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**PAMPA** — A small business workshop, "Financing Options for Small Business," is set Aug. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard.

The workshop is free but there is limited space so pre-registration, by calling 806-472-7462, ext. 230, is encouraged.

Information will be available on what a business owner should have before applying for a loan, what the banker is looking for, information in a business plan, and the programs and services available from the Small Business Administration.

**PAMPA** — Telephone lines at the Pampa Water Department are out of service because lightning that destroyed the phone connection last weekend.

A spokesman said they are working to repair the problem and apologize for the inconvenience.

The water department at 200 W. Foster in City Hall is open to the public weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 6-27-32-36-40-44.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$13 million.

• William Kretz, 99, retired Texaco employee, cafe operator.

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## \$2 million bond set in rape, kidnap case

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

SHAMROCK — A 23-year-old Mexican National was in Wheeler County jail today in lieu of \$2 million bond after appear-

ing before Justice of the Peace Guy Hardin today in connection with the kidnaping and rape of a Miami woman.

Roberto Cortez, 23, was brought to Shamrock this morning for the bond hearing after

being arrested Wednesday in Georgetown on a warrant charging him with aggravated sexual assault and aggravated kidnaping in connection with the abduction and rape of a Texas Tech student returning home in the summer of 1995.

Judge Hardin set bond for Cortez at \$1 million for each of the two counts.

Cortez, who was being held in the Williamson County jail on a driving while intoxicated charge, was served with a warrant issued by Judge Hardin and brought to Wheeler County by Deputy Sheriff Jerry Bailey.

Officers said a crimestopper's tip in Georgetown while Cortez was in jail indicated that the prisoner might be involved in a rape near the Oklahoma-Texas state line. Williamson County authorities notified law enforcement

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Roberto Cortez follows an interpreter out of the courtroom after appearing during a bond hearing.

## Officials try to place Cortez in panhandle

WHEELER — The Wheeler County Sheriff's office is busy today sending out photographs and fliers in connection with the kidnaping and rape of a Miami woman.

"We're not looking for the man," Adams said. "We've got him. We're looking for people who might have employed him or who might have some knowledge that he was in the Texas Panhandle during June, 1995."

Robert Cortez, 23, of Guanajuato, Mexico, was arrested in Georgetown Wednesday on charges of aggravated sexual

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## Living proof... Beauty's more than skin deep

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Staff Writer

She won't brag about herself although many may say she has more than enough to brag about.

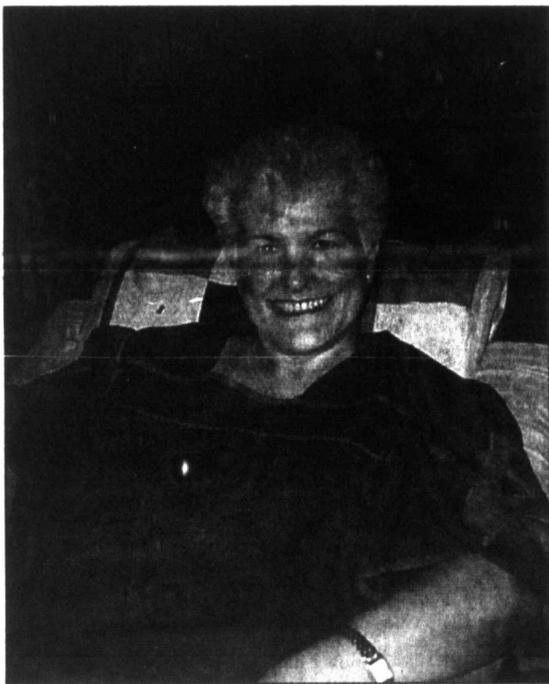
But as a self-proclaimed "people person," Barbara Bruce doesn't shy away from speaking with anyone who wants to talk to her. She has to as a beautician. And she has to in order to be a living example of her Christian beliefs.

Barbara, and her husband, Jerry, own the Coronado Beauty Salon. They have lived in Pampa for about the last 50 years where the couple have worked for years, side-by-side, making art out of Pampans' hair... and nails... and perms... and colorings.

When one talks to Barbara she smiles sweetly but quickly shifts the focus of the conversation to her husband. It is her husband who is the hair "artist," she says noting that Jerry will spend whatever time it takes to make every hair

## Our neighbors...

perfect on the heads of those



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Barbara Bruce relaxes while she reveals her personal philosophies on living life and loving unconditionally.

who come into their salon.

And it was he Barbara says was her good teacher from whom to learn. But now, with Jerry's retirement, Barbara and her daughter-in-law, who works with her, will be left to beautify long-time customers by themselves. But that won't

be a problem, because Barbara does this already.

"I do take Mondays and Tuesdays off," she says, "and on those days I go visit some shut-in customers of mine and do their hair for them;

It's important for them."

Barbara says she loves people and her work with people in the Pampa community is evidence of this. She has volunteered extensively with the Red Cross and at Tae Crisis Pregnancy Center as a counselor and board member.

She and her husband are also actively involved in their church, Trinity Fellowship, and they host a weekly Bible study at their home.

But their ministry goes even farther. For more than once, they have welcomed strangers into their home on a more per-

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## Weed woes... Growing problem; city taking action

By LAURA HALEY  
Staff Writer

The number of complaints concerning high weeds has forced the city to take a more aggressive approach towards the problem in recent years, said City Manager Bob Eskridge.

"We hope most people will realize we've got a problem and go mow," he said.

Those who don't mow their property could find themselves on the defending end of city action. As part of the new, more aggressive approach towards unkept lots, the city is mailing out warning letters against resi-

dents. They are given 10 days to mow their property, at which time it will be inspected by a city employee.

If the land is still unmowed, a lien against the property is filed in municipal court. In July, approximately 30 people were the subject of a property lien due to unmowed lots, said Fire Marshal Gary Stevens.

If the owner or renter of the property still does not mow the land, the city will do so for a healthy fee. In addition to charging the cost of the mowing, a new ordinance also allows the city to tack on an additional \$50

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## Governor takes tax tour to West Texas

By MARK BABINECK  
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — School districts that criticize proposed increases in homestead exemptions "can raise taxes if they want to, but don't blame the state of Texas," Gov. George W. Bush says.

Voters statewide will decide Saturday a proposed constitutional amendment to increase the standard homestead exemption for residential school property taxpayers from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

School officials in Lubbock and elsewhere have said the state's formula for determining minimum teacher salaries will force them to increase local property tax rates if the proposal passes.

Bush, who addressed crowds in Lubbock, Midland, El Paso and Amarillo on Wednesday as part of his statewide tour promoting the amendment, doesn't buy the argument.

"If districts feel like they have to raise teacher pay, that's up to the folks at the local level," he said. "Just don't blame the state for that. My attitude is, you can't pay teachers enough."

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## Quite frankly...

What is Pampa's best selling point from an economic development point of view?



"It's a good place to raise a family."

-- Benny Kirksey



"Pampa has a low cost of living."

-- Meredith Hite



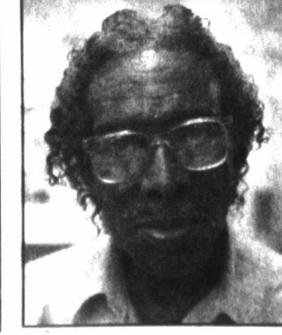
"The weather."

-- Jerry Hildenbrand



"The people."

-- Carolyn Hadley



"All the good services here in town."

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# Daily Record

## Obituaries

### WILLIAM KRETZ

William Kretz, 99, of Pampa, died Thursday, Aug. 7, 1997, at Claude, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Shattuck Memorial Cemetery at Shattuck, Okla., with the Rev. Jene Miller, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Arnett, Okla., officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Kretz was born May 9, 1898, at Lehigh, Kan. He married Mary Meier in 1919 at Shattuck; she died in 1924. He later married Beula Chambers in 1926; she died April 20, 1995. He operated a cafe while in Shattuck. He had been a Pampa resident since 1926. He worked for Texaco Company, retiring after 35 years of service.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Pampa, Men's Fellowship Class, International Order of Oddfellows Lodge and Pampa Senior Citizens.

Survivors include two daughters, Opal Bradley of Whittier, Calif., and Billie Oliver of Las Vegas, Nev.; a sister, Leona Godbout of Wichita, Kan.; two grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

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Wheat	3.28	Chevron	78.15/16	dn	1/4
Milo	4.18	Coca Cola	67.5/8	dn	1/2
Corn	4.80	Columbia/TX A	54.5/4	up	3/8
		Enron	47.5/8	dn	3/16
		Halliburton	47.5/8	dn	3/16
		Ingersoll Rand	56.1/16	up	1/2
		KSI	47.5/8	up	1/16
		Kerr McGraw	54.5/16	up	7/16
		Limited	11.1/16	dn	5/8
		Mapco	9.5/16	dn	5/8
		McDonald's	57.5/8	up	1/4
		Marathon	35.5/8	dn	3/8
		New Amco	34.1/16	dn	3/8
		Parker & Parsley	38.5/8	up	3/4
		Pennco	58.5/8	dn	1/4
		Phillips	47.5/8	up	5/8
		SLB	77.5/16	dn	3/8
		NPS		NA	
		Tenneco	47.5/16	dn	1/8
		Texas	115.5/8	up	1/4
		Ultramar	33.5/8	dn	1/8
		Wal Mart	38.1/2	up	1/8
		New York Gold		32.40	
		Silver		4.32	
		West Texas Crude		29.53	

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

Magellan	99.47	Meridian	20.34
Puritan	20.34		

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

Ameco	95.7/16	dn	5/16
Arco	76.1/16	up	5/16
Cabot	29.5/16	up	1/16
Cabot O&G	20.1/16	up	1/16

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### WEDNESDAY, August 6

Possession of marijuana was reported by the City of Pampa Parks Department.

Found property was reported in the 2600 Block of Cherokee Street. Seven keys and a green, plastic tag key ring with "Pampa Harvesters" was found. The valuables are being kept in the police department evidence room.

A burglary was reported at 204 E. Tyng Street. A theft was reported at 1327 N. Hobart. Pairs of shoes valued at a total of \$30 were reported stolen.

### Arrests

J. Ramon Vargas, 17, 853 S. Sumner, was arrested on charges of Possession of marijuana. Carmen Sanchez Hernandez, 46, 329 N. Sumner, was arrested on charges of speeding.

## Sheriff's Office

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

### WEDNESDAY, August 6

Rosa Maria Soto, 30, 1213 Faulkner, was arrested on charges of tampering with government records.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### WEDNESDAY, August 6

9:40 a.m. - Three units and six personnel responded six miles west of Highway 60 on a car wreck.

9:30 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to 1100 Darby on a short in a transmission.

### THURSDAY, August 7

6:23 a.m. - Three units and six personnel

## Calendar of events

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check and blood sugar tests offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

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## TAX

Minimum teacher pay is tied to the amount of money the state provides local districts. Since the state is funding schools with the approximately \$1 billion districts will lose from a tax reduction, minimum teacher salaries will increase.

Lubbock Independent School District officials have complained that to keep their salary structure in line and to remain competitive, they'll have to increase some salaries for which they won't get reimbursed.

Property taxes could increase 4 1/2 cents per

\$100 valuation because of the shortfalls created by changes in funding, LISD chief financial officer Larry Throm said. Superintendent Curtis Culwell has said the new budget is otherwise a bare-bones plan void of needed capital improvements.

"They have forced all of the state mandates onto local taxpayers," Throm told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal recently. He wasn't available for comment Wednesday.

When asked if school districts should trust the state to come through with the money to replace lost property tax revenue, Bush was even more blunt.

"Ask them once they get the money," he said.

## WEED

administrative fee. This fee can be added to a resident's water bill.

In most cases, residents will mow their land upon receiving the original letter of notice, said Eskridge. But, that hasn't eased the city's workload.

In 500 letters were mailed asking residents to mow their yards. Although declining, the number of letters going out in July still averaged 300 to 500, said Stevens.

Because of the fire hazard that high grass and weeds cause, the fire marshal's office has been handling the complaints for the past eight to nine years. Despite the heavy rains, which has caused the grass to grow exceedingly fast in recent years, the unmowed property presents an extreme fire hazard during the dry spells.

"When it dries out, then you have a real fire hazard then. The only reason we haven't had any major problems is we've got a good fire department," said Stevens, who recognized the quick response of the Pampa firefighters to grass fires.

High grass and weeds also brings a different type of problem for area residents — pests. Rats, mice, snakes, mosquitoes and various other types of varmints are attracted to the high grass, which provides an excellent cover for the animals. And, of

course, homes in an area containing these animals are more likely to be overrun with the pesky creatures.

This is yet another reason for residents to keep their property mowed on a regular basis, said Stevens.

The city's aggressive attitude to encourage residents to mow isn't without problems, however. The rain has caused the grass to grow quicker and longer than in previous summer months. By this time in past summers, explained Stevens, the grass and weeds would normally be dying. This year, that is not the case.

"It (the rain) caused stuff to grow longer than we like," he said.

Another problem is the properties in which owners cannot be located. Even though the city sold its tax properties last year, there are some abandoned, private lots whose owners cannot be located or are deceased. In those cases, the land must be mowed at the expense of the city.

In June, the city paid \$2,440 for contract labor to mow. Although this figure does not indicate the amount spent for city property, private property and abandoned lots, it adequately reflects the expense of mowing for the city. Much of the mowing must be done by contract simply because there is not enough equipment and labor for city employees to do the job, said Eskridge.

## BEAUTY

manent basis.

One such stranger is Ambersue. The couple welcomed her into their home to live and be loved.

"Oh, Ambersue lived on the streets. And one day, she walked into the salon after living in her pickup truck for some time," Barbara said.

So, the Bruce's took her off the streets, into their home and into their hearts, Barbara says.

And Ambersue seems to feel equally as strong about the situation.

"Barbara is unique in that she serves God with all her heart, soul and being. When God calls for her and Jerry to take someone in and help them, she loves with God's love, totally and unconditionally

with no strings attached," Ambersue says.

Barbara says she feels that loving others unconditionally is what she is led to try and do in life.

"I think God has given me a heart for loving those who some may think are the 'unlovable,'" Barbara said.

"It's amazing how much we all need to be loved unconditionally and it was hard for Ambersue to realize that I was going to love her no matter what happened, no matter what she did," Barbara continued.

Today, Ambersue is out on her own... but still being loved.

And Barbara is staying busy cutting hair, quietly reaching out in love to those around her while she's beautifying Pampa in more ways than one.

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, cloudy with areas of patchy fog developing late. Rain chance is 40 percent. Low about 58. Northeast wind at 5-15 mph. Friday, areas of morning fog, some of it dense otherwise mostly cloudy and warmer with a high of 80. South to southwest wind 5-15 mph. Yesterday's high was 71; the overnight low, 56. Rainfall totaled 1.66-inches in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

**WEST TEXAS** — Panhandle — Tonight, becoming partly cloudy with areas of fog possibly developing late. Low in the upper 50s. Light and variable wind. Friday, areas of morning fog, otherwise partly sunny and warmer with a 20 percent chance of late afternoon thunderstorms. High in the mid 80s. South to southwest wind 5-15 mph. **Low Rolling Plains** — Tonight, a slight chance of evening rain or thunderstorms. Otherwise mostly cloudy with areas of fog. Lows

around 60. Friday, becoming partly cloudy. Highs 80-85. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 60s. **Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos** — Tonight, a chance of evening rain or thunderstorms, otherwise mostly cloudy with areas of fog and drizzle. Lows in the lower to mid 60s. Friday, partly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms. Highs 85-90. **Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau** — Tonight, rain or thunderstorms likely, mainly in the evening. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Cloudy with areas of fog and drizzle. Lows in the mid 60s. Friday, mostly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. **Far West Texas** — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, diminishing after midnight. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows in the mid 60s. Friday, variable cloudiness with a slight chance of mainly afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Highs 90-95. **Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend area** — Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms. Locally

heavy rainfall possible. Lows from near 60 to the mid 70s. Friday, mostly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms. Highs from the mid 70s northern mountains to around 95 along the Rio Grande.

**NORTH TEXAS** — Tonight, mostly cloudy with rain and thunderstorms likely. Locally heavy rain south central and southeast. Lows mid 60s north to near 70 southeast. Friday, mostly cloudy. A chance of rain or thunderstorms, mainly central and east. Highs upper 70s north to upper 80s southeast.

**SOUTH TEXAS** — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy with showers or thunderstorms, locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows in the mid 70s. Friday, mostly cloudy with showers or thunderstorms, locally heavy rainfall possible. Highs in the low 90s. **Upper Texas Coast** — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows in the mid 70s inland to near 80 coast. Friday, cloudy with a chance of showers

## BOND

enforcement agencies along the state line by Teletype

Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams said his dispatcher, Carolyn Sabbe, first saw the bulletin come across the Teletype and brought it to him. Within 24 hours, he said, he had Bailey on the way to Georgetown.

Bailey spent three days in Georgetown questioning Cortez, Adams said.

"I went down there to clear him," said Bailey, "but I couldn't. Now I have to prove he did it."

Officers said they have followed a number of leads in the case over the past two years, but this appears to be the strongest lead they have yet.

"He (Cortez) hasn't admitted to anything," the sheriff said.

Cortez denies he was in the panhandle. "There are a lot of inconsistencies in what he told us," Adams said.

## OFFICIALS

sexual assault and aggravated kidnapping.

Adams is circulating photographs of Cortez today to various law enforcement agencies and to the public in hopes that someone in the area would recognize him and be able to place him in the region around the time of the assault.

While both Adams and 31st District Attorney John Mann said there appears to be evidence tying Cortez to the kidnapping and rape, they are searching for people who knew Cortez or possibly employed him in the Texas Panhandle in June, 1995.

Mann said Cortez, who also has used a number of other names, has worked as a laborer and fence builder. He may have been employed as a farm hand, Mann said.

Adams said anyone recognizing Cortez should contact the Wheeler County Sheriff's office at 826-5537 or the District Attorney's office at 669-8035.

Based on a DNA report by a North Carolina laboratory officers received Monday, charges were filed against Cortez Tuesday morning. Hardin issued a warrant, and Bailey was dispatched to Georgetown to bring Cortez to Wheeler.

It was June 15, 1995, that a Roberts County woman was driving north along FM 1912 on the east side of Amarillo, officers said, when she was stopped and dragged from her car at gun point shortly before midnight by two men. Officers said the woman was bound and gagged with duct tape, forced into a pickup truck and raped.

The woman's car was found deserted about 11:20 p.m. June 15, in the traffic lanes of FM 1912 south of the intersection with U.S. 60 by Potter County deputies.

She was found before dawn June 16, 1995, by a part-time Wheeler County employee shortly before 7 a.m. Friday, June 16, near Kellerville and Pagan Roads west of Shamrock.

Sheriff Adams said authorities are continuing to look for the second man in the case.

Cortez is one of two men suspected of stopping a Miami woman near Amarillo, kidnapping her, raping her and releasing her in Wheeler County in June, 1995.

"We're looking for the other suspect," Adams said.

The sheriff said the woman could identify only one of her abductors.

"She was blindfolded," Adams said. "She had tape over her eyes almost immediately. She never saw the second person."

One of the men, officers said, is thought to be between 35 and 45 years old, 5 foot 8 to 5 foot 10 inches tall, about 180 pounds with red hair.

Adams said he had four or five day's worth of growth on his face, but not a full beard.

"He was unkempt," Adams said.

"He could have been from anywhere," the sheriff said.

"The case will not be finalized until both men are in prison," Adams said. "We need to take care of this for the victim."

# XIT Rodeo's barbecue celebrating 50th birthday

DALHART, Texas (AP) — Even though the 61st annual XIT Rodeo and Reunion may have begun today, the real kickoff for big eaters doesn't happen until Saturday.

That's when an estimated 20,000 people will descend upon 10,000 pounds of choice chuck roast in the 50th installment of what's billed as the "world's largest free barbecue."

Not only is the meat free, it's the "best you ever had," bragged barbecue director Dean Stull.

About 50 people began digging pits today. Countless cords of wood will be loaded into them and lit early Friday morning.

The XIT celebration harks back to 1881, when the Legislature traded a 3 million-acre strip along the western side of the Panhandle to Chicago businessmen Charles and John Farwell.

In return, the men financed the \$3 million state capitol to replace the one that burned down on Nov. 9, 1881.

Construction on what remains the largest state capitol in North America began next year. Meanwhile, the Farwells established the world's largest ranch on the High Plains.

The ranch empire began shrinking in 1912, selling off parcel after parcel to form smaller

ranches and farms from Dallam County, in the Panhandle's northwestern corner, all the way down to Hockley County, west of Lubbock.

The first XIT Reunion was held in Fort Worth in 1936, but it's been held in Dalhart ever since.

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## City briefs

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**TRALEE RESALE** Shop Summer Clearance - Back to School \$2.00 Bag Sale. 308 S. Cuyler Fri., Sat. and Mon. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Adv.

**MARK & Joanna** Young of Brownwood, Tx. announce the arrival of Kalin Ryan on 7-17-97. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 21 1/4 in. long. Grandparents are Bill & Freda Hagerman of Pampa and Joe & Nancy Young of Irving, Tx. Adv.

**CHANEY'S CAFE** - Thursday 5-8 p.m. Chicken & dumplings, pork chops, barbecue Polish, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

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**BIARRITZ CLUB** at Coronado Inn featuring Renegade, Friday and Saturday, 8th and 9th. Band to start 9 p.m. to close both nights. Adv.

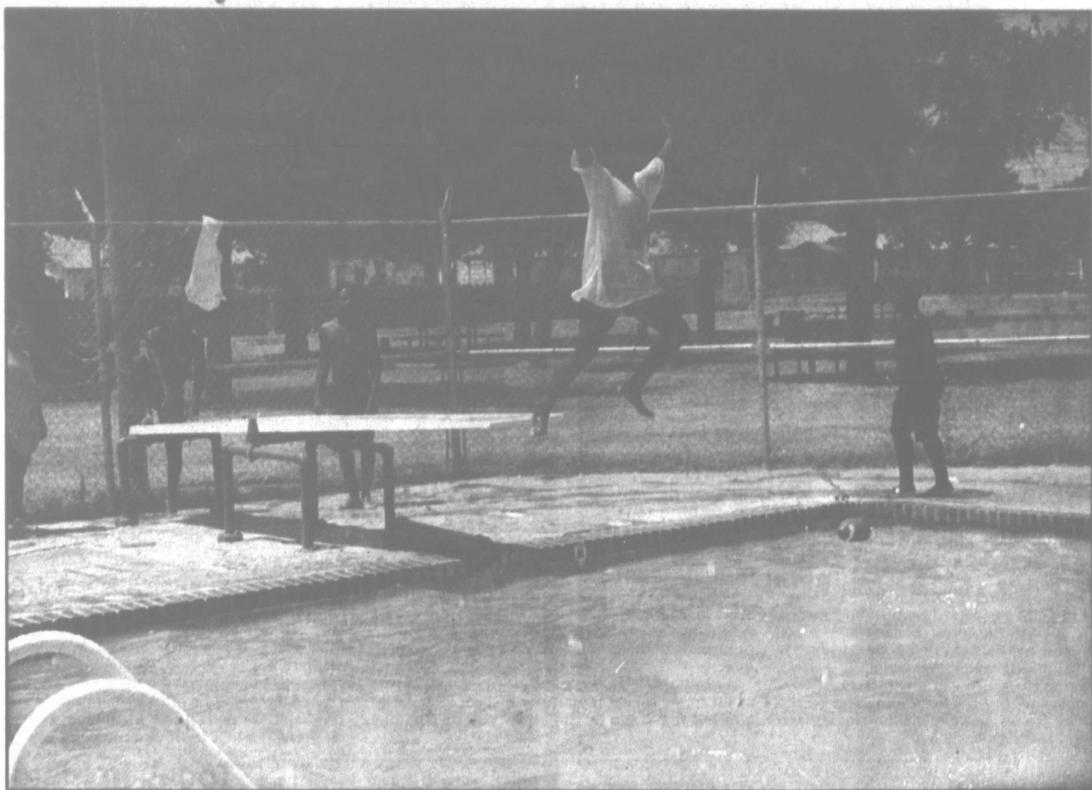
**ALL YOU Can Eat** Salad Bar 11:30-2 p.m. for Friday - potato & cheese soup. The Coffee & Candy Barn, 301 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

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## H<sub>2</sub>O fun!



Monique Wilbon proves that artfully executive dives are not the only way to get wet. Jumping is just as effective and a lot more fun! She was one of several kids taking advantage of the cool, clear water at the Marcus Sanders pool earlier this week.

(Special photo by Judy Elliott)

## States enter investigation of Columbia/HCA system

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Already under pressure from federal agents, Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp. faced three state investigations for filing fraudulent Medicaid reports.

A day after the Florida, Alabama and Texas investigations were announced, *The New York Times* reported today that Columbia was planning a major overhaul of the aggressive business tactics that helped make the company the nation's largest for-profit hospital chain.

The planned changes were described in company documents presented to the Justice Department Wednesday and obtained by the paper.

The proposals include the sale of Columbia's home health care business — now under investigation for its expense-reporting practices — and the elimination of all cash-bonus programs. Also planned are new programs aimed at ensuring that employees comply with all laws and regulations, and an end to the practice of selling doctors interest in the hospitals where they work.

Federal agents last month

raided Columbia hospitals and offices in seven states. The raids were related to a federal Medicare and Medicaid fraud probe that led to the indictment of three of the company's middle managers and the resignation of its two top officials.

Columbia, which has been fighting government efforts to obtain some documents related to the federal probe, also would open its files to investigators, according to the documents.

Columbia officials declined to comment on the Times report.

"I have not seen the documents you are referring to," spokesman Victor Campbell told the paper.

Health care experts said the proposed changes seemed to represent a major shift for the company, whose new chairman and chief executive, Dr. Thomas Frist Jr., was appointed just 12 days ago.



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## State briefs

### Thirteen indicted in school overtime fraud scheme

DALLAS (AP) — Thirteen Dallas Independent School District maintenance employees face federal charges for allegedly scheming to collect some \$168,000 through fraudulent timesheets.

U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins said there was probably even more money stolen than officials know about.

"Even in accordance with that estimate, you can compute how many books \$168,000 would have bought, how many teachers' salaries \$168,000 would have gone toward, how many computers," Coggins said. "Not to mention this is taxpayer money that's being bled."

The employees were charged in two indictments Wednesday with conspiracy, aiding and abetting and embezzling from a program that receives federal funds.

One indictment charged Lincoln High School's head janitor, Walter Anthony Flowers, of altering his and three co-worker's timesheets.

### Utility Commission approves pre-paid local phone service

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans delinquent on long-distance phone bills soon can escape the

threat of a dead telephone.

The Texas Public Utility Commission on Wednesday approved a rule allowing telephone customers to pre-pay their local phone companies for local service only. The rule will take effect in about six months.

Local companies will have to offer the option to anyone who otherwise would be cut off because of nonpayment. They also will work out payment plans to make up the long-distance balances.

"It does enable many, many more customers to have access to EMS, their local community, schools and hospitals and libraries and pharmacies and medical facilities," said Leslie Kjellstrand, a PUC spokeswoman.

"It will provide customers who have long-distance bills they cannot pay to continue to have local service, and customers can have only local service even if they don't have that long-distance problem," she said.

### Hutchison says more cuts needed

AUSTIN (AP) — New federal tax breaks will help many working people, but deeper cuts are needed and some people won't see any benefit, U.S.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison says.

"My husband pointed out to me that it really wasn't that great for everybody. If you are a smoker who lives in an apartment who doesn't have children and flies a lot, this is not for you," Mrs. Hutchison quipped at an appearance before a chamber-of-commerce crowd Wednesday.

The \$152 billion tax cut legislation, signed into law Tuesday by President Clinton, offers tax

breaks including a tax credit for children 16 and under and a drop in the capital-gains tax rate. It also raises the cigarette tax and revises and extends airline ticket taxes.

Along with a budget-balancing measure, the tax cut bill is a much-touted bipartisan effort. But Mrs. Hutchison, a Republican, said she'd like to see further changes — including the elimination of inheritance taxes, which she calls "unAmerican."

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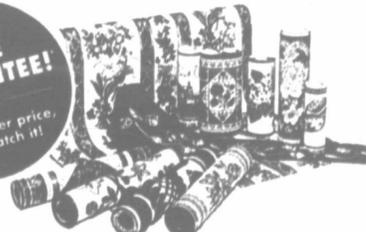
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Inside the Beltway

with

Rep. Mac Thornberry

Budget deal affords greater control ...

Congress went home for the summer this past week having completed work on a plan to balance the budget and lower taxes for the first time in 16 years.

While the plan certainly is not perfect, it is significant when you consider that only four years ago, Washington gave the American people the largest tax increase in history and was talking about giving us a socialized health care system, as well.

The centerpiece of the tax plan is a \$500 dollar per child tax credit for working families. Critics of this credit scoff that it's just a drop in the bucket, and won't have much effect on people's pocketbooks. But don't let them fool you. The parents I've talked to know that every bit helps. And for families with two or three children, an extra thousand or fifteen hundred dollars a year is no laughing matter.

For the typical family with two children, an additional thousand dollars a year would be enough to pay three months worth of interest on the mortgage of their home; or fill their car's gas tank for nine months, or pay their phone bill for just over a year.

It's all about giving people more control over their lives. It's also about shifting power away from Washington and returning it to states, communities and individuals — where it rightly belongs.

Whether it's reforming welfare so people are given a hand up, not a handout, or balancing the budget so the next generation is not saddled with debt, or culling taxes so this generation can keep more of what they earn, the idea is to make government work for us, not the other way around.

I don't know if we accomplished this goal with the plan we passed. But I do think we at least took a step in the right direction, and that a government which is smaller, smarter and more accountable to the people is that much closer to being achieved.

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Cowboy logic rules in the West

Horse trainer Craig Cameron requests that the horses he uses in his demonstrations be halter broke. Many times, however, Cameron will step into the corral with the horse, and the animal will run, buck, snort and in general display bad manners.

Inevitably, he'll turn to the cowboy who brought the horse and he'll shrug and say, "He's got a halter on him, don't he?"

Cowboy logic has led to a number of good stories, and if more people paid attention, it would probably lead to a better world.

Take for example a friend of mine in New Mexico. He maintains that federal employees don't pay income tax. They pay a kick back.

In what is listed under the heading of the Lawn Mower Theory in the Hillsboro Cowboy Bible, this mountain cowboy claims that government employees produce no product nor do they sell anything of tangible value. It's not like they made something.

It's like if I came up to you and asked how much you would charge to mow my yard. You answer that you'll mow it for \$10. Then I offer to pay you \$25 to mow my yard, but only on the condition that you give me \$10 back.

You're happy because you're making \$5 more than what you asked for originally. I'm happy because I'm getting my yard mowed and making \$10 while you do the work. Society as a whole benefits because they feel good about driving by my now beautifully manicured lawn.

Based on that logic, I can go to the bank and point to all the money I'm generating and borrow more money to buy more lawns and more lawn mowers and make more money.



Dave Bowser

Pampa News staff writer

Now that's a healthy economy.

The problem arises when the person wanting the lawn mowed is a government agency and the dollar bills involved have lots of zeros after them and the bank they're going to is you and me.

My friend is a staunch conservative and a registered Republican. I didn't have the heart to tell him that the term "smoke and mirrors" was first widely used in reference to Ronald Reagan's budget proposals of the early 1980s that made the economy look good, but left us with a lot of debt.

But my friend practices what he preaches. He ran for county commissioner once and won on the promise of fiscal conservatism. He proved to be unpopular, however, when he refused to increase anybody's budget. The county budget, which had been in shambles, was balanced and my friend was defeated in the next election by a guy who promised to build more roads and spend more money.

A few years later, when the county's budget was again in shambles, a number of people came to him and urged him to run for the county commission again.

My friend, call him Atlas, shrugged.

Most politicians seem inclined to spend money. It doesn't seem to matter whether they are Republicans or Democrats. For years, I thought I was Democrat because I believed in deficit spending. It turned out that I was a Republican all along.

Now as I toil to pay off my bills from the good times I had in the 1980s, I wonder why the federal government isn't doing that, too. At a time when the federal budget may actually get balanced, or even have a surplus, we're handing out tax cuts.

I'm not against tax cuts, mind you. I'm just not sure now is the time to give them. I have yet to find anything in the new tax cuts that apply to me. My son's too old for me to take advantage of some of them. As far as the death tax, my cowboy friend in New Mexico has already told his son that he's leaving him the Production Credit loan to pay off.

He's leaving the FHA loan for his oldest daughter to pay off. The youngest daughter gets the outstanding bank loan.

Yet, there is talk now that if there is a surplus in the federal budget, there will be more money for Congress to spend. There seems to be little talk of applying it to the mountain of debt the government still owes.

Perhaps, it is not the politicians at all. Perhaps, it is the bureaucracy that surrounds them. Of course, every time somebody proposes cutting the bureaucracy, it's not the guy in Washington or Austin who loses his job. It's the guy in Pampa or White Deer, the guy on the front line who's trying to make the system work — sometimes.

Perhaps, we need a few less bureaucrats in the government and a few more cowboys.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 7, the 219th day of 1997. There are 146 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Aug. 7, 1947, the balsa wood raft Kon-Tiki, which had carried a six-man crew 4,300 miles across the Pacific Ocean, crashed into a reef in a Polynesian archipelago.

On this date:

In 1782, George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and noncommissioned officers.

In 1789, the U.S. War Department was established by Congress.

In 1912, the Progressive Party nominated Theodore Roosevelt for president.

In 1934, the U.S. Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling striking down the government's attempt to ban the controversial James Joyce novel "Ulysses."

In 1942, U.S. forces landed at Guadalcanal, marking the start of the first major allied offensive in the Pacific during World War II.



Puerto Rico destined for statehood

For some reason I have never been able to fathom, statehood for Puerto Rico has long been a goal of the Republican Party. Now, thanks to a bill that is tip-toeing through the Republican Congress and will certainly be signed by President Clinton if it reaches his desk, statehood will be conferred on Puerto Rico automatically if the islanders vote for it in a plebiscite. No further action will need to be taken by Congress.

For several decades Puerto Rico has enjoyed "commonwealth" status. And "enjoyed" is the right word, because this anomalous status has allowed Puerto Rico to feast at the trough of federal benefits (a full half of its population qualifies for food stamps) without anyone there having to pay federal income taxes.

But statehood offers still more ravishing vistas to Puerto Rico's overwhelmingly numerous poor, even though its relatively prosperous minority would have to start paying federal income taxes like the rest of us. As a state — and by far the nation's poorest state, making Mississippi look like Paris — Puerto Rico would qualify for enormous quantities of federal aid.

Just how poor is Puerto Rico? According to the *New York Post*, the only publication I have seen that has blown the whistle on this matter, unemployment is over 13 percent, and (as already noted) half of the 3.7 million islanders are getting food stamps. If statistics for Puerto Ricans on the mainland are relevant, be advised



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that 59.4 percent of Puerto Rican children born here are born out of wedlock.

Culturally, moreover, Puerto Rico would add enormously to the multicultural strains that are already wracking this country. Only one in four Puerto Ricans is fluent in English, so the pressure to make the United States effectively bilingual would rise dramatically. In political terms, need I say how Puerto Ricans are likely to vote? In New York, where they abound, they are second only to black voters as supporters of the Democratic Party.

Not surprisingly, pro-statehood sentiment is rising on the island. In the last plebiscite on the issue, in 1993, commonwealth status was preferred over statehood by a margin of just two percent. (There is also a small faction that favors total independence — it got five percent. But it is exceptionally nasty, several of its members having tried to assassinate President

Truman, while others got into the gallery of the House of Representatives and emptied their revolvers at the members on the floor.)

As the *Post* noted, what is eerie about this whole matter is the near total silence in which the process is going forward. Don't Americans, or at least their representatives in Congress, care that we may soon be adding a 51st star to the American flag? And if Puerto Ricans truly want statehood, wouldn't it be more orderly if they first said so and then Congress debated it, rather than having Congress pass a law that will make statehood automatic the day Puerto Ricans vote for it?

Is this just another instance of the inability of the Republican leadership in Congress to recognize what is in the best interests of the vast majority of the American people and act on it decisively? It is a classic example of that bugbear of democratic societies: a proposal that is passionately favored by a minority, and only intermittently and diffusely opposed by the great majority. Such proposals all too often become law because the latent opposition was not roused until it was too late.

Puerto Rico is a lovely island — as I can testify, having visited it many times. And the great majority of its people are quite exceptionally charming. But the island is in no shape to become a state, and the politicians who are suavely overlooking that fact had better be careful.

Clinton's clean air rules unnecessary

Any American who thinks Washington is starting to make sense needs to take a closer look at the Clinton administration's new — and unnecessary — clean-air rules.

I'm all for clean air. But these rules are so nit-picky they're just plain silly. They've been blasted as unnecessary by scientists, economists, small business, big industry, unions, big- and small-city mayors, governors, state legislatures and just about everybody except Vice President Al Gore, who'd shut down Western civilization to save a hoot-owl. The rules show once again that liberal elitists in government will do exactly what they want, despite evidence to the contrary, and the people be damned.

To listen to the White House and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner, a protégé of Professor of Environmental Alarmism Gore, you'd think defeat of the new rules would mean a world of choking, chunky, coughing, wheezing, dark-and-dirty disgusting air you wouldn't wish on a Hoover vacuum cleaner.

But if that were true, why would organized labor team up with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce — avowed enemies on nearly every other issue — to oppose them? These groups, and a host of others, point out that the environmental rules now on the books are working. All we need to do is keep the current rules in place, and the air will become even cleaner as older cars are replaced with newer models and industrial tech-



Edwin Feulner

Edwin Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based policy research institute.

nology is updated and improved. To impose even stricter rules now is unnecessarily costly in terms of jobs lost and money wasted.

The new rules deal with ozone, a component of smog, and "particulate matter," a technobabble term for microscopic bits of soot in the air. The air is so full of these pollutants, the EPA's Browner alleges, that thousands of lives are threatened — either 20,000 or 25,000; the EPA has used both figures. The most likely victims of the fifth-filled air (you can find this in the standard liberal playbook, in the "victimhood" section) are, of course, children: in this case, those suffering from asthma.

But think about it: If the EPA's claims were true, "particulate matter" would have killed hundreds of thousands of children by now — the cumulative total from decades of inhaled soot. Where are these victims? Why weren't they tallied up as part of EPA's lobbying effort? As it

turns out, the only thing choking America is the hot air emanating from Washington.

The new regulations, if Congress allows them to stand, would, indeed, affect the public health: by increasing joblessness. And we all know what happens to health insurance when people lose their jobs. The regs will require the expenditure of huge amounts of money — as much as \$150 billion, according to highly credible estimates — to achieve tiny improvements in air quality that will likely take place anyway over time.

Remember, regulatory costs are just another form of taxation. Whether the new regulations cost \$6 billion, as Browner says, \$60 billion, as White House economists say, or \$150 billion, as others have said, this is money that could be spent on other things: to help find a cure for Alzheimer's disease, or cancer; to buy food for the family or shoes for the kids; to pay for another class at the local college; to expand a small business.

As Harry Alford, president of the National Black Chamber of Commerce, which represents some 46,000 black-owned businesses, put it: "We believe these new rules will be so expensive to implement that they will literally suck the capital out of small businesses ... That means it will take more money to start up and then run one of these businesses where becoming an entrepreneur is already hard enough."

Professor Gore should put that in his pipe, smoke it and quit saddling the nation with unnecessary economic burdens.

Berry's World



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### Swing break



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Swinging really does take two. The Wallum sisters, Briana, 7, and Kelsey, 5, stop and take a swinging break on Tuesday afternoon.

### Jobless claims up from 23 year low

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of American workers filing first-time claims for jobless benefits rose by 25,000 last week, rebounding from a 23-year low a week earlier.

The Labor Department said today that new applications for unemployment insurance totaled a seasonally adjusted 300,000, up from 275,000 during the week ended July 26. That had been the lowest since 269,000 in January 1974.

Last week's claims were the highest since the week ended July 12 when new claims totaled 341,000. That week was the first of three consecutive drops totaling 111,000.

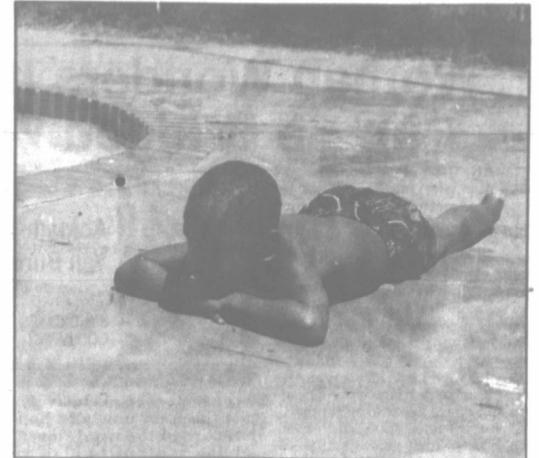
Many analysts had expected last week's rebound and did not express serious concern over recent claims totals.

They contend the numbers have been skewed by problems in adjusting for summer shutdowns in the automobile industry for new-year model retooling. A similar decline and rebound occurred in July 1996.

They maintain a claims level below 320,000 indicates a tightening labor market that could heat inflationary pressures as businesses are forced to boost wages to attract and keep employees.

The Federal Reserve reported Wednesday that a recent survey of regional business conditions found labor markets continued to tighten in June and July, although the labor shortages so far were producing "only scattered wage pressures."

### Catching some rays



(Special photo by Judy Elliott)

Brandon McGallon enjoys the water and the sunshine earlier this week at Marcus Sanders swimming pool. The pool is located in Marcus Sanders Park and is open daily from 1 to 6 p.m.

### Saudi TV show breaks barriers

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — With no bars or other places to meet women allowed in this conservative Muslim country — and dating officially banned — two young cousins in an open-top Jeep cruise the streets in search of love.

When they spot a woman in the back seat of a chauffeured car, they toss a piece of paper with a phone number through her open window, even though they can't see what she looks like behind the mandatory veil.

The punishment for flirting in Saudi Arabia is public lashing or a jail term, but these young men risk neither. They are actors on a popular TV show that pokes fun at life in this strict desert nation.

The humor of Tash-ma-Tash — which roughly translates into Heads-or-Tails — is fairly gentle as it takes on subjects including Saudi Arabia's ban on women driving cars, corruption in the oil-rich kingdom and the backward, rote-learning education system.

In the sketch on exchanging phone numbers on the road, the show's stars, Abdullah al-Sadhan and Nasser Al-Gassabi, mock what has become a common way to arrange secret dates. But the would-be Don Juans find they've been trying to pick up their aged aunt.

### Grandparents raising grandkids find new home

BOSTON (AP) — The parents are dead, on drugs, in jail, off where — nobody knows. And grandma is left to raise her grandchildren.

With the number of such families skyrocketing nationally, Boston is constructing what's billed as the nation's first public housing for grandparents raising their grandchildren.

"Grandfamilies House," a complex of 26 apartments, will be handicapped accessible for the elders and toddler-proof for the youngsters. Developers said it will offer a network of support for families struggling with some very different generational needs.

"I think this is a miracle," said Elizabeth Hicks, 58, who is raising her three grandchildren — two by her son, one by her daughter.

Her 12-year-old granddaughter Asia Harris has lived with her since she was three days old.

"Her mother said, 'Will you baby-sit a couple hours? I've had her since,'" Hicks said at the groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday.

Hicks said she is glad this special home will be available if she needs it. Hicks, whose vision and kidneys have been impaired from diabetes, said Asia often worries about her health.

"She tells me, 'Oh, grandmother, please don't die,'" Hicks said. "Please don't let anything happen to you."

An estimated 1.5 million American children are being raised by their grandparents, from the inner cities to rural farm towns. That's up from about 1 million children in 1990.

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This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for CITY OF MCLEAN. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property values.

<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes	\$47,801
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$47,801
Last year's tax base	\$12,031,512
Last year's total tax rate	0.397300/\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$47,801
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$12,213,686
= This year's effective tax rate	0.391372/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.403113/\$100
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$47,801
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$12,213,686
= This year's effective operating rate	0.391372/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.422681/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.422681/\$100

**Schedule A**

**Unencumbered Fund Balances**

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

<b>Type of Property Tax Fund</b>	<b>Balance</b>
MAINTENANCE & OPERATION	\$0

**Schedule B**

**1997 Debt Service NONE**

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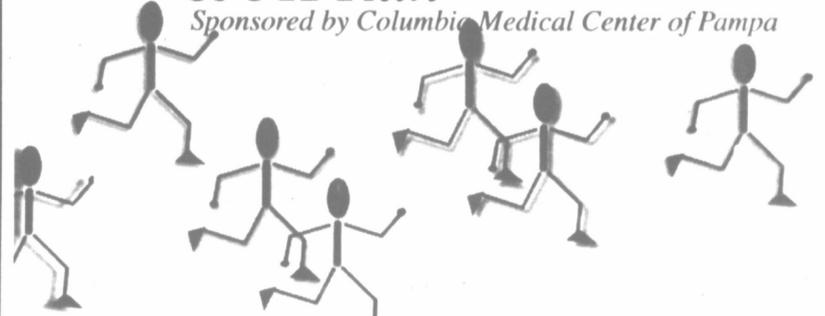
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Entry Fees: Preregister by Aug. 27 Fun Run \$3.00 5K \$8.00  
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## Woman Wonders If Age Gap Can Be Bridged With Love

**DEAR ABBY:** Five months ago I met a man who changed my life. He is a college student, has his own business and a part-time job. He's very mature and has a good head on his shoulders. His goals in life are realistic, and he knows that it takes work to achieve them.

Two months ago our relationship progressed to another level, and we have been together every night since. Each day is better than the day before. Neither of us uses the word "love" to describe our relationship, nor do we say it to each other.

Abby, we have so much in common, but we can't overlook the fact that I am 32 and he is 21. I fear this fairy-tale relationship will end because of the age difference. Although he tells me I am everything he has ever wanted in a woman, I'm afraid he'll want a younger woman later on.

Is it possible for a relationship like this to last?  
**OLDER BUT NOT WISER**  
 IN TEXAS

**DEAR OLDER:** You have known each other only five months, and you say that neither of you has mentioned the word "love." Although he's only 21, he's wise enough to know that if he says, "I love you," it would probably lead to a commitment he is not ready to assume.

You ask if it's possible for this relationship to last. I have no crystal ball, but if you're see-



**Abigail Van Buren**  
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

ing each other exclusively six months from now and he still hasn't used the word "love," I'd advise you not to plan your future around him.

**DEAR ABBY:** We enjoy taking vacations with our married son and his family, it gives us quality time with them, especially the grandchildren.

However, I don't know if I can continue because their idea of a vacation is to do absolutely nothing. I do all the cooking, cleaning, washing and baby sitting. By the end of the week, I am worn out. The same thing happens when they come to our home - I would prefer to spend my time with the grandchildren. What would you suggest I do?  
**TIRED MOM IN GEORGIA**

**DEAR TIRED MOM:** Your predicament may be of your own making, because you pitch right in and get things orga-

nized without asking for help. Confer with the other adults in your family and lay down ground rules for your vacations. Parcel out duties, even to the children. Trade off on the cooking and cleaning chores, and baby-sit when it is convenient for you. At the start of the vacation, post a list of chores in the kitchen, and rotate the duties every few days so no one is overburdened.

You might enjoy this poem for vacationers:

**OUR PLACE AT THE LAKE**  
 by Sylvia L.K. Bundy

June is past, so is July,  
 August is ended - likewise I.  
 The pattering feet of summer and sun  
 Are over, complete, exhausted, done!  
 I've fed the young as well as the old,  
 I've cooled the warm, I've warmed the cold.  
 The wounded and weeping I have consoled,  
 The tender and touchy I have cajoled.  
 I have steeled the scared, I have scared the bold,  
 (The other bills I have pigeonholed.)  
 And frankly, friends, I am ready to fold!  
 Next time I live I'll make the most  
 Of being the guest, not the host.

## Horoscope



### Your Birthday

Friday, Aug. 8, 1997

In the year ahead you might be inundated by a spate of opportunities. They could come thick and fast, but they'll be of a fleeting nature and require your immediate attention.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Do not exaggerate your financial position today by pretending you have more than you actually do. You will be in awkward straits if someone should request a loan. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box

1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Take care today that a friend doesn't involve you in a development that's too rich for your means. Do not try to match what he or she can afford.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** If you're reluctant to think for yourself today, others may make decisions for you that will put you at a distinct disadvantage.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Take pains today to make sure that any work you require from others is assigned to a craftsman who truly possesses the expertise to do a good job.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Proceed at a measured pace today if you get involved in a new endeavor. Mistakes made in the early stages will be difficult to rectify.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Your actions will be closely scrutinized by others today. Be certain your behavior does not reflect poorly on your reputation.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** There is a possibility you may be dissuaded from a

wise course of action today, because you may listen to the wrong person.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Be extremely prudent in your commercial dealings today. If you suspect something is not right, call a halt to the operation until it is corrected.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** In an arrangement where you are sharing something of potential value with another, each party might be expecting more from it than is feasible.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Tried and proven procedures will be the most productive for you today. This is not a good time to experiment with shortcuts.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** There is a possibility you might get an urgent request today to do something out of the ordinary for a pal. Before you respond, be sure it's essential.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Do not let victory slip through your fingers today. If you start out in a strong position, avoid taking foolish actions that could weaken it.

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"Did he say 'go potty'?"



"Marmaduke jumped in the pool."

### The Family Circus



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### Marmaduke



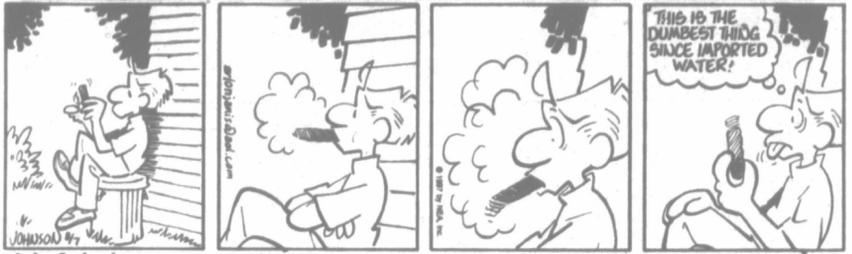
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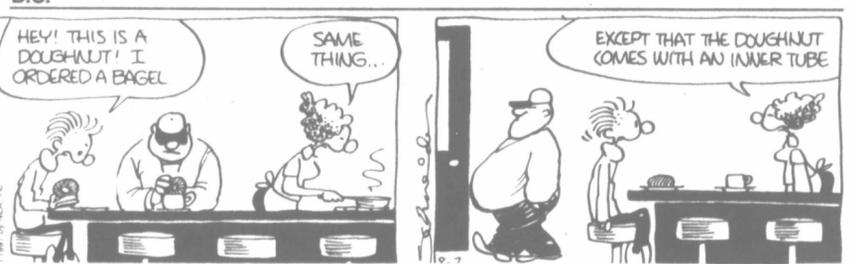
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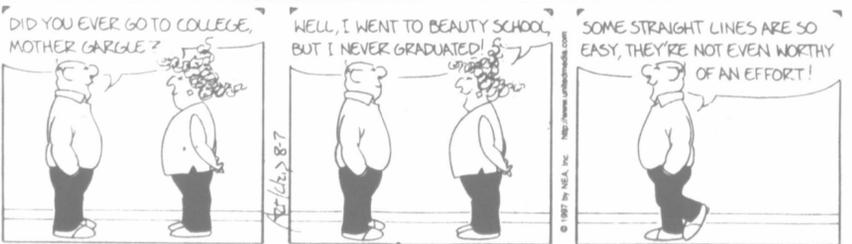
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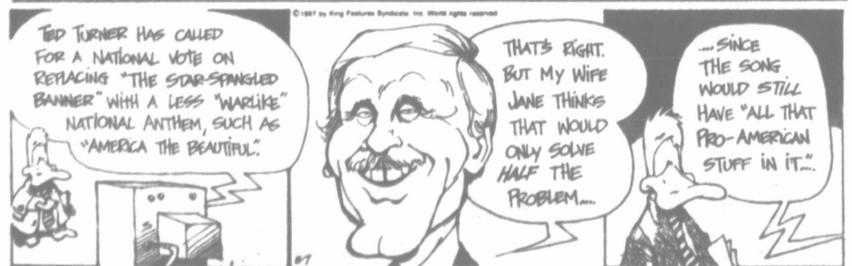
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The Born Loser



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## SPORTS

## Simms produces for the Rangers

## Notebook

## Volleyball

There will be an organizational meeting Friday, August 8th at 10:00 a.m. in McNeely Fieldhouse.

All girls grades 9-12 planning to play volleyball this upcoming season are encouraged to attend.

The meeting will deal with practices beginning the following Monday. For more information contact Sandra Thornton.

## Football

Optimist Club Tiger League football sign-ups will begin August 13th and will run through the 14th and 15th. All kids in the 4th grade will be in their own division, with 5th and 6th graders in another league of their own.

The sign-up fees will be

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The longtime girlfriend of Erik Williams has sued the Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman, alleging that he is the father of her newborn son, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

Cassius Shakembe Williams was born July 9 to Shelley West, 24.

The newspaper, in Thursday editions, cited Williams attorney Peter Ginsberg as saying Ms. West and the 27-year-old Cowboys star had a lengthy relationship, but Williams isn't sure he fathered the woman's child.

The paternity suit, filed July 18, asked a Dallas family civil court judge to order Williams and Ms. West to undergo tests to establish paternity for the boy, Cassius Shakembe Williams.

The lawsuit also asked that Ms. West be given custody of the baby and that Williams be ordered to pay attorney fees, child support and a portion of the woman's prenatal and postnatal expenses.

"The child is entitled to have confirmation of who his biological father is. The mother is entitled to support for the child," said Ms. West's attorney, Gina Cecil.

Ms. Cecil said Williams has not paid her client any child support.

"Erik wants to determine the validity of the claim and then take the appropriate action," Ginsberg said.

A hearing on the suit has been set for Aug. 14.

## Basketball

HOUSTON (AP) — Only six weeks after giving birth to her son, Sheryl Swoopes is expected back on the basketball court tonight when the Houston Comets play host to the Phoenix Mercury.

Swoopes says she's looking forward to shutting up critics when she plays competitively for the first time since last year's Olympic Games.

"I can't think of a better situation to return," Swoopes said Wednesday. "There will be tons of people who have their doubts. They'll be saying 'can she help?' I love these situations where people doubt you and you go out and prove them wrong."

Swoopes' son, Jordan Eric Jackson, was born on June 25, and the new mom returned to practice with the Comets on July 30.

Coach Van Chancellor wouldn't say how much Swoopes will play tonight, but Swoopes said she hopes to get in 8-10 minutes and be more prepared for Saturday's nationally televised game against the Los Angeles Sparks.

"It would be difficult to go into Saturday's game and play for the first time on national television," Chancellor said. "That would not be fair so we're putting her on the active roster for tomorrow night."

Swoopes remained in Houston and worked out during the Comets' recent three-game road trip. Cynthia Cooper, the team's leading scorer, sees plenty of progress.

"Sheryl looks good," Cooper said. "It looks like she really worked hard while we were on the road ... She will take the pressure off me."

By DENNE H. FREEMAN

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Mike Simms was an unlikely hero to help the Texas Rangers forget a 16-run hammering from the night before.

Juan Gonzalez had to fly to Puerto Rico for divorce proceedings so the light-hitting Simms was inserted into rightfield.

Simms singled in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning and added a sacrifice fly in the eighth Wednesday night as the Rangers beat the New York Yankees 6-2 in a game twice-delayed by rain.

Gonzalez had five homers and nine rbi against the Yankees in last season's AL playoffs.

"I just got lucky," said Simms. "It's kind of hard for me to get to play lot with the outfield we have. I saw my name in the lineup and knew I needed to contribute. It felt good to do it."

Will Clark reached the 1,000-RBI plateau with a sacrifice fly in the eighth for the Rangers, who took a 3-2 lead in the sixth with four singles off Yankees starter Andy Pettitte

(13-7).

Ivan Rodriguez singled, went to second on a flyball and scored on a single by Jim Leyritz. Clark followed with a single, and Simms — hitting only .236 — singled Leyritz across.

"It was a big game for us after an embarrassment last night (a 17-1 loss to Boston)," Leyritz said. "We have to realize we have a long way to go. We may even climb back into the race. Even if we don't we need to continue to play well for pride. Mike got the big hit for us to get us going."

The Yankees finally got to Darren Oliver (8-10) in the sixth inning with the long ball. Tino Martinez hit his major league-leading 37th home run off the facing of the upper deck in right field, and Chad Curtis added his eighth homer one out later.

Oliver went six innings and gave up two runs on eight hits. He had three walks and three strikeouts. Pettitte gave up nine hits and five runs in seven-plus innings.

"We got a quality start from Darren and Simms came through," said Texas manager Johnny Oates. "Oliver did

some bending but he never broke."

"Pettitte was OK tonight but sometimes he couldn't find his control," said Yankee manager Joe Torre. "We had our chances but we couldn't get the key basehit. We had 13 runners left on base. We should have turned the game around. Gonzalez wasn't in the lineup but sometimes other guys come through."

Torre added "The Rangers are a proud club. Johnny Oates will make sure they don't roll over and play dead."

But Pettitte's arm felt dead.

Pettitte said "My arm felt a little dead from the start. It was a struggle for me all night to find my control."

Notes: ... Plate umpire Ted Hendry sustained a head injury in the bottom of the eighth inning when he was hit by Yankees catcher Joe Girardi's mask. Crew chief Larry Barnett replaced Hendry behind the plate in the ninth. It took seven stitches to close Hendry's wound...

Pettitte hadn't walked a batter in 20 innings until he gave former batterymate Leyritz a free pass in the first...

Rodriguez broke a 0-for-18 streak, the longest in his career, with a single in the first.

## Switzer punished

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — By fining Barry Switzer \$75,000, Dallas owner Jerry Jones has made it clear he's finished putting up with incidents that tarnish the Cowboys' star.

But will the stiff punishment diminish the stature of Switzer, long reputed to be a coach with loose reins on his teams, in the eyes of his players?

Troy Aikman, the man known as the conscience of the Cowboys and a critic of Switzer in the past, says no.

Aikman applauded Switzer for taking on a more defined leadership role, especially among rookies, in his fourth year.

Switzer has caught the attention of his players by getting in their faces, even slapping some helmets around when he is disappointed with effort at practices.

Aikman said Switzer's arrest and subsequent fine — the largest ever imposed on an NFL coach — for carrying a loaded, unlicensed .38-caliber revolver into Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Monday won't reduce the coach's credibility.

"I think it's been good for Barry to take more of a leadership role for this training camp," Aikman said.

"I don't think this takes away from that. I think the guys that he's reaching out to are the younger players, and I think that they are still going to respond to him after this."

"I've talked to our team and I have expressed to them that there is no way that this will not allow us to carry on and do

the job that's at hand," Switzer said. "It won't take away from the great work and effort that they've given us while we've been here in Austin."

In levying the fine, Jones said the coach's arrest on a gun charge brought "pain and embarrassment" to a team trying to repair its image.

Jones said Switzer's job was not in jeopardy.

"I really do understand the seriousness of this incident, regardless of how innocent, how unintentional it was. It certainly caused a lot of harm for a lot of people and certainly me," Switzer said.

The fine will be donated to the families of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty.

The NFL said the penalty was sufficient and that it would not impose its own punishment.

"The Cowboys' fine sends a clear message that this type of gun-related misconduct, whether intentional or mistaken, will not be tolerated by the Cowboys and violates the league's weapons policy," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said.

Switzer has said he put the gun in his bag to hide it from children visiting his home but forgot to remove it before going to the airport.

Carrying a weapon into an airport is a third-degree felony, punishable by two to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. Law enforcement

authorities said, however, that such cases are handled as misdemeanors if there are no prior felonies or weapons charges.



Los Angeles pitcher Chan Ho Park, seen in this triple exposure photo, throws against the Philadelphia Phillies Friday, July 25, 1997. More recently the Los Angeles pitcher lost a 7-3 decision against the Montreal Expos last evening, dropping his overall record to 10-6 overall. The Dodgers are in second place in the NL West, 2 1/2 games behind the leading San Francisco Giants.

## Bagach stripped of shot put title

By STEPHEN WILSON

AP Sports Writer

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The World Championships were rocked by a doping scandal when the winner of the shot put was stripped of his gold medal and two other athletes were disqualified for using drugs.

Ukraine's Aleksandr Bagach, who won the shot put on the first day of competition Saturday, tested positive for the stimulant ephedrine, the International Amateur Athletic Federation said today.

Under a rule change in the doping sanctions adopted two days before the championships, Bagach will receive only a warning instead of a 3-month ban.

But he loses the gold medal and the \$60,000 prize money that goes with it. That means that John Godina of the United States, who was given a wild-card entry invitation into the championships as a defending champion, moves up from second to get the gold.

Oliver-Sven Buder of Germany, who originally placed third, gets the silver. American C.J. Hunter moves up from fourth to take the bronze.

It was the second positive drug test of Bagach's career. He was banned for two years after testing positive for testosterone while finishing third at the 1989 European Cup. In 1993, Bagach was promoted to the bronze medal at the World Championships when American Mike

Stulce was disqualified for drugs.

Also testing positive for ephedrine were French 400-meter hurdler Pascal Maran and Kazakstan triple jumper Oxana Zelinskaya. Neither of them were medalists, but their results were wiped off the books and they received a warning.

They were the first positive doping cases to take place at a world championship since the 1993 event at Stuttgart, Germany. There were no positives reported at the 1995 championships in Goteborg, Sweden.

In competition today, women's 100-meter champion Marion Jones — trying to emulate Carl Lewis by winning three gold medals at the worlds — scraped into the long jump final by only two centimeters.

The 21-year-old former North Carolina basketball star failed to reach the automatic qualifying distance of 21 feet, 11 3/4 inches and managed only 21-7 1/2, her first jump of the qualifying round.

Only six competitors made 21-11 3/4, and Jones' best was the worst of the six others to get through to Saturday's final.

Jackie Joyner-Kersey, the former two-time champion, also failed to reach the qualifying distance, but finished in 11th place among the 12 finalists.

Olympic champion Chioma Ajunwa of Nigeria posted the best performance of the year, 23-0, to qualify in first place ahead of former 1993 world titlist Heike Drechsler and defending titlist Fiona May of Italy. Olympic champion Robert

Korzeniowski of Poland pulled away from Spain's Jesus Angel Garcia in the final stages of the 50-kilometer walk to win the title in temperatures of 97 degrees. Mexico's Miguel Rodriguez took the bronze.

Korzeniowski, 29, completed his first 50K of the year in 3 hours, 44.46 minutes. Garcia, the 1993 world champion and the winner of the World Cup in April, finished 12 seconds behind, while Rodriguez crossed the line 3.43 minutes behind the winner.

Today's program also included finals in the women's 10K walk, women's shot put and men's 110-meter hurdles. There were semifinals in the men's and women's 200 and women's 800 and 5,000.

Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj established himself as the new middle-distance king — dethroning Algeria's Noureddine Morceli in the process — as he surged to the gold medal in the 1,500 meters Wednesday night.

After kissing the track, embracing his supporters and dedicating his victory to the king of Morocco, El Guerrouj proclaimed the beginning of a new era.

"For the last 20 years, you had Coe, Cram, Aouita and Morceli," he said. "I hope it's now the time of Hicham El Guerrouj."

His time has been coming for more than a year. El Guerrouj was in a position to challenge for the gold medal in the

1,500-meter final in last year's Atlanta Olympics — only to finish last after tangling with Morceli and falling on the last lap.

This time, El Guerrouj pulled safely in front on the last lap and Morceli failed to respond. While the Moroccan won comfortably in 3 minutes, 35.83 seconds, Morceli was overtaken by Spaniards Fermín Cacho, the 1992 Olympic champion, and unheralded Reyes Estevez.

Cacho finished second in 3:36.63, Estevez third in 3:37.26 and Morceli fourth in 3:37.37.

"The last 500 meters I showed I was very quick," El Guerrouj said. "There is nobody to beat me right now."

El Guerrouj is the first Moroccan to win a world championship medal since Aouita took the 5,000-meter title in 1987 — and the first Moroccan ever to win a 1,500 title at the worlds or Olympics.

One of his goals is to break Morceli's world record of 3:27.37. Attempts earlier this year in Rome and Paris were undermined by poor weather conditions.

Ethiopia's Haile Gebrselassie, the world record-holder at 5,000 and 10,000 meters, who had threatened to skip the championships, won his third straight world title at 10,000 meters in 27:24.38.

Cuba's Javier Sotomayor, the only high jumper to clear 2.45 meters (8 feet), won his second world title at 2.37 (7 feet, 9 1/4 inches).

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# Leyland enjoys Pittsburgh homecoming

By The Associated Press

On the day Jim Leyland moved back to Pittsburgh, the Florida Marlins gave their new manager another reason to love the town.

Moises Alou and Charles Johnson drove in four runs each and Florida scored four runs in each of the first two innings Wednesday night as the Marlins routed the Pirates 12-3.

"It was one of those nights where everything we hit hard fell in and everything we didn't hit hard fell in, too," said Leyland, who managed the Pirates from 1986-96.

The Marlins remained 5 1/2 games behind Atlanta in the NL East.

The Braves edged St. Louis 4-3 on Wednesday night. In other National League games, San Francisco beat Chicago 7-4, San Diego defeated Cincinnati 6-3, Philadelphia beat Houston 6-4 and Colorado shut out New York 4-0.

Leyland moved his family back to Pittsburgh earlier Wednesday. The 52-year-old skipper decided to again live in Pittsburgh during the offseason after Marlins owner Wayne Huizenga said in June that he would sell the club.

"Other than the fact we moved back here and the truck unloaded all of our stuff today, it's still business for us and business for them," Leyland said.

Leyland still has not lost a game in Three Rivers Stadium since leaving the Pirates. The Marlins are 4-0 in Pittsburgh, outscoring the Pirates 31-8, and are 5-1 overall against them.

Kevin Brown (10-8) pitched six-hit ball over seven innings in Florida's fourth consecutive victory and eighth in nine games.

"We're in a very good situation, and I'm trying to do what I can to help this team win because our chances are good," Johnson said. "If we keep playing the way we're playing, we can get to the playoffs, and that's been our goal all along."

## Giants 7, Cubs 4

At Chicago, Pat Rapp won his first game for San Francisco as the Giants captured their fourth straight victory.

Glenallen Hill and Mark Lewis hit solo home runs and Rich Aurilia and Jeff Kent each drove in two runs for the Giants, who have won seven of their last 10. The Cubs have lost 11 of 13.

Rapp (5-6) won his second start since he was acquired July 18 from Florida. He strained a muscle in his left side in his first start July 19 and was placed on the disabled list.

Terry Mulholland (6-12) lost his third in a row.

## Braves 4, Cardinals 3

At Atlanta, pinch-hitter Danny Bautista homered lead-

ing off the ninth to lift Atlanta over St. Louis.

Bautista, hitting for slumping Ryan Klesko, hit a 1-1 pitch from Mark Petkovsek (4-5) to center for his third homer. The shot sent the Cardinals to their fourth straight defeat and seventh in nine games.

Mark Wohlers (3-4) pitched a perfect ninth to gain the victory for the Braves, who returned home after losing four of six games on the road.

The Braves tied it at 3 in the sixth on consecutive two-out hits off St. Louis starter Andy Benes — singles by Jeff Blauser and Chipper Jones and a two-run double by Fred McGriff. Expos 7, Dodgers 3

At Montreal, Henry Rodriguez hit a three-run homer

in a four-run fifth inning as Montreal beat Los Angeles.

Rodriguez hit his 23rd home run off Chan Ho Park (10-6) to give Montreal a 5-0 lead. Expos starter Dustin Hermanson (6-5) matched a career high with nine strikeouts. He allowed five hits and walked five in 5 2-3 innings as the Expos gained their sixth victory in nine games.

Mark Grudzielanek had two doubles for Montreal, increasing his major league-leading total to 42. David Segui had a two-run single in the first, and Rondell White added an RBI triple in the sixth.

Greg Gagne hit a three-run homer for Los Angeles.

Phillies 6, Astros 4  
At Philadelphia, Mike Lieberthal hit a three-run homer

and rookies Scott Rolen and Tony Barron hit solo shots to power Philadelphia.

The Phillies have won seven of their last nine and are 12-10 in their last 22 games. The Astros,

who have lost three straight, are 20-8 in their last 28 games.

Garrett Stephenson (6-5) gave up nine hits and four runs, three earned, while striking out two and walking two in seven

innings. Ricky Bottalico pitched the ninth for his 21st save.

Loser Ramon Garcia (4-8) allowed seven hits and five runs, but only one earned, in four-plus innings.

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<p><b>1 Public Notice</b></p> <p>NOTICE TO BIDDERS Gray County Precinct No. 4 will accept sealed bids for one (1) New Tandem Powered Motor Grader until 10:00 a.m. on September 2, 1997. Bids should be presented on or before said time to the County Judge's office, Gray County Courthouse, Pampa, Texas 79065. A used Caterpillar 120 G s/n 87 VO 1779 is to be included in the trade. A detailed bid specification may be obtained from the County Judge's office at the Courthouse, (806) 669-8007 or from Commissioner James Heffley at (806) 779-2493 or (806) 779-3134. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.</p> <p>Richard Peet Gray County Judge Aug. 7, 14, 1997</p>	<p><b>3 Personal</b></p> <p>MARY Kay Cosmetics. Free delivery, make-overs, career information. Sherry Diggs 669-9435.</p> <p><b>5 Special Notices</b></p> <p>ADVERTISING: Material to be placed in the Pampa News, MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.</p> <p>PAMPA Lodge #966, we meet every Thursday, 7:30 p.m., business meeting 3rd Thursday.</p> <p>TOP O Texas Lodge 1381, study and practice, Tuesday night 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>10 Lost and Found</b></p> <p>LOST Gray striped cat near High School Area. Reward. Call 665-8810.</p> <p><b>3 Personal</b></p> <p>MARY Kay Cosmetics and Skin Care. Facials, supplies, call Deb Stapleton, 665-2095.</p> <p>BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics and Skin Care sales, service, and makeovers. Lynn Allison 1304 Christine - 669-3848.</p> <p>ARE You Looking for Peace of Mind - Teach you Mom and Fun Loving Dad, long to share home surrounded by birds, trees and parks, yet near museums and theaters, with precious newborn. Expenses paid. Please call Dolly and Ken at 1-800-785-8972.</p>	<p><b>12 Loans</b></p> <p><b>SUN LOAN COMPANY</b> \$100 - \$400 Social Security Applications Welcomed Applications Taken by phone 665-6442</p> <p><b>14 Business Services</b></p> <p>COMPUTER repair, upgrades, software set-up, service calls \$10. 665-4513.</p> <p>WWW.MSNX.COM PC repairs, sales, new &amp; used. Software, training. Windows 95. Free Win 95 updates. Ask me about \$19.99 unlimited Internet. \$24.95 Web pages 24 hr. 806-665-5769.</p> <p><b>14b Appliance Repair</b></p> <p>RENT TO RENT RENT TO OWN We have Rental Furniture and Appliances to suit your needs. Call for estimate. Johnson Home Furnishings 801 W Francis</p> <p><b>14d Carpentry</b></p> <p>FOUNDATION Settling? Cracks in walls, ceilings, or brick? Doors won't close? Call Childers Brothers. Free estimates 1-800-299-9563</p>	<p><b>14d Carpentry</b></p> <p>CUSTOM homes, additions, remodeling, residential / commercial Deaver Construction, 665-0447.</p> <p>OVERHEAD Door Repair. Kid-weld Construction. 669-6347.</p> <p>ADDITIONS, remodeling, roofing, cabinets, painting, all types repairs. No job too small. Mike Albus, 665-4774.</p> <p>Bullard Service Co. Carpentry/Home Repair Free Estimates. 665-6986.</p> <p><b>14e Carpet Service</b></p> <p>NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost. It pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-5341. Free estimates.</p> <p>BT'S Carpet Cleaning &amp; Restoration. Carpet/Upholstery. Free Estimates. Call 665-0276.</p> <p><b>14h General Services</b></p> <p>COX Fence Company. Repair old fence or build new. Free estimates. 669-7769.</p> <p>NAVARRO Masonry. Brick work, block, stucco, stone, and concrete. Remodel and additions. Call collect 878-3000.</p>	<p><b>14h General Services</b></p> <p>WILLOUGHBY'S Backhoe Service. Dirt work/digging. 669-7251, 665-1131.</p> <p>DRIVEWAYS, sidewalks, patios, carpentry, drywall, painting &amp; general construction. Martindale Construction, Lefors 835-2790.</p> <p><b>14n Painting</b></p> <p>PAINTING reasonable, interior, exterior. Minor repairs. Free estimates. Bob Gorson 665-0033.</p> <p>Hunter Decorating Painting 665-2903</p> <p>CALDER Painting-Interior/exterior, mud, tape, blow acoustic. 665-4840, 669-2215.</p> <p><b>14r Plowing, Yard Work</b></p> <p>TREE trim, feeding, aeration, yard clean-up, hauling, mowing, fertilize. Ken Banks 665-3672.</p> <p><b>14s Plumbing &amp; Heating</b></p> <p>JACK'S Plumbing Co. New construction, repair, remodeling, sewer and drain cleaning. Septic systems installed. 665-7115.</p> <p>Larry Baker Plumbing Heating Air Conditioning Borger Highway 665-4392</p> <p>BART Gooch's Plumbing. For all your plumbing needs. 669-7006 or 665-1235, extension 403.</p>	<p><b>14t Radio and Television</b></p> <p><b>Johnson Home Entertainment</b> We will do service work on most Major Brands of TV's and VCR's. 2211 Perryton Pkwy. 665-0504.</p> <p>Wayne's TV Service Microwave Ovens Repaired 665-3030</p> <p><b>19 Situations</b></p> <p>NEED A Babysitter in our home or possibly yours. For more info Call 665-9392.</p> <p>WILL care for your Elderly or Disabled in your home or elsewhere, 30 yrs. exp. 665-1531.</p> <p>JAMIE will care for the elderly. Call 669-0167.</p> <p>LOOKING for a reliable babysitter? I'm avail. all hours &amp; have references. Call Kristy 665-5935</p>	<p><b>21 Help Wanted</b></p> <p>If you are a QUALIFIED newspaper professional, please send your resume, including salary requirements, IMMEDIATELY to: Editor The Pampa News P.O. Drawer 2198 Pampa, TX. 79066-2198</p> <p><b>NOTICE</b> Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.</p> <p>Wildlife Jobs/\$Salary+Benefits Game wardens, security, maintenance, park rangers. Benefits no experience necessary. Exam/application 1-800-813-3585 extension 7615, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. 7 days</p> <p>MAKE money taking orders from friends and relatives for Avon. Call Billie Simmons. Ind. Adv. Unit Ldr. 1-800-447-2967</p> <p><b>MAKE MONEY</b> With the hottest weight loss product in America. Call 888-669-0356 for details.</p> <p><b>JOB-Shop Foreman/Machinist.</b> Hands on position, light field work. Prefer field machining exp., but will train if qualified in other areas. Previous supervisory experience. A definite plus. Salary commensurate to experience. Call to schedule an interview 274-7306, or Fax resume 273-5743.</p> <p>PROVIDER needed 7 days a week, in Pampa. Call 1-800-800-0697. EOE.</p>	<p><b>21 Help Wanted</b></p> <p>MEDICAL Center Nursing Home is taking applications for a Registered Nurse as Director of Nursing. Contact Medical Center Nursing Home, 806-874-5221, or Highway NOrth 70, Clarendon, TX. 79226. The Medical Center Nursing Home is an equal opportunity employer.</p> <p>POSITION now avail. for Case Manager at Correctional Service Corp., Canadian, Tx. Starting pay \$8.65 per hr., Bachelors degree req., good organizational skills &amp; verbal/written communication req'd. Applications and/or resumes must be submitted by 5 p.m. Aug. 11, 1997. For further info, contact Mike Williams at 806-323-9713 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. CSC is EOE.</p> <p>POSTAL Jobs, 3 positions available, no experience necessary. For information call 1-818-764-9023 ext. 9177.</p> <p>CALDWELL Production needs oilfield pumper, experience required. Call 665-8888, Hwy. 60 West.</p> <p>LA Fiesta now hiring full time dishwashers, wait staff (must be 18), morning bus person.</p> <p>MANAGEMENT of small sales staff including customer relations and purchasing. No evenings. No travel. Applicant must have strong work history. Grooming and presentation very important. This local company will train. Please mail confidential resume to Box 20 c/o Pampa News P.O. Drawer 2198, Pampa.</p>
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**Neighborhood Watch works!**

21 Help Wanted

Postal Jobs \$17.21/Hour plus full benefits, no exp. necessary. For application and exam info...

CNA's needed full-time all shifts. Great benefits including car expense, insurance, retirement plan...

DR's assistant. 1 day/week in Pampa. Non-smoking office. Apply or send resume to 2913 S. Georgia...

COX Fence-Fence laborers needed. Experienced pressers needed. Apply at 410 S. Cuyler.

VICTIM Services Assistant for a non-profit agency working with domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims.

ALL round mechanic, Woodward, Ok. area. Oil field engine and compressor. 405-256-8961.

SUBWAY Sandwiches is now hiring for day & evening positions. Please apply at 2141 N. Hobart.

SALES ASSOCIATE Part-Time Opening for 1 Part-time sales person to service both retail and wholesale customers.

Domino's Pizza 1332 Hobart St. (806) 665-8080

We are currently growing and need more help in all positions. Diverse Must be 18+

30 Sewing Machines WE service all makes and models of sewing machines and vacuum cleaners.

50 Building Supplies White House Lumber Co. 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

53 Machinery and Tools CLEAN Miller 200 amp, gas welder w/leads. Low hours, new battery.

54 Farm Equipment

IHC model 574 1974 tractor, (diesel) with or without 5 ft. shredder. Call 806-845-2021.

60 Household Goods KENMORE electric stove (white) w/ continuous clean oven. Great cond., \$175. 669-2528 for Kate.

JOHNSON HOME FURNISHINGS Rent one piece or house full Tv-VCR-Camcorders Washer-Dryer-Ranges Bedroom-Dining Room Livingroom

68 Antiques WANTED: Antique furniture and anything western. Call Jewett 665-8415 or at 302 W. Foster.

69 Miscellaneous CHIMNEY Fire can be prevented. Queen Sweep Chimney Cleaning. 665-4686 or 665-5364.

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CARRIERS WANTED!! Apply Pampa News Circulation Department No Phone Calls Please

90 inch Satellite dish with box. \$1200 or best offer. 806-358-9923. One offer.

CHILDREN'S Insurance from \$6.35 Bank Service. Gene Lewis. 669-1221.

ANTIQUA Clock, also Grandfather Clock Repair. Call Larry Norton, 669-7916 after 5 p.m.

1979 Dodge pickup. Refrigerator w/ icemaker & water. Call after 7 p.m. 669-6020.

FOR Sale Alto Saxophone, one owner, like new. Built-in GE 940, pot scrubbing dishwasher.

FOR Sale. Evaporative A/C. Used only 2 months. \$175. Call 665-1032.

69a Garage Sales 2217 Williston. Friday only. Early - Late. Clothes, dishes, and lots of misc.

1827 Williston, 8 a.m.-7 Fri. Nord-trac Walk-Fit, tv, lawn mower, full size bed/sheets, toys, clothes, high chair.

FRIDAY 8:30 a.m.- Full size bed, girls clothes sz. 12 mo.-8 yrs., toys, junk. 1936 N. Wells.

408 Zimmers, Fri. & Sat. 8-7 Refrigerator, toys, clothes, baby items, glassware, etc.

705 N. Dwight, Thur.-Fri., 8-5. Lots of clothes big and little

632 S. Reid, Thur., Fri., & Sat. 25 in. colored console TV, commercial floor buffer, small appl. & more.

1601 Mary Ellen, Fri. 8-1. Little girls bike, software, and lots of misc.

LARGE Yard Sale-509 Roberts St. Aug. 7-10th, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

KIT 'N' CARLYLE © by Larry Wright



HERMAN© by Jim Unger



69a Garage Sales

4 Family Garage Sale. Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. - 7 2629 Chestnut. Lots of children's clothes for back to school.

GARAGE Sale 1921 N. Dwight, Friday 8 - 4, Saturday 8 - 7 Cadence 5.2 treadmill, clothes - children, adult (some + sz), toaster-oven, etc. No Checks.

YARD Sale: August 8th and 9th, 9 a.m. No early birds. Dishes, household items, books, magazines, jewelry, guy stuff, nice misses, petite, junior, mens and little girls clothes, bathtub, toilet.

1917 N. Zimmers, Fri. & Sat. 8-7 Girls and boys winter clothes, women clothes, girls bike, toys and misc.

2200 Lynn. 2 family garage sale. Fri. & Sat. 8-7 Antique pots, cast down parts and lots of misc.

1200 Christine, Fri. 8-5. Men's suits, clothes, toys, antiques and misc.

903 E. Francis. Antique stove, Ford pickup topper, furniture, household items, clothes, Saturday 8-3.

70 Musical

PIANOS FOR RENT New and used pianos. Starting at \$40 per month. Up to 9 months of rent will apply to purchase.

STRADAVEROUS Silver Bell Trumpet. \$600. Call 669-9834 after 4.

75 Feeds and Seeds

BRITTEN FEED & SEED Hwy 60, 665-5881

77 Livestock & Equip.

OUTSTANDING AQHA, DOC, BAR-THREE BARS. Gelding. Can do everything on this horse. 848-2748

AQHA, Leo - Col Freckles Breed. 3 yr. old STUDD. 848-2748

80 Pets And Supplies

CANINE and Feline grooming. Boarding. Science diets. Roysse Animal Hospital, 665-2223.

Grooming and Boarding Jo Ann's Pet Salon 669-1410

Lee Ann's Grooming & Boarding 420 W. Francis 669-9660

CREATURE Comforts Pet Grooming. Free dip with Groom. See our pets, puppies. 669-PETS

FREE to good home-2 Great Pyrenees. Call after 5:30, 669-7641.

FOR Sale: Adorable Chocolate Lab puppies. 3 female and 3 male. 806-323-8615

YORKIES & Chihuahuas now, soon Rotties, Shepards, Bostons. 115 N. West, 669-Pets.

STOCK your garden pond- Fish Sale. Goldfish, Koi, Oxygenators, 115 N. West, 669-Pets.

89 Wanted To Buy

WILL pay cash for good used furniture, appliances. 669-9654, 669-0804.

95 Furnished Apartments

BEAUTIFULLY furnished 1 bedroom starting at \$335, 6 month lease, pool, laundry on site. Caprock Apartments 1601 W. Somerville, 665-7149.

ROOMS for rent. Showers, clean, quiet, \$35 a week. Davis Hotel, 116 1/2 W. Foster. 669-9115 or 669-9137.

ALL BILLS PAID Furnished or unfurnished 1 & 2 BEDROOMS Short Term Lease Courtyard Apartments EHO 1031 N. SUMNER, 669-9712

ATTENTION SENIORS OR DISABLED Apts. New Available Schneider House Apts. Rent based on Income 120 S. Russell-665-0415

CLEAN 2 bdr. apt. \$325 mo. \$200 dep. 6 mo. lease, you pay elec. 1312 Coffee Apt. 3. 669-1056

DOGWOOD Apartments. 2 bedroom unfurnished, reference and deposit required. 669-9817 or 669-2981.

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PAM APARTMENTS Seniors or Disabled Rent Based on Income 1200 N. Wells, 669-2594

97 Furnished Houses

1 bedroom house/duplex. 669-9817, 868-5921.

98 Unfurnished Houses DETAILED list of our rentals in red box on front porch at Action Realty, 707 N. Hobart.

2 bedroom, carpeted, appliances. \$275 month, \$150 deposit, 1313 Coffee. 669-8870, 663-7522, 883-2461.

3 bedroom at 1072 Prairie Dr. Ready for HUD. 665-4114

FOR Rent. 2 bedroom, with carport. Wilson District. Call 665-0679.

2 bdr. house 452 Graham 669-3842, 665-6158 Realtor

99 Storage Buildings

TUMBLEWEED ACRES SELF STORAGE UNITS Various sizes 665-0079, 665-2450.

Yes We Have Storage Buildings Available! Top O Texas Storage Alcock at Noida 669-6006

B & W Storage 10x 16 10x24 669-7275 669-1623

There's Something For Everybody In Classifieds!

Quentin Williams, REALTORS Keagy-Edwards, Inc. Selling Pampa Since 1952 669-2522 • 2208 Coffee & Perryton Pkwy. Open Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

SURROCO - Seller will pay \$1000 of buyer's closing cost. Nice three bedroom home with 1.5 baths in the Travis School Area.

SUMNER - Lovely 2-story home with 4 bedrooms, isolated master with whirlpool tub. 2 living areas, 2 baths, fireplace, exterior has new siding, double garage. MLS 3983.

SOMERVILLE - Nice older home in top condition. Three bedrooms, 2 living areas, screened in porch, extra room in attic, oversized garage, garden spot in back, steel siding, extra shop/storage. MLS 4135.

SOMERVILLE - 2-story on corner lot, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, custom kitchen with built-in appliances, Jenn-air, formal dining room, central heat/air, small basement, large living area with crown moldings, lots of storage, double garage. MLS 3973.

NELBORN - Nice three bedroom home in Travis area. Stone garage and deck in back. Heat pump, ceiling fans. Single garage. MLS 3998.

99 Storage Buildings

Babb Portable Buildings 820 W. Kingsmill 669-3842

102 Bus. Rental Prop. NBC PLAZA Office Space 665-4100

Combs-Worley Bldg. 3 Months Free Rent Office Space 669-6841

3 offices for lease \$150, \$225, & \$265, bills paid. Great location, high visibility. Action Realty.

103 Homes For Sale Twila Fisher Century 21 Pampa Realty 665-3560, 663-1442, 669-0007

1714 Aspen-2 bdr., 2 ba., den, with new: carpet, central/wa. h/a. Realtor/Owner. Neva Weeks Realty, 669-2100.

3 bdr., 1 3/4 ba., dbl. gar., exceptional, Travis area, newer home. Realtor 665-5436.

Century 21 Pampa Realty 312 N. Gray 669-0007 www.us-digital.com/homeweb

Jim Davidson Century 21-Pampa Realty 669-1863, 669-0007, 664-1021

Bobbie Nisbet Realtor 665-7037

Charles Buzzard Exclusive Buyer Representative PVA Realty Group 669-3248

COUNTRY living with city utilities. 2 story with lg. fenced lot. 3 or 4 lg. bd., 1 3/4 ba. 669-1846.

CUTE 3 bdr. home, 1837 N. Nelson. New paint, stor. bldg., centr. h/a, corner lot. 665-6305.

GENE AND JANNIE LEWIS Action Realty, 669-1221

Henry Gruben Century 21-Pampa Realty 669-3798, 669-0007, 664-1238

HOUSE on 2 lots, \$5000, 720 Naida. Call 1-505-392-6446.

HUD and VA Properties Shed Realty 665-3761

MOVING must sell! 2 story, 4 br. brick, 2 car gar. w/appt. detached. \$48,500, or reas. offer. 665-3025

TWO GREAT BUYS You can buy these properties cheaper than rent if you have job stability, minimal debt and good credit. Sellers will pay your closing costs. 8% for 30 years and 3% down payment (subject to change).

300 SUNSET-\$37,900-\$1200 down. Brick 2 story, 2 fireplaces, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, 2000 sq. ft.

2704 NAVAJO-\$38,500-\$1200 down. Brick veneer, 3 bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths, garage. Lovely all over.

This is no gimmick. You can buy either of these houses for \$1200 down if you can qualify for the loan. Call Jannie Lewis, 669-1221 Action Realty.

Norma Ward REALTY 669-3346

Mike Ward 669-6413 Jim Ward 665-1593 Norma Ward, GRI, Broker

116 Mobile Homes

IN White Deer-3 bdr., 2 ba., 18x80 ft. w/ woodburning fireplace, on double lot w/fence, storm cellar, new 30x40 garage. 779-2205 (McLean)

FOR Sale: Mobile Home. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. For more information. Call 665-9392.

12X64 Mobile home. Needs work or make good storage. \$2000. 806-665-1977

120 Autos KNOWLES Used Cars 101 N. Hobart 665-7232

CULBERSON-STOWERS Chevrolet-Pontiac-Buick GMC and Toyota 805 N. Hobart 665-1665

Used Cars West Texas Ford Lincoln-Mercury 701 W. Brown 665-8404

Bill Allison Auto Sales Your Nearly New Car Store 1200 N. Hobart 665-3992

BANKRUPTCY, Repossession, Charge-Offs, Bad Credit! Re-Establish your credit! West Texas Ford, call Matt Hood, Finance Manager, 701 W. Brown, Pampa, Tx. 662-0101.

Quality Sales 1300 N. Hobart 669-0433 Make your next car a Quality Car

Doug Boyd Motor Co. "On The Spot Financing" 821 W. Wilks 669-6062

1987 full size Ford van, 351 motor, double air, excellent cond. 665-4842.

1982 T. Top Mustang \$1,800. See at 510 Roberts after 7 p.m.

1956 Chevy BelAir, 2 dr., 327 4 spd. Call 669-0460.

LEFORS Federal Credit Union accepting bids on a 1996 Chevy Cavalier thru Aug. 15. Refers Federal Credit Union reserves the right to reject any/all bids. 835-9909. Mercruiser Dealer.

1983 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham 76,000 miles. Runs good. \$2000. Call 665-1055

L. Greenbelt, 2 br, 1 ba. Fleetwood m.h. (1460), 2 lots, cov'd deck, 1 gar.-nice view. 874-3173.

114 Recreational Vehicles Bill's Custom Campers 930 S. Hobart Pampa, Tx. 79065 806-665-4315

25 ft. Coachman travel trailer. Call 665-2844 or see at 300 S. Finley

Superior RV Center 1019 Alcock Parts and Service

115 Trailer Parks COUNTRY LIVING ESTATES 665-2736

TUMBLEWEED ACRES Free First Months Rent Storm shelters, fenced lots and storage units available. 665-0079, 665-2450.

116 Mobile Homes SINGLE Parent Program-Special Financing on New Mobile Home. Call Jonnie, Oakwood Homes. Open Sunday, 1-800-372-1491

FOR Sale - to be moved, 1983 Pioneer m/h 14X75. Comp. roof, new plumbing, 2 br., 2 bath., lg. lr., ceiling fans. Very good shape. \$7500 883-8400

ON THE SPOT FINANCING TRUCKS '94 NISSAN PICKUP, All Black, Lots Of Chrome, 48K Miles. \$8995

'93 FORD F-150, 4X4, Maroon & Silver, Red Eye Catcher.... \$8995

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'90 CHEVROLET Extended Cab, Solid/Red, Silverado Pkg. & 7995

'90 DODGE RAM CHARGER, 4X4, 318 Automatic, Dark Gray, GOOD BUY At.....\$5995

120 Autos

'82 Ford LTD, Cruise, tilt, electric seats. \$1200. See at 321 E. Francis, 665-0507

Eddie Morris Motors 820 W. Foster 665-0909

1993 Acclaim, 55,000 mi., V6, air, cruise, tilt, cassette, tinted win. Exc. condition. 665-3309.

1992 Jeep Cherokee Laredo 4x4, 88,000 mi. \$8975. Call Ed 665-8446 days.

1993 Cadillac Sedan DeVille, clean, \$14,000 obo. 665-0151 or 883-2069.

1996 Chevy Z71 4x4 short bed/loaded/25,000 mi. Lynn Allison at Bill Allison Auto Sales 1200 N. Hobart 665-3992

1990 Beretta GT w/ Alpine alarm and blackouts. Runs good! Call 665-0255.

1989 Brougham de Elegance Nice!!! 665-4973

121 Trucks 88 blue Chevy pickup. 350 longbed, 1/2 ton, \$5000. Call Brian 669-6867, after 6.

'86 Chevy S-10. Reg. Cab, Real Clean. \$3500. After 5 p.m. 665-9368

122 Motorcycles HONDA 250R, 3 wheeler. Runs great. 669-1952

FOR Sale: 1985 200X Honda 3-wheeler. \$1100 or best offer Call 665-4104.

124 Tires & Accessories OGDEN AND SON Expert Electronic wheel balancing. 501 W. Foster, 665-8444.

126 Boats & Accessories Parker Boats & Motors 301 S. Cuyler, Pampa 669-1122, 5909 Canyon Dr., Amarillo 359-9907. Mercruiser Dealer.

1989 Malibu Skier, 350 Chevy. 265 hrs., like new. 669-6116 after 7 p.m.

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CARS '94 DODGE SPIRIT, 37K Miles, 4 Door, Automatic, Red, This Car Is New At Only.....\$8995

'92 HONDA CIVIC, 4 Door, Automatic, Excellent Fuel Economy.....\$5995

'91 MERCURY COUGAR LS, White/Blue, Excellent School Car.....\$5995

'91 MERCURY TOPAZ, Dark Blue/Gray, Loaded With Every Option, Low Miles.....\$5995

'89 TOYOTA CAMRY, 4 Door Automatic, Loaded.....\$4995

DOUG BOYD MOTOR CO. 821 W. Wilks - 669-6062

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 1 Quick look 5 Frosty 8 Pair 11 Rides the waves 12 Dryness 14 Story lines 15 Of current interest 16 Curly letter 17 Most concise 19 Consider 21 Greek letters 22 Super-hero's attire 25 Summits 28 - the season 29 Skeleton part 32 Begin (2 wds.) 34 Imaginary 36 Scandinavia 37 Entreat 38 Angry speech 41 Fortune-teller 43 Club

Answer to Previous Puzzle

KOA AGORA KIT WIS BARTER HASE ALABASTER HASE TISNOE OINKS WILLIAMS KID MOUN MAXI HOW GONE SUMS HOPE SAMS TAL NANA ETAL OSE MONEYED KIOSK ENACT ONA ACTIVATOR LAIT POISE LIT AAH TINGAS ENG

11 Went quickly 13 Data holder 18 Slender 20 pinnacle 23 Masculine 24 This (Sp.) 26 Real-estate map 27 Mail 29 Large sandwiches 30 Type of jerk? 31 Pressingly 33 Having foot parts 35 Restricted 39 Ebb 40 Lemony drink 42 Disappointed

### Scholarship recipient



(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

Recent Pampa High School graduate, Tami Graves (center), was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the 20th Century Forum Study Club this week. Graves plans on using the money for tuition at Texas Tech, where she will pursue a nursing career. Presenting Graves with the scholarship check is Sherry Diggs, fund raising chairman for the Tailgate Picnic, and Karen Bridges, president of the club. The Tailgate Picnic is an annual event used to fund the scholarship. This year's picnic will be held Sept. 12 and residents may call 669-9435 or 665-5145 for ticket information.

### Harrison flick, 'Air Force One,' rides high at box office

By MICHELLE DeARMOND  
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Harrison Ford's presidential heroics ruled the box office for the second weekend in a row, but *Spawn* — the story of two creatures sent from Hell to rule Earth — proved a surprising challenge.

*Air Force One*, starring Ford as the brave chief executive who outwits a plane full of terrorists, took in \$25.7 million, while *Spawn* pulled in \$21.2 million.

*George of the Jungle* slipped to third while *Men in Black* had another strong showing in its fifth week.

The top 10 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater

BOX OFFICE		
Top weekend movies		
Weekend of July 01-03, 1997		
All dollar figures in millions		
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross	
<b>Air Force One</b> \$60.7, two weeks, 2,919 screens	\$25.7	
<b>Spawn</b> \$21.2, one week, 2,536 screens	\$21.2	
<b>George of the Jungle</b> \$64.3, three weeks, 2,605 screens	\$9.9	
<b>Men in Black</b> \$208.1, five weeks, 2,932 screens	\$8.0	
<b>Picture Perfect</b> \$7.8, one week, 1,707 screens	\$7.8	
<b>Contact</b> \$75.8, four weeks, 2,210 screens	\$6.3	
<b>Air Bud</b> \$4.7, one week, 1,674 screens	\$4.7	
<b>Nothing to Lose</b> \$32.2, three weeks, 1,800 screens	\$4.5	
<b>Face/Off</b> \$102, six weeks, 1,888 screens	\$3.8	
<b>Good Burger</b> \$14.1, two weeks, 1,893 screens	\$3.6	

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. *Air Force One*, Columbia, \$25.7 million, 2,919 locations, \$8,815 average, \$80.7 million, two weeks.
2. *Spawn*, New Line, \$21.2 million, 2,536 locations, \$8,364 average, \$21.2 million, one week.
3. *George of the Jungle*, Disney, \$8.9 million, 2,605 locations, \$3,408 average, \$64.3 million, three weeks.
4. *Men in Black*, Columbia, \$8 million, 2,932 locations, \$2,732 average, \$208.1 million, five weeks.
5. *Picture Perfect*, Fox, \$7.8 million, 1,707 locations, \$4,575 average, \$7.8 million, one week.
6. *Contact*, Warner Bros., \$6.3 million, 2,210 locations, \$2,828 average, \$75.6 million, four weeks.
7. *Air Bud*, Disney, \$4.7 million, 1,674 locations, \$2,820 average, \$4.7 million, one week.
8. *Nothing to Lose*, Disney, \$4.5 million, 1,800 locations, \$2,496 average, \$32.2 million, three weeks.
9. *Face/Off*, Paramount, \$3.8 million, 1,888 locations, \$1,988 average, \$102 million, six weeks.
10. *Good Burger*, Paramount, \$3.6 million, 1,893 locations, \$1,885 average, \$14.1 million, two weeks.



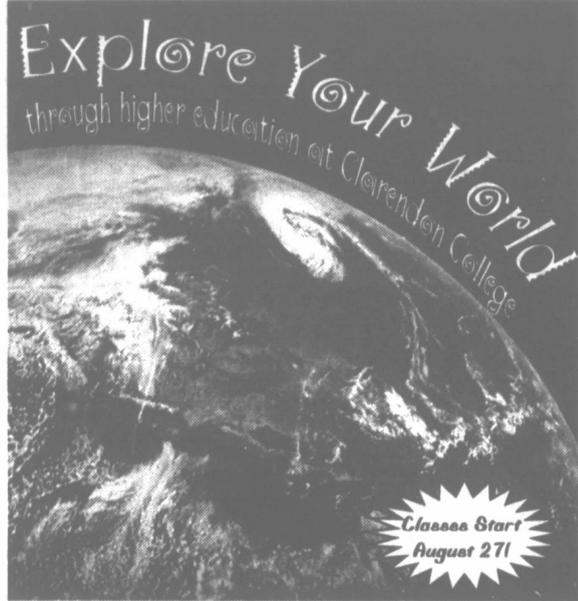
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### Wisconsin company introduces cloned bull

DeFOREST, Wis. (AP) — A company that specializes in bull semen for artificial insemination of cattle has further streamlined the reproductive process, cloning a Holstein bull calf.

ABS Global Inc. said the calf, named Gene, is the result of a new "highly advanced" technique, but refused to give details Wednesday. The process and 6-month-old Gene were to be unveiled today.

ABS spokesman Tom Gahn said the company plans to use its cloning process in pharmaceutical, milk and beef production.

Company officials said adult animal cells were not used to clone Gene, which makes him significantly different from Dolly, the sheep cloned last year by Scottish researchers. Dolly was produced from the udder cell of a six-year-old ewe.

Many species — including sheep, cattle, rabbits, monkeys and mice — have been cloned from embryos, which are easier to clone than adult cells.

"In the particular case of Gene, it was not cloned from an adult bull. But the cloning technology that we have still allows us to have the capability of taking cells from adults," said Dale Schwartz, CEO of a new ABS subsidiary created to market the cloning technology.

Clones, produced without sexual reproduction, are exact genetic duplicates of another animal. Cloned cattle would be useful because they could be genetically manipulated to produce impressive amounts of milk or beef.

"It could result in fewer cows because many dairy farmers, if they can maintain their volume with fewer cows, will do that," said Richard Weiss, a spokesman for the National Milk Producers Federation, a group of farmer-owned dairy cooperatives.

Cloning might also allow the insertion of genes that would cause a sheep or cow to produce drugs or other valuable substances in its milk.

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials said Wednesday they had not heard of the Wisconsin company's cloning effort.

University of Wisconsin-Madison ethicist Alta Charo said she is not surprised to hear that a private lab has cloned a calf.

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