree on the details.

Israeli and Palestinian security officials were set to resume talks on the handover Tuesday, two days after negotiations hit snags on the issues of roadblocks and efforts to rein in Islamic militants. Palestinian security chief Mohammed Dahlan said he expected the talks to conclude that same day.

Israeli newspapers reported the pull-out could take place Wednesday or Thursday. An army spokesman said the withdrawal could take place in the next few days.

Also Tuesday, Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas was to meet with leaders of the Islamic Jihad and Hamas in the Gaza Strip to support a delicate cease-fire declared by militants seven weeks ago.

Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said Israel needs a guarantee that the planned troop pullback from four

West Bank towns won't free Palestinians to resume attacks.

"If there isn't full assurance that terror won't originate from those cities, the plan won't move forward," Shalom said. "The Palestinians have to assert their authority."

Dahlan and Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz have agreed in principle on an Israeli handover, within two weeks, of the towns of Jericho, Qalqiliya, Tulkarem and Ramallah.

Ramallah holds particular importance for the Palestinians because Yasser Arafat has been holed up in his headquarters there for nearly two years, besieged in a compound that has been mostly destroyed by the Israel army in an attempt to isolate the Palestinian leader.

The Palestinians insist that Israel remove all roadblocks ringing the two towns, to help ease the lives of the residents. At present, there are no soldiers in Jericho and Qalqiliya, and the checkpoints are the only sign of an Israeli presence.

"What we need now is a comprehensive Israeli withdrawal without checkpoints," Dahlan told the Palestinian parliament Monday.

Israel refuses to remove all checkpoints, citing security reasons. The roadblocks were erected across the West Bank in response to an upsurge of fighting in the past three years, and have become a major irritation to Palestinians

because they can turn a trip that previously took a matter of minutes into an hour-long ordeal.

Israeli negotiators have been dissatisfied so far with Palestinian proposals for keeping wanted Palestinians in check, an Israeli security source said on condition of anonymity Monday.

In weekend meetings with Dahlan, Mofaz dropped a demand that the Palestinians round up all wanted militants and confine them to the generally quiet West Bank town of Jericho. Instead, they will be able to remain in their towns, Palestinian officials said. Dahlan pledged to keep the militants in line.

The agreement was reached just as an internationally sponsored "road map" plan to peace and Palestinian statehood by 2005 was in jeopardy due to growing violence.

Palestinian militants carried out two suicide attacks last week, killing two Israelis, in revenge for deadly Israeli arrest raids. Islamic Jihad threatened more attacks to avenge the killing of a senior operative in a shootout with troops. Israel says he was planning a bombing.

Yet the militants have also said they will return to observing a three-month truce they declared June 29 once they feel a score has been settled. The truce was declared by Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Arafat's Fatah movement, though Fatah renegades have not observed it.

Local artists honored during Geezer.com presentation

Local and area artists received recognition in a recently sponsored program presented by the Collingsworth Public Library in Wellington. A special program was presented to the librarian staff and public visitors

on Geezer.com, a non-profit service of Experience Works, Inc. As part of the program, Geezer.com artists' paintings and original works were exhibited at the library.

Pampa artists Lois Minnick

and Darlene Holmes were identified on the computer Internet Geezer.com presentation and choice pieces of their work were shown in the exhibit.

The two artists are known for their work in oil paintings, pastels, watercolors and other media and are nationally advertised artists on-line with the Geezer.com Internet program. This program currently features older American artists and craftsmen of all kinds, from fine art selections to sewing crafts or yard art.

Other area Geezer.com artists exhibiting at the library included James Williams of Wheeler.

Geezer.com representative Shery Cromartie of Memphis

states that there are approximately 107 Texas artists featured at Geezer.com, and more than 1,700 throughout the United States and other countries. Most are found in rural communities — some amateur artists, some professionals. All their works of art are exceptional products, she said.

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While you wait for the bus...

- Dress right for the weather.
- Arrive at the bus stop on time.
- Stay away from the street while you are waiting for the bus.

Boarding the school bus...

- Do not approach the bus until it stops completely, then wait for the driver's signal.
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- Do not stand up until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Use the handrail when leaving the bus.
- Never walk behind the school bus.
- If you cannot see the bus driver, the driver probably cannot see you. Take five giant steps away from the bus, and you should be able to see the driver, and the driver should be able to see you.
- Never crawl under a bus. Do not bend down near or under the bus.
- If you need to cross the street, wait for the driver to signal, then cross the street in front of the bus.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Never run back to the bus, even if you have forgotten something.

Safety To & From School

It's best if children are accompanied by adults or a group of friends when heading to or from school or the school bus. But that's not always possible, so children need to take these precautions:

- Never talk to strangers.
- Never accept anything from a stranger.
- Do not agree to anything suggested by a stranger.
- Walk away if a person makes you feel uncomfortable.
- Do not accept a ride from or go with a stranger.
- Know your telephone number and the number of a close friend or relative.
- Avoid areas where drugs are sold.
- Do not touch or pick up drugs, alcohol or weapons for any reason.

If you are approached by a stranger or a stranger touches you...

Shout "NO!" and get away quickly. Find an adult you trust, such as your parent or a teacher. If you cannot find an adult, call 9-1-1. Do not hang up until the person on the phone says you can, and follow all his/her instructions.

It's important that you remember what the person looks like, what he/she was wearing and what kind of car he/she was driving. Even if you are afraid about what happened, it is not your fault, and it is very important that you tell your parent(s).

Try to arrange to walk to and from school or the bus with a friend or group of friends. Stay alert to what's going on and who might be around you.

Safety After School

Many kids spend some time before or after school home alone. Whether it's just a few minutes or a few hours, there are things those kids should know.

- Have set times to call your parent(s) to make sure everything is OK.
- Organize at-home activities to keep from getting bored.
- If someone calls, never tell them you are home alone. Take a number so your parent(s) can return the call.
- Never open the door to a stranger. If you are nervous about the stranger, call a neighbor or nearby adult.
- Don't use appliances or sharp knives without permission.
- Do not enter the house if the door is open or a window is broken. Go to a neighbor's house and call the police and your parent(s).
- If there is a fire or you smell smoke, leave the house immediately. Go to a neighbor's house and call the fire department.

Most importantly, talk to your parent(s) about what you should do in certain situations.

That way, if the power goes off or your pet gets hurt, you'll know what to do.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Teens Racing To Be Parents Should Shift To Slower Gear

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and ready to have a baby. My boyfriend, "Matt," is 16 and says he is ready, too. You should see how sweet and considerate he is around children.

As soon as Matt gets his car fixed, we are leaving New Jersey and not looking back. Before we go, I'd like to know what you think, Abby. Do you think I am ready to have a baby and raise it?

A.M. IN N.J.

DEAR A.M.: Babies are a full-time job because they are completely dependent. You and Matt would be doing your future children a huge favor if you both complete your educations and become financially stable before embarking on this "project."

I have long urged women to be financially independent before having children. Matt may be a terrific young man, but what would happen to you and the baby if something were to happen to him? Before leaving New Jersey and not looking back, please read the next letter:

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 years old and have a 5-month-old daughter. I thought her father and I would be together forever, but I was wrong. I was in love with him for more than two years.

My problem is, I can't seem to find a boyfriend who is right for me. Some boys don't mind that I have a baby, but all they want to do is go out with their friends. After a long day of feeding, changing and taking care of my daughter, I want someone at home to comfort me. Is there anything wrong with that?

LOVESICK IN NEW YORK

DEAR LOVESICK: Of course not. It's understandable. Mothers need nurturing, too. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and more mature than many teenagers my age. I have to be, since I am more than eight months pregnant. The baby's father, "Rob," and I are engaged and have been since before we conceived. Rob is also 19, but not as mature as I am. He still wants to go out with his friends, which is fine because we are both young. However,

he doesn't understand that we must find free or inexpensive activities because our money needs to go toward baby things — clothes, blankets, diaper service, etc. I think Rob neglects me emotionally because he is scared of growing up. I think he may even be in denial that I am pregnant.

Abby, I have prayed about this and believe that Rob and I are meant to be together. I know he loves me, but sometimes I wonder if we met too soon in life.

Do you think we should take a short break from each other? I can't ask my family because they don't like Rob, and Rob's parents don't like me. Any suggestions?

E.W. IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR E.W.: Before "taking a break" from your boyfriend, consult a lawyer regarding child support and custody issues. A short break could become a long one if the father of this child is deeply enough into denial. Please don't wait. You're already eight months along. Make that call today.

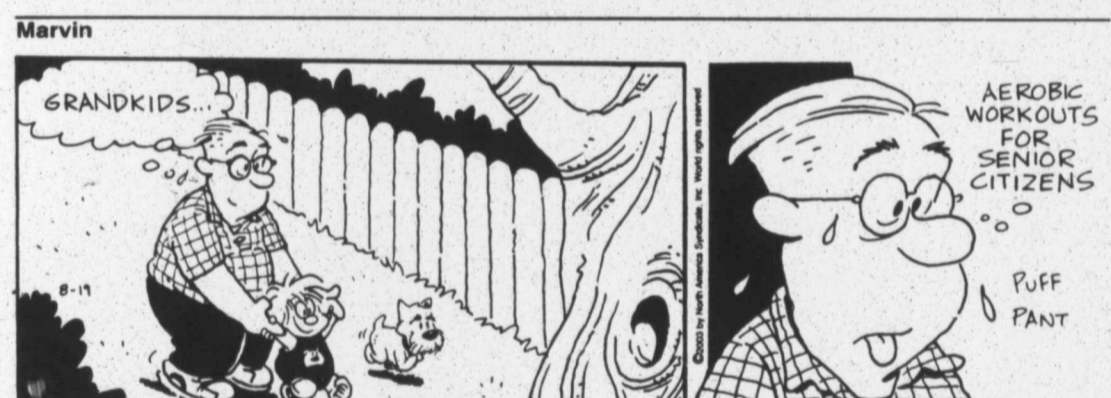
DEAR ABBY: Will you please settle a disagreement between my daughter and me? When is a child too old to be held? My 11-year-old grandson likes to sit on my lap when we watch television. He has been doing this since he was a baby.

My daughter says he is too old to be held. She says I baby him too much. What do you think?

LOVING GRANDMA IN OMAHA

DEAR LOVING GRANDMA: If he shows signs of immaturity in other areas, it could be a problem. If not (and he's not too heavy), hold your grandson tight. The truth is, many of us would give anything to sit on a loving grandmother's lap again.

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The Pampa News Comics

Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 2 Scoundrel
 - 1 Cruel
 - 7 Give out
 - 11 Split item
 - 12 Different
 - 13 Come to a quick halt
 - 15 Potato state
 - 16 Sharpen
 - 18 God of love
 - 21 Told
 - 22 Black sheet comment
 - 24 Eprom
 - 25 Knee protector
 - 26 Gunner output
 - 27 Learned one
 - 29 Gem holder
 - 30 Perfect place
 - 31 Head muncher
 - 32 Mixes up
 - 34 Inform
 - 40 Cry of despair
 - 41 Political exile
 - 42 Eccentric follow
 - 43 Chapter one
- DOWN**
- 1 Air gun ammo
 - 3 First numero
 - 4 Using a VCR
 - 5 Battery end
 - 6 Turner of film
 - 7 Felt hat
 - 8 Boxing great
 - 9 Belief
 - 10 Director
 - 11 In the lead
 - 12 Dutch city
 - 13 Without break
 - 14 Orchestra members
 - 15 Ship of 1492
 - 16 Tyrant
 - 17 Great
 - 18 Hat parts
 - 19 Tennis need
 - 20 Goes to sea
 - 21 50 Cent's music
 - 22 Diamond follower
 - 23 Wholly Yoko
 - 24 Ship of 1492
 - 25 Tyrant
 - 26 Great
 - 27 Hat parts
 - 28 Tennis need
 - 29 fixer
 - 30 Friend to Happy
 - 31 Pi
 - 32 Diamond follower
 - 33 Swelled head
 - 34 Hockey great
 - 35 Tennis need

Yesterday's answer

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NOTICE

TRACK & FIELD

LUBBOCK
Palmer, Pam... gold medals at Senior Game end.
Palmer, w... in the 70-74 placed first in put and discu...
"I wasn't h... performance, throwing w... said.
Just last w... gold medal in the USA Ma... Track & Championship Ore...
Palmer ha... surgery last N...

BASKETBALL

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BASEBALL

DETROIT
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The homer can... approached 11... when both team... the wee hours o... Texas played... Sunday, while t... in Anaheim... "That's a great... especially wher... on top." Ran... Buck Showalte... you get to bed... morning and p... you don't want... what would h... lose."
Hank Blalock... with a single... followed with... the scoreboard... his 34th of the... Sparks (0-6).
Tigers man... Trammell wou... impressed by... homer at any ti... "That might be... I've seen a righ... hit a ball out the

SPORTS

Parcells says walkout was a lesson

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Maybe the Dallas Cowboys have been too awed by the presence of their two-time Super Bowl champion coach. Bill Parcells thinks so.

Parcells said Monday he walked out of a sloppy practice Sunday because he wanted players to realize they must correct their own mistakes — and figure out how to do it — instead of always looking to him for answers.

"I told them yesterday, 'You've seen basketball games where teams are down two, then eight, then 12 and the coach still doesn't call timeout? Well, the reason is to try to get them to dig themselves out of trouble,'" Parcells said. "If you don't have a team that can do that, you'll never win. Because

there will be trouble every week some time during a game."

On the second-to-last day of training camp, Parcells had some other harsh things to say about his new team. He questioned the toughness of his quarterbacks, wondered whether his players have the right mindset and admitted they're all testing his patience.

"Right now," he said, "things aren't going the way I want them to go."

Parcells has been a winner everywhere he's been. The three previous teams he coached went from losing seasons before he arrived to making the playoffs his second season. He won two titles with the New York Giants, got the New England Patriots into the Super

Bowl and led the New York Jets to the conference finals.

First seasons, though, are about getting ready for the turnaround. With the Cowboys, that means cleaning up the problems on and off the field that caused three straight 5-11 seasons.

"The players need getting after around here," he said. "We need to put the pressure on them and make them accountable. I don't care if we don't win a game, they are going to be accountable. ..."

"I don't have any idea what the dynamics of the team particularly are. All I know is it hasn't been very good around here for awhile, and there's been reasons why. I'm here to try to do something different."

Publicly, Parcells' emotions have remained intact. The most dramatic outburst came Sunday afternoon when he and his coaching staff calmly left the field and players continued practicing for another half hour, even finishing it with wind sprints.

"I reacted a certain way because I just don't want to waste my time," he said. "I wasn't looking for any response. I was just tired of watching what I was watching, that's all."

Parcells blamed the entire offense for the dropped passes, interceptions and other ineptness that preceded his walkout. He didn't blame the quarterbacks for all the problems, but he did fault them for not doing more to try getting everyone to

snap out of their funk.

"If you can't stop the negative flow, you're not going to win, you're not going to have a chance to win, you're not going to have a chance to even be competitive," Parcells said.

The practice was the first after a day off following a 34-6 victory over Houston in a pre-season game. Dallas played far better in that game than the pre-season opener, a 13-0 loss to Arizona.

Still, there was no excuse for way things went Sunday.

"I think guys just had a mental lapse, as a whole," running back Troy Hambrick said. "Mentally, you just hit a brick wall sometimes. Training camp gets very redundant and you get tired of going through the same motions."

NOTEBOOK

TRACK & FIELD

LUBBOCK — Wendell Palmer, Pampa, won two gold medals at the Lubbock Senior Games last weekend.

Palmer, who competes in the 70-74 age division, placed first in both the shot put and discus.

"I wasn't happy with my performance. I'm just not throwing well," Palmer said.

Just last week, he won a gold medal in the discus at the USA Masters Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Eugene, Ore.

Palmer had rotator cuff surgery last November.

BASKETBALL

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks finally made a major offseason move, acquiring Antawn Jamison in a nine-player trade with the Golden State Warriors.

The Mavericks also got Danny Fortson, Jiri Welsch and Chris Mills from the Warriors for Nick Van Exel, Avery Johnson, Evan Eschmeyer, Popeye Jones and Antoine Rigadeau.

The 6-foot-9 Jamison has averaged 20.2 points a game in his five NBA seasons, and has been the Warriors' top scorer the past four seasons.

Van Exel was the Mavericks' leading scorer off the bench last season. During the playoffs, when Dallas advanced to the Western Conference finals before losing to San Antonio, Van Exel averaged 19.5 points.

BASEBALL

DETROIT (AP) — Alex Rodriguez didn't worry about being 0-for-6. He made up for it with his seventh at-bat.

Rodriguez hit the game-winning homer in the 16th inning Monday night to give the Texas Rangers their sixth straight win, 4-2 over the Detroit Tigers.

"I didn't feel like I was having a bad night," Rodriguez said. "I hit one ball that I thought was going to be a homer and another rocket right at the third baseman. I was swinging the bat pretty well, so I wasn't worried."

The homer came as the clock approached 11 p.m. on a day when both teams got to bed in the wee hours of the morning.

Texas played at home on Sunday, while the Tigers were in Anaheim.

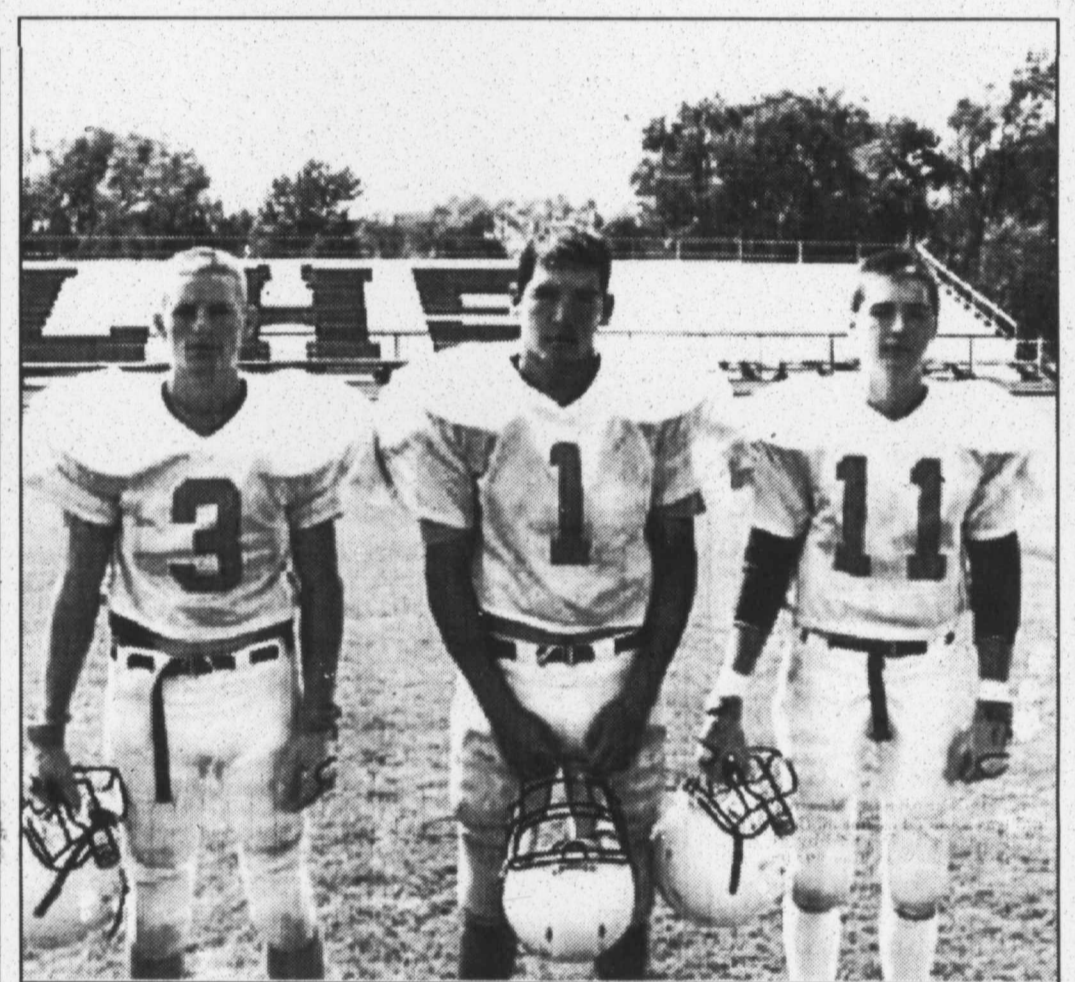
"That's a great baseball game, especially when you come out on top," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "When you get to bed at 5:30 in the morning and play that long, you don't want to think about what would happen if you lose."

Hank Blalock led off the 16th with a single and Rodriguez followed with a homer over the scoreboard in right-center, his 34th of the year, off Steve Sparks (0-6).

Tigers manager Alan Trammell would have been impressed by Rodriguez's homer at any time of the day.

"That might be the first time I've seen a right-handed batter hit a ball out there," he said.

Lefors seniors



Lefors will have three seniors (l-r), Andrew Jennings, Jesse Soto and Chris Czubinski, suiting up for the team this season. The Pirates travel to McLean for a scrimmage at 6 p.m. Friday before the season opener Aug. 29 against Hedley on the homefield.

Optimist football signups Thursday through Friday

PAMPA — Registration for Optimist Tiger League Football for boys in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades will be held Thursday through Friday in the Optimist building, 601 E. Craven, according to Commissioner David Hutto.

"We will register from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday," Hutto said.

The playing fee is \$65. Hutto explained that a blind draft according to weight will

be conducted in the third and fourth grade league. In the fifth and sixth grades, each team will select a player of its choice in each round of the draft.

Last year saw a record number 183 players participate. There were four teams in the third and fourth grade league and five teams in the fifth and sixth grade league.

"Our goal this year is 200," Hutto said.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way Agency.

Rams beat Buccaneers

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Kim Herring returned a fumble by Keyshawn Johnson 59 yards for a touchdown in the St. Louis Rams' 26-16 exhibition victory over the Super Bowl champion Tampa Buccaneers on Monday night.

Kurt Warner was perfect on his only drive of the game, going 7-for-7 for 55 yards to set up a field goal, while the Bucs' defense failed to lay a

hand on him.

The Rams (1-1) also ended a five-game losing streak in the preseason. They were 0-4 last year following a Super Bowl loss to the Patriots, and then began the regular season 0-5.

The Bucs (2-1) sputtered after totaling 50 points in their first two preseason games, although Brad Johnson was 7-for-9 for 55 yards in a little over one quarter.

Pro Rodeo Money Leaders

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association		Men's Professional Rodeo Association		
By The Associated Press				
Through August 17				
(Rodeos completed in parentheses)				
ALL-AROUND COWBOY				
1. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas, \$153,817	10. Joey Bell Jr., Salem, N.J. (32), \$39,911	20. Ryan Motes, Weatherford, Texas (34), \$26,297	10. Tammy Key, Ledbetter, Texas, \$34,058	
2. Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas, \$102,438	11. Curtis Cassidy, Donald, Alberta (37), \$38,967	21. Ryan Motes, Weatherford, Texas (34), \$25,238	11. Kay Blandford, Sutherland Spgs, Texas, \$33,614	
3. Scott Johnson, Gustine, Texas, \$95,281	12. Jeff Corbello, Iowa, La. (32), \$38,478	SADDLE BRONC RIDING		
4. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$92,063	13. K.C. Jones, Las Animas, Colo. (32), \$36,844	1. Glen O'Neill, Didsbury, Alberta (47), \$103,029	12. Kristie Peterson, Chilton, Texas, \$33,228	
5. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., \$81,488	14. John Diedrichs, Blackhawk, S.D. (32), \$34,826	2. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta (49), \$82,159	13. Janet Stover, Rusk, Texas, \$32,508	
6. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$74,592	15. Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla. (36), \$34,650	3. Scott Johnson, Gustine, Texas (52), \$81,474	14. June Holeman, Arcadia, Neb., \$31,389	
7. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$72,291	16. J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo. (30), \$33,756	4. Dan Mortensen, Billings, Mont. (54), \$78,849	15. Danyelle Campbell, Washington, Utah, \$28,605	
8. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$71,968	17. Luke Branquihno, Los Alamos, Calif. (32), \$32,412	5. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D. (48), \$65,961	16. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., \$28,534	
9. Curtis Cassidy, Donald, Alberta, \$63,068	18. Chad Biesemeyer, Stephenville, Texas (31), \$31,899	6. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah (37), \$54,787	17. McKenzie Miller, St. Anthony, Idaho, \$25,436	
10. Cody De Mers, Boulder, Mont., \$62,774	19. Bryan Fields, Conroe, Texas (26), \$31,242	7. Cody Demoss, Crowville, La. (50), \$43,543	18. Jolee Lauteret, Kingman, Ariz., \$25,225	
11. J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo., \$57,878	20. Kyle Hughes, Model, Colo. (30), \$30,475	8. Jeffery Willert, Belvidere, S.D. (40), \$51,930	19. Brooke Ramsey, Cochrane, Alberta, \$25,031	
12. Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, Texas, \$56,627	TEAM ROPING (HEADING)		20. Terry Kaye Kirkland, Billings, Mont., \$22,725	
13. Chad Klein, Clinton, La., \$55,149	1. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. (30), \$64,001	9. Cody Martin, Hatfield, Ark. (60), \$42,243	BULL RIDING	
14. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$54,498	2. Speed Williams, Amarillo, Texas (34), \$60,337	10. Cody Martin, Hatfield, Ark. (60), \$42,243	1. Terry Don West, Henryetta, Okla. (43), \$136,531	
15. Kyle Hughes, Model, Colo., \$48,575	3. David Key, Caldwell, Texas (33), \$53,761	11. Mo Forbes, Kaycee, Wyo. (56), \$41,857	2. Tyler Fowler, Theodore, Ala. (45), \$77,896	
16. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., \$45,974	4. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas (34), \$47,123	12. Ryan Mapston, Geyser, Mont. (51), \$40,889	3. Robey Condra, Dayton, Texas (49), \$68,067	
17. Clint Robinson, Farmington, Utah, \$43,827	5. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas (34), \$44,805	13. Ira Slagowski, Carlin, Nev. (55), \$40,151	4. Ryan Brown, Tecumseh, Calif. (57), \$67,668	
18. Casey Brauquinhno, Los Alamos, Calif., \$41,614	6. Chad Masters, Adams, Tenn. (32), \$40,337	14. Dan Erickson, La Junta, Colo. (44), \$39,220	5. B.J. Schumacher, Hillsboro, Wis. (51), \$60,471	
19. Steven Turner, Cochrane, Alberta, \$41,146	7. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla. (34), \$38,837	15. Mike Outhier, Utopia, Texas (46), \$38,217	6. Cory Melton, Keithville, La. (56), \$56,467	
20. Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., \$38,000	8. Matt Tyler, Dennis, Texas (36), \$38,550	16. Matt Marvel, Battle Mountain, Nev. (50), \$36,013	7. Myron Duarte, Auburn, Wash. (42), \$52,837	
BAREBACK RIDING		17. Scott Miller, Waco, Texas (54), \$34,502	8. Beau Hill, West Glacier, Mont. (45), \$52,521	
1. Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas (37), \$88,566	9. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas (35), \$35,876	18. Adam Newman, Polson, Mont. (52), \$34,130	9. Greg Potter, Whit, Texas (46), \$52,343	
2. Tom McFarland, Morristown, Ariz. (39), \$63,040	10. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif. (32), \$35,116	19. Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D. (30), \$33,945	10. Mike Moore, Kankakee, Ill. (48), \$50,544	
3. Darren Clarke, Lewisville, Texas (46), \$60,888	11. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. (32), \$32,658	20. Steve Dollarhide, Wikeup, Ariz. (44), \$33,300	11. Clint Craig, Mena, Ark. (56), \$50,060	
4. Cody Jessee, Prineville, Ore. (45), \$60,252	12. Shain Sproul, Arlee, Mont. (30), \$30,023	TIE-DOWN ROPING		
5. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas (46), \$56,832	13. Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif. (28), \$29,323	1. Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas (35), \$92,779	12. Blue Stone, Ogden, Utah (39), \$47,005	
6. Larry Sandvick, Belle Fourche, S.D. (51), \$52,372	14. Nick Sartain, Yukon, Okla. (31), \$29,107	2. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla. (35), \$85,474	13. Fred Boettcher, Tomah, Wis. (45), \$46,947	
7. Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo. (38), \$51,670	15. Marshall Samples, Abilene, Kan. (30), \$28,238	3. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas (33), \$73,184	14. Logan Knibbe, Rockdale, Texas (47), \$46,257	
8. James Boudreaux, Cuero, Texas (41), \$48,147	16. Tanner Bryson, Cornville, Ariz. (33), \$28,859	4. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas (37), \$67,346	15. Jason McClain, Lewis, Colo. (47), \$45,674	
9. James Jeter, Mansfield, Texas (45), \$47,574	17. Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash. (31), \$26,365	5. Mike Johnson, Henryetta, Okla. (30), \$63,620	16. Corey Navarre, Weatherford, Okla. (47), \$45,657	
10. Royce Ford, Kersey, Colo. (48), \$45,877	18. Camish Jennings, Houston, Texas (32), \$26,345	6. Johnny Erimons, Grandview, Texas (33), \$60,315	17. Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz. (53), \$45,587	
11. Jason Havens, Redmond, Ore. (50), \$44,849	19. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas (35), \$26,297	7. Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla. (37), \$57,749	18. Matt Austin, Willis Point, Texas (36), \$42,699	
12. Gody De Mers, Boulder, Mont. (39), \$44,174	20. Rowdy Rieken, Arp, Texas (30), \$25,302	8. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas (33), \$52,153	19. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D. (50), \$41,572	
13. Scott Drennan, Buffalo, Texas (55), \$43,728	TEAM ROPING (HEELING)		20. Colby Yates, Fort Worth, Texas (52), \$41,476	
14. Trey Fisher, Madisonville, Texas (45), \$42,783	1. Matt Zancanella, Aurora, S.D. (30), \$64,001	9. Ricky Cantlon, Cleveland, Texas (36), \$51,352	STEER ROPING	
15. Davey Shields Jr., Bashaw, Alberta (50), \$39,960	2. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas (34), \$60,337	10. Justin Maass, Giddings, Texas (24), \$43,008	1. Guy Allen, Santa Anna, Texas (31), \$49,827	
16. Clint Corey, Powell Butte, Ore. (46), \$39,011	3. Wayne Folmer, El Paso, Texas (35), \$60,009	11. Brady Brock, Springtown, Texas (35), \$40,583	2. Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, Texas (23), \$43,721	
17. Chad Klein, Clinton, La. (52), \$35,924	4. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Glen Rose, Texas (33), \$51,686	12. Ricky Hyde, Mount Vernon, Ark. (33), \$40,395	3. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas (22), \$39,349	
18. Bobby Mote, Redmond, Ore. (45), \$35,444	5. Patrick Smith, Midland, Texas (34), \$44,232	13. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M. (33), \$40,171	4. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. (29), \$26,549	
19. Cleve Schmidt, Belle Fourche, S.D. (41), \$33,554	6. Michael Jones, Stephenville, Texas (32), \$40,337	14. Clint Robinson, Farmington, Utah (35), \$38,833	5. Buster Record Jr., Buffalo, Okla. (26), \$19,592	
STEER WRESTLING		7. Allen Bach, Weatherford, Texas (34), \$38,846	6. Kenyon Burns, Lovington, N.M. (24), \$19,533	
1. Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore. (33), \$75,765	8. Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla. (36), \$38,550	15. Matt Shozawa, Pocatello, Idaho (40), \$33,168	7. Mike Chase, Beloit, Kan. (23), \$18,933	
2. Mickey Gee, Wichita Falls, Texas (34), \$49,971	9. Kirk Jones, Piedmont, Okla. (34), \$37,801	16. Brad Goodrich, Hermiston, Ore. (35), \$29,725	8. J.R. Olson, Sheridan, Wyo. (23), \$18,877	
3. Rope Myers, Van, Texas (32), \$48,917	10. Cory Petska, Lexington, Okla. (32), \$36,853	17. Tommy Guy, Abilene, Texas (33), \$28,488	9. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas (28), \$18,774	
4. Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D. (32), \$48,552	11. Kory Kootz, Sudan, Texas (32), \$35,116	18. Jeff Chapman, Athens, Texas (31), \$28,385	10. J.P. Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla. (19), \$18,671	
5. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas (30), \$46,863	12. Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore. (35), \$30,555	19. Jade Conner, Iowa, La. (28), \$28,277	11. Ora Tator, Rapid City, S.D. (6), \$17,796	
6. Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont. (30), \$45,215	13. Shanbon Frascht, Alva, Okla. (31), \$29,107	20. Nate Baldwin, Rigby, Idaho (35), \$28,170	12. Lawson Plemmons, Chilton, Texas (20), \$17,761	
7. Randy Suhm, Riverton, Wyo. (31), \$44,838	14. Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif. (31), \$28,856	BARREL RACING		
8. Frank Thompson, Cheyenne, Wyo. (30), \$42,298	15. Kinney Harrell, Brady, Texas (30), \$28,238	1. Kelly Kaminski, Bellville, Texas, \$57,551	13. Dan Fisher, Andrews, Texas (27), \$17,618	
9. Todd Suhm, Brighton, Colo. (32), \$41,060	16. Boogie-Ray, Mabank, Texas (43), \$27,122	2. Melanie Southard, Cushing, Okla., \$56,154	14. J. Paul Williams, Ponca City, Okla. (23), \$15,373	
	17. Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif. (29), \$26,830	3. Kelly Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$53,121	15. Jason Evans, Huntsville, Texas (8), \$15,332	
	18. Jacky Stephenson, Tilden, Texas (35), \$26,764	4. Brandie Halls, Carpenter, Wyo., \$38,185	16. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas (24), \$14,255	
	19. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas (35), \$25,297	5. Darlene Kasper, Bertram, Texas, \$37,524	17. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. (23), \$14,232	
		6. Kelly Maben, Spur, Texas, \$36,227	18. Will Gasperson, Decatur, Texas (26), \$13,664	
		7. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria, Texas, \$35,856	19. Jay Sellers, Buffalo, Okla. (14), \$12,924	
		8. Jackie Dube, Giddings, Texas, \$35,237	20. Jarrett Blessing, Paradise, Texas (12), \$12,374	
		9. Kappy Allen, Austin, Texas, \$34,428		

Former secretary says Bliss was "angry man"

DALLAS (AP) — A former administrative assistant who worked for Dave Bliss for three years said she often felt frightened by the ex-Baylor coach's behavior and his treatment of players. She said her complaints to university officials, about the conduct were repeatedly ignored.

Laura Collins-Hays, who resigned from her job out of frustration in March 2002, described Bliss as an "angry man" and questioned some of the procedures she observed in the basketball office. The Dallas Morning News reported in its online edition Monday night.

Bliss resigned on Aug. 8 after an internal investigative committee found evidence of NCAA violations, including allegations that he was involved in illicit payments to players. The investigation began after questions were raised following the disappearance of player Patrick Dennehy, who was later found dead.

Collins-Hays told the newspaper checks for a booster club were funneled through the basketball office and she handled calls from a car leasing agency inquiring about player's cars.

She also recounted an incident in the fall 2001 in which she heard Bliss shouting and cursing at a player in his office behind closed doors. She said she later heard loud thumping noise coming from the office.

She said she later told the player, whom she identified as Greg Davis, that he didn't have to take that type of treatment from the coach.

"He said, 'Yes I do if I want to keep my scholarship,'" Collins-Hays said.

Collins-Hays said she reported her concerns to Jaffus Hardrick, the university's assistant vice president/director of personnel services.

"I told him what had gone on," she told the newspaper. "He told me, 'I've met Coach Bliss. He doesn't act like that. Go back to work.'"

She said she met twice more with Hardrick and he refused to forward her concerns or her request to meet directly with athletic director Tom Stanton and she resigned.

A message left by The Associated Press for Hardrick was not immediately returned Monday night.

In another incident, Collins-Hays said Bliss "scared the pooky out of me" when she saw him throw a telephone across his office.

"I was afraid of him," said the Baylor graduate who now works with her husband running two Waco bookstores.

Messages left for Bliss by the AP were not immediately returned.

Collins-Hays said it was her job to collect checks from members of the Sixth Man Club, an elite level of the

FastBreak Club, which is part of the Baylor Bear Foundation, a booster club for Baylor athletics. She said it was Bliss' idea to start the club.

She said members of the Sixth Man Club would bring her personal checks for \$1,500 written to the club. She said she thought it was unusual when Bliss would give her checks that had been given directly to him.

She said she would record the checks in a ledger and send them to Doug Smith, executive director of the Bear Foundation. Former assistant coach Brian O'Neill kept track of the club's finances, she said.

O'Neill, who left Baylor after the 2002-2003 season, declined to comment.

Collins-Hays said she thought Baylor officials might have been violating NCAA rules by leasing cars for players. She said a Waco leasing company called the basketball office and wanted the keys to a player's car.

She said at least two players, Wendell Greenleaf and DeMarcus Minor, had a car from the same company, Sinclair Leasing.

The company leased cars to coaches and to some players, Sinclair Leasing owner David Chiles said. He said he hadn't been contacted by the committee that's investigating possible NCAA violations.

Comets slip in West standings

NEW YORK (AP) — Fighting for their playoff lives, the New York Liberty hardly looked like a team playing a third game in as many days.

Vickie Johnson scored 18 points, and New York held Houston scoreless over the final 2:10 for a 67-64 victory over the Comets on Monday night.

"Our backs were against the wall and we came out very aggressive," Johnson said. "The main thing we wanted to do is step up on our individual defense, help out where needed and stay aggressive."

The Liberty, who were the first team in WNBA history to play three games in three days, won for the sixth time in nine games. They broke a fifth-place tie with Indiana and pulled within a half-game of the fourth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference with three games left to go.

"We are not out of the woods yet, but we still have a chance," Liberty coach Richie Adubato said. "We still have to keep winning games."

Cleveland and Connecticut, who face each

other Tuesday, are tied for third.

Only the top four teams in each conference make the postseason.

The Comets, who entered with victories in nine of 11, slipped 1 1/2 games behind the defending champion Los Angeles Sparks for first place in the West. Houston (19-11) has four games to go.

"We have not made it to the playoffs yet," said Comets forward Sheryl Swoopes, who had 22 points. "We need to play with more urgency."

The game was being made up after Thursday's scheduled contest was postponed due to the power outage that affected the Northeast, Ohio and Canada.

The blackout also forced the Liberty to play on three successive days.

"We cannot make any excuses regardless of how many games they played in a row," Swoopes added. "They must have wanted it a little bit more than we did."

Tamika Whitmore had 15 points for the Liberty (15-16) while Johnson came up with a

big defensive play late, making a key steal with 36.9 seconds left.

New York forced 16 turnovers, scoring 24 points off those miscues.

"We just refused to lose tonight," Whitmore said. "Everything tonight was determined on the defensive end."

The Comets, who came in 6-3 against teams from the East, lost their fifth straight regular-season game at Madison Square Garden. They haven't won at New York since a 79-54 loss on July 8, 1998.

Tina Thompson had 16 points for Houston, which fell to 6-8 on the road.

The Liberty trailed 25-16 with 8:10 to go in the first half. Whitmore made a layup to start a 22-7 run as the Liberty took a 37-32 lead at halftime.

New York missed 11 of its first 13 shots, before finishing the first half shooting 55 percent (12-for-22).

Houston shot 56 percent (27-for-48) for the game. New York shot 44 percent (26-for-59).

Red-hot Hampton pitches Rockies past Diamondbacks, 6-1

ATLANTA (AP) — Mike Hampton was glad to get out of Colorado. Now, he's ready to go back.

After two terrible seasons with the Rockies, Hampton has turned things around in Atlanta. He won his eighth in a row Monday, allowing just four hits in eight innings to lead the Braves to a 6-1 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"He's been lights out," said Robert Fick, who drove in three runs for the Braves. "He's throwing strikes and he's getting a lot of groundballs. I wouldn't want to face him."

Hampton (11-5) lowered his ERA to 4.04 — quite a change from last year. He had the highest ERA (6.15) among qualifying starters, then was traded to Atlanta during the offseason.

His next start comes

Saturday at Coors Field.

"I have every intention of pitching well there," Hampton said. "I'm going to go in there with a confident mind frame that we're going to win. And I'm not going to change the way I've done things this past month or so."

The Diamondbacks noticed the change from last season.

"His cutter is a lot sharper," manager Bob Brenly said. "That's always been hit bread-and-butter pitch. Last year, for mechanical problems or whatever, he lost that pitch."

Hampton is 8-0 over his last nine starts, but he's been especially dominant in the past three appearances. The left-hander followed his first complete game of the season with two straight eight-inning stints, surrendering just 12 hits and three

earned runs in 25 innings.

On Sunday, the Braves had only two hits and struck out 15 times in a 2-0 loss to the Diamondbacks. The NL's highest-scoring team finished off the four-game series with a more typical performance.

Marcus Giles homered and drove in two runs, while Gary Sheffield extended his hitting streak to 22 games with a homer.

In other NL games, it was Montreal 4, San Francisco 0; and New York 8, Colorado 0.

Two batters into the game, the Braves were ahead on Giles' run-scoring double against Miguel Batista. Fick added an RBI single before the inning was done.

In the third, Giles walked and Chipper Jones singled before Fick came to bat with

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

National League
At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	81	43	.653	—
Philadelphia	69	54	.561	11 1/2
Florida	69	55	.556	12
Montreal	65	60	.520	16 1/2
New York	54	69	.439	26 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	65	59	.524	—
Chicago	64	59	.520	1/2
St. Louis	64	60	.516	1
Pittsburgh	57	65	.467	7
Cincinnati	55	68	.447	9 1/2
Milwaukee	48	75	.390	16 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	73	50	.593	—
Arizona	65	59	.524	8 1/2
Los Angeles	64	59	.520	9
Colorado	61	66	.480	14
San Diego	47	78	.376	27

Sunday's Games

Arizona 2, Atlanta 0
Montreal 4, San Francisco 2
N.Y. Mets 6, Colorado 4
Cincinnati 4, Houston 3
Florida 11, San Diego 7
Pittsburgh 5, Milwaukee 2
Los Angeles 3, Chicago Cubs 0
Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 4

Monday's Games

Atlanta 6, Arizona 1
Montreal 4, San Francisco 0
N.Y. Mets 8, Colorado 0

Tuesday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Clement 10-10) at Houston (Robertson 11-6), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Millwood 12-8) at Milwaukee (Sheets 10-10), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Meadows 2-1) at St. Louis (Stephenson 7-11), 8:10 p.m.
Florida (Pavano 9-10) at Colorado (Stark 1-1), 9:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bale 0-0) at Arizona (Webb 7-6), 9:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Glavin 8-11) at San Diego (Jarvis 4-5), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Tucker 0-1) at Los Angeles (Brown 12-6), 10:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Ortiz 17-5) at San Francisco (Williams 5-3), 10:15 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Prior 11-5) at Houston (Fernandez 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 12-7) at Milwaukee (Kinney 7-9), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D'Amico 7-12) at St. Louis (Fassero 1-6), 8:10 p.m.
Florida (Redman 10-6) at Colorado (Oliver 10-8), 9:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harang 2-0) at Arizona (Johnson 3-5), 9:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Heilman 2-5) at San Diego (Peavy 9-9), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (L. Hernandez 13-7) at Los Angeles (W. Alvarez 2-1), 10:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Reynolds 10-6) at San Francisco (Foppert 8-9), 10:15 p.m.

p.m.
Kansas City (Appier 8-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 14-7), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Shields 3-3) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 8-9), 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Kansas City (Gobble 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 11-7), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 13-8) at Toronto (Towers 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Dickey 7-5) at Detroit (Cornejo 5-12), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lilly 6-9) at Boston (Wakefield 9-5), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Zambrano 9-6) at Baltimore (Moss 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 8-10) at Cleveland (B. Anderson 9-9), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 8-11) at Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 15-6), 8:05 p.m.

FOOTBALL

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New England	2	0	0	1.000	46	19
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	44	56
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	59	65
Miami	0	2	0	.000	42	47

South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Jacksonville	2	0	0	1.000	43	37
Tennessee	2	0	0	1.000	47	30
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	39	27
Houston	0	2	0	.000	18	54

North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	32	30
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	36	38
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	37	48
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	29	47

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	35	22
Kansas City	2	1	0	.667	41	40
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	17	20
San Diego	0	2	0	.000	17	36

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000	48	33
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	34	19
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	16	46
Washington	0	2	0	.000	13	40

South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Carolina	2	0	0	1.000	40	10
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	66	59
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	39	44
Atlanta	0	2	0	.000	31	40

North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	65	61
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	30	33
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	36	36
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	30	42

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Arizona	2	0	0	1.000	29	10
San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000	38	16
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	32	23
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	27	28

Thursday's Game

San Francisco 14, Oakland 10

Friday's Games

Jacksonville 27, Miami 23
Dallas 34, Houston 6
Indianapolis 21, Seattle 7
Carolina 20, N.Y. Giants 10
Green Bay 38, Cleveland 31

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati 23, Detroit 10
Baltimore 13, Atlanta 17
New Orleans 22, N.Y. Jets 17
New England 20, Washington 13
Tennessee 37, Buffalo 24
Denver 15, Chicago 10
Philadelphia 21, Pittsburgh 16
Kansas City 26, Minnesota 16
Arizona 16, San Diego 10

Monday's Game

St. Louis 26, Tampa Bay 16

Thursday, Aug. 21

Dallas at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 22

New England at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Oakland, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23

St. Louis at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Baltimore at Washington, 8 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
San Diego at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New Orleans at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 25

Indianapolis at Denver, 8 p.m.

Public Notice
PUBLIC NOTICE
As per Local Government Code 152.013, the is hereby notified that approved county elections and elected officers are proposed to be \$83.33 per month increase. The vote proposal will be the Special Session Gray County Commissioners Court at a.m., September 2, 2003. D-10 Aug 19.

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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8-19 CRYPTOQUOTE

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JACD MAGD JAGR CLG
AZDGEJWR KKNYDS KZDGR

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Yesterday's Cryptquote: THE COVETOUS MAN NEVER HAS MONEY; THE PRODIGAL WILL HAVE NONE SHORTLY. — BEN JONSON

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003.

You might want to hold on tight this year, as Murphy's law rules. You find partners to be unpredictable and their actions sometimes strange. Try not to pigeonhole others into certain images you have of them or to have expectations, and you will have an easier time. As a result, you will ride the roller coaster of life far more easily. Be direct with others, but don't force your view on them. Your ability to succeed and network serves as a sufficient model to others. If you are single, a relationship could drop on you any day. This person could be quite special and open many new doors in your life. If you are attached, you will bond far more tightly with a loved one or friend as long as you let him or her have his or her opinions and express his or her eccentricity. GEMINI is your pal.

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)

It would be wise to research the right words to say before they leave your mouth! You could easily be provoked by what is going on around you. Try not to close any doors, and keep talking moving. Tonight, play it cool, for everyone's sake. Try a stress buster.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You handle finances well, but right now you might feel as if everyone is sabotaging you in some way, shape or form. You might need to take a strong action in order to stay in control. Others could be reactive. Remember to keep yourself under control. Tonight, pay bills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You're happy-go-lucky,

Keep on smiling, and you'll get through the many hassles that a superior could toss at you. Your attitude draws many and helps others work out their issues. Kick back and deal with the unexpected. Tonight, beam in what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Take your time and go into your memory for answers. Read between the lines and do needed research. Your vision of what is possible could change your perspective. Be extra careful with spending. Tonight, get a good night's sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Keep looking to the long term, and you will greet success. Aim for more of what you want, not allowing others to interfere. The unexpected occurs with financial matters. Just when you thought you had someone settled in, you find out otherwise. Tonight, visit with your friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Take charge, as others seem to fall apart. You might not totally understand what is workable, but you will come to a quick conclusion or decision. Others respect your speedy actions and strong sense of confidence. Tonight, work late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Be honest if you're stressed out and cannot keep up the pace. Others will pitch in. Remember, you don't have to carry the whole burden by yourself. Others happily respond, adding to the possibilities. You gain as a result. Tonight, mow the lawn or chore some other active chore to work off stress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Where you thought you really understood a child or new loved one, you discover otherwise. You could be quite shocked by what comes up for you. Discussions with a trusted associate or

partner take you in a new direction. Tonight, take time with a favorite loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You might want to defer to others, as you sit in a state of confusion trying to figure out what's what. You also might be inordinately pressured by a family member. How you handle this person could make all the difference. Tonight, go along with another's request.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

What you say could easily be misinterpreted. You might want to consider what needs to happen within an important relationship that often tests your patience. Most likely, you see a personal matter differently. Tonight, get some exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

The key lies in your creativity, but not in your risking. Consider your financial options. You still might discover an even better route. Review a letter-felt matter more closely. A little flirtation or wink goes a long way. Tonight, romp and let off steam.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Extremes punctuate your behavior. Where someone thought he or she might know you, you give reason to question this idea. Understand more of what you want from a domestic situation or financial evaluation. Tonight, happy at home.

BORN TODAY

Actress Jacqueline Susann (1918), author H.P. Lovecraft (1890), musician Robert Plant (1948)

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Boy Scouts dedicated to reaching more youth

This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2003 "50 Years of Caring and Still Going Strong" fund-raising campaign.

Boy Scouts of America, a non-profit organization, has joined with many religious and community organizations in an effort to serve more youth with Scouting's character-building programs. The scouting program runs hand-in-hand with religious and community organizations that share an interest with BSA in serving youth. It emphasizes the positive impact these organizations can have on their communities and neighborhoods through cooperative efforts with Scouting.

"The Boy Scouts of America has been supporting youth and families for more than 93 years," Tina Coligan, district executive said. "By instilling character and competence in youth, we're strengthening families as well as neighborhoods and communities. Even with a decline in population, we have seen a steady and tremendous growth in the scouting program here in Gray County, and all over our 11-county Santa Fe district."

According to Coligan, religious and community organizations are the place to cultivate Scouting because those organizations know the importance of character-based programs.

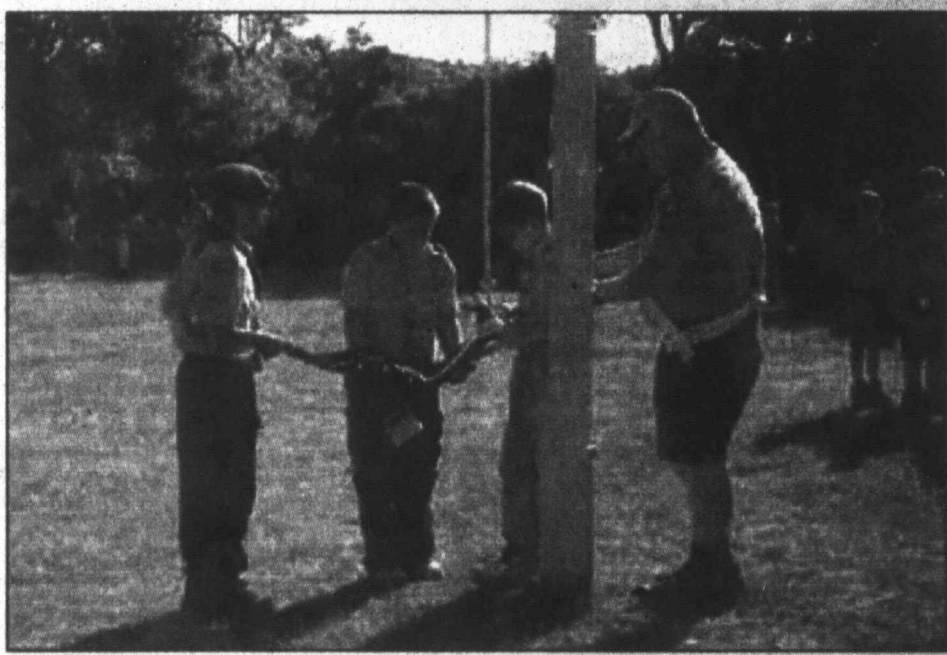
"We currently have ties with eight churches of various denominations and various community and civic organizations that charter six Packs, six Troops and over 10 Venture Crews in Pampa," Coligan said. "This reaches out to over 600 youth in Pampa, and countless adults who volunteer their time to run the program. Community service projects are at an all time high in this area."

"In order to recruit youth into the program, you have to have Scout units for them to



(Courtesy photo)

Families join the Scouts on Friday night for the Awards Ceremony Campfire.



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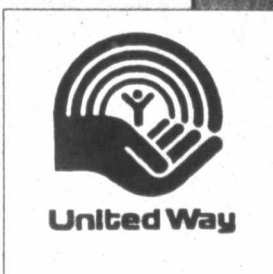
Three new scouts come together to learn the proper way to participate in a flag ceremony at Camp MK Brown's 2003 Summer Camp program in Wheeler, Texas.

join," Coligan explained. "Our goal is to show every religious and community organization how Scouting can benefit them and encourage every church and youth-related organization to adopt the Scouting program for their families.

"If they already have Scouting units, we want to encourage them to build on what they're doing and take full advantage of all the programs Scouting offers," Coligan said. "Scouting offers a proven program with the finest training and resources available. You don't have to reinvent the wheel. We know our training and program works. Through Scouting, we are making

America a better place to live. Scouting offers a safe place for youth to be involved with structured activities during non-school hours. Youth can learn a marketable skill through effective education and merit badge programs, and most of all, an opportunity to give back through community service."

Organizations or individuals interested in Scouting should contact Coligan at 669-3145, by email at scoutmom@sbcglobal.net, or visit Scouting on the Web at <http://www.goldenspread.org>. Scholarships are available for those in need of financial support.



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(Front row, left-right) Santa Fe officers Dr. Ben Ed Hillhouse, finance chairman, Doug Cooper, field director, Warden Chris Bell, district commissioner; (back row) Tina Coligan, district executive, Bill Hightower, district chairman, and Barry Oxley, Golden Spread Council Scout executive.

Study finds boredom, stress, cash leads some kids to substance abuse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Boredom and a wad of cash can lead young Americans to substance abuse, according to a Columbia University survey released Tuesday.

The study also found that students at smaller schools and those attending religious schools are less likely to abuse narcotics and alcohol.

Young people ages 12 to 17 who are frequently bored are 50 percent likelier than those not often bored to smoke, drink, get drunk and use illegal drugs, said the study by the university's National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse.

Those with \$25 or more a week in spending money are near-

ly twice as likely as those with less to smoke, drink and use illegal drugs, and more than twice as likely to get drunk, the study said.

High stress can also take its toll — kids suffering from stress are twice as likely as those with low stress to smoke, drink, get drunk and use illegal drugs, results showed. High stress was experienced more among girls more than boys, with nearly one in three girls saying they were highly stressed compared with fewer than one in four boys.

Much of the stress was attributed to academic worries and pressures to have sex and take drugs.

Kids at schools with more than 1,200 students are twice as likely

as those at schools with less than 800 students to be at high risk of substance abuse, according to the study, and Catholic and other religious schools are likelier to be drug-free than public schools.

The average age of first use is about 12 years for alcohol, 12 1/2 years for cigarettes and

almost 14 years for marijuana, the center found.

"This is an alarm call to parents," said Joseph Califano, Jr., the center's president. "You should be aware of what your kids are doing, know your child and don't underestimate your power you have over your children."

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AP Poll: Majority favors law against gay unions

By WILL LESTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than half of Americans favor a law barring gay marriage and are opposed to allowing civil unions that could provide gay couples with the same benefits as marriage, an Associated Press poll found.

The survey also indicated presidential candidates could lose the backing of some voters if they support gay marriage or civil unions.

The poll, conducted for the AP by ICR-International Communications Research of Media, Pa., found 52 percent favor a law banning gay marriages, while 41 percent oppose such a law.

About four in 10 — 41 percent — support allowing civil unions, roughly the same level found in an AP poll three years ago. But 53 percent now say they oppose civil unions, up from 46 percent in the earlier survey.

The increase came largely from people who previously were undecided, the poll suggested.

Close to half of those surveyed said they would be less likely to support a presidential candidate who backs civil unions (44 percent) or gay marriage (49 percent), while only around 10 percent said they would be more likely.

"I don't think it's a great idea; the whole idea of marriage is bringing up children," said Jim Martin, a 64-year-old engineer from Alexandria, Va. "If somebody was promoting it, I would vote against them."

The issue poses a challenge for Democratic presidential candidates in the 2004 election. The six leading candidates say they oppose gay marriage but are sharply critical of efforts to legally ban it, either with a law or by amending the Constitution.

Four of the six — former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt, Florida Sen. Bob Graham and Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry — say they support civil unions. North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman say they favor benefits for gay partners, but say states should decide on civil unions.

President Bush has said he supports efforts to legally ban gay marriage, but encourages tolerance of gays and lesbians.

In the AP poll, about one-third of people who identified themselves as Democrats and independents said they would be less likely to support a candidate who backs civil unions. Twice as many Republicans

said they feel that way.

More than four in 10 Democrats support passing laws against gay marriage, according to the poll. Two-thirds of Republicans support passing such laws.

The issue of gay rights has gotten increased attention since June, when the Supreme Court threw out a Texas law prohibiting gay sex, saying such a ban violates constitutionally guaranteed privacy rights. The decision mobilized both gay rights advocates and conservatives, who said it could lead to legalization of gay marriage.

Conservative leaders rallied supporters to oppose legal gay marriage. In late July, the Vatican urged Catholics and non-Catholics to unite in campaigning against gay marriages and gay adoptions.

The poll found 54 percent favor a constitutional amendment barring gay marriage and specifying that marriage only be between a man and a woman, while 42 percent oppose it.

"The public clearly draws the line at gay marriage," said Karlyn Bowman, a public opinion analyst at the American Enterprise Institute, a think tank in Washington. She said it's less clear if civil unions will be a significant issue by the election in November 2004.

"There's often a bit of rethinking on an issue after a big development like a Supreme Court decision," she said.

At least some of those surveyed who back gay marriage say the issue could determine how they vote in 2004.

"It might make a significant difference in whether I would support a candidate," said Jody Moore, a graduate student living in the suburbs of Los Angeles, who favors gay marriage. "It's a question of dignity."

The AP poll also suggested public attitudes vary by age. Support for civil unions and opposition to laws against gay marriage were significantly higher among young adults and dipped progressively among older age groups. Men were more likely than women to oppose gay marriage and support laws against it.

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