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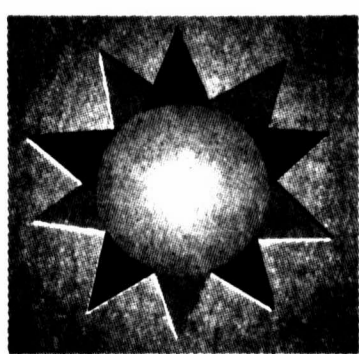
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P.E.O. Sisterhood book review Sept. 16

PAMPA — Mark your calendar. Chapter CS of P.E.O. Sisterhood will hold a book review and brunch at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 at Pampa Country Club. The book review will be conducted by Carol Smith Headrick who will discuss the book "The Wheel of Life - A Memoir of Living and Dying" by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross M.D. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door. Proceeds will benefit the P.E.O. scholarship fund.

Dutch Treat Sunshine Lunch

PAMPA — Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a bereavement "Sunshine Lunch" (Dutch treat) from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 at Dyer's Bar-B-Que, Hwy. 60 West. This luncheon is a social time for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. For reservations or for more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

Lotto grows to \$23 million

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

The ticket was worth an estimated \$17 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 6-11-28-33-45-48.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$23 million.

To place a classified advertisement call The Pampa News at 669-2525.

- Dewey Adrian Bond, 75, retired U.S. Steel Corp. employee
- Betty Carter, 69, services pending
- Lloyd G. Carter, 88, retired owner Carter Construction.
- Nannie Mae Coats, 84, homemaker.
- George Benson Cree, Jr., partner, president of Cree Drilling Co., Cree Oil, Inc., and Cree Companies.
- Mark Eugene Grimes, construction company owner.

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City increases tourism budget at CofC request

Measure passes by 3-2 vote

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

(See related story this page)

It was a close 3-2 City Commission vote, but the Chamber of Commerce got its wish this week to increase the annual tourism budget from \$10,000 to \$14,000.

Competing needs to both cut the city's budget while seeking to increase tourist dollars spent here highlighted Tuesday's commission discussion.

The additional funds were sought to help finance the Texas Branded Communities Tourism Development Program. Pampa is one of three Texas communities chosen to participate in the pilot program developed by the Tourism Division of the Texas Department of Economic Development.

Tourism Committee co-chairs John Forister and Charles Henry and CofC president Clay Rice came to the meeting to present the budget which is funded by the city's hotel/motel tax. M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium also receives part of its budget from the tax.

Forister said elements of the Branded Program include shifting the advertising program from general to selected events and experiences as well as linking into events in the surrounding area.

Also, he said, the group aims to select the highest potential assets to promote that will bring tourism to the city and county.

When it was all said and done, those casting yes votes were Mayor Bob Neslage, Commission Jeff McCormick and Commissioner Bob Dixon. Voting no were Commissioners Faustina Curry and Jeff Andrews.

"We hired [Clay Rice] to turn around the Chamber of Commerce and I think he has," said McCormick. "I think we should give him this. We should go out on a limb to help bring people to Pampa. It's good for business."

Neslage said, "I would like to see us give \$14,000 to the tourism group ... [but] we've been through all this budget stuff today. We are looking at cutting anywhere we can. We need to look at the budget more thoroughly first from the city level."

The mayor, who ultimately voted for the increase, was making reference to that day's lengthy 2000-01 budget review session. The new

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District judges set pay for four workers

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Four employees who are appointed by the district judges in Gray County will receive three-and-one-half percent salary increases. The judges set the salary for the employees who are paid by Gray County.

31st District Judge Steven Emmert and 223rd District Judge Leland W. Waters approved raising the salaries for the upcoming budget year during a public hearing Wednesday morning.

223rd District Court Reporter Richard Mackie's current base salary is \$48,990 annually, and the increase will raise his pay to \$50,704 next year.

The salary of 31st District Court Reporter J. Larry Porton is partially paid by Gray County as he is part time. The other counties he works for in the 31st Judicial District also pay him. The current annual base he receives from Gray County is \$12,806. Gray County's amount will increase to \$13,255.

The boost in pay will raise Gray County Auditor Elaine Morris' annual base salary from \$38,172 to \$39,508.

Assistant Auditor Carla Carter's annual base pay of \$28,470 will be increased to \$29,466 when the raise takes effect in next year's budget.

The district judges' salary orders will be given to the Gray County Commissioners.

Community spirit, volunteers help make Museum special

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

A bronze tree spreads its branches across the south wall of the White Deer Land Museum's Holland wing with the names of many Gray County citizens etched on its leaves and on rocks at its base.

Museum Director Anne Davidson, herself an offspring of two of the county's best known citizens, points to the tree as a prime example of the intricate - yet effective - relationship between the museum's governing body, advisory board, and supporting foundation.

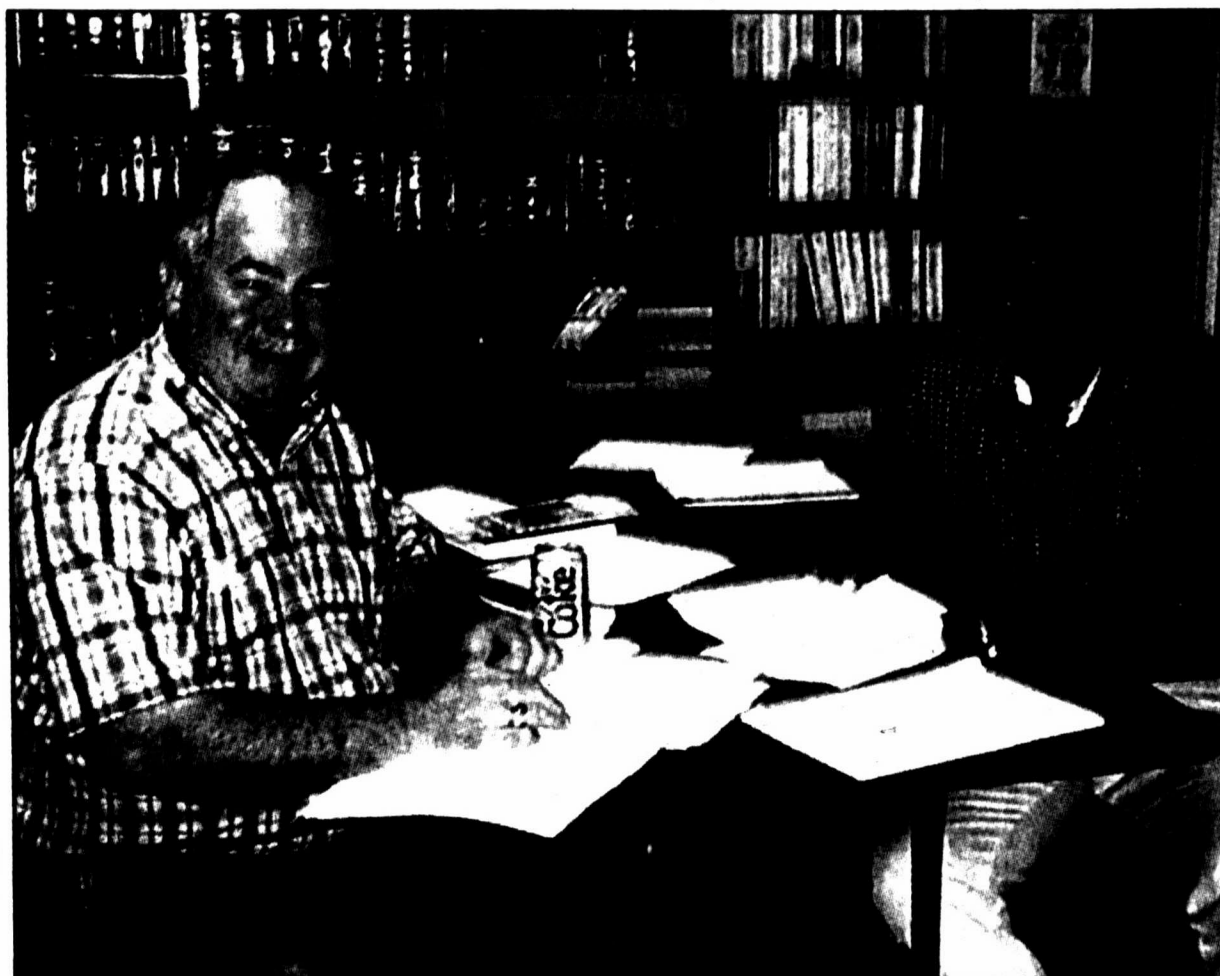
Davidson, the daughter of long-time Gray County Sheriff Rufe Jordan and wife Viola, assumed the duties of curator/director of the museum more than 10 years ago. She took over

the position from the museum's original director, Clotilde Thompson, when she retired.

On Saturday, Aug. 26, the White Deer Land Museum Foundation is presenting its fifth annual "Evening Under the Stars" fund-raiser on Cuyler Street, north of the railroad tracks.

An evening featuring brisket dinner with all the fixin's and a dance under the stars begins at 7 p.m. and will continue until 11 p.m. Tours of the museum's newest exhibit, "As time goes by 1900-2000," will also be avail-

A first for Texas ...



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Tourism Committee co-chairs John Forister, left, and Charles Henry are ready to get the Texas Branded Communities Tourism Development Program off the ground. Pampa is one of three Texas communities chosen to participate in the pilot program.

New tourism plan readied

It'll be one of three in Texas

Pampa will be one of only three communities in Texas to participate in a new pilot program to introduce the Texas Branded Communities Tourism Development Program.

The Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce will host a seminar from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Tuesday, Aug. 29, to introduce it to the local community. It will be presented by the Tourism Division of the Texas Department of Economic Development in the M. K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building at 200 N. Ballard.

The goal of Texas Branded Community for Tourism Development Program is to help communities become "tourism ready" for the anticipated influx of visitors to the state in the near future, according to John Forister, co-chairman of the Pampa Chamber Tourism Committee. Co-chairman Charles Henry said, "The pro-

gram will help Pampa become better positioned to take advantage of tourism and economic development opportunities."

The Tourism Division's mission is to promote Texas as a premier travel destination to domestic and international travelers, thereby increasing revenues and creating jobs. "Pampa has many tourism assets to develop and promote including our museums, Woody Guthrie, and Red River War sites," said Forister.

Coordinating the certification effort will be Linda Daniels of the tourism committee.

The public is invited to attend the seminar. The local chamber is seeking broad community participation and representation.

Anyone planning to attend should contact the Pampa Chamber of Commerce office at 669-3241.

Muns sets drug defendant bonds

Justice of the Peace Bob Muns Wednesday set bonds totaling more than \$40,000 for two men arrested on felony drug charges. Neither man had made bond by press time today.

Kerry Layne Zeek, 30, of Lefors, and Frank Pechacek, 33, of Amarillo were each assessed a bond of \$15,000 on separate charges of possession of a controlled substance over four grams and under 200 grams with intent to deliver, a first degree felony, Muns said today. Muns also set a bond of \$2,000 each on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and \$500 each for possession of drug paraphernalia.

A bond of \$5,000 on a probation violation for theft out of Randall County and \$1,000 for failure

Pampa's new drug dog, 'Nick' played vital role in finding drugs.

to identify - fugitive from justice was set for Zeek only, Muns said.

The arrests stemmed from an early morning traffic stop by Pampa Police Department Canine Officer David Conner at Wilks and Huff streets.

A search of the red 1996 Honda Accord by officers and "Nick," the drug dog, revealed 19 ounces of methamphetamine with an estimated street value of \$2,000 to \$2,500, police said. Police also found an Italian-made .22-caliber pistol and drug paraphernalia in the car.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Robbie Stone, administrative assistant, points out some of the names of Gray County citizens on the White Deer Land Museum's bronze Heritage Tree, a joint project of the museum, its advisory board and Foundation board.

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Services tomorrow

ARNOLD, Leslie - 10:30 a.m., Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery, Canadian.
BOND, Dewey Adrian - 10 a.m., Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel, Amarillo. Burial, 12 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
CARTER, Lloyd G. - Graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
COATS, Nannie Mae - 10:30 a.m., Franklin Bartley Funeral Home Chapel, Lubbock.

Obituaries

BETTY CARTER

Betty Carter, 69, of Pampa, died Thursday, Aug. 24, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

GEORGE BENSON CREE

George Benson Cree, Jr. passed away on Aug. 23, 2000, in Temple, Texas. Mr. Cree was born on Nov. 27, 1920, in Tulsa, Okla. He is predeceased by his parents, George B. and Mary Opal Cree. He married Frances Thetford Cree on Nov. 6, 1943, in Quartzsite, Ariz.



Mr. Cree lived most of his life in Pampa, Texas. He also lived in Roatan Island, Honduras, and most recently resided in Georgetown, Texas. Mr. Cree attended schools in Pampa as well as the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N.M. He attended the University of Texas at Austin and the Harvard School of Business Management at the University of Hawaii.

As a B-24 pilot during World War II, Mr. Cree served with the 13th Air Force in the Pacific theater. He was also a 32nd degree Mason. He was involved in the oil industry for most of his life. He was a partner and president of Cree Drilling Company, Cree Oil, Inc., and the Cree Companies of Pampa. Mr. Cree was also involved in ranching, banking and the electronics industry.

Mr. Cree was a respected civic leader in Pampa and throughout the Texas Panhandle. He is a past president of many civic and industry organizations including the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, the Pampa Fine Arts Association, the Pampa Industrial Foundation, and the Pampa Community Hotel Association. He is a former board member of the United Way and the Salvation Army. He served on the Texas Governor's Conference on Fine Arts and was on the Advisory Committee for the American Petroleum Institute. He was very active in the Republican Party at both the local and national levels, including serving as a member of the national electoral college in 1972. An enthusiastic outdoorsman, Mr. Cree loved fly fishing, snow skiing, golf, tennis, sailing and flying.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; their three sons and their spouses, George and Nina Cree of Amarillo, Richard and Anne Cree of Dallas, and Harold and Susan Cree of Pampa. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Emily Cree of Fort Worth, Erin Cree of Amarillo, R.J. Cree of Dallas, Jonathan Cree of Pampa and Lindsay Cree of Pampa. Mr. Cree has one brother, William R. Cree of Abilene, and a sister, Bettye Reid of Pampa.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 26 at 4 p.m. at the Davis Funeral Home Chapel at 2900 Williams Drive, Georgetown, Texas. The body will not be available for viewing.

The family will be at 200 Lone Star Drive, Georgetown, Texas, following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to The Worship Place, c/o Charles Kirsch, 109 Aster Circle, Georgetown, TX, 78628, or to a favorite charity.

MARK EUGENE GRIMES

BORGER - Mark Eugene Grimes, a longtime Borger resident and member of a pioneer family, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2000, at Pampa of Alzheimer's Disease. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Keeler Baptist Church of Borger.

Mr. Grimes was born July 25, 1917, at Kingfisher, Okla. He married Ellena Farris Gullett Grimes on Dec. 14, 1939, at Pawhuska, Osage County, Okla.

Mr. Grimes was a ranch foreman on a ranch in Kansas during World War II and came to work in Borger for Phillips Petroleum in the Plains Plant at Bunavista in 1950. He also founded his own construction company in Borger and worked many years on remodeling and new construction on homes of area residents.

He was a member of Keeler Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by the following brothers and sisters, Jane Sumpter Casebeer, Lucinda Jech, Annabelle Hutchinson Henderson, Eva Mae Hubby, Flora Turner, John Winston Grimes and Marion Grimes; and an infant brother, James William Grimes. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Ellena, of Borger, presently residing in a managed care center in Pampa; two sons and daughters-in-law, Melvin Eugene and Judy Hugg, Grimes of Yorba Linda, Calif., and Harold Joe and Ann Thornburg Grimes of Pampa and East Texas; a brother, Laddy J. Grimes of Norman, Okla.; nine grandchildren including Natalie Palmer of Anaheim Hills, Calif., Melanie Barden and Mark Eugene Grimes, both of Whittier, Calif., Stephanie Lehner of Victorville, Calif., Julie and Lee Ann and James Grimes, all of Borger, Cyndy Cox of Fort Worth and Christy Fanelli of Virginia Beach, Va.; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department reported no emergency calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Obituaries (cont.)

DEWEY ADRIAN BOND

AMARILLO - Dewey Adrian Bond, 75, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2000. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel with Dr. Howard Batson, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at 12 p.m. in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa.

Mr. Bond was born at Panhandle and attended school in Pampa. He married Mildred E. Martin in 1947 at Pampa; she died in 1987. He married Henrietta M. Heuston in 1988 at Amarillo. He worked for "Oilwell," a division of United States Steel Corporation, retiring in 1980.

He was a Baptist. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the South Pacific and Japan during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Henrietta; a daughter, Rhonda J. Biard; two stepdaughters, Karen G. Williams and Cindy Sharp; a sister, Ramona Deloe; two grandchildren; and five stepgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association, 2404 W. 7th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106; or to a favorite charity.

LLOYD G. CARTER

AMARILLO - Lloyd G. Carter, 88, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2000. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Sherman Eastland, chaplain of Northwest Texas Healthcare System, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Rector Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Carter was born at St. Isabel, Colo. He lived in Borger and Pampa most of his life and owned-operated Carter Construction. He moved to Amarillo several years ago.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving during World War II.

Survivors include two daughters, Susan Rasor of Kilgore and Rosemary Harper of Ranger; two sons, Robert Carter and Lloyd Henry Carter, both of Amarillo; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

NANNIE MAE COATS

LUBBOCK - Nannie Mae Coats, 84, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2000, at Covenant Medical Center. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Franklin Bartley Chapel with the Rev. Chris Sutton and the Rev. Dale Cain officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Franklin Bartley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Coats was born Dec. 19, 1915, at Santa Anna, Texas. She married Lloyd L. Coats in 1938 in Dawson County. She moved from Lamesa to Higginbotham in 1949 and to Hobbs, N.M., in 1972. In 1981, she moved to Lubbock. She was a homemaker and farmed in Gaines and Lea Counties for many years.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and Lydia Class.

Survivors include two daughters, Gayla Burton of Pampa and Beverly Cox of Lubbock; two sons, Billy Coats of Lubbock and Lloyd P. Coats of Qanah; a sister, Bea Peacher of Chula Vista, Calif.; a brother, Jack Crow of Okmulgee, Okla.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund, 5301 82nd St., Lubbock, TX 79424.

Accidents

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

Thursday, Aug. 24

1:16 a.m. - A 1989 Chevrolet pickup, driven by Justin Barry-Mattiza, 21, Childress, collided with a billboard post in the 600 block of East Frederic. Police said Mattiza apparently fell asleep while driving. He was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural Metro Ambulance Service where he was treated and released. No damage to the billboard post was reported.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Aug. 23

10:13 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Perryton Parkway and transported one to PRMC.

11:40 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

2:42 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSAW.

10:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart; no transport.

Thursday, Aug. 24

12:09 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

1:18 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Frederic and Barnes for a motor vehicle accident and transported one to PRMC.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa			
Wheat	2.21	Columbia HCA	32.78
Milo	2.24	Faron	36.78
Corn	2.68	Halliburton	53.316
Soybeans	3.75	Kerr-McCree	61.38
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion			
Occidental	21.716	Limted	19.1116
Fidelity Magdn	140.48	McDonald's	30.1116
Puritan	19.55	Exxon Mobil	82.78
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa			
BP Amoco	56.1116	New Atmos	21.316
Calvert	17.516	NOI	35.12
Calvert CREG	19.778	OKF	31.12
Chevron	36.12	Pennys	15.12
Coca-Cola	58.1516	Phillips	61.34
		Procter Nat	13.58
		SIB	85.78
		Tenneco	71.16
		Ultramar	24.14
		Wal Mart	49.34
		Williams	45.1316
		New York Gold	270.60
		Silver	4.74
		West Texas Crude	32.42

BUDGET

fiscal year starts Oct. 1. Andrews said hotel/motel tax receipts are on the decline and said \$10,000 for the tourism budget actually would constitute a larger percentage of the tax fund than the CoC received before. To that, Curry said, "The only

way to raise more hotel tax dollars is to rent more rooms. So, the Coronado Inn needs to get its act together."

Curry was making reference to the opinion many hold that the motel is substandard and needs refurbishing if it is going to be viable.

"Part of the hotel/motel tax helps to keep M.K. Brown [Civic

Auditorium] afloat," she said. The tax is seven percent of the cost of a room.

A later check with City Finance Director John Horst shows in FY 96-97 the special tax brought in \$108,000. It had dropped to \$102,000 last year and is projected to bring in about \$102,000 by the time the current fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

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MUSEUM

museum staff's salaries, owns all the contents of the museum, and pays all maintenance and operational costs, she said, adding her annual budget is reviewed and approved by the Commissioners Court.

"The advisory board is strictly advisory. Its decisions are presented to the Commissioners Court for approval," Davidson said, adding that the advisory board primarily focuses on long-range planning for the museum. Board members also comprise several committees, including exhibits, memorials, and facilities, who work closely with the museum director.

"On the other hand, the White Deer Land Museum Foundation is a 501(c)3 board whose primary function is to raise funds, apply for grants and start endowments," she said. "They're responsible for capital purchases and large improvements such as renovation and building."

"We have two boards with two different functions, but their goal is the same - to support the museum," Davidson said. "They are all volunteers and we're very grateful for them. We realize the many hours and energy they put into this board."

While the Foundation is responsible for the "Evening Under the Stars" fund-raiser, the advisory board will participate by keeping the museum open for tours, helping sell tickets and helping serve the meal, she said.

"By the same token, when the advisory board needs help with a project, they go to the Foundation for financial support," the director explained.

"One example is the bronze Heritage Tree," she said. "It was the brainchild of the advisory board. They wanted to see a perpetual memorial to Gray County people."

Rich survives, but CBS wins

AP - And the sole survivor was ... Rich. But the big winner was CBS.

An estimated 51 million viewers watched the two-hour "Survivor" finale in which Richard Hatch was crowned king of the island, making it the most-watched TV program this season except for the Super Bowl, according to preliminary Nielsen ratings released by CBS.

According to the figures, Wednesday night's broadcast won a huge 28.2 household rating and 44 percent share of those watching TV during that period. This compares to the 43.3 household rating and 63 share for this year's National Football League championship.

In addition, some 36.7 million stayed tuned for the live reunion special after the show.

Final audience numbers, to be released by Nielsen later Thursday, may change the picture slightly.

The figures showed that "Survivor" continued to be a boon to CBS in another way, demographically, by drawing

younger-skewing viewers who usually tune elsewhere and are most sought-after by advertisers.

As if all this weren't enough, CBS will re-air the series from Sept. 19 through 29 (except Sunday, Sept. 24). In its announcement, the network dubbed the marathon "the Olympic Alternative."

In any case, two things are sure: The audience exceeded all expectations, but didn't put "Survivor" among the Top 100 household rating hits. The show certainly didn't approach the record-breaking numbers for the last "MASH" episode (TV's all-time champ with a 60.2 rating and 77 share), or even 1980's "Who Shot J.R.?" revelation on "Dallas" (53.3, 76), with which Wednesday's "Who Won 'Survivor'?" episode has been often compared.

All summer, viewers had debated which castaway would outlast the others. Finally, the secret was revealed.

Hatch, who had been taunted for his penchant for nudity,

stood out as the only openly gay contestant and condemned as a snake by a fellow castaway, emerged with another label: millionaire.

The 39-year-old corporate trainer took home the cash prize and a new car, confounding those certain his scheming would cost him in the end.

"I didn't think he'd win it," said Andrew Gold, co-owner of Golds Wood Fired Grill & Cafe, where Hatch ate almost daily while he trained for the show. "He wasn't worried if people liked him or didn't like him. You can hate him for that or call him arrogant. Obviously, it worked."

Outlasting Susan Hawk, Rudy Boesch and Kelly Wiglesworth, Hatch became the sole survivor from the original 16 who marooned themselves on the remote-tropical island Pulau Tiga at the series' launch in May.

The final choice - between Hatch and Wiglesworth - was handed down by a jury of seven former tribe-mates. Their vote - some complete with personal vitriol - was a squeaker: 4 to 3.

City Briefs

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BACK OFF Ladies Self Defense Classes. Contact Willoughby @pan-tex.net or Joanne 665-1131.

CARDIO KICKBOXING Classes Mon. & Thurs. 7:30-8:15 p.m. Tae Kwon Do: Martial Arts, adults & children's classes. Call 665-8554, Gale.

CHANEY'S CAFE, 716 W. Foster, Thurs. 5-8p.m., chicken & dumplings, fr. pork chops, ch. fr. steak, beef tips & rice.

PLANT SALE, also related items, bulbs, seeds, vases, etc. Pampa Garden Club, 1611 Fir, encl. patio in back. Fri, Sat. 8-1.

KILLARNEY BAR & Grill End of Summer hours: Mon.-Fri. 4 p.m.-midnight. Mon.- 2 for 1 burgers. Mon. Night Football w/ Snacks. Tues.-Ribeye San. 2 for 1. Wed.-Karaoke. Thurs.-King Crab. Fri.-Shrimp Night. Cindy's Surprise Birthday Party, Fri. eve.

NANNY NEEDED!! Teachers looking for child care in our home. One infant 7:30-4:00 and two older children 3:00-4:00. Weekdays only-All School Holidays. Please Call 665-4864-Laura

PAINTING WITH Mary Cook. Limited class, ages 8-100. New students welcome. 669-3766.

HOLIDAY GREETERS taking orders for Lighted Pumpkins, 669-1986.

SILVER CITY, 419 W. Foster, Pampa-Drawings for \$50 Aug. 25, 26, 27. Mon.-Thurs. 6-7 p.m. match 1st \$5, Fri. 25th, Pot Luck for 1st-\$5. Register every day for Free Trip for 2 to Elko, drawing Sept. 2nd, 11 p.m., must be present to win. Free meal every Fri. & Sat. Free snacks & drinks every day. New machines. New staff. Spin to Win!!

SUNSET BAR & Grill. Pool Tournament every Tues. night 8 p.m. No entry fee. \$75-1st place.

SUNSET BAR & Grill-Now open daily! To be given away for each Dallas Cowboys Home Game, tickets for 2! 1st game Sept. 3rd. Drawing will be Aug. 28. Every time you visit, you have 1 more chance!! Must be present to win. Call 665-7119 for more info.

Weather focus

PAMPA - Mostly sunny and hot today with a high of 95-100 and south-southwest winds at 10-15 mph. Mostly clear tonight with a low of 70 and south winds at 10 mph. Mostly sunny with a high of 95-100 with south-southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 95; the overnight low 70.

STATEWIDE - The persistent hot, dry weather pattern was expected to continue through the weekend for much of Texas, with a high-pressure system still in

control of the state. Early-morning lows Thursday ranged from the 50s to 80s. It was 57 degrees at Marfa and 82 at Dallas Love Field and at Laughlin Air Force Base near Del Rio.

Other readings included 72 at Nacogdoches. Skies were mostly clear, with high, thin cirrus clouds in the south and in the Big Bend's western sections.

Patchy light fog developed in the Golden Triangle area around Beaumont. Winds were mostly southerly

at 5 to 10 mph, with the exception of northeasterly gusts at Guadalupe Pass.

Wednesday's high was 101 at Wichita Falls.

A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms was forecast for south central and eastern sections of the state through Saturday.

Daytime highs should range from the mid-90s to 102, with lows overnight in the 70s.

There's a slight chance of evening thunderstorms in Southeast Texas through Saturday.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE
Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

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

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

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

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

MASONIC LODGE #966
Pampa Masonic Lodge #966, 420 W. Kingsmill, will meet at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 19 to present Golden Trowel Awards to R.C. Grider and Haldane Suttie.

ACT I
ACT I Community Theatre will hold auditions for its first play of the season, "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," at 7 p.m. Aug. 22 and 24 at the ACT I theatre located near the west entrance of Pampa Mall.

PAMPA GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY PARTY
Pampa Girl Scout Sunday Party will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 24 at Girl Scout Little House, 720 E. Kingsmill. The event is being sponsored by Texas Plains Girl Scout Council for girls in grades K-12th. Registration forms will be available for parents to sign.

CMBC GOLF TOURNAMENT
The Second Annual Coffee Memorial Blood Center Golf Tournament fund-raiser is slated Friday, Aug. 25 at Arrowhead Course at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The four-person scramble will begin at 1:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$50 and will include green fees, cart, goody bag, beverage tickets and a dinner donated by Haffbrau Steaks. Only 32 teams may enter. The deadline for entry is Friday, Aug. 18. For more information call, Linda Guthrie at (806) 358-4563.

PPQG
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. The program will be "Quilt Labels" and members may participate by bringing their own ideas, instructions and demonstrations on labels to share with the group. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (806) 779-2115.

TEXANS CARING FOR TEXANS
Texans Caring for Texans will hold a Public Employee Recognition from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 24 at Amarillo College Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk, Amarillo.

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

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

Annual Top O' Texas CattleWomen Style Show and Brunch in offing

Preparations for the Top O' Texas CattleWomen Style Show and Brunch are currently under way. The event is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 at Pampa Country Club. Quiche, crepes, assorted muffins, fruit, tea and coffee will be served.

Eleven area merchants will be participating in the show, providing a wide variety of fall and winter clothes. Those attending will get a preview of the latest and hottest trends in fashion for the coming season.

In addition, a \$200 gift certificate from Duncan and Boyd Jewelers of Amarillo will be given away as a door prize. Jewelry from Duncan and Boyd will also be on display. Other door prizes will be awarded from each participating merchant.

The participating merchants are: Dunlaps, Images, V.J.'s Imports, Bealls, Kids' Stuff, Wayne's Western Wear, Vernell's of Shamrock, Canadian River Originals of Canadian, and Pampered Lady and Main Place of Amarillo.

Treat yourself, family and friends to a fun morning by attending the Top O' Texas CattleWomen style show and brunch! Tickets are \$15 and the \$200 drawing is open even if you are unable to attend. For more information or for tickets, call (806) 256-3887.

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

PAS DANCE
Pampa Area Singles will hold a dance from 8-11 p.m. Aug. 26 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Indian Summer will perform. Cost is \$6 per person. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

HAPPY CELEBRATION
The 34th Annual Happy Days Celebration will be Aug. 18-20 at Happy. The event will include: Craft shows, a parade, an Old Timers reunion and barbecue, Top of Texas Cloggers, a barbecue, Little Britches Rodeo, Washer Pitch, "Introduction to Bull Riders," and a team roping. For parade inquiries, call (806) 558-2231. For booth space information, call (806) 558-2121. Call (806) 995-4646 about the bull rider event and (806) 558-3381 about the team roping.

PALO DURO BENEFIT
Palo Duro Canyon State Park Endowment Fund will present Western singer and poet Red Steagall and friends Don Edwards and Andy Wilkinson in a benefit performance at 8 p.m. Sept. 9 in Palo Duro's Pioneer Amphitheater. Tickets — to be available at the door — are \$30 per person and may be purchased in advance at all First American Bank locations, at Palo Duro Canyon Visitor Center or by mail. For more information, call Larry Scruggs at (806) 488-2222, ext. 0.

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

RUSHING WIND EMMAUS
Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 at First Baptist Church, 601 N. Academy, Guymon, Okla. A meeting of the board of directors is scheduled at 4:30 p.m. at the church. A fellowship meal will be served followed by a worship service. A nursery will be provided. Rushing Wind will also sponsor a Walk to Emmaus Sept. 14-17 for women and a men's walk Oct. 10-22 at Waka Christian Center in Waka.

FPC
Frank Phillips College has announced the following upcoming continuing education and community service courses for the month of August: "Seniors Online Internet Class," Aug. 14-25; "American Red Cross Babysitting Training class," 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Aug. 12; "Beginning Sewing," Aug. 21-Oct. 30; "Medical Terminology," Aug. 21-Sept. 21. For more information, call (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

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

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

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: Sept. 11, Shepherd's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, and Aug. 14 and Sept. 5, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

ACT DEADLINE
The next ACT Assessment test will be administered Sept. 23. College-bound students must register for the college admissions and placement exam by Aug. 18. There is a late registration postmark deadline of Sept. 1 but an extra fee is charged for late registrations. Students can register for the ACT via their high school counselors or on-line at www.act.org. The website has sample tests and other helpful information.

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

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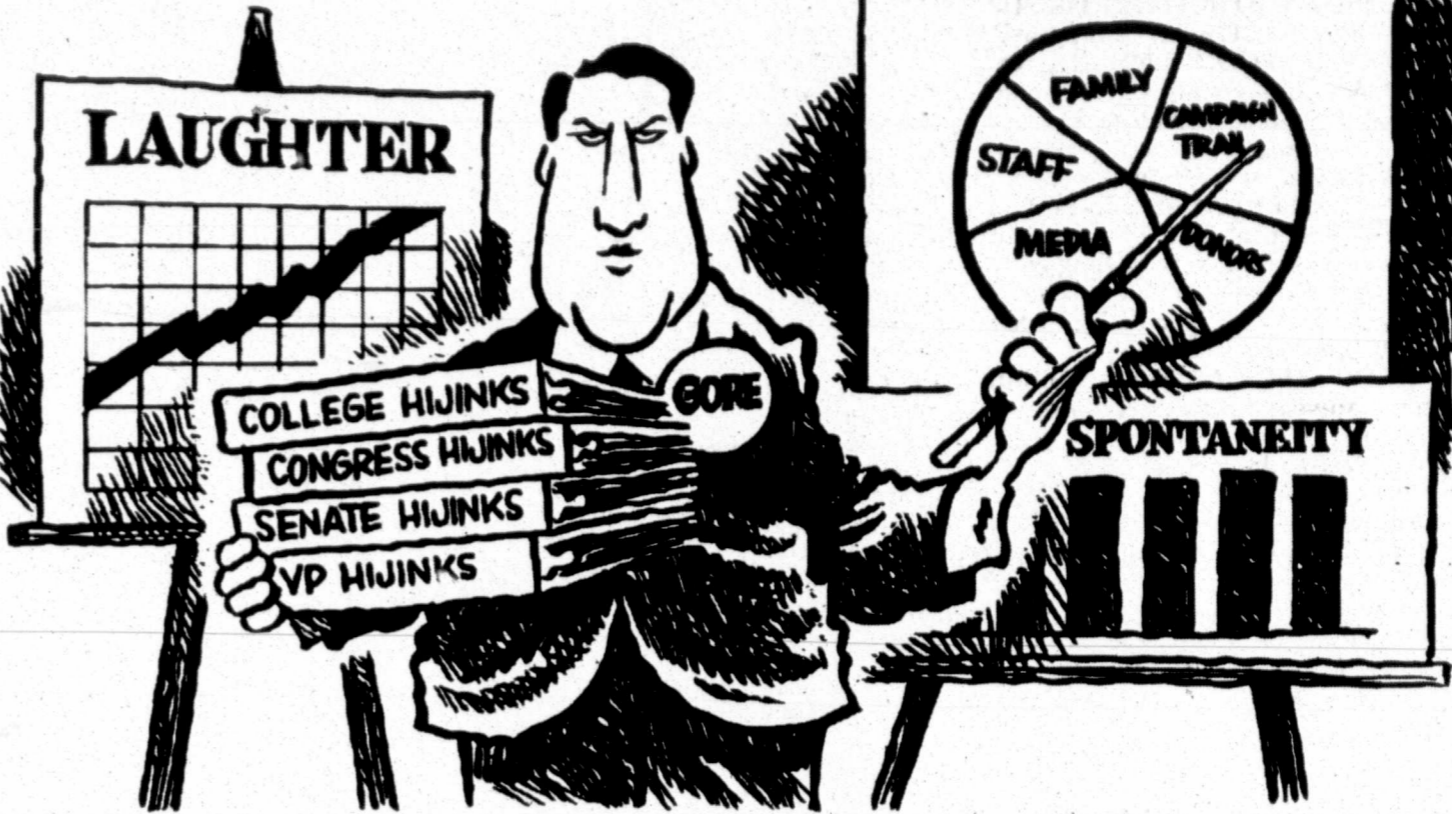
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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:
The Dallas Morning News on Social Security:
Social Security recently turned 65. If it were a person, it would be eligible to retire. It ought to. It's time for it to make way for new blood.

The United States needs a new kind of Social Security. The pay-as-you-go system was right for 1935. Then, there were scores of workers paying Social Security payroll taxes to support each beneficiary. Today, there are 3.4. Thirty-five years from now, there will be no more than 2.1 and perhaps as few as 1.7.

Forget about the \$1 trillion Social Security trust fund. The federal government borrowed that money to help it finance the big deficits of the last three decades. So don't believe it when the system's trustees say that they have enough money to pay beneficiaries until 2037. The real date to watch is 2015, when payments to beneficiaries begin to exceed payroll taxes collected.

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush deserves credit for proposing the only worthwhile plan of the campaign season for ensuring that retirees receive their full benefits, namely allowing workers to invest a portion of their payroll taxes in private markets.

Mr. Bush's plan may sound revolutionary. It isn't. Other countries facing the same demographic realities as the United States are reforming their national pension systems along those lines. Britain, Australia, Sweden, Chile and Mexico are among the countries that have allowed their workers to do what Mr. Bush proposes.

Skeptics and opponents of the proposal raise important questions. What if the markets go bust? Should the government be in the business of investing payroll taxes in private companies? And what happens to current retirees if the government starts siphoning off payroll taxes to private markets?

There are good answers to all these questions. First, the average annual return on U.S. stocks over the last half-century is more than 7 percent more than three times what U.S. taxpayers pay themselves in interest for the government's tapping of the Social Security trust fund. Any reform must include a guaranteed minimum benefit that would be financed, if necessary, through general revenue.

Second, the government should license private stock funds in which workers would choose to invest; it shouldn't make the actual investments. Third, the government must guarantee that present and incipient retirees will get all the benefits to which they are entitled.

The transition to a modern system would be costly. Use the huge federal surpluses that government actuaries predict over the next decade to finance it.

Retirement is sometimes difficult. Yet the present system's time has come. Keeping it would be a disservice to Americans, who deserve better.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on treasure hunters:
Officials should bring reason to the chaotic rules of valuables found at sea.

Every scuba diver, every person who visits a beach and walks along the water's edge and, of course, everyone traipsing through the sand with a metal detector is hoping for the same thing: to find treasure lost at sea.

Some turn the search into a professional, high-risk, high-tech, high-gain venture.

Perhaps the best-known treasure hunter is Mel Fisher, who found the sunken Spanish galleon Nuestra Senora de Atocha off Key West. The site already has yielded up to \$400 million in treasure, and Fisher's organization has just announced the discovery of another section of the ship.

Over the years and through the courts, the rule has been that the government takes about a quarter of the find in territorial waters and the rest goes to the finders.

But a recent federal appeals court decision in Virginia has changed the game. The court took the rights to two shipwrecks away from the company that found them and gave them to Spain.

Some argue that the issue isn't about sunken ships and the treasure they carried, but about preservation of ancient historical sites.

"They're disappearing so rapidly that in another decade there will probably be hardly any known historic shipwrecks left," University of Miami professor John Gifford told 'The Miami Herald.'

Nonsense, say treasure hunters. It's about the gold, and the government wants a bigger share.

Critics of the Virginia ruling argue that a likely result is more plunder of old shipwrecks, with the artifacts melted down to gold and silver ingots sold on the black market to avoid the law.

The wrecks will be found regardless — the rewards are too great for them not to be. But the archaeology is equally as valuable as the gold, silver and precious jewels buried in the sand.

Perhaps the Oceans Act of 2000, which creates a special commission charged with a broad study of federal ocean policy, will take a look at this issue as it holds public hearings in the nation's coastal regions. President Clinton signed the bill establishing the commission earlier this month.

Conservatives should support Bush

You would think that any conservative who heard George W. Bush's acceptance speech would be fired up to see him elected. You'd be wrong about some of them.


There are some intellectuals who are into nit-picking and prefer to do that rather than to see the country led out of its present morass. Some are into conspiracy theories. Some are, I guess, closet Marxists because they are so distressed that Bush and his running mate, Dick Cheney, are financially well-off. A few, I'm sorry to say, are just racists.

Bush calls his conservatism "compassionate conservatism." I call it realistic conservatism. It is the only kind of conservatism that has a chance of winning. It is the only kind of conservatism that is appropriate for this country at this moment in time. It is a kind of conservatism that I can support without agreeing on every single issue or policy point.

Anyone who cannot recognize the enormous and drastic differences between Bush and Al Gore has vision problems that will require more than an ophthalmologist to correct. Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge said, "If the American people could know George W. Bush the way I do, this election would be over." The differences are that sharp.

Who would you rather have in the White House: a chronic liar or a man who says, "When I act, you will know my reasons, and when I speak, you will know what is in my

Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist



heart"? Who would you rather have in the White House: a man who drips malice and automatically resorts to character assassination or a man who will break off in the middle of campaign schedule to visit with a grieving friend? Who would you rather have: a man committed to continuing the vicious partisanship that ruins lives and paralyzes government or a man determined to restore civility and decency to the political process?

Americans have a clear choice between an authentic, decent and honorable man and an indecent political opportunist who has demonstrated throughout his political career that, like Bill Clinton, Al Gore will say and do anything to win or hold on to power.

I'm tempted to say that the November election gives Americans a choice between saving the country or committing national suicide. I truly believe that after four more years of the kind of government that we've had the past eight, America won't even be recognizable.

The politics of divisiveness that Gore and his crowd routinely practice will destroy this country.

As for the conservative holdouts, keep in mind that some people make a living running for president on obscure party tickets. That way they sell books, tapes and newsletters and rejuvenate their fund-raising mailing lists, which in Washington are like gold. Others are on an ego trip.

You should understand the difference between dealing with reality and dealing with theory. My druthers would be to duplicate the kind of government and the agrarian society, minus the slavery, we had in 1800. When I write critical articles about the government, I frequently am judging the present by the criteria of those early times. I, however, at least have sense enough to know that it is impossible to recreate those times. I don't confuse ideals and history with the present.

My dad used to say that whenever America got into trouble, somehow the right person always came along. I believe George W. Bush is that right person at the right time and that the November election is one of the most important in the past 100 years.

Those of you who get off the couch and help Bush win will look back and realize it was one of the best things you ever did for your country. Do it for your children and your grandchildren.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 24, the 237th day of 2000. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 24, 1814, British forces invaded Washington, setting fire to the Capitol and the White House.

On this date:

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died.

In 1572, the slaughter of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics began in Paris.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly nonstop across the United States, traveling from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in just over 19 hours.

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty went into effect.

In 1954, the Communist Control Act went into effect, virtually outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific.

In 1970, a bomb planted by antiwar extremists exploded at the University of Wisconsin's Army Math Research Center in Madison, killing 33-year-old researcher Robert Fassnacht.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for slaying rock star John Lennon.

In 1989, Baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti banned Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose from the game for gambling.

In 1992, Hurricane "Andrew" smashed into Florida.

Ten years ago: Iraqi troops surrounded foreign missions in Kuwait.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev sent a message to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein warning the Persian Gulf situation was "extremely dangerous." Irish hostage Brian Keenan was released by his captors in Lebanon after being held more than four years.

Five years ago: China expelled Chinese-American human rights activist Harry Wu, hours after convicting him of spying. Microsoft Corporation began selling its highly publicized Windows 95 personal computer software.

Fox's policy clashes with political reality

To some, the political winds that swept underdog Vincente Fox into Mexico's presidency last month are a fresh breeze wafting across the Rio Grande, carrying promises of better days for Mexico and its relationship with the United States.

But, analysts say, the good will could blow away just as suddenly if Fox, who takes office Dec. 1, insists on a freer flow of Mexican workers into the United States. Fox is expected to bring up the issue later this week in separate meetings with President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore in Washington and with Gov. George W. Bush in Dallas.

Fox defeated the seemingly invincible PRI party — which ruled Mexico for more than 70 years — in elections on July 2. In his campaign he talked of Mexico and the United States becoming "partners," and he is an unabashed globalist. He vows to create conditions for a doubling of American investment in Mexico and to wage an all-out war on corruption in his country.

He also pledges to allow the extradition of Mexican drug traffickers to the United States, something Mexico traditionally has been reluctant to do. All of this delights American officials, who say they expect the gains in cross-border ties of recent years to continue under Fox.

But there are some U.S. reservations about Fox, especially his fierce opposition to the U.S. policy of spending billions of dollars each year to keep undocumented Mexicans off U.S. soil.

Fox wants eventually to do away with border controls. He envisions the transformation

George Gedda
AP Special correspondent

of the three countries of North America into a kind of European Union, where the citizens of one can work in any other member nation.

He points out that open borders among EU countries have brought Portugal and Greece much closer to economy parity with other EU members.

But critics argue the two situations are not comparable, noting that Portugal and Greece have populations much smaller than Mexico and that their migrant workers were dispersed throughout EU countries.

In contrast, the number of poor Mexicans is large, an estimated 40 million, and the great majority who are inclined to migrate look to the United States — and no other country — for their economic salvation.

Fox is not looking to the United States to solve Mexico's population surplus. Rather, he would offer incentives for Mexicans to stay at home, including an economic program that would create jobs on a scale far greater than what is being done today.

He is adamant about doing away with the status quo.

"By building up walls, by putting up armies, by dedicating billions of dollars like every border state is doing to avoid migration, is not the way to go," Fox says.

Many Americans obviously disagree and believe existing barriers are inadequate. Six

weeks before Fox's election, the House approved a bill sponsored by Rep. James Traficant, D-Ohio, to allow deployment of U.S. troops along the border to protect a variety of U.S. interests, including the curbing of drug trafficking and of weapons smuggling. The vote was 243-183. The sentiment reflected in the vote was diametrically opposed to Fox's vision.

A similar bill has been approved by the House on two previous occasions but died in negotiations with the Senate both times.

David Smith, director of public policy for the AFL-CIO, says open borders are impractical with two countries at such different stages of development.

A guest worker program favored by Fox would pit arriving Mexican workers against American workers, resulting in a "race to the bottom" between the two groups.

George Garrison, a Mexico expert at the College of William and Mary, agrees. "The chances of an American floor sweeper in a Houston high-rise to get a raise are greatly diminished when there is a squadron of immigrant job seekers waiting outside," he says.

Willard Workman, a vice president at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, says he believes the issue is worthy of official discussions but in the meantime, "We're going to keep the border policed."

"Just as we don't want goods dumped, we don't want labor dumped," he says.

EDITOR'S NOTE — George Gedda has covered foreign affairs for The Associated Press since 1968.

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Texas news round up ...

Former nursing aide executed for rape-slaying

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — With a wink and a nod to a friend and an apology to the brother of the woman he killed, convicted killer David Earl Gibbs was put to death.

"I have wronged you and your family and for that I am truly sorry," Gibbs, 39, told Mickey Bryant, the brother of one of his victims, while strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney Wednesday evening.

As Bryant watched a few feet away through a window, a friend looked through a similar window in an adjoining room, the palms of her hands on the glass. He winked at her, then nodded.

Seven minutes later, he was pronounced dead, the fifth condemned killer in Texas to be executed in 15 days.

"It was easy for him, but nevertheless his life is up," said Bryant, who accepted Gibbs' apology but said he would let God decide if the killer truly was repentant.

"For my sister's sake, I needed to be here. I didn't come here in a vindictive fashion at all. I just came here as a representative of my family to see this through to the end. And this is the end."

Gibbs was condemned for raping and slitting the throat of Marietta Bryant, 29, who was slain along with her roommate 15 years ago at their Conroe apartment.

Prosecutors described him as a cold, cunning killer who smoked a cigarette over one of the bodies. Police called the rampage one of the worst crimes in Conroe's history.

Corrections committee chair says guards will get raise next session

RUSK, Texas (AP) — Prison employees will get a pay raise next legislative session, but chairman of the House Committee on Corrections says it won't be an easy task to convince legislators to allocate more than \$80 million of the state's surplus to the cause.

"This is going to take a tough sell," Rep. Pat Haggerty, R-El Paso, told about 150 prison workers Wednesday evening in Rusk. "But if the problem is not solved, one day we will have to open the (prison) doors and let everybody out."

Low pay has led to a shortage of guards and dangerous working conditions, say prison employees. Texas, with about

28,000 guards, is about 1,700 short of what the Legislature has approved.

"Many of the better officers now quit to go into the private sector," said Rodney Smith, a grievance investigator at the Skyview/Hodge Unit. "We are shorthanded and that creates safety problems for offenders and employees."

Guards have been calling on Bush and the Legislature to boost pay since guard Danny Nagle was stabbed to death at a Beeville prison late last year.

Federal agency imposes restrictions on reopening blast-torn pipeline

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — The nation's deadliest natural gas pipeline disaster in decades has brought down new restrictions on operators of the line that exploded, killing 11 campers and critically burning a 12th.

El Paso Natural Gas Co. must prove the line that exploded early Saturday and two neighboring lines are safe through a series of tests before putting the lines back in service, the U.S. Office of Pipeline Safety said in a seven-page order Wednesday.

Among other things, the order requires the pipelines to pass pressure tests as well as X-ray and ultrasound structural testing. Investigators found corrosion in one section of pipe that blew Saturday.

"I find that the resumed and continued operation of El Paso's pipelines without corrective measures would be hazardous to life, property and the environment," says the order signed by Stacey Gerard, associate administrator for pipeline safety.

Gas company spokeswoman Norma Dunn declined immediate comment.

Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Kelley Coyner, head of the Research and Special Programs Administration in the U.S. Department of Transportation, planned to spend Thursday in southeastern New Mexico and in El Paso, Texas, as investigators sought causes of the explosion.

The NTSB on Wednesday labeled Saturday's blast the deadliest pipeline accident in the continental United States in nearly 25 years.

The blast around 5:30 a.m. Saturday 25 miles south of Carlsbad sent a fireball 350 feet high into the predawn sky and

billows of flame into a nearby Pecos River campsite where the 12 members of two extended families were spending a week-end fishing trip together. The heat melted camping equipment, turned sand into glass and baked concrete into powder.

The only survivor, Amanda Smith, 25, remained in critical condition Wednesday at a Lubbock, Texas, hospital. Doctors say smoke inhalation has caused heart and lung problems.

Report: Fatal blast, corrosion not first for El Paso Natural Gas Co.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The owner of the pipeline that exploded in New Mexico, killing 11 campers, has had 30 mishaps — two of them fatal — caused by corrosion in the past 30 years, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The newspaper's review of Office of Pipeline Safety documents, published Thursday, also shows that El Paso Natural Gas Co. has had 205 pipeline ruptures since 1970, the first year the records were available.

National Transportation Safety Board investigators said this week they found corrosion in a 22-foot section blown off the pipeline that ruptured along the Pecos River in southeastern New Mexico. They have not pinpointed the cause of Saturday's blast, but parts of the pipe showing corrosion will be sent to Washington for testing.

More than half of the pipeline ruptures, or 55.2 percent, were caused by construction or material defects in the pipe. Records show that another 21.5 percent occurred from outside damage, 14.6 percent by corrosion and 8.7 percent attributed to other factors.

Corroded pipes were ruled as the cause of two previous accidents that were fatal.

The first recorded deaths were in 1975 when a 12-inch gas line ruptured in Ector County, in West Texas. Three employees were killed and two other injured.

The last fatal pipeline rupture was 15 years ago in Glasscock County, also in West Texas.

High gas prices drive last sale as future of royalty relief in air

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Federal royalty relief that triggered a boom in far-offshore petroleum drilling in the Gulf of

Mexico may be renewed, at least for the deepest underwater tracts, when the current program expires in November.

Wednesday's annual lease auction for federally owned drilling tracts in the western Gulf of Mexico was the last sale before the current royalty plan ends on Nov. 28.

Since 1996, production companies have received breaks on the federal royalty payments for Gulf tracts 600 feet and deeper with reductions growing as the wells got deeper.

Combined with the current high oil and natural gas prices, officials with the U.S. Minerals Management Service have credited the program for the growing number of deepwater projects. The number of deepwater rigs in the Gulf stands at 34, up from 26 a year ago.

MMS has the administrative authority to renew the program, which expires Nov. 28, but no decision has been made, said Walt Rosenbusch, director of the U.S. Minerals Management Service.

Rosenbusch said royalty relief for all depths is being considered, but the breaks likely are still needed for "ultra-deep" projects — at least 4,800 feet deep.

Another consideration is that without some relief for deepwater projects, exploration companies might choose to shift some of the work to tracts in western Africa and Brazil, both of which have had major petroleum finds, Rosenbusch said.

Some lawyers urging tire accident victims to resist class-action suits

HOUSTON (AP) — Some lawyers representing people injured in accidents allegedly caused by Firestone tires are urging their clients to avoid class-action lawsuits because they say punitive damages are harder to win.

Most of the class-action lawsuits stemming from Firestone's recall of 6.5 million tires seek money to replace the tires and repair damaged vehicles — not punish the manufacturer for injuries allegedly caused by tire-related accidents.

"I don't want to be caught up in a swell and held back by these other cases. Fatalities and serious-injury cases would likely resist going class-action," Michael Moriarty, a lawyer for a Cypress woman paralyzed in an alleged tire-related crash, told

the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions.

Punitive damages can vastly increase potential awards, but generally require that plaintiffs meet a higher standard of proof for negligence.

Earlier this month, Nashville-based Bridgestone/Firestone recalled P235/75R15 ATX and ATX II tires as well as 15-inch Wilderness AT tires made at a Decatur, Ill., plant. The tires are mostly on Ford trucks and sport utility vehicles.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is investigating 62 deaths and more than 100 injuries possibly linked to the tires. In many cases, the tread separated from the tire, causing a blowout and a rollover accident.

Elsewhere

CLEAN CONFESSION: An Austin judge ruled Wednesday a key confession in the case of three men accused of Austin's yogurt shop slayings can be used as evidence. Judge Mike Lynch rejected defense lawyers' arguments that the statement by Robert Springsteen Jr. should be thrown out because police didn't read him his rights before interviewing him. Springsteen is one of three men facing capital murder charges in the 1991 killings of four teen-age girls at an I Can't Believe It's Yogurt shop in Austin. Maurice Pierce, 24, and Michael Scott, 26, are also charged with capital murder in the slayings. ... **SOLEMN SALVAGE:** Navy diving teams are busy recovering debris from the MH-53E Sea Dragon helicopter that crashed two weeks ago in the Gulf of Mexico, killing four men and injuring two others.

Divers from the U.S.S. Grapple, one of the Navy's four rescue and salvage ship, Wednesday arrived at the crash site, three miles off Padre Island National Seashore. Killed in the crash were the pilot, Lt. Shawn O. Jacobs, his co-pilot, Lt. Edward R. Fassnacht, and Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey S. Paschal and Petty Officer 2nd Class David E. Rutherford. ... **FIREFIGHTING FELONS:** For the first time, Texas prisons have teamed up with state forestry officials to create teams of inmate fire crews. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has put together 18 inmate firefighting teams from various state prisons trained by forestry officials. The crews, made up of at least 15 offenders and four TDCJ staff members, will mainly "mop-up" hot spots that could re-ignite.

Budget cuts and staffing issues have prompted the Texas Forest Service to use the inmates crews. **GREEN TEXAS:** State environmental officials have agreed to study Texas' role in global warming and consider next year whether to change state emissions regulations.

Environmentalists say it's a step in the right direction. They say Texas leads the nation and is seventh in the world for production of carbon dioxide and methane, two gases that contribute to global warming. Officials' top immediate priority remains reducing ozone levels in the smoggy Houston-Galveston area. The Commission has a December deadline to present federal officials with a final plan to deal with the Houston-Galveston smog problem.

Two children killed with pitchfork; assailant slain

MERCED, Calif. (AP) — A stranger broke into a home and fatally stabbed a 9-year-old girl and her 8-year-old brother with a pitchfork before he was shot to death by sheriff's deputies.

Three other siblings, including one who was bleeding from puncture wounds, escaped by climbing through windows and running through fields to a neighbor's house, where one called 911.

"There's somebody in my house who I don't know," 14-year-old Jessica Lynn Carpenter told the dispatcher. "(He's) stabbing my brother and sister with a pitchfork. You have to be careful — he's going to kill them."

When deputies arrived at the house in this rural community about 60 miles north of Fresno, the stranger charged at them with the pitchfork, authorities said.

"He was pointing it at them and going right after them. He wouldn't stop," Assistant Sheriff Henry Strength said. "They were hollering at him to stop, but he wouldn't stop. Finally they had to shoot him."

The man's identity was not immediately known, but there appeared to be no connection between him and the family, Strength said.

"He came from nowhere. Right now we have no motive. We have no reason why this thing even happened," Strength said.

Ashley and John Carpenter were killed in their beds. Anna Marie, 13, was hospitalized and

in satisfactory condition Thursday.

The children's parents were not at home at the time, the Merced Sun-Star reported.

Jessica told authorities she had just awoken and was walking

out of her bedroom when she saw the man in the house. He had closed all the windows and pushed the furniture against the walls.

The girl told relatives she ran back to her room, locked the door

and tried to phone for help but the line was dead. She escaped out her window and ran barefoot through the fields until she found a neighbor who was at home.

"It's worse than any horror you could imagine," said Priscilla

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NTSB closes books on TWA Flight 800

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a four-year, \$36 million investigation the National Transportation Safety Board closed its books on the crash of TWA Flight 800 and recommended changes in aircraft wiring and better fuel systems.

The board formally concluded on Wednesday that the Boeing 747 was destroyed by an explosion in its center fuel tank, probably triggered by a short circuit. It asked the Federal Aviation Administration to examine aircraft wiring practices, review wiring design specifications and require improvements.

The FAA has 90 days to respond to the recommendations. Board Chairman Jim Hall said that during the TWA investigation his agency has sent 11 other recommendations to the FAA, and it has acted or is taking action on most of them.

Speculation on the cause of the crash off the coast of New York's Long Island, which killed all 230 aboard, has ranged from maintenance problems to a bomb, a missile, and even a meteorite. In a two-day hearing concluding its investigation the board struggled to disprove those theories.

Joseph Lychner of Houston, who lost his wife, Pam, a former TWA flight attendant, and his two young daughters, Shannon and Katie, in the disaster, found little comfort at the hearing.

"The presentation by the NTSB has been excellent but there have been no surprises. The center fuel tank blew up and killed my family, and the loved ones of the other family members. That is not supposed to happen, is it?" Lychner said.

Michel Breistroff from Paris, whose son Michel, 24, had been about to join the French Olympic hockey team, is not convinced the plane was brought down by a mechanical problem. He said he had lingering doubts about a missile or some other non-mechanical means.

"They have been explaining to me but inside my head I don't fully believe what they are saying. I wish I could be convinced so I could be free," Breistroff said.

The board spent much of Wednesday afternoon focusing on the missile theory, stressing that no radar returns show the presence of a missile.

Eyewitness reports generally support the evidence of an internal explosion, though a few mention a streak of light before the plane went down.

Investigator David L. Mayer said that the first explosion in the moving airplane would have looked like a small, moving light followed, a few seconds later, by a fireball as the plane broke up and fuel from other tanks went into the blaze. The fireball then would break up as the pieces fell into the ocean.

"There is a remarkable consistency of the accounts and most seem to be describing the breakup of the accident airplane," Mayer said.

Some witnesses who reported seeing a streak from the ground didn't include that in their first description, only adding it later after the idea had been raised in the news, he added.

"Witness statements only help solve the puzzle, physical evidence is almost always the key," said board member John Goglia.

Earlier Wednesday the board raised the question of aging aircraft. The TWA Flight 800 plane was 25 years old.

"The longer an airplane is around, the more changes and modifications it needs," said Hall, adding that it is not clear the industry is paying enough attention to these problems.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the aviation industry have launched aging aircraft programs to study the needs of older planes and how to deal with them.

Goglia, a former aviation mechanic, stressed that the mere age of an aircraft does not mean it's not safe. "A properly maintained airplane can last forever," he said.

Robert Swaim of the board's aviation engineering division said, however, that inspections of a number of commercial aircraft showed increasing problems as the planes got older.

AAF to sponsor estate planning workshops

AMARILLO — Amarillo Area Foundation will sponsor a one-day workshop entitled "Keeping Family Lands in the Family" Sept. 12 at the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk.

Panhandle farmers, ranchers and landowners as well as land use and estate planning professionals are encouraged to attend the workshop which will focus on estate planning techniques to help families retain agricultural and open lands. Also hosting the workshop will be American Farmland Trust, The Nature Conservancy of Texas, The Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation and The Texas Land-Trust Council.

Educational sessions will be offered to landowners during the one-day event which will be worth continuing education units for professionals. Jerry Cosgrove, attorney and field director for American Farmland Trust's Northeast office and co-author of the estate-planning guide "Your Land is Your Legacy," will lead the sessions.

Cosgrove has extensive experience in helping landowners retain family lands through estate plans which employ a variety of techniques including life insurance policies to pay estate taxes, use of conservation easements to reduce estate

taxes and advice regarding the impartial distribution of family property among heirs.

Joining Cosgrove will be A. Ryland Howard, a specialist in conservation estate planning from the San Antonio law firm Oppenheimer, Blend, Harrison and Tate, and Jim Jeffries, a real estate appraiser from Round Rock. Jeffries will discuss the appraisal of conservation easements on agricultural and open lands.

Agricultural landowners face significant pressure in Texas to sell part or all of their lands for a number of reasons — to pay estate taxes, to reduce operational debt or to accommodate expanding urban and suburban development.

Texas leads the nation in the amount of areas converted from agriculture to non-farm uses at about a quarter of a million acres per year. This workshop is designed to provide landowners and land use professionals information about estate planning options to allow for the smooth flow of assets from one generation to the next thereby giving assurance family lands will remain in family hands.

Registration for professional and beginner workshops is free; however, seating is limited. For more information or to reserve a seat at one or both sessions, contact the AAF at (806) 376-4521.

Extension Service announces two upcoming meetings

Gray County Extension Service will sponsor two meetings on crop production, water utilization and pesticide laws and regulations at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28 at the Spearman Farm north of Pampa and Thursday, Aug. 31 at Groom Community Center in Groom. Each meeting will be worth three continuing education units for private, non-commercial and commercial applicators.

Topics to be covered during the first meeting include: pesticide laws and regulations; weed, insect, irrigation for all

crops; and Rainfall Enhancement program.

Topics to be covered at the second meeting include: pesticide laws and regulations; crop, weed, insect and disease updates; AgriPartner Irrigation Demonstrations; and Water District Rainfall Enhancement program. Participants will also tour the Soybean variety trail at Joe Homers. A meal will be furnished by Atterbury Grain and Tony Treadwell. Participants must RSVP the Gray Co. Extension office by Aug. 30. For more information, call the Extension office at 669-8033.

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Rosaire Bears are to perform during the Khiva Shrine Circus slated to begin a 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25 at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena. Tickets to the circus are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be on sale at the Rodeo Arena on show day. Proceeds from this shrine circus benefits Khiva Shrine.

Rosaire's Bears to perform at circus

Rosaire's Bears will be part of the act during the Khiva Shrine Circus slated at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25 at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.

Being the eighth generation of English Circus Animal Trainers, Derrick Rosaire is well suited for the number one love of his life — bears! As a young man, Rosaire worked a famous bear named "Gentle Ben" that was owned by his father. In the following years, he worked with many different

animals — lions, tigers, elephants, chimps, horses and dogs. But still, he thought, something was missing — bears!

For the last eight years, he has worked with bears. As you watch the fast paced, loving act move along, you will realize that there is a vast amount of love given by both trainers and animals.

Derrick and his family — gather and sisters — were inducted into "The Circus Ring of Fame" in Sarasota, Fla., and also "The

Ringling Museum Circus of Fame." During the 1994-95, "Sarasota International Circus Festival," Rosaire's bears won the Gold Medal Award for Best Wild Animal Act. He and wife Kay have two sons, Derrick III and Frederick.

Tickets to the circus are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be on sale at the Rodeo Arena on show day. Proceeds from this shrine circus benefits Khiva Shrine.

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Reno says 'no' to special investigation of Gore fund raising

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the third time, Attorney General Janet Reno refused Wednesday to have an outside counsel investigate Vice President Al Gore over 1996 campaign fund-raising.

After reviewing the transcript of an April interview with Gore by the Justice Department's campaign finance task force, Reno concluded that "further investigation is not likely to result in a prosecutable case."

"The transcript reflects neither false statements nor perjury," Reno told her weekly news conference. "I've concluded that there is no reasonable possibility that further investigation would produce evidence to warrant charges."

But Reno made clear the task force investigation continues to look into 1996 campaign fund-raising activities and the events Gore was asked about — an April 1996 event at a Buddhist temple in California and a series of White House coffees where potential contributors met Gore or President Clinton.

Reno's decision was good news for Gore's presidential campaign.

"We are pleased with today's Justice Department announcement," Gore spokesman Chris Lehane said. "But our focus is going to remain where it has always been — which is on using our prosperity to help America's families."

Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush said, "While it's clear that Al Gore engaged in a number of questionable fund-raising activities and gave the FBI statements that continue to raise the issue of his credibility, the American people are sick and tired of all these scandals and investigations. The best way to put all these scandals and investigations behind us is to elect someone new."

Republicans in Congress renewed their criticism of Reno for declining in 1997 and 1998 to have an independent counsel look into fund-raising telephone calls Gore made and into whether he lied when he said he thought the money raised was for general party-building rather than for the Clinton-Gore re-election.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., criticized "the attorney general's protection of Vice President Gore over ... several years. But that now is a matter for the voters." Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., expressed disappointment and said his House Government Reform Committee would subpoena the recommendations Reno received.

Since 1998, the law authorizing her to have a special court select an independent counsel has expired. Now she must appoint any special counsels.

This time, campaign task force chief, Robert J. Conrad Jr., urged her to appoint a counsel to deter-

mine whether Gore lied to him in April about whether he knew the Buddhist temple event was a fund-raiser and about how many White House coffees he had attended.

The temple event has led to convictions of others for concealing who actually gave \$60,000 contributed afterward.

Two government officials, requesting anonymity, said Conrad was the only federal prosecutor recommending outside investigation of Gore for the April remarks. But Reno went out of her way to deny that Conrad was the lone Justice Department voice advocating that.

She said two others did so but would not identify them. Officials said the recommendations supporting Conrad came from FBI Director Louis Freeh and one of his aides. Freeh has backed an outside investigation for three years.

Even as she rejected his advice, Reno praised Conrad as "an excellent prosecutor."

"There will always be disagreements among lawyers. The Supreme Court often splits 5-4," Reno said. "But ... my regard for Bob Conrad has only increased as I have dealt with him on this issue."

In the transcript of the April interview, Gore said, referring to the temple event, "I did not know this was

a fund-raiser. And I do not to this day know that it was a fund-raiser."

But Reno concluded Gore and Conrad were disagreeing about labels. Gore called the temple event and the coffees "finance-related" events.

"Let me define the term 'raising,' Gore said in the interview. "If you mean by it, would they be events at which money was raised, the answer is no."

But Gore then said such events were designed "to build relationships, develop an understanding, answer questions, hear people's ideas and build a relationship so that later, you might go out and ask for a contribution," Reno said.

"I reached the conclusion that the vice president had not ... failed to describe what the role in fund-raising was," Reno said.

Asked whether he hosted 23 White House coffees, Gore said "that seems inaccurate" and asked his lawyer to check. Two days later, Gore's lawyer said Gore had hosted 21 coffees in the Old Executive Office Building — next to the White House.

Reno said, "The vice president took the question to mean just coffees in the White House hosted by the president. Mr. Conrad intended it to cover coffees that might have been hosted or attended by the vice president."

GOP send estate tax repeal bill to Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican congressional leaders are sending the White House a bill to repeal estate taxes, inviting another veto confrontation with President Clinton and setting the stage for a September veto override attempt in Congress.

The legislation, which would gradually phase out the "death" tax over 10 years at a cost of \$105 billion, passed the House and Senate earlier this summer with sizable Democratic support. But Republican leaders kept the bill tucked away on Capitol Hill, waiting for an opportune time to send it to Clinton.

"A veto is a win for big government, high taxes and more stalemate," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, outlining the difficult spot in which Democrats could find themselves. "A signature is a win for families, small business owners and farmers who are haunted by this unfair tax."

The bill was set Thursday to be delivered to the White House by a Montana farmer driving a tractor. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., also planned an event at a farmer's market in Columbia, S.C., to highlight the

effect estate taxes have on farmers, small businesses and high-tech entrepreneurs.

Under the Constitution, Clinton will have until just after Labor Day to sign or veto the bill, meaning GOP leaders could hold the override vote the first week or two after Congress returns from its summer recess. White House officials said Clinton would certainly veto it, saying it primarily benefits the wealthy and would consume \$750 billion of projected surpluses during the 10 years after the tax is fully repealed.

"The more people learn about the dangerous exploding nature of this tax plan, the less they like it," said White House spokesman Jake Siewert. "We think you could do more targeted estate tax relief that takes care of the small businesses and family farms."

Earlier this month, Clinton vetoed another big Republican tax cut: the 10-year, \$292 billion bill that would have eliminated the income tax penalty paid by millions of married couples. Republicans are likely to also attempt a veto override on that bill.

Sixty-five Democrats joined all Republicans in the House vote

to pass the estate tax repeal bill in June, exceeding the two-thirds threshold necessary to override a veto. But House Democrats say a combination of absentees and a handful of switched votes will give them the margin to sustain the veto.

"If somebody changes their vote on death tax repeal, it would be a huge show of inconsistency," said Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash. "It should be used by an opponent in that race."

Heirs of only about 2 percent of all Americans who die each year are forced to pay estate taxes, mainly because of a \$675,000 individual exemption that a married couple can double with simple planning steps. The exemptions are even higher for farmers and small businesses, but many are still forced to buy costly insurance policies and pay lawyers and accountants to protect hard-earned assets from a tax that reaches 55 percent.

"In essence, we've been planning for our deaths for about 20 years," said Dan McGregor, president of a 325-employee auto parts manufacturing company in Springfield, Ohio. "The older we get, the more

onerous the planning is."

Republicans have long sought to get rid of the "death" tax, but it has only begun to resonate in these recent prosperous times, notably among blacks and Hispanics who are increasingly building successful businesses. Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush advocates repeal of the tax, while Democratic nominee Al Gore favors simplifying exemptions and raising them for farmers and small businesses.

The bill is H.R. 8. On the Net: <http://thomas.loc.gov>

Lovett announces winning readers

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

The top five readers in the Lovett Memorial Library Summer Reading program have been announced. Shanla Brookshire, the children's librarian, challenged the children to read 60,000 minutes during the program. They took her challenge and more than doubled it by reading 151,902 minutes.

Amanda Harkin, Solomon Cruz, Sally Steele, Megan Pettit and Amber Williams were announced as the winning readers at the last program of the summer.

Receiving gift certificates in a drawing from the 382 children who participated in the 2000 Summer Reading Program were Ashlyn McNeely, Margo Mendoza, Taylor Kennedy, Joseph Mechelay and Adrian Ramos.

Cole Guyer and Gari Sue Haddock were named winners of the bookmark contest. Their bookmarks will be printed this fall.

Pampa team participates at SPS Lineman's Rodeo

Pampa's team made a good showing at the Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) Invitational Lineman's Rodeo at Lubbock recently, but a Louisiana team edged past all competitors with a better-than-perfect score.

Pampa SPS employees, Jack Loggins, Rod Dorsett and Randy Meeks, were among electric linemen from six states competing in the 10th annual event — a nationally known competition that has been a springboard to international championships. The Pampa team recently won a similar competition in Colorado with a perfect score.

"The SPS invitational rodeo is becoming one of the most competitive in the nation," said Bill Crenshaw, SPS media relations. "That was established last week when SWEPCO and San Diego attended our competition. Those teams have international reputations."

Twenty-eight, three-man teams from utility companies in California, Louisiana, Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas participate in the competi-

tion. Another 18 men competed in individual events in the lineman apprentice division of the contest.

The SWEPCO (Southwestern Electric Power Company) team from Shreveport, La., won the meet with a total score of 602, two bonus points above a perfect 600 score. A lineman apprentice from SWEPCO took overall first place in individual events.

A Public Service Company of Colorado team from Fort Collins garnered second place overall and SPS's team from Roswell, N.M., and Denver City, Texas won third. Each team earned 598 points.

Pampa's team earned a total of 586 points, placing them 17th in the lineup.

Winners of the Lubbock meet now qualify to compete at the International Lineman's Rodeo in Kansas City, Mo., on Sept. 9.

"This event is becoming really popular," Crenshaw said. "It's a good place to show off the skills they use everyday and naturally that stimulates competitiveness."

Chautauqua



(Special photo)

Lindsay Phelps, left, and Cody Roberson try out the hamster race at last year's Chautauqua, held Labor Day each year in Central Park. The annual festival, sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts Association, includes many games and activities for the entire family.

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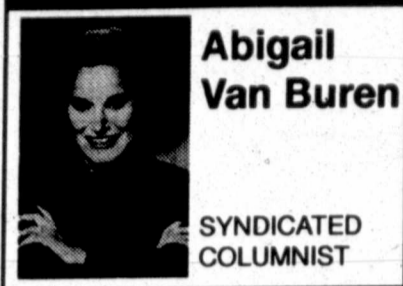
Transsexuals Want to Be Seen As People, Not as 'Mistakes'

DEAR ABBY: I have recently "come out" to my family for who I really am — a transsexual. I have felt this way as long as I can remember. At 26, I could no longer hide myself and, after seeing a therapist, I have begun the process of changing my gender. Some members of my family support me. However, my father and grandparents are staunchly against this. They say they will not accept it because to do so would be to admit that God makes mistakes.

Abby, I am not a "mistake," and neither are others like me. I have had tests, and they confirm that this is genetic. In no way do I think that God makes mistakes. God made me this way, and I must deal with it in the way that makes me happiest. Since I have come out, I have been happier than I have ever been, and I plan to finish my transition over the next few years.

Every move I have made on this journey has been considerate of those around me, changing gradually rather than shocking them by completely altering my appearance overnight.

Could you please help me educate my family and others who know so little about what the transgendered community goes through? We struggle to lead normal lives and try to be productive in society. We are teachers, lawyers, doctors and office workers. As few as we are, we are not mistakes as my father claims. Still, we face prejudice on a daily basis. We need our



Abigail Van Buren

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families to stand behind us as we make our way through this challenging journey. Please, Abby, help educate people to see that we are just like them.

TRANSGENDERED IN CHICAGO

DEAR TRANSGENDERED: You are not a mistake. Followed to its logical conclusion, your father's attitude would make the entire medical profession unnecessary. Transsexualism is inborn. Children as young as 3 have insisted that their true gender is not their birth gender. I congratulate you for being honest about who you are, knowing it might be difficult for some people to understand. I also applaud those family members who support you.

The usual gender transition involves a period of psychotherapy to consider all of the ramifications, followed by hormonal therapy, and then living full-time in the new gender for at least a year before seeking sexual reassignment surgery.

This is not an easy process for the transsexual person, nor for the family. Parents often experience many of the same emotions that occur in the grief process — shock, anger, denial, guilt, sadness, and finally acceptance. Learning to use the new name is difficult; new pronouns are even harder. All of this takes time and commitment, but is a necessary part of the process.

Loving parents who want their child to be happy must learn to be accepting. Many transsexuals live very successfully in their new gender, and claim they are truly happy for the first time in their lives. Many families are proud of their "new" sons and daughters and report their relationships have vastly improved since their child's transition.

I would urge any family in this situation to contact PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). They have many resources available for transgendered people and their families. Their mailing address is: PFLAG, 1726 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036 and the Web address is www.pflag.org.

others. Business-related inquiries prove to be successful with your added charm. Before you start flirting, question where you want this relationship to go. Tonight: Don't hesitate — ask.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Money matters weigh on your mind. You juggle facts and figures, attempting to find a resolution. Take your time and don't feel pressured by circumstances or others. Lighten up and don't take another so seriously. Concentrate on one issue at a time. Tonight: Chill out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Listen carefully to a friend. You might be doing too much talking and not enough listening. Stay focused on the matter at hand, even though it might be easy to get distracted. Make calls and reach out to friends. Network and make waves where it counts. Tonight: Join your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Others look to you for decisions and actions. Your inner voice directs you in a conscious or subconscious manner. Take a walk if you need to mellow out and think. Clear out excess work as quickly as possible. Work on office relationships. Schedule a lunch. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Let your mind drift, especially if confronting an issue that might not have an easy answer. Use your creativity and stay resolute in finding an answer. Friends seek you out and have many suggestions. Juggle your personal life carefully. You don't want an angry boss. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** You breeze through problems

because you are willing to seek others out. Go to the experts. Listen to a boss. This person knows what is expected here. Make a point of relating on a one-on-one level. A dream gives you direction. Instincts kick in. Tonight: A night for two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Others take action. It is for you to say yes or no. A call exploring information and seeking out a different perspective allows you to explore options. Be open right now. Don't make decisions on your own. Receive instrumental feedback. Tonight: Out with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Dig into work, even though you could easily be overwhelmed by what is on your desk. You make new piles of paperwork out of old piles. Discuss a problem with a partner or associate. You get answers when you work as a team. Understand another's concerns. Tonight: Don't make plans. Relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Your mind drifts from work to more enjoyable matters. Concentrate as best you can at work. You do want to get out of the office eventually. Inspire ingenuity in others as well as yourself. Others reveal their true feelings. Listen carefully. Tonight: Begin your weekend, finally.

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Actor Sean Connery (1930), musician Elvis Costello (1954), writer Frederick Forsyth (1938)

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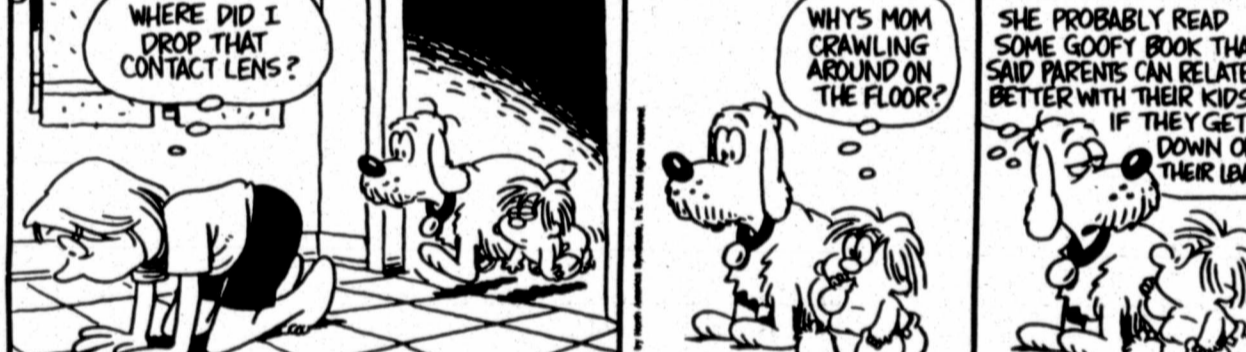
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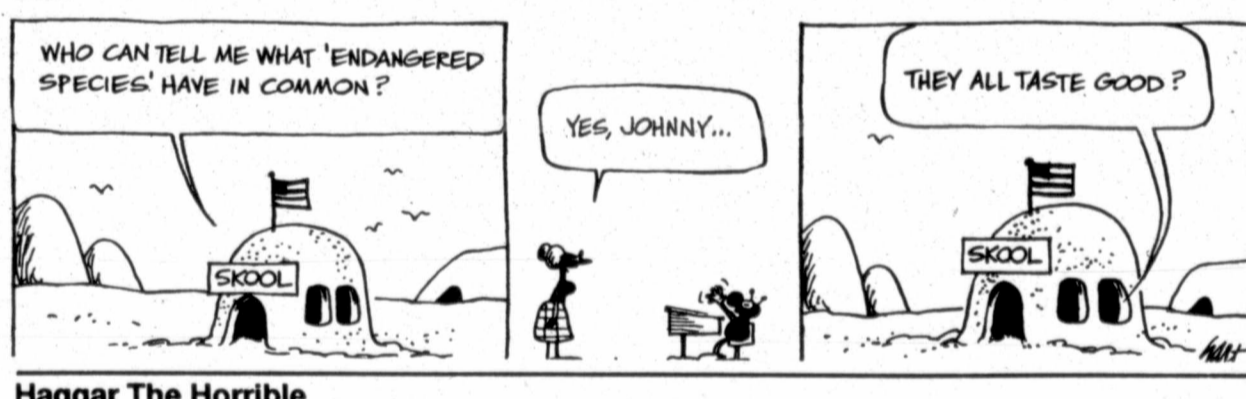
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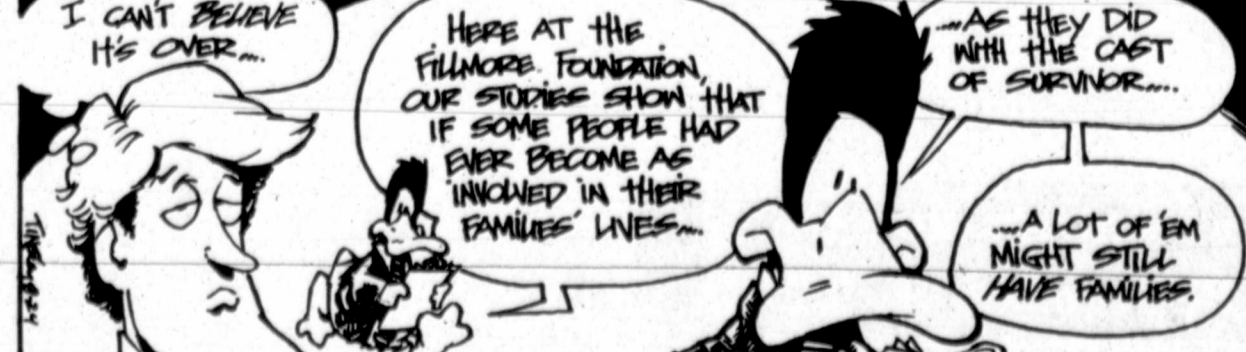
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Horoscope

FRIDAY, AUG. 25, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Put your best effort forward at home. You mean well, even though, at times, you have difficulty expressing your intentions. Be clear and discuss the impact of a variation in your work pattern. Though it is your work, others feel the difference. Tonight: Get a project done.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** You have the right answer to any question. Mix charm with wit, and you'll get stellar results. Be sensitive to a loved one or child. Honor a request for more time. If you can plan to leave work early, do so — after all, summer ends soon. As a result, you make others happy. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Curb spending, even if you can justify an expense. Establish a stricter budget, with an eye to possibilities. Question what you can do to make another feel more comfortable. A roommate or family member makes a request, though it might be more of a plea! Tonight: Order in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Your sunny personality illuminates your office and immediate circle of friends. Make calls and reach out for

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Do in
- 5 Black card
- 10 Sugar unit
- 11 Spiny tree
- 12 Battling god
- 13 Take offense at
- 14 Unwilling
- 16 Mythical beasts
- 20 Fleet
- 23 Society page word
- 24 Nary a soul
- 25 Bangor's state
- 27 "The Way"
- 28 Clinic worker
- 29 Possible plea
- 32 Self-confident
- 36 Old Ford
- 39 Opera star
- 40 Worthy aims
- 41 Addict
- 42 Prom attendees
- 43 Saucy

DOWN

- 1 Battle souvenir
- 2 Entice
- 3 Aid illegally
- 4 Sammy Davis Jr. book
- 5 Perfume
- 6 Trattoria offering
- 7 High card tree
- 8 Jumble of sounds
- 9 Erode
- 11 Fight site
- 15 Surrender
- 17 Foot or hand
- 18 Clinton's attorney
- 19 One with visions
- 20 Against
- 21 Chestnut horse
- 22 Apollo goal
- 25 — Blanc
- 26 Misbehaved
- 28 Problems for a body
- 30 Mermaid's home
- 31 Cooler compartments
- 33 Stand
- 34 At any time
- 35 Pub
- 36 Cambridge
- 37 Keats work
- 38 Scottish river

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FLAG FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Kids & Youth Club is having an organizational meeting for a flag football league grades kindergarten through the sixth grade. Anyone interested in helping with the activities, please come by The Donut Stop at 1330 North Hobart at 3 p.m. Sunday. If you can't attend the meeting, call 669-8236 and leave a message.

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Pampa's Lady Harvesters are one of 18 volleyball teams entered in the Justin Northwest Tournament today through Saturday. "Some of the top 4A teams are going to be in this tournament," said Pampa coach Carmen Pennick. "I think this tournament is going to help us get off the ground." Pampa played a match in Amarillo on Tuesday and lost to Tascosa 2-15, 0-15. "We were trying hard, maybe a little too hard," Pennick said. "We were a little tight and we had trouble doing the things we normally do well. However, we're going to get there. Everything will start coming together for us."

FOOTBALL

MIAMI (AP) — Fans attending the Miami Dolphins' tribute to Dan Marino cheered Don Shula and jeered Jimmy Johnson. They booed team owner Wayne Huizenga and had good-natured hoots for Jim Kelly. The only chanting was reserved for Marino: "One more year! One more year!" "I would like to play one more year," he answered with a chuckle. "But I can't." A sellout crowd of 52,000 gathered Wednesday night at Pro Player Stadium to hear Shula, John Elway, Terry Bradshaw and others pay tribute to the most prolific passer in NFL history. "He doesn't have a Super Bowl ring," Shula said, "but he's going to have a Hall of Fame ring." The three-hour program was arranged by the Dolphins after Marino reluctantly retired in March. The scope of the event reinforced the reality that his career is over after 17 NFL seasons, all with the Dolphins. Marino's voice broke with emotion as he thanked the fans, while his wife, Claire, cried. "I hope you all are having a great time, because I am," Marino said. "I'll never forget this night."

A series of knee operations and other leg injuries prompted his decision to quit. Shula, who coached Marino from 1983 to 1995, warned that the transition to retirement won't be easy for his former quarterback. "All of a sudden on Sunday afternoon, there's nothing to do," Shula said. "It's sort of a helpless feeling. There's nothing you can do to fill the void that's left from doing something so exciting for so many years." The tribute brought together for the first time all six members of the quarterback class of 1983 — Marino, Elway, Kelly, Ken O'Brien, Tony Eason and Todd Blackledge. They're remembered as the best group of quarterbacks to be drafted in one year. "When Danny came in his rookie year and set the world on fire, he set the bar awful high for the rest of us in the class," Elway said. "From that point on, we were all chasing Danny." "When he was on the other sideline," Kelly said, "he brought fear to everybody." The crowd lustily booed each mention of Huizenga. He's still a target of scorn in South Florida for dismantling the Florida Marlins' 1997 World Series championship team before selling that franchise.

College football games kick off in NFL cities

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

College football kicks off with a professional feel to it. Three of the five season-opening "classics" will be played in NFL stadiums.

On Saturday, Florida State opens defense of its national title against BYU in the Pigskin Classic at Alltel Stadium, home of the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"We're anxious to get going and try to win it again," says Seminoles quarterback Chris Weinke, among this year's top Heisman Trophy contenders.

Earlier in the day, it's Iowa-Kansas State in the Eddie Robinson Classic at Arrowhead Stadium, where the Kansas City Chiefs play.

On Sunday, the Kickoff Classic matches Penn State and Southern California at Giants Stadium, home of the New York Giants and New York Jets.

Sunday night, the game is back on campus with Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech in the Black Coaches' Association Classic at Blacksburg, Va.

The newest "classic" in the lineup matches New Mexico at Texas Tech on Saturday in the Hispanic College Fund Football Classic.

But make no mistake — these are far from neutral sites for the Seminoles, Wildcats and Nittany Lions.

Florida State fans will caravan the 160 miles along Interstate 10 to Jacksonville, while K-State fans will do likewise for 120 miles on I-70 from Manhattan, Kan., to Kansas City.

The six-hour drive from State College, Pa., to the Meadowslands is a haul, but that hasn't stopped Nittany Lions fans from packing the place in the past. The school also has a large following in the Philadelphia and New York areas.

"We're coming into a hostile environment," USC coach Paul Hackett said.

Two of the games — Penn State-USC and Florida State-BYU — feature three of the winningest active coaches — Joe Paterno, Bobby Bowden and LaVell Edwards.

Paterno needs seven wins to pass Bear Bryant's major-college record of 323 victories, while Florida State's Bowden has 304 wins and BYU's Edwards 251.

Edwards begins his 29th and final season at BYU in an unfamiliar situation — looking for a starting quarterback. Edwards, who brought produced record-

setters such as Ty Detmer, Steve Young and Jim McMahon, will choose Charlie Peterson or Brett Egemann, brother-in-law of CNN's Larry King, to replace the graduated Kevin Feterik.

The 6-foot-5, 28-year-old Weinke has dropped about 15 pounds and will start the season at a slimmed-down 229. He threw for 3,103 yards and 25 touchdowns in the Seminoles' 12-0 title season.

"My philosophy is, let's work harder than we did and blow every record out of the water," Weinke said. "How many times do you see back-to-back championships? Rarely."

Nebraska, ranked No. 1 in the preseason poll, was the last team to do it, winning titles in 1994 and 1995. Florida State is No. 2 in the preseason poll.

Michael Vick, the dashing young quarterback who led the Hokies to the national title game, is set for an encore. The 6-1, 214-pound left-hander will be facing a Georgia Tech defense that allowed 30 points a game in '99.

"I can't wait to get back on the field," said Vick, who threw for 1,840 yards and 12 TDs and ran for 585 yards and eight scores. "It's been a long summer."

The Kickoff Classic features the return of USC quarterback Carson Palmer, who missed most of last season with a broken collarbone. Palmer, 6-5, 220 pounds, has looked good in practice, and Hackett is counting on him to help the Trojans challenge for the Pac-10 title.

Paterno, meanwhile, will start quarterback Rashard Casey, still facing charges of beating an off-duty police officer in May.

The picks: **BYU (plus 25) vs. No. 2 Florida State (at Jacksonville, Saturday)**

Weinke opens his Heisman run in fine fashion ... **FLORIDA STATE, 45-14.**

Iowa (plus 28 1/2) vs. No. 8 Kansas State (at Kansas City, Mo., Saturday)

K-State starts off with the usual patsy ... **KANSAS STATE, 49-7.**

Georgia Tech (plus 16) at No. 11 Virginia Tech (Sunday)

Vick-to-Andre Davis means lots of Hokie points ... **VIRGINIA TECH, 31-21.**

No. 15 USC (plus 3) vs. No. 22 Penn State (at East Rutherford, N.J., Sunday)

This just might be the year of the Trojans ... **USC, 31-24.**

1999-2000 bowl games: 8-13 (straight up); 8-13 (vs. points). 1999 season: 180-68 (straight up); 126-121-2 (vs. points).

Redskins like Deion's Not-Ready-for-Prime-Time side

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Like most of the football world, the Washington Redskins only knew the Prime Time side of Deion Sanders before he came to town.

The showmanship act is still very much on display, most recently in his series of self-promotional one-liners delivered in the locker room Wednesday, but Sanders the person has been a pleasant surprise to many of his teammates.

"People misunderstand Deion," defensive end Bruce Smith said. "They see him as being a flamboyant, boisterous type of individual. ... As I've gotten to know him in training camp on a personal basis, he's a very, very likable individual."

Receiver Irving Fryar, an ordained minister who often eats lunch with the former Dallas Cowboys cornerback, goes a step further.

"You see Prime Time out there," Fryar said. "When it's time to go, he's Prime. He's the man. He's putting the show on. But behind closed doors, he's Deion. He's like Jesus, if you ask me. He cares about people, he loves people, he's soft-spoken. He has a sense of humor. He's a giving guy."

Sanders found religion three years and displays it prominently, wearing a large cross around his neck and a burgundy "Jesus" bandanna at practice. But quarterback Brad Johnson noticed something else altogether in the early days of camp.

"It's funny to me, when people ask me about Deion, they see him in his colored suit," said Johnson, referring to the burgundy and gold getup Sanders wore on the day he signed. "Well, I've only seen him in sweatsuits and shorts. The perception's different from what reality's out there."

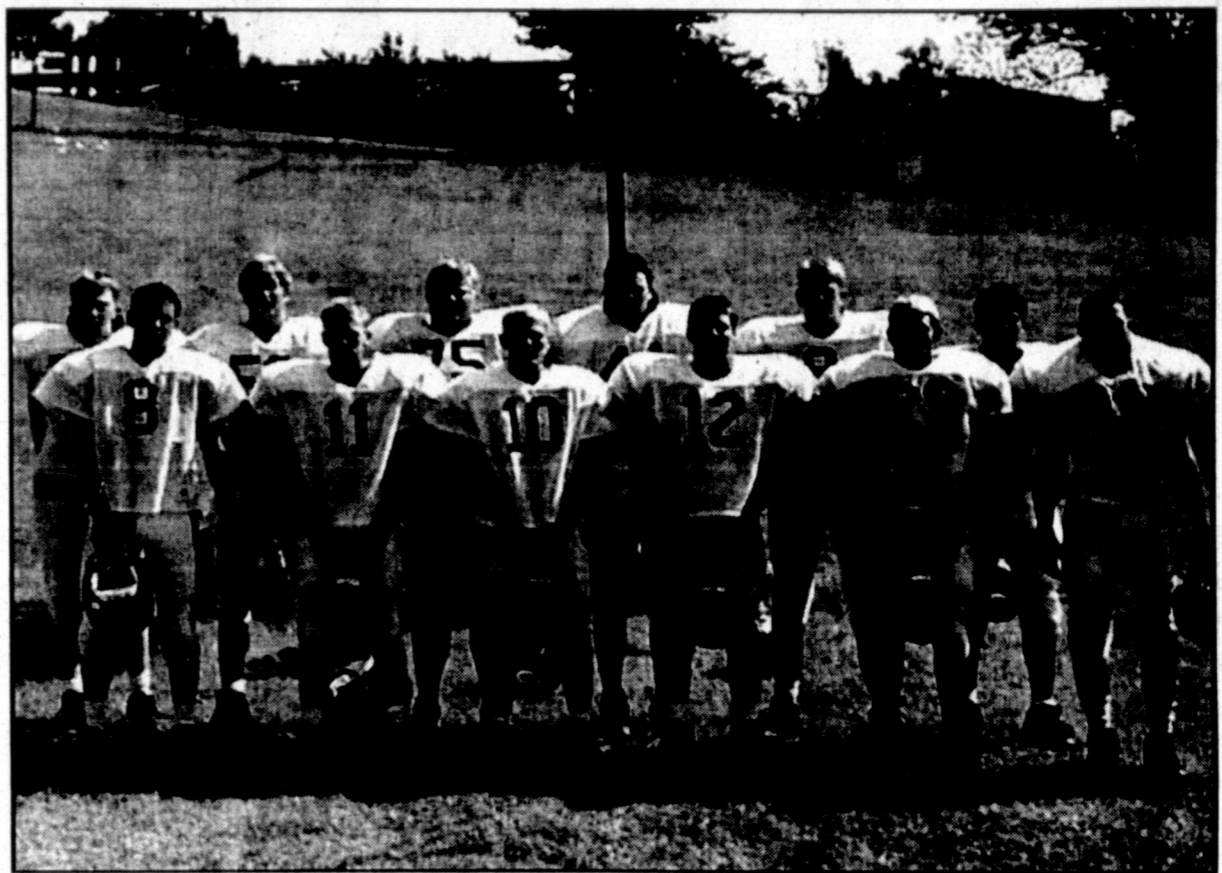
What the public saw at the open training camp practices was Sanders doing anything and everything to be noticed. He dressed differently, wearing long white socks, a skintight body suit under his uniform and the jersey No. 2, his old number at Florida State, rather than the No. 21 he wears in games. He was the only player who didn't strap his chin strap. He was the only one who didn't go to the huddle.

Sanders himself says there are two Deions, and he described them in his own colorful way Wednesday.

"There's the side that you want to talk about and the side that you don't. That's the only two sides to Deion," Sanders said.

"Michael Jackson don't go to bed with his glove on. Eddie Murphy don't go to bed telling jokes, and Jim Carrey doesn't either. You would want me to take my job home with me, just because I get excited doing what I do. You can't put me in a little category, you can't place me inside of a little box, just because I love doing what I do."

Canadian seniors



(Pampa News photo)

Canadian suits up a dozen football players for the 2000 football campaign this season. Seniors are (front row, from left) Nathan Reyes, Chad Wheeler, Coleman Bartlett, Colby Heatwole, Jarrod Timmons and Barry Sims; (back row, from left) Dagget Arrington, Jim Coffee, Jacob White, Capp Culver, Cody Mixon and Elpidio Franco. The Wildcats kick off the season Sept. 8 at Gruver.

Players meet the challenge

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Seniors held a challenge golf tournament earlier this week against pro David Teichmann and superintendent John Harrison.

Teichmann and Harrison shot a 62. Teams that beat them were Darrell Phillips, Harold Comer, Bill Abernathy and Gabe Crossman 60; Elmer Wilson, Morris Driver, Charlie Rand and Bill Brown 61.

Three other teams were tied at 62.

Doug Debose shot his age (79) Friday at Hidden Hills. Witnesses were Everette Butler, Jim Maher and Ken Reeves.

Bob Dickerson of Amarillo made a hole-in-one on No. 6 at Hidden Hills. He used a 7-iron.

ARLINGTON — Tim Hobby, the golf coach at

Golf

Baylor University, fired a five round of five under par 67 earlier this week to claim his second Northern Texas PGA Championship in the last three years. Hobby's two-round total of 135 was four better than Bruce Smith, an assistant professional at Tenison Park Golf Course and Lindy Miller, director of golf at Mira Vista Country Club.

Hobby's victory snaps his streak of two second-place finishes in his last two events, including the Texas State Open and the NTPGA Western Championship. At all three events, Hobby has posted a total of nine under par.

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. (AP) — Andy Miller, the son of television golf analyst Johnny Miller, scored an easy opening-round victory in match

play at the U.S. Amateur. Miller never lost a hole in beating Greg Kennedy of Duluth, Ga., 5-and-4.

David Patrick of Scotland scored the biggest upset in the 32 matches on the Upper Course at the Baltustol Golf Club, knocking off co-medalist Jeff Wilson of Suisun, Calif., 1-up with a par on the 18th hole.

Bryce Molder of Georgia Tech, co-medalist Jim Salinetti of Rhode Island, Ben Curtis, a semifinalist a year ago, and U.S. Walker Cup member Tom McKnight also advanced from the U.S. ranks.

Gary Wolstenholme and Luke Donald, members of last year's victorious Walker Cup team from Great Britain and Ireland along with Patrick, led the small overseas group that also got wins from Australians Chris Downes and James McLean, the 1998 NCAA champion from Minnesota.

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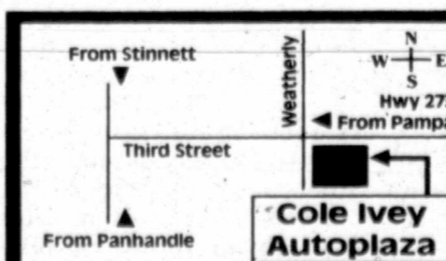
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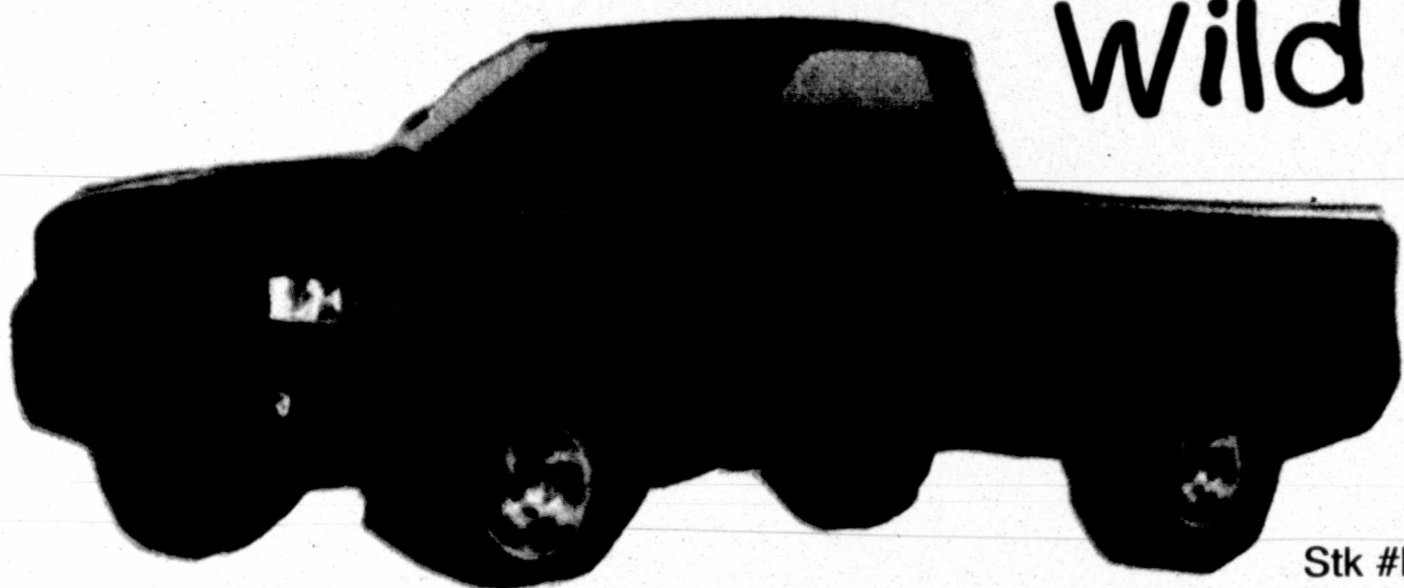


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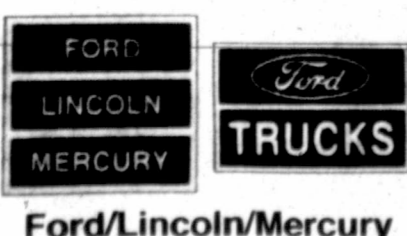
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