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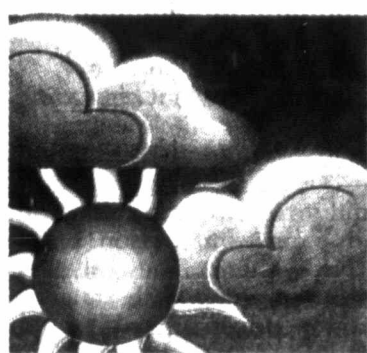
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PAMPA — Clarendon College is offering free TASP testing Saturday, Aug. 22 and Friday, Aug. 28 at the Pampa branch. All students, including those in high school, must take this test before attending college courses this fall. For more information, call 665-4952.

PAMPA — The Gray County Commission was busy at noon today reviewing its 1999 annual budget. Meeting in special session in the county courtroom in the Gray County Courthouse, the commission opening discussions on next year's budget at 9 a.m. today. County officials expected to complete the budget analysis this afternoon.

PAMPA — Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting member Eileen Kludt is scheduled to give an update on the Super Playground at tonight's Parks board meeting.

Parks Director Reed Kirkpatrick will present the board with an up-to-date report on the progress at the Dr. V.E. von Brunow park and Judy Elliott, the board's chairman, will go over the water bill donation fund before the meeting's over.

The advisory board meets this evening at 6 in city commission chamber on the third floor of the Pampa City Hall.

- Daniel Harrison Farley, Sr., 86, former employee of Cooper Bessemer Oil Company.
- Lorene Essary Garrison, 79, Pampa resident since 1938.
- Johnnie L. Moreland, 71, homemaker.

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Pampan seeks to free brother from Mexico jail

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

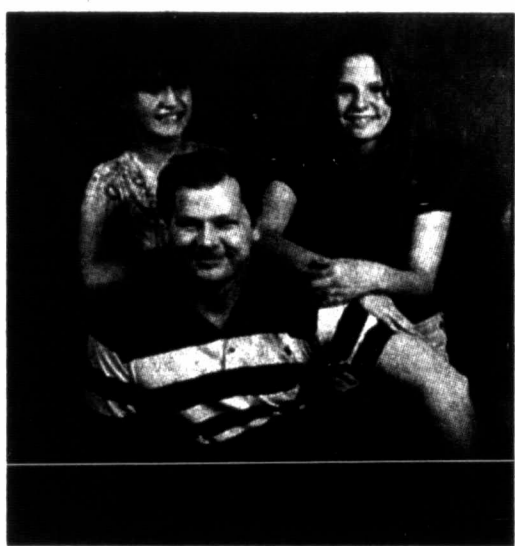
A Pampa woman is trying desperately to free her brother from

a Mexican jail.

Sue Davis calls her parents in Andrews every day to check on her brother, Russell Dale Salmon, 38, of Andrews, who was arrested by Mexican authorities Aug. 1, on charges of gun running and planning to kill the President of Mexico.

Davis said her brother and a friend, Joe Coronado of Andrews, were only on a weekend camping trip near Presidio when they decided to cross the border Saturday night, Aug. 1, to get a beer at a Mexican cantina. Salmon forgot about the .22-caliber rifle behind the seat of his pickup, Davis said. The pair was arrested when Mexican customs officials searched the pickup and found the

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Rusty Salmon in happier times. The Andrews citizen, seen here with his daughters, Tina, a sophomore at Andrew High School, and Katie, who's in eighth grade. Salmon also has a 19-year-old son, Chris.

rifle.

Salmon and Coronado were held at the border for two days, Davis said, unable to call anybody. Neither of the men speaks Spanish.

Monday night following their arrest, the two were transferred to a federal prison in Chihuahua City.

"Rusty was in the back of a pickup with a 21 year old Federale holding an AK 47 on him in the middle of the night."

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Sue Davis holds a picture of her brother, Rusty Salmon, with his two daughters. Salmon is one of several U.S. citizens being held in Mexican jails on weapons charges after crossing the border with rifles or loose ammunition in their vehicles.

Donations push college dollars closer to \$800,000

By DARLENE BIRKES
For The News

Commitments of over \$500,000 have been made to the Clarendon College-Pampa Center building fund drive, announced Pampa Center Foundation board members.

The total goal is to exceed \$800,000, to cover equipment and unexpected costs for the proposed building at 1600 W. Kentucky. Ground breaking is tentatively set for December.

The David and Nona Payne Foundation boosted donations with a \$100,000 commitment, giving \$20,000 annually over the next five years.

"This (drive) is a big effort and a lot of people are involved," reported Chuck White, chairman of the major division. He added that there is a lot of interest and concern for this college.

"I have been canvassing primarily senior citizens," said Dan McGrath, assisting with the individual division. "They have been long-term supporters of this community, and an overwhelming 80 percent have promised support. It is gratifying to find so many people 100 percent behind our new college building."

The students, faculty and alumni of Clarendon College-Pampa Center will kick off a \$20 donation campaign at Chautauqua, Labor Day, Sept. 7, at the

CC-Pampa Center booth in Central Park. They will color on a map a square foot of the new building for \$20 and will mail an official certificate to each donor. Former student Brenda Zedlitz is chairman of the campus campaign. Donors wishing to "buy" a square foot may mail donations to Pampa Center Foundation, 900 N. Frost, Pampa, 79065.

Joe Kyle Reeve, dean of Clarendon College-Pampa Center, plans to have a video at the C-C-College booth at Chautauqua which will explain the technology and benefits of long-distance learning, possible only in an updated building.

Two groups are sponsoring benefits for the college fund drive Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19 and 20. The local chapter of PEO, an philanthropic educational organization, will sponsor a book review by Carol Headrick at the Pampa Country Club on Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. Tickets at \$10 are available from members or by calling 665-6063 or 665-3514.

The Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art will sponsor an art-garden tour the following day from 2 to 5 p.m. The \$6 tickets will be available at Chautauqua, local stores, from members or call 665-4742. Homes featuring unique art collections and furnishings will include those of Fauncine Mack and the Richard Crosswhites. Waterfalls and labeled plants will be some of the landscaping features at William McCarley's garden.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Jane Benton, right, registers for the Pampa Army Air Field reunion before helping James Baird, left, with the registration of others as PAAF alumni pour into Pampa for the 26th annual meeting. Both Benton and Baird live in Pampa. The reunion started Wednesday and runs through Sunday with a goodbye breakfast. The Pampa Army Air Field was an advanced twin engine pilot training school that operated during World War II.

Pampa students score above state average on tests

Texas students set a record passing rate on the Biology I end-of-course exam this spring, the Texas Education Agency reported this week but Pampa students did much better than that.

The passing rate across the state on the Algebra I exam also improved slightly, the TEA said. Pampa's students were four percent higher than the state average.

Eighty percent of students who took the biology end-of-course passed, across the state, preliminary figures showed. That's up from 78 percent last spring. The agency said 163,543 of the 203,937 students who took the test passed.

Pampa students are on an accelerated block schedule. That means each class lasts for a semester rather than all year as

in many of the state's schools. That means that the test, which is given after the course, is given twice a year in Pampa. Both semesters outperformed the state average.

The fall semester saw 136 Pampa students take the Biology I test and 120, or 88 percent pass. In the spring semester 117 students took the test with 98, or 91 percent passing.

"This strong performance on the biology test demonstrates the continuous improvement we are seeing in Texas public schools," said Education Commissioner Mike Moses.

Passing rates rose slightly on the algebra test, too, but Moses said he was disappointed about the results.

This spring, 39 percent of students passed, up from 37 per-

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PAAF band director playing for banquet

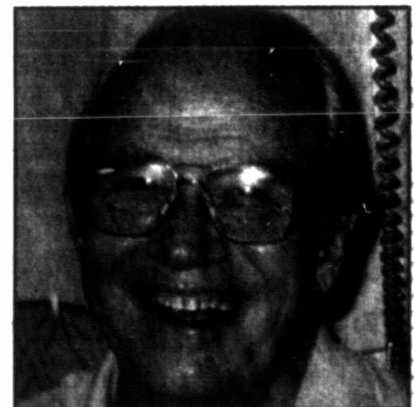
By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

A newcomer to the Pampa Army Air Field Reunion, Warrant Officer Ken Carpenter, band director of the air field's band for two years during World War II, will provide music at the reunion's Saturday evening banquet.

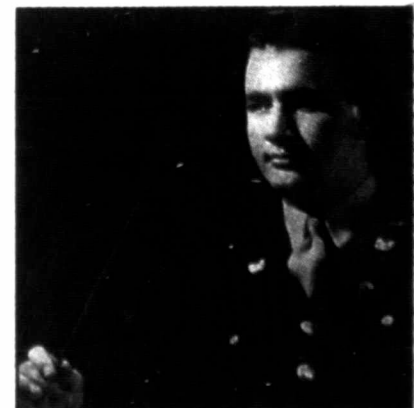
"We were in Pampa a little over two years (March, 1943 to April, 1945) and were then sent as a unit to Calcutta, India. We served in the 10th Air Force in India and Burma, then were flown to Kunming, Chungking, Peishie, and Shanghai to boost the morale of the good old 14th Air Force Flying Tigers until they could go home. I got home in January, 1946, and within two weeks was teaching junior high band, and starting on my masters degree at Drake University," Carpenter wrote recently.

Carpenter, and his wife Helen, today reside in Marble Falls.

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Ken Carpenter, now, then



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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

GARRISON, Lorene Essary — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
MORELAND, Johnnie L. — 2 p.m., Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Amarillo.

Obituaries

DANIEL HARRISON FARLEY, SR.
GROOM — Daniel Harrison Farley, Sr., 86, died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1998, at Weatherford, Texas. Services will be at 1 p.m. in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tom Moore officiating. Burial will be in Groom Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Farley was born April 13, 1912, at Berkey, Ohio. He married Sarah L. Barber on Nov. 25, 1956, at Raton, N.M.; she died March 28, 1994. He was a resident of the Groom area from 1972 until moving to Granbury in 1989. He lived in Pampa from 1957-66 and spent three years in Kuwait where he worked for Cooper Bessemer Oil Company. He moved to Odessa in 1970.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Groom and Groom Masonic Lodge #1170 AF&AM.

Survivors include a son, Daniel H. Farley, Jr., of Weatherford; a stepson, Ben Collard of Granville, Ohio; three stepdaughters, Nancy Hilliard of Flower Mound, Jean Collard of Austin and Ann Burke of Streatham, N.H.; a sister, Ruth Campbell of Malabar, Fla.; a brother, Robert Farley of Lake Charles, La.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society.

The family will receive visitors from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home in Pampa.

LORENE ESSARY GARRISON
Lorene Essary Garrison, 79, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. J.C. Burt, pastor of Barrett Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Garrison was born June 14, 1919, at Antlers, Okla. She married Joe Essary on Aug. 13, 1938, in Oklahoma; he died in 1957. She married Truman Garrison on Nov. 2, 1957, at Sayre, Okla.; he died in 1988. She had been a Pampa resident since 1938. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Jo Dean Wisdom of Pampa and Judy Golden of Wichita Falls; a sister, Nola Chapman of Duncan, Okla.; four grandchildren, Kerri O'Neal of Texarkana, Eddy J. Martin of Woonsocket, R.I., Devin Golden of Eastland and Jay Weeden of Pampa; and six great-grandchildren.

JOHNIE L. MORELAND
AMARILLO — Johnnie L. Moreland, 71, mother of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Pleasant Valley Baptist Church with Dr. Dana Moore officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Moreland was born at Amarillo and had been a lifelong Amarillo resident. She married Marvin Moreland in 1947 at Amarillo. She was a member and Sunday school teacher at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church for 35 years. She was a member of Rainbow Rebekah Lodge #193 and Adventure FCE. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin, of the home; two sons, Dane Moreland of Amarillo and Dale Moreland of Pampa; three sisters, Doris Lovorn of Taos, N.M., Marilyn Morrow of Amarillo and Edith Harrington of Poteau, Okla.; a brother, Melvin Pickett of Amarillo; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
 Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
 Efforts are under way to form a support group for parents of children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder or attention deficit disorder. Those interested are asked to call Connie after 6 p.m. and weekends, 669-9364.

EMMAUS REUNION
 Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information, call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
 Regular meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Visitors welcome. For more information, please call 669-0568 or 665-4718.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES
 The Pampa Area Singles Dance is Sat., Aug. 22, at the M.K. Brown Auditorium from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Karaoke Kountry with Dee O'Kelley is the featured entertainment this month. The price is \$5 per person and everyone is being asked to bring finger foods. For more information, call 665-0219.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20.

Wednesday, Aug. 19
 A report of burglary of a motor vehicle was made in the 500 block of Atchison.
 Carla Jean Bluemel, 31, 801 East Gordon, was arrested on charges of theft by check.

Thursday, Aug. 20
 Marcus Shepard, 25, 1112 Garland, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
 Phillip Shane Bridges, 18, 109 N. Dwight, was arrested on charges of drinking while intoxicated.
 Jason Collin Harlan, 17, 1121 Darby, was arrested on charges of being a minor in consumption and theft under \$50.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20.

Wednesday, Aug. 19
 Dale Francis Guiliani, 44, 1528 Wells, was arrested on charges of indecent exposure.
 Michael Shane McGavock, 31, 309 Jean, was arrested on charges of burglary of building.
 Daron McBee, 32, Lefors, was arrested on charges of domestic violence.

Accidents

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following accidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20.

Wednesday, Aug. 19
 An accident occurred on 800 E. Scott when a 1978 blue Cadillac Eldorado owned by Maria Felicitas Sanchez, 845 E. Scott, collided with a 1989 red Ford Ranger, owned by Dale and Johna Zint, 736 N. Hazel. Sanchez was issued a citation for backing without safety and Jerry Don Wariner was issued a citation for parking a motor vehicle in the roadway.

An accident occurred at the intersection of Sumner and Somerville when a 1985 white Chevrolet Monte Carlo driven by Robert Allen Robinson, 112 N. Nelson, collided with a 1991 blue Honda Civic, driven by Gordon Edward West, 1601 W. Somerville. No citations were issued.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, August 19
 11:02 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded east of Pampa on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.
 11:40 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transferred one patient to Baptist St. Anthony West.
 1:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of N. Wells on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.
 3:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.
 5:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Mary Ellen on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.
 8:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one patient to Baptist St. Anthony West.
Thursday, August 20
 3:08 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital.
 3:40 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of N. Russell and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.40	Chevron	80 11/16	up 3/16
Milo	3.26	Coca-Cola	80 1/2	dn 3/16
Corn	3.74	Columbia/HCA	27	dn 1/4
Soybeans	4.95	Halliburton	49 5/16	up 1/4
		IRI	32 1/16	up 3/16
		KNE	6 1/16	up 1/16
		Kerr McGee	48 5/8	NC
		Limited	45 7/8	NC
		McDonald's	27 3/16	up 1/16
		Mobil	66 1/16	dn 3/16
		NCE	73 1/8	up 1/8
		New Atmos	28 3/8	up 3/8
		NCE	43 5/8	up 5/16
		Phillips	57	dn 1/8
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	47 7/16	up 9/16
		SLB	55 1/8	dn 3/16
		Tenneco	32 7/8	dn 3/16
		Texaco	61 5/8	dn 3/8
		Ultrasam	26 5/8	NC
		Wal-Mart	63 5/8	dn 3/8
		Williams	29 5/16	dn 3/16
		New York Gold	285.40	
		Arco	66 3/4	dn 3/8
		Cabot	24 1/8	dn 3/4
		Cabot O&G	14 7/8	udn 1/16

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

Occidental	22 1/16	up 1/8
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	106.61	
Puritan	20.69	

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

Amoco	51 11/16	up 1/16
Arco	66 3/4	dn 3/8
Cabot	24 1/8	dn 3/4
Cabot O&G	14 7/8	udn 1/16

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department made the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, August 19
 6:01 p.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to a grass fire at 1108 S. Sumner.

Clarification

The last sentence of the Florene Miller Watson article on page 1 of the Sunday, Aug. 16 edition, was cut off. The sentence should have read, "She was the national chaplain of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots during World War II."

PAMPAN

said Salmon's wife, Donna.
 The two men were locked in a cell with no bedding, toilet paper or clothing, except what they had on.

Davis said her brother and Coronado spoke to a man, Leobardo Ibarra, who told them he was an attorney and that he would get them out of the prison the next day. The next day became the next day then the next day. He charged Salmon \$3,500 and Coronado \$300. The families of the men wired the money to Mexico.

That evening, Coronado was released. Charges against him were dropped, and he caught a bus back to the U.S. When he arrived at his home about two blocks from where Salmon lives, Coronado contacted Salmon's wife and said they needed to do everything they could to get Salmon out of the prison.

Coronado said Salmon was not allowed toilet paper, was not allowed to bathe nor even to change clothes. He was sleeping on a cement slab with a small throw that he had shared with Coronado.

Ibarra disappeared with the money.
 "I don't think we'll ever see that money again," Donna Salmon said. "I don't care as long as he comes home."

She said she's afraid Mexican prison officials will put her husband in with the general population.

Through a friend, Salmon's family contacted a man, Daniel Baeza, in Jal, N.M., who ranches in Chihuahua. Baeza's in-laws live in Chihuahua, and he put them in touch with an attorney, Adolfo Baca. When they hired Baca on Aug. 7, he told them that it would take time to free Salmon.

The Salmon family called Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, whose staff notified the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City.

Anna Lane, an official at the embassy, told the family not to take any action.

"She said that if we bring the public in, it will go harder on him," Davis said, "and he will probably

never get out."

Embassy officials in Mexico City told Salmon's family that they had talked with Salmon at the prison and that he was all right, but there was a fine on the pickup. Salmon's father, who owns the pickup, told them the Mexicans could keep the pickup. He just wanted his son back.

"He's the only son," Davis said. "Dad is going crazy."

She said there are five girls in the family. He's the only boy.

Salmon, a chef at Andrews County Club, and his wife have two daughters, who are in eighth and tenth grades, and a 19-year-old son. Salmon's parents, who live in Arkansas, have spent much of the crisis in Andrews waiting to hear from their son.

"Joe comes over every day," Davis said.

The family sends money to Salmon through Baeza and Baca so he can pay the guards to let him use the phone at the prison.

"He calls every day," Davis said.

Davis said she has talked to him only once.

"I told him maybe God didn't want him going to Mexico to drink beer," Davis said. "He said if he ever got out of there, he wouldn't drink another beer."

Davis said the family tried to send him writing materials, pens and paper, but prison officials wouldn't let him have them. They also sent Salmon's heart medication along with statements from his doctor, but again, prison officials wouldn't let the medicine through.

Baca told the family that Salmon was sentenced to prison because the other man was not a lawyer and there had been no one to represent Salmon. Baca also told them that since Salmon is young and in good health, Mexican officials may want him to stay and work in prison for them rather than asking for any money for his release.

Davis said she was hoping to hear something this week about her brother. Baca told them that the judges were off last week and would return to work this week.

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TESTS

cent in the spring of 1997. That means 96,133 of the 244,492 students who took the exam passed.

In Pampa's Algebra I test in the fall 79 students took the state test and 35, or 41 percent passed. In the spring there were 134 students testing and 57, or 43 percent passed. Several percentage points above the state average.

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BAND

Texas.

"Our oldest son was not only born in Pampa, but was named for Col. Daniel Campbell... I idolized the man and often got to play volleyball games with him in the officer's PT class," Carpenter said in reference to the PAAF's former colonel.

"As a band leader, I was treated by him and other officers as an equal. It was a privilege and an honor I treasured. My band was a very hard-working group," Carpenter added.

After 41 years of band directing, he is now part of another "fine big band of 14," according to Carpenter.

"A majority of students enrolled in algebra simply aren't learning the material," Moses said. "That causes us to ask why. One factor contributing to that problem must be the fact that a large number of algebra I teachers [statewide] aren't certified to teach math."

John Kendall, principal of Pampa High School said that all algebra teachers in Pampa are certified to teach math. He also said that these scores are an improvement over last years scores.

With a rare library of WW II and earlier music, he said his band, called the Flashbacks, have a sound like Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey.

He said he and the band regularly play for two different "Confederate Air Force" groups — one at San Marcos and the other at Burnet.

"We are now being considered for the annual national convention of the 14th Air Force Association, and that, as with the Pampa Army Air Field Reunion Association, would be such great affairs that I would be ready to die happy in my 80th year!" expressed Carpenter.

Saturday night's PAAF banquet is at the Senior Citizens building, 500 W. Francis, at 7.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy, warm and humid today with a high of 90 and southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, fair with a low of 68 and southwest winds at 5-15 mph. Partly cloudy tomorrow, warm and humid with a high in the low 90s. The overnight low was 66.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Low 65-70. Friday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High in the upper 80s to mid 90s.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s, upper 60s. Hill Country. Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. High around 90. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Friday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High around 90. Far West Texas — tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low 65-70. Friday, partly cloudy with a

slight chance of thunderstorms.

High 90-95. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 60 mountains to mid 70s along the Rio Grande. Friday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s mountains to near 100 along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, partly cloudy, a slight chance of evening thunderstorms central and east. Lows 67 west to 75 central. Friday, mostly cloudy south-east, partly cloudy elsewhere. A chance of thunderstorms. Highs 91 west to 99 central.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s, upper 60s. Hill Country. Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 90. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s inland to near 80 coast. Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 90 inland to upper 80s coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains —

Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows near 80 coast to the upper 70s inland. Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s coast to near 90 inland, mid 90s Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES NEW MEXICO

Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy with scattered early nighttime thunderstorms, mostly western three quarters of the state. Lows mid 40s to near 60 mountains with 60s to around 70 at lower elevations. Friday, partly cloudy with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms mountains and west, and a slight chance elsewhere. Fair skies at other times. Highs low 70s to low 80s mountains, mid 80s to low 90s at lower elevations. Lows mid 40s to near 60 mountains with mostly 60s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from the mid 60s to lower 70s. Friday, clear to partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms western Oklahoma and western north Texas. Highs in the mid and upper 90s. Lows from the upper 60s to mid 70s.

Mulan backpacks, luggage recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of children's backpacks and rolling luggage bearing the image of the Disney character Mulan are being recalled because they contain lead-based paint, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

About 3,700 backpacks and 1,800 pieces of luggage were recalled by their manufacturer, Pyramid Accessories Inc. of New York, in order to prevent illnesses.

Lead is toxic when ingested but no illnesses have been reported so far from the merchandise.

Retail stores nationwide sold the products beginning in June.

City briefs

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CHANEY'S CAFE - Thur. 5-8 p.m. - Chicken & dumplings, fried pork chops, baked ham, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

GYMNASTICS OF Pampa, Fall Registration, Tues., Aug. 25th, 4-7:30 p.m. for info. 669-2941, 669-0510. Adv.

COLORADO PEACHES, nectarines, pears, Cunningham's of Colorado (same folks who bring apples!), Mon. Aug. 24th, Dixie Dog. Adv.

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PAMPA SHRINE meeting, Fri. 7 p.m. Adv.

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Panhandle Community Services wins award

Panhandle Community Services has won the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Outstanding Agency Award for a fourth time.

"This award has been given four times," said Johnny Raymond, executive director of the Amarillo-based agency with a center in Pampa, "and Panhandle community Services has won it each time."

He said the agency will use the \$11,240 cash incentive from the award to enhance existing programs designed to assist people to become self-sufficient and climb out of poverty.

"Since the award is based on the case management and overall performance of the staff over the entire 26 county service area of the panhandle," Raymond said, "individual presentations of the award are being made to each center as they shared in the award equally."



Johnny Raymond, executive director of Panhandle Community Services, left, presents a copy of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Outstanding Agency Award to Claire Ann Edwards, coordinator of the Pampa Panhandle Community Services Center, right. This the fourth time PCS has won the state award.

Meredith House



Cinda Jennings, center, program director at Meredith House, is seen here with Meredith House Tenant of the Month Alice O'Toole, left, and Employee of the Month Julie Lester.

Museum to hold special workshop

PANHANDLE — Fourth through eighth grade social studies teachers take note! A Workshop for Educators focusing on artifacts from La Salle's flagship, La Belle, will be held at the Square House Museum in Pampa, FROM 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 25 and Aug. 26. There is no charge for the workshop. Pam Wheat, THC educational coordinator, will conduct the workshops which will be worth six credit hours.

The Belle sank in the Gulf in 1686; it was excavated by the Texas Historical Commission in 1997. The workshop deals with the excavation of the Belle and its artifacts; exploration and culture contact in Texas during the 17th century; the why and how of archaeological excavation; how to identify and interpret artifacts; and the stewardship of cultural resources. An exhibit of artifacts recovered from the Belle excavation, prepared by the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History and loaned by the Texas Historical Commission, will be at the Square House Museum, and the workshop will take place in the gallery among these historical treasures. Puzzles and lessons for the classroom about the Belle artifacts and how to look at them will be provided to take back to the classroom, which will also be provided compliments of the Square House Museum.

To register, call Diane Hansford at the Region 16 Education Service Center, (806) 376-5521 ext. 237.

Volunteers are also needed to staff the gallery on weekends and during school hours for school classes and organizations during the workshop. The training session will be held from 4:30-7:30 p.m. on August 25. For more information, call Paul Katz at the Square House Museum, (806) 376-5524.

Light at the end of the tunnel ...



Reed Kirkpatrick, director of Pampa's Parks Department, is silhouetted in the newest update of the city's hiking and biking trail system. The tunnel Kirkpatrick is walking through, inspecting the newly poured concrete walkway, is in Central Park beneath Louisiana Street.

CC adopts centennial logo design

CLARENDON — Clarendon College has a new, modern look thanks to a new logo, designed by Clarendon College's Centennial Committee.

The new copyrighted logo features interlocking letters and the statement "Quality Education Since 1898." The Centennial logo was designed by Clarendon College alumna, Lisa P. Hinkle.

The new design of the logo retained on apparel such as t-shirts, golf shirts, caps, commemorative coins and official school flags.

Clarendon College will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 5. Celebrations are planned, including reunions, an alumni photo exhibit and a monument dedication and a Centennial parade featuring Rep. Mac Thornberry.

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O'FALLON, Ill. — A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000! Though the majority of scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need based, billions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply, according to the U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance.

Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance - College Bound is such an organization and supplies the pub-

lic with over 700 different private scholarships sources.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed, stamped, business size, #10, envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

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Services tomorrow

GARRISON, Lorene Essary — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
MORELAND, Johnnie L. — 2 p.m., Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Amarillo.

Obituaries

DANIEL HARRISON FARLEY, SR.
 GROOM — Daniel Harrison Farley, Sr., 86, died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1998, at Weatherford, Texas. Services will be at 1 p.m. in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tom Moore officiating. Burial will be in Groom Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Farley was born April 13, 1912, at Berkey, Ohio. He married Sarah L. Barber on Nov. 25, 1956, at Raton, N.M.; she died March 28, 1994. He was a resident of the Groom area from 1972 until moving to Granbury in 1989. He lived in Pampa from 1957-66 and spent three years in Kuwait where he worked for Cooper Bessemer Oil Company. He moved to Odessa in 1970.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Groom and Groom Masonic Lodge #1170 AF&AM.

Survivors include a son, Daniel H. Farley, Jr., of Weatherford; a stepson, Ben Collard of Granville, Ohio; three stepdaughters, Nancy Hilliard of Flower Mound, Jean Collard of Austin and Ann Burke of Streatham, N.H.; a sister, Ruth Campbell of Malabar, Fla.; a brother, Robert Farley of Lake Charles, La.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society.

The family will receive visitors from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home in Pampa.

LORENE ESSARY GARRISON
 Lorene Essary Garrison, 79, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. J.C. Burt, pastor of Barrett Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Garrison was born June 14, 1919, at Antlers, Okla. She married Joe Essary on Aug. 13, 1938, in Oklahoma; he died in 1957. She married Truman Garrison on Nov. 2, 1957, at Sayre, Okla.; he died in 1988. She had been a Pampa resident since 1938. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Jo Dean Wisdom of Pampa and Judy Golden of Wichita Falls; a sister, Nola Chapman of Duncan, Okla.; four grandchildren, Kerri O'Neal of Texarkana, Eddy J. Martin of Woonsocket, R.I., Devin Golden of Eastland and Jay Weeden of Pampa; and six great-grandchildren.

JOHNCIE L. MORELAND
 AMARILLO — Johnnie L. Moreland, 71, mother of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Pleasant Valley Baptist Church with Dr. Dana Moore officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Moreland was born at Amarillo and had been a lifelong Amarillo resident. She married Marvin Moreland in 1947 at Amarillo. She was a member and Sunday school teacher at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church for 35 years. She was a member of Rainbow Rebekah Lodge #193 and Adventure FCE. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin, of the home; two sons, Dane Moreland of Amarillo and Dale Moreland of Pampa; three sisters, Doris Lovorn of Taos, N.M., Marilyn Morrow of Amarillo and Edith Harrington of Poteau, Okla.; a brother, Melvin Pickett of Amarillo; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
 Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through 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
 Efforts are under way to form a support group for parents of children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder or attention deficit disorder. Those interested are asked to call Connie after 6 p.m. and weekends, 669-9364.

EMMAUS REUNION
 Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information, call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
 Regular meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Visitors welcome. For more information, please call 669-0568 or 665-4718.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES

The Pampa Area Singles Dance is Sat., Aug. 22, at the M.K. Brown Auditorium from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Karaoke Kountry with Dee O'Kelley is the featured entertainment this month. The price is \$5 per person and everyone is being asked to bring finger foods. For more information, call 665-0219.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20.

Wednesday, Aug. 19
 A report of burglary of a motor vehicle was made in the 500 block of Atchison.
 Carla Jean Bluemel, 31, 801 East Gordon, was arrested on charges of theft by check.

Thursday, Aug. 20
 Marcus Shepard, 25, 1112 Garland, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

Phillip Shane Bridges, 18, 109 N. Dwight, was arrested on charges of drinking while intoxicated.

Jason Collin Harlan, 17, 1121 Darby, was arrested on charges of being a minor in consumption and theft under \$50.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20.

Wednesday, Aug. 19
 Dale Francis Guiliani, 44, 1528 Wells, was arrested on charges of indecent exposure.

Michael Shane McGavock, 31, 309 Jean, was arrested on charges of burglary of building.

Daron McBee, 32, Lefors, was arrested on charges of domestic violence.

Accidents

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following accidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20.

Wednesday, Aug. 19
 An accident occurred on 800 E. Scott when a 1978 blue Cadillac Eldorado owned by Maria Felicitas Sanchez, 845 E. Scott, collided with a 1989 red Ford Ranger, owned by Dale and Johna Zint, 736 N. Hazel. Sanchez was issued a citation for backing without safety and Jerry Don Wariner was issued a citation for parking a motor vehicle in the roadway.

An accident occurred at the intersection of Sumner and Somerville when a 1985 white Chevrolet Monte Carlo driven by Robert Allen Robinson, 112 N. Nelson, collided with a 1991 blue Honda Civic, driven by Gordon Edward West, 1601 W. Somerville. No citations were issued.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, August 19
 11:02 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded east of Pampa on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

11:40 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transferred one patient to Baptist St. Anthony West.

1:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of N. Wells on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

3:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

5:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Mary Ellen on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

8:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one patient to Baptist St. Anthony West.

Thursday, August 20
 3:08 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital.

3:40 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of N. Russell and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.40	Chevron	80 11/16	up 3/16
Milo	3.26	Coca-Cola	80 1/2	dn 3/16
Corn	3.74	Columbia/HCA	27	dn 1/4
Soybeans	4.95	Enron	49 5/16	up 1/4
		Halliburton	32 1/16	up 3/16
		IRI	6 1/16	up 1/16
		KNE	48 5/8	NC
		Kerr McGee	45 7/8	NC
		Limited	27 3/16	up 1/16
		McDonald's	66 1/16	dn 3/16
		Mobil	73 1/8	up 1/8
		New Atmos	28 3/8	up 3/8
		NCF	43 5/8	dn 1/8
		Phillips	47 7/16	up 9/16
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	17 5/16	dn 3/16
		SLB	55 1/8	dn 5/16
		Tenneco	32 7/8	dn 3/16
		Texaco	61 5/8	dn 3/8
		Ultramar	26 5/8	NC
		Wal-Mart	63 5/8	dn 3/8
		Williams	29 5/16	dn 3/16
		New York Gold	285.40	
		Arco	66 3/4	dn 3/8
		Cabot	24 1/8	dn 3/4
		Cabot O&G	14 7/8	udn 1/4

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Occidental	22 1/16	up 1/8
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Magellan	106.61	
Puritan	20.69	

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

Amoco	51 11/16	up 1/16
Arco	66 3/4	dn 3/8
Cabot	24 1/8	dn 3/4
Cabot O&G	14 7/8	udn 1/4

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department made the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, August 19
 6:01 p.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to a grass fire at 1108 S. Sumner.

Clarification

The last sentence of the Florene Miller Watson article on page 1 of the Sunday, Aug. 16 edition, was cut off. The sentence should have read, "She was the national chaplain of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots during World War II."

PAMPAN

said Salmon's wife, Donna.
 The two men were locked in a cell with no bedding, toilet paper or clothing, except what they had on.

Davis said her brother and Coronado spoke to a man, Leobardo Ibarra, who told them he was an attorney and that he would get them out of the prison the next day. The next day became the next day then the next day. He charged-Salmon \$3,500 and Coronado \$300. The families of the men wired the money to Mexico.

That evening, Coronado was released. Charges against him were dropped, and he caught a bus back to the U.S. When he arrived at his home about two blocks from where Salmon lives, Coronado contacted Salmon's wife and said they needed to do everything they could to get Salmon out of the prison.

Coronado said Salmon was not allowed toilet paper, was not allowed to bathe nor even to change clothes. He was sleeping on a cement slab with a small throw that he had shared with Coronado.

Ibarra disappeared with the money.
 "I don't think we'll ever see that money again," Donna Salmon said. "I don't care as long as he comes home."

She said she's afraid Mexican prison officials will put her husband in with the general population.

Through a friend, Salmon's family contacted a man, Daniel Baeza, in Jal, N.M., who ranches in Chihuahua. Baeza's in-laws live in Chihuahua, and he put them in touch with an attorney, Adolfo Baca. When they hired Baca on Aug. 7, he told them that it would take time to free Salmon.

The Salmon family called Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, whose staff notified the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City.

Anna Lane, an official at the embassy, told the family not to take any action.

"She said that if we bring the public in, it will go harder on him," Davis said, "and he will probably

never get out."

Embassy officials in Mexico City told Salmon's family that they had talked with Salmon at the prison and that he was all right, but there was a fine on the pickup. Salmon's father, who owns the pickup, told them the Mexicans could keep the pickup. He just wanted his son back.

"He's the only son," Davis said. "Dad is going crazy."

She said there are five girls in the family. He's the only boy.

Salmon, a chief at Andrews County Club, and his wife have two daughters, who are in eighth and tenth grades, and a 19-year-old son. Salmon's parents, who live in Arkansas, have spent much of the crisis in Andrews waiting to hear from their son.

"Joe comes over every day," Davis said.

The family sends money to Salmon through Baeza and Baca so he can pay the guards to let him use the phone at the prison.

"He calls every day," Davis said.

Davis said she has talked to him only once.

"I told him maybe God didn't want him going to Mexico to drink beer," Davis said. "He said if he ever got out of there, he wouldn't drink another beer."

Davis said the family tried to send him writing materials, pens and paper, but prison officials wouldn't let him have them. They also sent Salmon's heart medication along with statements from his doctor, but again, prison officials wouldn't let the medicine through.

Baca told the family that Salmon was sentenced to prison because the other man was not a lawyer and there had been no one to represent Salmon. Baca also told them that since Salmon is young and in good health, Mexican officials may want him to stay and work in prison for their rather than asking for any money for his release.

Davis said she was hoping to hear something this week about her brother. Baca told them that the judges were off last week and would return to work this week.

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TESTS

A majority of students enrolled in algebra simply aren't learning the material," Moses said. "That causes us to ask why. One factor contributing to that problem must be the fact that a large number of algebra I teachers [statewide] aren't certified to teach math."

In Pampa's Algebra I test in the fall 79 students took the state test and 35, or 41 percent passed. In the spring there were 134 students testing and 57, or 43 percent passed. Several percentage points above the state average.

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BAND

Texas.

"Our oldest son was not only born in Pampa, but was named for Col. Daniel Campbell ... I idolized the man and often got to play volleyball games with him in the officer's PT class," Carpenter said in reference to the PAAF's former colonel.

"As a band leader, I was treated by him and other officers as an equal. It was a privilege and an honor I treasured. My band was a very hard-working group," Carpenter added.

After 41 years of band directing, he is now part of another "fine big band of 14," according to Carpenter.

John Kendall, principal of Pampa High School said that all algebra teachers in Pampa are certified to teach math. He also said that these scores are an improvement over last years scores.

With a rare library of WW II and earlier music, he said his band, called the Flashbacks, have a sound like Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey.

He said he and the band regularly play for two different "Confederate Air Force" groups — one at San Marcos and the other at Burnet.

"We are now being considered for the annual national convention of the 14th Air Force Association, and that, as with the Pampa Army Air Field Reunion Association, would be such great affairs that I would be ready to die happy in my 80th year!" expressed Carpenter.

Saturday night's PAAF banquet is at the Senior Citizens building, 500 W. Francis, at 7.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy, warm and humid today with a high of 90 and southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, fair with a low of 68 and southwest winds at 5-15 mph. Partly cloudy tomorrow, warm and humid with a high in the low 90s. The overnight low was 66.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Low 65-70. Friday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High in the upper 80s to mid 90s.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, partly cloudy, a slight chance of evening thunderstorms central and east. Lows 67 west to 75 central. Friday, mostly cloudy south-east, partly cloudy elsewhere. A chance of thunderstorms. Highs 91 west to 99 central.

HILL COUNTRY — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 90.

UPPER TEXAS — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 90 inland to near 80 coast. Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low 65-70.

LOWER TEXAS — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 90 inland to near 80 coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains —

slight chance of thunderstorms. High 90-95.

GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS/BIG BEND AREA — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 60 mountains to mid 70s along the Rio Grande. Friday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s mountains to near 100 along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, partly cloudy, a slight chance of evening thunderstorms central and east. Lows 67 west to 75 central. Friday, mostly cloudy south-east, partly cloudy elsewhere. A chance of thunderstorms. Highs 91 west to 99 central.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s, upper 60s Hill Country. Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 90.

UPPER TEXAS — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s inland to near 80 coast. Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 90 inland to near 80 coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains —

Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows near 80 coast to the upper 70s inland. Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s coast to near 90 inland, mid 90s Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, partly mostly cloudy with scattered early nighttime thunderstorms, mostly western three quarters of the state. Lows mid 40s to near 60 mountains with 60s to around 70 at lower elevations. Friday, partly cloudy with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms mountains and west, and a slight chance elsewhere. Fair skies at other times. Highs low 70s to low 80s mountains, mid 80s to low 90s at lower elevations.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from the mid 60s to lower 70s. Friday, clear to partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms western Oklahoma and western north Texas. Highs in the mid and upper 90s. Lows from the upper 60s to mid 70s.

Mulan backpacks, luggage recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of children's backpacks and rolling luggage bearing the image of the Disney character Mulan are being recalled because they contain lead-based paint, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

About 3,700 backpacks and 1,800 pieces of luggage were recalled by their manufacturer, Pyramid Accessories Inc. of New York, in order to prevent illnesses.

Lead is toxic when ingested but no illnesses have been reported so far from the merchandise.

Retail stores nationwide sold the products beginning in June.

Two styles of backpacks were marketed.

One had a fan-shaped exterior pocket that covered Mulan's face, the other had a rectangular pocket below the character.

Both were sold in pink and purple for about \$12 to \$14. The rolling luggage is pink, 18 inches long and bears Mulan's image. It sold for about \$25 to \$30.

Consumers should immediately return these items for a refund at the store of purchase, the commission said.

For more information, they may call Pyramid Accessories Inc., at (800) 543-4327 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT on weekdays.

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Texas Editorials

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Houston Chronicle:
 President Clinton, to the surprise of almost no one, has figuratively bared the scarlet letter he wears — an L for liar.
 No one, however, should take pleasure in stating that stark truth. What an ugly national spectacle all around....
 For the nation, it's a sort of Super Bowl of sordidness, complete with off-color analysis, play-by-play commentary and endless — endless — on-the-field mayhem....
 If only the president could take back his dissembling under oath and lies to the American people, as he now seems to wish to do. But the mess won't disappear. Still to come are Starr's report to Congress, and then hearings, and so on. Until Clinton leaves office, there might as well be a sign on this scandal that reads, "No Exit." ... And even then there are those history books to write.

The Dallas Morning News:
 ...an American president testifying about possible criminal wrongdoing before a grand jury. What a low moment in presidential history.
 Bill Clinton also endured a moment of great personal shame in having to confess that he misled the country and that has twice elected him to its highest office. He blamed some of his troubles on Mr. Starr. But it is Mr. Clinton who has dishonored that office, his family and himself.
 That said, Mr. Starr should promptly assess the president's testimony and send Congress a report of his work in this episode and the other financial and White House matters he has investigated. Mr. Starr now needs to complete his task and move quickly.
 After all, America leads a dangerous world....

The Hereford Brand:
 All involved in the tawdry mess in Washington have lived down to their critics' expectations.
 President Clinton embarrassed the nation by his dalliance with a White House intern and subsequent lying about it; he's humiliated his wife and daughter; he's betrayed his supporters.
 Bill Clinton's address to the nation did not include an apology to the nation for allowing this sordid matter to drag on and on for seven months....the president should not have attacked the special prosecutor during Monday night's speech. What Clinton should have done was apologize to the country and resigned....

Fort Worth Star-Telegram:
 "Not appropriate."
 OK, the earth didn't exactly shake with surprise when President Clinton spoke those words on national television last night, but look on the bright side: At least you were spared the graphic details of his relationship with Monica Lewinsky....
 The presidency, the nation, the people — all have been besmirched because of the tawdry affair that has become the focus of Starr's four-year, \$40 million investigation, which has appeared more and more like a witch hunt. "This has gone on too long, cost too much, and hurt too many innocent people," the president said.
 We agree.

Amarillo Globe-News:
 President Clinton's four-minute talk to the nation Monday night very well could have ended the nation's fixation with the scandal that has paralyzed his administration since January.
 It did nothing of the sort.
 Instead, it has exposed the president's serious deficiencies, and yes, his deep and probably irreparable character flaws....
 The most powerful office in the world requires its occupant an extraordinary amount of good judgment every waking moment of every day.
 President William Jefferson Clinton has fallen far short of that standard.

The Monitor, McAllen:
 Even as he admitted having a relationship with Monica Lewinsky that was "not appropriate; in fact, it was wrong," President Clinton continued to defer blame to others....
 The president has given no indication that he won't fight this latest matter as enthusiastically as those of the past. We expect this case to lurch on for quite some time.
 Therefore, we face 2 1/2 more years of a president who could be rendered impotent politically by his lack of judgment....
 But, in light of the big-government proposals he has constantly thrown at the people of this country, a weakened President Clinton just might not be so bad after all.

Getting the grade at PHS

I learned, via the high schooler in my house, there are no D's given at Pampa High School. A, B, C, and F.
 Sounds fine to me. I never cared for D's anyway. I was an A and B's, occasional-C's-in-math-classes, kind of gal. But I find the absence of D's particularly amusing in lieu of the fact that only three weeks ago I learned they now give E's in Albuquerque.
 A, B, C, D, E, and F.
 I had always wondered what happened to the E.
 Upon hearing of the E's entrance onto New Mexico report cards, I guessed it meant excellent, like an S in kindergarten meant satisfactory.
 But, upon closer examination, I found that an E means, essentially, the bare minimum accomplished to pass the course.
 As in, you went to the class, but you didn't do D work and you didn't do F work, which is really no work at all. Instead, you did E work, which, I guess means you worked, somewhat, but not really.
 Makes perfect sense.
 Almost as much as skipping out on the D's.
 I understand and approve of the absence of D's. But I know kids, I'm not naming names, (my brothers) who live for D's. Who like them very much, who wouldn't trade them in for a C if not simply for the fact that a D is ... not an F.
 The D is the letter grade without the stigma of an F.
 The F might mean no television for a semester, whereas the D means "you better get a C next report card mister!"
 If you get a D, you can always rationalize, "Hey, at least it's not an F." A student can pass

Random Revelations
Miranda G. Bailey
 Pampa News staff writer



with a D, although clearly not in the state of Texas, which brings me back to E ... isn't that the same as a D?
 Or is a New Mexico E a Texas C ... probably, a Texas F, if you ask me.
 These poor letters.
 Who first decided that an A is the best grade to get anyway? Aristotle? Wait. Don't tell me. Aristotle wrote the alphabet, too.
 So what if an A comes first in the alphabet? That doesn't mean it's better than Z. But as of yet, there are no Z's in grading scale. So until then, an A means the best you can get.
 Or maybe it doesn't.
 There really is some range to an A.
 Like I knew students, I'm not naming any names, (my husband) who were not particularly happy with an A if it were, say, a 92. Nothing but a 95 and above constitutes satisfaction for most A and 4.0 recipients.
 But for you other under-achievers, like myself, the reasoning behind the over-achievement goes something like this: if you're gonna get an A, get a real good A ... an A to be proud of ... an A for the ages.
 As far as I'm concerned, an A is an A. It's as good as it gets.

It's the grade of grades, although not the letter of letters.
 It's the letter humane teachers love to give, because I've known inhumane instructors who wouldn't give an A if you got a cow to jump over the moon.
 A is the letter proud parents love to tell their friends that their kids got; it's the letter we have all aspired to at least once, before we decided never to aspire again.
 I personally like the whole A- approach.
 You don't have to work quite as hard, and yet, you still got the A.
 For the record, I am pro-consolidation of the A- and the B+.
 Come on! They really are the same grade, plus or minus a measly letter, and a plus or minus sign.
 The A- just looks better.
 Not that we should judge a grade by the way it looks ...
 Actually, now that I mention it, I remember often saying in high school, "this grade won't look good on my transcripts." Sometimes that was the sole basis of my argument to teachers on why they should give me an A- over a B+.
 "But this won't look good on my transcripts!"
 Where are those transcripts anyway? I used to live and die by them, and now, it's but a flash in the pan.
 I'm telling you, after living on the letter grading system for the greater portion of my life, it's hard to let the grade-thing go!
 But honestly, wouldn't an M make more sense as the highest letter one can achieve in school? It is, after all, almost two A's stuck together ...

Today in history

- By The Associated Press**
 Today is Thursday, Aug. 20, the 232nd day of 1998. There are 133 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 Thirty years ago, on Aug. 20, 1968, the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations began invading Czechoslovakia to crush the "Prague Spring" liberalization drive of Alexander Dubcek's regime.
 On this date:
 In 1833, Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd president of the United States, was born in North Bend, Ohio.
 In 1866, President Andrew Johnson formally declared the Civil War over, even though the fighting had stopped months earlier.
 In 1914, German forces occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War I.
 In 1918, Britain opened its offensive on the Western front during World War I.
 In 1940, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill paid tribute to the Royal Air Force, saying, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."
 In 1948, the United States ordered the expulsion of the Soviet Consul General in New York, Jacob Lomakin, accusing him of attempting to return two consular employees to the Soviet Union against their will.
 In 1953, the Soviet Union publicly acknowledged it had tested a hydrogen bomb.
 In 1955, hundreds of people were killed in anti-French rioting in Morocco and Algeria.
 In 1964, President Johnson signed a nearly one \$1 billion anti-poverty measure.
 In 1977, the U.S. launched Voyager II, an unmanned spacecraft carrying a 12-inch copper phonograph record containing greetings in dozens of languages, samples of music and sounds of nature.

Trade policies bad for nation

Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

One of the oddities of postmodern America is that truth and facts have no bearing on public policy. Policy seems to be adopted — and supported — as a matter of religious faith rather than on an empirical basis.
 Take free trade, for example. For 20 years, people have argued that free trade will create American jobs, and for 20 years free trade has resulted in the loss of American jobs as well as piling up trade deficits to staggering levels.
 No matter. Proponents keep making the same disproven arguments as if there were no evidence to the contrary whatsoever.
 The North American Free Trade Agreement, for example, has done precisely what its opponents predicted: It has shifted jobs from the United States to Mexico. Why is anyone surprised? Labor costs in Mexico are a fraction of what they are in the United States. Lower labor costs mean higher profits for capital, not lower prices for consumers, as some naive people suppose.
 Mexico today produces 1.5 million vehicles, nearly all of which are exported to the United States. According to Business Week, analysts expect this number to increase to 2.2 million vehicles in the next three years. That increase can only come at the expense of American auto workers.
 A Mexican company, the same article reported, now controls 40 percent of the North

American market for some suspension parts and is expected to increase that to 65 percent. It's chief rival is also building a new plant in Mexico.
 Under NAFTA, tariffs have dropped from 20 percent to 6 percent and are scheduled to be zero in 2004. "That shift," says Business Week, "has encouraged the Big Three (Ford, Chrysler, GM) to move ever bigger chunks of their car and truck operations to Mexico."
 The magazine reported that Mexico's exports of autos and auto parts have soared from \$7.2 billion five years ago to \$19.2 billion, generating 360,000 jobs. That's good for Mexico but bad for the United States because virtually all of that production and all of those jobs came from the United States.
 The magazine pointed out that a supervisor at one of these plants in charge of 20 people makes \$10 a day.
 Americans had better wake up to the truth that the free trade policies as practiced today represent an assault on the American worker and on American prosperity. The form imperialism and colonialism have taken on today is

the vision of a global plantation run by an elite oligarchy in transnational corporations. It is as ambitious and evil as any other vision of world conquest.
 It is a measure of the stupidity of some conservatives that they hang on to their ideological belief in the face of facts that clearly show that free trade in the 20th century bears no resemblance to the free trade practiced in the 19th century.
 Free trade today is a plot against the nation, a part of a scheme to destroy the nation-state and shift power to the hands of an international elite that will control not only the economic destiny but the political destiny of the world's people.
 This scheme won't work and will generate wars and revolutions, but it ought to be us, the Americans, who stop it before it comes to that. For that to happen, Americans will have to break free from the bonds of ideology and obsolete associations and recognize the new facts.
 Today, true American traditionalists include not only people who think of themselves as conservatives but people who think of themselves as liberals. The two groups will be utter fools if they allow the Machiavellian corporations to pit one against the other over trivia while the corporations steal the whole country. Today, a true conservative stands with the UAW, not with GM.

Farmers will have tough go recovering from 1998 drought

By CHRIS NEWTON
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Nobody has to tell Don Stafford this is one of the worst droughts of the century.

The cotton farmer has a field of dry, hard dirt to attest to that.

"Most of my dryland cotton didn't break ground," Stafford said. "I lost everything. Not much can help now."

In fact, farmers such as Stafford are already worried about how this year's drought will affect next year's crop.

"The rain we're getting now is too late for this year, but it might help next year's cotton," he said.

Scientists say that rain could begin to refill the depleted groundwater that crops rely on to help them grow. Without rain over the next few months, the chance of crop losses next year goes up.

"A few weeks of rain now would go a long way towards helping the soil prepare for next year," said Randy Boman, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service cotton expert.

"It's not too early to start thinking about softening up the ground and replenishing the groundwater supply for next year."

A low-pressure system combined with moist, unstable air has brought rain to the Lubbock and Fort Stockton areas this week. But

little rain is expected in the region for the next two weeks, according to forecasters.

Wednesday, the drought of 1998 officially became the worst since the legendary seven-year dry stretch of the 1950s, with university researchers estimating agricultural losses at more than \$2.1 billion.

Projected impact on the state's economy far surpasses that of any droughts since the 1980s and is some \$800 million higher than the 1996 drought, said extension service researcher Roland Smith.

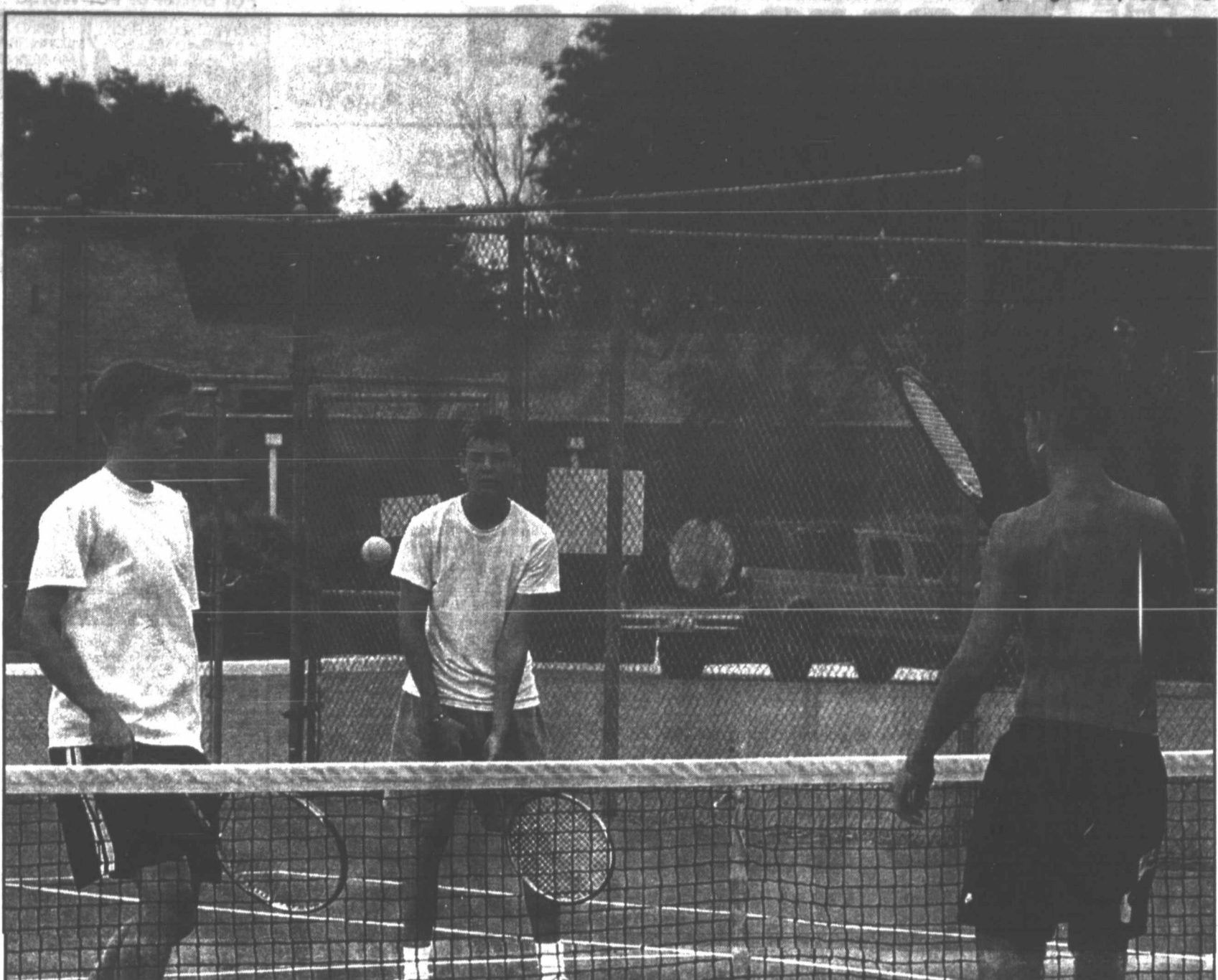
"The devastation experienced by this year's cotton and corn crop will leave the agriculture industry in Texas reeling for some time to come," Smith said.

But the losses aren't occurring solely because more crops were lost than in prior years.

Unlike 1996, Texas crops are suffering a great deal worse than those in other states, meaning that prices remain low because there are few shortages. Shortages lead to higher prices and sometimes help farmers recoup some of their losses.

Smith said nobody has tried to figure the economic losses from the prolonged dry spell of the 1950s, but it would be far worse than this year because of its sheer length.

"You'd have to go back to the Depression era ... to get something that would be comparable," he said.



Kirk Gentzel (left) and Greg Easley team up against Kyle Easley in an informal game of tennis. (Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Federal employees to get salary hikes

By KALPANA SRINIVASAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton promised federal workers today an 8 percent pay raise over the next two years.

The president outlined a 3.6 percent raise for 1999 and an additional 4.4 percent the following year. The 2000 raise would be the largest since 1981.

In a statement from Martha's Vineyard, where he is vacationing with his family, Clinton said the federal government is today operating more efficiently than ever. "This success would not have been possible without government employees who have been called upon to work harder and to do more with less," Clinton said.

"Our federal employees have risen to that mission and with this action, we recognize their efforts."

Officials said the 3.6 percent increase is in line with congressional moves to boost Defense Department military and civil servant pay by that amount. Clinton said today that if Congress does not also approve the increase in nondefense pay, "I will use my executive authority to guarantee that a 3.6 (percent) increase takes effect."

The Office of Management and Budget is preparing its formal

guidance to federal departments, saying what they should plan on paying federal workers in calendar 2000 and advising a 4.4 percent increase. That guidance, which has not yet gone out, is what departments use to put together their budget submissions for OMB, an OMB official said.

Although the 2000 raise would mark the largest for federal workers in two decades, some on Capitol Hill who were briefed on the figures Wednesday said the increase still would not make up for years of underpaying federal workers.

"While I'm grateful for this important step, it doesn't begin to make up for years of failure to meet the formula for pay raises for federal workers," said Eleanor Holmes Norton, the District of Columbia's delegate to Congress. Federal employees continue to make less than those doing similar work in the public sector, she said.

Business briefs...

Experts predict housing slowdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Builders started new homes in July at the fastest pace in more than a decade, but analysts still predicted the nation's booming housing market would slow soon.

"Housing starts in July once again defied conventional wisdom that they could not go higher," said David Orr, an economist with First Union Corp. in Charlotte, N.C.

Builders started construction of new housing at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.72 million units in July, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

Russia delays debt restructure announcement

MOSCOW (AP) — Under pressure from international investors, Russia postponed an announcement Wednesday of plans to restructure its debt — a move that had been expected to short-change foreigners.

Boris Fyodorov, the new deputy prime minister for economic policy, said the government wanted to avoid angering foreigners who poured money into Russian treasury bills and who could still face steep losses.

"It's important not to make a mistake in this decision," said Fyodorov, a former finance minister. "It will determine whether Russia can return to world markets within six months, within a year or within five years."

GM confirms plans for new engine plant

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — General Motors Corp. confirmed plans Wednesday to build a new engine plant in Flint, Mich., that will employ about 700 workers.

The automaker pledged in November to build the plant in the Flint area in an effort to ease the blow of closing the Buick City

Assembly Center in late 1999.

Construction on the new plant is expected to begin later this month. It will replace the Flint V-8 Engine Plant, which GM expects to close by 2000.

U.S. West, striking union back at table

DENVER (AP) — Negotiators for U S West Inc. and its striking union returned to the bargaining table Wednesday for the first time since the walkout by 34,000 workers in 13 states began over the weekend.

Federal mediator Jim Mahon planned to meet separately with representatives of the Baby Bell telephone company and the Communications Workers of America. The sticking points are a performance-pay plan, mandatory overtime and health care benefits.

"The hope is by having him do some work back and forth, there can be a much better atmosphere that can develop," said U S West spokesman David Beigie.

British company's talks with Libya revealed

LONDON (AP) — A newspaper reported Wednesday that British Aerospace PLC held secret talks about rebuilding Libya's civil aviation industry, prompting shares to rally on speculation such a deal might be lucrative.

British Aerospace complained that a British tabloid, The Express, had "created an issue which does not exist" in a front-page story suggesting the company stood to gain 6 billion pounds (\$9.7 billion) in business with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

But British Aerospace acknowledged it had been in touch with a Libyan intermediary who inquired about whether the company might be interested in aviation contracts with Libya.

Indictments

The Gray County grand jury returned six indictments recently.

Carmen Pacheco Whitehead, 31, 313 Wells, was indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Michelle Beckstrom Page, 33, Miami Texas, was indicted on charges of forgery by making.

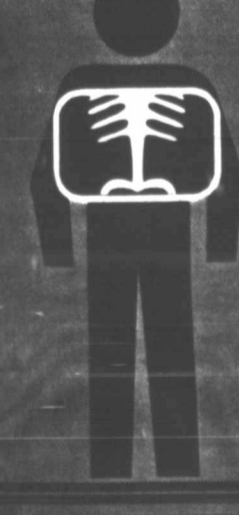
Donna Kay Shelton, 43, Route 1 Box 150 I, was indicted on charges of tampering with a governmental record.

Jimmy Ronay Shelton, 46, Route 1 Box 150 I, was indicted on charges of tampering with a governmental record.

Jackie Dale Mason, 38, 526 N. Roberta, was indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Mark Thomas Lamar, 38, 1913 N. Faulkner, was indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated.

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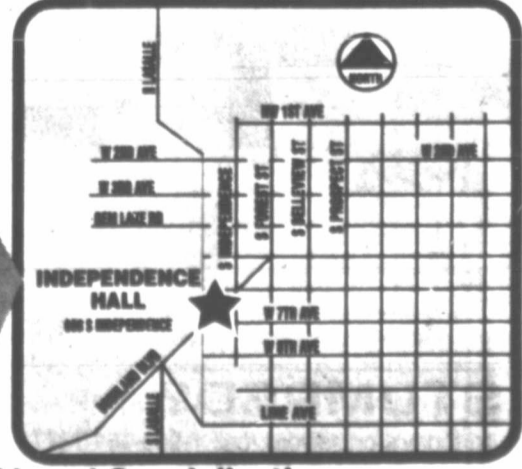
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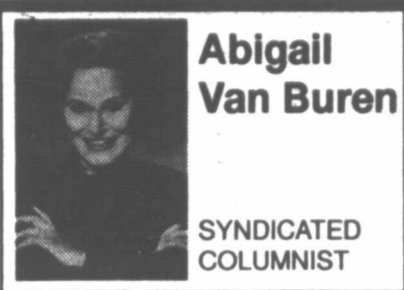
DEAR ABBY: My fiancé, "Gil," has an ex-wife I'll call Shirley, and an 11-year-old daughter. Shirley divorced Gil three years ago for another man.

She always goes out to Gil's car and makes small talk when he takes his daughter home from weekend visitations. Last Halloween, instead of waiting in the car, she came into my living room. This summer, Shirley dropped by Gil's family reunion briefly and brought him a gift to celebrate his recent baptism. She also calls my home regularly and asks for Gil.

In my opinion, when you divorce someone, that pretty much says you don't want to see the person again. I believe Shirley should also be divorced from the family. I want to start a new life with Gil, but somehow I keep running into this woman.

Abby, wouldn't it be good manners for Shirley to stay out of sight? KATHY IN HUNTSVILLE, ALA

DEAR KATHY: Considering the circumstances of the divorce, I'm surprised that Shirley felt comfortable dropping by the family reunion. However, Gil will always have a tie to Shirley because of their daughter, so it's to everyone's advantage to maintain a friendly relationship. If you want a happy future with him, try harder to control your resentment and accept the fact that he has "baggage." Sometimes you have to take the bit



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

ter with the sweet.

DEAR ABBY: Is it a requirement of friendship to agree to assume certain responsibilities if something happens to your friend?
I live in a senior housing project. I do not have a pet and do not want the obligation of taking care of one. My friend has asked me twice if I would take care of her two cats if something should happen to her. My answer both times was that I would find good homes for them. My friend snapped back, "That's not good enough." I'm worried I'll lose her friendship over this, but Abby, I don't want her cats. By the way, she's in perfect health. I'm not — I have allergies.

CAT'S PAJAMAS

DEAR CAT'S PAJAMAS: Your offer to find your friend's cats a good home is good enough. It is unreasonable for this woman to expect you to assume their care when you have expressed no interest in doing so. If you want to go the

extra mile, try to find someone now who would be willing to take the cats should the need arise, and tell your friend you have a home lined up. Or offer to help her do the same.

DEAR ABBY: I've been reading your column for many years. I'm a 73-year-old grandma of 10. I even have one great-grandchild.

At the end of your column today, it said, "Everybody has a problem." You know what? I don't! If I had to "get it off my chest," I'd be hard pressed to find a thing to complain about.

You get so many letters with so many problems, I thought you'd like to hear from someone who has none. I have no problem now and never had one that couldn't be solved with a little patience and sometimes a lot of hard work.

There are probably many more out there like me. You just don't hear from them, so I'm writing to make your day. Did I?

BETTY SKOOG, McHENRY, ILL.

DEAR BETTY: Yes, you certainly did, and thank you for taking the time to write. If all my readers were like you, I'd be out of business!

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, AUG. 21, 1998
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)

Lighten up about love and money. A friend once more presents a provocative point of view. New, creative resolutions are needed, to help loved ones. It is time for a change in attitude. If single, you could be walking into a new relationship soon. Tonight: Let wilderness in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You cannot continue as you have been. A loved one announces his limits. You weren't juggling two different interests as successfully as you thought. Feedback comes in clear. Make long-overdue decisions, or someone else will make them for you. Tonight: Be a homebody.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Communications could startle you. Act spontaneously to make what you want happen. Surprises lurk, no matter which direction you turn. Have you considered that your messages are off? Seek to improve the way you express yourself. Tonight: Hang out with pals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You pull the financial wild card. Make security primary in any decision. Remember, you need to

take care of yourself first. New beginnings are more than possible. Examine new options by investigating different choices. Be creative, and remain inquiring and open. Tonight: Indulge a little.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

New beginnings come from letting go and making things happen. Examine your objectives. You could be compulsive. Your sense of humor will emerge, if you can relax. Make a decision uniquely for yourself, not for anyone else. Success will be yours. Tonight: It's your call.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Take a back seat, though with your strong mental qualities you could find that task close to impossible. Realize current limits, and work within those constraints. Make internal decisions for you and your life. You need to take better care of yourself. Tonight: Vanish quickly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Pull back and think or, perhaps, even laugh. A loved one or potential new relationship does something unexpected. It is appropriate to seek a greater commitment, or perhaps move on to a coveted long-term goal. Plot your direction with care. Tonight: Time to let go and enjoy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Again, you get evidence and feedback that confirms that you cannot exist in the current pressure cooker. Remain self-confident, but break free from the status quo. Make your personal life more of the caliber you need for it to flourish. Tonight:

Do what makes you feel good.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Make sure you are ready for the unexpected because it is about to appear at your door. Your quickness and sense of humor come forward. Listen to offers, give in to spontaneity and let go of rigidity. Make resolutions that empower your mind. Tonight: Weekend escape.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Understand what is happening between you and a partner. You might feel shaky, as wildness continues with your piggy bank and checkbook. Take control, and let a partner handle his own problems. Make decisions that work for you now. Tonight: Turn on the fan!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Your energy slumps with a draining solar eclipse. But new relationships result. If you are single, your status could change. Excitement and the unexpected run through your personal connections. Go with the flow. Tonight: Where the fun is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Give that work project a final push. Listen carefully to your inner voice. You might feel you need to give up something. A flirtation at work could be developing into something more. Do you want this to happen? Be realistic. Tonight: You need exercise!

BORN TODAY

Actress Kim Cattrall (1956), football player Jim McMahon (1959), actress Alicia Witt (1975)

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Pleads

5 Party item

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15 Lefty

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22 Mexico's

24 Sipping

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30 Taters

32 Foreword's

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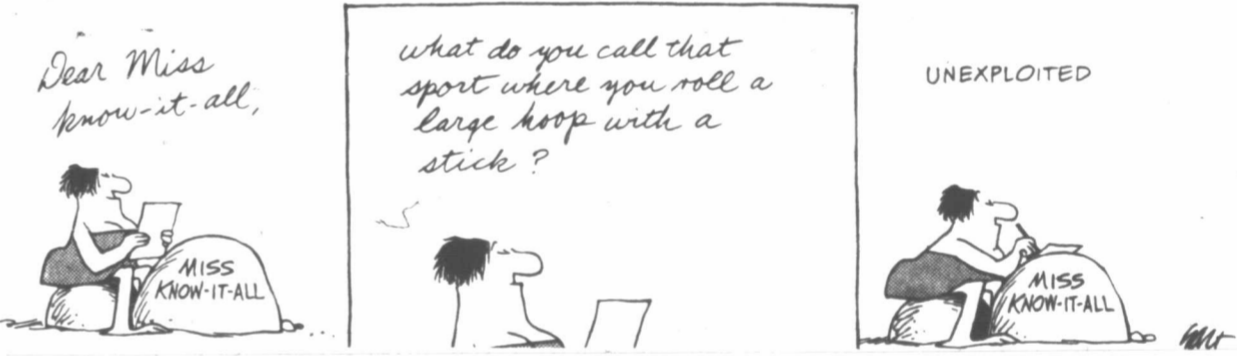
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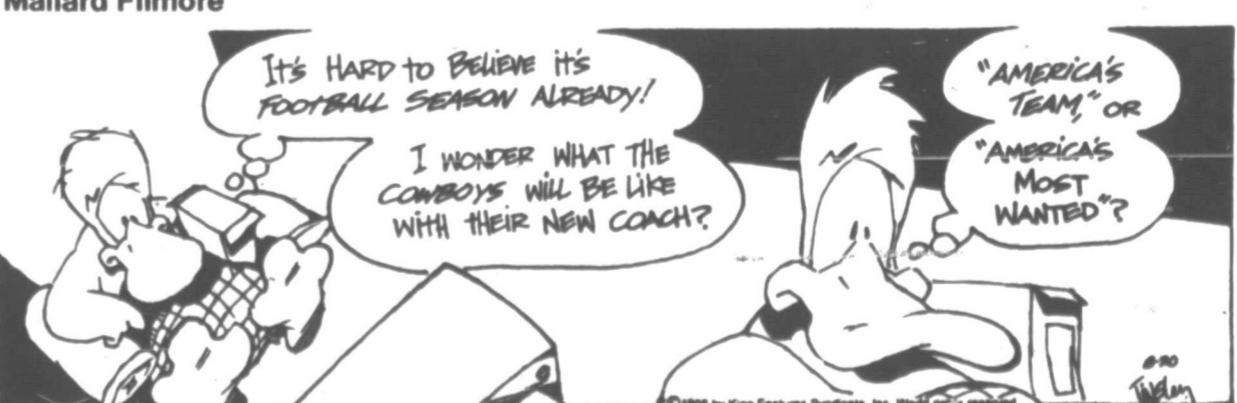
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SOCCER

PAMPA — The Pampa Soccer Association held fall sign-ups for ages 4-18 this past weekend. There are still age groups with openings. Go by T-Shirts & More (111 W. Kingsmill) to sign up. Registration fee is \$30 and includes uniforms. New players must bring a birth certificate and they must be at least four years old on or before July 31, 1998.

There will be a Coaches Clinic Aug. 25-27. Coaches attending the four-hour clinic will be eligible to receive a G license and there is no fee to attend.

If you have any questions, call 669-1273.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Moises Alou no longer worries about anything that involves voting.

He drove in 15 runs in the playoffs last year, including nine in the World Series for the champion Florida Marlins, but it was pitcher Livan Hernandez who was voted Series MVP.

Alou, who owns a stable of thoroughbred horses in his native Dominican Republic, considered naming one "The Real MVP" but his wife talked him out of it.

Last year is a mostly pleasant memory for Alou, who is having an outstanding year with the Houston Astros with a .304 average, 109 RBIs and a career-best 35 homers prior to Wednesday night's game at Philadelphia.

Alou already has one World Series ring and the only campaigning he's doing now is aimed at getting another one. Maybe, if the Astros make it to the World Series, Alou will be luckier this time in the MVP voting. But he doesn't care.

FOOTBALL

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — What conference is this? Surely not the Southwestern Athletic Conference where Eddie Robinson was the main man for most of the century.

And the departure of the legendary Grambling State coach, who retired at the end of last season after an historic career that began in 1941, isn't the only change in the well-known black conference.

There are also new coaches at longtime members Alabama State and Alcorn State. And there is a new member school: Alabama A&M, which also has a new coach.

Grambling's team is now in the hands of former quarterback Doug Williams, who scrapped Robinson's beloved Wing-T offense for a multiple pro-set as part of his rebuilding effort.

"Coach had a 57-year run here and was very good for Grambling," Williams said. "But it's time to put the program back where it belongs, and that will take some changes."

Grambling (3-8, 2-5) has had an 11-21 record over the past three seasons. Reversing that will not be easy. Williams must replace 12 starters and 22 lettermen, including the quarterback, kicker and punter.

"It won't happen overnight," Williams said. "But I feel sure it will happen."

While Grambling looks to rebuild, Southern fans expect more of the same.

The Jaguars (11-1, 8-0) are led by SWAC Coach of the Year Pete Richardson. The 15 returning starters include tailback Steve Woodford, precision passer Marcus Jacoby and speedy wide out Jerry Guye, part of the reason Southern is picked to win the conference again.

The Jackson State Tigers (9-3, 7-1), lost their star quarterback Graylin Pratt, but have nationally ranked rusher Destry Wright and wide receiver Corey Bradford.

Rangers use walks to overcome Cleveland

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — After losing four of six games during a road trip to Cleveland, New York and Boston, the Texas Rangers felt they were entitled to a few breaks.

Indians starter Charles Nagy obliged Wednesday night by issuing consecutive bases-loaded walks to help Texas to a three-run sixth inning and a 3-1 victory Wednesday night.

"We took what was available to us," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said.

Nagy (10-9) walked Todd Zeile and Mike Simms for the second and third runs of the sixth after Ivan Rodriguez's infield single tied it at 1. Several of Nagy's pitches were close, but were called balls by home plate umpire Terry Craft.

"Charlie was just a little unlucky," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said. "There were some borderline pitches. It was very un-Nagy-like walking those batters."

Nagy allowed three runs on five hits and five walks in 5 1-3 innings.

"I was just trying to get them to hit my pitches, but I fell behind and didn't want to give in to them," Nagy said. "In the sixth, I got into trouble and couldn't get out of it."

Meanwhile, Rangers starter Aaron Sele allowed one run and five hits in eight innings as they snapped a three-game losing streak.

"That's as well as he's pitched all year," Oates said. "He was the story tonight. He only threw 101

pitches over eight innings and had great command."

Sele, acquired from the Boston Red Sox in an offseason trade, began his Rangers career with five straight victories and an 11-4 record after his first 16 starts.

But Sele (14-10) had won only one of his previous seven starts prior to Wednesday.

The 14 wins is a career-high for Sele, who won 13 games in 1997 for Boston. Sele's 137 strikeouts ties his career-high of 1996.

"I was able to get ahead with my fastball and mix in some breaking balls," said Sele, who has allowed one run or pitched a shutout seven times in his career. "I concentrated on throwing quality pitches, especially with two strikes. And the guys played great defense behind me."

John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 33rd save.

Cleveland, which had its three-game winning streak snapped, scored its run in the third when Omar Vizquel tripled and scored on Torey Lovullo's infield single.

But in the sixth, Luis Alicea led off with a single and went to third on Rusty Greer's double. The runners held on Juan Gonzalez's hard-hit groundout. After Will Clark was intentionally walked, Alicea scored on Rodriguez's infield single that went off third baseman Travis Fryman's glove after he lunged to stop it.

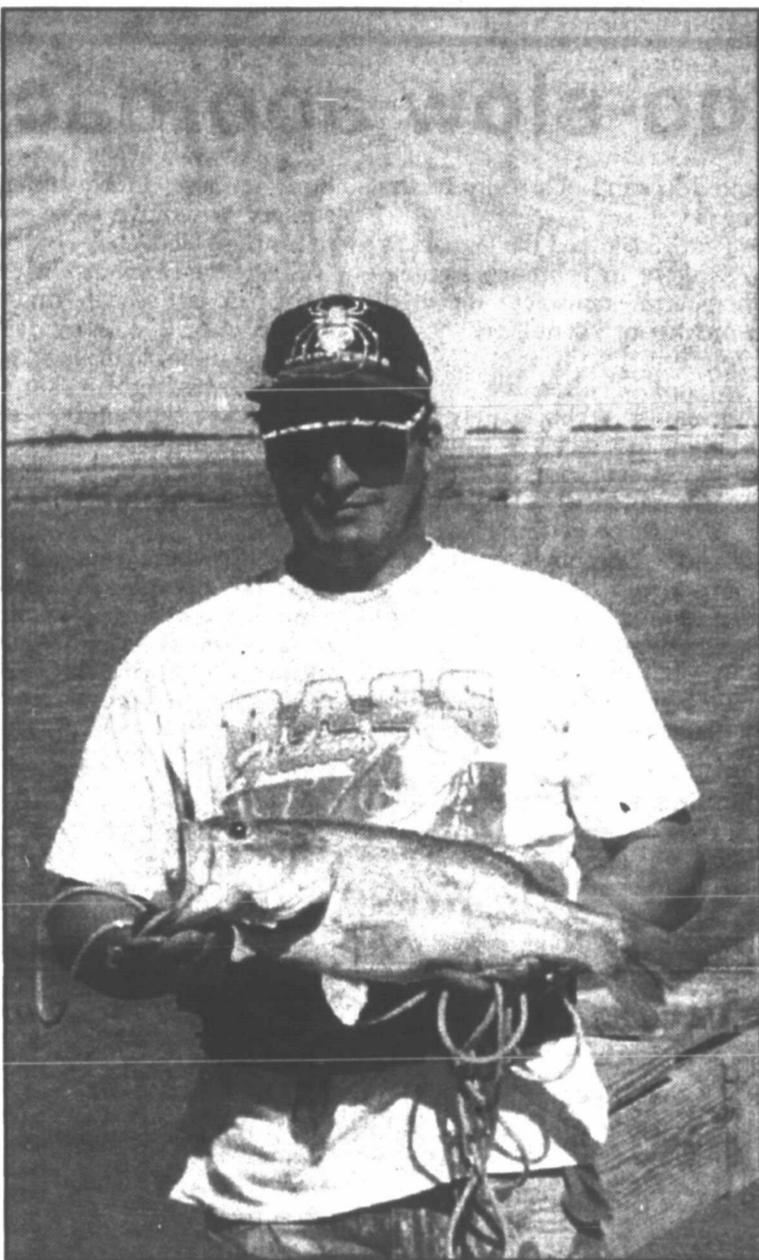
Nagy then issued the bases-loaded walks to make it 3-1.

Notes: The Rangers sent left-handed reliever Scott Bailes to Triple-A Oklahoma on a rehab

assignment. Bailes has been on the disabled list since Aug. 1 with bursitis in his left shoulder and had two games on rehab with Double-A Tulsa. ... Texas signed left-hander Tony Fossas and assigned him to Oklahoma.

Fossas, released by the Chicago Cubs on Aug. 4, pitched for the Rangers in 1988. ... Rodriguez's pickoff of Lovullo at first base in the sixth was his sixth pickoff of the season and 26th since the start of the 1996 season. ... Nagy allowed 11 runs and 12 hits in five innings during his previous start. ... Zeile has 12 walks in his 17 games with Texas. ... Wetteland has saves in each of his last 244th career save, tying him with Dan Quisenberry for 15th on the career list.

Nice catch



(Special photo)

Hector L. Rivera of Pampa displays the Largemouth Bass he caught at Recreation Lake on Tuesday morning. The fish weighed in at 5 and a half pounds. After having his photograph taken, Rivera released the bass back into the lake.

Reagor takes charge of Texas Tech defense

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The first time he stepped on the field as a Red Raider, Texas Tech defensive end Montae Reagor forced a fumble that led to a touchdown against Penn State.

He hasn't stopped making big plays since.

"Big plays aren't just luck," Reagor said. "They're the result of doing the right thing every play so that when you get an opportunity, you can take advantage of it. And this year we'll need to make some big plays."

Reagor's ability to make big plays will be tested this year during a schedule that many observers could allow Texas Tech to start 6-0.

If the Raiders are to capitalize, teammates say much of the pressure will be on Reagor's broad shoulders.

"If he comes out and has a great year, that would really mean a lot," said receiver Donnie Hart. "When he clicks, the whole defense clicks."

Reagor has built a reputation around terrorizing offenses during three years at Tech.

Last year, he led the Big 12 with five forced fumbles and was fourth in the league with 10.5 sacks.

He also recorded 18 tackles behind the line of scrimmage and has brought an intangible intensity to the defense, posting 14 quarterback pressures to

lead the team in 1995.

Head coach Spike Dykes said Reagor not only puts tremendous pressure on offenses, but he also helps the play of teammates.

"It would be hard to quantify how good of a player Montae Reagor is," Dykes said.

"It means a lot to have a player like him. It rubs off on other people. Success breeds success."

Dykes said that every great defense revolves around a player like Reagor.

"On a great team you have to have someone on defense who can make things happen," Dykes said.

"Good teams can get by without someone like that, but a great team — a championship team — needs to have a leader on defense."

Reagor said he doesn't let the pressure to make big plays get to him.

"My mindset is to make any play I can to help this football team win," Reagor said. "If causing a fumble every play is the way to make that happen then that's what I want to do."

The defensive end says he thinks Tech could compete for a championship this year if the team plays to its potential.

"We can be as good as we want to be," Reagor said. "We just need to take each game one at a time and the sky's the limit."

Harvesters scrimmage at Dick Bivins Stadium

PAMPA — After two weeks of blocking and tackling each other, the Pampa Harvesters will get the chance to do those same kind of things against the Borger Bulldogs tonight in the season's first scrimmage.

"We've very excited about doing this. It's nice to be able to practice on someone besides ourselves," said Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier. "It gets kind of old banging against ourselves."

Pampa's opener is Sept. 3 against Lubbock Estacado, but Borger gets its season started a week earlier, taking on Clovis, N.M. next week. Cavalier believes the scrimmage will present quite a challenge for his Harvesters.

"Borger is the odds-on favorite in terms of pre-district picks. They've got a lot of returnees and they're also quite a bit ahead of

us because they open up early," Cavalier said. "They're going to be accelerating their opportunities against us, so I see it to be a challenge. Hopefully, we'll be able to improve ourselves."

The scrimmage format will have three series of 10 offensive and 10 defensive plays for each team. The two teams will also work on punting, field goal, and extra point formations against the rush.

The scrimmage will end with a 12-minute quarter and an 8-minute quarter played under gamelike conditions.

"We're really looking forward to it," Cavalier said. "We'll be playing on a new field against Borger, our No. 1 rival. It's going to be an exciting night."

Pampa's lineup for the scrimmage, which is expected to start a little after 8 in Amarillo's Dick

Bivins Stadium, is as follows:

Offense

Jeremy Miller at center; Jess Baker and Kory Nickell at guards; Cody Shepard and Jonathan Waggoner at tackles; Justin Barnes at tight end; Armando Tarango at flanker; Greg Lindsey at split end; Justin Roark at quarterback; Erich Greer at running back; Curtis Johnson at tailback.

Defense

Tyson Curtis at noseguard; Calvin Tucker at tackle; Brandon Hill and Andy Schroeder at ends; Jared White at middle line-backer; Brent Phelps and Kris Davis at line-backers; Justin Trollinger and Randy Burklow at cornerbacks; Joel Barker at strong safety; Jarred Bowles at free safety.

Innocent episode injured McIver; judge in Irvin case sees no criminal wrongdoing

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys won't talk, but state District Judge Manny Alvarez will.

The judge overseeing Michael Irvin's probation on Wednesday offered the first details about the July 29 incident in which Irvin cut the neck of teammate Everett McIver.

Alvarez confirmed the only thing Cowboys officials have said about McIver's training-camp injury — it was an accident, the bad result of horseplay.

"A little wrestling match started out innocently and someone got hurt," state District Judge Manny Alvarez told The Associated Press.

Alvarez said investigators for his probation department and the

Dallas County district attorney's office interviewed McIver, Irvin and other witnesses about what happened in a dormitory at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

The judge said Irvin approached a group of players in line for haircuts.

"McIver apparently was in line already. Irvin came in and said, 'Seniority. The veteran players don't wait in line,'" the judge said.

"Everyone was kind of laughing that Irvin got in front of McIver. One of his buddies said, 'You're a lineman and you're going to let a tiny wide receiver get in front of you?' McIver kind of put a bear hug on him — that's how it started. They started wrestling."

McIver is 6-foot-5 and weighs more than 300 pounds. Irvin is 6-foot-2 and weighs about 200 pounds.

The judge said Irvin apparently had a small pair of scissors in his hand that were to be used to carve initials or other marks into his closely cropped hair.

The tone was friendly rather than angry, Alvarez said.

"Everyone was laughing over the fact that he was a rookie and this veteran was asserting his seniority," he said. "There were no blows. McIver's so much bigger than he is."

McIver needed stitches to repair a two-inch cut on the right side of his neck and missed several days of training camp.

Perfect 10

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Brent Klaus, who lists bull riding as a hobby, took down a U.S. Gymnastics Championship record by scoring a perfect 10 in the vault Wednesday at Market Square Arena.

Klaus highlighted the senior men's all-around preliminaries and event finals by nailing a perfect score, the first 10 by a man in U.S. national championship competition.

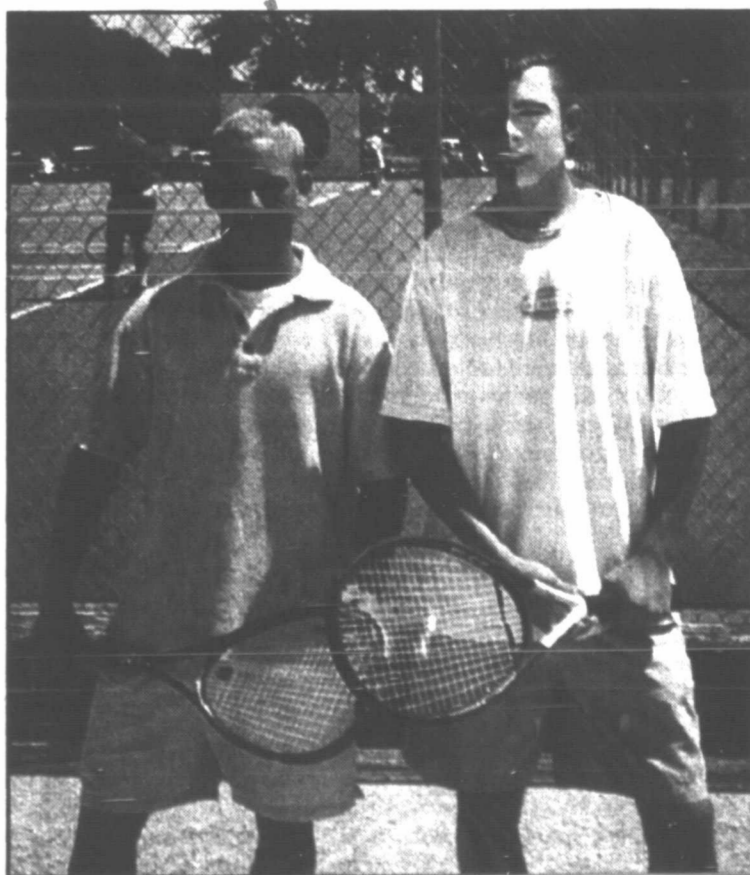
Klaus, 23, from Stroudsburg, Pa., electrified the crowd with a spectacular handspring, double-front vault that encompassed 2 1/2 somersaults with a flawless landing.

Aside from the lone perfect effort, the rest of the night belonged to Blaine Wilson, the overall leader with 55.675 points heading into Friday's all-around finals. The combination of scores compiled Wednesday and Friday will determine the all-around champion. Jay Thornton's 55.300 was second and Jason Gatson was third with 55.050 points.

Two-time Olympian John Roethlisberger, a four-time all-around champion, tore a ligament in his right knee and was hospitalized.

Roethlisberger clutched his right knee in agony while landing after his high bar routine.

Their favorite colors



(Pampa News photo by Jonathan Ladd)

Matt Cook (left) and Ryan Mills are decked out in their favor colors during the Green-Gold intrasquad scrimmage between Pampa High tennis team members. Pampa's home opener is against Amarillo Caprock at 4 p.m. Sept. 8.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL				
National League				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
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Atlanta	83	43	.659	—
New York	69	55	.556	13
Philadelphia	61	64	.486	21 1/2
Montreal	51	76	.402	32 1/2
Florida	45	81	.357	38
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	78	49	.614	—
Chicago	69	57	.548	8 1/2
St. Louis	60	64	.484	16 1/2
Milwaukee	60	66	.476	17 1/2
Pittsburgh	58	68	.460	19 1/2
Cincinnati	57	69	.452	20 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
San Diego	81	45	.643	—
San Francisco	67	59	.532	14
Los Angeles	62	64	.492	19
Colorado	57	70	.449	24 1/2
Arizona	47	79	.373	34
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Milwaukee 8, Cincinnati 4				
Montreal 7, Arizona 1				
Wednesday's Games				
Cincinnati 8, Milwaukee 2				
St. Louis 8, Chicago Cubs 6, 10 innings				
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San Francisco is sticking to go-slow approach with Rice

By The Associated Press

Sticking to their go-slow approach with Jerry Rice, the San Francisco 49ers have ruled out any playing time for the star receiver in Sunday's exhibition game against Miami.

The decision all but ensures that Rice, coming off two major injuries to his left knee, won't make his return until the Sept. 6 regular-season opener against the New York Jets.

"All I envision is Jerry Rice being introduced to our home crowd against the Jets and seeing him catch some special pass plays," 49ers coach Steve Mariucci said Wednesday. "I don't think about

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Mets rising; Dodgers fading

By IRA PODELL
Associated Press Writer

The New York Mets' fortunes are rising just as the Los Angeles Dodgers' are fading.

Masato Yoshii allowed one run in 7 2-3 innings Wednesday night to earn his first win since May 27, and Mike Piazza drove in a key run as the Mets beat the Colorado Rockies 2-1.

New York swept the three-game series and won for 10th time in 13 games. The victory gave the Mets a one-game lead in the National League wild-card race over the Chicago Cubs.

"Of course I'm happy that I did get a win, personally," Yoshii said. "But I'm more happy that we swept Colorado."

Meanwhile, Tom Lasorda, the Dodgers' interim general manager, is traveling with the team in search of his successor. The only thing he's found out so far is that the club is losing any chance of playing in October.

Los Angeles (62-64) squandered two leads on the way to a 6-5 loss at Pittsburgh. The Dodgers, who trail the Mets by eight games, slipped two games under .500 for the first time since they were 40-42 on June 30.

"We're struggling — that's the bottom line," Dodgers manager Glenn Hoffman said. "We keep talking about putting a streak together, but we've got to play better ball. We've got to come out for nine innings."

Mike Williams (3-1) got the win with two scoreless relief innings before Jason Christiansen pitched a perfect ninth for his fifth save. Brian Bohanon (6-8) took the loss.

In other NL games, Cincinnati routed Milwaukee 8-2, St. Louis beat Chicago 8-6 in 10 innings, Montreal defeated Arizona 8-2, Florida shut out San Diego 6-0,

Houston edged Philadelphia 4-3 and San Francisco beat Atlanta 6-2.

Yoshii (5-6) was winless in his last 14 starts, with a record of 0-5 during that period. He allowed only a leadoff homer to Darryl Hamilton, nine hits overall, and struck out six. The right-hander also drew a walk and scored New York's first run.

In the third, Piazza singled to drive in Yoshii to tie the game at 1.

Bobby Jones (5-7) gave up both New York runs on five hits, and walked four in six innings.

Cardinals 8, Cubs 6

After going more than a week without a home run, Mark McGwire hit Nos. 48 and 49 to give St. Louis a victory at Chicago. Sammy Sosa hit his 48th homer in the fifth inning.

After tying the game at 6 in the eighth, McGwire homered to center field in the 10th.

Cardinals reliever Juan Acevedo (6-2) gave up two hits in two innings. Terry Mulholland (3-4) gave up two runs in 2 1-3 innings for the loss.

Reds 8, Brewers 2

Pete Harnisch allowed five hits in 7 2-3 innings and Sean Casey had a homer and an RBI double as Cincinnati won at Milwaukee.

Harnisch (9-6) struck out five and walked four.

Steve Woodard (9-8) allowed seven runs on nine hits in 3 2-3 innings, his shortest start of the season.

Expos 8, Diamondbacks 2

Dustin Hermanson gave up three hits in seven innings as Felipe Alou broke the record for most wins by a Montreal manager with 521.

After losing seven straight, the Expos won the last two on their nine-game road trip.

Vladimir Guerrero had three RBIs, two of them with his 30th home run of the season. Chris

Widger drove in three with a bases-loaded double.

Bernard Gilkey and Matt Williams hit solo homers for Arizona against Hermanson (11-9).

Amaury Telemaco (4-8) allowed four runs, three earned, on six hits in the loss.

Marlins 6, Padres 0

Brian Meadows pitched seven shutout innings as Florida snapped its five-game losing streak.

With Tony Gwynn and Ken Caminiti out with injuries, the visiting Padres managed only nine singles off Meadows (10-9).

Meadows, 0-3 with an 11.68 ERA in his previous three starts, walked none and struck out two.

Sterling Hitchcock (7-5) allowed nine hits, one walk and struck out four.

Astros 4, Phillies 3

Derek Bell's two-run single with two outs in the ninth rallied Houston to a victory Philadelphia.

The Phillies led 3-2 heading into the ninth thanks to Bobby Abreu's three-run homer in the seventh. But pinch-hitters Dave Clark and Richard Hidalgo singled off Mark Leiter to put runners on first and third. Leiter hit Bill Spiers on the left elbow to load the bases before Bell lined a fastball to center for the game-winner.

Shane Reynolds (15-8) gave up five hits, struck out nine and walked one in eight innings for the win.

Giants 6, Braves 2

Charlie Hayes had a two-run single and Mark Gardner pitched six solid innings as San Francisco defeated Tom Glavine at Atlanta.

Glavine (16-6) failed to become the first NL pitcher with 17 wins, and his scoreless streak of 23 innings was snapped in the first.

Gardner (10-5) allowed seven hits and walked two without recording a strikeout.

Dennis The Menace



"Boy, Uncle Charlie, you sure know your onions about beans."

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Comets win, but Perrot suffers knee injury

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Comets' final regular-season victory might have been very costly.

Cynthia Cooper scored 22 points and led a second half charge to a meaningless 90-71 victory over the Los Angeles Sparks but with 6:42 left in the game, starting Comets guard Kim Perrot suffered a sprained right knee that could keep her out of Saturday's first round playoff game.

"That really hurt to have the best point guard in the league go down," coach Van Chancellor said. "If she can't play, that would not be

very good."

The Comets are top seeded in the WNBA playoffs.

It took Cooper until 8:42 left in the game to get her 10th point, but then she really took off, giving her at least 10 points in 58 consecutive regular season games.

Trailing 52-50 with 12:02 left in the game, the Comets threw up a scrappy full court pressing defense that produced two straight turnovers and a 54-52 Comet lead they never lost.

"I think we were just going through the motions for the most part and the press helped us get

into our rhythm and got us going offensively," Cooper said. "We got a couple of key steals and upped the momentum. I think we boxed out today better than we have all year."

Lisa Leslie led Los Angeles with 24 points and Penny Toler added 19. Tina Thompson had 18 points for the Comets.

"We stepped up and we were very focused at the beginning of the game but we had a few mental lapses and you can't have those against a championship team, they'll make you pay, Los Angeles coach Orlando Woolridge said.

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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 38 (h) (3), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing given that the GRUY PETRO MGMT. CO., P O BOX 140907, IRVING, TX. 75014-0907, has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38(16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.38) Applicant seeks exception to the density of the subject field requirement for the amended permit for Well No. 1, Patterson Lease, 529.72 Acres, Sec. 23, Blk. R. A. 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DBE/HUB Goal: 0.0%
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Guaranty: 1,300.00
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Prosecutors take DNA sample from President Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — In developments that could mean more trouble for President Clinton, prosecutors gathered a sample of his DNA and turned to Monica Lewinsky for additional testimony about the presidential affair and alleged cover-up.

Friends and associates of Ms. Lewinsky said she was hurt by Clinton's characterization of their relationship, that Ms. Lewinsky felt that she and the president had a deeper bond with emotional ties. One friend said when Ms. Lewinsky filed a sworn affidavit in January denying a sexual relationship it was in an effort to protect the president.

When the president in his televised address Monday night said he had an inappropriate relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, he "didn't really speak to the pain everyone else has experienced in this," one of the former intern's friends said.

Several sources said Wednesday the DNA sample from Clinton went to prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigators so it could be used in an FBI analysis of a dress Ms. Lewinsky said was stained from a sexual encounter with the president.

Ms. Lewinsky, 25, turned the dress over to Starr's office three weeks ago after she reached an agreement to testify in exchange for immunity from prosecution.

Asked about the DNA sample, White House spokesman Jim Kennedy said, "We are going to respect" Clinton's stated desire to "reclaim" his private life.

It was not known when the prosecutors got the sample or whether the sample was from Clinton directly or from Bethesda Naval Hospital where Clinton undergoes periodic physical examinations. It also wasn't known what sample the prosecutors obtained. Blood and saliva are two commonly used materials used in DNA testing.

The developments came amid conflicting versions of Clinton's grand jury testimony Monday. A knowledgeable legal source told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the president acknowledged in his secret testimony that Ms. Lewinsky performed oral sex on him several times at the White House. White House officials did not respond to requests for comment on the source's account.

The New York Times, however, quoted a Clinton adviser as saying the president did not make such an acknowledgment. This adviser said the president declared more vaguely in response to questions that "I've already said that it was improper." The Times' source said Clinton contended that the type of sex he had with Ms. Lewinsky did not fit the definition of sex used in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit against him.

According to the legal source, Clinton first read a prepared statement admitting that he took part in what he called inappropriate, intimate physical contact with the intern. Advisers say Clinton had hoped to limit his testimony about intimate matters to the statement.

But prosecutors pressed further, and he acknowledged specific sexual encounters, according to the legal source, who only spoke on condition of anonymity.

Clinton's account of their relationship, including the exchange of

gifts between the two as well as their encounters, was to be tested today during Ms. Lewinsky's second appearance before the grand jury, sources familiar with the investigation said.

Compared with Tuesday, when a chorus of Democrats and Republicans criticized Clinton for lying about the relationship for seven months, congressional response was calm Wednesday as the politicians waited to see if Clinton's public support would hold.

Fearing more Democrats would join Rep. Paul McHale of Pennsylvania, who has called for the president's resignation or impeachment, the White House urged allies to rally to his defense. They had few takers.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, did declare, "Talk of impeachment should end."

On the Republican side, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and other

leaders spoke in a telephone conference on Tuesday about GOP Whip Tom DeLay's call for Clinton's resignation — and no objections were raised.

Presidential spokesman Mike McCurry, who is with the vacationing president at Martha's Vineyard, Mass., dismissed any suggestion that Clinton should resign, saying the president was "confident that he enjoys the trust of the American people."

Clinton on Wednesday celebrated a muted 52nd birthday with dinner and birthday presents at vacation residence of Washington attorney and presidential golfing partner Vernon Jordan.

Jordan made five appearances before the grand jury investigating the Lewinsky controversy, explaining how Jordan helped arrange a job for the former White House intern. Jordan also found her a lawyer when she became a witness in the Jones case.

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Pampa Chamber of Commerce Goldcoats welcome new owners for Bob Clements Cleaners. Scott Hahn (left), co-owner Neil Fulton, Jerry Foote, co-owner Mary Fulton, Richard Morris and Larry Baker.

Researchers say more wet, dry areas in recent decades

WASHINGTON (AP) — Regions of Earth experiencing unusually wet or dry conditions have increased over the past 20 to 30 years, researchers say in a report that will add to the debate over global warming.

While the overall trend was small, climate researchers found increases in drought-affected areas in Africa and Asia and an increase in both extremely wet and extremely dry areas in Europe and the United States.

These changes were particularly noted in regions affected by the El Nino phenomenon, a periodic warming of the Pacific Ocean that can affect weather worldwide.

The new analysis is in a paper to be published in the Sept. 1 edition of Geophysical Research Letters.

"There's no overall strong trends that you would really want to put down as a climate change. But some of the relationships seem to have changed, and in particular since about 1976 it seems as though ... in El Nino you get a bigger response in some of the changes around the world than it used to have before then," said Keven E. Trenberth of the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., one of the report's authors.

A stronger El Nino response had been reported over Australia by researchers there, Trenberth added, and the new paper found that was also the case elsewhere.

The new findings, the researchers report, "could all result partly from the greenhouse-gas induced climate changes."

Climate researchers say global warming can change the climate in ways that promote drought in some areas and extreme wetness in others. The greenhouse warming theory holds that chemicals added to the atmosphere by industrial processes will trap some of the sun's heat that used to radiate back out to space, resulting in a rise in the Earth's temperature.

While there have been small increases in average temperature in recent decades, the changes have fallen short of predictions, spurring skeptics of the theory. Congress has also been wary of adopting energy-saving measures proposed to reduce release of greenhouse chemicals.

John Christy of the University of Alabama at Huntsville contended that the paper includes "little evidence to point to greenhouse gas-induced climate change."

"Extreme events, because of their rarity, do not typically behave in a statistically even fashion. Thus you should see a trend in them, up or down, over any 100-year period," he said.

And, he added, "How could I fail to mention that the satellite temperatures of the troposphere that we produce here in Huntsville show no warming since 1979?"

Christy's findings, however, have been challenged by researchers who argue that the slow decline in the orbit of the satellites used to measure temperature affects their readings. That has led to debate on whether those temperatures should be revised and what the revisions mean.

Pay hike in store for federal workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration wants to give federal workers an 8 percent pay raise over the next two years.

Announcements expected today were to outline a 3.6 percent raise for 1999 and an additional 4.4 percent the following year. The 2000 raise would be the largest since 1981.

"The decision was made because the president wanted to recognize the high productivity and hard work of federal employees, and we are in a budgetary position to allow this increase to happen," an administration official said Wednesday evening, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Officials said the 3.6 percent increase is in line with congressional moves to boost Defense Department military and civil servant pay by that amount. Clinton has told Congress that if it does not also OK the non-defense pay increase he will use his executive authority to implement it, said an official at the Office of Management and Budget, also speaking on condition of anonymity.

The OMB is preparing its formal guidance to federal departments, saying what they should plan on paying federal workers in calendar 2000 and advising a 4.4 percent increase. That guidance, which has not yet gone out, is what departments use to put together their budget submissions for OMB, the official said.

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